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Death crash driver's jail term reduced by appeal judges



Hardy dozen dive in for cancer charity

Swimmers and runners from MacLeod Construction have raised £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The brave 12 - including Gordon Ram who initiated the swim - jumped into the sea at Ardishaig and swam over to the Kilmory 'bus stop'. Gordon completed a longer six-kilometre swim a week earlier, and dedicated his swim to friends that he had lost to cancer. After the swim Murdo and Jane MacLeod took the hardy souls for fish and chips in Murdo's fast boat to celebrate their success.

Photograph courtesy of Bill Baillie

Prison sentence 'did not give full effect to the obvious benefits of the guilty plea'

THE MAN who caused the death of a Tarbert teenager by dangerous driving has had his nine-year jail sentence reduced by appeal judges.

James Neill, 36, from Easfield, Tarbert, was driving at speeds of up to 110mph before he lost control of his Honda Civic, which crashed into rocks on the A83 near Erines on August 20, 2012.

Natasha Clark, 17, a shop assistant at Lochgilphead Co-op, suffered multiple injuries in the collision and died in hospital the following day.

Neill pled guilty at Edinburgh High Court earlier this year to causing her death and injury to other passengers by driving dangerously.

Judge Lord Stewart sentenced him to nine years in prison.

But lawyers for the Tarbert man said the jail term was too harsh.

On Tuesday appeal judges reduced it to seven years and eight months.

Lady Clark of Carlton, who heard the appeal at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh with Lady Cosgrove, said: 'In this case we are in no doubt that a lengthy custodial sentence was appropriate.'

But she added: 'We consider that the sentencing judge did not give full effect to the obvious benefits of the guilty plea in a case such as this.'

The judges accepted the lawyer's argument

that the guilty plea had avoided the need for witnesses to give evidence about 'the very distressing events'.

An earlier session of the High Court in Paisley heard that Neill was repeatedly told to slow down and 'stop pushing it' by his passengers, who noted that the speedometer was showing 110mph.

The car was travelling at approximately 70mph when it hit a rock and Natasha and fellow back seat passenger Sandra Harvey became trapped in the vehicle. Miss Harvey suffered a broken leg and a suspected spinal injury. Neill and his friend Sean McGregor, who were in the front, sustained minor injuries.



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Motocross heroes remember Robbie Allan



Picture from the past - Robbie Allan, who passed away last year, second right, organised the 1978 Kilmartin Grand Prix Remembered event last summer. He is pictured with his wife Margaret, brother Vic Allan MBE, Neil Ian MacLean and Neil Hudson. 06_a26moto01

A MID ARGYLL man who is famed throughout the world for his dedication to motocross will be remembered next week as a competition is held in his honour.

The Robbie Allan 50/50 Classic Memorial Event will be held at Tinto Moto Park, Rigside, Lanarkshire on July 19 and 20.

Robbie was a huge motocross fan all his life and before his death last year organised a reunion of motocross champions in Kilmartin, where the 1978 grand prix world qualifier was held.

Now almost one year after Robbie lost his battle with cancer, stars of the sport will gather again to put on a show to remember and raise

cash for Robbie's chosen charity - Macmillan Cancer Support.

A highlight of the weekend will be the Past Masters Parades which will see many of the heroes of the TV scrambles of the 60s and 70s - who went on to become household names - take to the track on the bikes they used 40 years ago.

Brother

Dave Bickers, Arthur and Alan Lampkin, Bryan Goss, Arthur Browning, Jimmy Aird and Robbie's younger brother, Vic Allan, will attempt to turn back the clock to a time when they dominated the sport.

'The esteem in which Robbie was held is

clearly demonstrated by the vast number of competitors and celebrities who will be in attendance from all over the country and overseas,' his wife Margaret Allan said. 'These include former British, European and world champions from the world of trials, motocross and enduro. In fact no less than three former world motocross champions will be present namely Graham Noyce, Neil Hudson and Dave Thorpe.'

Off track there is plenty happening in the marquee with guest interviews, raffle, auction and a display of some of the finest motocross bikes of the last 50 years.

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Elderly woman loses thousands in scam

Fraudsters convince pensioner into transfer

AN ELDERLY woman in Tarbert has lost thousands of pounds after she was targeted by fraudsters and duped into transferring her cash into another account.

Police Scotland said this week the warned others to be vigilant.

A spokesman for Police Scotland said: 'The scam involves a

person purporting to be from the bank in which the person holds an account.

Problem

They are then informed that there is a technical problem with their account and they require transferring all their money to an account identified by the caller.

Once the fault is

cleared all their money will be transferred back into their account. The money is never returned.'

Police are advising that anyone who receives a suspicious call from a bank should call the bank directly using numbers supplied by the bank or attend their bank in person.

Appeal to help at annual beach clean

PEOPLE are being urged to put on their gloves and up pick bin liners next Sunday, July 20 as the annual Lochgilphead Phoenix Project beach clean gets underway.

Anyone who wishes to participate can do their bit by 'picking up their pickers' at the War Memorial on the Front Green at 11am.

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Police rush to tragic incident

A MAN died at the side of a main tourist route on Tuesday, after a stand off with police, near to Cairndow.

During the incident, the A83 route between Campbeltown and Tarbert was closed for a number of hours.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Police were called short-

ly after 4pm, after concerns were raised about a man who was threatening to kill himself.'

Police negotiators were called to the scene. It is understood they engaged with the man over a short period of time, establishing he had a firearm. In order to protect the public it was decided to stop traffic passing by the scene. The

spokesman said the man, who has not been named, 'died at the scene a short time later.'

The spokesman continued: 'There are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, however police inquiries into the incident are continuing.'

'A full report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.'

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Jolomo boosts charity art auction

ARTIST John Lowrie Morrison has donated a painting to an art auction hosted by the Duntrune Trekkers.

John, who paints under the name Jolomo, is one of 25 artists to donate work to the auction which is raising money for three charities.

Taking over the Coffee Shop at Crinan for five days, the Duntrune Art Auction will open on July 15 and run until July 19 when successful bids will be announced.

Potential buyers can also bid online through eBay where all art will be displayed. The eBay account can be accessed at www.duntrunetrekkers.org. Duntrune Trekkers - Duncan McGregor, Blair Johnston and John Kennedy - will climb Mount Kilimanjaro in September to raise money for Rainbow Valley, MS Centre Mid Argyll and the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation.



John Lowrie Morrison met Duncan McGregor and Blair Johnston recently to hand over his original artwork, left. a26jolomo01 and 02

Reluctant agreement on new GP set up

A HEATED debate on the future of health care at Inveraray Community Council saw residents agree to try a new scheme, but with huge reservations that it would work.

The town will move away from having a sole GP practice and share doctors with Lochgilphead, in order to provide a service in the town.

The meeting heard that despite numerous attempts and a spend of 'thousands of pounds' to recruit a doctor it was proving difficult to attract a new practitioner to the town.

Lochgilphead Medical Centre doctors, who were present at the meeting, spoke of their shock that no suitable applicants could be found for the position.

They said: 'It is quite clear that doctors qualifying now don't want to do the same hours as we have been used to doing. They are not used to working extended hours. So we have been looking at a way by which we can incorporate those doctors into our practice in another way.'

'No absolute guarantees that we can recruit - but we have learned from our previous failure.'

Doctors did confirm someone was being interviewed on July 17.

Members of the community council were adamant they should have access to a single doctor rather than having a shared practice with Lochgilphead.

The community council heard that they did

not want, what they believed to be, a locum service that was being offered to them.

But doctors said a move to a shared practice would be better for patients due to the range of specialisms each GP would bring with them.

Doctors said: 'The positives of a shared practice between Lochgilphead and Inveraray outweigh the negatives.'

The meeting also heard concerns of long journeys to receive care out-of-hours, and the value of an Inveraray-based doctor was that people had support on their doorstep.

Lochgilphead community council agreed that their concerns had been aired and that they would continue to monitor the situation.

MSP in appeal for more to be done to attract doctors to remote areas

JAMIE McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, questioned the Scottish Health Secretary Alex Neil on efforts to attract GPs to rural and remote practices, last week.

At Question Time in the parliament Jamie suggested that financial incentives to recruit GPs in rural areas had had only limited effect.

Jamie said: 'The recruitment of new GPs to remote practices is a real issue for a number

of communities in my region and I urge the Scottish Government to ensure this is considered as a priority and to look at new, innovative measures to recruit new GPs where they are required.'

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MSP says council is wasting money rather than dealing with issues

A ROW has broken out by the constituency MSP and the local authority over public spending on a cancelled population summit.

However, Argyll and Bute council said the conference would go ahead saying the majority of the expense was not wasted.

The event was meant to take place in May, but was cancelled at the eleventh hour when key-note speaker finance secretary John Swinney MSP had to pull out due to a funeral.

The Scottish Government asked education secretary Michael Russell to take his place, but the local authority decided to cancel the event.

Mr Russell asked the local authority for a breakdown in how much money was wasted by cancelling the conference at the last minute.

In a Freedom of Information request shown

to the newspaper, it was revealed that £3,109 had been spent on the event. Almost £700 was spent on food, and event management came in at just short of £1500.

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute, said that the event should not have been cancelled. He said: 'At a time of difficulty in public finance for the council to spend over £3000 on cancelling an event that everyone wanted to take place was wasteful and unnecessary.'

Falling faster
'Argyll and Bute's population is falling faster than any other part of Scotland but the council is failing to address the issue.'

'In fact it is wasting money not addressing the issue.'

However a spokeswoman for the local authority confirmed that a new event had been confirmed with Mr Swinney for October – but no exact date was given.

The spokeswoman continued: 'The overall objective of our Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) is to see Argyll and Bute with a growing population, on which economic success is based.'

'Along with partner agencies we are doing a lot of work on this, and arranging a population summit is one element of this activity.'

'When he was unfortunately unable to attend the event originally planned for May, the council leadership felt that it was important to secure the opportunity to bring as broad a range of local and national expertise and experience together by postponing the summit and rescheduling for a time when Mr Swinney is available.'

'Regarding the costs, the majority of expense incurred related to staff time on event preparation and arrangements, much of this will be used for the rearranged event.'



