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# Lack of nurses sees Cara ward closed



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## Dementia patients moved as staff numbers plummet at hospital

A SPECIALIST dementia ward at Mid Argyll Community Hospital has been forced to shut this week because of staff shortages.

NHS Highland confirmed on Wednesday that elderly people within dementia ward Cara have been moved into Knapdale and Glassary wards in the Lochgilphead hospital.

The three wards have been

amalgamated to overcome a shortage of medical staff.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership said seven members of staff were off sick but confirmed this was not the result of a bug or outbreak of infection. A further three members of staff are retiring soon, while a fourth is leaving.

Lorraine Paterson, locality

manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, said: 'Due to a reduction in staffing levels caused by staff absences we have had to integrate Cara Ward within Mid Argyll Hospital.'

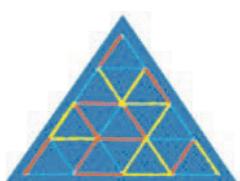
### Reassurance

'Patients who were treated within this specialist dementia continuing care ward have been moved to our other specialist de-

mentia care wards in the hospital. We would like to reassure the families and carers of the patients currently within these wards that they will continue to receive the same level of care from our health professionals.'

A spokesman for NHS Highland said the hospital was still taking admissions but it was not clear when the ward would

reopen. Mid Argyll councillor Douglas Philand said he was confident the ward closure was temporary and said long-term staffing numbers at the hospital would be looked at as part of the Reshaping Care for Older People programme, currently being developed by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with NHS Highland.



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## No plans for Aldi store in Lochgilphead

THERE are no plans to open an Aldi supermarket in Lochgilphead, the company has confirmed.

Rumours circulated around Argyll that the supermarket giant was eyeing up a site in the town after advertisements seeking staff for a

Lochgilphead store appeared online.

A spokesman for the company said: 'Recruitment ads without any foundation have been appearing online in the last week or so referring to various locations across the country, for example Nairn, Stran-

raer, Wick and Shetland.'

'In each case the director of property has said there are no plans at moment for stores in these locations.'

Aldi's human resources department is now looking into the source of the online job adverts.

## Car park for hall users only

ONLY users of Tarbert Village Hall will be allowed to use the car park and large vehicles are prohibited, after an electrical cable was ripped away causing damage to the building.

### Incident

The same incident has occurred twice in just a

few months and it is unclear whether it is the work of vandals or accidental damage.

### Large vehicle

Douglas Robertson, chairman of the management committee, said: 'Whoever caused the damage must have had a large vehicle. No-

one has so far admitted to the damage.'

The incident happened between 12pm on Friday, July 25 and 2pm Saturday, July 26. Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on telephone number 101.



Sisters Ashley McAuley, 9, and Aimee McAuley, 5, enjoyed an afternoon at the shows with their papa. 08\_a32Tarbert01

## All the fun of the Tarbert Fair

IT WAS all-go for the Tarbert Fair as live bands took over the pubs along the harbour.

### Wet and windy

Despite starting off wet and windy, the locals came out in force for the annual event.

Marion Atkinson, manager of Islay Frigate Hotel, said: 'No-one could get moving in here on Saturday night. The atmosphere was amazing and after the rain went off the fair was busy as well.'

First arriving in 1705, Tarbert

Fair has provided amusements and games every year since.

### Entertain

Billy Stewart, owner of the fair, said: 'This is a traditional event and we are happy to entertain the community.'

## New closure legislation welcomed by parents

PARENTS of Mid Argyll primary schools, which were four years ago threatened with closure, have welcomed new legislation that provides safeguards for rural schools.

Changes to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, which came into effect on Friday, will require local authorities to carry out more rigorous consultations on all school closure proposals.

The legislation states new evidence must be provided before proposing a rural school for closure, and that all consultations must include accurate and clear information, including costs.

Under the new regulations, communities will also have a right to challenge any inaccuracies in council proposals and if a school closure is rejected, it will be protected from closure for five years.

Alka Foster and Judy Campbell of Ashfield Parent Teacher Council - a school previously earmarked for closure - said they were pleased to see accurate information would be at the heart of any future proposal.

### Rigorous

Alka said: 'This new legislation that has come into effect will ensure that rigorous processes will be followed before any school closure proposal, and that the council works closely with the community and parents to ensure any threat of closure is the last measure.'

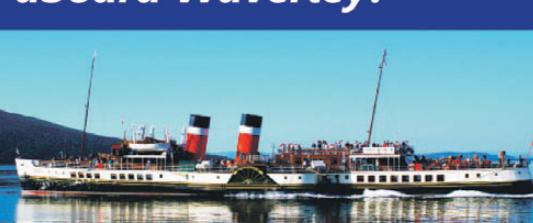
'This is a successful outcome that has come about thanks to the hard work and united front of parents of all the 25

schools in Argyll and Bute that were initially threatened with closure.'

'Looking forward we would like to work with Argyll and Bute Council to ensure that Ashfield primary, and indeed any other rural primary school, is successful and sustainable for future generations of our rural communities.'

Legislative changes to the Schools Consultation Act were recommended by the Commission on Rural Education, which was established in 2011 to investigate how the act was working in practice. At the same time Education Secretary Michael Russell called a moratorium on school closures, halting Argyll and Bute Council's proposals.

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Mothers Janet McGavin, Alison Jardine and Fiona Connor have established Little Gaelic Voices to ensure their children enjoy an early introduction to the Gaelic language.

# Gaelic pre-school group launched in Lochgilphead

MOTHERS of children in Lochgilphead are setting up a Gaelic pre-school group to ensure youngsters enjoy an early introduction to the Gaelic language.

Janet McGavin, Alison Jardine and Fiona Connor have established Little Gaelic Voices for children up to the age of five.

The group will see youngsters take part in 20-minute Gaelic activity sessions, before tak-

ing advantage of Gaelic language books, audio CDs and educational toys.

Janet said inspiration for the group came from the Gaelic Bookbug sessions which are held at Lochgilphead Library.

She said: 'I got in touch with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and they are supporting the group with funding, help and advice.'

Janet, not a Gaelic speaker herself, added: 'There is so much re-

search coming out now showing it's so beneficial to be bilingual and also it's about conserving the Gaelic language as well.'

Professor Antanella Sorace, a language expert, will be attending Little Gaelic Voices in the autumn to discuss the benefits of bilingual education.

Little Gaelic Voices will meet at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 10am on August 23.

## Water safety reminder

PARENTS of small children are being reminded of water safety after a young boy died after falling into the River Orchy near Oban.

Police Scotland is urging guardians of children to be vigilant around water in the summer holidays and take notice of special flags and warnings on the water's edge and to never let their child swim alone.

More information on water safety can be found at [rosfa.com/leisuresafety](http://rosfa.com/leisuresafety).

## Appeal for witnesses

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after paint was thrown over a car and house in Argyll Court, Lochgilphead.

The vandalism took place some time between midnight and 1.30am on July 30.

## Council can't force owner to repair Inveraray Pier

ARGYLL and Bute Council has said it cannot force the owner of Inveraray Pier to repair the listed structure and reopen it as it issues a stark warning to landlords who let their properties fall into a state of disrepair.

The local authority this week told landlords that it will take action against buildings which are considered to be a danger to public safety, stating it would, in severe instances, complete the required work and demand payment from the owner.

### Responsibility

'The primary responsibility for the upkeep of this, or any, structure lies with the owner.'

'The council is mindful of the importance of Inveraray Pier to the local community and to people of the wider Mid

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# World War One remembered

## Tarbert war memorial gets facelift

TARBERT war memorial had a facelift ahead of the World War One centenary.

People from the community came together to cut down vegetation that had grown up to more than 6ft tall on the green surrounding the memorial. Brambles, weeds and branches stripped from the area filled a lorry 11 times.

### Erected

After the area was cleared volunteers erected new fencing and painted the seats and bollards.

Malcolm Mackinnon instigated the project after living next door to the 'eye-sore' for 30 years.

### Volunteers

Malcolm, who headed a group of 15 volunteers on the project, said: 'I couldn't look at it any more and now more people are taking advantage of the space.'

'Although the timing around the centenary wasn't planned, it definitely spurred people on to put in the work and it's worked out well.'

Now visitors have a



Some of the volunteers including, (left to right) Alex and Anne Horn with Catriona Wilkieson and Malcolm MacKinnon. 08\_a32tarbmem01

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## Lochgilphead residents pay their respects

LOCHGILPHEAD residents and dignitaries turned out on Monday to pay their respects at the town's war memorial at 11am.

Men, women, veterans, councillors and clergymen stood side by side as wreaths and crosses were laid to mark the centenary of World War One.

Betty Rhodick, vice convenor of Lochgilphead Community Council who comes from a military family, said: 'We are here to honour, remember and learn; to remember all those who served in World War One and all other conflicts.'



Many veterans attended the memorial.

