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# A83 CLOSED - AGAIN



## 'It was very predictable' - Argyll and Bute councillor Donald Kelly

URGENT calls have been made on the Scottish Government to prioritise plans for a relief road at the Rest and Be Thankful following a 'predictable' fourth landslide on the trunk route this year.

The A83 remained closed as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press on Thursday morning after heavy rainfall dislodged up to 1,000 tonnes of debris from the hillside.

The road was closed following an initial landslide on Wednes-

day afternoon. Subsequently, the planned overnight closure on the A82 for roadworks at Pulpit Rock on Wednesday were cancelled.

Argyll's elected representatives have issued urgent pleas to the Scottish Government to push on with work on a diversion road, which was due to begin this month.

Alan Reid, Argyll and Bute MP, said: 'At the meeting hosted by Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce in Kilmory on March 2, Transport Scotland promised me

that the emergency diversion road would be in place before the landslide season started in August.

'Right on cue a landslide has happened at the start of August, but work has still not even started on the emergency relief road.'

Donald Kelly from the Argyll First group of councillors behind the Sign Up for the A83 campaign and petition said the situation was inevitable.

'It was very predictable,' he said. 'If we clear the rubble today and there's more heavy rain to-

morrow we're back in exactly the same situation.

'My main concern is with we rely heavily on the hauliers that take everything in and out of Argyll and Bute and some of these are operating on very tight profit margins.

'The due process on the petition is very slow and the Scottish Government response on this has been slow. Every time there's a slip they say they're on the case.'

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP, said: 'The repeated closure

of the road is causing worry, upset and expense to business and local residents.

'I continue to press this issue within government as a matter of the utmost urgency. A short-term solution needs to be found immediately. The status quo is unacceptable.'

Transport Scotland said geotechnical experts will continue to assess the instability of the hillside above the road and the closure would remain in place until the assessment is completed.

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## Argyll and Bute Council clarifies 'spygate' investigation bill

JOHN Clayton, the man hired by Argyll and Bute Council to investigate claims of press office 'spying', was paid nearly £30,000 for 14 days of work.

Figures obtained under freedom of information show the former Audit Scotland chief earned £29,121.88 over the course of his investigation, which was completed mid-May.

It is understood he billed for 14 days of work, taking his daily fee to more than £2,080.

With communications manager, Jo Smith, suspended on full pay for six months, the minimum cost of the investigation is £50,000. The total cost of investigation, however, will have to take account of the

fallout that saw press officers Janet West and Dinah MacKay resigning and short-term replacements brought in.

Meanwhile, *The Advertiser* has obtained information indicating Mr Clayton's report clears the press officer of spying.

### Hearing

It is understood Ms Smith will attend a disciplinary hearing at Kilmory next month, facing a lesser charge of bringing the council into disrepute for using the word 'spy' in a presentation.

Councillors are now calling for an internal investigation into how Mr Clayton came to sign a contract with the authority worth tens of thousands of pounds.



Tarbert-based councillor John McAlpine joined his son Sam, middle, for a spin of the Yankee Flyer alongside Sam Templeton. 06\_a31fair01

# Fairground rent price row rocks Tarbert

HARBOUR authorities in Tarbert have rejected claims that they are pricing fairground attractions out of the market.

Tarbert Harbour Board has told the *Advertiser* it is fully supportive of the fair following speculation it was charging owners of fairground rides too much to rent space along the fish quay.

The announcement comes as the number of fairground rides at Tarbert Fair continues to dwindle along with the number of visitors.

Fairground operators told the *Advertiser* last week that increasing fuel costs and the rental charges at Tarbert Harbour meant they were no-longer able to bring the same number of rides to the fair as they did 10 years ago.

But Alan McDonald, chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board, said rental for the fair was greatly reduced in recent years after discussions with

fairground owners. He said: 'The harbour board is supportive of all festival events in Tarbert and would be delighted if the fair were to return to being the event it once was.'

'We have to accept however, that with modern transport and alternative entertainment the fair is unlikely to return to being the annual homecoming it once was.'

'Anyone with ideas of how to turn the event around would, I am sure, receive the full support of the board.'

Douglas Codona, whose family has been operating rides at Tarbert Fair for generations, is hopeful of a better future.

'I'm still very optimistic,' he said. 'There will still be lots of boys and girls coming to the fair to have fun but we could try and have more variety of rides and get bigger rides for families to enjoy.'

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## Assurance given on A83 alternative route

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, has sought assurances that a diversion route for the A83, when landslides close the Rest and Be Thankful, will be suitable for heavy goods vehicles.

Speaking after a meeting with Scotland Transerv last week, Mr Reid said the roads authority said it was possible to construct the diversion route to take lorries and buses. The assurance comes after Transport Scotland last week told the *Advertiser* it had not yet found a solution to

let large vehicles travel along the steep inclines of the Old Military Road – the confirmed A83 diversion route.

Mr Reid said: 'It is vitally important for the local economy that lorries and buses can use the emergency diversion road and I am pleased that Transerv confirmed that it is possible to construct the emergency road to take lorries and buses.'

Scotland Transerv manages the trunk road network in Argyll and Bute on behalf of the Scottish Government.

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## Play, Talk, Read roadshow event to visit Lochgilphead

A CAMPAIGN aimed at encouraging parents and carers to play, talk and read more with their babies and young children is coming to Lochgilphead.

A road show event, The PlayTalkRead campaign will have Bookbug stories, song and rhyme sessions, as well as fun and free play as it aims to drive home the im-

portance of positive interaction with children.

The aim of the project is to offer practical support and ideas on how to create the best foundations for children's development.

The PlayTalkRead bus will be in Argyll Street in Lochgilphead on August 23, open between 9am and 12.30pm and 1.30pm and 5pm.



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Swimmers join Infinis' Jamie Grant, pool manager Stuart Owen and Sue Hillman, chair of the pool board, in celebrating the new partnership between Infinis and MAC Pool. 06\_a31pool01

## Pool powers ahead with windfarm cash

PLANS to make Mid Argyll Community (MAC) Pool more cost efficient received a boost this week.

The pool received £1,134 from windfarm company Infinis to help pay for an energy audit that could potentially save the pool thousands of pounds a year.

The energy audit, part funded by Argyll and Bute Council, will help identify areas for cost savings and energy efficiency improvements.

Receiving the cheque on Monday, Stuart Owen MAC Pool manager said: 'Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd is committed to

providing the local area with modern swimming facilities and by undertaking this vital energy audit we can identify areas for cost reductions – helping us to continue to provide fun for all the families in the area.'

Jamie Grant, project developer at Infinis, commented: 'It is inspiring to see such dedication to delivering sustainable community facilities, with the heat for the swimming pool coming from a biomass boiler.'

'We are delighted to be able to support this venture and look forward to working closely with MAC Pool.'

# Refurbishment and new chef on oyster bar menu

THE RENOWNED Loch Fyne Oyster Bar is to undergo a major refurbishment as the business takes on one of the finest chefs in Scotland.

The oyster bar, which sits at the head of Loch Fyne, is to be extended this autumn when top seafood chef Rory Brett will join the Cairndow business as culinary director.

Currently seating 130 diners, the extension to the restaurant is not to boost capacity but

to make the diner's experience more enjoyable.

The extension is due to be complete by winter when Mr Brett will join head chef Martin Furlong in reviewing the menu.

### Important

Mr Brett's appointment is seen as an important step in the growth and development of the Loch Fyne business, which was sold to Scottish Seafood Investments (SSI) in February.

A former Scottish chef of the year, Rory Brett made his name working alongside Rick Stein and opened his own restaurant Ondine in Edinburgh three years ago.

Mr Brett said he was looking forward to working with the Loch Fyne team to make the oyster bar a great destination for seafood lovers.

'It is an honour to be given the job of evolving and developing one

of the great names in Scottish seafood,' Mr Brett said. 'Scotland has a worldwide reputation for getting the best out of the sea and I want to build on Loch Fyne's reputation as a shining example of brilliant produce and amazing eating.'

Loch Fyne Managing Director Bruce Davidson said: 'We are delighted to welcome Roy as part of the Loch Fyne team. His extensive experience, passion for

seafood and success in establishing Ondine as one of Scotland's best restaurants make the partnership between Loch Fyne and Ondine very exciting.'

### Vision

The extension to Loch Fyne Oyster Bar is the first phase of a long-term vision to expand activities at the Cairndow site, which involves building a boutique hotel and increasing oyster production in Loch Fyne waters.

## POLICE FILES

THIEVES who stole furniture from a shed to make a campfire are being sought.

The thieves apparently broke into the shed near Lunga Pier on Monday night and then threw the furniture on a campfire.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the theft, which occurred at about 11.30pm, to come forward.

A CAR was seized by police this week after they discovered the driver did not have a valid driving licence.

The man, 37, from England, was stopped by police in Inveraray after they saw he was not wearing a seatbelt at 11am last Monday morning.

A report is to be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a marquee was vandalised in Tarbert.

The marquee, on Tarbert Marina, was damaged between 6pm on Sunday, July 22 and 9am the following morning. Anyone with

information about the incident is being urged to contact Lochgilhead Police on 01546 702200.

FISHING equipment has been stolen from a boat docked at Minard Castle Bay.

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# Euro performance boosts pipe bands

THE ROYAL Burgh's two pipe bands will be travelling to the World Championships with confidence this week after impressive performances at the European Championships. At the competition in Belfast last Saturday Inveraray and District Pipe Band's juvenile band came second, while the senior band finished fourth in grade one.