Father Simon Mackenzie is keen to see the church yard become a haven for wild plants and animals. 06_a27garden02

Sacred sancturay for wild flowers and animals at Christ Church

PEOPLE interested in wildlife and horticulture are being encouraged to take part in a project that aims to create a 'haven' for wild flowers and animals to flourish.

The Living Church Yards project at Christ Church Lochgilphead will see the church grounds eventually managed as a sacred sanctuary for plants, birds, insects and mammals.

Father Simon Mackenzie from

the church said: 'The idea is firstly, this summer, to try and make a survey of the environment and ecology of the church yard and next year we can then work out a programme for maintaining it.'

Explaining the project reflected the church's core teachings of respecting nature, he added: 'Argyll is very lucky, there are wonderful wild spaces but in many places the church yard

is one of the few places where wild things can flourish. They can be little havens and that's why we need to do a survey to see what we have here.'

Father Mackenzie has recruited the support of Dave Batty of the Natural History and Antiquarian society to help complete the survey but is eager for more people to become involved. To take part in the project contact Fr. Mackenzie on 01546 600301.

Signs of progress in 'fragile' local authority

SPENDING watchdog the Audit Commission says that while beleaguered Argyll and Bute council is showing positive signs of improvement, it is not out of the woods yet, writes Louise Lee.

Commissioners have placed the 'fragile' council on supervision until the end of 2015 to ensure the one-time dysfunctional local authority carries out the commission's recommendations.

Last year, in a unique move by auditors, the council was compelled to adopt an improvement plan to tackle the chronic indiscipline and acute lack of cooperation which had bedevilled relations between rival councillors and officials.

An action plan was

drawn up by council chief executive Sally Loudon and leader Dick Walsh.

The authority embarked on training for councillors costing £250,000, which included nine sessions to which no more than 27 of the 36 councillors attended – and sometimes as few as 14 turned up. In some cases members were absent at meetings where improvement was on the agenda in the authority's own audit and scrutiny committee.

In an recent report to the government commissioners, auditors acknowledged the progress the council had made in creating a culture of cooperation in the council, but said still had concerns about the local authority.

Accounts commission

chairman Douglas Sinclair said: 'Difficult decisions lie ahead, particularly with regards to reducing finances, which will undoubtedly test the improvements made by the council.'

'The commission will continue to monitor developments at Argyll and Bute and has requested a further update on progress from Audit Scotland by the end of 2015.'

Council leader Dick Walsh said he was encouraged by the commission's recognition of the council's constructive response to the watchdog's concerns.

Councillor Walsh said the council had made 'significant progress' in a 'relatively short period of time'

The Cowal councillor

said: 'No council is more committed to improvement than Argyll and Bute.'

'We have a strong track record of working together.'

'We are confident that when Audit Scotland return to Argyll and Bute Council in 2015, over one year away, they will see that we have built with determination on the strong foundation that we have already put in place.'

However, former leader councillor James Robb was sceptical about the council's new-found confidence. He said: 'The Audit Commission findings make grim reading.'

'The attempts by the council to put a positive spin on this illustrates the continuing state of denial.'

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Pierhead building in artist's spotlight

The Pierhead building, the former steamer ticket office, at Pier Square, Ardrishaig, is the latest building to be captured by artist Fraser MacIver in his Building of the Month Project. It was constructed circa 1891. Fraser will sketch one 'building of note' every month for a year and publish it in the Advertiser, as well as on his social media pages. Art enthusiasts can keep up to date with Fraser's work by following him on twitter @fmacpainter.

Mid Argyll set to welcome Queen's Baton

Games honour for local residents

ONE OF Mid Argyll's most highly regarded sportsmen will take hold of the Queen's Baton at the area's most iconic landmark when the baton arrives in the area on Sunday.

Bill MacCallum MBE has been charged with carrying the baton down from the top of Dunadd Fort where the kings of the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada were once crowned.

Bill has coached youngsters for more than 30 years, officially forming Mid Argyll Athletic Club in 1984. He later set up a similar club on Mull and organises athletics competitions involving youngsters from Lochgilphead, Kintyre, Oban and Mull

each year. He is one of many local people, several of whom are teenagers, that will have the honour of carrying the baton, surrounded by friends and family.

The baton will showcase Mid Argyll to the world when it arrives with a film crew on Sunday.

It will travel along the Crinan Canal, by the standing stones in Kilmartin and onto the Royal Burgh of Inveraray.

Before it reaches Inveraray Castle and jail, the baton will be carried to Lochgilphead Joint Campus and sports centre which will be hosting a special celebration between 11.30am and 2pm. Here a range of sports have been organised to

reflect the games' legacy of encouraging more children into sport.

People will be able to try karate, football, athletics, rugby, basketball, golf and zumba, and learn more about water sports.

Similar entertainment is provided in Inveraray where the baton will be carried alongside joggers from Inveraray jogsotland, while Inveraray shinty players will perform a guard of honour for the baton before it is taken to Strachur by boat.

The Queen's baton will arrive in Appin in north Argyll and travel to Oban, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Minard, Furnace, Inveraray, Strachur and Dunoon.

Man, 21, seriously injured in A83 crash

A YOUNG man remains in a stable condition in hospital after being involved in a serious road crash on the A83 near Inveraray.

The 21-year-old appeared to have lost control of his Volkswagen Polo at 3.35pm last Friday, July 5, and veered off the road before colliding with trees at Achnatra. He was removed by Helimed to a hospital in Glasgow with serious injuries; his condition is now described as stable.

Appeal as thieves target Tarbert

THIEVES targeting the Tarbert area made off with a car and items stolen from an outbuilding overnight on June 30.

Between 8.30pm on June 30 and 8am the following morning a blue Isuzu Trooper was stolen from outside an address at Celtic View, Tarbert. The car was found abandoned in the

Kippen area two days later. On the same night, between 10.30pm and 7.30am, a shed within a garden of a house at West Loch was entered and goods stolen.

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LOCHGILPHEAD should be extremely proud of its teenagers and sporting community this week as yet another football team won both their league and cup campaigns.

Red Star Under-15s last week secured their place at the top of the Dunbartonshire Development Football League just weeks after lifting the Dumbarton League Cup.

The success mirrors that of their predecessors who also 'did the double' last year and comes after a number of youths from the area were signed by professional football teams.

The youngsters' success on the pitch was achieved through hard work, team work and dedication - qualities all young people are told they should display in all aspects of their lives.

This is particularly welcome at a time when Lochgilphead High School said it had been made aware of concerns in the community that school-age pupils are engaging in drinking and substance abuse during evenings and weekends.

The volunteer football coaches and parents who enable these young boys to play football should be commended as they offer a fun environment for teens at evenings and weekends, helping to keep them away from under-age drinking and other illegal behaviour.

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3G or not 3G - that is the question

Sir,
Reading your recent front page report and editorial on the controversy surrounding the replacement of the school campus sports pitch synthetic surface raises some awkward questions.

Tiger Turf isn't a particular type of surface, it's the name of a synthetic turf manufacturer that makes three different kinds of artificial playing surfaces, each with differing degrees of suitability depending on the sports.

Why is the 3G turf that has been used successfully in Oban and Campbeltown so unacceptable in Mid Argyll? It can't be because of the cost - it's apparently being funded from outwith the council by ABC Schools.

The still fairly new Lochgilphead Education Campus was welcomed as a great development - except, perhaps, by the people in this community whose commitment and enthusiasm was well on the way to establishing a first-class sports facility for Mid Argyll, on the same site. That is until the council dropped the bombshell that the new school would be built there.

Council Leader Walsh assured these people, who had put so much effort into the Mid Argyll sports initiative on this very site, that they need not worry, that the sports facilities the community needed would be provided as part of the schools development. Really?

To add insult to injury, there's Councillor Philand's astonishing comment that he was ad-

vised that 'it is an operational issue and therefore councillors cannot be involved in such issues according to the code of conduct'. Utter rubbish; it's not as if Councillor Philand is trying to tell the council what size grit to use in roads resurfacing.

Council leader Walsh needs to explain just exactly what's wrong with a local elected councillor having a say in this, on behalf of his constituents.

**Robert Wakeham,
Lochgilphead.**

Time to get behind new pitch project

Sir,
Regarding the article in last week's edition relating to the new 3G surface soon to be put in place at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, I also agree with Argyll and Bute Council that it is time to get behind the new project, which will be better utilised than the present astro 2G pitch, and safer for everyone using it.

We all have different opinions on what could be done to improve sports facilities within Mid Argyll, so at least this new pitch is a step in the right direction.

There is nothing wrong with having some ambition, so why can't Lochgilphead also have a running track next to the shinty pitch at MacRae Park, if the land was levelled? Perhaps this would also be beneficial for hosting athletic events in the future.

There are also the two grass pitches at the high school, with drainage work due to take place yet again there. Perhaps it is time to put an-

other surface in place on one of the grass pitches, to get more use out of, such as an area for sprinting and long-jump, which the athletics club would welcome.

Hopefully something will be done to make these facilities better in the future too.

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilphead.**

Independence - farming and fishing concerns

Sir,
Representatives of the farming and fishing communities have expressed their concerns on the adverse effects an independent Scotland would have on their industry and their export markets. They don't know what to expect in the way of incentives, subsidies - especially if EU membership is not forthcoming, fishing quotas and fishing grounds.

It's hardly surprising that in a recent poll of Scottish farmers over 70 per cent of farmers said that they wish to remain in the UK while only 10 per cent supported independence. The figures speak for themselves!

Members of the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) enjoy exposure to over 180 countries worldwide, where UK embassy officials work to promote valuable exports through their extensive contacts. The SWA is rightly concerned that it will lose a very important share in a highly competitive drinks market as an independent Scotland would have less than half the number of embassies than the rest of the UK and therefore

less than half the contacts.

Why should these industries, like the rest of us, have to be subjected to the uncertainties and risks of independence? Scotland is pulling its weight as an integral part of the United Kingdom, with a single, internationally accepted currency, a uniform taxation system, no cross border currency issues and no import or export restrictions. It's plain common sense to keep it that way and to say no thanks to independence.

**Stuart Smith,
Helensburgh**



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Nepal midwives visit Mid Argyll Hospital

THE CHIEF nursing officer and the president of the midwifery society of Nepal were out to learn from Mid Argyll's rural setting.

