



## Poppy the poodle wins at Mid Argyll

Kilmartin's Amelia Gargan cannot hide her delight after her 15-month-old Toy Poodle pedigree, Poppy, was named confined champion of the dog classes at the 2013 Mid Argyll Show on Saturday. Poppy was chosen ahead of more than 100 dogs entered in the show. For more on this year's event see pages 12 and 13. 06\_a33show13

# Warnings sounded over leadership struggles

## Squabbles hinder attempts to improve Argyll economy

WARNINGS were sounded this week that ongoing leadership struggles at the council HQ in Kilmory would hinder attempts to improve the economy and grow the population of Argyll and Bute.

However, a new leadership deal could be agreed this month - with hopes high stability will turn things around.

Former council leader Dick Walsh issued the warning after a new strategic risk report was presented to councillors last week, highlighting several areas of poor performance.

Among the biggest threats identified was the continuing decline in population and the council's poor reputation, caused in part by political strife.

Areas of most concern included ineffective management of health and social care integration, poorly managed implementation of welfare reform, inadequate infrastructure and declining income.

After mitigation, the authority identified 13 strategic risks in total, with only one in the most serious risk category - population decline.

While Mr Walsh said he and fellow councillors had issues with the way the report was presented, he acknowledged members would 'ignore them at their peril' - saying the council's reputation and declining population would have to be dealt with first.

Claiming that a lack of leadership has hindered

the authority, he said: 'I'm not going to take a back seat any more. We have to establish some stability and leadership,' he said. 'The council is in a place of darkness. I'm prepared to take this council out of the darkness and into the daylight.'

'If we don't [get some stability] the risks identified on the register will double.'

Lochgilphead councillor and SNP group leader Sandy Taylor agreed the figures in the report needed clarification. Asked if there was a possibility of a deal to finally settle the leadership of the council, he said: 'A few weeks back there was no obvious way forward. I think we now have a way forward.'

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# Befriending scheme to tackle loneliness

A NEW project is to be launched in Mid Argyll to address issues of loneliness and isolation for people living in rural and remote areas.

The Befriending Scheme is to be set up by the Dochas Centre, Alzheimer's Scotland, Argyll Voluntary Action and the Red Cross, to recruit volunteers to become friends with people who would otherwise be left in isolation.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are being sought to join the project and will provide vital companionship to those isolated by an accident, illness or bereavement.

The decision to start the project, which has been funded by the Health and Wellbeing Network, came after a number of surveys by the organisations revealed the need for a befriending scheme.

Speaking about the project, which will aim to help those living in a PA30/PA31 postcode, Maggie McLaren, man-

ager of the Dochas Centre, said: 'It is amazing what even a phone call can do to help someone.'

'We have a vision of how we would like the project to evolve and hope that it will eventually reach groups of three or four in particular areas who could make friends.'

She added: 'Our volunteers will be provided with training and it can simply be face-to-face contact or a chat on the phone that they need to give.'

'It is a great chance for volunteers to meet like-minded people, to develop people skills and confidence and to make a contribution to their local community.'

People who would like to volunteer or use the service can find out more by contacting Maggie McLaren at the Dochas Centre on 01546 600022, or alternatively email antonia@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk.



Inveraray Community Council has shown its support to the Evans Family Fun Fair, which comes into the Royal Burgh for one month every summer. 06\_a33evans01

## Inveraray Community Council backs fun fair

INVERARAY Community Council has given its full support to a fun fair after it was accused of damaging the front green.

The Evans Family Fun Fair has come to the Royal Burgh for the past 28 years.

But the community has been forced to rally round the family after an individual member of

the community council approached Jennifer and Tom Evans to say the council was monitoring the fair and the damage it had caused to the grass.

This week the community council came together to show its support for the family, who spend a month in Inveraray each summer with their fair ground.

Community councillor David Scott said: 'We don't understand why this person has come to the family and said this.'

'They do a lot for the community and each year they hold a Dodgem Dance that benefits a charity in the area. This year Inveraray Golf Club received a donation and previously the shinty club has bene-

fited.' Jennifer said the claim had left the family devastated.

'People have come to us with flowers, cards and home baking to show their support,' she said.

'We were upset that someone would say this because the people of Inveraray have always been lovely and we love coming here.'

## Car window smashed

POLICE are appealing for information after a car window was smashed on Highbank Park in Lochgilphead.

The window was broken at some point between 8pm on Wednesday, August 7 and 2pm the following day. Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101.

## Two arrested in fraud probe

TWO PEOPLE from Lochgilphead have been arrested in relation to fraud.

A 27-year-old woman and 31-year-old man have been arrested following a police search in a house in Lochgilphead. The pair were both released and are to appear at Dunoon Sheriff Court on August 29.

## Three mountain bikes stolen

THREE mountain bikes have been stolen from a property in Castleton.

A man's silver mountain bike, girl's silver mountain bike and a boy's grey mountain bike were taken from a shed at some point between Saturday, August 10 and Monday, August 12.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 101.

## Police called to disturbance

A 67-year-old man was arrested for alleged abusive and threatening behaviour when police were called to a disturbance at a house in Crinan.

He was later released and is due to appear at Dunoon Sheriff Court on August 15.

## Hunt on for Argyll's unsung sporting heroes

THE HUNT is on to find unsung sporting heroes in Argyll for the sportsotland awards 2013. Awards will be presented in nine categories: young coach, community coach, development coach, performance

young person's coach, disability coach, technical official, volunteer, and volunteer. Winners of the awards, who receive a commemorative trophy, certificate and cheque for £300 towards their development,

are then put forward for the UK Coaching awards held in December. The closing date for nominations is October 11 and for more information visit sportsotland.org.uk/COVawards.

## TANGY III WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS



SSE Renewables, the renewable energy development division of SSE, is in the early stages of exploring a potential redevelopment and extension of the existing wind farm at Tangy, Argyll and Bute on behalf of SSE Generation Limited.

The purpose of these public consultation exhibitions is to provide local communities and interested parties the opportunity to come along and meet with the project team, learn more about the proposals and raise any questions or concerns. The exhibitions will be held as follows:

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Machrihanish Village Hall	Tuesday, 27 August 2013	10.00am – 2.00pm
Campbeltown Town Hall	Tuesday, 27 August 2013	4.00pm – 8.00pm

Comment Forms will be made available at the exhibitions and can be completed and handed in on the day, posted at a later date or sent electronically to the Project Liaison Manager (contact details below).

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Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Project Liaison Manager:-

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## Engine appeal

AN ATTEMPT was made to steal two outboard engines from a boat on a slipway at the rear of a dwelling house in Lochgair.

Police are appealing for anyone with information about the incident, which took place between midnight and 10am on August 10, to contact them on 101.

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## Police files

### Thieves tried to rob house

POLICE are appealing for information after an attempted house break at Furnace this week.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning, a double glazed window was forced at a house, but no entry was gained. Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101.

### Two car crash on A83

A TWO vehicle collision on the A83 near the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar has resulted in a 26-year-old man being reported for driving without due consideration for other road users.

One person sustained minor injuries in the incident, which happened on Tuesday August 6.

### Man appears in sheriff court

A 46 YEAR-old man appeared at Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday after he was arrested by police in Lochgilphead last Friday for being in possession of a knife, refusing to provide a road side breath test and two samples for analysis.

### Driver reported to fiscal

A YOUNG driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving without due care and consideration in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The 22-year-old man has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal following an accident on the A83 near Tarbert where one vehicle was



The ladies from the Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising team were busy serving up tea, cakes and coffee to the hungry spectators at the Mid Argyll Show. 06\_a33show05

## Cancer support team raises £2,000 at show

MORE than £2,000 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support this week thanks to the efforts of the local fundraising team and generous Mid Argyll residents.

The team, who are renowned for their baking, sold tea, cakes and coffee at a make-shift cafe at this year's Mid Argyll Show, feeding hundreds of hungry spectators.

The charity was given a further cash boost when Lochgilphead High School pupil Carla Jackson handed over £350 to the team.

The 16-year-old has been raising money for the charity since last November and has completed a sponsored 10K,



Carla Jackson, right, presented Carol Small, chairwoman of the Macmillan Mid Argyll Cancer Support fundraising team, with £350 at Mid Argyll Show. 06\_a33show26

organised a non-uniform day at school and

sold home baking at various events.

The youngster was inspired to raise cash for the charity after her nan passed away from cancer last September.

On receiving the money Carol Small, chairwoman of the Macmillan Mid Argyll Cancer Support fundraising team said: 'Carla has raised a fantastic amount and we are very grateful for the support.'

'The charity has always tried to give as much money back into the local community as possible.'

The fundraising team also thanked the generosity of everyone who donated money at the Mid Argyll Show.

# Community council seeks meeting with planners

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council has called for a meeting with council planners as it seeks clarity over how enforcement complaints are dealt with.

At Monday's meeting of the group, community councillors Iain Liddell and Charles Edmonds, expressed fresh concerns that Argyll and Bute Council has not dealt properly with complaints about a development at the old high school, near Manse Brae.

