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Driver injured in lorry crash

A LORRY driver suffered minor injuries after his lorry with a container veered off the A83 between Minard and Lochgair on Monday morning.

The road was closed for almost an hour in the afternoon while the lorry was recovered, but was fully reopened by 8.30pm.

Martha's award

LOCHGILPHEAD school girl Martha Payne has won a Pride of Britain Award.

The youngster was named young fundraiser of the year after raising more than £130,000 for Mary's Meals.

Sponsor of the award Lidl has donated a further £7,000 to the Argyll-based charity in recognition of her fundraising efforts. See page 3.

Headteachers' education fears

HEADTEACHERS do not have confidence in the way Argyll and Bute Council is running its education department, according to a former rector.

The announcement came as councillors debated where £190,000 worth of cuts should fall on the education budget. See page 5.

Mid Argyll businesses still have faith in Transport Scotland



Lochgilphead Ladies' Night raises MS Centre cash

Anna Alderson and Nicole Bridgewater looked glamorous as they enjoyed the Ladies Night in Lochgilphead's Argyll Hotel. The girls were amongst the many Mid Argyll women to turn out for the event, organised to raise funds for the MS Centre. For pictures from the event see page 15.

Landslides close A83 and relief road

A LEADING figure on the A83 Taskforce Committee has said Mid Argyll businesses are not losing faith in Transport Scotland's ability to deal with landslides on the A83.

Mike Story, chairman of the A83 Taskforce marketing sub committee, made the comment as it was revealed a landslide occurred on the Old Military Road, as well as on the A83 at Glen Kinglas last Thursday.

More than £1 million was spent upgrading the relief road earlier this year in a bid to ensure the continual flow of traffic into Mid Argyll when landslides close the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

A route supposedly

safe from closures, the Old Military Road was impassable on Thursday.

Mr Story said: 'I don't think they [businesses] are losing faith yet. People see that this is a huge project and it is a work in progress.'

'The plan was always to look at all of the A83 route, this just sharpens and focuses our attention on what area we should be looking at next. A lot of this work is suspecting where slips may occur, sometimes the only way to find out is when it happens.'

He added: 'There is a lot of work to be done but I think the way forward to date has been incredible. I can guarantee two years ago

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Confusion as landslide hits A83

Communication fails as second slip renders relief road useless



More than 100 tonnes of debris hit the road just before am on Thursday morning. Photo: Kevin McGlynn.

PROCEDURES for keeping people informed of A83 road closures are being 'reviewed' after locals were left in the dark following last Thursday's landslide.

Transport Scotland told the *Argyllshire Advertiser* that 'lessons would be learned' following the landslide at Glen Kinglas, which saw the road closed for nine hours.

More than 100 tonnes of rubble slid on to the A83 at 6.55am, two miles north of the A83 and A815 Dunoon road junction - an area not previously affected by landslides.

In the three hours that followed businesses struggled to get information on the clean up operation and estimated times for reopening the road

from Bear Scotland, the company responsible for maintaining the route.

Jane MacLeod, of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'Communication got better on Thursday once I had highlighted to everyone that the first email [notifying of the landslide] had no contact details on it.'

'I got the number for the head of Transport Scotland and pointed out that they had not put the information out there that Western Ferries is available. That is actually the way I went to Glasgow and it was far better than taking the long route.'

'But they are not telling people that, which they promised they would do.'

Asked about the failures in communication, a spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said: 'Procedures are being reviewed and immediate changes, such as widening the stakeholder and media database, are being made.'

'We will review last week's response and put any lessons learned into practice.'

Request

Jane MacLeod and Mike Story, members of the A83 Taskforce, have written to minister for transport Keith Brown requesting the taskforce reconvene in the wake of the recent landslides.

They had not received a response as the Advertiser went to press on Wednesday.

Driver warned

A 20-year-old man has been issued with an anti-social behaviour order warning for his driving.

The man was pulled over by police on October 2 after he was allegedly seen speeding on Lochgilphead's Lorne Street.

RNLI appeal

ORGANISERS of the RNLI boat jumble are reminding boat owners they are accepting donations for next year's sale.

Recognising many boats are laid up over winter, the Mid Argyll Fundraising Branch of the RNLI is currently on the look out for donations.

Colin Davies from the group said: 'We will take donations of anything associated with boats - outboard engines, oars, rope, shackles, rigging, unwanted electronic equipment, fenders, lifejackets, books, charts and anything else to do with yachting. We are collecting now for April's sale.'

Contact Colin on 01546 600160 or davies39easdale@btinternet.com.

Businesses keep the faith

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you wouldn't of had a minister there within eight hours to see first hand the work being done on site.'

A spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said that in the seven years prior to the upgrading of

the Old Military Road there had only been minor slips.

She said: 'We have already undertaken work and have doubled the capacity of the culverts on the Old Military Road.'

'We are looking at how we can reduce the risk of

blockages in future.'

When the Old Military Road officially opened, Mr Story and his colleagues were charged with telling the rest of Scotland the road to Mid Argyll is 'always open'.

They were working on a marketing strategy when the landslide hit.

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Majority of retrospective applications approved

MORE than three quarters of retrospective planning applications submitted to Argyll and Bute Council since April 1, 2011 have been approved.

However, the authority says it is unable to deal with retrospective applications any differently to how it would treat any other application due to national legislation.

Figures obtained under freedom of information legislation show that only three buildings completed without permission have been subject to a demolition order, with 73 from 309 applications refused.

However, the number of retrospective applica-

tions approved has been dropping. In 2011/12, 86 per cent of 139 retrospective applications were approved, and 80 per cent of 121 applications given the green light last year.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Legally the council is required to deal with retrospective planning applications in exactly the same way as any other application and using the same process of neighbour notifications, advertising, consultation and consideration in the context of the local plan, with the final decision being taken by the planning, protective services and licensing committee.'

Man reported on drugs charge

A 25-year-old man was allegedly found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis after police stopped and searched his car at Kilmory.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

'Vikings' invade Lochgilphead

THE VIKINGS invaded Lochgilphead when a group of warriors in fancy dress arrived in the town last Friday.

While no one knows what prompted the group's visit to Argyll, they left an impression on bewildered locals who heard them singing on the streets. But, reports from shopkeepers and schoolchildren, on their lunch break, suggest the warriors were the friendly type, as they allegedly apologised for the Viking invasion centuries ago.

Clothing stolen

A NUMBER of items of clothing were stolen and damaged from Lochgilphead Caravan Park laundrette.

Anyone with information on the theft, which happened between 5.30pm and 6.30pm last Friday, should contact the police on 101.

Accordion and fiddle club

THE DATE for the October meeting of the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club has been changed.

Guest performer, the Ross McPherson Trio, has commitments at the Royal National Mod and so will perform in Lochgilphead on October 22, not October 15 as previously advertised. The meeting will take place in the usual venue, the Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead.

Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an attempted break-in to a house on Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig.

The incident happened between 6pm on Saturday and 8pm Sunday.

Furniture in the caravan next to the house was also damaged.

Contact 101 with any information.

Jamie Oliver springs award surprise on young fundraiser

A GOBSMACKED Martha Payne was surprised this week by Jamie Oliver with an invitation to the Pride of Britain Awards.

The celebrity chef, who had invited Martha to a cookery class at his London Restaurant Fifteen, told the youngster she had been named the winner of the young fundraiser of the year award.

Martha, whose neverseconds blog raised more than £130,000 for Mary's Meals, and her family attended a star-studded ceremony in London's Grosvenor House Hotel on Monday.

The following evening viewers of ITV could see the ten-year-old receive her award from her baking heroes and stars of The Great British Bake Off Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, who invited her to next year's competition.

The event, together with an invitation to 10 Downing Street with the other Pride of Britain award winners, provided Martha with an opportunity to promote Argyll-based Mary's Meals. The charity provides a daily school meal to more than 750,000 thousand of the world's poorest children.

Smile

Writing on her neverseconds blog, which became a global sensation in 2011, Martha said: 'I know my family are proud of me but it is amazing that Jamie and the Pride of Britain Awards are as well and that has made me smile. I will tell people about everyone that has supported me and about the children we have helped.'

The Pride of Britain Awards celebrate the achievements of remarkable people who make a difference.



Jamie Oliver, who describes himself as Martha's biggest fan, told her she had won the Pride of Britain Award when she visited his London Restaurant Fifteen.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council falls sort of members

ONE OF the largest communities in Mid Argyll has been left without any representation following last month's community council elections.

The *Advertiser* understands that Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has become defunct after only six people came forward for election. Regulations require a minimum of eight members.

Argyll and Bute Council has scheduled a by-election for November and it is hoped more

people will put themselves forward for nomination.

Community councillor Ian Macintyre said: 'It is extremely important there is a strong voice to discuss the issues within the village. It is an opportunity for people to reflect the views of residents.'

He added: 'The current plans for affordable housing in the village is an example of why a community council is vital. There are plans for single units and we feel the village needs more

three bedroom units, but this is something we can only get across to the necessary authorities if we have a strong community council.'

The existing community council was scheduled to meet for the final time yesterday (Thursday), as the *Advertiser* went to press.

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Lochgilphead will not be short of expertise in police shake-up

A PROPOSED shake up of policing in Argyll will not leave Lochgilphead short of expertise and experienced officers, the man behind the proposal has said.

Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan has said Mid Argyll residents will not be short changed if his plans to reform policing in Argyll get the go-ahead by police chiefs.

His plan would see either the Lochgilphead or Oban area commander axed, with one chief inspector taking charge of Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Islay, Oban, Lorn and the Isles; a new bespoke Argyll traffic unit and the detective inspector role reinstated at Lochgilp-

head Police Station.

Under the 'management reorganisation proposal' some of the most experienced police officers in Lochgilphead would be redeployed to the traffic unit.

But Chief Superintendent McEwan, who heads up policing in Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, told the *Advertiser* on Tuesday that young police constables would still get the guidance and support they need.

'I will be looking across all officers in the area to ensure there is the appropriate balance of skills, ability and gender,' he said. 'We have a lot of really cracking officers in Argyll and Bute

and I want to support that by ensuring there is experience across all of the areas.'

Refuting suggestions there would be too many demands on a single area commander in the redefined boundary, Chief Superintendent McEwan said the commander would be supported by two inspectors, a detective inspector and three newly appointed community liaison sergeants.

