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Inveraray pier falling to 'wreck and ruin'

Owner says he is willing to work with the community

EXCLUSIVE
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PEOPLE in Inveraray have this week rejected claims that locals have been vandalising the burgh's pier, stating the owner has allowed it to fall to 'wreck and ruin'.

Archie McArthur, owner of the pier, this week told the *Advertiser* that he has closed it off to locals and visitors after what he described as years of vandalism.

Stating he had spent £3,000 repairing damage caused by vandals in the last year, Mr McArthur said: 'These people have been so aggressive in vandalising the pier.

'It is a minority of people but unfortunately these people have ru-

ined a perfectly good focal point in the town for everyone else.'

But Garret Corner, of Inveraray Community Council, said he was not aware of any vandalism problem within the Royal Burgh.

'This is probably not vandalism but age and non maintenance,' he said.

'I cannot say categorically that the pier has not been vandalised but I would think if it had been it would be accidental damage. The handrails move so I would have thought if something had come off it was because someone had just leant on it.'

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Armed Forces Day in Lochgilphead

LOCHGILPHEAD Armed Forces Day was a family affair for the Rhodick clan. Geordie Rhodick, chairman of the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Committee, was joined by his son, Colour Sergeant David, and wife Betty, secretary of the committee, and Warrant Officer Lorne MacLennan to celebrate the event. Turn to page five for more on Saturday's celebrations. 06_a28forces16

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Inveraray and District Pipe Bands are enjoying a purple patch after recording yet more success.

Continued success for Inveraray band at European Championships

THE SENIOR band of Inveraray and District Pipe Band (IDPB) recorded one of their best ever placings this month when they took second place in the European Championships.

The band, competing in grade

one, performed their new medley for 2013, which was very well received both by the judges and crowd at the Forres championship.

A difficult competition, the grade one band was tasked with preparing two medleys of their own tunes,

with a draw being made to select one of those medleys for them to perform moments before they took to the stage.

Jim McMillan, secretary of the band, said the event was a great success. He said: 'Field Marshall

Montgomery again took first prize but IDPB went one better than their British Championship placing coming second – to the delight of all concerned.'

There was success too for the junior band who secured fourth place

in their category, playing their March, Strathspey and Reel.

Jim added: 'The Juvenile band had a solid musical performance and the two bands made the long journey home that evening tired but happy.'

Community Trust grant funding

ALMOST 20 applications for grant funding in the first round of the Ardrishaig Community Trust Action Fund have been recommended for approval.

The panel of community representatives that assess the merit of the funding applications have recommended 19 applications for approval, totalling £47,000.

The grants, which vary in size and causes, were to be assessed again and signed off by the trust on Wednesday evening as the *Advertiser* went to press.

The Vital Spark will be removed from Inveraray

Owner fears it may be vandalised

by EDEL KENEALY
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ONE OF the most photographed 'landmarks' in Inveraray is to be removed from the Royal Burgh forever as its owner fears it may fall victim to vandalism.

The Vital Spark, one of two ships docked at Inveraray Pier, is to be removed from the pier this summer as owner Archie McArthur says its future at the site is untenable.

Mr McArthur confirmed the decision to move the 'iconic' vessel - the last working Clyde Puffer - was be-

cause Inveraray Pier had been vandalised in recent years.

'Spent £70,000'

'I can't take the chance on *The Vital Spark*,' he said. 'I have spent one day a week for the last seven years working on it with two other engineers. I have spent in excess of £70,000 restoring it and that's been in materials not labour. If it were damaged I could never justify spending that again.'

Mr McArthur who bought *The Vital Spark* in 2005, fears the boat

may already have been damaged but he has been unable to see inside because people have loosened the ropes on the pier. He hopes to get onboard the vessel this week.

Exhibit

The Vital Spark has been in Inveraray for 12 years. It was docked at Inveraray Pier as a maritime exhibit between 2001 and 2005. It was then purchased by Mr McArthur who renamed her *The Vital Spark* in recognition of Inveraray author Neil Munro, who wrote the *Para Handy Tales*, detailing the adventures of *The Vital Spark*.

Missing student may be in Argyll

A STUDENT who went missing in Edinburgh on June 7 may be in Argyll, Police Scotland have confirmed.

Yulia Solodyankina, aged 22 from Russia, was last seen in Buchanan Bus Station, Glasgow, and Police believe she may have travelled to Oban, Ardrishaig and Campbeltown or further north to Fort William or Inverness.

Chief Inspector Mark Patterson, from Police Scotland, said: 'It is now over a month since Yulia was last seen and we remain keen to speak to anyone who may have seen or heard from her since she went missing.'

'In particular we want to speak to anyone in the areas where Yulia may have travelled to by bus from Glasgow.'

Yulia, who speaks fluent English with a strong Russian accent, is described as 5ft 6ins tall, with a small mole on her left cheek.

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Pier falling to 'wreck and ruin'

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He added: 'If you take on a national asset like that you can't just let it go to wreck and ruin. He bought it so it is his responsibility to maintain it.'

'If he is not willing to do that he should pass it on to someone who is in whatever means he sees fit, whether that is selling it or giving it away.'

'He now needs to take action so we do not end up like St Catherine's over the water.'

Mr McArthur who bought the pier in 2005, has

confirmed he has not yet decided what he will do with the pier but is open to having discussions with members of the community who have expressed a desire to repair and maintain it for the overall use of the community.

The Argyll businessman said any offer to buy the pier must be 'realistic'.

'If someone came up with a realistic option I would consider it but it must be constructive and positive,' he said.



Delight as temperatures soar in Mid Argyll

Mid Argyll enjoyed some of the highest temperatures of the summer so far this week, with the mercury reaching 23°C on Wednesday. Coinciding with the start of the school holidays, the sunshine brought out walkers, cyclists and sailors to the Crinan Canal, one of Argyll's most popular visitor attractions.

Jury trial rethink claims dismissed by court service

CLAIMS by Argyll and Bute's MSP Michael Russell that the Scottish Court Service had a 'change of heart' over changes to jury trials were dismissed this week.

Restructuring plans confirmed by the Scottish Court Service (SCS) in April will see jury trials removed from sheriff courts, such as those in Lochgilphead, Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown within the next decade. Such hearings will be held in Dumbar-ton instead.

In a statement released by the SNP MSP's office, Mr Russell claimed SCS chief executive, Eric McQueen, had indicated in a letter that there had been a change of approach - but the service says nothing has changed.

Mr Russell had said: 'The letter indicates that the delivery of justice will have to change before such a proposal could be implemented and sets out a clear template by which local people will be able to judge whether such changes are possible.'

'I am grateful for this change of heart which will be welcomed across Argyll and Bute.'

But an SCS spokesman that was always the case - adding that the changes will take place as soon as possible within the 10-year timeframe.

The move was 'dependent on the deployment of sheriffs and summary sheriffs, sufficient court capacity and the development of the use of video and other communica-

tions technology in court proceedings', the SCS added.

The move was also 'subject to any opportunity emerging to realise our longer term vision of purpose built justice centres,' it added.

Mr Russell stood by his comments despite the response from SCS, adding: 'This clarification is very welcome and should be received positively.'

Man detained

A MAN was detained by police on Sunday night after a disturbance in Lochgilphead.

The 24-year-old was arrested and held in custody after allegedly assaulting a woman and committing a breach of the peace in the Stag Park Court area of the town.

He was charged and appeared at Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

Police crackdown on drugs continues

A WEEK after a drugs bust in Tarbert a further three people have this week been arrested for possessing and supplying drugs in Mid Argyll.

Police were called to a licensed premise in Tarbert after a woman who was alleged to have taken ecstasy, collapsed at 2.30am on Sunday morning. She was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital

but later discharged. A 31-year-old male was arrested later that day and has been reported to the procurator fiscal for allegedly supplying the tablet to the young woman.

Meanwhile in Lochgilphead, a 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly being in possession of cannabis with intent to supply on Monday.

Police had stopped the man, who was travelling

in a car at 10pm, but later obtained a warrant to search his Argyll Street home, where a number of items were allegedly found.

In a separate incident on Friday night, a man was stopped in his car on Lochnell Street when police officers detected the smell of cannabis coming from the car.

The man and car were searched and drugs allegedly found.

Offending motorists targeted

THE CONTINUOUS police crackdown on traffic offences in Mid Argyll this week saw 15 people stopped by officers.

Eleven people were found speeding, whilst three people were reported for seatbelt offences. One person was driving without valid insurance.

Council leases paving machines

TWO NEW paving machines have been leased by Argyll and Bute Council to help its roads team complete large resurfacing projects and patching works.

The lease of the machines is a change to ad hoc hiring of machinery and is expected to save the council more than £224,000 over the next four years. John Semple, lead councillor for infrastructure, said: 'I firmly believe they will make a big difference to our ability to recover our roads to a more acceptable standard.'

