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Record-breaking baby celebrates first birthday



MONDAY saw the first birthday of Alexander Reese Fincher, the biggest baby ever born in Argyll.

Born at 10.30pm on September 2 2012, Alexander weighed in at 11lbs 11oz, the heaviest since computer records began. A surprise to his parents,

Simon and Iseabal Fincher, scans had suggested Alexander would be approximately 9lbs when he was born, a similar weight to his four siblings.

Record-breaking

Iseabal, a teacher at Tarbert Academy, said: 'My others were big at around 9lbs but

not Alex's size, certainly not record-breaking.'

Just starting to walk, Alexander spends his days at home in Inverneil with his artist father.

A 'placid' baby, he enjoys donning his wellies for a stroll along the beach.

School closure debate could be re-opened

Councillor claims budget pressures mean estate needs to be reviewed

THE STRONGEST hint yet that the debate over school closures could be re-opened, as budget pressures mount, has been made by an Argyll and Bute councillor.

Public outrage forced the council to shelve plans to close nine schools in 2011 - but at a full council meeting in Kilmory last week lead councillor for finance James Robb said the school estate should be reviewed again.

His call came as Argyll and Bute Council submitted its response to the Scottish Government about proposed changes to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

The consultation suggests any school which survives a closure proposal should face no future threat for five years - but the

council believes such a policy would restrict its financial options and should not be made law.

Mr Robb said: 'We have to have the power to manage our resources, it is a matter of principle. It is our finances to manage so we should be allowed to do so.'

'No one in their right mind would bring forward proposals for 26 schools but it has to be looked at.'

Speaking later to the *Advertiser*, he said: 'I have no plans to target schools or a hidden agenda, let's be clear. The point I am trying to make is that the current estate cannot be inviolable.'

Stating the council was duty bound to review the school estate to ensure the correct provision of its resources, Mr Robb said: 'That does

not equate to school closures.'

'It will be up to members when it happens.'

'We have made a commitment to protect rural education but we have an even greater commitment to ensuring all children get the best opportunity and how we resource that is going to be an on-going problem.'

Philip Rowlands of Argyll Rural Schools Network, which campaigned against the previous proposed closures, said: 'It is concerning that some councillors are still looking at this as a financial exercise. You can't close schools because they are too expensive.'

'Our group is very much still active and are here ready and waiting.'

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Car window smashed in Lochgilphead

THE WINDOW of a car parked on Union Street, Lochgilphead, was smashed between 10.30pm last Friday and 6.30am the following morning.

Anyone with information on the vandalism of the blue Citroen Picasso should contact police on 101.

Tarbert Library on the move

TARBERT Library is to be relocated to Argyll House, Harbour Street, which will be refurbished to provide modern facilities.

Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed work will begin on improving the building next year, but no official date has been set for the move.

Open

The current library will stay open as normal during the refurbishment and the marriage room will remain in Argyll House alongside the library when it relocates.

£1m cut from regeneration plan



Inveraray Jail and Avenue Arch dropped from project

News of the cuts to the Inveraray regeneration plan comes a week after Fiona Hyslop, cabinet secretary for culture and external affairs, visited the royal burgh to find out more about the project.

BUILDINGS such as Inveraray Jail and the Avenue Arch are to be the losers in the planned regeneration of Inveraray, as Argyll and Bute Council addresses a £1 million shortfall.

The structures were on a list of eight key buildings in the burgh dubbed 'priority cases' and set to receive a share of the £970,000 Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) money.

But with a failed £1 million application to the Townscape Heritage Initiative, the buildings have been slashed off

the list of beneficiaries. Instead the CARS money, awarded by Historic Scotland, will be used alongside funds from Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and private owners to repair Temperance Hotel, Chamberlain's House, Town House, Relief Land and Arkland.

A portion of the funds will be handed over to directors of Inveraray Community Hall to allow them to attract other sources of funding and develop plans for the building.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The decision [to cut the number of buildings] was taken in collaboration with Historic Scotland and was based on the condition of the buildings, occupancy type - for example residential or not - overall need and fit with the CARS funding criteria.'

'There has also been on-going dialogue with key partners and members of the community, primarily via the Inveraray Regeneration steering group.'

The council said the owners of the rejected

buildings would be able to apply for funding under the Small Repair Grant Scheme which will run alongside the main project.

Open to all property owners within the regeneration zone, the scheme awards small grants for repairs to things such as rainwater goods, windows and lead work.

The council recently appointed a project officer to manage the regeneration process and will hold an open event in November so people can learn more about the four-and-a-half-year project.

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New campaign to address suicide

A NEW campaign to address suicide in Argyll and Bute will be launched on Monday by Choose Life.

The Read Between the Lines campaign calls on everyone to be alert to the warning signs of suicide in people close to them. Coinciding with the start of Suicide Prevention Week, from September 9 to 15, the campaign urges people worried about a friend

or family member to ask them directly about their feelings.

This, the campaign says, may save their life.

Tracy Preece, Choose Life co-ordinator in Argyll and Bute, said: 'You tend to know when someone close to you isn't quite themselves.'

'So if you notice any changes in their behaviour that worry you - even if the signs

come and go - ask them about it. Starting a conversation is half the battle. You don't need to have an answer to their problems - just be there for them, try to listen carefully without judging, and show that you care.'

Last year nine people took their own lives in Argyll and Bute and research shows that men aged between 30 and 59 are most at risk.

Unemployment falls in Argyll and Bute

UNEMPLOYMENT in Argyll and Bute fell by 2.3 per cent in July.

The number of people claiming job seekers allowance in the county during the month fell by 37 to make the current jobless total 1,566.

Unemployment has fallen by 11.2 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

Increased rights for mobile home residents

RESIDENTS of mobile home parks in Argyll will have increased rights as new legislation comes into force this week.

The changes will allow mobile home owners to sell their properties through estate agents and make it compulsory for park owners to show residents any shared bills on request.

The updated Mobile Homes Act will also include rules stating when a park owner is authorised to enter a resident's property.

Long wait for Argyll's homeless

PEOPLE declared homeless are spending an average of 11 months in temporary accommodation in Argyll and Bute.

The waiting times for a permanent home in the county were revealed last Thursday at the full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

The long wait was attributed to a shortage of social housing stock.

Mid Argyll thefts

THIEVES targeting Mid Argyll businesses broke into Quarry Point Fish Farm in Furnace last week and stole two outboard boat engines.

The Honda V-Tech 90 and Honda V-Tech 50 engines were taken overnight between Thursday and Friday of last week when thieves managed to break a padlocked gate. On the same night thieves also attempted to break into Crarae Garden.

Police are continuing their enquiries but have asked members of the public who may have seen people in the area acting suspiciously around the time of theft to contact them on 101.



Twenty-three members of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides took part in a host of games at Tarbert's open air gym on Saturday evening before their mass sleep over at Templar's Hall. 06_a36brown01

New leader wanted

MEMBERS of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Tarbert have appealed for a new leader to head up their group for seven to 10 year-olds.

Girl Guiding Tarbert, which helps to raise the aspirations of young girls, is seeking a leader for the Brownie group to ensure its survival.

Jessie McLean, a Guide leader, said it was vital the Brownies continued as it bridges the Rainbows, for five and six-year-olds, with the Guides which is for the over 10 years.

She said: 'It is rewarding being a leader. When the girls get their uniforms and badges you can see it really means something to them.'

'There is not a lot for them to do in the village so we are desperate for someone who will step forward to ensure all three groups can keep going.'

To learn more contact Iris Kerr on 01880 821104.

Shake up of rural healthcare in Mid Argyll

PATIENTS may be able to speak to specialist consultants via video link at Mid Argyll Community Hospital as part of a shake up of rural healthcare.

It was announced this week that the hospital and surrounding GP practices will be tasked with working more closely together and making better use of technology and training to overcome challenges facing the NHS in remote areas.

Mid Argyll is one of four areas gaining a share of £1.5 million to test new models of rural health care.

Managers at NHS Highland have yet to announce specific plans but have said they will improve links between the Lochgilphead-based hospital and specialist doctors in the cities,

as well as boosting the workforce.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'The local GPs already provide a wide range of services for the local community including their day-to-day GP services, the community hospital and out of hours services. Local GPs are therefore already highly skilled and it is important they have the opportunity to access education aimed at maintaining and enhancing these skills. The additional funding will assist with this training.'

He added: 'Coupled with the provision of local services is the continued development of telehealth and this funding will help NHS Highland continue to invest in IT infrastructure that will allow us to deliver services locally by linking with specialists

based in urban centres.' Announcing the investment, Scottish minister for public health Michael Matheson said: 'It has become increasingly difficult to recruit and retain health and care professionals to the traditional models of providing healthcare in remote areas and this scheme will play a vital role in helping to develop long-term solutions that meet the healthcare needs of rural communities.' If the changes implemented by Mid Argyll health professionals prove successful they could be rolled out across the country.

More assistance to be given for school improvements

PARENTS and volunteers hoping to make improvements to their local school will gain more assistance from Argyll and Bute Council.

At a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last week, councillors approved a new Education Management Circular, which will make it easier for families, staff and local trades people to make minor modifications to schools. It comes after health and safety restrictions and procurement procedures put a halt to previous projects.

The council said the change, recommended by the Commission on Rural Education, will allow businesses to become more involved in their community and ensure the effective use of public monies.

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Pool appoints interim deputy manager

PERSONAL trainer Kirsty Young has been appointed interim deputy manager of Mid Argyll Community Pool.

A familiar face at MACPool, Kirsty was a swimming instructor at the pool for many years and is a member of Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club.

War veterans urged to share their stories

VETERANS in Mid Argyll are being asked to share their stories as part of events to commemorate the start of World War I.

The Royal British Legion Scotland has launched Voices of Veterans, a campaign paying tribute to brave military men and women who served in that war and more recent conflicts. It will see events in towns across the country exhibiting veterans' stories, letters, photos and memorabilia.

For more details log on to rblscotland.



Students at Lochgilphead High School have welcomed three Norwegian exchange students to the school for the next month. 06_a36norway01

Lochgilphead High School welcomes three Norwegian exchange students

LOCHGILPHEAD High School has welcomed three Norwegian students through its doors as part of the school's foreign exchange programme.

