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Army reserve detachment planned for Lochgilphead?

By **COLIN CAMERON**
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THE BRITISH Army wants to put down fresh roots in Argyll – and Lochgilphead could be set for a brand new reserve army unit.

Both reservists – formerly known as territorial army – and regular army soldiers were on a recruitment drive last week in the town, but there is more to this than a one-off campaign.

At one time Argyll folk had strong links to the local regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the 8th Battalion in particular. For various reasons, this Argyll identity has diminished over the years.

Until now, that is. **Working closely**
 The local infantry reserve battalion is the 51st Highland, 7th Battalion Royal Reg-

iment of Scotland (7 SCOTS), with reservists working closely with regular battalion 4 SCOTS, the Highlanders.

Captain Tommy Blair of 7 SCOTS was part of the recruitment drive on Lochgilphead's front green last Thursday.

Reservists

He explained: 'What we would like to do is to create a detachment of reservists here in Lochgilphead, utilising the great facility that already exists in the drill hall.'

'We can offer flexibility for anyone who wants to join as a reservist, fitting in with work and study. With that in mind, we need to link in with Argyll College and talk to small businesses.'

'Argyll and Bute



Hands up for Trad in Tarbert . . .

The performers at Saturday's concert line up with Councillor Robin Currie, right, following a highly successful first ever Fèis an Tairbeirt. Much more on this – and the fantastic Tarbert Music Festival – on pages 16 and 17. 06_a39tarbmusic10

Council, too, needs to be involved, because this is all about allowing people to stay here in Argyll. That's money being spent here in the local economy.'

He added: 'What we are really talking about is starting a small business in Lochgilphead.'

Promoting

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council confirmed:

'Argyll and Bute Council provost Len Scoullar met with Captain Tommy Blair at Kilmory recently to discuss opportunities for

promoting service with the army reserve in the area. There will be a presentation by the army reserves at the next full meeting of the council on Thursday

INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

Off screen

The screen machine is off to France for repair, leaving Mid Argyll gone with the wind – but local heroes might ease cinema fans' pain.

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Close shave

A hardy Furnace woman is feeling the cold round her ears after a drastic haircut for a cause close to her heart.

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Priceless papers

A group dedicated to the Argyll Estates archive is ready to be launched in Inveraray.

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Oor Jolomo

John Lowrie Morrison plays a colourful role in the recent auctioning of imaginative Oor Wullie sculptures in Dundee.

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Triple the fun

Organisers have asked for plenty of support as the Mid Argyll Triathlon is held this Sunday.

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Theft from purse

CASH was removed from a purse left in a Tarbert shower cubicle last Saturday. Between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday September 17, a visitor to the area was at Tarbert Marina when she accidentally left her purse in the shower. She returned a short time later and found the purse, but money had been taken from it. Police inquiries continue to trace the person responsible for the theft.

Fell into harbour

AT AROUND 2.20am on Sunday Septem-

ber 18, a 24-year-old man fell into the water at Tarbert harbour. Emergency services attended, by which time he had managed to get himself out. He was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital for a check up but released shortly thereafter.

Driver had cannabis

JUST after midnight on Wednesday September 14, on the A816 just north of Lochgilphead, officers stopped a man driving a motor vehicle and noted a strong smell of cannabis coming from the car.

The 41-year-old driver was found to be in

possession of a small amount of herbal cannabis and was issued with a recorded police warning.

Speeding on A83

ON THE A83 just north of Tayinloan, a number of drivers were detected for driving offences on Friday September 16, including a man aged 33 who was found to be doing 73mph who has been reported for offences contrary to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Another motorist, a 50-year-old man, was driving at 90mph and has been reported for driving without due care and attention.

French connection sidelines cinema

THE SCREEN Machine will not be coming to Lochgilphead this weekend.

Planned dates in town between today (Friday) and Sunday September 25 have been called off after electrical problems with the vehicle.

The mobile cinema will be heading back to its manufacturer in France to have ongoing electrical problems thoroughly checked out.

A Screen Machine spokesperson wrote on Facebook: 'Unfortunately, this is the only course of action we can take if we are to offer the reliable service you have come to expect from us.'

'It does mean that our visits for the remainder of September and early October are cancelled.'

Anyone with tickets booked will be con-

tacted by email to arrange a refund.

The spokesperson added: 'We are re-scheduling at the moment, and hope to be able to visit most of you - with some great films - before the end of the year.'

'Apologies again for any disappointment and inconvenience that this has caused.' Other cancelled dates include Portavadie on Monday September 26, Brodick and Colonsay.

All is not lost for fans of the flicks, though - more on page 10.



A familiar sight on the West Coast will be missing for a while due to essential repairs in France.

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'Excellent' road works completed

ARGYLL and Bute Council has completed an £80,000 project to replace around 600 metres of the A816 between Kintraw Farm and Salachary, south of Ardfern.

Lochgilphead-based councillor Donnie MacMillan, vice-chairman of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee, said: 'This

is excellent news. Once again our roads team has completed an excellent piece of work in time and on budget. This is a top-quality piece of work and the new surface is superb.'

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No small beer as Tarbert almost runs out of cash

THE REPERCUSSIONS might have been severe in Tarbert last weekend.

The music festival was under way, revelers by the score were working up a fierce drouth – and this, of course, was the time the bank cash machine chose to keel over.

With the Bank of Scotland autoteller out of commission, pressure rapidly mounted

on village cash stocks. Mindful that pensions had to be paid, Tarbert Post Office is understood to have been forced to ration supplies. The local supermarket, too, reportedly had to limit cashback payouts.

As the festival carried on into a sunny Saturday and visitors numbers grew along with thirst levels, rumblings of discontent were

mounting in Tarbert hostelryes.

Disaster was, however, narrowly averted when the machine was repaired on Saturday morning.

A Bank of Scotland spokesperson told *The Advertiser*: 'Our ATM in Tarbert was out of service for part of the weekend due to a technical fault, but was repaired and fully up and running on



It all turned out fine in the end for thirsty music fans in Tarbert. 06_a39tarbmusic16

Saturday morning. We recognise the music festival is a ma-

ior event for the town so took the decision to open our branch

on Saturday to ensure those attending the event were able to

get access to cash. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.'



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Government response on Rest 'not acceptable'

by COLIN CAMERON
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THE MID Argyll councillor behind a petition to improve the A83 trunk road at the Rest and be Thankful says he is 'not surprised' by a Scottish Government response to his campaign.

Douglas Philand, with the backing of the Argyll First group within Argyll and Bute Council, lodged the petition in November 2014.

The Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee discussed the petition at a June hearing, where it agreed to contact the Scottish

Government to ask for clarification on plans for the Rest. Committee chair, Johann Lamont MSP, said at the time: 'There is no doubt this has a massive impact at a local level on tourism, the local community and the local economy.'

In a written reply to the committee Jonathan Moran, network operations manager with Transport Scotland, outlined planned work at the Rest, including £6.6 million expenditure in 'mitigation works' and upgrading the old mili-

tary road over the next two years.

Mr Moran added: 'The matters raised... cover a range of topics which continue to be discussed at the A83 taskforce meetings.'

Councillor Philand commented: 'I am not surprised that they are still talking about mitigation. But this is not acceptable, and we need to stress that spending money on

a permanent solution would cost less in the long term.'

The petitions committee is set to consider the A83 petition again next Thursday, September 29.

Fundraiser for Syria to be held at the MS Centre

A CHARITY event in Lochgilphead to help the people of Syria will be held tomorrow (September 24). The coffe morning will be held between 11am and 1pm at the Lochgilphead MS Centre, organised by Karen McCurry. For more information, visit the Fundraiser for Syria Facebook page.

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Big plans for Inveraray

IF YOU are interested in community events in Inveraray, the Nicoll Hall is the place to be this week-end.

Plans will be on display for a new community centre, and members of Inveraray Community Company will be on hand to discuss these – and also investigations into an all-weather pitch for the town.

It all happens at an open day tomorrow, Saturday September 24, between 11am and 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to go along and have their say.

'At least it will grow back' – Emma puts on a brave face

THE PUBLIC bar was packed last Friday evening in the George Hotel as a courageous Furnace woman prepared to have her hair shaved off. Supported by hus-



Remind me why I agreed to this?

band Alastair, friends and family, Emma Rodden's auburn locks were sacrificed in the Inveraray hotel to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of the charity's 'Brave the Shave' fundraising drive.

Emma said: 'It went really well, and we are currently sitting at a total of £2501.51p.

'I thought that if we managed £500 that would have been fantastic, but the generosity of people is amazing.

'It feels strange. My hair has been short before, though never this short - but it will grow!

'I wanted to do something positive, as it's a cause very close to my heart, and to many other families. I hope that £2,000 is going to the Macmillan centre in Oban hospital, as this is the place a lot of people in our area go for treatment – and they are lovely folk.'



Oh well, it's for a good cause.



All smiles as the last wisps of hair disappear.

Bags of fun for Lochgilphead scouts

THE AUTUMN session started for 19th Argyll scout group with a litter pick on the path from Lochgilphead High School to Kilmory industrial estate above the shinty pitch.

