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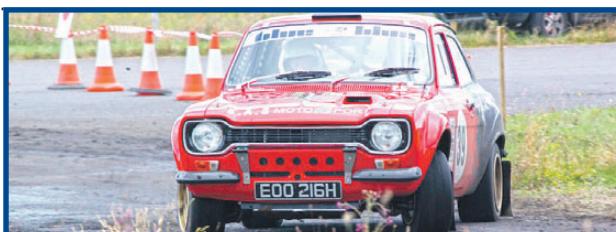
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Signs of trouble: opinion is split over the right to camp at beach

REPORT By AMANDA CRAWFORD
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PEOPLE visiting a Mid Argyll beach this summer should not be put off by new warning signs, according to residents in the area.

Signs put up in April this year to deter campers at Crinan Ferry beach, outside Lochgilphead, has ruffled a few feathers in the town.

The signs, fixed to posts and fences, state that the land is privately owned and prohibit camping at the shoreline.

Local people and visitors have been up in arms over the decision as it is widely thought the land is public domain. In fact, it is privately owned, and following disruption and vandalism to the area, a ban was considered the only way forward.

The issue is thought to have been ongoing for more than 30 years and, after a series of hefty clean-ups by the land owners and local residents of Crinan Ferry, a unanimous decision was made to enforce the signs.

Just last summer, fires were extinguished, bin bags of rubbish collected and human excrement picked up which was found buried beneath disposable barbeques left by campers.

Sarah-Jane Laing, director of policy and parliamentary affairs at Scottish Land and Estates, said: 'The issue of serious littering and vandalism has come to the fore recently, especially in light of the discussed ban on wild camping around Loch Lomond and the Trossachs.'

Despite camping now being prohibited in the area, residents of Crinan Ferry have made it clear that people are welcome to enjoy picnics there and use the outdoor space for leisure purposes.

But some local people feel the move to deter campers is over the top.

One Lochgilphead woman, who preferred not to be named, said: 'I think it is quite offensive. People have the right to camp wherever they

like. They have the right of way and people from all over travel to Crinan for this purpose. Now they are being faced with this sign and are turning away.'

'Who is to say that these people are not allowed to camp there?'

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 ensures everyone has statutory access rights to most of Scotland's outdoors, if these rights are exercised responsibly.

But in recent years,

Crinan residents have

found the mess increas-

ingly difficult to keep

up with. The disruption

to residents and the land

owner has proven to be

a considerable strain on

them.'

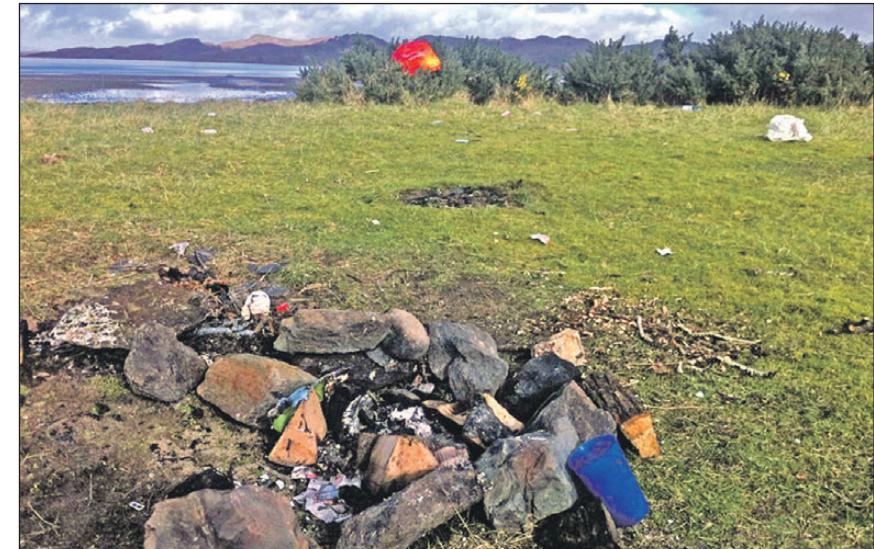
Sarah-Jane Laing added: 'Clean-up tasks place a heavy burden on land-owners, staff and local residents who are forced to deal with some unpleasant situations. There is also a cost implication and long-term damage to the land to be considered.'

'We fully support the rights of responsible access to land in Scotland.'

'Unfortunately, all too often, a minority of individuals fail to act in a responsible manner which then impacts on others.'

A VisitScotland spokesperson said: 'Scotland's landscapes and coastlines are all part of the overall visitor experience. To ensure all visitors can enjoy the great outdoors responsibly, we would urge that the information contained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code is adhered to and respected.'

See also letter on page six.



Mess on the beach when campers left last year.



Fruits of the sea are celebrated

The Tarbert Seafood Festival 2015 was a great success. To see all the pictures and read the full report, turn to pages 14 and 15.

Pictured left, are Sophia Johnson, Katie MacMillan and Jane Johnson, who were delighted to have sold this sea trout. 25_a28seafood21

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A82 roadworks to last four weeks

AN £830,000 road improvement project got underway this week on the A82.

The main road near Balloch will see resurfacing work carried out over the next four weeks.

The main artery route that people use to travel from Argyll and Bute to Glasgow has been affected by cracks, potholes and other carriageway defects.

Transport Scotland will be responsible for the work, set to take place in three different locations on the A82, and it says it will enhance the durability of the road.

A spokesperson for Transport Scotland said: 'The three projects have been designed to take place overnight between 7pm and 7am with no works taking place on Friday or Saturday nights to minimise disruption to motorists and weekend traffic.'

Speed limits

Traffic management while the work is ongoing will be removed outwith working hours, but temporary restricted speed limits will remain in place at some sections.

The first section to be tackled is the A82 at Cameron House. Over-

night works started on July 5 and will continue to Monday, July 20. A convoy system of traffic management will be in operation while the works are on-going.

The road at Stoney-mellan will see overnight works start on Tuesday July 21 to Monday July 27, and a convoy system will also be in place.

Overnight work at the Garelochhead Junction will begin on Tuesday July 28 and will end on Thursday July 30.

For more information go to Traffic Scotland website on www.trafficscotland.org or [@trafficscotland](https://twitter.com/trafficscotland).

Happy in the Highlands and Islands

A SURVEY has revealed those most content with their working lives in Scotland live in the Highlands and Islands.

The Bank of Scotland's 'happiness index' attempts to quantify how happy people are with their lives, asking about people's job satisfaction, working hours and daily commute.

The research by the bank found peo-

ple living in the Highlands and Islands scored the highest, followed by those who stay in Fife.

Lowest

Workers in Aberdeen, south Scotland, Glasgow and mid Scotland scored the lowest on the index.

People who worked part-time were most likely to be happy in their job, according to the research.

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Dastardly duo climb for Maggie's Centres

CHIEF Inspector Marlene Baillie and Sergeant Stuart Watson, formerly of Campbeltown, completed the Three Peaks 24 hour Challenge on Saturday July 4.

Calling themselves Dastardly and Mutley, the intrepid twosome set off with their support team, Trish Collins and Karen Watson, to scale Mount Snowdon at 7.20pm on Friday July 3.

Then it was onward to Scafell Pike in the middle of the night.

Having to battle their way through severe thunderstorms, they successfully completed the challenge coming off Ben Nevis at 18.50 hours on Saturday 4 July.

The motivation for the challenge stemmed from the experiences of Stuart's wife, Karen.

After being free of cancer for 16 years, Karen, who was formerly stationed at Lochgilphead police office, was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer in her lungs.

After the shock of diagnosis, Karen wanted to raise funds for Maggie's Centres.

Karen commented: 'Maggie's centres, with all the volunteers,



Stuart and Marlene - with some canine companions

are an invaluable support to myself and other cancer sufferers, offering many therapeutic courses, welfare advice and often somebody just to be there to listen.'

A just giving page has been set up and can be found under -

Karen Watson 3 Peak 24 Hour Challenge.

All donations to the fund are very welcome.

The team had an initial fundraising target of £500, but earlier this week the total stood at more than £1,000.

Police files Breach of bail

A 46-year-old man was arrested at Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead, on Friday July 3 for breaching his bail conditions. He was detained in custody pending a later court appearance.

Bogus callers

An elderly woman was approached by bogus callers on Thursday July 2 in Lochgilphead in relation to carrying out work on gutters at her house. The incident happened between 11am and 2pm that day.

Two men, aged 24 and 26, are now subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Custody

On Saturday July 4, a 38-year-old man was arrested for inappropriate use of the 999 system in Lochgilphead. He was detained in custody pending his court appearance.

If anyone has information in relation to the above incidents or any other crime, please contact the local police office on telephone number 101. Alternatively, members of the public can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



GRADUATION



Kathryn Shaw, graduated from Dundee University with a Masters Degree (Hons) in Financial Economics. Kathryn, who lives in Troon is the eldest daughter of Fraser and Mhairi and granddaughter of Nancy and the late Murray Shaw.