'I believe strongly that this is the right thing to do,' he added.

'Any significant changes will involve consultation with councillors, local partners and those who live in our communities.'



Frank and Lesley Clark assess the damage caused to their garden. 06_a41crash01

Path of destruction as lorry crashes through Inveraray pensioners' garden

TWO PENSIONERS in Inveraray have called on the driver who crashed into the garden, leaving a path of destruction, to do the right thing and come forward.

Frank and Lesley Clark, who live at the top of the brae by Inveraray Police Station, came home from an afternoon shopping to find their fence demolished, a tree up-rooted and heavy logs scattered in their garden.

Damage

The damage was done at 12.30pm last Thursday.

The pair believe a lorry or heavy goods vehicle is responsible because of the extent of the damage.

Frank said: 'They could have posted a note through the letter box. It's just common decency to own up to it. We are both pensioners, we cannot afford to repair that.'

'It must have been some clatter to take the tree out of the ground,' Frank added.

The husband and wife think local people will have witnessed

the incident as an off duty police officer reported seeing a lot of traffic in the area at the time of the incident.

It occurred on the same day as the A83 road closure, forcing more traffic onto the A819 Dalmailly road, which runs alongside the Clarks' home.

'Somebody must have seen it in that queue of traffic, so we would really like them to get in touch with the police,' Lesley said.

Anyone with information on the crash can contact police on 101.

Overnight road closures between Tarbert and Kennacraig next week

OVERNIGHT road closures will come into force on the A83 between Tarbert and Kennacraig next week.

The closures, running from 9.15pm to 5am Sunday to Friday, will begin on October 20 and last for two weeks to allow resurfacing works to get underway.

The rural nature of the area means there is no diversion route. Howev-

er staff will monitor traffic build up and allow vehicles to pass through the works, approximately every hour, when it is safe.

A 30mph speed limit will be in place outwith the working hours to ensure vehicles can pass over the temporary surface.

The £250,000 project will be delivered by Bear Scotland.

Scottish Water launches six-week campaign to help prevent blockages

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll have been asked to think twice about what they put down their sinks and toilets as part of a campaign by Scottish Water.

The water provider has launched a six-week campaign, which aims to reduce sewer flooding by promoting how to dispose of fats and bathroom waste.

Customers have been

reminded to let fat or grease cool down and place it in a suitable container to be disposed of rather than using the sink.

Scottish Water spends £7 million nationally clearing almost 45,000 blockages from the sewer network.

Anyone who would like more information can visit www.scottishwater.co.uk/cycle.

A83 crash driver dies

THE 48-year-old man involved in a serious crash on the A83 last week has died of his injuries, Police Scotland has confirmed.

The man was riding a Honda motorbike when he collided with another biker near Strone Point on September 29.

He died at the Southern General Hospital on Thursday; his relatives have been informed.

Art workshop at Arduaine

NATURE will again inspire art as an autumnal art workshop is held at Arduaine Gardens.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) is inviting people to enter 'Nature's Par-

adise' and get creative by weaving, glass fusing and glass engraving with Argyll artists.

The event, which aims to mark the Year of Natural Scotland, will be held on Tuesday.

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Fun and frolics as Elfs Toy Library is re-launched in Lochgilphead



Ethan Bowden loved the mini-trampoline.
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THERE were squeals of delight in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Friday morning as the re-launched Elfs Toy Library provided fun for youngsters.

The library, which features a range of toys for children from birth up to five years old, recently changed its opening times to a Friday morning.

With the new 10am to 11am slot proving more popular with families, the library allows parents to socialise while their youngsters try out the toys available.

Jenny Pendreigh, of Fyne Families which runs Elfs nursery and toy library, said: 'This new time is ideal. It is in between the two book bug sessions at the library and means a lot of



Iris Philips was all smiles as she got to grips with the toys at the re-launched Elfs Toy Library.
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families are in the area at the same time.'

There are a range of toys to suit differ-

ent ages and families can take up to five toys home for up to a month.

The toy library runs

alongside Elfs Nursery which caters for children between the ages of two and five. Also based

at the community centre, it has an outdoor play area and nature garden.

Community awarded £170,000 to reduce carbon footprint

A LOCH Fyne community has been awarded more than £170,000 to reduce its carbon footprint.

Colintraive and Gendaruel Development Trust has been awarded the funds from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

The money will be used to run the Greener ColGlen project which aims to reduce carbon emissions in the areas of food, waste and energy.

The project will grow food locally in two polytunnels, compost waste and use the local forest as a sustainable source of wood fuel. Further initiatives will include a website, blog, food waste workshops and a harvest festival to celebrate their first growing season.

Council education department criticised by former school rector

HEADTEACHERS do not have confidence in the way Argyll and Bute Council is running its education department, according to a former rector.

Bill Crossan made the comments as councillors debated where £190,000 worth of cuts should fall on the education budget.

Former Campbeltown Grammar School rector Mr Crossan, the Church of Scotland representative at last Thursday's full council meeting, said: 'You have already cut your service to the bone and to cut it further is not going to help it work.'

The headteachers do not have confidence in what you are trying to do.

'Education is not something you can go on cutting. It is all very well to set a target for savings but there comes a time when the savings cause damage and I believe we have passed that point.'

The decision to reduce funding to the education department by £190,000 was made at the council's budget meeting in February.

Cleland Sneddon, the executive di-

rector of community services, put forward several proposals at the meeting for savings in the management structure of the education department.

Mr Sneddon said Option 3a, consisting of a head of service, three education managers, eight education officers, an educational psychology team and communication and engagement officer, was the best one in the circumstances but not the one he would choose if he had more money available.

He said: 'With the budget cut 3a is the best way I can think of doing it. If you said 'have more money', I would pick 3b.'

Councillors failed to reach a decision at last week's meeting with some preferring option 3b, which would cost £135,000 more but includes a further three education support officer posts.

Mr Sneddon said if 3b was selected at the next meeting in October he would be forced to find savings 'elsewhere in the education budget'.

The issue will be put before councillors again before the end of the month.

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IT IS great to see so many young people in Mid Argyll excelling at sport this week, but everything must be done to make sure it can continue long into the future.

This week four teenage girls from Lochgilphead Joint Campus played for the South of Scotland under 18 shinty squad, which is made up of the best players across Scotland.

And, the Red Star under 17 side, which won their league last year, has continued its winning streak this season.

The Advertiser recently reported on the success of the Inveraray under 14 side who went undefeated all season and not to mention the motocross champions, and sailing champions that grace our pages week after week.

It is testament to the volunteers who give up their time to coach the youngsters and to parents who travel miles so that they can compete in competitions. But it is crucial that everything is done to ensure that this success is continued with better facilities to train and play.

Calls have come this week for Argyll and Bute Council to replace the existing astro turf pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus with a 3G surface, which would allow a wider range of sports to be played there. With the athletics club up and running again and Mid Argyll rugby struggling to find a home, everything must be done to keep these facilities open to young people and create as many opportunities for our young people as possible.

Mid Argyll is unique in the fact young people have an interest in so many sports and everything should be done to help them reach their full potential, despite the cost.

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Online petition for new all-weather sports pitch

Sir,
I have started an online petition for a new 3G all-weather pitch for Lochgilphead.

I would like residents to show their support for the idea by logging on to Petitions 24.com and searching for 'new all-weather pitch for Lochgilphead'.

I have also put several blank petitions into local shops and offices for people to sign if they cannot access the online petition.

As there is a solid base already at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, where the current astro pitch is, the new all-weather pitch would be situated there.

If the response to the petition is successful I will hand them in to Argyll and Bute Council.

I hope this will encourage it to apply for a stage one grant application to SportsScotland so the project can proceed - to date the council has not made a stage one application.

This area of Mid Argyll needs a good all-weather pitch because the current astro pitch can be unsafe for sports users, especially in wet conditions, because it has very little cushion.

A 3G pitch, like the facility in Campbeltown, can have between a 40mm and 65mm cushion and can, at least, provide some comfort for anyone who falls while playing on the pitch.

The council would receive a grant towards the cost of the new pitch from SportsScotland

because it would improve the facility in terms of health and safety, plus it would be used more often.

Both amateur and youth football league and cup ties can be played on a 3G pitch, but not on the current astro surface.

Rugby training can take place on a 3G surface - even a 40mm cushion is suitable for light training - and 3G can accommodate shinty training too.

I have been told by a company who build 3G pitches that shinty does not damage the pitch. Therefore having a new all-weather surface would benefit not just one sport but several which are popular in Mid Argyll. The new facility in Campbeltown has been a great success and I hope it is not long before Lochgilphead has the same. This would be great for improving the standard of sport in the area and I hope the community will support me on this venture.

Peter Laing,
Football referee,
Lochgilphead.

Energy policy on wrong track

Sir,
A new analysis from the Taxpayers' Alliance suggests subsidies to 'green' generators will top £22 billion by 2020, which will cost each British household an extra £425 across the next six years.

The reason the fat cat energy giants can reap such a sum is because Ed Miliband gave them the tools to do so when he was energy secretary under Gordon Brown. It is utter hypocrisy that he now intends to freeze utility bills

for 20 months if Labour wins the general election in 2015, while avoiding any pledge to unravel the very policy framework that drives price rises in the first place.

Ofgem has warned of an increased likelihood of blackouts in the near future due to an electricity supply crunch.

It is worth remembering the £22 billion we will have spent by 2020 - mostly on giant industrial wind turbines - could have built three state-of-the-art third generation nuclear reactors, including a full waste disposal and decommissioning costs.

Instead, we see turbine developers encouraged to build ever more costly, inefficient developments, which will do nothing to cut CO2 emissions. All while spurred on by a toxic combination of Mr Miliband's past mistakes and the SNP government's own narrow-minded fixation on wind renewables.

What we are left with is an energy policy that will neither deliver sufficient electricity to power Scotland sustainably, nor enough carbon reductions to tackle climate change.

Struan Stevenson MEP,
Scottish Conservative.

Regulating tobacco

Sir,
The number of young people in Scotland who take up smoking each year is increasing at an alarming rate.

Research conducted by Cancer Research UK has estimated that nearly 20,000 young people in Scotland start smoking every year.