In just under two hours the scouts filled 16 bags with litter. Working in teams, the scouts enjoyed the challenge and hope to carry out more litter picks in the future.

The evening ended with four scouts being presented with the Zodiac Award. This requires scouts to camp in eight out of 12 months of the year and has included hammock camps and camping at sub-zero temperatures. This is the first time any 19th Argyll scout has received this award. Well done to

Joseph Tustin, Wiktor Skrpowski, Anna Turner and Polly Payne.

19th Argyll scout group provides adventurous and educational activities for more than 60 young peo-

ple aged between six and 18. The group meets in the community centre in Lochgilphead during term time and draws its members from Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and other local villages.

If you know a young person who would be interested in joining or if you wish to support the group, please email 19thargyllscouts@gmail.com for more information.



Joseph Tustin, Wiktor Skrpowski, Anna Turner and Polly Payne receive their Zodiac awards.

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Island beers set for national exposure

TWO Argyll island breweries have been selected by a super-market giant to be included in its 10th Scottish Beer Festival.

Terror Of Tobermory ale from Mull-based Argyll Breweries and Angus Og ale from Islay Ales Company, Bridgend, will appear in Aldi's 67 Scottish stores during the autumn.

The two Argyll ales are among 35 different beers – from some of Scotland's best breweries – selected to take part. Aldi claims the in-store event could generate sales worth more than £175,000 for the breweries involved.

Heart campaigner shortlisted for prestigious angel award

A PERTSHIRE woman who helped safeguard the future of a well-known Argyll site has been nominated for a national award.

Jess Smith took up the cudgels on behalf of the Tinkers' Heart near Cairndow after seeing the site a number of years ago in what she believed was a neglected state.

Given the importance of the site to Scottish Travellers, Jess set out, with the help of local people and others, to do something about it.

The Tinkers' Heart – a heart-shaped setting of quartz stones

near the Lochgoilhead junction with the A815 Cairndow-Strachur road – was recently awarded Scheduled Monument status, affording the site a level of protection it has not had in the past.

Jess, who is proud of her own travellers heritage, is on a 12-strong shortlist for the second annual Scottish Heritage Angel Awards, funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation.

Jess is up for an award in the category of 'Caring and Protecting'.

Fiona McAllister, secretary of the Heart of the Travellers

(HOTT), said: 'Jess is really modest about her achievements, but we think she more than deserves the acknowledgement given by her nomination for her years and years of hard work, determination and dedication to saving the Tinkers' Heart.'

'It has been our pleasure as a group to work with her to achieve National Monument status for the site.'

'Scheduling of the heart of stones has given young travellers a sense of belonging, it is their Place in Time. Moving forward to the future with a wealth of respect.'

John Pelan, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, said: 'These awards provide us with a real opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all those behind a wealth of projects and activities, both big and small, and their valuable work, which directly contributes to and benefits Scotland's wider historic environment.'

The winners will be announced at the Scottish Heritage Angel Awards ceremony, hosted by Vanessa Collingridge, at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh on October 18.



Jess Smith with David Torrance MSP, (then) chair of the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee, visiting the Tinkers' Heart in September last year.



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Keeping people here

THE ARMY seems to be taking an interesting approach to gathering support for setting up a Lochgilphead reserve detachment.

Rather than focusing on the strategic military purpose behind the move – which is apparently to boost the number of reservists to offset recent government cuts to the regular army – it seems to be promoting it as a benefit to the Argyll economy.

Which it could offer, of course. There is the opportunity to study while getting paid as a reservist, and there is enough flexibility to go on part-time army training when employers have slack periods, which might suit employees and local businesses.

The army is pushing this aspect – that it allows people to stay in Argyll.

The council is wrestling with the continuing problem of depopulation in Argyll and Bute, so it would seem a no-brainer to for the authority to place its full support behind this initiative.

Whether or not we agree with the overall military strategy, we must retain as many young people as possible in the region.

Sound of music

Tarbert Music Festival and the inaugural Tarbert Feis were each a massive success. Congratulations to the organisers of these events, and more power to your elbow for future years.

Here comes Santa Claus

And, as a footnote, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. At least in certain Lochgilphead supermarkets, it is – you know who you are....

We haven't hit Hallowe'en yet, so please give us a break for a wee while.

Humbug.

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Time for community ownership

Sir,
As the development trust movement in Scotland continues to grow and mature, more and more people are recognising the contribution that these community-led organisations can make towards local economic development.

Perhaps less widely recognised is the extent of the voluntary commitment which makes all this happen. A recent survey of the Development Trusts Association (DTA) Scotland members identified volunteer hours to the value of more than £4 million. When this is added to the £21 million of self-generated income, this equates to a community contribution of £25 million towards regeneration activity in Scotland.

Equally encouraging is the growing level of community ownership. There are now some half a million acres of land under community control, and all sorts of other physical assets thriving under community ownership. When you consider that, in the vast majority of cases, community ownership of assets has taken place within the context of (both private and public sectors) market failure, it makes what has been achieved all the more impressive. DTA Scotland members reported community-owned assets with an aggregated value of £89.4 million, with many

more asset acquisitions in the pipeline.

In recognition of these achievements, which are often against the odds and with minimum support, we are seeing an increasingly favourable policy context, particularly at a Scottish Government level, which aims to inspire, encourage, support and resource this kind of community-led activity.

I cannot help but feel proud and enthused by the achievements of our members.

With new community rights and additional funding now available, there has never been a better time for communities to take control of their future through the acquisition and management of assets and use community ownership as a catalyst to drive local regeneration processes.

Ian Cooke,
director,
DTA Scotland,
Edinburgh.

SNP lost farmers' confidence

Sir,
The central belt-obsessed SNP's inability to guarantee vital farm payments for next year is an insult to hard-working farmers across Scotland.

Rural economy and connectivity secretary Fergus Ewing said in a recent ministerial statement that 80 per cent loans will be offered because the flawed IT system cannot be trusted to deliver funds on time.

Offers of loans will come

as little comfort to farmers who are already facing up to a record level of debt of £2.2 billion.

That's why £40 million in payments are still outstanding for this year, which are now nine months late.

The SNP should spend a lot less time holding press conferences on indy ref2 and a lot more time making sure our farmers get their payments on time.

The SNP has lost the confidence of our farming sector.

Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay.

Air ambulance needs support

Sir,
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Friends lend a hand to priceless Argyll archive

A launch event for Friends of the Argyll Papers will be held at Inveraray Castle on Friday September 30

ONE OF the most important collections of historical documents in Scotland is set for a boost as a new group is launched to promote the archive.

The family and estate archive of the Campbell family, earls and dukes of Argyll, has become known as the Argyll Papers.

The family rose to prominence in the 14th century and enjoyed close relations with the Scottish royal family and other noble families. As a result they acquired positions of power and responsibility and grants of land. The family became the major landowner in Argyll, owning the lands of Inveraray, Rosneath, Kintyre, Tiree, Mull, Iona, Morvern, Lismore and Scammadale as well as other parts of Appin, and lands and houses elsewhere, including Castle Campbell (Clackmannanshire), Stirling, Edinburgh and London.

The papers reflect family members' political, military and business interests as well as their personal lives. The estate papers tell the story of what they owned and how they managed it, and include lots of information about the people, places and rural industries of Argyll.

The records themselves have an interesting past. They were initially kept by the earls of Argyll at Inveraray or at Carrick Castle on Loch Goil but, during the 17th century, they were removed for safe-

ty. Correspondence detailed in the Atholl chronicles follows 'the privat convoyance of the peapers belonging to the Late Earle of Argyll' by Robert Campbell in Uig from Inveraray to Ardkinglas, to Uig and then to Holy Loch.

Local tradition then tells that the precious documents were concealed in what is still known as the Paper Cave near the shore of Loch Eck, but in late September eight barrels or puncheons of 'wholle papers and evidents' were found in 'a mean tennant's house' and then taken to Edinburgh by a Glasgow carrier for storage in the Exchequer House.

After the restoration of the family fortunes, the papers found their way home to Inveraray and, despite being held temporarily in highly unsuitable conditions, the collection from those years has survived. They were then stored in the attics and vaults of Inveraray Castle until, following the death of the 12th duke in 2001, the decision was made to bring the archive together in one place where it could be stored appropriately and made available to researchers.

Since 2004, a new home has been created for the archives in the Argyll Estates office at Cherry Park, a professional archivist has been appointed and the collection is being promoted, conserved, catalogued and made

freely available. The Argyll Papers collection is a rich resource for Scottish and British history from the 13th to the 21st centuries. It attracts visitors from all over Argyll and Bute, the UK and the world, researching a wide range of subjects including family and local history, Gaelic studies, place names, military, political, economic and social history, agriculture and industry, architecture and so much more.

A group known as the Friends of the Argyll Papers has been established to support the development of the collection and to promote its use and enjoyment by a wide audience, and membership is open to anyone, near or far.

A launch event for Friends of the Argyll Papers will be held at Inveraray Castle on Friday September 30.

