

# Autumn agricultural review

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# Council's recycling policy called into question

## 'It is absolutely ludicrous'

A BUSINESSMAN has this week called into question Argyll and Bute Council's recycling policy as it refuses to allow him to transport his business' tin and plastic waste to a recycling point.

Jonathan Sheldrick, who launched a major recycling initiative at Port Ban Holiday Park earlier this year, has been told that he cannot transport his waste to a recycling point in Tarbert because it is 'commercial waste'.

With the council refusing to collect the recycled tin and plastic from the park during its normal rounds, Mr Sheldrick said he turned to Kintyre Recycling for help.

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Mr Sheldrick said: 'Upon the recommendation of Julie Fairbrass of the Grab Trust, we take it to Tarbert where it is collected by Kintyre Recycling who thankfully do recycle plastic and tin, but only in Kintyre.'

'However Argyll and Bute Council refuse department, which is negotiating with us on the bill for the collection of Port Ban Holiday Park's refuse, has now informed us that we are not allowed to transport the plastic and tin as it is regarded as commercial waste.'

'It is absolutely ludicrous.'

The waste collected at

Port Ban Holiday Park, on the Kilberry Road, is about 50 per cent plastic, tin, glass and paper so Mr Sheldrick feels passionately that it should not go to landfill.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said businesses must register with Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) before being allowed to transport their own waste.

She said: 'Regulations on this were introduced in 2011. SEPA do not charge for this type of registration and it can be done on-line. Also if transferring commercial waste to someone else, they will have to have a Duty of Care Waste Transfer Note, which is also a legal duty.'



## Peggy receives telegram from the Queen

A TELEGRAM from the queen arrived in Tarbert last week as local woman Peggy Mathewson celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Peggy, who moved to Tarbert 15 years ago from Kilmacolm, was surrounded by friends and family as she celebrated the special occasion with a birthday party on Friday.

Born on the isle of Seil, Peggy worked as a young woman in Kilmacolm for the Lithgow Family

of Ormsary, where she met her husband Lindsay Mathewson. The pair settled in Kilmacolm and raised their son Gordon (pictured above).

**'Being a good girl'**

Commenting on her telegram from the Queen Peggy said: 'It is very, very nice; I was looking forward to getting it.'

Asked the secret to living a long and happy life, Peggy added: 'Being a good girl.'

'In respect of the council offering a separate can and plastics service from the site, we can offer an

ad-hoc commercial special uplift service.

'In 2013 the council intends to offer an

increase in the mix of items, which can be recycled including cans and plastics that we can col-

lect on a regular basis. 'Discussions on this are on-going between the council and Shanks.'

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**Thunderstorm rumbles over Lochgilphead**

PEOPLE in Lochgilphead awoke to an almighty bang in the early hours of Tuesday morning as a thunderstorm hit the town.

Residents complained it was 'the loudest thunder they had ever heard' as they made their way to work on Tuesday morning.

The storm with torrential rain passed in a matter of minutes.

**Lead councillors and deputies**

THERE have been some changes to the remits and responsibilities of lead councillors and deputies at Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor John Semple will be lead councillor for environment, development and infrastructure, including roads and amenity services; his depute will be councillor Robert G MacIntyre.

Councillor Donald Kelly will be lead councillor for renewables and tourism. Depute lead councillor will be councillor Louise Glen-Lee.

The changes will take effect immediately.

**Appeal to get behind church project**

TARBERT folk are this week being urged to get behind a fundraising drive to raise £40,000 to restore the village church.

People are being urged to take part in a plethora of fundraising initiatives to raise match funding needed to secure grants from Historic Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund.

Members of Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal are organising sponsored walks, photography competitions and community fetes to demonstrate the village's commitment to project.

Lisa MacFarlane, of the restoration appeal committee, said: 'Conversations with Historic Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund are ongoing.

They are very supportive of the work we are doing and are urging the community to match fund any future grants that they are considering.

'We have raised £7,850 so far and the community really has to keep supporting us as much as possible. So far local businesses have been supporting us and we have had some anonymous donations.'

The appeal received a boost this week from the Masonic Lodge in Tarbert, which raised £700 through a quiz and collection earlier this year. The Masons previously met in Tarbert Church Hall before it was deemed unsafe.

Maintaining their fundraising drive over the next few months, the



Master of the Masonic Lodge Tarbert Robert Macdonald, left, and secretary Iain Reid on the right present a cheque for £700 to Tarbert Church of Scotland minister Tommy Bryson. 06\_a35tarchurch01

appeal committee has organised a sponsored walk on September 16, with Dookers urged to don their walking shoes and tackle the five-mile walk along the Corranbuie. A community fete on September 29 is also planned, whilst locals

are being urged to hunt out old photographs of the church as part of a heritage initiative and fundraising photography competition.

For more information on the sponsored walk contact Lisa on 01880 820033.

**Alcoholics and drug addicts to get free entry to leisure centres**

ALCOHOLICS and drug addicts are to be given free use of Mid Argyll Sports Centre and other leisure facilities owned by Argyll and Bute Council.

Approved by a meeting of the full council last week, the pilot project will be open to those in formal treatment or recovery programmes at Argyll and Bute's 26 drug and alcohol treatment services.

There is no time limit to how long someone can take advantage of the service, and referral will be done on a case-by-case basis.

Peter Garrett, from Encompass, which offers counselling services to people with alcohol ad-

iction in Mid Argyll, welcomed the initiative. 'Anything that adds to their recovery is positive,' he said.

'From my experience people turn to alcohol often through boredom.

'If you can relieve that boredom so they are not thinking about how bored they are; thinking I'll just go to the pub. If they have something to focus on, something to keep them active and away from their addiction then that is a good way to go.'

The council claim it will not incur any extra cost by running the scheme.

A report on its success will be presented in a year.

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**MSP hits out over energy price rise**

A PRICE increase of nine per cent on gas and electricity bills, announced last week by Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) has been criticised by a local politician.

Highlands and Islands MSP Mike McKenzie said the price hike was

'the last thing people need'. Mr MacKenzie said increasing levels of fuel poverty throughout Argyll is 'unacceptable in an energy rich nation' and called for an investigation into how the major energy market is operating.

SSE's price increase will come into effect from early October, and was explained by chief executive Ian Marchant as being necessary due to rising costs which could no longer be absorbed by the company.

GRADUATION	GRADUATION
<p>Scott McGeachy graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Diploma in Professional Legal Practice. He will commence work at the Scottish Law Commission before undertaking a legal traineeship with the commercial law firm DWF Biggart Baillie. Scott is the son of Ian and Alison McGeachy, Campbeltown.</p>	<p>Adam Canning graduated from the University of Stirling, Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History (First Class). Adam is the son of David and Eileen Canning and a former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School. Adam will be continuing his studies at Glasgow University in September.</p>

# A83 by-pass to be considered

## Study group to look at new road

THE STUDY investigating problems along the A83 will examine the possibility of creating new access routes to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles.

The proposal of an entirely new road that bypasses the landslide-prone Rest and Be Thankful is currently being investigated by Jacobs, a firm employed by the Scottish Government to complete the study.

Discussions about a

new road took place at the first meeting of the A83 Taskforce, which is charged with finding a long-term solution to landslides at the Rest.

In notes published following the meeting, it is stated: 'This study will look into longer term solutions including the construction of landslide shelters or viaducts and whether there are other possible access routes to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles.'

'Transport Scotland

are committed to delivering the study as soon as we can.'

It is anticipated that a first draft of the study, which will look into a wealth of problems along the road from Tarbet to Kennacraig, will be ready in October, with an official report published later in the year.

Meanwhile work is ongoing to erect more protective netting on the hillside at the Rest and Be Thankful.



The yard at West Coast Tool and Plant Hire filled with water on Tuesday as a nearby burn overflowed.

## Flash floods hit Ardrishaig

FLASH floods hit Ardrishaig on Tuesday as a near-by burn burst its banks.

The flooding was particularly bad in the Victoria Terrace area of the village, with West Coast Tool and Plant Hire severely affected.

### Costly

The businesses, situated off the A83 on low ground, is still assessing the extent of the damage to its premises and equipment but says 'it looks costly'.

Rubbish in the burn had stopped the flow of water causing the flood.

Staff from Argyll and Bute Council removed the blockage and the water soon subsided.

## Inveraray facelift cash bid

TODAY (Friday) will see Argyll and Bute Council submit an application for a share of £10 million to improve the look of Inveraray.

The bid to Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme aims to gain £2 million.

## POLICE FILES

A FARMER in Inverneil had to round up his cattle from the A83 after they escaped from a field on the Lochgilphead to Tarbert road last Thursday.

A NUMBER of cars have left the road between Lochgilphead and Inveraray this week in wet weather.

At 8am last Friday, a Renault car overturned on the A83 near Fur-

nace. The 45-year-old driver was uninjured.

Later that morning, a car left the road and landed in a ditch off the A83 near Ardcastle. The woman driver, from Campbeltown, was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital but was released.

On Monday there were a further two crashes after a car left the road near Minard at 5.25pm and another near Auchindrain at 5.40pm. A

Campbeltown man suffered minor injuries in the Auchindrain crash whilst the driver involved in the Minard accident was left shaken.

A MAN wanted in connection with a police investigation was found intoxicated on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, on Sunday night. He was detained by police and taken to Dunoon Sheriff Court the following day.

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Mid Argyll Pipe Band win fifth place in grade 4B at the 2012 Cowal Gathering.

## Mid Argyll Pipe Band finish season on a high note at Cowal

THE END of the 2012 championship season finished on a high note for Mid Argyll pipe bands with all three finishing in the top six prizewinners list at Cowal Gathering.

Maintaining their winning streak, Inveraray and District Pipe Band's grade one band took sixth place, whilst the Juvenile band came fourth in their category.

Also enjoying success in the drumming championship, Inveraray's drum major Liam Renton came sixth in the adult drum majors contest.

Secretary of Inveraray and District Pipe Band Jim McMillan said both bands and pipe major Stuart Liddell were happy with the performances at the gathering, marking the end of another successful piping season for the Royal Burgh.

**Top six**  
The Cowal event saw Mid Argyll Pipe Band join the top six bands in grade 4B, winning fifth place and their second prize in a major competition this year.