The majority of regular smokers - more than 70 per cent - begin to smoke before

the age of 18, with almost 50 percent hooked before the age of 16. It is clearly important to make tobacco products less attractive to children and young people.

This week at the plenary session of European Parliament in Strasbourg we welcomed the passing of draft legislation, which aimed to address the crucial responsibility that people play in protecting young people from the marketing tactics of tobacco industry. The parliament backed a proposal for all cigarette packs to carry a health warning, which would cover 65 per cent of their surface and that fruit, menthol flavours and small packs should be banned.

The tobacco industry has included additives and flavourings in tobacco products, which are aimed to encourage new smokers to take up the lethal habit. The products aim to mask the unpleasant taste by adding a characterising flavour, which aims to make it easier to inhale.

Slim cigarettes and lipstick or perfume-style packets are being targeted at girls and young women by creating an impression of glamour.

The new legislation is not a case of dictating to the Scottish consumer what they can or cannot buy, but to oppose the tricks of the industry to mislead the young. The prevention of tobacco-related disease in Scotland's next generation must be our primary concern when it comes to regulating tobacco.

**David Martin and
Catherine Stihler,**
Members of the European
Parliament, by e-mail.

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Councillor Douglas Philand joins Edward and Jeanette Laughton in welcoming workmen to the play park. 06_a41play01

New climbing frame for Ardrishaig children

COMMUNITY councillors welcomed workmen to Bayview Park in Ardrishaig on Monday as they prepared to install a new climbing frame.

Specialists

Edward and Jeanette Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council and councillor Douglas Philand met staff from play park

specialists Kompan, who were charged with building the frame.

The equipment, funded by Ardrishaig Community Trust's Action Fund and Argyll and Bute Council, was due to open today (Friday).

Edward said: 'This is a great example of how three community councillors got together and took

charge of a project and, working in partnership with the council, made the project come to fruition.'

Supported

Mr Philand added: 'This is a situation where the council and the community have supported each other to achieve a common aim. This is brilliant for the village.'

£550,000 top-up for Discretionary Housing Payment Fund

MORE THAN half a million pounds has been given to Argyll and Bute Council to help its residents cope with welfare reforms, including the bedroom tax.

The Scottish Government this week revealed it would top up the local authority's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) Fund by £550,000 to help those worst affected.

Struggling

The money will be used to help people struggling to pay housing costs such as rent shortages.

The additional money comes weeks after the *Advertiser* revealed 90 per cent of the people affected by the bedroom tax in Argyll have fallen into rent arrears.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said the number of applications to the DHP Fund, which now stands

at £921,000, has quadrupled since the welfare reforms were introduced in April.

Written

She said: 'We have written to everyone identified as likely to be affected by welfare reforms, outlining the ways in which they can get help and support.'

'We work very closely with registered social landlords to make sure that people are aware of DHPs and are supported in making claims.'

Graeme Brown, director of Shelter Scotland, said: 'Shelter Scotland encourages anyone in Argyll who is struggling with their rent as a result of welfare reform, including the bedroom tax, to apply for DHPs.'

'Those who applied and were turned down before this money was made available, should re-apply.'

Natural Explorers booklets

A BOOKLET promoting some of Scotland's most iconic landscapes was put into the schoolbags of Argyll children this week.

The Natural Explorers booklets for P5-7 aim to inspire youngsters to get out and about during the October Holidays and experience things such as Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve and Ard-maddy Castle Garden, by Oban.

The booklets are designed for teachers to use for discussion in class, then to be taken home so children can share the fascinating natural facts with their parents.

A VisitScotland initiative, Natural Explorers cost £30,000.

GRADUATION



DR RACHEL REID

Congratulations to Dr Rachel Reid, who recently graduated as an Educational Psychologist from the University of Essex. Rachel was trained by the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, London and is currently employed by Buckinghamshire Council. Rachel is the daughter of Stephen and Anthea Hunter, Lochgilphead and is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School.

Masons support maternity unit after family tragedy

'Lewis and Cailean's legacy will live on forever more'

A FAMILY tragedy that saw two babies pass away has led a Lochgilphead group to raise vital funds for the maternity unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Karen Jaskot, who lives in Cambuslang but is originally from Lochgilphead, and her husband Daniel lost their twin boys after their premature birth in May this year.

Cailean and Lewis were born at the Princess Royal Maternity Unit and despite the best efforts of the committed staff, Lewis lost his battle at eight days

and Cailean at 14 days. The sad passing of the boys inspired the Loch Fyne Masons, of which Karen's father Murdo McDonald is a member, to raise money for the premature baby fund.

The men, who host a raffle at their annual parade in the town, this year donated the £1,047 proceeds to the maternity unit.

Karen said: 'Since May we have been raising money for the hospital, to support other babies and their families. Money raised is used for a combination of life saving equipment,

as well as requirements to make babies and their families stay more comfortable.

'The support from the Masons helped us to easily surpass our initial £2,000 target and be well on the way to the next target of £5,000.'

She added: 'By helping other people in our situation, our brave little warriors Lewis and Cailean's legacy will live on forever more, touching more and more lives in the process.'

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The Sutherland Duo – chamber music at its best

Fantastic start to the Mid Argyll Arts Association concert season

Review by John Holt
THE Mid Argyll Arts Association music concert season opened last Saturday with a visit to Ardrishaig Hall by the Sutherland Duo – Christina Lawrie (piano) and Harriet Mackenzie (violin).

Together they offered a generous and well contrasted programme of major works by Schubert and Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Grieg and Chopin. Schubert's Sonatina, despite the title, is a major work, comprising four contrasting movements, each one showing the composer's consummate skill in creating mood and melody.

After a stormy opening Allegro, the strong emotion of the following Andante brought out in full the deep sweet tone of Harriet's 18th century Ital-

ian violin, whilst the following Minuet and Allegro were, in turn, rhythmical, flowing and at times magisterial.

There followed a quite magnificent performance of Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata in F minor. This was intensely passionate and gripping music, full of power and raw energy and making incredible demands on the musicians.

However, both artists were fully up to the task, and their total mutual understanding was always in evidence. Winds, bells, firing, the heroism of war, one could read so much into the work, and you felt that the audience was moved by the time the fast and furious final bars brought the work to a triumphant end.

In total contrast, the second half brought us Tchaikovsky at his most beguiling.

Here, the violin part was very much to the fore – now soaring to its upper reaches, then, cello-like, revealing great depth of tone.

Harriet then took a short rest during the Chopin Nocturne, whose slow opening pace contrasted notably with the ensuing fiery octave runs and final three pages at 'presto con fuoco' pace. This was piano virtuosity of the highest degree.

And so to the Grieg Sonata – an eminently suitable final piece with which to end this memorable recital. As ever, violin and piano were flawlessly together in their interpretation of this fine, surprisingly little known work.

The final applause for Christina and Harriet was long and well deserved – a fine opening to the new MAAA music season.



The Sutherland Duo prove a great opening to the start of the new MAAA music season.

Film premiere at Tarbert

IT IS not often that Mid Argyll can boast a film premiere.

But tomorrow (Saturday) Tarbert Film Club will be showing the Scottish premiere of new movie *In Love* with Alma Cogan.

An independently produced British film, the movie, despite its low budget, has a cast of well known comedy acting talent, headed up by Roger Lloyd Pack, of *Only Fools and Horses* and *Vicar of Dibley* fame.

The action centres upon a seaside pier which still stages an annual summer variety show. However, times are

getting harder in the world of seaside entertainment and Norman, played by Lloyd Pack, and his staff are struggling to see just how the age-old institution of an end-of-the-pier show can survive.

As the plot unfolds, Norman realises that it may be time to move on and put behind him the ghost of the fifties and sixties singing star Alma Cogan, who he feels has overshadowed his life since he met her one night over forty years ago.

The film will be screened in Templar's Hall at 8pm.

Halloween weekend at Kilmartin

FAMILIES can enjoy a spooky Halloween weekend, filled with delicious sweet treats, thanks to Kilmartin Museum.

Staff in the cafe's museum will host a family chocolate day on Saturday, October 26, where the cafe will feature a menu filled with sweet treats.

Children, who can wear fancy dress, will have the chance to make their own sweetie hedgehogs or ladybugs.

Best fancy dress

There will be arts, craft and face paints to keep families busy at the event, which kicks off at 2pm, and a prize for the best fancy dress competition.

Families can also head into Achtnabreac Forest Park on Friday, October 25 to explore the spooky trail, try the lucky dip and play ghostly games at the popular Halloween event.

Organised by the Argyll Forestry Commission, in partnership with the museum, the event kicks off at 7pm.

Wilds of Argyll art exhibition

THE THIRD and final art exhibition celebrating the Year of Natural Scotland at Kilmartin Museum will be unveiled this week.

The exhibition will feature works from artists across Argyll, when it opens in the museum café tomorrow (Saturday).

Artists include: Jane Allan, basket weaving; Karen Beauchamp, wallpaper design; Kirsty Brady, glass; Melanie Chmielewska, stone carving; Jae Ferguson, felt; Lucinda Hopkinson, glass; Karen Liversedge, glass; Louise Oppenheimer, weaving; Stuart McLellan, wood; Alice Strange, textiles.

The exhibition will be open seven days a week until December 23, when the museum will close for Christmas.

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Sound of music heard at Blarbuie Woodland

THE SOUND of music drew people to Blarbuie Woodland on Saturday afternoon as an exciting new woodland project celebrating 150 years of Argyll and Bute Hospital was officially launched.

The 150 Tree Rings Project, launched by Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, will see volunteers research the history of the hospital, its staff, patients and surroundings and commemorate that in 150 tree rings.

The tree rings, to be consolidated in mass plaque, will be numbered while a book with corresponding numbers will feature 150 stories about the characters and heritage of the hospital.

Saturday saw an afternoon of music at Blarbuie Woodland, adjacent to the Victorian hospital, a coffee morning and evening concert.

The three events allowed local people to share their memories of the Lochgilphead hospital and learn more about

the heritage project, which will also see the hospital's history recorded on audio files and film.

Hugh Fife of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise said: 'This is 150 years of history and culture which is particularly important to this area and Argyll and Bute as a whole.'