Birgitte Farestuet,

Ruth Bergane and Heidi Kvame have travelled from the tiny village of Akra, north of Stavanger, where the school has just 33 pupils, to study at the high school for the next month. The aim of

the programme is to increase their confidence, improve their English and introduce them to new cultures. The girls, who have been in Mid Argyll for a week, have already noticed differences between the two schools. Birgitte said: 'This school is so much bigger than ours and we are not used to wearing a uniform all the time. A major difference here is that students get to pick their subjects and

whole is really, really beautiful.'

The exchange programme has taken place between the schools for the last three years and before the summer a group of 16 students from Lochgilphead travelled across to Norway.

During their week-long visit, the students stayed with families in the village, attended the school in Akra, went horse back riding and camping.

Work could start on King George V park in April

All weather pitch, play park and sports pavilion planned

AN ARCHITECT has been hired to draw up plans for Ardrishaig's King George V park, with work installing play equipment and a pavilion expected to start by April next year.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) met with architects on Wednesday as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press.

Whilst it is not yet clear what the design will include, a community consultation showed a demand for a pavilion, all-weather pitch and play equipment.

The plan is expected to be revealed at the November 5 meeting of Ardrishaig Community Council and will go on display in the village for residents to view and give feedback.

John Woods, a mem-

ber of Ardrishaig Community Council, who has been working with MAYDS on the project said he was confident the initiative would gain charitable funding.

'There has been a great amount of enthusiasm for the project and hopefully it will all come together,' he said. 'We have been working with Ardrishaig Community Trust, Argyll and Bute Council and other groups that have an interest in the park to plan its development. The project is moving forward and we hope work will begin by April 1 next year.'

MAYDS received £2,000 from Ardrishaig Community Trust through the ACTION Fund to complete the survey.

Call for urgent probe into energy giant's profits

ALAN Reid MP has called on the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) to mount an urgent investigation after energy giant DCC reported their revenue rise by £1.8 billion.

DCC, which sells heating oil under the brands of Scottish Fuels and Brogan, saw their profits jump by 56 per cent.

Describing the profits as 'scandalous', Mr Reid said people in rural areas

were being exploited. 'I am outraged that DDC is boasting that they made these excess profits last year because of the cold winter.'

'Their huge profits are made at the expense of people who are struggling to heat their homes,' he said.

'It's high time the OFT got a grip on the situation and investigated. These massive profits show there is something far wrong.'

GRADUATION



Lynn McCulloch graduated on July 11, 2013 from Robert Gordon's, Aberdeen with a First Class Honours in LLB Law. Lynn is the daughter of Jim and Catriona McCulloch, Aberdeen and granddaughter of Harry and May McIver, Campbeltown.

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Windfarm pool cash reaps early reward

THOUSANDS of pounds that were handed out to local community groups by Ardrishaig Community Trust just six weeks ago have already started to have an impact on the area.

Mid Argyll Community Enterprise was one of 19 organisations to receive a share of £49,000 from the ACTION Fund, which was generated from the trust's share of Allt Dearg Community Windfarm.

The enterprise, which runs Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool), was awarded £1,700 to replace 70-year-old electrical distribution boards and the work has already been completed.

Stuart Owen, manager of the pool, said the money was crucial to keeping the pool open. 'The boards would not have lasted another year and now they've been replaced we will get our electrical certificate this year otherwise we'd have had to close,' he said.

Ardrishaig Gala Day Committee was



The money made available from Ardrishaig Community Trust ACTION Fund has already had an impact on the area. Stuart Owen, MACPool manager, was presented with a cheque by Ed Laughton, trust director.

awarded £1,020 which was used to pay for the gala weekend's hugely successful family ceilidh in July.

Money was given to Ardrishaig Craft Club to

fund a light box and Mid Argyll Youth Chorus received £600 for a music system.

Ed Laughton from Ardrishaig Community Trust said: 'There is

a huge amount of gratification in seeing the money going back into the community in such a short period of time after it was released.'

High hopes athletics club is back on track

MIDARGYLL Athletics Club could restart this autumn as more locals pledge to support the club and improved facilities look more likely.

Bill MacCallum, founder of Mid Argyll Athletics Club, has said expressions of support from parents and proposals for all-weather jump facilities at Lochgilphead Joint Campus mean running the club would be more viable.

Mr MacCallum, who was awarded an MBE for his services to athletics, wound up the club in April when it was alleged the development of MacRae Park as a multi-purpose sports

ground for athletics, shinty and rugby would not go ahead.

A difficult decision for the founder of the Mid Argyll Club, Mr MacCallum told the Advertiser he would be hosting a meeting in Lochgilphead on Thursday to further gauge support for the club.

He said: 'Several parents have volunteered to help if the club starts again and if this support is confirmed at the meeting then the weekly training at the joint campus is likely to start again after the October school holidays, if not earlier.'

Mr MacCallum added that he had a number

of 'positive' meetings with agencies regarding outdoor jumping facilities at the joint campus.

'SportScotland are very positive and optimistic this can happen but to achieve this we require the support of parents in the form of fundraising as our club will have to contribute to the cost,' he added.

The extraordinary general meeting will be held at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 12. Parents of all juniors who attended the club previously are encouraged to attend, as are local sports coaches and JogScotland leaders.

Overnight road closures planned

THE A819 Inveraray to Dalmally Road will be closed overnight for five nights this month while work is carried out to the arch over the roadway at Inveraray.

Starting on Monday, September 16, the road will be closed between 9pm and 5am the fol-

lowing morning and will run on consecutive nights until 5am on Saturday, September 20.

Argyll and Bute Council said the work is being carried out at night to minimise disruption but added local periodic traffic access would be allowed.

Have your say on Crinan Canal

PEOPLE being urged to have their say on how the Crinan Canal is managed.

Scottish Canals' chief executive Steve Dunlop, board members Martin Latimer and Dr Jon Hargreaves and waterway area manager Joe Murphy will be at the event to answer questions. The meeting will take place at 10am on September 14 at the Cairnbaan Hotel.

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If the pattern for the quarter was repeated for the remainder of the year, the cost to the council would be more than £2.8million.

The costs revealed this week are a slap in the face to Argyll and Bute taxpayers, who have endured years of cuts and who know austerity measures at the council are only going to get worse.

What could be bought or paid for with £2.8million a year?

Looking on the Argyll and Bute Council's recruitment page, the money equates to, on average, the yearly salaries of 140 childcare and education workers, 175 special education needs assistants, approximately 112 teachers, 164 home care workers or 87 social workers.

The stark reality of what £2.8million per year means to the local authority should force it to take action and fast.

It is the council's duty as an employer and as the responsible holder of public finances to get to the root of this problem and address the issue once and for all.

Perhaps then, staff will be at their stations doing the jobs that Argyll and Bute residents are paying for.

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Lochgilphead tourist information

Sir,

I was interested to see in last week's columns that Lochgilphead Community Council would like to see a tourist information centre re-open.

The office, which was closed a few years ago, was opened by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Tourist Board, some 30 to 40 years ago, after its tourist officer, Lachie MacKinnon, a native of Islay, saw the need for an office at a very important junction in Argyll - south to Kintyre, Islay and Jura, north to Dunadd, Kilmartin and wonderful seascapes to Oban and along Lochfyneside to places like Crae Gardens, Auchindrain and Inveraray with its castle, jail, bell tower and two churches of note.

Lochgilphead is on this crossroads and needs a centre where visitors can speak to officials and acquire the information they need - information which is available in tourist offices throughout Scotland pertaining to a certain local area.

Would it be a paying concern? Must it be a paying concern?

Many of the larger VisitScotland centres - Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness - must earn good money for VisitScotland.

Well, Caledonian MacBrayne would say the same about their major routes with their larger vessels - but they are state subsidised, say you.

But their smaller vessels serving remote islands are cross subsidised by CalMac themselves.

Could VisitScotland not envisage something like this for a necessary office in Lochgilphead?

Keep trying and good luck Lochgilphead Community Council.

Niall Iain MacLean,
former chairman of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

Crafters' thanks for helping raise charity cash

Sir,

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with the craft events held during the summer months in the Nicoll Hall, Inveraray.

I have today written a cheque for £133.50 which was raised at the last event on Saturday, which brings the total donated to the Senior Citizens of Inveraray Club to £443.50.

I would like to thank all the crafters who came along and supported me, the businesses of Inveraray who were more than generous with their donations for raffle prizes, too many to list, and to the wonderful people who came along and bought our ingenious and original craft work.

Penny Airlie,
by e-mail.

Sensible thing to do

Sir,

I note our MP Alan Reid voted last week with his Tory colleagues in Westminster to attack Syria. Did he think none of us would notice?

He obviously believes people killed by gassing are more dead than people killed by US missiles and the UK interven-

ing on the US team in a complicated, foreign civil war in support of one set of bad guys against another set of bad guys is a sensible thing to do.

All the evidence from Iraq and Afghanistan would suggest otherwise and I never thought I would see the day that Scotland's Liberal Democrats would behave in this way.

David McEwan Hill,
Sandbank,
Argyll.

A big thank you from the Tarbert 5k and 10k organisers

Sir,

Lorraine and Jessica would like to thank all those involved in the inaugural Tarbert 10k and 5k event.

Specifically: Dr Spinks, Cathanna Smith and Lynne Clarke for providing medical support for the event; John McAlpine and Anne Horn for starting the races; the Tarbert Coastguard, local police and volunteer marshals for helping to keep all the runners and spectators safe and motivated; the Tarbert Hotel and The Cornerhouse for providing water for the event; the Cooperative for providing bananas and all those who provided home baking.

Also thanks to Loch Fyne Gallery, The Larder, The Willow Clinic and Star Fish Restaurant which provided prizes for the event; Tarbert Pharmacy, S MacDonald Builders, Cut n Crew, Loch Fyne Langoustines, Health and Wellbeing Network, The West Loch Hotel, West Loch Shores, Tarbert Harbour Authority, William Duncan and Co and Tar-

bert Enterprise Company for sponsoring the event.

Special thanks to Eileen Duncan and all those at Stonefield Farms for their tireless efforts in preparing the off road section of the race. A big thank you to Muriel and Kevin MacKaveney for their effort in measuring and mapping both the 5k and 10k routes.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who participated and we hope to see you all next year.