District tied on points with Scottish Power in grade one, the Royal Burgh won fourth place by virtue of ensemble preference. Jim McMillan, secretary of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, said: 'We are happy with our performances and we feel we are getting stronger with every competition. 'Since our results on Saturday at the euros we have become

more confident for the world championships. 'The bands gave two excellent performances. The juvenile band - which have been in the same grade for years - have improved after securing second place.

**Top three**  
'As for the senior band, we have finished in the top three in our last two competitions.' Inveraray led an Argyll

assault at the championships with all pipe bands returning home with promising results. Oban High School's novice juvenile band came fourth in its category while its juvenile band finished fourth. Oban Pipe Band came 13th in grade two, whilst Isle of Islay Pipe Band came second in grade 3A. Kintyre Schools Pipe Band came fifth in the juvenile grade.

All bands will now travel to Glasgow next weekend to compete in the World Championships alongside Mid Argyll Pipe Band, which missed the European contest. The Mid Argyll and Inveraray Pipe bands will join bands from across Argyll in performing at Glasgow's George Square as part of the Piping Live Festival, which begins on Monday.

## Police files

POLICE are making enquiries into reports that a car was travelling at excessive speed, causing other drivers to take evasive action to avoid a collision. The incident allegedly occurred on the B841 Crinan to Cairnbaan road at about 7pm on Monday.

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TWO TEENAGERS have been charged for alleged careless driving and issued warnings about anti-social behaviour in separate incidents at the weekend.

One 19-year-old was charged with the driving offence after allegedly revving the engine of a car excessively causing the wheels to spin in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead in the early hours of Saturday morning. Later that day an 18-year-old was allegedly seen driving at excessive speed in the vicinity of pedestrians attending Tarbert Fair. Both men have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Brave tourism advice on offer

TOURISM chiefs will be in Mid Argyll this week to help businesses make the most of tourism opportunities associated with Disney Pixar movie *Brave*.

Regional director of VisitScotland David Adams-McGilp will be in Lochgilphead to explain how the organisation plans to turn cinemagoers into visitors. Launching a screening of *Brave* in Argyll's Screen Machine on Wednesday, VisitScotland will offer advice on how to break into the lucrative family tourist market.



Tree surgeons cut down the large tree in Highbank Park last Thursday. 06\_a31tree02

## Tree cleared from new footbridge site

PREPARATIONS to replace the footbridge between Highbank Park and Lochgilphead town centre got underway this week as a 60ft tree was removed from the site.

The large sycamore tree, which showed signs of rot, was removed as it posed a risk to the new bridge, preventing bridge lighting from working effectively. Its roots were also destroying the adjacent

footpath. Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), which became responsible for the footbridge, when the housing stock was transferred in 2006, is to replace the deteriorating bridge with a wooden structure.

It is anticipated work to replace the footbridge and upgrade the linking paths will start in the next 10 to 12 weeks, with the footpath re-

maining closed whilst the work is carried out.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's Chief Executive, said: 'Funding for improving and replacing a number of bridges which were previously on the council's housing revenue account was agreed with the Scottish Government back in 2006 and has been delivered through a programme of works between then and 2017.'

## Band all set for Glasgow Green

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band gained a creditable fifth place at the European Championships on Saturday.

The Meridian Salmon Group-sponsored pipe band was placed in Juvenile Grade, which saw 120 pipe bands turning in some scintillating performances.

'Unfortunately we slipped back a bit today from our third place at the British Championships last month,' said pipe major Ian McKerral.

'But I'm not unhappy. We got a good sound though there was just a bit of roughness in the performance, in both piping and drum-

ming departments. Still, we know what we need to do, and we'll contin-



Piper Jane Millar with the Amsterdam Shield, awarded for fifth place.

ue to work hard ahead of the World Champion-

ships in Glasgow on August 11.'

Piper Jane Millar explained this is the band's first season in the Juvenile grade.

'It's a lot more challenging,' she said. 'But we're determined to do well at the Worlds. As well as the top Scottish bands, there will be visiting pipe bands from America and Australia up against us.'

**Performing**  
On Friday August 10, Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band will be performing a set in Glasgow's George Square as part of the Piping Live Festival.

The band is scheduled to perform live for 50



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band performs at Stormont Castle Grounds at European Pipe Band Championships on Saturday.

minutes from 2.30pm to 3.20pm.

Supporters are advised to get to Glasgow Green early on Saturday August 11 as Kintyre Schools Pipe Band has been drawn to play first at 9am.

'The draw could have been a bit kinder,' said Jane. 'We'd encourage everyone to get there early and give us a good cheer.'

Before the Juvenile Band's appearance at the Worlds, the band will be out and about in Campbeltown.

They will be performing at the Kintyre Agricultural Society Show on Friday August 3 between 2pm and 3pm.

The band will then appear, weather permitting, in Main Street at 7.30pm on Saturday August 4.



Pipe Major Ian McKerral.

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 Scottish Natural Heritage is calling on walkers to log on to the Heading for the Scottish Hills website, [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/hftsh](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/hftsh), as the deer-stalking season, July to October, gets into full swing.

**Baby Friendly Award**

HIGH quality support offered to mothers and babies by Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) has been commended by an international charity.  
 The partnership has been awarded the Baby Friendly Award by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).  
 The award recognises the work of health professionals in supporting mothers to breastfeed successfully.



**Bell ringers from across the UK took part in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual bell ringing festival at Inveraray Bell Tower.**

**Forty years of the Inveraray Bell Ringing Festival**

MORE THAN 40 people descended on the Royal Burgh at the weekend to celebrate four decades of the renowned Inveraray Bell Ringing Festival.  
 The festival, which attracts bell ringers from across the UK, saw a host of ringers take part in five sessions of bell ringing from Friday to Sunday.  
 The festival began on Friday evening and saw

members of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers give a special performance of *Five Rings Triples* to mark to the start of the 2012 Olympics.  
 The music was specially composed for change ringing bells by Howard Skempton as part of the New Music 20x12 project.  
 The festival, which entertained a host of intrigued tourists from

across the globe, finished with a special service at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday.  
 The service, held by Argyll and the Isles Bishop Kevin Pearson, celebrated the four decades of the festival and the many bell ringers from around the world who have taken part in the annual event.  
 The bells rang for last time after the Sunday service at 3.30pm.

**Gaping hole to stay a bit longer**

A PENSIONER who has lived with a gaping hole in his kitchen ceiling for eight months will have to wait longer for it to be repaired.  
 John Scott, who lives at the Torran Mhor building in Ford, was told by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) he will have to wait until roof repairs to his house are carried out before work can begin on the ceiling.  
 The ceiling collapsed on New Year's Day following heavy rain, and Mr Scott accused ACHA of letting his house go to 'rack and ruin.'  
 He said: 'It's just gone beyond a joke now and I have just got fed up with it.'  
 'I just want ACHA to get all this repaired and sorted out. I love living here but it takes the edge off when you have this sort of thing going on.'  
 Mr Scott attended ACHA's AGM last month and was told they were waiting on quotes and were set to start work soon. But Mr Scott says they have not been in touch since.  
 Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said that the association were planning to carry out improvements to the flat felt roof at Torran Mhor in a bid to alleviate leakages in the building.  
 He said: 'The association left a gap in the kitchen ceiling to allow further

checks for leaks to be made – this was not in any way an attempt by the association not to carry out a repair to the kitchen ceiling.  
 'I understand from my colleagues that we have discussed this with Mr Scott and he has agreed that it is sensible to leave the kitchen ceiling repair until we have completed the comprehensive roof improvement.  
 'We have received contractors' prices back for this work and we hope to start on-site shortly.'



**Pensioner John Scott with the gaping hole in his ceiling**

**PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS**

**On a proposal for Blary Hill Wind Farm**

RES is pleased to introduce plans for two wind farms on the Kintyre Peninsula - Blary Hill Wind Farm, near Glenbarr and Freasdail Wind Farm, near Whitehouse.

We will be holding exhibitions, to present our current proposals for Blary Hill Wind Farm at the following times:

**Thursday 23rd August, 2pm - 8pm: Glenbarr Village Hall**  
**Saturday 25th August, 10am - 3pm: Victoria Hall, Campbeltown**

This will be an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and find out more about the proposed project. Information about the range of environmental studies we are undertaking, including computer images illustrating how the project will appear in the landscape, will be on display.

The exhibitions are open to everyone and we look forward to meeting you.

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**Friday 24th August, 2pm - 8pm: Whitehouse Village Hall**  
**Saturday 25th August, 10am - 3pm: Victoria Hall, Campbeltown**

This will be an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and find out more about the proposed project. Information about the range of environmental studies we are undertaking, including computer images illustrating how the project will appear in the landscape, will be on display.

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In accordance with Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Scotland Regulations 2008, Pre-Application Consultation 7(2). Any persons wishing to submit comments can do so either in writing or by e-mail to: RES, Third Floor STV, Glasgow, G51 1PQ, [rachel.anderson@res-ltd.com](mailto:rachel.anderson@res-ltd.com), 0141 404 5531. The closing date for the submission of comments is by 14th September 2012. Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the planning authority (Argyll and Bute Council); there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the planning authority should a planning application be made.



## Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser  
Friday 4 August, 1975

### World's biggest massed band

MID ARGYLL Pipe Band looks set to hit the high note this month when it joins forces with other musicians to form 'the biggest Pipe Band the world has ever seen.'

More than 130 bands from all over the world have registered to take part in the historic BT Massed Pipes and Drums of the World event which will feature thousands of pipers and drummers marching down Princes Street.

In fact, the band will be so large that as the first pipers reach the end of Princes Street the rear ranks will only just have entered it.