The community hospital's maternity unit in Lochgilphead was visited by Kiran, president of the Midwifery Society of Nepal, and Ishwori, the chief nursing

officer of the ministry of health and population in Nepal.

Scotland has been twinned with Nepal as part of a global midwifery twinning project which aims to improve the standards of midwifery education and practice in three countries with identified high maternal and perina-

tal mortality. Midwife Karen Mcalpine said: 'The local midwifery team in Mid Argyll were delighted to welcome Kiran and Ishwori to Mid Argyll community hospital and share some of the challenges of providing midwifery services in remote and rural locations within Argyll and Bute.'

NHS Highland fails to meet cancer treatment target

NHS Highland is one of nine health boards across Scotland failing to meet a key cancer treatment target.

Figures released from the Scotland Government show the health board fell below the Scottish Government's target of 95 per cent of patients starting treatment within 62 days

of urgent referral. The target covers all types of cancer and the failure means people who should be a priority are being made to wait for their treatment to start.

Highlands and Islands MSP Mary Scanlon said: 'It is hugely disappointing that NHS Highland health board have failed to meet this vital target.

'Most cancer patients are in urgent need of diagnosis and treatment.'

An NHS Highland spokesman said: 'We aim to provide the best level of care for our patients and treat them as quickly as possible and we are working to ensure we provide a sustainable service for patients.'

Kilfinan Forest wins major award

KILFINAN Community Forest Company (KCFC) was the winner of Promoting Viable Livelihoods in the community woodlands category of Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2014, held in Edinburgh late last month.

Prestigious

As winner of this prestigious award, KCFC collected £1,000 and a cherry wood plaque.

David Blair, chairman of KCFC, said: 'We're so grateful to be recog-

nised for all the work that has been put in by

the staff and volunteers at the forest.'



Environment and climate change minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP, left, with David and Mikela Blair, from Kilfinan Community Forest, Tighnabruich.

A dozen houses for Inveraray

A PLANNING application was approved allowing eight houses and four flats at land north of Barn Park Inveraray.

Supporters of the project said it was a number of years since new housing was built in the town on this scale and the accommodation would be welcomed.

There are a number of conditions on the developer before the properties can be built, including creating access and ensuring the properties are whitewashed to blend in with other properties in the area.



Nepalese and Scottish midwives share their knowledge: Kiran and Ishwori, seated, met with, from left: Gillian Smith, Royal College of Midwives; Karen Milloy, midwife; Karen Mcalpine, lead midwife; Jan Smith, midwife; Betty Macintyre, midwife.

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Queen's Baton relay fun

ADDING to the excitement of the Queen's Baton Relay coming to Argyll on Sunday 13 July, actor Tam Dean Burn will be cycling into Lochgilphead Campus.

The Taggart and River City actor is making an epic journey in which he will read all 195 books and plays, and sing all the songs written by former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson to children along the route with a show called The Marathon Storytelling Cycling Challenge. For details visit: booksonabike.com

Strawberry tea

THE MID Argyll Cancer Support Group held its annual Strawberry Tea in Tayvallich Village Hall on Saturday June 21.

Two representatives of the group, Mary McLauchlan and Libby Macdonald along with several helpers organised the afternoon of strawberry treats and raffle.

The magnificent sum of £747.30 was raised for the Breast Cancer Care Support Charity.

Our thanks go to our hostesses and their helpers.

Ceilidh rock band return to play at boat festival

AFTER a two-year absence from the Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, David Hunt's ceilidh rock band, Eirich, returned to the harbour side marquee.

The gig also coincided with the 10th anniversary of David's original mission to keep ceilidh music in the public mind, promote new talent and to celebrate Gaelic culture, of which he is a native speaker.

When he first met lead guitarist Alan Brown in Glasgow in a garage he found it strange that Alan was also lugging various bits of musical equipment as well as the tools of his trade.

David asked him what he was doing with the material. Their conversation not only revealed that Alan was a fellow musician, but was willing to apply his rock guitar skills to the business of enhancing ceilidh music for a younger audience.

With the present line up of Eirich, performing as a two to seven piece line up at clubs, bars, weddings and festivals, including the Park Bar in Glasgow the original duo are now regularly joined by another Tarbert man, Alec McFee on acoustic guitar/bodran and vocals, Arthur Cross on The Tin Whistle, as well as Argyll Drummers George John, Mark Johnson and drummer, Mark MacSporan.

As the band look forward to their next gig at Clachan Village Hall fund-raising ceilidh dance tonight, July 11, the season is getting busier by the day.



Accordion player Daniel Hunt from Eirich who played at the Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival. [a28hunt1no](https://twitter.com/a28hunt1no)

Three year fund to boost tourism

A £200,000 fund which will help attract international visitors to Scotland has been launched by tourism minister Ferguson Ewing, MSP.

The second round of the Scottish Clan Event Fund will support the delivery and planning of local clan events over the Year of Food and Drink in 2015, Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016 and Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017.

Mr Ewing said: 'Thanks to the first round of the Scottish Clan Event Fund, we were able to provide support to a number of Clans who organised events across the country during our Year of Homecoming 2014.'

'The second round of the Clan Event Fund will make sure we keep up our international profile to ensure we continue to attract kin from across the globe to events around the country.'

'It will also help to encourage clans to hold events in all parts of Scotland and ensure everyone reaps the rewards from their boost to tourism.'

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New trail opens up access to ancient Kilmartin art gallery

THE 'PREHISTORIC art gallery' at Kilmichael Forest at Achnabreac has been opened up to more people as a new easy access trail has been created.

The 400-metre all-abilities trail forms part of the forest's existing yellow route and will allow more people to ac-

cess the area's famous cup and ring marked stones. Featuring numerous resting points along the way for anyone to stop, the route features a viewing board and interpretation panel giving information about local archaeology.

Donald MacDougall, of For-

estry Commission Scotland, said: 'From the car park it takes about 10 minutes to walk to the viewing boards where a pre-historic art gallery, featuring carved cup and ring rock symbols can be seen. These carvings were created over 4,000 years ago and are really inter-

esting to look at. There are also panoramic views of the surrounding countryside down to Loch Fyne and the hills on the Isle of Arran.'

Achnabreac, 2.5 miles north of Lochgilphead, is owned and maintained by Forestry Commission Scotland.



Intense concentration on faces of musicians from Tarbert folk group Na Seudan and friends. Photo: Colin Hunter.



Escapologist Rob Roy Collins enlists willing volunteers from the audience.

Seafood festival a success

THE TARBERT Seafood festival was once again a great success as the traditional fishing village celebrated its relationship with the sea.

As usual Tarbert's renowned seafood took centre stage in cookery demonstrations and tasting sessions led by chefs

such as Mike Leslie. Meanwhile the village's renowned musical talent was showcased by folk group Na Seudan, Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Fyne Fusion. Escapologist and street entertainer Rob Roy Collins also drew a crowd when he enlisted willing volun-

teers from the audience and dazzled onlookers with his skills.

Saturday saw Catrina MacNeill officially crowned the 2014 Seafood Queen alongside her princesses Ella MacNab and Rachael Christie, who performed their duties with ease.

Summer camp fun fortnight

OUTDOOR adventure expert Andy Craven will be making a return to Mid Argyll Summer Camp next week as children are set to experience an action-packed fortnight of fun.

Andy will be taking children into the woods for some den making and team building games after similar activities proved really popular at the Easter Camp.

Organised by Mid Argyll Active Schools in partnership with MACPool, the camp sees youngsters aged 5 to 12 take part in sports such as badminton, athletics and archery to ensure they are active throughout the summer holidays.

At MACPool older children will be given rookie lifeguard training and the opportunity to play on the pool inflatable and water walkerz.

Innes Paterson, active schools coordinator, said: 'We started these

camps last summer and every week they seem to be getting bigger and better. With the Commonwealth Games just around the corner, it is a great time for parents to get their children as active as possible. Whether you're into sports, arts and crafts or just hanging out with friends, there's something for everyone at our holiday camp.'

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Khumba (U) Fri - Sun Kid's Club: 12.20

Live Cinema Events Now Booking:

NT Live: Skylight (12A), with Carey Mulligan and Bill Nighy, live from the West End on Thursday 17 July at 19.00

André Rieu's 2014 Maastricht Concert - Saturday 19th July at 19.00

Monty Python Live (mostly) - Sunday 20th July at 19.00

RSC: The Two Gentlemen of Verona : Live - Wednesday 3 September at 19.00

National Theatre Live: Medea (12A) - Thursday 4 September at 19.00 150mins

Madama Butterfly on Sydney Harbour - Thursday 18th September at 19.00

Billy Elliot The Musical Live - Sunday 28th September at 19.00

Stephen Fry Live - Wednesday October 1st at 19:15

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- Mushroom membrane (5)
- Seeing things back to front (6,6)
- Exercises whilst on the floor (3-3)
- Essence (6)
- Nut (6,6)
- Go off script (2-3)
- Monkshood (7)
- Sweet liquid used in dynamite or food sweetener (8)
- Charges (4)

Down

- The first one (8)
- Sweetener (5)
- Therapy to help injuries (6)
- The responsibility is on the purchaser (6,6)
- Velvet leaved plant with yellow, white or purple flowers (7)
- Appellation (4)
- Cannot get along (12)
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Southend Highland Games

Southend Highland Games set for



Highland dancing enjoys huge popularity at the games. 20_c28games03

A UNIQUE meeting on the Scottish calendar makes an eagerly-awaited return on Saturday 26 July.

Southend Highland Games is the only event in the country which takes place in the evening.

Perched on the southern tip of Kintyre, the distinct venue, with its tight grass track, will welcome visitors from near and far for the event.

Last year a bumper crowd of spectators enjoyed fine displays of athletic prowess and piping and dancing tradition on a perfectly still evening in the village, with some brilliant duels taking place on the track.

Once again there will be a full complement of running races - 110 and 220-yard sprints to the endurance of the mile race, with 440yd and mile women's races.

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Athletes take part in one of the sprint and distances races. 20_c28games04

another bumper year

For fans of more delicate skills there will be displays by James McCorkindale's highland dancers, who for years have entertained crowds in Kintyre and won awards at games across Scotland, as well as some talented visiting dancers.

