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A CHURCH of Scotland minister has praised the 'generosity and kindness' of the people of Argyll in response to the humanitarian crisis unfolding across Europe.

Shocking media images of a small boy lying face down in the sand on a Turkish beach played no small part in spurring ordinary people into action. The boy, aged just three, was drowned along with his mother and brother while trying to escape to Greece with his Syrian family.

These pictures, among countless others of desperate and terrified men, women and children, inspired individuals and organisations across the region to take action.

At the same time, Argyll and Bute Council is due to meet today (Friday September 18) with partner agencies to draw up an action plan on how Syrian refugees can be resettled here.

One of the community action groups is 'Argyll Help for Syrian Refugees', a Facebook-based group that has, in a very short time, organ-

ised donations of clothing and equipment from communities all across Argyll.

Donations have been taken at local churches in Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown among others, with volunteers helping to sort and pack the items.

On their Facebook page, founders Jacqui Barker and Janie Murphy, describe the plight of Syrian refugees trying to reach Greece: 'No roof, few toilets, hours of waiting in the blazing sun.'

'We have started this group for anyone who would like to help locally in Argyll to try, where we can, to make these people's circumstances somewhat more comfortable.'

So successful has their campaign been that by Tuesday of this week they had to call a temporary halt to donations of clothing, tents and other equipment, with the focus turning to fundraising - and getting the donated items to where they are needed.

'We are concentrat-

ing now on transporting the massive collection of stuff that people have donated, said Janie.

'Once we get it to Glasgow, it will be taken down to Peterborough by lorry before going with a Greek shipping company to Athens.'

The ultimate destination is the island of Kos, a focal point for many refugees.

Janie continued: 'We also need to focus on charity fundraising, and all we will do is hand it over to a Greek charity, Caritas Athens.'

With this in mind, the group hopes to hold a charity art auction and a fundraising dance in Ardrishaig, so watch this space.

'The Syrian refugees are just people like you and me who need help,' she added. 'If I was in that situation I would want someone to help me.'

The Rev Hilda Smith, minister at Lochgilphead Parish Church, said: 'I'm just amazed by everyone's generosity and kindness. It kind of sums up what Argyll means, in a way.'

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West foot forward at festival

Inveraray's Best of the West Festival was hailed a great success as people took to the floor to dance to a great mix of music over the weekend. There was also plenty of local food and drink to try as well as craft stalls and activities for children. More on pages 14 and 15

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Furnace man, Jim Jepson, and former Argyll Caravan Park manager, Jim McCulloch, at the memorial in 2013. 06_a46rem13

Inveraray war memorial wins prestigious award

A WAR memorial near Inveraray has picked up a prestigious award at the annual Best Kept War Memorial campaign run by Royal British Legion Scotland.

The Argyll Caravan Park memorial, on the site of a WWII training camp known as HMS Quebec, was named the best satellite war memorial with gardens, and representatives from the local branch will pick up the trophy on behalf of all its members at a presentation ceremony in Edinburgh.

Ian Campbell, chairman of the Inveraray and District branch, said:

'The Argyll Caravan Park memorial is a fitting tribute to the 250,000 allied servicemen and women who undertook commando training here. They came from many different countries including Norway, Poland and Canada and prepared for D-Day and for Dieppe here in Argyll.'

'It is a reminder of the sacrifice many people made in order to protect the lives of future generations and it's important that we ensure it is looked after and well kept.'

'To win this award is fantastic and we were delighted to receive it.'

Remaining CalMac routes to get RET

THE final CalMac routes will begin using the road equivalent tariff (RET) from next month.

The scheme will see the price of a single fare from Colintraive to Rhudodach drop to just £1.15 and a single fare from Tarbert to Portavadie will be £2.60.

The scheme aims to bring ferry fares more in line with what it would cost to drive the distances involved and fares are set at the beginning of the summer timetable.

For customers with season tickets, they will



Travellers on the Tarbert-Portavadie route will now benefit from RET. 08_a38ferry02

still be valid until the fare comes into place. After this the tickets will be refunded at no extra cost.

Some season tickets, such as the 50 journey ticket on both routes to Bute, will remain the same price. CalMac

ticketing manager, Alan Hood, explained: 'The ethos behind RET was that no customer would be disadvantaged by the changes and the current 50 journey ticket to Bute is better value than the equivalent RET fare, so will remain in place.'

Benefits

Transport and islands minister, Derek McKay, said: 'The roll-out of RET on other routes has been a real success, bringing benefits to local economies and boosting the tourist trade so I'm sure this will come as welcome news to locals and visitors.'

Want to join the force? Police files

ARGYLL and West Dunbartonshire police will be holding information sessions for anyone who is interested in pursuing a career as a police officer or who wants to find out more about volunteering to become a special constable.

If you are thinking of applying or just wish to find out more information these are well worth attending. To become an officer of Police Scotland you need to:

- be 18 years old (although you can apply at the age of 17 and a half)
- have a full current UK manual driving licence or equivalent
- be physically and mentally able to undertake police duties.

a British citizen, EU/EEA national, Commonwealth citizen, or foreign national with indefinite leave to remain in the UK who has been resident in the UK for the previous three years.

Please note there is no minimum height restriction and while there is a national eyesight requirement, some officers do wear glasses.

Recruitment

If you have tattoos this would not automatically exclude you from the recruitment process and, if successful, you will be posted to one of your three divisions of choice.

Dates and times of the sessions are: Tuesday September 22 at 12pm in Tobermo-

ry police office, Mull; Thursday September 24 at 7pm in Campbeltown police office; Saturday September 26 at 11am in Dumbarton police office; Tuesday September 29 at 1pm in Bowmore police office, Islay; Thursday October 1 at 7pm in Lochgilphead police office; Saturday October 3 at 11am in Dunoon police office; Tuesday October 6 at 6pm in Rothesay police office; Saturday October 10 at 11am in Helensburgh police office.

To reserve a place at any of the sessions please email PoliceRecruitingUnitGlasgow@scotland.pnn.police.

AT 4PM on September 11, a 57-year-old man was allegedly found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis resin near to Erines, Tarbert. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

ON SEPTEMBER 11 at 7pm, police were called to an address at Tarbert following a disturbance. A 23-year-old man was subsequently arrested and is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

AT 9.30PM on September 13, a 50-year-old man was stopped on the A83 near Inveraray for failing to comply with a red traffic light. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for a number of road traffic offences.

BETWEEN 2pm on September 12 and 8am on September 14, two vehicles had their windscreens smashed within Furnace quarry.

Should anyone have any information in relation to the vandalism they are asked to contact Constable Brindle at Lochgilphead police office.

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Tarbert bank reduces hours amid Lochgilphead confusion

THE Bank of Scotland branch in Tarbert is to reduce its opening hours.

The bank, a subsidiary of Lloyds Banking Group, will open on just three days per week, with effect from December 7.

The announcement was

made to customers in a letter issued last week, which also stated that cash machine services outside the branch would no longer accept deposits.

Of the reduced Tarbert opening hours, a Bank of Scotland spokesperson said:

‘We continually review the way in which we serve our customers.

‘We are making some changes to opening hours across our branches to ensure they are open at the right times for our customers at each individual location.’

The letter to customers gave the new Tarbert opening hours as being on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday - but confusingly listed the Lochgilphead branch as also opening on three days of the week only.

The bank spokesperson

explained: ‘We have mistakenly included the incorrect opening hours for Lochgilphead and will be writing to customers advising them of the correct hours shortly. We apologise for this error and any inconvenience caused.’

Coffee morning a success

LOCHGILPHEAD MS centre held a coffee morning on Saturday, September 12, which raised £1,000 for refugees after some donations came in after the event.

The money will go to Caritas Athens refugee programme which helps refugees as soon as they arrive in Greece. They help with food, clothing, counselling and a number of other services.

Centre manager, Karen McCurry, is still taking donations and would like to thank all who came along as well as those who donated bottle stall and raffle prizes as well as home baking.

Church of Scotland Moderator visits Argyll

RIGHT Rev Dr Angus Morrison, the moderator of the Church of Scotland, is visiting Argyll.

Yesterday, Thursday, he drank from a long lost holy well near Kilmoldan Church, Glendaruel. St Modan’s well had been hidden for decades until Gilbert Markus, an academic at Glasgow University, and a team of volunteers, armed with a 19th century map and GPS device, found it in June.

Today, Friday, the moderator and his wife are expected to visit Dunoon, spending time at Sandbank Primary and Dunoon Grammar Schools.

The six-day trip will see the moderator visit Tarbert church and deliver a sermon at Kilniver church.

Dr Morrison said: ‘As someone who was, for the most part, raised in Argyll, with Oban still regarded as my home town, I confess to some bias in viewing the region as one of the most beautiful parts of our country.’



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Another recently-formed group with its origins on Facebook is ‘Argyll Relief for Refugees’, formed by Oban native, Emma Ainsley, now based in Glasgow.

This campaign concentrates its efforts on helping refugees in Calais by bringing them the basics of life from Argyll and Glasgow.

Emma once again praised the generosity of local people, saying: ‘I started by just taking donations from my friends and family, but since then I’ve been bowled over by the response.’

By next month, Emma hopes to have a van ready to drive to Calais with much needed relief.

As locals try their best to help, the first meeting of the Argyll and Bute Refugee Resettlement Group is to be held today (Friday).

Officers from Argyll and Bute Council will get together with partner agencies to draw up an action plan on how Syrian refugees can be resettled into our communities.

The council has said it would welcome at least 20 refugee families to Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Walsh said: ‘A team of officers is focusing on this. The

group will have to consider a wide range of issues and, as we think of these, it is vital to remember that ultimately these are much more than a list of tasks – they are about finding solutions to some very human problems, like a place to live, furniture, education, health and more. In addition we have already heard from ACHA and other local housing associations who are also moving swiftly in offering their

support. Along with other organisations across the region, we are joining forces to work as a community.

‘We are part of a collective response which is not just national but global, uniting to support people facing the very worst of situations,’ councillor Walsh added.