The win marked the band's first success at the Cowal Gathering

since 1993, having only returned to competitive piping last year.

Jim Thorpe, president of Mid Argyll Pipe Band said: 'It's a fantastic result to get fifth; there were 31 bands in our grade and this is only our second year of entering competitions.'

'The kids don't realise what a big achievement it is, bands go there year in year out and they don't pick up anything.'

He added: 'There are five major competitions a year, we entered three and were placed in the top six twice;' its fantastic.'

# Communications manager sacked

ARGYLL and Bute Council has sacked the communications manager it cleared of using social network sites to 'spy' on taxpayers.

Jo Smith lost her job following a disciplinary hearing at Kilmory last week.

Ms Smith was suspended on February 10 amid for allegedly setting up spy accounts on social media sites at a PR conference in Glasgow last September.

The following council investigation by external consultant John Clayton, which cost nearly £30,000, found 'no hint of a spying culture within the council'.

But Ms Smith subsequently faced lesser charges of bringing the council into disrepute for using the word 'spy' at the conference.

Speaking after receiving a dismissal letter on Tuesday, Ms Smith said she intended to appeal, adding: 'I don't think it is appropriate to comment until the appeal process has finished. I can say though I don't agree with the council's decision.'

The council said: 'The matter is still being dealt with in terms of the council's disciplinary procedures and process and for this reason it would be inappropriate to comment further.'

Speaking on behalf of Jo Smith, National Union for Journalists' (NUJ) Scottish organiser Paul Holleran said the sacking decision was based on 'an impression presented by an anonymous source' in a media report which the council had 'so far been unable to identify as even attending the conference'.

He added: 'The council has chosen to ignore witness statements from 10 highly respected, named communications professionals who did attend the conference and who have said

the article was inaccurate and misleading.'

Lead councillor for communications on Argyll and Bute Council, Louise Glen-Lee, said: 'This situation is one we inherited from the previous administration.'

'However, having being briefed fully, I am satisfied that the process put into place by the executive director was appropriate.'

'In the fullness of time as much information, as legally possible, of the full investigation will be put into the public domain.'

## Councillors read about sacking in the press

COUNCILLORS across Argyll have lambasted council officials for not keeping them informed of decisions made by the council.

The issue came to a head at a full meeting of the council last Thursday when councillors said they had to read about the sacking of communications manager Jo Smith in the press.

At the meeting councillors were issued with a report about how the investigation into Ms Smith's actions was conducted. They have not been told that she had been sacked and will appeal the decision.

### Never informed

But a spokeswoman for the council said councillors are never informed of disciplinary procedures as they are an operational matter.

She said: 'Councillors are never involved or advised of the detail of disciplinary hearings whether or not they lead to dismissal.'

'A press statement was issued by a trade union representing a council employee which contained details of a decision taken, which required a general response from the council, the terms of which were shared with all councillors.'

## Telephone masts may be causing mobile phone problems

PEOPLE experiencing problems with their mobile phone signal in Mid Argyll are being urged to go online to learn more about telephone masts in the area.

The advice comes from a reader of the *Advertiser*, who explained that a problem with a mast in Clachan was affecting her phone signal in Ardpatrik, south of Tarbert.

When phoning Vodafone to report problems with her signal, the Mid Argyll resident was told there were no problems at the mast closest to where she lives.

Problems with telephone masts in other villages may explain why Vodafone are telling customers in Torinturk that the telephone exchange is working but they still do not have a signal.

It is recommended people log on to the ofcom website to find the correct mast for their mobile telephone: <http://www.sitefinder.ofcom.org.uk>.



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Kyle is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School. Congratulations from Mum, Nicola, Ewan and family.

### GRADUATION



Mrs Jean McPhee

Senior Manager/Owner  
Riverside Rascals Day Nursery Ltd,  
Lochgilphead,  
graduated from Glasgow University with a BA in Childhood Practise.

# Teenager swaps village life for Central America

A TEENAGER has this month swapped village life in Ardrishaig for life in Honduras in central America.

Caitlin Fowler, who finished sixth year at Lochgilphead High School in June, is now attending school in the small village of Trinidad in Honduras and has become the teacher in the classroom.

Aged 17, Caitlin is teaching English at the New Sunrise Bilingual School as a volunteer for the Project Trust – a Coll-based charity that sends 17-19 year olds to developing countries to teach and run social care projects for communities in need.

Embarking on the opportunity and challenge of a lifetime,

Caitlin will live in Honduras for a year, a country blighted by war and military coups.

It has one of the highest murder rates in the world and is the main trafficking route for drugs coming from South America going west.

Explaining the reasons for volunteering in such a troubled country, Caitlin said teaching English is important as it gives the people opportunities.

‘English is a much sought after skill in Honduras as it opens doors for the youngsters, allowing them to work in the Bay Islands, a tourist hotspot, and the USA,’ she said.

Commenting on her first day teaching at the primary school

Caitlin added: ‘The overwhelming feeling was of happiness and excitement from the children.

‘They want me and Mali, a fellow volunteer, to be here, teaching and learning with them. They want us to be in their school, they want to be friends with us and learn about our home and culture. But most of all they want to learn English.’

Still settling into life in Trinidad, a small town of 6,000 surrounded by coffee and banana plantations, Caitlin plans to take part in other volunteering projects in the community, setting up sports clubs, adult teaching classes and offering extra tutoring throughout the year.



Ardrishaig's Caitlin Fowler has swapped life in Mid Argyll for Honduras

## National park trio honoured

THREE individuals integral to the award of national park status to the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs area have been honoured on its tenth anniversary.

Lord John McFall of Alcuith and Billy Petrie OBE JP DL were appointed honorary Vice-presidents of Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs at its celebratory lunch last week.

Dr Hannah Stirling MBE, who earned the ‘Queen of Loch Lomond’ nickname over the years, received a commemorative quail from Billy Petrie on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council to mark her outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of Loch Lomond.

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# Council help with mortgage deposits

A SCHEME that could reduce mortgage deposits by 20 per cent and help first time buyers on the Argyll property market has been adopted by Argyll and Bute Council.

The three year Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) could see the council support 33 house buyers a year by providing mortgage lenders with a lump sum, boosting the normal mortgage from 75 per cent to 95 per cent.

The scheme is targeted at people who can afford mortgage repayments but not the initial deposit.

Acting as a guarantor to the mortgage broker, the council will cover an estimated 20 per cent of the cost of a property with the money repaid over five years with interest.

With an annual LAMS fund of £1million it is estimated 33 people per year could benefit from the scheme.

LAMS has been particularly welcomed by estate agents, who see first time buyers struggling to raise funds for a mortgage every day.

Bruce MacNab from Argyll for Sale, an estate agent which provides financial services, said: ‘At one time people were offered a 100 per cent mortgage, then 95 per cent and more recently we are down to 85 per cent; the lenders have put the responsibility back to people to save.

### Moving forward

‘Something needs to be done to help young ones get on the property ladder.

‘Any of these schemes if done properly can help.’

LAMS is one of many initiatives adopted by the council as part of an £18million investment in housing throughout the county.

Developing an empty homes strategy, the council aims to bring ten unused properties back into

use per year by providing grants or loans to homeowners for refurbishment.

Grants of up to £20,000 per property could be made available to homeowners in exchange for the improved property being leased to a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) for a minimum of ten years.

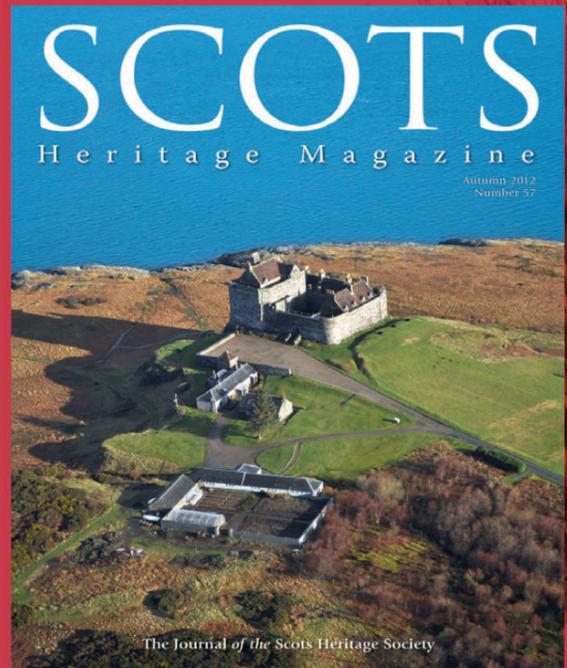
A range of funding possibilities including another phase of Rural Housing Development Fund grants and long-term loans for RSLs is also part of the housing strategy.

Lead councillor for housing, George Freeman, said the initiatives would be boost business and help the Argyll economy.

‘I look forward to seeing more people being able to access mortgages who, without the council’s help, would continue to struggle to get in to the housing market.’

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## Those Were The Days

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### 'Free Argyll' campaign hots up

THE 'FREE Argyll from Strathclyde' campaign reached new proportions this week when a further petition from the villagers of Kilmelford and Kilninver was handed into Dunadd Community Council.

The petition, which states: 'We the undersigned, being residents of Kilmelford and Kilninver, hereby petition the Secretary of State for Scotland to sever the County of Argyll from Strathclyde Region as soon as practicable', bears 89 signatures and brings the total for the campaign to 962.

### The 'Clearances' - council style

ARGYLL and Bute District Council's present housing policy could turn Lochgilphead into a magnet for people seeking accommodation in Mid Argyll.

For SNP councillor Dan Johnson, North Kintyre, has accused the local authority of overbuilding in the town and operating a 'subtle form of clearances' in the surrounding hamlets and villages.

Councillor Johnson's outburst came at last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute's Housing Committee when members were discussing a report on house building progress in the district.

He said: 'There are only 52 priority housing cases in Lochgilphead yet we intend to build 160 houses. This seems an awful lot for only 52 priority cases. Are we going to be able to fill them and, if so, with whom?'

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



It was a lovely sunny windswept morning as we boarded the Portavadie ferry at Tarbert. We were going to Tighnabruaich and as we drove into Kames the first folk we saw were people from our own village.