John Galbraith, Southend games secretary, said: 'Hopefully we can match last year's exceptional games when we attracted over 1,000 people.'

'There is a great running scene in Campbeltown just now and I hope as many runners as possible - men and women - can compete, helping to support their home games.'

'There will be youths races too so any children looking to take part will be more than welcome.'

'The Southend games committee is looking forward to welcoming everyone for another fun weekend, with a high level of competition in all the events.'

There will be over £1,000 in prize money for the athletics events up for grabs, sure to attract sprint and distance runners from the area.

For spectators at Southend there will be an array of stalls, the sound of the pipes and novelty events to keep the family entertained.

Be sure not to miss what will be a fun event for all the family.



Scott Clark of Arran is a regular heavy athlete at Southend and at games across Scotland. 20_c28games02

A crowd of more than 1,000 enjoyed last year's Southend Highland Games. 20_c28games01

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Sailor and his dog raise £13,000 for cancer charity

A RENOWNED sailor, who works for several months of the year at Ardfern Yacht Centre, and his dog, have raised more than £13,000 for charity after completing the challenge of a lifetime.

Alistair Pratt, who lost his wife Margot to cancer in September 2013, walked 230 miles this summer with the couple's beloved dog Tess.

Completing a sponsored walk - from their home on the Isle of Lewis to the family's former home on the Isle of Arran, Alistair and Tess raised £13,680 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Walking in memory of

Margot, who wanted her ashes scattered on Reef beach on Lewis as well as on the dramatic summit of Goatfell. Alistair and Tess left the beach on April 30 and arrived at Goatfell on May 24.

'This was always Tess' walk for Margot and I just went with her,' Alistair said.

'One of my biggest concerns was how Tess' paws would cope with such a long walk everyday and I am pleased to say that her paw pads held up very well.'

The pair had various friends joining them along the way, including David Wilkie from Kilmelford who helped drive the campervan for

accommodation, along with John and Jane MacInnes of Tayvallich and David's wife Lynn who joined them for some of the walking stages.

A charity hog roast was held at Ardfern Yacht Centre as Alistair and Tess passed through Mid Argyll, which raised £4,016 towards the grand total.

A 69-year-old yachtsman and mountaineer, Alistair completed three Atlantic passages with Margot and received the Tilman Medal for sailing and mountaineering in high latitudes. He now works part-time at Ardfern Yacht Centre during the spring and autumn rush periods.



Triangle of Care, left to right: Morag MacLean; manager, North Argyll Carers, Oban, Beth Hamilton; mental health advisor, Scottish Government, Gillian Davies; practice education facilitator, NHS Highland, Karen Martin; mental health development co-ordinator, Carers Trust; Louise Christie; network manager, policy and development, Scottish Recovery Network, Tina Jordan; development worker and Flora Lappin; Carer.

Launch of Triangle of Care Project

TRIANGLE of care: Best Practice for Mental Health care was launched in Lochgilhead.

The event brought together service users, carers, NHS and local authority staff to promote

carer involvement and promote recovery.

Triangle of Care was developed in England and is a framework to ensure that carers are involved in a more meaningful way in the

care and support of the individual with mental health problems.

Currently there are around 1.5 million carers for people with mental health problems in the United Kingdom.

University to continue partnership with Tartan Heart Festival

THE UNIVERSITY of the Highlands and Islands will be continuing its partnership with the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival by sponsoring this year's Verb Garden tent.

Relationship

The development takes forward an existing relationship between the organisations, which has seen students and staff engage with the festival

and its customers over the past three years. Students will once again be able to make the most of the collaboration by undertaking placements at the three-day festival.

Five have been selected to undertake placements in site, production, artist liaison and press assistant roles.

The successful students, who are all studying on the universi-

ty's audio engineering or music business courses, were asked to submit a C.V. and take part in a formal interview to secure the opportunity.

Returning

Last year's placement students reported gaining a range of skills and two are returning to the Belladrum this year in paid positions after making contacts at the festival.

Scottish salmon in line for award

THE Scottish Salmon Company in the running for two prizes at Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards.

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) has reached the final shortlist for two categories at this year's Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards.

SSC has been chosen, along with four others for the Export Award, and two others for the Marketing Award.

Legislation will help local authorities recover costs

A NEW LAW will allow local councils to recover debts they have incurred when taking on enforcement work on dangerous or defective buildings.

The new Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill will make it easier for local authorities to recover debts by legislating for

charging orders, setting out repayable amounts and splitting it into annual instalments.

Local authorities will be able to register a charging order in the appropriate land register, which means new and former owners will be liable if the property changes ownership.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said the legislation will make little difference, he said: 'While the council welcomes this news we believe that, in practice, it will make little difference to the cost recovery process; it will remain difficult.

'This new legislation

will have no impact on how the council defines a dangerous building.

'We will only intervene when a building is imminently dangerous to public safety.

'The responsibility for the maintenance of any property still lies with the owner.'

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Duncan Macalister has completed three years as Kintyre's monitor farmer.

Embracing new methods put Duncan ahead of the game

GLENBARR farmer Duncan Macalister feels he has changed the way he farms forever, as his three-year stint as a monitor farmer comes to an end.

Duncan was chosen by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) as one of 13 monitor farms across Scotland.

His mixed farm, a combination of beef and sheep stock, has seen a few changes over the last three years, and Duncan says they have really benefited his farm.

He said: 'The concept of a monitor farm is professional development, which means gradually improving standards on the farm.'

'There is no such thing as instant success in farming but the changes - even simple ones - we made have resulted in success.'

Some of these changes included changing the animals' bedding from straw to sawdust.

Duncan said: 'The change from straw to sawdust saved the farm £1,150 each month, a big difference. It has also been much cleaner for the animals.'

Soil management

Another big change brought about by the monitor farm project has been the soil management.

The 50 year old said: 'By changing the lime we previously used from magnesium-based to calcium-based, we loosened the soil and allowed water to permeate below the soil surface, another simple change that will eventually make a huge difference.'

Duncan, who has run Glenbarr Farms for 21 years after inheriting

the business from his father, was very positive about the scheme.

He said: 'Monitor farming has made me a more proactive farmer, and allowed me to embrace new ideas.'

'It would have been easy enough to just keep with the old methods because that's what you have always done.'

'The progression made thanks to the scheme has not been so clear in money saved but I would say I have made ten years' progress in

the space of three.'

Kintyre monitor farm is hosting an open day next Friday, July 18. Starting at 12noon, the event will feature a tour of the farm, children's entertainment, and a number of sponsor stands, before an evening ceilidh, barbecue and speakers from QMS and other monitor farmers in Scotland.

There will also be a charity auction and raffle in aid of the Mairi Semple Fund.

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Duncan and Tod win at Ormsary Sheepdog Trials

THE ANNUAL Sheepdog Trials took place in Ormsary on Sunday with 57 dogs competing.

The overall winner was Duncan Robertson and Tod from Luss, they came out with 95 points. In second place were Stuart Davidson and Queen, from Sandbank with 93 points and in third place was Roddy McDiarmid and Cap, from Cairndow.

Other notable performances were put in

by Lorne Clarke and his dog Mirk, from Clachan, and Alec McCuish and Moss respectively coming in seventh and eighth place in the competition.

Confined

In the confined competition Ian McConnell and Fly, from Tarbert came in first, while Andy Bevis, from Tarty came in second and third position with Kyle and Jessie.

Results: Carse Cup:

Ian McConnell and Fly; Auchan Cup: Andy Bevis and Kyle; Ellary Trophy: Ian McConnell and Fly; Kilberry Ploughing: Stuart Davidson and Queen; Tiretigan Tankard: Stuart Davidson and Queen; Menzies Memorial: Craig Davidson and Cap; Carsaig Trophy: Ian McConnell and Fly; Ormsary Trophy: Duncan Robertson and Tod; Special prize for Youngest Competitor: Chris Stewart.

Kilwhipnach are best team at show

THERE was a tremendous turnout at the Kintyre Primestock Breeders Association's 33rd herd competition.

Spectators travelled around Kintyre with the judges, with the competition starting at Tangy.

The event saw a great show of beef cattle, cows in bloom, quality Charolais and Limousine calves, judged on the day by Ian McInnes from Tiree.

Results: autumn herds

- 1 Dippen, 2 Killocrow, 3 Killegruer; best cow - Killocrow; best team of cows, best calf and team of calves - Dippen. Spring herds - 1 Kilwhipnach, 2 Low Donashery, 3 Strathnafanaig, 4 Tangy, 5 Strath; best cow - High Tirfergus; best team of cows, calf and team of calves - Kilwhipnach.

Langa Salver for best cow - Killocrow; Parker Cup for best calf - Dippen; best opposite sea-

son calf - Kilwhipnach; David Henderson Cup for best team of calves - Dippen; John H. Warronock Cup for best team overall - Kilwhipnach.

The Primestock Breeders vice chairman Andrew Millar thanked the sponsors, Lawrie-Symington, United Auctions, Caledonian Marts, L and S Smellie and Sons, Ralph Bova and all those who contributed to a successful day.

Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders Annual Herds Competition
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Application process change for housing

The new policy will address and re-prioritise some of the categories of housing need

SOCIAL housing applicants who have applied or who wish to apply for housing with any of the Home Argyll Partners (Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Dunbritton Housing Association, Fyne Homes or West Highland Housing Association) are being asked to complete a new online housing application form.

This means that housing applications can now be made from home computers, libraries or any building with public internet access.

Home Argyll staff will be available to assist applicants who may require help with this or with any issues they may have.

Information about the online application form has been sent out to all existing applicants and the system is accessible for re-registration. Existing applicants must re-apply to ensure they remain on the waiting list.

All new applicants will also be required to apply using the new online system and from October all new applicants will be asked to complete a housing options appraisal to ensure that they receive the best possible advice about their options for obtaining housing in Argyll and Bute.

The new on-line application form will coincide with a revised Home Argyll allocations

policy which has been developed in consultation with tenants and applicants.

The new policy will address and re-prioritise some of the categories of housing need.

For example, tenants who are under occupying their house will be given a higher level of priority to reflect the fact that many such tenants are affected by housing benefit changes.

The new policy will take effect from the October 1, 2014 all applicants will continue to be prioritised using the existing policy up until this date.