The community council is considering making an official complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman over the council's handling of the complaint, which alleges Fyne Homes work on the Blarbuie Road site

is in breach of planning regulations and created a flooding risk for neighbouring properties.

Both Mr Liddell and Mr Edmonds live on Manse Brae and say it is crucial the council makes clear how it will change its procedure so residents in Argyll and Bute are not affected by the same problems in future.

Ian, who has experienced flooding at his home allegedly because of the development, said: 'There is dam built behind my house and I am on flood alert with Argyll and Bute Council.'

'I get e-mails about flood alerts if someone wants to buy my house and they look at that

it would be a massive problem.'

He added: 'We want to make sure that other people will not have the same problems. It is too late for us now, but we can stop it happening again. We want someone to explain to us why all these things have gone wrong. All through the development there have been problems.'

Since 2009, the community council has lodged a number of complaints with the local authority, regarding the felling of trees, inadequate drainage and the closure of a footpath.

The community council is to request a meeting with the planning department for its September 9 meeting.

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Carradale East - 11.45am - 12.15pm  
Peninver - 12.45pm - 1.15pm  
Southend - 2.45pm - 3.15pm  
Machrihanish - 3.45pm - 4.15pm  
Campbeltown - 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Council Chambers)

**Tuesday 27 August 2013**  
Tayinloan - 10.00am - 10.30am  
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## New rules on carbon monoxide detectors

CARBON monoxide alarms that can detect the gas in the atmosphere will have to be fitted when new or replacement boilers are fitted from October.

A change in building regulations means all homes, hotels, guest houses and care homes will have to be fitted with alarms to prevent death from the 'silent killer'. The Scottish Government has introduced the new legislation after recognising the devastating impact the gas has on people's lives. The gas, which goes undetected, as it cannot be smelt or tasted, is responsible for at least 50 deaths in the UK each year with thousands more requiring hospital treatment.

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# Man arrested after Women's Aid error

ARGYLL and Bute Women's Aid has vowed to change the way it checks information with police after its flawed advice led to the conviction of a man against his partner's wishes.

The woman had not wanted Lachlan MacLachlan arrested but the 44-year-old appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court last week to plead guilty to two charges involving his partner of five years.

MacLachlan's solicitor, Heather Shaw, told the court the woman believes the charity 'misled' her about police

policy on reporting domestic incidents - and only contacted officers about a series of incidents between July 1 and August 2 on their advice.

Women's Aid, said Ms Shaw, incorrectly told the woman police would simply keep the incidents on record should something happen in the future, if that was what she wished, and would not seek an arrest.

Ms Shaw said: 'She felt empowered by that advice - what she didn't know was the police have policies to

follow these matters up. She feels she's been misled and let down.'

Women's Aid manager for Argyll and Bute, Pamela Macdonald, said she knew the advice given to once be true.

She claimed not to have been informed of any change in policy and that a civilian member of staff at the police gave the charity incorrect advice.

She said: 'It wasn't always the case. I got a phone call on Tuesday morning telling me this is the case now. The

lesson has been learned the hard way. I don't know if it's crossed wires or a lack of communication.

'But from now on we will certainly follow up that kind of information ourselves.'

MacLachlan, a former HR manager with the United Nations, admitted pulling the steering wheel and applying the handbrake in a moving vehicle on the A816 between Kilmartin and Oban sometime in July.

He also pled guilty to causing his partner to hit her head

on bedroom furniture after trying to pin her to a bed at their home address on August 2. Pleas of not guilty to two further charges were accepted by the procurator fiscal.

Ms Shaw said her client had been suffering from depression after moving to Oban from Rome in 2010, where his children still live.

MacLachlan, of 3F Burnbank Terrace, Breadalbane Street, Oban, had sentence deferred by Sheriff Douglas Small until February 4 next year to be of good behaviour.

## MSP calls for better mobile phone coverage

MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell has written to George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, demanding better mobile phone coverage for the area.

The move follows a petition from residents on the Isle of Seil calling for investment in better rural mobile phone coverage.

Mr Russell said: 'I want a significant review of the areas being prioritised in the Mobile Infrastructure Project and ask that Argyll and

Bute be treated earlier than phase four. Rural mobile coverage here is a vital service for people both commercially and for emergencies.

'Seil islanders are confused about why the UK government's £150m plan to improve rural mobile coverage is still nowhere near the island.

'Mr Osborne claimed 'personal' credit when making the announcement and now my constituents are demanding that he delivers. I am happy to support them.'



A group of walking enthusiasts headed out into Dunadry Forest as part of Argyll and Bute Council's Adult Learning navigation skills course. 06\_a33mapskills01

### GRADUATIONS



Alison Catherine McKerral graduated from the University of Glasgow, with a BEd (Hons) in Primary Education. Alison is the elder daughter of Ian and Norma and granddaughter of Roy and the late Renee Colville and the late John and Agnes McKerral. She has begun her probationary year at Mearns Primary School, East Renfrewshire.

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## Walkers brush up on map reading skills

THE HEAVY rain did not stop one group of explorers heading into Cruach Mor Dunadry at the weekend to improve their map reading skills, thanks to a new course run by Argyll and Bute Council.

Armed with their maps and compasses seven individuals headed along the beaten path to brush up on their orienteering abilities as part of the adult learning department's navigation skills course.

The session on Sunday was a taster for what will be a 10-week course, part based in the classroom and part outside, where the students will put their

new-found knowledge to the test.

The programme is led by Nona Thomas, a freelance mountaineering expert, and Paul Goldie from the adult learning department, who take the students to various locations in Mid Argyll. Ailsa McCrae, from Lochgilphead, was taking part in the course and was thrilled with the afternoon.

She said: 'I do a lot of walking and running so I feel more safe knowing what I am doing. It has been an excellent day and very knowledgeable. The fact that it is free and very informative is fantastic.'

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Five newborn beavers have been spotted at the Scottish Beaver Trial site at Knapdale.

## Newborn beavers could spark Mid Argyll tourism boom

FIVE newborn beavers have been spotted at the Scottish Beaver Trial site at Knapdale, which could lead to a tourism boost for Mid Argyll.

The arrival of the youngsters, or 'kits', this week means the beavers have bred every year since the scheme, which is the only licensed reintroduction scheme for beavers in the UK, was launched in 2009.

Their appearance could see an influx of tourists to the Knapdale site and Mid Argyll as visitors come to the area with the hope of spotting one of the creatures.

Simon Jones, the trial's project manager, said: 'This is great news for the Scottish Beaver Trial and for local tourism as more people will want to travel to Argyll to come on our guided walks for

a chance to see the new arrivals.'

People who would like to spot the latest addition to the trial can take part in one of the guided walks at Dunbh Loch. The trial, which is run in partnership with the Scottish Wildlife Trust, the Royal Zoological Society for Scotland and Forestry commission Scotland, will finish next May.

## Lottery windfall will support ACHA tenants

TENANTS of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will be offered money and welfare rights advice after the association received almost £300,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

ACHA received £296,994 from the Support and Connect Hardship Awards category, which will go towards a range of services including benefit checks and advice, supporting tenants at appeals

and tribunals and assistance with 'income maximisation'.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'We are delighted at securing this substantial resource which will assist us in helping our poorest and most vulnerable tenants.'

'With the introduction of the bedroom tax, and universal credit implementation on the horizon, this resource will allow us to do all we can to help those in greatest need.'

'Gillian McInnes and her team in ACHA made a quality case for this much needed resource.'

For more than three years ACHA has run a welfare rights service providing tenants with advice on debt and the benefit system. This funding will assist in supporting that service until 2015.

Resources have also been secured to support a money advice service to be managed by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau.

## The league tackling what really matters.



### Argyll & Bute's Midnight League improves local kids' lives and the community around them.

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## Hotel fight lands pair in court

TWO GLASGOW men appeared from custody in Oban Sheriff Court on Monday facing charges in relation to a fight in Portsonachan Hotel, on the south side of Loch Awe.

Iain Ritchie, 28, of 55 Hathaway Lane, Glasgow, pled guilty to shouting and swearing and engaging in a stand up fight in the hotel. He also pled guilty to kicking a

door, entering a room uninvited, shouting and swearing and uttering threats of violence. His co-accused Gerard Coyle, 26, of 160 Charles Street, Glasgow, denied shouting and swearing, throwing a plate, smashing a bottle, and engaging in a fight. Coyle is expected to stand trial on October 10 and will appear next on September 17, when Ritchie will also be sentenced.

## Still time to vote for Scotland's top five

PEOPLE still have the chance to help decide on Scotland's Big Five champion.

Scottish Natural Heritage is asking people to vote for their favourite animal: the otter, golden eagle, harbour seal, red squirrel or red deer.

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A NEW leadership deal could be agreed at Argyll and Bute Council by the end of the month.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* hopes that this is the case as the new strategic risk report that was issued to councillors last week makes for worrying reading.

The report suggests the council is seriously under performing in areas that affect the residents of Argyll and Bute.

It is little surprise that the council's reputation has been marked as one of the largest areas of concern.

This year, the ongoing disputes have done little to boost the reputation of councillors and with several areas marked on the register as high risk, it begs the question: have councillors taken their eye off the ball?