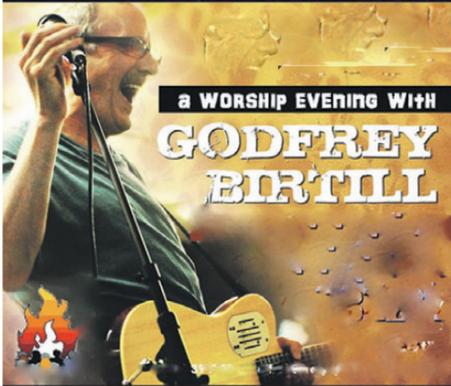
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Third Corryvreckan swim earns Richard a place in the history books

A SWIMMER has marked his place in the history books by becoming the first person to swim across one of the world's most ferocious whirlpools three times.

Richard Williams, who was joined for part of his journey by Rojer Johns, put his stamina to the test when he crossed the Corryvreckan Whirlpool in 58 minutes last Tuesday.

Fierce waters

The whirlpool, which lies between Scarba and Jura, is one of the largest in the world and is known for its fierce waters.

The pair, who come from Blackpool, have both previously swam across the whirlpool twice before.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* after the latest challenge Richard said: 'It is one of the most breathtaking sites in the world and I'm delighted to be the first person to cross it three times.'

The 49-year-old added: 'It was a difficult challenge and I found it mentally tough.'

'I think in total I swam about 40,000 metres with the strong current and there were concerns about hypothermia.'

'The water was measured at 12 degrees, which was colder than we had hoped and made it tougher.'

Explaining how he prepared for the challenge Richard, who has been an international swimmer for Great Britain, said: 'I have a background in swimming and to prepare I swam about 20,000 metres a week.'

'I'm hoping to come back and cross it four times, but it will depend on the weather and conditions,' he said.

Rojer, 40, who swam across the whirlpool twice, said: 'It was fantastic and a great experience despite being so tough.'



Richard Williams, right, is the first person to swim three times across the Corryvreckan Whirlpool and was joined for part of the journey by Rojer Johns, who has now crossed it twice. 06_a27swimmers01

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Telecare packages described as 'Big Brotherish' by head of adult care

TELECARE packages are to become available to everyone, despite the council's head of adult care branding it 'Big Brotherish'.

Argyll and Bute councillors accepted a report at a recent meeting which will mean all cases, whether new or continuing, will be reviewed to see if a person can benefit from telecare.

Telecare is the use of technology in the home to allow those with disabilities or in need of care to be looked after using sensors, rather than having a carer in the home on a constant basis.

James Robb, head of adult care, told councillors it would still be up to the individual and their representatives if

they wish to use telecare or to stick to the traditional carer system.

He said: 'It's important to emphasise that it does not provide physical care. It's a form of distant supervision.'

Accused

'It could be accused of being a bit Big Brotherish. We are now at the stage where we can track somebody around their house and if they go out the house the alarm will go off immediately.'

Councillors stressed the need for the decision to be down to the individual, and for an appeals process to be developed to 'ensure fairness and transparency'.

Remote areas' living standards

SOME people in remote areas of Argyll and the Isles need between 10 and 40 per cent more income to achieve the same standard of living as people living in urban areas of England, according to a new report. The reports reveals minimum household budgets, including rent, range from £320 per week for a single adult in a remote mainland town to £672 for a couple with a family in an island settlement.

New corporate parenting board

ARGYLL and Bute Council has set up a new corporate parenting board that will ensure looked after children get the best deal in the future.

Councillors agreed to the new board at a recent meeting, which will be made up of young people, children and family officers, and other local representatives.

The aim of the board will be to listen and consult with looked after children and young people across the area to ensure their needs are taken into account when developing the council's services.

The board is part of the council's Getting it Right for our Looked-After Children improvement plan.

Agricultural shows guidance

NEW GUIDANCE has been drawn up to help the organisers of agricultural shows in Argyll.

Produced by Argyll and Bute Council, the guidance will help organisers meet requirements when it comes to animal health, environmental health, trading and licensing standards.

It comes after a number of issues were raised with events in the past, with animals being offered as prizes, food safety problems and counterfeit goods being sold.

The local authority states that while most breaches were accidental, it is hoped the guidance will help organisers plan their events within legislation.

Big turnout to support Armed Forces Day

HUNDREDS of people from across Mid Argyll turned out to show their support for the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day on Saturday. Residents lined the streets to watch the armed forces parade, which was led down Argyll Street by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band to the town's war memorial. The event was attended by members of the

Army, Navy and Air Force, veterans and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force.

Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod took the salute from the parade and councillors Douglas Philand, Sandy Taylor and veteran Donnie MacMillan paid their respects to the military personnel.

The service in the town and social activities that followed on the front green were organised by the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Committee.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Betty Rhodick, secretary of the committee, said: 'Having a family involved in the forces, it made myself and husband Geordie extremely proud to see everyone come together to show their support.



Dozens of war veterans took part in the parade to raise awareness about the sacrifices those in the armed forces from the past and present have made. 06_a28forces06

It was a really good day and a lot of money was raised for charity.'

Dozens of local charities and business-

es opened stalls on the front green in the afternoon, where they raised awareness of local causes.

Armed Forces Day aims to recognise sacrifices made by members of the armed forces, past and present.



Kayleigh McNeill, 10, and Sophie MacIvar, 6, presented Jane MacLeod, the deputy lord lieutenant of Argyll with flowers. 06_a28forces10

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However it is not so great to see these people leave a trail of litter and waste in their wake.

Advertiser reporters have this week witnessed people throwing their litter away in some of the most scenic parts of the county. People dropping rubbish beside an overflowing bin instead of carrying it up the street to the next bin in the town.

When did people become so lazy and thoughtless?

There are seven bins covering 170 metres of road on Inveraray Front Street and a further four bins on Main Street, covering 120 metres of road. There is simply no excuse for the amount of litter we have in Mid Argyll's main towns.

Residents and visitors need to remember that the reason they have descended on these open spaces with picnics and snacks is to enjoy the beautiful environment and views. They must realise they have a responsibility to maintain that beauty.

What's more this is happening at a time when Argyll and Bute Council's Street Scene department is being faced with cut after cut. The staff, who have a daily presence in our main towns need our support when they are being stretched and challenged with a bigger workload in the summer months.

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Catch the reckless motorbike riders

Sir,

I am sick and tired of motorcyclists visiting our rural roads every summer and using them as some kind of racetrack.

Last week I had to slam on my brakes to avoid a head-on collision between a bike and a bus. For some reason these motorcyclists seem to think that the speed limit doesn't apply to them on country roads and they can ride however they like.

Considering that every year there are several motorcycle deaths throughout Argyll, I think it's about time the police started catching these reckless riders.

One solution could be to install speed cameras in certain areas in order to help the police keep our roads safe. These motorcyclists are not only a danger to themselves but also to other road users and I think it's about time it stopped.

Archie Macleod, Mid Argyll.

Seafood festival a wonderful weekend

Sir,

I would like to congratulate everyone who contributed in any way to making the Tarbert Seafood Festival such a wonderful weekend.

I appreciate these events take all year to plan and a great deal of thought and work to make them successful.

Special mention must be

made to the lovely Seafood Queen Elisha and her princesses Cara and Eden who conducted their duties so well throughout the Festival.

It was lovely to see Tarbert so busy with everyone enjoying the events.

With thanks again.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
4 Lochgair Place,
Tarbert.**

Armed Forces Day success

Sir,

The Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Committee would like to thank all who helped in any way to make the day such a success on Saturday July 6, but most of all we must thank all who travelled and took part in the parade.

The forces day is for all but mainly to show support to the Armed Forces, past, present and future.

Once again thank you all, it was a great day and all the hard work was worth it to make it such a success.

We look forward to seeing even more of you next year.

kindest regards to all,
The Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day committee.

Betrayal of democracy

Sir,

Should all Argyll and Bute Councillors stand down? Certainly.

Should this trigger a re-election? Well, only if we want more of the same. For as long as I have been watching - and probably since it was first formed - the council of elected representatives of the people of Argyll has divided itself into cliques, each

of which attempted to exclude from any influence over our county's affairs everyone outside the clique. This exclusion covered everyone whether inside or outside the council.

Holding fresh elections may perhaps change a few of the individual councillors but it will not eradicate that form of group madness which prevents the democratic functioning of our council.

There is nothing new about this kind of betrayal of democracy. We know that it has existed since people first felt the need to record it.

We also know that politicians on their own do not put this particular form of 'mal-administration' to right, politicians on their own perpetuate it. It always requires effort on the part of the people - beyond putting a cross on a ballot paper - to return errant democracies to the straight and narrow.

