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# Fears for vital services but Post Office will now be open all hours



Postmaster Findlay Campbell is calling it a day.  
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BY HUGH BOAG

A ROW has broken out after it was revealed Lochgilphead Post Office is to shut and the services moved to a convenience store.

But while the new branch will be open all hours, there are fears vital services could be lost.

For more than 15 years postmaster Findlay Campbell has served customers from The Mailbox card and stationery shop in Argyll Street.

But he is closing for business in the new year when it is proposed to move the services to McColl's, which has already taken over a number of Post Offices in Scotland.

A six-week local public consultation is now underway for the Post Office to gauge reaction from customers.

But there was concern at the Lochgilphead Community Council meeting this week over the proposals.

Despite a pledge



The new Post Office is likely to be in McColl's. 02\_a42post02

from the Post Office that the move would mean longer opening hours, members were concerned there would be fewer services available and a lack of privacy with transactions handled over a shop counter.

Chairman Robert Miller said a similar move had been made in Perth. And he warned: 'It is chaotic. The shop is now just so busy that it is often queued out

the door.' Councillors voiced concerns the McColl's shop was just not big enough to take the extra trade which would be generated by the Post Office work.

Secretary Iain Liddell said: 'I would like to see the plans of the proposals for McColl's as there are already access issues.'

The council urged members of the public to make their views known through the survey

forms available at The Mailbox or online.

In their consultation the Post Office says that the new branch would be open seven days a week from 6.30am to 8pm - 8am on a Sunday.

The consultation ends on November 13 with a planned changeover in January or February next year.

The community council agreed to write to the Post Office expressing its concern at

the potential reduction of service and to ask for clarification on the opening hours.

However, Mr Campbell said the new Post Office would be open the same hours as the McColl's shop.

'That is what is happening across the country,' he said. 'It is the way the Post Office wants to go.'

Mr Campbell, who previously ran a small printing firm in the town, said he was sorry to be closing the shop but said the Post Office had made him 'an offer he couldn't refuse'.

'I took the opportunity when I could.'

'The nails have been going into the coffin for five, even 10, years and we have already lost pensions, TV licences and now car tax discs.'

'I will be sorry not to be serving the public but they will get the same services if the branch moves to McColl's.'

'They won't lose anything apart from maybe a bit of privacy.'



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# Hall made wind and watertight while masterplan is developed

ARDRISHAIG North Church Hall will be made 'comfortable' for existing users while a long-term plan for the future is created.

Ardrishaig Community Trust, which took ownership of the hall on September 1, has unveiled plans to complete immediate repairs and says an options appraisal for the hall would be drawn up within the next year. In the interim the trust will replace six hall windows at a cost of £6,000 and install a £3,000 air to air heating system. A canopy may also be fitted to effectively 'lower' the roof, reducing the volume of

space to be heated. Additional work, including repointing a crack in the gable end wall of the hall and clearing guttering, will also be completed within the year.

All the work will be financed by the trust's ACTION Fund, which holds money generated by the trust's share in Allt Dearg community wind farm. Meanwhile trust directors will be working with Ardrishaig public hall committee on a masterplan for both buildings.

Community Links Scotland has already been appointed to carry out an options appraisal on the public hall and

will now add the church hall to its investigation.

Arthur Barclay from the trust said questionnaires about the two halls had been sent to homes in Ardrishaig and Inverneill. 'There are forms in Laws shop,' he said. 'It is not just people in Ardrishaig that use the hall, there's the drama society and the youth chorus, so it's a wider group of people.'

At the public meeting held recently, a youth cafe, soft play and facilities for water sports were just some of the ideas put forward that could be included in any redevelopment of the hall.



Left to right: Frances Flemming, treasurer of the Marie Curie Mid Argyll Fundraising Group, Lorraine Paterson locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay and Jennifer Layden, Argyll and Bute delivering choice programme project manager, at the exhibition.

## Thought provoking art show

A THOUGHT provoking photographic exhibition is aiming to get people talking positively about death, dying and bereavement.