The event will include a tour of the castle and refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to hear more about the papers in a talk entitled 'From the Union of the Crowns in 1603 up to the succession of the 4th duke in 1761', given by Professor Allan MacInnes, one of the leading experts on the history of the Highlands and Argyll.

To find out more and purchase tickets, call 01499 302698 or email archives@inveraray-castle.com.

To become a member of the Friends, please go to www.friendsofheargyllpapers.org.uk.



Just one gem from the archive – a 1792 plan of the proposed Crinan Canal. 06_a40opendoors02a



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pendent retailers and a feeling of neglect. A combination of factors has created this situation, including competition from out-of-town retail parks, online shopping, supermarket dominance and the recent recession. Lochgilphead has empty shops, of course, but to

a far lesser extent than seen elsewhere. But the truth is that our Mid Argyll shops will only survive and thrive if we use and support them. And why travel for miles to bigger towns when Lochgilphead has plenty to offer? The town's main thoroughfare, Argyll



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Tarbert will be a handy place to be

IF YOU have need of an engineer or joiner to fix something, then Tarbert is the place to be over the weekend.

The Tarbert Shed charity is running a 'repair café' this Sunday, September 25.

Between midday and 4pm at the harbour marquee, a crack team of mechanics, engi-

neers, joiners and bike technicians will be available to carry out your repairs. Ian Brodie from Carradale, with his skills in bikes and buggies, will be in attendance, assisted by Brian Doull. Ian Pate, a time-served mechanic and local police officer, will be present, along with Phil Robertson,

also a mechanic and sometime Viking boat builder. Local builder and joiner Duncan McGregor will also be offering his services.

Any trades persons or other handy people who could volunteer a few hours would be made welcome. Tea and coffee will be available and any home

baking, raffle prizes or bottle stall donations would be gratefully received.

The group would also welcome donations of hand/power/gardening tools to help the renovation of the Tarbert shed itself and for other projects, one of which may be on display this weekend.

Tea and coffee will be available and any home



The children show off their medals and certificates. 06_a39BFRead02

Read all about it as awards handed out

A SEA of thrilled faces at Lochgilhead library was a fitting end to the Tesco Bank summer reading challenge.

Aimed at primary-aged children, the sponsored initiative encouraged youngsters to visit their local library and read books over the school summer holidays in a fun way.

Incentives

There were stickers to collect and other incentives such as bookmarks

and keyrings for children to receive when they visited the library.

This year the theme was 'The Big Friendly Read' which celebrated the children's writer, Roald Dahl.

At a special awards ceremony on Monday September 19, every child from the area who successfully completed the challenge received a unique gold medal along with a certificate confirming their achievement.

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Classic films set to be screened

IT'S MOVIE time in Lochgilhead.

Mid Argyll Arts Association will bring a series of classic movies to the town over coming months, the first of which will be screened tomorrow, Saturday September 24.

This is one not to be missed by fans of Alfred Hitchcock, as his 1940 psychological thriller *Rebecca* is shown.

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Generous Jean helps MS Centre to festival success

IT IS probably fair to say that there are few Argyll folk out there who would willingly

give away a bottle of 10-year-old Islay single malt – but that is exactly what one lady did last Saturday.

It all happened at last weekend's Best of the West festival at the stand belonging to MS Centre Mid Argyll. But Jean McPhee had not taken leave of her senses – neither had she over-indulged at the festival bar. It was, in fact, a simple act of generosity.

Locked case

MS Centre manager Karen McCurry explained that the bottle in question was waiting to be won inside a locked case, before Jean found the right key. 'We were very grateful to our first winner, Jean McPhee,' said Karen, 'who won the first bottle of malt whisky,

then kindly donated it back.

Karen continued: 'We distributed lots of information and made contact with many people who either had MS, or had a relative with MS who were currently not using any of our services and who may now benefit.

'We had a very successful day, raising £466 from the various fundraising games we had, including the key in the box. We would like to thank Sam Ford of Business Gateway for recommending us to the Best of the West organisers, who then chose MS Centre Mid Argyll as the charity to attend the festival this year.'

Jean commented: 'I was delighted to hand back the whisky. It's for a good cause.'



MS Centre outreach worker Claire Cameron has a wee cuddle on the stand. 06_a39M50_Bowfest02



Karen and Jean, with her whisky before handing it back. 06_a39MS_Bowfest01

Grant for Blarbuie – but how much?

BLARBUIE woodland has been awarded a grant through the Tesco Bags of Help initiative – but the exact sum is in the hands of the public.

Cash

The Lochgilphead social enterprise will put the cash towards a picnic and children's play area in Blarbuie woodland.

The Blarbuie project will go forward with others to a public vote

in Tesco stores, where, between October 31 and November 13, customers will be able to vote on their favourite.

The amount of grant will then be decided based on the outcome of this vote.

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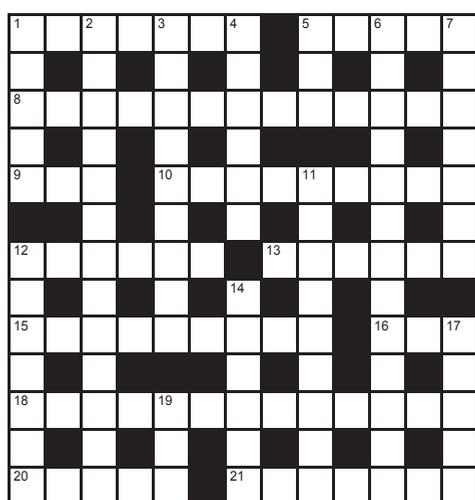
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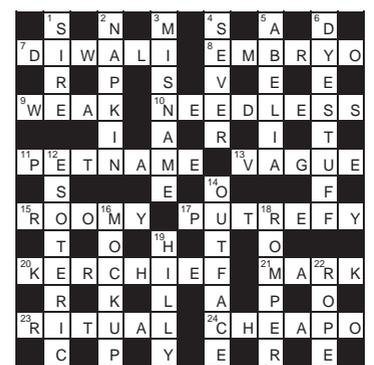
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- 12 Disturb from sleep.... (6)
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- 15 Bibbed trousers (9)
- 16 Balloon filler (3)
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- 1 By chance (5)
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- 17 Device to tune in and listen (5)
- 19 Consume (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Jolomo raises a brow sum for kids

TAYVALLICH artist John Lowrie Morrison, better known as Jolomo, has raised £15,000 for a children's hospital – by painting Oor Wullie. Jolomo was one of 70 artists, designers and celebrities who took part in Oor Wullie's Bucket Trail, painting a sculpture of the famous cartoon character in their own design in aid of the Archie Foundation's Tayside Children's Hospital Appeal.



Getting started on Wullie's colourful new garb.



And the finished job - brow.

The sculptures were placed all over Dundee this summer where they were enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors. In an auction at Dundee Rep Theatre on September 13, they raised a total of £883,000 towards a new twin operating theatre suite in the children's hospital at Ninewells, Dundee.

Dungarees

'Oor Jolomo', painted in the artist's characteristic bright colours with a Jolomo croft scene on the front of his dungarees, was one of the higher earners at auction, fetching £15,000 as individuals, businesses and sponsors competed for their favourite sculpture.

A delighted Jolomo said: 'I was extremely honoured to be asked to paint one of the Oor Wullie sculptures for the Bucket Trail. Like



Jolomo welcomes Oor Wullie.

most folk of my age, Oor Wullie was part of my childhood, never missing an issue of the *Sunday Post* or the *Oor Wullie Annual*.

'It was good fun to give Oor Wullie the Jolomo treatment, and it's a privilege to be helping towards raising funds for The Archie Foundation, a wonderful charity which needs to be supported.'

Cassie Thompson, head of fundraising

for the Archie Foundation, said: 'We have been overwhelmed by the incredible amount raised at our special auction.'

Project

'Oor Wullie's Bucket Trail has been a bigger hit than we could have dreamed of and we are incredibly proud, as organisers, to have been able to bring a project of this scale to Dundee with the help of our partners, Wild In Art

and DC Thomson. The project has captured the public's imagination and celebrated art in such a fun and creative way.'

The 70 figures included Oor Wullie dressed as David Bowie, Robbie Burns, Harry Potter, Toy Story character Buzz Lightyear and 'Tangerine Terror', painted in the orange and white colours of Dundee United FC.

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Blarbuie garden marks the change of season

TEMPERATURES might be lurching between winter and summer as there are unmistakably autumnal signs all around.

As the year moves on, a special 'Changing Seasons' event was held last week at Blarbuie community garden to mark the beginning of autumn.

Members of the public joined trainees and volunteers as resident horticulturist Daniel

Griffiths offered tips about what to plant at this time of year, when to harvest summer crops and how to control pests.

Slugs have been especially prolific this year. Aside from the sharing of ideas and produce, there was also the chance to enjoy a healthy lunch, including Sally Wilkins's home-made soup.

The next event will be on December 21,

when members will be sharing tips on how to make jams, chut-

neys, pickles and decorations for Christmas.



There were plenty of autumn ideas for the garden.

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New farm advisory services change with the times

A NEW farming advisory service has been launched. Unveiled on Tuesday, Scotland's Farm Advisory Service (FAS) forms part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP), co-funded by the EU and Scottish Government.