Further information is available from any of the Home Argyll partner Housing Associations.



An artist's view of the new spa and pool at Portavadie Marina on Loch Fyne.

Work starts on Portavadie spa and leisure centre

CONSTRUCTION work has begun on one of the most exciting new developments in the Scottish tourism sector at Portavadie.

Ashleigh Building of Prestwick started work on the spa and leisure centre development at the marina on Loch Fyne in June.

Combined with a site energy centre and improvements to the site infrastructure, this confirms a further £10 million investment on the site.

Wider contribution

The centre is due to be completed for next summer, and will create 17 full time new jobs plus secure a further 10 full time positions, which are currently seasonal across the business, as well as making a significant wider contribution to the local economy.

Portavadie's general manager Iain Jurgensen said the development will reinforce the aspiration of the Bulloch family,

Portavadie's investors, as one of the top visitor destinations in the country.

He said: 'This state of the art new spa and leisure centre will be a major addition to our facilities and one we hope will prove very popular - not just with our existing customers including, of course, the local community, but also with the many thousands of potential new customers in Scotland and beyond.'

'It is now seven years since we opened for business, and those years have been hugely rewarding for all of us.'

'We believe our success lies in the fact that we have always been much more than simply a marina.'

'Portavadie is unique in offering world class yacht berthing facilities alongside contemporary and diverse holiday accommodation, high quality dining, beauty and

wellbeing, weddings and events spaces and fantastic shopping - all with the backdrop of one of the UK's most spectacular locations.'

Sustainable development

'With indoor and outdoor swimming pools, spa facilities, gym, studio, café, multi-purpose function spaces with marina views, the new building will also encapsulate Portavadie's commitment to sustainable development by using local biomass energy as its primary power source.'

The project is being supported by funding of £950,000 from local economic development agency Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), enabling the development to proceed ahead of schedule.

Iain Jurgensen stressed that Portavadie would remain open for business throughout the construction period.

Land register consultation now on line

REGISTERS of Scotland (RoS) has launched a public consultation on the completion of the Land Register.

This follows Scottish Government (SG) ministers' invitation to the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland to complete the Land Register in 10 years, including registering all public sector land within five years.

Over 200 stakeholder groups will be encouraged to take part in the consultation, which may include written submissions, face-to-face meetings and workshops. Completion is possible for the first time thanks to the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012, which comes fully into force in December this year.

Fergus Ewing, Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism, said: 'Understanding who owns Scotland's land is fundamental to underpinning strong economic development and business growth. This consultation will develop our commitment to completion into a reality, with advice and opinions from those at the

heart of the Scottish land and property market.' The consultation paper considers and asks for views on the tools available to complete the Land Register, including the use of statutory levers to speed up first registrations.

The consultation paper can be accessed via the RoS website or the SG consultations page.

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Josh Holt and Jamie Gibb spent the evening perfecting their BMX riding skills on the ramp which was erected on the green especially for Sport on the Green. 06_a26sog11

Biggest ever Sport on the Green proves a hit

THE biggest ever Sport on the Green got underway recently as dozens

of children tried a new sport for the first time. Children as young as

five took great delight in learning street dance while teenage boys were dazzled by the tricks of freestyle footballer David Mennie.

David and street dancer Lloyd Thompson held workshops with young children teaching hand stands and dance moves, alongside football-based coaching sessions.

Clubgolf, a simpler version of the sport was hugely popular as was the rugby obstacle course which had a per-

manent queue of enthusiastic participants.

This year's event saw the return of BMX stunt group Unit 23 with their ramp for BMX riders and skateboarders, as well as a steel band and music from locals such as Mid Argyll Pipe Band and J.A.M.

The larger event, run by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, was made possible thanks to a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery's Celebrate Fund.



Lloyd Thompson impressed as he performed his street dance moves. 06_a26sog12



Members of the Lochgilhead Kyokushin Karate Club performed striking shapes and kicks against the back drop of Loch Gilp. 06_a26sog05



Football taster sessions which have been a permanent fixture since Sport on the Green began four years ago again proved popular. 06_a26sog10



Rhianna Stewart, Eilidh Flanagan and Tegan Stewart perform the dance they were taught by street dancer Lloyd Thompson.



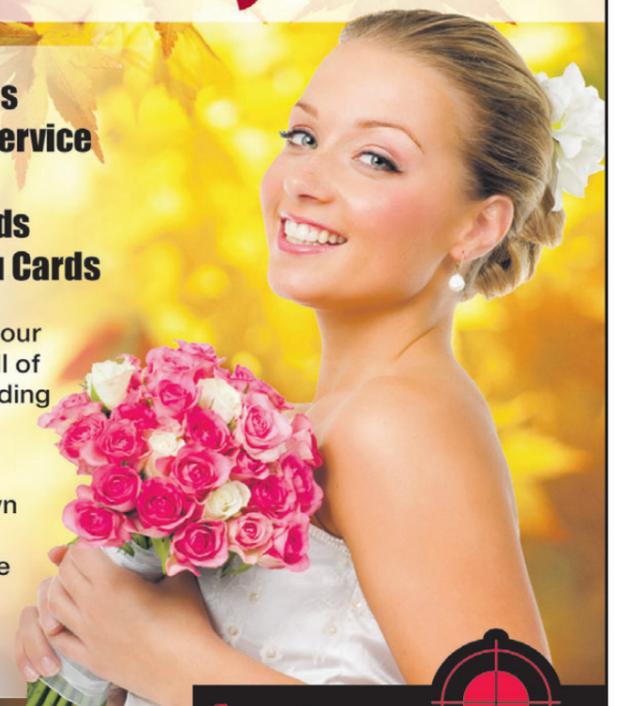
Football freestyler David Mennie attracted a dedicated following of young Lochgilhead fans. 06_a26sog04

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Beach clean volunteer appeal

'THE GREAT British Beach Clean' will kick off in September and the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is appealing to the public to volunteer.

The appeal comes after a recent survey found that litter on Britain's beaches has reached the highest level since records began in 2004.

MCS wants 10,000 people to take part in the event and is hoping to set a new record in the number of beaches cleaned at one time in the UK. The event takes place from September 19 - 22.

MCS beachwatch officer, Lauren Eyles, said: 'We want everyone to visit their local beach to give it a clean. We're aiming to clean at least 400 beaches this year.'

The first 500 volunteers to register will be entered into a prize draw and two lucky people will win Love-2Shop vouchers worth £50 each.

To find out more or to register visit <http://www.mcsuk.org/great-british-beach-clean> or telephone 01989 566017.

Kilberry artist strikes gold



Richard Kennedy received the gold award for wood and metal maker of the year at the 2014 Craft and Design Magazine Awards.

AN ARTIST from Kilberry has won the gold award for wood and metal maker of the year in the Craft and Design Magazine Awards.

Richard Kennedy won the magazine's 2014 award scheme after entering for a second time. It will see him receive £2,500 worth of marketing, which will boost his profile and enable him to exhibit work in mainstream galleries.

He said: 'Wood art is quite a new concept of artwork and it's harder to get your work out there.'

'Last year I won silver and this year I went all the way. This is a fantastic award to

be given and it will hopefully give wood art a platform, not just for me but for others too.'

Included in the £2,500 prize is a free commercial listing on the magazine's website and a three-page feature article in the October issue.

Known as one of two of the UK's leading craft magazines, Craft and Design launches an online award event each year, where work is viewed and voted for by the public until the competition is whittled down to just six finalists.

Judges Matthew and Louise Dwyer chose Richard as the gold winner. A former

business and marketing student, Richard decided he 'didn't want to be stuck behind a desk for the rest of his life' and turned to furniture manufacturing.

He said: 'While I was on a furniture-making course I realised I preferred making the door handles, rather than the furniture itself. And that was when I began making wood art. That was 10 years ago.'

Richard now owns Kilberry's Bole the Gallery and has been a member of Artmap Argyll since it began. He will open the doors of his gallery to the public again in August for the annual open art studio event.

Putting a face to the story - man's search for ancestor

AN EDINBURGH man is looking for a special photograph to put a face to one of his heroic descendents.

George Wilson has been researching his family tree and has happened upon a story of the First World War involving a brave young man, who is also his ancestor.

George, whose mother

was brought up in Ardrishaig, said: 'I have been researching some relatives who served in the First World War.'

'There are various branches of my maternal family tree and one of them is the McNair family. My great, great grandmother was Flora McNair (c1813 - 1884) who married John Jackson a shoemaker in

the early 1830s.

'I am hoping to track down a photograph of Flora's great nephew Archibald McNair. Archibald, born in 1895, was the son of Neil and Catherine McNair (nee McColl).

'He had several siblings including Duncan McColl McNair who became an inspector of police and James

McNair better known as Hamish. Before the war Archibald had been a gardener. He had worked at Kilmory Castle near Lochgilhead, Knockderry Castle, Cove and Ballmore House, Otter Ferry.

'In 1914 he joined the Scots Guards. During the course of the war he was wounded twice and was eventually killed in

action on July 31, 1918, the first day of the battle of Passchendaele (also known as the Third Battle of Ypres).

'From official records there and some local newspaper reports of the time I have been able to piece together a relatively comprehensive account of Archibald's war time service.

'It would be very

fitting if I could also put a face to this brave young man.

'I am hoping that there are some McNair descendents of Archibald out there who may have just such a photograph.

'If any of this information rings a bell with anybody I would be so grateful if you could contact me on dodd60@hotmail.com.'

Free school meals to be trialled

PRIMARY one, two and three children in Argyll and Bute can look forward to enjoying a free school meal each lunchtime from January 2015.

The number of children with the option to receive may rise from the current 759 to approximately 2,459.

In preparation for the new arrangements, introduced by the Scottish Government as part of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act, Argyll and Bute Council have agreed a pilot scheme which will run from October 2014.

The changes will have major implications for some schools, and the pilot scheme will fully

test the operational impact and assess the actual cost implications.

During the pilot scheme, free meals will be provided to the schools for one week on a rolling programme running from October 27 until December 19.

Parents will receive information about the pilot scheme when schools return following the summer break, in mid-August.

The cost to the council of providing the increased number of meals is estimated to be £768,900 during the first year, 2015/16, to cover additional food, staffing, dining room supervision and extra kitchen equipment.