Jessica Little,
Tarbert.

Thank you to the Good Samaritans

Sir,

On Tuesday, August 20 at approximately 6.45pm, we had a bad car accident on the A83 - just north of Furnace.

Things would have been a lot worse for us had we not been rescued from our car by concerned passers-by who acted with little concern for their own safety.

We do not know where our helpers came from, but it is possible they live within the catchment area of your paper.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our rescuers and to other concerned motorists who stopped to check we were OK.

W and I Macfarlane,
Sauchieburn,
Stirling.



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Equivalent of 24 years in work days lost

IN THREE months, Argyll and Bute Council lost the equivalent of more than 24 years in work days because of staff absences.

For the period between April and June, the council lost 8,836.96 work days across all departments - the equivalent of every full time employee at the authority taking two and a half days off.

Most of the days off were recorded by teachers, one of the council's largest departments, equating to every teacher taking just more than a day and a half off in that period.

Adult care accounted for the largest equivalent number of days off, with the 1,374.73 days lost equating to each full time employee taking 3.67 days off. The department also accounted for the least number of return to work interviews completed.

Best attendance came from the strategic finance department, one of the smallest council departments, with just 33 work days lost - or each full time employee taking just more than half a day off. In total, absence because of sickness cost the council £715,400 for the quarter.



Youngsters from Lochgilphead were presented with certificates and medals for successfully completing this year's Summer Reading Challenge. 06_a36library01

Pupils complete Summer Reading Challenge

A GROUP of youngsters from Lochgilphead have spent their summer holidays delving into the world of creepy crawlies at Lochgilphead Library.

More than 40 children took part in the 'Creepy House' themed reading challenge, designed to encourage children to use the facilities available at their local library.

The challenge tasked the children with reading six books under the 'creepy' theme throughout the summer holidays. Staff decked the walls of the library in cobwebs and created a secret den for the youngsters to hide in whilst they read.

Huge success

Carol Lawson from Lochgilphead Library said: 'The programme has been a huge success and tied in well with our summer craft club, where we also based some of the activities around the creepy theme.'

Children who completed the reading challenge recently celebrated their success and were awarded a certificate, medal and free swimming voucher for Mid Argyll Community Pool.

Scottish Natural Heritage app

MORE THAN 10,000 people are using an app that helps them to learn more about Scottish Wildlife.

The app, produced by Scottish Natural Heritage, is part of the Big 5 initiative which celebrates five key species - red deer, otter, red squirrel, golden eagle and harbour seal.

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Green initiative

HOUSEHOLDERS in Argyll and Bute could save £7 million a year under a new green initiative launched by the Scottish Government.

The Green Homes Cashback scheme offers each household in Argyll up to £1,200 for help with installing a new boiler, insulation or other energy saving measures. To find out more about the scheme call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

Two bands entertain at Cowal

P McKERRAL & Co Ltd sponsored Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands

rounded off their competition season at Cowal Highland Gathering

last Saturday.

A massive Kintyre contingent was present

at the Dunoon stadium to cheer on both bands as they compet-

ed in the final major of the season where they faced tough competition from time-served bands in both grades.

The novice band finished off the season placed ninth out of 21 bands. 'We didn't quite make the prize list,' said piper Eilidh Anderson, 'but we weren't

far away and hopefully we can build over the winter and come back stronger next year.'

In the juvenile grade, the senior and more experienced Kintyre Schools Band finished fifth.

Retiring drummer Struan Watson, in his last outing with the

band, said: 'It will be remembered as the season of fifths.'

Pipe Major Ian McKerral, the bands' director of piping, said: 'We'll be consolidating and building over the winter.'

'We aim to be challenging the top bands in both grades in 2014.'

Carradale visit planned

THE Kintyre Schools Juvenile and Novice Pipe Bands will be descending on Carradale on Saturday, September 28.

'We're planning to have a sponsored walk

and barbecue for band members and parents,' said Mary Ann Gosling, the band's fund raising officer.

'It will then be followed by a performance by

the combined bands to entertain Carradale residents and holiday weekend visitors.

'We'd like to encourage everyone in advance to lend their support.'

Drum major success for Kevan

FOR Kevan Renton, Kintyre Schools drum major, there was cause to celebrate as he secured fourth in the juve-

nile drum major contest. 'I'm pleased with that result,' he said. 'It's good to pull down the curtain on the season

with a place on the prize list. I'd like to thank our sponsor P McKerral & Co Ltd for all its support.'



Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands march around the stadium at Cowal Highland Games in Dunoon. c36pipeband01o



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Fun and frolics at Furnace

IT WAS an action-packed weekend in Furnace as the 2013 gala weekend featured more events than ever before.

The two-day event kicked off on Saturday morning with a game of boules, whilst enthusiastic bakers headed to the

village hall to display their cakes in the baking competition. There were creative entries from both young and old but

it was Kenny Miller's golf cake that particularly impressed on the day. The afternoon saw the Under 30s defeat their older counterparts in one of the most hotly contested annual football matches in the county. The over 30s were defeated 6-0 in a game that saw youthful pace overcome experience.

On Sunday, Furnace's annual Bogie and Wheelbarrow Race got underway. It saw teenagers dressed as the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George race towards the finish line to take first place.

Describing Furnace Gala as a great tradition, Lynda Syed, one of the organisers of the event, said: 'The gala is particularly important to the

village, especially since the village pub closed in December. This is the first time since Christmas that we have had so many people together like this.

'It has been fantastic and to see the effort that the young people have put in is terrific.

Everyone from all walks of life has pitched in and worked hard to make the weekend a success.'

Young villagers used the gala weekend to host games and events to raise funds for the Mad.gov initiative. Short for Making a Difference, Generating Our Village, Mad.gov is currently raising funds to purchase nets and benches for the village football pitch.



Kenny Miller's cake of the seventh hole putting green was a hit with judges in the baking competition. 06_a36furn03



Margaret Miller hand stitched a range of tree decorations for her entry in the handcraft competitions. 06_a36furn04



Damien Fisher, 16, and James MacInnes, 14, made a mad dash to get changed after dressing up as the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George for the annual wheelbarrow race. 06_a36furn07



Four-month-old Archie Preston was all smiles as he met well-wishers at Furnace's Big Lunch on Sunday. He was with granny Eva Preston. 06_a36furn05



Martyna Madej and Sophie Kerr, 19 months, were all smiles as they tucked into home-baking. Little Sophie from Kilberry was enjoying Ford Fun Day with her grandparents who live in the village. 06_a36ford02



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Sandra Small, Yasmine Bowden, Julie-ann Small and Gavin Small had fun browsing the stalls and playing games at the fun day in Ford. 06_a36ford04



Ford resident Joanne MacDonald, who recently launched her Angels with Love business online, opened a stall at the fun day selling candles and hand-crafted accessories. 06_a36ford01

THE LAST of Mid Argyll's summer gala weekends and fun days were held this weekend. Villagers in Ford and Furnace came together on Saturday and Sunday in a show of community spirit as the final days of summer draw to a close. The two communities did not let the rain dampen their spirits as adults and youngsters alike battled it out in competitions on and off the sports fields.



Joanne Hunter, the owner of 10 working dogs including Casper, was the judge of the Ford Fun Day dog show. 06_a36ford05



Manning the popular barbecue was Peter Crech and Lorraine MacIntyre. 06_a36ford06

Locals turn out in force for Ford Fun Day

THE PEOPLE of Ford turned out in force on Saturday as the village held its annual fun day.

Events kicked off with traditional piping, whilst music was provided throughout the day by band Sanctuary, made up of staff, friends and patients of Argyll and Bute Hospital.

Many stalls, selling jewellery, candles, soaps, cards, household goods and plants, were opened both inside

and outside the village hall, alongside a very popular barbecue.

Welly wanging

The renowned crockery smash made a return to the event, as did the coconut throwing and welly wanging contests.

The village's four-legged residents also took an active role in the fun day as the ever-popular dog show was held in the afternoon.

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11 What is left over (5,7)

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16 Devastation (5)

17 By which one can be traced (3)

18 Developmental (12)

21 Minimal (5)

22 Enclosed area around the altar (7)

23 Wood and tar mix (8)

24 Key university? (4)

Down

1 Rather (8)

2 Auspices (5)

4 Meadow (3)

5 Work after obtaining the highest academic degree (12)

6 Grumpy looking (2-5)

7 Foolhardy (4)

8 Inflammation of the brain (12)

12 Fix firmly (5)

13 Dark colour of uniforms maybe (4,4)

15 Drift (7)

19 African capital (5)

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The family friendly festival will highlight the best in food, drink, craft, music and entertainments across Saturday and Sunday.

The castle, which is the best known jewel in the West Highland crown, provides a stunning venue with the breathtaking scenery and back drop of Loch Fyne.

Festival goers will be in for a treat as more than 70 musicians with music ranging from world-famous bands to local pipe bands, young talent, Gaelic, traditional and modern music are scheduled to take to the stage.

The internationally acclaimed Red Hot Chilli Pipers will headline the festival on the Sunday and Skerryvore will entertain the crowd on the Saturday night.

Away from the stage there will be plenty for families to see and do with a range of food and drink to tickle the taste buds.

The Best of the West Whiskies will pit all 22 West Coast distillers against each other in a light hearted 'people's tasting'.

Fantastic food and drink will be dished up by the Food from Argyll Team, which will provide all the finest local produce for festival goers to eat, sample and take home from local suppliers and award winning brands.

Inverawe Smokehouse, Loch Fyne Oysters and Fyne Ales will all be there and there will be something for everyone to enjoy with everything from oysters to beef, tablet to salmon being dished up.

The event will have plenty to keep the family busy with a children's ticket offering unlimited access to a host of children's entertainment.

A four-sided climbing wall, laser blast arena, bungee trampoline, children's workshop, face painting, supervised play area, storytelling and plenty more

will keep youngsters busy across the weekend. This year, a new adventurous treasure hunt has been introduced to the events list.

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Primary one school pupils in the picture

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser has been visiting the last group of schools which welcomed new pupils through their doors after the summer break.



Craignish Primary School welcomed five new pupils to its P1 class. They have joined 12 other youngsters in the P1-4 class, which will be taught by Miss Leonie Brown.