A £20 million, four-year contract to supply the service was awarded earlier this year to SAC Consulting and Ricardo Energy and Environment.

A new FAS website will be a source of data and information, tools and apps, all designed to be relevant to modern farming and crofting enterprises. At its centre is a calendar of events that will detail all of the workshops, network farm meetings, conferences and training courses that will be planned and delivered as part of the FAS.

The website also hosts the entry point for grant applications for Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMP), specialist advice, mentoring for new entrants and carbon audits. Application forms can now be downloaded from the website which provides access to up to £2,200 grant assistance for ILMP and £500 for carbon audits.

The advice line – 0300 323 0161 – operates between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, covering a wide variety of topics including cross compliance, water framework directive requirements, cli-



mate change and many other technical issues.

Another feature of the new FAS is the Crofter and Small Farm Advisory Service. This will provide discounted subscription and consultancy services for crofters and farming businesses (under 30 ha) across Scotland.

Full details are available on the FAS website www.fas.scot/crofters-small-farms.

Welcoming the new service, cabinet secretary for rural economy and connectivity, Fergus Ewing said: 'Access to the best and most up-to-date advice is essential to any busi-

ness. Aimed specifically at farmers and crofters across Scotland, I welcome the launch of the new integrated Farm Advisory Service, which will provide a faster and less complicated entry point to a range of relevant practical advice, information and tools from business efficiency and viability to compliance and climate change advice.'

NFU Scotland's director of policy, Jonnie Hall, said: 'NFU Scotland encourages all farmers and crofters to make the most of the new approaches, tools and techniques it has to offer.'

Prices up on year at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions had a catalogued entry of more than 6,000 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday.

All classes sold at similar rates to the previous Saturday sale, while prices showed increases on the year. Blackface lambs

sold to an average of £37.53 per head or 135.95 pence per kilo, against £35.99 or 130.87 p/kg at the corresponding sale last year. The overall average price for all classes of lambs was £42.57 per head or 156.71 p/kg against £37.39 and 139.60 pence per kilo

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From small gatherings of close friends and family to large office or work parties the advice is to book early for the best price and to take the sting out of paying by making a deposit and securing the space you need.

Meals are a good starting point for a night out but if more than one table is needed it is always best to book early to secure the space needed.

One Mid-Argyll restaurant which is getting into the swing and already taking early bookings is the Kilmartin Hotel which is regularly packed for its popular Friday fish nights.

Closer to home the Kintyre Club at the Ugadale is all ready to string up the streamers as the festive season looms in just two months time.

Just across the lawn in Machrihanish staff at the Clubhouse are getting ready for the party season rush and are already taking early bookings.

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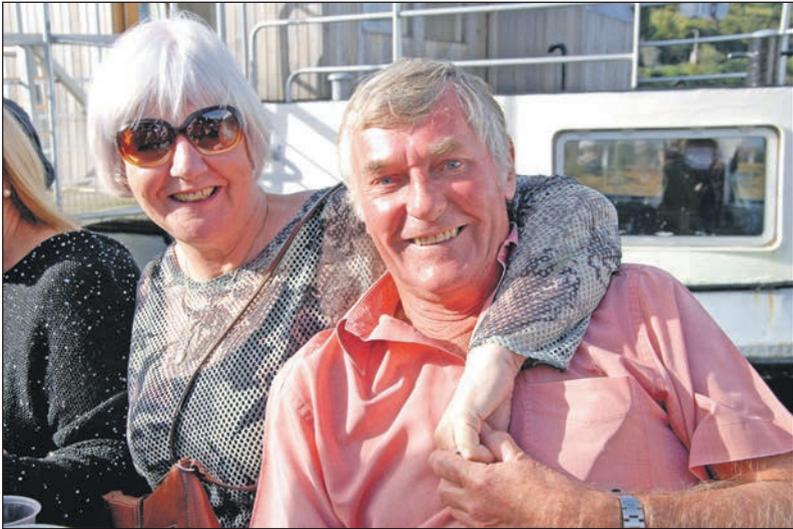
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Sitting in Saturday's sunshine were Ailsa McLaren from Strathblane and Milngavie man Stewart Watson – with Luing family connections – who had sailed to Tarbert for the festival. 06_a39tarbmusic17



Tarbert girls Charlie Monks, Emma Clark and Beth Atkinson enjoy the festival. 06_a39tarbmusic20



Manran banish the wet Sunday blues with a rocking performance to close the festival.

Tarbert rocks to the beat of music festival

TARBERT proved simply the best as funky music, rock steady beats and dancing queens rocked the village.

A big influx of visitors swelled the population for the annual Tarbert Music Festival, which had various joints around the harbour front as the jumping between Friday and Sunday.

Venues included the Corner House, Anchor Hotel, Islay Frigate,

Tarbert Hotel and the Victoria Hotel through the weekend as around 15 bands strutted their stuff.

Blessed with sunny weather on Saturday, revellers spilled from the pubs in good-natured knots on to the harbour front as the bands played on.

Saturday also saw a well-attended coffee morning in the Templars Hall raise £400 for

the music festival.

Sunday proved less kind, but the rain was, at least, forecast well in advance.

Ignoring the damp, people gathered in good numbers for the festival climax on the quay as leading traditional Scots band Manran got them jigging.

Sharing Sunday's top billing were local favourites, The Democrats – always a big hit

with crowd-pleasing numbers.

Margaret MacNeill of the organising committee said: 'It was great to see so many visitors coming to the music festival to enjoy the entertainment. I reckon that the crowd on Sunday at the quay had about 75 per cent visitors to locals.'

'I think local businesses did well over the weekend,' continued



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Campbeltown's Matt McAllister has the audience spellbound at the Tarbert Hotel.

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Margaret. 'All in all the festival was another big success – and the Tarbert Feis is a great new addition to the weekend too.'

Sunday's headliners used a lorry trailer as their stage, and Margaret added: 'I want to thank everyone involved in the festival, but particularly AM Transport, who supplied the trailer at short notice, free of charge.'



Janie Murphy from Ardrishaig with husband George, drummer with The Democrats, and their children Brianna, aged five, and three-year-old Ronan.

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oves in the Anchor Hotel on Saturday, courtesy of Cousin Hilifax.

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Fèis an Tairbeirt off to a flyer

TARBERT Village Hall rang with music as talented young musicians and dancers put on a show to remember.

The highly enjoyable concert, with proud families looking on, was the culmination of a day of tuition under the guidance of top-class teachers.

Coinciding with Tarbert Music Festival 2016, the first Fèis an Tairbeirt offered the opportunity for more than 70 youngsters to enjoy a day of dance, music, stories and song last Saturday.

A feis workshop offered music and dance classes for beginners aged eight to 18. From clarsach to Highland dance, expert tutors were on hand to help pupils learn the basics. For those with more experience, advanced classes were also available.

Fear an Tigh at the concert, Duncan MacNeill, remarked that he never ceased to be amazed at the amount

of musical talent in Argyll.

In his vote of thanks, Argyll and Bute councillor Robin Currie,

policy lead for Gaelic, reserved special praise for the feis volunteers and committee. Mr Currie added: 'It is re-

ally great to see these feis events going on around Argyll.

'After all, this is who we are.'



The older students with tutor Ryan Murphy, left, putting their learning into practice as they play a feis song arranged on the day by Susan Rhodes.

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Duncan MacNeill gets the younger Feis participants warmed up with a little Gaelic ahead of the concert.

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A highlight of the concert was a skilled accordion performance from young Calum MacDonald.

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It was a first taste of the clarsach for 14-year-old Caitlin Henderson.

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Bargains galore at annual Ardrishaig sale

SOME lovely piping greeted eager bargain hunters ahead of the annual Ardrishaig and South Knapdale Parish Church sale.

Healthy numbers

Providing the music on the steps of Ardrishaig Public Hall was 15-year-old Piers

Gritten as very healthy numbers of people flocked to the event.

After special guest Rev Margaret Anderson had performed the official opening, bargains abounded across a wide variety of goods, from ceramics to garden produce,

while the tombola did a roaring trade.

Home baking

Teas and coffees slaked the thirst, accompanied by some delicious home baking.

The afternoon event on Saturday raised £1,606.42 for church funds.



Rev Margaret Anderson (left) receives a bouquet from Ruth Carruthers.

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Ticket number 390 proved very lucky for East Kilbride woman Irene Doran, who went back to her caravan in Lochgilphead with a wee warmer. 06_ardjumble04



Piers Gritten acts as piper for the day – and it worked. 06_ardjumble02

New pop-up exhibition at Ardrishaig depot

EIGHT disused Ardrishaig oil tanks transformed into art installations are to be open to the public this weekend.

Artmap Argyll artists Lesley Burr, Sian MacQueen RSW and sculptor Melanie Chmielewska will make use of the former Gleaner depot as part of an interactive pop-up exhibition demonstrating the regeneration of the site and of the communities along the banks of the canal.

Each tank design represents a theme relating to places along the Crinan Canal and corresponds with text on a huge map painted on the concrete course.

