



Fisherman hails 'real heroes'

**'If God hadn't intervened,
he wouldn't be here.'**

ONE OF the men who rescued a fisherman after he plunged 50ft into the sea has said 'it was God's work' as he was named as one of the country's real heroes.

Mark Sheldrick was skipper of the *Blue Angel* in January 2011 when one of his crew, Sean Taylor, was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter near Gigha.

Mark's quick thinking and the work of fellow crewman Darroch Ful-

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ton saw Sean winched back to the boat and the Royal Navy on the scene within minutes.

Now both men have been named finalists in the Scotland's Real Heroes Awards.

The two men, put forward for the award by Sean, have made a shortlist of three in the courage award category, which had 800 nomi-

nations. Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, Mark said: 'There are so many more deserving people that have achieved amazing things.'

'I feel very honoured to be counted among these wonderful people but I think it wasn't really my doing.'

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A816 car crash victim in serious condition

A WOMAN from the Mid Argyll area involved in a car crash was in a serious condition in a Glasgow hospital as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press on Wednesday.

The woman had been travelling in a Renault Kangoo van with a man, also local, when it collided with a Mitsubishi 4x4 on the A816, at the telephone exchange near Ardfern, on Tuesday evening.

The woman was airlifted to the

Southern General Hospital where she remains in a serious but stable condition. Her companion was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital and kept overnight for observation.

The driver of the Mitsubishi was uninjured.

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Mid Argyll musicians on the ceilidh trail



THREE talented musicians from Mid Argyll will pick up their instruments and have audiences up on their feet as they perform in the annual Argyll Ceilidh Trail.

Ardrihaig's David Provan and Alex MacKechnie of Strachur will return to the stage again this year alongside new member Niamh MacKaveney from Tarbert.

Band

The trio have been selected to travel the length and breadth of Argyll and the Isles to perform alongside other band members, twins Jamie and Anna MacDonald, Tíree; Becky Hill, Connel; and James and Rebekah MacPherson, from Oban.

The band play a variety of musical instru-

ments from pipes to accordion, whistle, fiddle, piano and guitar, whilst they will all take to the microphone.

Last month the group completed a week's training at Plockton Music School to set them up for their musical adventure, which started last week and will finish in Colonsay on Thursday.

Performances

The ceilidh trail will be in Mid Argyll this week with performances in Strachur tonight (Friday), Tarbert on Sunday, Kilmartin on Monday and Craignish on Tuesday.

The project is funded by Argyll and Bute Council, Creative Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage.

Left: The Argyll Ceilidh Trail will stop in Mid Argyll this week.

Clyde fishing fears for Tarbert fleet

AN ASSESSMENT of how proposed changes to fishing in the Clyde would affect villages like Tarbert must be done and revealed to the public, a leading fisherman has said.

Archibald McFarlane, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, has said the effect of creating a marine protected area (MPA) south of Arran - an area fished by Tarbert prawn trawlers - should be revealed before the public take part in any consultation.

Impact

The call comes as the Scottish Government admits it has launched the Marine Environment Consultation before revealing the impact

proposed changes to fishing would have on local communities.

MPAs effectively 'cordon off' waters and often prevent some fishing activity.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Monday, Mr McFarlane said the government's consultation papers were lacking.

He said: 'There has been no work done at all on the displacement affect if we have the south of Arran MPA.'

'If all mobile fishing, which in large is prawn trawlers, is taken out of that area where will it go?'

'The fishing effort will go on to somewhere else and that may be a greater dis-benefit to the environment

than if it continued as normal.

'The government has issued a consultation with-

out this vital piece of information,' he added. 'If the complete information was available we may get very

different public responses to the consultation.' A spokesman for the government said that whilst it had launched

Mid Argyll Marine Protected Area proposed

THE SCOTTISH Government has this week outlined plans to create four marine protected areas (MPA) in the Mid Argyll area.

Parts of Loch Fyne, Loch Sween, the Clyde Sea Sill and the waters south of Arran have all been identified as containing species and habitats of national importance. Government scientists suggest these species need protection from human activity in order to thrive and in some instances recover.

In the waters south of Arran, which are fished by trawler and dredging boats, Marine Scotland has recommended that the activity be reduced in some areas and stopped

completely in parts of the proposed MPA boundary that contain maerl beds.

Commenting on the threat to Tarbert prawn fishing boats, Mr McFarlane, said it was too early to speculate the outcome of the consultation but added:

'The whole MPA process we have been assured is being lead by scientific evidence. To date we have nothing to show that prawn trawlers have caused damage. The purpose of an MPA is to stop damage and so if we are doing nothing we have nothing to worry about.'

The marine consultation, found at scotland.gov/marineconsultation, runs until November 13.

the marine consultation this week, its impact assessments would not be available for weeks.

He said: 'We will publish impact assessments of the proposals, known as Business and Regulatory Impact Assessments, shortly in order to give responders to the consultation as much information as possible.'

Detail

'The detail contained in these documents will include estimates of the possible impacts of the MPAs on fishing communities.'

He added that no assessment of the displacement effect would be done without further consultation with the industry.



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Heroes shortlisted for award

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'The fact is if God hadn't intervened and brought him out of the water he wouldn't be here.'

Sean, who had been under water for eight minutes, made a miraculous recovery from his ordeal and was out of hospital less than a week after the accident - in time to see his daughter Corrin born.

Sean said: 'Mark and Darroch will always be heroes in my eyes for what they did that day.

If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be here today. 'They deserve an award for that and what better than this real hero award.'

TV Series

Sean, Mark and Darroch will now welcome a film crew to Tarbert and will appear in a TV series based on Scotland's real heroes on STV in the autumn.

A public vote will determine the winners, who will be announced at a televised ceremony later this year.

It's your centre

PEOPLE with ideas on how to improve Lochgilphead Community Centre are being urged to attend a drop-in event.

The management committee wants to know what locals would like to see at their centre.

Drop in sessions have been arranged at the community centre on August 17, between 10am and 3pm, and August 20, between 4pm and 7pm.

People can also log onto surveymonkey.com/s/LCCA.

Council planning row could escalate

Community council threatens to report local authority

ARGYLL and Bute Council has said it has followed its planning enforcement procedure to the letter as Lochgilphead Community Council (LCC) considers reporting the authority to the Local Government Ombudsman.

The town's community council this week told the *Advertiser* it was appalled at the council's relaxed approach to the Fyne Homes development on the former high school site.

Complaints

Complaints about the planning department's alleged inability to enforce planning conditions throughout the construction of the social housing have emerged as Fyne Homes prepares to welcome housing minister Margaret Burgess MSP to the site this month.

The community council has lodged a number of complaints with Argyll and Bute Council. The felling of more than 70 trees, inadequate drainage and the closure of an adjacent footpath have been areas of concern, some of which LCC claims have contravened planning re-

quirements.

Argyll and Bute Council this week confirmed that whilst construction began in 2009 phases one and two of the landscape plan have yet to be agreed.

Robert Millar, chairman of the community council, said: 'This has been an on going problem since 2009.'

'We want to know how the council plans to improve its enforcement procedure, which we will discuss with the council at our August meeting. If we do not accept this we will go to the Local Government Ombudsman.'

However a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council has said it has addressed a number of complaints about the site in the last four years.

She added: 'Following the community council's concerns, we have given a commitment to set up frequent, regular strategic monitoring visits to ensure ongoing compliance with the consents.'

The meeting between the two councils will take place in Lochgilphead Community Centre on August 12.

Camouflage and challenges at cadet training camp



CADETS from across Argyll have enjoyed two weeks of fun, adventure, excitement and achievement in the summer sun whilst at their annual summer camp.