WEDDING



Penman and MacIntyre
At Ford Parish Church, Ford on 23rd May 2015, Scott William Penman, youngest son of Frank and Eileen, Minard married Emma Maria MacIntyre, daughter of Iain and the late Rosa of Ford, Lochgilphead.

A lovely day was had by all and best wishes for the future.

Janice thanks NHS with £20,000 cheque

SIX MONTHS after having a life-saving brain op, Janice Beattie has presented a cheque for more than £20,000 to a Glasgow surgeon.

Grateful Kilmarnock woman, Janice, 55, raised the cash to thank NHS staff who saved her life when she became seriously ill in January.

Janice had a brain tumour which was later found to have spread from a tumour the size of a pin-head in her lung.

The grandmother of two has since undergone risky brain surgery and part of her right lung was removed.

Janice has also had a course of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. With the support of husband, Willie, 55, the pair have raised a whopping £20,545 in just three months.

Janice said: 'I have just been taking all of this in my stride, you've got to. What else would you do? I have been as busy as I can be.'

Tiredness

'I still look after my wee grandson and granddaughter as much as I can. It's tiredness that is the worst, but I don't mind, I like my bed.'

Willie took part in the Flying Scotsman Rally in April this year, where many of his fellow vintage car fanatics donated to his cause.

He also auctioned off

his own Harley Davidson motorbike in Perth, which raised £6,500 towards the sum.

The cash will purchase a Misonex one scalpel - modern equipment used to cut and remove bone precisely during brain surgery.

Family, friends, neighbours and strangers have supported the family's cause to donate the money to Southern General Hospital's Institute of Neurological Sciences, where head of the unit and neurosurgeon, Nigel Suttner, operated on Janice.

According to the Mid Argyll couple, Mr Suttner has gone 'above and beyond his call of duty' to help Janice, which led to the pair wanting to fund state-of-the-art medical equipment.

Dr Suttner gave a special thanks to the couple when they presented him with a cheque at the Glasgow hospital last Thursday.

He added: 'I speak personally and on behalf of the whole of the neurosurgery team at the unit, when I say we have very much appreciated all of your efforts.'

While Janice has remarkably pulled through life-threatening surgery she is set to receive further treatment. The family remains hopeful that, in the months to come, they can put their ordeal behind them.



Mr Suttner with Janice and Willie Beattie at Glasgow's Southern General Hospital last week. a28beattie01no

Viking ship will be part of £20,000 economic boost

AS PART of a tourism drive, dreamed up over a pint, the Viking longship based in Tarbert will journey to Norway.

The ship, built by local man and one of six Tarbert Viking Festival organisers, Phil Robertson, will be towed to the largest Viking festival in Norway in August.

Hans said: 'It is amazing that an idea dreamt up in the pub has led to a potential economic boost for the area.'

The trip is costing almost £20,000 and has been sponsored by Heart of Argyll and Scottish Canals, but the team is still looking for local sponsorship of around £2,500 to make the target.



Toki Surtursson, also known as John Sneddon, draws his sword on one of the Viking festival founders, Hans Kok. 25_a27viking20

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Coylet damaged by fire

One of Argyll's oldest inns has been badly damaged by fire.

The blaze, which broke out on the morning of Tuesday July 7 at the Coylet Inn, is thought to have started with a gas explosion in the kitchen.

Two members of staff were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

The 17th century Coylet Inn sits on the shores of Loch Eck in Cowal.

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New house only big purchase for Euro millionaires

MILLIONAIRES from Lochgilphead say their lottery win has not changed them as they get set to buy a new house.

Betty, 63, and Geordie Rhodick, 71, hit the Euromillion jackpot less than a month ago.

The couple who went on to host a successful armed forces day in the town two weeks later, announced that they are in the process of buying a house in Lochgilphead.

The property will give their ten grandchildren security, while their six children will receive £25,000 each. It is the only big purchase the pair have on the cards.

Betty hopes she and her army veteran hubby

will move in to the new house in October.

She said: 'The money hasn't changed us. It never will. What it has given us is peace of mind and financial security.'

Betty is currently nursing a badly bruised wrist after taking a tumble over a tent rope on the front green at the armed forces day.

She said: 'We thought it was broken, but the doctor reckons the bone is just badly bruised. I am using a splint and tubular bandage for support. I think I have pulled all the muscles in my arm too.'

'I didn't feel it at the time, but the day after my wrist was so swollen

and sore I had to go to hospital.'

Despite the ups and downs following the win, Betty has recently joined the new Argyll and Bute and NHS Highland Integrated Care board as a public representative and will

'tell them how it is'.

Betty said: 'I am never one to mess around, I just tell it like it is. The integrated care board is a great thing and very interesting I look forward to being involved and hope my input will help.'



Millionaires Betty and Geordie 'will never change' 08_a28lotto03

A low-carbon alternative to electric heating that could save you up to £880 a year

What is biomass?

Biomass renewable heating systems burn wood pellets, chips or logs to provide warmth in a single room and can power central heating and hot water boilers.

Central heating systems using locally sourced sustainable wood fuel are a low carbon alternative to fossil fuels and can be cheaper to run than off-gas alternatives.

How does it work?

A boiler burns logs, pellets or chips, and is connected to a central heating and hot water system. A wood-fuelled biomass boiler could save you up to £880 a year compared to electric heating*.

What do I need?

Suitable properties should have enough space to install the heating system (inside or outside) and store the fuel, and have a locally available wood fuel source.

The benefits of biomass heating

1 Affordable heating fuel

The price of wood fuel varies considerably but it is often cheaper than other ways of heating your home.

2 Financial support

Wood fuel boiler systems could benefit from the Renewable Heat Incentive. For a four-bedroom detached house, you could receive payments of around £1,730 to £2,610 a year**. In addition, the Home Energy Scotland renewables loan scheme is currently open to new applications. Interest-free loans for up to 75 per cent of the total cost of renewables systems are available up to £10,000.

3 A low-carbon option

The carbon dioxide emitted when wood is burned is the same amount that was absorbed over the months and years that the plant was growing. The process is sustainable as long as new plants continue to grow in place of those used for fuel. There are some carbon emissions caused by the cultivation, manufacture and transportation of the fuel, but as long as the fuel is sourced locally, these are much lower than the emissions from fossil fuels.

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**Based on an RHI tariff of 8.93p/kWh, valid for installations made between April 1 and June 30, 2015.

Owner puts castle and four hotels up for sale

ONE of the most iconic castles in the west highlands is up for sale, following a business magnate's decision to sell.

Kilchurn castle, which sits on the banks of Loch Awe, is up for sale along with four hotels, following a decision by Highland Heritage owner, Ian Cleaver,

to retire from the multi-million-pound tourism venture he has built up over 40 years.

However, with the hotels, castle and a 16-vehicle coach operation valued at around £8million, this is not a purchase most first-time buyers will be able to consider.

Kilchurn was built in the mid-1400s by Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Lord of Glenorchy. His descendants, the Campbells of Glenorchy, were the most powerful of the numerous branches of Clan Campbell, with Kilchurn remaining their power base for 150 years.



Kilchurn castle, on the banks of Loch Awe t28kilchurn01no



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'Humpback whale' spotted in Kyles of Bute

A local marine conservation charity has reported the sighting of a large whale in the Kyles of Bute.

The mammal, estimated at between seven and eight metres in length, was spotted last Sunday (July 5) in the water between Tighnabruaich Pier and Rhubaan.

The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT) has tentatively identified the creature as a humpback whale, based on the description of the size, colour and visible blow.

In a Facebook posting earlier this week, the trust said: 'Given the unusual circumstances, we are seeking more information about this sighting, on the off-chance that this animal is at risk of entan-

glement or stranding. Does anyone have photos or other reports?'

HWDT's Community Sightings Network encourages residents, local wildlife operators and visitors to the area to report their sightings of whales, dolphins and porpoises. The majority of live sighting reports happen during the summer months, reflecting the increased number of boat and land observers,

the fine weather and the influx of seasonal visitors to the area, including minke whales and basking sharks. Sightings are less frequent during the winter months because poor weather conditions and shorter daylight hours make seeing marine animals difficult.

Seasonal visitors leave the area, although bottlenose dolphins and harbour porpoises are year-round residents.



A humpback whale. More information about the reported sighting has been requested.

New online form to tell council about changes in circumstances

PEOPLE who receive housing benefit or a council tax reduction can now go online to tell Argyll and Bute Council about changes in their circumstances.

The council has created a new online form designed to be easy to fill in and submitted with one click.

Changes in circumstances can affect the amount of housing benefit/council tax reduction people are entitled to and failure to notify

the council can lead to repayments, overpayments or, at worst, prosecution.