Author Angus Martin pictured in front of the cliffs at Rubha Dun Bhain.

Photo courtesy of James MacDonald.

'A Summer in Kintyre'

IN A REMOTE beauty spot in Kintyre, lies a sailor's grave.

Above is a cross, inscribed simply 'God Knows - 16 May 1917'.

The unknown victim of the First World War has been placed there alongside a lifebelt. The spot, at Inneans Glen, is not far from the Atlantic Ocean and would have once been frequented by shepherds.

The grave is one of the many fascinating secrets of Kintyre uncovered by Campbeltown author and historian Angus Martin in his latest book, *A Summer In Kintyre*.

Once again, he offers a dramatic glimpse into the people and places who define the area.

A combination of research and reflection

have made the latest in Angus's collection of 20 books key reference points in the history of the region.

Angus illustrates the depth of history that exists across Kintyre, from the majesty of Largiebaan and the almost reassuring isolation of the Inneans Bay to the Gaelic-speakers among the fishing boat crews in Tarbert in decades past.

Youthful memories, of music, play and once-powerful folk tales are recounted as his work looks at many elements of life in the peninsula.

Angus discusses moments that are 'nostalgic while they are happening', and many a return-ee to Kintyre will share such a feeling.

Described by Grimsay Press as 'a worthy successor to By Hill and

Shore', published in 2011, *A Summer in Kintyre* shows the area's diversity and beauty while maintaining the former's engaging style.

Pride in his family and a passion for the natural environment are obvious as he details walks with wife Judy and their three daughters, who feature heavily in this vast collection of memories.

Frequent returns to favourite spots are often poignant, adding to the timelessness of much of this remote area.

What clearly endures in his writing is not just the landscape, but the need to preserve it for future generations.

The book's crucial appeal is the resonance it holds for Kintyre people and the distant diasporas whose families were part of the area's fabric.

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Further to the notice of an application for consent to construct and operate a wind farm at Cruach Brenfield (Central Grid Reference NR 825 837) and for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted. The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be 59.4 MW comprising 18 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 125 meters.

Notice is hereby given that additional information has been received by Scottish Ministers on this application. Copies of this information have been forwarded to Argyll and Bute Council, 1 Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD to be made available for public inspection by being placed on the planning register. This information can also be viewed on the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit website at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Infrastructure/Energy-Consents/Applications-Database>

Request for copies of this additional information from Scottish Ministers or any queries about this additional information should be directed in the following ways:

In writing to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU or emailing to energyconsents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Any subsequent additional information received by Scottish Ministers before determination of the application, if considered to be materially relevant, will be similarly forwarded to Argyll & Bute Council to be placed on the planning register and made available for public inspection.

However, no further public notice will be issued.

Any representations should be made in writing to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU or emailed to representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk identifying the proposal and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than 8th August 2014.

Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) full return email and postal address of those making representation. Only representations sent by email to the address stipulated will receive acknowledgement.

All previous representations received in relation to this development remain valid.

Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government Energy Consents and Deployment Unit process applications under The Electricity Act 1989. During the consultation process letters of representation can be sent to Scottish Ministers in support of or objecting to these applications.

Should Scottish Ministers call a Public Local Inquiry (PLI), copies of these representations will be sent to the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals for the Reporter to consider during the inquiry. These representations will be posted on their website with personal email address, signature and home telephone number redacted (blacked out).

Copies of representations will also be issued to the developer on request, again with email address, signature and home telephone number redacted.

You can choose to mark your representation as confidential, in which case it will only be considered by Scottish Ministers and will not be shared with the Planning Authority, the developer, the Reporter (should a PLI be called) or any other third party.

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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01568/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment system	Corpatechan Cottage Bellochinty Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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
14/01569/CONAC	Demolition of chimney	Inglside Big Brae Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UQ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, MAKI Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Argyll Estates have submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Phase II of the Strategic Masterplan Area MAST 1/5 Inveraray as identified in the proposed 'Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (February 2013)'. This further submission expands upon the proposals set out in the earlier Masterplan Framework Plan and Phase I Addendum which were endorsed by Argyll and Bute Council on 18th June 2014.

A copy of the Phase II Masterplan (ref. 13/02860/MPLAN) may be inspected Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, MAKI Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD or at the Sub Post Office Inveraray during normal opening times and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, MAKI Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD before the 8th August 2014.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL 2013 TO 31ST MARCH 2014

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

(a) Copies of the unaudited financial statements of Argyll and Bute Council and applicable charities for the period from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 will be available for public inspection in the offices of the Council at the following locations;

Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Burnet Building, Campbeltown; Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Mount Pleasant Road, Rothsay; Jamieson Street, Bowmore; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crossapol, Tiree (restricted hours); Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh.

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 25th July 2014 until Thursday 14th August 2014 inclusive.

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- (3) Sending a copy of that objection and statement to the authority and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Strategic Finance, Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT.

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
July 2014

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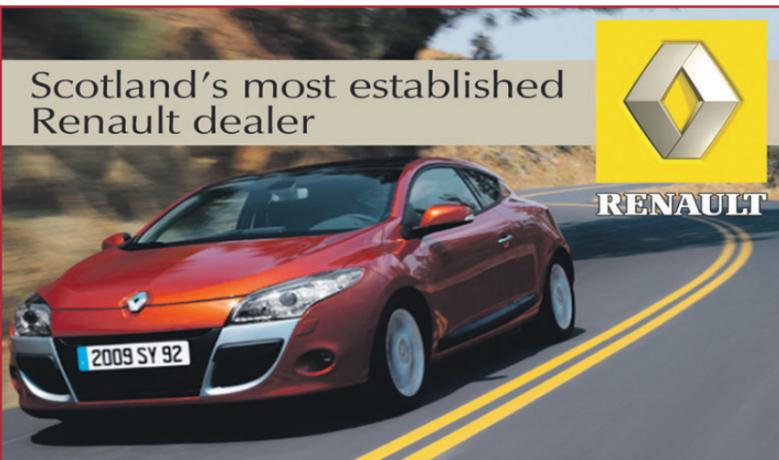
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE were on the ferry to Mull on a truly glorious day.

Folk brought their picnics up on deck to enjoy the magnificent scenery and the sunshine.

There was a great atmosphere as parents tried to keep track of excited youngsters, and several dogs dreamed of beaches on the other side.

The gulls are always companions on the sail, and there is always one who is braver and more adventurous than the rest. I watched one such bird as, with his wings motionless, he fixed his eyes on one particular passenger who was holding a sandwich aloft. The gull tried several times to snatch it, but there were too many people in the vicinity. The man with the sandwich couldn't stretch any further, so he stood on one of the chairs and held the mouthwatering morsel at arm's length.

Cameras clicked and children yelled as the gull swooped and dived until he finally grabbed the treasured trophy from his target below.

There was a great cheer from the deck as the bird soared off across the waves to enjoy his prize. I thought of the phrase, 'Who dares, wins' a motto which originated with the Special Air Service. I also thought of the similar phrase, 'He who dares, wins' which was used by Del Boy in Only Fools and Horses.

Del Boy was the rogue we all wanted to win when he embarked on his crazy money making schemes. Del had a dream that one day he and Rodney would be millionaires.

We never thought it would happen, but one day they found treasure which indeed brought them their fortune. But, strangely enough it did not bring the happiness they had anticipated and life lost its meaning and challenge.

Sometimes the real treasure in life is nearer than we think, and as with the gull, it might be right under our nose.

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INVERARAY

Bid to form community company

INVERARAY Community Council is looking to set up a community company for the royal burgh in a bid to create community-owned assets.

The council feels a limited company would allow it to move forward with its plans to upgrade the community hall and possibly create a new all weather pitch in the burgh.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday to ascertain whether or not there would be support for such a move.

Davie Scott from the council said: 'It would be great to have as many people there as possible and to have all the local groups represented as we need to have at least 20 people on the new company's board to satisfy the requirements of the Scottish Government. If we can achieve this, then we can apply for grants easier.'

The meeting will get underway at 7pm at the Nicol Hall.

Long stay parkers to be fined

LONG-stay parking in Inveraray is causing havoc with drivers and pedestrians.

The community council heard that in future the 30-minute waiting times will be enforced by traffic wardens.

Councillors were also told that markings are in place to allow the required yellow lines to be painted, in order to police the area.

Community councillors also raised the lack of a give way sign at the A819 arch, it was agreed to pursue the matter with the relevant authority.

KILBERRY

New book in spotlight

ON TUESDAY more than 30 people gathered at Kilberry Church for the monthly community Meet and Munch to listen to a nationally acclaimed journalist, author and broadcaster.



Tarbert Bowling Club open pairs winners celebrate success

Sandy Boyd of Lochgilphead and Claire McIndoe of Helensburgh were the winners of Tarbert Bowling Club's 2014 open pairs competition.

Ben Macintyre spoke about the subject of his latest book, *The Spy Kim Philby*. Macintyre kept everyone enthralled with a racy account of Philby's life, treachery and his eventual escape to Russia.

Macintyre often retreats from the south to his family home in Mid Argyll where he enjoys writing.

On song

THE LOCAL community came together at Kilberry Church to host their own Songs of Praise.

The service was led by Reverend Tommy Bryson and was attended by 80 members of the community.

Held on June 29 the service consisted of six hymns, three readings and was followed by wine, tea, coffee and nibbles.

LUSS

Green school award winners

THE CHILDREN of Luss Primary School are celebrating after being named special award winners for the Total Green School Awards and receiving £500 to recognise their achievement.

The nationwide competition, run by the Young People's Trust for the Environment (YPTE) for 5 to 11-year-olds, aims to generate interest in the environment.

Despite losing out on the top prize to another school, the children of Luss Primary School were recognised for their creativity in their project 'A day in the Life of a Powan'.

They imagined themselves as the fish they

were looking after both during their time at school and after the fish were released into the nearby loch.

YPTE director, Peter Littlewood, said: 'This has been an exceptional year for entries in Scotland. We had a problem choosing some of the winners. Luss Primary's project was of a standard that in other years would have made it a Regional Winner and for this reason we made a Special Award of £500 to the school.'

TARBERT

Youth group thanks community

TARBERT Youth Group has said a special thanks to the 'continuously supportive local community' for helping it to raise

£740 for the group.