A paper on the refugee response will be issued to councillors at a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on Thursday, September 24.



Working at the Lochgilphead Parish Church collection point are, left to right, Jo Bowden and Ethan, Jenny Pendreigh, Janie Murphy and Brianna and Rev Hilda Smith. 06_a38syriaappeal01

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A82 Tarbet to Inverarnan upgrade

Preferred route option

Public Exhibitions



Public exhibitions are being held by Transport Scotland at various locations to give the public the opportunity to see the preferred route option for the A82 from Tarbet to Inverarnan following route option assessment work.

We are inviting views and feedback on the identified preferred route option to help inform its further development.

Transport Scotland officials and design consultants will be on hand to discuss the assessment process and the preferred option, and to answer any questions.

Details of the exhibitions are as follows:

Wednesday 30th September, 12 noon – 7pm

Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, Argyll & Bute, G83 7AB

Friday 2nd October, 2pm – 7pm

Kilmore & Oban Parish Church Centre, Glencruitten Road, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4DN

Thursday 1st October, 12 noon – 7pm

Crianlarich Village Hall, Main Street, Crianlarich, Perthshire, FK20 8QN

Tuesday 6th October, 12 noon – 7pm

Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church Hall, The Parade, Fort William, Inverness-shire, PH33 6BA

For further information on the project, and to view the exhibition material online (available from 30 September), please visit: www.transportscotland.gov.uk/project/a82-tarbet-inverarnan-upgrade

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'Business as usual' as forest firm sold

JOBS are said not to be under threat after the sale of Tilhill Forestry, a significant presence in the Argyll forestry industry.

Tilhill was purchased from its former owner, Finnish outfit UPM, on September 1 by Borders-based BSW Timber Limited.

With significant forestry management interests across Argyll established over four decades, Tilhill has offices in Oban and Strachur and directly employs 18 local staff.

A large number of local subcontractors are also employed, in tasks from ground preparation through planting and husbandry to harvesting and haulage.

A Tilhill spokesperson explained: 'Tilhill Forestry will operate as a subsidiary of BSW Timber Ltd with its own operational board. Tilhill Forestry Ltd's business remains

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unchanged, with eight forest management districts and four harvesting regions operating throughout Great Britain.'

'It is very much business as usual and to continue with the same objective of growing the Tilhill Forestry business by offering our clients a highly professional best value sustainable forest management service.'

'In Scotland, the government policy is to encourage significant new productive woodland creation, with an overall woodland creation target of around 10,000 hectares (25,000 acres) per year. At the same time woodlands planted in the 1970s and 80s are maturing and, in Argyll alone, the timber harvest is predicted to grow significantly.'

George McRobbie,

managing director of Tilhill Forestry, said: 'This is an exciting step in the development of Tilhill Forestry which has grown from sales of £18m when I joined the company in 2001, to £120m today.'

'This change of ownership will allow the company to continue to grow while maintaining the professional standards that forest owners have come to expect from Tilhill Forestry.'

Tony Hackney, chief executive, BSW Timber Ltd, said: 'This significant acquisition creates the largest forest products company in the UK and underscores our ambition to increase the utilisation of UK timber. BSW is a growing enterprise and this acquisition is a key component of

BSW's vision for future development.'

Asked whether the move would affect staff numbers, a Tilhill Forestry spokesperson said: 'There are currently no anticipated job losses as a result of the change of ownership', adding that there would be 'no impact' on ongoing contracts.



Tilhill has a significant forestry presence in Argyll.

Glass fragments left on children's slide



Pieces of shattered glass on the slide.

TARBERT residents were shocked last Tuesday to find broken glass strewn around a children's play park.

One horrified parent warned others on the 'All Things Tarbert' Facebook page: 'Someone has been smashing Buckfast bottles at the play park. The kid's slide is covered in broken glass and not safe to use.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser contacted Argyll and Bute Council, where a spokesman said: 'Our amenity services team attended as soon as they became aware of the broken bottle incident and cleared the glass and liquid off the play equipment and surrounding area.'

'Obviously, the council would encourage people to act responsibly and leave play parks as they would expect to find them, using the litter bins provided or taking their rubbish home

with them.' Councillor John MacAlpine was appalled by the incident, and added: 'It is very difficult to police, but I will support any measures to counteract this kind of behaviour.'

'This act of wanton vandalism is mindless and dangerous,' said Councillor Anne Horn.

'Young children use that slide and the consequences of broken glass causing injury to little ones is horrendous.'

'How much more helpful it would be if they could spend time helping local community groups establish facilities rather than destroy what we have,' the councillor added.

No official complaints were received by Police Scotland locally, but a spokesman said: 'We will carry out patrols in the area to deter any anti-social behaviour.'

'If anyone has any concerns, they are asked to phone 101.'

Committee heads for Islay and Jura

THE FUTURE of Scotland's land will come into local focus when a Scottish parliamentary committee meets local people on Jura, tenant farmers on Islay and managers of the Islay Estates Company.

The Scottish Parliament's rural affairs, climate change and environment committee is coming to Craighouse village hall on Sunday September 20 to hear local opinions as it scrutinises the Scottish Gov-

ernment's Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

The following day, the committee will meet with managers of the Islay Estates Company and local tenant farmers, to hear how the Scottish Government's plans could affect key issues such as business rates charged on deer stalking and game shooting, community right to buy and gathering and accessing information on people and organisations that control land.



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The vehicles outside Inveraray Castle a37trikes01no

Unusual three-wheeled vehicles spotted in and around Argyll

SOME unusual three-wheeled vehicles were causing a stir around Argyll on September 5 and 6 with many wondering what they were.

They were part of the 23 Dreirad Treffen, an annual event where the vehicles go on tour, which was held in Inveraray.

The event is normally held in mainland Europe, but after attending last year's event in Germany, Bill Davies and Tom Rae agreed to host the event in Scotland.

This year's tour attracted 53 trikes and a total of 83 people, drivers and navigators, who came from Germany,

Holland, France and the UK.

The event was based in the Loch Fyne Hotel where they received excellent hospitality.

Bill Davies said: 'It is an active road event being a tour and not a rally or point scoring event, with the group split into two sections to reduce interference with other road users.

We started in front of the castle on both days and did circular tours around Loch Awe on Saturday and around Cowal on Sunday.

'Coffee stops and lunch were provided at suitable locations where Scottish hospitality was had. In glorious Autumn weather we were

able to extend stops and sit and discuss 'deeds of daring do' that we had experienced along the way.'

Next years Treffen is being held in Holland and they are expecting a similar number to take part including a large travelling party from Scotland and the UK.

Tribunal fees scrapped

A TRADE union has welcomed Scottish Government plans to abolish fees for employment tribunals in Scotland.

UNISON had threatened to go to the UK Supreme Court in an ongoing dispute with the UK government over a decision to introduce employment tribunal fees across the UK.

Mike Kirby, UNISON Scottish secretary said: 'The announcement to end tribunal fees in Scotland is hugely welcome.

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Human generosity

THE GENEROSITY of human spirit that we've always suspected lies within Argyll, showed itself this week in no uncertain terms.

Ordinary people have been moved to act to help the tens of thousands of refugees pouring into Europe from various countries torn by war, lawlessness and instability.

As the continent, and indeed the world, faces up to arguably the biggest humanitarian crisis in Europe since the Second World War, perhaps it will be the social media-driven power of the people that forces governments to act.

Media impact

AND IT was that immediate impact of social media which enabled a number of campaigns - started by ordinary people - to gain instant traction and gather support in big numbers over a very short time.

But in the modern obsession with social media, there is still an important role for traditional media like local newspapers. The power of the press still counts for a great deal. If you are thinking about publicising an event, cause or telling folk your news, try the papers - you might be surprised.

Wild west

AS THE festival season draws to a close and autumn sets in, we look forward to this weekend's Tarbert Music Festival. It should be a great weekend. And congratulations to the organisers of last weekend's Best of the West, which once again drew the crowds to enjoy fantastic music and local produce.

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Slow down

Sir,
I have lost both of my cats because of cars driving too fast past my house at Torinturk, Kilberry Road. The first one was found outside another house and I was really sad as she was only young. A silver van ran over my second cat in the afternoon and kept driving. A man saw it and came to tell us. When I went to see, he had been driven over and there was blood all over the road and he was dead. I feel like my heart is broken.

Please can you help get the drivers on this road to go slower and remember there are children and animals outside.

I don't want this to ever happen again because it makes me very sad. I want the council to consider more signs and a slower limit.

Anna Bellshaw
Age 11
Torinturk

One year on

Sir,
In the dawn light of September 19, 2014, I drove to Edinburgh from the referendum count in Lochgilthead feeling downcast.

Despite what had been for me years of campaigning, despite the most positive and enthusiastic message and despite the goodwill of many across the world, fear had triumphed over hope at the very last minute and secured what appeared to be a generational defeat for the idea of Scottish independence.

Everyone was emotional and everyone was tired. It was not a time to make judgements

about what had taken place or what would happen in the future.

I went back to Argyll later that afternoon, listening on the car radio to the unfolding drama of Alex Salmond's resignation and being moved beyond measure by his assertion that the dream would never die.

Within days that was the mood that gained the upper hand. People were not prepared to give up the changes they had seen taking place all around them as their fellow citizens engaged with politics and our national future, many for the first time. Tens of thousands wanted to carry on with the campaign to secure a better country.

Within a few weeks, the membership of the SNP in Argyll and Bute had risen five fold. The unionist political parties found themselves under intense pressure to take forward ever more radical proposals for powers of the Scottish parliament and the work of the Smith Commission, invented as a sop to stop independence, was challenged again and again by those who wanted real, not cosmetic, change.

Wisely the Scottish government worked with those who were proposing change, but always in the spirit of encouraging radical progress. In so doing they exposed the last minute UK party leaders 'vow' to the Scottish people as the cynical ploy it always was.

The biggest landslide in Scottish electoral history resulted in 56 SNP members being returned, leaving the other parties with a single seat each.