It has often been said that one cannot do anything secret in Kintyre.

I hasten to add that I was not doing anything I shouldn't have been doing, and was actually going to a Presbytery meeting.

However, I am amazed at how often we meet people in the strangest of places - and when we least expect to.

I often wonder what people thought when they met Jesus for the first time.

They must have wondered who he was.

They would be surprised as Jesus stood up and spoke out in the temple, or when he fed the hungry crowd on the hillside, or when he raised Lazarus, or when he healed the blind man, or challenged the authorities of his day.

The people must have muttered about him, and said: 'Who is this man? Where has he come from? What is he doing here?'

If something similar happened here, the people would simply ask Iain in the Muasdale Shop, and they would expect him to know.

I wonder how we would react if we met Jesus in our own village.

I expect it is unlikely that we would get this opportunity to actually meet Jesus in person in our town or village.

But Jesus' words are clear when he says that if we show kindness to anyone, or help someone who is ill, or look out for our neighbour, or stand up for those who are persecuted, then we do all these things as if it were for Jesus himself.

So maybe we should look out for Jesus in the least expected places and people till the Kingdom comes.



## Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by a Mid Argyll resident. The picture shows members of the Argyll and Bute Select football team in 1959. Back row, left to right: David Wilson, Robert Cameron, John McGlynn, Archie Soudon, Donnie MacDonald and Gillespie Fletcher. Front row, left to right: John Sinclair, Duncan MacColl, Peter MacInnes, Jacky Stewart and Peter Campbell.

## Letters to the Editor

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### A83 tunnel the way forward

Sir,  
I could not agree more with the sentiments expressed by Alec Logan in the last edition of your paper.

As I commented a month ago in your columns France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland have all greatly benefited greatly from using tunnel technology.

The fact that we don't have a tunnel-engineering ethos in Scotland is no reason not to adopt it as the obvious long-term solution to the problems of the A83.

No doubt a fortune has been spent already by the government on feasibility studies of short-term fixes and on ineffectual remedial works. This money could have represented a fair part if a long-term solution.

The consideration of the Old Military Road as a solution seems unbelievable when we know that some landslides have reached it already and it will cost a huge amount of money to upgrade it to an acceptable level for heavy goods vehicles.

If a tunnel was driven through the problem area, the existing road could continue to be used, albeit with the ongoing risk of landslides, until the tunnel was completed.

The risk of landslides would be no greater than it is now and users of the route would welcome the fact that a long-term solution was being implemented urgently. This would also allow HGVs an acceptable route rather than a questionable upgrading of a very minor road.

Climate Change is hap-

pening and the A83 will not be the only road liable to landslides in the future so tunnel technology may well be the way forward.

**Douglas Robertson,  
Bralorne,  
Mealdarroch,  
Tarbert.**

### Hopes for long-term solution

Sir,  
There has been much speculation and opinions regarding landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

I am just old enough to remember, as a small boy, travelling by bus on the newly opened A83 amazed at the view. I think it took over from the 'Old Rest' in 1944.

There was a war on and this project took high priority. There was a lot of military activity with two huge army camps

outside Inveraray practicing for D-Day. The building which was the picture house still stands in the caravan park north of Inveraray.

Years ago, up until the 1960s, there was a passenger service from Ardrishaig on the *St Columba* of Loch Fyne Steamers through the Kyles of Bute to Wymes Bay. This was the best way to travel, carrying on by train to Glasgow; it took four and a half hours by bus from here.

Once we were part of Strathclyde and big money and expertise came this way. We should all hope that a proper solution, like the wartime priority, will be found soon.

**J Simpson,  
Mid Argyll Branch,  
Labour Party.**

### Old torpedo range research

Sir,  
A few weeks ago I sent you an article about the old torpedo range just past Arrocher.

I asked if any older people in Ardrishaig or Lochgilphead could remember the name if it.

I got some great help from an old friend of mine who stays in Ardrishaig. Her name is Mabel Galbraith and she asked around all her friends but no-one could help her or me with the name. I was disappointed. As I said in my last story I travelled up that road for years, yes even when it was the old Rest and Be Thankful when the MacBrayne buses got to the top. The fantastic drivers in those days were Hughie Campbell and Stan Lupton, to name just a couple.

I did a bit of asking about myself and was told that the Americans were in the torpedo range but they just dwindled away. Also I have been told it belonged to the Royal Navy. No-one seems to be bothered and I think it is a crying shame.

I am also disappointed that it appears since I gave you my last story, the range has been badly vandalised. Windows in all the houses have been smashed in. All the doors are off the houses and no doubt anything of scrap value has been stolen as well. I would hate to think that because I brought this village to the forefront this has happened.

I remember a lot of the guys up there. Some of them were good footballers in their day like Gary Casci, Kenny Rowan, James Mitchell and Colin McGregor. They travelled up and down that road on a regular basis to play and would remember - but no joy. Thank you very much for printing my last story on the forgotten village in your popular paper which I read all the time, as my son Craig Kidd and his wife Iona and my grandchildren Cameron, Karis and Miya stay in Ardrishaig.

**Andrew Kidd,  
3 Robertson Close,  
Renfrew.**

### John Lorne Macleod

Sir,  
I set up Inveraray Jail 25 years ago.

One of the last governors of the jail was John Macleod, ex Royal Artillery. He married a Mary Mactavish, from Lochgilphead, a lady's maid at Inveraray Castle. They had several children including John Lorne who was born in the jail on the October 20, 1873 and went on to become Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

After Inveraray, his parents ran the prison in Tobermory and then the one at Lochmaddy where Mary was murdered by an insane inmate of the poorhouse.

I am trying to find out how John Lorne received a good enough education for him to become a lawyer in Edinburgh and subsequently Lord Provost. I understand *The Oban Times* published an obituary that may provide details of his education; John Lorne Macleod died on September 7 1946.

**David Hayes,  
Managing Director,  
Visitor Centres Ltd,  
Landmark,  
Carrbridge,  
Inverness-shire.**

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# Compensation payments for January power cuts inadequate

COMPENSATION paid to people who experience power cuts is inadequate, the Scottish Affairs Committee has said.

The House of Commons committee, which is reviewing the level of service offered by energy companies after severe storms in January left people without power for days, is urging Ofgem to extend the right to compensation to the Highlands and Islands.

Several villages throughout Mid Argyll including parts of Tarbert and Kilberry were left without power for four days after the January storms.

The committee noted that Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) made some discretionary payments to customers but said this should be a right, not at the discretion of the company.

The Scottish Affairs Committee also calls on Ofgem to consider increasing compensation levels to 'realistically' reflect the effect on consumers.

A lack of information in emergency situations was also identified as an issue, with energy providers told to 'ensure the maximum flow of information to customers' during power cuts.

Alan Reid MP for Ar-

gyll and Bute led the committee enquiry. He said: 'One of the key protections for electricity customers is the guaranteed standards. However a big gap in the compensation rules is that consumers in the Highlands and Islands have no rights to compensation for power cuts caused by extreme weather events.'

'SSE announced price increases of nine per cent last week. Especially now that they will be paying more, consumers have a right to expect to good quality service and to be compensated when they do not get it.'



Walkers and members of the Mid Argyll fundraising branch of Macmillan Cancer Support: Kathleen Young, Libby Mochrie, Janet MacVean, Margaret McDougall and Carol Small. 06\_a35walk02

## Crinan Canal walk for charity

AN ARMY of women in green t-shirts marched along the 8.5 miles of the Crinan Canal on Saturday in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Setting off from Ardrishaig at 8am, more than a dozen women took part in

the sponsored walk to raise funds for the national cancer charity.

Some willing volunteers doubled their efforts to raise sponsorship funds, walking to Crinan and back to Ardrishaig in a 17-mile challenge.

## Refurbished Port Ellen pier re-opens

PORT Ellen pier on Islay was officially opened by CMAL yesterday as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press.

The new pier has two large berths for the regular ferry service provided by, *MV Finlaggan*

and *MV Hebridean Isles* from Kennacraig and can accommodate the grain vessel bringing in barley for Islay's whisky industry.

The pier can now be accessed by vehicles, which will allow the un-

loading of bulk carrier vessels when required.

Closed to ferry traffic since the end of March 2011 for refurbishment, work on the pier was successfully completed in June, and reopened to traffic on July 1.

## Knapdale beavers in good health

BEAVERS living in Knapdale Forest as part of the Scottish Beaver Trial are in good health, a report has revealed.

The beaver ecology report, published recently by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), shows that all the beavers captured for routine health checks were in good condition.

The report follows the death of three beavers in the first year of the trial.

Monitoring the movement of the beavers, the study carried out by Wildlife Conservation Unit at the University of Oxford (WildCRU) in partnership with SNH staff, revealed three beavers disappeared from the site in the first year, with one further disappearance in the second year.

Future monitoring is to be carried out to identify where individual beavers are living and how much time the beavers spend in the water compared with on land.

# Kintyre pipe bands do well at Cowal

COWAL Gathering saw Kintyre Schools Pipe Band round off its competition season on Saturday.

For the first time since 2009, Kintyre Schools, sponsored by the Ardshiel Hotel, fielded two pipe bands at the

same contest in different grades.

A massive Kintyre contingent was present at the Dunoon stadium to cheer on the new novice band as it competed in its first ever major contest.

'We didn't quite make

the prize list,' said Daniel Anderson, the band's smallest piper, 'but it was some learning curve and the nerves didn't totally take over.'

### Experienced

In the juvenile grade, the senior and more experienced Kintyre

Schools Band finished in sixth place.

Retiring piper Thomas Jordan, in his last outing with the band, was presented with the George Davidson Shield from chieftain Paul Murton, the presenter and director of the BBC series

Grand Tours of Scotland.

'We'll be consolidating and building over the winter,' said pipe major Ian McKerral, the bands' director of piping.

'We aim to be challenging the top bands in both grades in 2013.'

For Kevan Renton, Kintyre School's drum major, there was also some cause to celebrate, as he secured fourth place in the juvenile drum major contest at Cowal.

