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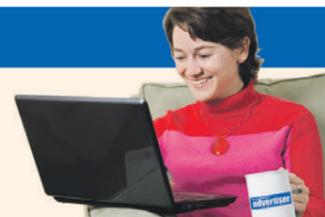
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Hospital told to clean up its act

MID ARGYLL Community Hospital has been told it must clean up its act after soiled bed linen was found on 'ready to use' patient beds.

For a full report on the infection control inspection see page 2.

Man refused to leave pub

A TRIP to the pub proved costly for one young man after he was issued with a £40 fine after refusing to leave the Lochgilphead premises.

Police officers were asked to eject the 24-year-old from the Lochnell Street pub at 9.50pm on Friday night.

Mòd Dhail

Riata success

MORE than 150 musicians competed at Mòd Dhail Riata 2014 in Lochgilphead, as singers enjoyed their 'last rehearsal' before the Royal National Mòd this month.

Lochgilphead was the final regional mod to be held before the national event, which gets underway in Inverness in just one week's time.

For a full report on the mòd and pictures see pages 14 and 15.



Folk group hits the right notes

Emma Kok is one of five Tarbert girls who launched their first album as folk group Na Seudan Ùr on Friday. More than 150 people turned out to see the band perform at the launch of Seunta (Enchanting) at Putechan Hotel in Bellochantuy. Na Seudan Ùr, the New Jewels, includes Emma, Hannah Prill, Emma MacFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney and Naomi Stanesby. The band was established four years ago when the youngest member was just nine years old and the eldest 14. For more see page 8.

Drug taking campers and anglers told to stay away

DRUG taking anglers and campers are being told they are 'not wanted' in Furnace after a number of men were allegedly found with cannabis and amphetamine in the village.

In the past six weeks four people from out-with the Mid Argyll area have been found by police in possession of illegal drugs at Furnace Quarry.

On September 12, three men, aged 23, 32 and 51, were searched and allegedly found in possession of herbal cannabis and amphetamine, two weeks after another man was allegedly found in possession of cannabis.

Now the people of Fur-

nace are telling these anti-social visitors to stay away.

Mike Masters, of Furnace Community Council, said: 'These are men who come from Glasgow for the weekend.'

'They are bringing their beer and their drugs.'

'The problem with these men is their litter as well, the rubbish they leave and their general anti-social behaviour.'

'They come from Glasgow apparently to fish but really they come and drink and cause problems. We don't want them in Furnace.'

Mr Masters said residents were keen to show the drug taking and resultant problems were

not caused by people living in the village.

'We have been reassured because we have noticed a greater police presence in the village in the last week or two and that's something we have pushed for,' Mr Masters added.

Marlene Baillie, chief inspector of Mid Argyll, Kintyre the Islands, said: 'We will continue to monitor this location as it is popular with anglers and other visitors travelling through who maybe in possession of illegal drugs.'

'I would ask the residents of Furnace to report any person or vehicle that they consider to be suspicious to ourselves by phoning 101.'

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Soiled bed linen was found on 'ready to use' patient beds

SOILED bed linen found on 'ready to use' patient beds has led to Mid Argyll Community Hospital being told it must stamp out inadequacies in cleanliness immediately.

An inspection at the hospital found body fluid on a patient's locker and bed frame and some dirty medical equipment.

Of nine patient beds and mattresses checked across the hospital's four wards, seven were contaminated.

But the Healthcare Environmental Inspectorate (HEI) did say the hospital was clean in most areas and staff were complying with the majority of standard

infection control precautions.

The health watchdog set NHS Highland four requirements for improvement, some to be implemented immediately.

Improving

They include: improving the management of bed linen; improving the cleaning of patient equipment; improving the audit system to ensure all precautions are being taken on an ongoing basis; complete internal infection control audits in Craignish Ward.

Pat Tyrrell, lead nurse for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, said: 'We are delighted that the

HEI has recognised that the hospital is clean in most areas and that the infection rates within this hospital are very low.

'However we also accept the areas that have been highlighted for improvement and have already taken action to address these.

'We have put new systems in place to make sure that staff are compliant with all of the requirements.

'We will continually strive to meet all of the national standards for Healthcare Associated Infection.'

NHS Highland has set out an action plan to address all of the requirements highlighted in the



From left, Mrs Rennie and John and Margaret McGinley went along to the Great Big Coffee Morning to support the cause. 08_a40coffee03

Great Big Coffee Morning

A 'Great Big Coffee Morning' was held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Saturday as part of a UK-wide fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Rotary Club of Mid Argyll organises the coffee morning every

year. This year it hoped to exceed its usual sum of around £750.

Enjoyed

Visitors enjoyed home-baked cakes, biscuits and tea and coffee served up by members of the club themselves.

First SWRI meeting a success

THE START of the autumn sessions for Lochgilphead Scottish Rural Women's Institute got off to a good start.

Members reminisced about their favourite places in Argyll when they brought in pictures of their special place for the other ladies to guess the location.

Competition winners for two macaroon bars were: Gold: Jean Smith; Silver: Mandy Awcott; Red: Debbie Munro, Lizzie Scott, Jeanette Lawton and Mary Campbell. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21 in Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Bag levy of 5p coming this month

SHOPPERS in Mid Argyll are being reminded that the Scottish Government's bag levy will come into force this month.

It will mean that all retailers will be forced to charge a minimum of 5p for every single use carrier bag sold on its premises.

The charge applies to bags made from plastic, paper, natural plant or plant-based materials, with the exception of cotton, flax, hemp, jute or sisal.

The levy will be introduced across Scotland on October 20.

Expert to outline benefits of early introduction to Gaelic language

THE BENEFITS of speaking two languages in early childhood will be made clear to Mid Argyll parents next week when an expert in bilingualism visits Lochgilphead.

Professor Antonella Sorace, of the University of Edinburgh, will be a guest of new Gaelic preschool group Little Gaelic Voices.

Ms Sorace is a professor of developmental linguistics and a world-leading author-

ity on bilingual language development in all age groups.

Outline

Attending Little Gaelic Voices on Saturday, October 11, Professor Sorace will outline the many benefits, both social and educational, for young people speaking more than one language.

'There are still many widespread old misconceptions, as well as some new ones, about what it means to grow

up with two languages,' Professor Sorace said.

'I will first illustrate the main facts and positive effects of early bilingualism, and then show how we can enable people to make informed decisions in minority language communities.'

Professor Sorace's talk will take place at 2pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

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Sarena Victoria Anne Duff graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Psychology from the University of Strathclyde. Daughter of Owen and Anne Duff, Ardrishaig, grand-daughter of Ina and the late Ian MacDonald, Clachan, Gwen and the late Allan Duff, Taynuilt and Aileen Nye, Cambridge. Sarena is now studying for a Masters in Forensic Psychology.



Tara Louisa Harvey graduated from the University of Glasgow on 2nd July 2014 with a Master of Arts (Social Sciences) with Honours in Psychology. Tara is the daughter of Michael and Mary Harvey and grand-daughter of Jackie and Christine Cupples and Mick and Noreen Harvey.

Attempted break-in

POLICE are appealing for information after an attempted break-in at a shed near Quarry Park, Furnace.

The incident took place some time between 2am and 9am on September 26.

Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland on 101.

Disturbance costs man £40

A YOUNG man found causing a disturbance in Lochgilphead has been issued with a £40 fine.

The 22-year-old man was arrested for conducting himself in a disorderly manner by shouting and swearing on Union Street shortly after midnight on Saturday.

Alleged shop-lifter reported

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal after allegedly shop-lifting from the Co-op in Lochgilphead.