Yet the lesson of the ref-

erendum has still not been learned in London. All but two of Scotland's MPs oppose Trident, yet the new trident is coming with vast sums of money already being spent.

All but one of Scotland's MPs opposes draconian welfare reform that is penalising the poor and the disabled, yet these cruel procedures are being accelerated.

Real democracy is still in deficit in Scotland and the Scottish people have woken up to that fact.

Polls are now beginning to show a shift that may produce a majority for independence at any future referendum.

The Scottish parliament elections next year will give Scotland another opportunity to strengthen its hand against the depredations of an unelected Conservative government and will offer those living here a radical, achievable manifesto which will continue and build on the good work done over nine years of SNP government since 2007.

The referendum energised Scotland. What appeared to be a defeat on September 19 has become a springboard for greater success as we approach the Scottish parliament elections of May 2016.

Mike Russell MSP
Dunoon

Build suitable homes in Tarbert

Sir,
How refreshing it is to see, in a recent edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, that the recent intake of P1 pupils at Tarbert Academy numbered 16. This is in contrast to previous years, where numbers have been falling.

If Tarbert is to sustain this level of school intake, then we need suitable housing for all, and housing associations have a duty to provide such housing.

The availability of three and four-bedroom homes in Tarbert is non-existent, and ACHA and Fyne Homes should act on this immediately.

Many of the current homes in Tarbert owned by ACHA fall short of a tolerable standard - yet the only solution they can come up with is to offer alternative accommodation in Ardrishaig or Lochgilthead.

The families in Tarbert who require larger accommodation do not wish to relocate elsewhere.

Please acknowledge this fact and provide Tarbert with suitable homes that are fit for purpose.

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Royal National Mòd returns to Oban

THE ROYAL National Mòd will begin in Oban with a homecoming show by Karen Matheson and Donald Shaw who formed Capercal-

lie in the town over 30 years ago. The Mòd runs from October 9 - 17 and will see competitors and spectators flock to Oban

for one of the most important events in Gaelic culture's calendar.

Karen Matheson said: 'Traditional Scottish music has been part of my whole life and, as a kid, I even took part in The Royal National Mòd, so to have it return to my hometown of Oban is really exciting.'

'I was thrilled to be asked to take part in the opening ceremony with Donald and other terrific acts. The Mòd festival line-up looks amazing and it's wonderful that there is still such a thirst for traditional and Gaelic music in Scotland'

John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, the Mòd's parent company, said: 'We're thrilled to be returning to Oban for the first time in six years. Competition is the heart of the Mòd and we have had substantial entries this year. The Fringe also means we can bring Gaelic culture to a new audience, Gaels and non-Gaels together and celebrate talented musicians from around the world with our exciting programme of events. We're delighted to have secured Donald and Karen to open this year's event - it's not to be missed.'



Ross McLeish, 14, gets in some practice for the Mòd by playing for Highland dancers.



The new website covers Ardfern, Lunga and Craobh

New website for Craignish

A NEW website has been created for visitors and locals to find out all about the Craignish peninsula.

Craignish.info was designed and built by Laura Neville and Tiziana Tedoldi with funding from Craignish Community Company.

Tiziana said: 'Like lots of rural communities across Scotland, Craignish

has a huge amount to offer the visitor, but it can take quite a while to find the best places to go to and things to do.'

The website takes in Ardfern, Lunga and Craobh and has information on local walks and what flora and fauna you might see as well as offering information on where to stay and what events are on.



The boards will be put on show in the woodland 08_a38blarbuie02

Picnic at Blarbuie to celebrate success

ARTISTS and others involved with Blarbuie woodland met on Wednesday September 9 to have a picnic.

The artists have recently finished work on five art installations that will be on display in the woodland. Some have been done themselves and some with the help

of community groups involved with the woodland.

Celebrating They were also celebrating the success of the book *Up The Brae* which tells the story of the Argyll and Bute Hospital. It has sold out and will soon be reprinted.



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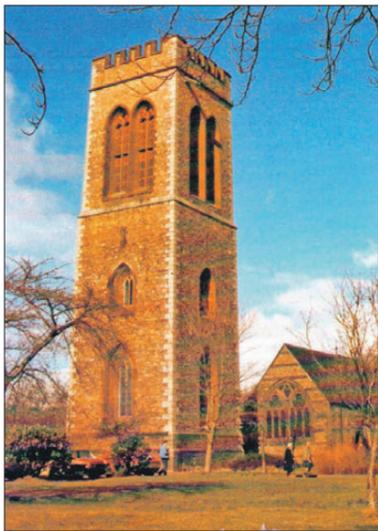
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Doors open day set for success across Argyll

DOORS Open Day will be held on September 25 and 26 and 14 places in Argyll are participating.

This allows people to take a peak in places that are usually closed to the public and learn about what happens there.

Local places taking place include Tarbert Castle, Inveraray Bell Tower and Inveraray Parish Church. There is also a chance to look at the Duke of Argyll's archive papers at Inveraray



Inveraray bell tower will be opening its doors

Castle. Guided tours will take place at 2pm and 3.30pm on September 26 and will be led by archivist, Ishbel MacKinnon. Visitors can also find out about Friends of the Argyll papers which was set up in December 2014 to promote the use of the Argyll archive.

The archive has been described as one of the most important private archives in Britain and has historical information from as far back as the 13th century.

Argyll has not participated in the doors open day for some years and it is due to the South Kintyre Development Trust that it is participating this year.

South Kintyre Development Trust manager Zena Coffield said: 'We are delighted to have brought Doors Open Day back to Argyll after an absence of several years. As this is the first time we have co-ordinated the event, our programme has a distinct Kintyre flavour. We hope it will entice visitors to explore the peninsula, stopping off at other places of interest along the way. The Doors Open Day theme this year is industry, innovation and architecture and our programme fills this brief with a diverse collection of venues representing distilling, wind energy, recycling, commerce, architecture and community enterprise.'



The Mòd Factor - left to right, Lochgilphead pupils, Brodie, Tiegan, Calum, Abbie, Molly, Cara and Holly.

Mull Mòd success for young singers

MID Argyll youngsters came back from last Friday's Mull Mòd with plenty of prizes.

The event, known as Mòd Ionadach na Dreòlluinn, encourages the use and development of the Gaelic language and music through voice, choral, oral and instrumental competitions.

Seven young singers from

Lochgilphead High School travelled to Tobermory to compete.

Recognising the pupils' achievements, the school's Facebook page read: 'Holly Renton, Cara Blyth, Molly Blyth, Abbie Williams, Calum MacDonal, Tiegan Holroyd and Brodie Crawford took part in various categories at the event with them

all securing places on the score board.

'Holly Renton and Cara Blyth achieved first place in the 13 - 18 category with their duet while Tiegan Holroyd also won first place with her solo.

'We congratulate all the pupils who took part on their achievements.'

Blood donations sought

THE SCOTTISH National Blood Transfusion Service will be inviting people to give blood in Lochgilphead later this month.

Those who can donate blood are encouraged to go to the Community Centre on Wednesday, September 23, between 2.30 and 3.45pm and 5.15 to 7.30pm.

Beautiful Scotland awards

BUTE in Bloom won the gold medal for the coastal town category and the Rosebowl overall award at the recent Beautiful Scotland awards run by Keep Scotland Tidy. The Rosebowl takes into account horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation.

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Cyclists smash fundraising target

Amazing support for charity event team

SEVEN Lochgilphead cyclists who took part in the Pedal For Scotland Glasgow to Edinburgh cycle for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust completed their cycle and smashed their fundraising target.

Thomas and Lauren Welch, Hannah Parker, Emily and Graeme MacPherson, Katy Donald and Danny Nichol took part in the 56 mile cycle from Glasgow Green to Murrayfield on September 6.

Thomas, who has Cystic Fibrosis, said: 'It was really tough. I would never have managed to complete the challenge without

my incredible friends and wife. We have been deeply touched by everyone's generosity which helped push us through the pain barrier and make it to the finish line.'

Lauren added: 'I can't explain how proud we all are of Thomas. We have witnessed him facing this challenge with absolute courage and determination.'

They had aimed to raise £1,000 but there has been such widespread support they now hope to raise £3,000 which includes £500 from the Bank of Scotland.



The cyclists at the finish line at Murrayfield. a38cycle01

SWI reveals survey findings

A SURVEY for the Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) found that all respondents from Argyll and Bute had sewn on a button and baked a cake.

It also showed that women around Scotland would most like to learn a foreign language or a musical instrument.

Many would also like to learn DIY and how to drive - not the kind of skills you would usually associate with the SWI.

As part of a re-brand, the SWI asked 1,000 women from all across Scotland about what skills they had and what they would most want to learn.



Refit to extend frigate's lifespan

HMS ARGYLL, left, one of the Royal Navy's 13 Duke-class frigates, is undergoing a refit that will extend her operational life to more than 30 years.

Originally designed for an 18-year service life, the Type-23 frigate - now

24 years old - is being upgraded at Devonport dockyard.

HMS Argyll will be the first of her class to receive a brand new air defence system and will return to sea in 2017, serving through to 2023.

Victoria reigns in the bake-off



The sponge-lined Charlotte Russe.

THE six remaining contestants turned the clocks back to Victorian-style baking in this week's episode of the Great British Bake Off.

On Wednesday, they revived skills and techniques of old starting with game pie as the signature challenge.

Hot water pastry is the original type used to make a raised pie, where the warm dough was moulded by hand to form the outer case of the pie - a method not often used today - explains the SWI's Catherine Smith, Argyll federation chairman from Kilmichael Glassary institute.

'A shortcrust pastry mixed with egg would be my choice, giving a more robust dough for lining the tin or mould,' she said.

'The game selection - venison, pheasant, rabbit, hare etc - should be trimmed and cut into small pieces - ideally marinated in port overnight,

although this was not possible for our time-challenged bakers.

'It's important to have a well-filled pie, slightly raised in the centre to allow for glazing and decorating.'