Tiresome as it may be, it is painfully evident that that is the position in which we in Argyll find ourselves today. If we do not do it it will not be done. And if we cannot be bothered or if we think it is not up to us then let's stop calling ourselves supporters of democracy because we will have shown ourselves to be no such thing.

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

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Sir,

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So far we are able to help one in three of them. Our vision is to see a world where all children and young people with cancer live life to the full and the money raised by taking part in an event like this can help us get closer to that goal.

I am appealing to you to push yourself and take on the challenge of running at this year's event to help us support those Highland families, and families across Scotland, who face these frightening challenges.

Go on, take up the challenge! Contact me on 0141 572 5705, email lewis.hay@clicsargent.org.uk or visit our website for more information at www.clicsargent.org.uk/running.

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Claire is MS Centre's new outreach worker

'The centre has been a big part of my life'

by KALI LINDSAY
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A YOUNG woman from Lochgilhead, who understands the difficulties families face living with long-term illnesses, has been employed as the MS Centre's new outreach worker.

Claire Cameron will be responsible for supporting people across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles in their homes and help them to access the centre's resources.

Claire knows how important the centre is to people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) and other long term conditions. It became a lifeline for her family when her late father, Russell Cameron, was diagnosed with MS.

The 26-year-old, who

worked as an Enable Scotland support worker for eight years, said: 'The MS Centre has been a big part of my life since I was 12. It was a huge support for my family and for my dad. I have a lot of empathy, especially for family members and that can only benefit my role.'

Variety

Claire has been employed by the centre to deliver a three-year programme which will see her provide a service to people who are unable to attend the centre because of transport or illness.

'I will carry out a variety of jobs, which include helping to fill in benefit forms,' Claire

said. 'There's been so many changes to the system it can be a difficult and stressful time. I'll also raise awareness about the centre's facilities such as the hyperbaric chamber.'

In the coming weeks Claire plans to concentrate on increasing her profile within the community.

She said: 'I will be putting flyers about and working with the district nurses, using Facebook and going to different support groups to get my name out there.'

She added: 'I'm really excited about the new role and I hope to make a difference to the lives of as many people as possible.'

The position has been funded by Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland.



Claire Cameron, 26, has hopes to improve the lives of people across Mid Argyll and Kintyre in her new role as an outreach worker at the MS Centre in Lochgilhead. 06_a28ms01

Tarbert drink driver fined £400 and banned for 18 months

A TARBERT man who was more than twice the drink driving limit has been banned from getting behind the wheel for 18 months.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, William Stewart, of 14 Oakhill, admitted driving a car on Campbeltown Road with 75 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 microgrammes.

Headlights

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court that, on June 1 at 11.45pm, police saw a vehicle driving without its headlights on.

They stopped the car and asked Stewart to take a breath test, which he failed. The 29-year-old was then arrested.

Defence agent Jim McKeown said: 'It would have taken five minutes to walk. It was a serious error of judgement.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson also fined Stewart £400.

Free football for Lochgilhead youngsters

THE FOOTBALL season may have come to an end but young people are still being offered the chance to enjoy the 'beautiful game' in Lochgilhead.

A programme of free football sessions has been launched in the town by the Mid Argyll Youth Forum.

Funded by Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP), the sessions are open to people aged between 12 and 18 years old.

The sessions will run on Friday nights during the school holidays, from 7pm to 9pm, at the grass football pitches at Lochgilhead Joint Campus.

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Scottish Government needs to top up superfast broadband cash

SUPERFAST broadband should be available to 99 per cent of the UK by 2018 – but only if the Scottish Government tops up the UK Government's contribution towards the goal.

Chief secretary to the treasury, Danny Alexander, last week also set targets of 95 per cent by 2017. The Government had previously set a target of 90 per cent coverage by 2015, although Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) had set a target of 75 per cent coverage in each council area by December 2016.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid said the new national targets will only be

met if the Scottish Government puts in funding to top up the cash that will come from the UK Government.

Important

'Superfast broadband is so important these days for bringing jobs and prosperity to rural areas,' he said.

'The current HIE scheme may only reach 75 per cent of premises in Argyll and Bute. The Scottish Government must put in enough money on top of the cash that will come from the UK Government to ensure that superfast broadband coverage in Argyll and Bute reaches the UK Government's new higher national targets.'

Museum secures £19,000 from the council

THE DEVELOPMENT of Kilmartin House Museum has taken a major step forward as the project secures £19,000 from Argyll and Bute Council.

The money, officially sanctioned by the council this month, will be used to help the museum put forward an application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The museum, which announced plans for an expansion last year, is hoping to gain money from HLF to fund the project. The extension to the main museum building will include larger display facilities, a community room and dedicated space for education events.

Architect

The museum has this week hired an archi-

tect that will draw up plans of a building that will suit the needs of the many community groups that use it.

Bill Young, development manager at the museum, said: 'We are delighted to have secured the funding.'

He added: 'In the coming weeks we will be raising awareness about our plans for the museum.'

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Countdown now on to Inveraray Highland Games

THE COUNTDOWN is now on to the 2013 Inveraray Highland Games and the renowned World Caber Tossing Championships which will take place on Tuesday 16 July.

A very prestigious event, the championships attracts the highest calibre of athletes from all over the world. It sees heavyweight athletes from as far afield as Australia, USA, and Canada join home grown talent on the sports field, including top Scot Bruce Robb.

A true test of skill and physical prowess, the

world championship caber is the biggest on the circuit, measuring over 20 feet and weighing more than 140lbs.

The world championships is only one part of the Highland Games, which is hosted by the Duke of Argyll in the grounds of Inveraray Castle.

Renowned not just for the heavy events, the games' Highland dancing competition too sees dancers travel from across the world to compete.

This year sees 150 entries in Highland dancing, including a con-

tingent from Canada, whilst there are more than 100 entries in the piping competitions.

Away from the competitive field, there will be a range of stalls for people to browse and this year sees the introduction of the children's activity tent. It will feature face painting, a sand pit, hopscotch, quoits, boules, and dancing.

The games will kick off at 10.45am, when Inveraray and District Pipe Band will lead a parade of competitors and spectators through the Royal Burgh to the competition field.



Olivia Veitch, 5, Charlotte MacNeill, 3, and Cerys MacArthur, 3, made beaded bracelets and had their faces' painted at the annual Lochgilphead Baptist Church summer camp. 06_a28church01

Baptist church hold summer camp

LOCHGILPHEAD Baptist Church was awash with the laughter of children as the annual summer camp got underway last week.

This year's fun theme was aliens, an entertaining analogy for the youngsters learning about

the Book of Daniel in the bible, who was sent to an alien land.

The week was full of activities, which included an 'alien' drive, music sessions and a family afternoon on Friday.

Dozens of families enjoyed tea, cakes, face painting and

bead making at the Argyll Street Church.

This month also sees the church welcome five people from Long Green Baptist Church in Baltimore, America, which it works in partnership with throughout the year.



Local 'King of the Caber' Stephen King welcomed Caroline Quentin to the Inveraray Highland Games last year. 06_a29caroline02

Summer events at Crarae Garden

A HOST of events to entertain families and garden enthusiasts throughout the summer have been arranged at Crarae Garden.

The first event takes place on Sunday and sees Freddy the alpaca return to the Minard garden.

Freddy, or Frederico Fandango as he is also better known, will be at the garden with some

other alpaca's from Zofija Sloan's Beachmore Farm in Kintyre.

He will be on hand to entertain and lead walks around the garden, whilst visitors can learn more about the curious creatures and what you do with alpaca fleece.

Sunday will also see the introduction of the garden's Pooh's Great Boat Race and Regatta.

The regatta will offer

families the chance to make and then race their own craft down Crarae Burn. Staff will be on hand to help youngsters make their paper vessel on the day with their own dry dock, and their will be prizes for the first three winners.

In a slightly more relaxed event on July 21, Crarae's head gardener will lead a guided walk around the 50-acre Loch

Fyne site as part of Scotland's Gardens Open Day.

The guided walks will explain more about the collection of woody plants centred on the Crarae Burn, the trees that are chosen for spring flowering and autumn colour and the lush naturalistic planting that gives the garden the feel of a valley in the Himalayas.

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Susan Berry alongside her watercolour painting of Tayvallich Bay.

Tayvallich artists launch exhibition

TWO Tayvallich artists have teamed up to launch an exhibition of *Home, Hill and Shore* at Lochgilphead's Archway Gallery.

Susan Berry and Caroline Hunter have come together to display their most recent body of works which takes inspiration from the picturesque village they call home.

Features

Tayvallich features strongly in the exhibi-

tion, with Susan alone having painted Tayvallich Bay, Carsaig and *Port Nan Gallen* in watercolour. Caroline meanwhile has painted the Achnamara Hills from Tayvallich in Acrylic.