'I'm pleased with that result,' said Kevan. 'It's good to pull down the curtain on the season with a place on the prize list. I'd like to thank our sponsors Flora and Marion of the Ardshiel Hotel for all their support.'

The Kintyre School's juvenile and novice pipe bands will be descending on Carradale on Saturday September 22.

'We're planning to



Retiring piper Thomas Jordan with the George Davidson Shield.

have a sponsored walk and barbecue for band members and parents,' said Mary Ann Gosling, the band's fundraising officer.

'It will be followed by a full performance at

6pm by the combined bands to entertain Carradale residents and holiday weekend visitors. We'd like to encourage everyone in advance to lend their support.'



Kintyre School's Novice Pipe Band at the line at Cowal Gathering.

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# MOVE musicians to perform at BLAS Festival

YOUNG musicians from Mid Argyll have been invited to perform at the opening of the 2012 BLAS festival in Inverness.

The musicians, part of Wild Biscuit's MOVE production, will open Eden Court Theatre's programme of events for the festival, which celebrates traditional Scots and Gaelic music.

They will perform *Kick*

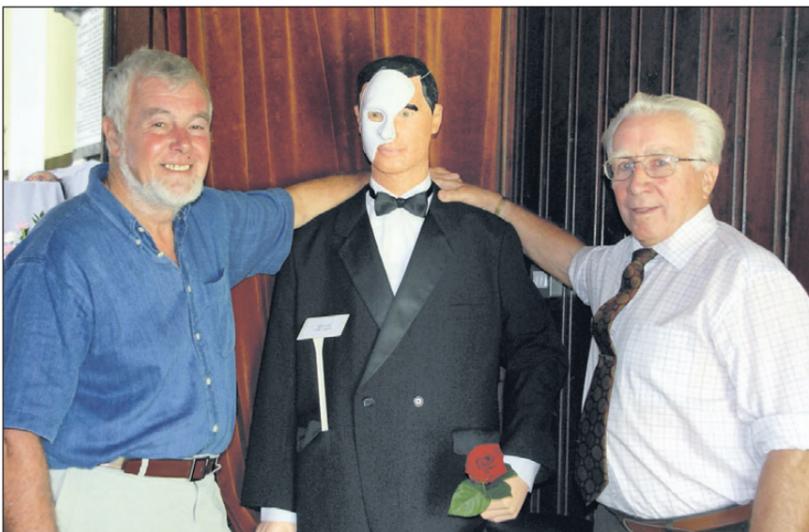
*Start*, a special showcase featuring MOVE, Breabach, and Hamish and Fin Moore.

Pipers and drummers from Mid Argyll make up the MOVE cast along with drummer Neil Primrose of Travis, jazz guitarist John Goldie and Random Aspekts hip hop crew, led by Tony Mills.

*Kick Start* promises to be a thrilling set in one

of Scotland's most prestigious theatres and for Wild Biscuit's John Saich, is a welcome return to Eden Court after many appearances with *Capercaillie*.

The BLAS performance is the latest high profile gig for MOVE, which has already performed at the MG Trad Music Awards, Celtic Connections Festival and Visit Scotland Tourism EXPO in Edinburgh. *Kick Start* will be performed on next Saturday, September 8.



## Festival of Flowers at Kilmartin

John Murray and Bill Cairns had company when manning the door at the Festival of Flowers in Kilmartin on Saturday as the Phantom of the Opera stood proudly at the entrance to Kilmartin Church.

The Phantom was one

of the exhibits in the festival, which this year had the theme of musicals.

Drawing crowds from across Mid Argyll people were amazed and delighted at the 24 floral arrangements inspired by musicals such

as *My Fair Lady*, *Moulin Rouge* and the *Wizard of Oz*.

Running from Wednesday to Saturday, folk were offered tea, coffee and homebaking, with all proceeds donated to Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church.

## Autumn fete at Lochgilphead next weekend

FAMILIES throughout Mid Argyll are being invited to Lochgilphead next weekend as the autumn fete gets underway.

Organised by Lochgilphead Parish church, the fete will have something for everyone with fun games and face painting for children and sales tables with jewellery, plants, books and local produce for parents.

A warming bowl of soup will served for lunch, alongside a wealth of home baking, tea and coffee.

The fete will be held in Lochgilphead Community Centre on September 8, between midday and 3pm.

## Tarbert Flower Show deadline

GREEN fingered enthusiasts are being reminded the deadline for entries to Tarbert Flower Show is next Friday.

Exhibits for the show should be left in the village hall between 5pm-9pm, with baking entries the following morning between 9am-10am.

The show will open to visitors at 3pm on Saturday, with prizes presented at 5pm.



Pipers and drummers from Mid Argyll have been delighting audiences across Scotland this year as they perform alongside hip hop crew Random Aspekts as part of Wild Biscuit's MOVE.

## Countdown to October's Cowalfest

KEEN walkers, art enthusiasts and nature lovers are patiently waiting for October 5, as the action packed Cowalfest gets underway.

The annual arts and walking festival promises to be an action packed 10 days with mountain hikes, leisurely strolls, coastal climbs and cave adventures all lined up for locals and tourists to enjoy.

The festival, which runs until October 14, features events for people seeking thrilling adventures, those who prefer a slower pace of life and families in search of a good day out.

### Enthusiasts

A host of walks have been arranged for wildlife enthusiasts with rangers from the Forestry Commission leading the hunt for red

squirrels.

A night time stroll will allow people to listen to the sounds of the Cowal wildlife.

Thrill seekers will have the chance to abseil into Paper Caves that hid the Campbells and their documents and go mountain biking through some of Cowal's most breath-taking scenery.

Horse riding events

are also back by popular demand with events taking place on both Sundays of the festival.

Cowalfest will also provide the perfect opportunity to sample Cowal hospitality with ceilidhs, nightlife and entertainment planned throughout the 10-day event.

For more information on Cowalfest log on to [www.cowalfest.org](http://www.cowalfest.org).

# Community Noticeboard

## Alex MacDonald

at Free Church, George Street

Saturday 1st September  
at 7.30pm

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Sunday 2nd September  
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# Argyll art scene



Jane Macleod and John Lowrie Morrison (Jolomo) at the launch of the Argyll Villages and Towns exhibition.

## Argyll Villages and Towns, by Jolomo

Review by Brian Blench  
 JOLOMO'S latest exhibition at Lochgilphead's Archway Gallery, Argyll Villages and Towns, is a visual gazetteer of the beauty of Argyll.

The majority of the 19 paintings in the exhibition are the result visits to Argyll villages and islands earlier this year.

The collection re-

flects the Jolomo's love of flowers and trees in full blossom, as in *Blossom at Whitegates, Lagg Township, Isle of Jura* and *Moon and Blossoms Lochgair*.

### Environment

Another major theme is of the built environment which is not seen as spoiling natural beauty but adding to it as well as demonstrating man's relationship with

the land.

Oban's distillery chimney and the town's imposing cathedral, set against a blazing sunset contrast with the huts of Crinan Harbour or a cottage at Tayvallich, while studies of the Tarbert Church and the Clock Lodge, Lochgilphead, both shown in an evening light are particularly powerful.

The exhibition will inspire people to re-visit it well loved sites to see them with new eyes and to appreciate more deeply the threads which join to form this glorious painted tapestry of Argyll.

A percentage of the proceeds of the exhibition, which finishes today (Friday), will be donated to Mid Argyll Community (MAC) Pool.

# Hundreds followed the red dot trail

HUNDREDS of people have hit the road in Argyll this week in search of fine art.

Following the red dot trail around the county, art enthusiasts have been visiting Argyll artists as they open their studios and galleries to the public.

Offering people a chance to see the artistic process, painters, sculptors, printers and weavers have all been giving people an insight into the inspiration and techniques behind their work.

With almost 40 artists on the Artmap Argyll trail, the open studios event was available for people in Oban to the north, Kintyre in the South, Cowal in

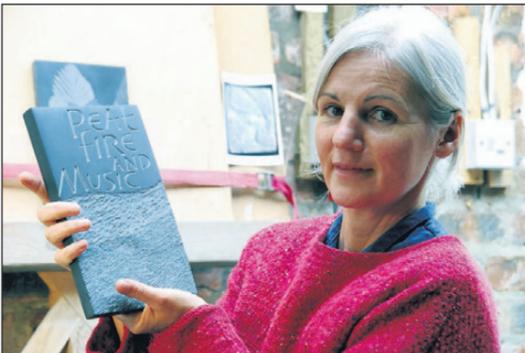
the east and across Mid Argyll.

Sheena Devitt, a lettering artist based in Lochgilphead, said the weekend had been a great experience.

### Worthwhile

'I have had 107 people visit so it is definitely worthwhile. It has been lovely to meet people and tell people who don't already know what I do,' Sheena said.

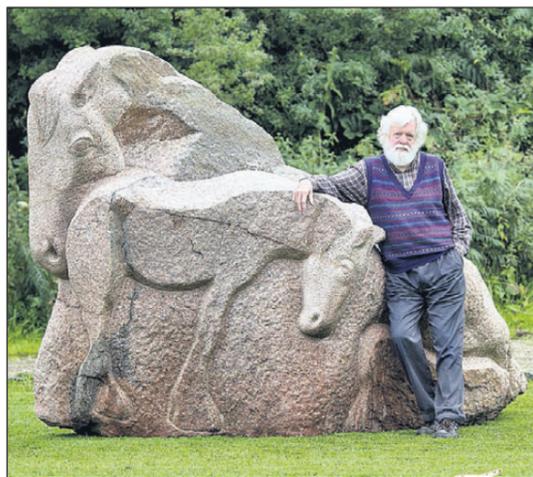
The 2012 event also saw the launch of the Artmap Argyll loyalty card, which people get stamped when they visit an open studio.



Sheena Devitt explained poetry and the heritage in Mid Argyll inspired many of her lettering artworks. Explaining she was inspired by a tiny cottage at Auchindrain Ancient Township, Sheena has inscribed the words *peat, fire and music, candlelight and kindness* into different materials. 06\_a35artmap01



Lesley Burr had about 30 people a day visit her painter's studio in Lochgilphead. 06\_a35artmap02



Sculptor Ronald Rae and his piece the Heavy Horse and Foal at the Crinan Canal.