The technical challenge was a decorated fruit cake in the form of a tennis court, and while each of the elements - fruit cake, marzipan, sugar paste and royal icing - are individually easily achievable, time constraints made it very difficult.

'The fruit cake, baked in a shallow tin, needs to be made full speed ahead, to allow time for cooling and decorating,' explained Catherine.

She added: 'Marzipan is important for covering the cake to give a smooth surface for icing. Apricot glaze is used to brush the cake so that the marzipan sticks. Sugar paste, also known as fondant icing, gives a smooth, well-covered cake ready for dec-

orating. This is easy to make using a food processor and excellent for moulding and creating the "Andy Murrays".'

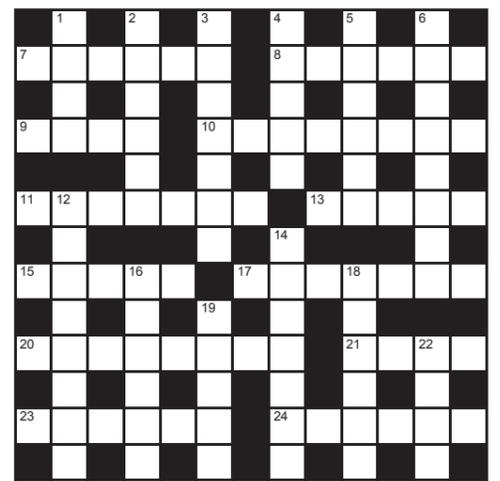
'Royal icing is more time-consuming to make to achieve the perfectly smooth, glossy consistency for piping. It's best made by hand to avoid beating in air which will form bubbles in the icing.'

Charlotte Russe was the showstopper and Catherine explained how this is made.

'The bavarois cream filling, usually a creme anglaise, combined with whipped cream, flavoured and set with gelatine, should be made first and cooled ready for completing the Russe. Sponge fingers - split - with edges dipped in jelly, line the tin or mould on a thin layer of jelly, before being chilled.'

Catherine warned: 'Filled Russe needs time to set. Prepare decorations while this is happening.'

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 7 Hindu festival of lights (6)
- 8 Extremely small being (6)
- 9 Watered-down (4)
- 10 Uncalled for (8)
- 11 Loving word to call the dog? (3,4)
- 13 Hard to pin down (5)
- 15 Spacious (5)
- 17 Cause to rot (7)
- 20 A cloth tissue (8)
- 21 Stain (4)
- 23 Established procedure (6)
- 24 Shoddy (6)

Down

- 1 In the forefront (8)
- 2 Rwandan people (5)
- 4 Scottish affirmative (3)
- 5 Where one would clothe oneself (8,4)
- 6 Microorganisms in the use of degrading oils (shortened) (7)
- 7 Abandon the potting one? (4)
- 8 Done deal (4,8)
- 12 Increase a bill (3-2)
- 13 Animal leader? (8)
- 15 Do not attend when meant to (4,3)
- 19 Contains the largest muscle in the human body (5)
- 20 Bowl over (4)
- 22 None (3)

Last week's solution



For more details of how to find your nearest SWI institute, or advice on how to set up a new one, visit www.theswi.org.uk or go to the Scottish Women's Institute's Facebook page.

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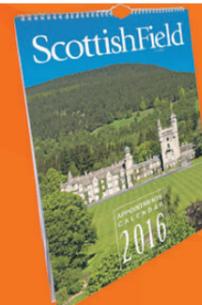
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TARBERT Music Festival will take place around the town this weekend, September 18-20.

The festival starts on Friday at 9pm with the Islay Frigate Hotel having music by Oh Na Ni and Tarbert Hotel hosting Dr Hip and the Blues Operation. 2 Bob Rocket will play in the Anchor Hotel.

On Saturday there is a full day of music and events planned with a coffee morning kicking things off at Templars Hall from 10am and organisers would be grateful for any donations of home baking.

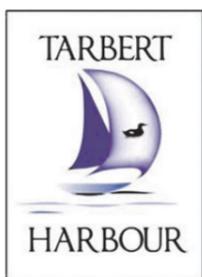
There's various session throughout the weekend with Cousin Halifax stating the day off at the Anchor Hotel at 12pm and the Skunnered playing in the Tarbert Hotel at 3.30pm. Oh Na Ni will be at the Amenities Marquee from 2pm. For any musicians wanting to join in there will be a jam session at Stonefield Farms Cafe from 1pm until 3pm. Other impromptu sessions are encouraged throughout the weekend.

There will be music in which ever pub you choose on Saturday night. In the Islay Frigate The Keelies will be playing with Mudslide bringing some blues to the Amenities Marquee. The Lush Puppies will be entertaining in Tarbert Hotel and 2 Bob Rocket will be returning to the Anchor Hotel.

On Sunday there is the traditional concert at the Quay with local legends The Democrats performing. Traditional Folk band Skippinish will be making their first trip to Tarbert to perform on the quay. There will also be food available to enjoy while watching the bands. There is also expected to be music in the local pubs on Sunday night to finish off the festival.

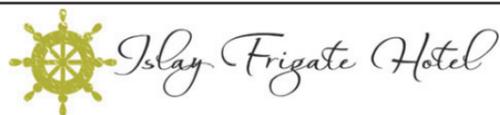
There are Tarbert Music Festival t-shirts available for sale at £10 each. They're available from festival venues including The Corner House, Islay Frigate Hotel and Tarbert Hotel. All proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to festival funds.

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Petition bid to reinstate flagging Scottish flag

SAILOR George McKenzie is calling for the return of the distinctive Scottish red ensign to vessels from these shores.

Mr McKenzie, from the Isle of Bute, lodged a petition with the Scottish Parliament in July to '... urge the Scottish government to seek a warrant from the UK government ... for the re-introduction of the Scottish red ensign as an informal or voluntary ensign for Scottish vessels'.

On a visit to Inveraray last Monday, the Scottish Parliament public petitions committee heard him state his case. Giving evidence at the

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Inveraray Inn (formerly the Argyll Hotel), he said: 'The Scottish red ensign is technically il-



The Scottish red ensign depicted in a Dutch book of flags dating from before the 1707 Act of Union.

legal, as an 'improper' ensign under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

'This petition does not seek to replace or supersede the red ensign, but to give people the option of legally using the Scottish ensign if they wish to.'

The Scottish red ensign was in use by Scotland's merchant vessels until the red ensign with the union flag was approved by Queen Anne a few years after the union of 1707. However, it was not immediately superseded at this time and continued to be

flown by Scottish vessels for many years after this date. The red ensign itself did not become the flag of the British merchant fleet until 1864, when all the ships of the Royal Navy moved to the white ensign, until then they flew the red, white and blue ensigns depending upon their station in the world.

'In recent years, flag etiquette amongst leisure and small vessels around our coasts has deteriorated to the extent that, on any day at sea, you will see yachts and fishing vessels flying the red ensign, the Scottish red ensign, the saltire, the royal standard or the skull and crossbones,' Mr McKenzie continued.

Mr McKenzie believes the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 specifies that the matter is a decision of the 'Queen in council or of the secretary of state'.

He posed the question: 'If this petition is endorsed, as a member of the privy council would our First Minister not be in a position to have the matter taken forward



The familiar, and legal, red ensign was commonly seen in Tarbert last week. 06_a38ensign01

as a matter for discussion by the Privy Council with a subsequent recommendation to Her Majesty?

'Over the last 25 years I've noticed an increase in vessels flying the Scottish red ensign.

'We're prone to forget just what a proud maritime nation Scotland once was, and this would help enhance our maritime identity.'



The flag of the Celtic nations - seen on more than one yacht in Tarbert harbour - with the lion rampant alongside. 06_a38ensign03

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser mentioned yachtsman said that they would use the Scottish version, given the chance. What was apparent was that 'flag etiquette' referred to by George McKenzie does seem to have gone out the porthole to some extent. All sorts of flags were seen fluttering in the breeze, but not a single Scottish red ensign.

None of the sailors were actually flying the Scottish red ensign during our visit, though all but the afore-

mentioned yachtsman said that they would use the Scottish version, given the chance. What was apparent was that 'flag etiquette' referred to by George McKenzie does seem to have gone out the porthole to some extent. All sorts of flags were seen fluttering in the breeze, but not a single Scottish red ensign.

Would you like to legally use the Scottish red ensign on your vessel? Let us know by calling 01546 602345 or emailing editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.



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A lot of love around Tinkers' Heart

WHILE in Argyll on Monday September 7, the Scottish Parliament public petitions committee visited the subject of a petition dealt with earlier this year.

The Tinkers' Heart has been declared a site of historical significance following a campaign taken forward by the petitions committee.

The site is comprised of a pattern of quartz stones which was laid at the crossroads of a Cowal highway at a point in time lost in history.

Now in a field beside the A815 Strachur-Cairndow route near the junction with the Hell's Glen road, years of cattle grazing at the site had meant the monument was in danger of being lost.

A petition was submitted to the public peti-

tions committee by Jess Smith asking for more to be done to save the monument.

Historic Scotland has now written to the committee to confirm the site will be declared a monument of national importance.

The letter also sets out the vision for the preservation and maintenance of the site.

Jess Smith and her husband joined the committee at the heart in Argyll sunshine, saying a few words before being accorded a round of applause by the group.

Speaking afterwards, Michael Russell MSP said: 'What we now need to look at is better parking, improved signs and a campaign to raise awareness of this unique cultural site here in Argyll.'



Jess Smith and David Torrance MSP, vice convener of the petitions committee, at the Tinkers' Heart. 06_a37petitions09

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Littleport wins Weir trophy in big show and sale at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its annual show and sale of blackface wedder lambs on Saturday, September 12, alongside a sale of crossbred lambs and feeding sheep.