A treat for Mid Argyll art enthusiasts, the *Home, Hill and Shore* exhibition features a wealth of local landscapes painted in winter or the early summer light.

It is in the winter months that Susan loves to paint seascapes and there are many featured in this latest body of work.

Favourite

She said: 'Winter is my favourite season. You get the big roaring waves in Kintyre and at home there is not much tidal movement but calmer waters.'

The paintings sit beautifully alongside Caroline's work which again

take inspiration from Argyll and its islands.

Caroline said: 'The soaring skies, building seas, bleached grasses against leaden hills, rusting tin roofs, brilliant greens of early summer and the roaring luminous surf of duck in winter never lose their power and keep me reaching for my brushes.'

Home, Hill and Shore will remain in display at the Archway Gallery until August 5.

Wooden stage to be taken down

THE BEAUTIFULLY crafted wooden stage at Achabreac Forest, which was once used for live art performances, is to be taken down, Forestry Commission Scotland has confirmed.

The stage was erected in 2007 as part of the NVA Half Life arts programme but has started to rot and is now considered a potential safety hazard.

Helen Watt, Forestry Commission Scotland's recreation manager in West Argyll, said: 'There were some fantastic performances on the stage six years ago when it was all opened but since then it has not really been used.'

'The stage was great at the time and served its purpose very well but now we need to remove it.'

The stage, currently cordoned off from the public, will be removed in the next four weeks. The wooden seating area next to the stage is structurally sound so will remain.

Megan sees of stiff competition to win top prize



Fiona Campbell, right, presented Megan Dowse with The Niall Campbell Trophy, which is given to the youngster that achieves the most at the Strachur Piping and Drumming School.

A STRACHUR youngster saw off competition from across Argyll to win the top prize at this year's Strachur Piping and Drumming School.

Megan Dowse was presented with The Niall Campbell Trophy, which is awarded to the pupil who achieved the most from the week's tuition.

Children from Strachur, Inveraray, Mid Argyll, Campbelltown, Oban and Dunoon travelled to take part.

The climax of the event came last Friday evening when the group of youngsters performed in Strachur Memorial Hall with the annual grand finale of I See Mull.

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PORT BAN

Godfrey Birtill at the holiday park

TONIGHT (Friday) will see worship singer and songwriter Godfrey Birtill once again perform at Port Ban Holiday Park.

The singer will kick-start his Scottish tour early when he leads an evening of worship at the park from 7.30pm.

Godfrey will play a range of tunes, which will include his award winning song *Outrageous Grace*, which was recently named worship song of the year.

Last year Godfrey entertained the Port Ban crowd with his music and had the audience up on their feet.

DUNOON

Stunning Seafield open to the public

ONE OF the most beautiful gardens in Cowal will open to the public this weekend as part of the Scotland's Gardens initiative.

Seafield, in Hunters Quay, will open its gates tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday, between 2pm and 5pm.

A stunning seaside garden, Seafield is situated on the hillside and is divided into separate smaller gardens including a gravel garden, damp pond garden, heather garden and shady garden. The site features a range of plants, herbaceous beds, shrubs, ferns and grasses.

Scotland's Gardens initiative opens privately owned gardens to the public in a bid to raise money for other char-

LOCHGOILHEAD



The Campbell family which runs Argyll Holidays was named Best Scottish Family Business of 2013 at the Scottish Business Awards.

Two prestigious awards for Argyll Holidays

THE CAMPBELL family who run Argyll Holidays has once again scooped two top awards for their business.

Argyll Holidays received the best Scottish family business 2013 award at the Scottish Business Awards at the International Conference Centre in Edinburgh last week.

The award was added to the business' re-

newable energy supplier of the year prize it received at The Scottish Farmer Agricultural Awards earlier this month.

The business offers a range of luxury self catering accommodation from lodges to modern caravans.

On receiving the family business award, the Campbell directors said: 'As a family we are absolutely delighted to win this

award. We were nominated alongside a fantastic array of companies and to win we feel this award reflects the true meaning of family business.'

'With three generations of our family involved with the management and day to day running of Argyll Holidays everyone works well together to provide a unique holiday experience.'

ities. It will this year fundraise for Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

TARBERT

Group travel back in time

TARBERT Soup Group took a trip down memory lane on Monday as they hosted their own memory café.

Organised in partner-

ship with Argyll Voluntary Action, the event introduced the lunch goers to a number of old household items which they were tasked with identifying.

The items, borrowed from Auchindrain museum, included a posser, which the group successfully identified was used for washing clothes in a tub.

James Mitchell's photographs brought many

happy memories of old friends and old places, whilst the Bielling in Tarbert was the focus of much discussion. Its original role as a way of pulling in the Tarbert skiffs was described, and James' pictures of the sinking of the *Locheil* brought much interest.

Beach art

CHILDREN can make their very own beach art

at Tarbert Youth Group this week.

The beach art session will take place on Tuesday as part of the group's summer programme, which also includes a trip to the village's outdoor gym on Friday.

Youngsters that would like to take part must meet at the youth group premises at 12pm on both days and bring their own packed lunch.

CRAIGNISH

Artefacts exhibition

AN EXHIBITION that will delve into the cultural heritage and demographic diversity of the Craignish community is to go on display in the village.

The *Artefacts!* exhibition will feature art and treasures loaned to the

Wavyline pop-up Gallery by residents from the Craignish Peninsula.

The display of goods including paintings, sculptures, instruments and tools, is the result of an appeal for locals to submit something that reflects life in the area.

Their piece of heritage will be on display with an extended caption detailing information about the piece.

The event, which runs from August 3 to 11 in Craignish Village Hall, will feature a vegan cafe that will offer homemade ethical food and drinks.

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Cattle sold to a new market top price per head when Carslae Farm, Newton Stewart sold a 740kg Limousin bullock to 277.5p per kg and £2,054. Bullocks averaged at 244p per kg

Heifers averaged 248p per kg and sold to 276.5p per kg for a 585kg Limousin from Moorfield and £1644 for a 610kg Limousin from Brockwoodlees.

Young bulls sold to £1,902 for a young Charolais bull from Balegreggan, Campbeltown.

Store cattle trade rises 25p per kilo

UNITED Auctions sold 408 store cattle at Stirling last week when both bullocks and heifers showed a marked increase from the previous sale.

Bullocks averaged 247.60p (+25.20p) while heifers averaged 234.98p (+23.87p).

Hoggs with lambs at foot from Harelaw sold to £128.

Brownlie and Mo win at Knapdale

THIS year's Annual South Knapdale Sheepdog Trials Open section was won by Ian Brownlie of Forestmill with his dog Mo with a score of 95 points.

The confined class saw victory for Ormsarty shepherd Andy Bevis who collected four trophies including the Carse Cup, Auchan Cup, Ellary Trophy and Carsaig Trophy.

Sunday's competition saw Garry Balke with Jim run to second place in the open whilst Duncan Robertson from Luss was third with Mot. In fourth was John Templeton with Spot, while Sandbank's Stuart Davidson came in fifth with George and Angie McDiarmid from Strachur came in eighth.

A special prize for a young competitor was handed to Rory Marshall from Dunoon for the work done with his dog, Tess.

Result:

Open competition:

1. Ian Brownlie with Mo, 95 points;
2. Garry Balke with Jim, 92 points;



Andy Bevis from Ormsarty won four trophies at the South Knapdale Sheepdog Trials on Sunday

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| 3. Duncan Robertson with Mott, 91 points; | Don, 86 points; | 10. John Templeton with Ben, 80 points. |
| 4. John Templeton with Spot, 90 points; | 7. Adam Simpson with Loos, 85 points; | Confined: |
| 5. Stuart Davidson with George, 87 points; | 8. Angie McDiarmid with Rex, 84 points; | 1. Andy Bevis with Kyle; |
| 6. Faansie Basson with | 9. Andrew Ronald Jnr with Meg, 83 points; | 2. Andy Bevis with Jessie. |

Islay heifers sell to £1,000

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 138 store cattle and young bulls at Stirling on Monday of this week.

Heifers sold to 242p per kg for two 330kg Limousins from Gartmain, Islay and to £1000 for two 445kg Limousins also from Gartmain. Bullocks sold to 242p per kg for a 285kg Limousin from Westfield, Airth and to £1,050 for a 440kg Aberdeen Angus from Ballendall.

Young bulls sold to 208p per kg and £790 for a 380kg Limousin from Craighhead.