Whatever happens in the coming weeks, it is time that councillors focus on what really matters and get their jobs done.

In tough times people need strong leadership to guide them through and it is little wonder residents across the region have little faith or hope with the people in power.

With a declining population, the council should be trying to bring people into the area, not drive them away.

It is time that welfare reforms, poor infrastructure, health and social care become the key topics of conversation amongst councillors, not money and power.

It is time for the council to sort itself out once and for all and become an authority the people can count on.

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## Space Academy Holiday Club out of this world

Sir,  
I would like to say thank you to everyone at Lochgilphead Baptist Church who made Space Academy Holiday Club at the beginning of the school holidays such fantastic fun and for all the family afternoons too.

A special thanks must go to our American friends who come to help every year.

I really enjoyed the week I had at the new sports club too where I had mornings at the swimming pool and afternoons at the sports centre.

We had great fun and there were lots of activities to try.

Mummy says thank you to everyone involved in giving us fun activities to get involved with during the summer holidays and for all the hard work put in by everyone.

**Alfie Campbell,**  
Aged seven and three quarters,  
Lochgilphead.

## Help at hand as schools return

Sir,  
Thousands of Scottish pupils are preparing to start primary and high school for the first time as the new school year gets underway.

While some youngsters take this big change in their stride, others can find it a difficult time – along with their parents.

The transition from nursery to primary and from primary onto secondary school can

be difficult, moving to a bigger school, leaving friends behind and being surrounded by older children. It can be a scary time and some children cope better with change than others.

ParentLine Scotland, the national, confidential helpline and email service provided by Children 1st, wants to remind parents and carers they are on hand to help.

Anyone who is concerned about, or caring for, a child or young person can contact ParentLine Scotland on 08000 282233 or email [parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk](mailto:parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk) for advice and support.

**Jill Cook,**  
ParentLine Manager,  
Children 1st

## Disabled and non-disabled people to compete side by side

Sir,  
A new sporting event called Tri Together, which has been uniquely designed by people with disabilities and non-disabled people to take part side by side, is arriving in Glasgow this autumn.

Organised by the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability and TriathlonScotland, this award-winning, short-distance triathlon event is for people of all ages - eight or above - and abilities to swim, bike and run together.

I am really looking forward to supporting this brand new event on September 22 and would urge people to sign up and join me on the starting line. People can take part

on their own or share the challenge with friends and family in a relay team.

I started competing in triathlon events five years ago after I was diagnosed with a neurological disorder and had begun to use a wheelchair.

I really did not want to give up sport and found triathlons were great fun and felt really inclusive too.

Everyone who is doing a triathlon knows it is tough, which is why they encourage each other along the way creating a fantastic atmosphere.

It is a great way to cement

friendships and meet new people.

As well as having fun and challenging individuals people will be raising money to help the Leonard Cheshire Disability to continue supporting thousands of people with disabilities at its services in Scotland.

I am really excited about taking part in this year's event.

For more information visit [www.lcdisability.org/tritogogether](http://www.lcdisability.org/tritogogether)

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**ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser readers took to our Facebook page to express their views on whether Lochgilphead is 'remote' enough to warrant being included in the latest proposed fuel duty discount scheme.**

**Samantha Quarton:** 'If we're rural enough to have to pay higher postage costs with couriers then we're rural enough to be covered by this.'

**Marina McCuaig:** 'Yes, I do. Given the distance we have to cover and the mileage to get from A to B and further a field. Couriers also think we are remote as they feel the need to charge us extra

carriage compared with other areas, given the extra fuel costs incurred by them. Having been on holiday around the north of Scotland recently it was interesting to note fuel prices further north than us, and often even more remote, are cheaper.'

**Mhairi MacVicar:** 'According to most couriers we are very remote sometimes even an island - so yes.'

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# Council tax set to double from next year on properties that lie unoccupied

## 'No homes should be empty.'

OWNERS of empty properties will be forced to pay twice as much council tax as other people in Argyll - even if they are trying to rent or sell their house.

The tax on dwellings that have lain empty for over two years will double from April next year. But properties not actively being sold or let will only have 12 months before the tax is increased.

The move was agreed by Argyll and Bute councillors last week in a bid to bring more of

the region's homes back into use.

Currently three per cent of homes are lying empty - while many local families struggle to find a place to live.

Councillor Vivian Dance said: 'We must do anything we can as a council to improve this situation.'

'We want people to turn their derelict properties into something because no homes in Argyll and Bute should be empty.'

It is estimated the policy will generate £1.1

million for the council.

The money will be split between the four council wards in proportion to the number of empty properties in that area.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay will gain £335,000 per year, which will be spent on projects of the area committee's choosing.

An empty homes scheme, set up last month, offers property owners grants and loans to upgrade their house if they hand it over to a registered social landlord for five to 10 years.



Assistant chief constable Wayne Mawson, left, chief superintendent Barry McEwan and councillor Donnie McMillan congratulated Heather on her award. 06\_a33heather01

## Heather given police award

AN ADMIN worker at Lochgilphead Police Station was this week honoured for the vital role she plays in the running of the station.

Heather Murray, a senior clerical assistant, was recognised for her efforts in improving the administrative process for domestic abuse referrals and child protection cases.

Heather, who has worked at the station for seven years, was nominated for the continuous endeavour award by area commander Marlene Baillie.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Heather, who received her award from assistant chief constable Wayne Mawson, said:

'I was very surprised when I received the letter to say I had been nominated. It is normally the police officers that receive awards, they are the people out there working on the streets. You just don't expect the admin staff to receive awards, it is nice to be recognised for your work.'

Heather was among a number of police officers and staff from Argyll to receive a recognition award at a special reception in Lochgilphead last week. The event aimed to highlight staff who have made a significant contribution to delivering policing services within the community.

## Solar panels to be installed on council buildings

SOLAR panels are to be installed on council buildings in the coming years after Argyll and Bute Council agreed a £2.5 million project to reduce its carbon footprint.

The council, which is aiming to reduce its carbon output by 20 per cent by March 2014, plans to install 26 solar photovoltaic panels on its buildings.

Inveraray Primary School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy have been identified as possible locations for the panels.

Councillors, who agreed the plan at last Thursday's full council meeting, were told the solar panels would drive down energy costs in the long term.

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# Schools band to compete in World Championships

SPONSORED by Campbeltown Motor Company, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will travel to Glasgow tomorrow to compete on Sunday at the famous World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green.

Last month Campbeltown Motor Company celebrated its 40th anniversary with Peugeot by holding a motor show at its purpose built premises at Snipefield Industrial Estate.

'The weather was glorious and those who came along to celebrate with us were able to have a look and book a test drive

of the many makes and models we have in stock, including the all new 2008 and 208 GTI,' said Graeme McMurchy.

Over the years the business has developed to meet the needs of its loyal customers and now offers a diverse range of sales and aftercare services to meet the needs of motorists across Argyll and beyond. Customer satisfaction is at the centre of what they do and they are grateful to our loyal customers who have supported them over the years.

Campbeltown Motor Company is delighted

to be sponsoring both Kintyre Schools novice and juvenile bands.

Roy McMurchy said: 'The dedication and commitment shown by band members and tutors is to be commended and we at Campbeltown Motor Company are proud to have been given the opportunity to sponsor the bands at this year's World Championships.'

'The bands do a fantastic job representing Kintyre and we wish them the very best of luck for the Worlds.'

Pipe major Peter Ferguson thanked Roy for his kind words, adding: 'Kintyre Schools Pipe Band are so grateful



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band with sponsors the Campbeltown Motor Company.

to Campbeltown Motor Company for supporting our trip to the Worlds and hopefully we can do them proud by coming back with some silverware.'

The championships

take place on Glasgow Green tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday.

Locals are encouraged to go along to support Kintyre Schools Pipe Band this coming Sunday at Glasgow

Green.

The juvenile band will play their set second out of nine bands at 10.08am in the grade one arena. There are 29 bands competing in novice juvenile and the

novice band will take to arena two at noon to compete in their heat.

The top 12 bands will then compete in the novice juvenile final at 3.15pm.

## Campbeltown Motor Company

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### Family and fun at Cowal Highland Games

ORGNAISERS of the Cowal Highland Games hope to draw people of all ages to this year's event, which has an emphasis on family and fun.

The Cowal Highland Gathering Committee has put together a jam-packed programme for the three-day event that will run from August 29 to August 31.

New to the programme is the 5K run, which will start in Argyll Gardens and competitors will be challenged to finish the course within one hour.

Families can dance the night away at a ceilidh in the Queen's Hall that will be headlined by traditional band Skippinish and supported by Cowal Young Fiddlers.

Youngsters will have the chance to learn the art of snare drumming at one of two special sessions hosted by Stephen Creighton, lead drummer with St Lawrence O'Toole Pipe Band.

The workshops are free, and are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Former Singing Kettle star Artie Trezise will tell traditional stories to youngsters throughout the Saturday.

Whilst the games will welcome competitors from around the world to compete in prestigious piping and dancing competitions, which include the World Highland Dancing Championship.



