



## Crinan Canal's million pound boost to economy - page 3

# People power secures better roads for Argyll and Bute

## Petition to improve A83 signed by 10,000

THE FIGHT for better infrastructure in Argyll has this week reached a major milestone with the help of 'people power'.

The Scottish Government announced plans on Wednesday to trunk the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, meaning the government would take responsibility for maintaining the 51km stretch road.

Those behind the Sign for the A83 Campaign have thanked the 10,000 people who put their names to the petition, saying it was a major influence.

The trunking of the road, scheduled for next year, was one of many elements of the petition that called on the Scottish Government to find a long-term solution to landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful;

remove the pinch points on the road at Erines and Tarbert and provide safe pedestrian crossing points in Tarbert and Ardrishaig.

Progress has been made on all four areas, something the Sign for the A83 councillors - Douglas Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly - say is the result of public pressure.

### Impact

Mr Philand said: 'I would like to thank all those who signed the petition because clearly people power has had a positive impact on the Scottish Government's decision.'

'When I look back to when we started the petition a lot has actually happened. The Old Military Road has been upgraded, there are investigations into safe crossings in Ardrishaig

and Tarbert and now the trunking of the road. That's a massive achievement.'

The decision to trunk the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown was unveiled by First Minister Alex Salmond as his cabinet ministers visited Kintyre.

He said: 'With the 106 km of road between Kennacraig and Tarbet already trunked, this will allow for more effective and efficient route management for this vital road through Argyll.'

'Kintyre is nationally significant within the renewables and tourism sectors...that is why we need to continue the improvements to the transport infrastructure and make the region more accessible for local businesses and visitors.'



First Minister Alex Salmond meets Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and Argyll and Bute Councillor John Semple. 08\_c35busin02

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### Drink drive woman fined and banned

A WOMAN who was almost three times the legal drink drive limit when police found her in her car with the engine running has been fined and banned.

Louise Gibson, 47, of 6 Allt-na-Ceardaich, Furnace, near Inveraray, admitted being drunk in charge of a vehicle when she appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week. Gibson was found in her vehicle in the car park of the Barn Bar, Lerags, south of Oban, around 3am on August 7.

Her solicitor said she had gone to the pub to see what its live music was like and had intended to stay over but no rooms were available.

The court heard staff had told her she could stay in the car park in her vehicle and Gibson claimed she switched the engine on because she felt cold.

Sheriff Tom McCartney fined Gibson £275 and banned her from driving for six months. She had 101mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35mcg.

# Groups hit back at claims town is losing out on tourism trade

TWO leading tourism organisations have hit back at claims Lochgilphead is losing out on trade because there is no tourist information centre (TIC) in the town.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) and VisitScotland have both said Lochgilphead Communi-

ty Council's claim last week is unfounded.

Stating that the community council's fight to reinstate the TIC is futile, the country's tourism chiefs say the office is not needed because there is a wealth of information available online.

David Adam McGilp,

regional director of VisitScotland, said: 'The way people access information has changed. It is not the same as 20 to 30 years ago when people had to go to a centre for information and a list of events.'

'People want access to information all the time online and what we have

to do is satisfy the majority.'

Andrew Wilson, a director of HOATA, said social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, was the best marketing tool when promoting Mid Argyll to potential tourists.

'When we advertise on Facebook we are able to

reach 10,000 to 20,000 people quite easily,' Andrew said. 'On our HOATA Facebook page we have 1,300 followers and we have Twitter. We also work with other organisations, such as Scottish Canals, to get the message out there.'

'People can get information now at the touch

of a button and that is what we are trying to give them.'

Explaining the recent marketing tools have been successful, Andrew said visitor numbers to the area were increasing, with more people attending events such as the Crinan Canal Water Festival.

### Sexually explicit photograph

A TEENAGER from Dunoon is awaiting trial at Oban Sheriff Court after he allegedly sent a sexually explicit photo to a girl under 16.

John Meney, 17, of Albany Lodge, 201 Marine Parade, Hunters Quay, Dunoon, denies sending that image, as well as three further abusive messages to other individuals - including a 15-year-old boy.

### Help for local organisations

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to get online and help two local organisations win a share of £100,000.

Mid Argyll Community Pool and Red Star under 14 football team have been nominated for the Kumho Tyres Good Causes Awards.

To register support for the local causes, nominated for the awards by Argyll Tyres, log on to [kumhocauses.com](http://kumhocauses.com).



Pat Holt, who organised this year's Kilmartin Church Craft Fayre, said the event that raised more than £1,000 for church funds was a huge success. 06\_a35kilmartin01

## Kilmartin Church Craft Fayre raises £1,379 for church funds

### 'We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped in any way'

THE KILMARTIN Church Craft Fayre raised £1,379 for the church funds at the weekend.

People who attended the fayre, which took place on Friday and Saturday, were able to browse around 20 stalls that sold jewellery, glasswork, fabric crafts, photographs, soaps, felt and knitting.

Stallholders donated 20 percent of their sales to the church funds

and to raise extra money tea, cakes and coffee, which had been made by locals were on sale in the Church Hall.

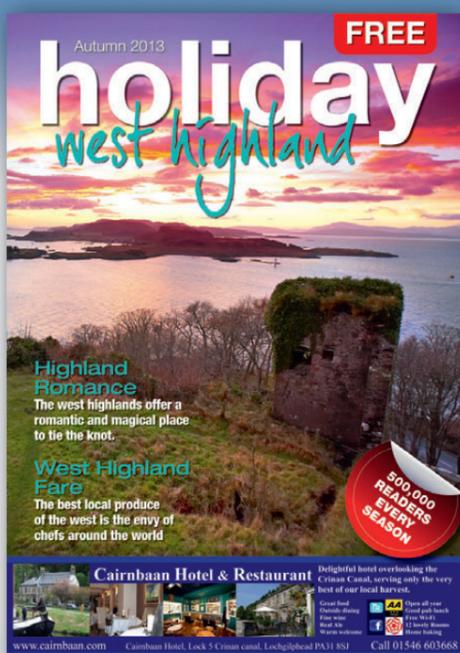
The church received an additional cash boost of £112.50 from the sales of calendars.

The tombola which was made up of prizes that had been donated by the local community was described as a great success by the

fayre's organiser, Pat Holt. She said: 'All in all the two days went very well. Thank you to the other church members who helped organise the event. We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped in any way.'

'The bakers, the stall builders, the donators and the crafters who all played a part in the success all deserve a thank you.'

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**Man arrested on drugs charges**

A MAN has been detained and charged with possessing drugs with intent to supply in Mid Argyll.

A 39-year-old man was arrested by police at 6.30pm on Saturday after he was searched and allegedly found in possession of heroin on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig.

The arrest comes a week after three Mid Argyll homes were searched by police on a drugs bust.

**More cash to combat A83 landslides**

FIRST Minister Alex Salmond has revealed that £4 million will be spent to mitigate the threat of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful this financial year.

The SNP leader said the money was in addition to the £3 million package to upgrade the Old Military Road to act as a diversion route at the Rest.

Speaking during his recent visit to Argyll, Mr Salmond said a total of £12 million had been invested in the A83 since 2007.

**Climbers airlifted off Beinn Bhuidhe**

A MOUNTAIN rescue was launched on Sunday after a climber broke his ankle whilst trekking up Beinn Bhuidhe near Cairndow.

A search and rescue helicopter uplifted the man and his three fellow climbers at 7.20pm. The uninjured climbers were dropped off in Cairndow before the injured man was taken to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.



The number of boats spending time on the Crinan Canal has increased by 30 per cent.

**Crinan Canal's million pound boost to local economy**

COMMUNITIES along the Crinan Canal have experienced an estimated £650,000 cash injection this spring as the number of visiting boats increased by 30 percent.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* has learnt that 1,014 boats passed through the locks between May and July this year, 116 more than the same period last year.

The boost in numbers is down to an assisted package scheme, according to Scottish Canals. This offers sailors a four-night stay on the canal and help in operating the bridges.

The package is part of the organisation's ongoing efforts to

promote the Crinan Canal as a tourist destination and to bring more people into the towns and villages nearby.

Research suggests that each person aboard a boat spends approximately £40 in the local economy each night. With an average of four people on each boat it is estimated more than £650,000 was spent in the local economy in just three months.

Darren Dobsom, who owns the Cairnbaan Hotel, said: 'We have most definitely experienced an increase in business. It is absolutely fantastic, there is no question that people are spending

more time on the canal.' A spokesman for The Co-operative Food said: 'We have seen an increase this year in the number of holidaymakers and visitors shopping in our stores at Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.'

Alex Howie, harbour master at the Crinan Canal, said the scheme had been a great success.