# Heavy horse and foal at the Crinan Canal

THE CRINAN Canal this week became the home of a stunning sculpture by Ronald Rae, one of Scotland's foremost sculptors.

Hand-carved out of 460 million year old granite, Heavy Horse and Foal arrived at the sea lock in Crinan on Thursday.

It is hoped the 10-tonne sculpture will be the catalyst for developing a vibrant sculpture trail along the nine-

mile canal as well as a complementary outdoor exhibition space near to Crinan Gallery, created by renowned artist Frances Macdonald

Unveiling the sculpture, which had previously been on display near the Falkirk Wheel, in Crinan, Ronald Rae said: 'It's hard to believe now but in the early years barges were drawn patiently and steadily by horses. This sculpture is

a statement about motherly love in the animal world but also about the heavy horse and how much it is part of our heritage and the heritage of the two hundred year old canals.

'Altogether, Crinan is an apt and extraordinary setting for Heavy Horse and Foal and I am delighted that it will be on display here for local people but also for those visiting the beautiful re-

gion of Mid Argyll.'

Richard Millar, head of enterprise at Scottish Canals, said the sculpture marked the beginning of an innovative, extra special and unique artistic trail along the canal.

'Crinan is a rare and extraordinary location. It will be an amazing setting for this sculpture, a wonderful place for local people to engage with art and an ex-

citing new addition to the successful Artmap Argyll trail.

'Going forward, we look forward to working with Ronald Rae, Frances Macdonald, Ross Ryan and the Crinan Hotel in establishing the Heavy Horse and Foal here at Crinan and going on to develop a sculpture trail along the length of the picturesque waterway.'

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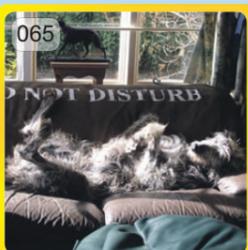
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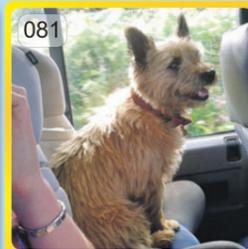
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### More school leavers in jobs and training

THE NUMBER of school leavers from Argyll and Bute getting into employment, training and education increased in 2010/11 to 88.9 per cent.

The numbers, released by Argyll and Bute Council last week, show the highest level of post-16 education and employment since the school leaver destination report came into being ten years ago.

The figures were released as the council unveiled a new local youth unemployment strategy to help remove barriers to education and employment for some of the county's most vulnerable teenagers.

Focusing on four key areas - empowering people, supporting employers, simplifying the skills system and strengthening partnerships between the private and public sectors - the council aims to meet the Scottish Government's Opportunities for All policy.

This makes a commitment to offering a place in learning or training for every 16-19 year old not currently in employment, education or training.

# Pupils' Snapberry photos go on show

A QUIRKY collection of nature photographs, taken by pupils of Lochgilphead High, went on display this week at Argyll's only outdoor exhibition venue.

The latest exhibition from the Snapberry project, which sees students photograph their natural heritage, went on display last Friday at the Piggery at Tainish National Nature Reserve to mark the launch of Art-map Argyll.

The photographs, taken

by the students under the tutelage of SNH photographer Lorne Gill, show the students' interpretation of the landscape around them.

The images in the exhibition, which ends today, (Friday) include Dunadd Hill, Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve and Crinan Ferry.

Caroline Anderson, the SNH area administrator who runs the project said: 'Once again the students have taken a

unique view of their surroundings and there is an added twist this year with the location of one of the images.

'The location of the 18th century piggery, which we restored a few years ago, lends itself beautifully as an exhibition venue.

'Blending in with the stunning landscape of the Tainish peninsula, it makes for a very special outdoor art experience.'

The images will also feature in a larger-than-life outdoor projection on November 3, as part of the Lochgilphead's annual lantern parade.



Pupils from Lochgilphead High School prepare to get snapping for the Snapberry project.



Student Kirstin Way takes pictures during a field trip earlier this year.

## Argyll civic reception for Olympians

A SAILOR from Argyll who won a silver medal in the Olympics is to be honoured at a civic reception.

Luke Patience from Rhu, along with teammate Stuart Bithell, secured a silver medal in the men's 470 class sailing last month. Argyll and Bute Council's reception will mark his achievement and that of Helensburgh's Gordon Reid, who will compete in wheelchair tennis at the Paralympics in the coming weeks.

George Freeman, who proposed a motion to congratulate the sportsmen at a meeting of the council on Thursday, said: 'Luke and Stuart's sailing silver medal was a remarkable achievement.'

'Gordon Reid has already enjoyed considerable success and is rated number one in his field. We wish him every success following his selection for the Paralympic Games.'

## Ardrishaig Flower Show trophy winners

1 The Coronation Cup For the most points in the open section, classes 1-62: Hugh MacLeod; 2 The Coronation Cup For Roses, class 63: Cathy Crawford; 3 The Thompson Cup for the most points in Dahlias, classes 69-79: Malcolm MacDonald; 4. The Thompson Cup for the best fuchsia No 95-96, amateur: N J MacLean; 5. The Coronation Cup for the most points in the vegetable section, classes 104-130: N J MacLean; 6. The Coronation Cup for the most points in baking and preserves, classes 131-161: Cathy Robertson; 7.

The Anderson Cup for the best sultana cake, class 139: Cathy Robertson; 8. The Crawford Cup for the best exhibit in show : Hugh MacLeod;

9. The Presidents Cup most points in baking and preserves: Cathy Robertson; 10. The Alice Wood Memorial Cup for the best exhibit in floral art: Jenny Campbell; 11 The Catherine Smith Memorial Trophy: Jenny Campbell; 12 cup for the most points in floral Art: Isabella Souden;



Shaun Doy, a regular competitor at the Ardrishaig show won first place for his miniature garden. 06\_a35flower06

13 The Colin Wilson Memorial Quaich for Carnations, class 9: Hugh MacLeod; 14. The Ormsary Cup for the most points in baking, classes 131-151: Cathy Robertson; 15. cup for the most points in preserves, class 152-161: Cathy Robertson; 16: The Crawford Cup for school art: Ardrishaig School; 17. The Sheila MacIntosh Memorial Trophy: Isabella Souden; 19. The MacFarlane Memorial Trophy, Sweet Peas, class 66: Jim Hatton; 20.

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um Cup for the most points in the show: N J MacLean; 26. The Tommy Tyson Memorial Cup for the best Begonia in show: Peter Sinclair; 27. The A.K. MacInnes Memorial Cup for the best shallots in show: N J MacLean; 28: The Peggy MacLean Shield for the best Swiss Roll, class

141: Cathy Robertson; 29. The Mervyn Kessell Cup For the most points in the photograph section: Debbie Munro; 30. Ardrishaig Community Council Shield for best Ardrishaig garden: Mr & Mrs R MacInnes; 31 ACHA Diamond Celebration Cup, best exhibit, amateur classes 63 - 130: N J MacLean;

32 Red rosette for best exhibit in horticultural section, classes 1-130: Hugh MacLeod; 33 Red ribbon for second best exhibit in horticultural section, classes: 1-130: Hugh MacLeod; 34. Rosette best exhibit non-horticultural section: Jenny Campbell; 35. Rosette for floral art section: 1- Jenny Campbell, 2- Isabella Souden, 3, Jenny Campbell; 36. Rosette for most points in children's section: Shaun Doy; 37. Rosette for most points in knotting section: Helen MacCuaig; 38. Garden news top tray class: 1 - N J MacLean, 2 - Archie MacFarlane; 39. Garden news top vase: 1 - Peter Sinclair, 2 - N J MacLean, 3 - Jen Shuttlewood.



Anne Wallace was awarded first prize in the container plant section for her daisies. 06\_a35flower05



Neil John MacLean, Jim Hatton, Isobel Hatton, Helen Kessell and Anne Wallace at the Ardrishaig Horticultural Society's annual show. 06\_a35flower02

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# Autumn agricultural review

## Vintage tractors a pull for Jackie

VINTAGE tractors can be an expensive hobby, but worthwhile, according to a Campbeltown enthusiast. Over the last few years there has been a growing trend in the number of people restoring old tractors across the country. In Kintyre the number has grown more recently, with more people taking up the expensive past time. West Coast Motors bus driver Jackie Morrison of Campbeltown is one of those who only started in 2009 when he bought his first tractor. Before working for West Coast Motors Jackie worked on farms for 10 years after leaving school and was keen on tractors even then. The 63-year-old took up the hobby after attending Ayr Show and took an interest in a 1959 Fordson Power Major blue tractor.

'In May 2009, I saw this old tractor which belonged to Campbeltown. It was owned by James Wilson at the time and I approached him to buy it,' explained Jackie. 'That year I took it to the Kintyre Agricultural Show and thereafter decided to restore it. It took nearly a year to bring it back to its original glory.' When he left school at the age of 15, Jackie worked on various farms around the Kintyre area including Ballygreggan and High Tirfergus before becoming a bus driver when he was 25. 'I bought my second old tractor, my McCormack B-250 International 1957, in November 2009 after getting the bug for the hobby when I was restoring the Fordson.' His latest addition to his vintage tractor collection was a grey Ferguson 1954 he bought in April



Jackie's three vintage tractors, left to right: 1959 Fordson Power Major blue, grey Ferguson 1954 and his McCormack B-250 International 1957.