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## Inveraray marks the centenary of World War One

INVERARAY again remembered its military past this week as historians and veterans marked the centenary of the start of World War One.

Rae MacGregor, 85, from Inveraray, has opened up her photo albums and records which show how the families of the royal burgh responded to the outbreak of the war.

Rae, a well-known historian, has shared with the Argyllshire Advertiser poems written by an Inveraray soldier during the war, photo-

graphs of family members and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders between 1914 and 1918.

Much of the material was held by her father and family for the past 100 years.

Rae's great-greatuncle, Peter McLaren fought and died in WW1.

She said: 'These were ordinary boys who went to war and never came back. It's very sad.'

Ian Campbell, chairman of the Inveraray and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, said: 'It's impor-



Inveraray Company parades down Main Street, Inveraray, pre-1914.

tant that people realise we were all affected by the war. Every family in the country was affected.

'The number of lives that were lost was massive, as can be seen on the wall of Inveraray church hall.'

'These people sacrificed themselves for their country and their people.'

A memorial service was initially set to take place in Inveraray, but was delayed and will now see members of The Royal British Legion come from



Peter McLaren, from Inveraray, fought and died in WWI with the 8th Argylls.



The soldiers of 8th Argylls.

# New £360,000 boaters' block opened at Crinan Canal

New showers and wet rooms fantastic addition

LUXURY showers and wet rooms with under floor heating will now greet boaters using the Crinan Canals after a £360,000 facility was built at Crinan Basin.

Officially opened on Tuesday, the block houses showers, toilets and a laundry room and has an outside terrace, all with disabled access.

The exterior of the building has been lined with larch panelling to ensure it is in keeping with the nearby woodland and canal, which is a scheduled ancient monument.

Modern technologies such as a Sedum living roof system, LED lighting, heat recovery system and under floor heating also ensure it is environmentally friendly.

Joe Murphy, Crinan Canal waterway manager, said: 'The Crinan

Canal and the surrounding area offer world-class sailing in some of the most spectacular scenery in Scotland.

The new block is a fantastic addition to the area and will have a positive impact on both the local economy and the comfort of those who visit the waterway.

#### **Confident**

'I'm confident the new amenities will encourage even more crews to come and enjoy everything Crinan has to offer.'

The building project, undertaken by Scottish Canals and partly funded by the European Union, is an outcome of the Sail West - MalinWaters marine tourism initiative, which is designed to promote the west coast of Scotland, Northern Ireland and North West Ireland as a world-class sailing destination.

#### **Whisky stolen from Co-op**

POLICE are seeking information on two men who made off with a cache of whisky from Lochgilphead's Co-op store at the weekend.

The men were seen carting their alcohol stash out of the store in a trolley at around 12.30pm on Saturday, August 3.

People who have been offered the whisky for sale, or know anything about the theft are being urged to contact police on 101.

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**Garry Martin, Sail West - MalinWaters; David Adams MacGillp, VisitScotland; Joy Harron, Sail West - MalinWaters; Joe Murphy, Scottish Canals and Alec Howie, Scottish Canals at the opening.** 06\_a32canal03

#### **Hospital patients asked for ambulance feedback**

HOSPITAL patients who use the Scottish Ambulance Service to attend medical appointments are being asked for feedback.

Patients using the transport over a four-week period are being sought for interviews in a bid to find ways of improving the service.

The interviews will be carried out by charity Cowal Community Care Forum on behalf of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership.

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**Actor claims council failed to promote his event or put it on their website**

CLAIMS of partiality in the referendum debate have been slammed by Argyll and Bute Council.

'Arrangements to add the play to our online events listing were in hand on Friday August 1, coinciding with the production company's provision of promotional posters for the event.

But renowned actor David Hayman says the council did not publicise his pro-independence show The Pitless Storm.

Mr Hayman claimed through the pages of a Sunday newspaper that the local authority had failed to promote his event or put it on its website.

However, a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'It is simply not the case that access to the usual promotional channels has been denied, nor is it true that anyone at Argyll and Bute Council has taken a decision to

The play comes to various locations throughout Argyll in September.

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## Gaelic education needed in Mid Argyll

NEWS of a Gaelic pre-school group opening in Lochgilphead, coupled with a Gaelic Bookbug session in the town's library, shows there is a real commitment to conserve the language in Mid Argyll.

Until recently, the main speakers of the language in the area have been older members of the community, who have passed the language on through our successful Gaelic choirs.

However, if the language is to thrive in Mid Argyll, we must have Gaelic Medium education and additional Gaelic teachers in our high schools.

The bookbug scheme and pre-school group, Little Gaelic Voices, provide a useful early introduction to Gaelic but this learning must be carried through to our schools, from the ages of five to 18, for the language to be conserved in a meaningful way.

## Law no protection against careless landlords

THE LAW does not go far enough in protecting our historic buildings as it seems regulations allow our listed buildings and structures to fall into a state of disrepair, providing they pose no risk to the public.

Argyll and Bute council's warning that landlords will be issued with formal notices against properties that are in state of disrepair is welcome.

But to learn that the law only requires landlords to place a fence around their property to ensure public safety, shows how far short the law falls in protecting our built heritage.

If any further evidence was needed for change we only need to look to Kilmory Clock Lodge and Inveraray Pier; how long have fences stood around these buildings?

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## Something needs to be done at Ardrishaig pitch

Sir,

With drainage and remedial work being done on Rope-work Park and the two grass pitches at Lochgilphead Joint Campus at the same time, preventing any football matches from being played within Lochgilphead over the summer, the only alternative for players wanting to train and host any pre-season matches or a tournament this summer would be at Ardrishaig's King George V playing field.

However, because of the lack of changing facilities for players, together with the prospect of losing several footballs at this venue, it is not possible or realistic for teams to play here on a regular basis. This pitch is also used for shinty as well so it is imperative that something is done about this situation.

When I mentioned this subject last year to Argyll and Bute Council, lack of money was the reason given for no changing rooms being put in place here. Surely the council should be looking into obtaining some type of unit, whether by lease, or asking a local firm to supply one.

Also, the fence running parallel to the touchline at the roadside needs to be far higher than it is. Getting some type of changing room and a decent fence at the pitch would at least improve the conditions for people and clubs wishing to use the pitch at Ardrishaig. Surely something can be done here.

Peter Laing,  
Lochgilphead.

## How long before someone gets hurt

Sir,

I am writing regarding the letter about 'boy racers' which featured in last Friday's edition of the paper.

The noise late at night must indeed be very annoying but possibly marginally less dangerous than at peak shopping times on a Saturday.

Even inside the shops it causes comment from visitors who cannot understand why the police don't take action.

How long before someone gets hurt?

Diana McLaren,  
Crinan Ferry,  
Lochgilphead.

## Business start-ups in Ardrishaig should be encouraged

Sir,

The front page article, 'Argyll men second best in job stakes', in your edition of July 25 paints a gloomy picture regarding job opportunity in Argyll now and in the future.

The skills audits proposed by the council during 2014/15 will not necessarily create jobs without an aggressive action plan to make use of the audits and community engagement.

An option in the Ardrishaig masterplan calls for regeneration through the provision of business units within the village in order to provide for a vibrant and sustainable future.

It is great to see several business start-ups recently established in the village, however

er, further opportunities are extremely limited through lack of premises.

Your correspondent's letter entitled 'Ardrishaig needs more support' notes the empty council office block in the covered shop units as a lost opportunity. The council should take every opportunity to encourage business start-ups within our community.

It could demonstrate to the community that it takes the issue of job creation seriously by releasing some of its vacated council planning office on Chalmers Street for third sector and/or commercial business use.

The status quo of continued council office space is not good enough.

Edward Laughton,  
Burnside,  
Ardishaig.

## Be wary of unionists offering gifts

Sir,

Stuart Smith needs to be more wary of unionists offering gifts. In his letter on August 1 he is right to mention that Labour and the Tories have promised Scotland more powers after a No vote - despite both parties previously arguing to take devo-max off the ballot.

And what of these new powers? Both pledge to allow us control over income tax but not the offshore taxes which really make Scotland a high revenue prospect for the UK.

They have also explained the need to re-calculate the block grant Scotland receives in return. I wonder just 'how' this will be recalculated.

Will our additional offshore contribution be included?

Does he genuinely believe that all our services will be guaranteed after a no vote.

Stuart is right to say Scotland has a deficit to clear but taking Scotland's debt out of context is an old trick and few people are now fooled by it.

The whole UK has a deficit to clear and we will be much better placed to pay our share - given full control over all our taxes and resources.

What would you prefer - more 'powers' after a no vote or real power to fix these problems ourselves.

Alex Urquhart,  
By email.

## Thanks to Argyll Ceilidh Trail musicians

Sir,

I was delighted to attend the concert with the Argyll Ceilidh Trail musicians on Sunday afternoon in Lochgilphead.