The parade will consist of individual pipers and bands all playing together to raise funds for the Marie Curie Nursing Service and the two Scottish Marie Curie Hospices.

The event takes place in Edinburgh on Sunday August 20.

### Para Handy found high and dry

OLD SEADOG Para Handy, who was kidnapped from Inveraray recently, has been found on the Cowal peninsula.

The life-sized model was ripped from his bench on board the Arctic Penguin a few weeks ago for the second time in two years.

Police divers from Glasgow had searched Loch Fyne in vain for the old salt.

Meanwhile, Para had been relaxing in the back garden of a house in Strathlachlan near Strachur.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE lovely sounds of a violin drifted over the guests at the garden party.

It was the opening of the new garden at Auchinlee and we were blessed with lovely weather for the occasion.

There were some wonderful hats on display and the ladies looked splendid in all their finery – and the gentlemen looked very smart too.

It was a great day, and as I enjoyed cucumber sandwiches and strawberry tarts I thought how much work had gone into making this day special.

Auchinlee was marking 60 years of caring for the elderly in our community and what a tremendous commitment this has been by many folks over this period of time.

As I watched the yachts in the bay below come into the safety of Campbeltown harbour, I thought of the many ways in which Auchinlee offers a safe haven for the more vulnerable among us.

This sensory garden is a beautiful creation and a tribute to all who made it happen.

It is full of colour and life and vibrancy and will belong to the residents who will nurture it.

Mr Burroughs blessed the garden and he spoke of that first garden which God provided for the recreation and enjoyment of his creation.

This garden will also bring pleasure to many who can tend the flowers, grow the vegetables or just sit in the warmth of the sun and reflect on days gone by.

It is a lovely place and a place of peace and beauty.

I watched as folks chatted over old times and retold stories so worth the retelling.

I saw the residents enjoy the laughter of children amongst them and I wondered if they were back in their own childhood days.

May God's blessing be there in the care and the love in this special place for the next 60 years and beyond.



## Down Memory Lane

**THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Archie Aitken, who lives in Lochgilphead. The picture is of Ardrishaig boys who became the junior league champions in 1974, alongside their manager Jackie Stewart. Back row (L-R): James Quarton, Kenny Lyon, Paul Martin, Donald Cameron, John Law, Ian Robertson and Scott Cameron. Front row (L-R): Gordon MacMillan, Jeff Curtis, Alan Weir, Alec MacAulay, Alastair Young and Archie Aitken. a31dml01no**

### Debate on democracy

Sir,  
Much as I respect and appreciate Mr Doyle's contributions to the debate on democracy, as per letter in *the Advertiser* last week, I have to take grave issue with him over his dismissal of the proposition that it is for the people of Argyll and Bute to scrutinise Argyll and Bute Council.

It has long been apparent to those who looked for it that the component that was missing in what we call our local democracy was the 'demos' i.e. the people themselves.

With the total breakdown of public trust in the Argyll and Bute Council and everything associated with it, it would seem madness to allow it to retain the right to scrutinise, or to not scrutinise itself.

There is very clearly an administrative 'gap' here, which the peo-

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ple of Argyll and Bute are equally clearly best placed to fill. Who better to scrutinise the people's business than the people themselves?

On the provision of a scrutiny body, a responsible collaboration between the people and the council to set up a representative, democratic and independent body comprised of residents and whose costs must be met from public funds need not be other than a relatively simple matter.

Also, to quote another old saying: 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man'. Given the dire state of democracy and social coherence in Argyll, I would not insult its residents by suggesting other than when the 'hour' comes to assemble the

scrutiny body we will find that men and women of principle and public spirit seize the opportunity and come forward.

I continue to look for a public response to this proposal from Argyll and Bute Council.  
**Arthur McFarlane,  
Mount Pleasant,  
Tarbert,  
Argyll.**

### Well done to the new Senior Fours champions

Sir,  
May I take this opportunity on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council to congratulate the four lady bowlers of Ardrishaig bowling club for their monumental win last Saturday to become the Senior Four

Scottish Champions.

This is a tremendous achievement by four very dedicated ladies and the whole community are delighted for them.

Next year the four will represent Scotland at the British Championships and our good wishes will be with them all for this occasion.

**Cllr Dougie Philand,  
Lead Councillor for  
Sport, Argyll and  
Bute Council.**

### Coffee morning thanks

Sir,  
We at Tarbert youth group would like to thank everyone who made our coffee morning such a success.

Especially to the young people who again, gave

up their time and commitments in order to raise some money for a trip to Islay.

This week we are concentrating on getting out into our garden; lots of summer vegetables are ready and we have plans for the garden over the coming months.

Again thank you to all who donated baking, time, donations and support, we appreciate you all very much.

**Heather Bellshaw,  
Project Co-ordinator,  
Tarbert Youth Group,  
Campbeltown Rd,  
Tarbert.**

### VisitScotland's Winning Years campaign

Sir,  
How wonderful it was to see Sir Chris Hoy, Scotland's greatest ever Olympian, carrying the flag for Great Britain at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Games in London.

The London Olympics form a key part of VisitScotland's Winning Years campaign and, as the national tourism organisation, we are continuing to fly the flag for Scotland as we encourage the industry to make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I sometimes hear questions such as 'what does my bed and breakfast have to do with the Olympic Games?' or 'how can my outdoor activities firm benefit from the release of Disney-Pixar's Brave?'

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A quick look at our corporate website - [www.visitscotland.org](http://www.visitscotland.org) - will reveal just some of the many ways that businesses can make the most of the winning years opportunities.

New figures from the Office of National Statistics have shown a six per cent increase in the number of visits to Scotland from within Great Britain from March 2011 to March 2012.

So, with the Olympic Games under way and the Winning Years in full swing, now is the time for Scottish tourism to go for gold.

**Mike Cantlay,  
Chairman,  
VisitScotland.**

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# Sponsored walk raises more than £2,000 for MS

A TRIO of sponsored walkers presented a cheque for more than £2,000 to the Lochgilphead MS Centre on Tuesday, after smashing their fundraising target.

Eli Pickering, Mary Campbell and Sarah Gatner, all from Lochgilphead, raised four times their original target when they walked the 79 miles of the Great Glen Way in June.

The women had set themselves a fundraising target of £500, but a flurry of donations from across the UK raised their total to £2,067.

Eli organised the walk in a bid to raise funds for the centre, which provides support to her daughter Karen Cameron, who suffers from MS.

Karen, who was on hand to help her mum

present the cheque told the *Advertiser* the Lochgilphead charity had helped her in many ways.

'The MS Centre has helped me become independent and meet other people in the same boat as me,' she said. 'It's an amazing place and if it was not here all my family would have to do so much more to help me.'

Isobel Callen, chair-

woman of the centre, said the money would help the centre to continue supporting the many people in Mid Argyll living with the condition.

'The official figures for MS occurring in the UK is one in 700 people, whereas in Argyll and Bute it's one in 300,' Isobel said. 'The MS Centre is critically important to this area.'



From left: Eli Pickering, Mary Campbell, Sarah Gatner and Karen Cameron present a cheque to Diane Frame, Isobel Callen and Maggie Dodd of the MS Centre. 06\_a30cheque01

## Swimming dangers

THE DANGERS of swimming in lochs and other inland waters during warm weather is being highlighted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

While encouraging families to get out and enjoy the summer, the society has issued advice on how to stay safe.

People, especially children, should only swim at supervised sites such as beaches or swimming pools if available.

Swimmers who choose to go to an unsupervised site should consider several factors, such as swimming ability, how cold the water is and how they are going to get out again.

The RoSPA also warn that alcohol should be avoided before getting in the water.

## Blue badge holders

BLUE badge holders are being warned about changes in how disabled parking permit applications are assessed.

The changes, which come into effect on September 1, will see people's mobility assessed by NHS occupational therapists as opposed to their GP, which is currently the case.

The policy change, introduced by the UK government, will affect people who are not automatically entitled to a badge through qualifying benefits such as Disability Living Allowance.

Initial applications for a blue badge should still be made to Argyll and Bute Council, either in person at a customer service point, by post or online.

## Shellfish harvesting can start up again

COMMERCIAL harvesting of shellfish in Kilbrannan Sound can start again this week after algal toxins in the water returned to safe levels.

Argyll and Bute Council put a halt to operations in the Bay two weeks ago after it discovered high levels of

the naturally occurring algal toxins in the Kintyre water.

A ban on shellfish harvesting remains in place for Campbeltown Loch, Kildalloig Bay, Carradale Bay, Saddell Bay, Machrie Bay and Pirmill.

A temporary warning has also been issued to

shellfish producers in the Loch Melfort and Seil Sound area.

Eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from these areas may pose a risk to human health. Notices to warn the public and casual gatherers have been posted at various locations on the shore.

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**How to enter**

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# Inveraray woman's bitter-sweet musical on show at the Fringe

AN INVERARAY woman whose father died when she was just 17 has channelled her emotions into a critically acclaimed show, *Bereavement: The Musical*. Mairín O'Hagan's father, Bernard, lived at Brenachollie House, near Inveraray, and owned kiltmakers and outfitters, Redshank Scotland.

## Interviewed

He died at the age of 47 in 2007, just before Mairín was due to be interviewed for her place at Cambridge University, something

that was particularly difficult for Mairín to take at the time.

However, five years later, Mairín got together with a composer friend she met at Cambridge University, Jeff Carpenter, who lost his mother at 15, to write the bittersweet musical based on their experiences of loss at an early age.

*Bereavement: The Musical* previewed in Cambridge to an overwhelming response, sell-out performances and standing ovations. Such is the success it is now set for its Scottish

debut at The Edinburgh Fringe next month.