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Tarbert Seafood Festival queen Elisha Tinney, centre, and her princesses, Cara McTaggart, left, and Eden MacDonald, right, handed out goody bags to youngster and prizes to competition winners. 06_a28seafood16



Erin Colthart, Clare Causier, from Tarbert, and Laura Downie from Lochgilphead, embraced the days wild wild west theme. 06_a28seafood03



Iain Spink of Arbroath Smokies gave a cookery demonstration on how to make the world famous food. 06_a28seafood21



Genesis Maneo provided musical entertainment throughout the day on the trailer stage. 06_a28seafood15



A Highland dance demonstration. 06_a28seafood22



Dozens of youngsters and adults got dressed up for the annual street parade, which had a wild wild west theme. 06_a28seafood08

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THE RODEO came to Tarbert at the weekend as Mid Argyll folk adopted the theme of the wild west at this year's Tarbert Seafood Festival.

Cowboys, Indians and the town sheriff marched along Harbour Street on Saturday afternoon as part of the western parade.

The colourful characters proved a great hit with locals and visitors alike as hundreds of people turned out for the event, which basked in sunshine over the two days.

Saturday afternoon's cel-



Above left: Gregor Henry, 18, Maire McCaffery, Mark Henry and Jennifer Henry, tucked into the local seafood that was on offer. 06_a28seafood24

Left: Cowgirls Kaiyah Hill and Cara Mackie were just two of the youngsters taking part in the fancy dress parade. 06_a28seafood25

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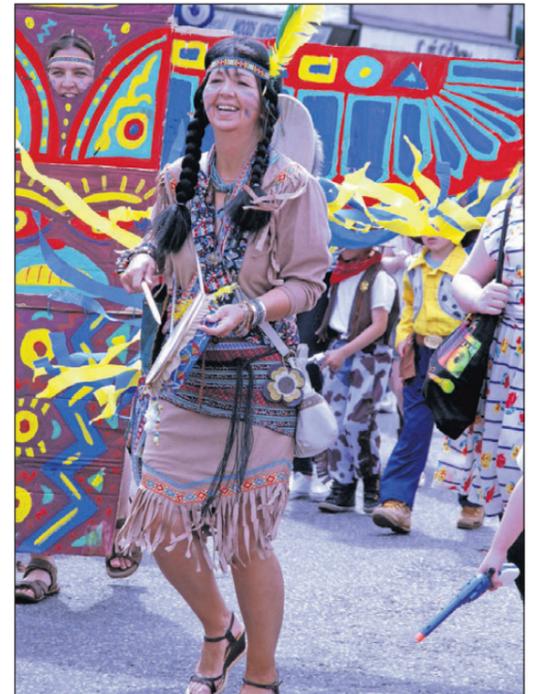
Gary, Lisa and Doris Lindstead soaked up the festival atmosphere with Charles and Linda Tighe. 06_a28seafood01



Brothers Campbell, 1, and John MacDougall, 3, enjoyed the sunshine at the festival on Saturday afternoon. 06_a28seafood19



Elizabeth and Martin Holzke sampled the cullen skink that was being served up by the Anchor Hotel. 06_a28seafood17



Cowboys and Indians could be seen running through the streets of Tarbert on Saturday afternoon at the annual seafood festival. 06_a28seafood12



Two-year-old Katie Elliot, from Tarbert, had a smashing time on the spinning saucers. 06_a28seafood05

celebrations began with the crowning of this year's seafood queen, Elisha Tinney, who then led the wild west themed fancy dress parade through the village.

Crowds

The seafood stalls were open to feed the hungry crowds, with local restaurants serving up classics including cullen skink, langoustines and crab sandwiches.

The event again enjoyed a wealth of musical entertainment from The Democrats and tribute band Steptastic.

Above Right: Anna Dawson and Kirsty Pine of Tarbert Parent Council were raising money for school funds and new play equipment by selling pupils photographs, guess the weight of the cake, and guess how many midges are in the jar. 06_a28seafood02

Right: The Mid Argyll Pipe Band led the fancy dress parade through the streets of Tarbert and performed later in the afternoon. 06_a28seafood07



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Southend Highland Games

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Kintyre Schools Pipe Band marched onto the field to open the games last year.
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SOUTHEND Highland Games - distinct in Scotland in being the only games in held in the evening - will be in full swing again next Saturday, July 20.

More than £1,100 in prize money will be up for grabs between the heavy and running events, and there will be a wide range of races for girls and boys in age groups from six to 14.

Spectators will once again be able to take on the heavy athletes in 'throwing the welly', and ladies will be able to participate in the popular 'tossing the broom'.

Highland games star Matthew Turner, 25, from Tangy, near Campbeltown is working abroad - leaving a clear track for others in the 800m and mile races at Southend which he has dominated for a decade.

His up-and-coming younger brother, Gary, 20, is in good form but could face a strong challenge in the mile from Southend's very own Kenny Campbell, 36, who is stepping down from half marathon distance he won at in May's MOK runs.

Games secretary John Galbraith said: 'I hope many men and women from the burgeoning Campbeltown road running scene will come and support the games.'

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Craig Nicholson from Oban was among a trio hotly contesting the heavy events at the games held in Southend last year. 20_c30sou02

Above: The boys' sprint was a close race. 20_c30sou04



Left: Highland games star Matthew Turner, pictured, will be absent this year but younger brother Gary aims to uphold the family tradition of winning at Southend. c28turner01no

Starting at 6pm on the playing field behind the Argyll Arms Hotel, the Southend Games will again be the kind of fantastic spectacle we have come to expect from Scotland's proud highland games tradition. As well as the runners, there will be a host of pipers and highland dancers and some of the country's strongest men, suitably kilted and flexing their muscles tossing cabers, throwing hammers and hurling hefty weights. The games will also offer all the usual stalls and fun events to keep all the family entertained. Don't miss it - go along for a glorious evening of fun.

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Cultural exchange for young Mid Argyll musicians

A GROUP of young musicians will on Sunday travel to Zambia to take part in a cultural exchange that will also see them support vulnerable young people in the classroom.

The Mid Argyll group are travelling to Zambia to see the work being done by the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI), which supports the education of vulnerable youngsters.

Perform

The musicians will join MALI founder Marian Pallister and Father David Connor of St Margaret's, Lochgilphead, on the trip which will see them help teach elementary school children and perform traditional Scottish music and dance in Zambian communities.

The six musicians, aged between 16 and 19, will complete a 10km

sponsored walk during their stay. They will escort patients from the small clinic at MALI's Mthunzi Centre over tough terrain to the larger George Compound Clinic, where they will stay with patients during the long waiting time.

Education fees

All money raised from the walk will be used to pay education fees and build a new secondary school in the area.

MALI founder Marian said sponsorship for the walk has already topped her £2,000 target.

'I never thought people would be so generous when I set the target,' she said. 'We need every penny we can get to build our secondary school for the kids at Mthunzi and four local communities, so we hope people will continue to go on line to [Scot13 or text MALI75 £5 to 70070 to help us reach our goals.](http://www.justgiving.com/Zam-</p>
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'I would also like to thank artist Jolomo for his on-going generosity to the charity.'

The musicians will also be stepping into the classroom themselves to help teach at the local elementary school, whilst musicians Rosie Cairns, Mairi Campbell and Ashleigh Kilgour, will stay on to offer intensive tuition to local children for an extra two weeks.

Rehearsing

There will be ZamScot performances, mixing Zambian and Scottish music and dance. Argyll piper Alan Gordon has been rehearsing with drummer Ashleigh, while Rowena Campbell and Tabitha James have researched some traditional dances to teach the Zambians.



The happy couple Catherine and Richard with Kayak Majik's Dave McBride and his baby, Aiden.

A canoe built for two

Local man plans engagement ring treasure hunt for nervous groom

CANOEING might not be regarded as the most romantic sport but for one Manchester couple there is one very special canoe which has set them on the road to wedded bliss.

Richard Chung from Manchester had been planning to pop the question to his girlfriend Catherine during their weekend away in Tarbert.

Seeking a unique way to ask her, Richard enlisted the help of Dave McBride from Kayak Majik, trusting him with the diamond ring.

Dave said: 'It was my job to take the couple out, through the harbour

and towards one of Tarbert's sheltered bays. I had the ring, I had to keep it safe on the canoe journey and bury it on a planned treasure hunt

'I've had a few sleepless nights worrying about this so I can't imagine what Richard went through.

'I was delighted to have been involved and play my part in their story, they are a lovely couple and I'm delighted Catherine said yes.'

This was the first unusual request for Kayak Majik, which has been operating from West Loch Shores for just over six weeks.

Comedians contribute to new book

LEGENDARY comedians such as Ricky Tomlinson, Jimmy Cricket and Jo Brand have contributed material to a new book that will raise funds for Mary's Meals.

The book, *Does God LOL?*, has been written by former stand up comedian Frankie Mulgrew, and features a

wealth of comic's views on God and laughter.

