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‘Stay away from hogweed’

AS THE spread of giant hogweed continues in Argyll, the authorities have advised the public to steer well clear of the plant.

The warning comes as a 10-year-old girl received severe burns on her hands and face after coming into contact with hogweed while on a trip to Loch Lomond with her family.

The girl is understood to have handled stems while building a den by the loch side. Within 24 hours she was taken to hospital with third degree burns - initially diagnosed, incorrectly, as sunburn.

Giant hogweed along with Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam, are invasive non-native species that have taken particular root along the western shores of Loch Fyne.

The A83 follows the same shoreline, and travellers have become increasingly familiar in the past few years with the sight of the tall hogweed plants towering over native shrubs beside the road.

The weed is particularly prevalent

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Public warned to steer clear of plant

around Minard and on the A83 approaches to Lochgilphead from the Kilmory roundabout to the town.

The company responsible for managing the local trunk road network is BEAR Scotland.

Treatments

A spokesman said this week: ‘We are aware of the presence of giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed on stretches of the A83 near Inveraray, and our teams have already carried out treatments earlier this summer to help remove the invasive species from any grass cutting areas.

‘Our inspectors will check for regrowth later this month and carry out secondary treatments to prevent the weeds from spreading further.

‘These noxious weed locations are held on an annual database, and are part of an annual

strategic programme to control these types of weeds.

‘Contact with any part of these plants, in particular giant hogweed, must be avoided as they can be very toxic.

‘Safety is our top priority and we strongly advise the public to keep away from these areas until our specialist teams have carried out full treatments.’

Introduced to this country in the late 19th century, giant hogweed is native to central Asia.

The plant’s sap contains a toxic chemical which sensitises the skin and leads to severe blistering when exposed to sunlight.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council outlined the local authority’s position.

He said: ‘There is no giant hogweed on council land. If



Giant hogweed growing beside the A83 within sight of Lochgilphead.

it appears we move quickly to eradicate it.

‘We do not treat it on areas of private land, however, our amenity services team is happy to provide people with advice on how to address the problem.

‘Chemical spraying is the best method, although this can only be carried out during the growing season, from March to August, when there is green, leafy material present.

To be effective

spraying must be carried out before the plant flowers and sets seed, otherwise there will be thousands of additional seeds on the ground ready to grow at some point in the future.’

The council spokesman

added: ‘Never use a strimmer or chipper on giant hogweed material as this can cause sap to become airborne, resulting in injury.

‘We would obviously advise people to avoid giant hogweed.’

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Mental health unit delayed - again

A NEW mental health unit for Argyll and Bute Hospital has been hit with fresh delays after the plans were deemed too costly.

This latest hold-up follows FOUR earlier delays in the project.

NHS Highland had already admitted that the 22-bed in-patient unit, designed to replace Argyll and Bute Hospital, would open almost five years later than initially planned.

The most current plans submitted for the new unit failed to meet 'cost' and 'risk' criteria, NHS Highland said earlier this week, and discussions are now taking place over alternatives that are affordable.

Unit

A statement by NHS Highland said: 'Members of the Mental Health Capital Project Board were advised at their meeting on Friday July 3 that Hub North Scotland Ltd [a partnership between public and private sector organisations] has issued what is known as the 'stage 1 submission' to NHS



The original plans for the new unit must now be reviewed.

Highland with regard to the proposed new inpatient mental health unit in Lochgilphead.

John Dreghorn, Interim NHS Locality Manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, said: 'The project board was informed that the stage 1 submission did not meet the criteria

that we requested both in terms of cost and risk. The Mental Health Capital Project Board therefore agreed that we should enter into further discussions with Hub North Scotland to see if an affordable option can be developed.'

Requirements

He added: 'To support

this, the project board agreed to revisit the original clinical requirements. Given the various improvements to services which have taken place in the past few years, it might, for example, reduce the size of the facility required and reduce the costs.

'Alongside this, other emerging options will be explored. For instance, there may be potential for the under-utilised space in the lower ground floor of Mid Argyll Hospital to house the new unit. When the original proposal was submitted, this was not an option available to us.

Intention

'At this stage it is too early to say what the final outcome of the review will be, but what we can reassure the public and staff is that it remains NHS Highland's intention to provide in-patient mental health services in Lochgilphead in a modern purpose-built unit as quickly as possible.'

It is anticipated that this review process will take six months to complete.

Project board member, David Wright, from mental health charity ACUMEN, added: 'In recent years, service users and carers have played an increasingly active role in the

redesign of mental health services in Argyll and Bute.

'The final design of the mental health unit in Lochgilphead, wherever it is located, will receive our continuing input at every stage of planning and construction.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell has voiced disquiet over the latest developments.

'I am concerned that the proposed mental health unit in Lochgilphead will suffer from further delays in the coming weeks,' said Mr Russell.

'I have worked with staff and the community over the past few years to ensure that the new unit meets their needs, and they have already suffered unacceptable delays in the delivery of this vital facility.'

Uncertainty

'This latest announcement by NHS Highland brings much uncertainty for service users and staff in Argyll, putting previous commitments made by the Scottish Government and NHS Highland at risk.

'I will be writing to the Cabinet Secretary for Health to seek assurances that the new Mid Argyll mental health unit will go ahead as promised and that she will assist in getting it back on track.'

From the Police files

Disorderly conduct

ON MONDAY July 6, a 50-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct and police assault in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead. He was detained in custody pending a later court appearance.

Vandalism

BETWEEN midnight on Saturday July 4 and 3pm the following day, damage was caused to an outbuilding in Smiddy Lane, Lochgilphead. If anyone has any information in relation to this case of vandalism, please contact PC Stone at Lochgilphead Police Office.

Assault

AT 1.15AM on Saturday July 11 in Union Street, Lochgilphead, a 23-year-old woman was assaulted by a man aged 41. He was subsequently traced and charged and is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Bogus doorstep crime

ON THURSDAY July 2, Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Trading Standards officers investigated an incident involving a large red van with distinctive writing on the side canvassing for work in the Lochgilphead area. The men involved visited at the home address of an elderly person and took an up-front payment and started maintenance work, without giving notice of cancellation rights or a cooling off period.

These workmen have been reported to the procurator fiscal under the Consumer Contracts Act 2013 and are being investigated for offences under the Consumer Protection for Unfair trading regulations 2008.

Doorstep Crime is an

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

ongoing area of concern for Police Scotland and Trading Standards.

These often involve bogus workmen claiming to be professionals and offering to make repairs or carry out work to the house, garden or driveway. In reality they may charge inflated prices for work that is sub-standard or even unnecessary.

These criminals will undertake cold-calling; knocking on doors unexpectedly, offering guttering work, roofing or paving services or gardening and tree cutting. They may be more likely to target residents who are elderly or vulnerable; live alone or are isolated or who suffer from a disability.

Any tradesperson offering to carry out work at your home must offer a notice of cancellation rights and cooling off period, and no work should be carried out immediately.

They must provide full and clear paperwork on every transaction and no money should be handed over up front.

Sergeant Sarah Mason of Lochgilphead Police Office said: 'Police Scotland and Trading Standards are working together to tackle bogus doorstep crime.

'Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe and tackling those involved in criminality which has a huge impact on residents in our local communities.

'Bogus doorstep crime is a priority for the local force and it is vital the residents in Argyll feel safe and free from criminality.

'I would urge anyone with information relating to bogus doorstep crime and workmen in their area to contact police on 101, the non-emergency number for Police Scotland or Trading Standards on 01546 605519.'

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Help keep patient transport service on the road plea

A COMMUNITY patient transport charity is appealing for support in Tarbert after it was forced to pull the plug on services to the area. Writing in today's Argyllshire Advertiser, Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) asks

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for help from members of the community. Norma Ross, secretary of MATV said: 'We are having difficulties particularly in finding drivers from Tarbert so

have reluctantly had to refuse to transport Tarbert residents in the meantime until we can recruit more drivers from that area.' Norma also issued

an appeal for financial assistance and for someone to help the service apply for funds. In the letter, on page six of this week's edition, Norma writes: 'At present we have enough funds to last until the end of 2015 after which



MATV vice chair and volunteer driver, Margaret MacDougall, with passenger, James Litster, at Mid Argyll Hospital a29matv01

we may be unable to continue the service across Mid Argyll and North Kintyre.'

The transport service was set up in 1994 after ladies from Ardrishaig became aware that

some elderly and disabled members of the community, who had no car of their own, were finding it difficult to access suitable transport to visit friends and to keep appointments.

MATV is still providing a much-needed and much appreciated personal service. Passengers come from all areas of Mid Argyll, and during the year 2013/14 MATV's volunteer drivers - just 15 in number - carried out 650 runs, covering just under 40,000 miles.

Funding sources include Argyll and Bute Council and a number of local groups, but more support is required in order to keep MATV on the road. Morag Robins, treasurer of MATV, reiterated the point: 'At present we've got enough money to last until the end of the year. Beyond that it's in the lap of the Gods.'