Ten people took part in a sponsored walk from Skipness to Tarbert, followed by a coffee afternoon and a disco/buffet in the evening.

On behalf of the group, trainee youth worker Amy Johnstone, said: 'We wish to say a huge thanks to all of our amazing young people who made banners, face painted, baked and took part in the fun on the day.'

STRACHUR

Flower show

SCHEDULES for the Strachur and District Flower Show, which takes place on August 23, are now available and can be picked up for free at both the Bay Cottage and Post Office and at Strachur Filling Station.

The schedules detail the different entry categories, as well as the minimal rules and regulations and will be available to collect up until the day of the show.

Organisers say the good spell of weather lately and a spring free of frost and wind means they are looking forward to a bumper year for entries across all categories including plants, vegetables, home baking, preserves and floral art.

Emergency plan

THE COMMUNITY Emergency Plan has been completed, the Strachur District Community Council has announced.

The plan gives people valuable information on various risk scenarios, such as road closures and adverse weather conditions. It also contains the contact details and locations of local volunteers with helpful skills, equipment and resources, as well as the contact details of all the local emergency service providers. A copy of the document is available at <http://strachur.org.uk/council.html>. Hard copies are also available on request from Jean Donaldson at jeandonaldson@gmx.com or on 01369860099. The plan will also be available in key locations like the Memorial Hall, Bay Cottage, the Church and the doctor's surgery.

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

BANNATYNE - Ben, Beth and Bailey are delighted to announce the birth of their little sister, Brogan Rose, on June 25, 2014. John and Michelle would like to thank all staff at Paisley Royal Alexandra Hospital, Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Gigha Surgery for their care.



ELDER - MOCHRIE

Proud parents, Fiona and Stuart, would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Orla Mochrie, born on June 28, 2014 at Lochside, Inveraray. Granddaughter of Margaret and Brian Elder, Lochside, Inveraray, and Libby and Donald Mochrie, Brodie Crescent, Lochgilhead.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Suddenly at home, on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, Norman Archibald, aged 74, beloved husband of the late Angela Garriock Campbell, much loved dad of Euan and Fiona, loved father-in-law of Peter, and wonderful granddad of Eammon. Funeral service on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 in Perth Crematorium at 11.30am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please, but if desired a retiring collection will be taken for the RNLI (Campbeltown Station).

HAMILTON - On July 6, 2014, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, Caroline Johnston Hamilton, née Strangoe, of Rose Cottage, Skipness and formerly of Lynton, Calderbank, in her 79th year, beloved wife of Gilbert Hamilton. Funeral service at St Brendan's Church, Skipness, on Tuesday, July 15, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Support.

WATSON - Suddenly in London, on July 5, 2014, John McCallum Watson, in his 54th year, dearly beloved son of Beth and the late Lawrence Watson, Ilsestone, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved brother of Lawrence and Robin and a much loved uncle. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, July 11, 2014 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 the Highland Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - John, Flora, Craig and Deborah would like to thank friends, family and colleagues for their kind words, cards and flowers following their recent sad loss. Special thanks also to Dr Norrie, Sister Rankin and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care of Dad over the past few months, to Alasdair

and Kenneth Blair for their professional and sympathetic services and lastly but by no means least, to Gary McIntyre for his heartfelt words of farewell, spoken with humour, just as Dad would have liked.

BINNIE - The family of the late Mary Binnie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls after the sad loss of Mary. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and all staff at Campbeltown Acute Ward who cared for her. Thanks to Sheena Armour for her support and special thanks to all carers who attended Mary at home. Thanks to Rev Wallace for the comforting service and kind words at graveside and to Kenneth Blair for his professional and compassionate handling of the funeral arrangements. Thanks to the Argyll Hotel for the tea and refreshments and to all who attended the church and graveside and finally, for the kind donations of £390.65 raised for the Acute Ward.

JOHNSTON - Mary, Amanda, Derek and family would like to thank everyone for gifts of flowers, cards and phone calls after our sad loss. We would also like to thank Alasdair and Kenny Blair, Dr Bendhini, Dr Lazarus and Rev Philip Wallace for the lovely service and the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely refreshments.

KING - The family of the late John King would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks to Nurse Alex, the ambulance and air ambulance staff, to Rev David Thom for a comforting service, to T A Blair for their professional services and to the Gigha Hotel for refreshments. Finally, our thanks to all family and friends who attended the funeral.

MELLISH - The family of the late Fraser Mellish, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers, received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and district nurses for all the compassionate care and attention given to Fraser and the family. Thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for a most comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Anchor Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Support raised £700.

PATERSON - The families of the late Anne Paterson would like to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and home baking following the sudden, but peaceful, passing of their mum and gran. Our thanks go out to Matthew Ramsay for his heartfelt and comforting service, to Blairs funeral directors for their caring and professional services and to the staff in Carradale Hotel for their catering and refreshments. Lastly, many thanks to all who attended the service and graveside. The retiral collection raised £1,100 in aid of the Fishermen's Mission.

IN MEMORIAMS

CARTER - In loving memory of Isabel Carter. We know you're always with us,

And when our lives are through, We pray that God will take our hands, And lead us straight to you. Love and miss you, Mum. - Pat, Berney and Fiona.

GILLIES - Nettie. Treasured memories of a much loved mother and granny, who passed away July 17, 2009. Quietly today your memory we treasure Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Christine, Audrey and Craig, Carolyn and Jim, and great grandchildren.

KELLY - In loving memory of our dad, John, died June 26, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Laura, Lucille and family. **MACINTYRE** - In loving memory of Archie, who passed away July 10, 2012. A much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Missed and remembered every day. - Anna and family.

MACVICAR - Treasured memories of Archie John, who left us July 15, 2013. Also remembering all our loved ones gone before. Although we smile and make no fuss, No one misses them more than us, And when old times we do recall, That's when we miss them most of all. - Angus, Anne and family, and Alex and Fay xx.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of Archie John, who passed away July 15, 2013. No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts you're always there. - Sheena and Alasdair. **MORRISON** - Precious memories of Sarah (Sadie), who passed away July 11, 2008. In our hearts you'll always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Your loving family, home and away. xxx

MORRISON - In loving memory of Sadie, a much loved sister. Always in our thoughts. - Barbara, Christine, Edward, Martin & Kenneth.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of my dear mum, Jane Brown Bell, died July 14, 1985. Although it's many years since you passed away I still love and miss you every day. - 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.

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Sunday 13th July 2014
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Scottish Charity No SC023277
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11.15am William Crossan Service in Church
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Local riders impress judges at new venue for riding club

A LARGE turnout of local riders impressed judges at this year's Argyll Riding Club event, which was held in a new venue at Clachan Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Bastow on Saturday June 7.

The largest class of the

day, with 18 competitors, was the best turned out horse.

Stephanie Brown on Glen Fyne Princess Alarabi took first place taking home The Fyveside Cup, second was Lolly Johnson on Jacob and third was Moyra

Sutherland on Dunrobin Pearl.

The rain stayed away long enough for John Brailsford on Montecristo to win the Hallyburton Shield and Working Hunter Champion in the Open Working Hunter with Roanna Clark on



Riders and horses enjoy the annual Argyll Riding Club event at its new location at Clachan Farm.

Local Hero taking second and Alexis Stewart on Kenna's Pride taking third.

In the Novice Horse Working Hunter, first was Liz McNab on Blue, second Alison Campbell on Twilight Hocus Pocus and third Margaret Bateman on Ruby.

In the Pony Working Hunter, first was Stephanie Brown on Glen Fyne Princess Alarabi who was also awarded Working Hunter Reserve Champion, second was Rebecca Foster on Rattie and third Iona Baillie on Tilly.

In Hand or Ridden Mountain and Moorland class, winning the Mountain and Moorland Quaich was Claudia Foster on Dylan, second was Lolly Johnson on Jacob and third was Georgia Foster on Freddie.

Julie Shaw on Glenfyne Phantom took home the Sutherland Trophy after winning the In Hand or Ridden Coloured, second was awarded to

Wendy Baillie on Dakota Gambler and third to Alison Campbell on Twilight Hocus Pocus.

First in the Open In Hand class was Tabitha James on Braeglen Royal Blue, second was Jillian McGroryon Martini and third Sue Clayton on Prada.

In the Handy Pony, first was Lucy McKiven on Toby, second Cerys Baird riding Murphy and third Willow Ryan on Dunedin Ryan.

In the Happy Hacker first place went to Julie Sloan riding Duncrahill Sprite, second to Kathryn McGeachy on Nicole and third Moyra Sutherland on Dunrobin Pearl.

In the ridden classes, Stephanie Brown riding Glen Fyne Princess Alarabi was first in the Small Ridden Horse 14.2hh and under, and went on to win Ridden Reserve Champ, second - Jodie Baillie on Breagh The Senator and third - Rebecca Foster on Rattie.

In the Large Ridden Horse Sarah Bateman riding Kangaroo Jack was first and took home the Abby Shield for Ridden Champion, second was Kathryn Henderson on Burnbank Millenium and third was Wendy Baillie on Dakota Gambler.

In the Riding Club Horse class which is open to members only, Tabitha James riding Jodie won the Utility Champion, second was Kathryn Henderson on Burnbank Millenium and Utility Reserve Champ and Tove Gray-Stephens on Brenfield Cinders was third. In the last ridden class of the day taking home the Veteran Shield for horses over 18 years of age, Tove Gray-Stephens on Brenfield Cinders was first, second was Liz McNab on Blue and third was Kathryn McGeachy on Nicole.

A very wet show jumping took place in the afternoon. In class 14, 65cm, first was Cerys

Baird on Murphy and second Lucy McKiven on Toby.

In the 75cm, first was Fiona Montgomery on Elektra 162. In the 85cm, first was Alexis Stewart on Kenna's Pride, second was John Brailsford on Montecristo and third Roanna Clark on Local Hero.

In the Open Showjumping, first was Roanna Clark on Local Hero, second was Alexis Stewart on Kenna's Pride and third, John Brailsford on Montecristo.

Sarah Bateman riding Kangaroo Jack was overall Show Champion, John Brailsford riding Montecristo was Reserve and Argyll Riding Club Champion was Tove Gray-Stephens riding Brenfield Cinders.