He said: 'It is shaping up to be a record year for visitors if it continues this way until the end of our season in March 2014. We hope that this will act as a catalyst to bring more people to the area and help with the ongoing regeneration of Ardrishaig.'

**Wind turbine appeal dismissed**

AN APPEAL for the erection of an 84-metre wind turbine near Skipness has been dismissed.

Planning permission for the turbine, which was to sit on forestry land to the north of the B8001, between Kennacraig and Claonaig, was initially sought in June 2011 and refused by council planners in January this year.

The applicant lodged an appeal with the Scottish Government which was dismissed last month due to the visual impact the turbine

would have on various locations including West Loch Tarbert, South Knapdale, and the A83 near Claonaig.

It was also found that the Kintyre Way could be adversely affected by

the turbine and it was contrary to the interests of landscape character.

Around 45 objections to the original planning application were received, with only a few statements of support.

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# Loch Craignish house plans rejected by councillors

A PLANNING application to build two houses in front of an inn at Loch Craignish has been rejected by councillors.

Last Wednesday Argyll and Bute councillors unanimously agreed to reject plans to build two homes and a sewage treatment plant on land between The Galley of Lorne Inn and the foreshore to the loch near Ardfern.

## Impinge

Planning permission has been sought for a number of years at the site, which objectors say would impinge on the view from the inn.

Last year applicant Innovative Living asked for planning permission in a similar area,

but was refused. Its latest attempt to build included plans which it hoped would overcome the previous refusal reasons.

In total, 108 objections were submitted by both locals and visitors to the local area, including councillor Douglas Philand.

They stated that because the area was of panoramic quality, the houses would have a 'detrimental impact' on the inn, as many people went there for the view.

Craignish Community Council also submitted a letter of opposition stating: 'The Galley of Lorne is at the centre of the community and plays an important part

in the life of the area. It is important to the economy of Craignish, providing employment and bringing in tourists. Its success has a knock-on effect in the area. It would destroy the business.'

## Suggested

Several councillors at the meeting suggested the land should be given protected area status because of its importance to the community.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'I do question why this area is described as being within the boundary settlement. Surely there is a case for this area to be given protected area status? I suspect it will be sold on again.'



There were celebrations at Little Treasures Day Care after it achieved top marks at a recent inspection. a35littletreasure01no

## Top marks for Mid Argyll day care centre

A MID Argyll day care facility has been celebrating after achieving top marks at a recent inspection - just one year after opening.

Little Treasures Day Care, which looks after six children, has been awarded three fives in the Care Service Inspection Report.

The day care unit is run by Pamela Booth at her home in Kilmichael and inspectors were left impressed by the work she does to ensure all the children are given a safe and friendly environment to play in.

## Praised

Pamela, who has worked in childcare for 14 years, was praised for the work she does to keep parents informed about what she does and how

she works with them to make improvements.

Highlights were encouraging children to choose their own activities and snacks to meet their own needs and the 'All about me' folders, which are being built into development plans for each youngster.

## Celebrate

To celebrate the achievement Pamela hosted a party for the children and their families.

Pamela said: 'It has been a lot of hard work, but I am delighted with the score. It is apparently very difficult to achieve the highest marks just a year after opening.'

'It is the perfect way to mark our first birthday.'

## Population decline summit called for

A CALL has been made to Argyll and Bute Council to hold a summit in the autumn to address population decline across the area.

Michael Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute has requested the council meet following the publication of the 2011 census, which revealed the area was losing its population faster than any other local authority area.

Mr Russell said: 'The decline must be halted. I have raised the issue of rural and island renewal with the council on many occasions since I became MSP.'

'These statistics confirm once again this is the most urgent problem to address.'

## Think first before dropping litter on beaches

'THINK first' before dropping litter on Mid Argyll's beaches is the message in a campaign launched by two conservation societies.

The Scottish Seabird Centre and Keep Scotland Beautiful have come together to launch a zero tolerance campaign to tackle beach and marine litter.

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Recently graduated from Strathclyde University with a BA (Hons) in Psychology. Sarah is the daughter of Brian and Cheryll Sharp, Campbeltown.

**Lochgilhead woman admits stealing from Tesco**

WALKING out of Tesco with a trolley full of hundreds of pounds worth of stolen shopping has landed one Lochgilhead woman with 80 hours of unpaid work to do.

Lisa Townsley, 18, now of 8 Westhaugh Caravan Park, Clackmannanshire, admitted stealing £543.14 worth of goods from the Oban store when she appeared last week at Oban Sheriff Court.

The court heard security guards had noticed Townsley acting suspiciously with a group of others in Tesco, putting items into bags, before bypassing the tills and walking out without paying for the 'heavily loaded' trolley.

Defence agent Sandy Mitchell said: 'She is at a loss to explain why she did this. It was something that was just decided upon by her when she was about to enter the shop.'

Townsley will carry out the work as part of a six-month community payback order.

# Tarbert residents lambast Co-op for lack of household essentials

ANGRY Tarbert residents say they are being left without essentials such as bread and milk on top of paying 10 per cent more for some goods at their local supermarket.

Villagers have lambasted The Co-operative for its poor

range and quantity of produce at the store, saying 'the shelves are bare'.

Janette Arrol, who contacted the *Advertiser* about the problem, said: 'It is completely diabolical that there is not enough stock in the shop. There is a delivery

and the shelves are still bare. I contacted the Co-op and they said that it was due to a good summer - but it is like this all year.'

**Unacceptable**

She added: 'We have a large number of elderly people in the town who are unable to travel

anywhere else to get their groceries. It is unacceptable.'

The problems come after the Co-op confirmed prices of some goods in Tarbert were 10 per cent more expensive than in their other stores, claiming smaller shops were more

expensive to operate. Tarbert shopkeeper Ian Macintyre said: 'It is a disgrace they charge us more than any other Co-op in the area and still fail to provide an adequate service.'

A spokesman for The Co-operative Food said the organisation was

aware of the problem and was taking the necessary steps to rectify the situation.

He added: 'There have been some recent issues with deliveries to our Tarbert store, and we apologise to customers for any inconvenience this may have caused.'

## New look church after three years fundraising



**Murdo MacLeod, managing director of MacLeod Construction, Derek Gibson minister of Lochgilhead Baptist Church and Craig Govan, architect behind the new design. 06\_a35baptist01**

THREE years of fundraising by the congregation of Lochgilhead Baptist Church has paid off as construction begins to transform their church building.

The church's existing flat-roofed extension will be replaced with a structure that will provide more space both on the ground and first floors.

The extension to the building, which was designed by MacLean Architects of Glasgow, will be the first

significant change to the church since it was built in 1820 and will transform the corner of Argyll Street and Union Street.

**Addition**

Minister Derek Gibson said: 'We are delighted to have reached this stage of construction and hope that it will be an attractive and welcome addition to the community.'

'There has been so much fundraising over the last three years, it is great to see work

begin and we hope it will become a place the community will use.'

During the six-month build, by MacLeod Construction, the church will hold its Sunday service at 11am in Lochgilhead Community Centre. Details of activities such as the Messy Church can be found on the church website.

The project has been financed through direct giving, charitable trust funds and the Baptist Union Corporation.

## Playground brawl lands five in trouble

THREE women and two men were carted off by police last week after a brawl in the grounds of Lochgilhead Joint Campus.

Two men, aged 25 and 18, were arrested for assault and a breach of the peace during an incident inside the school gates at 9am on August 20. A

36-year-old woman was also detained for causing a disturbance and all three were due to appear in court later that week. A further two wom-

en, aged 29 and 34, have been reported to the procurator fiscal following the incident for an alleged breach of the peace.

**GRADUATIONS**



**PAULA MCMURCHY GALBRAITH**

Recently graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Physical Education. Paula is the daughter of Wilma and Neil Galbraith and step daughter to Richard Kay. She is the granddaughter of the late Mary Ann and Thomas Galbraith and Catherine and John Kirkby, Ford and the late William McMurchy. Paula has commenced her probationary year at Hillpark Secondary School, Glasgow.



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## Time to learn from Campbeltown's success

CONGRATULATIONS to our neighbours in Kintyre who have very successfully campaigned for better infrastructure in and around Campbeltown.

The Wee Town has in the last year managed to secure a ferry between Campbeltown and Argyshire, won a regular air service to Glasgow and this week has learned the trunking of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown will go ahead. Well done!

The town, in one of the most remote areas of mainland Scotland, is now accessible by air, sea and road - a road that is set to be upgraded in the next year.

Kintyre people have, to their credit, been campaigning for better infrastructure so people can come to the area and see what it has to offer. They have been, for years, telling people that Campbeltown is open for business.

The trouble was the road was often closed, the ferries off and the airplane grounded. That has all changed. The Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and transport providers now all share their vision of a bright community that is well equipped to serve tourists and the emerging green energy market.