'The evening concert with Argyll Brass and Brass Eye was brilliant and a reminder that the hospital used to have its own brass band with people from across the county.'

The heritage project will also include the building of a wooden shelter within the Blarbuie woodland and the construction of a new path, linking it to MacIntyre Terrace.

The 150 Tree Rings Project is a partnership between Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, Mid Argyll Youth Forum, NHS Highland and Lochgilphead Community Council.



Drummers, trumpeters and horn players marched through the leafy woodland, delighting onlookers on Saturday afternoon. 06_a41wood01



Orla Flanagan and Hannah and Sarah Nicolson from Mid Argyll Youth Forum used the woodland celebration to ask people about their memories of Argyll and Bute Hospital. 06_a41wood05



Seven year old Joseph Hubbard got to grips with the traditional method of word carving under the supervision of woodland volunteer Alan Campbell. 06_a41wood07



Members and friends of band Brass Eye - Charlie Mount, Sarah Knowles, Lynsey Payne, Paul-Edovand Mias and Tommy Garside. 06_a41wood08

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: One Direction: This Is Us
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13 Violent argument (6,5)

18 Moving force (7)

20 Believe in (5)

22 Goodbye abroad (5)

23 Cold weather vessel (7)

24 Plump (6)

25 Judge (6)

Down

1 Sticking point? (6)

2 Fire remnant (5)

3 Glue (7)

5 Archaeological find (5)

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MOK Bike cycle challenges support a good cause



BETWEEN them, more than 100 cyclists will tackle the delights and varied scenery of five different routes in this year's Mull of Kintyre Bike Challenge on Sunday.

The routes will range from a relaxed family pedal around Campbeltown Loch to the gruelling, hilly 95 miles of the appropriately-named Ultimate Killer.

However, anyone who begins to flag can always console themselves with the knowledge that it is all in a good cause.

Now in its third year, the MOKBike event aims to raise more than £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

It is organised by keen mountain bikers Russ and Ros Wilkes who moved to Campbeltown four years ago and quickly decided to continue the good work they had carried out in their native Yorkshire with a similar charity cycle in aid of the Sue Ryder Care Hospice.

Ros told the Courier: 'Russ's parents both had cancer and my mum received tremendous support from Macmillan when she had cancer.'

'Campbeltown had the MOK event for runners and we thought it would be good to also have something to encourage people to cycle and which offered a way to enjoy Kintyre's wonderful scenery and autumn colours.'

About 30 cyclists of all ages are expected for the family ride from the start at the Ardsiel Hotel to the old

shipyard and back, with many of the older ones also expected to continue to Kildalloig and back.

Around 20 cyclists are set to take part in the Sanda Chill on the main roads to Southend before returning via Keil Point, a journey of around 24 miles.

A similar number of more adventurous participants will do the Sanda Challenge which, on leaving the Ardsiel, will take the hilly and coastal Le'arside road to Southend and on returning to Stewarton will then turn left for Moss Road and past Campbeltown Airport before joining the A83 for Campbeltown.

For serious cyclists, there is the 70-mile Ultimate route which follows the A83 out of Campbeltown until taking the turning for Skipness and Carradale for the testing hilly east road back to Campbeltown.

And for those who have to go to the limit, there is the Ultimate Killer which follows the same route before continuing on to complete the Sanda Challenge.

The latter event saw just two takers last year, but on Sunday seven hardy souls are up for a test that could take up to nine hours.

Ros said she and Russ were again indebted to Flora Grant and Marion McKinnon for providing free use of the Ardsiel and Seafiel Hotels in support of the event.

Their gratitude also goes to the various Campbeltown businesses who have donated items for auction, and all the marshals who have volunteered their services.



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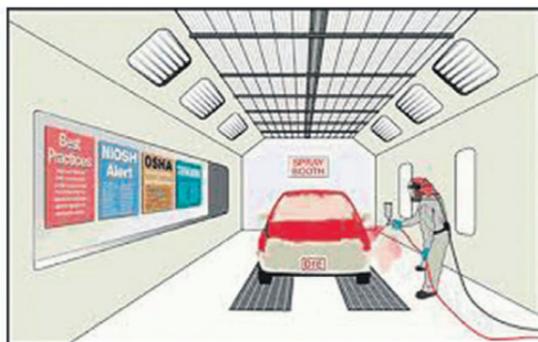
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INVERARAY

Local history society meeting

MEMBERS of Inveraray and District Local History Society learned more about life as the editor of a regional newspaper at their first meeting the 2013/14 season.

Colin Cameron, editor of the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard, was the guest speaker and gave an interesting and humorous account of the paper to the audience, gathered in the Nicol Hall.

Colin is the seventh editor since the newspaper was founded in 1871 in nearby Sandbank by William Inglis, who was proprietor and editor.

The paper eventually moved to Dunoon in 1906 where it remained until 1985 and printing was then moved to Oban, where it was printed alongside The Oban Times before it returned to Dunoon in 1991.

Leonard McNeill, chairman of the society, proposed a vote of thanks to Colin for an educational and enjoyable evening.

Sharon Webb, curator of Kimartin Museum, will be guest speaker at the November meeting and will give a talk on recent archaeological discoveries at Kilmartin.

FORD

Ghouls and giants at SWRI

TALES of ghouls, giants and rainbows entertained the ladies of Ford SWRI when they welcomed storyteller Heather Ritchie to their recent meeting.

A hush fell upon the gathering as the women sat in mesmerised silence listening to Heather, who did not read from a book but spoke and relayed her tales in a fascinating way.

The ladies were transported back to their childhood and memories of sitting down at bedtime with mum or dad reading a good story.

The women had a thoroughly entertaining evening and left with stories to tell their own children and grandchildren.

The competitions were: Two pieces of gingerbread: 1. Mairi McPhie; 2. Mavis Youill; 3. Janet Jardine. A piece of art: 1. Liz Malcolm; 2. Janet Jardine; 3. Mairi McPhie.

TAYVALLICH

Daimh play at the village hall

SCOTTISH folk band Daimh will perform in Tayvallich Village Hall tomorrow (Saturday) night.

The band, which has twice been nominated for Scottish folk band of the year at the Scots Traditional Music Awards, will perform tracks from their latest album Tuneship.

They will also perform tracks from their four previous albums and the audience can expect to hear a mixture of pyrotechnic jigs, reels and ballads.

Doors open at 7.30pm.

ARDRISHAIG



The Ardrishaig Keeping Well Group had afternoon tea at Stonefield Castle.

Afternoon tea at Stonefield for Keeping Well Group

THE ARDRISHAIG Keeping Well group has enjoyed two outings to Stonefield Castle for afternoon tea.

Thanks to a grant from the Ardrishaig ACTION Fund, members of the group enjoyed a second outing to the hotel on Monday, where staff pulled out all the stops to make it a special afternoon.

The purpose of the Keeping Well group is

to bring people from the community and those who live in the sheltered housing complex together for friendship, gentle exercise and activities.

The group meet on the first Monday of the month, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the hall in Caledonia Court.

People who would like more information on the group, which is organised by Alzheimer Scot-

land and the Dochas Carers Centre, can contact Maggie McLaren on 01546 600022.

Sale of Work

THE ARDRISHAIG Parish Church annual sale of works raised a total of £1,723.

The money, which was raised at the event last month, will be used to pay for the upkeep of the church, church hall and manse.

KILBERRY

Port Baan staff walk for British Heart Foundation

FOUR members of staff at Port Bann Holiday Park put their walking boots on to raise cash for the British Heart Foundation.

Jonathan and Nelleke Sheldrick, David Austin and Neil Baxter

walked the Great Glen Way in six days, setting off from Inverness and were due to arrive in Fort William on Tuesday.

The foursome were inspired to raise cash for the charity after Dav-

id's dad passed away following a heart attack and Neil recently had a heart stent operation.

The event was organised by Jim Duncan and they were followed in a support vehicle by Norman Allan; both men are tenants at the park.

The group is well familiar with the route as it completed the walk last year and raised more than £1,500 for Cancer Research UK.

People who would like to sponsor the group can contact the holiday park on 01880 770 224.

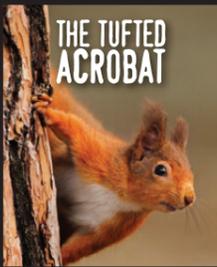
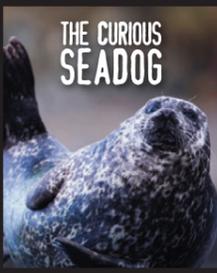
TARBERT



Children at Tarbert Afterschool Care have been learning about life in the circus. Michael Campbell has been trying his hand at plate spinning, juggling and the ribbon dance as part of the centre's current theme.

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Care in the Community

A COMMUNITY that cares is something many people lament as a lost trait in society nowadays.

But what if the helpful neighbour who used to pop out for the elderly woman next door's shopping has simply been replaced with more professional - but no less caring - services.

A chat over a cup of tea and a few biscuits might solve some people's problems but others may have much more on their plate to deal with. And there are plenty of places in Argyll that you can turn to for care and support in a time of need.

You could be facing problems at home, whether that be coping with a loved one's illness,

a recent bereavement or addiction issues.

There are many support and therapy groups that can help you overcome these issues and deal with the emotions you experience during them. Perhaps you're stuck in a situation you can't see a way out of, if you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse help is at hand - don't be afraid to speak up.

Reaching out to others can pull you back from a point where you may be considering harming yourself. Talking through our problems will help solve them.

But perhaps you just need a helping hand because of age or disability. Staying in their

own home is what many people desire as the fragility of life catches up with them.

This can become trickier as mobility becomes a challenge but many organisations can install mechanically assisted devices in homes to ensure getting in and out of beds, chairs and baths is no problem.

Council policies are also set to assist with care in the home for as long as possible so that people can remain independent. There are even agencies which will help upgrade and decorate elderly people's homes.

Of course staying at home isn't always an option, perhaps the burden of care has become too much for family members and the time has come to look at care homes.

Thankfully these are now far from the daunting sterile image of old. In Argyll care homes provide 24-hour-care services including support with all personal care.

You can also have a visit from hairdressers, physiotherapists, chiropodists, doctors, nurses, dentists

and even dieticians. That's on top of getting daily papers and magazines delivered.