To find out more or to offer assistance, email norma@rossy.co.uk or call Norma on 01546 602685.



The Argylls in Bedford

Library hosts exhibition tracing history of Argylls

AN EXHIBITION giving a history of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is currently on display in Lochgilphead library.

The touring exhibition is one of the activities organised by Argyll and Bute Council to commemorate the Great War of 1914-1918.

The main exhibition panels have been prepared by staff at the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders museum

in Stirling and describe the various battalions of the regiment as well as giving a timeline of key events during the war.

Along with this there is fascinating information about the Argylls' training camp at Bedford prior to going to war in 1915, giving an insight into the 'invasion of the Scots' to this quiet market town.

The exhibition will run until the end of July.

Mid Argyll Hospital meets most hygiene requirements

NHS Highland has welcomed the findings of a report on the cleanliness and hygiene at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre (MACHICC).

The report follows an unannounced follow-up inspection at the Lochgilphead hospital by the Healthcare Environment Inspectorate (HEI) on May 12 and 13 this year.

The initial inspection in July 2014 resulted in four requirements and four recommendations being identified involving cleaning procedures, record keeping, communication and overall monitoring of procedures. NHS Highland responded by producing a detailed improvement

action plan. The latest inspection concluded that each of the points raised had been addressed by NHS Highland. The unannounced May inspection, however, resulted in two further requirements and three recommendations.

HEI found that further improvement was needed around cleaning procedures for the birthing pool in Craignish ward; and within the governance structure for approving standard operating procedures. A period of one month was given to NHS Highland to comply with the report's findings.

Commenting on the report, Liz Higgins, Lead Nurse for Argyll and

Bute, said: 'The inspectors recognised the improvement within Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre and acknowledged several areas of good practice and improvement in regards to staff knowledge of infection control precautions and audit.'

'We are disappointed, although fully accept, that during the follow-up visit in May 2015, the inspectors found that within the maternity department there were areas that required further improvements. These primarily related to improving the accuracy and completeness of information contained within cleaning sched-

ules and improving the systems in place for ensuring policies and guidelines are evidence-based and are best practice.'

She added: 'An action plan has been devised to address the issues identified and is currently being implemented.'

'We are confident that the improvements required can be made speedily and some have already been completed. Our staff take patient safety and experience very seriously and have therefore worked extremely hard to ensure that the environment and working practices within the hospital are of the highest standards.'

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Kilfinan forest housing plans approved

KILFINAN Community Forest Company (KCFC) will soon be offering affordable homes in the community forest near Tighnabruaich after Argyll and Bute Council planners approved a housing masterplan.

Two ready-built homes and two self-build plots of around 2,000 square

metres each will be made available, with the hope of offering more in the future.

Like many communities in Argyll, the average household income in the Kilfinan area is low, yet house prices remain high.

Second homes have pushed prices beyond

the reach of many families, leading to a declining population. The housing project will also create training opportunities and jobs locally and could provide a model for communities facing similar issues in Scotland and beyond.

Robert Borruso, KCFC housing project manager,



Affordable housing in prospect in a Cowal community forest

er, said: 'This project is ground-breaking on a number of levels.

'Here is a rural community taking control of

its future and finding its own solutions. We have land, we have timber

and we have people who have the energy and pas-

sion to make it happen; what's more it's a masterclass in sustainability.

'We want to show that with innovative and appropriate design, Scottish timber can be used to build high-quality Scottish homes. It could provide a template for other communities, en-

abling more families to make their homes in rural areas like this.'

KCFC chair, David Blair, added: 'One of the major long-term objectives of KCFC is to show that sustainable living in a woodland setting can be affordable and accessible to all.

'We believe that to have a "living forest" you need to have people living and working in the forest. This creates a sense of ownership and belonging which is vital for the future of the forest.'

KCFC hopes to be in a position to offer the first self-build plots by the end of 2015, and the first houses in 2016.

A selection process has been established that will take into account a number of factors, including the applicants' contribution and commitment to the local community.



Fun in the sun at Blarbuie. a29blarbuie01

Summer fun at Lochgilphead's Blarbuie Woodland

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Blarbuie Woodland held a fun day on Tuesday July 14 amid glorious sunshine.

There was plenty to enjoy for kids of all ages, with face painting, sack races, craft stalls, plant sales and plenty more besides the simple tranquility of the woodland.

The woodland serves the local community along with both of the Lochgilphead hospitals, and is used for relaxation, therapy and training purposes. Supported

by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Blarbuie Woodland also hosts art installations and is part of Artmap Argyll.

Speaking at the fun day, Blarbuie Woodlands co-ordinator, Peter Creech, said: 'The weather's been great, and it's fantastic to see so many kids and adults here.'

'The woodland is here for people to enjoy and to use.'

Find out more about Blarbuie Woodland by visiting www.blarbuie-woodland.org

The Yot Spot - clarification

IN THE July 3 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, a story under the headline 'Owner's new pledge on Yot Spot opening' on page 4 gave the views of locals and visitors on the development.

The article quoted comments by Christine Brown and Janie Murphy suggesting they do not welcome the development.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Murphy state that the comments used in the article were posted by them in full on a Face-

book page. They believe, however, that the quotes used in the article were not in the context of the online conversation in which they were posted.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Murphy wish to point out that they are not necessarily opposed to the development and remain open-minded pending more information becoming available.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* is happy to clarify this point and we apologise for any confusion or upset caused.

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WEDDING



SLOAN - HUNT
David Hunt and Gemma Sloan were married at Skipness Parish Church on the 6th June 2015. A happy day.

Fire service remembers in Tarbert

Villagers of all ages joined representatives of the emergency services at Tarbert Fire Station last Thursday evening (July 9) to take part in a unique WWI

memorial event marking the 30,000th playing of the Last Post under the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. Traditionally, the Last Post buglers are recruit-

ed from the local fire brigade and wear the fire brigade uniform. But as there are no bugle players in the current fire brigade line-up, local schoolteacher, Kevin McKeavney, was on hand to ensure Tarbert was united in paying its respects, with a moment of silence to reflect on the sacrifices of the Great War.

Similar events were held at fire stations across the world as part of 'Ode to Ode' organised by GoneWest, the WWI memorial programme of the Province in West Flanders. The Last Post, reminiscent of the bugle that sounded at the end of each day to announce to allied troops that they could rest, is sounded daily under the Menin Gate by the local fire brigade in Ypres.

Chief Officer, Alasdair Hay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), said: 'The first sounding of the Last Post happened on the July 1,

1928 and, barring four years during the occupation, it has sounded daily since.

'Traditionally, the bugle is sounded by members of the local fire brigade and that is why fire services across the world will be taking part in this particular event in support of the efforts of our colleagues in Belgium who have carried out this tribute so diligently over the years to remember fallen comrades.

'For staff at SFRS it will be an opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifices that were made for us as well as remembering all those who served during the war. I am pleased that SFRS staff will be taking part in this commemorative event at our stations to mark this important occasion.'

Tarbert Watch Manager, Aggie Dennis, said: 'Here at Tarbert Community Fire Station we wanted to open our doors to the public at the



Tarbert fire service personnel flanked by Kevin McKeavney and councillor John McAlpine on the left and PC Richard Barrie, right.



Kevin McKeavney plays the Last Post



Watch manager Aggie Dennis gives his speech

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But the forecast once again is looking ominous, so you may well be reading this in Argyll drizzle...

Inveraray Games is set for next Tuesday, and anyone familiar with this event knows just how significant the weather can be. Last year was a scorcher and the crowds turned out in force, but there have been years when it's been less than scorching and the rain has put more of a dampener on proceedings.

Whatever the weather, the work still needs to be done by organisers, stand holders and everyone else involved. Competitors still turn up and the bands play on.

So don't be put off by a wee bit of rain, for this or any other event happening around Argyll over the summer.

Let's get out and enjoy our own local Highland Games, shows, festivals or whatever is being organised by enthusiasts and volunteers around our region.

A weed to avoid

THEY look fairly innocuous, but there are some foreign plants around that should be avoided.

Giant hogweed can be very nasty, so please heed the advice offered by the authorities in this week's Argyllshire Advertiser, and keep yourself and your family well clear of the plant.

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Admirable fundraising effort

Sir,
I would like to commend the fundraising efforts by Janice and William Beattie, who I read about in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

The strain the Kilmelford couple must have been under is unimaginable, and the resolve they have shown to get through Mrs Beattie's illness is admirable enough.

For the Kilmelford couple to then raise almost £21,000 in three months is absolutely astounding.

I'm sure the equipment purchased by Southern General Hospital, where Mrs Beattie was treated, will go a long way to helping others.

The way the couple have handled their ordeal has been inspirational, and I hope in the coming months Mrs Beattie is given the full all-clear and the couple can go back to normality.

**Michael Murphy,
Lochgilphhead.**

Royal Voluntary Service recognised

Sir,
Royal Voluntary Service is thrilled to have been awarded Investors in Volunteers status following re-assessment in April this year.