The 24-year-old was arrested at 9.45pm on Saturday.

New recipe for food shop success

Shop worker's bid to save Cockles from closure

A SHOP worker who wants to turn Cockles Fine Foods in Lochgilphead into a social enterprise is appealing for people to invest in the business before it vanishes from the high street.

Having been on the market for two and a half years, the delicatessen is on the brink of closure because current owner Kay Hunter, who lives in Germany part time, plans to relocate permanently.

Kate MacDonald, who manages the shop when Kay is away, is behind the community buy-out initiative. She says she is passionate about the survival of the already 'empty' Lochgilphead high street.

Kate, from Crinan, said: 'I don't want the shop to shut because the high street is already un-

'The high street is unattractive enough without the closure of another shop'

attractive enough without the closure of yet another shop.

'When I tell people who come in, they express their horror at the idea of the shop closing and that makes me think I have a good shot at re-launching Cockles as a community enterprise.'

Kate's aim is for Cockles to become a not-for-profit trust and to offer people the option of crowd funding or a share option. She thinks Cockles could be an acronym for Community Owned Community

Known Local Enterprise Solution.

The buyout would cost £70,000. Customers can pick up 'feedback postcards' from Cockles, which Kate hopes will generate interest and give her an idea of who would support the business. This is both in terms of continued custom and potential investment.

She says Argyll business and food producers could buy shelf space in the shop in order to sell products and already has interest from food producers.

'I have worked here for long enough and I see people come in, who are excited about the fact we offer alternative products to those found in branded stores,' she said.

'We want to see that continue.'



Kate MacDonald, left, looks after Cockles when current owner Kay Hunter is in Germany. 08_a40cockles02

Car club members drive in with £400

A COFFEE morning held at Lochgilphead's MS Centre for vintage car owners recently proved lucrative when the rally almost doubled the money raised.

The town's MS Centre hosted a coffee morning for motorists with the Scottish Concours D'Elegance car rally when they were passing through on their way to Inveraray.

The event, organised by Joan Haycock, raised £425. But not content with providing business for the event, the Veteran Car Rally Club

handed over a cheque for £400 to the centre, which supports people with MS and other long-term conditions.

The veteran car rally is an annual event held by Charles Haycock and Sir William Lithgow.

Volunteers

Karen McCurry said: 'The MS Centre would like to thank Sir William and Lady Lithgow, Charles and Joan Haycock, the volunteers who helped to serve teas and coffees and all members of the veteran car club who attended the coffee morning.'

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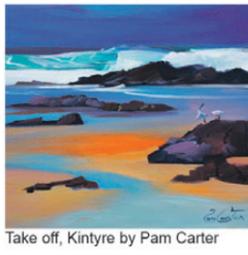
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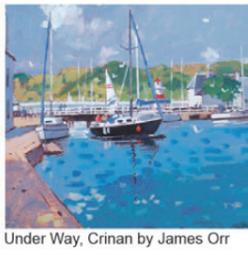
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Kintyre councillor stands down

SNP group within Argyll and Bute Council halved in two and half years

A SEVENTH member of the Scottish National Party (SNP) has resigned from its political grouping in Argyll and Bute council.

Meanwhile Oban and North Lorn councillor Iain Angus Macdonald, previously an in-

dependent, has joined the SNP.

Councillor John Semple, a former council deputy leader, is to stand down from his position as a councillor for South Kintyre.

The resignation of the Campbelltown man means the once

13-strong SNP group has more than halved in number.

Mr Semple follows in the footsteps of Oban councillors Louise Glen-Lee and Fred Hall in resigning from the council, while Michael Breslin, Robert MacIntyre, Roddy McCuish

and Mary-Jean Devon stood down from the SNP but remain councillors.

Mr Semple has accepted a full-time post to teach at Argyll College's Construction, Engineering and Renewables Centre.



P6 pupils Temma Tierney-Clark and Archie MacColl-S contest. 08_a40cars01

School kids judge

YOUNGSTERS excitedly judged a pre-1916 car rally at Inveraray Castle, after the classics zoomed in from as far afield as Somerset.

Invited

The primary 6/7 class, from Inveraray Primary School, was invited to judge the Scottish Concours D'Elegance friendly competition, hosted by the

Argyll Veteran Car Rally Club.

While inspecting a 1905 Rover 6Hp Dog Cart, Temma Tierney-Clark, from Inveraray, said: 'What I like is the feeling of the leather, and that there is space under the back seat for a dog. That's cool. It's my second favourite.'

In the French Concours D'Elegance, which is a



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News in brief:

£100,000 a year for new boss

THE HIGH-ranking officer of health and social care for the region will receive an annual salary of £100,000.

The newly-created position of chief officer of health and social care services is a joint appointment by Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland.

The post holder, who will be based in Lochgilphead from next month, will be responsible for a budget of £225 million.

The job description explains that one of the key tasks confronting the new officer will be working with two chief executives from two different organisations.

Future of Scotland meeting

A MEETING to discuss the future of Scotland will be held in Inveraray on October 5.

In the wake of a decisive No vote in Argyll and Bute, MSP Michael Russell wants to meet with people to discuss the future.

He said: 'There will be no formal agenda and no formal speeches - just a chance for us all to say what we want to happen and stretch out to find the right structure to keep this going.'

Competition winner

Cheryl Lawrie from Kinlochleven is the lucky winner of the Argyllshire Advertiser's autumn break competition. Cheryl has won a one-night bed and breakfast stay for two, plus a four-course dinner at Duisdale House Hotel on Skye, a prize worth up to £339.

The competition, published on September 12, asked the question: Which peninsula does Duisdale House Hotel overlook? The correct answer was Knoydart peninsula.



mith tipped this 1905 car to come in second in the

veteran car rally

certified competition, a classic car expert assesses the vehicles.

But Charles Haycock, one of the event organisers and member of the car club, said he was after the honest opinion of the Royal Burgh youngsters.

Friendly
‘We like to keep this friendly, and invite a local school along to take part,’

Mr Haycock said. ‘It’s a bit of fun for them.’

Different route

The cars did not race, but each driver was given a different route to drive by organisers, before parking up at Inveraray Castle. An array of impressive cars could be seen driving around Mid Argyll in the days leading up to the event.

One in five will be over 80 in Argyll and Bute

Care of the elderly at home jumps by 27 per cent

EVERY fifth person in Argyll and Bute will be in their eighth, ninth or tenth decade in 23 years’ time.

To address the concerns about how the care sector can look after an ageing population, Argyll and Bute Council has commissioned, at no cost to the authority, the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Care (IRISC) to look into the issue.

The council says the research will bring ‘key service’ providers together as an informal partnership to organise the planning and delivery of home care in Argyll.

The news comes as the local authority confirmed the number of people receiving care at

home has increased by 27 per cent in last three years, from 898 people to 1,144.

Deputy provost Douglas Philand said: ‘The number of people relying on care will continue to grow as we all live longer. Demand on services therefore will continue to increase. There is potential for a great wealth of shared experiences, knowledge and ideas to be tapped by bringing people together. This type of informal meeting can produce the most innovative ideas and that is what will build a secure, caring future for the older members of our community.’

A council spokeswoman added: ‘At a meeting in August the part-

nership looked at jointly managing the challenges of recruitment and training and delivering services across Argyll and Bute. A further

meeting is planned, and a full report on the project and its outcomes will be published in December.’

Rhiann McLean from

IRISC said: ‘We were excited to work in Argyll and Bute as part of the joint IRISC and Scottish CareFit for the Future project.’