The teenagers joined 250 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadets for the two week experience at Ness-cliff Training Camp in Shropshire.

The cadets have been abseiling down rock faces, spending nights out under canvas, days

'in the field' and meal-times cooking their own army rations.

Keirran Lyon, Tirek Korner and Harry Park, all aged 14 and from the Tarbert detachment, enjoyed camp.

Keirran said: 'The weather was great. We worked hard and played hard,' whilst Tirek said: 'We got to meet new people and I loved the food.'

The Army Cadet Force is a national youth organisation open to boys and girls aged between 12 and 18 who are keen to have fun and adventure. The Argylls have cadet bases in Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown.

Left: Declan Stevenson was all smiles as he took part in training exercises at the Army Cadet Summer camp.

Witnesses sought in Furnace area

POLICE are seeking witnesses in the Furnace area as they investigate an attempted break-in at a house in the village.

Thieves attempted to force open the rear door of the house on the outskirts of the village between 9pm and 10pm on July 23. Some damage was caused but no entry was gained and nothing was stolen.

Anyone with information, or who saw anything suspicious, can call the police on 101.

Thief stole car batteries

AN ARDRISHAIG man has been fined £750 after admitting stealing car batteries from an Islay garage.

Donald Bowness of 4 Macmillan Court, Ardrishaig, pled guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday to stealing the batteries from D and N Mackenzie Garage, Glenegedale on July 25 last year.

The garage owner had noticed some of the cars had been tampered with and on closer inspection discovered 27 of the 80 cars at the garage were

missing their batteries.

Procurator fiscal John Service said: 'The proprietor viewed CCTV and noted a Volkswagen van which she could not identify.'

On the following day this van was seen on the Islay ferry and Bowness was arrested.

The value of the batteries amounted to £1,080 and all were recovered.

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Inveraray band to take centre stage in Glasgow

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band has joined the elite in the piping world as it sells out the most prestigious concert in the pipe band calendar three weeks in advance.

All 2,000 tickets for the pipe band's Pre-World's *Ascension* concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on August 14 officially sold out last Wednesday.

The achievement highlights the popularity of the Grade 1 band as only two

other bands - Simon Fraser University in 2009 and St. Laurence O'Toole in 2010 - have sold out the concert before August.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* Jim McMullan, secretary of the band, said: 'We are delighted and amazed at the speed the tickets have sold at especially as only a couple of bands have managed to do it as well.'

The concert is aptly named following the band's success since it reformed un-

der pipe major Stuart Liddell in 2004.

The band has quickly risen through the ranks and joined the top flight as a Grade 1 pipe band in 2010.

Jim added: 'The concert will reflect the band's rise and start with the first ever piece we performed, *I See Mull*.

'The juvenile band will also perform and the little ones are very excited about it. We have been working really hard to make sure the concert is fantastic and

have been cramming in a lot of rehearsals around our preparation for the various competitions.'

Following the concert, members will prepare for the World Pipe Band Championship just a week later.

'We are feeling confident as we had a good run at the European Championships and we hope to build on that and obviously for the concert we want to make sure all the material is good,' Jim said.



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Former Mid Argyll man to attempt ambitious cycling challenge across Pyrenees

A FORMER pupil at Lochgilphead High School put his endurance to the test by cycling a mammoth 450 miles to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Gavin Stewart, 48, cycled the Pyrenean Raid, which stretches 450 miles along the Pyrenees, the French Atlantic and Mediterranean Coast - within 100 hours.

Gavin, whose father Francis lives in Kilmartin, raised more than £1,000 for the charity by completing the cycle last month, which saw him face four of the toughest Tour De France mountain stages.

The cycling enthusiast was accom-

panied on the route, which has only been completed by 3,000 people since it opened in 1950, by his wife Aileen who followed in a support vehicle.

Speaking about the inspiration behind taking on the challenge Gavin, who now lives in Livingston, said: 'My wife works for Macmillan Cancer Support and a couple of my friends who are a similar age to myself died from cancer and it is a disease which has an impact on everybody.'

He added: 'I did a lot of training and it was really enjoyable, but there were moments, particularly on day three, when it was tough so I was glad to have my wife there.'

Highlands' litter problem revealed

NEW RESEARCH has revealed the full extent of the litter problem that is scarring the Highlands and Islands.

The Clean Up Scotland campaign, which is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful, has revealed that 69 percent of people have seen litter dropped in the region over the past three months.

It is estimated that litter costs local authorities an estimated £78 million a

year to clean up.

Jeremy Purvis, campaign director for Clean Up Scotland, said: 'The people who take the decision to drop litter and pollute their community do a disservice to the Highlands and Islands.'

'They let down their communities, waste other people's money and contribute to what is fast becoming Scotland's secret disgrace.'

New Dunoon ferries launched

TWO NEW ferries which will provide a service between Dunoon and Gourock have been launched.

Western Ferries' MV *Sound of Soay* and its sister ship *MV Sound of Seil* were launched from Cammell Laird's yard in Birkenhead last week.

Both vessels will now undergo final finishing and sea trials before heading to the Clyde in mid August.

The vessels, that are larger, faster and more fuel efficient than the existing ferries, will then begin to operate on the route, connecting Argyll with the central belt.

Community council meeting

THE NEXT meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council will be held on Monday, August 12.

It will be held at the community centre at 7pm.

Housing plea from Kilmichael residents' meeting

THE DEVELOPMENT of social housing for people of all ages has been identified as a key priority for residents of Kilmichael Glassary.

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Dunadd Community Council held the first in a series of public meetings with residents in the village this week as it prepares to create a document that will set out a vision of what the community should look like in years to come.

Commitment
Argyll and Bute Council currently has three areas around the village earmarked for development and residents say a commitment to build social housing is vital.

But, local resident Catriona Gorrie said it was important to get a variety of housing developed to bring more people into the community.

She said: 'It needs to be like the old high school site in Lochgilhead. There are two bedroom homes for older people and houses for single people and it is not just a sheltered housing complex.'

'It's about trying to get a mixture of people to live in the community.'

Whilst Lisa Cinnamon said: 'I'm not so keen for it to be just older housing and I don't want to see it over developed, but we need something.'

A better broadband connection, maximising the use of the village school as a community facility and bringing more tourists to the village by promoting its historic landmarks were also described as ways of improving the quality of life for locals.

The community council will meet with residents in Kilmartin and Ford later in the year before it prepares the community planning document.

It is hoped Argyll and Bute Council will refer to the document when making important decisions that affect the Dunadd area.

Pipe band closing in on first major win

'I feel the gap between ourselves and the very best is getting smaller.'

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band cemented its position as one of the best in the world with a third place finish at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships.

The success of the grade one band at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton follows on from a second place at the European championship and a third at the British major.

Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, from Northern Ireland, won the Scottish major for the fifth year in a row.

Jim McMillan, secretary of the band said: 'Although it would be nice to win a major we are consistently finishing

in the top three. I feel the gap between ourselves and the very best is getting smaller. We always work hard and that is even more so this year with the *Ascension* concert coming up.'

Inveraray and District's juvenile band meanwhile finished fourth in the juvenile grade, whilst Mid Argyll Pipe Band's youths competed for the first time in the Scottish Championship in the novice juvenile category. 2013 has been the first full piping season for the youngsters, who have only taken part in one other major.

The final major of the season will be the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow on August 14 and 15.

Young drivers given ASBO warnings

TWO YOUNG men have been issued anti-social behaviour warnings (ASBO) by the police after they were allegedly seen driving

carelessly on Harbour Street, Tarbert.

The men, aged 19 and 23, driving a silver Citroen Saxo and a red Peugeot 106, were stopped

by police on Saturday night. They were later charged with careless driving and issued with ASBO warnings regarding their driving.