The public exhibition, To Absent Friends, was held this week in Mid Argyll Community Hospital and finishes today (Friday). It has been organised by

the Argyll and Bute delivering choice programme, a partnership between Marie Curie Cancer Care, Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership and local partners.

Alongside the photo exhibition there has been a book for messages where the public can share a favourite

poem or quote. The exhibition is part of the To Absent Friends festival, running from November 1 to 7 that encourages people to share memories of loved ones and help bring back some of the traditions and openness around death.

Argyll and Bute residents are encouraged to hold their own remembrance event.

Work colleagues and schools are also encouraged to take part and share any stories or photos on social media with the hashtag #ToAbsentFriends.

To find out more visit: [www.toabsentfriends.org.uk](http://www.toabsentfriends.org.uk) or contact [jennifer.layden@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:jennifer.layden@mariecurie.org.uk)

## Council in plea for new members

A PLEA has gone out for new members to join Lochgilphead Community Council.

With by elections due next month the council is inviting anyone interested to find out more.

Posters are being put up around the town with information on how to get involved.

At a meeting last week members heard that the council only had nine serving members when the full complement is 16, leaving seven vacancies. Members were concerned this was due to 'apathy in the town'.

Chairman Robert Miller asked all current members to try to bring at least one new member on board. If more than seven people come forward elections will be held. Nominations close at 4pm on Monday October 27.

If a contest is required voting will be by postal votes, with voting papers issued from Thursday Monday November 10 2014.

Election day, and the final day for returning postal votes, is Thursday November 27.

Anyone interested in standing for election should contact the community council as soon as possible, or contact the election office via email [elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or telephone 01546 604331.

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**AILSA FLOYD**  
graduated from the University of Edinburgh with an MA (Hons) Ancient History. Daughter of Chris and Ali Floyd, Kilmartin. Ailsa is currently travelling.



Left to right: Liz Perkins turned bingo caller for the night to help out friends Jennifer Coyle and Lorraine Macdonald. 08\_a42bh01

# Funds secured for vital village path

A VITAL path looks likely to be finally created which will allow children to walk to school in safety.

A 40-year fight has been waged for the creation of a path linking the villages of Bridgend and Kilmichael Glassary.

The proposal fell at the final hurdle last year when a funding package fell through.

Now a new planning application has been submitted for the path which residents have been demanding for years.

Funds of £270,000 are now in place to make it a reality.

One mum of two is urging the community to get behind the plan to ensure it succeeds this time round.

Lora White said: 'As someone who regularly uses this route, I feel that this is a much-needed resource for the area

as the volume of traffic is rendering the route too dangerous for pedestrians.

'Residents in the village need a safe passage to the bus stop and hotel while Bridgend residents require safe access to the school, church and play park.'

New statistics show that nearly 5,000 children are killed or seriously injured on country roads each year. Two out of three of these are whilst walking or playing and the journey to school accounts for 20 per cent of accidents.

Lora said: 'For years parents have campaigned for this path and at long last the money is available. The planning application invites letters of support as well as objection and I am wholeheartedly supporting the project. If this does not go ahead and at some point in the fu-

ture someone is hurt or killed, then I will know that I did all I could to prevent it from happening and would urge anyone who uses this route, or plans to in the future whether walking children or grandchildren, dogs or simply exercising, to please lodge a letter of support.'

There was a plan and funding in place last year to do the path but Argyll and Bute Council discovered the wall adjacent to the road was listed and couldn't be knocked down to make

way for a path. As a result £137,000 had to be handed back to funders.

Some residents are understood to be opposed to the plan as it would lead to removal of one of the verges.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'It is envisaged that this project will cost in the region of £270,000.'

'A total of £150,000 comes from the Sustrans Community Links programme, with the rest being made up from other grant funding and council funds.'

## Number is up on charity year

TWO WOMEN who have spent 2014 fundraising for the British Heart Foundation held a bingo night to raise cash one last time for the charity.

Lorraine Macdonald of Lochgilphead and Jennifer Coyle of Ardrishaig gave away vouchers donated by local businesses, as well as bottles and sweet treats.

The bingo night, held

last Thursday, was the second to be organised by Lorraine and Jennifer at The Horseshoe Inn in Kilmichael.