Tarbert Co-op closes for eight days for £400,000 make-over

SHOPPERS in Tarbert are to be bussed to Lochgilphead for their groceries as the village Co-op closes for a £400,000 make-over.

The only supermarket in the village, the Co-op will close at 6pm on Tuesday, October 7 for eight days to allow the food group to create a ‘state of the art’ store.

Home delivery

Chiefs at the Co-op say during the closure

the company will offer a home-delivery service and lay on buses to Lochgilphead, the frequency of which is still to be confirmed.

When it reopens, the food group insists prices of everyday essentials such as bread, milk and bacon will be reduced as part of its Fair and Square Pricing initiative.

Derek Guy, manager of Tarbert Co-op,

said: ‘I’m excited about welcoming shoppers into the new store. The transformation will be amazing.’

Ian Macintyre, a shop owner in Tarbert, said: ‘If they are running buses to Lochgilphead it will take business away from the other shops in Tarbert. On the other hand it does need upgrading, it has been needing that for a long time.’

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Aged population spells disaster for public service

FIGURES showing one in five people in Argyll and Bute will be aged over 80 in the next 23 years is sounding an alarm bell for health and social care services.

Those currently in the public and private sector know that providing care for the elderly at home, in hospitals and in care homes is already difficult because of a lack of staff in the Mid Argyll area.

A specialist dementia ward at Mid Argyll Community Hospital was forced to close for weeks because of staff shortages.

And GPs are even difficult to come by. Inveraray is one of many rural surgeries throughout Argyll and Bute which has been without a permanent doctor for some time.

It is not just the sheer scale of the workforce needed to look after the over 80s that we should be concerned out.

An aged population is a retired population, one that does not pay tax and one that often pays a reduced rate of council tax.

This spells much greater disaster for the wider population of Argyll and Bute.

Fewer people paying council tax, or reduced council tax, means less money going to Argyll and Bute Council.

The logical suggestion is then cuts. And cuts across all services: education, health, social housing and roads could all be affected.

Let's hope that Argyll and Bute Council and the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Care find a solution fast.

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Better transport links required

Sir,
As an outgoing and community-orientated person, I like to support events in my area and travel from village to village to festivals and fundraisers.

But I have found it difficult to get a taxi on weekdays, weekends and particularly if there is an event on in Mid Argyll. I know there are more people than me who experience this regularly.

Businesses and people in the area are trying hard to make Mid Argyll an exciting place to live, work and play; a place that offers local people opportunities, but I feel that this issue is hindering the social lives of many, and inevitably the success of events which people just cannot get transport to.

Soon people won't leave their villages for lack of a decent transport services.

Maybe taxi companies could get more drivers on at weekends, or during events and maybe bus companies could look at rescheduling, or putting on an additional service.

I think people would take advantage of events across the

whole of Mid Argyll if there was a fixed transport service in the area.

And if I didn't work full time I would be seriously think of starting my own business.

I just hope this gets people thinking.

Name and address supplied.

Lantern parade a priceless event

Sir,
I was very saddened to learn via the Argyllshire Advertiser that the Lochgilphead Lantern Parade is not going ahead this year and could be in jeopardy all together.

Having visited Mid Argyll for many years on holiday, I would never have missed the lantern parade. My family and I always ensured we were in Lochgilphead for bonfire night; for the last six years we have never missed it.

The parade has been a highlight for us, but even more so for the community; I believe it has been the pinnacle of the social calendar.

It is, undoubtedly, a major selling point for Lochgilphead and tourists like me. Nowhere else in Argyll, or indeed on the West Coast of Scotland, is there a parade of this scale,

accompanied by a fireworks display, which is a credit to the Mid Argyll Roundtable.

If this event is lost forever, I fear it will also put the fireworks display in jeopardy, as the parade is what drew people to Lochgilphead Front Green where the collection pots are shaken with such enthusiasm.

After all fireworks are visible for miles around, often from the comfort and heat of your own home, caravan or hotel.

My family and I will still be making the trip north this year to show our support and hope the issues surrounding the lantern parade are resolved.

If I lived in Lochgilphead I would definitely be signing up for the committee to ensure this priceless event continues for many years to come.

Jim Green, Glasgow.

Freasdail wind farm countdown concerns

Sir,
Thanks to your item about the start of work on Freasdail Wind Farm by RES, we now know that we have a little over a year during which we can continue to have the quiet enjoyment of the house we built here in north Kintyre for our retirement.

Our finances have already been ruined by the scheme and in late 2015 it will be our views and the tranquillity we value so much that will also suffer.

I expect RES will protest there is no great body of research to back up the accusation of property value effects but I know of two house sales which fell through when the appeal decision was announced and another sale

which had to be made at a much reduced price. I don't need lots of research to know what the effect is – disastrous.

Let us be quite clear about how much interest RES has in the area and its inhabitants; none beyond the box-ticking 'consultation' exercise which has to be gone through when making an application and paying tiny amounts from their revenues to local good causes.

I would take issue with the assertion by the spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council that there were no grounds for the planning reporter's decision to be challenged. There were grounds for doing exactly that and I provided an opinion from a highly qualified chartered surveyor showing those grounds. I was advised by him that the costs of going to the Court of Session myself were substantial and they would have been beyond my means but the council should have protected local residents and the local landscape by taking action.

The costs of the challenge should be judged against the costs to the council of dealing with lots more applications from 'renewable energy' developers which will be encouraged by not fighting the Freasdail scheme.

When these unsightly and fairly pointless (except for making money) devices are up and running (now and then) we can all wonder at a system which allows such things to happen and imagine the money flowing from our pockets to the landowners and developers far away.

David Bridge, Whitehouse, by Tarbert.

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to point out that last week's letter regarding independence posters being destroyed in and around Tarbert was not written by Iain Logan.

The handwritten letter, posted to the *Advertiser*, was signed as Ian Logan, Benview, Tarbert. However, Mr Logan has confirmed he did not write the letter.

We would like to stress that all letters are accepted at the paper in good faith and remind readers that using another person's details is a form of identity fraud.

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Family's appeal to dig deep to support those in poverty

THE PEOPLE of Mid Argyll are being urged to extend a helping hand to people experiencing food poverty in Argyll, as well as those living on the streets of Glasgow.

The McCurry family - Brian, Karen, Michael

and Rebecca - is supporting two initiatives this winter: Kintyre Food Bank and The Rucksack Project 2014.

Warm clothes

Launched last year to support people living on the streets, The Rucksack Project asks people

to fill an old bag with warm clothes, as well as useful items such as flasks, sleeping bags, boots and toiletries.

The rucksacks will be handed over to rough sleepers in and around Glasgow in a bid to make the cold nights

more bearable. The McCurry family from Lochgilphead has offered to transport rucksacks, filled by Mid Argyll folk, to Glasgow on the collection date, December 7.

People will have the opportunity to hand in

rucksacks to the family when they host a fund-raising coffee morning for Kintyre Food Bank on November 29.

Held at the MS Centre, the coffee morning will raise money to support the charity which opened this week.



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New Argyll police chief takes up post

A WOMAN with 29 years service in policing has this month taken on the role as the head of Police Scotland's Argyll and West Dunbartonshire L Division.

Chief Superintendent Helen Swann has taken over from Barry McEwan, who has moved to his new role at the national Licensing and Violence Reduction Division in Glasgow.

'I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed to the role of local policing commander in Argyll and



Chief Superintendent Helen Swann

West Dunbartonshire,' Chf Supt Swann said.

'I must pay tribute to my predecessor, Chf

Supt McEwan who has set the bar high, and I fully intend to maintain and build on all the good work here for the continued benefit of the diverse communities in Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, for the people who live, work and visit here, and to keep people safe.'