It's a reflection of the quality of the work our volunteers and employees provide and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to helping older people in their community stay happy, healthy and independent in their own homes.

We welcome the feedback

that our volunteers and employees gave during the assessment as it will allow us to improve the experience our volunteers have whilst giving us their valuable time and commitment.

To ensure that we continue to better engage with our teams and listen to their ideas going forward, we will be setting up volunteer and employee engagement forums.

Royal Voluntary Service supports thousands of older people each month to stay independent in their own homes for longer with tailor-made solutions.

Through the support of its volunteers, the charity runs services such as good neighbours (companionship), social transport, lunch and social clubs, memories projects and home library services.

Royal Voluntary Service also provides practical support for older people who are in hospital through its on-ward support services, network of retail shops and cafes as well as helping reduce delayed discharges through its Home from Hospital support services.

**Margaret Paterson,
Director of Royal Voluntary Service in Scotland.**

Skipinnish on the up and Tiree bound

Sir,
Reading last week's paper, it would lead me to believe that west coast band Skipinnish only made it to number 54 in the official UK download charts, but it is my understanding that the band actually made it as high as 51.

It was a busy week for the

band, after Angus kept his promise and jumped off the pier as a way to celebrate their success. The band then, to thank their fans, made a video of two of their members performing a cover of Taylor Swift's number one song, Shake it off.

The video, which now has over 50,000 combined views, ends with Skipinnish's lead singer, Robert Robertson, asking Taylor Swift out for dinner if she's ever passing through Glasgow.

However, Taylor is yet to respond, even with the help from Outlander star, Sam Heughan, who re-tweeted the cover to his 170,000 followers.

The band continued that momentum in to this week and on Monday appeared on STV Glasgow's Riverside Show.

That doesn't happen often enough for Celtic bands and it was a great way for them to warm up for Sunday when they will be performing at T'ree music festival.

**Bruce Forfar
Ardrishaig.**

Urgent appeal for volunteer drivers

Sir,
Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers urgently needs drivers in Tarbert.

At present we only have

one driver in Tarbert who, for health reasons, is limited to local runs. We regret that until further notice, we will be unable to accept any requests for journeys from Tarbert to areas outwith the town until we can recruit more drivers.

We also urgently need someone to source and apply for funding. At present we have enough funds to last until the end of 2015 after which we may be unable to continue the service across Mid Argyll and North Kintyre.

**Norma Ross, secretary,
Mid Argyll Transport
Volunteers.**

See story on page 3 for more.

Notification of private fostering

Sir,
Private fostering is an arrangement lasting 28 days or more where someone other than a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other close relative cares for someone else's child.

By law, the local authority must be notified of such arrangements to ensure the child is safe and well. So if you or someone you know is privately fostering a child please notify your local authority.

Caroline Selkirk, Chief Executive, the British Association for Adoption and Fostering, London.

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The workers take a break. Left to right: Clive Brown, Topi Morris, Hannah Tofts, Matt Walsh and Di Steele.

Craignish hall spruced up ahead of birthday

LOCAL people got together last weekend to spruce up Craignish Village Hall.

With the community facility set to mark its tenth anniversary later this year, the hall committee gathered together willing volunteers to carry out some essential maintenance.

A list of tasks was drawn up - including painting, weeding, woodwork restoration and renovating the stage area - with the

Volunteers turn out in force to complete essential repairs

work being carried out between Friday and Sunday.

Volunteers enjoyed an Australian barbecue on Saturday and the whole project was carried out in great spirits.

Hall committee chairman, Matt Walsh, said: 'We've had a fair bit to

do, but when we had the barbecue more than 20 people came to help, so it's been great.'

Craignish Village Hall committee is targeting funding at present for a series of special events to mark the tenth anniversary of this well-used village hall.

Preservation puffer rules the waves

IF DOUGIE was here he would tell you - there's nothing bates a hurl in a puffer - the finest vessel in the coastal trade.

Anyway - enough of the Para Handy theme - last Saturday and Sunday saw visitors to Crinan get a wee trip in the VIC 32 round Crinan Bay.

With owner Nick Walker at the wheel, the sturdy little ship took scores of delighted passengers on their short voyage, a reassuring reek coming from the funnel as she glided with surprising silence across the waves.

Find out more about the VIC 32 story and how to help her preservation by going to www.savethepuffer.co.uk.



Above: Skipper, Nick Walker with chief engineer, Matthew Scurr.

Right: Plying her serene way around the bay.



Organ donation - new choices

AN UPDATED version of the NHS organ donor register has been officially launched, extending the choices a person has about their organ donation wishes.

As well as being able to record a decision to be an organ donor, the new register will now, for the first time, enable people in Scotland to record their choice not to be an organ donor.

And existing registrations from the old NHS organ donor register have been transferred to the new

one. Public Health Minister, Maureen Watt, said: 'The new NHS organ donor register provides a more modern system which extends the choices people can make.'

'While joining the register is important, two thirds of people who donated their organs in the last five years weren't on the NHS organ donor register.'

'Families who are aware of their loved one's organ donation wishes are twice as likely to say 'yes' to donating their organs.'

'If you register without telling the people closest to you, it may come as a surprise to them.'

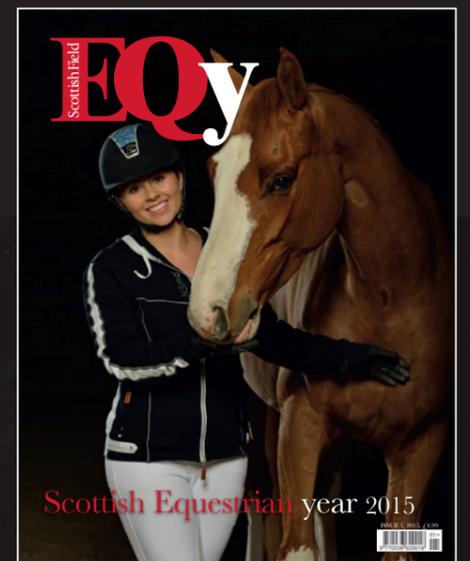
Ms Watt added: 'Knowing organ donation is what you would have wanted could make their decision a lot easier to live with at a time when they are trying to deal with their loss.'

'Therefore the new register provides an ideal opportunity for people across Scotland to make sure their choices are up-to-date and to talk to family and friends about their decision to donate.'

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Argyll Duke of Edinburgh winners are solid gold



A delighted Kerry at the ceremony with TV celebrity and comic, Des Clarke, one of the presenters at the event.

SEVEN young people from across Argyll and Bute have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award this year.

The coveted gold award requires a minimum of 12 months to complete, and includes volunteering, physical skills, expedition, and activities based outwith Argyll and Bute.

The seven who achieved the high standard demanded of the award are: Jamie Sinclair, Kerry Mackay, Emily Scott and Kirsty Campbell (Lorn); Tara Christie (Tarbert); Rosemary Jennings-Maun and Amy Kick (Helensburgh).

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is all about self-development. It is non-competitive and focuses on helping young people improve existing skills or gain new talents, abilities or perspectives and being the best they can be.

The council's policy lead for community and culture, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'The council is ensuring that as many young people as possible benefit from the opportunity to learn new skills, help others and experience adventure. They have been busy getting involved with a whole array of activities and have only been limited by their own imaginations.'

'These young people are the future of our communities and I congratulate them on their determination and diligence in meeting the stringent requirements necessary to achieve the gold standard award.'

'I would also like to thank the parents and the Duke of Edinburgh volunteer leaders for their hard work and continued support of the young people.'

The gold award presentation took place in the gardens of the Palace of Holyrood House.

Kerry Mackay from Oban was the only student to travel to Holyrood Palace to receive her award.

Friday night is party night at Cowal Highland Gathering

FANCY enjoying top class ceilidh music, a cask ale bar, whisky and gin tasting and a hog roast BBQ all in one night and in one place?

If so, the new Gig at the Gathering, sponsored by Argyll Ferries, is the place to be on the evening of Friday August 28.

The gig will be held at Dunoon Stadium's Ceilidh Tent, and will feature world famous ceilidh band, Skipinnish, rocking the crowd with their Festival Set, ably supported by the fantastic up-and-coming Heron Valley from Strachur.

A hog roast barbecue will run throughout the night, with a cask ale bar provided by McEwan's plus whisky and gin tasting provided by Argyll Vintners.

Cowal Highland Gathering chair, Ronnie Cairns, said: 'The new Gig at the Gathering is going to be a fantastic opportunity to meet up with friends for a few drinks, a bite to eat and a brilliant evening of music.'

'We're expecting to welcome lots of people who only see each other once a year - on the last weekend in August in Dunoon - as well as plenty of people from the local area who are looking for a great night out. Tickets will be limited and we're anticipating they'll be snapped up very quickly, so I'd recommend getting yours now to avoid disappointment nearer the time.'

This year's Cowal Highland Gathering runs from Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 August.