The pair have raised more than £3,300, so far, and have run in the Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k (MOK) and The Great North Run in Newcastle.

Jennifer said: 'We both really appreciate all of the help and support that

people have given us throughout the year.

'And we especially thank the businesses that have given us a lot of good prizes to raffle off.'

The closing date for donations will be on October 20.

To donate to go to [www.justgiving.com/Lorraine-MacDonald1/](http://www.justgiving.com/Lorraine-MacDonald1/) or <https://www.justgiving.com/jen-is-running>

## Campaign needs to double fundraising target

THE KINTYRE Dialysis Campaign must double its original £35,000 fundraising target to assist in a kidney dialysis unit being set up in Campbeltown.

The full extent of

the task faced by the campaigners was made clear to them at a meeting last week.

A presentation by NHS Highland revealed it would need extra capital costs of around £40,000 to adapt a room at

Campbeltown Hospital for the dialysis unit.

The unit would save Kintyre and Mid Argyll patients having to make gruelling thrice weekly round trips to Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria,

for treatment.

People who want to fundraise for the new unit or make a donation, should contact Councilor Donald Kelly of the Kidney Dialysis Campaign Group on 01586 810391

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We are developing plans to upgrade and reinforce the existing overhead line that runs from Inveraray to Crossaig via Port Ann.

For this reason, we are hosting three events which will comprise of display boards and members of the project team who will be available to answer questions and receive any comments.

We are hosting events on the following dates to outline our plans:

<b>Tuesday 28 October</b>	Nicoll Hall, Inveraray	3pm to 7pm
<b>Wednesday 29 October</b>	Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead	3pm to 7pm
<b>Thursday 30 October</b>	Village Hall, Tarbert	3pm to 7pm

To comment on the proposals, either come along to the event or contact our Communications Manager:

**Samantha O'Connor**  
Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ  
Email: [sam.oconnor@sse.com](mailto:sam.oconnor@sse.com)  
Tel: 07584 313059

More information and comment forms can also be found on the dedicated website: [www.ssepd.co.uk/InverarayCrossaig](http://www.ssepd.co.uk/InverarayCrossaig)

Comments made to SHE Transmission are not representations to the Council, as planning authority at this stage. The opportunity for lodging representations will be when the application is formally submitted to the Council for formal consideration.

## Soup group goes from strength to strength

A CHANGE of venue has proved to be a success for Tarbert Soup Group, as numbers triple in just three months.

The group used to meet at Tarbert Village Hall, but since moving to Tarbert Hotel in June the number of people lunching has shot up.

Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator, said: 'We have three times more people than we had before.'

'We have 20 to 24 people who pop in regularly.'

### Location

'I think we are in a much more central location and people are walking to and from the shops, so maybe the hotel is a bit more accessible for them.'

The soup group, which is open to people of all ages, aims to offer an outlet where folk can meet and socialise over a meal once a week.

Held every Monday between midday and 2pm, the event is now attracting people from as far afield as Lochgilhead and Clachan.



From left: James Urquhart, Lorne Barrie, Ethan Glencross, Cameron Kidd, Piers Gritten and David Hubbard each collected their awards after a 20-mile hike.

# Young Argyle scouts strike gold

A GROUP of Lochgilhead scouts, who have been through beavers and cubs together, have become the largest number of boys to achieve a Gold Chief Scout Award.

The six boys from the 19th Argyle Scouts set off on a two-day 20-mile

hike recently, charged with trekking from MAC Pool in Lochgilhead to Carnasserie, just outside Kilmartin.

### Award

Fully equipped with their tents, clothes and survival supplies on their backs, the 13 and 14-year-olds trekked

to Carnasserie Castle where leaders, David and Anne Smart, presented them with a Gold Chief Scout Award.

The scouts, who had been working towards the achievement for four years, were greeted at the castle by proud friends and family.

The 19th Argyle Scouts now has beaver, cub, scout sections and a newly formed explorer group for young teenagers.