Chf Supt Swann, who will head up a division with a population of nearly 200,000, has spent most of her career in the west of Scotland and Ayrshire in both CID and uniform roles.



Dalriada House, the former Argyll Hotel in Lochgilphead, is the latest building to be captured by artist Fraser MacIver in his Building of the Month Project. It was designed/built in 1887 by architect Donald Gillies. Fraser is sketching one Argyll 'building of note' every month for a year and publishing it in the Advertiser, as well as on his social media pages. Art enthusiasts can keep up to date with Fraser's work by following him on twitter @fmacpainter.

'Apple-tastic' time at coffee morning

THE HARVEST is being celebrated with a twist this year at Lochgilphead Parish Church as it aims to find the town's champion peeler.

At a coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday), the church will host an apple-peeling competition, with the person producing the longest peel being declared champion peeler.

Youngsters can also get in on the action with apple dooking and there will also be a hamper full of apple

goodies being raffled, as well as an apple-themed quiz.

For those who prefer eating the fruit, toffee apples will also be on offer.

And when all the peeling is complete the apples will be used to make puddings for the Church Harvest Lunch being held after Sunday's church service.

The coffee morning will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall between 10am and midday.

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New season of accordion and fiddle club

INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club gets under way for another season at the Argyll hotel on Wednesday, October 8.

There is a 'Fyne' mixture of guest artists lined up through until next April, with Janet Graham and her Scottish dance band from Cumbernauld taking the stage on the opening night.

Janet is a regular supporter of the club and recently released a CD with all funds raised going to the Strathcarron Hospice. It won Best CD of the Year at the National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs' awards.

As ever, supporting players are welcome to come along for a tune at the monthly sessions.

Tarbert all-girl band launch enchanting debut collection

MORE than 150 people turned out to see a young, all-female band from Tarbert launch their first CD at a special event.

Music lovers from as far away as Inverness and Yorkshire descended on Putechan hotel in Bellochintuay to see Na Seudan Ùr launch their first album *Seunta* (Enchanting) and premiere a new Gaelic song.

Na Seudan Ùr - Hannah Prill, Emma Kok, Emma MacFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney

and Naomi Stanesby - established their folk band four years ago when the youngest member was just nine-years-old, and the oldest 14.

Having won numerous accolades, including regional and national Mod titles, the girls' first studio album was eagerly awaited by Scotland's traditional and Gaelic music fans.

Delighting the audience with tracks from the album, which included old Mod songs



Na Seudan Ùr launched their first album *Seunta* at the Putechan hotel in Bellochintuay on Saturday

and new material, the band also gave a premiere performance of their new song, *Bean an Iasgair* (Fisherman's wife); an emotional setting of a Gaelic poem by George Campbell-Hay.

The band's musical director Susan Rhodes composed the music to accompany the poem and the band's performance expressed beautifully the anguish of a Tarbert fisherman's wife as she listens to the storm raging throughout

the night while her husband is at sea.

Later, and in keeping with the enchanted theme, a troupe of delightful fairies - young PIs from Tarbert Academy - magically appeared with the CDs for sale, much to the delight of host Kenny Thomson and the audience.

The event was filmed by BBC Alba and featured on *An Là* on Monday evening, while tracks from the CD were played on BBC

Radio Nan Gaidheal on the *Mire ri Moir* programme on Tuesday morning.

Na Seudan Ùr would like to thank various sponsors for their generous support including Argyll and Bute council Gaelic fund, Crear charity Space to Create, the Putechan hotel, Tarbert Harbour Authority, Tarbert Masonic Lodge, and the tremendous support from local communities in Tarbert, Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

Argyll travellers at the heart of Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival

THE STORY and heritage of the travelling community will be shown in Argyll as part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival. Moving Minds is an exhibition created by MECOPP (Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project) and travellers from across Scotland.

It features a collection of storyboards in which travellers have used stories, poetry and photographs to describe their life experiences, providing a wealth of fascinating detail that challenges stereotypes.

The exhibition will be available for view at Lochgilphead Library between October 8 and 15; it is currently on show at Oban Library.

On October 16, from 7pm-9pm, the film *Moving Voices* will be screened at the Oban Phoenix Cinema during an evening celebrating the traditions of Scottish travellers, with storytelling from acclaimed author Jess Smith and a performance from drama artist Naomi Breeze.



Niamh and Hannah being interviewed for BBC Alba's *An Là*.

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Neil Parkinson played solo for The Freedom Festival. 08_a40freefest02



Ailsa Clark, from Lochgilphead and Carys MacFarlane, from Ardrishaig were along to support Gubbed. 08_a40freefest03



Musician Vinny Hutton opened the weekend with his second public performance. 08_a40freefest01

The spirit of freedom flowed for Ardrishaig music festival

A NIGHT of music was held in Ardrishaig recently to celebrate local talent and Scots' opportunity to decide their future in the Scottish independence referendum.

The Freedom Festival in Ardrishaig saw a host of Mid Argyll musicians take to the stage over three nights, just weeks after the ballot papers were counted.

Hosted by Tommy Mulholland, landlord of the Lorne Bar, the festival ran from Friday to Saturday and saw six bands and performers entertain.

Tommy said: 'I'm trying to create a festival in this village because we

have such an abundance of local talent and we want to encourage those people to step up.

'I have always supported local bands and artists, so when I approached them about playing at the festival they were really keen to help me out.'

He added: 'I also wanted to hold a music event because Scotland could have potentially voted independence and I wanted to celebrate that.'

The line-up for the festival featured some of the acts from Lochgilphead's recent MAMA (Mid Argyll Music and Arts) Fest including Ar-



(l-r) George Morris and Colin McLean both from Ardrishaig. 08_a40freefest05

drishaig lad Neil Parkinson and Vinny Hutton, who opened Freedom

Festival on Friday night. Other bands that performed over the week-

end included The Lush Puppies, Gubbed and None the Wiser.



George Cameron, left, and Chris Broderick at Friday's event. 08_a40freefest06

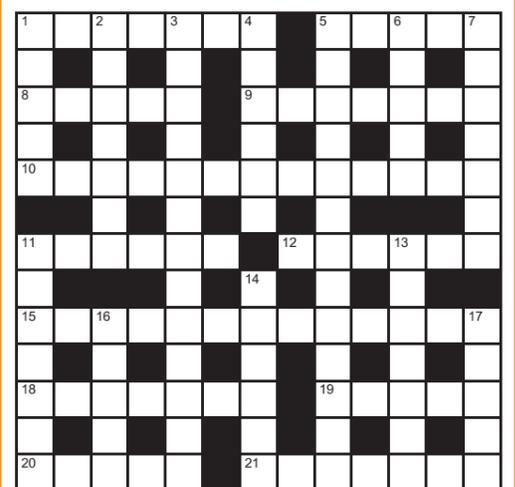


From left: Gavin and Sam Robertson and Tamsyn Taylor were spotted while enjoying Neil Parkinson play live. 08_a40freefest04



(l-r) Stan McHaffey celebrated the festival's success with brother-in-law Tommy Mulholland. 08_a40freefest07

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Across

- 1 Hired transport (7)
- 5 Minister (5)
- 8 Reason (5)
- 9 Contestant loser (4-3)
- 10 Wheeled transport (6,7)
- 11 All over again (6)
- 12 Wide street (6)
- 15 Confidence (4-9)
- 18 Feed (7)
- 19 Obstruction of the intestine (5)
- 20 Angler's basket (5)
- 21 Lack (7)

Down

- 1 Back biter (5)
- 2 Worrier (7)
- 3 Floppy-eared hunting dog (6,7)
- 4 Simmer food slowly (6)
- 5 Six temple fire-tenders (6,7)
- 6 Short-legged Welsh dog (5)
- 7 Go back on (7)
- 11 Element #33 (7)
- 13 Pale yellow fabric (7)
- 14 Can prevent easy breathing (6)
- 16 Head visitor (5)
- 17 Follow (5)

Last week's solution



Students asked to reconnect power to thousands cut off in winter storm

MORE than 100 pupils from schools across Argyll and Bute filled the shoes of engineers, communications officers and emergency personnel when they were asked to reconnect power to Argyll following a snowstorm.