The council's deputy policy lead for Customer Support, Councillor, Gary Mulvaney, said: 'The council wishes to make it as easy as possible for our customers to tell us about changes which helps us make sure you get the right amount of benefit. We understand fully that people on low incomes can ill-afford to

repay overpayments so we want to help our customers lessen the chances of being in this position.

'More and more of us are routinely using computers and have access to the internet both in our homes and on the move via mobile devices, so we are confident that these new ways of telling us about changes will be welcomed by our customers.'

The council will monitor how the new online

form is working, both for customers and staff.

On contacting the council, customers should now expect to be reminded about their duty to give details of changes in circumstances.

This is set out in the declaration signed by customers when they fill in their claim form for housing benefit/council tax reduction.

Go to www.ayrshireadvertiser.co.uk to fill out a form.

Angus makes a right splash on Tiree to mark 'momentous moment' for his band

WEST coast band, Skipinnish, are celebrating chart success following the release of their latest single this week.

'The Island' made it to number 54 in the official UK download charts and number

one in the world music downloads charts on Tuesday, sailing ahead of Taylor Swift, Kanye West and Ed Sheeran.

The band members found an unusual way to celebrate the achievement, when founding member, An-

gus MacPhail, jumped off a pier on his home island of Tiree, wearing only underwear, a sporran and wellies.

Mr MacPhail said: 'I'm a man of my word and it was worth it to mark this momentous moment in Skipinnish's

history. Tiree might be famous for windsurfing, but I think I'll stick to the accordion if the temperature of the water today is anything to go by. We're delighted to see 'The Island' riding so high in the charts.'

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Sign of the times

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Quite rightly, people from all walks of life and many corners of the globe want to come to Argyll to enjoy breathtaking scenery, delicious local food and the warmth of the people and hospitality. There are even reports that Russians have been spotted indulging in the many delights our west coast has to offer.

Much has been made of the right to roam over recent decades, while Scottish land reform legislation at the turn of the century provided a clear framework for those wishing to get out in the fresh air for leisure activities.

But with rights come responsibilities, and the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 makes it clear that responsible behaviour must be part and parcel of any access to the countryside, as set out in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Codes of behaviour are one thing, but where does common decency begin and end for those responsible for the kind of littering and unsavoury antics witnessed in Mid Argyll?

It begs the question: how would the people responsible feel if strangers were to pitch a tent in their garden or living room, stay for two or three nights before upping sticks, leaving behind them strewn across the garden or living room, cans, broken bottles, toilet mess, various used sleeping bags, tents and disposable barbecues replete with chicken bones.

Perhaps it's a sign of the times, but we must surely cling to the hope that most visitors have a modicum of common sense and decency, leaving behind only footprints and simply taking with them memories.

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Children too young to be criminally convicted

Sir,

A child aged just eight years old is legally deemed responsible for his or her actions in Scotland.

At that tender age it is possible for them to be criminally convicted and to have a record, one which will stay with them for the rest of their lives and is likely to destroy their future prospects.

In the rest of the UK it is set at 10 years old - still far too young, in my view, for a child to have the capacity to make decisions or understand the full consequences of their actions.

The UN Commission on the Rights of the Child sets the 'absolute minimum' age at 12 years old, four years older than here in Scotland.

It is time to revisit this outdated law of the age of criminal responsibility and for all Scottish MSPs to vote to amend the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill as proposed by Alison McInnes.

Liberal Democrat justice spokesperson, Alison McInnes, has put forward amendments to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill and has written to Justice Secretary Michael Matheson on the issue.

If you believe that the law is woefully outdated, please contact your local MSPs and ask them to support the age recommended by the UN.

We certainly do not have a liberal Scottish parliament. Only a few weeks ago the parliament lowered the voting age for 16 and 17-year-olds

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Your readers can find more information and sign up at www.rafbf.org/gbsl.
**Christopher Nickols,
RAF Benevolent Fund.**

Meningitis survey

Sir,
If you are aged 16 or over and have either had meningitis yourself, or a family member or close friend has, 'Meningitis Now' would like to hear from you.

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campaigning. As a charity it's vital that we exist and succeed because we make a real difference to people's lives – telling us how we can better do this will play a big part in shaping our future direction.

Visit www.MeningitisNow.org for more information or to take part – it will only take a few minutes. Thank you.

**Sue Davie,
Chief Executive,
Meningitis Now.**

Beach area left in a disgusting state

Sir,
It has been a British tradition of rural life that wild camping has been part and parcel of our rights of freedom to roam, with the lovely advantage of there being no law of trespass in Scotland.

When we first came to live in Crinan Ferry in 1980, the occasional camper came and went, leaving the beach area tidy and clean.

It is now a very sad fact of life that we are actively discouraging camping. This is because the minority have spoilt it for the majority by leaving the beach area in a disgusting and disgraceful state.

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Argyll's musical youth march to Strachur

ARGYLL'S rich piping tradition is being kept alive and thriving by a group of enthusiasts on the eastern shore of Loch Fyne.

Strachur and District Piping Association held its annual piping and drumming summer

school in the village last week, with a healthy contingent of young Mid Argyll players attending the event.

Around 70 young people, at various stages of mastering their instruments, came from a wide area of Argyll to



The stirring grand finale at Friday night's concert, with Mid Argyll tutor Rod Buchanan nearest the camera.

learn from experienced tutors. The week culminated in a spectacular concert in Strachur Memorial Hall, where the children showed off the skills they had picked up during the week in front of adoring mums, dads, grandparents

and friends. Kate Patton of Strachur and District Piping Association said: 'Brilliant weather helped, as did a great team effort from the ten tutors, the minibus drivers and the committee.'

'The improvement in playing ability from the

week's intensive tuition was clearly seen at the Friday night concert which was, for once, midge-free.'

For the past four decades and more, the piping association has supported traditional music in the region, building

on foundations laid by the late Pipe Major Niall Campbell BEM. In memory of this stalwart of piping - known to most as 'Mr Niall', the Niall Campbell Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the pupil who has made the most

progress at the summer school. In a first for the event, this year's award went to one of the young drummers - tenor drummer, Kirsty Clark, from Dunoon. Kirsty received the trophy from Mr Niall's grandson, John Conning.



Kirsty Clark receives her trophy from John Conning.

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Alice in Wonderland show steals the hearts of Ardrishaig audience

A CENTURY and a half after Alice fell down a rabbit hole, the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus performed a wonderful musical about her adventures.

Author, Lewis Carroll, penned Alice in Wonderland in 1865 and 150 years later the book was celebrated in a stage performance in Ardrishaig.

Audiences were full of praise for the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus' production of Alice with crowds filling the village hall on two evenings.

The show was opened by Holly McKinnon, who played a young Alice in the production.

Holly's solo was beautiful in the opening scene, and it set the tone for the evening, which was filled with strong vocal performances and soaring choral pieces.

Laughter

Performances from the youngsters had the audiences in tears and fits of laughter by turns.

After drinking from a bottle marked, 'Drink Me', young Alice finds herself just six inch-

es tall and follows the white rabbit, played by Rhona Love.

After going down the hole into a surreal world, Alice meets characters such as the Duchess and the Cook, played by Niamh Adams-McGilp and Shannon Blackie, whose baby-throwing capers brought the audience to its knees.

In the dream sequences, the older Alice, played by Eve Maxwell on Tuesday night and Fiona Cupples on Wednesday night, traded wits with the infi-



mous Cheshire cat.

It was Archie Spencer's Mad Hatter performance that had the audience in awe and some likened him to a young Johnny Depp - the actor who played the character in the 2010 movie remake.

Reality and fantasy

The play drifted back and forth between reality and fantasy as the Rev Dodgson entertained the young Alice with tales and poetry.

The show climaxed in an all-singing all-dancing ending.

The acting, guided by Sheila Campbell, wrestled with sublime singing, directed by Fiona MacDonald, for primacy.

The show was voted a great success and mums, dads, friends and visitors left the village hall looking forward to the next Mid Argyll Youth Chorus production.

Review by James Helbert



Alice and the Queen of Hearts.

The cards line up in one of the scenes.



Archie Spencer's performance as the Mad Hatter captivated the audience.

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Kerrie says yes to surprise proposal

A YOUNG woman who 'went home' to Tarbert for the first time in more than a decade was romantically surprised when her fiancé proposed in a village hotel.

At the weekend, Kerrie Donaldson, 24, from Johnstone, near Paisley, visited the village where her uncles and grandmother grew up for the first time since 2003 when partner, Brendan McDonald, 34, got down on one knee.

Brendan, father to their two children Kiara, three, and Leon, five, had planned to take Kerrie back to Tarbert - the place she spent a lot of time in as a child and knew that she loved - for the romantic gesture.

Kerrie said: 'I came back for the weekend and had hoped to find out more about my family and gran's friends. I wanted to come to the Seafood Festival and enjoy the break.'