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## Growing numbers in food or fuel poverty

ALMOST 2,000 people in Argyll and Bute have applied for a crisis grant because they are experiencing food or fuel poverty in the past year, it has been confirmed.

The figures, from Argyll and Bute Council, show 1,978 people, 2.5 per cent of the population, have asked the local authority for help.

A further 1,126 people asked for a Discretionary Housing Payment in the 2013/14 financial year to help alleviate financial shortages, often incurred as a result of welfare reform.

The statistics come as a Mid Argyll charity completes its first year of providing emergency food parcels for vulnerable people and families in the area.

Moving on Mid Argyll (MoMA) estimates it has delivered between 30 and 40 emergency food parcels in the past year.

The charity, originally set up to provide household goods for people moving into a new house after a period of homelessness, stepped in to help people in October 2013.

Angus MacNeill of MoMA said: 'We have been providing emergency food packs which are designed for two to three days to tide folk over who are referred to us by social work.'

'It comes in bursts. Over the summer it has been quite slack, but we are probably providing two to three a month.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council

said while no formal record was kept, 'a very small number of people have been directed to charities who provide food parcels or similar support'.

She said: 'Welfare reform is having a significant impact but Discretionary Housing Payments are helping to alleviate hardship.'

'Crisis grants can provide help for people struggling to buy food or pay for heat, but only if this is as a result of a crisis, disaster or emergency.'

In 2013 the Trussell Trust, which provides food banks across Scotland, said the average income deprivation in Argyll and Bute was 11 percent, which places 10,000 men, women and children below the poverty line.

## Lucky Pippa wins hotel stay

PIPPA Downing from the Isle of Arran has won a stay at a Travel Lodge Hotel after taking part in a Wyvex Media competition.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* asked readers what the name was of Travel Lodge's king-size bed. Pippa correctly answered the Travel Lodge Dreamer.

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# New retail store gets go ahead for Inveraray

## Work to start early next year

A DEVELOPER has gained planning permission to build what is hoped will be a new Co-operative food store in Inveraray.

Lochgilthead-based MacLeod Construction Ltd had applied for permission to build a class 1 retail store and upgrade the access and carry out landscaping of land south of Inveraray Primary School.

In the application to Argyll and Bute Council, the proposal set out a 'medium scale' retail development of 420 sq m gross floor space which is proposed to be operated by the Co-op as a replacement for

its existing town centre store.

Although the site is in a zone earmarked as a 'countryside around settlement' area, planning officials recommended it is a 'minor departure' to the Local Plan.

### Continued

A bid by Councillor Rory Colville to have the application continued at last month's planning and protective services and licensing committee was defeated by nine votes to three.

He wanted to see further discussion about the building more closely reflecting the character of the conservation area.

Company secretary Jane MacLeod said MacLeod's was 'delighted' to have secured planning permission for the development.

Work is expected to start early next year.

### Clear Vision

A spokesman for The Co-operative Food said: 'The Co-operative Food has a clear vision to be the best local food retailer in the UK and over the coming years our main focus will be to develop our existing convenience store estate.'

'We are aware of a site in Inveraray, but cannot comment on specific properties at this time.'

# Council pledges to clear danger leaves

TREE leaves which have blocked a drain and left a steep braise hazardous for drivers and pedestrians should be cleared in days, according to Argyll and Bute Council.

The pile of leaves, which cover the pavement and some of the road on the braise of Kilmory Road leading up to Macdonald Terrace, was so thick that the drain there was blocked.

A concerned member of the public, who had contacted the council two months ago regarding the problem, said: 'If the council doesn't unblock the drain it will cause flooding coming into the winter months. There is hardly any pavement left to walk on because the leaves cover it, someone could easily slip

and fall. There are also some on the road which could be worrying for drivers.'

### Contacted

On hearing the complaints the *Argyllshire Advertiser* contacted the council to find out more.

A spokesman said: 'The drain was un-

blocked on Monday and the public should see the leaves tidied up by the end of this week. The machine that we use for the job was having an MOT and we will make every effort to ensure the pavement is clear by the end of this week.'



The drain on the road is hidden beneath the leaves on the braise pictured last Friday.