Attending a careers event hosted by Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE Hydro), S5 and S6 students were confronted with the same snow storm which saw parts of Kintyre and Arran closed off for almost a week.

Divided into groups, students from Lochgilphead High School,

Tarbert Academy, Campbeltown Grammar, and Islay High School developed strategic plans to restore electricity supplies.

Samantha O'Connor, SSE communications manager, said: 'During the storms everyone across the company pulled together and we wanted to deliver an activity that would demonstrate that to young people, and show that you don't have to be an engineer or have higher physics to work within a company such as SSE Hydro.'

Roles that were introduced to pupils included call taking, admin-

istration, meteorology and media.

'We are constantly advertising positions and apprenticeships in the likes of Oban, Minard and Campbeltown, at our wind farms and substations,' Samantha added.

Rory Davidson, an S5 pupil from Lochgilphead, said: 'I'd like to get into energy and put my name down to come today to learn more about what they do. If I did pursue it, I'd like to think I could stay and work in Argyll.'

Applications for SSE apprenticeships are open now online at <http://sse.com/careers>.



High school students at the careers event with SSE communications manager Samantha O'Connor.

Shiny Cars and Tidy Gardens project to launch in October

SHINY Cars and Tidy Gardens is the name of a new project which aims to get people who have learning difficulties, or have left school with few qualifications, back into work.

The pilot car valet and gardening enterprise is set to launch this month and is a spin-off from a former council-led

scheme which was successful in Mid Argyll.

Steve Clarkson, from Minard, is the development officer for the pilot programme.

He said: 'People involved will benefit from social inclusion and learning new skills that will hopefully help them to go on and find paid work.'

The pilot will provide voluntary work placements to adults aged 16 and over for three weeks from October 11, with the aim to develop into a paid training programme. Argyll Supported Employment and Training Ltd (ASET) is behind the project and is collectively made up of professional people

and parents who were involved in Argyll and Bute Council's previous project.

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Breeding sheep sale at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its annual breeding sheep sale at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday September 27 when yet another record catalogue entry of more than 8,000 head was on offer.

Quality lots from all sections were keenly bid for by the packed ring-side of buyers forward from all over the country whilst plainer sorts proved more difficult to cash.

Sale averages were as follows: Blackface ewes £60.36 (+ £5.39), Blackface gimmers £102.27 (+ £16.28) and Blackface ewe lambs £44.20 (- £5.36). All other categories sold at levels comparing favourably to last year.

This sale attracted a large entry of stock from a very wide catchment area proving its popularity with both buyers and sellers alike for the excellent choice of quality bred stock on offer at this centre.

Principal lots and prices:
Ewe lambs: MULE: £90 & £80 - Ardmay, Tirez: £79 - Blarghour Farm and Ardachuple. BF: £84 - Dunans: £72 - Burnbank: £68 -

Lurignish, Tullochcan and Lephinkill: £64 - Ballachlaven: £60 - Lurignish: £57 - Corrylorn: £56 - Tullochcan: £54 - Tullochcroisk, Bragleenmore and Tullochcan: £52 - Lephinkill: £50 - Glenkiln, Ronnachan Farms, Braefoot and Lurignish: £49 - Gobagrennan and Garrogie Estates: £48 - Bragleenmore and Burnbank: £47 - Glenbeg and Castles Estate: £46 - Castles Estate.

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Angus MacFadyen and Son, Bragleenmore, Scammadale, sold ewe lambs at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday.

- Littleport: £90 - Corrylorn and Ballachlaven, Islay: £87 - Roromore and Balliemeanoch: £86 - Bragleenmore: £82 - Roromore: £80 - Bragleenmore and Littleport: £77 - Roromore: £75 - Bragleenbeg: £73 £71 -

Clachan Farm Partnership and Pitcastle Estate: £70 - Pitcastle Estate, Meggernie Estate, Keilator, Glenkiln, Tullochcan and Bragleenmore: £69 - Garrogie Estate: £68 - Ronnachan Farms and Duncroisk: £66 - Dun-

croisk: £65 - Barachander Farm, Cuilaine, Pitcastle Estate, Maam and Stroneskar: £64 - Balliemeanoch Farm, Musdale Farm, Succothmore, Brackley and Glenkiln: £63 - Benmore Home Farm.

Sybil centre stage as hill farming enters the spotlight

A LORN hill farmer is set to become a national celebrity as she fronts a new BBC series on farming.

A film crew from On the Farm will regularly visit Sybil MacPherson at Brackley Farm, Dalmally from September through to June next year, following the major events on the farm.

Sybil, who is chairwoman of the National Sheep Association Scotland, said she was looking forward to increasing the awareness of farming life among the general public. She and husband George are one of five families being featured in the series.

She added: 'I was speaking to the BBC

about their series Lambing Live and how successful it was.

'From that, we got talking about farming in this part of the world and I convinced them to include us in this series about farmers working in extreme circumstances.

'We are the mountain shepherds in the series and we will be highlighting the importance of the sheep industry in remote areas of Scotland and how it impacts on rural life.

'I want to let people know how important it is to have sheep on the hill.'

Sybil was speaking at last Saturday's breeding ewe and gimmer sale at Dalmally Auc-

tion Mart, where she was showing the BBC film crew around.

'It is fabulous that they are filming here,' said Sybil. 'It is such an important breeding sale for the area.

Jane Handa will produce and direct the On the Farm series and said Sybil was a great addition to the series, after a nervous start in front of the camera.

'Sybil seemed a bit

unsure at first but she quickly got used to the camera and she has a lot of interesting things to say.

'We are following five families and finding out about their work, their lives and what they are like as people.'

On the Farm will be a 12-episode documentary and will be aired on BBC2 in September next year.



Sybil MacPherson is interviewed for On the Farm at Dalmally Auction Mart. 16_t40dalsale05

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THE feeding of cattle and sheep over winter has to be given special consideration because of limited natural resources.

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This may mean reducing stock numbers in a pen or providing additional feed space by using a ring feeder or feed trailer.

Other tips are:

- Match the quantity and quality of compounds and straights to the forage available and the type of livestock to be fed. Non-productive animals have lower feed requirements.
- Compare the price of compounds/straights/forages from several different sources and obtain an ingredient declaration to ensure that a suitable quality feed is purchased.
- Consider the use of value for money straights to replace a shortfall in forage.
- Carry out an analysis of forages before any rations are formulated.
- Heavy cattle will cause most poaching so these should be housed first and autumn swards grazed with lighter animals.

Feeding poor quality hay or silage can result in a number of health problems with the most common being listeriosis.

Listeria is a type of bacteria that can grow in poorly fermented silage. This bacterium is naturally present in the soil and multiplies quickly in silage where air is present. This can occur when a silo is poorly sealed, if the bale of silage is torn or where a lot of soil contamination is present.

If such feed is eaten, it may cause listeriosis. This affects both cattle and sheep and causes encephalitis or inflammation of the brain tissue

which is often characterised by animals going around in circles. Listeriosis can also cause abortion and death in animals.