Tarbert Harbour Authority will mark its 100th year tomorrow (Saturday) with a day of fun-filled events for all the family.

# Centenary celebrations for Tarbert harbour

THE RICH heritage of Tarbert as an historic fishing village and its role as a vital harbour on the west coast of Scotland will be marked tomorrow (Saturday) as Tarbert Harbour Authority celebrates its 100th year.

The centenary celebrations will begin with the village's first 5km and 10km runs, which will welcome both local and seasoned athletes to take on the routes that showcase the beauty of the Loch Fyne village.

A community barbecue will kick-start the day's celebrations, which will be followed by an afternoon of entertainment.

The Walking Theatre Company will stage an interactive production themed around the founding of the Tarbert Harbour Authority, whilst there will be local craft stalls and children's entertainment throughout the day.

#### Celebrate

Local schoolchildren will celebrate the harbour's milestone with a specially commissioned piece of music.

Peter Bates, harbour master, said: 'We are thrilled to be able to put on this celebration of history of Tarbert Harbour Authority and the village of Tarbert.'

'As well as the exciting

events planned throughout the day we have also produced information boards on different aspects of Tarbert's heritage - from fishing to shipping to boat building.

'To complement these we have also produced photo montages of the evolution of the town and the harbour.'

He added: 'We hope that the event will have a lasting legacy and people will be more engaged with the history and heritage of their village.'

'It promises to be a great day and we hope the whole community can come together and enjoy the celebrations.'

## Unearthworks project on Argyll's Secret Coast

A NEW public art project is seeking Argyll artists to help create a number of sculptures in a remote part of the west coast of Scotland.

Artists will help create sculptures as part of the Unearthworks project that will be displayed on Argyll's Secret Coast, which lies between Loch Fyne and Kyles of Bute.

Led by Scottish scul-

tor Rob Mulholland, the artists will craft the works of moorland, woodland and coastal settings.

#### Master class

Rob will run a master class and will work with the team on site to produce the sculptures that will be on such a scale they will be visible from Google Earth.

The project is part of

an Argyll-wide development initiative led by The Walking Theatre Company and supported by Creative Scotland, which aims to build local talent.

Artists who would like to take part should send their CV along with a cover letter explaining their motivation to andrew@tig-gallery.com by September 1.



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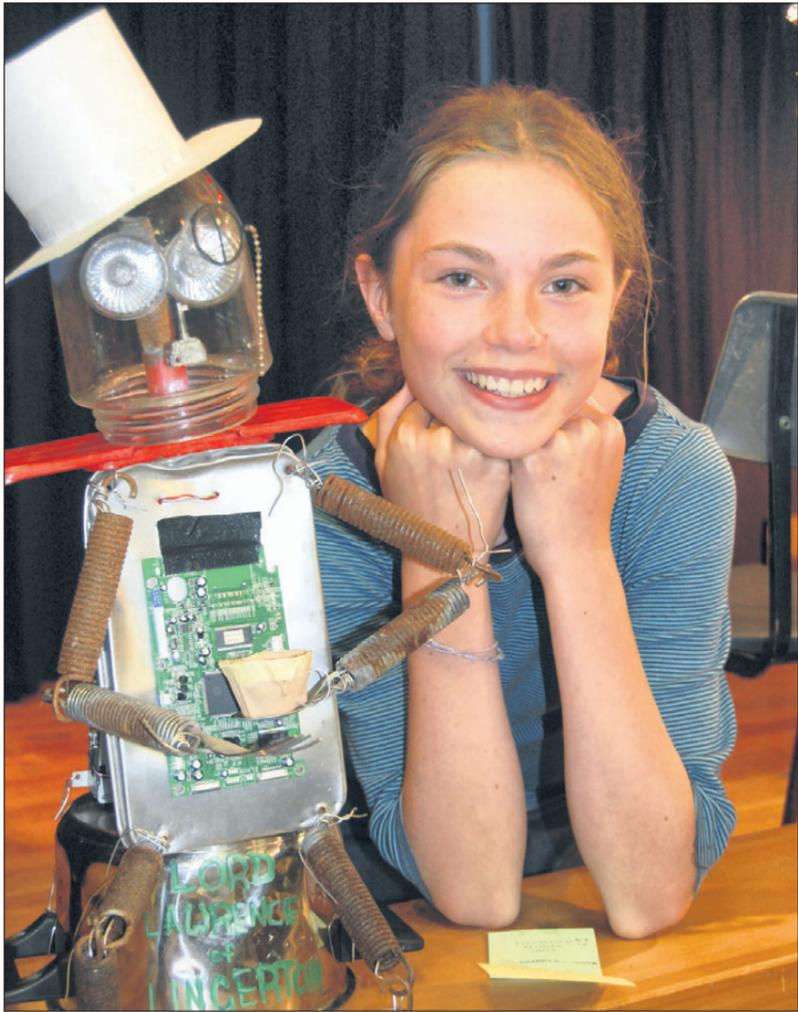
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# Tayvallich Flower Show

'The judges were very impressed by the quality of work from the children'

THE CREATIVITY of youngsters at this year's Tayvallich Flower Show was praised by judges who were left impressed by the standard of entries in the junior section.

Dozens of children from the village entered the show, which saw them unleash their imaginations across a range of competitions, including sculpture making, painting, miniature gardens, photography and baking.

The overall winner

across the junior section was 12-year-old Holly Smith, who received the Tayvallich School Cup for her robot sculpture made from recycled objects.

Norman Rae, joint secretary of the flower show committee, said: 'The judges were very pleased by the quality of work from the children. It has been absolutely smashing.'

He added: 'This year we have seen an increase in the baking section, but the fruit and vegetable section has been down. We think this is from a poor spring.'

The hard work of locals could be seen in the village hall with leeks, potatoes, floral designs, home baking, jams and eggs across the tables for judging.

Other winners on the day were Libby MacDonald, who picked up the Challenge Cup for baking and preserves, and the Weir Trophy for preserves.

Sandra Wilson won the Minnie Munro Memorial Trophy for shortbread and the Tayvallich Millennium Salver for baking.

All the remaining items from the show were auctioned off and raised £441 for the village hall fund.

Holly Smith, 12, was the winner of the Tayvallich School Cup for her sculpture made of recycled materials. 06\_a33tay01



Sandra Wilson won the Minnie Munro Memorial Trophy for shortbread. 06\_a33tay03



David Green from Kilmory holds his prize winning leeks. 06\_a33tay02

## Crarae Garden survey

VISITORS to Crarae Garden are being asked to take part in a new survey that will help identify what wildlife lives in the grounds.

Families can make the most of the visit to the garden by borrowing a backpack from the visitor centre, which is filled with identification cards, games, binoculars and other activities to make wildlife spotting fun.

The event is part of the Na-

tional Trust of Scotland's celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland.

Nigel Price, property manager at the garden, said: 'Already we have a good number of reports, from various butterflies to slow worms to sparrow hawks.'

'It is important to know what lives here as we need to ensure our gardening activities consider the needs of wildlife too.'

## Special craft session

YOUNGSTERS in Lochgilphead learned the art of hand weaving last week as part of a special craft session in the town's library.

Lochgilphead Library was full of activity on Friday when local artist Louise Oppenheimer dropped in to teach children how to make small tapestries, made from two sticks and various lengths of thread.

The event was one of the

weekly children's craft and story time sessions that have been running at the library throughout the school holidays.

### Folding frogs

Children have made origami bats and frogs, painted plant pots and took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which asks children to read six books of their choice from the library.

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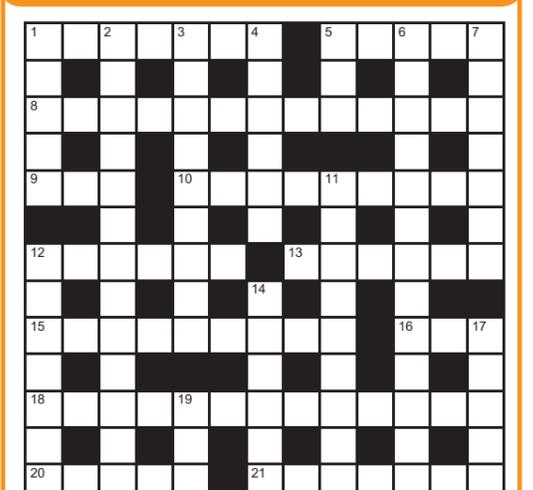
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Synopsis: Pacific Rim. When legions of monstrous creatures, known as Kaiju, started rising from the sea, a war began that would take millions of lives and consume humanity's resources for years on end. To combat the giant Kaiju, a special type of weapon was devised: massive robots, called Jaegers, which are controlled simultaneously by two pilots whose minds are locked in a neural bridge. But even the Jaegers are proving nearly defenseless in the face of the relentless Kaiju. On the verge of defeat, the forces defending mankind have no choice but to turn to two unlikely heroes—a washed up former pilot (Charlie Hunnam) and an untested trainee (Rinko Kikuchi)—who are teamed to drive a legendary but seemingly obsolete Jaeger from the past. Together, they stand as mankind's last hope against the mounting apocalypse.