The young people in Argyll Ceilidh Trail are tremendously talented and their enthusiasm is infectious.

I appreciate the work that goes into organising these events and thanks are due to everyone who supports the musicians.

Thank you again to the musicians who provided an afternoon of wonderful entertainment and I wish them well as they travel on to the towns and villages of Argyll and Bute.

Anne Horn,  
Councillor, Ward 2  
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**New street lighting along Blarbuie Road footpath**

STREET lighting installed along the footpath that runs from Blarbuie Road to the new housing development in Lochgilphead has been welcomed by the town's community council.

The lights, which began working last week, were installed after Lochgilphead Community Council raised concerns about how safe the path was for people walking to the housing scheme at night.

Robert Millar from the community council, said: 'I am pleased the lights have been installed and started working before the dark nights come in.'

In December last year Argyll and Bute Council agreed to resurface the path, Fyne Homes agreed to pay for street lights, while M&K MacLeod agreed to remove the railings along the path by the old ambulance station.

# Moving Minds Exhibition at Auchindrain Museum



Kathie McGuigan, front, and Edith Townsley demonstrated how to thin out turnips on Friday. 06\_a31auch01

## 'This was part of our past, part of Argyll's history'

MEMBERS of the travelling community were invited to Auchindrain Township last week to demonstrate the vital role their ancestors played in the agriculture industry in times gone by.

Travellers from Dunch Logan site near Lochgilphead took part in the Moving Minds exhibition at the township on Friday, which showed how travellers did much of the labour-intensive roles on farms before machinery became the norm.

### Thinned turnips

Kathie McGuigan and Edith Townsley showed how travellers thinned out turnips and wove baskets for hundreds of

years all over Scotland. Kathie said: 'Years ago travellers worked on farms for their living. They thinned turnips and picked berries all summer and then you had the lifting and shoeing in winter, anything at all that would have needed done in winter months.'

'Boys would have done bits of gardening and pulled weeds too.'

Bob Clarke, manager of Auchindrain Museum, said travellers always received a warm welcome in Argyll.

He said: 'When they were not working the land they were making or mending things. They made baskets, they would carve flow-

ers out of wood - they were the original artificial flowers before plastic - and as they went through towns and villages travelling from one area to another the women would knock on doors selling things, like today's Amazon.'

'This was part of our past, part of Argyll's history.'

'This is an untold history and if we don't gather that information and history together it won't be here for the next generation.'

Auchindrain museum is seeking photographs and stories showing travellers working the land in Argyll to add to their existing exhibition.

## Scottish Rural Parliament showcase

PROJECTS that tackle problems facing people living in rural areas could be showcased at the first Scottish Rural Parliament in Oban this year.

The parliament is seeking projects from Argyll that tackle rural challenges in an innovative way as part of its Rural Innovators Award scheme.

Some organisations will have the opportunity to address delegates at the parliament while others will be given the chance to welcome parliament chiefs to their business premises.

The Scottish Rural Parliament, held on September 17, will bring together people and decision-makers from public and private bodies with the aim of finding better ways of providing services in rural areas.

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**Book signing by Denzil Meyrick in Mid Argyll**

A BESTSELLING author will sign copies of his latest book in Lochfyne Art Gallery and Lochgilphead Bookshop for his Argyll fans.

Both venues will host events that will see crime novelist Denzil Meyrick, from Campbeltown, sign 'The Last Witness' which was released in June.

Rae Bleasby, owner of Lochfyne Art Gallery, said: 'We feel very privileged that he has taken the time to come here. After all of his success it's really great that he is coming. Denzil and his books are well liked locally.'

His first release, 'Whisky from Small Glasses', became a bestseller on Amazon last year. The book signing will take place at the Bookshop between 11am and 1pm and later at the Gallery between 2pm and 4pm tomorrow (Saturday).

After studying in Argyll Denzil went on to join Strathclyde Police and moved to Glasgow. After suffering a back injury Denzil left the force and began working as a freelance writer.

# Local artist exhibits at National Nature Reserve

AN ARTIST who was inspired by Taynish is exhibiting her latest collection at the National Nature Reserve for the first time.

Lesley Burr, based in Lochgilphead, created a series of mosaics and prints based on animals and scenery at the reserve. She said: 'It's a great opportunity. I was looking for a venue to display this collection and Artmap Argyll contacted me about the reserve.

Lesley said: 'It was inspired by the fact the pigs once lived there and were fed through a hatch in the floor of the Taynish House kitchen.'

#### Location

The chosen location was deemed a 'fitting' touch after organisers realised the link with the pig mosaic.

Lesley said: 'I visit the reserve a lot and often go there to draw. I love it there. It's such a beautiful place.'

Lesley's mosaics feature various forms of wildlife, including a pig, a butterfly and a trout and they are on show in the old Piggery until the end of August.

Lesley said her artwork has always been animal and environmental orientated and she is known to use site-specific materials to create her artwork and keep in with a theme.

She said: 'I always try to use materials that reflect the site I am working from. The pig is really beautiful as it's made up of handmade porcelain tiles, so the colours and textures are all different.'

The Taynish National Nature Reserve is run by Scottish National Heritage (SNH) and is a registered as a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI) with the organisation.

#### Delighted

Caroline Anderson, unit administrator and organiser at SNH, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to be working with an artist of Lesley's calibre.

'The Piggery is the



One of Lesley's Mosaics



Lesley Burr

only outdoor exhibition that we know of in Mid Argyll and it's an amazing location.'

Lesley's work will coincide with the exhibition of sculptor Rob Mulholland's latest collection and the work of Lochgilphead High School's photography project Snapberry 6.

Lesley's collection is open to view now, while Rob and Snapberry's artwork will launch on August 15.

## 'Doon the watter' holidaymakers sought

PEOPLE from Mid Argyll who holidayed in the traditionally popular destination Rothesay in the 1950s have the chance to take part in a new television show.

BBC producers are heading to the town to film an episode of Holiday of My Lifetime and are on the lookout for people who remember Rothesay in 1959 and have stories to share.

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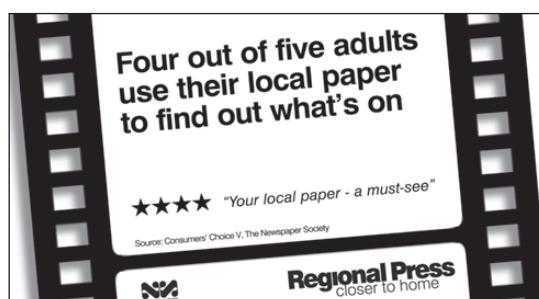
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## Jolomo launches latest art exhibition

PAINTINGS showcasing the beauty of Mid Argyll will this week help to raise cash to restore one of Glasgow's most iconic buildings as Jolomo launches his latest art exhibition.

John Lowrie Morrison, who signs his paintings as Jolomo, will donate a percentage of the proceeds from Knapdale light Part II to the Mackintosh Appeal, which is raising money to restore the Mackintosh building at Glasgow School of Art.

Opening tomorrow (Saturday) at Lochgilphead's Archway Gallery, the exhibition features scenes which have inspired John for the last 40 years.

Tayvallich's John, who studied at Glasgow School of Art for five years, said: 'The Mack made me who I am, it has a big place in my heart. I'm here, a successful artist painting the Scottish landscape, because of all I got from the Mackintosh building and the people in it - and the teachers who are there now are continuing to do that for folk like myself.'

This exhibition is the first to go on show since a fire ravaged the Macintosh building in May and will be the first of many that will generate cash for the restoration appeal.

## Ardishaig Flower Show

THE ANNUAL Ardishaig Flower Show will take place on Friday, August 15 at Ardishaig Public Hall.

The usual baking, flower arranging and fruit 'n' vegetable growing competitions will be included and all villagers are being encouraged to show off the fruits of their labour.

Entries for the baking and home industries competitions will be accepted between 8am and 9am on the morning of the show. Judging will commence at 10am.



**Members of the Fyne Art Club transformed Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall into a gallery for their latest exhibition.**

## Art club holds exhibition

A WOMAN described as feisty and unforgettable was honoured recently when Loch Fyne Art Club held their latest exhibition.

The money went to a cause close to her heart - the Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh Building restoration appeal.

### Never forgotten

Sue Hillman of the club said: 'The last exhibition was 2012 and since that exhibition we lost one of our oldest and dearest members, Hersey Robertson. We painted in her barn for many, many years; she

is gone but never forgotten... she would be delighted that we are still thinking of her.

'She was feisty, unforgettable.'

The exhibition, held at the end of July, saw works by amateur artists displayed alongside that of some of Mid Argyll's most recognisable painters.

It included a selection of original oils, acrylics,

water colours, mixed media, sculpture and life drawing, all created by people living in Mid Argyll.

### Welcome

Budding artists and those picking up a paint brush for the first time are welcome to join the club, which works under resident mentor Fraser MacIver. For more information call Ndurie Abah on 07790 116834.