The committee would like to thank all those who made the show such a success, especially the judges, stewards, Big Jessie's Tearoom for doing the catering and Mr and Mrs Bastow for loaning the field.



Ad-hoc team win rowing race

THE first ever Loch Fyne Viking Festival 12-mile rowing race was won by a team set up on the day.

The ad-hoc team - Bob 'the viking' Dawson of Troon Coastal Rowing Club, Ian Clark of the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Rowing Club, Ali Grant of Row Porty Coastal Rowing Club, Seoras Lindsay of Tarbert and

Kerr Mitchell of Mid Argyll Rowing Club (not pictured) - rowed from Ardrishaig to Tarbert in approximately two hours and 30 minutes.

Olwen Armstrong Hemmings, Pete Creech, Barbara Gritton, Clare McCartan and Corinne Cheetham of Mid Argyll Rowing Club were runners up.

SHINTY NEWS AND VIEWS

INVERARAY manager Garry MacPherson faces a challenge to keep his players motivated until the end of a season that has tailed off in disappointing fashion.

Three weeks ago the 'Ara boys were almost assured premier league survival, were in the final of the Celtic Society Cup and had a Camanachd Cup quarter final against Glenurquhart to look forward to.

But having lost the cup final and exiting the Camanachd Cup last Saturday Inveraray now have only three games left in their season and potentially have the next three weeks without a match.

MacPherson said: 'It is difficult because the boys know there is not much to play for. If we had won

one of those cup matches we would have been happy.'

Inveraray were 1-0 up in Drumadrochit last Saturday through Lewis McNichol but conceded just before half time. Two sucker-punch goals with five minutes remaining ensured Glenurquhart were in the hat for Monday's Camanachd Cup semi final draw.

Didn't punish them

MacPherson said: 'We were all over them for large parts of the game but didn't punish them when we had the chance.'

'Against Kyles in the Celtic Cup final it was just one of those things - they were the better team - but even the Glenurquhart management admitted they were lucky to win.'

KYLES ATHLETIC have the chance to avenge a painful 1-0 defeat in last week's Camanachd Cup matches when they take on Kingussie this Saturday.

Kyles will have home advantage this weekend, however, in the Orion Group Premiership clash.

The Celtic Cup champions started poorly and conceded in the first minute at The Dell last weekend and, despite having much of the game, could not break down a stubborn Kings defence.

KILMORY will play hosts to Lochside Rovers this week, their first game back after two free weeks.

Player Alister McArthur said:

'We're apprehensive to be honest, as we're quite short due to injuries, holidays and other commitments.'

'It'll be a different team to the one that played in our last game, quite a lot of younger boys coming through for us, which will be good for them.'

'It doesn't help the consistency for the team unfortunately, but after two free weeks we are looking forward to getting back out there and playing.'

'Lochside are always a good, young and fast team, so we're looking forward to the challenge, it should be a really entertaining game.'

STRACHUR face top-of-the-table

Kyles Athletic's second string this Saturday and will be looking for two points to lift them out of the relegation zone.

They currently sit joint bottom of the Marine Harvest South Division One, with four points from seven games.

John Montgomery's side had disappointment last weekend, losing in the final of the South of Scotland Plate.

Despite taking an early two-goal lead, opponents Aberdour came back strongly, scoring three goals in nine minutes in the second half to win 3-2.

The match with Kyles has a throw-up time of noon in Tighnabruich.

All systems go for D & K Cup Tournament

OBAN Saints say arrangements are now complete for the D & K Lafferty Cup Tournament to be held at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruitten Park on Saturday, kicking-off at 11am

Teams taking part include Hamilton Accies, who won the tournament last year. Accies won promotion to the SPL after a nail-biting play-off with Hibs and will be taking their first team squad to Oban.

Player/manager Alex Neil said: 'This is a well-run tournament and is ideal for pre-season match fitness. I will be taking our full first team squad to Oban so we can give them all a good amount of game time.'

Alloa Athletic from the Scottish championship will also be taking their first team squad to Oban.

SPL sides Dundee United and St Johnstone will be fielding under 20 squads but may include any first team players who need the match fitness before the season starts.

Double victory for Red Star Under 15s

The boys are already looking forward to next season

A LONG wait for the Red Star under-15 football team finally came to an end last week as they received the Dumbarton League Cup and league title trophy.

The trophies were awarded to the team after they achieved the holy grail in the football world and did 'the double', taking first place in both their league and cup campaigns.

Team effort

Marking the end of a good season in the Dumbartonshire Development Football League, the boys' coaches said their success on the pitch was the result of a good team effort.

'The boys travelled on many occasions when local facilities were unplayable and the results are testimony to the commitment and determination given by all players,' coach John Caskie said.

The teammates thanked

coaches Willie Luke and John Caskie, Andy Weir who had been assisting the team over the last few months, and Campbell Young who drove the boys to many of their away games.

The trophies arrived on the same day the under-15s held their annual prizegiving which saw Kieran Moore named manager's player of the year and Scout Souden players' player of the year.

Scott was also the top goal scorer of the season, Rhuaridh Brown had the goal of the season and Ally Pow received the goalkeepers' award.

The most improved accolade went to Aidan MacVicar.

Lochgilhead businesses The Floorshop, M & K MacLeod Construction and Argyll Tyres all sponsored the under-15s in the 2013/14 season.



All players in the under-15 side were presented with league winners trophies and captain Craig Young picked up the league and cup trophies on behalf of the team. a28under15s02

Donald Aitchison dominates ahead of open

IT HAS been a busy couple of weeks at Inveraray Golf Club as golfers prepare for the Gents Open, which is to be played tomorrow (Saturday).

Inveraray played a 12-man team match away against Argyll rivals Dalmailly on June 25 but were narrowly edged out 4-2 by the hosts. A competitive match that was played in good spirits and great fun.

Dalmailly proved excellent hosts.

Good run

Back on home soil, Donald Aitchison continued a recent good run of form by winning two competitions in a row.

Firstly he picked up the summer stableford league title with an impressive 27 points. He was two points ahead of George Morrison and D.J. MacDonald who both finished on 25.

Donald then went on to win the July Medal last Sunday with a score of 72 and he once again pushed D.J. MacDonald back into second place.

Tee times for the gents open are still available and can be booked by calling 07527 929843.

Two out of three jackpot winners

J GAULD was the lucky winner of £600 in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 3, 5 and 17. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 4, 14 and 17. Jim McMillan won £200 and the jackpot will be £100 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery, with number 3, 12 and 19 drawn. The jackpot will be £800 next week.



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Star boost as manager and assistant stay on

Team looking to build on a solid first season

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star has been boosted by the news that Allan Weir and Sandy Crawford have agreed to continue to manage the team for the 2014/2015 season.

The news comes a relief to the football club's managing committee which had been looking for a new manager after Allan said he would step down from his role at the end of the season.

But a desire to see the young side continue to progress following a convincing performance in Premier Two persuaded Allan and Sandy to carry on for another year.

It will be the club's second season in Premier Two and the team will be looking to build on a solid first season which saw them finish fourth.

The league looks even tougher this year however with the promoted sides from Division 1 looking very strong including Drumchapel Colts and Ferguslie

Star, along with Moth-erwell Thistle and South Camlachie.

The senior team started their pre-season training on Wednesday night at Airdrishaig Park and from this week onwards players will train two nights a week, with the club's Facebook page outlining when and where the additional training will take place.

The club is keen to welcome as many new players as possible to the senior side as it says goodbye to Elliott Dougall and Thomas McCulloch who are relocating for work.

Red Star are taking part in a pre-season tournament at Lochwinnoch on Saturday, July 26, when they will take on seven high-class amateur teams and are looking to organise a home friendly with Glasgow Islay on Saturday, August 3.

The Scottish Amateur Football League season starts on Saturday, August 16.



Thomas McCulloch, left, and Elliot Dougall will be leaving the Lochgilphead club because of work commitments elsewhere.



The top three winners of the inaugural Mach 1 Stages rally at Machrihanish Airbase.

First Mach 1 rally gets off to a flyer Goldie and Aaron succeed in first ever event

THERE was anticipation in the air as well as burnt rubber as 100 cars descended on Kintyre for the inaugural Mach 1 Stages rally at Machrihanish Airbase last weekend.

Organised by Dunfermline Car Club (DCC), the rally was held over Saturday and Sunday, attracting a record number of entries for a first time event.

Joining competitors who had travelled from as far afield as Portsmouth was Mid Argyll drivers and navigators including Alan (Goldie) Ross and Aaron Harvey, who took third place in their class.

First ever

Racing a Rover Metro Gti 1396-1, the duo took 58th place overall in their first ever event and a car built by Innes Mochrie of Kilmory Coach Works.

Meanwhile, Lochgilphead's Duncan MacLean, with co-driver Ross Callander from Aberdeen, finished sixth

in their class and 46th overall in their Peugeot 106 Gti 1598-2.

Other Mid Argyll competitors included Alister Macarthur, Paul Hunter, David Law, Donald Bowness, Ian Parker and Ally and Del Galbraith.

On Saturday morning the competitors got to grips with the new venue and the various rally stages, positioned on and around the 10,000 foot taxiway and after two days of tough racing, the winners were Tom Morris of Glenrothes Motor Sport Club and his co-driver, Colin Harkness from Aberdeen, driving a Metro 6R.

There was a fantastic turn out for the event, with more than 2,000 spectators and 90 volunteers marshalling.

Event co-ordinator and DCC committee member, David Hatrick said: 'My phone has not stopped ringing since Sunday with people calling to give their

thanks and congratulate us on the success of the event.

'We were blown away by the support of the community and would like to thank everyone who came along to help or spectate. Everyone played a part.

'Also a special thanks

to Ian Wardrop, chairman of MACC charity and his helpers.'

Jim Martin, chairman of MACC development, said: 'Machrihanish Airbase Community Company would like to thank all of those who helped organise the event, such as local farmers,

Campbeltown Running Club, the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, West Coast Motors for running the spectator shuttle buses and Argyll Bakeries for the weekend's catering.

'We hope this is the first of many rallies at Machrihanish Airbase.'



Goldie and Aaron receive their awards for third place.

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