Members of the Lochgair Association donated a new bench, picnic table and planters with flowers to the dementia ward sensory garden at Mid Argyll Community Hospital. 06_a31lochgair01

Sensory garden given makeover

THE DEMENTIA ward sensory garden at Mid Argyll Community Hospital has been given a makeover thanks to the generosity of one local community group.

The Lochgair Association donated new benches, a picnic table and new flowers to the garden this week, which will be enjoyed by patients, families and staff on the ward.

The association was inspired to make the donation after the ward played a key role in supporting members who have lost loved ones to the illness.

Jan Williams, chair-

Outboard engine stolen from Crinan Harbour

AN OUTBOARD engine and a fuel tank were stolen from a dingy docked at Crinan Harbour.

The outboard is described as an 8 HP Yamaha engine with a blue casing and the plastic fuel tank is red with a 20-litre capacity.

Police are appealing for anyone with information on the theft, which took place between July 15 and 25, to call them on 101.

woman of the association, said: 'We really wanted to give something back and the garden will help so many people.'

She added: 'What we would really like now is

for people to come forward and to help us even if it is to help pot plants or donate flowers.'

Helen Samboreck, senior charge nurse for dementia services, thanked the group for its dona-

tion. She said: 'We're so pleased with the donation. The flowers and benches are beautiful, it will make such a difference to the patients and families that use the ward.'

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WITH European countries continually fending off the threat of bankruptcy it is utterly baffling to see that a footballer could be sold for £80 million.

It was rumoured this week that Real Madrid has bid £80 million to buy Tottenham Hotspurs player 24-year-old Gareth Bale.

After the banking crisis, which saw silly amounts of money invested and loaned to businesses, it is astounding to think these sporting clubs are still paying obscene amounts of money for footballers, in addition to the astronomical fees they are paid each week in wages.

The news of Real Madrid's bid just confirms that people in the sporting sphere have lost all sense of reality.

Virtually every other industry in the world is struggling, millions of families are on the breadline and developed countries, such as Spain and Greece, are struggling to provide basic medical care for their people.

Perhaps Real Madrid should use that £80 million to employ some of the 25 per cent of Spain's population that are out of work. Instead they are proposing to throw it at another football club.

With so many of our young people aspiring to become professional footballers, we as a community must ensure they maintain a moral compass whilst on their quest for sporting success.

This is even more important as Lochgilphead Soccer Centre continues to produce excellent young footballers that are being snapped by professional clubs across Scotland.

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Court changes concern

Sir,

I was concerned by the interpretation that may be taken from the recent article published in the *Advertiser* on court changes and thought it helpful to offer some reassurance to your readers.

I had a very helpful meeting with Michael Russell MSP, who clearly explained his constituents' concerns on our restructuring plans for Argyll and Bute.

Importantly, I was able to assure Mr Russell that our plans would not see an immediate withdrawal of jury trials from Argyll and Bute.

While we have set out definitive dates for court closures, with Rothesay Sheriff Court closing in November 2013, we have listened to stakeholders during the extensive consultation phase and are taking a different approach with the move to specialist sheriff centres, which will be progressively introduced over the next 10 years.

This largely reflects the likely timescale for legislative change to introduce the new proposed judicial tier of summary sheriff, and is dependent on availability of court capacity and the development of video links and associated legislation to support the use of technologies in court proceedings, including the hearing of evidence.

This would play a crucial role in allowing residents of Campbeltown, for example, to be able to give evi-

dence from their local court in a sheriff and jury trial that may physically be held in Dumbarton.

We have also made it clear that even following the move to specialist centres the Sheriff Principal will still retain the right to hold a jury trial within any courthouse in their Sheriffdom, where that is considered to be in the best interests of justice.

I hope this is helpful in clarifying our commitment to the delivery of justice across Argyll and Bute.

Eric McQueen
Chief executive,
Scottish Court Service

Gaelic funding is a waste of money

Sir,

In these straitened times, we hear often from community groups and charities about how difficult it is to come across money for their worthy causes.

Groups established to support people suffering from illness, homelessness shelters and even people struggling to pay for treatment for their children will testify to how hard cash is to come across - even for the most worthy of causes.

So you can imagine my delight when our introspective government announced it was providing £2million of funding for an online Gaelic dictionary.

I'm sure those people unable to find a council house or struggling to get by on meagre carers' allowances will welcome this enormous waste of money.

Alex Salmond, that great ambassador of Gaelic who -

unless he's had a recent crash course barely speaks a word of the languishing language - said he's 'delighted' the funding was found.

Wake up, Mr Salmond. This will bring no economic benefit to Scotland and will do nothing to preserve a language that has already passed the point of no return.

A Rodger
via email.

'Farming for Yes' falsehood

Sir,

Last weekend saw the launch of the 'Farming for Yes' group. True to Yes campaign form, they came armed with utopian visions as to what the Scottish agricultural sector would look like post-independence and quickly set about proffering multitudinous promises to all and sundry.

Most striking is their assertion that Scotland's farmers could expect millions of pounds in extra EU subsidies. This is a blatant falsehood, as it is clear that an independent Scotland would have to re-apply to join the EU and go through a tortuous accession process that could take years. During this time, our farmers would face a lengthy hiatus during which they would receive zero single farm payments from Brussels.

In addition, there is absolute certainty that Scotland, as a new EU member state, would not be eligible for any part of the current British rebate, meaning the cost of EU membership would be higher per capita in Scotland than in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The fact of the matter is that

when it comes to Europe, Scottish farmers stand to gain more as part of the United Kingdom.

Struan Stevenson MEP,
The European Parliament,
Rue Wiertz,
Brussels.

Hold the banks to account

Sir,

Many of us are making real efforts to combat climate change by cutting our own carbon emissions and working to make our local communities more sustainable.

But the banks and pension funds in which most of us invest our money are pouring billions of pounds into dirty coal, oil and gas around the world - yet we have no say in how this money is spent. The fossil fuel extraction financed by UK banks and pension funds is pushing the planet to the brink of climate catastrophe. It is also destroying the lives of the people who have to live with giant coal mines and oil wells on their doorsteps. Often these projects are in poor countries and pollute the land and water people rely on.

We have very little say in how banks and pension funds spend our money. So as part of a campaign by the World Development Movement, I'm calling on the government to make banks and pension funds publish the carbon emissions from the fossil fuel projects they finance, so that we can start holding them to account and make them change their ways.

Andrew Rudge,
The nook,
Gairloch.

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Five-star reviews for Melanie's play *Responsible Other*

A PLAYWRIGHT and director with family ties to Lochgilphead has been enjoying a successful debut at a London theatre.

Melanie Spencer, 27, received glowing four and five-star reviews for her play, *Responsible Other*, at the Hampstead Theatre Downstairs.

Grand-daughter

Melanie is the grand-daughter of the late Hector and Cathy Ciarella, who owned the Argyll Café in the 1960s.

Her mother Irene and late father David worked at the town's Argyll and Bute Hospital in the 70s, while her great uncle, Peter Ciarella, still owns Burgh Electrics in Colchester Square.

Born in Carlisle, Melanie has lived in Northamptonshire since she was five-years-old but



Playwright Melanie Spencer has family ties with Lochgilphead.

frequently visits family in Mid Argyll.

Her mother, Irene, left Lochgilphead in 1979, and said: 'Melanie was always very theatrical.

She did a Masters degree in acting and directing, then settled on the latter. 'She is also busy writing her own plays. It's a fantastic de-

but and I'm very proud of her.'

A bittersweet comedy, *Responsible Other* focuses on the relationship between 16 year-

old Daisy, diagnosed with lupus, and her father Peter.