## Olivia dances to success

OLIVIA Veitch from Lochgilphead has been enjoying success on the Highland dancing circuit this summer and recently took first place in three dances at the Lorn Agricultural Show in Benderloch.

She was first in the pas de basques and high cuts, Highland fling and swords. She also won a second place for pas de basques.

Six-year-old Olivia, a pupil of the Margaret Rose School of Dance in Helensburgh, also won a cache of medals at this year's Inveraray Highland Games.



### GRADUATIONS



**Ruairidh MacNab**

(son of Bruce and Fiona MacNab) graduated on the 10th July from South Tyneside College with a Foundation Degree in Marine Engineering. Ruairidh is employed by Carnival the cruise ship company and is travelling to Amsterdam to do a course in Engine Room Management. He will then be assigned to a cruise ship. Ruairidh was educated at Ardishaig Primary School and Lochgilphead High School.



**Fraser Meechan**

graduated from Stirling University with a BA (Hons) in Criminology and Sociology. Son of Billy and Rona Meechan, Lochgilphead. Fraser will leave next month to travel round the world.

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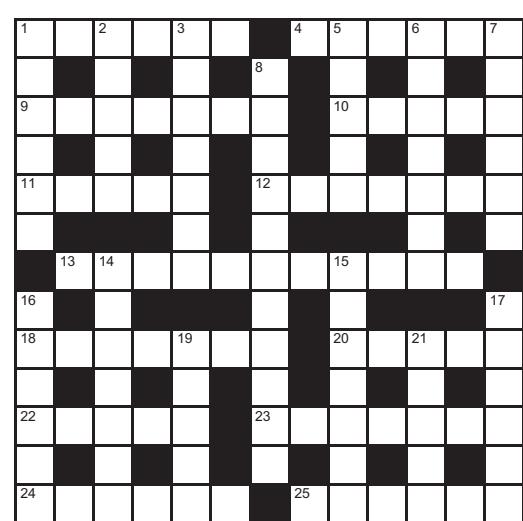
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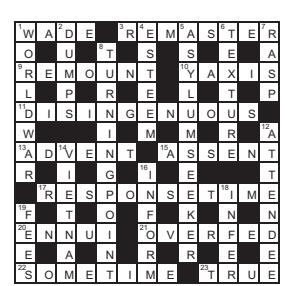
### Across

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- 9 Small flute (7)
- 10 Substantial (5)
- 11 Rwandan people (5)
- 12 Expert in bridges? (7)
- 13 Restricted (11)
- 18 Figure (7)
- 20 Blow up (5)
- 22 Quartet member (5)
- 23 Brave (7)
- 24 Difficult (6)
- 25 Address (6)

### Down

- 1 Number two (6)
- 2 Be silent, in music (5)
- 3 Celebrated in history (7)
- 5 Aromatic seeds used for cooking (5)
- 6 Egg-shaped instrument (7)
- 7 Prairie wolf (6)
- 8 Fridge (4,7)
- 14 Perform better (7)
- 15 Imbricate (7)
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### Free event on grassland nutrient management

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Dr David Lawson, SRUC grassland agronomist, will demonstrate how compaction can restrict plant growth.

Helen Bibby Scottish Agricultural College's conservation consultant, will discuss the role of pollinators within a farming system.

J & S Montgomery Ltd will also be in attendance to demonstrate aeration equipment which can be used to reduce soil compaction. The event, funded by the Scottish Government, is free to farmers, land managers, and crofters. It runs from 11am to 3pm and a light lunch will be provided.

Attendance should be confirmed asap to SAC Consulting, Campbeltown 01586 552502 or email fbscampbeltown@sac.co.uk

# Kintyre show declared a roaring success

JOHN Armour, Kintyre Agricultural Show secretary, said he and the organisers were delighted with how last Friday's show had turned out, as a combination of weather and high-quality competition brought spectators out in droves.

John said: 'We were very happy with how the show went, it was a very successful day.'

#### Extremely pleased

'We were extremely pleased with the turnout and greatly appreciate the public's continued support.'

'Numbers through the gate were on a par with last year and the good weather might have played a part in that.'

'That said, the stock on show across the day was first-class.'

Kintyre Agricultural Show trophy winners 2014:

Coll Cup, best Ayrshire calf - Jack Ralston, East Drumble; Ayrshire Cattle Society Shield product class - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Kintyre Farmers Cup, Ayrshire heifer - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Merchants Cup, most points Ayrshire - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Society Cup, best Ayrshire home bred - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Alf King Cup, best Ayrshire milk section - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Deosan Cup, best Ayrshire pair milk - Archie Millar, Ballygreggan; Thomas Miller Cup, Ayrshire young stock champion - Rhona

## Sanders' plough shines in the damp

THE annual Largieside ploughing match took place in damp conditions on Saturday, July 26 at Beachmenach Farm in Tayinloan by kind permission of the McDonald family.

The ploughing was

judged by Thomas Cameron and Jimmy Wallace and the horses by Malcolm McFadyen. The committee thanked everyone who helped to run the event.

The trophies were presented at a social evening



Connor Sanders, right, with Jock Severide who generously mentored Connor with Jock's tractor and plough.

na Millar, Ballygreggan; Tom Douglas Cup, overall Ayrshire champion - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Volac Cup, best Holstein calf - Ava McLatchie, Kilkedan; Holstein breeder ID Smith Cup, 8,000kg class - Peter Littleton, Killegruer; Alistair Cameron Cup, Holstein milk records class - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; John Cullen Salver, Holstein young stock champion - Jennifer Littleton, Killegruer; Kintyre Holstein Breeders Cup, Holstein heifer - John Smith, Drumalea; Drumalea Cup, champion Holstein - Gavin Semple, Kilkedan; Sandy Ross Cup, champion Jersey - Tommy Ralston, Dhuie; Silver Vase, best exhibit 14-25 years old dairy - Jennifer Littleton, Killegruer; Ian McDonald Rose Bowl, dairy interbreed pair - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Parker Cup, reserve dairy champion - Gavin Semple, Kilkedan; Creamery Cup, supreme dairy champion - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Kintara Cup, best calf led by juvenile - Taylor Purser, Kilwhipnach; Corson's Rose Bowl, best cross bred suckled calf - D W Semple, Dippen; McFadyen Cup, most points in beef section - D W Semple, Dippen; Daniel Riddell Cup, best opposite sex in beef classes - D W Semple, Dippen; Messrs Wallace Cup, champion beef animal - D W Semple, Dippen; Wm McLatchie Memorial Cup, best Clydesdale - David and Callum McPhail, Garcafra; David MacPhail & Son Cup, best Clydesdale foal - Tom McMillan, Eskechraggan; David Smith Cup, champion Clydesdale - David and Callum McPhail, Garcafra; Arnicle Cup, best Blackface lamb and ewe lamb - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Duke's Cup, best group of three Blackface - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; John R Semple Cup, best Blackface lamb - Donald Shaw, Innisaig; Maxwell Cup, best Blackface male bred by exhibitor - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Argyll Herald Jubilee Cup, best home bred Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Archie Black Memorial Cup, confined Blackface champion - Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart; James McPhee & Son Cup, most points in Blackface section

Cup, best group of three Blackface - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; John R Semple Cup, best Blackface lamb - Donald Shaw, Innisaig; Maxwell Cup, best Blackface male bred by exhibitor - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Argyll Herald Jubilee Cup, best home bred Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Archie Black Memorial Cup, confined Blackface champion - Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart; James McPhee & Son Cup, most points in Blackface section

- Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Sandra Cup, champion Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Devonia Bowl, most points Ayrshire/Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; John D McConnachie Cup, champion Blue Leicestershire, best home bred Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Archie Black Memorial Cup, confined Blackface champion - Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart; James McPhee & Son Cup, most points in Blackface section

High Dalriach; McTaggart Cup, best border Leicester - J & K Semple, Kilkedan; Mary Lang Memorial Trophy, best Jacob - M & C Ralston, Rhion; Messrs Jackson/Sym Plate, best pen of fat lambs - Iain McKendrick, High Dalriach; Tithebarn Cup, overall sheep champion - J & M Turner, Kildallie; Society Cup, champion dog confined to Kintyre - Catherine Ralston, Campbeltown; Society Cup, best old tractor - John Gourlay, Clachan.

## Sanders' plough shines in the damp

at the Argyll Hotel, Belochantay.

Prizes were presented on the field by Marion McDonald and the results were as follows:

12-inch and under - 1 Connor Sanders, 2 James McIndoe, 3 Willie Reid, 4 James McIndoe, 5 Gordon Souter, 6 Gavin Reid, 7 Neil Littleton, 8 Paul Newall, 9 Kenny Ronald.

12-inch special prizes: best break - Willie Reid; best first six furrow - Willie Reid, Best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best finish - all Connor Sanders.

Reversible - 1 Niall Bastow. Reversible special prizes: best break, best first six furrows, best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best finish - Niall Bastow.