An entry of 8,876 of all classes of lambs and sheep met with a sound trade from a strong force of buyers who travelled to Argyll from throughout the country. Responsibility for judging the pens of 50-plus blackface wedder lambs was in the hands of Charlie Proctor, Mains of Tollo, Turriff, and he decided on the following placings: 1, and the James Weir Memorial Trophy, Messrs MacLarty, Littleport with 75 lambs weighing 30.4 kg which sold for £50 to the judge; 2, Tayvallich Estate with 51 lambs weighing 35.9 kg selling for £53 to Messrs Reid, South Park House, Perth; 3, Mrs K Men-

zies, Corrylorn with 65 lambs weighing 33.7 kg, which sold for £51.50 to Mr W Cameron, Keith.

Overall, the entire entry of lambs levelled out at £41.17 against £42.71 at the corresponding sale last year.

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Lambs Blackface: £55.00 - Achnaba: £53.00 - Clachan Farms and Tayvallich Estates: £52.50 - Lephinkill: £51.50 - Corrylorn: £50.50 - Glenfeochan Estate: £50.00 - Fearnoch and Littleport: £49.00 - Scallasaig, Colonsay: £48.00 - Glenreisdale Cottage, Brackley, Clachan Farms and Laigh Balernock: £47.50 - Corrylorn: £47.00 - Garrogie Estate, Inerlair, Ederline Estate and Achnaba: £46.50 - Ormsary Farmers, Ronachan Farms and Bragleenbeg: £46.00 - Innisaig: £45.50 - Tayvallich Estates: £45.00 - Pitcastle Estate: £44.50 - Bragleenmore, Lurignish and Luss Estate: £44.00 - Tayvallich Estates, Lephinkill, Cluaran Croft and Castles Estate: £43.50 - Acharonich, Carse Estate, Fearnoch and Drumachar: £43.00 - Glenshellach, Cuilaine: £42.00 - High Carse, Clachan Farms, Keilator and Drissaig: £41.50 - Garraon and Melfort Farms, Stroneskar and Dunmore and Carsaig Estates: £41.00 - Musdale, Castles Estate and Achalic: £40.50 - Couston Farm and Caddleton Farms: £40.00 - Killundine Estate, Ardachy, Tur-

nault, Inerlair and Dunans.

Suffolk cross: £56.00 - AchaBheinn: £55.00 - Blarmfoldach, Drimmin Estate and Baluacrach.

Texel cross: £66.00 - Cour Grazings: £64.00 and £60.50 - Baligarve Croft, Lismore: £60.00 and £59.50 - Cour Grazings: £59.00 - AchaBheinn: £57.00 - Baligarve Croft: £55.50 - 2 Keil Croft.

Charollais cross: £53.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft: £48.00 - Achuaran, Lismore: £46.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft.

Cheviot cross: £60.50 & £59.00 - Cairnbaan, Benderloch: £54.00 - Kingairloch Estate: £52.00 - Bonawe Home Farm: £51.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft: £49.50 - Kingairloch Estate: £49.00 - 111 Borve, Barra, Keppochan: £49.00, £48.50 & £46.00 - Bonawe Home Farm.

Cross: £51.50 - High Balantyre: £49.00 - Brackley: £48.00 - Keilbeg: £47.00 - AchaBheinn.

Mules: £51.00 - Achalic: £46.50 - Glenshellach: £46.00 - Achalic: £45.00 - Gararron & Melfort Farms.

Ewes -Texel cross: £72.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft.

Cheviot cross: £49.00 - Bourachbeg: £48.00 - Bonawe Home Farm & 2 Bonawe Croft.

Cross: £54.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft. Blackface: £44.00 - Cluaran Croft & Invermahyle.

Top prices per kilo - Blackface: 166p - Corrylorn: 165p - Bragleenbeg: 164p - Littleport and Brackley: 159p - Garrogie Estate: 157p - Ronnachan Farms: 156p - Ederline Estate, Couston Farm and Ormsary Farmers: 155p - Gararron and Melfort Farms:



Allan Bowie, NFUS President, congratulates first prizewinner, Ian MacLarty, with UA auctioneer, Peter Wood, judge Charlie Proctor and Robert MacLarty.

154p - Achnaba, Fearnoch, Dunmore and Carsaig: 153p - Glenfeochan Estate, Ederline Estate Corrylorn: 152p - Carse Estate: 151p - Lurignish, Clachan Farms and Scallasaig, Colonsay: 150p - High Carse, Acharonich, Glenreisdale, Fearnoch and High Carse. Suffolk cross: 171p - Blarfaloch: 162p - Drumclach, Colon-

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head), Blackmount and Brenchoille: 166p - Brenchoille: 165p - Ederline Estate: 164p - Baligarve Croft: 163p - Kilmalieu: 161p - Brackley: 160p - Knockderry: 159p - 2 Bonawe Croft: 157p - Barachander and Barbreck: 155p - Inerlair and Barachander: 153p - Barachander: 152p - 2 Keil Crofts: 150p - Keppochan, Carse Estate

and Bonawe Home Farm. Charollais cross: 157p - Achuaran: 156p and 152p - 2 Bonawe Croft. Cheviot cross: 176p, 175p - Kingairloch Estate: 175p - Bonawe Home Farm: 164p - Blackmount: 163p - Maam Farm. Cross: 161p - High Balantyre Farm. Mule: 154p - Ardachuple.

Getting it right with cattle feeding workshop held in Fort William

THE first of a series of workshops run by SAC Consulting was held recently near Fort William at Malcolm Cameron's Strone Farm, with over 40 farmers attending.

At the meeting, Gavin Hill, Robert Gilchrist, QMS knowledge transfer specialist, and Karen Stewart, nutrition specialist with SAC Consulting, addressed key issues along with local vets.

Contaminated

Karen Stewart said: 'Many cows in this area are out-wintered, and while the silage might look fine, results so far have shown that it can be low in protein, energy or even contaminated with soil due to harvesting in wet conditions.' 'It's too late to dis-

cover at Christmas time that cows are too thin. It is better to supplement with draff or concentrate feeding from the start of the winter if silage is either poor quality or in short supply.'

Gavin Hill added: 'The winter of 2014/2015 will have been expensive for many with cattle housed for seven to eight months and any surplus forage used up.'

'We could be faced with another expensive winter, so farms do not want to be carrying passengers. Cows should be pregnancy-diagnosed as soon as possible to allow management decisions to be made regarding any barren cows.'

'Where forage stocks are low, and not the quality targeted, careful

calculations need to be undertaken to look at the costs of feeding store/finishing cattle which will allow decisions to be taken regarding selling or keeping stock.'

Poor weather

The management of bulls was also discussed and the fact that they will also have suffered from the poor weather this year, especially if they were bought at the spring sales, was highlighted.

'Too often, well-fed bulls bought at a market are taken home and expected to thrive on a forage-based diet,' explained Mr Hill.

'Sudden changes in their nutrition can affect not only their weight, but also their temperament, fertility and li-

bido.' He recommends an adjustment period of two to three months between purchasing a bull and putting him out with cows and, in that time, get him used to his new surroundings, socialise him with other livestock and gradually change him from a cereal to a forage-based diet.

Investment

He said: 'A bull is usually a considerable investment for the farmer, so it is important he gets the most out of him by slowly adjusting his feeding and also allowing him to exercise so he is fit enough to work.'

The workshops are funded by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) with support from the Scottish Government advisory activity.

Hill farming's future in the spotlight

THE future of hill farming is in your hands.

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With returns from hill farming under pressure, the conference will be looking at the future of this important sector of Scottish agriculture, with farmers and crofters joined by policy-makers and funders to explore the opportunities for sheep and cattle producers.

The conference will open with a half-day of farm visits including the Hill and Mountain Research Centre, Kirkton and Auchtertyre Farms near Crianlarich.

The second day will be held at the Scottish Ma-

rine Institute, Dunstaffnage, Oban. Speakers will include Jonnie Hall, NFU Scotland Director of Policy, who will outline what the changes to Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support mean for hill farmers.

Speaking ahead of the event, John Semple, NFU Scotland Regional Board chairman said: 'Hill farming is facing challenging times, with many hill farmers and crofters concerned what the implementation of the new CAP will mean for their businesses in the face of continuing

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Skipinnish got the crowd going on Saturday 08_a38bowfest14



Joe Johnson travelled from Bristol for his first Scottish gig 08_a38Bowfest05



Report and photos by EALA MACALISTER
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Popular band, Skerryvore, brought the festival to a cl

BoW Fes Inveraray

THIS year's Best of the West Festival at Inveraray Castle was a huge success with hundreds enjoying the food, drink and music on offer.

The rain on Saturday did little to dampen the enthusiasm of adults and children alike. Music by the likes of Have Mercy Las Vegas in the Whisky tent and local bands, Heron Valley and the Camans, kept everyone entertained.

For those in need of some energy before dancing to Skipinnish and the Peatbog Faeries, the Food From Argyll tent was the place to be with a wide variety of food from lamb and venison burgers from Shellfield farm and Winston Churchill venison to

Loch Fyne oysters and other seafood from Inverawe Smokehouse.

If that wasn't enough, the Inveraray Castle tearoom had a wide variety of cakes on offer and Bumble Puddings had sticky toffee pudding and brownies available. Real MacKay stovies had stovies and steak pie while J R Fyne foods had a selection of cheeses on offer.

Skipinnish were introduced by the Duke of Argyll and he and the Duchess appeared to have a great weekend hosting the festival.

From the second Skipinnish launched into Land Below the Waves, they had the festival dancing and cheering. Their mix of tradition-



The Shiverin' Sheiks were upstaged by Ailsa and Isla dancing with a beaver. 08_a37bowfest30

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al tunes and original songs, often written by accordionist, Angus MacPhail, and sung by Robert Robertson, never disappoints.

They had the crowd singing along particularly to their new single, The Island, and the encore, Walking on the Waves.

Joe Johnson had travelled all the way from Bristol to play at the festival which was his first gig in Scotland.

To make the long trip worthwhile he played a set on both days. His self-styled 'gypsy hip-hop swing' is sure to have made him some new fans. From the stage he said: 'You're all really nice up here. Maybe I should move.'