Jackie attends various agricultural and tractor shows throughout the year, and is pictured at Kintyre Show in August where he took the top three prizes, including overall champion with his 1959 Fordson Power Major. 20\_c35jackie02

this year. 'These were some of the first tractors I drove when I left school,' he explained. 'The international was the first ever tractor I drove when I was about 11 and worked at a farm at the Meadows, Campbeltown.' Taking the vintage tractors to shows is one aspect Jackie enjoys, more so when he comes away with prizes. At this year's Kintyre Agricultural Show in Campbeltown Jackie took the top three places, including overall champion with his tractors. It is an expensive past time however, as Jackie explained around £3,000 worth of work was carried out to the Fordson to re-

store it, not including the amount of time and effort he put in. 'When I first bought the Fordson, the tin work and the tyres needed work done to them as well as fuel tank,' said Jackie. 'Quite a lot of things need repaired before you paint it. It's amazing how the money climbs up.' Jackie plans to retire in two years time but will carry on part-time as a driver. This will allow him more time for his vintage tractor hobby. He tries to attend as many agricultural shows across the country as he can, including Rothesay Road Run, Campbeltown Show, Islay Show and Ayr Show. 'Once you start it, it gives you the incentive to do

them up and go to show with them,' said Jackie who explained the key to getting a judge's eye at a show is originality. 'Some of the judges know straight away if something is not in the right place,' he said. 'A lot of people would like to get involved but it's getting a place to keep the tractors and being able to work on them. 'It would be good to try and get a local road run or club set up to get all the enthusiasts in the area together.'

**West Coast Motors bus driver Jackie Morrison with the Glenside Tractors Cup for winning overall champion at this year's Islay Show. 20\_c35jackie01**



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# Texel breeder aims to be top of the flocks



Greig Gillespie has been working with sheep since he was seven and has big ambitions. 20\_c35sheep05



Greig with his flock of breeding ewes he got from Jimmy Warnock. He now plans to have up to 35 by the end of the year. 20\_c35sheep01

FULL of ambition and determination, a Kintyre teenager is striving to be the best in his field. Working with sheep since the age of seven, Campbeltown's Greig Gillespie's passion for the animals has blossomed into a love, and he hopes in the future to turn this into a full-time career. Greig started working with John McLachlan at

Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown when he was just seven, and worked there with him and Archie Clark. 'They taught me everything I need to know about sheep,' explained the enthusiastic 18-year-old. 'When I was 15 I wanted to get my own sheep. I saved up all my money that I had, and bought four texel ewes from Jimmy Warnock

and Sandy Lands. I took them home, lambed them and showed them for the first time when I was 16.' Greig's prize possession is his two-crop ewe Taloola who has won him various accolades at agricultural shows. This year she won the champion texel and reserve interbreed cham-

pion at Lorn Show and champion texel at Mid Argyll and Bute shows. Last year she won Lorn, Campbeltown and Mid Argyll; quite an achievement for such a young breeder. 'When Archie decided to give up his ewes at Low Ballevain, I approached him and took on his 60 blackface, and last year

rented fields at the farm,' said the young farmer. 'I now have two fields at Drumore, one at Gortchan as well as at the Rhoin. 'My ewe numbers are up to about 90 blackface ewes and 12 texel ewes. Greig admitted that without John McLachlan winning so many prizes, and doing as well as he

has done, wouldn't have been possible. 'John has guided me and kept me right all along,' he said. Last year Greig's top lambs sold at an average of £220. His plans have changed this year to try and help him achieve his goal of making an impact on Kintyre.

'This year I am planning on getting rid of my blackface ewes and spending all the money on trying to get 30 pure texel ewes and do the job right,' he explained. 'By December I should have 35 pure bred ewes.' He attends a number of markets and shows across the country to help

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**Prized-possession: Taloola, Greig's best ewe which has won him a number of prizes at several agricultural shows and helped boost his reputation across the area.** 20\_c35sheep02

widen his knowledge of sheep and sells his own sheep through Longtown Marts, Caledonian Marts and United Auctions. He also sells privately to farmers.

In the future he wants to do full time work with his own sheep.

'I have sheep because I love sheep and love working with them,' said Greig. 'It's not for the money.'

'My main aim is life is to be happy, I am happy chasing sheep and working with them. In the future I want my own grazing and to work away.'

When he's not breeding and looking after his flock, Greig works full time on local farms across the area, including Drumore, Kildalloig and Lossit.

With any other spare time he does odd jobs around the home for people including window cleaning and gutter clearing, to help pay for his hobby.

'Farming is in my blood, my grandfather John

McLatchie used to have the Moy Farm,' he said. 'I would like to get texels at the top of the trend and get the best of the best but slowly, not jump in too quickly. One day want to run my own farm and work away at it.'



**Watchnowe Tornado, Greig's new stock tup which he purchased at Lanark recently. He hopes to breed this with his ewes, if not will sell it as a shearling.** 20\_c35sheep04

# Breeding female sheep included in Kintyre sale

FOLLOWING on from last year's very successful tup sale, Kintyre Agricultural Society has organised another one for the end of September.

Being held in conjunction with and Cumberland and Dumfriesshire Marts, Longtown the sale will take place on Friday September 28 at the show field at Anderston Park, Campbeltown.

After requests from members of the agricultural society to include breeding female sheep in the sale it has been decided to include pens of breeding ewes and ewe lambs.

Numbers for this will be limited to pens of 25 per consignor.

Secretary John Armour said: 'Last year as it was our first sale we had hoped at best to have about 30 to 40 tups for sale, but in the end almost 90 were sold and at prices matching or exceeding most consignors' expectations.'

Before 2011 the last tup sale was held around 15 years ago



Auctioneer Archie Hamilton at last year's tup sale who was pleasantly surprised at the turnout of buyers and spectators at the sale. 20\_c35tup01

in Campbeltown, at the old market, and since then very few had taken place.

The Cumberland and Dumfriesshire Farmers' Mart PLC, which runs Longtown Mart, was founded in 1926 by a group of local farmers.

Since that time, the principal activity of the company has been selling livestock, mainly cattle and sheep.

Anyone wishing to enter either tups or breeding females should have their entries in by Friday September 14 to society

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## NFUS seeks reassurance over early release of single farm payments

NFU SCOTLAND has sought reassurances from the Scottish Government that 2012/13 single farm payments will begin at the earliest opportunity.

NFUS wants farm businesses to receive 100 percent of their SFP with the payment run starting on December 1.

Given the ongoing problems with weather, protracted harvest and soaring feed bills, some members have been looking for NFUS to push for an advance

payment. However, discussions with Scottish Government suggest a maximum of 50 per cent of SFP could be paid late October or early November at the earliest, with balance payments delayed until sometime in the New Year.

NFUS fears delaying SFP balance payments until then could have implications for Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme payments which traditionally are made in the spring.

NFU Scotland chief

executive Scott Walker said: 'We have spoken to the Scottish Government about an advance and we recognise the potential problems that would arise with going down this route.'

### Payment window

'On balance, we believe that the best thing is for the Scottish Government to ensure that 100 per cent of SFP is paid out to as many farm businesses as possible when the payment window opens on 1 December. 'However, CAP reform

discussions present the opportunity to put a better payment system in place in the future.'

### Rules

The Scottish Government have agreed to press, along with NFU Scotland, for a change in the payment rules that would allow a 90 per cent payment of SFP to be made to everyone as soon as the payment window opens regardless of whether the inspection process is completed.

'If the inspection proc-

ess has been completed for the farm, then the full payment should be made.'

He added: 'Cash flow could be an issue for some businesses during these next few months and if members are having difficulties with their banking provider or suppliers, I would urge them to get in touch with NFU Scotland to see if we can assist. We would still welcome additions to our banking survey to help inform our work in this area.'

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### Safety first warning

SCOTTISH Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) is issuing a fresh warning to farmers to put safety first, as the 2012 harvesting campaign gets underway.

With nights drawing in and some farmers still working late into the evening, it is imperative operatives remember to check the whereabouts of overhead lines, not just in their fields, but around the roads and tracks they use to access them.

In some cases, machines such as combine harvesters or forklifts can reach heights of up to seven metres when their equipment is fully extended. With darkness falling much earlier, and operatives getting tired, it can be very easy to miss obstacles such as power lines or electricity poles.

Neil Wilson, operations manager for the Argyll and West of Scotland said: 'It's crucial that anyone operating agricultural equipment

is aware of the optimum height they can open their equipment at and be aware of where overhead lines are situated before they move on to the next field.

'People should also be aware of the dangers caused by CB aerials which protrude above the machine. A report reached us of one farmer who had an extremely lucky escape when his aerial touched an overhead line. The resulting shock blew the onboard computer and the cab caught fire. If any part of the vehicle touches an overhead line, you should not get out of the cab because once outside, you no longer have the protective shield of the machine around you. The best advice is to phone our emergency telephone line from the cab. We will then advise you what to do, while we make the wires safe for you to jump out.'

Mr Wilson added: 'Night-time working is particularly dangerous.'

### Upgrading work starts on Scotland's bull stud farm

WORK to upgrade and modernise Scotland's bull stud farm is now underway.

The contract to undertake the building work and upgrade the bull stud facility at Knocknagael Farm, near Inverness, has been awarded to Robertson Construction Ltd.

The facility provides a bull hire scheme for crofters, a system Scotland has operated for over 100 years to give crofters access to high quality bulls, ensuring they can supply quality calves to the Scottish beef industry.

The £3 million project, due to be completed in spring 2013, will boast a quarantine unit for receiving bulls, veterinary and office facilities and a general purpose shed, alongside the main bull accommodation which will

house up to 150 bulls. The construction work also provides an opportunity for four apprentices and four work experience placements for 16-19 year olds. Site visits will be organised for the local agricultural community to give an insight into the construction techniques, including the zero waste policy.

A school safety campaign will also be organised, with school visits to highlight the dangers of both construction sites and farms while also offering information about careers in the construction industry.

Environment minister Stewart Stevenson said: 'These new facilities will bring the Scottish Government bull stud into the 21st century, providing excellent animal health and welfare to support on-

croft cattle breeding. 'Not only will the modernisation increase the value for money offered by the study, it will also include very real environmental and other benefits through the use of solar panels and modern, thermally efficient and durable building materials.'

Patrick Krause, chief executive of the Scottish Crofting Federation, said it was 'very gratifying' Knocknagael was being upgraded.

He added: 'The SCF has campaigned long and hard to retain the highly valued crofters' cattle improvement scheme. 'Everyone is aware that we have to be careful about how public money is spent, but there is no doubt that this is a good long term investment for Highland and Island communities.'

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**WHITEHOUSE**

AN ATTEMPT to high-light opposition to wind turbines by flying helium balloons did not quite take off as planned last week – but is still being hailed a success by its organisers.