They say God must have a sense of humour because he gave the gift of laughter.

Proceeds

The comic greats, that have earned a reputation for making people laugh, hope the proceeds of the book will bring a smile

to the faces of children in some of the world's poorest countries.

The Argyll-based Mary's Meals provides a free school meal in a place of learning to attract children to the classroom, where they can gain the skills needed to lift them out of poverty.

Pensioner warns of shares scam

A PENSIONER is urging others to be careful of scams after fraudsters tried to convince her that she could make money from old shares invested in energy companies.

Dorothy Paterson from Inveraray has always been weary of scams but was astonished to find that the fraudsters knew her middle name and that she had owned shares in Scottish Power.

She was telephoned by an American man that said the shares were worth £47,000 and that he could get this money to her if she sent him an initial payment.

'When I thought back about 20 years ago I might of had shares in Scottish Power and they were saying these things were being sold,' Dorothy said.

'But the minute they asked me for money it raised my concern.

'I told them I didn't have the share certificate which should have alerted them to the fact that I know what I am talking about.'

Recognising that some people have made money from selling old shares, Dorothy said people need to be careful that the sale is legitimate.

Powercut lasted two hours

SCOTTISH and Southern Energy (SSE) is this week repairing a fault in the electricity supply for Mid Argyll and Kintyre after a black out on Sunday night.

The power cut lasted two hours but affected a huge area of Argyll, with the whole of the Kintyre Peninsula losing power, along with Jura, Islay and Arran. Electricity stopped at 11.45pm and was restored at 1.15am.

A spokesman for SSE told the *Advertiser* on Monday that staff had diverted another power supply into the area via its control room but was working to find out what the problem is.

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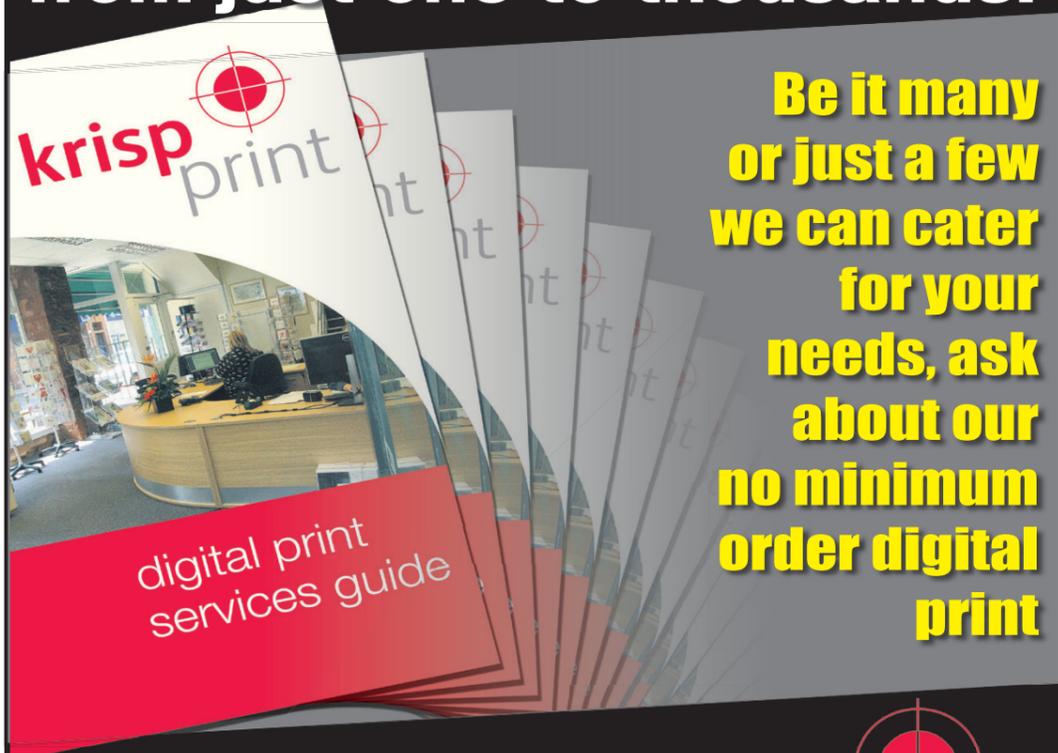
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS such a charming moment amidst all the sadness and horror that we hear each day on the news headlines.

It was simple enough, but it really made people stop and smile.

A young busker was playing his guitar at Buchanan Street in Glasgow city centre when it happened.

Young Murdo Mitchell was just finishing his rendition of 'Colours' by the singer, Donovan when he just couldn't believe his eyes.

The man with the famous green guitar was returning from the recording studio when he heard Murdo singing his song.

Donovan smiled, took up his guitar and joined the awestruck young busker.

Soon they were singing and playing in perfect harmony as a great crowd gathered round them, enchanted with this impromptu concert

Donovan was lovely with the young lad and also posed for photos with total strangers, while mobile phones captured the moment.

It is a day Murdo will never forget, and it has further inspired his musical ambitions.

Sometimes when we feel we are flying solo in life it makes all the difference when someone comes along to stand beside us and encourage us.

Many achievements have been realised and many dreams have found fulfilment by a few words of encouragement.

People can achieve great things if they believe in themselves, and if others believe in them too.

Jesus believed in people, and often told them of their worth.

He changed lives by words of encouragement.

He called ordinary rough spoken fishermen and a dubious tax collector to be his disciples.

He spent time with those the respectable folks shunned, because Jesus saw their potential and didn't dwell on their faults.

Jesus is the one who stands beside us and sings with us in the song of life.

I hope Murdo is still singing, for I know that I am still smiling.



S2 biology pupils from Lochgilphead Joint Campus recently went to Ardfeanig Care Home to plant flowers as part of the joint gardening initiative with the care home.

Pupils help brighten up care home

GREEN fingered pupils from Lochgilphead Joint Campus recently visited Ardfeanig Care Home to help brighten up the lives of the people who live there.

Pupils from the S2 biology class went to the care home to help brighten up the surroundings by planting flowers and bedding plants that had been

supplied by Argyll and Bute Council. The joint campus has been working on a joint gardening initiative with the care home, which aims to bridge the genera-

tion gap and help raise awareness about the issues facing older members of the community. The care home provides person-centred care for people who are

living in the community with dementia and is a place where people can maintain social interaction, whilst providing a sense of purpose to their day.

Garden help for dog owners

DOG FRIENDLY Crarae Garden has installed a new 'green' system to help visitors clean up after their pets.

Completely biodegradable waste bags made from corn starch are offered to dog owners at the start of the trails, and a clean "digester" is available at the end to place the used bags in.

Property manager at the Minard garden Nigel Price said: 'We want all our visitors on two legs and four to have an enjoyable visit and hopefully leave the garden as they found it. The vast majority of our visitors are responsible dog owners, and this is a good environmentally friendly way of helping them deal with the problem.'

Soprano Pat celebrates award of honorary doctorate in music



Pat Pettinger.

A SOPRANO singer who finds sanctuary from her busy schedule at Kilmory Knap has received an honorary doctorate from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Patricia MacMahon, or Pat Pettinger as she is known to locals, was presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Music on July 2.

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland has been a huge part of Pat's life and was where she studied from 1961 and then went on to teach singing

there for 40 years.

Throughout the years the singer has earned a reputation as a singer, teacher and vocal coach, whilst she specialises in concerts, recitals and oratorio work that has included recordings for the BBC.

Supporting Pat throughout her career has been her husband Beau, from Kilmacol, who she has been married to for 40 years.

The doctorate comes after she received a Fellowship in 2010.

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Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award for teenager

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager this week picked up a gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

Callum Turner was one of six young people from Argyll and Bute to attend a special reception in the garden of Holyrood House in Edinburgh.

He received his certificate from Major General Nick Eeles, the Governor of Scotland, and

had a chat with HRH the Earl of Wessex.

The award marks the end of more than a year's hard work for Callum in which he completed a programme of volunteering, physical skills and expeditions.

Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Group in Argyll and Bute, councillor Dick Walsh said: 'This was

a fantastic day out for the gold award winners and their supporters who were able to celebrate their achievements.

Support

'It was also an opportunity to thank and reward the parents and the Duke of Edinburgh volunteer leaders for their hard work and continued support of the young people.

'These young people are great examples of how all of us can contribute to society when we really put our minds to it.'

Ewan Morrison, from Lochgilphead, who also completed his Duke of Edinburgh award this year, will receive his certificate at the Argyll and Bute Youth Awards in September.

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).

ENGAGEMENTS



BROLLY - NEWLANDS

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Denise Mairi Brollly, daughter of Colin and Jenny, to Stuart Iain Newlands, son of John and Margaret, on July 6, 2013.