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There were smiles all around from the youngsters who joined Tarbert Primary School this year.



Nine youngsters started P1 at Inveraray Primary School after the summer holidays.



Jessica Wallace, who turns five later this month, is the latest addition to Furnace Primary School. 06_a36furnace01

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‘Yes, farmers would benefit from independence’

KINTYRE farmers were told last week their industry would be a lot better off if Scotland gained independence.

Richard Lochhead, Scottish minister for rural affairs and the environment, delivered a strong argument in Campbeltown at the town's second Yes for Independence meeting.

He told the audience that Scotland was losing out badly at European Union funding allocations with a UK minister carrying out negotiations.

Not being at ‘the top table’ with a voice as an independent nation meant that Scotland was languishing at the bottom of the league for funding from both the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) budget and money from the rural development fund, he claimed.

‘It is incredibly frus-

trating for me to go to Brussels and repeatedly see UK ministers not bother to make a case that meets Scotland's needs,’ said Mr Lochhead.

Support

‘If Scotland was independent we would be eligible for up to £850 million CAP funding up to 2020, with which we could support our farming business and benefit the wider rural economy.’

‘We have the lowest rural development fund levels in the whole of the EU - just 22.5 per cent of that received by Ireland.’

‘If we were independent we would be able to negotiate a much better deal.’

Mr Lochhead said he met with the same frustration and barriers when trying to represent and protect the interests of Scottish fishermen.



Richard Lochhead, right, speaking at last week's Yes for Independence meeting in Campbeltown along with Mike Russell Argyll and Bute MSP, centre, and councillor John Semple. 08_c36yes01

Scotland with all its fishing waters has no direct say, he stated, yet landlocked countries like Latvia and Luxembourg have a say on Scotland's fishing.

* What do you think? Do you disagree with Mr Lochhead? With just

a year to go the referendum on independence, what is your view? Tell us. Write to the editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Market report

Islay

UNITED Auctions held its annual show and sale of suckled calves at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday, when 336 head was sold.

An exceptional show of quality calves were on offer and sold to a good ringside of mainland buyers.

Bullocks sold to average £969.59 per head or 243.7 per kilo whilst heifers sold to average £826.65 or 219.8 per kilo.

The show was ably judged by regular attendee, Mrs. Margaret Kingan of Kingan Farms, New Abbey, Dumfries and the following were her awards.

Bullock Calf: 1 - Ardbeg, British Blue Cross weighing 564kilos which sold for £1,320 to Camps Farms. 2 - Starchmill, Limousin Cross weighing 488kilos and sold for £1,165 to Duncan Low, Pitkerrie. 3 - Neriby, Limousin Cross weighing 470kilos and sold

for £1,195 to M/s Watson, Aberchirder.

Heifers: 1 - Neriby, Limousin Cross weighing 418kilos and sold for £1,050 to Camps Farms. 2 - Ardbeg, Limousin Cross weighing 430kilos and sold for £1,005 to M/s Watson. 3 - Carrabus, Charolais Cross. Champion Calf - Ardbeg - British Blue Cross Bullock Reserve - Strachmill - Limousin Cross Bullock.

Top prices per head:
Bullocks:
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BRBx: £1320 - Ardbeg.

Heifers:
CHARx: £1125 - Tallant: £1025(3) - Claggan.
LIMx: £1095 - Kilchiaran: £1050 - Neriby: £1015(2) - Ballimartin: £1005 - Ardbeg: £985, £975(2) and £965 - Lossit: £950(5) and £945 - Neriby: £915

- Ardbeg(4) and Neriby: £905 - Kilchiaran.
Cows and calves at foot: £1220 - 108 Frederick Crescent
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Top prices per kilo:
Bullocks:
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Lossit: 251p - Claggan(2), Blackrock(6): 249p - Claggan: 247p - Ballimartin(3) and Kilchiaran(3): 246p - Tallant(2), Lossit(2) and Neriby: 245p - Claggan(2) and Balaclava: 244p - Claggan: 242p(4) - Neriby: 241p - Ballimartin(2), Balaclava(5) and Neriby: 240p(7) - Ballimartin: 239p and 237p - Starchmill: 236p - Tallant and Ballytarsin: 235p(2) - Balaclava.
BRBx: 234p - Ardbeg.

Heifers:
AAx: 216p(4) - Keppols
CHARx: 231p and 222p(2) - Tallant: 222p(2) - Claggan: 220p(3) - Tallant.
LIMx: 251p - Neriby: 235p(4) and 234p - Ardbeg: 234p(5) - Neriby: 232p - Kilchiaran: 229p - Ardbeg(7), Ballimartin(2) and Neriby: 228p(3) - Ballimartin: 227p - Ardbeg: 226p - Kilchiaran: 225p(3) - Balaclava: 224p - Kilchiaran and Lossit(2): 223p(4) - Balaclava: 222p - Starchmill and Ardbeg(2): 220p - Neriby.

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Companies told to employ local tradesmen

THREE large companies charged with building the Kintyre Hunterston subsea link have been told to employ local tradesmen throughout the construction, SSE has said.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission this week announced that three contracts worth £148 million had been awarded to companies to build the Argyll to Ayrshire link and other associated works.

Nexans Norway As will provide and install the 41km subsea cable and 4.5km land deployed cable; Amec Group Ltd will construct 13km of overhead transmission line and Siemens/Bam Nuttall will build the new electricity substation at Crossaig.

Infrastructure

David Gardner, SSE's director of transmission, said: 'It is well known that major infrastructure projects can bring benefits to an area both in terms of local jobs and a boost to the region's economy.'

'We have impressed upon all of the successful companies the need to maximise the use of local business and services throughout the construction programme and have worked collaboratively on this matter.'

The subsea link will release around 150MW of additional grid capacity from renewable generated sources and will provide a more secure electricity supply to the Kintyre peninsula.

Construction on the link is due to begin in October 2013 and it is expected to be fully commissioned by the end of 2015.



MacLeod Construction has been at the heart of a number of community projects including the restoration of Lochgilphead Parish Church. Murdo and Kenny MacLeod, centre, met with Reverend Hilda Smith, left, and Ian Davidson earlier this year to mark the start of the repairs. 06_a08macleod01

M&K MacLeod Ltd agree £5m deal to continue growth

THE BIGGEST construction company in Argyll has this week agreed a £5 million finance deal with Santander Corporate and Commercial in a bid to grow their already expanding company.

M & K MacLeod Limited, based in Lochgilphead, has signed with the bank in a bid to release capital to complete a wealth

of projects in the local area. The business, established by twin brothers Murdo and Kenny MacLeod in 1975, will use the new cash injection to complete work on projects such as Lochgilphead Baptist Church and the town's Church of Scotland Church Hall.

Murdo MacLeod said: 'My brother and I grew up in Lochgilphead and

are proud that we have built our business here and can support the local community with important projects at competitive prices. We are delighted to have a new partner to continue growing our business in this area.'

Deborah Gallacher, relationship director for Santander Corporate and Commercial, said: 'We are delighted to be

able to support this local business and employer. The MacLeod family is well known and respected in the area and its surroundings and has built up a strong business with a sound reputation among both the public and private sectors.'

M & K MacLeod Limited has grown to become the largest private sector employer in Argyll, employing around

200 staff and supporting a similar number of subcontractors. After starting life as general builders, the brothers diversified the business into timber frame and window manufacturing, property development, and have created a substantial landbank and property portfolio. The business also operates two quarries and a petrol station.

Entrepreneurial competition

NEW BUSINESSES in Argyll which have the potential to boost sales by £200,000 over the next three years are being urged to enter an entrepreneurial competition with a prize fund of £750,000.

Demonstrate

The Scottish EDGE competition is open to small, young businesses in the country and those which demonstrate the

most growth potential could win awards of up to £50,000.

Previous rounds have awarded more than £1.2m to 35 of Scotland's brightest entrepreneurs.

The closing date for applications, which can be completed with the assistance of Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team, is 3pm on September 18.

Internship programme

A NEW internship programme has been launched to help employers take on a graduate in the arts and creative industries sector.

Applications

The graduate scheme, run by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations in partnership with Creative Scotland, is welcoming applications from

employers willing to host an intern for 13 weeks.

The project is designed to offer young people, who have a degree or HND in art-based subjects, paid work experience in a bid to boost their job prospects.

More information about the scheme is available on scvo.org.uk.

Business Gateway urging businesses to tap into £8 million market

GUIDANCE to help small Argyll businesses tap into the £8 million public sector procurement market is now available from Business Gateway.

The Business Gateway team is urging local businesses to register for the Supplier Development Programme (SDP), which is designed to help small and medium sized businesses become more successful in winning public sector contracts for goods and services.

The programme features a range of support services including:

- Free training events targeted at different levels of experience

- Practical help with quality management, equality and health and safety policies

- Access to tailored information and guides on the website, designed to de-mystify the procurement process

A new series of SDP workshops has been planned for the autumn.

To register for business support log on to sdpscotland.co.uk.

BT to create 90 new jobs in the Highlands and Islands

AROUND 90 of the new jobs being created by BT in Scotland to support its fibre broadband network will be based in the Highlands and Islands.

The telecommunications company announced the start of its recruitment drive last week and is seeking new employees in the Oban and Fort William areas.