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Star chef returns

ONE OF the stars of the recent Tarbert Seafood Festival was chef, Mike Leslie, from the Coachman hotel in Kilsyth.

Mike returned this year to do some cooking demos and tasters on the quay. It all fitted in nicely with the fact that

2015 is Scotland's year of Food and Drink and, as part of the theme, Event Scotland was able to support the festival.

Right: Mike Leslie captivates the audience with his cooking skills.



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Inveraray powers up ahead of Highland games spectacular

ONE OF the most exciting and spectacular Highland Games in the world is all set for next Tuesday - and it is happening right here in Argyll.

Inveraray Highland Games will, for the seventh year running, be staging the World Caber Championship, sponsored by the George Hotel. A highly prestigious event, the championship attracts the highest calibre of athletes from all over the world - Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Germany and beyond - not forgetting our own home-grown talent. It is a true test of skill and physical prowess as the caber at the World Championships is one of the biggest, if not the biggest on the circuit, measuring over 20 feet and weighing in at over 140lbs.

But the attractions don't stop there.

Visitors to this friendly and vibrant event can enjoy Highland dancing, athletics, a full heavy event programme, cycling, Scottish backhold wrestling, high quality local food and all the fun of the fair.

The solo piping competitions are, however,



All set - committee members and organisers are ready to welcome the world. a29invgames04

setting new records. With 110 entries and counting, organisers are fairly sure that this year's Inveraray Games will witness the biggest outdoor piping contest anywhere. Interest in the B Grade piobaireachd is so great that the committee decided to construct an extra performing platform...and find another judge.

The event, run entirely by local volunteers, is progressing in other ways. A mains electricity supply was this year

installed at the open air venue for the first time at the expense of the games itself, with the support of sponsors.

With its beautiful location at the head of Loch Fyne, Inveraray Highland Games is held in the grounds of Inveraray Castle, where they are opened by the Duke of Argyll, chief of the Clan Campbell. These traditional Highland Games offer an exciting and memorable day out for all the family, with a children's activity tent



The excitement of the heavies. a29invgames02

and a display by KG Hawks. Also in attendance will be a contingent from 5 Scots Balaclava Company, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders - the members of which plan to take a full part in the day's athletic events, which will be worth watching.

Inveraray Highland Games is delighted that Loch Fyne Oysters and

Clan Campbell Scotch Whisky continue to support the event as main sponsors.

Inveraray and District Pipe Band will parade through the town at 10.45am with the main events commencing shortly afterwards.

Don't miss Inveraray Games - one of the jewels in the calendar of Argyll and Bute.



The Boudicca lies off Tarbert on Tuesday morning.

Cruise liner visits Loch Fyne

THE FRED Olsen cruise liner, MV Boudicca, stopped off in Tarbert on Tuesday July 14.

The liner, which is 205 metres in length and carries 800 people, is currently on a Highland cruise and, for the first time, Tarbert was on her itinerary.

More than 200 of her passengers spent the day on various tours of the

area, including Benmore Botanic Garden, Inveraray Castle, Kilmartin Glen and Arduaine Gardens.

The 28,388 grt vessel later cruised northwards in glorious evening sunshine, stopping off north of Furnace on Loch Fyne to allow passengers to enjoy their majestic surroundings, before turning back south at 8pm.

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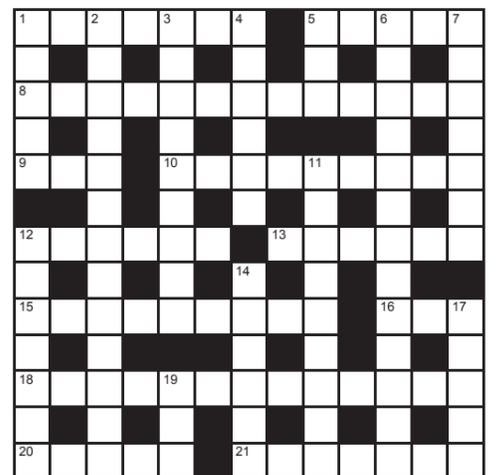
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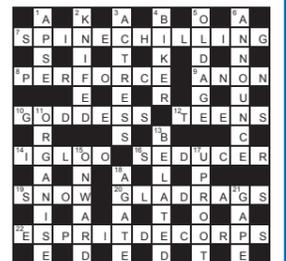
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- 9 Woman of the Abbey (3)
- 10 Surrounded (9)
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- 13 Brought out (6)
- 15 Self indulgence (9)
- 16 Toilet (3)
- 18 Before primary (7,6)
- 20 Appropriate (5)
- 21 Misled (7)

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- 1 Condescend (5)
- 2 Time chart of mastery (8,5)
- 3 Stop (9)
- 4 Soak (6)
- 5 Flower necklace (3)
- 6 Last contact to Mother (9,4)
- 7 Corrected... (7)
- 11 ...correct (3-6)
- 12 News (7)
- 14 Natural (6)
- 17 Lubricated (5)
- 19 Moray perhaps (3)

Last week's solution



Duke's Perfect Picnic with Food from Argyll



THE DUKE of Argyll shook out his picnic blanket last week and invited local charity ACT (Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust) to join him and his son for a picnic in the grounds of Inveraray Castle.

Food from Argyll provided the picnic basket, the Duke provided the grounds and the charity provided the reason – the celebration of the launch of their most recent campaign, entitled The

Enjoying Food from Argyll al fresco are His Grace the Duke of Argyll with Julie Young, her daughter, Hannah, and the Duke's son, Rory.

Perfect Picnic. With the objective of encouraging local people to enjoy the wonderful outdoors of Argyll and the Isles this summer, The Perfect Picnic offers the public the chance to win £100 to spend on enhancing their favourite picnic spots in the area.

'The money is to be spent on making a positive difference to a place people love in Argyll, explained Julie Young, development officer for ACT.

'Whether it's to arrange a litter-pick, repair a bench or to instal a bird table – as it enhances the area, it qualifies to be shortlisted.

'We will be awarding twenty prizes of up to £100 to the people

who give us the best suggestions and we're really looking forward to hearing what people come up with.

His Grace the Duke of Argyll said: 'Picnics are a wonderful way to explore our great outdoors with friends and family.

'My family are all fanatical picnickers and it's an easy way to provide some of the best entertainment for all ages.

'Remember to respect other people's property and take away all that you brought with you.'

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Kilmartin glassware artist, Kirsty Brady, of A Touch of Glass with some of her work.

Colourful craft fair at Kilmartin

KILMARTIN Hotel was the venue for a colourful craft fair last Saturday.

A number of local artists and craftspeople came along to display their wares, and trade at the event was said to be 'steady' during the day.

Visitors to the craft fair could peruse everything from home-made preserves and knitted goods to intricate and beautiful glassware and jewellery.

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Countdown to results day for pupils

PUPILS across Argyll will receive their Higher and National 4 and 5 qualification results on Tuesday August 4.

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has a free helpline offering advice, information and support for young people and their parents, whether their results are not what they had hoped

or better than anticipated.

Now in its 23rd year, the helpline will be open from 8am until 8pm on August 4 and 5 and from 9am until 5pm daily until 12 August.

The number to call is 0808 100 8000.

SDS advisers will be on hand to offer callers unique access to infor-

mation on UCAS course vacancies at college and universities across the UK, confirmation and clearing, advice about modern apprenticeships, employment and training opportunities.

There is also post-results information for pupils and parents on the SDS My World of Work web service. Stu-

dents can also access help, advice and support via the SDS Facebook page which has practical help and links to the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), Young Scot and the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

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National Farmers' Union warns against 'reckless' species introductions

FACED with a number of calls for large scale predators including bears, wolves and lynx to be introduced to the Scottish countryside, the National Farmers' Union of Scotland (NFUS) is looking to Scotland's politicians and the lead agency, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), to show stronger leadership in this area.

The union will meet Scotland's environment minister, Aileen McLeod, in the coming weeks to discuss species management. The Minister is currently deciding on the introduction of beavers to Scotland – something which NFUS Scotland has consistently opposed.

Landscape

NFUS vice president, Andrew McCornick, said: 'The landscape of modern-day Scotland is a rich mosaic. Although agriculture is the biggest single land use, our countryside provides food, forestry, tourism, renewables, field sports and environmental goods.'

'The Scottish public value the contribution that farmers and land managers make and the access that they have to that beautiful, managed environment across the whole of Scotland.'



A trial reintroduction of European beavers to Knapdale was started in 2009 - the results are currently being assessed

'However, recent history has taught us that any species introduction – whether legal or illegal – can have an impact on the many benefits that the Scottish countryside currently delivers.'

'There are now farmers and crofters in some of Scotland's more remote areas losing lambs on a regular basis to sea eagles. With a ministerial decision on beavers pending, there are farmers on Tayside pro-

ducing food on some of Scotland's most productive land but seeing their efforts literally undermined by beaver damage to long-established drainage systems and waterways.'