'I thought Brendan had

been acting funny, because he never drinks and he was guzzling rum and coke. I kept on asking if he was okay.'

The couple arrived



Kerrie's gran Netta Maxwell was crowned Miss Tarbert in 1958.

on Friday, and when they went for dinner, Brendan presented her with boxes, but much to Kerrie's disappointment they held a necklace and earrings.

She laughed: 'I phoned my mum afterwards to tell her, she said "don't be so ungrateful".'

On the Saturday

evening, the pair went to dinner at the view-top restaurant of the Islay Frigate Hotel where she was presented with balloons, heart-shaped lights and another box.

Kerrie said: 'He proposed in front of everyone and then told me to turn around.'

Brendan had organised for Kerrie's auntie and uncle from 130 miles away, to whom she is close, to come and stay with them.

She said: 'It was such a surprise. He really thought it all through. I couldn't believe it. The whole place erupted and cheered. I was in tears. I then realised it was the full jewellery set he had bought me.'

Kerrie felt that the trip was a 'homecoming' for her because she used to stay with her great-uncle John Maxwell, brother of her 76-year-old gran, Netta Maxwell.

She said: 'After uncle John died in 2004



Kerrie and fiancé Brendan show off the ring after enjoying the Tarbert Seafood Festival.

we didn't come because the family home we knew and loved wasn't there anymore. I'd hoped to find out more about my family and get in touch with gran's friends in Tarbert while I was here. A picture of Brendan and I after the proposal went online and it actually generated a lot more interest. Now people are messaging

me about my family, so it was really good that way.'

Gran Netta was crowned Miss Tarbert in a local beauty pageant in 1958, aged 18. She left the village for Paisley almost 40 years ago, where she still lives.

Kerrie said: 'My gran just loved it here and I'd love her to come back with us to visit.'

Fundraiser for Marie Curie

A COFFEE afternoon held by pensioners in Inveraray raised £1,070 for charity.

Residents of Chalmers Court sheltered housing complex, in Inveraray, hosted the Blooming Grest Tea Party, an annual and UK-wide event, in aid of Marie Curie cancer support.

Visitors, residents and organisers enjoyed entertainment by Fyne Folk musicians, Agnes Liddell and Jake McKey, while they drank tea and coffee on Saturday,

June 27. Juice, coffee, tea, milk and sugar were donated by Inveraray Community Council (ICC) in a bid to support the event. Trays of cakes and treats were also donated by members of the public and friends of residents.

One of the organisers, Sheena Stewart, community support assistant at the complex, gave a special thank to ICC's members and Fyne Folk for providing the entertainment on the afternoon.



**Back row: Maggie MacGee, Sheena Stewart and Barbara Baillie
Front row: Betty Ramsay and Jenny Speirs. Fran Stewart was unable to attend, but helped to organise the fundraiser.**

Mid Argyll clubs join forces for exhibition

There will be something new this year at the Mid Argyll Art Society's 48th annual exhibition, due to be held from Monday August 3 to Saturday August 8 in the Drill Hall, Lochgilphead.

Discussions over the last few months between the society and Mid Argyll Camera Club have resulted in the two organisations joining forces. And

this year, camera club members' photos are to be displayed along with paintings shown under the auspices of the art society.

On show

As usual, the art society exhibition will provide an opportunity for local artists to have their paintings put on show.

It is an opportunity for anybody with some artistic abili-

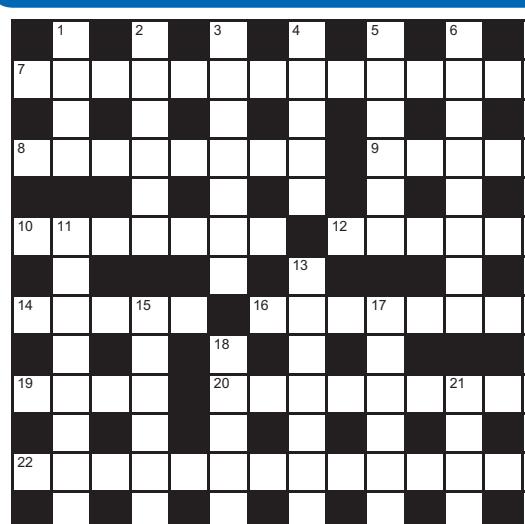
ty to have their paintings displayed for people to enjoy in a peaceful atmosphere - and possibly even to buy. Details about how to go about having a painting put on show will appear in this newspaper, and they should be handed in on Saturday August 1 at the Drill Hall.

The camera club display will be restricted to photographs from members of the club, but

these will be on show for general interest, as well as being for sale. The artistic skill and technical expertise in producing a stunning photograph will be a nice complement to the equally skilful mastery of the artists who wield paintbrushes to such good effect.

Entry is free, though donations to cover exhibition costs will be welcome.

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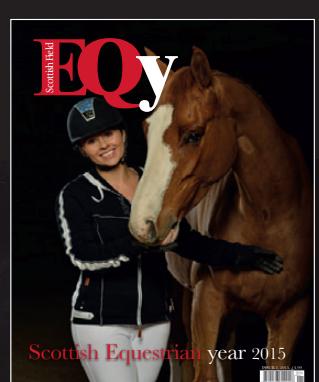
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Winner of the final open Ardkinglas Sheepdog Trial in 2014, Frankie McCullough from Northern Ireland.

Local man, Andy McDiarmid, in action during the 2012 Ardkinglas trial.

Ninety years of dog trial history ends at Cairndow

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON
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A FAMOUS Argyll sheepdog trial, believed to be the oldest of its kind in the world, has reached the end of its course.

Ardkinglas Sheepdog Trial has offered a stern challenge to man and dog - as well as plenty of craic - across many generations at Cairndow.

But the event has now come to an end due to a chronic shortage of willing and able volunteers to keep it going.

It began in 1924 as a local event confined to Cowal. By the early 1970s, entry to Ardkinglas Sheepdog Trial had been widened to the county of Argyll before it became an open event just a few years later.

Since 1995, the trial has been held in Glen Fyne, but prior to that it was the steep slopes above Cairndow village that provided the test, the course rising high above the handler's stance at the foot of the hill.

The Argyllshire Advertiser spoke to two local men heavily involved in the event over the past half century.

'I remember when

it was confined to Argyll, the standard had reached a point when, in a couple of years, just two or three competitors managed to complete the course,' said Roddy McDiarmid, multiple winner of the trial and committee member.

With a bigger number of entries and, as handlers gained experience, the quality of trialling improved for the sizeable crowds attracted each July to the head of Loch Fyne. Leading the way at that time were Cowal handlers, Alastair Mundell and John Kennedy, according to Roddy.

'They were first class handlers,' he remarked, 'and they helped our trial no end. Men like that paved the way for others to follow.'

But shepherds were not the only people to try their luck at Ardkinglas. There were, of course, farmers themselves, but also 'hobby' dog handlers - including doctors among their number - as well as many others not directly related to farming.

'At one time you paid 2/6 and that got you

your entry, lunch and a dram. It was a good sociable day out,' recalled Alastair MacCallum, who has been involved man and boy with Ardkinglas.

The term 'sociable' is something of an understatement.

The story goes that one local hotelier set up a stand to sell refreshments to the thirsty throngs. To his great surprise, very few folk were visiting his tent. In stark contrast the committee tent had hordes of people milling around it - perhaps the lure of a free dram proving something of a draw. Deciding that discretion was the better part of valour, he shut up shop and joined them.

Times have, however, changed. Gone are the days of the whisky Olympics, and the local boys in blue are much less likely to visit the trial 'just to make sure the whisky was up to scratch', as recalled by Alastair and Roddy.

Other local sheepdog trials have also found life difficult in recent years.

One of the events no longer held is Poltalloch Sheepdog Trial. 'This used to be a major event,

and it fell by the wayside a few years ago.

'It held the Scottish national on two occasions and the international sheepdog trial was also held there twice,' remarked Roddy. 'But it's just a sign of the times.'

Enlarging on the point, Alistair said: 'There's no sheep on the hills, and there's no shepherds either.'

'There is quite a lot of preparation needed before the trials ever take place,' explained Roddy.

'We're getting fewer, and unfortunately getting older, and there's not enough of us to keep it going.'

Ardkinglas is not unique as a hill trial on the circuit. There are perhaps another three or four hill trials - but it is believed to be the oldest hill sheepdog trial in the world.

Roddy concluded: 'It's just so sad that there will be no more Ardkinglas Sheepdog Trials.'

'It was an event everyone looked forward to.'

More about the history of this famous event, and much more local information besides, can be found at the Here We Are centre, Clachan, Cairndow.



A gathering of committee and spectators at Ardkinglas in the late 1930s. Pictured second left is local landowner, Michael Noble.

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Creamery manager, Chris Wareham, said: 'Similarly to Springbank distillery, all our water comes direct from Crosshill Loch, not from the Campbeltown mains supply.'