DEATHS

DEKKER - Christine (née MacKinnon) passed away peacefully, aged 63, on July 4, 2013, at Royal Surrey County Hospital, after a long brave battle, borne with dignity, courage and determination. Partner to Campbell and sister to Catherine, Kenina and the late Callum MacKinnon, originally of "Tav an Taggart", Tayinloan, Argyll. An inspiration to all and deeply loved by all who crossed her path. Funeral service to be held at Clachan Church, Argyll, on Thursday, July 18 at 12 noon, and thereafter to Clachan Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. "Till the dawn breaks and the shadows flee away."

KELLY - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on June 26, 2013, John Joseph Kelly, aged 79 years, of 12B Glengilp, Ardrishaig and formerly of 39 Glen Doll, East Kilbride, much loved husband of the late Betty, loving father of Laura and Lucille and grandfather of Amelia Elizabeth, Isabella Grace, Clarissa Mae and Kasper Cillian. Dear brother to Pat and Josephine, brother-in-law of Cathie and Stephen and uncle to Duncan and Jennifer. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, July 15 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MCALISTER - Peacefully at home, 51 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on July 9, 2013, Neil Scally McAlister, in his 91st year, dearly beloved husband of the late Connie MacIntyre, much loved father of Cameron and Ian, loving granda of Barry and Karen and an adored great granda. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, July 12 at 2.00pm, 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 Erskine Hospital.

SINCLAIR - Suddenly at his home, 38 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, on July 9, 2013, John Sinclair (retired Argyll and Bute Hospital

Engineer), aged 71 years, beloved husband of Jan Cameron, much loved father of Ross, Karen and Nicola and adored grandpa of Natalie, Lisa, Scott, Debbie and Adele. Much respected father-in-law of Louisa, Eric and Stephen. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will take place in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, July 13 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to local charities. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DOCHERTY - Barbara and family sincerely thank everyone for their support during and after Malcolm's illness. Heartfelt thanks to all hospital staff, Macmillan nurses and district nurses for care given to Malcolm. Special thanks to Rev Burroughs for comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth for excellent funeral arrangements and Ardshiel for catering. Finally, thanks to friends who came from far and near for Malcolm's funeral and the Royal British Legion for their participation. £632.32 was collected for Erskine Hospital.

DOCHERTY - George, Caroline, Eddie, Margaret and families would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received. Also to family and friends for all the support given to them after the sad passing of Mary. Sincere thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for the very uplifting and comforting service, to organist, David McEwan, for appropriate music and to church officer, Robert Young. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficient and caring handling of the funeral arrangements, doctors, nurse and staff at Campbeltown and Oban hospitals and the Ardshiel Hotel for the excellent catering. Finally, thank you to everyone who paid their respects at both the church and Kilkerran Cemetery. The retiral collection for the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital raised £1,201.89. Thank you all.

GASKELL - The Gaskell and Kerr family would like to thank everyone who attended at the funeral of Diane Gaskell, on June 28, 2013. A sum of £1,400 was raised, to be split between the new chemotherapy unit at Mid Argyll Hospital and the local Macmillan team.

MACDONALD - The family of the late Anne Macdonald would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Lochgilphead, Oban and Paisley hospitals and the care team who enabled her to manage her illness in her own home. Grateful thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald for efficient and caring funeral arrangements and the Grey Gull Inn for lunch and refreshments. Finally, our

thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £275 for the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

MACINTYRE - Isabel's sister, Nancy and her nephews and nieces would like to thank family and friends for their condolences and cards received upon the sad loss of a dear sister and aunt. Thanks to Matthew Ramsay for his kind words, the practice nurses for their care, Alasdair Blair for excellent funeral arrangements and the Argyll Hotel for catering. A special thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement from Cranberry Cottage, Ayr. Thanks also for the retiral collection, on behalf of the Highland Parish Church. Isabel MacLean MacIntyre was a kind, thoughtful and gentle lady.

MORRISON - Scott's family would like to thank all family and friends for the support given to them at this sad time. Thanks also to Rev Philip Burroughs for such a special service and Alasdair and Kenny Blair. Thanks to everyone who attended the service, £3,174.57 was raised for Campbeltown Young Fire Fighters.

IN MEMORIAMs

MACINTYRE - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Archie, died July 10, 2012. It's a year now, since you passed away And in our thoughts you will always stay.

- Anna and all the family.
MCLELLAN - Treasured memories of our dear dad and pop, William, who was taken from us on July 17, 1979.

It's 34 years since you were taken away, Dad, you are loved and remembered every day.

- Daughters, Margaret and Sandra and families.
MORRISON - In loving memory of my wife, Sarah Brodie Morrison (Sadie), who died July 11, 2008. Sadly missed.

- Alex.
MORRISON - In loving memory of Sadie (Brodie). Gone but not forgotten Loved and remembered every day.

- Family, home and away xx.
MORRISON - In loving memory of our sister, Sadie, passed away July 11, 2008. - Barbara, Christine, Edward, Martin and Kenneth.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny, Jane Brown Bell, died July 14, 1985. Miss you more than words can say

Loved and remembered every day Always in our hearts.

- Love, Norma, Jim and family.
WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories That leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed. - Johnnie.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

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with Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
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For more information please visit our website
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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th July
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Campbell Brown
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 14th July
11.15am Rev C Hood
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 14th July
Early Morning
Informal Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche)
Mr W. Crossan
Thursday, 18th July
Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
4.00pm Evening Worship
Please note change of time
Major David Burns

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th July 2013
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Joint Youth Groups - Grace Methodist Church, Kokomo, USA and Springbank Church
Wednesday 17th July 2013
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No Bible Study this week
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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All Welcome
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Sunday 14th July 2013
11.00am Morning Service
Scottish Charity SC015187

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
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Sunday 14 July 2013
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10.45am Family Communion
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am oOo
14th July
1 Corinthians 11
"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ"

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 14 July - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Cumlodden Church at 10am
The Gaelic service is on the 21st of this month instead of the 14th
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Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service (Baptism)
Inveraray at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 14th July, 2013
Glassary 11.30a.m.
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SUNDAY 14th JULY 2013
11am Worship Service
SATURDAY 13th JULY 2013
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Sunday 14 July 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"But if not"
Thursday 18 July 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday July 14
Tayvallich Church 10 am
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Saturday 20 July
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(SCO002876)

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Sunday 14th July, 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
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Festival of golf

VISITORS, ladies, gents and juniors are all invited to take part in what has been described as 'a festival of golf' at Lochgilphead Golf Club this week.

The local club is launching its own Golf Week on Monday and has organised a number of sponsored events with prizes.

Monday to Thursday will be open Stabfold events, with golfers urged to turn up and play at their leisure.

The Gents' Open on Saturday gives all the players who could not qualify for the British Open at Muirfield the opportunity to go for glory and there is a senior trophy for the more experienced players.

There is a family fun day at the clubhouse on Sunday. Events include chipping and putting practice, with coaching tips from Peter Sinclair, Hugh Strachan and Simon Taylor who are the masters of the 18th green and the 19th hole.

This will be followed by the Golf Week presentation of trophies and prizes.

Instructions on how to enter each of the events are available in the clubhouse whilst Jimmy and Ross will be on hand to help with entry requirements.

Beginners or players new to the game are most welcome to play as handicaps will be provided and we have some clubs for hire if you just fancy giving it a try.

Clarification

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify that Sylvia Stark was not a member of the Ardrishaig Senior Fours bowling team that represented Scotland at the British Isles Championships.

It was in fact Joan Robertson that joined fellow bowlers Margaret MacKinnon, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan at the tournament.

The paper apologises for any confusion caused following the article in last week's paper.



John Taxi, from Ardrishaig, with an impressive spurdog.

Variety pushes up points tally

SUNSHINE, spurs and species were the main components of the Loch Fyne SAC Triples Competition held at Loch Etive on Sunday.

Fishing aboard three self-drive boats, the teams headed to their favourite marks with high expectations and, while fishing in general was

relatively slow, the variety of species caught throughout the seven-hour event provided valuable points.

A total of 53 fish were landed with seven species including, cod, spurs, thornback, pouting, whiting and gurnard making up the day's tally.

Jimmy Smith from Balloch caught the best fish of the day, an impressive 8lb 1oz spurdog.

First outing

Winners of the Fyne Tackle Trophy with 125 points were Nikki Thompson, Gary Sinclair and new member Johnnie Munro, who

landed three fish on his first club outing.

Runners up, following closely behind on 123 points, were John Taxi, Robert MacBrayne and Jimmy Smith.

The August club meet will be held out of Oban on the *Laura Dawn II* where the main target will be pollack.

Mid Argyll Cricket Club lose out to Kintyre rivals

MID ARGYLL Cricket Club suffered a defeat at the hands of their Kintyre rivals Carradale CC recently, losing by 52 runs.