The *Evening Standard* newspaper said the play was 'fierce and compel-

ling', while a reviewer for *The Times* described it as 'so amusing, so moving, so acute emotionally... a remarkably rich first play.'

Free entry vouchers to encourage families to holiday at home

A NUMBER of Argyll tourist attractions have agreed to open their doors for free in a bid to encourage people to 'holiday at home'.

Kilmartin House Museum, Inveraray Jail and Craignish Cruises have teamed up with VisitScotland to offer promotional deals for local families between now and October.

The national tourism agency said the initiative, which includes two for one and child goes free deals, aims to 'help the public purse and encourage more day trips'.

David Adams McGilp, regional director for VisitScotland, said: 'We are working with businesses in the area as part of a promotion to encourage more visits to Argyll and the Isles.'

The vouchers can be downloaded from www.visitscotland.com/greatdaysout.

ADVERTORIAL

Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands pleased with performances at Scottish Championships



Drum major Kevan Renton pictured leading the juvenile band at the Scottish championships.

Large support travelled from Kintyre

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Bands were placed eighth in the novice and fifth in juvenile grade at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships on Saturday, July 27.

Sponsored by McFadyens Contractors (Campbeltown) Ltd, Kintyre's leading civil engineering company, Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands were placed eighth in Novice and fifth in Juvenile Grade at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships, they were supported by a large Kintyre contingent cheering them on in glorious sunshine at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton.

Louise McIntyre, piper sergeant of the novice band, said: 'We didn't quite make the prize list, but we were delighted with eighth place, and if we push ourselves that little bit harder we'll

hopefully make the prize list at the worlds next week.

In juvenile grade, the senior and more experienced Kintyre Schools Band was once again placed fifth.

'We were really pleased with our performance,' said drummer Raymond Gosling. 'However, we are competing against other excellent bands and the competition is tough.'

Further success

There was also further success for Kevan Renton, Kintyre Schools' drum major, as he secured sixth place in the juvenile drum major contest at the championships.

There will be a performance in Main Street by both bands tomorrow (Saturday), August 10, at 7.30pm.

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Ardrishaig Gala Day proves a big hit

ARDRISHAIG Gala Day proved a huge hit with local families who took part in the three-day extravaganza that celebrated everything good about the village.

The weekend had a family focus with events that could be en-

joyed by people of all ages. It kicked off with the family ceilidh which saw dozens of families take to the dance floor.

Vintage cars

With the sun beaming down on Saturday, the day's celebrations officially began with a pa-

rade of vintage cars, led by Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

The front green was filled with local stall holders raising money for the various causes, whilst people could take to the water with a variety of sports.

The event ended with the first ever Ardrishaig's Got Talent, which proved a massive hit with locals who turned out in their droves to watch the youngsters take to the stage to showcase their talent.

Festival and gala fun and frolics to



Youngsters from Mid Argyll took to the stage for the first ever Ardrishaig's Got Talent. 06_a31ard17



Geoff Johnson from Ardrishaig was the Men's baking Competition winner. 06_a31ard01



Patrick Feeny, Eilidh Duncan, Coll McCallum and Chloe MacAulay soaked up the sunshine at Ardrishaig Gala Day. 06_a31ard11



The clown car was just one of the old fashioned vehicles that passed through Ardrishaig in the street parade. 06_a31ard03



Judy Preston and Frances Fleming from the Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising team were raising money with guess the number of items in the hamper. 06_a31ard07

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day bring Mid Argyll



Lock, Stock and Barrel were the proud winners of this year's Dragon Boat Festival.

Crinan Canal Water Festival

THIS YEAR saw Lock, Stock and Barrel crowned the winner of the highly competitive Dragon Boat Race at the annual Crinan Canal Water Festival.

The team faced tough competition in the final with Kamakazie Art Map - a side that has finished runner up in each of the last three years.

Whilst the boat race was getting underway there was plenty of activities for people of all ages to see and do around the canal.

Families took to the water in kayaks and canoes, whilst the Water Walkerz, manned by Mid Argyll Community Pool proved a huge hit. The event saw larg-

er than life Woody the Beaver, who is a joint venture with the Scottish Willdlife Trust and Heart of Argyll, make his debut public appearance.

The build your own boat race also proved a huge hit with teams taking to the water with the hope their creations would not sink.



Above: The Kamakazie Art Map team celebrated their semi final victory in the Dragon Boat Race.



Andy Craven took Zoe and Emma Taylor out on the water as part of the canoe and kayak taster sessions, which were put on by the Mid Argyll Water Sports. 06_a31crinan07



Enge and Sergio from the Clipperton Project won the build your own boat race.



Five-year-old Ruby Dunlop, from Ardrishaig, could be seen scaling the climbing wall on the canal bank. 06_a31crinan04

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: World War Z
 The story revolves around United Nations employee Gerry Lane (Pitt), who traverses the world in a race against time to stop the Zombie pandemic that is toppling armies and governments and threatening to decimate humanity itself. Enos plays Gerry's wife Karen Lane; Kertesz is his comrade in arms, Segen.

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- 8 Cover (7)
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- 11 Later today (7)
- 12 Pictures taken (6)
- 14 Widened (6)
- 17 Time classes are held (7)
- 19 Half note (5)
- 22 Squeezed (5)
- 23 Fight (5-2)
- 24 Overseer of an estate (5)
- 25 Type of desk (4-3)

Down

- 1 Group of Bovidae (5)
- 2 Skilled (5)
- 3 And they're off! (5-2)
- 4 Howling mammal (6)
- 5 Month after Adar (5)
- 6 Sour fluid (7)
- 7 Sailed (7)
- 12 After the big fight (7)
- 13 Eclipse (7)
- 15 On the verge of feeling (7)
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- 18 Fireplace (5)
- 20 Perfect American game for the pitcher (2-3)
- 21 Clean (3,2)

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TARBERT

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help plan the future of the Tarbert Castle Community Woodland tomorrow (Saturday).

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust has secured funding from Argyll and Bute Council, the Community Health Project and Woodland Trust to take the project to the next stage.

People will be asked for their views on where the new fence should go and to help design a woodland planting plan.

The development is part of a three-year project costing around £10,000. It has already seen the site cleared of weeds and debris and a pond reinstated.

Volunteers will also be asked to help carry out general maintenance at the castle, which will include repairing the steps and general tidying of the area. People who would like to help can meet at the castle from 10am.

MINARD

THE FUTURE of West Loch Fyne Community Council looks positive as the newly elected members step into their roles.

The council, which has been dormant for several months, has been reinstated with six members.

Representing the interests of residents on West Loch Fyne are convenor of the council Fred Bruce, treasurer Kate Owen and secretary Jason Copstick.

Leonard McNeill, Sandra Orr and David McTaggart also sit on the council.

Fred Bruce, who was part of the disbanded council, said: 'The future of the council looks good. We have new younger people on board and some fresh blood, which is exactly what we wanted.'

'We will require two new members at the community council elections in October, but

we feel optimistic about getting them.'

Argyll and Bute Council will host community council elections later this year.

The next meeting of West Loch Fyne Community Council will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7.30pm in Minard Village Hall.

CRAIGNISH

A GROUP of traditional drummers, dancers and singers from the Ga tribe of Southern Ghana will perform at Craignish Village Hall this month.

Kakatsitsi, who originate from the fishing community of Jamestown, will mix traditional chants and rhythms from their own Ga tradition with a variety of African cultures.

The dancers encourage audience participation and will ask locals to get on their feet by copying dance moves and shouting African chants.

The event will be held on August 17.