Shiverin' Sheikhs added

some rockabilly to the festival and the crowd slowly began to get to its feet.

By the time Dr Hip and the Blues Operation began, the dancing was in full swing with line dancing breaking out during some songs. They even had the audience providing the percussion section by the end. To close the festival, Skerryvore took to the stage. Beginning with Rox Revival they succeed in keeping the crowd energised. They are celebrating a decade since getting together, and the set spanned the back catalogue from their beginnings as a ceilidh band to their new song, Happy to be Home, which they recorded with Sharon Shannon this year.



The chicken entertained the kids on a sunny Sunday 08_38bowfest26



Have Mercy Las Vegas were joined by a new member 08_a38Bowfest01



Saturday's showers didn't dampen the enthusiasm of friends Kirsten, Jackie and Maria 08_a38Bowfest09

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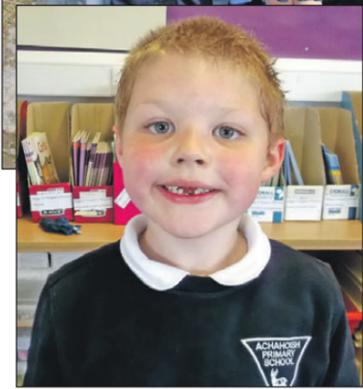
Mid Argyll primary ones in the picture

MORE photographs of the new primary one classes from around the region, all looking very smart in their new school uniforms.

Ardrishaig



Fourteen new P1 children - having fun at Ardrishaig. 06_a38p1ardrishaig02



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Lochgilphead



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New Ardrishaig pre-school unit opens

ARDRISHAIG Primary School's early learning and family centre has opened for its first-ever intake of children.

The new purpose-built unit, designed as an extension to the existing primary school, was under threat in the summer when

main contractor, Stewart McNee (Dunoon) Ltd, suddenly entered administration.

Local firms stepped in to complete the work, and the centre has been open now for almost three weeks.

A spokesperson for Argyll and

Bute Council said: "We are delighted the work has been completed and the centre is now open.

"The post of early learning and child care worker in Gaelic has been advertised and we are currently going through the recruitment process."



Pictured earlier this week, the children appear very happy in their new surroundings

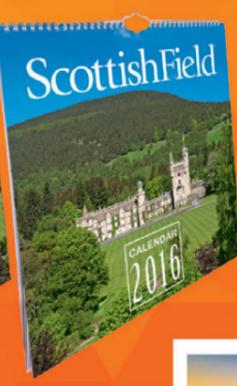
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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02413/PP	Installation of external plant and erection of fencing	Co Op Supermarket Oban Road Lochgilthead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NE	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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15/02418/PP	Erection of detached garage	Low Drumore Bellochantuy Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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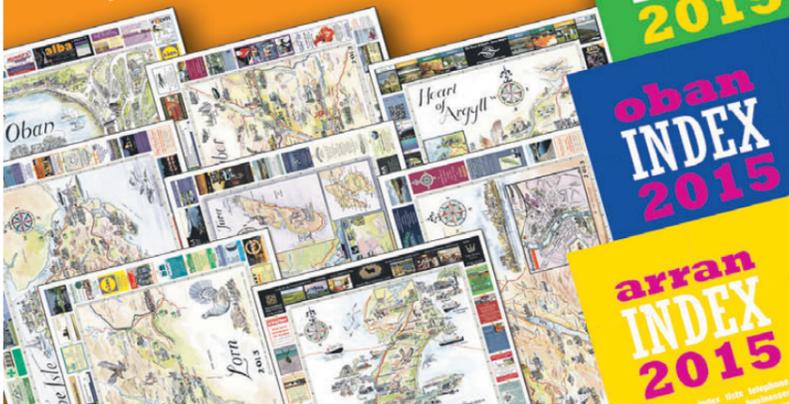
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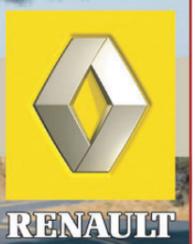
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HE WAS languishing lazily in a clear blue sky high above us on the Shildaig peninsula.

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We were thrilled to catch sight of this bird amidst the towering mountains of Wester Ross.

The next day we were walking with our collies through a woody glen when, amidst the heather, we noticed the most beautiful caterpillar.

She was green with black hoops dotted with yellow spots.

We had no idea what type of caterpillar this was until we consulted our book.

There was no doubt that this was an emperor moth caterpillar and will grow into one of the most impressive moths in Britain.

I thought of the contrast of creatures from the previous day's sighting of an eagle high above us, to this small creature creeping carefully by our feet below us.

How fortunate we are to be surrounded by such a wonderful world full of 'creatures great and small'.

When we 'lift our eyes to the hills' we surely see the majesty of the mountains.

We can imagine the wonder of the eagle as he 'looks down from lofty mountain grandeur'.

And then, 'when through the woods and forest glades we wander', there are more creatures to enchant us, and our souls respond with a song of praise.

I am sure that most of us, whether of any religious persuasion or none, will stop and wonder at such sights.

INVERARAY

Coffee morning and children's bake off

A COFFEE morning and children's bake off will be held in Inveraray Church Hall on Saturday September 26 at 11am

There will be prizes for under 10, 11 to 13-year-olds and 13 to 16-year-olds.

Entry is £1 per child and £3 per adult and donations of home baking, bottles or raffle prizes would be appreciated.

The event is being held by the Inveraray and District branch of the Royal British Legion.

CRAIGNISH

Writers' event

CRAIGNISH Bookworms are to host a free event with poet, Liz Lochhead, journalist, Lesley Riddoch and novelist, Andrew Greig.

The event will take place in Craignish Village Hall on October 3 at 7.30pm.

The informal book club secured funding from the Scottish Book Trust, Craignish Village Hall and Craignish trust to host the event.

Tickets are required as numbers are limited. There will be a raffle and a licensed bar.

STRACHUR



The Hebridean Princess on Loch Fyne

Strachur halls host open weekend

STRACHUR Local History Society is having an open weekend on September 18 and 19.

The Friday event will run from 7pm to 9pm and the Saturday event from 10am to 4pm.

It can't promise you a cruise on the Hebride-

an Princess, but it can take you on a photographic cruise around Loch Fyne and offer you a dip into the history of the fishing, the ferries and the steamers which kept the loch-side communities alive in the past.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Bessie the Bus pays a visit to Lochgilphead

CHILDREN are being invited to visit Bessie the play talk and read bus which will be in Lorne Street, Lochgilphead between 2pm and 4pm on September 21.

There will be free songs, stories and

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK
 'I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy' (Psalm 142:1).

BIRTHS
RUDDER - On August 29, 2015, to Chris and Caroline, the gift of a daughter, Charlotte Grace. First grandchild for Hazel, and first great grandchild for Agnes Johnston.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCKEOWN - CLEMENTS
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, whilst on holiday in Peyia, Cyprus, on August 14, 2015, of Dominic to Tanya.

DEATHS
BAXTER - Suddenly at home, 7 Millers Park, Saddell, on September 3, 2015, David Nicholas Baxter, in his 40th year, much loved partner of Tara, loving daddy of Harland and Morgan-Faith, beloved son of Glyn and Trish, loving brother of Daniel and a much loved grandson of Joyce.
MCGOUGAN - Donald, passed away at Wishaw General Hospital, on September 8, 2015, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, much loved father of Nan, grandfather of Kelly-Anne, John, Jason and Alexander, and a much loved great grandfather. Nan and John would like to thank Irene and Alasdair for all their help and support over the years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
FINDLAY - Robert, Alison, Lorna and families would like to thank all family and friends for their support and kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and calls received following the recent sad loss of Barbara. Special thanks to the GPs, Glenaray Ward staff, district nurses, home care assistants, Marie Curie nurses and Macmillan nurse for their professional and dedicated care. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting service, to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald's for their outstanding service, to Isobel Soudan for beautiful floral display in the church, to John Summers for playing at the service, and to the Stag Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks to all who attended the church to pay their respects. The collection for Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support raised £760.
IVISON - Anne would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, support, phone calls, visits, cards, letters and flowers received following the recent passing of George. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, and members of

the external community care team for all their care, support and kindness shown. Special thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a most appropriate and uplifting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and caring arrangements. Finally, thank you to all who attended at crematorium to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a great distance. The retiral collection raised over £600 for the chosen charities.

MACINTYRE - The family of the late Angus MacIntyre would like to thank all friends and relatives for their kindness and support at this sad time. We would also like to express sincere thanks to Angus's care team, with a special mention to Maureen and Christine, the district nurses for their support, to the nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, Dr Phillips, Father David Connor for his friendship, support and comforting service, to Stan Lupton for funeral arrangements, the Stag Hotel for the excellent purvey and to everyone who attended the service.

MCALLISTER - Isabel, Sandra and Helen would like to thank friends and relatives for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards following the sad loss of their mum. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr Villalba, community nurses and all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission, to Kenneth Blair for his professional services, to the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and cemetery.

ROBERTSON - All the family of the late Robert Robertson (Bertie) would like to thank family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours for their support and kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, telephone calls and visits on the sudden passing of their dad. Thank you to ambulance boys and to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their care and personal attention in funeral arrangements. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Mr Gardner for music and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Finally, our thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside, and for the donations to the Gurkha UK Benevolent Fund, which raised £1,100.

SEDDON - The family of the late John Seddon would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink and all staff at Tarbert Medical Practice and to Sarah and all district nurses for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Ian Miller for his comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Coach house Inn for catering and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

STEWART - Kenneth, Raymond and family of the late George Stewart would like to thank all family and friends for their support and expressions of sympathy following the recent passing of their father. Grateful thanks for the care he received from all staff in Campbeltown Hospital and in the new Southern General Hospital. Thanks to Agnes Stewart for the lovely service, to Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services and the Ardshiel Hotel for their catering. Finally, thanks to all who attended the Highland Parish Church to pay their respects.