He continued: 'The route to licensing species introductions, and the stakeholder consultation that would take place around such a plan, is in the hands of Scottish Natural Heritage. As part of the National Species Rein-

roduction Forum, our members can be reassured that NFUS will have a voice in that.'

'While we appreciate that there is an application process and a code around species introduction to be followed, we feel that now is the time for both the Scottish Government and SNH to step out of the shadows on this debate and give a clear steer to farmers, crofters and land managers of where their thoughts lie on the

possibility of species like wolves, bears and lynx being released here.'

'Farmers are justifiably concerned at what the introduction of predators could mean for their livestock, particularly the many thousands of sheep kept on Scotland's hills and uplands.'

'However, new species will also affect Scotland's existing biodiversity and ecosystems. Many farmers and land managers are already working with other Scot-

tish stakeholders on priority Scottish species such as wildcats, capercaillie and red squirrel and protecting and managing existing wildlife habitats.'

He added: 'That message must not be lost in calls to create an imaginary landscape that hasn't properly existed for many centuries. Such moves could be very damaging – economically and ecologically – to Scotland's already flourishing environment.'

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Further action to implement Pack recommendations

The vast majority of Brian Pack's recommendations to reduce red tape in Scottish agriculture have been formally accepted by the Scottish Government.

Confirmed

Rural Affairs Secretary, Richard Lochhead, confirmed the move following the second meeting of the Scottish Government's Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment (RAFE) Delivery Board, which was set up

in the wake of the Pack review.

Also on the agenda at the delivery board meeting was the Scottish Government's Future of Scottish Agriculture discussion document, which Mr Lochhead launched at the Royal Highland Show.

The Rural Affairs secretary said: 'The focus of farmers and crofters should be on producing food for our tables rather than filling in forms.'

Brian's red tape review has exposed the sheer complexity of agriculture regulation and legislation – not just here in Scotland but across the whole of the EU.

Innovative

'My vision – as set out in Future of Scottish Agriculture discussion document – is for a productive, innovative and profitable future for Scottish farming.'

'The Scottish Government and our agencies

– through the RAFE delivery board - are firmly committed to taking further steps to minimise the bureaucratic burden for farmers and crofters.'

'Having considered carefully and in great depth all of Brian's 61 recommendations, I am pleased to confirm that the Scottish Government has now formally accepted the vast majority of them.'

Mr Lochhead added: 'Their implementation

will now be driven forward by the RAFE delivery board. Of course, some recommendations will require action at EU level. Our formal response to the Pack review also sets out what action we are taking regarding the very small number of recommendations we are not taking forward at this time following further consultation with industry representatives and experts.'

Museum tells the story of a brave Argyll policeman

THE medals won by an Argyll cop who patrolled Glasgow's streets have been displayed in the city's Police Museum.

Iain MacTaggart, a former Royal Marine commando and son of a police officer, became one of the best known Argyll policemen in Glasgow in the years following the second world war.

During a tenement

fire in the city's Maryhill, Iain rescued a family and an unconscious fellow officer from the blazing building, while molten lead from the pipes dripped on to him and burned holes in his uniform.

His actions won him the Queen's Commendation for bravery, the Glasgow Corporation Medal, and later the British Empire Medal

for his police service.

Alastair Dinsmor, curator of the Glasgow Police Museum, said: 'Iain was a very well known figure at Pitt Street police headquarters for many years. Everyone remarked on his smart appearance and military bearing.'

That military bearing was a result of three years' service during the Second World War.

All his life, Iain remembered August 15, 1945, when Japan announced its unconditional surrender and the Second World War hostilities ended.

Ken MacTaggart, Iain's son, has set down some of his father's wartime recollections.

The war had started for Iain when, with his parents, Dougie and Phemie, and brother, Duncan, he listened to the ominous radio announcement by prime minister Neville Chamberlain that 'this country is at war with Germany'.

The news was half-expected, but was still a shock to the MacTaggarts and their neighbours in Lochgilphead.

Six years later, on VE Day, Iain was in a Canadian military hospital in Holland. He escaped being seriously wounded until just 10 days before the fighting was all over - yet considered himself lucky that, unlike many of his comrades, he survived his wounds and years of intense military action throughout the war in Malta, North Africa, the landings in Italy, D-Day in France, Netherlands and Germany.

After being called



PC Iain MacTaggart in uniform with his medal ribbons

up in 1942, Iain had been assigned in 1944 as a commando gunner on the D-Day landings in Normandy. His block ship SS Panos was meant to be scuttled alongside others to form a temporary harbour breakwater. When it hit a German mine and sank in the wrong place, Iain found himself ashore at Arromanches amid the chaos of the invasion.

As the German army

retreated, Iain's unit fought its way across Belgium and Holland, trading fire with the enemy across the River Maas.

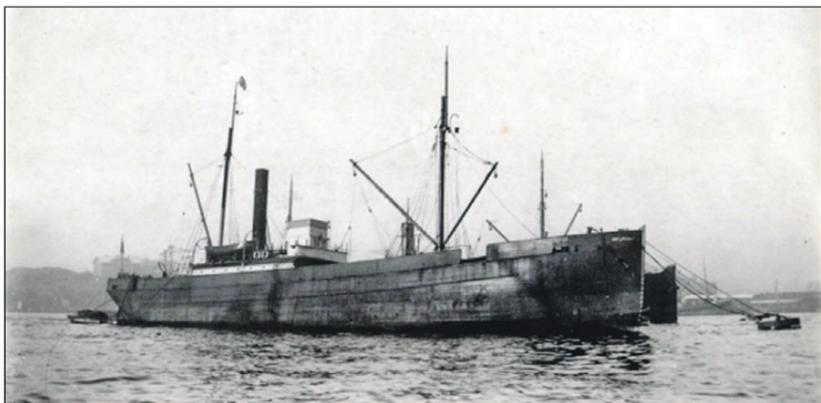
Finally the Royal Marines entered Germany. At the Kusten Canal, not far from Bremen, Iain was struck by a mortar as his unit crossed the canal in daylight. One knuckle was blown away, and he was sprayed with shrapnel.

Dragged back to safety, the medics judged him able to walk to safety, and helped him to his feet.

At that moment a German sniper bullet went in one side of his shoulder and out the other. His arm was later saved by a Canadian military surgeon. For the rest of his life Iain had shrapnel in his hand, which always fascinated his five grandchildren - not to mention causing confusion at airport security metal detectors.

On being demobbed from the army, Iain followed his father, Dougie, originally from Islay, into the police service.

After retirement, Iain and his wife, Pat, moved to Inverness to be closer to their family, but he kept up with many people all over his native Argyll, where he often returned. Iain died aged 85 in 2009, and is buried in Inveraray. Iain MacTaggart's story, and those of other Highland officers, is told at the Police Museum, 30 Bell Street, Glasgow.



The SS Panos which hit a German mine and sank



Arromanches beach in Normandy which was liberated on June 6, 1944

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GEM encourages motorcyclists to put safety first this summer

ROAD SAFETY and breakdown organisation, GEM Motoring Assist, has issued a list of seven simple tips to help motorcyclists put safety first on journeys this summer.

GEM chief executive David Williams MBE commented: "Most motorcyclists show high levels of anticipation and observation; these are vital for staying safe. But we all have to take responsibility for our own actions, and we have a duty to drive or ride within the laws."

Follow GEM's simple 'lifesaver' safety tips and reduce the risk of being involved in a collision:

Check your motorcycle before riding. In particular pay attention to tyre pressures, tread depth, chain (if fitted) tension and lubrication and make sure all controls move freely and - where possible - are adjusted to suit you.

Make sure you are wearing appropriate safety clothing manufac-

ture to a recognised standard. The law only covers the crash helmet, but nowadays both leather and textile garments come with protection for vulnerable areas. Remember, there is no such thing as a cold wet motorcyclist, only a badly prepared one!

Take time to warm up, especially if you are not a regular rider and not 'bike fit'. Ease into the ride and make sure everything is working as it should and the tyres have warmed up before you start increasing your speed and lean angles.

Make use of all your senses when riding. You are not cocooned in a tin box, so you can smell diesel and mown grass, and you can hear approaching sirens. Because you are sitting higher than most cars you can see things well in advance, giving you more time to react.

Motorcycles have a small silhouette, so always try and position

yourself so you can see into the mirrors of the vehicle ahead. If you can see the driver they can (hopefully) see you, but never assume. Trust only your senses and skill.

A motorcycle is very manoeuvrable and nimble so can filter through and past stationary and slow traffic. But do so at an appropriate speed and give yourself time to react and stop if a car suddenly turns. A rider with real skill filters slowly rather than at speed.

Remember your journey only finishes when you turn off the engine and place the machine on its stand. Make sure the ground is safe for the bike and it will not roll off the stand, causing damage or injury. Also, consider machine security to ensure it is still there when you next want to use it.