If you're a carer for anyone and struggling to cope - or just looking for a bit of breathing space - there is also help available through respite services and support groups.

Annual events also aim to encourage support for others in the community - including participating in foster care.

Anyone considering fostering a child should get in contact with their local authority to find out more and, if appropriate, take steps to do so.

Other services for children are also available - if you are aware of a youngster dealing with issues at home you should not be afraid to point them in the direction of support.



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The Stamp Kid goes down a treat at Ardrishaig

THE AUDIENCE at Mid Argyll Youth Chorus' most recent production were transported back in time to some of the most notorious incidents in modern and ancient history.

Theatregoers at The Stamp Kid saw Penny Black, a bullied teen, and her pal Minnie Cooper, travel across the world as a wizard helps them visit some of the places highlighted in Penny's

stamp collection. They had a hilarious adventure with spies in Russia and prevented the evil Silvertoe from garlic-gassing the world. They met gangsters in Chicago in the



Abbie Williams as Minnie, Holly Renton as Penny and Fiona Cupples as the narrator and Stamp Wizard. 06_a41show05

roaring 20s and stopped the Valentines Day Massacre with a bunch of red roses, before meeting beggars and students of the French Revolution.

Their final destination was South Korea where they joined Psy in a wild Gangnam Style dance.

The renowned musicality of the youth chorus members helped the story along, with tunes including Skyfall, Wild About Harry, Fat Sam's Grand Slam, Do you Hear the People Sing and The Lion Sleeps tonight performed by soloists and the chorus.

The Stamp Kid was the brainchild of producer Sheila Campbell, who this year enjoyed the support of the youth chorus' Erin Barker who wrote some of the scenes.

As with all of the youth chorus productions, the members worked with

Sheila and musical director Fiona MacDonald to develop the theatrical performance and music.

The hard work and enthusiasm of all involved in the production made for a lively and entertaining show, performed at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Tuesday.



The chorus sang a range of great songs including The Lion Sleeps Tonight. 06_a41show11



Brothers Jock and Archie Spencer were servants to the Pharaoh's wife, Niamh Brady, when Penny and Minnie arrived in Egypt. 06_a41show02



Punks Teigan Holroyd, Kyle Renton and Hollie McGregor. 06_a41show08



Pharaoh Miki Howieson Pearce. 06_a41show12



Eden Mikula shakes her fist at the punk groupies. 06_a41show06

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Cocktails and champagne for the ladies

Ladies Night Part 2 voted a big success

COCKTAILS and champagne were served up in the name of charity on Saturday as a second Ladies Night was held in Lochgilphead's Argyll Inn.

Women played games, sipped on cocktails and watched strip-

pers all in the name of a good cause - MS Centre Mid Argyll.

Raise awareness

With the hotel's function suite decked out in pretty pinks, local girls, dressed in their finest, gathered to have fun and raise aware-

ness of a condition that has affected so many people within their community.

The event, dubbed Ladies Night, Part 2, came after a similar event raised £1,000 for the Anthony Nolan Trust.



Kirsty Miles, Jennifer Wilson, Anna Alderson and Nicole Bridgewater had a great time. 06_a41strip04



Kirsten Green, Ann McCartan and Dorothy Allan raised a glass to Ladies Night. 06_a41strip03



Kelly Wright, Rebecca MacMillan and Kerri Curtis were all smiles at the ladies only event. 06_a41strip02



It was also 'girls only' for the staff at the Argyll Inn as Kendal Bradley, Megan Bryson and Shelby Spriddell poured the cocktails. 06_a41strip06



Laura Downie, Sharon Johnstone and Jenny MacEachern, looked glamorous. 06_a41strip01

Bowlers raise £300 for MS Centre

FUNDS at the MS Centre in Lochgilphead have been boosted by £300 thanks to generous bowlers.

Alistair Kernachan, treasurer of Tarbert Bowling Club, handed over a cheque to the centre last week. It followed the club's annual charity match, which included bowlers from Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Oban and Colintrave.

Mr Kernachan said: 'People have been very generous.'

'We held the match on September 14, the same day the Friends of the Beatson Challenge runners reached Tarbert. We passed a hat around for

them as well and raised another £200.'

The £300 donation to the MS Centre will contribute to general running costs.

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Phil and Julie Robertson from Tarbert joined Alistair Kernachan, treasurer of Tarbert Bowling Club, in handing over a cheque to the MS Centre's Karen McCurry and Claire Cameron. 06_a41cheq01

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Hill farmers need more help says MSP

MORE help is required for hill farmers, according to Highlands and Islands MSP, Jamie McGrigor, who says money is not filtering back towards them.

The Conservative MSP has called for the EU to increase funding for hill farmers in order to prevent depopulation in remote upland parts of the region.

Mr McGrigor made the comments during a meeting of the cross party group on rural policy in the Scottish Parliament.

Presentations were given to the group by Mike Mackenzie, DG Agri, European Commission, Billy McKenzie, SRDP programme manager for the Scottish Government, Ian Davidson, head of Agricultural Development for the Scottish Government, and Syd House, Forestry Commission conser-

uator for Perth and Argyll.

After the presentations, Mr McGrigor asked why, despite delivery of EU subsidies and rural development programmes, stock numbers in the Highlands and Islands were continuing to drop, both in cattle and sheep.

He pointed out that sheep and cattle sales in places like Dalmailly and Oban were greatly down in numbers and that hill farming in general was struggling to remain part of the Scottish agricultural scene.

In terms of forestry and referring to his own locality, Mr McGrigor also pointed out previously there had been three forestry villages surrounding Loch Awe, housing between them 100 families connected with the Forestry Commission. Now there were virtually no forestry employees left in these houses.



Jamie McGrigor has called for more help for hill farmers to prevent a depopulation of the Highlands and Islands.

Rural charity steps up fundraising efforts

A RURAL Scottish charity which supports farmers is stepping up its fundraising efforts.

RSABI has enlisted the help of BBC *Countryfile* presenter Adam Henson as it strives to offer increased advice, support and financial aid to those in the countryside who need it the most.

The weather crisis facing farming families over the previous 18 months has led the charity to take an important role distributing additional funding from The Prince's Countryside Fund, the Scottish Government and others, in excess of £90,000 to date.

To find out more about the work of RSABI visit www.rsabi.org.uk or phone 0131 472 4166.

Market reports

United Aucions Islay

AT ISLAY Auction Mart, United Auctions held their third sale of Lambs and Feeding Sheep, also sale of Breeding Sheep including Annual Islay Show and Sale of Rams. A total of 5,276 head was sold. Sale averages were as follows with last year's in brackets. 3,029 Lambs averaged £54.82 (3345, £49.89). 68 Rams averaged £185.44 (42, £243.70). 378 Gimmers averaged £98.44 (269, £94.67). 443 Warranted Ewes averaged £49.71 (355, £45.81). 511 Ewe Lambs averaged £61.20 (501, £56.26). 709 Feeding Ewes and Widders averaged £37.79 (71, £45.81). The Show of Rams and Ram Lambs was ably judged by Mr Angus MacFadyen, Braglenmore Farm, By Oban and his

awards were as follows:

All breeds other than Blackface: 1st: R MacDougall, Kirkby - Texel; 2nd: Mrs McMillan, Eorabus - Suffolk; 3rd: T Rozga, Kilmenny - Texel.

Blackface: 1st: Elliot Bowman, 40 Texa Crescent; 2nd: D Currie, Ballachlaven; 3rd: G Simpson, Mansefield.

Champion Ram and Tarf Valley Trophy: R MacDougall - Texel - £900 to Mr I MacPherson, Conisby. Reserve Champion: Elliot Bowman - Blackface - £650 to Mr A MacFadyen, Braglenmore.

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Octofad : £63.50 - Claggan :

£62.50 - Coull, Octofad, Kintra,

Craigfad and Duich : £61.50

- Octofad and Machrie Croft : £60.50 - Frederick Cresc : £60.00 - Portantruan.

TEXx: £73.50 - Lossit : £71.50 -

Mulindry : £69.50 and £65.50 -

Lossit : £64.50 - Leorin : £64.00 -

Gartloist : £63.50 - Tallant :

£61.50 - Coull and Gartloist :

£61.00 - Mulindry.

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£57.50 - Ballivivar.

CROSS: £65.50 - Duich :

£63.50 - Ballimartin : £60.50 -

Woodend : £57.50 - Tormisdale

Croft : £56.50 - Leorin : £55.50 -

Ballinaby.

MULE: £55.50 - Coull Farm and

Ardnave Farm.

BF: £52.00 - Dunlossit, Ceana-

croic and Lossit

TOP PRICES PER KILO

LAMBS

SUFFx: 183p - Claggan :

182p, 181p, 175p and 174p -

Octofad : 174p - Blackrock :

TEXx: 176p - Blackrock :

170p - Octofad.

CHEVx: 161p - Coull Farm.

CROSS: 168p - Ballinaby

and Upper Craggabus : 166p - Woodend : 165p - Coille Farm. MULE: 164p - Coille Farm : 161p - Smaladh.

BF: 149p - Dunlossit, Ceana-croic : 148p - Lower Craggabus : 143p - Frederick Cresc and Glenegadale Lotts. CAST

EWES TEXx: £84.50 - Bayview :

£82.50 - Blackrock : £73.50 -

Bayview : £68.50 - Blackrock :

£63.50 - 7 Claddach : £62.50 -

Octofad. CHEVx: £53.50 - Bal-

livivar CROSS: £57.50 - Ardnave

Farm : £56.50 - Coillabus.

MULE: £56.50 - Octofad BELT:

£56.50 - Bayview.

BF: £38.50 - Lorgbaw Croft

and Corrary : £37.50 - Ardnave

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chaid : £90.00 - Corrary Farm.

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TEX: £230 and £210 - Kil-

meny Farm. TEXx: £130 and

£110 - Claddach : £110 - Dun-

lossit, Knocklearach. CHEV:

£75.00 - Ballivivar Farm.

MULE: £150 - Eorabus : £140 -

Leorin Farm : £125 - Cladd-

ach.

BF: £100 - Carn. WARRENT-

ED EWES CHEVx: £68.50 -

108 Frederick Cresc. CROSS:

£67.50 - Ardnave Farm. MULE:

£63.50 - Starchmill: £52.50 -

Smaladh: £50.00 - School Street

(R Paget).