Campbeltown's success story serves as a reminder to rural communities to never give up the fight. This story is a lesson in perseverance and a lesson people in Mid Argyll need to learn from if they are not to be left behind.

Perhaps it is time for the people of Mid Argyll to shout a little louder.

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## Heart of Argyll have expert local knowledge

Sir,

In response to last week's article 'Lochgilphead steps up fight for tourist information centre'.

I agree there is a valid argument that VisitScotland could better represent the local area, which might reverse the dwindling number of tourism businesses subscribing to their schemes.

I feel strongly though that Lochgilphead Community Council is incorrect to describe The Heart of Argyll Information Point within Fyne Tackle as a leaflet stand.

Leaflets are available but the real value of this resource is the father and son team, the two Archie MacGilps who run Fyne Tackle.

They have expert local knowledge of attractions, events and tourism businesses. Shortly before reading last week's article I witnessed Archie at the display map passing on valuable information to a visitor.

Support to build on this local initiative and the great work done by the Archies would be more relevant than trying to reverse a decision taken nearly two years ago.

**Cameron Bruce, by e-mail.**

## Desperate need for more adopters

Sir,

There is a desperate need for more adopters throughout the UK and Mid Argyll residents could help to inspire others to

become a 'forever family' for a vulnerable child or sibling group.

The British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) is looking for more people to volunteer as adoption champions to help spread the word about adoption.

Even if they do not have a direct connection, but simply care about creating a better future for the most vulnerable of our children, they are very welcome to sign up as an adoption champion too.

Our adopted daughter is the most precious thing in our lives, so I have become a champion to help to encourage others to think about adoption - to show that adoption not only changes a child's life in the best way possible, but also that it brings so much joy and reward to adoptive parents. We are looking for people to inspire others by sharing their experiences by writing a short blog or holding a talk in their local community or perhaps they could use social media to support adoption.

There are lots of different ways to get involved and the BAAF team are there to give advice and support.

To find out more information and register, visit [www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk/adoptionchampions](http://www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk/adoptionchampions).

**Clare Gorgan, c/o British Association for Adoption and Fostering.**

## Ill thinking and point scoring

Sir,

Firstly, I would like to know by what national authority or law the councillors in Argyll

and Bute think they have at their disposal to allow them to contemplate implementing a 'double council tax on empty properties' and what exactly is deemed to be an empty property.

This seems to be a decision-if it is that-based on desperate draconian measures and not least ill-thinking and point scoring.

If the council has too few properties of its own for rent then it is only by its own volition and short sightedness, as it has failed to foresee miserably in providing affordable housing itself.

There is absolutely no one else to blame- least of all private owners who they are now obviously trying to alienate to their own ends.

Absent house owners receive no council services whatsoever and are certainly not a financial burden.

If you receive no service then you should not have to pay- simple.

Equally, if you have a second home in the area for breaks and holidays you are already contributing to the local economy when you are in residence and are also paying council tax.

On the same note then, why does the council not reduce council tax for single occupants to 50 percent- instead of paying the existing extortionate 75 percent they are forced to pay at present.

They are, after all, only using half the services of a couple - say earning double.

In addition, if in one household where there is a married couple and one or more children over the age of

18 and who are also working they are still all only paying a quarter council tax above a single occupant.

Now that is a subject far more worthy of council attention, rather than trying to demonise absent owners.

To reiterate, the purpose of council tax is for people who are resident only and who use council services and is not about what house they own and do not live in.

Council tax in this country, which is the most extortionate in Europe, should not be based on the house, but more on the ability to pay.

The British Government should be subsidising councils up and down the country, from central income tax that we all pay, for their services as they do in most European countries.

Year on year they withdraw their own subsidies and leave it up to the councils to generate their own money- a practise that should be ceased forthwith.

It is about time that council leaders lobbied the government in this respect and put a stop to this once and for all.

Add council tax on to income tax and it equates to around 32 percent- not 20 percent.

The comments of S. James in the Advertiser by e-mail on August 23 only goes to show they have absolutely no idea what they are talking about and it certainly does not represent the interests of the community.

Where they have their misguided facts or sheer logic from is a complete mystery.

**Lochgilphead resident,  
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# Brambles tearoom in the final

A TEAROOM in the Royal Burgh of Inveraray has been short listed as a finalist for the prestigious Scottish Home Baking Award (SHBA).

Brambles tearoom, which is owned by Stuart and Victoria Campbell, has been named as one of five finalists in the best overall premises category.

The awards, which were launched in 2010, acknowledge the most talented home bakers in Scotland with nominations made by the public and assessments made by independent professionals.

### Strict guidelines

To be put forward for the award businesses must pass a number of strict guidelines, which

include all produce being made on the premises and sourced from a domestic oven.

### Chuffed

Speaking of their nomination Stuart said: 'It would be an excellent achievement for our business if we were to pick up the award. We would be chuffed if we won.'

'It would definitely bring benefits to the business because of the standards we set, which are very high.'

The couple, who will be joined by 33 bakers and establishments that have been nominated across eight categories, will find out if they have won at a ceremony in the Mar Hall, near Glasgow on September 21.



The Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool has launched its new Learn to Swim Programme. 06\_a35pool01

## New Learn to Swim programme

MORE THAN 100 youngsters dove into Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool this week as the facility launched its new Learn to Swim programme.

The programme is now in its third year of sponsorship from the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which has contributed £25,000 to the pool during that time.

In that time the pool has been able to train new teachers and invest in the development of existing teachers, which has allowed

it to increase its number of users.

Classes have also been developed to meet the needs of adults, people with additional physical needs and older people.

Speaking at the launch of the programme Angela Gibson, from SSC, said: 'It is excellent that we are able to do this for the community and not just by helping to teach people to swim, but also training people to become teachers.'

'This creates jobs that will be here long after the children have learnt to swim,' she said.

'We are proud to be part of the sponsorship of the pool and long may it continue.'

Stuart Owen, pool manager, thanked SSC for its continued support with the course.

He said: 'We are delighted SSC has agreed to continue to support the pool and look forward to discussing this with the company in the coming months.'

## Universtiy accomodaion advice for students

STUDENTS who are heading off to university can get advice on rented accommodation from Argyll and Bute Council's regulatory services team.

People have been advised to make sure the landlord is registered with the local authority the property is based in and that it has a multiple occupancy licence if necessary.

Tenants should be provided with a tenancy agreement, which is clear, fair and lawful and there should be no charges to do a credit check or for references.

Deposits should be placed within an approved tenancy deposit scheme, which landlords should provide details of, including which scheme has been used.

People who would like more information can contact the team on 01546 604408.

# Pipe band hopes to end the season on a high at Cowal Highland Gathering

KINTYRE Schools' competition season draws to a close with the final major pipe band contest of the year held at Cowal tomorrow (Saturday),

a trip sponsored by P McKerral and Co Ltd.

### Competing

Both Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands will be competing. The juvenile grade

band, led by Pipe Major Ian McKerral, have been placed fifth at the previous four major pipe band championships this season, so will be looking to im-

prove upon this.

The novice grade band, led by Pipe Major Peter Ferguson, has so far missed out on a prize at the last two major pipe band championships it has competed at but is hopeful that with a little bit of extra effort and some luck it will finish off the season on the prize list.

### Success

The band's drum major, Kevan Renton, will also be looking for some success in the juvenile drum major event.

This is Kevan's last year competing at juvenile level, so hopefully he too will round off the season with his

name on the prize list.

Kintyre hauliers P McKerral and Co Ltd are supporting and sponsoring both Kintyre schools juvenile and novice bands at Cowal Highland Gathering tomorrow.

McKerrals operates a fleet of some 40 heavy goods vehicles, which are seen regularly throughout the Kintyre area carrying livestock, timber and general goods.

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and to building and other trades.

Although the company has expanded, McKerrals is still very much a family operation run by Donnie and Kate McKerral and their sons Peter, Bobby, Donnie and Colin.

### Delighted

Donnie McKerral Jnr said: 'We're delighted to be associated once more with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.'

'I wish them every success at Cowal. As a parent of two band members, I enjoy the positive, smart and disciplined image. It's always a joy to see the band out and about.'

Speaking on behalf

of the bands, drumming tutor Campbell Anderson said: 'Our thanks go to Donnie and the company. Kintyre Schools depends on generous local support from the likes of the firm.'

'Here's hoping that P McKerral and Co Ltd brings us that crucial bit of good luck at Cowal.'

Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band is due to play its set at 12.15pm and the novice band is expected to be on the line at 12.29pm.

Hopefully, there will be a bit of sunshine and a large Kintyre contingent to cheer the bands on the day.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band with Donnie McKerral Jnr and the band bus following their performance at Southend Highland Games in July



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# Special event for country dancers

SCOTTISH country dancers in Mid Argyll are preparing for a special start to the 2013 dancing season by marking the 90th anniversary of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society (RSCDS).