Farmers must make every effort to avoid feeding mouldy or poorly fermented silage.

Sheep are the most susceptible, followed by pregnant cattle, with livestock destined for slaughter least affected by this silage.

Some preventative measures to avoid listeriosis when silage is being made, and then being fed, are:

- Maintain an anaerobic environment by ensuring good compaction and sealing;
- Keep a clean environment around the silo;
- Discard silage that appears spoiled through contact with air or where soil contamination is evident;
- Do not feed mouldy silage;
- Remove refused silage every two days to avoid accumulations of spoiled material.
- Listeria is also thought to be responsible for eye problems which look very similar to pink eye, but on closer inspection, no corneal ulcer is present. The first signs are when the outer covering of the eye, that is, the cornea, becomes cloudy. In severe cases, sight may be totally lost for a short time but these cases respond well to early treatment.

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Calum MacDonald, 11, won the Annual Award for junior accordion.



Gaelic folk group, Na Seudan Ùr won the Dougie MacLachlan Memorial Trophy after competing in the Folk Song in Junior and Senior category. The Tarbert girls rushed off to Campebeltown where they were promoting their debut album, 'Seunta'. 08_a40mod03



It was another successful Mod for Inveraray Primary 5



Coisir Dhail Riata celebrate after winning the Mod Dhailriata Plate for Singing in Unison 18 years and Under. adalriadachoir01no



Angus MacAskill, nine, from Inveraray won the trophy for Highest Aggregate in the boys category over two competitions. 08_a40mod05

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'There were more e

MORE than 150 musicians competed at Mòd Dhail Riata 2014 in Lochgilhead, as singers enjoyed their 'last rehearsal' before the Royal National Mòd this month.

Organisers say the close timescale between the two competitions resulted in an increase in competitors at the annual event.

Last chance

Christine Johnston, Secretary of Lochgilhead Mod, said: 'There were definitely more entries than last year and I think it could have been because a lot of people see Lochgilhead as their last chance of

Final

Lochgilhead was the final regional Mod to be held before the national event, which gets under way in Inverness in just one week's time.



Govan Gaelic Choir won the first place trophy for best



(Left to right) Inveraray girls Holly Renton and sisters Molly and Cara Blyth 08_a40mod15

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School Gaelic Choir. 08_a40mod19



Dealrach won the Annual Award for Senior Quartet. 08_a40mod11



Morven Brown, 10, and six-year-old Lauren Morris, from Islay, came down with their parents to take part in the Mod. 08_a40mod13

Lead Mod rehearsal

'more entries than last year'

rehearsal before the national competition.

Unusual
'We had 20 competitors in one category alone, which is quite unusual.'

Christine added: 'I have also noticed that Lochgilphead seems to be a good luck charm. Quite a lot of people who have come here have gone on to get gold medals no matter what place they've come

in at in the regional competition.'

Adjudicators give the singers detailed feedback on the day, which helps them to prepare for their next competition.

Choirs, families and schools, from as far as Govan in Glasgow, Islay and Tiree, turned up to Lochgilphead High School for the Gaelic music competition.



Rowan Zeinu, 12, from Tiree won the Donnie Campbell Memorial Cup for Highest Marks as a junior solo singer. 08_a40mod06



The men and women of The Oban Choir were in high spirits throughout the day. 08_a40mod07



group in the Adults category. 08_a40mod08



Seven-year-old Davina McGrigor, from Glad-dich, became a first time winner when she received the May MacMillan Cup for Solo Singing in the Under 8s category. 08_a40mod01

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



AUTUMN leaves fluttered at the door of the wee church and inside it was beautiful.

Skipness church was clothed for her harvest service, and I had the pleasure of leading worship.

The fragrance of flowers filled the air and all manner of goods were spread on the chancel.

The whole church family had been involved in bringing their harvest gifts to be blessed and used for others.

The children had made parcels to be given as gifts to folk in the village, and each basket was accompanied by a cheery hand-made card.

Fruit, vegetables, chocolates and biscuits were brought as gifts to be used and scattered.

Some gifts were going to those without homes to call their own; some were going to help with the local food bank; some were shared with those of us at the service, and some were being taken to those who could not be with us.

It really was a time of sharing the gifts of God with the people of God.

After worship we shared more gifts of tea or coffee and home baking as much chat ensued about the parable of the sower.

Stories were exchanged about boyhood memories of sowing in days gone by and there was a real feeling of a family worshipping together.

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There was a welcoming committee ready to greet Anna after her walk.

Surprise parcel for fundraising mum Anna

LOCHGOILHEAD

A MUM who walked for 36 hours after climbing Ben Nevis to raise funds for an outdoor classroom at her children's primary school, was 'pleasantly

surprised' to find a parcel addressed to her blocking her path.

Anna Wynne, of Drumsyniebeg Farm, Lochgoilhead, found

the parcel at 2am on Saturday morning in the middle of a 70-mile walk.

She opened it up to find coffee, biscuits and drawings of support from her children.

'What a lovely surprise that was. I've had a great support team and my

husband and kids even met me on the Friday with bacon sandwiches.'

Anna spent last Thursday climbing the mountain and she rested overnight at Glen Nevis Youth Hostel before setting off on the walk at 8am on Friday morning. She is a member of

Arrochar Mountain Rescue team and was joined by other members to walk through Friday night.

Anna has already raised more than £1,000 towards the £9,000 sum needed for the Lochgoilhead Primary School development.

ORMSARY

Social club curry and quiz night

ORMSARY District and Social Club will hold a curry and quiz night this evening (Friday) from 7pm until late.

Ticket holders will gather at the Ormsary Hall to enjoy the feast and night of fun.

There will be a raffle and 'bring your own bottle' policy.

For ticket information call Fiona Drynan on 01880 770 286.

TARBERT

Co-op's Margaret ready to help

AS PART of the refurbishment at the Tarbert Co-op, the store has appointed a community pioneer to take enquiries about the company's Community Benefit Fund.

Margaret McIntyre, who currently works at the store as a shop assistant, has taken up the role as part of a new programme that aims to create a strong relation-

ship between the shop and the community it serves.

Some of the ways in which the Co-op can get actively involved is by volunteering staff time to community projects, such as gardening, or by donating food items.

Dookers can liaise directly with Margaret when the store re-opens and she will be approaching groups and businesses in Tarbert.

CARRADALE

Church guild restarts

SADDELL and Carradale Church Guild session starts on Sunday, October 5 with the church dedication service.

The first meeting is on Tuesday, October 7 at 2.30pm in the village hall library.

Rosemary Temperley is giving a talk on Performing Pages, an exploration of children's books that have been brought to life with pop-ups or move-

ment. Entry, to include refreshments, will be £1.50 for members and £2.50 for non-members.

STRACHUR

Community grant talk

A PRESENTATION will take place to discuss the community grant, which is generated every year from the Coire Ealt hydro scheme.

Technical experts, who will speak at the public meeting, will provide people with answers to questions they have over how the Community Benefit Fund of £2,500 will be spent.

The presentation will take place in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, October 9 at 7pm.

AUCHINDRAIN

Thatchers in annual visit

THE THATCHERS made their annual visit to Auchindrain Ancient Township this week, repairing a roof of one of the estate's stone cottages.

Three men from Argyll descended on the township to install the thatch which is made of rush, a

natural straw-like material found in fields in Argyll.

Bob Clark, manager of Auchindrain Museum, said: 'Years ago there would have been an annual maintenance, including weeding the roof and re-patching it. There are three local guys who do the work for us and a few others that are left around Scotland.'