ARDRISHAIG

A FORMER pupil from Ardrishaig Primary School took a trip down memory lane this week when she handed in this old picture. Alice MacGregor submitted this photograph of the Ardrishaig Primary School P7 class of 1963. Taken 40 years ago, the picture shows teacher Mr Smith with Thomas Wilson, Robert Brown, Kenneth MacVicar, Peter Collins, Mary Hedges, Elidh Scobie, Mhairi MacMillan, Patricia Barr, Heather MacKellar and Eleanor MacKinnon.

GRADUATIONS



Dr Michael John Morris, MA (Hons), M. Litt., PhD., son of John and Marie Morris, grandson of Bert and Bella Morris, late of Hillside Road, graduated with a PhD in Literature from Glasgow University, on 27 June, 2013.



Iona Mackinnon recently graduated from Stirling University with a BA (Hons) in Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Modern Languages. Iona is a former pupil of Kings Park Primary, Glasgow and Lochgilhead High School. She begins her probationary year at Ballachulish Primary School in August.



Jason Houston Brown graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a BN (Adult) with Distinction. Jason is the son of Anke and the late Graeme Brown, Ardrishaig and the grandson of the late Neil and Irene Brown, Lochgilhead. He is a former pupil of Lochgilhead High School and is now working in A & E Department in London as a staff nurse.

STRACHUR

MEMBERS of the Strachur SWRI will welcome guest speaker Eva Shrewsbury to their first meeting after the summer break.

Eva will share her story about leaving Germany and travelling to Britain during the Second World War as part of the Kindertransport.

Fled Germany

Eva, who lives near Tignabruich, was one of the groups of children that fled Germany in 1939 on transport that was specifically designed to carry youngsters to safety.

The meeting will be held on September 18 in the New Hall, starting at 2pm.

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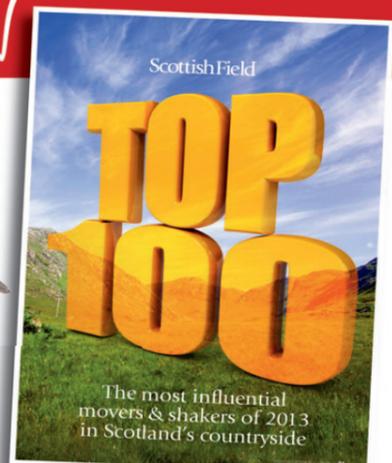
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Dippen retains annual fair day title



This 460 kilo Limousin bullock won M/s Semple, Dippen, Carradale, the Tarbert Fair Day Show at Dalmally for the fifth consecutive year last Friday. The bullock later sold to Mr W B Hamilton, Bee Edge for £1,240.

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Right: The class champions on show during the overall championship judging.

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THERE will be a familiar name on the Fair Day Cup after D Semple and Son, Dippen won it for the 17th time since 1990.

In what was the fifth consecutive year the Carradale farm has won the overall championship, Dippen also took five class wins at the United Auctions Annual Fair Day Show and Sale of 336 cattle at Dalmally Auction Mart.

Sale

Bullocks sold to average 250.5pence per kilo or £988.90 per head (209 pence per kilo last year).

Heifers sold to average 229.4 pence per kilo or £889.00 per head (196 pence per kilo last year).

Judging the various classes prior to the sale was Mr JA Brown, Gaindykehead Farm, Airdrie and the following were his awards:

Charolais Bullocks: 1st M/s Semple, Dippen – 456k - £1180 to M/s DG and B Watt, Cairntack; 2nd M/s Ronald, East Laggan – 466k - £1150 to A Shand, Cortiecrum;

3rd M/s Semple – 458k - £1230 to M/s Watt.

Limousin Bullock: 1st M/s Semple – 460k - £1240 to Mr W B Hamilton, Bee Edge; 2nd Mrs Ruby Currie, Low Dunashery – 472k - £1200 to Mr A Shand; 3rd M/s Buchanan, Achnaba – 460k - £1210 to West Camp Farms.

Charolais Heifer: 1st &

2nd M/s Semple – 560k & 486k - £1360 & £1250 to M/s Stevenson, Balmacolly respectively.

Limousin Heifer: 1st Mr Currie, Low Dunashery – 422k - £1020 to Mr J MacAllister, Wester Thomaston.

Pens of 4 Bullocks: 1st M/s Semple – 456k - £1140 to M/s Watt; 2nd M/s Ronald – 426k

£1190 to West Camp Farms; 3rd Mr T Glenn, Saddle Home Farm – 390k - £1060 to M/s Watt.

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Kerrien with some of her art work at home in Achnamara.

'Virtual art' is the new word of mouth

AN ARTIST in Mid Argyll, who has created a virtual art gallery online, has said social media is the 'new word of mouth recommendation'.

Kerrien Grant, an Achnamara-based painter, has said social media tools such as Facebook have helped her promote work to potential buyers outwith Argyll.

Kerrien, who uploads all her works to her website, which offers people a slideshow viewing, told the *Advertiser* that social media allows artistic businesses to overcome the remoteness of rural Argyll.

'Facebook has been a revelation to me. I have over 120 people liking the Coastwood Gallery page and every time I add a new painting all those people view my latest work,' Kerrien said.

'The interest in my work through my virtual Coastwood Gallery and Facebook has increased sales and given me confidence.

'The numbers are steadily growing

and I can see that this will help me to reach a much larger market. The like button is the equivalent of spreading the message by word-of-mouth.'

She added: 'The relative isolation of rural areas is diminished with social media and people and products can expand their potential customer base effectively.'

Effort

Kerrien makes an effort to maintain an up to date presence on social media, making posts interesting by including photographs of landscapes that have inspired her and following these up with the finished pieces of work.

The artist, who works with acrylic paint, currently exhibits in five west coast art galleries and will this year join the Artmap Argyll collective. The initiative sees dozens of Argyll artists open their studios, homes and galleries to the public for one weekend a year when they speak to the public about their work, techniques and inspiration.

Employ an outdoor apprentice

BUSINESSES operating in the outdoor education and activity sectors are being encouraged to employ an apprentice.

Argyll Coastal Waters Partnership Project is urging businesses in the industry to adopt a modern apprentice by offering to create a tailored training programme.

Stramash, a key partner in the coastal waters project, is an experienced outdoor education provider and is willing to support businesses in the scheme by ensuring a framework is in place for both the employer and 16-19 year-old trainees.

Interested businesses should register with Iain Watson at Stramash by calling 01631 566 080.

Part of Argyll and Bute Council's wider economic development plan for tourism and employment, the Argyll Coastal Waters Partnership Project is a partnership between the council, Stramash, and Scottish Canals.

Landlords not meeting health and safety check

MORE THAN a third of private landlords in the UK are letting homes to people that do not meet the minimum health and safety standards.

The statistics revealed by the UK Government show that approximately 39 per cent of landlords are not meeting their legal responsibility to ensure that all household wiring, installations and appliances are in safe working order.

The research revealed that potential fire hazards such as electrical faults are not being fixed properly by some landlords, who often used unqualified tradesmen to carry out repairs.

Mid Argyll to embrace Homecoming in 2014

TOURISM businesses in Mid Argyll are being urged to adapt their products and services to tap into the ancestral tourism market and capitalise on opportunities in the run up to 2014, the Year of the Homecoming.

A new Ancestral Tourism in Scotland Guide, published by Tourism Intelligence Scotland (TIS), has been launched to help companies move into the market, which is expected to grow considerably in the coming years.

In the next five years it is anticipated that the number of people travelling to Scotland to

trace their family roots will jump from the current 800,000 each year to 4.3 million per year.

Scotland's cabinet secretary for finance, John Swinney said: 'Ancestral tourism will be a key component of next year's festivities with many visitors looking to trace their ancestry or just soak up the atmosphere of their forefathers' land.