The Mid Argyll branch of the RSCDS is joining forces with five other groups on the west coast of Scotland to host a special dance in Oban this month.

Members of the Mid Argyll branch are also hoping to welcome new

dancers to their weekly dances to help celebrate the milestone.

Kim Ritchie, chairwoman of the Mid Argyll branch, said: 'Many people are put off Scottish country dancing because they think it is too complicated but there are plenty of good, simple dances. Take a look at *Postie's Jig*, *Good Hearted Glasgow* or *Deil Amang the Tailors* on YouTube.

'The Ardrishaig dancers are such a friendly bunch and very helpful

to beginners. You don't need a partner, just a pair of comfortable shoes. It's a great way to keep in shape and a lot of fun too. Why not join us?'

A special beginners' class will be held in Ardrishaig on Monday and all classes until the end of October will be free to newcomers.

The Mid Argyll Scottish country dancing class meets every Monday at 6.30pm in Ardrishaig Hall. For more information contact Kim on 01546 830268.



Beth Qualter Buncall, Jadie Bailie and Anna MacCallum served up tea, cakes and coffee in the Pop Up Vintage Cafe at Bishopton House, Lochgilphead. 06\_a35westcoast01

## Pop Up Vintage Cafe and Sale event proves to be a big success

LOCHGILPHEAD residents had the chance to mix shopping with tea, cakes and coffee at the Pop Up Vintage Cafe and Sale in Bishopton House.

Hosted by West Coast Events and West Coast Living, the Christ Church house was decorated in beautiful vintage furniture, in-

cluding mirrors, tea cups, tables and chairs, that was for sale last Friday and Saturday.

The company had rented the venue from the church to showcase its products and the kitchen was awash with activity as tea, cakes and coffee were served up in the specially decorated rooms.

Kate MacDonald from the Christ Church said: 'It went really, really well and people have been really taken by the idea. There has been such a mix of people here, which is fantastic. We have had tourists from as far as Germany and Switzerland stop in which is brilliant.'



Youngsters could be seen running around the grounds of St Margaret's Church in Lochgilphead at this year's Summer Fete. 06\_a35marg01

## Summer Fete raises more than £1,000

MORE THAN £1,000 was raised for St Margaret's Church funds when the sun shone down for the Summer Fete last weekend.

The smell of a delicious barbecue wafted

down Lochgilphead's Argyll Street on Saturday afternoon as hungry residents enjoyed the feast.

Youngsters took to the bouncy castle and had their faces painted There

was also the chance to win a variety of prizes on the wheel of fortune.

Plant sales, a coconut shy, home baking and strawberry scones were also being served up on the day.

## Gaelic Theatre group to perform at Auchindrain

A THEATRE group with roots steeped in traditional Gaelic song and culture is to perform at Auchindrain Museum.

An Gealbhan is showing its support for the museum, which is facing a financial crisis, by performing at the an-

cient township near Furnace tomorrow (Saturday) night.

### Collective

Argyll Gaelic, for the hearth that lies at the heart of every home, An Gealbhan is a street theatre collective based in Glasgow.

Many of the group speak the dialect of Argyll and guests will be entertained with an evocative performance of local songs, proverbs and stories in the unique historic setting. The evening is a celebration of Auchindrain's

rich heritage and offers an opportunity to hear Gaelic song in its traditional home.

Money raised from the event will go to the Auchindrain Fund which aims to secure the long-term future of the museum.



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George Stewart at his Lochgilphead studio. 06\_a35artmap02

# Numbers up at Artmap Argyll

TWO ARTISTS have been inspired to open their studio to art enthusiasts more often after the annual Artmap Argyll weekend experienced another bumper year for visitors.

George and Gill Stewart opened their Lochgilphead studio last weekend as part of the event and have been overwhelmed with the success.

Painter George told the *Advertiser*: 'We have done very well this weekend and there has been a big increase in the number of visitors since last year.'

George said both he and his wife had sold a good number of works through the four-day event, which invites people to travel along a red dotted trail through Argyll, visiting art studios along the way.

George added: 'We are thinking of opening the studio up on a more regular basis and at Christmas after the success of the weekend. Both my wife

and I work away from the studio on occasions, but we thought if we put a sandwich board out when we are there it might bring more people in.'

Now in its sixth year, Artmap Argyll is popular with local art lovers and visitors alike, many people returning to Argyll from across Scotland for the open weekend. Some 40 artists across the county open their work spaces, galleries and homes to art enthusiasts, allowing them to explain the inspiration behind their work and demonstrate their techniques.

George, who paints topographical pieces of Mid Argyll using water colour and gouache, said: 'The Artmap Argyll Open Weekend is definitely a way to boost the profile of artists in the area. But, it also boosts the local economy with people that have been here and then go on to eat in the local cafes.'



Zoe Ritchie opened her studio at her home in Tayvallich to visitors. Her second year taking part in Artmap Argyll, the hand weaver said people enjoyed learning about the traditional way she dyes wool and how she weaves the wool by hand to create colourful scarves and shawls. 06\_a35artmap01

## Lochgilphead pupils' work on show at The Annex art centre

A CATWALK display of beautiful hats, paintings and a light sculpture room, which have been made by senior pupils at Lochgilphead High School, will be on show at the opening of a new art centre.

**Opportunity**  
The *Annexhibition*, at The Annex art centre in

Crinan, will be an opportunity for people to view the pupils' work, which will be on show alongside established artists such as Wolf Hamm, Gordon Mitchell and local artist Robert Walker.

The centre, between the Crinan Hotel and coffee shop, has been

set up by local artist Ross Ryan. Visitors will have the chance to buy the art on show through a silent auction.

**Date**  
An additional date has been added to the event, which will open on September 7 at 5.30pm and run from 2pm until 6pm on the Sunday.

## Kilmartin children to perform *The Hobyah*

CHILDREN from Kilmartin Primary School will next week unite with renowned musician and storyteller Bob Pegg to perform a unique play.

*The Hobyah* is the third event in the Sound-ing Dunadd programme, a cultural project that explains how the four elements- earth, air, fire and water - have a specific meaning for sites in the Dunadd region.

The play will be performed at Ach-na-breac Forest at 3pm next Sunday, September 8.

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ARDRISHAIG

# Giant lily steals the show

A LILY measuring 6ft 1 inch has recently been on display at Ardrishaig Flower Show and is believed to be a record breaker.

The flower, which had an impressive 18 flowers on the stem, came from Rhudle Farm and was selected for the show by 12-year-old Anna MacCallum.

Jim Hatton, from Lochgilphead, is now the proud owner of the gigantic lily.



Jim Hatton stands next to the 6ft 1 inch giant lily that was on display at Ardrishaig Flower Show.

FORD

## Annual fun day

THE ANNUAL Ford Fun Day will get underway tomorrow (Saturday) from 12pm.

The event will kick off in Ford Village Hall with a dog show, crockery smash, welly wanging, tombola and treasure hunt just a few of the activities to keep the crowd entertained.

At night a ceilidh starting at 8pm will include music by Glasgow band The Reel Stramash.

INVERARAY

## Craft sale in aid of senior citizens

PEOPLE can head to Inveraray's Nicol Hall tomorrow (Saturday) to buy handmade items by local crafters.

Jewellery, handmade soaps and baby products will be some of the items on sale between 11am and 3.30pm. All money raised from the event will be donated to the Senior Citizens of Inveraray Club.



It was a busy afternoon for volunteers from Minard who helped to weed the common garden.

# Volunteers busy in garden

MINARD residents were hard at work at the weekend when they put their gardening gloves on to weed the village's common garden.

Despite the recent bad

MINARD

weather, the sun came out for the workers who were rewarded for their efforts with a barbecue.

'Chef' Steve Thompson cooked up a feast of burgers and sausages at the newly refurbished village hall, which went down a treat with the hungry work force.

TARBERT

## Soup group celebrates third birthday

TARBERT Soup Group celebrated its third birthday with a special trip to Tighnabruaich.

More than 20 members and volunteers jumped on board the ferry and headed to Portavadie Marina, where they enjoyed lunch to mark the milestone.

The event was an opportunity for all those that have been involved with the group to reflect on the success of the group in the last three years.

## Firefighters boost youngsters with £150 donation

TARBERT Youth Group has received a boost after local firefighters handed over a cheque for £150.

Tarbert firefighters

have been collecting the money for the past year at various fundraising events.

Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator of the group, said: 'We really appreciate the support of the fire fighter team and look forward to our community fire work event in November.'

KILBERRY

## Songs of Praise service at parish church

MORE than 60 people from Kilberry gathered for a Songs of Praise service on Sunday.

Residents were joined by visitors and people from Tarbert and Skipness for the service, which was held in Kilberry Parish Church.