Horses - 1 Geordie Robertson, 2 Neil MacPhail.

Horse special prizes: best break, best first six furrows, best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best

finish, tidiest turnout, best mare - all Geordie Robertson; best working pair, best gelding - both Neil MacPhail. General prizes: worst lot - Neil Littleton; least assistance - James P McIndoe; best maintained outfit - Kenny Ronald; best working plough - Connor Sanders; hardest luck - Neil MacPhail; furthest travelled - Gordon Souter; first finished - Gavin Reid; first on field - Geordie Robertson; oldest ploughman - James McIndoe; youngest ploughman - Neil Littleton; best looking ploughman - Connor Sanders; oldest tractor - Gordon Souter;

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Check the official Clearing listings in the national press, the UCAS website, or the websites of individual universities to find where there are vacancies in different subjects.

Using the official listings will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information.

Think about alternative courses

es, perhaps a joint course with another subject instead of a single subject course, to maximise the choice available.

Start ringing possible universities straight away as places at good universities can be filled very quickly.

Funding is also vital for any student, and should be applied for in plenty of time.

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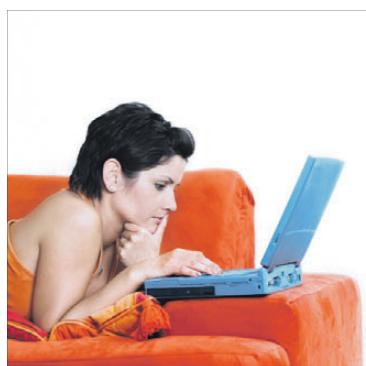
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# Mid Argyll pipe bands prepare for World Championships



Grade One band Inveraray and district.

**MSP to grill government over fast broadband**

JAMIE McGrigor MSP has vowed to grill the Scottish Government about its efforts to roll out super fast broadband in Argyll as soon as the summer recess ends.

The Highlands and Islands MSP said there was growing concern in rural communities over the inadequacy and reliability of their broadband provision.

#### Remote areas

He said: 'I have some specific cases to highlight including the problem of accessing broadband in the most remote areas which are far from BT exchanges.'

He added: 'Reliable and affordable broadband provision is crucial to the economic wellbeing of the Highlands and islands and we cannot have a situation where remote communities continue to be put at an economic disadvantage because they have slow and unreliable broadband which often costs the consumer much more than broadband in the cities.'

'Both bands really enjoy the buzz that surrounds the Worlds and feel that it is an honour to participate in such a prestigious event'

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band is aiming for even more success at next month's World Pipe Band Championships.

The band, which previously won three world titles in a row, will return to Glasgow next Saturday, August 16, alongside Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Lifting the European Championship earlier this summer, Inveraray Pipe Band was once again overtaken by current world champions

Field Marshall Montgomery, when they won the Scottish Championships two weeks ago. Inveraray finished fourth.

But Jim McMillan, secretary of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, said: 'For us the Worlds is the pinnacle of the season. It is obviously the most important championship of them all, attracting bands from all over and we always aim to play at our very best when the competition comes around.'

Mid Argyll Pipe Band meanwhile will field two bands to compete in the Grade 4B and novice juvenile categories.

Band secretary Margaret Howieson said: 'Both bands really enjoy the buzz that surrounds the Worlds and feel that it is an honour to participate in such a prestigious event.'

The championship will get underway in front of 25,000 people at Glasgow Green on August 16.

## Dave raises more than £1,000 for 'little gym'

A FATHER has raised in excess of £1,000 for a 'little gym' in Tarbert after taking part in a mammoth kayaking challenge earlier this summer.

Dave McBride, the man behind Tarbert's Kayak Majik, paddled 100 miles around the Kintyre Peninsula in June in a bid to raise money for a cause close to his heart.

The dad of one, together with partner Alison Jardine, is supporting a

project to build a miniature gym for youngsters alongside the existing outdoor adult gym at the amenity area at Tarbert Harbour.

A Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust project, the little gym aims to alleviate pressure on parents who would like to keep fit but find it difficult to find childcare.

Dave, father of pre-schooler Aiden, said the little gym would allow families to exercise and

have fun together outdoors.

'We have some multi-functional gym equipment that we want to install that is ideal for the one to six age group,' Dave said. 'Once they are above six they can go to the local park, if it's close to home, or possibly use exercise equipment in other parks.'

The trust has applied to funding bodies to secure money for the little gym and hopes to hear the result of those soon.

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Nichola Downie, Jaqui Patrick and Sue Armour from Inveraray volunteered at the coffee stall. 08\_a32invgd02



Little Fraser Park, three, pictured with his dad Stephen, was dressed up for the day while on holiday. 08\_a32invgd05



Ann and Harry McColl, two, and Kim Hall with Alexander. 08\_a32invgd06



Youngsters and adults prepare for the duck derby.



Tilly Cunningham and Eilidh Cameron, who took part in the fun run around Inveraray Castle.

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One of the gala day organisers Linda Divers with homemade lollipops. 08\_a32invgd20



Rhona Donnan, Cheryl Naisby and Laura Blythe from Disney Junior. 08\_a32invgd14

THE COMMUNITY spirit of Inveraray folk shone through the torrential rain at the weekend as the royal burgh hosted its annual gala.

The event saw hardy youngsters don their trainers and raincoats and compete in the Inveraray Fun Run, which had events for toddlers, children, parents and pensioners.

A warm cuppa and cake

awaited the hardy souls later at the fire station which hosted an open day to coincide with the gala day fun.

The station housed a bottle stall, raffles and other stalls selling hand-crafted goods.

Peter Crombie, from Glasgow, was on holiday with his wife Jean.

He said: 'We've been coming here for years and



der McKinley, six, met up for a day out with the kids.

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we always like to support the community in any way we can.

### Amazing

'We often have family holidays here and the effort that the community puts into its events is amazing.'

Firefighters at the station provided home safety information, as well as a chip-pan fire demonstration, showing how quick-

ly such fires can get out of control. Everyone enjoyed a game of short golf, courtesy of Inveraray Golf Club, and children loved the bouncy castle.

The crowd appreciated the shelter at the station and later on a fancy dress disco for youngsters was held in the Argyll Hotel, followed by a licensed dance run by Lochfyne Football Club.



Inveraray Young Musicians ran a boot sale on the



Proud dad, firefighter David Owen with his princess, Amy, who was one of two girls crowned at the gala day. 08\_a32invgd22



Sisters Pippy and Tilly Cunningham with fire fighters Alistair Morrison and Iain Hunter, after being impressed by the chip-pan fire demonstration. 08\_a32invgd19



Amy Owen entered a barbie cake for the baking competition. 08\_a32invgd23



Davie Scott collects the ducks that raced in Sunday's duck derby.



The chip-pan fire demonstration gets underway. 08\_a32invgd24



Ally MacIntyre, aged four, was shown how to work the hose by fire fighter Alistair Morrison. 08\_a32invgd12

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# Jillian rubs shoulders with the Commonwealth's sporting elite

## 'It's been the best 10 days of my life'

A SPORTS leader who was one of thousands of volunteer Clyde-siders at Glasgow's Commonwealth Games has described the experience as 'the best 10 days of my life'.

Jillian Gibson, Argyll and Bute's community

sport hubs officer, was tasked with helping the transport department for swimming competitions at the Tollcross international Swimming Centre.

During her time in Glasgow the former Mid Argyll Active Schools

coordinator met a 'who's who' of athletics and swimming, posing for pictures with Scottish medallists Ross Murdoch and Hannah Miley, TeamScotland poster boy Michael Jamieson and Olympic medallists Rebecca Adlington, Daley Thompson and Kelly Holmes.

On her final day at the aquatics venue, Jillian met one of her heroes, South African swimmer Chad le Clos. Posting a picture of herself with the Commonwealth Games 100-metre butterfly champion, she said: 'I can officially die happy!'

Jillian, who took part in the Queen's Baton Relay when in Oban, said: 'It's just been amazing and I



**Jillian Gibson met Scottish Commonwealth Games stars, from left, Michael Jamieson, Ross Murdoch and Hannah Miley.**

have had a lot of contact with the athletes.

Daley Thompson was really nice and Ross Murdoch was an absolute gem and deserves all his success.

'I was initially disappointed when I got told I would be in the transport department but it has turned out to be a great job. It was the best 10 days of my life.'

Argyll-based volunteers were dotted all

across Glasgow, playing their part in the Commonwealth Games including Clyde-sider Inveraray's Rosie Corner and a wealth of medics.

### Performing

Argyll athletes have also been performing at the Games. Marathon runner Susan Partridge, from Benderloch, finished sixth in the women's road race, while Campbeltown twin sisters Donna and Fiona

Robertson competed in wrestling.

Aged 45, the duo both fought in the women's 48kg competition following successful careers in Judo.