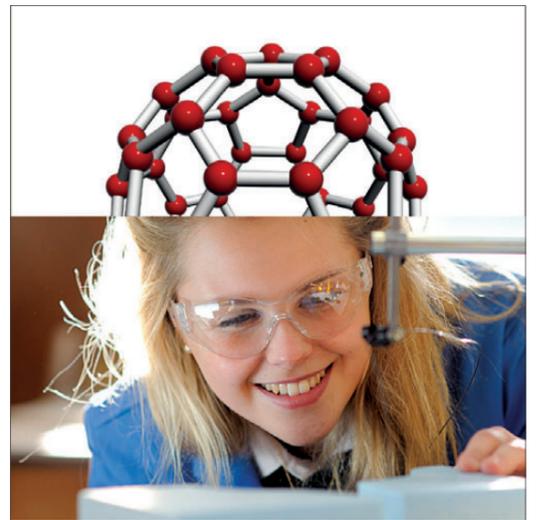
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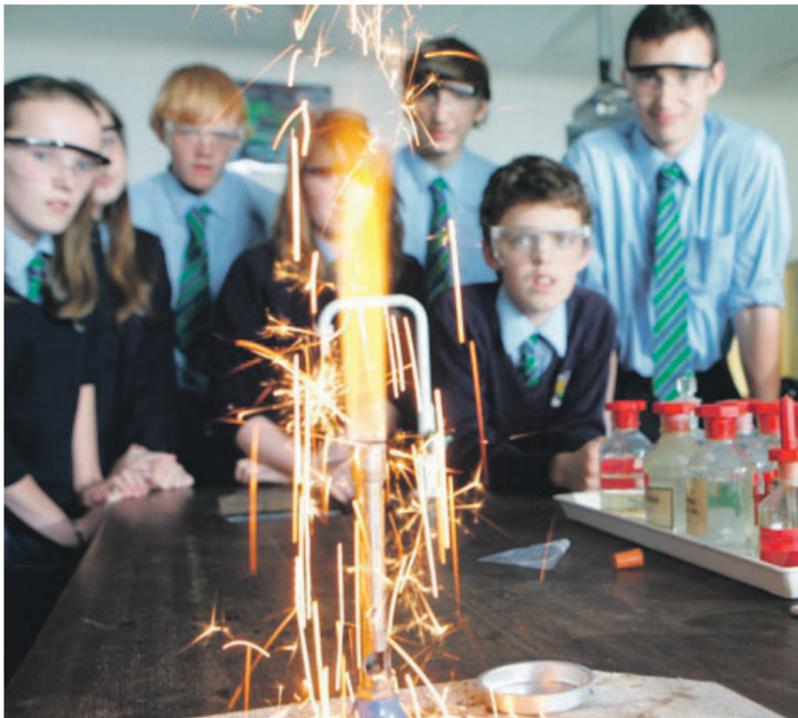
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The school prides itself on its' extra curricular provision with outstanding opportunities in sport, music/drama and outdoor education. In October 2009 a £3.5 million Sports Facility was opened and is the foundation to which great sporting success has been achieved over the past 4 years.

This year's exam results support the school's claims to deliver academic achievement for students, focusing on maximising the potential of each individual. In S4 67% of grades were at the top two grades, and at S6 71 % were similarly either A or B grades. More than a quarter of pupils taking Higher in S5 gained 4 or more A grades. These are very high level figures from a non-selective school and represent strong added value from small class sizes and individualised teaching. These public examination results are at a level three times higher than the national and county average.

Lomond School Open Evening takes place on 7th November 2013 and the school is also delighted to welcome families to look round the school at a time convenient for them. For more information on Lomond School please contact Head of Admissions, Justine Scullion.



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From September this year, the school will welcome a seven year-old entry (P3 equivalent.)

The school is also introducing an outdoor education element into its curriculum. This will enhance the existing syllabus bringing in a whole new dimension and covering a range of learning styles. Children will be taking the classroom more into the 'Great Outdoors' where they will learn about their environment through practical, hands-on learning experiences such as building dens, pond dipping and growing, and cooking and eating their own produce.

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autumn Weddings



AUTUMN is becoming an increasingly popular time for weddings; with the west Highlands shrouded in glorious colours and stunning sunsets.

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One of the first things to do is checking out venues - and make sure you both agree on somewhere.

Once booked, arrange the same date and time with your minister or registrar

- also give notice at your local register office. If your reception is to be held somewhere else - book that too.

Wedding insurance is an increasingly popular addition so well worth considering.

Draw up invites and, before you know it, ladies it's time to look for the perfect dress.

If you are planning a honeymoon, now would be a good time to check your passport is valid - many countries will require you

to have six months to run for entry. Now is also a good time to book your transport, music and food.

When it comes to six months before your wedding you must order your bridesmaids dresses. There will need to be subsequent fittings. You should also have your wedding dress ordered by now. If not, get choosing - and remember your accessories!

Looking good is important on your wedding day so don't forget to book a

hairdresser and someone to do your makeup - and have a trial beforehand.

You might also want to think about making a wedding gift list and ordering your wedding cake.

About three months before your wedding it is wise to start thinking about table decorations, favours and place cards.

You should also be arranging fittings for the groom and best man as well as buying the wedding rings. You should choose and or-

der the flowers you want on your day, also start thinking about vows, readings and ceremony music.

Confirm your ceremony details with your minister or registrar about two months beforehand.

Have final fittings about a month beforehand and confirm all of your bookings. Don't forget to find time for your stag or hen parties.

Shortly before your big day, confirm numbers with caterers.

The day before the wed-

ding you should drop off any decorations, table plans, favours and a guest book if you're having one at your venue.

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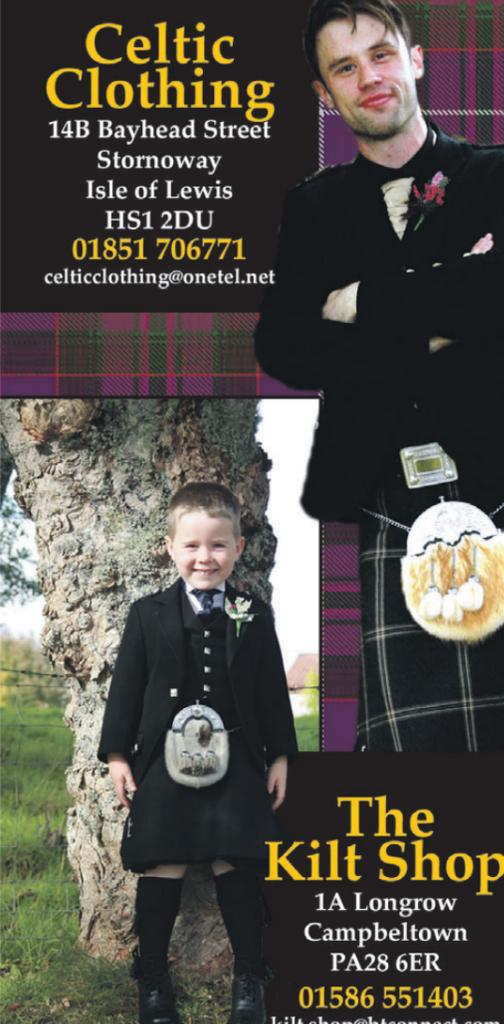
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Extension to free childcare to be rolled out across Argyll and Bute

'I hope parents and carers will take part in this consultation'

PARENTS and guardians of young children are being asked how a planned extension of free childcare should be rolled out across the county.

Argyll and Bute Council is calling on parents to record their childcare needs in a new survey as it aims to increase childcare provision and pre-five education in the coming months.

The local authority hopes the survey responses will help it to establish a pattern of childcare provision needed in the area.

The move comes as the Scottish Government introduces legislation that will require the local authority to increase the number of free childcare hours from a minimum of 475 to 600 a year for four and five-year-olds.

Improve

The aim of the legislation - the Children and Young People Bill - is to improve child development and help parents to find or stay in employment.

Argyll and Bute Council children's champion Mary Jean Devon said: 'I hope parents and car-

ers will take part in this consultation - it is important that the outcome reflects what we actually want for our children in Argyll and Bute.

'The increase in hours will be welcomed by many, but the way in which it's delivered will have an impact on family life.

'If you want to be a part of the decision - make sure you complete the survey.'

Copies of the survey are available at pre-five units and nurseries and online at scottishchildcare.gov.uk.

Workmen startled by snake near Furnace

TWO MEN got the fright of their lives when they were clearing grass and shrubs in a field in Furnace.

Ross Griffin and Nail Shaw were clearing a path for a new fence on the land last Thursday when they came across an adder.

Ross said: 'We were at Cralacken Farm near Auchindrain strimming the ground to make a fence line when we came across it. It wasn't nice; it was more than two-feet long, was coiled and ready to spring up.'

Niall added: 'It was just at my foot when we came across it. It soon disappeared but we were watching our step after that.'

The adder is Britain's only venomous snake and is often spotted around large stones or boulders and on open stretches of moorland in summer. They tend to avoid humans but will attack if aggravated.



The men managed to take a picture of the adder after walking a safe distance away from it.

Fyne Ales Brewery picks up two prestigious awards

FYNE ALES brewery has topped off a prize winning summer by scooping two prestigious awards at this year's Great British Beer Festival for its best selling ale.

The brewery's Jarl beer won the Champion Golden Ale award and was given a bronze medal in the Overall Champion Beer of Britain category, which is the first time a Scottish brewery has been placed in the

competition since 2005.

The Great British Beer Festival, which is organised by Campaign for Real Ales, is considered the country's premier real ale festival and the awards add to the Jarl ale's other accolades.

Earlier this summer Jarl, which was first brewed at the company's annual festival, FyneFest, was crowned Champion Beer of Scotland at the Scottish Real Ale Festival.

Since it was first brewed the blonde session ale, which has a strong citrus flavour, has become so popular it has been made a permanent beer and has gone on to be the top selling beer in the Fyne Ales range.

Delighted

Jamie Delap, managing director of the Cairndow-based brewery, said: 'We are delighted to announce Jarl has placed bronze in the overall Champion Beer

of Britain competition.

'Winning the Champion Golden Ale category is also a fantastic achievement for the brewery. To win both of these competitions is testament to Jarl's popularity and great taste.'

The brewery also had a strong haul at this year's international beer challenge, with two silver and five bronze medals, including a packaging award for Sublime Stout.



Rhubarb the corn snake was among the visitors at Badden Farm Nursery recently when Zoolab travelled to meet some Lochgilphead pre-schoolers. Children had the opportunity to meet and hold a wide range of creatures which included a rat, Rhubarb the corn snake, giant snail and millipede.

Biker wanted to create electronic guide

A MOUNTAIN biker is being sought to help create an electronic guide of the best cycling trails in the Highlands.

The selected volunteer will photograph, video and gather GPS files whilst cycling some of the outstanding trails across the region between

September 21 and October 5.

The cycling guide is a partnership initiative between Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS) and Scottish Cycling.

For more information about volunteering log on to DMBinS.com/riders.

Drivers asked to make Mid Argyll streets safer

DRIVERS in Mid Argyll have been asked to make streets safer for children by driving at 20mph near homes, shops and schools.