Lead artist Lesley said: 'This was a rare and unusual opportunity to create art in such

a raw industrial setting with such a stunning natural backdrop. It has been a creatively interesting and challenging art project due to the unusual environment.

'Scottish Canals has been extremely supportive, given us hands-on help from priming the oils tanks to helping us with the night-time projections and historical information. It has been a great project to do and I'm looking forward to seeing further creative happenings over the year such as high school graffiti project on the doors.'

The installation will be one of the more unusual places on offer to visit this Doors Open Day on Saturday September 24, from 1am to 4pm.

A right royal celebration for Riverside Rascals

TO CELEBRATE more than 20 years of partnership working, Riverside Rascals Day Nursery Ltd held a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Though a little disappointed that Princess Anne could not make their celebratory tea party, the children had great fun dressing up.

For two decades the Lochgilphead nursery has been working closely with organisations, including MACPOOL and Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau.

Thanked

Senior manager Jean McPhee thanked all parents, staff and children for the efforts with costumes and organisation.

She added: 'We enjoyed our cakes, they were lovely. The best part was dressing up

in our costumes with all the children running

around the garden with my mini Mad Hatters

laughing and chasing the Mad Hatter.'



Jean and the children had a great party – despite the absence of royalty.

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The Coronation Cup: Baking and Preserves: Elizabeth Scott; The Anderson Cup: Sultana Cake: Debbie Munro; The Crawford Cup: Best exhibit in show: Hugh MacLeod; The Presidents Cup: Ama-

teur Classes: N J MacLean.

The Alice Wood Memorial Cup: Floral Art: I Souden; The Catherine Smith Memorial Trophy: I Souden; Cup: Floral Art: Liz Malcolm; The Colin Wilson Memorial Quach: Carnations: Shaun Doy; The Ormsary Cup:

Baking: Elizabeth Scott; Cup: Preserves: Shaun Doy; The Crawford Cup: School Art: Zak Barclay; Ardrishaig Primary; The Sheila MacIntosh Memorial Trophy: Liz Malcolm;

The Bob Simmers Memorial Trophy: Chrysanthemums: Hugh MacLeod.

The MacFarlane Memorial Trophy: Sweet Peas: A MacFarlane; The Jeanie MacKenzie Memorial Trophy: Kay Ballantine; The Archie J MacDonald Memorial Trophy: Pansies: A MacFarlane; The Donald Moir Memorial Trophy: Liz Malcolm.

The M Reid Memorial Trophy: Gladioli: Hugh MacLeod; Cup: Fuchsia: Open: N J MacLean; The Millennium Cup: Most points in show: N J MacLean; The Tommy Tyson Memorial Cup: Begonias: Helen Hope; The A K MacInnes Memorial Cup: Best Shallots: Hugh MacLeod.

The Mervyn Kessel Cup: Photograph Section: Catriona Beel; Ardrishaig Community Council Cup: Best Ardrishaig Garden: Peter & Linda Quelch; ACHA Diamond Celebration Cup: Amateur Classes: D McDougall; Balliemore Youth Trophy: Shaun Doy.

Red Rosette: Best exhibit horticultural: Hugh MacLeod; Rosette: Best exhibit non horticultural: I Souden;

Rosette for Floral Art: 1 I Souden, 2 I Souden, 3 Liz Malcolm.

Rosette: Most points in Children's Section: Gavin Small; Rosette for most points in knitting section: Kay Ballantine and Jean Hodgson; Garden News: Top tray class: 1 N J MacLean, 2 Shaun Doy, 3 A MacFarlane.

Garden News: Top Vase: 1 Sandra Galbraith, 2 N J MacLean, 3 W Dixon; Special Prizes: Cut Flowers: Begonia: H Hope; Gladioli: Sandra Galbraith; Single Gladioli: W Dixon; Asters: Shaun Doy.

Antirrhinums: Shaun Doy; Scotch Marigold: D Carrick; Pansies, 1 board: Sandra Galbraith; Baking: Chocolate Log: E Scott; Mrs P MacLean: Swiss Roll: C Robertson; Rhubarb Tart: F MacFarlane.

Vegetable Section: Amateur: Carrot, 3 long: N J MacLean; Collection of veg: A MacFarlane; Open: Round beetroot: H McLeod.

Handicraft Section: Patchwork: Jean Blackwood; Best vase of herbaceous plants in the show: Kirsty Barr; Best onions in the show: Hugh MacLeod; Best potatoes in the show: N J MacLean; Best tomatoes in the show: Kirsty Barr; Best leeks in the show: Hugh MacLeod.



A fine show of carrots from the recent Ardrishaig Horticultural Show. 06_a35ardflower04

History, heritage and land at Oban conference

CELEBRATING archaeology, history and heritage at a local level, Scotland's Community Heritage Conference came to Oban last weekend.

Saturday's event focused on the volunteer groups embarking on heritage projects in the Argyll and Bute area.

As well as a series of talks, interactive workshops and displays, the Oban event, at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, featured a special session on

the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Hosted by Phil Richardson from Archaeology Scotland, this session included topics about 'right to buy' and the 'asset transfer' schemes, exploring what these new changes will mean for community bodies and groups throughout Scotland.

Carol Stobie, audience development officer for Historic Environment Scotland project 'Scotland's Urban Past', said:

'Having the chance to hear both from experts and those involved in community-led projects and initiatives will help to identify potential opportunities for greater community empowerment and participation.'

The Community Heritage Conference in Oban was the second of three conferences that are being held across Scotland this year as part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.



Independent film-maker Chris Willshaw, left, records an interview with Tarbert retailer Ian MacIntyre for the documentary, as CFA chairman Kenny McNab looks on. 06_a39clydefishfilm01

Fishing and community explored in new film

FILMING took place last weekend in Tarbert for a brand new documentary being made on behalf of fishermen.

Commissioned by the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), the short film explores community links

with the industry in towns and villages up and down the Clyde coast.

This will be the fourth such film made by the association to promote local fishing interests, each of which can be viewed on the CFA YouTube channel.

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Argyll Enterprise Week update...

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Business Support Fair is key

Argyll Enterprise Week is a new event supporting Argyll and Bute's business community and encouraging enterprise.

Central to the week is a Business Support Fair, bringing together a wide range of public and private organisations.

More than 25 organisations will be on hand to outline the advice and support they can offer.

'The success of our business community is crucial to the long-term prosperity of Argyll and Bute,' explains Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable development.

'Argyll Enterprise Week is all about helping businesses make new connections, share ideas and access the wide range of support that is available.' Joanne Blanusa of the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service (SMAS) agrees, saying: 'We are pleased to be part of Argyll Enterprise Week.'

Working in partnership with HIE, SMAS supports Scottish companies of all sizes to grow and thrive by supporting improvements in productivity, culture and innovation from the shop floor to the boardroom.



Joanne Blanusa.

'Our respected team of practitioners brings at least 20 years of industry experience to challenge and support business leaders compete in the global economy,' Ms Blanusa continues. 'We want to encourage businesses in Argyll to take advantage of our support.'

'We'll be at the Business Support Fair to answer questions and show how SMAS can help. Cost, quality and delivery performance, along with increased capacity, are just

some of the benefits clients we have worked with are now enjoying.'

Organisations exhibiting at the Business Support Fair include: **Expert help:** HIE innovation specialist, HIE creative sector, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Scottish Development International Export Advisory Service.

Digital: DigitalBoost, the Digital Garage by Google, Community Broadband Scotland.

Social enterprise: Firstport, Inspir-Alba, Just Enterprise.

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Midton Acrylics have benefited from the SMAS coaching sessions.

Take advantage of the advice on offer

A business that has already benefited from Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service support is Midton Acrylics.

Midton Acrylics is based in Lochgilphead and is Europe's leading specialist in acrylic embedment.

Internationally renowned, the company produces items such as financial tombstones, commemorative gifts and bespoke awards for clients such as Manchester United and Santander.

The company prides itself on quality and has more than 30 years of manufacturing experience.

Craig Cameron, managing director at Midton Acrylics, said: 'Our coaching sessions with SMAS have been very helpful in highlighting ways to improve our manufacturing processes.'

'Process changes implemented as a result of these sessions have improved both production flow and capacity.'

Small changes can make a difference

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the Business Support Fair.

These informal, 45-minute sessions will feature a short presentation on the free help available, followed by a question and answer session.

First up will be the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service (SMAS) at 11am. This session will show how small changes to working practices can make a big difference to

productivity, and highlight the tailored, flexible support available from SMAS.

The WorldHost™ customer service training session at 11.45am will outline the WorldHost™ training programme and how businesses in the tourism sector can get involved with plans for Argyll to become a WorldHost™ accredited destination.

The Digital Garage by Google will run at 12.30pm, with a

Google digital expert explaining how to make your business more visible online and help new customers find you through search optimisation, local listings and search engine marketing.

The Google expert will also be available for one-to-one mentoring sessions throughout the day.

Anyone about to start, or thinking of, exporting can join the internationalisation ses-

sion at 2pm. One of Scottish Development International's export advisers will explain the support available to help local businesses develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to grow overseas.

HIE's specialist adviser will talk about intellectual property at 2.45pm, addressing how unique knowledge in a business such as trade secrets, recipes and processes can be protected through copyright,

trademarks, design rights and patents.

Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards' session at 3.30pm will cover the support available to help businesses become compliant and sustainable.

The Business Support Fair is a drop-in event but to guarantee your place at one of the taster sessions, book now at argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk.

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New poll shows big variations in housing preferences and awareness across Scotland

AN OPINION poll commissioned to coincide with the first official Scottish Housing Day has found the public knows very little about their housing options beyond buying with a mortgage and private and social renting. The poll also found significant regional variations in the types of housing tenure people are interested in considering as a future home.

The purpose of Scottish Housing Day is to raise public awareness of the latest developments in housing and the options potentially available and to acknowledge that renting is an option that can work best for many households. The aim is to give the public easier access to the resources they need to make properly informed housing decisions. Housing organisations are hosting various activities to mark Scottish Housing Day and the general public are being encouraged

to get involved through participation in events and interaction with social media and a dedicated website.

For the new opinion poll, a total sample of 1,046 adults were surveyed online between September 7 and 9. The survey was undertaken by Progressive Partnership in conjunction with YouGov. The results are weighted to be representative of all Scottish adults aged 18 and over.

Some 89 per cent of all respondents said they know 'nothing' or 'very little' about the Home Owners' Support Fund and 83 per cent knew 'nothing' or 'very little' about mid-market rent (sometimes referred to as intermediate rent or sub-market rent). And 81 per cent said they know 'nothing' or 'very little' about the Open Market Shared Equity Scheme, which allows a property to be purchased with shared ownership. Those out of the total sample knowing 'nothing' or 'very little'



were 80 per cent in relation to supported accommodation and 71 per cent for both Help to Buy (ie, buying new-build with shared ownership) and self-build.

The survey results also showed significant regional variations in people's preferences when it came to housing tenures they might consider as a future home. Overall, buying with a mortgage remains the most often considered option with 41 per cent of all people responding saying they would consider this followed by social renting (20 per cent) and renting from a private landlord (18 per cent). But the proportion of adults considering buying with a mortgage varied considerably between regions, being as high as 62 per cent in the Lothians and as low as 32 per cent in the Central region.

The Open Market Shared Equity Scheme was notably popular in the west of Scotland, where 12 per cent of respondents said they would consider this as a future housing option. There was notably strong interest in self-build in the Highlands and Islands where 28 per cent of people said they would consider

this option. Interest in social renting as a housing option ranged from 10 per cent of those responding from the Highlands and Islands to 30 per cent in the south of Scotland.

And 29 per cent of respondents in the Lothians were interested in renting from a private landlord compared to just eight per cent in the Highlands and Islands. At 16 per cent, there was also particularly strong interest in mid-market rent in the Lothians region.

Commenting on Scottish Housing Day, Kevin Stewart MSP, Scottish Government Minister for Housing and Local Government said: 'This poll shows that people could be missing out because they don't know and understand the range of affordable housing options that are open to them.'

of ways they can access the housing market.

'We are committed to making sure everyone has access to a warm, good quality home which is why we are investing £3 billion and have set the ambitious target of delivering 50,000 affordable homes, with 35,000 of these being for social rent, over the lifetime of this parliament. We are also supporting people into home ownership with our £500 million Help to Buy (Scotland) and open market shared equity schemes.'

Commenting on the opinion poll results, CIH Scotland director Annie Mauger said: 'The results of this new poll confirm that, aside from buying with a mortgage, social renting and renting from a private landlord, the Scottish public

generally knows very little about the broader range of housing options potentially available to them when considering where to live. The huge regional variation in housing preferences identified by the poll also reflects the differences in economic and environmental circumstances across Scotland, which we need to take into account when planning housing solutions.'

'What it also shows is that we make a mistake to assume everyone aspires to buy their own home. Indeed, renting can be the best option for many people.'

'We should also bear in mind that not everyone has a choice about where they live and that social housing provision continues to be vital for many people.'

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Hugh McNair would like to thank family and friends for all the cards and lovely gifts received on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Happy 60th Birthday Jim

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Christie

Love from Mum, Rhiann, Jay, Gaga, Uncle Willie & Zak

Archie & Nan Happy Anniversary

From all the family and your 4 wee diamonds Lauren, Grace, Christina & Aimee xxxx

THANK YOU

Jenny MacAulay would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness in cards, phone calls, presents and visits during my short stay in hospital and since coming home. 'Morvern', Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I am always amazed at how quickly toddlers pick up language.

It seems that one day their speech is all gobbledygook then the next day perfectly formed words emerge.

I am also amazed at how much language our collies have. Slumbering dogs can be awake and alert at the sound of key words or phrases.

Ears prick up and we are in a different kind of communication. I'm sure they have now also learned how to spell.

Communication is such an important part of our lives, but it can transcend language.

Our dogs can make us perfectly aware of their wishes without a single word.

I was intrigued watching two opera fans have an entire conversation, one in English and one in Italian, and they understood each other perfectly.

All this got me wondering ...

Wondering about how we communicate our faith.

Do we use words and phrases that only the 'in people' understand?

Do we use unfamiliar language that is somehow different?

Do we slip into 'holyspeak' and not communicate anything?

Sometimes the things we do for people surpass the things we say to them.

Sometimes a situation elicits a response that is beyond words.

Sometimes we just don't know what to say.

Sometimes we are best to say nothing.

A grieving family, after the tragic death of their wee boy, said this week: 'We know folk don't know what to say, but please don't cross the road when you see us. Just stop and give us a hug.'

Words are sometimes just not necessary.

Actions can indeed speak louder.

INVERARAY

British Legion coffee morning

THE INVERARAY branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland will host its annual coffee morning and children's baking competition this Saturday, September 24.

There will be tea, coffee, home baking, a tombola, baking stall, raffle and The Great Inveraray Children's Bake Off, featuring categories for 10 years and under, 11-13 years and 14-16 years. Donations for the tombola, raffle and home baking would be welcome.

The event will be held between 11am and 2pm in Inveraray Parish Church Hall.



Kate Sweeney and Tracey Penman with Minard pupils and gifts.

COWAL

Studios throw open doors

FOR FOUR days in September, professional artists, painters, potters, weavers, sculptors, furniture makers, jewellers and photographers in the Cowal Peninsula open their doors to visitors.

The art is as varied as the venues, from intricate jewellery to paint-

ings and sculpture to gardens filled with installations. Cowal Open Studios begins today, Friday September 23, and runs through until Monday September 26.

Bute Council at the school, Kate Sweeney retired as Minard's janitor/cleaner/catering assistant.

The staff and pupils were very sad to see

her leave and presented her with many presents and flowers.

Catering hat

Mrs Sweeney has handed over her catering hat to Tracey Pen-

man and has promised that she will keep in touch – and maybe even make some of her famous dumpling for pupils nearer Christmas.

Retiral gifts for multi-tasking Kate

Macmillan coffee morning

A COFFEE morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care is to be held in Minard Village Hall.

Lovely ladies

Organiser Jan Burgess said: 'We have our lovely Minard ladies' bak-

ing to look forward to, and we also have craft, bric-a-brac stalls an art stall a raffle and more.'

The coffee morning will take place on October 1 between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Give everyone what you owe him ...' (Romans 13:7).

BIRTHS



COLVILLE

At Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin, on September 7, 2016, to Donald and Susan, a beautiful baby girl, Freya Sophia. Welcome to the world, three and a half weeks early. First grandchild for Rory and Mary, Kilkenzie, and second for Philip and Fiona Rotheres. We are over the moon.



MCNAUGHTON

Irene McNaughton is delighted to announce the birth of her first grandchild, a little girl, Ava Leanne Beattie, on September 6, 2016. Scott Beattie and Iona McNab, Dunoon, are the proud parents.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MCMILLAN - COFFIELD - On September 21, 1956, by Rev Campbell MacLean, Archie to Nan. Present address, 13 Meadowpark, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BECKER - In Brisbane, on September 14, 2016, aged 85 years, Margaret McArthur, formerly McSporran of the Moy, then of Johannesburg and Brisbane. Sadly missed by her daughters, Judy and Ann and their families in Australia and New Zealand and her family in the UK.

DUNCAN - Muriel (Butchart), aged 89 years, passed away peacefully, on September 12, 2016, beloved wife of Ian, much loved mother of Neil and Roddy, of Aros Cottages, Lochgilphead, 1958 to 1970. Funeral to be held on Friday, September 23 at the Church of Scotland, Chapel Street, Carlisle, at 2.15pm.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully at home, Aros-Aluinn, Southend, on September 20, 2016, James Donald MacMillan, in his 93rd year, dearly beloved husband of the late Teenie McCallum, much loved father of Agnes,

Mairi and Calum and a loving granda and great granda. Service will take place in Southend Church, on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Southend Church and Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MAGUIRE - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 15, 2016, Margaret Maguire, in her 63rd year, 1 Park Terrace, Campbeltown, dearly beloved mum of Kelly-Marie, loving granny of Krystal, Holli and Lileigh and a much loved sister and aunt.