Mairín, who wrote the show, said: 'The show aims to look at some of the less commonly discussed moments of the process of bereavement, acknowledging the deep underlying sorrow, but focusing on the more mundane, unexpected and sometimes comic responses and reaction we, and other people we interviewed, were surprised to discover accompanied the death of a loved one.'

'Whilst the production could not be called a tribute to our parents, I

was very moved on the opening night to realise that my father would have been very pleased to see the ambitions we had discussed - for university and the pursuit of a theatre career - were coming together.'

For Mairín, the show's appearance at The Fringe is yet another homage to her father, who introduced her to the event.

*Bereavement: The Musical* will show at C venues, Edinburgh, from August 1-27 from 6.40pm. See [bereavementthemusical.co.uk](http://bereavementthemusical.co.uk).

## Mini Olympics at Lochgilphead

THE OLYMPIC Games officially began last Friday, and to mark the event mini-olympians in Lochgilphead held games of their own.

Young athletes at Riverside Rascals day care centre braved the pouring rain as they competed in events including a running race, the high-jump and the shot-putt.

At the end of the games the children wore medals and brandished Olympic torches which they made themselves.

Rebecca Quelch of the centre said: 'I think the children all had good fun despite the rain.'

'Everyone got a medal as it's not the winning, it's the taking part that counts.'



Katie Law leads the way in the running race at Riverside Rascals day care centre. 06\_a31riverside05

## Lochgilphead Raft race on Saturday

THE second Lochgilphead Raft Race will be held tomorrow (Saturday), when locals

on handcrafted rafts will be paddling the breadth of Loch Gilp. The event begins

at 1.30pm, with raft crews to assemble on Lochgilphead front green.



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<p><b>Tayvallich Flower Show</b> Village Hall <b>Wednesday 8th August</b> Doors open 7pm Prizegiving: Mrs Fiona MacArthur Grand Auction: Mr Roly MacArthur <i>Proceeds support Tayvallich Village Hall</i></p>	<p><b>CLACHAN ART SHOW</b> August 17 - 19th Photography, craftwork, sculpture and floral art are welcome, as well as paintings, drawings and collage. Please label with name, address, medium and price if for sale. Exhibits will be lifted from the following places on Thursday, August 16th at 12 noon:- Lochgilphead - The Archway Tarbert - Loch Fyne Gallery Campbeltown - Coastal Design</p>	<p><b>Rent-A-Stall</b> Ardrihaig Public Hall <b>Sunday August 5, 2012</b> <b>1-3pm</b> Last one of the season Home Baking Great Bargains Table £7 Telephone 01546 886392</p>	<p>Loch Awe Improvement Association (L.A.I.A.) <b>2012 Open Day</b> <b>Sunday 5th August 2012</b> 11 - 4 At Ardbrecknish Boat Yard (Loch Awe Boats), by Cladich For anglers, locals and visitors Interest for all age groups Free entry, free activities, free BBQ (12-2) All Welcome. For more information tel: 01866 832256 or go to <a href="http://www.lochawe.org">www.lochawe.org</a></p>	<p>Argyll Ceilidh Trailers <b>Ceilidh</b> Living Stones, Kilmartin 7.30pm <b>Monday 6th August</b></p>
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Pamela Booth and Derek Duff are ousted from their boat. 06\_a31tay12



Crowds gathered to watch the magnificent men and their flying machines. 06\_a31tay19

# Tayvallich balloon race



Erik Riddell in his flying machine. 06\_a31tay22

MEN, women and children were doused in water and flour on Saturday as they vied to be named winner of the balloon race at Tayvallich Weekend.

Dozens of people battled to collect balloons from across Tayvallich Bay whilst trying to avoid local man Mike Leng and his buckets of flour.

The balloon race was one of many events organised on the water on Saturday morning as locals and visitors alike gathered to take part in the annual gala weekend.

### Battled it out

The three-day event saw young and old battle it out in rowing races, sporting challenges, five-a-side football,

Water Walkerz and flying contests from Carrick Pier.

The Magnificent Men and their Flying Machines challenge saw a host of people launch off the village pier in a range of homemade 'flying contraptions'.

For more photographs from the event log on to [www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk).

## Win tickets to see



Irish band The Saw Doctors will headline Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's Saturday night concert in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on August 18 at 9.30pm. Over the years the band have had hits including I Useta Lover and Downtown featuring Petula Clark, which reached number two in the Irish singles Christmas chart.

To celebrate the return of the festival this year, the Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser have two pairs of Saw Doctor tickets up for grabs. Tickets

are worth £25 each. To enter, simply answer this question, complete the entry form and send to: Wyvex Media, Saw Doc Comp, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by Friday, August 10, 2012.

### Question:

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
**The Angel's Share** - This bitter sweet comedy follows protagonist Robbie as he sneaks into the maternity hospital to visit his young girlfriend Leonie and hold his newborn son Luke for the first time. Overwhelmed by the moment, he swears that Luke will not have the same tragic life he has had. Escaping a prison sentence by the skin of his teeth, he's given one last chance.....While serving a community service order, he meets Rhino, Albert and Mo who, like him, find it impossible to find work because of their criminal records. Little did Robbie imagine how turning to drink might change their lives - not cheap fortified wine, but the best malt whiskies in the world. Will it be 'slopping out' for the next twenty years, or a new future with 'Uisge Beatha' the 'Water of Life?' Only the angels know.....

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- Chicken, not edible! (6)
- Jewelry metal (6)
- Throw in a game (4)
- Figure found on board (8)
- Give water (7)
- Church assembly (5)
- This is on the cake (5)
- Associate (7)
- Early flower, in winter weather (8)
- Booty (4)
- Shrubby plant with a milky juice (6)
- He found it!! (6)

**Down**

- Devoid of people (6)
- Cry out (4)
- Teach (7)
- Compound formed from organic acid and alcohol (5)
- Reply to expulsion of air! (5,3)
- Smooth, in music (6)
- Contagious skin disease (8)
- One who takes as one's own (7)
- Provider of shade (6)
- Milky (6)
- Holding one's piece (5)
- Breed (4)

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**Fun and frolics at Craobh Haven**

THIS WEEKEND again saw a fun-filled day of activities at Craobh Haven Water-sports.

Hosting the second Sunday market of the Craignish Festival, the event saw youngsters take part in a wealth of water-based activities whilst their parents browsed more than 15 food and craft stalls.

The event, attended by about 150 people, celebrated the best of Argyll produce.

In the final week of the festival, a special walking theatre performance of the *Wizard of Oz* was staged on a dramatic walk through Ardfern on Wednesday, whilst the legendary Pirate Parade takes place tomorrow (Saturday). The winner of the Scarecrow competition will be announced following the parade. On Sunday, the final day of the festival, folk will be donning their dancing shoes as they hope to perform a record-breaking giant Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup>.

# Crinan Water Festival - the biggest and best yet

THE BIGGEST and best yet was how organisers described the third annual Crinan Water Festival on Sunday.

The event, organised by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) in the Year of Creative Scotland, saw about 2,500 people descend on the banks of the Crinan Canal to take part in the biggest ever programme of events.

Canoe and pico dinghy sailing lessons, a Dragonfly Hunt, lantern making workshops, Walter Walkers, kite displays and a performance from the Walking Theatre Company were all new additions to the 2012 festival.

*Braw - an Awf'y Big Adventure*, an interactive production by The Walking Theatre Company proved to be very

popular with families and youngsters enthralled by Rory the giant and Ochie the dog.

Inspired by the Disney Pixar animation *Brave*, the performance was perfectly timed to build on the excitement brewing about the film.

Carron Tobin, co-ordinator of the HOATA said: 'We couldn't have asked for a better day with blue skies and sunshine. Feedback from locals and visitors has been very positive.

'The festival is proving to be a great event for showcasing all this area has to offer and we are steadily growing the mix of activities.

The water festival also saw the return of the ever-popular dragon boat races, with more than six teams competing. Rowing the length of Dunadry Loch, the Natural Wonders won the very hotly contested trophy.



**Ardrishaig's Peter Garrett, right, took family friends from Liverpool to enjoy the festival.** 06\_a31crin09



**Claire Munro from Kilmichael and Laura Manson from Achnamara watching the festivities.** 06\_a31crin01



**Ochie the giant dog delighted youngsters as he performed in the Walking Theatre Company's *Braw - an Awf'y Big Adventure*.** 06\_a31crin10



**James Gray from Tarbert was walking on water on Sunday.** 06\_a31crin06



**Matthew Watkiss beat the drum for the Argyll and Bute Council team in the dragon boat race.** 06\_a31crin03



**Rory the giant looked down on the 'little people' at the water festival on Sunday.** 06\_a31crin08

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# mid argyll show 2012



Karina Black, Abbie MacKenzie, both Oban, and Charlie Nathan from Easdale, demonstrated their mastery of highland dancing. 07\_t33midarg3

Supreme confined show champion of the Mid Argyll Show – blackface Sheep Sarah Jane. Shown by Iain Shaw of R&I Shaw of Acharonich, Ardfern. 06\_a33mid33



Seven-year-old Archie Nickerson, from Cour in Kintyre, says hello to Speedy the tortoise at the popular Pet's Corner. 06\_a33mid28

THE COUNTDOWN is on for the 2012 Mid Argyll Show as local farmers and stock handlers prepare their animals for the ring.

The event, which kicks off on August 11, will see a host of entries for the agricultural show, with entries up in a number of classes including the showing jumping and Clydesdale horse categories.

The show will welcome back a host of local farmers whose cattle, sheep and bulls won a number of classes in last year's event.