Brake and Direct Line carried out a survey that revealed many drivers say they want safer streets for youngsters, but do not follow through by reducing their speed in local communities.

The survey revealed 65 percent of people wanted action to be taken to make streets safer, but six in 10 people admitted to driving at 35mph or faster in a 30mph zone.

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Planning Scotland's Seas – Consultation 2013

A series of drop-in events are being held to give local residents the opportunity to find out about Marine Scotland's consultation "Planning Scotland's Seas". The consultation will be seeking your views on a National Marine Plan, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Offshore Renewables.

This is an opportunity to put your views on local or national issues directly to Marine Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) staff and help decide how Scotland's seas are managed in the future.

Campbeltown Drop-in Event:

Thursday 17 September
Victoria Hall, Kinloch Road
Marine Scotland: 1-5pm drop in session & 6-8pm Presentations

SNH drop in session focussed on MPAs: 1- 8pm

For more information please visit:

www.scotland.gov.uk/marineconsultation

Information on MPAs, including site specific Management Options Papers, is available at:

www.jncc.gov.uk/scottish-mpa-consultation

www.snh.gov.uk/mpa-consultation

**WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2011**

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION

DRUIMDRISHAIG HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Ormsary Farmers for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Druimdrishaig Hydroelectric Scheme, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Abstraction of 30, 240 m3 per day of water	Loch nan Torran/Tributary of Ormsary Water	NR 76209 69794
Return of abstracted water approximately 3.15km away from abstraction point	Ormsary Water	NR 74194 71776

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have an impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilphead Office, Kilbrandon House, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX, 01546 602876.

Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_regulation/advertised_applications.aspx

Any persons affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representation to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1113861:

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not to grant the application.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:

- Assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activity or activities;
- Assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspect of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
- Consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- Consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- Assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- Assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
- Apply and have regard to relevant legislation

SEPA will then either grant or refuse to grant the application.

MID ARGYLL ATHLETIC CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & EGM

Thursday 12 September at 7.30pm

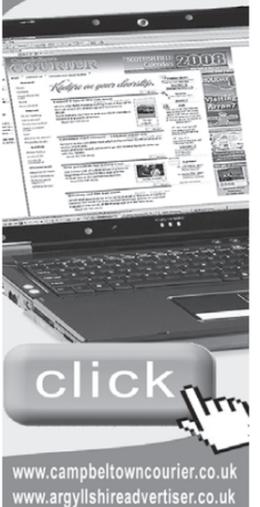
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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01583/PP	Erection of a single storey building to form Pre-5/Early Years Unit, 3 no timber storage sheds, formation of car parking area, new footpaths, installation of access gates and fence.	Tayvallich Primary School Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PW	Ardrishaig Area Office

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01816/PP	Alterations and change of use of commercial premises (originally Comrades Hall) to dwellinghouse	17 Newtown Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UH	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/01817/LIB	Alterations (internal and external) and change of use of commercial premises (originally Comrades Hall) to dwellinghouse, installation of boiler house/ oil tank and formation of 4 carparking spaces.	17 Newtown Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UH	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/01822/PP	Erection of residential development comprising 10 dwellinghouses (6 affordable), installation of treatment plant and associated accesses	Land South West of Ardfern House Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/01845/LIB	Internal alterations and installation of rooflights	Braeface Bellanoch Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SN	Ardrishaig Area Office

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.

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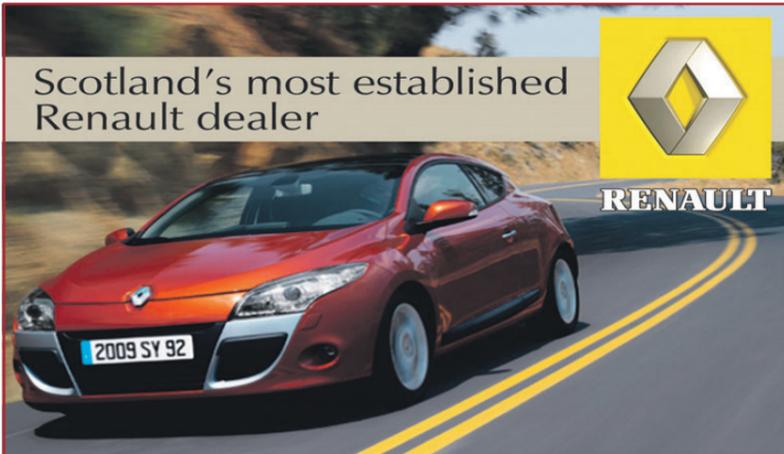
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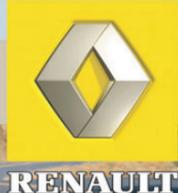
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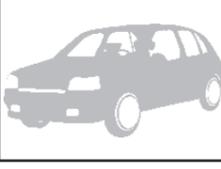
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JR 65



Happy Birthday John Enjoy your retirement - plenty time for snooker and golf, but don't forget the housework!
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THANK YOU

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I DON'T know whether the waves were chasing the pups, or the pups were chasing the waves – but a great game ensued.

Just a few days before, they were scared of the waves, but now Jazz barked with new-found confidence and Carys watched with great admiration.

Rock pools were a great adventure and paddling became a delight.

Every day brings new challenges and experiences, as we see their different personalities developing.

They are just six months old now and I cannot believe how much they have learned in such a short time.

We are now into our new school term and the youngsters in P1 look so small and innocent – though I'm sure the latter is not always true!

How much they will learn in the weeks and months ahead as they will continue to become the people they were fashioned to be.

What will the future hold for them, I wonder.

Parents will dream their dreams and worry about the path of life they will take.

The responsibility of caring and loving can also bring anxiety.

How much freedom do we give them?

When do we let them go it alone?

When do we say a definitive 'No!'

One of my favourite quotes is from Hodding Carter and it says, 'Wise parents give their children just two gifts – roots and wings'.

These are the best gifts. The gift of being rooted in your love, yet the freedom to take wings to be who they will be; free to live and discover and shape their own unique story; free to weave their own dream. Roots and wings – in that order!

In the psalms we read that God fashioned us in our mother's womb long before we were born.

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Robbie Allan, second right, was in Kilmartin 10 weeks ago hosting the Kilmartin Grand Prix remembered event, 35 years after the international championship was held in the Argyll village. He is pictured with his wife Margaret Allan, brother Vic Allan MBE, Neill Ian MacLean and grand prix competitor Neil Hudson. 06_a26moto01

Obituary: Robbie Allan

Robbie Allan, the legendary motocross racer who helped stage Scotland's only international grand prix in Argyll, has died aged 72. The renowned racer, with countless friends across the county, is remembered by Norman Christie who tells the Advertiser about Robbie's contribution to his beloved sport.

ROBBIE Allan, an accomplished racing motorcyclist and ambassador for Scottish motorcycle sport, has died. He was responsible for bringing the annual motorcycle show to Scotland and for over 50 years was one of the foremost administrators in the sport's governing body.

Born in the Aberdeenshire village of Garlogie, Robert Carnie Allan was one of three brothers, each of whom went on to make their mark in motorcycle racing.

Robbie's interest in motorbikes started when, as a boy out cycling, he saw a biker practising on a main road. The sight, sound and smell thrilled him: he knew then that he wanted to race motorcycles.

On leaving school he worked as a bus mechanic before becoming a forestry ploughman. The day job supported his racing which began

in 1957 when he entered a scramble at Counter-swells.

Unable to understand why none of the championship rounds were held north of Perth, he involved himself in the sport's governing body, the Scottish Auto Cycle Union (SACU) and 'got it all changed'. The first northerly round was held at Mosswood Park, Cullerlie, on ground he had secured.

He acted in a number of roles within the SACU and when Scotland hosted its only international motocross grand prix at Kilmartin, in 1978, Robbie, now the holder of a Federation Certificate, was the clerk of the course.

It was a family affair with his younger brother Vic representing Scotland in the GP races, older brother Jim featuring in the supporting races and Robbie's wife Margaret, secretary of the meet.

It was whilst juggling racing commitments and working at his day job that the idea of promoting the Scottish Motor Cycle Show came to Robbie. He believed there was sufficient interest in Scotland to warrant having its own show.

The first Scottish Motor Cycle Show was held in 1977 at Glasgow's McLellan Galleries and was such a success that it soon required larger premises. Robbie moved the show to Musselburgh and when it outgrew that venue, it was taken to the Royal Highland Centre at Inglishton.

In 2001, when the show was attracting 24,000 visitors, Robbie sold the ownership, allowing him to team up with his brother Vic and concentrate on long-distance endurance racing. In 2003 they won the UK Endurance Championship, taking runner-

up spot in the two years that followed.

In 2006, aged 65, Robbie embarked on his greatest challenge - the Dakar Rally. He was the first Scot to ride in the motorcycle class and in his own words 'by far the oldest in the event'.

He had been training for a year and demonstrated his capability during the dangerous race, covering an average of 450 miles each day on rugged hostile terrain. However, in Mauritania on the eighth day, whilst racing through deep sand, mechanical failure forced him to retire.

He intended returning the following year but his entry was refused on the grounds that at 66 he was too old. This was despite him passing the physical tests and being branded one of Eurosport TV's 'Legends of the Dakar'.

Robbie always acknowledged that he could not have achieved what he did without the enthusiastic help of his childhood sweetheart Margaret. They first met when they were youngsters at Skene School and married at Inverurie in 1965.

'Margaret has supported me in everything I've done throughout the years,' he said 'and that includes doing all the paperwork for the 25 Scottish Motor Cycle Shows.'

As current president of the SACU, Robbie was active in promoting its 100th anniversary in 2013, despite being diagnosed with lung cancer.

He was completing a commemorative DVD covering the SACU history when he died at his home in Boghead, Lanarkshire.

Robbie tackled everything with enthusiasm and was so busy 'getting on with it' that he never took time to dwell on his many accomplishments and achievements.

At a recent TT Rider's Lunch in Birmingham, when a discussion took place among his peers as to who was the sport's best all-rounder, it was generally agreed that it was Robbie Allan, naming him 'Mr Versatility'.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, their children Robbie, Jennifer and Olive, seven grandchildren, and his brothers Jim and Vic.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

BIRTHS

GIFFEN - John and Lindsay are delighted to announce the safe arrival of John Andrew Giffen, on June 4, 2013, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead. A little brother for Richard.