MCAULAY - Peacefully, at the Campsie View Nursing Home, Kirkintilloch, on September 17, 2016, Jean Sinclair Martin, in her 92nd year, dearly beloved wife of the late John McAulay, much loved mother of John, Ross, Andrew and Jamie and great granny of Jake, Josh, Zac, Emilie and Daisy. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. No flowers please.

MCKECHNIE - Suddenly but peacefully, at his home, 15A Hill Street, Oban, on September 16, 2016, Charles Arthur (Charlie) McKechnie, aged 58 years, formerly of Campbeltown, loving and much loved son of the late Kathleen McKechnie, née Taylor, and of the late Charles Arthur McKechnie, adored brother of Jane, Paul, Kathleen and Marina, and a dearly loved nephew, brother-in-law, uncle and great uncle to all the family. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and cared for him, especially by his carers, who helped him achieve so much in his life and afforded him his independence. Funeral service will be held in Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road, Oban, on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7.00pm, followed by a service in Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, September 23 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to Argyll Animal Aid. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

TOWNSLEY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 17, 2016, Agnes Townsley, in her 70th year, 29 Bayview, Machrihanish, dearly beloved mum of Gavin,

Margaret, Angela and the late Shaun, a loving granny, great granny and a much loved sister and aunt. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILLIES - Neil, Tom and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls and cards received following the recent sad passing of Angus. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Ward I, Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban for their care and attention to Angus. Our thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £445 for Oban Hospice.

GOW - The family of the late Noreen would like to express gratitude to all for many messages of sympathy following our sad loss. Sincere thanks for support in keeping Noreen safe and comfortable in her final months. Special thanks to all the medical team, doctors, nurses, carers and Marie Curie staff. Thank you too to neighbours and the community in Cumloddan, Lochfyneside and all who supported her. Thanks to our Rev Roderick Campbell for his wonderful services at Cumloddan and Cardross, with beautiful music played/sung by Barbara and Wilf Stout. Fantastic support from Stan Lupton and his team and an excellent tea at the Coach House. We acknowledge the generous donations to Marie Curie from both services and via Justgiving.com.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - In memory of Eddie, died September 24, 2000, loving dad and grandad. Loved and remembered always. - Yvonne, Eddie, Susan and grandchildren.

HEPBURN - Precious memories of Georgia, our darling daughter and sister, taken from us September 22, 2015, aged eighteen. Loved and missed every day. - Neil, Jane and Rebecca.

SARGENT - Treasured memories of a loving sister and aunt, Senga, taken from us on September 18, 2014.

Always in our thoughts. - Sister Ga-Ga and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 25th September 2016
 Skipness Service 10am
 Marilyn Shedden
 Tarbert Service 11.30am
 Rev. Margaret Anderson
 Kilberry Service 2pm
 Mr Christopher Thornhill
 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
 Everyone very welcome
 Tarbert & Kilberry, SCO02622
 Skipness SCO04280

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 25th September 2016
 Cumloddan Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Minister:
 Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
 Morning Service
 in Cumloddan Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service
 in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
ALL WELCOME

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 25th September 2016
 11.00am
 Celebrating the 43rd Anniversary of Living Stones Christian Centre (Previously The Renewal Fellowship)
 Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
 Speaker - Graham McLean 'A River of Life'

Tuesday 27th September 2016
 7.30pm
 Prayer, Word and Sharing
 All Welcome



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 25th September
 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
 More info. at
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Sunday 25th September
 (1 Thessalonians)
 Services in
 Achahoish at 9:45am
 and
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 National Prayer Weekend
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th
 Opportunities to pray for our Communities from 11:00 till 12noon in Ardrishaig Church
 (Come and go as time permits)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
 Bishopton Road,
 Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am
 Eucharist & Coffee
 St Columba's,
 Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
 9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
 6.00pm Evensong
 Father Simon Mackenzie
 01546 602315

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
 (SCO002876)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 25 September
 Tayvallich Church
 Morning Worship 11:30 am
 Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 24 September
 Tayvallich Hall 10:30 am
 Coffee Morning in aid of Malawi Food Crisis
Monday 26 September
 Tayvallich Church
 Prayer time 10:30 am
 All welcome
 Enquiries 01546 606926
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

lochgilphead baptist church

Pastor Derek Gibson
 All Welcome
Sunday 25th September 2016
 Morning Service 11am
Tuesdays
 mainly music at 10.15am
Fridays
 Jumpstart From 10am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 25 September 2016
 This week we are pleased to have one of our own members speaking at our service. Gordon Cosgrove, an Elder at Springbank, will bring us a message relevant to all. We would be pleased to welcome you at 11am to our Family Service with Communion. A crèche is available.

Wednesday
 12.30pm at the Free Church
 Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
 For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 SC014646



Sunday Service
 11.00 am
 with Sunday School followed by refreshments
 Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
 10.00 - 11.30 am
 every Thursday (term time only)
 Registration required
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 25th September
 11.15am
 Worship Service
 Rev Phil Steed
 4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 28th September
 12.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
 2.00pm Water of Life Café
Saturday 1st October
 9.00am Prayer Breakfast
All Welcome
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
 Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 25th September 2016
 Sunday Worship
 Ford 10.00am
 All welcome
 SC0 02121

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 25th September 2016
 The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15 am
 Come and share fellowship with us after the service
 Join us in our Harvest Lunch
 Everybody welcome to come along

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 25th September
 Morning Service 11.15am
 Creche, Triple C
 Rev P Wallace
Monday 26th September
 Messy Church
 Church Hall 3.45 - 5.30pm
 Board meeting 7.30pm
 New Hall
Tuesday 27th September
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
 Boys' Brigade
 Anchor Boys 6pm
 Junior Section 7.15
 Church Hall
 Company Section
 7pm New Hall
Thursday 29th September
 Choir Practice
Friday 30th September
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon
 New Hall



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Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship
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 6.30pm Evening Worship
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Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study
 Captains Ben & Ruth
 Russell
 All welcome



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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 Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 25th September
 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Sports club lottery just grand for Abbie

ONE lucky winner scooped a bumper prize in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery.

The numbers picked out in Tuesday's draw were 4, 8 and 20, with Abbie Macalister winning the £1,000 jackpot. Next week's prize pot goes back to £100. The numbers drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 7, 12 and 13. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £600.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw produced no winners this week. The numbers were 10, 11 and 19 and next week's prize will be £300.

Mid Argyll Triathlon

IT'S TIME for the MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon.

The 15th edition of this annual race is all set for Sunday September 25, and it is sure to be a cracker.

Heroics

With a full entry – perhaps inspired by the recent heroics of the Brownlee brothers – the event begins at 10.50am with the

first heats in a 500 metre swim at MACPool. This is followed by a gruelling 20km bike ride past Cairnbaan towards Bellanoch, across the Crinan Canal and on to the Mhoinne Mhor before returning via Dunadd and Kilmichael to finish back at the pool. The race climaxes with a 6.5km run towards Ardrishaig on the ca-

nal bank before returning to the finishing line back at the MACPool.

This triathlon has proved more popular than ever.

Fierce rivalry

Organiser Stephen Whiston confirmed that there is, in fact, a waiting list of would-be entrants, adding: 'There is also going to be some fierce rivalry in the race, with local

teams from Mid Argyll and Kintyre hoping to beat the Glasgow University Tri team.

'We are hoping that people will cheer on the cyclists and runners as they whizz round the bike course and head for Ardrishaig.'

The race is expected to finish by around 2pm, and prizes will be presented at 2.30pm to 3pm.

Parents asked to help athletes to reach potential

A GOOD attendance is being sought as Mid Argyll Athletic Club gets set for its AGM later this month.

The club was formed in August 1984 and has a healthy junior membership of boys and girls. The new all-weather jumps facility at Lochgilphead Joint Campus will be of enormous benefit for the further development and, with the support of parents, there is considerable potential for growth within the club.

For 22 years the club has promoted sportshall athletics in Argyll over the winter months and there are plans for this to continue over the coming winter, with a series of lo-

cal competitions leading to an Argyll final in Oban in late February or early March.

The Mid Argyll Athletic Club AGM takes place on Thursday September 29 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead.

Come along

The committee hopes that anyone with an interest in athletics will come along, particularly parents of junior members.

The club meets on Monday nights at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, with primary school ages from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and high school ages from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. New members are always welcome.

News from Lochgilphead Golf Club

SUNDAY at Lochgilphead Golf Club was a bit of a mixed bag as far as the weather was concerned, with only the gents playing in the morning returning a score.

The weather was a bit too wet for the trio of Jim, Ryan and Colin, who attempted to play in the afternoon. They opted to play nine holes and

finish the afternoon socialising in the clubhouse. Fortunately the morning players got finished just as the rain started and Rhuaridh Brown won with a score of a net 62, well ahead of his fellow players. Alex MacAulay was runner-up with a net 69 and Grant MacDougall was in third place with a net 71.

The ladies played a nine-hole stableford competition on Saturday but the results are not yet available.

Next week is the last of summer season golf and the scheduled competitions are the Charity Cup for ladies on Saturday and the September medal for the gents on Sunday.

Nomination Form Sport Awards

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2016



Do you know a sportsperson who deserves to be recognised or a club/team?