Ormsary Estate, Robert and Iain Shaw from Ardfern and Douglas Anderson of Barnakil Farm, Cairnbaan will all be returning to defend their 2011 titles.

Organisers are of course keeping their fingers crossed for good weather, hoping the umbrellas needed at last year's event wont be in attendance this year.

Charles Gorrie, president of the Mid Argyll Show committee, said: 'We hope that the weather will be good for this year's show as entries for all stock and horses are good and we have tried to cater for all those attending, locals and visitors- there will be something for everyone.'

This year also sees new additions to the entertainment programme, with BMX riders Unit 23 dazzling audiences with their daredevil stunts.

The riders, from Dumbarton, will take to the main show ring for their

performance alongside Highland dancers and an exciting new attraction – Quack Commandoes.

In an innovative take on sheep dog trials, dogs and their handlers will

take to the main ring to rounding up ducks, as opposed to their woolly friends.

The ever-popular Pets Corner will also be returning the event along with family-friendly ac-

tivities including bouncy castles, quad bikes and mini go-karts.

The show also offers locals the opportunity to get involved with the organising of the 2013 event as the show

committee is currently seeking a show secretary. People interested in taking up the role are being urged to call into the president's tent and meet the committee members.



**Mid Argyll Show**  
**Saturday 11th August 2012 at Kilmory Farm Lochgilphead.**  
 Show Field will open at 8am

Free Bus running throughout the day from the Bus Stop in Lochgilphead.  
 Judging for Horse Section – 9:30am in Lower Field.  
 Judging for Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdale Horses, Highland Cattle, Poultry and Dog Show – 10am in Main Field

Main Ring  
 BMX Stunt Display by Unit 23 from Dumbarton with Half Pipe in main ring, Highland Dancing, Quack Commandoes – Sheep Dog handling display with DUCKS, vintage tractors.  
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## Change of name for famous bull sales

THIS OCTOBER'S world-famous bull sales held by United Auctions (UA) will be the first to go under the name of Stirling Bull Sales in place of the current Perth Bull Sales.

UA have taken the decision to update the bull sales' brand to reflect its new Stirling location.

The event, established in Perth in 1865, takes place annually in February, May and October and attracts more than 22,000 UK and international visitors each year.

The sales were transferred to Stirling in 2009 as part of the compa-

ny's amalgamation of its Perth and Stirling businesses into a single centre of operation at the new Stirling Agricultural Centre.

While it made sense to retain the internationally recognised brand at that time, it has become clear that the name creates misunderstanding regarding where the sales actually take place as well as ambiguity in how to refer to them.

David Leggat, executive chairman of UA, said: 'We are incredibly proud of the Perth element of the bull sales' heritage, which is held



The famous bull sales held by United Auctions will now be known as the Stirling Bull Sales

dear to many people, including myself. However, the event has been known anecdotally as the Stirling sales since

they moved here nearly three years ago and we feel the time is right to officially adapt the name for clarity of location.'

The new brand comes into immediate effect with the Stirling Bull Sales being held from October 22 - 24 2012.

## Blackface sheep show at Cairndow

COWAL Blackface Sheep Breeders held their annual show at Clachan Farm, Cairndow last Saturday when the judging was in the hands of Archie MacGregor, Allanfauld.

The overall and reserve championship in both the confined and open sections went to Messrs Jackson, Pole, with a aged ewe by a £10,000 Elmscleugh and out of a ewe by a £2,000 Garpel taking the champion's ticket and a young ewe by a £10,000 Nunnerie and out of a ewe by a £24,000 Dalchirla taking reserve in both categories.

The award for the opposite sex to champion also went to Jacksons, Pole with a tup lamb by a £16,000 Loughash and

out of a ewe by a £4,000 Midlock

Confined results  
Aged ram- L&A Campbell, Succothmore  
Shearling-Jacksons, Pole  
Tup lamb- Jacksons, Pole  
Young farmers' tup lamb- Andrew Campbell, Drimsynic  
Aged ewe- Jacksons, Pole  
Young ewe- Jacksons, Pole  
Gimmer- Andrew Campbell, Drimsynic  
Ewe lamb- Jacksons, Pole  
Young farmers' ewe lamb- Helen Jackson, Pole  
Confined champion- Jacksons, Pole with aged ewe by 10,000 Elmscleugh out of a ewe by 2000 Garpel  
Reserve confined champion- Jacksons, Pole with young ewe by 10,000 Nunnerie out of a ewe by 24,000 Dachirla  
Opposite sex to champion- Jacksons, Pole with tup lamb by 16,000 Loughash out of a ewe by 4000 Midlock  
Open results-  
Aged ram- J&J MacPherson, Ballie-meanoch  
Shearling- Jacksons, Pole  
Tup lamb- Jacksons, Pole  
Aged ewe- Jacksons, Pole  
Young ewe- Jacksons, Pole  
Gimmer- Andrew Campbell, Drimsynic  
Ewe lamb- Jacksons, Pole  
Overall champion- Jacksons, Pole with aged ewe by 10,000 Elmscleugh out of a ewe by 2000 Garpel  
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Opposite sex to champion- Jacksons, Pole with tup lamb by 16,000 Loughash out of a ewe by 4000 Midlock

## Luining cattle open day success

A GOOD turnout of 150 Luining breeders and enthusiasts took part in the Luining cattle open day held at Woodburn near Crieff, recently.

Sim-Luings, the recognised and registered cross-breed between a Simmental bull and a Luining cow, were the main focus of the event as they make up the majority of the 150-strong Ben Challum herd.

The event was opened by John Ross CBE who talked about the need to reverse the downward trend in breeding cow numbers and how Luings and Sim-Luings were well placed to help with this due to less reliance on expensive inputs such as feeding.

The event was based on a tour of the three units run by Ben Chal-lum Ltd. Firstly Woodburn were visitors were able to take in the new

Shufflebottom stead-ing as well as groups of Sim-Luining cows running with the Luining bull Attonburn Kings Ransom, in-calf heifers and ¾-bred Luining steers.

Secondly the tour moved on to East Crieffvechter a couple of miles away which is mainly used for growing arable crops and wintering cattle; stock bulls were also on view here.

Finally visitors moved onto the rented grazings at Bishopsfauld Farm, Comrie to view two herds of cows and calves - one group of stock Luining cows running with the Simmental bull Broombrae Argyll to make the base Sim-Luining replacement females for the business, and the other the resultant Sim-Luining females running with another Simmental bull, Woodhall Silas, to breed



Matthew Mauchlen talks to visitors at the Luining Open Day

¾-bred Simmental/Luining calves to sell on for breeding or finished for beef. The day concluded with some stock-judging and a feast of Sim-Luining roast beef rolls at Woodburn.

Society Chairman Steven Murray said: 'We're delighted with the great attendance. As a Society we spend a considerable amount of time and resource promoting the

Sim-Luining as a recognised cross-breed as we are very aware that the engine room of British beef production exists in the uplands where these cross-bred cows thrive.

'The Stewart family and Matthew Mauchlen have excelled at producing fantastic Sim-Luining breeding females and despite the wet summer to date, the cattle looked exceptional.'

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## Dippen Limousin is Annual Fair Day champion at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Fair Day show and sale of 387 cattle at Dalmally on Friday.

An excellent show of quality bred cattle were presented and bullocks averaged £902.64 or 209.52 pk (£861.03

or 195.69 pk last year). Heifers averaged £827.36 or 196.10 pk (£748.24 or 184.07 pk last year).

A superb Limousin cross heifer from Mr Currie, Low Dunashery sold to £1480 and 322pence per kilo to

Gordon McGillivray, Lismore.

The show previous to the sale was judged by Mr William Hamilton, Bee Edge Farm, Coldstream, and the following were his awards:

Limousin bullocks:  
1: M/s Semple, Dippen,

2: Mr Currie, Low Dunashery,

3: Mr Littleton, Killigruer.

Charolais bullocks:

1: M/s Semple,  
2: Mr Glenn, Sattel HF.

Any other breed of bullock:

1: M/s MacCallum, Strathnafanaig.

Limousin heifer:  
1: M/s Semple,  
2: M/s Ronald, Laggan

Farm,

3: Mr Currie.

Charolais heifer:

1: M/s Semple,

2: M/s Ronald,  
3: Mr Armour, High Tirfergus.

Any other breed of heifer:

1: Mr Armour.

Pens of four bullocks:

1: Mr H Morrison, Kileonan,

2: M/s Semple,

3: M/s Wallace, Uigle.

Pens of four heifers:

1: M/s Ronald,

2: Mr Littleton.

Champion calf:

M/s Semple, Dippen -

Limousin bullock - £1200

(263 pence per kilo) to the

Judge.

Reserve champion calf:

M/s Semple - Charolais

bullock - £1190 (236pence

per kilo) to M/s Cameron,

Keith.



Primrose Beaton of United Auctions presents Duncan Semple, Dippen Farm, Carradale, Campbeltown with the championship trophy.



The show champion was a 456 kilo Limousin bullock from M/s Semple, Dippen which sold to the judge, Mr Hamilton of Bee Edge, Coldingham, Eyemouth for £1,200 or 263p per kilo.



Reserve champion was a 505 kilo Charolais from M/s Semple, Dippen, which sold to M/s Cameron, Keith for £1190 or 236p per kilo.