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**INVERARAY**

**New Jog Scotland beginners group**

INVERARAY Jog Scotland will start a new beginners group at the end of the month.

The session, which will follow a walk-to-jog programme, will begin on Tuesday, August 26.

People who would like to put on their running shoes can meet at the shelter shed, next to Inveraray Primary School, at 6pm.

The group also runs an intermediate class on a Thursday night, which starts at 7pm.

on August 23 and August 24.

The crafts will be sold by members of the church, who will be running the 20 stalls that will be displaying a variety of crafts, including art, photography, jewellery, knitting, woodwork and card making.

In the church hall, tea, cakes, coffee and home baking will be served, whilst people can take a shot at winning a prize on the the tombola.

A total of 20 per cent of the sales from crafts will go towards church funds and all money taken in the Church Hall will go to the church.

**ORMSARY**

**First ever Ormsary Games**

AN OBSTACLE race, plank walking and tug of war will be just a few of the fun games available for families at the first ever Ormsary Games this Sunday.

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and archery among the other attractions

For those that have worked up an appetite there will be a delicious hog roast and ice cream stand to feast on.

The event starts at 1pm and if the weather is not favourable it will be held in Ormsary Hall.

**CROSSAIG**

**Substation changes**

PLANNING permission has been lodged to change the layout of the substation which will be built at Crossaig as part of the Kintyre to Hunterston cable project.

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**TARBERT**



Alan Brown, left, George-John Murphy, David Smith Hunt and Arthur Cross who make up Tarbert band Eirich performed at the Park Bar in Glasgow earlier this month.

**Local band to perform at Tarbert harbour centenary celebrations**

A BAND from Tarbert that recently entertained the crowd at the Park Bar in Glasgow will headline the village's harbour centenary celebrations tomorrow (Saturday).

Eirich performed at the venue - considered by many as the place to play in the traditional music scene - earlier this month.

Consisting of David Hunt on accordion, George-John Muir on drums, Alan Brown on electric guitar and Arthur Cross on whistles, the band will take to the stage tomorrow to entertain their home crowd with a sound they describe as traditional with a con-

temporary edge.

Speaking about the performance at Park Bar, David said: 'It was an amazing night and we had a wonderful reception - the interaction from the audience was fantastic.'

The set list for the night included favourites of the band such as Storming the Ceilidh and Nelson Mandela's welcome to the city of Glasgow by Blair Douglas.

He added: 'We absolutely loved playing the Park Bar and really look forward to hopefully being back there soon.'

**GRADUATIONS**



Gemma Reppke recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with 1st Class BA (Honours) in Risk Management. Gemma is the daughter of Charles and Janeann Reppke, Tarbert and the granddaughter of Archie and Mary MacKinnon, Tarbert and Catherine and the late Charles Reppke, Campbeltown. She is a former pupil of Tarbert Academy and is now working in Hewlett Packard, Bishopton.



Hazel Rhona McDonald recently graduated from Stirling University with a BA (Hons) in Professional Education (Primary) with a specialism in Modern Languages. Hazel is the younger daughter of Malcolm and Marion McDonald and granddaughter of Mary and the late Malcolm McDonald, Beachmenach. She is a former pupil of Glenbarr Primary and Campbeltown Grammar School. She begins her probationary year at Newton Primary School, Dunblane in August.



Corinna Campbell recently graduated from Strathclyde University with a Bachelors of Education in Primary Teaching with 2nd Class Honours. Corinna is the daughter of Dugald and Christine Campbell, Carradale. She is a former pupil of Carradale Primary and Campbeltown Grammar School. She will soon begin her probationary year at Twechar Primary School in East Dunbartonshire.



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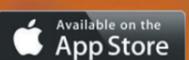
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## Agricultural crime on the increase

AGRICULTURAL crime in Scotland is up 12 per cent - bucking the UK trend of a 20 per cent drop overall.

New figures reveal rural crime in Scotland totalled an estimated £2 million during 2012, up from £1.79million in 2011.

Quad bikes top the thieves' wish list while tools and fuel such as domestic heating oil and red diesel have also proved popular targets. Statistics suggest the majority of rural crime is planned rather than opportunist.

Roger Jamieson, from insurers NFU Mutual, said: 'Even though rural crime has fallen in the UK, Scotland's figures show that the problem has not gone away.

'In fact, there have been more thefts in recent times. Much more still needs to be done to thwart rural criminals and minimise the devastating impact of crime in the countryside.

'We're starting to see

the benefits from communities working hard with the police and wider industry. However, people shouldn't become complacent; they need to make security a priority on their farms, businesses and homes.'

Thefts of garden furniture and ornaments, stone and chemicals

have been identified as emerging trends over the last 12 months.

NFU Mutual believes some thefts in particular are likely to be repeated as the criminals return within weeks to plunder the replacements.

Some of the more unusual defence mechanisms used by NFU Mu-

tual members include keeping geese to alert homeowners of trespassers, housing louder and more aggressive animals such as llamas in with other livestock, or installing fog machines to disorientate intruders and retractable cattle grids to keep uninvited vehicles out.

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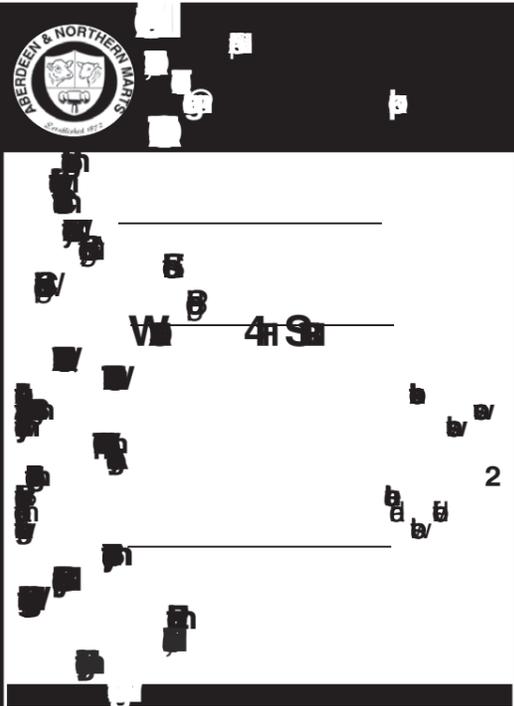
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Helen Bibby  
SRUC Conservation Consultant

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Rosslyn Smith of Balliemore Farm, Kilmichael, won the confined sheep section with Waggly a home bred two shear shire clary Beltex Tup. 06\_a33show10



Mid Argyll Show confined cattle champion was a Highland yearling heifer from Ormsary Farmers that was fathered by Callum of Goldenberry and was mothered by Susan the 17th of Ormsary. She also won her class at the Lorn Show earlier this month. 06\_a33show08



Christopher Sinclair, 3, enjoyed the amusements in Kilmory Show Field. 06\_a33show19



Calym Paterson, 6, Neith McKellar, 2, Freyja McKellar, 5, and Evie Paterson step

# Two in a row for C

FOR THE second year in a row a Lochgilhead woman and her prize winning horse have been named the supreme confined champion at the Mid Argyll Show. Christina Ferguson and her 18-year-old horse Bea were once again given the prestigious title after fighting off tough competition from the sheep, cattle, poultry and dog classes.

The mixed weather at the 116th annual

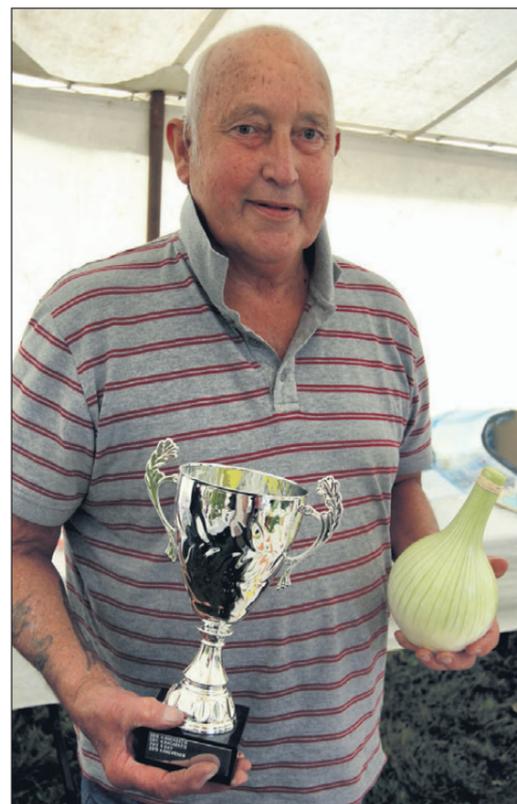
show did not stop farmers turning out in force with their animals, which left judges impressed with the standard of entries.

### Supreme champion

In the open section a Blackface one year-old shearling sheep, owned by David Jackson of Pole Farm in Lochgoilhead was named supreme champion.