'The Ancestral Tourism Guide will help Scottish businesses utilise opportunities available to them within the emerging ancestral tourism sector, encouraging more genealogy tourists and boosting the economy.'

Tourism business booming with support of Business Gateway

THE OWNERS of an Argyll tourism company, which is enjoying increasing success, have attributed much of their business acumen to Business Gateway's workshops.

Iain and Chrissie Fleming, who own Argyll Self Catering Holidays, said the practical advice given at Business Gateway workshops has helped them to boost demand for their business by more than 50 per cent.

The husband and wife team, whose Dunoon-based business manages holiday homes throughout Argyll, said Business Gateway has helped them to take advantage of the rapidly growing market.

Chrissie said: 'We take every opportunity to at-

tend Business Gateway's workshops and courses relating to our business.

The workshops have been a great advantage and instrumental to the growth of our business.'

Commenting on their business, launched in 2010, Iain added: 'The demand for holiday rentals is growing fast. 2012 was our first full year in operation and promoting Argyll Self Catering Holidays. In 2013 we have increased our business by 60-70 per cent. With the high volume of enquiries, particularly in peak times, we need to increase our property portfolio to fill this demand.'

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mid-argyll show



Saturday 10th August 2013 at Kilmory Farm Lochgilphead.
Show Field will open at 8am

THE COUNTDOWN is on for the 2013 Mid Argyll Show as local farmers and stock handlers prepare their animals for the ring.

The event, which kicks off on August 10, will see a host of entries for the agricultural show across a range of competitions, which include Clydesdale Horses, dogs and poultry.

Free Bus running throughout the day from the Bus Stop in Lochgilphead.

Judging for Horse Section – 9:30am in Lower Field.

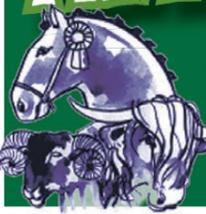
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The show will welcome back a host of farmers whose cattle, sheep and bulls won a number of classes at last year's event.

Bruce Dixon of Killinochonoch will return to defend his confined open cattle champion title, whilst 2012's reserve open sheep champion Douglas Anderson from Barnakill will hope to retain his title.

People with their own back yard hens and chickens can head to the poultry tent this year where they can have their animals judged.

The Afternoon Livestock Parade will kick off at around 2.30pm, whilst there will be baking, produce, craft, flower and vegetable competitions throughout the day.

Organisers will hope that the rain will stay away and the sunshine that has graced Mid Argyll for most of the summer will return on the day so families can head out and enjoy the ring-side entertainment.

This year people can head to the main ring to see pole climbing and fly ball, which sees dogs race against each other over hurdles to a box

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The vintage tractor display will make a return along with the Tossing of the Sheaf and Terrier Racing competitions.

The Junior Mid Argyll Pipe band will perform on the day, whilst they will be a junior gymnastic display and digger challenge to keep spectators busy.

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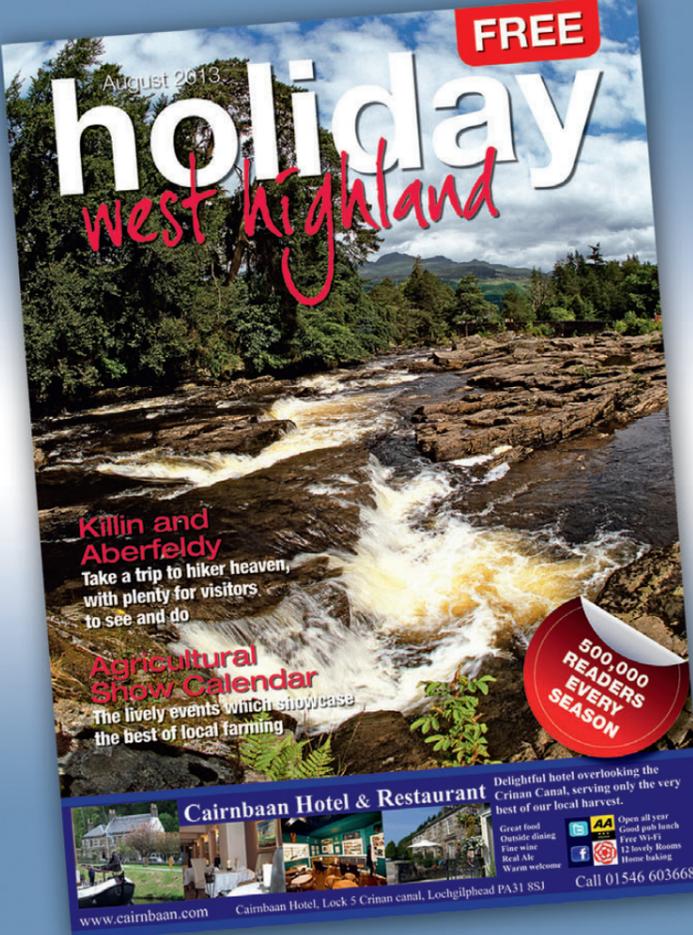


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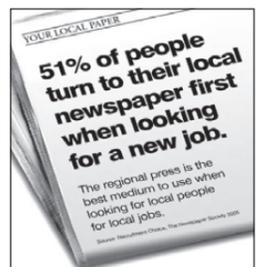
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People were enjoying yet another glorious summer day and the beach was speckled with young and old in holiday mood.

Some had brought their folding chairs and sat enjoying a glass of wine as if on some exotic desert island.

Youngsters shrieked as they ran into a sea which was just a wee bit colder than expected.

Dog walkers tried to keep dogs and cars cool in amazing temperatures.

We had our pups with us and tentatively let them off their leads for just the second or third time. They loved it.

The sea became a great game of chases as it chased them and they responded in turn.

Cautiously at first they dipped a paw into the edge of the water then, fascinated by the seaweed floating to the shore, they gained courage and got their feet wet.

Then the moment came when one pup found a rock pool filled with lots of dirty seaweed.

This was the time and the place to take a leap of faith into the midst of it.

He emerged wet, dirty, covered in bits of seaweed – but very happy.

His sister soon joined in the game and we had two very dishevelled pups to sort out.

A leap of faith is something we all take from time to time.

We take a leap of faith every time we step onto a plane piloted by a total stranger.

We take a leap of faith every time we go into a hospital and trust someone's judgement about our health. We take many leaps of faith throughout our lives.

Jesus took a giant leap of faith when he left the responsibility of spreading the message of the Kingdom to us – no contingency plan – just to us. Was this blind faith, or insight?

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Jura's determined runners feel the heat

THE TEMPERATURE was around 24°C but that didn't put off the runners in Jura's 10k and half marathon event.

The races had a good turnout but it took a group of Glasgow women, who had travelled to compete by RIB from Loch Sween, to convince concerned organisers to continue with plans to run the half marathon.

Maureen McVey and her four friends all came in with superb times.

Organisers thanked the 'great' group of volunteers who manned extra water stations, set up to deal with dehydrated runners.

There was even a hose going at one stop, which the runners loved.

Thanks went to everyone who helped, Jura Distillery for the prizes, and the Jura Hall Committee for excellent teamwork.



Jura 10k winner Lindsay Cunningham.

Photo: Konrad Berkowski

Horse logging used to clear up storm-damaged branches

THE TRADITIONAL method of horse logging has been used to help clear up fallen trees in the Blarbuie Woodland, Lochgilphead.

Peter McAllister, his son Peter junior and horses Rosie and Troy were hard at work in the woods in recent weeks extracting tree trunks.

The horses are pulling logs that have been cut in size and will later be milled into planks of wood that will be used to rebuild shelters and benches that were also destroyed in bad weather.