Heifers from Barnakill, Lochgilphead leave the ring at Dalmally after the fall of the hammer

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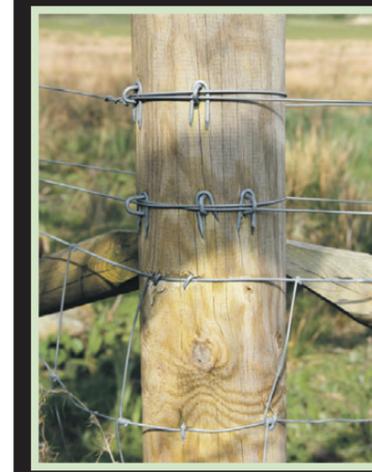
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**Sponsored walk and garden party raise cash**

A GROUP known as the Friends of Ardfenaig recently raised £700 for Ardfenaig Residential Home. The money was raised after the friends organised two fundraisers: a sponsored walk and a garden party. A total of 15 people took part in the walk, starting from lock four at the Crinan Canal to

Miller's Bridge in Lochgilphead and back again.

The garden party took place at Ardfenaig Garden with a raffle contributing towards the money raised.

The events also raised £700 for Erskine Hospital in Renfrewshire.

**Gala day fun**

THE ANNUAL Ardrishaig gala kicks off on the village green tomorrow afternoon.

The event will see locals enjoy boat trips, games and family-friendly activities,

whilst Mid Argyll Pipe Band and a Zumba dance troop will provide the entertainment. The festivities begin at 1pm.

**MINARD**

**Rescue teams called out**

RESCUE teams from Tarbert and Loch Goil were called out after an unmanned dinghy was found floating off the coast of Minard.

The owner of the vessel was found safe and well after a four-hour search.

**LOCH AWE**

**Association open day**

SUNDAY (tomorrow) sees the launch of the Loch Awe Improvement Association open day.

The event, aimed at locals and visitors, is a chance for anglers and people of all ages to enjoy a fun packed day out on the banks of Loch Awe.

Youngsters can learn how to tie and cast a fly, whilst fishing enthusiasts can find out more about wild brown trout and pike and how to fish for them.

A host of activities focusing on the wildlife, history and archaeology of the loch will also take place, with birds of prey also on display.

The Loch Watch safety organisation will also be giving a presentation and there will be an opportunity to hear about the work of the Loch Awe Improvement Association and Argyll Fisheries Trust.



**Lead councillor for Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) Anne Horn, members of the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise team and Argyll and Bute access officer Douglas Grierson.**

**TARBERT**

**Popular path re-opens after restoration**

A POPULAR path at the north side of East Loch Tarbert has been re opened this week.

Whiteshore path in Kintyre was reopened by Tarbert councillor Anne Horn after it was restored by Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise.

Working on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, the woodland enterprise replaced broken and rotten boards on the bridge and boardwalks, drained a number of wet areas and replaced the picnic bench at the end of the walk at Whiteshore.

The path is the one of many walkways that Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise has upgraded recently, as the organisation gains considerable experience in creating and maintaining public access through woodland terrain.

Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise is a social enterprise that encourages people to keep active.

Based in the grounds of Lochgilphead's two hospitals, the group's working squad consists of a number of people with long-term health problems.

**Youth group banks another £200**

TARBERT Youth Group has raised another £200 following another successful fundraising event last Friday.

The group, which is raising funds for a trip to Islay, organised a luncheon, where the group's renowned tomato and basil soup was served up in abundance.

The money raised, which included a £50 donation, will be used to take 16 young people to Islay in the October holidays.

**INVERARAY**

**Athletics camp**

AN ATHLETICS camp for primary school children will be held next week as the Aviva Star-track camp arrives in Inveraray.

Youngsters will learn how to run, jump and throw like their heroes when they are taught a range of sports.

The event, organised by Argyll and Bute active schools in associa-

tion with Aviva, will be held in Inveraray Primary School on August 8-10. The camp is free to attend and all children participating will get a goodie bag. To book a place on the camp contact Mid Argyll Sports Centre on 01546 603228.

**ORMSARY**

**Walled garden opens to visitors**

THE LITHGOW family welcomed a host of visitors to Ormsary Estate on Sunday as they opened the gates of Ormsary's walled garden. The event, which also saw a host of classic and vintage cars put on display, was enjoyed by dozens of people.

Visitors were also served tea, coffee and homebaking as they browsed the array of plants on sale. The open day raised funds for the MS Centre in Lochgilphead, Mid Argyll Cancer Care Support Group and Ormsary Social Club.

**FORD**

**Family fun**

THE ANNUAL gala is on Sunday.

Family-friendly games will be held at Ford Village Hall with the popular crockery smash and welly-wanging back on the programme.

A ceilidh will also be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

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**A basking shark caught fish farm workers by surprise.**

**Shark takes workers by surprise**

FISH farmers working on Loch Fyne had a surprise visitor recently as a basking shark swam by to say hello.

Staff at The Scottish Salmon Company's sites in Loch Fyne spotted the mammoth mammal enjoying a rare day of sunshine on the loch.

Used to seeing dolphins swimming by the fish farm cages, the staff were amazed to spot the basking shark in the middle of Loch Fyne.

Site manager, Archie Galbraith, took pictures of the visitor in Glenan Bay just south of The Scottish Salmon Company's farm at Gob a Bharra.

'Working in this beautiful environment is one of the great pleasures of this job,' Archie said. 'Getting so close to a large, healthy basking shark in the loch was a real eye opener and brought home our role as stewards of this water system.'

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## College course under threat

CONSTRUCTION firms are being urged to use brickwork courses at Argyll College or risk loosing them all together.

The call comes as Argyll College confirms that it has had no Mid Argyll brickwork apprentices at its Lochgilphead Campus since the courses began in 2007.

The education authority this week said it is considering the options for future brickwork courses in Lochgilphead.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, Dianne Smith, apprenticeship officer for ConstructionSkills said it may be a case of 'if you don't use it, you will lose it.'

Dianne said: 'Apprentices attend the college from all over mainland Argyll, and the Islands including Islay, Mull

and Tiree. But it is very disappointing to note that there have not been any Mid Argyll-based brick workers trained at apprenticeship standard in the college in Lochgilphead.

'Brick workers are in demand as there are so few locally but these local companies are not recruiting and training youngsters.'

Employers are being reminded that they may be eligible for £10,250 of funding over the four-year course of an apprenticeship; a young person must be employed and registered as an apprentice in order to complete the course.

Businesses interested in recruiting a brickwork apprentice and supporting the local facility, should contact Dianne on 07843 468 001.



Lauren models clothing with attitude with family friends Brody and Aidan McGhee.

## Laura's love of fashion inspires online business

AN ENTERPRISING young woman from Lochgilphead is launching a new online business.

Lauren Rutherford, aged 22, will launch Wham Bam Glam, an online shop selling 'clothing with attitude' on August 20.

The business will sell alternative clothing for women, men and children including 'rocked up maternity wear' for mums to be who want to keep in style.

Pursuing her love of fashion, Lauren has identified a niche market within the UK, becoming the only UK retailer of alternative maternity wear.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* about the inspiration behind her new venture, she said: 'I was searching for a gift for my friend who was heavily pregnant and I typed alternative maternity wear into Google and found all these forums with women ask-

ing for it. I managed to find a company in America that supplies it so I'm shipping that over so customers don't pay a huge delivery charge for one item.'

Lauren will launch the business after months of hard work and guidance from Youth Business Scotland (formerly The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust) and Argyll and Bute Business Gateway.

Lauren met with business advisor Barbara Halliday and attended workshops including the build your own business website and social media for business.

'The help I received from Business Gateway was fantastic. They provided me with all the tools and advice I needed to pull my business plan together and gave me a better technical understanding of running a website,' Lauren said.

'Barbara also put me in touch with Youth Busi-

ness Scotland to apply for a market research grant and start up loan funding. Now that I am on my way to launching my business I know if I need advice or encouragement I can call or make an appointment to see someone who will help.'

## Mother transforms home into nursery

A MOTHER is this week transforming her home into a nursery as she launches her new day care business for children.

Pamela Booth, a mother of two, has transformed her Kilmichael home into a haven for youngsters as she opens Little Treasures Day Care.

With more than 10 years experience as a nursery worker, Pamela has decided to launch her own business and has become a registered member of the Scottish Child Minding Association.

Offering places for four young people, Pamela will provide day care for children aged 5 and under and after school care

for children between 5 and 16. Explaining Little Treasures will follow the curriculum for excellence, Pamela said activities at her home would promote the five key areas of development.

'There will be stories and nursery rhymes, arts and crafts, outings and baking to encourage early learning,' Pamela said. 'We have play areas and a vegetable patch in the garden to encourage children to eat healthily.'

Pamela has achieved SVQ level two in early years and education, SVQ level three in childcare learning and development and is registered with Social Care, Social Work Improvement Scotland.



Pamela Booth has transformed her Kilmichael home into a haven for youngsters.

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## Pat's fabric art goes on show

A DISPLAY marking five years of work by a Mid Argyll artist was launched at the Dochas Centre on Tuesday.

The exhibition of works by fabric artist Pat Holt charts years of hard work by the woman from Ford, in what is her first full exhibition.

Renowned for her work, displayed in local exhibitions including the Fyne Art Club exhibitions, the Dochas Centre display features a full body of work with 22 pieces of felt and fabric art.

Having moved to Ford five years ago, Pat says the local area, its landscape, scenery and wildlife has inspired many of her pieces.

'There is so much inspiration here; I love

doing landscape scenes and the flowers,' Pat said, 'Sometimes I see something that will work; something will inspire me to have a go at it; anything around nature, flowers and animals; things like that.'

Felt works including Heron Sunset, Loch Feochan and Colours of the Glen all reflect what is special about Mid Argyll.

Pat's exhibition also features a host of 3D pieces, including 3D mushrooms and intricate felt pieces stitched together to create pieces of bark; works entitled Fungus Fantasy and Bark 2 are particularly impressive.