Welcoming Carradale to the Dunnadd Oval last weekend, the visitors won the toss and elected to take advantage of the glorious sunshine and bat first.

However the Carradale batsmen found runs very difficult to get on an unpredictable pitch with unpredictable bowling.

Most of the batsmen got a start but nobody was able to establish themselves. Keogh, with 20 runs, and Robertson with 19 were top scorers.

Respectable

McMillan and Hooper D were able to steady the middle order and help the total reach a respectable 104 runs all out in 39.2 overs.

Fife returned excellent figures of four wickets for nine in 5.2 overs.

Mid Argyll fancied their chances but the early loss of their talisman batsman Lyburn to a brilliant, two-handed catch by Hooper C off McMillan's bowling

seemed to unnerve the whole team.

Only Lister, with 31 runs, was able to stem the tide of wickets.

Man of the match, Bennett, meanwhile, scythed through the Mid Argyll batting and took six wickets for two runs, with five maidens in a magnificent seven over display.

The win for Carradale ensures a creditable runners up spot in the league for this season.



Man of the match, Carradale's Anthony Bennett.

Stuart's Wimbledon fairytale date for ball

Stuart among the first to congratulate Andy Murray

AN ARGYLL man was among the first to congratulate Andy Murray after his historic win at Wimbledon on Sunday.

Sports journalist Stuart Fraser, who is from Oban but now lives in London, was covering the championships for wimbledon.com and sat in the centre court press box for Murray's victory over Novak Djokovic - the first time a British player has won the men's singles for 77 years.

But the fairytale was not over for tennis fan Stuart as he was given a surprise invitation to the Wimbledon Champions' Ball, where he rubbed shoulders with some of the biggest names in tennis.

Stuart said: 'The atmosphere inside centre court was unbelievable and when Murray won it the noise was incredible. I was at the Olympics when he won the gold medal and even that wasn't as loud as the cheer on Sunday.'

First to shake his hand

After watching the presentation Stuart went to wait for Murray on the players' lawn where he chatted with the likes of Judy Murray and Sir Chris Hoy. When the new champion appeared, the 27-year-old was among the first to shake his hand.

After the press conference Stuart returned to write his article when the invitation to the ball in London's Park Lane dropped on his desk.

'I was just in my shorts and t-shirt when I was invited to the champions ball but they told me to go to the men's locker room for a shower and to get fitted for a suit!'

'It was surreal enough seeing Andy Murray win Wimbledon but there I was, half naked, getting measured for a suit in the men's locker room of Wimbledon as my favourite player, Fabrice Santoro, walks past. It was the most bizarre moment.'

Stuart was driven to the ball - sharing a car with the girls' doubles winners - and stepped out to be greeted by the paparazzi.

'You should have seen the disappointment on their faces when they saw it was me,' he laughed.



Argyll man Stuart Fraser was one of the first people to congratulate Andy Murray on his Wimbledon win.

Games season offers chance to shine on track and field

Young Argyll-based athletes encouraged to compete in range of events

HIGHLAND Games season is now underway in Argyll and represents another opportunity for young athletes in the area to compete in track and field events.

Next on the programme of events is Inveraray, which takes place on Tuesday and is followed by the Mull Highland Games two days later.

Several junior track and field competitions are being held at both events to encourage more local, Argyll-based, athletes to take part.

There will be separate events for both boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 15. The events are 90 metres, 600 metres, high jump, long jump and shot putt, with the two track races being on a handicap basis according to age and ability.

There will be an overall junior championship, with points awarded over the series of the three games and trophies presented to

the top boy and girl at the Oban Games on August 22. Prize money will be an added incentive at each of the three Highland Games.

The games are also a competition opportunity for seniors, with a full programme of events for people aged 16 and over across two categories. The confined competition is for people resident in Argyll, whilst the open event is available to people outwith the area.

Junior athletes at both Inveraray and Mull should enter on the field between 10am and 10.30am, with the first event likely to start at 10.30am.

Further information on the junior events can be obtained by contacting Bill MacCallum on 01546 602664.

The Highland Games in Argyll are affiliated to the Scottish Highland Games Association,



Runners Gary Tuner, Craig Robertson and David McAllister were amongst the athletes to take part in the track and field events in Inveraray last year. 06_a29inv08

whilst the junior athletic Mull and Oban are Mull Athletic Club, Mid Argyll and Bute Local events in Inveraray, jointly sponsored by Argyll Athletic Club and Athletics Partnership.

Holders Kyles book Camanachd cup semi-final place

HOLDERS Kyles Athletic booked their place in the semi-final of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup with a convincing win over Beaully.

Goal machine Roddy MacDonald netted four times against the Highland side, with Duncan Kerr (2) and Roberto Zavaroni adding the extras in a 7-2 victory.

Kyles trainer James Perlich, who missed the match through illness, said the club was delighted to be in the semi-final stages.

He said: 'We were 3-0 up after 25 minutes, so the boys seemed to follow the game plan of getting early goals.'

'We knew Beaully were dangerous on the attack, so we had to get ahead early. They are a very good outfit with a lot of promise and we look forward to seeing them back in Tighnabruaich soon.'

'I know we will have to raise our game another level in the semi-final.'

Kyles have no game this Saturday.



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Dunadd win in the heat

DUNADD Camanachd travelled to Castle Toward last Sunday to play Cowal and Bute in hot conditions.

The girls battled hard throughout the game and despite the heat came out on top, winning the game 0-3.

The girls had the majority of possession and chances in front of goal in the first half.

Laurene Cameron scored two goals, one in each half, and just as the Cowal girls began to add some pressure in the second half Megan Yuill scored a goal, which will definitely be a contender for goal of the season.

Dunadd had already beaten Cowal and Bute at home a few weeks ago, also winning 3-0 with Laurene Cameron getting two goals and Megan Yuill scoring one.

Dunadd currently sit at the top of the league.

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STRACHUR Shinty Club will aim to gain more league points tomorrow (Saturday) when they play rivals Bute.

The Cowal side narrowly lost to Aberdour last weekend with a 2-1 defeat, meaning they have only won one game in their nine league fixtures this season. The team will be hoping a home game will boost their chances against Bute. The game throws up at 2.30pm.

Lottery numbers

THE JACKPOT in next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery will be £1,000 as another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 4, 5 and 20.

THERE were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery, with numbers 2, 4 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

Tarbert race organisers overwhelmed by support



Inveraray let early lead slip

Fight for every inch: Action from Saturday's hard-fought game between Inveraray and Oban Camanachd. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

Inveraray looked to have been coasting to another Orion Group Premiership victory last Saturday against bottom-of-the-table Oban Camanachd when Euan McMurdo opened the scoring on four minutes. But a determined Camanachd battled back to gain both points in a 2-1 win. The Royal Burgh travel this Saturday to Fort William, who picked up a morale-boosting win over Glenurquhart in the Camanachd Cup semi-finals last weekend.

ENTRIES to the first Tarbert 5km and 10km races have flooded in from both local joggers and seasoned athletes.

Organisers of the race, Tarbert women Lorraine Macdonald and Jessica Little, say they have been overwhelmed with support for the new sports venture in the village.

The women, both Tarbert jogscotland leaders, have created a 10km route that showcases the beauty of the Loch Fyne Village which has proven popular with runners across the county.

Jessica said: 'We first decided to have 150 people in the 10km race and 50 in the 5km and we had a waiting list for places.'

Applications

'We have upped the numbers and we still have applications coming through.'

'We have the Campbeltown runners coming up, people from Lochgilphead, Ayrshire, London and Cambridge, as well as the people from Tarbert.'

Taking place on August 17, the event aims to get local people active whilst also catering to amateur runners.

Jessica added: 'The idea of the 5k was to make it as accessible to people as possible, whether people want to walk, go round in a wheelchair or run they can.'

'We really wanted to

open it up to walkers and maybe encourage people to join the group.'

The plan has worked with more and more people seen walking and jogging the 5km route, while the 10km path, will see the more seasoned athletes take in landmarks such as Tarbert Castle.

Inspired

Jessica and Lorraine, who has ran the London Marathon, were inspired to organise the Tarbert event after attending a number of races across Scotland.

Despite organising the event alone, the women have had a wealth of support and advice from other event organisers.

Lorraine said: 'We entered a few races ourselves so we have been able to see what is good and bad at other events and are using that as a guide.'

'The organisers of the Crinan Puffer have been really helpful and I have met some of the Campbeltown runners and they have said if we need help don't hesitate to get in touch. All the other running clubs have offered their help as well.'

Taking place on the same day as the Tarbert Harbour Board's centenary celebrations, the ladies hope the race will also showcase the beauty of Tarbert and its tourist facilities to runners from further afield.

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