'We monitor water usage very carefully. We are particularly leak-aware and, at the back end of last year, re-piped one of our supplies.'

'We take water out of the whey when we concentrate it and use that water to dilute the effluent.'

UK dairy companies are at the forefront of

the food and drink industry's efforts to improve water efficiency, according to a recent progress report.

The Food and Drink Manufacturing Water Use report demonstrates that there have been marked gains in water efficiency across the industry.

Dairy companies featured in the report have reduced their water intensity – the amount of water used to produce a tonne of product – by 13 per cent over the last seven years, accounting for a reduction of 0.2m³ per tonne of product.

These water savings at dairy processing sites have been made through more efficient cleaning in place (CIP) systems, identifying water 'hotspots' and taking preventative action, increasing staff awareness and innovative water



Cheese production at Campbeltown creamery. c28creamery01no

treatment technologies such as reverse osmosis which allows sites to recycle waste water to reuse in the manufacturing process.

Mr Wareham said: 'At Campbeltown, we have an ultra osmosis plant which is what concentrates the whey.'

'One of our CIP systems uses rinse water twice and we regularly have blitzes to reduce water waste.'

Dr Judith Bryans, Chief Executive of

Dairy UK, said: 'This is a significant achievement for dairy companies given that production for these sites increased by 15 per cent over the same reporting period.'

'This progress demonstrates the dairy industry's continuing commitment to reducing its water consumption and builds upon and complements the water reduction targets already set by the industry's own dairy roadmap.'

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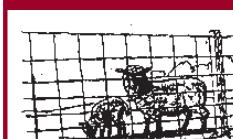
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Petition tries to preserve Highland veterinary service

POSSIBLE changes to veterinary services disease surveillance in Inverness have led to an online petition by Highlands and Islands MSP, David Stewart.

As reported in last week's Campbeltown Courier, the Scottish Rural College's (SRUC) consultation on the future of veterinary disease surveillance in Scotland closes today.

SRUC is urging those who would like to participate, but have not yet shared their views, to get in touch.

The consultation was launched in June to gather views on proposals for potential changes involving the Inverness and Ayr Disease Surveillance Centres (DSCs).

It follows the 2011 Kinnaird Review of Veterinary Surveillance

commissioned by the Scottish Government.

Farmers, vets and other stakeholders throughout Scotland were encouraged to voice their opinion on the proposals.

As the Courier went to press, Mr Stewart's site had gathered 978 signatures and 314 comments.

Here are the comments that some of the petitioners made on the site:

Antonia Canser from Lochgoilhead wrote: 'Taking away this service could have a detrimental effect on animal health in the Highlands and Islands - where approximately 25 per cent of the livestock enterprises in Scotland are based - thus also majorly impacting the economic viability of the farming community.'

An anonymous

Higland farmer wrote: 'This unit runs an invaluable service to farmers and crofters from a huge area of Scotland. Without it we would have to travel more than 100 miles.'

'I recently had bleeding nose syndrome in my calves and was using the service to test 14 calves over a period of a year.'

'This would have been unthinkable had I had to travel the extra miles.'

Jim MacMillan wrote: 'This is a critical service for the Highland area. The remaining centres would struggle with the outlying west coast and island areas.'

'This would lead to farmers and crofters not using the service and potentially lead to serious issues not being diagnosed.'

David Stewart said: 'I

think it is really important that we make the decision-makers in this issue aware of the strong feeling out there about retaining the full usage of the current facility.'

'During my discussions with the acting chief executive of the SRUC, Janet Swadling, and Mike Wijnberg, managing director of SAC Consulting, it was obvious that there was an agenda and for me that agenda was about centralisation.'

'I was told there are problems recruiting specialist staff to Inverness, but when I asked about current vacancies, I was informed there were not any. In my opinion, the senior staff in the SRUC are clearly unaware of the impact the closure of the Inverness facility would have in the North.'

David Stewart continued: 'The staff at this location also deal with domestic animals, wild animals and wildlife crime.'

'At our meeting the other day, I asked Mrs Swadling what potential closures were likely to take place in the central belt.'

'To be honest both she and Mike Wijnberg were vague in their answers.'

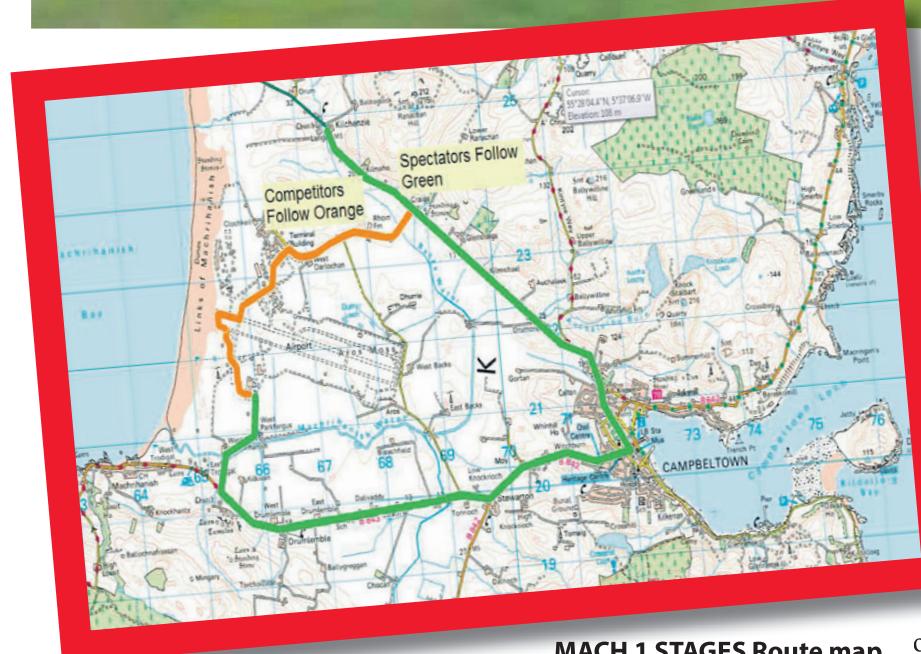
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Flames spew from driver Roy Smith's exhaust.



MACH 1 STAGES Route map

Start your engines, please! The countdown is on to the start of the second MACH 1 Stages rally in Kintyre.

Only in its second year at Machrihanish Airbase, the event has already become one of the most talked about dates in the rally season calendar.

The rally takes place this weekend, July 11 and 12, and this year is being supported by Blackwood Plant Hire.

Tom Blackwood, an avid Ford fan and competitor, commented: 'The organisers have done an incredible job building on the success of the inaugural rally and this year promises to be even bigger and better.'

The rally is organised by Dunfermline Car Club and event co-ordinator and committee member, David Hattrick, says his team is determined to ensure they build on the success

of last year's rally, which saw an astonishing 101

entries and thousands of fans spectating. He said: 'The organising team have been working hard in the background preparing routes, as well as setting up the infrastructure, speaking to suppliers and sponsors and the general public, as well as local business owners.'

'The event is attracting drivers from all parts of the world, with some astonishing cars committing to compete. Already, we have had two enquiries from Belgium from crews who regularly compete in the Ypres Rally.'

This year, created in conjunction with MACC, the operators of Machrihanish Airbase, event programmes will be on offer, which will provide information for spectators – not only on the rally itself, but the range of added attractions for all ages, including trade stands, static vehicle displays, food and drink outlets, bouncy castles, face painting and much more.

Amidst the fun, however, safety is always a top



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Right: Event co-ordinator David Hatrick with three of the crews who took part.
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Below: Mother and son, Lois and George Fell, from Glenbarr were the only Kintyre team on show, finishing in 56th position last year.



priority and for MACH 1 Stages, the organisers are keen to enlist the help of local rally enthusiasts to assist with the set up of the event and to act as marshals.

Dunfermline Car Club, will be promoting a marshals training evening, covering all aspects of marshalling, such as stage set up, basic timekeeping, spectator control and first on scene.

The training session will take place at the Officers' Mess on the Machrihanish Airbase, starting around 6.30pm and finishing about 9.30pm tonight, Friday, July 10. Prospective marshals should contact Keith Cowan on 07879 895527, while event assistants should contact David Hatrick on 07717130612.

For more information on MACH 1, or to keep up with all the latest news, visit dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk or join the growing legion of fans on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/events/183102015219484/>

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Lillian and Sheila Macintyre on the Ian Y Macintyre stall. 25_a28seafood05



Kenisa Brown serving and frying scallops at the same time. 25_a28seafood22



From left: Catriona MacNeill moments after handing princess Jessica Wilkieson their bouquets and a little gift.