If so, until Friday October 7 is the time to nominate them for the South Kintyre Sports Council Sports Awards, in one of six categories and ensure they have the recognition they deserve.

There are 6 categories for nominations:

- Coach of the Year
- Team/Club of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year (under 18)
- Sports Person of the Year (18 and over)
- Young Volunteer of the Year (under 18)
- Service to Sports Award

Award Category: (eg Coach of the year)	
Name of Nominee:	
Sport:	
Nominee's Club: (if applicable)	
Reason for Nomination:	
Contact Number of Nominee:	

Nominations will be put forward to an independent judging panel and prizes will be awarded at the dinner dance ceremony on 12th November at Campbeltown Bowling Club.

Please send completed nomination forms to kathleenmcmillan25@gmail.com or hand them into Wee Toon Sports Shop, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Sports awards for South Kintyre

The six categories for nominations are as follows:

Coach of the Year:

This award recognises the commitment, dedication and impact their involvement has had on their sport, their club or their team.

He/she will have demonstrated a commitment to personal development and supporting the development of others.

Team/Club of the Year:

This award recognises a local team or club that has had a successful year competing within its sport in the last two years.

This team/club could be recognized for the impact, development, organisation and wide ranging success in the past two years.

Young Sports Person of the Year (under 18):

This award is for an individual young

person who has achieved success in their chosen sport and/or has made a significant impact in their sport or team.

Sports Person of the Year (over 18):

To celebrate the commitment, dedication and success achieved by the best of South Kintyre's sporting talent.

Service to Sports:

For an individual who has displayed an outstanding contribution as a volunteer in the support, administration, promotion and/or delivery of services to sport over a considerable period of time.

Young Volunteer of the Year (under 18):

This award recognises the commitment, dedication and impact their involvement has had on their sport, club, team and /or school.

SOUTH KINTYRE SPORTS AWARDS DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2016

Stronvaar Bowling Club – 7pm

Tickets £20 pp available from Wee Toon Sports - includes Dinner & Entertainment from Kerry's Disco.



Come and support local sport and and recognise sporting achievements in South Kintyre.

Alister and Chris return to entertain the Lewis crowds

ALISTER MacArthur of Lochgilphead and Tarbert's Chris Robertson took their MR Motorsport Talbot Sunbeam on its summer holidays recently to the Isle of Lewis. Rally Hebrides is a charity event, laid on with the sole purpose of raising as much money as possible for Macmillan Nurses.

Competitors are invited to take part in a limited field of cars to entertain the crowds over two days and 11 stages of mixed surface rally.

Alister and Chris attended last year and put on a tremendous show for the crowds at the final venue, Isle of Lewis

Car Club's home track at Creed Park.

They must have made an impression as they were immediately invited to come along again this year.

There are no clocks used in this rally, so no overall class positions. This also means, however, that the competitors can take advantage of a less pressured race and push their cars beyond the normal limits of traction and seriously showcase their driving skills and nerve.

If you have never spectated at a rally or visited the beautiful island of Lewis then this provides the perfect way to tick both boxes.



Members, friends and the MacFarlane family gather in sunshine to remember Joe.

Blair triumphs in Wee Joe Memorial

LAST Saturday saw 43 members and guests turn out for the second playing of the 'Wee Joe' Memorial Shield, honouring the memory of a longstanding member, Joe MacFarlane.

Cath and all the MacFarlane family were delighted with the number of people who took part to honour Joe.

The participants found the course, particularly the greens, in fantastic condition

and, with the sun shining overhead, good scoring was anticipated.

Best inward nine

Four players finished on 39 stableford points, but David Ronald had the best inward nine to take fourth place, brothers Kenny and Angus MacFarlane both had 40 points with Angus taking second place with the better inward half.

First place went to Keith Blair

with 41 points. Keith had a fantastic one under par front nine giving him 23 points and 18 on the back nine to win the shield by one shot.

A delighted Keith thanked the MacFarlane family for such a fantastic day and paid tribute to Joe in his speech.

This Saturday sees the Archie Miller Cup take place. This competition is open to all members and has a 12.30pm start.

North v south clash looms in Fort William

NORTH and south clash at Fort William this weekend in shinty's annual youth challenge matches.

First up on Sunday September 25 is the under-14 match for the Fraser MacPhee Trophy. Throw up at An Aird is at noon.

The south squad for this age group includes Campbell Watt from Inveraray as well as players from Tighnabruach, Glendaruel, Strachur, Bute, Oban and Ballachulish.

Later in the afternoon, the under-17 clash takes centre stage. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

In a squad dominated by Oban Camanachd players, four from Inveraray are selected – Ruaraidh Graham, Allan Cameron, Hamish MacLellan and Ross Montgomery. Young players from Kyles, Bute, Dalmally, Ballachulish and Glasgow could also make the final team selection.



The MR Motorsport Sunbeam on the turbine stages above Stornoway.

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Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Red Star's good league start continues with fine home win

Lochgilhead Red Star 4
East Kilbride YMCA 1
SAFL Premier Division 2A

RED Star's excellent start to the season continued on Saturday as they beat a strong East Kilbride side 4-1.

A double from Robert Docherty was added to by goals from Kevin Keen and Aaron

Moore to put the home side 4-0 up.

Concede Star were disappointed to concede a goal late on which was the first time Kalache had been beaten all season and it took an ex-

cellent effort to do so. Despite a nervy ending to the match the hosts deserved their victory, which keeps them top of the table with 10 points from four games.

Next Saturday, October 1, Star travel to play Rothesay Branded in a tricky-looking Scottish Cup second round tie.



The Red Star squad showing off their new strips before kick-off, kindly sponsored by the Argyll Inn, Lochgilhead. A Red Star spokesman said: 'We are pleased and proud to have the Argyll Inn on board as shirt sponsor.' 06_a39RedStar01

Argyll take on Scottish select at Tarbert

AN ARGYLL select will take on the might of the Scottish Amateur Football League in the annual Joe Paterson memorial fixture to be played on Saturday at Tarbert, kick-off 1.30pm.

The trophy has been played for on 32 occasions with each team winning 16 times so this will add a bit more spice to the fixture.

The Argyll squad is - Ryan Gilchrist, Gary Grumoli, Liam Renton and Keith Mitchell (Campbeltown Pupils); Kieran Moore, Aaron Moore, Lee MacLean and Luke Naisby (Lochgilhead Red Star); Thomas McCulloch, Scott Maitland, Donald Campbell and Craig MacEwan (Oban Saints); Fraser Talbot, Andrew Guy, David Ronald and Craig Johnstone (Tarbert).

Weather fails to dampen the spirits at the Ian 'Parrott' Macmillan sixes

SIXTEEN teams entered the Ian 'Parrott' Macmillan sixes tournament at Mossfield Stadium last Sunday with 128 children taking part - which is a fantastic turnout - and all the credit goes to the school coaches.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't at its best and could have

been a bit kinder, but this did not detract from some superb shinty from the youngsters.

The teams taking part were from Park School, Rockfield, Taynuilt, Inveraray, Kilmory, Ardnamurchan and Ballochulish.

The competition was split into two leagues

- P5 to P7 and P5 and under.

The group stages finished with the teams from Taynuilt and Rockfield in both finals. The P5 and under league was won by Rockfield Rovers who defeated Taynuilt 2-1 in a great final with both teams giving their all.

In the older age group, Taynuilt defeated Rockfield this time, which again was a fantastic final. The score ended 0-0 but Taynuilt won a very tense penalty shoot-out 3-2.

The William (Flip) Fleming Memorial player of the year was won by Calum Macmillan, Park School.

Winner of the Ian



Inveraray player Eilidh Cameron, aged 11, was voted best girl at the tournament.

Macmillan most endeavour quaich was Matthew Sloss from Taynuilt and the winner of the best female player on the day was Eilidh Cameron of Inveraray.

The Macmillan family would like to thank everybody for all their help in organising the tournament.

Three out of three for Red Star kids

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star youths have a new team in the Dumbarton Football Development League - and they are off to a flyer.

After taking part in festivals and the Oban Primary football league for the past few years, the Red Star 2004 players are making the step up to play 11-a-side at under-13 level.

With three games under their belt so far, the youngsters have got off to a great start. Scoring 37 goals in the three games with only three conceded, they have won all three games in convincing fashion.

Goals have been shared out across the team, with Craig Aitken, Gregor Brown,

Josh Cameron, Kieran Caskie, Lewis Curran, Ciaran Gibson, Lee Harris, Alexander MacLean, Harry MacLean, Conner McMurchy, Jamie Stewart and Carla Todd all getting on the scoresheet.

In defence, sterling displays from Innes Paterson and Tom West along with goalies Jasmine McPhie, Leon Murphy and Jacob Potter have kept goals conceded to a minimum.

The youngsters are delighted with their start and are looking forward to the remaining 23 league games over the rest of the season.

They would like to thank Mid Argyll Youth Development Services for sponsoring their strips, Mid Argyll Youth Forum for sponsoring rain jackets and Gleaner Oils and Travis Perkins who have also provided sponsorship.



The Kilmory youngsters who took part in the tournament.

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