BF: £70.00 and £60.00 - Lorg-

baw Croft: £60.00 and £58.00 -

Craigens: £56.00 - Kelsay.

RAMS TEX: £900 - Kirkby :

£550 - Kilmeny : £500 - Kirkby

: £500 - Blackrock.

SUFF: £550 and £450 - Eorabus : £420 and £400 - Coille Farm. BLUEFACED LEICESTER: £400 - Coille Farm.

BELTEX CROSS SUFF: £480 and £450 - Coille Farm.

BF: £650 - Texa Crescent: £420 - Mansefield.

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Oban

Oban - Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd, Oban Livestock Centre, on Tuesday October 1 sold 1037 suckled calves, store, breeding and OTM cattle.

Bullocks (653) averaged 273p per kg (up 69p per kg on the year) to 348p per kg for six 210kg Simmentals from J and S Anderson, Kilbride, Balvicar and to £1040 for a 400kg Limousin from I McDougall, Ardiona, Isle of Iona. Heifers (350) averaged 251p per kg (up 84p per kg on the year) to 329p per kg for seven 175kg Simmentals from Kilbride and to £890 for a 385kg Limousin from Ardiona. Bulls (4) averaged 247p per kg (up 62p per kg on the year) to 313p per kg for a 150kg Simmental from R Craig, Kilbride, Kilmore and to £560 for a 275kg Limousin from H McPhail, Callachally, Isle of Mull.

Leading prices per head: Bullocks: Lim - 380kgs £1000 Achnacreebeg; Lim - 390kgs £1000 Culbhuirg; Lim - 380kgs

£990 Culbhuirg; Lim - 375kgs £980 Shenavallie; AA - 450kgs £980 Craignaich; Lim - 350kgs £960 Achnacreebeg; Lim - 330kgs - £960 Ardachy; Lim - 360kgs £950 Culbhuirg; Lim - 325kgs £940 Culbhuirg; Luing - 440kgs £920 Portramsay; Sim - 395kgs £900 Glencreran Est; AA - 395kgs £900 Craignaich; Lim - 370kgs £890 Upper Largie; Lim - 290kgs £880 Achnacreebeg; Lim - 285kgs £880 Achiaran; AA - 320kgs £880 Poltalloch; Lim - 300kgs £850 Creich; Sim - 320kgs - £810 Iochdar; Saler - 290kgs £780 East Hynish; Luing - 300kgs £780 Poltalloch; Sim - 290kgs £775 Strongorm; Saler - 270kgs £770 No.3 Ballevullin; Lim - 245kgs £770 Ensay; Sim - 240kgs £755 Ardencaple and Scammadale; AA - 250kgs £750 Poltalloch; Sim - 265kgs £745 Drimmin.

Leading prices per head: Heifers: BB - 335kgs £860 Ardachy; BB - 330kgs £850 Ardachy; Shorthorn - 430kgs £840 Strontollier; Lim - 335kgs £840 Culbhuirg; Lim - 285kgs £810 Achnacreebeg; Lim - 295kgs £800 Ardachy; Lim - 350kgs £790 Achavaich; Lim - 315kgs £790 Ensay; Lim - 345kgs £790 Creich; Lim - 315kgs £790 Ardachy; Lim - 290kgs £730 Upper Largie; Sim - 315kgs £710 Airds; BB - 330kgs £710 East Hynish; Lim - 310kgs £700 Achiarn; Sim - 340kgs £695 Knockderry; Lim - 250kgs £690 Poltalloch; Lim - 280kgs £670 Achaleven; Sim - 290kgs £670 Iochdar; Lim - 250kgs £665 Strontollier; Lim - 235kgs £660 Pennygown; Lim - 220kgs £660 Poltalloch; 240kgs £640 Strongorm and Kengharair;

Lim - 260kgs £640 Claid; Sim 240kgs £630 Dunach Estates.

Leading prices per kg: Bullocks: 327p Ardencaple and Scammadale; 323p Airds; 318p Kengharair and Ardencaple; 317p Saulmore and Scammadale; 314p Ensay and Kengharair; 313p Poltalloch; 311p Kilbride; 309p Strongorm; 308p Dunach Est and Saulmore; 307p Poltalloch; 306p East Hynish and Rhulios; 305p Callachy and Kilbride; 303p Achnacreebeg; 302p Saulmore; 300p Sithean, Kengharair and Rhulios; 298p Claid.

Leading prices per kg: Heifers: 313p Strongorm; 300p Airds and Poltalloch; 298p Poltalloch and Strongorm; 295p Callachy; 288p Kilbride (Anderson); 284p Achnacreebeg; 281p Pennygown; 278p Achiarn; 277p Rhulios; 276p Poltalloch; 275p Callachy; 272p Kengharair; 271p Ardachy; 268p Kilbride (Craig) and Assapol; 266p Strontollier and Creich; 260p Achaleven.

John Kyle, a View from the Rostrum, Oban Livestock Centre. Record averages were recorded on Tuesday at Oban with a larger entry sold to the corresponding sale last year.

An excellent ringside of buyers forward from Cumbria, Yorkshire and throughout Scotland resulted in averages soaring by 69p per kg for Bullocks and 84p per kg for Heifers. I do hope this will help stop the ever declining suckler herd, as these prices look more attractive to keep cows.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01967/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse - amended design and position to planning permission reference 07/01531/REM (retrospective)	6 Stone View Ford Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8WJ	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/02008/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and associated works.	Cleft in the Cliff Craobh Haven Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/02065/PP	Erection of 100 kw wind turbine (30 metres high to hub height)	Land West of Achinloan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02128/PP	Retension of modular building incorporating external alterations and formation of covered walkway (part retrospective)	Argyll and Bute Council 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RD	Ardrishaig Area Office

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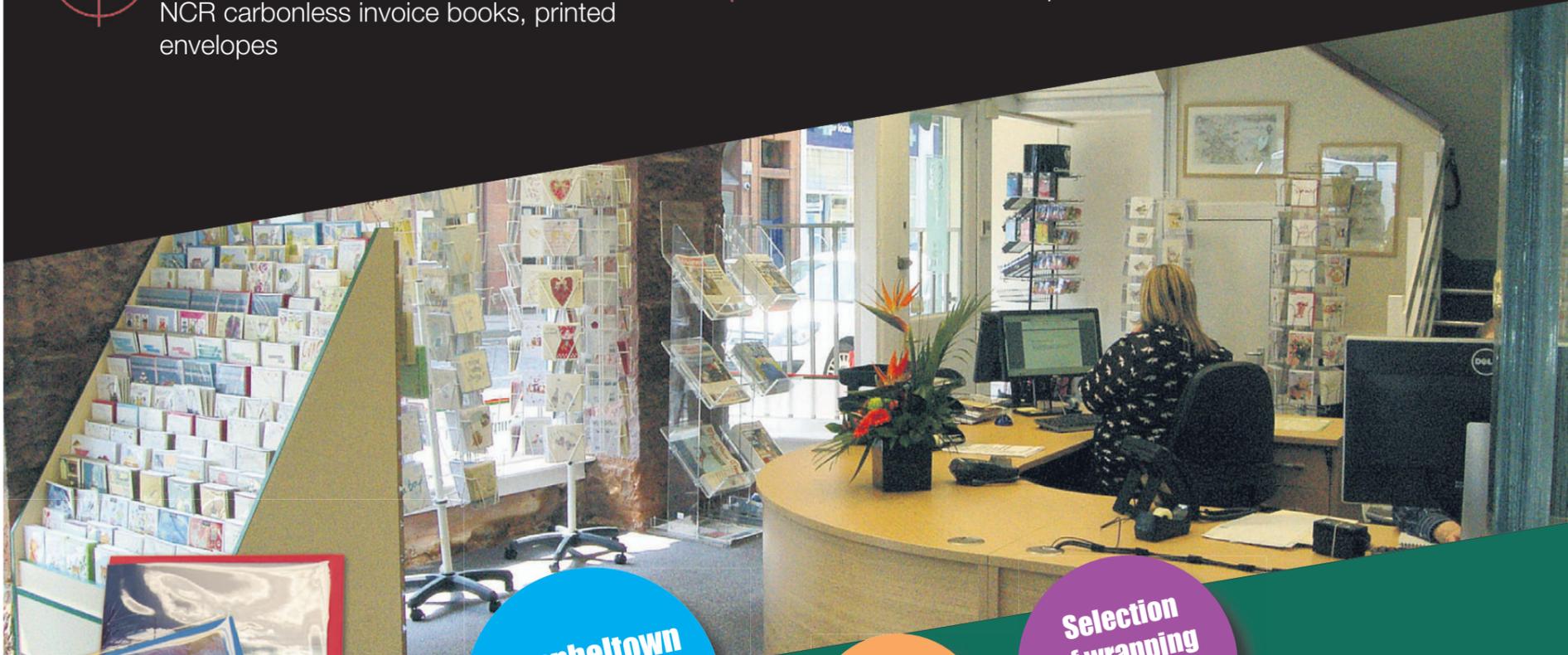
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CATERING EQUIPMENT Restaurant closure end October. All equipment for sale bar/restaurant/kitchen. Most of it only 2 years old. Please telephone 01852 200345 for further information except Tuesdays.

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PERSONALS

David and Elizabeth Armstrong
(Following their accident on the 30th July)
David and Elizabeth would like to thank sincerely all the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after Elizabeth was transferred from St. John's Hospital, Livingston.
Thanks also to everyone who sent cards, flowers and kind wishes.
Elizabeth is now home and making good progress on the road to full recovery.

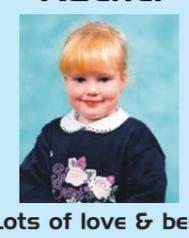
Iain MacDougall
(Nenie)
would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts received on his 60th birthday.
They were very much appreciated, thanks again.

Look who's 80 on the 12th!

Happy Birthday Mum
Love from
The Family

Happy 21st Rachel

Lots of love
From Nana & Papa
XX

Happy 21st Rachel

Lots of love & best wishes,
From Mum, Dad & Lee
XXX

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE mist on top of the Holy Isle shook off its blanket of sleep as the first streaks of morning gave birth to another day.