ARDRISHAIG

Church hall in spotlight

TONIGHT (Friday) Ardrishaig Community Trust will hold a public meeting to discuss the future management of Ardrishaig North Church Hall.

The meeting comes after the trust took ownership of the hall on September 1. It paid the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland £80,000 for the Chalmers Street building.

The church hall will be discussed in relation to the public hall, as both are being reviewed for potential redevelopment.

INVERARAY

Young runners praised

THREE young runners were praised for their skills at last week's Kids on the Run club.

Eilidh Cameron was commended for her fantastic speedy running and her pace, while Angus MacAskill was praised for listening to his leader Fiona Corner.

Primary six pupil Archie MacColl-Smith shared the title for his support of other children in the club, as well as his 'great' stamina.

The after-school club for primary school children in P4-P7 has been running for three weeks.

Fiona, jogsotland leader, said: 'Everyone is improving and supporting each other which is lovely to see.'

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Hate what is evil; cling to what is good' (Romans 12:9).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MACKINNON - MACMILLAN - At Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown, on October 2, 1964 by Rev James Hood, William to Ishbel.

SHAW - MATHIESON - At Castlehill Church, on October 2, 1964, by the late Rev JRH Cormack, John to Mary. Present address 14 Meadowburn Place, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BRAITHWAITE - Peacefully at the Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 25, 2014, Richard William Braithwaite, aged 69 years, of Tayvallich, loving husband of Belinda, much loved father of Iain and Shuna and a dear friend, neighbour and work colleague. Funeral Ceremony will take place at Tayvallich Village Hall, on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 11.30am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. A private cremation service will be held. No flowers please. A retiral collection will be offered at the Ceremony.

FERGUSON - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 25, 2014, Dugald Ferguson, in his 80th year, of 5 Grizedale, Cairnbaan and formerly of Lagavullin, Islay, beloved husband of the late Rebecca and much loved dad of Fiona, Mhairi and Ailsa and a much adored papa. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, October 2, 2014, followed by interment at Achnahbeg Cemetery.

GAYDON - Harry (Sam), died peacefully in his sleep, with his family by his side, at his home, Kilbride Farm House, Barbreck, Ardfern, on September 28, 2014, aged 87 years, dearly loved by his wife, Florentine (Twinkle), his children, Alexander, Francis and Isobel, and his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, PA31 8LU.

LORD - Peacefully at home, Auchensheen, Peninver, on September 25, 2014, David Lord, in his 72nd year, dearly beloved husband of Hilary, much loved father of Caroline and a loving grandad of Jenna and Ciara.

MCKINNON - Suddenly at home, Beith Street, Partick, Georgia MacMillan McKinnon, in her 58th year, dearly beloved daughter of Rena and the late John Anderson, much loved sister of Mari and Shaun, loving sister-in-law of Barry

and Heather, beloved aunt of Campbell, Kyle, Shaun, Lewis and Calla and a loving great aunt of Josh. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery, Southend. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and Diabetes Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GOW - Noreen, Jean, Fiona and Neil wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, and some from far away, who came in such numbers to bid farewell to Ian. The family thanks the Rev Roddy MacLeod for an uplifting and appropriate service with light hearted touches, and wonderful music played by John Holt, that would have pleased Ian. We wish to convey our gratitude to all involved with Ian at home prior to being admitted and looked after with such dignity by the staff at The Argyll and Bute Community Hospital. The excellent purvey at The Coach House after the service at Cardross was arranged by Stan Lupton who offered such help and support in making Ian's final journey so smooth. The collection was on behalf of The Jubilee Sailing Trust.

MACFARLANE - Odette and Kyle would like to express their extreme gratitude for all the wonderful messages of support, offers of help and for all the beautiful cards and flowers received following the very sad loss of their mum and gran, Odette. Special thanks to all the district nurses, medical staff, Marie Curie nurses and home helps who helped care for our mum and gran. Our heartfelt thanks also to Father Connor for the comforting service and to Stan Lupton for his professional and dignified handling of the funeral arrangements.

MCIVER - The family, at home and away, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following the sad passing of Annie. Grateful thanks to all at Glenaray Ward and to the home care and Marie Curie teams. Special thanks to Jacquie Gilmour and Dr Rebecca Helliwell for their care and attention given to Annie and all the family. Sincere thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod and Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for their comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional and dignified arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended at the church and graveside, your kind donations have been forwarded to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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HOPE - In loving memory of my dear husband, Jim, who passed away September 30, 2012.

The many things you did for me in your kind and loving way Gives me memories to share and treasure, as I think of you each and every day. - Helen and your wee pal Rambo xxx.

HOPE - Jim. A golden heart stopped beating.

Hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best. - Lorna, Janice and families.

POTTS - Loving memory of Dick, who passed away October 2, 2012.

Not just today. - May.

Dick, a dear brother-in-law, sadly missed.

- Flora.

SOUDEEN - In loving memory of a dear mother, Betty, who died October 1975.

This day is remembered and quietly kept,

No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by her daughters, Isobel and Elizabeth, and grandson, Graeme.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
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St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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Musical Items, Tea/Coffee served after meeting.
Everyone most welcome.

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Harvest Thanksgiving
10am - Kilmartin
Rev. C. Acklam
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SC0 02121

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Thursday 9 October 2014
7.30pm
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Rev Tommy Bryson
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For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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Coffee Morning
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Sunday 5th October
11.15am Mr W Crossan
Service in Kirk St Hall
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 5th October
Morning Service 11.15am
All Age Thanksgiving Service
Retiring collection in aid of The Foodbank and The Kidney Dialysis Campaign
Creeche, Triple C Next Generation
Rev P Wallace
Monday 6th October
Messy Church
Church Hall 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 7th October
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45am New Hall
Boy's Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Church Hall
Thursday 9th October
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Friday 10th October
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New Hall

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Thursday
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3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 5th October
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 8th October
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.30pm - 4.30pm Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
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Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 5th October 2014
11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche followed by coffee
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Wednesday 8th October
Jellytots Toddler Group 10.00am
Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm
Start the week by tuning in to Argyll FM's new look Breakfast Show on Mondays mornings - from 8am to 9am - with co-hosts Pastor Ross Ferguson and Mr William Crossan
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Eilish and Josh meet with sporting pros at Hampden

Ambassadors programme 'a great way of inspiring young people to get involved in sport'

NEWLY appointed young ambassadors at Lochgilphead High School rubbed shoulders with Olympic and Commonwealth athletes, when they took part in workshops at a Glasgow stadium last week.

Fifth year pupils Eilish Malcolm and Josh Coates were chosen as sports ambassadors by school staff, who thought they were excellent sporting role models for other pupils at the high school.

As part of their role, Josh and Eilish will work closely with PE staff and Active Schools to try and increase participation in sport and be the voice of pupils on sporting issues at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The pair attended the National Young Ambassadors Conference at Hampden Stadium. It consisted of

a series of workshops and presentations aimed at inspiring the new young ambassadors to embrace their role.

They met athletes such as swimmer Robbie Renwick and kayaker Tim Bailey, and got to hold Tim's Olympic gold medal.

Innes Paterson, active schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, who will act as the pupils' mentor, said: 'The young ambassadors programme is a great way of inspiring young people to get involved in sport.'

'Josh and Eilish are two senior pupils that others look up to and they have already shown bags of enthusiasm and a real appetite for getting more pupils active.'

The pair will now work alongside existing sixth year young ambassadors Emily Brown and Patrick Feeney at the high school.

Tarbert Gun Club win Argyll title

TARBERT Gun Club lifted the shield for best in the Argyll district, pinching the title from Oban.