It was a cross type Blue Faced Leices-

Below: Hector MacKenzie won the Fyne Flower Cup, Fred Shuttlewood Memorial Cup and the Shuttlewood Cup for his vegetables and his onions were named best in the exhibit. 06\_a33show22



Above: Iain Duncan, left, Douglas Jenkins and Declan O'Rourke challenged people to climb to the top of the tree pole in the fastest time. 06\_a33show20

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ped behind the wheel of one of the many farm vehicles on display. 06\_a33show01

# Christina and Bea

ter tup lamb from J and M Turner Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown won reserve open champion.

Ormsary farmers were named overall confined cattle champion with a Highland cattle yearling heifer, whilst the open cattle champion was Robert Currie's Limousin crossed calf named Sunday Girl, from Lowdunashery Farm, Tayinloan.

Judges of the dog classes were kept busy throughout the day with more than 100 owners turning up with their pooches.

Whilst the animals took centre stage there was plenty for families to see and do with fair ground rides, pets corner, tree climbing, gymnastics performances and the Mid Argyll Pipe Band all keeping the crowd entertained.



Right: Sophie Poppleton, Teighan Sloan, Erin Downie, Katie Poppleton, Brooke Rennie and Rachel Sloan enjoyed the afternoon at the Mid Argyll Show. 06\_a33show28



Christina Ferguson and Bea were named the supreme confined champion at Mid Argyll Show for the second year in a row. 06\_a33show21



Gordon Muir, left, and Peter Bouchar from the Irvine Bay Gymnastics Club took on the 'Down a pint in the fastest time' challenge, which was hosted by local milk delivery company D.J. Campbell. 06\_a33show17



Naomi Campbell, Declan Cooper, 6, and Iona McMurdo basked in the shine at Kilmory Show field. 06\_a33show25



Brooke Prentice, 6, from Tarbert was flying in the air at Mid Argyll Show. 06\_a33show18



Bob Clark, director of The Auchindrain Trust, showed off recently renovated tractor from the museum. Whilst the trust ran a guess the mystery object competition, which was won by James Robb from Arduaine. 06\_a33show29

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# MULL OF Kintyre MUSIC FESTIVAL

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THE 21st anniversary of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival promises another great line up, headed by Scottish indie rock kings The Fratellis.

This four-day event offers concerts from August 22 to 25 that brings international and local acts together to perform at indoor and outdoor venues in Campbeltown.

The two Saturday night concerts cater for varied audiences with The Fratellis, supported by local rock band Violent Echo, headlining in the sold-out concert in the Victoria Hall next Saturday, August 24.

Rura, featuring three 'BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year' finalists and an All Ireland Bodhran champion, will headline the seated concert in the Heritage Centre on the same night.

The other headline acts this year are Skipinnish, Barrule, Joy Dunlop and Slainte Davaar Allstars over a music-filled weekend.

Rura's powerful sound, rooted in tradition, yet refreshingly contemporary comes from a punch-packing line-up of highland pipes, whistle, flute, fiddle, bodhran and guitar, instrumentals to match singer/songwriter Adam Holmes' haunting song craft.

Fiona Hunter who will play support at this concert is one of Scotland's foremost traditional singers and has been singing as part of renowned folk song group Malinky for the best part of a decade.

MC Arthur Johnstone will also perform songs from his days with the Laggan, and he will be joined by Ross Kennedy, Scooter Muse and local fiddle player Frank Rochford.

Festival Ceilidh Night on the Friday will feature Oban-based Skipinnish performing a concert set as well as the full blown ceilidh with their new line up of Angus MacPhail on accordion, Andrew Stevenson on pipes and whistle, Robert Robertson on vocals and guitar, Ali Murray on drums and pipes and Finlay Wells on base and guitar.

Christie Connor Vernal who opens the concert is a Glasgow based singer-songwriter who in the past two years has progressed significantly within the Scottish music scene.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band start the night at 8pm in the Victoria Hall in rousing style and Kay Johnston will MC this hugely popular family event.

The Dalriada Connections Concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday, August 25 will again be sponsored by Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery.

This year it headlines with Barrule from the Isle of Man and Joy Dunlop from North Argyll in a concert will have the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians.

Firm favourite, the Young Folk Night, will open the festival next Thursday and Survivors' Night finishes the festival off with Slainte Davaar Allstars featuring nine bands and many musicians who have appeared at the night over the years.

The Grand Parade, Doon the Green, the Festival Club, music workshops, sessions, Campbeltown Brass Band, The Kintyre Schools and Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band performances, children's entertainer The Funky Chicken and the Urban Circus will contribute to make it a weekend of music and fun for all the family.

All tickets are on sale from TicketWeb and A.P. Taylors, Main Street Campbeltown. For more updates go to the website at [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com)



Barrule are expected to attract a good crowd.



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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
 Festival Ceilidh Night  
 Victoria Hall, Campbeltown  
 Tickets £15.00 & £8.00 at A.P. Taylors  
 Skipinnish  
 Christie Connor Vernal  
 Kay Johnston  
 Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
 Rura in Concert  
 Heritage Centre, Campbeltown Doors 7.00pm  
 Tickets £16 at A.P. Taylors  
 Rura, Fiona Hunter + Arthur Johnstone with Ross Kennedy, Scooter Muse & Frank Rochford  
 12.30pm Grand Parade  
 1.00pm "Doon the Green", Kinloch Green  
 1.00pm Festival Sessions, White Hart Hotel



Rura will headline the seated concert in the Heritage Centre on Saturday.



Slainte Davaar Allstars will be at the Survivors' Night.



Violent Echo will support The Fratellis next Saturday.



The Fratellis are headlining the sold-out concert in the Victoria Hall next Saturday.



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**Information wanted on three car pile-up**

AN APPEAL for information has been launched by the police after a near three-car pile up on the A816 at Cairnbaan.

Information is being sought on a light green Vauxhall Corsa and a turquoise Honda Civic after they overtook traffic and almost collided with three cars travelling in the opposite direction.

The incident, which saw the motorists overtake cyclists and two cars, took place at about 6pm last Thursday on the Lochgilphead to Oban road.

A spokesman for Lochgilphead Police said: 'We would like to speak to the two cyclists and the occupants of the two northbound cars and the three southbound cars who may have witnessed this incident.'

'We would also like to hear from any other witnesses who saw the Vauxhall Corsa and the Honda Civic travelling on the A816 or at Cairnbaan at the time of this incident. Lochgilphead Police can be contacted by calling 101.'



**Lochgilphead's Jenna Samborek and her horse Crusoe were named champions of the equestrian section at this year's Kintyre Show. Jenna, 24, and Crusoe, a Dutch warmblood horse, won the Currie Challenge Cup for the best horse shown under saddle before being named overall winners.**

# Assistant Chief Constable makes first visit to Argyll

## More special constables needed

THE MAN in charge of policing on the west coast of Scotland encouraged local residents to support their community police officers when he paid his first official visit to Lochgilphead.

Assistant Chief Constable Wayne Mawson was in Argyll for the first time since taking on his role in the recently formed Police Scotland.

**Encouraging**

Speaking to the *Advertiser* last week, Mr Mawson said he hoped locals would relay their concerns about crime and safety to local officers, whilst encouraging people to volunteer in the community by becoming a special constable.

Mr Mawson, former superintendent of Strathclyde Police, said: 'We

want as much local information coming into us as possible. People often think 'I won't tell the police because I'm not sure what I saw' or, 'I don't want to bother them'.

'But we would much rather folk tell us, stop an officer on the street, pop into the station, tell an officer online, call 101. What may seem inconsequential to you might be the final piece of the jigsaw that makes sense to us. We can put together an operation and catch the culprits with this help.'

Responsible for recruiting special constables all over Scotland, Mr Mawson said he believed special PCs were vital to community policing in rural Argyll.

'We have two specials

in our stations and we would like to double that in remote areas,' he said.

'It would reassure more people, it would support the regulars and enable those volunteers to give something back to their community.'

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'The specials are trained to the same standard as police officers and will be given meaningful roles just like their colleagues to ensure they feel valued and appreciated.'

Mr Mawson was in Lochgilphead as part of a three day tour of Argyll and the islands. He spent time meeting staff and learning more about the challenges facing police officers working in remote and rural communities.

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Authors of the report suggest the number of children living in poverty is set to rise as the UK Government's wel-

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They argue children in low-income families are worst affected by the reforms and estimate a further 1million children in the UK could plunge into poverty by 2020.