Celebrating the launch of her first exhibition with friends and family on Tuesday, Pat said: 'This is five years worth of work and some of the pieces have taken such a long time to do.'

An Exhibition of Fabric Art by Pat Holt will be on display in the Dochas Centre until August 17.



Kate Lithgow of Crear was delighted to welcome Hungarian maestro Peter Toth to Crear last Wednesday. 06\_a31crear01

## Concert helps boost Crear piano campaign funds

A STIRRING concert at Crear last Wednesday raised much-needed funds for a charity trying to keep a top-of-the-range grand piano in Mid Argyll.

Hungarian pianist Peter Toth impressed an audience of more than 50 people with his recital on a Steinway D concert grand piano, which is on loan to the studio.

The concert is the latest fundraising event by arts charity A Space to

Create, whose Piano in Peril appeal is raising €70,000 to buy the valuable instrument from the German owner, who kindly loaned the piano for many years.

Kate Lithgow of Crear said money was being raised slowly, but people had been generous with donations despite the current economic climate.

'The piano is such a fabulous instrument and performers choose to

come here to play from all over the world,' she said. 'We've had support from Peter and other pianists such as Steven Osborne who has asked how many times he needs to play to keep the piano here.'

Peter said the piano was one of the best he had ever played on, adding: 'I'm very hopeful that Crear will be able to pay it off and keep it here because it really is a great instrument.'

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GRADUATION

Christopher John King graduated from Heriot-Watt University with BSc Hons in Physics. Christopher is the grandson of the late Flo and Henry O'Hara of Ralston Road, Campbeltown. Christopher is continuing his post-grad studies at Murray House, Edinburgh.

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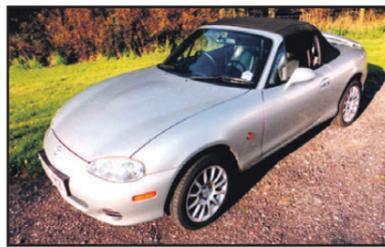


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Thanks also to all concerned at Victoria, Tarbert Hotels, The Souden family for wedding cars, 'Mamas got a brand new band' for music, Lindsey and Gary, Susie and Ronald, Peter, Abby and Mark, Margaret, Marion and Donald, A very enjoyable time was had by all.

We'll have a "toast" to Mairi on her 21st birthday!



Love Mum, Dad, Elaine, Stuart, Graeme & Nigel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### Happy 70th Birthday

Sandra Harrison

Lots of love from Craig, Margaret, Christopher, Hannah, Erin and Josh.

xxxx

#### Happy 70th Birthday

Granny

Love from Eilidh and James

x

#### Congratulations mum on your

70th Birthday

Love from Andrew and Helen

#### PETER LANG

would like to thank everyone for gifts and cards received on his 40th birthday and to all who attended, to make it a night to remember,

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being, praise his holy name' (Psalm 103:1).

**BIRTHS**

**OWENS** - John and Gayle (nee McPhee) are delighted to announce the birth of Matthew on June 22, 2012. A little brother for Josh and Sam.

**WOODS** - Robert & Emma (nee Macdonald) would like to announce the birth of their daughter Nina Maisie on July 9, 2012, a gorgeous wee sister for Angus. Second grandchild for Iain and Lesley Lochgilphead and fifth for Robert and Moira Uddingston. Many thanks to midwives in Campbeltown and SGH.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**LAW - ARMOUR**

Katieanne Law would like to announce the engagement of her dad John Law to her mum Natalie Armour on Friday 20th July, 2012.

**MARRIAGES**

**MCINTOSH-CRETTON** Laurene McIntosh and James Cretton were married on July 21, 2012 at Carramhor, Carradale - a wonderful day.

**DEATHS**

**CURRIE** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on July 29, 2012, James Johnson Currie (Jim), in his 82nd year, formerly of 8 Letterdaill, Cairnbaan, by Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of the late Nancy and much loved father of Flora. Dear brother of Bunty, Myra and the late Dohchie, Donald and Neil. A much loved uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, August 3, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations, if desired, to Ardfenaig Residential Home.

**MCLACHLAN** - Peacefully at her home, 34 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, on July 25, 2012, Anne M. McLachlan, aged 83 years. Loving daughter, sister, cousin and godmother. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service was held, at Anne's request.

**RICHARDS** - Margaret Rose Richards (nee Munro) died peacefully July 28, 2012. Beloved wife of Paul. Mother to Sharon and Jamie. Grandmother to Sophie. Always in our hearts Truro, Cornwall.

**TONER** - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on July 31, 2012, Mary (May) Toner nee Collins, aged 84 years, of 7 Coronation Terrace, Lochgilphead. Much loved and loving mother of Margaret, Marie, Jim and Joseph; dear mother-in-law of Arthur, Hervey, Fiona and Sandra. Adored granny of Verona, Sandie, Alasdair and Robert and great granny of Rose and Briony. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday August 6, 2012, at 10.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Mary's Meals. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HARRISON** - Peacefully on July 29, 2012, at his home, Allanmyo, Minard, by Inveraray, with his family by his side, Thomas Harrison, aged 84 years, beloved husband of Catriona MacDougall, loving father of Ann and Kathleen, and much loved grandfather of Alasdair. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held from the family home, on Thursday August 2, 2012, followed by interment at Kilevin Cemetery, Minard.

**MASON** - On July 31, 2012, peacefully at home, with her family and friends beside her, Catherine (Kate) Ann Mason, nee MacAlpine, aged sixty years, dearly beloved Mum of Ruairidh and Ryan, cherished daughter of the late Archie and Daisy and a dear friend to many. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (Today) Friday, August 3, at 12noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Tarbert Parish Church, Restoration Fund.

**MCCULLOCH** - On July 27, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Willie, in his 90th year, beloved husband of the late Nan, much loved father of Janette, Ann and Allison, dear father in law of Ken, adored Papa of Carrie, Barry, Mhairi, Chloe and great Papa of Bella. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church on August 1, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**LOGIE** - Rhona. The family wish to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, their cards and phonecalls which we received after our sad loss. We would like to thank the medical staff both at the hospital in Lochgilphead and at the ICU unit RAH Paisley for their best efforts. We would also like to record our appreciation to the Rev. Hilda Smith for conducting such a moving and appropriate service. We thank Roddy and Fiona, Undertakers, and the Stag Hotel for their professional and kind handling of the funeral arrangements.

**MACMILLAN** - The family of the late Margaret MacMillan would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. John Paton, to Nettie Semple and A'Chleit church, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and to Bellochantuy Hotel for catering. A retiring collection for Crieff Medical Practice raised £500.80.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**CAMPBELL** - Jean. In loving memory of our dearest mum, gran and great gran, sadly left us on August 6, 2011.

- Tricia and family, home and away.

**GRAHAM** - Precious memories of my beloved husband Archie passed away August 3, 2008.

Miss and love you every day.

- Ann x

Dad, Miss you so much.

- Mandy and Pauline xx

**MARTIN** - Precious memories of Catherine, a dearly loved wife, mum, mother-in-law and grandma who passed away August 3, 2008.

We miss you more than words can say. Loved and remembered every day.

- Iain, Paul, Yvonne and family.

**MACINTYRE** - In loving memory of Janet, who died on Aug 3, 2010.

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**MCLELLAN** - Precious memories of a dear mum and granny, Blondie, who passed away August 8 2009. We lost a mum with a heart of gold, but in our hearts you're always there. Loved and remembered every day. Love all the family.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

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**Sunday, 5th August**

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**Morning Service - 11:15 a.m.**

Rev. Philip Burroughs

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**Sunday 5th August 2012**

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**Sunday, 5th August, 2012**

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Success at the 2012 Barrglen Equitation Centre club camp.

## Pony club camp gets thumbs up

**BARRGLEN** Equitation Centre held its annual pony club camp recently, with youngsters working on their equestrian skills and gaining badges in a host of disciplines.

With the 2012 camp incorporating an additional day at the children's request, pupils had plenty of opportunities to hone their skills with grooming, tacking up and general looking after a pony of their choice each day.

All the children started each day with tack and turn out, working very hard on the presentation of themselves and their ponies; some worked as teams and others individually.

During each day the children had a lesson of their choice, such as jumping, flat work and poles. There were also quizzes and games; all working towards points to see who would be camp winners.

Badges were also a key feature of pony camp 2012. With lots of new children starting pony

club this year summer camp was a great opportunity for them to work towards their first ever pony club badge.

The badges attained were:

Mini grooming: Caitlin Russell; grooming and handling: Elsie MacArthur, Lucy McKiven, Niamh Reppke, Emma Clark and Imogen O'Hanlon; public speaking: Caitlin Ronald, Aifric Pirrie and Cerys Baird.

Overall winners of Barrglen Equitation Centre Pony Club Camp 2012: Senior group: 1. Sally Chute on Rory, 2. Aifric Pirrie on Nharla; Junior group: 1. Cerys Baird on Max, 2. Emma Clark on Nharla.

The next pony club will be on August 11 with a sleep over to incorporate the club's sponsored ride in aid of breast cancer next Sunday.

People wanting to make a donation to the charity ride can contact Fiona MacArthur at the equitation centre or log on to the centre's facebook page.

## Young sailor wins team GB place

A YOUNG Mid Argyll sailor has gained a place in the Great British (GB) standard sailing team after success at the European and world sailing championships.

Lorenzo Chiavarini, 18, from Bellanoch, will now train alongside sailing heroes such as Paul Goodison and Nick Thompson as he becomes a registered member of the team, which is funded by the Olympic programme.