IN MEMORIAM
MACIVER - Annie. In loving memory of our mum, mother-in-law and nana, who sadly passed away on September 21, 2014. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.
 - Lena, Dougie and family. Sadly missed by all xxx.

MACIVER - In loving memory of Annie, cherished mother of Shona, nana to Kirstin, Hannah and Ian, great nana to Evan and Calum, passed away September 21, 2014. Gu Siorraidh nar Cridheachan.

MACIVER - Annie. In loving memory of our mum and nana, who passed away on September 21, 2014. I wish for nothing more Than just one more day For I would give it all Just to hear you say A thousand words won't bring you back I know because I've tried Neither will a thousand tears I know because I've cried. I know you'll always be with us Wherever we will go No-one needs to tell us We will always know I hope you'll watch over us And be our guiding light And give us the strength we need To win this endless fight. Miss you every day, Mum. - Karen x, Scoo x, Sophie x.

MACKINNON - Treasured memories of Peggy, who passed away on September 20, 1994. Much loved mum and granny. Always in our thoughts. - Annamarie, Allan and John.

MCSPORRAN - Alastair, dearly beloved husband of Christine, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and great uncle, who died September 18, 2013. Always in our hearts. - Christine.

SARGENT - In loving memory of my darling wife, Senga, died September 18, 2014. Although we're not together, We will never be apart, Because you have that special place, Right here within my heart. Always and forever. - Your loving husband, Roger.

SARGENT - Treasured memories of our mum, Senga, died September 18, 2014.

Mum, a year has passed since you went away, You fought so hard and tried to stay, We knew you needed rest, When God took you he took the very best. A daily wish that you were here, We wipe away a silent tear. We think about you every day, In our hearts you will always stay.
 - Senga, Billy, Roger and Heather.
 Granny, love and miss you more than words can say.
 - Sean, Darren, Ainsley, Katelyn and Lillyannah.
 Forever in our hearts, Granny.
 - Daniel, Brooke, Ryan, Greg and Kaylen.

SARGENT - Precious memories of a loving sister and auntie, Senga, taken from us on September 18, 2014. We know that you are far away Senga, you are loved and remembered every day.
 - Sister Sandra, Andy, nieces and nephews.

SARGENT - In loving memory of my sister, Senga, passed away September 18, 2014. With love to you dear sister You deserve eternal rest You cared so much for everyone And always did your best. - GaGa and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
 Sunday 20th September 2015
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
ALL WELCOME

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 YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:
 Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
 Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
 Minister: Rev. Robert Macleod
 Prayer Time
 Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 20th September
 Morning Worship
 Glassary 11.45 am
 Rev. C. Acklam
 All welcome
 SC0 02121

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 20th September
 The service will be conducted by Liz Kennedy and will be held in Church at 11.15am
 Harvest Lunch will be held in Kirk Street Hall after the service. Tickets are available at Numero Dix (£6)

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 20th September
 Service 11.15am
 Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
 Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 22nd September
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
 Boys Brigade
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm
 Junior Section 7.15pm
 Church Hall
Wednesday 23rd September
 Session Meeting
 New Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 24th September
 Choir 7.30pm
Friday 25th September
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
 Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
 01586 552046
Saturday 19th Sept
 10am - 12noon
 Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship
 Army Kidz
 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
 Lunch Club - 12.15pm
 Home League - 1.30pm
Wednesday
 Make and Munch Mob - 7.00pm
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 20th September
 11.00am Family Communion Service
 Mr Gordon Cosgrove
Tuesday 22nd September
 Weekly Coffee Morning
 From 10.00am
 Please note - No coffee morning on 29th September
Thursday 24th September
 12.15pm Prayer and Bible Study
 Please note new time
 For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 SC014646

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 20th September 2015
 11.00am
 Worship service for all ages followed by a light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "The return of God's glory to the temple"
Thursday 24th September 2015
 10.00am
 (please note change of time)
 Praise, Prayer and Sharing
All Welcome

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 20th September
 Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
 Holy Communion 10.45am
 All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

free church of scotland

 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 20th September
 11.15am Worship Service
 Calum Cameron
 2.00pm Explorer Club for all Primary school children
Wednesday 23rd September
 12.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
 2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
 11.00 am
 with Sunday school
 Refreshments after the service
mainly music
 10.00 - 11.30 am
 every Thursday (term time only)
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 Visit our Facebook page for more information
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

 We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
 SC043322

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 20th September 2015
 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 All Welcome
 Every Tuesday
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
 Every Wednesday
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
 All Welcome
 More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
 Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
 Saturday 5pm
 Fr. David Connor
 01546 602380
All Welcome
 (SC0002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Services
 Achahois at 9:45am
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
 Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays
 11.00 am Eucharist service
 4th Sunday of the month
 10am Mattins
 & 11am Eucharist Service
 Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin
 (SC031391)
 1st Sunday of the month
 9:00am Eucharist service
 3rd Sunday of the month
 6.00pm Evensong
All Saints, Inveraray
 (SC025646)
 Saturdays 5.30pm
 Eucharist Service
 Father Simon Mackenzie
 Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
 01546 602315

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 20th September 2015
 Skipness Service 10am
 Mr John Morrison
 Tarbert Service 11.30am
 Mr James McLellan
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
 on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
 Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
 Skipness SC004280

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 20th September at 3pm
 Harvest
 A time to be thankful for all the good things we have in our lives and a special opportunity to give thanks for our children and pray for God's blessing for them.
 A special family time followed by afternoon tea.
 Bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins... make it a special day for all the family!
(No morning Service)
 Tuesday
 Mainly music at 10am
 Friday Jumpstart
 From 10am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 20 September
 Tayvallich Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
 Rev. C. Acklam
 All welcome
 Enquiries 01546 606926
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

Happy birthday First Aid 4 Gambia

Argyll-based charity marks milestone

ON OFFER is a week for two in the winter heat of the west African country of Gambia, courtesy of Argyll-based charity First Aid 4 Gambia.

But this exciting raffle opportunity for fun in the sun will support a deadly serious programme of work in the country.

First Aid 4 Gambia is marking six years in existence by taking its important first aid training programme to 70 schools by the end of this year alone.

Founded by Inveraray man, Bill Nelson and his sister, Fiona, First Aid 4 Gambia is primarily a provider of education in first aid theory and techniques. The pair, born in Nigeria of British parents, were inspired to help following reports of the dire state of the Gambian primary health care system.

Bill said: 'Many deaths and infections could be prevented with basic up-to-date first aid knowledge and equipment. More than one million people in the Gambia rely on three dangerously overstretched government-run hospitals for their medical care.'

Offering targeted first aid training and equipment for staff and helpers at schools and nurseries, First Aid 4 Gambia provides life-saving training and equipment to those who need it the most.

Bill explained: 'We go to schools and nurseries around the country to provide training and supplies. Education is vitally important and, with knowledge comes confidence, and this takes away the fear factor.'

The demand for the charity's services shows



Even the most rudimentary first aid is desperately needed in Gambia

no sign of lessening. 'The need is there, and we could keep adding schools to our programme, but it's all down to finance,' added Bill.

To western eyes, the sums involved don't appear huge. Bill explained that £9,000

would fund the current year's programme of 70 schools.

He continued: 'When you think about it, that's just 60p per child, and that covers supplies and training for staff.'

First Aid 4 Gambia welcomes volunteers, with or without first aid

skills, and any donations would, of course, be welcomed by Bill Nelson and his team.

The raffle will be drawn on hogmanay.

Find out more about First Aid 4 Gambia and get your tickets via the charity's Facebook page.

Where Ruby's money went

AS AN illustration of where your donations to First Aid 4 Gambia actually go, we revisit the story of a kind-hearted Mid Argyll teenager.

Then aged 14, Ruby Bosomworth from Ormsary took on a swimming challenge in April 2014 in aid of the charity. The Lochgilphead High School pupil swam 400 lengths (five miles) of Mid Argyll Community Pool in less than four hours, raising a total of £1,300.

Bill Nelson outlined how the money was

spent: 'Ruby's money has funded our work in six schools, covering 1,227 children. In these schools, 58 members of staff were trained, and all schools were fully stocked. In addition, 61 final year students at Simma Vocational School were put through a course and received certificates.'

He added: 'Thanks again to Ruby, her family and everyone involved in her amazing feat. I hope this illustrates just how far the money can go.'



Flashback - Ruby with a special certificate on the completion of her swim in April 2014

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Awards turn the spotlight on young people's talents and achievements

ARGYLL and Bute Council will recognise the achievements and talents of young people at an awards ceremony in Oban on September 24.

The event will take place in the Phoenix Cinema and has eight different categories including arts, sport, unsung hero and volunteering.

A traditional music group

from Tarbert, Na Seudan Ur, is a finalist in the arts section.

Band member, Emma said: 'We're delighted to be short-listed for this award. We've all worked really hard over the past five or six years and it is great to receive recognition for this. We'd like to thank Dr Neil MacDonald and Susan Rhodes who have both men-

tored us brilliantly over the years and would like to thank all those throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre who supported us so much.'

The council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, Rory Colville, said: 'These awards are a wonderful way of raising the profile of our young people and high-

lighting the positive contributions that they make to our communities.'

'It is vital that the efforts of our young people are recognised and appreciation is given where it's deserved. All who have taken up the challenge and participated should be very proud of themselves and their achievements.'

Tarbert youngsters help celebrate wedding

TARBERT Academy early level class had a very exciting time last week.

One of the families had a wedding and everyone helped to celebrate it in style.

Throughout the week, children helped to plan for the wedding party, making decorations, baking a wedding cake, playing in the school's dressmaker's shop and practising dances and songs.

Older pupils in the

primary school also helped bake and decorate the cake.

A staff member said: 'We would like to thank the local community for their generous donations of dresses and props and the Bride and Groom for joining us to cut the cake at the party.'

'The class will be out and about in our local community, learning about people who help us, so look out for us in the near future.'



Having great fun while celebrating a wedding



Gambian schoolkids show their appreciation of Ruby's hard work and generosity

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Shinty news and views

First league title for ColGlen as Kyles keep winning

Marine Harvest Premiership

Kyles Athletic
THE CAMANACHD Cup finalists warmed up for this weekend's big match with a convincing win away to Fort William.