The hills folded in on each other and the peace was tangible.

There wasn't a sound, apart from the mournful song of the robin and the lapping of the waves.

Arran wakened to a beautiful autumnal morning and we were privileged to share in its dawning. The grass was wet with dew and cobwebs glistened in the early morning light.

The pups scampered joyfully, only pausing to pluck the brambles which hung from low lying branches. I looked across at the little row of white cottages at the south end of Holy Isle where there is now a closed Buddhist retreat and I thought of the many ways the spiritual journey can be travelled.

Visitors may visit the open centre on the island where they can find out more about Buddhism or just simply enjoy the peace, and take time to reflect on their own spiritual path.

The centre is linked to the Samye Ling Centre in Dumfriesshire and I spent some time there many years ago. I enjoyed finding out more about this great world philosophy and I was particularly enchanted with the Tibetan prayer flags.

These colourful flags also flutter from many places on Holy Isle. They are raised with the aspiration to bring happiness and peaceful energy, and the wind carries the prayers and blessings all over the world.

The first teachings of the Buddha began two and a half thousand years ago and since then millions of people around the world have followed the spiritual path he revealed.

So wherever our own spiritual journey leads us, and whatever way we find our God, I hope the flags of peace will carry blessings that will unite us all in love.



Left to right: Aidan Gregory, Ross Ryan, Recse Kelly, Kuba Bulaj fitted the new roof to The Annex art centre that will make it wind and water tight.

New roof first major milestone for art venue

THE FIRST major milestone at an art venue in Crinan has been reached with a new roof fitted to the building, which has made it wind and water tight.

A bright red roof has been put on The Annex art centre just weeks after a locals helped raise £6,000 for the repairs at a silent art auction in the building, which is in a state of disrepair.

Artist Ross Ryan, who is behind the project, said the next stage in the project would be to carry out work to the structure of the building before tackling the inside. He said: 'I would like to say thank you to the generous artists who donated paintings and to the people who bought them, as they made this possible. The roof will allow us

to preserve the building at the moment and dry it out before starting work to the structure.'

He added: 'We want to knock through the walls of three garages that are underneath the main building and then work on the upstairs where four bedrooms will be created and a kitchen installed.'

Ross hopes the art centre,

which sits between the Crinan Hotel and coffee shop, will become a refuge for artists from

around the world to come and paint. With the overall cost of the project unknown Ross will to look at various funding options in the near future to take the project forward, which will include grants and further fundraisers.

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Jenny wins award for best show scones

A RESIDENT of Chalmers Court, famed for the quality of her scones, was recently awarded a prize for her tasty treats.

Jenny Spiers from the sheltered housing complex in Inveraray was this summer awarded the SJ Noble Prize for the best scones at the Dalmally Show.

Jenny, aged 85, has always been a keen baker, much to the delight of friends, family and staff of Chalmers Court.



Youngsters' thumbs up for football

Children at Badden's Farm Nursery gave football the thumbs after a master class lesson from Martin Rae, football development officer for Argyll and Bute, and Innes Paterson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll.

Still time to vote for Scotland's favourite wild animal

WITH just three weeks to go before voting closes to decide Scotland's favourite wild animal, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is urging as many people as possible to take part in the poll for Scotland's Big 5.

The campaign, which urged people to see the red squirrel,

common seal, red deer, otter and golden eagle in their natural habitat, was one of many initiatives to celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland.

The vote for Scotland's Big 5, which are all found in Argyll, closes at the end of this month, with thousands of votes already registered for each of the five

species listed.

Ian Jardine, SNH chief executive, said the golden eagle was currently sitting at the top of the poll.

'There's still three weeks left for people to cast their votes, so fans of the golden eagle shouldn't count their chicks just yet,' he said. 'More importantly,

autumn is a great time to get out and explore nature across Scotland, with one of the highlights at this time of year being the red deer rut.'

Online voting for Scotland's Big 5 can be found at www.visitscotland.com/about/wildlife/snh and closes on 31 October.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever' (Psalm 107:1).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCMILLAN - MACADIE - On October 11, 1963 by the Rev D Brock-Doyle, at Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, Matthew to Elizabeth.

DEATHS

KILLEEN - On Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Linsay, beloved youngest daughter of Margie and the late Frank Killeen, dearly loved sister of Ailie and D-d, and dotting aunt to David, Susan, Cameron, Courtney and Finlay. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, will be divided between the Beatson and Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Please wear something bright.

MACNEILL - Peacefully, after a short illness, on October 2, 2013, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, James MacNeill, aged 83 years, of 27 Kingsway, Tarbert, beloved husband of the late Christine, much loved father of Marie, Brian and the late Christine, Margaret and Marie, loving grandfather and great grandfather, a much respected father-in-law, and a dear brother and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHRISTIE - The family of the late Alma Christie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors, district nursing team and Marie Curie nurses for their exceptional care and attention. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for taking care of all arrangements and to the Tayvallich Inn for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection has raised £475 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MCINTYRE - The family of the late Peggy McIntyre (Munro) would like to express thanks to all friends and neighbours for many kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and flowers received during their sad bereavement. Thanks also to the doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, community nurses who attended Peggy during the last nine weeks of her life, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and to Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements handled with care and diplomacy, the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea and to all who attended the church service. Also a very special thanks to Isobel, Bertie and Angela for their help during Mother's illness.

SHAW - The family of the late Florence Shaw would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to Kintyre Care Home for caring for our mum over the last four years. Thanks also to the Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and helpful services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, our sincere thanks to all who attended at the church and graveyard. The retiring collection for Kintyre Care Home amounted to £410.

IN MEMORIAMS

BLAIR - In loving memory of our mum, Dorothy, who passed away on October 12, 2009. Quietly remembered every day.

- Alex, Marion and families.

CAMPBELL - In memory of Duncan (Daka) and Dolina, who died thirty years ago. Never forgotten, always loved.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of a much loved mother, Mary, who died on October 14, 2011. There's a place in our hearts that is yours alone, A part of our life no-one else can own, For deep in our memories, you are with us yet, To love and to cherish and never forget.

- From Anne, Mary, Catherine, James, John and Jimmy. A kiss blown up to the sky so blue, Catch it Wee Granny, it's just for you.

- From your grandchildren and great grandchildren xx.

MASON - Billy, October 1999. Sadly missed.

- Ray and family.

MCKERRAL - William G, who died October 16, 2010. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Sadly missed.

- Douglas and family. Miss you lots.

- Hannah and Liam xx.

MCKINLAY - In loving memory of our precious friend, James, died October 7, 2011.

Loving you is easy, We do it every day, Missing you is the hardest part, That never goes away.

- Norma and Billy.

MCLEAN - Louise Jane, passed away October 15, 2011, aged 23 years.

You left us so many memories of fun, laughter and love, Louise And we miss you more and more each day.

- Dad, Mum and John, Simon and Tracyann.

MCLEAN - Treasured memories of a lovely girl, Louise Jane McLean, who passed away on October 15, 2011.

God takes our loved ones from our homes, But never from our hearts.

- Gran, Peter and all the family.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of our mum and granny, Annette, who passed away October 10, 2005. Loved and missed everyday.

- Jo, Al, Malcolm, Bella and kids.

MCNAUGHTON - In memory of David, who died October 15, 2012. A loving son, brother and uncle. Loved and remembered always.

- From Mum, Mhairi, Sandy, Carol and Robert.

O'MAY - Treasured memories of our dear mum, Veronica.

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, But their hearts forever.

- Your loving family, home and away xxxxx.

O'MAY - Treasured memories of my beloved sister-in-law, Vera, who sadly left us on October 11, 2011.

Loved and remembered always.

STEWART - In loving memory of Ina, a much loved wife, mother and granny, who died October 13, 2004.

You were too special to forget, loved and remembered every day.

- Frank, Frances, Jim, Eilidh and Mairi.

THOMPSON - Treasured memories of Kenny, who passed away on October 12, 2010.

'Into each life a little rain must fall'.

Love you loads and miss you even more.

- Nikki, Nicolette and Claire.

Miss you, Papa

- Isla and Sean xx.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Service in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm
13th October
1 Corinthians 16:13
"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith"

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 13 October - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray Church at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th October
Communion Service at Kilmartin 11.30am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC01212

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 13th October 2013
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Wednesday 16th October 2013
(change of date)
5pm Messy Church
Also at Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Scottish Charity SC015187



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Hilda C. Smith
SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER
11 a.m. Morning Worship
(Conducted by Dr John Morrison)
All Welcome
Further information
(01546) 606218
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 13 October 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Spring up O Well and overflow"
Thursday 17 October 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11:00 am
with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 13th October
12.45pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
'Oatcakes never tasted so good' (1 Kings 17)
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Collection for Supporting the Homeless in Kintyre and for Tearfund

Thursday 17th October
12 noon Prayer & Bible study

Saturday 19th October
Saturday Club for P3-P7 children
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 13th October, 2013
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Tarbert Service 11.45am
To be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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Everyone very welcome
SC002622

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome
(SC0002876)



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 13th October
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
10.45am Family Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 13 October 2013
11.15am Family Communion with crèche
Mr R H Craig
No Youth Group this week
Wednesday 16 October 2013
10.00am Toddler Group
No Bible Study
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
01586 551237
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 13th October
Morning Worship - 11.15am (Creche, Triple C, Next Generation)
Rev. P Burroughs
Tuesday 15th October
BB Anchor Boys
6.00 - 7.00pm in Church Hall
BB Junior Section
7.15 - 8.30pm - Church Hall
Thursday 17 October
Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm
Choir Practice - 7.30pm
Friday 18th October
Lunch Club - 12.00 noon - New Hall

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 13 October
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

Highland Parish Church

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Red Star face cup replay after draw at home

RED STAR were forced to settle for a draw in their first home match of the season when they welcomed visitors Paisley for the first round of the Scottish Amateur Cup.

Star started well and got a number of balls into the box, which resulted in a few nervous moments for the Paisley defence but the visitors were able to clear the danger without their keeper having to do too much.

The deadlock was broken after twenty minutes when Crawford's long throw from the left was flicked onto the back post, the Paisley defence cleared only as far as Lewis Peacock who met the ball with a cracking volley, which flew into the bottom corner.