Two new Tarbert pussycats are Anchor hotel duty manager, Stacey Casci, 19, being painted by Justine Nawrot (left) and hotel manager, Louise Kelly, 28, being painted by Lori Silvan from Clachan. 25_a28seafood10



Robert Stuart with some Ayrshire confectionery. 25_a28seafood13



Fraser Gibb, 3, from Tarbert digs up a prize from the barrel. 25_a28seafood03



John Arnot and Robert MacPhail promote Tarbert Castle. 25_a28seafood02



From left: Seafood festival princess, Charlie Prentice, 10, queen Lauren Prentice, 20 and princess, Jessica Wilkieson, 10. 25_a28seafood19



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Seafood is pretty

Report and photos by MARK DAVEY
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TORRENTIAL rain failed to wash the smile off Tarbert's Seafood Queen's face.

Lauren Prentice, 20, was crowned last Saturday by 2014 queen, Catriona MacNeill, on the trailer stage, in front of a huge crowd sheltering under brollies.

Lauren was flanked by her cousin, princess Charlie Prentice, 10, and princess Jessica Wilkieson also 10.

After arriving at the quay, the village's royalty were driven to the ceremony in an open-topped car with the registration Seafood Queen.

Just after the crowning ceremony, the three were whisked off to lead the procession around the harbour.

The prize for best dressed in the parade went to Beth Johnston for her brilliant Malificent.

Lauren said: 'I always wanted to be the queen, but never thought I would be chosen. I chose this dress two days after I found out.'

Great day

'I had a great day even though the weather was rubbish.'

In the morning the event looked set to be postponed by organisers, but instead they ploughed on and stall-holders set up.

And despite the heavy rain, the harbour and village were soon buzzing on Saturday.

The afternoon cleared up and nobody went hungry in Tarbert with street food



princess Charlie Prentice, queen Lauren Prentice and gift bag each. 25_a28seafood20

queen in pink

being the order of the day; seafood kebabs, oysters, pan-fried clams, large pans of paella, pints of langoustines, and steamed mussels, not to mention grilled kippers and the hog roast for die-hard meat eaters.

There was plenty of street entertainment and the Absurdist Pipe Band caused much hilarity with their crazy costumes and musical antics.

The Mid Argyll Pipe band showed the Absurdist's what a real pipe band does with a cracking performance of belting tunes. Scurvy the Pirate kept the children entertained with some balloon modelling and rides on his penny farthing.

Covent Garden performance artist, Richard Sullivan, drew the crowds to see his unicycle knife juggling act. In between acts, keeping it all going on the trailer stage was singer, TJ Mac, and compere, Colin Hunter.

Beer on the Pier on Sunday saw local band, Democrats, take to the stage followed by ABBA tribute band, ABBA A Rival, got everyone up dancing.

Local artist, Stuart Herd, drew caricatures in return for a donation to the festival funds.

Sadly missed from the event this year due to ill health was festival stalwart, Margaret Henderson, whose fancy dress and collection bucket always entertained.

Lauren's duties do not end with the seafood festival. Later in the year, she will be responsible for switching on the Christmas lights.



Amanda Rae, 35, and Catherine Todd, 30, of Tarbert Hotel. 25_a28seafood08



Juggler, Richard Sullivan, from Covent Garden, London, kept the crowds entertained in the rain. 25_a28seafood12



Caricaturist, Stuart Herd, was very popular on his stall drawing likenesses of people just for a donation to the festival. He is on the left with Moya and Robin Ingram from Tarbert. 25_a28seafood16



Corner house fryers, Gillian Henderson, and Carolyn McDonald. 25_a28seafood17



Some of the crowds during the parade. 25_a28seafood26



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The company, which has had support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, was set up last year and is centrally placed on the new Argyll Sea Kayak Trail and Scottish Sea Kayak Trail.

Will said: 'The sheer beauty of Argyll is obvious, but there is more to discover and when people go home after one of our trips they will have been shown some overlooked gems.'

'The best way to get about is by sea and kayaks are perfect as they immediately open

up the opportunity to explore tiny lost harbours with old tracks leading to ancient hermit cells, standing stones, monasteries or water mills.

'Wild Argyll is a mix of myself a rural development consultant, Mark Smith, a wildlife cameraman who has worked on some of the BBC's most ambitious programmes, zoologist and artist Jane Smith, painter Caroline Hunter and wildlife photographer Philip Price.

'Together we specialise in bringing people closer to nature using our variety of skills and knowledge.'

'So far, we have had a lot of enthusiasm and the feedback from clients is that they want to come back for even longer and they are spreading the word to friends,' he added.

Based in Knapdale, Wild Argyll offers a range of tours and is hopeful that its new website and social media platforms will attract more customers this summer season.

Will continued: 'The plan for the future is to make sure people know about us and that we offer fun and inspiring trips to get a really good feel for the nature and culture of the Argyll landscape.'

'I want to attract people here who will also use the many other excellent businesses and resources. Tourism is increasingly important to Argyll and we feel there is lots of scope to encourage more people to visit in winter.'

'Business Gateway's free courses in websites and social media have been very useful and allowed us to make www.explorewildargyll.com live'

'Having an adviser has also been of great support; the friendly ear and experience of Donald Melville has been a big advantage especially as we develop and diversify.'

Donald Melville, Business Adviser, Business Gateway said: 'Will knew that a web presence for the company would promote it to a wider



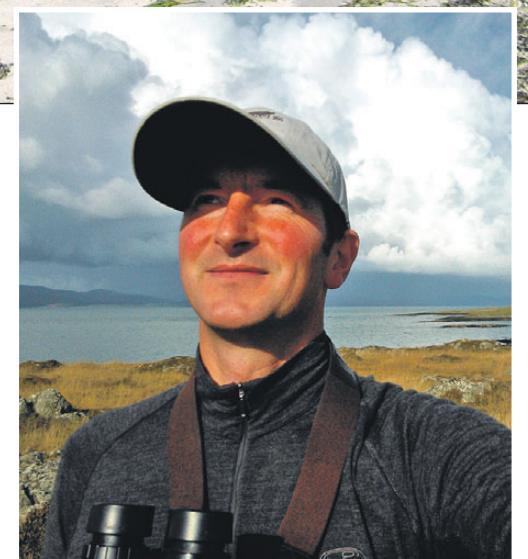
Wild Argyll, a Knapdale company, offers the chance to travel by sea to some remote and beautiful locations.

audience and he attended our website development course as well as two social media workshops.'

'This training has helped Will to get Wild Argyll online properly and attract customers who want to experience our region.'

To find out how Business Gateway can help set up and develop your own business, call 01546 808 363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute

Will Self hopes to show off Argyll's coastal splendour.



Advice from Business Gateway on hiring summer staff

WITH the summer season underway for Argyll businesses, particularly those in the tourism sector, many are taking on temporary workers to help them cope with their busiest time of year.

However, any small business taking on staff, even for a short period over the summer, should be aware of their responsibilities as an employer with regard to staff working hours.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is on hand to help local businesses understand these legal obligations, by providing support from business advisers and a range of practical guides and templates relating to taking on and managing staff.

This includes sample offer letters and contracts of employment.

To request guides, templates or to meet a business adviser, contact the Business Gateway office on 01546 604555.

Anyone taking on staff is advised to check legislation that applies to their specific businesses, but a summary of some of the key working hours information is as follows:

Unless the worker has signed an opt-out agreement, normally workers aged 18 or more cannot be forced to work for more than 48 hours per week on average.

However, by signing a written agreement, most can agree to work longer than the 48-hour limit.

They can cancel this agreement whenever they want as long as they give their employer at least seven days' notice.

Workers are entitled to regular breaks in the working day.

Those aged 18 or more should be offered a minimum 20-minute break for every shift lasting more than six hours.

Break

An employer can decide when staff take their break, but it cannot be at the beginning or end of a shift and breaks needed as a result of any health condition or disability must be allowed.

Staff are entitled to rest periods between working days.

For those aged 18 and above there

should be at least 11 hours' rest between each working day and no more than six days in every seven, or 12 days in every 14, should be worked.

Exceptions can be made for busy periods, emergencies and people working away from home. In these cases, rest periods can be compensated for and taken later.

Young workers aged 16 and 17 cannot normally work more than eight hours per day or 40 hours a week.

There is no opt-out for young workers, so they cannot work longer hours even if they want to.

Younger workers are usually entitled to a 30-minute rest break if they work more than four and a

half hours, and two days off every week. All workers have the same basic employment protection rights regardless of whether they work full or part-time.

Part-time workers must be treated equally to comparable full-time workers, who work for the same employers and do similar work under the same type of employment contract.

A change to a worker's hours amounts to a change in their terms and conditions of employment and, as such, an employer needs them to agree to it.

If you would like more information on taking on staff, just log on to www.bgateway.com/business-guides/employing-people

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES**Councillor John Armour (E.W.1. South Kintyre)**

Councillor Armour will be holding a drop in surgery in Aqualibrium on Monday 13th July 2015 from 6pm - 7pm.
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Scottish social housing sector should develop its own value for money strategy says new report

Social landlords in Scotland should consider future tenants when analysing the value for money of what they do according to a new report.