A quickfire start by the men in royal blue saw them race into a two goal lead within three minutes of Ron Kennedy's first whistle, thanks to strikes from Roddy MacDonald and Grant Irvine.

Fort hit back with a brace scored by Gordie MacKinnon to level matters by half-time.

Kyles rounded off a useful away victory with two late goals.

Grant Irvine fired home his second on 82 minutes before Dunky Kerr got a goal three minutes from time. The result keeps the pressure on Newtonmore at the top of the table, with the Cowal side a point behind the league leaders - but Newtonmore have a game in hand.

Inveraray
Fraser Watt scored a second half consolation for Inveraray at they slumped to a 4-1 defeat at the Dell, Kingussie.

The result leaves Aray rooted to the foot of the table and, with relegation rivals, Oban Camanachd, securing a point versus Kinlochshiel, the Fynesiders have just four games left to avoid the drop.

Marine Harvest South Division One

Inveraray
THE ROYAL Burgh's second string endured defeat on the Isle of Bute on Saturday, denting their title hopes. A single goal before half-time by Bute's James Craig was added to by three second-half strikes to leave Inveraray on the wrong end of a 4-0 loss.

Kyles Athletic
Kyles put a stop to a recent run of poor results with a thumping 6-1 home victory over league strugglers, Glenorchy. The visitors held Kyles to 1-1 at half-time, but the home side pulled away with five second-half goals to allow Kyles to leapfrog Taynuilt into sixth place in the league. Glenorchy remain bottom of south division one.

Kilmory
THE MID Argyll club remains second bottom of the division following Saturday's 2-0 defeat away to Oban Celtic.

A Lee Askew double either side of half-time was enough to secure the points for the Oban outfit, who remain on course to mount a serious title challenge.

Celtic sit just a point behind league leaders and local rivals Lochside Rovers, with five games each remaining.

It wasn't all bad news for Kilmory, however, as Strachur were docked another two points - the club's second such sanction of the season - for failing to field a team against Lochside in Oban, leaving Strachur just three points above Kilmory in the league with three games left.

South Division Two

THE BIG story of the day in south shinty was the league title victory by Col Glen.

In what is believed to be the Glendaruel-based club's first league title of any kind, they won south division two in style.

The Glen played local rivals Bute as they clinched the crown. Goals from Hamish Harrison (2), Connor Kennedy (3), Steven MacKellar (3) and a James Dunn own goal saw the Cowal club cruise to a 9-1 victory.



The British Dental Health Foundation is encouraging all young rugby players to wear a mouthguard.

Don't risk ending up toothless in the tackle

THE RUGBY World Cup kicks off this week, and the British Dental Health Foundation has taken a look at young players' on-field habits - finding that only a third of children are wearing mouthguards while playing rugby at school.

These results could indicate a lack of knowledge when it comes to the potential dangers to dental health that children have on the rugby pitch.

Chief executive of the British Dental Health Foundation, Dr Nigel Carter OBE, highlighted the importance of having the proper protection on the playing field: 'The Rugby World Cup is a fantastic occasion for Britain and also a fantastic arena for us to spread our safety message.'

'When you see your team run out on that pitch, every single one of them will be wearing a mouthguard,

they would think it crazy not to. We must take cues from other nations. New Zealand rugby saw a 43 per cent reduction in dental injuries after referees were given powers to ensure that all players wear them.

'Getting a child to wear a mouthguard should not prove difficult either, just point at their favourite player and they will be wearing one. As role models, rugby players are great advocates for mouthguards.'

'You can also get them in children's favourite team colours too, so they can support their team with pride when they next run on to the pitch.'

To find out more about your dental health contact the Dental Helpline on 01788 539 780 or submit your question online at www.dentalhealth.org/dental-helpline. You can also Tweet the team @dental_advice

SPOT THE BALL

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Memories spur on Kyles as they prepare for Lovat

OBAN is set to host one of the most intriguing Camanachd Cup Finals in recent years this weekend, as favourites Kyles Athletic take on Lovat.

Kyles are being viewed as warm favourites ahead of Saturday's SSE Hydro-sponsored showpiece at Mossfield, but complacency is unlikely to play a part in the Cowal side's approach to this match.

Losing the 2013 final to Newtonmore after entering the match as holders dented the Kyles players' belief, according to co-manager, James Perlich.

The 3-0 defeat at the hands of Newtonmore in

2013, and the manner of their undoing, still sits uneasily with the men from the Kyles of Bute and they are eager to put that memory to rest.

Perlich, now in his tenth year at the helm alongside ex-player and Tighnabraich farmer, Norman MacDonald, added: 'From winning the cup in 2012 against Inveraray to losing to Newtonmore, the players basically went from total elation and being on top of the world to hitting rock bottom.'

'They know which experience they'd rather have and what they want to avoid, so the boys will be very determined.'

Now the 21-times winners of the trophy have the perfect opportunity to erase some of that pain as they get ready to face Lovat in Saturday's highly anticipated 108th Camanachd Cup Final.

The last time these two faced each other in the Camanachd Cup Final in 1953, an all-conquering Lovat side ran out winners after a replay at King George V park in Fort William.

This year the underdog tag will be gratefully accepted by John MacRitchie's Lovat team, who can go into the match without the burden of expectation.

'Obviously, we have won two MacTavish

Cups as a group, but this is another step up entirely for us,' said manager MacRitchie, who played in the club's last Camanachd Cup semi final back in 1981.

'There is extra build-up and spotlight and Kyles have been accustomed to that while we haven't been. The key thing for us is that the players can relax. We need to play Kyles and not get carried away by playing the occasion.'

The 108th Camanachd Cup Final will be played at Mossfield Park this Saturday at 2.15 pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for concessions. Under 12s go free.



Kyles coach, James Perlich (left) and Lovat manager, John MacRitchie, meet ahead of the big day on Saturday Photo: Neil Paterson

News from Tarbert golf club

ON Friday, September 4, the final of the Cairns Christie competition took place between Keith MacTaggart and David Ronald, with both players enjoying the good condition of the course.

Keith got off to the perfect start, winning the first two holes to go two ahead. David, however, bounced back by winning the fourth, fifth and sixth to take a one hole lead and increased this to be two up at the turn.

Keith managed to pull one back, but David won three holes in a row to secure the match on the sixteenth by a four and two margin.

On the same evening, the President's final was

played between Iain Macalister and Bruce MacNab.

Just like the other final, Bruce took a two hole lead before Iain pulled one back at the fourth. The remaining holes were halved until the ninth when Bruce won this one to be two up at the turn. Iain won the eleventh and thirteenth to bring the game back to all square.

Bruce had a birdie three at the fifteenth to go one up, but Iain immediately won the sixteenth and the last two holes were halved for the match to finish all square.

Both players agreed to meet again on Friday, September 11, to set-

tle the match. Birdies at the second and fifth put Bruce two up, he then won the sixth and ninth to be 4 up at the turn.

Iain rallied in the second nine by winning the tenth and twelfth to reduce the deficit to two holes. However, Bruce won the next three holes to clinch the trophy.

Earlier in the season, the Fyne Tankard ended in a tie, with Keith Blair and Iain Johnstone jnr playing in a stroke play format over 18 holes. In what was a very tight match Iain's net 62 won him the trophy over Keith's net 64.

The foursome double final takes place this week when David Ronald and Jim Brownlie take on Malcom McAlpine and Gordon McCaffery. This Saturday, the Tarbert members head overseas to Islay when the take on Islay Golf Club in the second leg of the Dougie MacKinnon memorial trophy.

Dookers dump Duncanrig at Cil Andreis

TARBERT AFC welcomed Duncanrig to Cil Andreis on Saturday, September 12, with both teams sitting in mid-table after one win and one defeat from their first two games.

The Dookers have become formidable opponents on their own patch recently, winning ten of their last eleven league encounters, and went into the game in confident mood.

Manager Prentice once again had a strong squad to choose from, with MacIver returning and new recruit, Blair Mackay, also available. The Dookers started the game intent on giving the away side no time on the ball, however they lost possession on the half-way line.

Duncanrig countered at pace and, when Martin couldn't hold a low effort, the striker was on hand to finish from close range. Despite the setback, Tarbert continued

Tarbert	6
Duncanrig	4
DFDL Under 16 League	

to probe, and were almost level when a Prentice cutback found Guy, however his effort was superbly saved by the keeper.

The home side finally managed to equalise when Prentice turned in the box and fired a low effort into the corner. The second followed shortly after and again Prentice was involved. His free kick found Meechan in the box who leapt like a salmon to bullet a header past the visiting keeper.

All Tarbert's hard work was undone only a minute after the restart when the Duncanrig captain ghosted into the box untracked and calmly slotted the ball into the corner.

The scoring wasn't done there and it was

the Dookers again who regained their advantage. Andrew Guy burst into the box and curled a great finish into the net.

The match reached half-time with the score at 3-2 to Tarbert.

The home side knew the game was there for the taking if they kept their concentration, and soon after the restart they were 4-2 ahead with Smyth reacting quickest to poke the ball home from a corner. Prentice then made it five to grab his second of the game.

With the game seemingly out of sight, Duncanrig were handed a lifeline when they were awarded a penalty for handball inside the penalty area. Up stepped the Rig midfielder to send the keeper the wrong way. The game was well and truly a contest again only minutes later, with the away side scoring again when given too much space in the box.

The Tarbert defence held firm and sealed the points with another counter attack in the final minutes, this time Prentice firing high into the net to seal his hat-trick and secure a valuable three points for the Dookers

Sports lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd Club winning lottery numbers are 2, 8 and 12. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £200.

Tarbert Football club lottery numbers are 2, 12 and 16. The jackpot next week is £200 as there were no winners this week.

Inveraray Shinty Club winning lottery numbers are 4, 9 and 17. There were no winning tickets and next week's jackpot is £900.

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