MACLEAN

Jonathan and Hayley are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Sonny, born on August 29, 2013. First grandchild for Fiona and Don Murray, Tarbert and Cathy and Calum MacLean, Clachan. Special thanks to all the midwives and staff at Southern General, Glasgow and the local midwife.



MORTON

To Shauna and Peter, God's gift of a son, Ethan Ashley, on August 18, 2013.

ENGAGEMENTS



MCMILLAN - HARRISON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stuart, son of Archie and Mhairi, to Jemma, daughter of Margaret and the late John.

RUBY WEDDINGS

MCFARLANE - WOOD - At Alexandria North Parish Church, on September 7, 1973, Tom to Mari.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BROWN - ROBERTSON - On September 6, 1963 at Minard Parish Church, by the bride's father, Rev Donald Robertson, Jim to Violet.



MITCHELL

Alistair and Mary were married at Castlehill Church, by the Rev J R H Cormack, fifty happy years ago today.

DEATHS

BRODIE - Margaret (Peggy) McIntyre passed away peacefully, on September 3, 2013, beloved wife of the late Maxie, dearly loved mum, gran and great gran. The service will take place on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Kilkerran Cemetery for 12.00pm.

DURNIN - Peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on September 3, 2013, Charles Durnin, formerly of 37 Calton Avenue, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs James Durnin and brother of Betty, Janet and the late Angus.

MACLENNAN - Peacefully, at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on September 1, 2013, Murdo (Murdie) MacLennan MBE, aged 73 years, of 8 McCracken Court, Lochgilphead, and formerly of Dewar Avenue. Former Sub-Officer at Lochgilphead Fire Station. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, much loved dad of Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene, Murray and the late Kevin, adored grandpa and great grandpa, a much respected father-in-law and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation and The Fire Fighters Charity.

MCLARTY - Peacefully, surrounded by her family, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, on August 31, 2013, Margaret Ishbel McLarty, née MacFarlane, of Stroma, Glengilp Road, Ardrishaig, dearly beloved wife of the late Captain John McLarty, much loved mum of Donald and Margaret and mother-in-law of Iona and Colin, cherished Granny Mags of Hannah, Eilidh, John, Craig and Lewis. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, September 6, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery.

MORTON - Peacefully, in Ayr Hospital, on Monday, August 26, 2013, after a short illness, Margaret Morton (née Gilchrist), formerly of Crosshill Avenue, dearly beloved wife of John Morton.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

WHALL - A small get together for family and friends will take place at Achabreac, on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 12 noon, to remember the late Michael and inter his ashes. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - Beth and family wish to thank family and friends for kind expressions of sympathy and cards following the sad loss of John. Many thanks to Agnes Stewart for a comforting service, Alasdair Blair for his care and attention to funeral arrangements and the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea. Thanks to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Special thanks to Intensive Care Unit staff at Southern General Hospital, the sum of £480.75 was raised for the unit.

IN MEMORIAM

GILCHRIST - Effie, died September 8, 2012. Precious memories of a dear aunt.

You had a smile for everyone
You had a heart of gold
You left the sweetest memories
The world could ever hold.
- Graham, Mhairi, Kay and family.

GODDARD - Agnes, died September 6, 1999. Miss and love you always.
- Mum, Sandra, Ali and family.
Love and miss you very much.
- Twinkle.

GODDARD - In loving memory of a dear mum. Loved and missed every day.
- Randall, Alan and Natalie.

Night night Granny.
- Love, Myrin, Jodie, Kayleigh and Erin.

GODDARD - Beautiful memories of our darling niece and cousin, Agnes (Robertson), who was taken from us on September 6, 1999.

Agnes, if we could build a stairway
We would build it with loving chains
We would build that stair to heaven
And bring you home again.

- Auntie Sandra, Uncle Andy and Harrison cousins xxxxxxxx.

JACKSON - Edna, slipped away September 6, 2012. Lovingly remembered by all the family.
We sat at your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore
We cared for you until the end, until we could do no more

In tears we watched you sinking, we watched you fade away
And though our hearts were breaking we knew you could not stay
You left behind some aching hearts, that loved you most sincere
A year on we have never forgotten you, never shall and never will.

MCMURCHY - In loving memory of John, a much loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad, who died September 3, 2012.
Silent thoughts of times together,
Cherished memories will last forever.
- Alice and family.

CHURCH NOTICES



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 8th September
12.45pm
Worship Service

Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.00am
Sunday School

Thursday 12th September
12 noon
Prayer & Bible Study
All welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 8 September - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
Communion Service
Cumlodden Church at 10am
Gaelic Service Lochgair Church at 3pm

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665
Communion Service Inveraray at 11.30am
Communion in Chalmers Court at 2.30pm

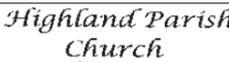


CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11:00 am

with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday
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Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 8th September 11.15am Rev. C. Hood
Everyone very welcome

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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 8th September 2013
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Scottish Charity SC015187

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown

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

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling



SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 8th September 2013
11.15am Family Communion with crèche
Springbank Youth Group with Mr R H Craig

Wednesday 11 September 2013
10am Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study

For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10.45am Family Communion

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8th September, 2013
Ford 11.30a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Family Service
All welcome
SCO1212

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 8th September
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C, Next Generation)
Rev P Burroughs

Monday, 9th September
Messy Church - 3.45pm in New Hall

Tuesday, 10th September
Parents and Toddlers - 9.45am in New Hall

Thursday, 12th September
Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE
Friday, 13th, September
Lunch Club - 12.00 noon in New Hall

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Saturday 7 September 2013
Quarterly Prayer breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & prayer: 9.00am

Sunday 8 September 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Way of Holiness"

Thursday 12 September 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

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Charity Number SC001002
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Morning Worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Tuesday 10 September
Kirk Session
Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm

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Sunday School 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev Tommy Bryson

Kirk Session Meeting
Tuesday 10th September, 7.30pm,
in Tarbert Free Church.

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Dookers are dumped by Drumchapel

Drumchapel	4
Tarbert	0
SAFL Division 1A	

ON FORM Drumchapel Amateurs halted Tarbert AFC's ambitions of picking another three points this week as they put four goals past the Dookers in the first half of the game, played in Glasgow.

On a wide open park Tarbert were pushed back from the first whistle because of the fierce wind which allowed the hosts to fire balls into the Tarbert box.

The first goal came after 15 minutes when a clearance held up in the wind and dropped kind-

ly for the forward to fire low into the net from 18 yards.

Tarbert managed to score 10 minutes later but were devastated when the referee disallowed Johnson's six-yard strike for an unknown reason.

Onslaught

What followed was an onslaught of goals from the talented Drumchapel side.

Their second goal was a cracking free kick into the top corner from 30 yards, which was quickly followed by a free

kick finding the right winger at the back post, who tapped home. A chip over the keeper from the right touchline made it 4-0.

The second half saw Tarbert take the game to their opponents and put them under severe pressure but it failed to result in goals.

A more impressive defence, however, in the second half prevented the homeside from adding to their tally and the game ended 4-0.

The Dookers will need to move on quickly from the defeat and work hard for three points in tomorrow's (Saturday) league match against old rivals Eaglesham (B).



ELEVEN-year-old Craig Millar from Lochgilphead has signed to join Partick Thistle under 12s for the 2013/14 season. Craig, who has attended Lochgilphead Soccer Centre for many years, and his family have thanked all those at the centre who have supported his on-going football development. Particular thanks go to chairman Graham Whitefield and coaches Allan Finlay, Willie Luke, Graham Gillies and Gordon Munro.

Tarbert Golf Club hold AmAm

TWENTY teams from across Scotland entered Tarbert Golf Club's AmAm on Saturday in what was a closely fought competition on the Glenralloch course.

The winners, with 51 points, were Dunaverty Golf Club's Simple Minds, made up of C McCallum, R Irvine, A Robertson and D Brown.

The Carrick on Regardless team from the Carrick Golf Club were second.

With 53 points, they were named runners up by virtue of a better inward half.

The ladies team from Gourock, The Angry Burds, were third, also with 53 points.

Red Star top the league

Continued from Page 32 up. His excellent lofted pass found Peacock at the far post, who headed home his second of the afternoon and Star's fourth as the visitors ran out 1-4 winners.

Manager Weir was pleased with the effort and quality shown by the team particularly in the second half. The result sees Red Star top of the league having played three games. Kevin Keen was named man of the match for his good work up front, scoring two vital goals for the Red Star side. Tomorrow (Saturday) Star travel to play Jamestown on league duty.

Man of the match: Kevin Keen

Good work up front and scored two vital goals



Star lose out to last minute goal

Oban Saints	2
Lochgilphead Red Star	1
DFDL Under 15s	

DFDL Under 15s
**Oban Saints 2
Red Star 1**

RED STAR'S under 15 side travelled to Oban mid week for their first league game against last season's champions.

From the kick off the visitors took the game to the Saints, creating numerous chances but were unable to convert the pressure of the first half.

Mid-way through the second half Mackay broke the deadlock, with a neat finish from a tight angle to make it 0-1.

Saints then countered and Star's McVicar in goal kept the threat at

bay until 70 minutes when the home side equalised with a fierce low drive.

The match looked to be heading for a draw but with two minutes remaining Saints grabbed the winner.

Riverside 0 - Star 11

A very early start last Sunday had no impact on the Star players as they cruised to victory at Argyle Park in Alexandria.

Playing against the slope, wind and rain, the first half saw goals from Whitefield, Mackay and Ritchie (2).

Ritchie started the second half on fire as he netted his third and almost grabbed a fourth but for a good save by the keeper. Goals then followed from Jackson, Moore, MacFarlane, Caskie and Souden (2).

Star have a free week this Sunday as cup fixtures are played.

Successful start to the new season

Lochgilphead Red Star	2
Oban Saints	0
DFDL Under 17s	

RED STAR under 17s have maintained their winning ways this season with two victories playing away to Allander Colts and old rivals Oban Saints.

In the first game Star travelled north to begin their defence of the league championship which they won in June and despite no pre-season fixtures, the team put in a good performance.