'How do you know if you are providing value for money?' was launched recently by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland, Wheatley Group and HouseMark Scotland at Housing 2015, CIH's annual conference in Manchester.

A further launch event took place at the Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh.

It aims to get the sector thinking about what value for money (VFM) should look like in Scotland and provide social landlords with practical guidance on how to define, manage and demonstrate it.

The report, which was based on research including a round table session, a sector sounding board, survey and interview work, recommends that: The Scottish social housing sector develops its own VFM strategy, which expands the focus of VFM to include tenants, future tenants and local communities;

The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) should broaden its VFM focus in a similar manner;

Instead of requiring more data to be collected for the Annual Return on the Charter (ARC), the SHR should encourage social landlords to voluntarily collect data to evidence how they are providing VFM.

The report also encourages tenants to be 'demanding

and determined' in securing transparency on value for money and landlords to focus on communicating as well as achieving it. Landlords need to make the relationship between service costs and service levels clear so that tenants can 'follow the money' and understand what is driving the rent and whether value for money is being achieved.

CIH Scotland, Wheatley and HouseMark Scotland said value for money will mean different things for different landlords, adding that organisations should be able to select from and adapt its recommendations.

Annie Mauger, director of CIH's national business units, said: 'Value for money is about doing the right things and doing those things right in the pursuit of social objectives. This is reflected in the expectations set out by the Scottish Housing Regulator, which focus quite rightly on rent affordability and what tenants get for their money.'

'But there is a significant opportunity for social landlords to work with their tenants and other partners to define what value for money means locally in practice – we hope this report will help organisations realise this opportunity. Our research indicates that the sector has not only 'got the value for money message' but is capable of developing its own 'bottom up' approach which means there is no need for a significant increase in the regulatory burden.'

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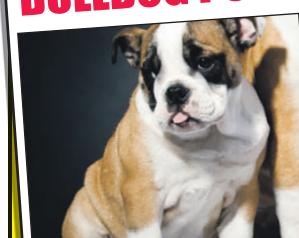


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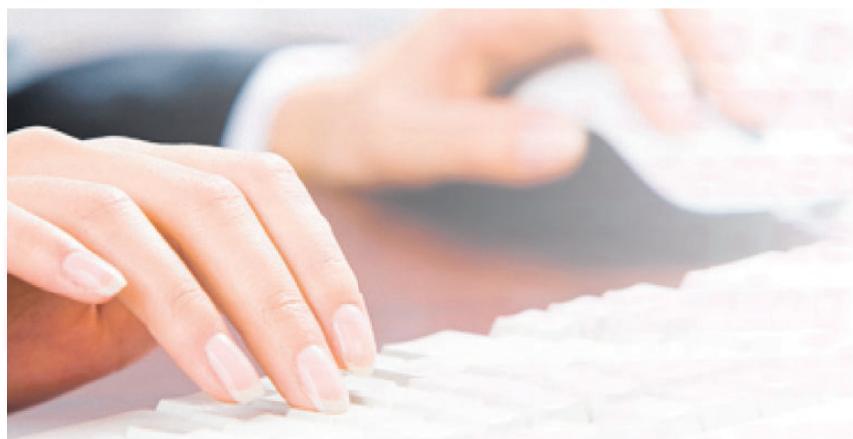
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I don't think many of us would apply the other saying about small being beautiful either to this tiny tormentor.

I often wonder about the purpose of this minute creature in the great scheme of things.

I know the swallows love them, but it would take a lot of swallows to eliminate the swarms that descend upon us to spoil our day.

Many things have been tried to thwart them, from creams and sprays to midge gobbling machines, but all to no avail.

The midge is queen of the west – for we know it is the female that bites.

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They soon learn the midge dance as they jump about flaying their arms in a futile attempt to banish the biting bandits.

We are at their mercy and can either don the midge net or retreat indoors.

However if there is ever a lesson about being too small to make a difference, we should ponder on the power of the midge.

Often we look at the magnitude of the problems that affect our world and we feel totally powerless to help.

We feel so small and the troubles seem so big.

I believe that every kind deed, no matter how small, will make a difference.

And I believe that if we come together we can be even more effective.

Just ask the midges!



An Interloch minibus out for a run.



Dancing at Tayvallich Hall to raise funds for the community pool.

Ceilidh dancers support swimmers

DANCERS stepped out to the Heron Valley Band at Tayvallich Hall to keep funds flowing for the Mid Argyll Community Pool.

North Knapdale Church organised the ceilidh with the band from Strachur on Saturday, June 27.

Dancers young and old raised £250 while they enjoyed a programme designed by Mike Murray of the Scottish Country Dance Association.

He mixed well-known ceilidh dances with some country dancing so

that most learned some new moves.

The supper was provided by members of North Knapdale Church and friends.

A wide range of raffle prizes was donated by supporters of the Mid Argyll Community Pool to ensure almost everyone went home with a prize.

Everyone involved agreed the evening was such an enjoyable and happy time, the church should consider making it an annual event.

STRACHUR

Drive for extra bus services

A VITAL transport service is set to run on two weekdays after a Strachur community group appeal.

Interloch Transport and Dial-a-Bus each currently put on a service to transport residents of Strachur who have difficulty accessing public transport in the area.

The door-to-door service runs on a Monday and supports people to attend doctors and social appointments.

But this was seen to cause problems in the event of bank holidays.

Following a request

from Strachur community council about the duplication of the service, Interloch has offered to run an extra weekday and its preferred day is Friday.

Interloch is now calling on members of the public to share their preferred days and it hopes to come to a final decision with the input of people that will use the service.

To get in touch and share suggestions call community council secretary, Les Earle, on 01369 860516 or contact Christine at Interloch on 01369 840474.

Devoted dispenser retires from medical practice

IT WILL be the end of an era when Strachur medical practice's dispenser takes her retirement this month.

Since 1983, Liz Fraser has handed out medicines in the village and has become a well respected and much loved character within the community. After 32 years with the practice, Liz will on Friday, July 24.

There will be an informal presentation in Strachur Memorial Hall from 1.30pm until 3.30pm, and everyone is invited.

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MULLEN - BELL - David and Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of Amara Isabella, born June 2, 2015. First grandchild for Neil and the late Mary McEachran, and fifth grandchild for Walter and Maureen Bell.

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RUBY WEDDINGS

MACMILLAN - MITCHELL - On July 18, 1955 at the Lochend United Free Church, by the Rev B B Blackwood, Donald MacMillan to Jenny Mitchell. Present address, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on July 5, 2015, David Gibb Anderson (Davie), in his 83rd year, 29 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Lephenstrath Cottage, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Johnston, much loved father of Isobel and Iain, father-in-law of Archie and Angela and a loving grandfather of Eilidh, Christopher, Fiona, Lewis and Callum.

WATTERS - Peacefully, on June 30, 2015 at Saint Margaret's Nursing Home, Grimsby, William Gilchrist (Billy), beloved husband of the late Anne, dear son of the late Katie and Bob Watters, loving dad, grandad, brother and uncle. RIP.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACINTYRE - In loving memory of Archie, a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, who passed away July 10, 2012.

Loved and remembered always.

- Anna and all the family.

MITCHELL - Special memories of James, loving husband of the late Carolyn, and a very dear grandpa and brother, died July 11, 2014.

The love, laughter and music we shared will remain in our hearts forever.

- Lynne, Rhiannon, Catriona and Malkie.

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

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Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 12th July
The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15 am and will be conducted by Rev. Catriona Hood.

Saturday 11th July
Sale of Work in Kirk Street Hall at 2pm.
All are welcome

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Sunday 12th July
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13th, 14th, 15th July
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Glenaray and Inveraray

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Seirbeis Ghàidhlig

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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 12th July
11.15am Worship Service Rev. Finlay Mackenzie

Wednesday 15th July
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Inveraray have to settle for a point in Oban

Shinty news and views

INVERARAY'S first game against Oban Camanachd this season ended in a 1-1 draw. Inveraray are still in danger one place up from bottom and five points adrift of the eighth placed Kingussie.

Oban's Malcolm Clark opened their account in the seventh minute and for more than 50 minutes that is how it stayed.

Euan McMurdo equalised on the hour and after that neither side was able to get the upper hand.

In the Camanachd Cup third round, Aray travel to Glasgow Mid Argyll on Saturday. When the two sides met in May it was a 1-0 win for Aray.

KYLES ATHLETIC were brought back to earth after their Celtic Cup win, going down 3-2 at home to Newtonmore, who move three

points clear at the head of the table.

Scott Chisholm put 'More in the lead on nine minutes, but Thomas Whyte equalised for Kyles four minutes later.

Early in the second half, Whyte scored a second to give Kyles a 2-1 lead for the next 24 minutes.