Hugh Fife, co-ordinator of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, said the method of clearing trees from the site had been going on for two months.

'The horse logging has been absolutely fantastic,' he said. 'There has been a lot of hard work by everyone involved in the project.'

Speaking about the inspiration behind the use of horse logging rather than modern day machinery, Hugh said: 'Horse logging has been re-emerging, particular-

ly across Scotland and it is something we had discussed using at the woodland. We came across the method for extracting wood and decided to use it.

'It has a lot of benefits over modern machinery, which included the social aspect of people interacting with the horse and - of course - it is good for the environment.'

The clear-up project has been supported by Forestry Commission Scotland and Argyll Green Woodworkers Association.



Peter McAllister from Skipness and horse Troy have been hard at work removing logs from Blarbuie Woodland. 06_a29horse01

Family's historic day at Inveraray Bell Tower

THE SON of the first man to conduct a peal on the bells at Inveraray Bell Tower will travel to the Royal Burgh this month to commemorate the great event.

Chris Kippin, the son of Charles H Kippin, who conducted the 1938 bell ringing performance at All Saints Bell Tower, will next Saturday lead a peal to celebrate the 75th anniversary of his father's achievement.

The Englishman will lead a group of bell ringers from across the UK in the peal attempt which will follow the

Bristol Surprise Royal method.

Chris has said that he is 'looking forward' to following in his father's footsteps and embarking on the peal with some of the most experienced ringers in the country.

Competition

During his father's time, there had been competition between bands for the honour of ringing the first peal on the Inveraray bells.

Installed in the early 1920s, the bells are the second heaviest ring of ten bells in the world.

Sub-sea cable gets go ahead

THERE will be increased capacity on the electricity network in Argyll in the coming years as Scottish Hydro Electric (SHE) lays a new underwater cable between Kintyre and Ayrshire.

The £200million upgrade will see a twin sub-sea cable installed that will release up to 150MW of additional grid capacity for renewable projects in the county.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS

McCALLUM - We've expanded our home by two feet and Finn is thrilled to announce the safe arrival of his little sister, Lois Lynsey, on July 18, 2013. First granddaughter for both families. Thanking Maternity Units locally and at S.G.H.

POPE - Brooke and George are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Kaylen Neil Pope, on July 27, 2013. Both families are delighted.

ENGAGEMENTS

GRAHAM MCILCHERE - Peter and Louise are delighted to announce their engagement on July 13, 2013, in Sydney, Australia. Both families were thrilled to hear the happy news.

MARRIAGES

BRECHIN - BROCK On Sunday July 7, 2013, at Strathblane Parish Church, by the Rev. Richard Begg, Cameron, elder son of Gordon and Shona Brechin, Kilmartin to Jennifer Christine, only daughter of Drew and Joan Brock, Lenzie.

CLARK - WELDON At Crieff Hydro on June 8, 2013, Kevin, son of Duncan Clark, Aberdeen to Hayleigh, elder daughter of Mark and Mhairi Weldon, Ardrishaig. A wonderful day had by all!

WATSON - COLVILLE At Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown, on July 27, 2013 by the Rev. P. Burroughs, Greg Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Watson, Southend, to Eilidh Louise, eldest daughter of Mrs E. Colville, Campbeltown and Mr L. Colville, Machrihanish.

RUBY WEDDINGS



DOBBIE - MCKAY At Lorne Street Church on August 4, 1973, Sandy to Sharon.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

RUSSELL - Christine and Livingston were married on August 7, 1963 at Glasgow University Memorial Chapel. Fifty happy years ago.

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DEATHS

McMILLAN - Peacefully after a long illness at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on July 26, 2013, Charles McMillan, aged 71 years, of Westport, St. Clair Road, Ardrishaig. Loving brother of the late George, Donald and Mhairi. A much loved brother-in-law, much admired uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Friday August 2, 2013, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke.

MITCHELL - Thomas Connor (Tom) passed away peacefully at the North Shore Hospital, Auckland, NZ, (formerly Machrihanish), dearly beloved husband of Mary McLean and a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Will be sadly missed.

WESTON - Peacefully at home, 108 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on July 27, 2013, Patricia Constance Weston in her 89th year, dearly beloved mother of Trevor and Murray Oxborrow and a loving and much loved grannie and great grannie.

WHALL - Michael, peacefully at home in Plymouth on July 22, 2013. Loving brother, uncle and great uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACALPINE - The family of the late Isabella (Bella) MacAlpine, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the Carers in Tarbert and to all staff at Ardfenaig Care Home, for their kind care and attention, to Rev Thomas Bryson for an uplifting service and eulogy, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection raised £330, shared between Tarbert Parish Church and Ardfenaig Care Home.

IN MEMORIAMS

GRAHAM - Loving memories of Archie, died August 3, 2008. Dear husband and dad. Ann, Mandy and Pauline x

JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of my husband, Donnie, who died August 8, 2003. We think about you every day

We talk about you too We have precious memories

But we wish we still had you.

From your loving wife Morag and family xxx

McCALLUM - In loving memory of our dear parents, grand parents, great grand parents and great, great grandparents, Ian died October 20, 2002 and Minnie died August 3, 2012. Always remembered.

Wilma, John, Caroline, Peter, Graeme, Andrew, Roxanne and wee Lewis.

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Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 4th August 2013
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10.45am Morning Prayer

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Wednesday 8 August 2013
10am Toddler Group
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Sunday, 4th August, 2013
Glassary 11.30a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Family Service
All welcome
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 4 August 2013
11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway
"Lively Hope"

Thursday 8 August 2013
7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Charity Number SC001002

Sunday August 4
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Holy Communion
Rev. Cliff Acklam

All welcome
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www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 4th August 2013
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Scottish Charity SC015187

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All Welcome
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Sunday 4th August, 2013
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Rev Tommy Bryson

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 4th August
11.15am Mr. Matthew Ramsay
Everyone very welcome

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11:00 am
with Tea & coffee after the service

Baby & Toddler Group
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Sunday 4th August
12.45pm Family Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Scottish Charity Number:
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Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Sunday, 4th August
Early Morning
Informal Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche)
Rev P Burroughs

Thursday, 8th August
Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Lunch Club AGM,
New Hall at 7.30pm

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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
(Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 4 August - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

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Inveraray season 'not over yet'

INVERARAY player-manager Garry MacPherson was quick to deny his team had nothing to play for this season, insisting premier league survival had not yet been secured.

With no further involvement in the cups, and a seemingly secure mid-table berth in the Orion Group Premiership, the Royal Burgh's shinty season is in danger of fizzling out.

'Absolutely not,' was the reply from MacPherson when it was suggested Inveraray's 2013 season was over.

'We are not safe yet from relegation; we need another two or three points.'

MacPherson is looking to find the first of these points on Saturday against Kinlochshiel, although he is likely to miss the game, as well as Ruairidh Graham.

Douglas Dando, however, may return to the fold.

The news of Dando's return from injury will be a welcome boost to an Inveraray side that could only field 11 fit players against Glenurquhart last Saturday - an almost immobile Euan McMurdo played at full forward with a dead leg.

There was further bad luck last weekend as 'Arey defender Allan MacDonald's own goal proved to be Glenurquhart's winner.

His exercise and diet regime are paying dividends as he continues to record his best scores at the right time.

The dedicated McGlynn has been on the bakewell diet which involves substituting cakes and doughnuts for carrots and greens. This has put 50 yards on to his drives and inches off his waist. Ross and Pe-



Lochside Rovers' Keith Burnett expects to take the full force of Alan Paterson's swing.

Picture: Stephen Lawson.

McGlynn maintains from to take championship lead

Report by David Sinclair

RYAN McGlynn has maintained his recent good form to lead the Lochgilphead Golf Club Championship after two rounds.