Cammy Hendry volleyed the opening goal after Josh Coates won a header at the back post

from Coll McCallum's free kick. Hendry controlled the ball on his chest before turning to volley the ball into the net.

The goal steadied the nerves of the young team, however, they failed to finish their chances and headed into the break at 0-1.

Saints started the second half strongly, looking to restore parity

but the Star defence remained strong.

The final goal of the game came when Hendry clinically shot past the keeper from just inside the box from a Coates pass. The visitors played out the game with the minimum of fuss to secure the three points.

Allander Colts 1 Red Star 2

The under 17s' most

recent game was an extremely hard fought victory over Allander.

As Star piled the pressure on the home side, the opening goal came from a Hendry penalty shot after he was fouled just inside the box.

In the second half it was Allander that dominated and their hard work paid off when they equalised. Star did not give up, however, and the winning goal came when Deans played a great corner into the box where Moore headed the ball into the net.

Three weddings puts a strain on resources

THREE weddings this Saturday will put a strain on INVERARAY Shinty Club's squad for their return trip to Kingussie, including their goalkeeper and entire backline.

But player-manager Garry MacPherson says the squad will cope with the extended absence list as he prepares his side for a second meeting with Kings in a week.

The Royal Burgh beat their northern counter-

parts 3-2 last Saturday, thanks to goals from MacPherson, Lewis MacNicol and Euan McMurdo.

MacPherson said: 'We were all over them at the start but took our foot off the gas and they scored two goals in four minutes.'

'We changed the team around a little and Neil Campbell, who is usually a forward, was excellent at half back.'

The win moved Invera-

ray into third place in the Orion Group Premiership, which MacPherson admitted was above his expectations.

The pressure is off for STRACHUR tomorrow (Saturday) as they look to secure a home win in the final match of the season.

The side will face Taynuilt in a South Division One match and despite sitting bottom of the table a restructure

in the league next year means there will be no relegation.

The team has suffered a number of defeats in recent weeks, but coach Donald MacDonald said with less pressure he would field a number of younger players for the game.

He said: 'We hope to have a few of our regular boys back, but we will put some of the younger boys out to get a bit more experience. 'They

Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

SAURDAY'S results: Oban Saints 1, Thorn Athletic 1; Shawlands 2, Campbeltown Pupils 4; Glencastle Sparta 1 v Lochgilphead Red Star 4; Drumchapel 4 v Tarbert 0.

This weekend's fixtures: Oban Saints no game; Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Jamestown v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon Athletic v Clydebank; Eaglesham (B) v Tarbert.

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No game for Kyles Athletic this weekend

KYLES Athletic have no game this weekend as they continue preparations for the Camanachd Cup final.

An under-strength Kyles played out a 0-0 draw with Oban Camanachd last weekend.

Lottery numbers

THE £100 jackpot in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery was won by M. Carroll. The lucky numbers were 5, 12 and 19. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery draw were 9, 13 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.



Kilmory players worked hard to score four goals and end the season on a positive note. 06_a36shinty01

Lochfyneside joy at first win of the season

'This was a hard fought game and great credit goes to all the players'

Firhill	2
Lochfyneside	3
West of Scotland AFL Division Two	

LOCHFYNESIDE FC played Firhill on Saturday in an away fixture that saw the team score for the first time this season.

The visitors started brightly and, whilst an early goal was dismissed as offside, the first league goal was only delayed for 10 minutes as Paul Logan fired home after a fine run into the box.

Lochfyneside easily controlled the rest of the half and went to the interval deserved 1-0 leaders.

The second half started with the strong wind be-

hind Firhill, which they used to their advantage by playing long balls into speedy forwards.

This tactic worked well as they equalised early in the second half via a long ball which was latched onto by the forward and slipped past keeper Docherty.

Poked home

Moments later the home side went 2-1 ahead when a ball was poked home at the far post from short range.

Lochfyneside started to play more passing football and brought themselves back into the game by retaining

possession of the ball. Bringing the game into the Firhill half, the visitors were soon awarded a penalty, converted by Neil Russell.

With time running out the next goal was going to be vital and it duly arrived via Russell, who scored his second to give Lochfyneside three well deserved league points.

Manager Jim Divers said: 'This was a hard-fought tie and great credit goes to all the players involved. Some were carrying injuries but bravely played on for 90 minutes, showing great commitment to the cause.'

'Man of the match goes to Neil Russell for his hard work and two important goals.'

Good win for Kilmory

KILMORY enjoyed a good end to a terrible season as they overcame Taynuilt to take their last two points available in shinty's South Division one league.

Playing at home on Saturday, the Lochgilhead side won 4-2, with a hat trick from Gordon Watt and a goal from Alastair MacArthur.

The win is only the second victory for Kilmory this season, with their last

two points gained on April 20 with an Oban Celtic defeat.

Challenging season

In a particularly challenging season for the side, they lost 11 games and drew three to finish the league run with seven points. They hold the bottom of the table position with Strachur but the Cowal men have a game in hand, playing their final game tomorrow (Saturday).

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JACKPOT

All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

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

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION



I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.

How to enter: **Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen.** Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. **Crosses must not overlap**

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Address _____
Tel No. _____

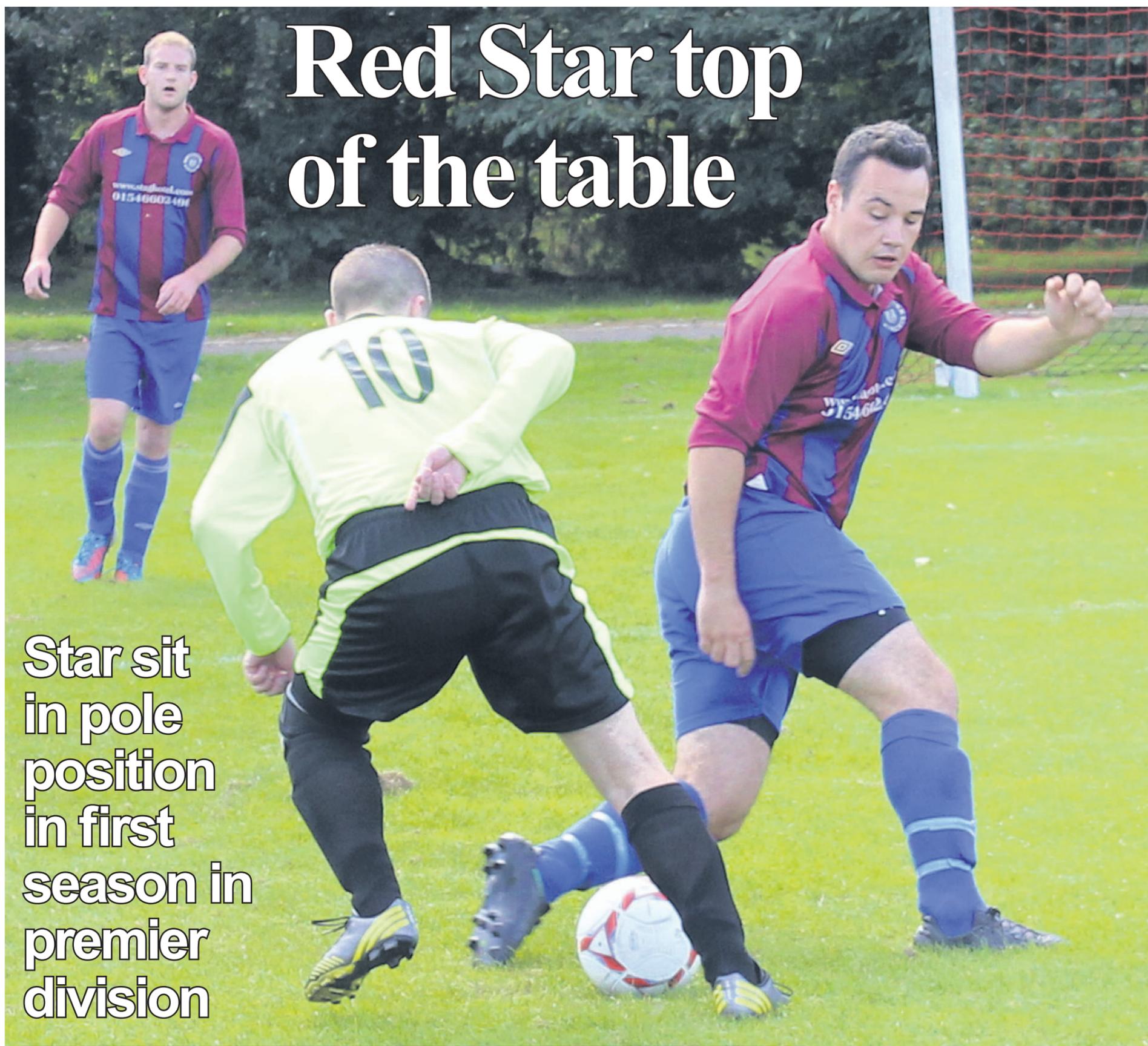
Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:
J Muirhead, Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown and M McCaig, Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown

spot the
ball jackpot
now at
£1800!

**Lochfyneside
joy at first win
of the season**

Red Star top of the table



**Star sit
in pole
position
in first
season in
premier
division**

Star's Ben Forbes maintains control in
midfield.

Glencastle Sparta	1
Lochgilhead Red Star	4
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR travelled to Greenfields on Saturday to take on Glencastle Sparta and an excellent second half performance ensured the Lochgilhead side picked up all three points.

Star got off to the perfect start and went ahead straight from kick off as they scored before Glencastle got a touch on the ball. After some good passing through the midfield, the ball fell to Kevin Keen who scored from the edge of the area.

This was as good as it got for Star in the first half as they

struggled against the wind and the hosts pulled themselves back into the game after 20 minutes to equalise.

Star changed to a 3-4-3 formation in the second half and the change worked as the visitors took charge.

Star were ahead again when Keen reacted quickest to a loose ball from a Cammy Crawford throw in and slotted the ball home to make it 1-2.

It was 1-3 shortly after when Peacock pounced after the central defender slipped and the forward made no mistake finishing past the keeper.

Star were able to call on fresh legs as the match wore on and it was one of those players, Morrison, that set the final goal

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