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**GRADUATIONS**

**Aileen Semple graduated from the University of Glasgow with an M.A. (Hons) in Economic and Social History. Aileen is the elder daughter of John and Mary Semple, Lochhead and granddaughter of Isobel and the late John MacKay, Campbeltown and Richard and Elizabeth Semple, Southend. Aileen is a former pupil of Achahoish Primary and Lochgilphead High.**

**Christopher Thornton graduated with a BSc Honours in Computer Science from St. Andrews University. Son of John and Elizabeth Thornton, Kilmartin and grandson of Llana and Gibby MacCuaig, Ford and the late Catherine and Brian Thornton, Kilmartin.**

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13/01643/PP	Erection of a 80 metre high wind measurement mast for a temporary period of 5 years	Land Approximately 1250 metres South West of Barmulloch Mhor Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/01657/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of vehicular access (amended plot boundaries, house design and plot layout to that approved under reference 10/01143/PP).	Land Between Collaig and Soroba Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern

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### COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will NOT be holding surgeries during the month of AUGUST but can be contacted by email - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll) will be holding surgeries during AUGUST as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Monday 19th August	Community Hall, Ormsary	5.00pm - 6.30pm
Monday 26th August	Community Centre, Lochgilphead	4.30pm - 6.00pm

He can also be contacted by e mail - [sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01546 604184

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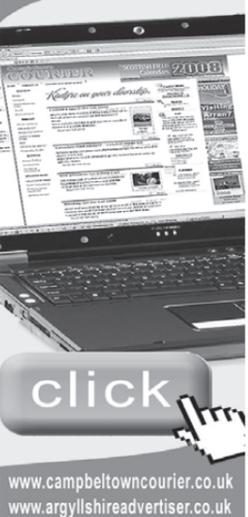
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



A FLAT calm provided the perfect conditions for a sail to the lovely island of Gigha.

The island was aglow with colour and the peace was palpable.

We headed for the north of the island and to the beautiful beaches of Eilean Garbh.

The conditions were perfect as the sea shimmered in shades of blue and green, turquoise and ultramarine.

The sand was white and a few children splashed happily in the relatively warm waters, their laughter infectious and welcome.

Our pups scampered happily along the shoreline and dug great holes in the sand as we settled to have our picnic. It was absolute paradise.

Padding along the shore, however, there was a threat to this perfection. Huge red jellyfish lurked beneath the surface of the water, their tentacles poisonous and harmful.

We warned a little girl to keep clear as she skipped happily in the waves, unaware that anything could spoil her enjoyment.

Thankfully these marine marauders were soon washed out to deeper waters, leaving us to bathe in safety once again.

Sometimes amidst the good times in life we are unaware of the dangers lurking just beneath the surface of our happiness and the sting can take us completely by surprise.

But often there is someone to help us, someone to call out to us and stand beside us in the trouble. On our common human journey, there are so many folk who are willing to help us.

When the seas get rough, we find people who throw us a lifebelt of friendship and hope.

And when we really feel we are sinking, we can hold to the words of Jesus who said that he would be with us in even the wildest of storms.

And in the final analysis, the good news is that in God's love, even death has lost its sting.



Volunteer Genny Guy, left, with her children Finlay and Holly said their final farewells to Heather Bellshaw and other colleagues and members of Tarbert Soup Group.

## Soup group's fond farewell to long-serving volunteer

THERE were mixed emotions at Tarbert Soup Group this week as members gathered to say goodbye to one of the group's longest serving volunteers.

Genny Guy, who has been with the group since it started more than three years ago, said her final goodbyes on Monday afternoon

as she prepares to move to Kingussie. Originally from Clachan, the volunteer is moving with her three children - Calum, Holly, Finlay - and husband Douglas, who has taken up a new position at Kingussie High School.

Soup group co-ordinator Heather Bellshaw said Genny would be

greatly missed by all her colleagues group regulars.

She said: 'Genny really is irreplaceable. Soup group is more than volunteering for a few hours - it is about being part of the community and being there for those people who either need a friendly face to cheer them up or simply

someone to talk to.

'While we are very sad to see Genny and her family leave the village we are delighted at the exciting chance they have to make a new life.'

She added: 'You never know, we might organise a soup group road trip to Kingussie - so she'd better not throw away her ladle.'

## Beach clean volunteers sought

PEOPLE are being sought in Mid Argyll to host a beach clean next month as part of a national campaign to tidy the nation's coastline.

The Beachwatch Big Weekend will take place across the weekend of September 20. Now in its 20th year, organisers hope to make it bigger than ever.

The Marine Conservation Society is asking local residents to plan their own beach clean at their favourite locations and record what they find to help fight against marine litter.

The organisation hope to repeat the success of the 2008 beach clean, which saw 5,000 people help clean nearly 400 beaches.

## Mid Argyll pool closes for repairs

MID ARGYLL Community Swimming Pool will be closed today (Friday) as it undergoes maintenance work.

The pool will be fitted with new fuse boards, which were funded by the money available from the Ardrishaig ACTION Fund.

Normal opening hours will resume from tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

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## TV spotlight on Tarbert as top chefs tour Scotland and Northern Ireland

TARBERT will be appearing on television screens across Scotland next month as part of a new cooking series.

STV's new culinary programme, *Paul and Nick's Big Food Trip*, will follow chefs Paul Rankin and Nick Nairn as they travel around the coasts of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

They will sail to Campbeltown

and Tarbert as well as Islay and Arran as part of the programme, before heading to east Donegal, Derry and Ballywalter in Northern Ireland.

### Local produce

The eight part series of 30 minute programmes will air from September 2, where the pair will have one day to create, prepare and serve a

three course meal using local produce against the clock. Nick said: 'It's been such a treat making this series with my best mate Paul.'

'What could be better than hanging out with your pal, cooking up some of the best produce to be found round the coasts of Scotland and Northern Ireland, and meeting some great

people along the way? Not much, I reckon. A total privilege and a pleasure.'

Paul Rankin said: 'What a pleasure to go on a big food trip with my best buddy Nick. Sailing, sharing, discovering and enjoying each other's homeland.'

'The food, the scenery, the craic - it's all spectacular!'

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

"When I said, "My foot is slipping", your love, O Lord, supported me." (Psalm 94:18).

**BIRTHS**



**MOSS**

Laura and Phil are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Harriet Maia, on July 31, 2013. First grandchild for Fred and Isabell Hodgson and fifth great grandchild for Duncan MacKinnon, Low Tiferagus.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**STANKEY - GALLOWAY**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Calum, son of Alastair and Sally, Lochgilphead, to Alison, daughter of Jim and Elaine, Dumbarton.

**MARRIAGES**

**MCMILLAN - DUNCAN** - Bobby and Anne are delighted to announce that they were married on August 10, 2013. With sincere thanks to the Rev Catriona Hood and everyone who helped make it such a happy day.

**WRIGHT - WATT** - Kate, daughter of Keith and Gill Wright, Campbeltown, and Mark, son of Thelma and the late Bert Watt of Macallan, were married at Springbank Distillery on Saturday, August 3, 2013. A truly wonderful day, greatly enjoyed by all.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEATHS**

**LAMONT** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 11, 2013, Florence Lamont, in her 76th year, Joyfield, Stewarton, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Bobby Lamont, much loved mother of Robert and his partner, Bella and dearly beloved sister of Margaret and the late Charles, John and Dan.

**LANGAN** - Peacefully, at Wishaw General Hospital, after a long illness, on Thursday, August 8, 2013, Margaret (Pearl) Langan RGN, RM, RFN, beloved wife of Joseph, dearly loved mother of Karenann, Mona and Justin and a loving gran. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Service at St Francis Xavier Church, Carfin on Friday, August 16 at 10.00am, funeral thereafter at Holytown Crematorium.

**MCDONELL** - On August 11, 2013, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Angus (Gus) McDonell, formerly of the Tight Line, Lochawe and Scottish Hydro Electric, in his 74th year, beloved husband of the late Lillian and much loved father of Alasdair and Iain. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Friday, August 16, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection if desired, for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BUTLER** - Walter, Robert and Barbara wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy and cards following their recent sad loss. A special thanks to Rev David Mitchell for conducting a comforting and uplifting service. Grateful thanks to Arthur and Joanna of Caladh Funeral Services, Dunoon for sensitive and efficient arrangements.

**MACKELLAR** - The family of the late Sarah MacKellar wish to thank all who attended the service and graveside, Dr Ward, district nurses, Margaret Blair's caring staff (The Best in the West); Roddy MacDonald undertakers and Rev David Carruthers. Also thank you for the lovely cards and flowers, to the Grey Gull Inn for the lovely purvey and last but not least, the wardens at Caledonia Court, Belle, Violet and Sharon. Thank you all. The retiral collection at church raised £175 for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

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They say in time you do forget

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Without a thought of you. Loved and remembered every day

Missed more than words can say.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

**MUIR** - In loving memory of our dear brother, Jim, died August 20, 2011.

Silent thoughts, memories dear

As time unfolds another year.

- Jean, Jessie and family x.

**SCOTT** - In loving memory of Donald, a loving son, brother, uncle and father, who passed away August 15, 2011. Always in our thoughts.

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**Sunday 18 August 2013**  
11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"The Rest of Faith - The Promised Land"

**Thursday 22 August 2013**  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

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All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 18th August 2013**  
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# Loch Fyneside Football Club ready for the challenge ahead

'The best thing about the club is that it provides an outlet for local lads to play'

PREPARATIONS for the 2013 football season are well underway at the newly formed Loch Fyneside Football Club.

Made up of footballers from Minard, Furnace and Inveraray, the team has been training for the last six months in a bid to gain entry to the West of Scottish Amateur Football League.

They play their first game in division one tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Dennistoun at their home ground, Furnace football pitch.

## Match practice

The team, training under manager Jim Divers, have been getting some much need pre-season match practice with a friendly game against Kilbrannan.