The home side were

Red Star	1
Paisley	1
Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup	

Man of the match:
Colin Weir

Worked hard all over the park and kept running until the final whistle.



not able to capitalise, although they could have been 2-0 up when Naisby bundled the ball home, but the referee blew for offside.

This galvanised the visitors and they forced a succession of free kicks, hitting the post on a couple of occasions before they equalised.

The number 11 escaped his marker to head home from a flighted free kick

leaving McCulloch with no chance.

Despite the home side working hard in the second half the Paisley defence was a well marshalled unit with chances few and far between at both ends.

Star freshened things up in a bid to find a winner bringing on their subs and it was one of those in Docherty that went close, but his effort went just over the bar.

Both sides had to settle for a draw and Star will travel to Paisley for a replay.

Star return to league action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Clydebank at Ropework Park. Kick off 2pm.



Angus Morrison challenges the Paisley defence in Star's first home game of the season. 06_a41star02

Another league defeat for ten-man Tarbert

**Ferguslie Star 5
Tarbert AFC 0
SAFL Division 1A**

TARBERT travelled to take on the undefeated Ferguslie Star on league duty on Saturday but they were to return home empty handed

from a tough encounter.

The Dookers performed well for the first 15 minutes, limiting the hosts to long-range efforts, while creating three good chances of their own.

But Star managed to take the lead when a good cross from out wide found the attacker at the back post; his header back across goal went in via the post.

Things worsened for the away side when a poor tackle on defender Talbot saw him taken to hospital with a leg injury and the Star forwards put another goal past 'keeper Martin moments later.

Tarbert's dreams of winning the game were killed when, on the hour mark, Star scored quickly on the counter attack. The home side added to their tally when their centre forward was

fouled in the box. He stepped up and blasted the ball into the net. Unfortunately for Tarbert his penalty hit keeper Martin on the face on its way in, and this led to a bad eye injury, which meant the Tarbert 'keeper had to leave the match.

With all Tarbert's substitutes used, defender Blair had to replace Martin in the goals, with the away side seeing out the final 20 minutes with 10 men. They were undone again when the Star defender fired into the top corner from 10 yards. A day to forget for the Dookers, they created several opportunities to score but mistakes against a street-wise opposition cost them dearly.

Tarbert take on Tynecastle in the West of Scotland Cup tomorrow (Saturday) at home.

Under-17s undefeated this season

**Red Star 4
Helensburgh 1
DFDL under-17 A
league**

RED STAR under-17s maintained their winning streak with a 4-1 league victory over newly promoted Helensburgh.

The opening goal came when Deans split the defence with a first time ball to the forward running Hendry, who showed clinical finishing to shoot the ball into the net at Ropework Park.

Helensburgh were given a penalty after Robertson tripped the striker just inside the box, but McCulloch dived to his left to save the resultant kick.

As the half wore on Deans and McCallum had free kicks from just outside the box that were well saved by the Helensburgh keeper.

Deans then won a header in midfield which found Hendry, who went on a run towards the goal and past the defence. He rounded the keeper and was brought down, but the referee did not award a penalty and played advantage. The ball broke to Munro who showed composure to slot the ball home.

Robertson opened his scoring for the season in the second half when a McCallum free kick broke to him in the box and he fired the ball into the net.

Helensburgh's goal came when the striker headed the ball into the net from a cross on the left, which McCulloch had no chance of saving.

The final goal came when Deans fired in a free kick from a central position into the bottom left corner of the net.

Coach Dougie Moore said: 'Playing against a very well organised Helensburgh side and with a few key players missing the boys played some decent football throughout and deserved their well-earned victory.'

Star return to action on October 26 when they travel to take on Milngavie.

Lochfyneside suffer heaviest defeat of the season in league cup tie against Cardross

**Cardross 12
Lochfyneside 1
West Of Scotland
Amateur League Cup**
LOCHFYNESIDE suffered their heaviest defeat of the season with a 12-1 defeat against Cardross in the West of Scotland Amateur league cup.

The side travelled to Station Park to take on last year's premier league runners up and the gulf in class was apparent quickly as 'Fyne-

side went one down early in the first half.

This setback did not deter 'Fyneside and they battled against their on-form hosts.

But, Cardross rattled in another two quick goals midway through the first half and by the break the visiting side found themselves six goals down as they struggled to contain the lethal forwards.

'Fyneside altered the shape of the team in the second half, but

Cardross quickly fired in another three goals.

The visitors were awarded a penalty, which was duly dispatched by captain Steven Wilson but this was the only highlight of the match.

Manager Jim Divers said: 'The score line was the worst we could have imagined, but the boys battled away until the end and if they had let their heads go down the result would have been

even worse. We have to realise this side were absolutely on fire on the day. At times their pace in attack proved the deciding factor as it is the hardest thing for any defender to handle.

'Their finishing was top notch and they squandered very few opportunities.'

The 'Fyneside will travel to Corkerhill tomorrow (Saturday) when they return to league action.

Duffers 1, Ross 0 as Simon tops league

By David Sinclair
IT WAS a great start to the winter season at Lochgilphead Golf Club this weekend and local golfers are keen to see how things develop over the coming weeks.

Simon was delighted with his 41 points and even remembered to sign his card, which is just as well as Ross

would have taken great pleasure in disqualifying him if things were not perfect.

He narrowly beat Kenny MacAulay into second place on a count back, as they both had a brilliant start to the winter.

Raymond Flanagan usually plays well on the Playstation and strug-

gles on the grass, but this week he was on top of his game.

Keith Cowan is just back from Portugal where he very nearly played to his handicap on some of the world's best courses. As club captain he feels he must represent the club wherever and whenever he can and is off to Glenea-

gles next week to advise on preparations for the next Ryder Cup.

Ross Sinclair had a poor day but the others should beware as he has proven his ability in this event and is still the man to beat. He was not the least bit grumpy for about three holes, but reverted to type as his cousin David went to

sleep on his putts and kept him back. David was a certainty for nearest the pin at the last hole with a fine shot. But the rug was pulled from under him by old twin-kle toes Tommy Angus, who danced away with the prize money with his last shot of the day.

Lee Hardman is the most consistent player

in the club and always wins a prize of some sort - usually the flowery mat of shame.

Results: 10. S Taylor; 9. K Macaulay; 8 D Carmichael; 7 R Flanagan; 6 K Cowan; 5 R Sinclair; 4 T Angus; 3 D Sinclair; 2 C Gibb; 1 J Downie. Nearest the pin: A MacAulay and T Angus.

Double up for angler Jim

LOCHGILPHEAD angler Jim Hatton netted a double victory at Loch Etive on Sunday.

Jim, a member of Loch Fyne SAC, and team-mate John Taxi, won the pairs competition, fished in unbelievably perfect conditions for October.

Jim went on to be named top scorer on the day.

Runners-up in the pairs contest were Robert MacBrayne and Gordon Law, followed by Nikki Thompson and Jim Smith.

The club's next league outing is on December 7 at Loch Etive.

Lottery numbers

THE jackpot for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £200. There were no winners this week with the numbers 9, 17 and 18.

There were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 6, 17 and 18 drawn. The jackpot will be £600 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 1, 11 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



Rebecca Foster and horse Rattie enjoyed success in the intermediate category.

Sun shines on Daltote horse trials

Good turnout for the event

THE SUN shone brightly for the recent 2013 Daltote Hunter Trials, a major sporting event for Mid Argyll horse riders.

There was a good turnout for the event, which caters for a range of abilities, with the cross-country classes seeing 25 entries.

The intermediate and open competitors had 24 jumps with the new 'w'jump, arrow head and dolls house jumps creating a new challenge.

The novice competitors made their way over 20 jumps and the pre-novice had 18 to contend with, all courses finishing with the 'Reach for the Stars' final jump.

The enjoyment of all the riders was evident by the smiles on their faces on completing the course.

First place in each class

went to: Open: Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy; Intermediate: Rebecca Foster on Rattie; Novice: Kirsty Aitchison on Alice; Pre-Novice: Wiktorja Wietronek on Woody; Pairs: Olivia Foster on Heidi and Iona Baillie on Tilly.

A separate competition of show jumping was held in Shore Field on the edge of Loch Sween in the afternoon. There was some strong competition with horses, ponies and riders using their skill and judgement to earn their place in each class, giving it their all in the jump-offs against the clock.

First place in each class went to: Open: Roanna Clark on Local Hero; Intermediate: Beth Qualter on Barney; Novice: Kirsty Aitchison on Alice; Pre-Novice: Rebecca Baillie on Gems.



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Dunadd players help south under-18 shinty squad defeat north opponents

A STRONG defence and midfield, made up of Dunadd shinty players, helped the under-18 South of Scotland squad secure a 6-2 victory over their North opponents.

Dunadd players Iona MacNicol, Eilish Malcolm and Shannon Wilson, all aged 14, and Megan Yuill, 15, made up the majority of the south team.

The hard-working girls helped supply the south strikeforce with plenty of chances, leading to the south netting five goals in the first half at Mossfield Park, Oban on Sunday.

The Lochgilphead High School pupils were able to keep the scoreline down with some impressive defensive play, against older and more experienced opponents.

Two early goals saw the south team, which had only met for the first time one hour before throw up, quickly settle into the game.

Goals

Iona, who played in defence, said: 'I think when we took the first two goals early in the first half it really helped, as it felt like we had a chance. We really went into the match not knowing what to expect because we had not played together before.'

'But the north came out a lot stronger in the second half and we could only get one goal past them.'

The four teenagers made up one third of the squad that was selected by top Camanachd Association coaches



Above: Eilish Malcolm, Lorna Unkles, Megan Yuill, Iona MacNicol and Shannon Wilson were part of the under-18 South of Scotland shinty team to beat their northern rivals on Sunday.

Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

Left: Megan Yuill, Dunadd Shinty Club (red strip) battles for the ball in midfield during the under-18 match between the South of Scotland and the North of Scotland.

Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

to battle it out for the highly sought after title.

Iona added: 'I think the fact there was quite a big chunk of us from the same team helped, as there was not as many new names to learn because we basically had to go by numbers on the backs of shirts.'

Boost

Looking ahead to the remainder of the shinty season with Dunadd, Iona said: 'We are thrilled to have won the match and it has really given us a boost in confidence.'



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