The championship competition was held on Cairndow Gun Club's shooting ground on September 20, and saw eight teams take part from all over Argyll and Bute.

Last year's winners, Oban, were determined to make it two years in a row and took the lead in the first round.

But the Dookers got fired up and bounced back, dusting the targets with a brilliant display of shooting to take the championship shield home.

The Tarbert team of five included father and son Andy and Niall Wilson, Bob McColl, John Weir and Ronald Jenkins.

Not backing down throughout the competition, Oban finished second and Bute ended third.



Referee Robert Baxter is poleaxed by a close range shot during last Saturday's National Division league match between Oban Camanachd and Fort William at Mossfield Stadium. The vital fixture was a play-off to see which would gain promotion to next season's Orion Group Premiership. The Oban side needed to win the game while a draw was good enough for Fort William. Unfortunately the referee was unable to continue and after a long and frustrating delay the match was abandoned after 52 minutes with Oban Camanachd leading 1-0. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

Injury sparks a whole new ball game at league decider

THE LIFE of a shinty referee can be a pain at times - but nothing like the agony suffered by Robert Baxter in Oban on Saturday.

The 43-year-old whistler who lived in Ardrishaig for years, took a hit to a delicate area of the groin early in the second half of a crucial league decider between Oban Camanachd and Fort William.

As the referee lay motionless on the Mossfield turf mirth turned to genuine concern for his welfare.

Mr Baxter, who works for AJG Parcels and now lives in Dunoon, said the pain was 'unbearable'. He added: 'In all my days as a player I wore a cup and never got hit there but I stopped wearing it when I started refereeing. I will be re-investing in one.'

The delivery driver, who admitted he was 'walking like John Wayne' and had been taking a fair bit of stick from work colleagues, was treated at Dunoon Hospital for his unusual injury.

But he was declared fit enough to go on his holiday with wife Sarah and four daughters to Spain.

His exit last Saturday sparked fierce debate between both clubs and representatives of the Camanachd Association, the sport's governing body, as hundreds of spectators looked on bemused.

The match was subsequently abandoned, despite spectator and registered referee, Oban's Billy Wotherspoon, indicating he was willing to take over.

The abandonment prompted angry exchanges; Oban

Camanachd players, who were leading the match 1-0 and on course to win the National Division title, were particularly frustrated by the outcome.

But while there was plenty disagreement over the outcome, those involved came together in wishing the official a speedy recovery.

Mr Baxter said: 'I have had lots of well-wishers and lots of jokes at my expense.'

Determined to get back refereeing as soon as possible, he added: 'I hope to referee the replay because it is unfinished. It was a good game because it was no-holds-barred, but not dirty.'

The match is to be rescheduled with a provisional date set for November 1.

Admission will be free of charge.

'I AM-AM going to play in the winter league', says Cowan

RUMOURS that Lochgilphead Golf Club's Keith Cowan had retired from winter golf due to a number of well diagnosed swing faults are unfounded.

Keith recently took part in the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles as a 'technical advisor' of the armchair variety and his enthusiasm for golf has never been stronger.

As part of the winning team which this summer lifted the AM-AM Trophy at Tarbert Golf Club, Keith has entered his winning golfers into Lochgilphead Golf Club's version of the popular event.

Open to ladies, gents and mixed teams, the competition will get underway on October 11.

The club's David Sinclair said: 'The event will be like the Ryder Cup without Americans, but if we get some entries from Tarbert, Oban and Campbeltown then the competitive edge will be similar.'

New faces

The competition will provide a warm up to Lochgilphead Golf Club's Winter League which kicks off the following week, when new faces are expected on the fairways.

David added: 'Please come and join us during the winter, it is golf but with a twist and you just might find that you enjoy yourself.'

For more information on both competitions, or to register a team call David on 01546 605308.

Lottery numbers

The numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Lottery were 7, 11 and 12. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery. The numbers were 2, 9 and 17. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

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Scottish AFL results and fixtures

THERE were no games in the SAFL last Saturday due to the September holiday weekend.

This weekend's fixtures: Scottish Cup, second round - Campbeltown Pupils v Tannahill; Dunoon Athletic v Maryhill Thistle; Tarbert v Renfrew Town; Shawlands v Dunoon; Wallacetoun Sporting Club v Oban Saints.

Lochgilhead Red Star have no game.

Local referee Jimmy Litster travels to take charge of the Kings Park Rangers v Busby game

Shields is champion of champions

ISLAY Golf Club held its Champion Of Champions competition on Sunday, September 28. The results were: 1 M Shields 95-23=72; 2 D Livingstone 81-8=73; 3 R Quail 85-9=76 CSS 74,

The club held its Machrie Salver competition the previous Sunday. Results were: 1 K Johnston (5 up), 2 R MacLean (2 up), 3 B O' Neill (2 up) CSS 70.



Graeme Neagle, who is originally from Kilmartin, took first place, smashing the record for the cycle course. 08_a40tri01

Kilmartin men on top form at Mid Argyll event

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vintage fields (60+) saw some great performances from competitors challenging for a podium spot.

It included an inspirational performance by Sandy Hunter in the super vintage 70+ age group.

His 9:24 swim, 42:21 cycle and 38:24 run was greeted with a tremendous roar by competitors and supporters alike, recognising and appreciating a tremendous and inspirational achievement for this popular triathlete.

Overall winner in the female race was Paula Regener whose strong and consistent performance across all three disciplines helped her overcome her Glasgow Tri club team mate Hannah Kemlo with a 1:30 margin.

Third was Elsie Downham, 1:18:44, of Team Pansy.

It was local women who dominated in the super veteran category however as Carol Lawson of Mid Argyll Tri club took first place with a personal best of 1:27:17.

She put in a dominant performance over Babs Whyte, 1:31:04, and Tina Barrie of Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle club who was third with 1:34:54.

Keenly contested
The first local male and female categories were billed to be keenly contested, with Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club members battling for bragging rights.

The first local male triathlete home was John Anderson of Kilmartin.

The honour of being second local home went to Colin Macfarlane,

who was six minutes behind John.

The first local female triathlete home was Sarah Griffin, Ardrish-aig, with 1:24:53, Carol Lawson, Ardrish-aig, was second with 1:27:07 and Melanie Peacock-Chmielewska, Castleton, was third with 1:28:09.

In the team event it was Better Late than Never, made up of Stuart Charnock, Stan Phillips and Stephen Whiston, who took first place and the team record, finishing in 1:08:32.

In the other team categories, the first female team was the Three Crows, made up of Sally MacLeod, Rona Young and Elaine McCann.

The first mixed sex team was Campbeltown Running Club's Dream Team, Alix Geyer, James Murdoch and Stuart McGeachy.



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Three records fall at Mid Argyll Triathlon



The triathletes battled wind and rain on the cycle ride which took in the beautiful Bellanoch Bridge. a40tri07

IT WAS damp and dreich but last Sunday's Mid Argyll Triathlon produced some stunning performances, with new records being set and personal performances exceeding expectations.

In total there were 138 athletes who took up the multi-sport challenge, which included a 500m swim, 20km bike and

6.5km run, and it was a Kilmartin man who took first place with a time of 1:04:02.

Graeme Neagle, who now runs with Glasgow's Fusion Tri Club, laid his cards down from the start. He had the fastest swim of the day, 7.06, a phenomenal bike ride, demolishing the course

record with a time of 27.58, and a solid run, giving him a winning margin over his fellow Fusion team mate Crawford Whyte by one minute.

Neal Robertson from Glasgow Tri was just one second behind in third place.

The male veteran, super vet and vin-

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