# Driver arrested while parked in layby

A DRIVER was arrested after suspected of being over the drink driving limit while sitting in his car in a layby.

At 8.45pm on Sunday October 12, police approached a vehicle which was parked in a lay by on the A83 Castleton, Lochgilthead.

The driver was suspected of having consumed a quantity of alcohol. He was arrested after he was found to have alcohol on his breath.

He was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for allegedly being in charge of a vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit.

### Quiz night for carers

THE Lochgair Hotel hosted a quiz night on Saturday night for the Dochas Centre to help unpaid carers in the area. There was a great turn out and the final sum raised from the quiz and raffle was £173.20.



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## Fight to stop second class service

THE DOWNSIZING of any post office has to be a concern. But in a rural area like Lochgilphead it is even more vital existing services are not frittered away.

The closure of The Mailbox and the loss of another main street shop is bad enough.

Now a six-week local public consultation is underway but it looks likely the post office will move to McColls early next year.

The Post Office has already detailed the new hours, which services will be available and what the timescale will be. But opening something for longer does not necessarily mean a better service. There will be no secure booths and the Post Office has already admitted there will be no NS&I premium bond savings bonds available, no passport check and send and no on-demand travel insurance.

But, to be fair, there are a lot more services that will be retained. However, post office business will now be conducted at a new counter at a convenience store and already questions have been raised about how the shop will cope with the extra demand as well as privacy and access.

These need to be addressed and it is important the public makes its views known during the consultation for it may be their last chance to have a say in how future services are provided.

Yes, the post office has to change. Pensions are increasingly paid into bank accounts, TV licensing is largely done online and you no longer need to go to the post office to renew your road tax. But the post office is still used for a wide range services and increasingly, in competition with other delivery firms, the sending and returning of parcels as a result in the boom in online shopping, particularly in rural areas.

So the post office still plays a vital role in the community. Therefore the community must be satisfied that changes to this Lochgilphead post office don't lead to a second class service.

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## Something is badly wrong at Argyll and Bute Council

Sir,  
Depute Council Leader, Ellen Morton quoted in The Sun, on October 9, defending her colleagues, 'having trouble paying your bills can happen to anyone'.

I say, true, but it shouldn't happen when councillors are being paid an extra £16,000 to £32,000 bonus for their part-time attendance on top of their normal pension or day job salary.

I have no idea who the miscreants are, but the council can have a salary deduction scheme for council tax payers.

There are those who can't handle their own finances but are making decisions about how over £200 million of council finances should be spent.

A council having summary warrants issued on its own councillors, something is badly wrong at Argyll and Bute Council.

**Councillor James Robb,  
Argyll and Bute Council.**

## Councillors dodge council tax

Sir,  
I was alarmed to find out that our local council has been mentioned once again in the national press for all the wrong reasons.

Freedom of Information requests, made by members of our national press and the taxpayer's alliance, revealed that five of our local councillors have had official reminders about their unpaid

council tax.

Two of our independent councillors are subject to summary warrant proceedings where sheriff officers for the court have been instructed to collect the debt.

There are many good reasons why people in Argyll and Bute will fall behind with their council tax payments but our councillors are not living in poverty.

Not only do they receive a good salary, but they enjoy extra payment for every additional Argyll and Bute job title they have attached to their name, as well as some of our councillors enjoying some of the largest expense claims in Scotland.

So why would some of our councillors not pay their dues?

The rest of the public is expected to so why should our councillors be any different?

To make matters worse our local authority has refused to name and shame these councillors or take any action against them apart from chasing the unpaid debts.

This is one more reason for the public to be given the right to recall our elected officials.

We in Argyll and Bute deserve better from our public servants than this.

**Alistair Redman,  
Unionist and Conservative candidate,  
Argyll and Bute.**

## Cockles for the community

Sir,  
Thank you for expressing your support in the Cockles proposition.

Following the recent article in the *Advertiser*, introducing the proposal that Cockles become

a community enterprise, a meeting will be held at the MS Centre on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, on October 30 from 7pm until 9pm.

Anyone with an interest in proactively helping to move this proposal forward is warmly invited.