His exercise and diet regime are paying dividends as he continues to record his best scores at the right time.

The dedicated McGlynn has been on the bakewell diet which involves substituting cakes and doughnuts for carrots and greens. This has put 50 yards on to his drives and inches off his waist. Ross and Pe-

ter Sinclair are both in the hunt for the championship title and they would have probably won this event on more occasions if it were not for their habit of celebrating victory after the third round, which can lead to putting problems on Sunday.

Peter has tried to reduce the risk of his putting being affected by getting lessons from Ross and Cammy Gibb and not watching Simon Taylor putting as it

is too scary. Robbie Wilson has been inspired by his dad's recent performances to give it a real go this year and every aspect of his game looks good.

Golf buggy

Meanwhile Eric Capocci received a powered golf buggy for his recent big birthday but had to return it and upgrade to a four wheel drive version in order to get to where his drives usually go.

His powers of recov-

ery are Houdini like and he is still a contender. Donald Johnston and Steven Gilmour are also in the mix and as past winners should never be discounted.

With the course in great condition this has been a great start to the club championship.

Everyone is having a great time trying their best, some succeeding but most of us having to settle for watching these fine players with smiles on their faces, which is in the correct spirit of the game.

Struggling Strachur may have to concede

THE SITUATION for Strachur Shinty Club goes from bad to worse as the side may be forced to concede tomorrow's (Saturday) match against Taynuilt.

The Cowal side is without a number of key players and coach Donald MacDonald has confirmed he is struggling to field a complete team.

Eight players

The manager has said only eight players are available to travel for the away game and he was still trying to pull a team together as the *Advertiser* went to press.

The threat of being forced to concede the points is a devastating

blow for the side, which sits bottom of South Division One league table and faces possible relegation.

Donald said: 'We are definitely not confident about this match at all. Even if we do field a team it will be difficult to get the points.'

The team was defeated 3-1 by league chasers Lochside Rovers on Saturday in a match which saw the Rovers awarded two penalties in the second half.

Speaking about the match, Donald said: 'I was quite angry about the penalties that were a bit questionable, but I think we still had quite a good match.'

Kyles are up for the Camanachd Cup

KYLES ATHLETIC have cup form and a full squad going into this weekend's Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup semi-final but the club management expect the players to step up their game.

Kyles play Kingussie at An Aird for a place in the final on September 14 and already have this season's Celtic Society Cup in the trophy cabinet. There is also a Macaulay Cup final on August 17 to look forward to.

But Kyles trainer James Perlich knows the dangers Kingussie possess, especially in the game's most celebrated cup competition.

'The team will have to step up another gear to beat Kingussie and progress to the final.

'Hopefully we will have a good crowd from Tighnabruaich.'

Kyles will be familiar with the An Aird pitch after beating Fort William there last weekend 3-2, thanks to a late Grant Irvine goal.

Defender Andrew King made a welcome return to the team after missing most of this season through injury.

TARBERT GOLF CLUB

James Mundell Memorial Open Gents Open

Sunday 4th August 2013

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Tee off Times

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Sun shines on popular Tarbert Stableford

THE SUN shone on Tarbert Golf Club's Glenralloch course for the second week as competitors hit the fairways vying for the MacKenzie/Lamont Fifth Major.

Twenty-eight players contested the title, a popular stableford competition, with players re-

ceiving 3/4 of their handicap. Given the excellent condition of the course, scoring was very good and after all the counting was done Kenny MacFarlane emerged victorious; his round of 70 included five birdies.

Seasoned campaigners Duncan Johnstone and Archie Black

played well to come second and third respectively. In fourth place was David Ronald.

Organiser David 'del boy' Lamont shot the best scratch score of the day, with a level par 66, whilst his compatriot Allan carded 70.

A very successful day was en-

joyed by all, with a few cooling beers being savoured by the golfers at the end of a hard day's play.

This week sees the James Mundell Open take place at Glenralloch. To book a place in the competition telephone the clubhouse on 01880 820565.



Inveraray's Fraser Watt and Donald Macallum were among the youths selected to take part in the 2013 Scottish Hydro National Player Development Camp.

'A'ray boys shine at national camp

TWO TEENAGERS from Inveraray Shinty Club recently had the opportunity to train alongside some of the best competitors in their sport.

Guidance

Fraser Watt and Donald Macallum from the Royal Burgh's youth side trained under the guidance of national shinty development officer Ronald Ross MBE as they

took part in the 2013 Scottish Hydro National Player Development Camp.

The boys were amongst the country's brightest young shinty prospects to take part in the camp, held at Strathallan School in Forgandenny, Perth.

Each player had been nominated by their youth or senior club to take part in the camp,

designed to offer the very best in training and guidance to promising players aged between 14 and 17.

Specialist coaching

Fraser and Donald received specialist training from Camanachd Association coaches based around techniques relating to hitting, dribbling and tackling.

Describing the 2013 camp

as a great success, Mr Ross said: 'Since its inception over 15 years ago, the camp has helped hundreds of young players from across the country to improve all aspects of their game from the technical to the physical elements of the sport.'

'The camps are also a great way for the participants to meet other aspiring shin-

ty players, forging ties and friendships throughout the sport.'

Media training

The five-day camp also saw the Inveraray lads receive media training from journalist Hugh Dan MacLennan, match analysis training from Fraser Inglis and a talk on sportsmanship by rugby legend, Chris Paterson.

John Mulgrew now in charge

PROFESSIONAL golfer John Mulgrew has been charged with developing the ClubGolf initiative in Argyll and south west Scotland.

Mulgrew is one of four Scottish PGA professionals appointed to help develop the skills of volunteer coaches who deliver the junior golf programme in clubs across the country.

As part of his new role he will visit golf clubs in the area, deliver coaching master classes and provide practical advice and support.

Lottery numbers

JACKPOT prizes of £100 went to both C Crawford and S Bell in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 2, 7 and 17 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery. The numbers were 1, 2 and 7. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert football Club lottery were 2, 14 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



WIN

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JACKPOT

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Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

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'Aray boys shine
at national camp

Over 30s take Ardrishaig Gala Day spoils



The over 30 and under 30 teams line up for a pre-match photo shoot before the rivalry erupted on the King George V Park. 06_a31footie01

Two late goals secure win for the Golden Oldies after Young Guns fight back

EXPERIENCE overcame youthful enthusiasm once again as the over 30s defeated the under 30s in the annual Ardrishaig Gala Day football match.

The older team beat their rivals 4-2 to add to their tally of gala day wins; the over 30s having won six of the last seven gala day encounters.

The older footballers, led by veteran Dougie Moore, dominated the match from the beginning and opened the scoring early with a header from Mark MacManus.

The side soon went 2-0 up after Neil Russell scored from close range, thanks to a deflection.

The youngsters tried to get back into the game before the first half ended but were finding Bryan MacDougall and Francis Curran in top form at the back.

At half time the under 30s

reshuffled. With Callum McGuinness leaving the goals due to work commitments, he was replaced by Iain Strang, while Innes Paterson was forced to leave the field having enjoyed one too many Irn-Brus the previous night. Lewis Peacock was replaced as referee by John Johnston who had an excellent game in the second half.

The under 30s started the second half in better form and got themselves back into the game thanks to a couple of nice close range finishes from Docherty to make it 2-2 after an hour.

The older side were not to be denied however and goals from Russell and Ianny Phillips secured the 4-2 win.

Ianny Phillips also collected the Andy Campbell Memorial Trophy after being awarded man of the match by referee Johnston.



Ianny Phillips was awarded the Andy Campbell Memorial Trophy for being man of the match. c06_a31footie02

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