Kintyre Turbine Watch (KTW), had hoped its balloons, enclosed in a larger net, would reach a height of 100 metres when they flew them outside Whitehouse Village Hall last Thursday, on the same day developer RES was there to make a presentation to the community.

However strong winds prevented the balloons reaching the hoped-for height, which is the same as that of 14 turbines RES hopes to develop Freasdaill, near Whitehouse.

Representatives from KTW were outside the meeting encouraging people to sign their ‘too close to the coast’ petition; it calls on a ban on turbines situated less than four kilometres from the coast.

Robin Nolan, from KTW, said: ‘Although the balloon flying didn’t go quite as planned, it worked quite well because it allowed us to explain the disparity between our situation and that of the developers in terms of resources.’



Heather Mackillop, Dorothy Paterson, Yvonne Black, Doris Wotherspoon and Jenny Spiers were volunteering at the church sale on Saturday.



Eight youngsters have joined Inveraray Primary School this week as they begin their education in the Royal Burgh. The primary one class will be taught by Mrs Leyland.

**INVERARAY**

TOMORROW (Saturday) marks the end of the Inveraray Parish Church Sale.

Running throughout the summer, the make-shift shop in the church hall has sold a range of goods to raise funds to pay the running costs of the Royal Burgh church.

Selling books, toys, CDs, crockery and kitchen goods, the sale has proved popular with locals and holidaymakers alike.

Open from 11am to 4pm, the sale has been run by a host of local volunteers.

Dorothy Paterson, who helps run the annual sale, which sells goods donated by the public, said: ‘We have been very lucky getting donations and even more lucky to have people generous with their time. I think we have had more than 20 volunteers manning the sale this year.’

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**ARROCHAR**

ARROCHAR’S community owned Three Villages Hall will welcome award-winning band Skerryvore next month.

Supported by Beacon Hill, a talented acoustic group from Mid Argyll, the band’s visit comes as part of its World

of Chances tour to promote their new album. The gig, on September 21, starts at 7pm and a licensed bar will be available. For tickets, drop into the hall, phone 01301 702669, email admin@arrocharandtarbet.co.uk, or visit Arrochar Post Office.

**ARDRISHAIG**



It was all smiles for the Squeak this week as our reporter went to meet the new primary one pupils at Ardrishaig Primary School. Sixteen children joined the primary one class, where they will be taught by teacher Mrs McMillan and classroom assistant Mrs Williams. 06\_a35ard01

**TARBET**

CRUISE Loch Lomond and SYHA Hostelling Scotland held a special event on Friday to celebrate the launch of an innovative new service to reach Rowardennan Youth Hostel, by Waterbus.

Guests were treated to a cruise across Loch Lomond from Tarbet to Rowardennan Youth Hostel, followed by a light lunch and presentation in the hostel grounds.

Fiona Logan, CEO, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, said: ‘The Waterbus service continues to go from strength to strength with over 11,000 arriving by Waterbus last summer in more than 12 destinations around Loch Lomond.’

‘We’re delighted to see the Youth Hostel being added to these destinations as it provides a great facility for young visitors and an exciting way to get there.’

**FURNACE**

THERE was a competitive spirit in Furnace last Saturday as the village’s annual gala day got underway.

The event saw locals compete across a range of disciplines including men’s baking, wild flower arrangements, arts and crafts.

Competition hotted up when primary-school aged children took on their Inveraray rivals in a football match.

Despite a valiant battle the Furnace youngsters lost out to their Royal

Burgh counterparts.

Later the adults took to the pitch, with the Under 30s taking on the Over 30s for the coveted Furnace Stores Gala Shield.

The Under 30s won 2-1 in their first victory over the ‘oldies’.

One of the many highlights of the day was the inauguration ceremony which saw Robbie Bell receive the chain of office as Mayor of Furnace, with grandson Brody acting as Deputy Mayor.



Dennis the Menace - Mike Masters' winning entry in the Men's Baking Competition.



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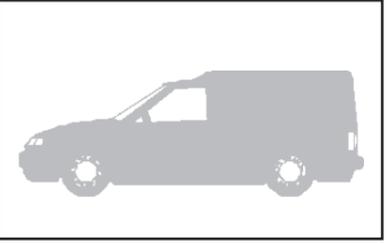


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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01549/PP	Erection of 75 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and associated meter housing and formation of new vehicular access road.	Tangy Farm Kilkennie Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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12/01753/PP	Installation of 3800 litre septic tank.	Tigh Na Creige Crae Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8YA	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/01756/PP	Renewal of planning permission 07/01385/DET - Erection of dwellinghouse	Garden Ground of 27 Kilmory Road Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SZ	Ardrishaig Area Office

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01585/PP	Installation of replacement windows	Flat 2 Stanley Place Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UD	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Hear, O ye kings: give ear, O ye princes: I, even I, will sing unto the Lord: I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel. Judges 5:3.

BIRTHS



RALSTON

William and Jennifer (née Halliday) are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Amelie Niamh, at Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, on August 16, 2012. First granddaughter for Willie and Margaret, and Danny and Evelyn, also fourth great granddaughter for Maggie.



TOMLINSON

Michael and Karen are delighted to announce the arrival of Louis David, on August 20, 2012. A brother for Isaac and another grandchild for Betty and David. Many thanks to the staff of the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy.

DEATHS

BELL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 22, 2012, Gemima McLean, in her 97th year, Low Moineuadh, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late Richard Bell, much loved mum of Morag and the late Gordon, loving mother-in-law of Christine and Kenny and a very much loved gran and great gran. Service in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on Friday, August 31, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

CLARK - Tragically, as the result of an accident, Natasha Clark, aged 17 years, of 1 Old Town Road, Aboyne and Oakhill, Tarbert, Argyll, peacefully passed away on August 21, 2012, much loved daughter of Ian and Brenda, loving sister of Ben and John, cherished granddaughter of Margaret and Tosh, and Irene and the late John, adored niece of Tracy, Nicole, Gary, Russell and Philip and a much loved cousin. A popular and well loved friend to all who knew her. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

FORMAN - Suddenly, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, Doug, formerly of Coronation Mansions, Lochgilhead, aged 84 years.

MCCNEILL - Peacefully at home, 4 Grianan, Isle of Gigha, after a long illness bravely borne, with her family around her, on August 24, 2012, May McIndoer, in her 77th year, dearly beloved wife of Donald McNeill, much loved mum of Stuart, Caroline and Irene and a loving and much loved mother-in-law, granny, nannie and great granny.

MILLOY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 26, 2012, Jean Harold Oman McKinlay, in her 85th year, 6 Glenburn Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Milloy, much loved mother of Lillian and Margaret and a loving granny, great granny and great great granny.

RUBIN - Passed away peacefully, on August 29, 2012 at Campbeltown Hospital, John, beloved husband of Barbara and loving father to Ruth and Robert. Funeral private.

WAGGETT - At the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on August 23, 2012, Raymond Paul Waggett, in his 50th year, Kilvaaree, Kilkerran Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband and best friend of Jenny McGeachy and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACLEOD - Lottie and family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards, letters and flowers received in the sad loss of Alec. Special thanks to doctors, staff and district nurses at Tarbert Surgery and ICT Lochgilhead, for the wonderful care and attention that Alec received, Rev Sandy MacCallum for his uplifting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for excellent catering and to all who travelled from far and wide to Cardross Crematorium to pay their last respects. A collection of £170 was raised for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

IN MEMORIAM

MCDUGALL - Henda. Three years have passed, miss and love you always, night night Lamb.

- Love from Willie, Karen and Marie x.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather and great grandfather (Johnnie), died August 29, 1995.

Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts.

- From all the family.

ORR - In loving memory of Uncle Archie, who died on August 26, 2003.

Although absent you are always near Still missed, still loved, still very dear.

- From all the family, with love.

SHIELDS - In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Rita.

I could search the whole world over

Until the end of time And never find a mother

As wonderful as mine And if there is another life

And we are born once more

I pray that God will give to me

The mother I had before.

- Carole-Anne, John, Scott, Yvonne, Leigh-Anne and Mhairi.

SHIELDS - In memory of Rita.

Gone, not forgotten.

- Meg

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES "Come and worship the Lord" in Achahoisht at 9:45am (The Lord's Supper) and in Ardrishaig at 11:00am Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 2nd September 2012 - all welcome! Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30 am

Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH Sunday, 2nd September, 2012 Glassary 10a.m. Rev. Cliff Acklam Sacrament of Baptism Messy Church event Thursday 6th Sept. in Tayvallich Village Hall 4 - 6p.m. All welcome

LOCHGILHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson Sunday 2nd September 2012 11.00am Morning Service Speaker: Alan Donaldson General Director of the Baptist Union of Scotland Jumpstart Group Restarts 31st August Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Scottish Charity SC015187

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Highland Parish Church SC002493 Services in Kirk St Hall Sunday 2nd September 2012 11.15am Morning Service Mr. W. Crossan Fun Day Club (3yrs - P5) JAM (P6+) Wednesday 5th September 2012 Bible Study Fellowship Ballywilline Farm 7.30pm Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH Scottish Charity Number SC11686 Sunday, 2nd September Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Bible Class and Triple C) Mrs. Agnes Stewart Tuesday, 4th September Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Friday, 7th September Lunch Club resumes - 12:00 noon

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277 Sunday 2nd September 2012 Pentecost 14 8.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Morning Prayer Details of services are on the church door Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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# Top heavyweight athlete outraged at rule changes at the Argyllshire Gathering

'I won't be back and I know others, out of principle, won't be

A MID ARGYLL athlete who has competed in Highland games across Argyll for more than 20 years is this week outraged at rule changes eliminating him from competing as a local at the Argyllshire Gathering.

Stephen King, from Inveraray, was turned away from competing in the local section at the Oban event last week as

new rules, only revealed to competitors on the morning of the event, were brought into play.

There are two sections athletes can compete in for heavy events in Highland Games—the confined local section and the open section, which welcomes competitors from around the world.

The new rules mean that anyone who placed

first, second or third in an open event at last year's gathering is now barred from competing as a local – even if they were born in Oban.

Stephen, along with Neil Elliot and Lorne Colthart, has vowed never to return to the event. He said: 'We feel like we're not welcome at these games, we have come to support our local games but they don't

want us. I took day off work for nothing.