(Tips compiled by GEM's motorcycle safety advisor, Ian Kerr MBE)



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A belated thank you to every one for all the get well wishes and gifts sent during my recent accident, to all the staff at mid Argyll hospital for the care and support before and after my hip operation, also to George Barker and his associates for getting me to hospitals and finally to Kevin, Shaun and Barbara for helping when I fell.
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Margaret Raeside would like to thank family, colleagues, parents and friends for all the good wishes, cards and gifts she received to mark her recent retiral from Dalintober Pre Five Unit.

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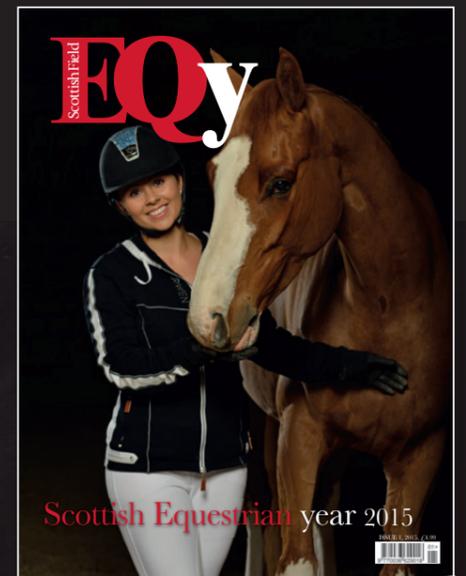
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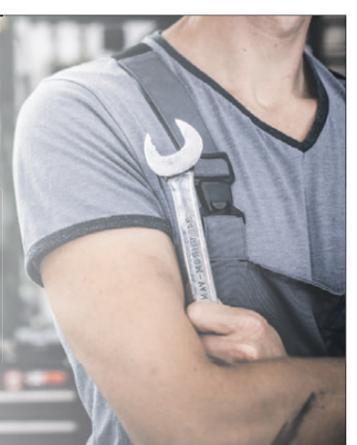
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I HAVE been mesmerised by the amazing technology and ingenuity that brings us photographs from a planet which is almost five billion miles away.

Pluto has been having photographs taken by the probe, New Horizons, which has been journeying from earth for eleven years to reach this dwarf planet.

It takes Pluto 248 years to orbit the sun, so that must make it a very long day on Pluto.

Naturally, the scientists who initiated this adventure are ecstatic about this achievement.

Human beings have always been fascinated by the wonder of the night skies and since our ancestors looked up from their caves, we have tried to make sense of it all.

Now the map of the heavens is extensive and the amount of information available is vast.

Human beings are always pushing the boundaries in the quest for knowledge.

We are inquisitive by nature and science has been a good friend to that inquisitive searching.

Our ancestors believed in a flat earth with Heaven above the blue horizon.

Science has revealed that the earth is not flat, and that Heaven is not as simple as a place of residence above the clouds.

However many of us do believe that Heaven exists because we claim the promise of Jesus that he has prepared a place there for us.

Where that is we do not know, but we journey in faith.

We believe that there are 'new horizons' waiting for us.

We won't need a space probe to get us there, for it will be a different kind of journey.

George Macleod said of his beloved Iona, that 'it is a thin place with just a layer of tissue paper separating the material from the spiritual'.

We are not physical creatures on a spiritual journey, but spiritual creatures on a physical journey, till we find our home with God.

INVERARAY

Pedalling for fun

INVERARAY'S Fyne Pedallers hosted a Dr Bike and Bike-Ability event last Thursday for adults and children.

The session was run by members of Stirling Cycle Hub, cycling Scotland's national cycle network, to celebrate 20 years since its inception.

Everyone's bikes were given a good MOT, wonky gears were fixed, wobbly brakes tightened and advice given on maintenance and ongoing repairs.

The Bike-Ability coaches held an informal coaching session in bike control, use of brakes and road safety.

Janet Riddock, who came along with her two daughters, Pippy



Cycles were given safety checks on the day.

and Tilly, said: 'What a fantastic thing to get all our bikes checked out for free.

'It's little things like

learning how to adjust the brake lever positions so they are easier to pull.'

Sustrans and Argyll and Bute Council road/

cycle safety department provided some free gifts for everyone who attended.

Fyne Pedallers is an informal cycling group meeting every second Wednesday at 7pm at the school over the summer months and also organises weekend outings.

It is a social cycling group suitable for all abilities.

For those who need them, there are bikes and helmets available to borrow.

Group member, Fiona Corner, said: 'We are keen to encourage anyone to cycle with us on the many trails in Mid Argyll but especially those who haven't cycled since childhood and thought their cycling days were over.

For more information contact Fiona on 01499 302160.

OTTER FERRY

You otter get along to the fete

ORGANISERS of a village fête at the Oystercatcher in Otter Ferry have called for donations.

Every year, the village's Friday coffee morning ladies run a fête for a different charity and this year's event on Saturday, August 8 from 12 noon to 5pm is in aid of Dogs for the Disabled.

Previous events have raised funds for Yorkhill Children's Hospital and Calum's Cabin on Bute which provides respite care for families with very sick children.

One of the organisers, Christine Young, said: 'We had never raised funds for an animal charity. Dogs for the Disabled was chosen because it brings together people and animals.'

There will be various stalls, home baking, bric-a-brac, vegetables, flowers, plants and a raffle. One of the raffle prizes will be a luxury hamper including drinks, chocolates and preserves. Anyone with something to donate towards the hamper or some baking - sweet or savoury - should call either 01700 821239 or 821388.



On the new Tarbert 10km course.

TARBERT

TARBERT 10km organisers are chasing runners to complete their entries for this year's race.

There is a new course for the event on Saturday August 15 - a scenic 10km run round the beautiful sights of Tarbert. Two parts of the run are off road, one is round the castle for about 1.5 miles and the other in the An Tairbeart heritage centre grounds for approximately one mile. The 5km is a flat run covering one end of Tarbert harbour down the pier road and back again via a beautiful route with harbour and loch views all the way. Runner Alan Young made a trip to Tarbert recently to measure the 10km course. The turn at Maggie's cottage is much less steep than the previous course due to the change of route round by Cil Andreis.

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MCHARDY - FRYER

At Lorne and Lowland Church, by the Rev Philip Wallace, on July 11, 2015, Francis Stephen McHardy to Frances Joy Fryer. Reception was held in the Ardshiel Hotel.

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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

CUNNINGHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on July 5, 2015, Anthony William Cunningham (Billy), in his 84th year, 54 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Lucy, much loved father of Catriona, father-in-law of David, loving granda of Charmaine, Sean and Warren and a much loved brother and uncle. RIP.

MCGUIRE - Peacefully, at Kintyre Care Home, on July 6, 2015, Betty, in her 88th year, dearly beloved wife and sparring partner of the late Mac, loving and much loved mother of Sue, granda of Greg and Heather and great granda of Gavin, Connor and Keava.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS ADVERTISER

MILLS - Peacefully at his home, Bransdale, Kilduskland Drive, Ardrishaig, on July 8, 2015, Alan George Mills, aged 76 years (formerly of Argyll and Bute Council), beloved husband of Doreen and loving dad of Stephen, Catherine and Teresa, a much respected father-in-law of Gillian, Billy and Iain and adored grandpa of Jack, Freya, Connor, Murrin, Maia and Keira. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. A memorial service will take place at Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, on Monday, July 20 at 11.30am. A retiral collection will be offered for Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie Nurses, Mid Argyll. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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ANDERSON - Margaret and the family of the late Davie Gibb Anderson would like to express their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy, cards, floral tributes, baking and phone calls at this sad time. Thanks to Rev W Crossan for a very comforting service, to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional and dignified services and to Campbeltown and Southern General staff who cared for Davie. A special thank you to all the boys at Campbeltown Fire Station for their kindness and support, and finally, thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised the sum of £1,010, which will be split between all departments of Campbeltown Hospital and the Highland Parish Church.

BLACK - Malcolm, Sheena and Robert would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of their dad. Special thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace and David McEwan for an uplifting funeral service and to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional and compassionate funeral arrangements. Grateful appreciation to Flora and her staff at the Seafiel Hotel for their consideration and care for Dad during the past few years and for excellent catering services. Donations of £445 were gratefully received and will be forwarded to Campbeltown Hospital.

MCMILLAN - The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, flowers and shared memories of the late Anne McMillan. A special thank you to the care team who supported Anne, showing compassion, respect and professionalism at all times. All donations gratefully received will contribute to the ongoing redevelopment of Clachan Village Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

CARTER - Isabel. We who love you sadly miss you As it dawns another year In our lonely hours of thinking Thoughts of you are ever near. - Pat, Berny and Fiona.

GILLIES - Loving memories of my dear sister, our Auntie Nettie, passed away July 17, 2009. A special someone we cannot replace. - Cathie and family xx.

GILLIES - Nettie, quietly today your memory we treasure, Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Love, Christine, Audrey, Carolyn and their families.

GRAHAM - In loving memory of Campbell, beloved son and brother, died July 17, 2005. Close in our heart your memory is kept To love, to cherish and never forget. - Love, Mum, Charles and Anne xx.