Receiving thunderous applause when she arrived for her 48kg category quarter-final with Cameroon's Rebecca Muambo, Donna's medal ambitions were quashed as her rival and sometime training part-

ner was too strong; the score was 11-0.

Fiona meanwhile lost her opener 4-0 to England's eventual silver medallist Yana Rattigan but had a reprieve in the re-pechage. In a twist of fate the second Robertson sister also met Muambo who claimed bronze with a 10-0 rout that also put paid to Fiona's dreams of a Commonwealth medal on home soil.

## Brendan's memories will stay with him for life

A MAN who guided the Queen's Baton throughout Scotland over 40 days covering 4,000 kilometres has said memories of the extraordinary baton bearers will stay with him for life.

Brendan Docherty, from Cairnbaan, was a host in the relay team and was responsible for liaising with baton bearers and briefing them on what would happen.

These people, ordinary Scots who had supported their community, achieved sporting success and overcome adversity, were the highlight of the relay for the 57-year-old, who described the experience as 'very emotional'.

'When we did our training they told us we would cry and you know all of us, even the ex-policeman, cried.'

'Some of the baton bearers were very successful sports personalities or celebrities. Others were stars of the



**Brendan (second right) organising the baton relay team.**

future but the vast majority were ordinary people who had been chosen because of the positive impact they had on their local communities or because they had overcome adversities to succeed in life.'

A career development coach, Brendan has been involved with the Commonwealth Games since 2012 and has since helped interview, select and train Games staff and Clyde-siders.

Brendan said: 'I even managed to get chosen to model the Games vol-

unteer uniforms when they were revealed to an audience of 18,000 back in March.'

Finally when Brendan had the chance to join the Baton Relay Team he jumped at the opportunity.

'It was a particular honour to be closely involved with all the baton bearers in both Cairnbaan and Lochgilphead and to see so many people in Mid Argyll come out to greet the baton on its journey to the Opening Ceremony in Glasgow.'



**Physiotherapist and osteopath Yvonne McNiven looked after athletes at the Commonwealth Games.**



**Jillian meets her swimming hero Chad le Clos.**

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## Independent report calls on Scottish Government to prioritise long-term housing needs in Scotland

An independent Scottish Housing Commission led by RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) has published its recommendations to help improve Scotland's housing market across all tenures.

The Commission is made up of cross-sector experts within the housing industry and, through written and oral evidence provided by industry representatives, developed recommendations to help Scottish Government and cross-sector policy makers remove barriers in the Scottish housing market.

According to the report, measures including the expansion of the current Scottish Government Housing Policy Advisory Group, the creation of a more robust private rented sector and a renewed emphasis on establishing a sufficient

quantity and quality of land for housing, including the creation of new communities across Scotland, are all required to address potential crises in Scotland's housing market.

Tom Barclay FRICS, Scottish Housing Commission Chairman said: 'The imbalance that exists between supply and demand for housing remains an on-going problem in today's, and potentially tomorrow's, Scottish housing market. At the heart of our 15 Recommendations the commission identified three key issues for Scotland's housing future, namely, housing land supply, new housing growth and the emerging importance of the private rented sector. A substantial increase in land supply for housing would assist development partners in their

business preparation, reduce land costs and impact positively on the affordability of housing.

'In addition, scaling up production of new house building across all tenures is in our view an essential aspect in a sustainable housing solution for Scotland.

'By promoting the creation of up to eight major new communities, either as new towns, regeneration of existing communities or as expansion of existing plans, we could make major in-roads in addressing Scotland's acute housing need in the decade that lies ahead.

'At the same time this would give a continued shot in the arm to the Scottish economy, by creating new jobs and supporting existing economies.'

The report also suggests that a greater level of

attention toward the private rented sector could help alleviate pressure on the market. According to the latest RICS Residential Market Survey, a net balance of 25 per cent of chartered surveyors reported a rise in tenant demand within the private rented sector, with respondents reporting growth in demand through 2014.

Tom Barclay FRICS added: 'An effective, regulated private rental market is vital for future housing in Scotland.'

'Significant investment in a private rented growth plan for Scotland is required to provide security for the growing number of families and individuals depend on privately rented properties.'

The report further recommends that the Scottish Government put in place a Change Fund to support

the social housing sector. The social housing sector has the potential to play a major role in delivering smarter and better housing outcomes in Scotland. However, in terms of finance, evidence from lenders suggests that the risk rating of the housing

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the social housing sector. The social housing sector has increased as a result of welfare and pension reforms, as well as a reduction in capital subsidies. The fund would facilitate potential partnerships both constitutional and non-constitutional, helping shape new business models, evaluate transfers of stock between organisations, and, in essence, help provide a stimulus to give greater vitality to the sector.

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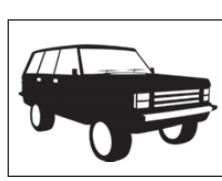
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Drivers are being urged to slow down on country roads this summer to enable families, walkers, cyclists and horse riders to enjoy great British countryside, as a survey reveals that a huge proportion treat them like racetracks. Results out today from road safety charity Brake and solicitors, Digby Brown reveal one in three drivers (33 per cent) admit driving too fast for safety on country roads, by speeding, taking bends too fast or overtaking. Four in 10 (37 per cent) have had a near-miss on country roads, while driving, walking or cycling.

Since there is less traffic on country roads, some drivers feel a false sense of security [1] and are prone to take risks like speeding, overtaking, and not slowing down for brows and bends. In fact, per mile travelled, country roads are the most dangerous for all types of road user, with car occupants almost twice as likely to be killed on a country road than an urban road, motorcyclists more than twice as likely, and cyclists more than three times as likely [2]. In 2013, 895 people were killed on non built-up roads, up 1 per cent on 2012, and 6,554 seriously injured [3].

Brake and Digby Brown's survey of 1,000 UK drivers also found:

- One in five (19 per cent) admit breaking speed limits on country roads in the past year
- Three in 20 (15 per cent) admit taking corners or brows too fast
- One in 20 (5 per cent) admit overtaking when it isn't safe
- Three in 10 (28 per cent) have been a passenger with a driver who broke the limit, one in five (19 per cent) with a driver who took corners or brows too fast, and one in 12 (8 per cent) with a driver who overtook when it wasn't safe.
- Four in five (80 per cent) think traffic is too fast for safety on some or most rural roads.

Fast traffic on country roads not only puts lives at risk, it can also harm people's quality of life by preventing them from enjoying the countryside on foot or bike for fear of being hurt. Three quarters of those surveyed (76 per cent) think country roads need to be safer for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders, and two in five say they would start cycling or cycle more (37 per cent), or start walking or walk more (43 per cent), if these roads were safer [4].

To cut crashes and empower people to enjoy the countryside, Brake is calling on government to lower limits on rural roads to a maximum of 50mph, and require authorities to implement lower limits where there are particular risks. The survey found widespread support for lower limits, with seven in 10 (72 per cent) in favour of more 50, 40 and 30mph limits on country roads, and two thirds (65 per cent) in favour of a 40mph default in national parks.

Brake is urging all drivers to stay well under current limits - bearing in mind 60mph is generally far too fast for safety on these roads - and slow right down for villages, bends, brows and bad weather, and avoid overtaking. Drivers should always assume that someone, or something, could be around any corner.

Fraser Simpson, Digby Brown partner and Brake spokesperson in Scotland, commented: 'Careless and reckless driving wrecks lives. At Digby Brown we work with families affected by road traffic crashes and see first-hand their devastating human consequences. Driving on rural roads or in countryside areas has its own challenges and all of us should bear that in mind when we get behind the wheel. We can all do our bit to stop the carnage we see far



The consequences of driving too fast are all too clear

too often on our roads. Whether it is checking and obeying the speed limit on an unfamiliar road, taking a bit more time to get round a corner or thinking twice about overtaking, care and attention saves lives. This is a really important message and Digby Brown are fully supportive of Brake's campaign and work in this area.'

[1] Direct Line report on safe driving 2009-2011, part 3 - speed, Brake and Direct Line, 2010

[2] Reported road casualties Great Britain: 2012, Department for Transport, 2013 - table RAS2005, p94 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/269601/rrcgb-2012-complete.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/269601/rrcgb-2012-complete.pdf)

[3] Reported road casualties Great Britain: main results 2013, Department for Transport, 2014 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/324580/rrcgb-main-results-2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324580/rrcgb-main-results-2013.pdf). Non-built up roads refers to those with speed limits over 40mph.

[4] Survey of 1,000 drivers and riders conducted for Brake and Digby Brown by Surveygo, released 24 July 2014

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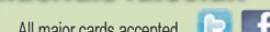
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



THE lighting was subdued and the music was spine tingling and evocative.

My eyes took time to adjust to the gentle lighting and at first I couldn't make out much at all.

I had been waiting over a year to visit it, and then I saw it in all its glory – St Oran's Cross, magnificently restored and in Iona Abbey Museum.