Led by James McLellan of Kilmichael Glassary, six hymns and three readings chosen by members of the community were heard

by those in attendance.

During an interlude Scott Brown, from Port Ban, played a moving version of *Amazing Grace* on his saxophone which received a massive round of applause.

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## Farmers warned not to become complacent over livestock virus

NFU Scotland is warning livestock farmers against complacency after its surveillance for Schmallenberg virus (SBV) continued to show lower than expected levels of activity across Scotland.

NFU Scotland, with assistance from SRUC and Biobest, has been monitoring a network of dairy farms across Scotland for the presence of the virus in their bulk milk and no positives have yet been confirmed.

### New cases

Veterinary surveillance has found new cases of SBV in Scotland this year and the union is urging livestock farmers to continue working with their vets on a strategy that would minimise the impact of the

virus on their cows and sheep were they to be exposed to it.

Spread by midges, SBV was first identified on German and Dutch farms in 2011 and has since spread throughout Europe with almost 2,000 cases in the UK.

There remains the expectation that the virus will be circulating more widely in Scotland this year.

The union is planning to extend its monitoring programme this autumn so that it can continue to track any spread of SBV. Exposure to SBV can result in relatively mild conditions in cattle and sheep but where infection takes place during the early stages of pregnancy (25-50 days in sheep, 70-120 days in cattle); it can result



Early lambing flocks and autumn calving herds remain at risk for Schmallenberg virus.

in congenital disorders of lambs and calves. Infection also causes a drop in milk production and may also be linked to poor breeding performance.

The recent availability of a vaccine means it may be possible to vaccinate sheep and cattle before they become

pregnant and Scottish farmers with early lambing flocks and autumn calving herds should be discussing with their vets whether vaccination could help protect their stock.

NFU Scotland president Nigel Miller said: 'While our surveillance has yet to show any sig-

nificant spread of the virus and the number of positive cases identified through veterinary surveillance grows slowly, I would urge all livestock farmers not to take their eye off this disease. The vast majority of livestock in Scotland remains vulnerable to this virus.

'Experience in England and other parts of Europe suggests that the spike in viral activity may still be to come and recent warm temperatures may be storing up problems for later in the year.

'That means for those with early lambing

flocks and autumn calving herds, now is the time to sit down with your vets and think about protecting stock before the rams or the bulls go out.'

### MARKET REPORTS:

#### Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its second sale of all classes lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday when they sold 2,683 head.

The entry of lambs again consisted mainly of hill types and all classes were sharper on the week. No14 Pottalloch led the top call per head when its Texel crosses sold to £71.50. Several lots of lambs sold in excess of £2 per kilo and to a top of 213p for crosses from Acha-Bheinn. The sale averaged £49.93 per head or 175p per kilo and all stock offered was easily cleared, to a strong ring-side of buyers.

Again, all classes of lambs recorded a drop in weight of around 2kg on the corresponding sale last year.

Principal lots and prices, top prices per head:  
Lambs, Suffix: £65 - Acha Bheinn, Texx: £71.50 - 14 Pottalloch, £70 - Baluachrach, £70 - Cladich, £68.50 - 14 Pottalloch, £68 - Barguillean, £66.50 and

£65.50 - Baluachrach, £65.50 - Oatfield, £65 - Tullochcan, 14 Pottalloch, Ichrachan Farm Partnership and Barguillean, Chev: £59.50 - 58 Tangasdale, Barra, £58.50 - Maam Farm, £55.50 - 85 Borve, Barra, Cross: £64 - Acha Bheinn, £57 - Balyntyre Farm Partnership, Mule: £56.50 - Achuaran, Lismore, £54.50 - Achalic, Lerags, BF: £58 - Ederline Estate, £50 - Achuaran, £46.50 - Tullochcan.

Top prices per kilo:  
Suffix: 195p - Garroge Estate, 189p-Barbreck Farm, 184p - 14 Pottalloch, Texx: 207p - Tullochcan, 205p - Barguillean, 204p - Ederline Estate and Cladich, 202p - Cladich, 198p - Ardhonnel Farms, 197p - Ichrachan and Barguillean, 194p - Cladich and 7 Whitegates Court, 193p - Barguillean and Oatfield, 190p - Tullochcan, Chev: 195p and 187p - Maam, Cross 213p - Acha Bheinn, 187p - Tullochcan, 185p - Ederline Estate, Mule 182p and 170p - Achuaran, Lismore, 165p - Achalic, Lerags, BF: 181p - Ederline Estate.

#### Stirling

THE weekly prime stock sale at Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd included 112 bullocks and heifers, 19 young bulls, 29 OTM clean and 110 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks (54) averaged 240p per kg and sold to 273.5p per kg, 625kg Limousin, Class-

lochic Farm, Kinross or to £1,710 per head for the same animal.

Heifers (59) averaged 232.5p per kg and sold to 278p per kg (twice), heavy Charolais crosses, Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie or to £1,764 per head for 645kg Limousin, Brockwoodlees.

Butchers cattle (31) sold in excess of 250p per kg to average 260.5p per kg and sold to 274.5p per kg, 565kg British Blue Heifer, Todhall Farm, Cupar.

Young bulls (19) sold to 240.5p per kg, 475kg Limousin, West Glespin Farm, Douglas or to £1,480 per head for 690kg Simmental, East Merkland Farm, Strathaven.

OTM young cattle (29) sold to 246.5p per kg, 555kg Blonde A'Quitaine Heifer, Easterton Farm, Kirkintilloch or to £1,470 per head for 635kg Limousin Bullock, Gilbertfield Farm, East Kilbride.

Cast cows, bulls and OTM cattle (139).

Lim cow sold to 173p or £1,445 from D. Dick, Mains of Throsk, Stirling.

Frie cow sold to £1,175 from Barr Farms, Meldrum, Blairdrummond.

Leading prices: cows per head: Char - 157p, £1475 Lochend; Lim - 173p, £1,445 Mains of Throsk; Frie - 135p, £1,175 Meldrum; Blonde - 168p, £1,135 Beedyke; High - 113p, £615 Mid Craigton; Ayr - 122p, £815 Gatehead; AA - 141p, £1,025 Wester Pirleyhill.

Cast bull: 139p, £1,375 Patrickston.

OTM clean: BB - 207p, £1,166 Burnbrae; Lim - 231p, £1,470 Gilbertfield; Blonde - 220p, £1,218 Easterton.

Calves and stirks (75). Calves sold to a top of £355 for a BDA heifer from J Steel, West Lochhead. White Friesian calves sold to a top of £140 for bulls from J Pirie, Machrihanish, Campbeltown.

Stirks sold to a top of £460 for a Lim bullock calf from J T Wainwright, Todhall.

Other leading prices: calves: BDA heifer - £310 West Lochhead; Sim bull - £310

Leyshill; BDA Hfr - £305 (twice) West Lochhead; Lim Hfr - £300 Duiletter; Sim Hfr - £220 Struiebank; BBX Hfr - £190 Ballygreggan; Frie Bull - £140, £82 Machrihanish, £90 Gallamuir, £72 Kilkeddan.

Stirks: Lim bull - £385 Todhall; cont bull - £365 Todhall; Lim x Jer - £185 Airthrey Kerse.

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chinery, equipment and property is essential for the successful farmer.

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ment and machinery that you used was not properly maintained.

Maintaining your farming machinery, equipment and property is also demanded by the law to avoid risking people's health and safety.

Since maintenance can be a huge com-

mitment in terms of time, energy and money, create inventories for all the machinery and equipment you own and prioritise what needs done and when.

Arrange your maintenance activities by season, make a note of all the upkeeps you

need to do in that period and keep records of work carried out.

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erly; the engines are running properly; the fuel tanks are clean, and when emptying out fuel tanks be aware of any explosion risks; drain the fuel away from any sources of ignition; and before changing any batteries make sure that you have disconnected the terminals to avoid any electrical hazards.

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the equipment are followed.

It is the job of the employers to make sure that their workers are safe. This includes doing regular maintenance checks on farming machinery and equipment as well training their workers in a proper manner.

Health and Safety legislation also demands that any new machinery a farmer buys is CE marked.

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ments. The machinery should also have certificate of conformity and a workshop manual. If you are looking

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Twins Kyle and Lewis Dunphy, from Dunoon, have a look around the new neonatal ambulance at Yorkhill Hospital.

## Argyll twins guests of honour at 'super ambulance' launch

TWO ARGYLL babies saved by Scotland's Neonatal Transport Service (SNTS) were at the heart of an event last week which saw the service receive a new 'super ambulance'.

Kyle and Lewis Dunphy, from Dunoon, were born two months prematurely and in the middle of the night in April.

### Dash

Their first few hours involved a desperate dash, including an unscheduled ferry sailing to Gourock, to hospital in Glasgow.