GRAHAM - In loving memory of Campbell, a loving husband and father, who died July 17, 2005, aged 52 years. Treasured memories of love and happiness shared together. - Sheena xxx.

Cherished memories that will last forever of our much loved dad, who was just simply the best. - Debbie, Stuart and Malcolm xxx.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of my husband, Ian, a devoted father, father-in-law and seanoir, who was taken from us on July 23, 2002. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. - Cathy and family, Tarbert, Mull and Glasgow.

MCINTYRE - In loving memory of George, a loving husband, dad and grandad, died July 17, 2014. Sadly missed. Remembered every day. - Cathy.

MCINTYRE - We can't believe a year has passed. You were taken too soon, We didn't get a chance to tell you how you were a much loved dad and grandad. Died July 17, 2014. - Elaine, Davy, Christopher and April xxxx.

MCINTYRE - George. Treasured memories of a loving dad, father-in-law and granda, who passed away July 17, 2014. - Love, Charles, Mary, Clare and Amy xx.

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

It's 36 years since you were taken away, Dad, you are loved and remembered every day. - Daughters, Margaret and Sandra and families.

MITCHELL - Special memories of James, loving husband of the late Carolyn, and a very dear dad, 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.

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.

WILSON - In memory of Davie, died July 23, 2007. Sadly missed. - Isobel and Gordon.

WILSON - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampa, Davie, died July 23, 2007. Treasured memories. - Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th July
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev. Jeremy Middleton
Wednesday 22nd July
 12.30pm
 Bible Study and Prayer
 2.00pm - 4.00pm
 Water of Life Café
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August
 11am - 1pm Children's Holiday Club
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 19 July
 11.00 am
 with Sunday School
 Refreshments after the service
 Mainly Music
 10.00 - 11.30 am
 every Thursday (term time only)
 Registration required.
 Visit our Facebook page for more information.
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Services
 Achahoish at 9:45am
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Highland Parish Church
 SCO02493
Sunday 19th July
 The service will be held in the church at 11.15 am and will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay.
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 19th July
 Informal Service in Church Hall 10.00am
 Traditional Service in Church 11.15am
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 Rev P Wallace

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 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
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Saturday 18th July
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 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Sunday Services
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 6.30pm Evening Worship
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 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 19 July 2015
 11.00am
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 Mr Iain McCallum, Busby
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 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 19 July
 Inverlussa Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
Saturday 18 July
 Coffee Morning 10:30 am
 Tayvallich Hall
 Rev. C. Acklam
 All welcome
 Enquiries 01546 606926
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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 4th Sunday of the month
 10am Mattins
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Sunday 19 July 2015
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Thursday 23 July 2015
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 Glassary 11.45 am
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
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 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 19th July 2015
 11.00am
 Speaker Rev. Walter Ritchie
 Open Heaven Meeting
 7pm for 7.30pm
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 Rev. Margaret Anderson
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Draw made for Camanachd Cup semi finals

THE draw for the semi-finals of the 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup was made on Monday at the Scottish Football Museum in Hampden Park stadium by Richard McBrearty, curator of the Scottish Football Museum and Jim Fleetling, SFA director of football development.

The draw is as follows:
Saturday August 8: Inveraray v Fort William/Lovat

Saturday August 15: Newtonmore v Kyles Athletic

Both matches will be televised live by BBC Alba with a 4pm throw-up. Venues will be confirmed shortly.

The Camanachd Cup is shinty's greatest prize and one of Scotland's oldest and most iconic sporting trophies.

The 2015 final will be played at Mossfield Stadium in Oban on Saturday September 19.

Sports club lottery draws

Inveraray Shinty Club
The winning numbers drawn on Monday evening in the Inveraray Shinty Club Lottery were 2,7 and 12. There were no winning tickets this week so next week's jackpot will be £400.

Kilmory Camanachd Club
The numbers drawn in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw were 5, 6 and 20. Since no winners were found, next week's jackpot will be £400.

Tarbert Football Club
Monday's lottery numbers in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 1, 10 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £300.

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SHINTY NEWS AND VIEWS

Both Inveraray and Kyles march into Camanachd Cup semis

INVERARAY beat Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA) 4-1 away at Yoker in the 3rd round of the Camanachd Cup.

Fraser Watt got Aray going in the seventh minute with Garry MacPherson adding a second 10 minutes later.

A penalty goal from Mark Bain brought GMA back in after 38 minutes, but it was to be their only goal.

Lewis MacNicol scored the next just on the hour and Neil Shaw put the fourth nail into GMA.

On Saturday, Inveraray take on Kyles for the third time this season - so far the honours are even.

KYLES ATHLETIC entertained Skye in a

third round Camanachd Cup tie and netted five against the islanders in a six goal score line.

Within the first minute, Roddy MacDonald had scored his first of four. Dunkie Kerr followed his lead to give Kyles a two goal lead.

MacDonald added another two before the break and his fourth in the 68th minute. Will Cowie took a goal back for Skye on 70 minutes.

Next week Kyles will be looking to beat Inveraray in the premiership. The last time the two sides, met Aray won 3-2.

KILMORY had a free week last weekend which was lucky as one of their main players, Alister MacArthur,



Kyles Athletic forward, Grant Irvine (right) on the ball during his side's Camanachd Cup win over Skye. Photo: Paul Paterson a29kyles01no

was up to his elbows in grease during the Mach Rally rain as he tried to

keep his Sunbeam in tip top shape.

Next Saturday, they

take on Inveraray at home in the league and will be hoping to do better than in April.

STRACHUR'S Duncan Smart scored a hat trick against Glenorchy in a 4-1 victory which sees the Cowal side gain some valuable points and lifts them to eighth in the league.

Steven Bulloch netted the fourth with Martin MacKillop giving Glenorchy their consolation goal.

Strachur have a couple of free weeks until they take on Taynuilt at home.

INVERARAY second team played a great match in the quarter finals of the Bullough Cup to beat Oban Lorn

by six goals in an 8-2 scoreline.

Neil Campbell took four, in the fourth, 10th, 51st and 76th minute. Andy Stewart collected a hat-trick, again spread throughout the match in the 14th, 65th and 83rd minute with Campbell Watt joining the feast for a single.

They did not have it all their own way but Sandy Macleod's goal for Lorn saw them going into the break 3-1 down. Daniel MacKinnon scored Lorn's other goal.

Inveraray have a local league derby with Kilmory at MacRae Park on Saturday and will be wanting to better their April score when they beat the Lochgilthead boys 2-1.

Lochgilthead Golf Club - Golf Week 2015

THANKS to the generosity of our sponsors; RA Clements accountants, MacLean Electrical, Mid Argyll Round Table and The Mid Argyll Youth Forum, every player who participated in the Golf Week received a trophy or a medal in appreciation of their efforts.

The weather was very suspect, but the quality of the golf was superb with some very low scoring.

Club Golf Scotland had a flag event last Wednesday which was attended by young golfers from all around the county, who all had a great time.

During the week there were four Stableford events with good participation and the winners were: Mid Argyll Youth Forum Stableford, J Hunter; RA Clements Stableford, G MacDougall; MacLean Electrical Stableford, E Capocci; Mid Argyll Round Table Stableford, J Scott.

Many thanks to the players from all the local clubs who played in our gents open on July 11, especially the players from Tarbert who also had their club championship on the same day.

Winners:
Gents Open, D Whyte
Scratch Trophy, R McGlynn

Senior Open, G McCaffery

Senior Scratch, R Sinclair

Other Winners were:

Ladies Handicap - M Campbell

Ladies Scratch - J Hepburn

Senior Ladies - E Sinclair

Best Newcomer - M Sinclair

Junior Scratch - Scott Cameron

Junior Handicap - Lewis Cameron.

Next week sees the start of the club championship, and a good turnout is expected as the course is in awesome condition.

D Sinclair

Tarbert Golf Club championships

RATHER wet underfoot conditions greeted the members for the first two rounds of Tarbert Golf Club championships played last weekend at Glenralloch.

Greenkeeper, Steven Barclay, had done a great job preparing the course with the greens in superb condition.

First off the tee at 8am was past champion and Cardross member, Gus MacFarlane, who was out in one under par 32 and home in 35 for a gross 67 and the best score of the day. Hot on his heels was country boy, Duncan Johnstone, who had a very consistent round, parring every hole from the 4th to the 15th before birding 16 but unfortunately finishing with two bogeys for a gross 69.

Also starting early was Donnie Sinclair, who was determined to cut his handicap before heading off on holiday - and this he certainly did in some style. Donnie's net 57 reduced his handicap by two, while the second best next score of the day went to Jim-

my MacNab on 61. A delighted Jimmy managed to shoot five under his age and also saw a handicap reduction. Third net on the day went to Archie Black on 65.

The afternoon starters had to put up with some heavy downpours, with defending champion, Bruce MacNab, recovering from a poor outward nine of 37 to rally on the back nine with a one under par 32, joining Duncan Johnstone in a tie for second place.