Two goals in the next three minutes by 'More's Glen MacKintosh and Chris Sellar secured the win.

Kyles entertain Skye in the 3rd round of the Camanachd Cup on Saturday and will be looking for a win against the National side.

INVERARAY second team's 3-2 win at Oban Celtic helped propel them to the top of South Division One despite a 2-1 loss to Taynuilt last Saturday.

Lewis Mongomery scored first for 'Aray but



Aray's Christopher Crawford, Oban's James McMillan, Lewis McNicol and Oban's Keith McMillan. Photo by Stephen Lawson

Taynuilt's Lorne Gillies equalised and Willie Nelson struck the second half winner.

'Aray have 15 points but the two teams be-

low Lochside Rovers and Oban Celtic have two games in hand and 14 and 13 points respectively.

As the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press,

'Aray were due to play Glenorchy and on Saturday face Oban Lorn at home.

KILMORY'S Alex Cunningham scored first with a penalty in their league tie with Strachur on a soggy MacRae Park.

A hat-trick from Duncan Smart and a single from Alastair Mirrlees though were too much for the Lochgilphead team.

In the second half, Kilmory had most of the play and constantly attacked the Strachur goal but were unable

to get past the keeper, striking wide or hitting the post.

Attacker, Johnny Strachan, was in a lot of moves but well marked by Strachur.

Kilmory have a two week break until a local derby with Inveraray on July 18.



Aray's Lewis McNicol and Oban Camanachd's David Lafferty. Photo by Stephen Lawson



Kilmory's Johnny Strachan with Strachur goalie, Ewan MacDonald, and defender, Stewart Nairn. 25_a28kilmory03

Shinty set for Hampden showcase



SHINTY is to be showcased for six months from October in the award-winning Scottish Football museum at Hampden Park, Glasgow. The partnership will celebrate the historic links between the two sports and promote an awareness and understanding of shinty to a new and wider audience.

The exhibition is being organised by the shinty's ruling body, the Camanachd Association, in partnership with the Scottish Football museum. A significant part of the Scottish Football museum has been offered to shinty for the six-month period and a working group has begun deliberating how best to use the opportunity.

The group is being led by

shinty historian and broadcaster Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan, who is already familiar with the steps of the famous stadium, having worked with Alzheimer Scotland on the Shinty Memories project, also based at Hampden Park.

He said: 'The opportunity to hold the exhibition in Hampden arose directly out of our partnership with Alzheimer Scotland and the hugely successful Shinty Memories project.'

'We will be able to mount the exhibition using the Hampden staff's wealth of experience and as a facility for this kind of thing it is unmatched.'

'Some of the exhibition will last for six months and some parts of it will be changed and rotated to allow us to maximise the opportunity and show as much as we can of shinty's past, present and future.'

Many of shinty's great trophies will be on display on a planned rotation, and clubs and associations within the game are to be offered the opportunity to be part of the six-month long event.

Interesting and unusual objects are also being sought for display and club's views will be sought on the content.

Jim Barr, president of the Camanachd Association said: 'The exhibition offers shinty a unique opportunity to celebrate our historic links with football and reach new audiences from across Scotland and beyond.'

The Scottish Football mu-

seum is a five-star visitor attraction and thousands of people will pass through facility during this period, providing us with a unique opportunity to tell shinty's story and win new friends and supporters for the sport.

'The project dovetails with our strategic commitment to reassert participation and profile for the sport in the central belt.'

'It also complements our long-term aspiration for an archive of the game's riches, and we hope to be in a position to take elements of the exhibition around the shinty playing areas in the future.'

The exhibition will be bilingual with a strong Gaelic element throughout, being supported by Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Teams wanted for memorial tournament

AN ANNUAL six-a-side shinty tournament, held in memory of former Lochaber player Joe Toal, is to be held on Sunday, July 19.

Lochaber Camanachd shinty club is seeking entries for the Spean Bridge tournament, which will start at midday.

Tea, coffee and hot snacks will available throughout the day.

In an appeal to clubs across the country, Aeleen Campbell of Lochaber Camanachd said: 'If you haven't already contacted us with regards to entering a team or two, could you please get in touch before Wednesday, July 15.'

LOTTERY RESULTS

THE winning numbers in Kilmory Camanachd shinty club's weekly lottery draw, made on July 6, were: 1, 3, 16. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £300.

Tuesday night's Inveraray shinty club lottery draw produced the winning numbers of 4, 9, 17. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will roll-over to £300.

Tarbert football club's lottery numbers for July 6 were: 1, 3, 13. As there were no winners the jackpot for next week will be £200.



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Murray mania hits Mid Argyll



Rhuairdh Brown, Josh Coats, Stuart Munro and Alistair Lewis 08_A28tennis03

A GROUP of local youths caught the tennis bug on Wednesday as they took to the court at the same time as Wimbledon quarter finalist, Andy Murray.

The last remaining Briton in the singles competitions took on world num-

ber 56, Vasek Pospisil, in the match on Wednesday afternoon.

The Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead boys entertained themselves with a civilised game of doubles, after they were inspired by Andy Murray's exploits.

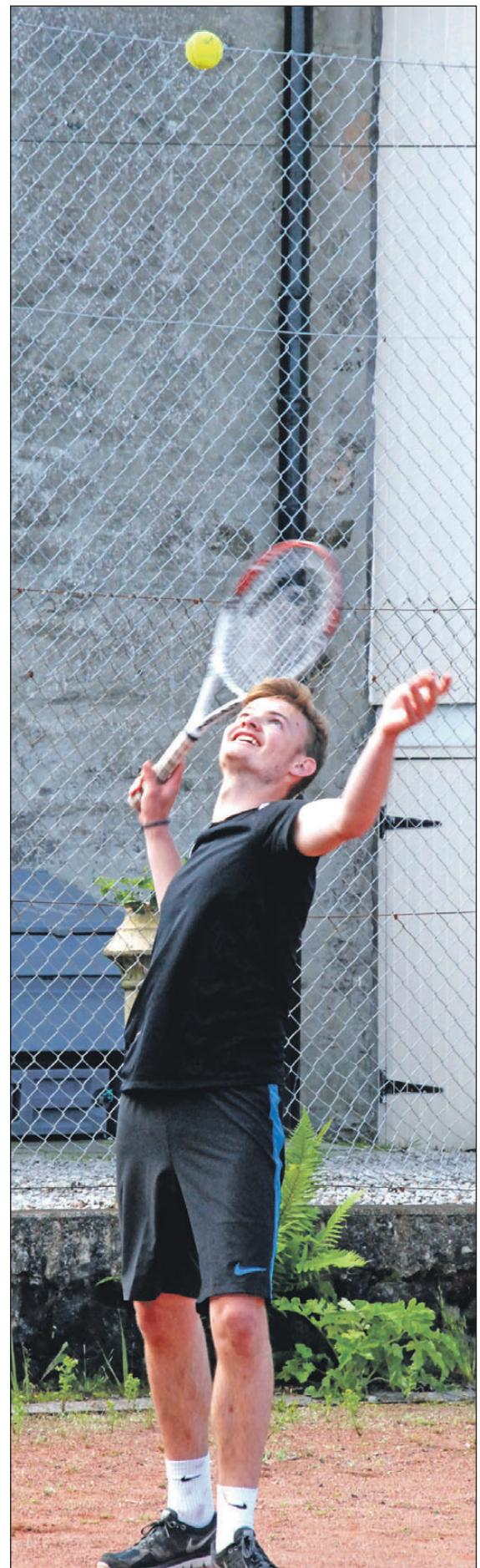
Stuart Munro, from Ardrishaig, is just back from his summer holiday and has missed a week of practice with his friends. Stuart, 16, said: 'If it wasn't on television just now I don't think we'd be playing. We have definitely been

encouraged by the current tennis season. I'm just back from holiday and the boys had their first game last week. Alistair and I are losing just now.'

The sporty youths also play badminton, football and golf but have

recently turned their attention to tennis. The foursome will be playing throughout the summer and will soon organise a re-match.

Let's hope the Dunblane hero brings the trophy home to Scotland and new wife, Kim Sears.



Josh Coats serves to the opposition 17.08_a28-tennis01

Inveraray Golf Club

IN A busy few weeks for members, Inveraray golf club championship saw a tightly fought contest over June 14 and 21.

The title was won by Jimmy Kerr on

161 - narrowly edging George Morrison who scored 163 - to take the 2015 scratch title.

The net competition was won by DJ MacDonald who shot a

net 144, just pipping Rory Campbell on 145 to take the trophy.

The seniors championship was settled on June 28. Duncan Sinclair triumphed in tough conditions

which saw him fight back from trailing after nine holes to overhaul Alan Hendry and take the title.

The July medal was won by Donald Cameron with a 77 - two

shots clear of Donald Aitchison, with Jim McMillan a further two shots behind.

This week (June 12) it is the Hydro Claret pairs competition for all members.

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