But now four months old, the twins were at Yorkhill Children's

Hospital to see Douglas Dow, of charity St John Scotland, hand over the keys to a new ambulance that will help save the lives of other newborns in difficulty.

### Life support

The twins' parents Anne and Mark travelled to the SNTS base at Yorkhill Hospital to see the £212,000 ambulance that features a newly designed mobile life support system and equipment found in neonatal intensive care units in the UK.

The SNTS operates out of four centres, including Yorkhill, and transports 1,700 babies annually.

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## Plenty takers for next year's MS Centre mystery fundraiser

THE SUCCESS of this month's MS Fire Walk fundraiser in Lochgilphead has seen 35 people sign up to take part in next year's 'mystery' challenge.

The ash has only just cooled down, but

thoughts have already turned to how the town's MS Centre can make 2014's fundraisers even better.

Centre manager Karen McCurry is the only one who knows the details of next year's event, but

this has not stopped people from stepping forward to volunteer and now there is a waiting list to take part.

She said: 'There have been a few suggestions that I might get people to swim the Corryvreck-

en whirlpool, but we will see. The question is how do we beat the fire walk, but I have already decided on the challenge and it will remain secret until next year.'

Karen said: 'The atmosphere [at the fire

walk] was amazing and everyone that was involved was still buzzing three days later. It was phenomenal to see the entire community come out and support us.'

She added: 'I think it has done so much to lift

the stigma of what MS is. There were so many younger people there, which was fantastic. The response from everyone on Facebook has been outstanding, so many people have said it was inspirational.'

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## Portavadie masterplan gets the green light

### Pool, spa, gym and restaurant approved

PLANS to develop housing and leisure facilities in Portavadie have been approved by councillors.

Members of Argyll and Bute Council agreed at last Wednesday's planning meeting to allow the building of swimming pools, spa facilities, a gym, restaurant and offices as well as an extension to a pedestrian boardwalk to the ex-

isting marina facilities in the village.

This is part of a masterplan for Portavadie, which hopes to see the area redeveloped for housing, business and tourism.

There was concern that the only affordable housing available during the development would be staff accommodation. Councillor Robin Currie said: 'We should have a

continuation to get more information. We need to get it right. We should be encouraging not just people to be staying in accommodation blocks but to encourage families to stay there throughout the year and contribute to the local community. One way of doing that is by building homes for all these families.' Three councillors backed Councillor Cur-

rie's proposal but the majority voted for the original plans to be approved that day. Alistair MacDougall said: 'I am totally behind it. It's a great place for employment and a big boost to that area.'

It was also agreed that planning officers would speak to the applicant informally about the potential need for social housing in the area.

## Mid Argyll eco-schools' picnic challenge

SCHOOLS across Mid Argyll that are part of the Eco-Schools programme are being encouraged to take part in the 2013 One Planet One Picnic competition.

Run by Keep Scotland Beautiful,

the competition is designed to raise children's awareness of where food comes from, how it is grown and how far it has travelled.

Schools need to register their picnic, using local produce, on the

Keep Scotland Beautiful website for a chance to win seeds for their school garden.

The event will coincide with Scottish Food and Drink fortnight, which begins on September 7.



It is a bumper year for Lochgilhead Primary School as it welcomes 41 youngsters to primary one. The highest number of primary one pupils for a decade, the children will be taught in two class groups by Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Lees. 06\_a35lochpri01



Four-year-old Sophie MacCallum is the latest addition to Kilmartin Primary School. 06\_a35kil01

YOUNGSTERS across Mid Argyll have been waving goodbye to tearful parents recently as they crossed the school gates for the first time. It has been a mixed affair for local primary schools with some welcoming a record number of new starts and others adding just one to the school roll. The *Advertiser's* roving reporters have been out visiting the new school pupils who were 'all smiles' for the camera.



Jad Walker was all smiles as he settled into his classroom at Glassary Primary School. Jad, 4, joins 16 pupils in the P1-3 class taught by Mrs Rowe. 06\_a35glas01



This is the new addition to Tayvallich Primary School. 06\_a35tay01



Mhairi Campbell is the only youngster to join Ashfield Primary School this year. She joins five students in the P1-4 class taught by headteacher Mr Maddox and teacher Mrs O'Donnell. 06\_a35ash01

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**WITH the end of another boating season fast approaching plans for winter storage must be made. Yard space needs booked with the choice dependent on location and facilities required. It pays to make a check list of work required over the winter since this may determine whether the boat is laid up undercover or outside and the cost. Every boatyard has different haul-out procedures and timings so booking early can avoid disappointment.**

yard permits this and that covers are well secured, allow for ventilation and watch for chafing at regular intervals. Equally, make sure your cradle, trailer or support legs are in good condition.

**Standing and Running rigging**

All deck equipment should be overhauled with any replacements made. Check sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for wear and tear and signs of corrosion. Wash everything with fresh water. Substitute halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards before storing in a dry place. With the mast down, check masthead instrumentation and masthead blocks are running freely. Anchors and chain can be store on a pallet below the boat.

**Onboard**

After removing any equipment not in use over the winter wash the interior thoroughly including lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets. Allow good ventilation and paint/varnish when weather permits. A de-humidifier and heater will keep the interior warm and dry. Check the condition of all fittings and make a list of any items required for next season. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer and drain. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate disconnecting hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Get a qualified gas engineer to inspect gas systems on board.

Most yards pressure wash the hull on lift out to clean and help prepare the surface for anti-fouling next spring. A good wash down of the whole boat and a protective wax on the topsides gives protection over the winter. This is the best time to check the whole boat for damage, plan repairs and carry out those 'wee' jobs that have been waiting all summer to get done. If you want the boatyard to carry work out when it is laid up, let the manager know early so it can be included in the work schedule.

**After lift Out**

At lift out look for any 'weeping' at the keel joint in case keel bolts are loose. Check for play in the rudder bearings and the prop-shaft and any cracks in the hull and keel. Covering the boat is preferably when stored outside but make sure the

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**Engines and Fuel tanks**

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spraying the engine with WD40 and cover with a cloth. Put batteries on a trickle charge.

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01722/PP	Installation of replacement windows and doors (alter front and rear window openings to form door openings), formation of access ramp and installation of external boiler.	1 Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

### COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will be holding surgeries during the month of September as follows:-

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday 5th September	Peninver Village Hall	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 25th September	Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend	7.00pm - 8.00pm

He can also be contacted by email - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll) will be holding a drop in surgery on Monday 23rd September from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the Community Centre, Lochgilphead.

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

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email [donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail - [rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)

Councillor Currie can be contacted by e mail - [robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01496 301 369, mobile 077952 22849 or at home on 01496 850 517. Councillor Currie will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

### The Restaurant Agency

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If you are interested in applying for this vacancy please submit an application in writing, by the closing date of 13th September to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.



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Starting salary: £24,509; Initial contract for 12 months - but may be extended, depending on success

Closing date: Thursday 12th September  
Interviews planned: 25th September  
Job packs can be downloaded from [www.alienergy.org.uk](http://www.alienergy.org.uk)  
Or ring 01631 565183;  
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**MANAGER**  
20 hours per week term time plus 2 weeks  
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We are seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to lead our services. The successful candidate will work in partnership with the Board of Directors to develop and shape Fyne Families services and ensure a sustainable future for the organisation. Applicants must have, or be willing to undertake study towards, an appropriate degree level qualification. Appointment is subject to PVG scheme membership.

**For an application pack, contact Jenny at**  
[fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk) or  
01546 605342 / 07842 077735

**Closing date FRIDAY 6th September.**  
Fyne Families is a company limited by guarantee (Company Number 302932) and a registered charity ( SC 037443) having its registered office at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8QX

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**Energy Officer-  
Lochaber Initiative on  
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Organisation: Lochaber Environmental Group  
Part time- 21 hours p/w, 6 month fixed term contract, £18,000 pro rata  
Visiting targeted buildings throughout the Lochaber area the Energy Officer will conduct free energy efficiency surveys. They will offer one-to-one impartial advice on how to best reduce energy use, cut carbon dioxide emissions and empower residents act on the information provided.  
Closing date: Tuesday 3rd September 2013  
Application packs from [life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk](mailto:life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk) or 01397 700090

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20 hours per week - £19,000 pro-rata  
Five of the hours are subject to continuation funding  
This post requires a highly motivated individual with excellent interpersonal skills who understands issues affecting carers.  
Use of car and a current driving licence essential.  
Closing date: Thursday 12th September

**Young Carers Sessional Worker**  
No set hours - £8.09per hour  
North Argyll Young Carers Service requires a sessional worker to work with young carers supporting regular after school clubs and holiday activities. The successful candidate will be required to join the PVG Scheme or undergo a PVG Scheme update check.  
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North Argyll Carers Centre's commitment to Equal Opportunities is reflected in our selection process

**For a recruitment pack or further information on both jobs please telephone  
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A job description and company background can be obtained by contacting Claire Scott on 01786 445521.