The heavy overnight rain on Saturday did nothing to improve underfoot conditions and the players also had to contend with some tricky pin positions. First round leader, Gus MacFarlane, recovered from an untidy start by his standards, getting birdies on 7, 8, 14 and 17 for a gross 70. His playing partner, Keith Blair, shooting 71-8 for 63 and the best nett score of the day.

Second best nett went to Archie Black on 66 and Malcolm McIver on 68. Bruce MacNab with

halves of 36+35 for a total of 71 gross moved into second place with Duncan Johnstone a further shot back with a 72.

Duncan also recovered from an indifferent start to the second round, but birdies at the 11th and 13th helped him and he finished on gross 72.

The final two rounds take place this weekend and members are asked to check the club notice board as the last two rounds are seeded.

The seniors champi-

onship also takes place this weekend. So it's finely balanced in both the championship and the nett championship with the presentation taking place at 5pm on Sunday.

Club Championship after 36 holes:

1 Gus MacFarlane, 137; 2 Bruce MacNab, 140; 3 Duncan Johnstone, 141

Nett trophy:

1 G MacFarlane, 127; D Johnstone 127; 3 K Blair, 129

Hearts win D&K Cup

HEARTS first team squad won the D&K Cup tournament in Oban last Saturday, but the SPL side were pushed all the way by Oban Saints who finished in second place behind last season's Championship winners.

Saints defeated a strong Jambos side 2-1 thanks to a double from Dean Smith.

Not only did Saints beat Hearts they also defeated a full strength Hamilton Accies side as well. Jamie Graham got

the goal in a 1-0 win.

They also defeated Alloa Athletic 1-0 thanks to a Donnie Campbell strike.

The Oban boys lost 2-1 to St Johnstone and 1-0 against Dundee United. Donnie Campbell got the goal against St Johnstone.

Oban Saints secretary David Buchanan said: 'It was a great day with a big crowd of spectators. We played really well and to beat two strong SPL sides was a tremendous achievement.'

Plenty junior athletics at Argyll's Highland Games

THE HIGHLAND Games season is under way in Argyll.

Lorne Games was held in Oban at the end of June and Luss in early July. Taynuilt is this Saturday, July 18, and next on the list is Inveraray on Tuesday July 21, followed by Mull just two days later. Finally Oban Games takes place on Thursday August 27.

Several junior track

and field events are being held to encourage more local young athletes to take part. This applies to the Highland Games in Argyll which are affiliated to the Scottish Highland Games Association (SHGA).

Junior events at Lorne, Inveraray, Mull, and Oban are jointly sponsored by Mull Athletic Club, Mid Argyll Athletic Club and Argyll and Bute Local

Athletics Partnership. There will be separate events for both boys and girls between the age of 11 and under 16 in events including 90 metres, 600 metres, high jump, long jump and shot putt with the two track races being on a handicap basis according to age and ability.

An overall junior championship will be awarded based on points accrued over the series of four games and trophies presented to the top boy and girl at Oban Games on the August 27. Prize money will be an added incentive at each of the four games.

As well as the junior,

there is a full programme of senior events (16 years and over) in two categories with local and open events. To compete in the open category, athletes will have to register with the SHGA for the day or for the season.

Junior athletes at Inveraray Games on Tuesday July 21 should enter on the field between 10am and 10.30am with the first event likely to start at 10.30am.

Further information on the junior events at Inveraray, Mull and Oban can be obtained by contacting Bill MacCallum on 01546 602664.

New trophy for ladies mile race at Inveraray

A LADIES mile race will be held at Inveraray Games, open to ladies 16 years and over and with no upper age limit.

The race will be handicapped according to age and ability with starts given to the older and slower runners. All entries are on the day and the race is likely to be in the early afternoon.

A new trophy will be presented to the 2015 winner.



There is plenty to compete for this summer in junior athletics. a29jnrathletics01

X marks the spot for shinty winner Alistair

LOCHGILPHEAD man, Alistair Johnson, struck it lucky last week with the *Oban Times* Spot the Shinty Ball competition.

Using a mixture of shinty skill picked up as a boy in Inveraray and, by his own admission, a little luck, 74-year-old Alistair nailed the position of the shinty ball in the July 2 edition - scooping a massive jackpot of £2,750.

Alistair said: 'It was nice to win. I've tried my luck on and off over the years, but the nearest I've come before now is winning £25 about ten years ago for being nearest to the ball.'

He and wife Liz plan to spend the money on a holiday and treating their family.

'You never think it's going to be you - but someone's got to win it,' Alistair remarked.

He added: 'I didn't try this week's because I thought someone else should get a chance.'



Alistair keeps his eye on the ball. a29winner01

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Lochgilphead rally driver fuming over race fuel pump problems



Ally MacArthur in the pits during a rainstorm. 25_c29machloch01



Car 79, Donald Bowness who finished 3rd in Class 2 and 23rd overall. 25_c29machloch02

FUEL pump problems left a Lochgilphead rally driver fuming at Kintyre's Mach 1 rally.

Alister MacArthur and Chris Robertson raced their Talbot Sunbeam 2000cc fitted with a Vauxhall two litre engine, but failed to finish and left the rally after the ninth stage.

Mid Argyll's Donald Bowness and co-driver, Ian Parker, drove their 1598cc Vauxhall Nova to a great 23rd overall and 3rd in Class Two which was a huge improvement on their seeding.

The pair, part sponsored by Tarbert's C

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MARK DAVEY

and J Shellfish, got huge cheers from a partisan crowd every time they passed although in the rally car, but with the racket of a screaming engine, they probably failed to hear the cheers.

Other Mid Argyll finishers were Jamie Miller and Calum McPheron in another Vauxhall Nova, but this time a 1.4 litre lump, giving them a creditable 2nd in Class One and 41st overall.

Innes Mochrie and Paul Hunter in their

Rover Metro GTI 1400cc were just behind in 42nd overall and 3rd in Class One.

The competition was stiff including some semi-professional drivers such as Formula one driver, David Coulthard's nephew, Murray.

Top of his class and 11th overall, Murray and co-driver John Frew, raced a £30,000 Citroen C2R2Max.

Coulthard, 20, took time out from preparing his car to speak to the Advertiser about his life in motorsport.

He said: 'I love the sheer adrenaline of motor sport, I tried karting when I was 14 but it was nothing like as exciting as the rally stages today.'

Coulthard has a reputation for being very quick and his co-driver John Frew said he has a flamboyant style of driving far removed from his famous uncle.

Away from racing Coulthard works for the family haulage firm firm, Hayton Coulthard, which has 90 trucks and 160 trailers.

Murray said: 'I am doing this for fun in my spare time because I love the sport but there is lots of work in a rally team before you go racing.'

'My uncle has instilled in me one thing: "All winners are finishers".'

Forty-six teams did not finish the Mach rally for both mechanical reasons and simply trying too hard.



Ally MacArthur and Chris Robertson's Sunbeam before the fuel pump failure. 25_c29machloch04

Dab hand Nikki skates to Lewis fishing glory

ARDRISHAIG angler, Nikki Thompson, scooped two championship awards during a three-day sea angling event held recently in Stornoway, Lewis.

Nikki was one of 34 anglers competing in the one-day Highlands and Islands Open Championships fished out of Carloway on the west side of the island where the target was flatfish and rays. This was followed by the two-day Western Isles Open Championships, fished out of the same port, where all species of fish scored. The wet and windy weather threat-

ened to halt the event on the final two days with gales forecast, however the three boats taking part sought shelter among inshore waters allowing the competition to proceed.

There was no shortage of species to be had with thornback rays, spotted rays, dabs, ling, cod, grey gurnard, red gurnard, spurs, dogs, had-dock, wrasse, megrim, whiting and a common skate being caught.

At the end of the three days Nikki emerged ladies winner of both the Highlands and Islands and Western Isles Open Championships.



Trophy winners from the Highlands and Islands and Western Isles Open Championships, with Nikki fourth from left.

GOLF

Inveraray golfers vie for Hydro Claret Jug

THIS week, prior to the professionals battling it out for the famous claret jug, the members of Inveraray Golf Club vied for their own version on July 12.

The Hydro Claret Jug is a pairs greensomes event and provides an entertaining and tricky competition for the players.

This year the pairing of Neil Armour and DJ MacDonald clinched the trophy with an excellent 71.

They finished two shots clear of two other pairings – Iain MacDonald and Kenny McDougall and George Morrison and Donald MacNeill – both pairings scoring 73.

This weekend it is the Inveraray Golf Club Gents Open tomorrow, Saturday.

BOWLING

Invitation triples at Ardrishaig

Ardrishaig Bowling Club held its annual Invitation Triples on Sunday July 12, kindly sponsored by the Grey Gull Inn.

Despite the weather, a good day's bowling was had. The winners, after an extra end, were: G Bruce, D Philand and D Crawford (Lochgilphead).

The runners-up were: J Lang, S Cupples and J Martin.

An Invitation Pairs will be held on Saturday August 1.

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