'I won't be back and I know others, out of principle, won't be back. The organisers want to promote the foreign athletes and forget about the locals.'

Judge Brian Robin insisted the change in rules was a committee decision which aimed to encourage local development.

He added: 'They know exactly what I'm trying to do and if they moan about it then they're not very good athletes.'

There were three athletes competing as locals meaning guaranteed prize money for each. Mr King added: 'With the new rules you don't have to train or be a good thrower to enter as a local, just put on a kilt and give it a go.'



Renowned heavy-weight athlete Stephen King from Inveraray said he 'won't be back' at the Argyllshire Gathering. 15\_t35argyllshire28

## Three Peak Challenge

KEEN hikers are being urged to take part in Argyll's Three Peak Challenge next month to mark the tenth anniversary of the Cowalfest Walking and Arts Festival.

The mammoth challenge, designed for experienced walkers, will see people scale Beinn Dubhain (649m), Beinn Bheula (779m) and Carnach Mor (634m).

The walk, on October 8, starts at 9.30am, leaving from the Lauder Memorial on the side of Loch Eck, and will be a full day event. The estimated return time will be given on the day and depend on weather conditions and the ability of the group.

Map references and start points for all Cowalfest walks can be found on the festival website [www.cowalfest.org](http://www.cowalfest.org).

## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 2, 12 and 15 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The £500 jackpot in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery was won by C. Morris after numbers 3, 5 and 7 were drawn. The jackpot will be £100 next week.



Malcolm McAlpine with the Archie MacNab Memorial Trophy, Willy Young (right) and Keith McTaggart. 06\_a35targolf01

## Archie MacNab Memorial Trophy

THE FINAL round of this year's Archie MacNab Memorial Trophy was played last weekend at Tarbert Golf Club, with a number of players still in contention for

the coveted trophy.

The best score on the day went to Malcolm McAlpine with 42 stableford points, second on 41 points was Steve Bleasby and third, also

on 41 points, Duncan Johnstone.

With a number of good scores recorded, it was a tense wait in the clubhouse as players awaited the return of the last group of golfers from the green.

The last group to return from the fairways did contain the winner of the trophy - Malcolm McAlpine, who took his first major of the season with a total of 82 stableford points.

Second place went to Willie Young on 80 points and third, also 80 points, was Keith McTaggart.

After presenting the trophy to Malcolm, the club captain Keith Blair thanked the MacNab family for their continued support to the club with special thanks going to John and Jimmy MacNab.



A victorious Bruce MacNab (centre) secured the Tarbert Golf Club championship after a dramatic finale with brother John at Glenralloch recently.

Bruce won with a gross total of 288, ahead of John on 290, while last year's champion Ross Currie had to settle for third on 294.

Bruce also topped the net section with 254, with John second on 255 and Roddy MacDonald third on 274.

John had the consolation of being named senior club champion while Duncan Johnstone won the John Reid Quich Cup. a35tarchamp01no

## Shinty round-up

### Inveraray to host Macaulay Cup winners Glenurquhart

INVERARAY manager John Smylie insists his team still has ambitions to climb the Orion Group Premiership and has hit out at critics who brand his side a 'cup team'.

Having won the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup and securing a place in the final of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup, Inveraray have shown stunning cup form this season.

But concurrent good league form sees the Royal Burgh sit comfortably mid-table and, with the Camanachd Cup final only two weeks away, the club has ambitions to finish as high up

the league as possible.

John said: 'The boys are fed up being called a cup team, because there is a big push in the league to better our position.'

'There has been some talk that we only focus on cup games but that is not the case.'

'Everyone is pushing for us to do well in the league because there are still places up for grabs.'

This weekend Inveraray host on-form Glenurquhart, a team that recently dismantled Oban Camanachd to lift the Artemis Macaulay Cup.

John said: 'They seemed deadly up front

against Oban and the boys are aware this will be a difficult game.'

Glenurquhart will be Inveraray's only opponents between now and the cup final, so John said one unnamed player may be rested to avoid any risk of being booked and therefore unavailable for the final.

Garry MacPherson and Ruaridh Graham, who missed last week's 1-1 draw against Kinlochshiel, will return to the squad.

The Royal Burgh lost a careless goal in the dying minutes to drop a point against 'Shiel' after Neil Campbell's 20<sup>th</sup> minute opener.

## SAFL results and fixture

CENTENARY Cup 2nd Round - Gourock This-tle 1, Oban Saints 2.

Premier Division Two - Campbeltown Pupils 4, Rutherglen 2.

Division 1A - Singer 2, Tarbert 3. Division 1B - Lochgilphead Red Star 3, Easthall Star 5.

Saturday's fixtures: St Joseph's v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils v Hillington; Tarbert v Port Glasgow United; Lochgilphead Red Star v Whitehill FP.

## A must win game for Kyles to keep pressure on Newtonmore

KYLES ATHLETIC face a tricky tie against Kinlochshiel this Saturday but nothing other than a win will be good enough for the Tighnabruaich men.

### Game in hand

Kyles are joint top of the Orion Group Premiership with Newtonmore but the Baden-

och side have a game in hand and anything other than a Newtonmore win against bottom-placed Bute this weekend would be a shock.

Kyles maintained their title challenge last weekend with a solid 2-0 win over Bute, thanks to goals from Duncan Kerr and Gordon Whyte.

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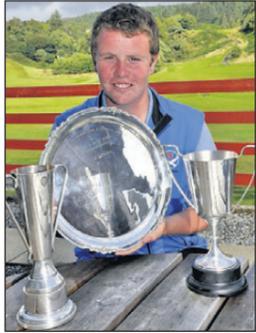
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## Robert makes golfing history



### Robert MacIntyre

A TEENAGER has made golfing history in Argyll by becoming the first player to hold all four age group county championships at the same time.

Glencruitten Golf Club's Robert MacIntyre, who turned 16 on August 3, also became the youngest winner of the Argyll and Bute strokeplay (senior) recently.

The Oban High School pupil won the senior competition with a new course record of a five-under-par 67 at Machrihanish Dunes.

The victory meant Robert held Argyll and Bute titles at under-16, under-18, under-21 and senior levels.

The teenager will next play at the Scotland versus England junior international in October.

# Youngsters do well in Oban football festival

LOCHGILPHEAD Under 10s and Under 11s took part in a seven-a-side football festival at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, last Sunday watched by a big crowd of spectators.

Teams taking part along with the two Lochgilphead squads were hosts Oban Saints, Queens Park, Livingston, Inverness Clach, Dumbarton United, Dunoon, and Ardencaple.

### Excellent

The tournament got under way at 10.30am on three excellent grass pitches prepared by Argyll and Bute Council groundstaff. Games were 10 minutes each way.

The festival was run under the rules of the Scottish Youth Football Association where no scores were kept and at the end of the day all the participants were presented with medals and certificates.

Oban Saints Under 10 spokesman John Horne thanked Gary MacIvor for all his hard work in organising the festival, the ladies who supplied the teams and officials with food in the rugby club as well as the four referees John Scott, David Dunlop, Tim Woodcock and Thomas Sharp.

A special vote of thanks went to D & K Lafferty

Construction who sponsored the event.

Festival organiser Gary MacIvor said: 'It was a great day, the weather was good and the football was of a very high standard. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we hope to make this an annual event'.

Oban Saints now run tournaments at primary school, youth and senior level.



Lochgilphead's Gregor McGeachey steals a march during his side's encounter against Dumbarton. 07\_t35youthtourney2



Luke Naisby battles with the wind, rain and Easthall defence. 06\_a35star01

# Star see red as they lose out to Easthall

SAFL Division 1B  
**Red Star 3  
Easthall Star 5**

FANS of Red Star had a day to forget last Saturday as the Lochgilphead team lost their opening home match against Easthall Star.

### Sloppy defending

Red Star never got going in the first half on a rain soaked Ropework Park and went in at the break 0-2 down. After some sloppy defending, a goal on the break put

the visitors in charge.

Things went from bad to worse for the home side after half time when a lack of discipline and more individual errors saw Star 0-4 down and reduced to ten men after an hour as Moore was sent off for dissent.

To their credit Star didn't throw in the towel and got on the score sheet when Docherty's deflected free kick found the corner of the net.

But Easthall add-

ed a further goal from a set piece to make the score 1-5 before Star replied with a couple of well worked goals of their own from Cammy Kirk to make the score a more respectable 3-5 at full time.

### Amends

Red Star are back in action tomorrow and will be looking to make amends in their home clash with Whitehill FP. The game kicks off at 2pm.



Lochgilphead's Cammy MacDonald in action. Cammy is now playing with newly promoted Airdrie, in the SFL Division one having transferred from Livingston FC in January. 06\_a35cammy02

# Cammy is now plying his trade at Airdrie United

LOCHGILPHEAD footballer Cammy MacDonald, 22, is now plying his trade with newly promoted Airdrie, in the SFL Division 1, following the demotion of Glasgow Rangers.

Having transferred from Livingston FC in January, Cammy played a major part in securing Airdrie's late push for a play off place.

Starting the season as vice captain, Cammy has now captained the side on a few occasions, including an early encounter with his former

club.

Signed with Airdrie until the end of the current season, Cammy's main aim is to have an injury free season and, having forged a good partnership in defence with the experienced David Lillie, hopes to keep Airdrie's unexpected visit into the First Division a long one.

To date, Cammy has also accrued several coaching and management qualifications and is preparing to sit his full SFA B coaching licence in late September.

# Fraser Quaichs at Inveraray

THE FRASER Quaichs were the trophies on offer at Inveraray Golf Club on Sunday.

This pairs stroke play competition is one of the top prizes at the club and brought out some old and new partnerships in pursuit of the quaichs.

### Good scores

The weather was kind to the competitors and allowed good scores to be carded.

Dougie Fraser and George Morrison lifted the quaichs in a tight-

ly fought competition. They won by the narrowest of margins with a score of 66, one shot ahead of old stagers Duncan Robertson and Ali Mather on 67.

Rory Campbell and

Derek McCulloch were edged into the third spot on count back after also shooting a 67.

Next Sunday the September medal is the prize on offer with the usual ballot times.

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