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter, setting out how your skills and talent will improve our operations, to [claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com) by Friday 13th September 2013.

**ALIENERGY**

Argyll, Lomond & the Islands Energy Agency

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#### GUESS WHO'S 30?



Footie, tennis or be it bowls, Nothing stops you getting old.

All our love xx D.M.N.J.K.J.M.S.

#### Happy 21st Birthday Nicolle



Love from Mum and Ally XXX



Happy 65th Birthday Jean on the 29th Aug and Happy 73rd Birthday Dougie on the 1st Sept

Hope you have a good time on Saturday. From family, friends and Donald.



**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



THE long clear summer nights are over for another year and how we have enjoyed them.

We will miss that endless day feeling when daytime drifts lazily into evening and enchants us with blue skies till almost midnight.

However, for the first time since winter, we saw the stars this week.

It was wonderful to see the familiar pattern of the Plough, Orion's Belt, the seven sisters of the Pleiades, and many other constant constellations.

As we stood in the cool evening air gazing at the heavens, we spotted the space station weaving its way through the galaxy.

I wondered what it must be like to actually travel through the wonders of the universe and look back on Earth. The moon shone brightly and seemed to oversee all that was happening in the night sky and, like the psalmist, I thought: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them?'

Oscar Hammerstein looked at things differently when he too looked at the heavens and wrote some words for the musical Carousel: 'The sky is so big the sea looks small, and two little people you and I, we don't count at all.'

The psalmist reassures us that we certainly do count in God's eyes, and that in all of his creation we are the most blessed.

Human beings have indeed searched the heavens and wondered at the glory of the stars.

None more than Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin who even took us to the moon and back.

On that first famous moon landing one thing we don't often hear about is what the astronauts actually did when they made that giant leap.

What they did was to unwrap a silver chalice, give thanks and celebrate communion.

They may not have found heaven on their travels, but they did encounter God - and heaven and earth cry, 'Glory'.



**Above: The Catalina preparing to leave Oban Airport and fly south.** t35catalina02

**Flying boat returns to Argyll**

IT'S A sight that has possibly not been seen over Argyll in some 70-odd years - a flying boat.

In this case it was the UK's oldest airworthy amphibian plane, a 70-year-old, originally Canadian Catalina G-PBYA now based at the Imperial War Museum Duxford in England.

She flew over the Argyllshire Gathering's Oban Highland Games on August 22 and again over Oban Bay the following day as part of the Project Hawker 2013 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Circuit of Britain.

She was based at Oban Airport on Friday and Saturday, where hundreds flocked to see her and where pilots Jeff Boyling and Rod Brooking and crew



**Catalina pilots Jeff Boyling and Rod Brooking with crew chief Shaun Jarvis. The trio were on hand to answer questions from visitors.** t35catalina03

chief Shaun Jarvis were on hand to answer questions.

Harry Hawker was the only entry in the Circuit of Britain Race in 1913. He and mechanic Harry Kauper flew more than 1,000 miles of the 1,540-mile circuit in their Sopwith waterplane before crashing into the sea off Dublin.

Pilot Jeff Boyling said: 'He was a pioneer in the sense of sea planes and flying so bringing the

Catalina here, with its history and association with Oban, makes it seem even more appropriate that an amphibian is flying the Circuit of Britain 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative flight.'

**Weather**

The Catalina left Duxford on Wednesday staying overnight at RAF Leeming before heading north again on Thursday. Bad weather meant the Catalina couldn't do a fly past at RAF Leuchars

or Montrose, where Harry Hawker had put down, but was able to do a visual display off Aberdeen.

The Catalina put down briefly at RAF Lossiemouth before taking off towards the Cromarty Firth, down the Great Glen past Fort William to Oban. She left Oban Airport on Saturday to fly south across Mid Argyll and completed the circuit on Sunday at Duxford.

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**Search on for local healthcare heroes**

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to nominate their local healthcare heroes for an accolade at the Scottish Health Awards before the deadline.

There are 16 categories in the awards which recognise doctors, nurses, health professionals, support staff and volun-

teers who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Garry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'Every week I receive letters from patients in Highland telling me about the fantastic care they have received from our staff. The Scottish Health Awards are a great opportunity for peo-

ple to give that recognition on a national stage and I would encourage the public in Highland to nominate the NHS staff who they believe deserve a huge pat on the back for their efforts.'

To make a nomination to the awards log on to scottishhealthawards.com before September 6.

**Help clear up Tarbert Castle grounds**

KEEN horticultural enthusiasts are being asked to work on the grounds surrounding Tarbert Castle.

Volunteers are gathering at the castle tomorrow (Saturday) morning for another work party as they continue to transform the grounds of the castle into a community woodland.

At the start of a long programme of work, Tarbert Castle Trust hopes to build fences, plant trees and create pathways in the woodland this winter. To take part in tomorrow's work party meet volunteers at the castle at 10am.

**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**

**MCLEAN - BAINES**  
- Olly and Chloe are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ruby McLean, born on August 21, 2013. First grandchild for Donnie and Sheena and second granddaughter for Pauline. Special thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.



**WIRE**

Anna and Jamie are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Hope Edith Wynsome, on Friday, August 16, 2013 at Wishaw General Hospital. We would especially like to thank the doctors, midwives and staff of Mid Argyll, Paisley, Vale of Leven and Wishaw for their support.

**MARRIAGES**



**MACINNES - JOHNSTON**

Ross and Marisa are happy to announce their marriage at St Patrick's, Coatbridge, on Saturday, August 3, 2013. A good time was had by all.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**HONEYMAN** - The family of the late Alexander Macintosh Honeyman would like to thank all who offered support and condolences in their recent bereavement. Many thanks to Campbeltown Hospital staff, community nurses, T & A Blair Ltd, Rev Philip Burroughs, David Gardiner and the Ardshiel Hotel. The collection raised £163 for Campbeltown Hospital.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**HATTON** - Precious memories of a loving sister and aunt, Lizzie, who died on August 29, 2012. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
- Remembered always, by her loving family, at home and away.  
**MCDUGALL** - Henda, passed away September 2, 2009. Miss and love you always, Night, night Lamb.  
- Love from Willie, Karen and Marie xx.

**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather and great grandfather (Johnnie), died August 29, 1995. Our memories will never fade Sadly missed.  
- From the family, home and away.

**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**

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 1st September, 2013**  
Tarbert Service 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church Rev Tommy Bryson  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012  
*Everyone very welcome*  
SC002622



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Minister: Rev. Hilda C. Smith  
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Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 September**  
Bellanoch Church 10 am Morning Worship Rev. Cliff Acklam  
**Thursday 5 September**  
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm LSCC, Kilmartin  
All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926  
[www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs](http://www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Achoish at 9:45am (including the Lord's Supper) and Ardrishaig at 11:00am oOo  
1st September Matthew 22:14  
"Many are invited but few are chosen"

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sunday Service**  
11:00 am  
with Sunday school  
Tea & coffee after the service  
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am  
Every Thursday  
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
**Sunday 1st September**  
11.15am Mr M. Ramsay  
*Everyone very welcome*

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday, 1st September**  
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C, Next Generation) Rev P Burroughs  
**Tuesday, 3rd September**  
Parents and Toddlers - 9.45am in New Hall  
**Wednesday, 4th September**  
Board and Kirk Session Meeting - 7.30pm in New Hall  
**Thursday, 5th September**  
Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**Burnside Street, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1 September 2013**  
11.15am Family Communion with crèche Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin  
**Wednesday 4 September 2013**  
10am Toddler Group  
7.30pm Bible Study  
**Tonight - 30 August**  
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship  
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All Welcome  
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**Sunday 1st September 2013**  
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No Jumpstart until further notice But look out for Mainly Music coming soon  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st September**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**Friday 30th August**  
at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown  
Guest speaker:- Mr John Miller from The Mustard Seed Gospel Hall, Glenrothes  
Musical items  
Tea/coffee served after the meeting  
*Everyone most welcome.*

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 1 September - all welcome!**  
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01546 602380  
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**Sunday 1 September 2013**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Stan Holloway "Salvation"  
**Thursday 5 September 2013**  
7.30pm  
Visiting Speaker: John Wright  
**Saturday 7 September 2013**  
Quarterly Prayer breakfast  
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am  
Praise & prayer: 9.00am  
All Welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday, 1st September, 2013**  
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Ladies captain Jane Hepburn with her fellow competitors. a35caqp01



There was a hole in one for Margaret McKinnon.

## Margaret makes her mark with hole in one at Ladies Captain's Day

THE 2013 Ladies Captain's Day was a day to remember at Lochgilphead Golf Club as member Margaret McKinnon recorded a hole in one.