This is the world's first Celtic high cross.

It was chiselled out of schist blocks on the Ross of Mull by craftsmen at the behest of a King of the Picts in the 8th century.

It weights more than a tonne and stands four and a half metres high.

It is magnificent.

St Oran was a follower of St Columba and a chapel beside the abbey is dedicated to him.

His cross had lain, broken in five pieces, on the floor of the abbey museum for many years.

It was a wonderful project to restore it and then to have it standing proudly in the museum alongside the original crosses of St John and St Matthew.

St Oran's cross depicts familiar biblical stories and the engraving is a masterpiece in itself.

The Celtic crosses were thought of by our ancestors as 'touching places' between ourselves and God.

There is a sacred mystery about them, and a story within the stories which are engraved forever upon them.

This cross has survived for almost 1,300 years and still has a message for us today.

I wonder what stories we will leave engraved for future generations.

Will emails, tweets and twitters tell our story over the next 13 centuries?

What mark will we leave and what faith will we proclaim?

I like to think that a broken cross restored speaks to us of hope in our broken and fragmented world today.

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## PORAVADIE

### Ladies at lunch

THE MID Argyll Branch of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) had a group outing to Portavadie Marina for lunch last week.

Travelling from Tarbert to Portavadie on the ferry, the ladies from the groups in Ford, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead and Tarbert enjoyed a day out in the sunshine.

They had lunch at the marina, enjoyed a look around and caught up on the latest news from each of their respective areas.

To find out more about the SWRI log on to www.facebook.com/MidArgyllBranchSWRI.



The Mid Argyll ladies luching at Portavadie Marina.

## KILBERRY

### A day inside the hollow mountain

ON TUESDAY Kilberry resident Elaine Thomson will be presenting a talk 'A day inside the hollow mountain: the power under Ben Cruachan' at Kilberry's Meet and Munch.

Elaine was the Scottish Power manager responsible for Cruachan Visitor Centre when it achieved the VisitScotland 5 Star Tourism Award and the Green Tourism Award Gold Level.

Everyone is welcome to join the Meet and Munch group, between midday and 2pm at Kilberry Church. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of finger food to share.

## TARBERT

### Woodland and pond makeover

MORE people are spending time within the grounds of Tarbert Castle after its woodland and pond were given a make over.

Tarbert Castle Trust, responsible for maintaining the castle ruins, says Tarbert families and visitors have been enjoying picnics and playing within grounds this summer.

It comes after a workforce spent more than a year installing paths in the woodland, building

seats and tables, constructing a jetty at the pool and interpretation panels explaining more about the area.

Robert McPhail, secretary and treasurer for Tarbert Castle Trust, said: 'Many visitors who see the area from the castle now walk through the woodland on their way down.'

The pond was busy with tadpoles and small frogs have been seen as are many Dragon Flies and Damsel Flies.'

### Parking changes for Tarbert 10km

DOOKERS are being reminded that parking on the harbour side will be restricted from the evening of Friday, August 15, until Saturday lunchtime to accommodate the Tarbert 10km race route.

Alternative parking is available at the car park on Campbeltown Road.

The TT10k committee has thanked everyone in advance for their cooperation.

People who are interested in volunteering to marshal at the event should contact the committee by emailing tarbert10km@gmail.com.

## FURNACE

### Gala weekend

THE VILLAGE is set to hold its gala weekend on August 16 and 17 and the fun begins in Liz Train's garden.

held at the village hall in the afternoon where there will be games for children and an array of stalls on show.

## DUNOON

### Games dance

DURING COWAL Games week the Cowal Country Dance Club will hold its annual Games Week Dance on Tuesday, August 26 at Dunoon Primary School.

Any dancers wishing to attend the event should contact Jackie on 860188 or Betty to arrange transport.

## FORD

### Ford fun day

THE TENTH annual Ford Fun Day will get underway next Saturday, August 16.

Kicking off at Ford village hall at midday, the fun day will include craft stalls, a children's tent where two local artists will be holding an art workshop for the children, plus fun and games. There will also be a barbecue, home-made cakes, jams and chutneys.

At 7.30pm there will be a ceilidh with licensed bar and buffet at the hall. Leading the ceilidh will be Reel Stramash, a Scottish ceilidh band based in Glasgow.

## DUNOON



Catherine Blain, left, and daughter Lorna at Southend Highland Games.  
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### Dunoon woman has holidayed in Southend for 48 years

A DUNOON woman will not stop holidaying in Southend just yet, as she has been every year for the past 48 years.

Catherine Blain, who worked for 25 years in a Gourock Fish and Chip Shop, and husband Laurence, 73, a retired council worker, stay at a caravan at John Galbraith's Polliwilline Farm.

Catherine was helping her daughter

, Lorna Hamilton, to sell hand knitting at last Saturday's Southend Highland Games in Kintyre.

### Without fail

Catherine said: 'Laurence and I having been coming to Southend every year without fail for 48 years. We can't see past it.'

'The first time I was here I was expecting Lorna.'

## TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

### BIRTHS



#### WALKER

Kevin and Christine are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Thomas, on July 21, 2014 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A lovely wee brother for Eilidh and new grandson for Elizabeth and Raymond McCallum, Campbeltown, and Tom and Liz Glover, Helensburgh.

### MARRIAGES

**GALBRAITH - KELLY** - Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Craig Rankin to Amanda Dawn, at St Margaret's Episcopal Church, Renfrew by the Rev Pat Smith, on July 20, 2014.

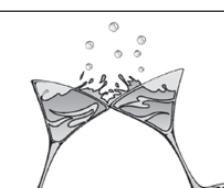
**MCNAIR - BARAN** - At Strathaven Hotel, on July 5, 2014 by the Rev Gary McIntyre, Robert, son of John and Norma, High Smerby, to Stefanie Margaret, elder daughter of Frank and Anne-Marie, Cambuslang.



#### O'MAY - CRAWFORD

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Jamie, only son of Jamie and Anne, Ardrishaig, to Amanda, only daughter of Sandy and Fiona, Lochgilphead, by the Rev Hilda Smith, at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on July 19, 2014. A special day!

### SILVER WEDDINGS



#### CROSSAN - MCSPORRAN

On August 5, 1989 by Rev Roddy McNidder, at St Blaan's Church, Southend, Arthur to Anne.

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### DEATHS

**MACDOUGALL** - On August 2, 2014, peacefully at her daughter's house, 22 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on August 4, 2014, Patricia Stewart (Pat), in her 72nd year, 33 Smith Drive, formerly of Balston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Angus Graham, much loved mother of Angus, Donna, Stewart, Allister and Adam, a loving and much loved granny, and great granny of Ella, Hollie and Dylan.

**HENDERSON** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 5, 2014, Michael Henderson (Mick), in his 87th year, 26c Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Maureen Sinclair, much loved father of Lorna, father-in-law of Campbell, and a loving grampa of Lorne and Greg. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the District Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MACBRAYNE** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on Sunday, August 3, 2014, Lydia Lithgow MacBrayne, aged 71 years, of 15 Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, beloved daughter of the late Dugald and Margaret MacBrayne and much loved sister of Anne. A dear aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald's Funeral Parlour, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 11.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Volunteer Drivers.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on August 5, 2014, Annabel MacDonald, née MacKchnie, aged 91 years, of 3 Ardpatrik Place, Lochgilphead, and formerly of 62 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Donnie MacDonald, much loved and loving mum, gran, great gran, mother-in-law, sister and aunt. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Ga h-ionndrain gu mor.

**MCLATCHIE** - Peggy and her cousin, Bobby Harvey, would like to express their thanks to all friends and neighbours for their kindness following the sad loss of Lily. Thanks to the Rev Anne McIvor for her comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services and the Argyll Hotel for the funeral service.

**MCWHINNEY** - The family of the late Annie wishes to thank everyone who attended the funeral. Also, thanks to the Rev R MacLeod for the lovely services, Eadar Glinn Nursing Home for the loving care and attention given and John H Glen & Son for excellent funeral arrangements.

**NICOLSON** - Sheena and family of the late Alastair Nicolson wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends

and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following their sad loss. Thanks to the staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Dr Helliwell, nurse Joanna Steel and carers for Alastair's special care at home. Extended thanks to Arran and Lochgilphead Masonic order. Finally, thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm service and spiritual help, also Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate care. A generous donation of £245 was raised on behalf of Lodge Loch Fyne Benevolent Fund.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CLERK** - Colin and family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the home care team, Dianne, Florence, Eleanor and Jill and district nurse Anne Templeton for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Care raised £355.

**LEISHMAN** - Allison, Brian and family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the sad loss of their mum, Jessie. A special thanks to Aunt Janette for all her support while Mum was in hospital, to the nursing staff and Dr Birschel in Ward 56 of the Stroke Unit, Southern General Hospital and all the nursing staff at the Campbeltown Hospital, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair Funeral Directors for their excellent service, Agnes Stewart for the lovely church service, the Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £291 for the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital.