The world championships in Boltenhagen, Germany, and the European championships in France mark Lorenzo's successful transition from the youth laser radial dinghy to the men's standard sailing boat.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Tuesday, en route to support team GB at the Olympic Games, Lorenzo said: 'It has been a really busy summer and this season has gone really well for me. In the world championships I was third in the under 21 competition in the standard and 74th in the overall men's championship.'

'The European championships were my best event yet in the standard



Lorenzo Chiavarini.  
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and I finished 30th.'

It was Lorenzo's success in the European contest that helped him qualify for the GB standard team. Funded by the Olympic programme, Lorenzo will receive financial support to continue his training.

Commenting on his training with the GB Squad he said: 'It is really challenging. We often have to work harder than those who are at the top of their game especially me as I am trying to put on weight and become stronger.'

Lorenzo will be attending Plymouth University in September. The university has already pledged its support to the sailing star, allowing him time off for training camps in Palma and the Canary Islands.

### SHINTY

#### Kilmory

KILMORY are to play their final game against Oban Camanachd in the coming weeks, knowing they may still need points to avoid relegation.

Following the team's 7-0 defeat to Glasgow Mid Argyll last Saturday, Kilmory chairman Angus Gilmour said: 'We weren't on our best form, the game in general wasn't our best standard. We didn't particularly defend well or compete. We didn't really make enough chances for ourselves.'

'Glasgow Mid Argyll were the better team, they were fitter and sharper than us. They played very well, but the result is still very disappointing.'

The team sit seventh in the table with one game left against Oban Camanachd. The date hasn't been confirmed yet but Kilmory know it will be a tough game and won't be helped by the suspension of Bruce Johnson, who was sent off last weekend.

The Lochgilphead men face the prospect of relegation, an outcome that

Angus was reluctant to dwell on. He said: 'We aren't in the best position, so the team are quite worried about it to be honest.'

#### Strachur

STRACHUR must wait on other results to find out if they are to stay in South Division One next season.

The Cowal team's final league game against Oban Camanachd last Saturday, resulted in a 3-2 loss.

Goalscorers Rhys Campbell and Steven Bulloch had helped Strachur to a 2-1 lead against the league leaders. Steven's goal, in particular is in the running for goal of the season after he sprint up the wing before hitting a high shot into the top corner.

Strachur player Donald MacDonald said: 'It was a good game, considering we were hammered the week before by the same team because of a lack of players.'

'We were great and put in a good effort, we were up 2-1 during the first half. Unfortunately, it didn't end like that; we could've done

with a point. We can't take league survival for granted. We don't want to go back to the second division, we really want to stay in the first.'

The boys' next game will be in the autumn.

#### Kyles

KYLES Athletic proved once again they have great powers of recovery by putting the previous week's defeat to Newtonmore behind them to beat Glenurquhart 6-3.

Kyles had to win the match to keep the pressure on league leaders Newtonmore and came out of the blocks quickly to go 3-0 up in 11 minutes, thanks to Ewen Campbell, David Zavaroni and Roddie MacDonald.

Glenurquhart fought back to level the scores at half time, thanks to a James MacPherson hat trick, but three late goals courtesy of Kyles' Robbie MacLeod and Fraser MacDonald (2) secured the points in an entertaining encounter.

This weekend, Kyles will look to keep the title chase alive with two points against Fort William.

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## Red Star warm up with away win

RED STAR travelled to Lochwinnoch last Saturday to face Paisley and District League side Apex in a pre-season friendly.

This was Star's first pre-season game and it took the visitors a while to get to grips with the solid surface with plenty passes going astray early on.

Although the first half certainly was not a game for the purists, the Star defensive unit of Kalache in goal and back three of Forbes, Meikle and Crawford

were coping well with the physical Apex front line.

Into the second half and Star were able to get their passing game going and were starting to create a few more chances as they utilised their pace in wider areas.

The deadlock was broken ten minutes into the second half when the Apex defence failed to deal with a long ball and it fell kindly to Dudding, who netted his first goal for Star on his debut.

Further opportunities were made with both

Meikle and Peacock going close from long range as Star pressed for a second goal. It eventually arrived five minutes before time when Dudding again found himself in space and this time found the top corner with a well-struck shot to cap an excellent debut for the youngster.

Manager Weir was pleased with his side's effort on the day and was able to rotate the players throughout the match, ensuring everyone in the squad got a good run out.

Red Star has no game tomorrow but face a tough trip away to Oban Saints next Saturday in the Centenary Cup before a local derby at home to Tarbert on August 15.

The Lochgilphead side start of their league campaign with a trip to Jamestown on Saturday, August 18.

Red Star would like to thank Mid-Argyll Youth project for their terrific support shown over the past year and look forward to working with them again this season.



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## Inveraray bid for cup final glory

INVERARAY manager John Smylie hopes it is third time lucky this Saturday, as he takes the Royal Burgh into their third consecutive Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup semi-final in his third year as manager.

Having been beaten at this stage in each of the previous two years, John and his seasoned team is desperate to make the final.

'I hope it is third time lucky for me as manager.'

'The boys are really up for it because a few of the older ones think it could be their last chance to get to a final.'

'The Royal Burgh will meet semi-final opponents Kinlochshiel at An Aird, Fort William,

which has not been a happy hunting ground for John in the past.

'I can't remember the last time we won on that pitch but it is a new surface, which will probably suit both teams.'

A lot of games have passed by since Inveraray beat Kinlochshiel 7-1 earlier this season but the 'Aray men will be confident of progressing after hitting a good run of form in recent weeks.

Last weekend, Inveraray beat title-chasing Lovat 4-1, thanks to goals from Russell McKinlay (2), Garry MacPherson and Neil Campbell.

John said: 'We are playing really well at the moment. I just hope we can keep it up another week.'



Allan McDonald maintains the defence for Inveraray.

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## Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 8, 9 and 14.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

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THERE were no winners in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 1, 9 and 14 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

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NUMBERS 6, 10 and 13 were drawn in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £700

# Ardishaig lady bowlers lift Scottish Champions crown



Ardishaig's Ladies Senior Fours are crowned Scottish Champions.

## Senior fours win title with impressive performance

FOUR women from Ardishaig have this week become the ladies senior fours national champions after an impressive performance at the Bowls Scotland National Championships 2012.

The foursome of Margaret MacKinnon, Joan Robertson, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan came back to win the competition after going down 5-1 following four ends against their competitors Greenfaulds at the competition in North Field, Ayr.

But while Greenfaulds were picking up one's and twos, the Ardishaig team crucially collected five shots at the fifth end, which meant they were still within range at only 10-6 down when they finally got the jack back with a two at the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Mid Argyll ladies then won the next four ends to build a 14-10 lead, which was a sufficient cushion to see them through when their opponents picked up a double at the last of the 15 ends. The final score was 14-12.

As Scottish champions the four Ardishaig women will go on to represent their country at the British Isles Championships next year.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Wednesday about the win, Fiona said: 'That is the first time a team from west Argyll has won at the Scottish Championships, as far as I know of. They have got to the semi-finals before but I don't think anyone has actually won the championship that I am aware of, which makes it all the more special.'

'We are all looking forward to the British championships next year which are in Glasgow on June 18 and 19.'

The women have already been congratulated on their victory by Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand.

Speaking as Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for sport, Mr Philand said: 'This is a tremendous achievement by four very dedicated ladies and the whole community are delighted for them.'

## WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

CLASS leaders are beginning to make themselves known at the halfway point in this year's West Highland Yachting Week.

While varied weather conditions have contributed to mixed results, some classes, such as the IRC Class 0, have an outright leader. Another win on Tuesday for Anderson and Findlay's XP38i Roxstar on Tuesday puts them in a strong lead in class 0.

Light overall conditions on Tuesday saw the West Highland Yachting yachts split into the Tunnock's Fleet for round the buoys racing whilst the restricted sail class Argyll Fleet sailed a short inshore race to the south in the Firth of Lorne.

In Class 1 Harvey MacLachlan's Dehler 36 Polaris took the bullet

with Iain Laidlaw having to be content with second again in his J97 Jaywalker.

Richard Shellcock's Delphia Racer Knuts revelled in the light conditions to take the win from Ken Andrew's Sunshine 38 Argento in Class 3, with the Sigma 33 Leaky Roof II winning Class 5.

White sail family boat Sunrise won Class 2, while Scott Chalmers and Janet Morrison's First 33.7 Bragar was first in Class 4 of the Argyll Fleet. In Class 6 Donald McLaren's Sigmatic took another first with Judy Orr and her MGC 27 team in Eureka winning Class 9.

The Contessa 25 of the Fyfe family sprinted away in Class 8 boats to take a convincing win by nearly four minutes on corrected time. The

previous day the 114-strong West Highland Yachting Fleet set off on the Round Lismore Race with light winds and a kite run to the north end. Race officer Malcolm MacGregor finished the slower classes 8 and 9 at the north end gate with the Trapper 28 Redwing from Glencoe Boat Club again taking a win in Class 8 on handicap and Guillemot lifting the silverware in Class 9.

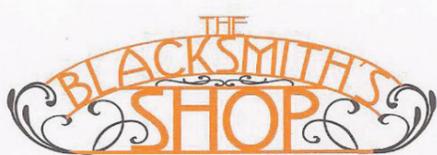
Jim McIlraith's yawl Saboo took another first in Class 7 giving him an overall lead in the Points Series. On Sunday, fickle winds made for testing sailing conditions from Craobh marina. There were mixed tactics with the wind going light in the centre of the run in and some boats winning out by sailing the longer distance round the outside of the fleet.

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