Margaret performed the golfing 'holy grail' at the par 3 third hole, played up a very steep hill, and will receive a special edition H1Club watch from BOSS Watches for her efforts.

Margaret was one of eight golfers to play in the Captain's Day

competition, which followed a nine-hole stableford format, which suited all ages and handicaps

Elsie Sinclair emerged the winner on 18 points, having had better inward scores than Fiona McLeod who finished with the same score.

In third place was the captain herself, Jane Hepburn, with 17 points.

However, the biggest cheer was for Margaret McKinnon following

her hole in one. When the ladies struggled up the hill at the hole Margaret, who has a handicap of 13, looked everywhere for the ball and had almost given up when the players behind shouted 'look in the cup'. And there it was.

As tradition dictates, on her return to the clubhouse, Margaret treated all the competitors to a drink from the bar.

It was a fine finish to an excellent afternoon.

# Dookers secure three points

Rosehill	2
Tarbert	4
SAFL Division 1A	

THE DOOKERS secured their first win of the season with a confident performance against old foes Rosehill in Glasgow on Saturday.

Determined to improve on the previous week's 2-2 draw away to Shawlands (B), the Tarbert men took the lead after 10 minutes with a MacIver goal.

It only took minutes, however for the home side to react and Rosehill put two goals past the Tarbert keeper in quick succession.

Play continued to swing from end to end until the Dookers equalised before the break. A lovely passing move up the left from Tarbert found Doull at the back post, who scored to make it 2-2 at half time.

Into the second half and although the home team had the majority of possession Martin was rarely troubled in the Tarbert goal.

On a quick break up the park Prentice rattled the Rosehill bar from 30 yards but shortly after Talbot lost his marker to head Tarbert into the lead after 10 minutes from a corner. With 10 minutes remaining Rosehill were pushing forward in search of an equaliser but a swift counter attack from Tarbert saw Prentice through on goal and he made no mistake to wrap up a hard-fought victory for the Tarbert team.

Final score: Rosehill 2-4 Tarbert.

Tarbert return to league duty tomorrow (Saturday) when they play away to Drumchapel Amateurs.

## Family affair as John lifts trophy

IT WAS a family affair at Tarbert Golf Course last weekend as John MacNab lifted the Archie MacNab Memorial Trophy.

The final round of the trophy competition was held last Saturday at Glenralloch which saw John post a superb 43 Stableford points. He carded 84 points over the two rounds and secured two gross scores of 68/66. Last year's winner Malcolm MacAlpine managed to take second place alongside Jonathan Scott; both men carded

79 points. Duncan Johnstone was third on 78.

In his post match interview John thanked all club members for participating in the competition and gave a special mention to playing partner Eddie White on returning from injury.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees the club's Tarbert Hotel AmAm get underway.

Tee times are available for the morning section only and may be booked by calling the clubhouse on 01880 820565.

## Three points slip from Red Star grasp

Red Star	2
East Kilbride	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR travelled to face highly fancied East Kilbride FC on Saturday and, despite coming away with a decent point, were left disappointed as three points were within their grasp.

The game was played on Star's nemesis 3G surface but the Lochgilphead side swiftly settled into the match, challenging last season's Division 1A winners.

Star deservedly took the lead after 15 minutes when Alderson's pass down the right channel

found Peacock, who managed to cut inside the defender and finish well in the bottom corner for his first goal of the season.

The lead did not last long however as sloppy play in the Star midfield allowed the home side to break and the forward placed his shot past Kalache into the bottom corner to make it 1-1.

Despite increasing

pressure from the home side, it was Star who took the lead again before the break. Peacock this time became provider, cutting the ball back to Keen who scored his first goal for the club and make it 1-2 at half time.

The Star defence remained strong in the second half but their resilience was finally broken with five minutes remaining. The EK

striker broke clear from his marker to head home a well-flighted corner.

The remainder of the match was played at a frantic pace but there were no further goals and both sides settled for a point at full time 2-2.

Manager Weir was disappointed that the side could not hold on for the three points but was pleased with the way the team went about their task against a good side that will not drop many points at home this season.

Innes Meikle was

Man of the match: Innes Meikle



A solid performance as a defender with the Lochgilphead side

named man of the match for the key role he played in the team's defence.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star are on their travels again and will need to show the same attitude in another tough match against Glencastle Sparta.

**BOWLING**

**Seventeen pairs compete for Mckerlie title**

SEVENTEEN pairs descended on Lochgilphead Bowling Club recently to battle it out for the Mckerlie Pairs title.

Tarbert's Archie Mair and John McAlpine performed well to reach the final when they took on previous winners Archie McVicar and Donald Crawford.

With the short game format of six ends, it was essential the teams made a good start and it was Archie and Donald that impressed in the opening bowls. Their lead was too strong for the Tarbert duo to overcome so Archie and Donald were crowned the 2013 Mckerlie Pairs winners.

The semi-final runners up were Alisdair Craig and George Annan and Donald McLaughlin and Jim Dollan.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club thanked all bowlers for taking part, Phyllis and Tommy for their support over the years and Keyline for their sponsorship.

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# Carradale made to work for victory

LOCHFYNESIDE suffered a four-nil defeat at the hands of Carradale when the sides came face to face in league action last Wednesday.

The home side were quick to put pressure on their Kintyre rivals as they looked to improve on the 12-1 defeat they suffered when the sides first met earlier this year in a friendly.

Despite piling on the pressure from the start Lochfyneside were unable to get a goal past the Carradale keeper, though tough defending and hard work in the midfield made their rivals work for the victory.

**Strength**

But, it was the experience of finishing shots and the strength in front of goal that allowed the Kintyre side to win the match.

Lochfyneside manager Jim Divers, said that the score line did not reflect the match that was played.

'Unfortunately we lost, but it was a close match. We are



Lochfyneside will look to secure their first league win tomorrow when they take on Firhill. 06\_a34lochfyneteampic01

continually improving and I think tomorrow's (Saturday) match against Firhill will really tell us how far we have come,' he said.

Lochfyneside will travel to Glasgow to take on the team that is also playing its first season in division one.

Jim said: 'This will be a real test to see what

Lochfyneside	0
Carradale	4
WSAFL Premier Division Two	

**Man of the match: Steven Wilson**

His experience as a big centre forward was great and he is a work in progress



level we are at. I think taking on a side that is new to league action will give us a clearer idea of where we are. We have played a lot of experienced sides so hopefully we can take some points from this match.'

## Lottery numbers

THE JACKPOT in next week's Tarbert Football Club lottery will be £700 as a sixth week passes with no winner. Last week's numbers were 7, 17 and 19.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery. The numbers were 5, 12 and 20. The jackpot will be £600 next week.

M. Bernard was the winner of £400 in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with lucky numbers 4, 6 and 11. The jackpot will be £100 next week.



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# Inveraray get one over on Kyles



Inveraray ensure premiership survival whilst Argyll rivals Kyles face the threat of relegation.

## Royal Burgh secures premiership survival

INVERARAY manager Garry MacPherson says getting two points last Saturday, which all but ensures premiership survival, was more rewarding than getting one over Argyll rivals, Kyles Athletic.

Kyles have inflicted three painful defeats on the Royal Burgh in this season's cup competitions but 'Aray took their revenge on Saturday with a 2-1 win in Tighnabruach that sees them sit fourth in the Orion Group Premiership, while Kyles continue to have the threat of relegation hanging over them.

The result, which came

courtesy of Garry MacPherson and Lewis MacNicol goals, also means Inveraray have beaten Kyles in both league matches, following up a 3-1 win at Winterton Park at the start of the season.

Asked if last weekend's victory was particularly sweet, given the opposition, MacPherson replied: 'It was a great feeling to win but I am honestly more satisfied with the two points than beating Kyles. I was saying to the boys before the game that they have only beaten us once over 90 minutes this season [other defeats came after extra-

time and penalties] so they haven't been as dominant as it may seem in these fixtures.'

Inveraray face Kingussie at the Winterton this Saturday.

Meanwhile Kyles Athletic trainer James Perlich denied that his players had their minds on the Camanachd Cup final when they suffered the defeat.

The Tighnabruach men may need three wins from their remaining six games in the Orion Group Premiership to be sure of league survival and were disappointed to lose at home to their Argyll rivals; John Whyte scored their only

goal in the 2-1 defeat. James Perlich said: 'We were missing a few players through injuries and suspensions but I would have been much happier with even a point.'

Kyles will be heavy favourites away to bottom-placed Oban Camanachd this weekend but Perlich is taking nothing for granted.

'Oban Camanachd will be coming out fighting and we need the two points, so it will be a good game. I have always rated Oban Camanachd as a team, so we will give them the respect they deserve.'

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