Commenting on the 5-

1 defeat in the friendly, Jim said: 'They were a stronger team and we tired towards the end, but that comes with improving our fitness.'

Despite the loss against a more experienced team, Jim says he has seen a great development in his players' skill and fitness since the team formed in February.

## Progress

'There has definitely been progress,' he said. 'I have seen an improvement in everyone. Some of the guys didn't show a natural ability at the beginning and they have come on leaps and bounds. Plus it only takes one or two good players to help bring the others along.'

'Getting them to play together has been a

challenge but that's natural when you start a team and is something that will get better with time.'

Asked about the biggest challenge for the season ahead, Jim said that despite having a team of more than 20, not everyone can play every week.

## Love football

He added: 'The best thing about the club is that it provides an outlet for the local lads who love to play football on a regular basis - we want this to be fun.'

The Loch Fyneside club has gained support from the local community, with WD Semple sponsoring the team's football strip and publican Chris Docherty making a contribution to the club.



Lochaber's Lachie Campbell and Inveraray's Euan McMurdo in a tussle for the ball during last Saturday's match at the Winterton. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

## Macaulay Cup final on Saturday

TWO OF shinty's most successful cup teams will meet for the first time this season in Saturday's Artemis Macaulay Cup final.

A crowd of around 1,000 is expected at Oban's Mossfield Stadium, with an audience of thousands more watching live on BBC2 to watch **KYLES ATHLETIC** take on Newtonmore.

Kyles Athletic trainer James Perlich said the whole village of Tighnabruaich was looking forward to the final, adding that the management team had a full squad to pick from.

He added: 'We should have a good support on the day and the boys enjoy playing at Mossfield.'

Kyles warmed up for the final with a 1-1 draw against Kinlochshiel in Tighnabruaich, thanks to a last minute Donald Irvine penalty.

**INVERARAY'S** Peter MacIntyre was left to rue a missed penalty as the Royal Burgh went down 2-1 at home to Lochaber. MacIntyre, who has become a talisman for the Argyll side since joining at the start of the season, missed his spot hit at 1-0 down.

Lewis MacNicol equalised late on but Lochaber scored an 88th minute winner through Shaun Nicolson.

Inveraray have no game this weekend.

## Red Star lose out to slick Saints

Pre-season friendly  
**Oban Saints 3  
Red Star 0**

RED STAR suffered a three-goal defeat at the hands of Scottish Amateur Premier League title contenders Oban Saints on Saturday in their final pre-season game.

A tough afternoon was expected for Star and this proved to be the case as the visiting defence were pinned back for long spells of the match.

Despite being under pressure early on, Star had a chance to take the lead after a quick free kick. Docherty and Crawford released Dougall on the right but his shot went just wide of the far post.

However Saints took the lead after 20 minutes

through some slick play of their own.

Star were unable to



Action from last Saturday's match between Oban Saints and Red Star. Photo: Stephen Lawson

match the runners and the ball fell kindly to Craig MacEwan who made it 1-0.

The home side failed to build on their lead in the first half though and Star began to creep back into the game but failed to get the equaliser.

The half time break allowed both sides to mix their teams up and numerous substitutions gave players valuable playing time but upset the rhythm of the game slightly.

## Dominate

Saints soon started to dominate the half and although the Star defence was holding firm they could do nothing to stop Donald Campbell's spectacular strike from 25 yards flying past Kalache to make it 2-0.

Star's best opportunities were from set pieces but a strong Saints defence and goalkeeper were too well placed to let the ball past them.

## Drive forward

In the end it was the home side who added to their lead late on when a slip in the Star midfield allowed Mattie Rippon to drive forward and score again to make it 3-0.

Despite the defeat, manager Weir was pleased with the effort shown by his side, who never gave up against an impressive Oban Saints team.

Tomorrow Star play their first league game of the season as they travel to Parklea to take on Port Glasgow Amateurs in Premier Two.

## Tarbert to host new 5k and 10k running races

TARBERT will host two new running races tomorrow (Saturday) - over 5k and 10k.

The 5k road race, described as flat, will start at 10am and the 10k road, with some country paths and hilly sections, will start at 11 am.

Race registration will be open at 8am at the harbour amenities area where numbers will be issued and there will be maps of the routes.

Parking is available in the public car park on Campbeltown Road. Limited public showering and toilet facilities will be available at the pontoons - the race

finish - and on Harbour Street.

The 10K race starts at Garval Point and finishes at the Tarbert Harbour Authority Amenity area. The 5k race starts and finishes at the amenity area. Water stations are available at two points in the 10k, and drinks will be available at the finish of the race.

There are prizes for the first three men and women in the 10k and the first three across line in the 5k.

All finishers will receive a goody bag, including medal and finishers t-shirt.

## Busy time for golfers at Glenralloch

KNOCKOUT competitions at Glenralloch golf course, Tarbert are reaching the closing stages with some interesting matches being played over the coming weeks.

In the Cairns Christie, Steve Bleasby faces Bruce MacNab in the semi-final and the winner will play either Iain MacArthur or Jonathan Scott in the final.

Meanwhile in the President's Cup final, Keith Blair awaits the winner of Archie Black and Duncan Johnstone match.

The Jimmy Letters fourball final will be contested by Jonathan Scott and Kenny MacFarlane, and John and Jimmy MacNab.

In the Glenralloch Cup, Malcolm McAlpine and Iain MacArthur await the winner of the semi-final tie, between S Bleasby and G McCaffery who play JS and B MacNab.

This Saturday the ever popular Archie MacNab Memorial Cup first round will take place, with a high entry expected for the Stableford format.

## Lottery numbers

THE jackpot in next week's Tarbert Football Club lottery will be £500 as a fourth week passes with no winner. Last week's numbers were 16, 17 and 20.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery. The numbers were 1, 2 and 17. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 8, 14 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

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The boys who took part in the residential summer camp held in Oban and run by Argyll and Bute football development officer, Martin Rae. 15\_t31camp01

## Spanish youngsters take part in Argyll and Bute football camp

THE ANNUAL residential football camp run by Argyll and Bute Council had an international feel this year when two Spanish brothers took part.

The week-long residential camp teaches aspiring footballers what it takes to be a young professional, as they train, play and live together.

The youngsters had between six and seven hours of football per day

on the Oban Community Pitch and they stayed at the school's Glencruitten Hostel.

Although the majority of the 31 players were from Argyll and Bute, Jaime Catala, aged 15, and his brother Luis, 13, from Majorca attended the camp during a holiday in the area.

The boys' family had wanted to visit Scotland and chose Oban on the back of the residen-

tial camp, the details for which they found online.

Argyll and Bute football development officer Martin Rae, who runs the camp, said: 'I just got an email from the boys' parents but I didn't know how they heard about it. It was great to see them here.'

'Their English was fantastic, so they got on well with everyone.'

'The purpose of the

week was to show the boys what it is like to be a young pro footballer, looking at eating habits, respect, discipline and daily chores. It was about giving them responsibility but also getting them to mix with each other. The social aspect is important too.'

Last year the residential camp, which is in its third year, had a boy from Ireland among the group.



Football coaches Stewart Maule, left, and Martin Rae with Spanish boys Jaime and Luis Catala. 15\_t31camp02



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Lorenzo Chiavarini, 19, has continued his promising development by winning the National Laser Championship in South Devon.

## Lorenzo follows in the footsteps of Olympic champion Ben Ainslie

ARGYLL sailor Lorenzo Chiavarini has followed in the footsteps of four-time Olympic champion Ben Ainslie by winning the National Laser Championship.

The event held at Paignton, South Devon, featured sailors of the highest level and challenged athletes' versatility and skill with conditions ranging from light to very windy.

However it was the teenage Royal Northern

and Clyde Yacht Club sailor from Bellanoch, Mid Argyll, who pulled through in the Laser Standard class, ahead of the rest of the Olympic Development squad and 45 others - some of whom were former Olympians.

### Medals

Now his performance manager, Nick Scott, 'can't wait to see how far he can go'. According to the coach it was only a matter of time be-

fore the medals started piling up.

Lorenzo faced a challenging start, scoring 12 and 11 in the less favourable heavy wind conditions before improving throughout the week and coming into form.

The sailor, who studies marine science and navigation at Plymouth University, finished second overall to former world champion Gustavo Lima from Portugal,

but took the 2013 National Laser crown.

Lorenzo said: 'It was a great event and there were a lot of very good sailors there.'

### Olympics

'Two of the competitors had participated in the Olympics and the conditions were quite tricky so it was a tough week.'

'I'm really happy with the performance though and it was a great result. It will help

a lot with things like sponsorship.'

On his ambition of making the Olympics he said: 'There a lot of good competitors in the British team so it will be hard to get into the Olympic squad, but I will keep trying, while juggling university at the same time.'

Next for Lorenzo is training with the British team before the men's European Championship in Dublin in

September.

This is the 19 year old's first senior title, adding to his U21 European title from 2012 and U21 European bronze medal from 2013.

Lorenzo is a former member of the RYA national squad and elite programme and is currently a member of the RYA British sailing team.

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