**MCKELLAR** - In loving memory of our wee granny, sorely missed.

- Love Kenny, Angela and Kerr x.

**MARTIN** - In loving memory of my dear wife, our mum and grandma, Catherine (Kate), who died August 3, 2008.

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day.

- All our love, Iain, Paul, Yvonne, and families.

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In our hearts forever.

- Jane and girls x.

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### IN MEMORIAMS

**ALLAN** - Sweet and happy memories of my darling youngest son, Iain Kelly, died July 30, 2006. Also my beloved husband, Robert Galbraith (Big Bert), died August 13, 2006.

Love and miss you both so much.

Till we meet again.

- Always and ever, Jean xx.

**GRAHAM** - Loving memories of Archie, a dear husband and father, and Nettie Gillies, a dear mother and granny.

- Love 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.

**MACKINNON** - In loving memory of Hector, who died August 9, 2005.

- Love from Lucy and family.

**MACLENNAN** - Treasured memories of our mum, Elizabeth, died August 12, 1985.

We can't have old days back

When we were all together But secret tears and loving thoughts

Will be with us forever.

Loved and missed always.

- Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene and Murray x.

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### CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
GLASSARY  
KILMARIN  
and FORD  
PARISH  
CHURCH

Sunday 10th August  
Ford Church - 10am  
Rev. W. Ritchie  
All welcome  
SCO 02121

ST MARGARET'S  
R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

Fr. David Connor  
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All Welcome  
(SCO002876)

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YOU ARE WARMLY  
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Tarbert 10.00am, located on  
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CHURCH OF  
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ARDRISHAIG  
AND  
SOUTH KNAPDALE  
PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises  
to our God"  
10th August  
Legion  
(Mark 5)  
Services  
in  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Scottish Episcopal  
Churches  
Everyone Welcome

Christ Church  
Bishopton Road,  
Lochgilphead  
(SCO13787)

Sundays 11.00 am  
Eucharist service  
4th Sunday of the month  
10am Mattins  
& 11am Eucharist Service  
Coffee & Cake follows the  
service

St Columba's, Poltalloch,  
nr Kilmartin  
(SCO31391)

1st Sunday of the month  
9.00am Eucharist Service  
3rd Sunday of the month  
6.00pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book

All Saints, Inveraray  
(SCO25646)

Thursdays 6.30pm  
Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
Priest in Charge of the charges of  
Mid Argyll & Arran  
01546 602315

WEST  
LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services  
10th August 2014  
- all welcome!

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Cumlooden Lochfyneside and  
Lochgar

Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlooden  
Church at 10 am  
Seirbeis Ghàidhlig (Gaelic Service)  
in Lochgar Church at 3 pm  
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Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

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For Funeral  
Directors Blair,  
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### CHURCH NOTICES

free church  
of scotland

George Street,  
Campbeltown

Sunday 10th August  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Finlay Mackenzie

Thursday 14th August  
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer

Saturday 16th August  
10.30am – 4pm  
Church Open Day  
All Welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

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75 Longrow,  
Campbeltown

Sunday 10th August 2014  
11.15am Family Communion  
Service

Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
Coffee from 10.45am

Wednesday 13th August 2014  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
Toddler Group closed during  
summer

For details and other enquiries  
contact Pastor Ross Ferguson  
01586 551200  
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LORNE AND  
LOWLAND  
PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number  
SCO11686

Sunday 10th August  
Informal service in Church Hall  
10.00am  
Traditional Service 11.15am  
Creche  
Rev P Wallace

NORTH KNAPDALE  
PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 10 August  
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am  
Morning Worship  
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## Shinty at Mid Argyll Show

KILMORY and Dunadd Junior Camanachd would like to invite teams to participate in this year's Ronnie Sinclair and Alex Cunningham Memorial Tournament to be held at the Mid Argyll Show on Saturday August 9 at MacRae Park, Lochgilphead.

There will be P7 and under and P4/5 competitions. To enter please contact Fiona McCuaig on either kilmorydunadd@gmail.com or fiona76a@btinter-net.com.

## Pre-season friendly for Star

RED STAR travel to Toryglen tomorrow (Saturday) to face Glasgow Islay in their final friendly ahead of the 2014/15 football season.

Glasgow Islay has several players in their squad who come from the Argyll area and with a few former Red Star players in their squad the match should prove very competitive.

The Lochgilphead side's first league game of the season is on August 16 when Star travel to face Dunoon Athletic in an Argyll derby.

## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery with numbers 6, 15 and 17 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 1, 6 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

The £400 jackpot in Kilmory Camanachd's lottery was not won this week, with numbers 4, 11 and 12 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £400.

# Carradale ladies' boost for Argyll and Bute charity

A CHARITY was a big winner at Carradale Golf Club's ladies captain's prize day last Thursday with members and invited guests playing an 18-hole Stableford competition and a nine-hole competition for non-handicap players.

The captain's charity for this year is SSAFA Argyll and Bute (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association), a worthwhile charity that has helped a number of veterans and their families around Argyll.

The results were: Handicap - Margaret Campbell 40 points, runner-up Marlene Walker 38.

Visitor winner - Hilary Oman (Macrihanish) 35 points, runner-up Lesley Armour (Macrihanish) 30.

Nine-hole winner - Gillian Kitson 19 points, runner-up Lorna Campbell 17.

Longest drive 9th/18th (silver) - Anne Gallagher (Macrihanish).

Longest drive 4th/13th (bronze) - Laura Finlayson.

Nearest the Pin 8th/17th - Marlene Walker.



## Tarbert brothers win invitation pairs at Ardrishaig

IT WAS a visiting team of brothers who took first place in the invitation pairs competition at Ardrishaig Bowling Club on Saturday.

Craig and John Martin, from Tarbert, took first place after their final match against overall runners up Douglas Philand and Donald Crawford, from Lochgilphead.

The bowlers were amongst 25 pairs who descended on the club from places such as Oban, Old Kilpatrick, Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

Fiona MacLachlan, secretary

and treasurer of Ardrishaig Bowling Club, said: 'The weather was poor but spirits were still high. It's good to have people from all over playing today.'

'I think it's good to see what other clubs are doing.'

With a total of 50 people competing in the event the clubhouse was busy with players and spectators, who enjoyed breakfast rolls, tea and coffee in between games.

Fiona added: 'Ardrishaig Bowling Club would like to thank Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for sponsoring our pairs.'

## Top rugby coach comes to Argyll

A FUTURE star of Scottish rugby says he is looking forward to returning home to Oban Lorne RFC - and he is bringing along one of the game's top international coaches for a special training session.

Magnus Bradbury, who has returned from representing Scotland under 20s at the world championship in New Zealand, will return to the club where he learned his trade as part of the Scottish Rugby Union's RBS Rugby-force initiative, used to support amateur clubs.

And he will be joined on Sunday by Scott Johnson, director of rugby for the Scottish national team.

Johnson, who was previously the interim Scottish national team manager and played at under-21 level for Wallabies, will be overseeing Sunday's training at the club which includes players from Mid Argyll.



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Tarbert AFC has worked hard on fitness in pre-season training.

# Tarbert quietly confident in league title challenge

## 'A good start to this season is imperative'

HAVING finished last season in great form all those connected to Tarbert Football Club are looking forward to the first game of the 2014/15 season when they plan to continue their unbeaten league record in 2014.

The Dookers narrowly lost to eventual SAFL Division 1A champions, Drumchapel, in December 2013 but never suffered any more losses in the league when it ended

in May. Their only defeat was to league runners up Ferguslie Star in the Coronation Cup.

James Prentice, Tarbert's player/manager, said the team's aim was to get as many points in the league early on to ensure a quick ascent in the league table.

Describing the team as 'quietly confident', he said: 'Having played so well in the second half of the season the play-

ers must be aware that too many points were dropped in the early part of the season and this was to eventually prevent us from finishing higher than fourth in the league.'

'A good start to this season is imperative if we are to push for league honours, a feat which we are more than capable of. This won't be an easy task though as we will face teams

such as old rivals Rosehill Star and Eaglesham and come up against the unknown of Bridgewater AFC, FC Argyle and Milton of Colquhoun.'

Tarbert AFC have opted for a quiet but purposeful preseason, with the team working hard on fitness and ball work during training sessions at Cil Andres for the past few weeks.

Tarbert will be without the experienced Mark

McCormick this season, who has moved to Aberdeen with work commitments. This, however, gives young players the opportunity to find a place in the squad, Prentice added.

The football manager is hoping to give his team a run out against local rivals Carradale tomorrow (Saturday) in an effort to ensure his players are in top condition for the season open-

er, which gets underway the following Saturday, August 16.

The Dookers will take on FC Clydebank at home with the usual

kick off time at 2pm.

The team would like to thank all their sponsors for their continued support throughout the new season.

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