During the meeting we hope to form a steering group to help write the aims and objectives/constitution for the project.

Please pass this invitation on to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

If you would like to get involved, but cannot make the meeting email [cocklesinargyll@btinternet.com](mailto:cocklesinargyll@btinternet.com)

**Kate MacDonald,  
Crinan,  
Lochgilphead.**

## Getting the facts right

Sir,  
I did not vote to bomb Syria in 2013.

Mr MacPherson should get his facts right before he writes letters to newspapers.

Mr MacPherson wrote in last week's *Advertiser* that he is not defending ISIS. Yet he wants the world to turn a deaf ear to the pleas of those who are being threatened with murder, torture and slavery by ISIS.

The democratically elected Government of Iraq asked for Britain's help to stop ISIS slaughtering more people. If the countries of the west had rejected that request, ISIS would be given free rein to carry on killing.

They are the most evil regime on earth and must be stopped.

This is a very different situation to the invasion of Iraq

in 2003 which I voted against.

In 2003, the US and the UK started a war. In 2014 we are intervening in a war which has already started with the intention of defending innocent people who are under threat of being killed.

Nobody joins a war lightly, but I am convinced that we must stop the ISIS massacres.

I am utterly outraged that Mr MacPherson accuses RAF pilots of murder. He should apologise to them.

**Alan Reid,  
Argyll and Bute MP.**

## Why the charge to park at Inveraray Castle?

Sir,  
Through your columns I would like to ask why car parking fees have now been introduced for people wishing to visit Inveraray Castle?

In the old days you could park there free and enjoy the surroundings but now when you want to visit, as well as paying to go into the castle, there is the added cost of paying to park your car.

Recently attending an event there one weekend afternoon, the entry fee was £20 before you had started to pay for things you wanted to buy from the stalls or refreshments.

It takes away from the attraction of the natural beauty of the place and never used to be like this.

**Derek Arbuthnott,  
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# Stamp out sectarianism in Mid Argyll youngsters

TWO YOUTH groups have joined forces to kick sectarianism out of Mid Argyll, as leaders say they found it 'embedded' in the area.

Tarbert and Tayinloan youth clubs drafted in the expertise of sectarian workers from Aberlour Youthpoint Glasgow to deliver a series of workshops to staff and youths to educate them about, and prevent, sectarian behaviour.

Lorna Green, of Tayinloan Youth Club, said: 'At first I didn't think there was a big issue among our young peo-

ple, but once we got started I realised that sectarianism was embedded in them, whether it was through their peers or their families.

'We decided to run these workshops as a preventative method, because sectarianism is a sensitive subject and I wasn't confident in confronting sectarian behaviour or the issue with our youths.'

The youths took part in football matches with Glaswegian teens and workshops, which are carefully crafted to initiate discussions about

sectarian behaviour and choices children make.

Lorna said: 'The people set out green and blue chairs for the children to sit on and at the end of the session they were each asked why they had chosen the colours that they did. Some said because of their favourite football team, it was amazing to hear the sectarian workers break it down for them.'

In Scotland sectarianism is a religious and political rivalry between Catholics and Protestants, often linked to football.



## New after school athletics club

CHILDREN as young as five are taking part in athletics thanks to a new after school club at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The new club was launched by Active Schools in a bid to offer an outlet for P1-3 pupils and is already proving a hit.

Taking part in running, jumping and throwing activities, youngsters will develop their agility, balance and coordination at the club.

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Gavin Boyle, six, enjoyed the 'dash for coloured cones' at last week's session.

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## Closures on A83 for road works

OVERNIGHT closures of the A83 at Tarbet will come to an end on October 31 when BEAR Scotland completes a £400,000 programme of works.

Road closures between 8.30pm and 6am at Tarbet village, on the junction with the A82, got underway on Tuesday night and will continue from Sunday nights to Friday mornings for the duration of the project.

The works will see the large bend at Tarbet Tea Rooms resurfaced with an aggregate material to improve grip, while drainage systems in this section of the A83 will also be improved to reduce the likelihood of flooding in the future.

To prevent a 70-mile diversion, workers will allow vehicles to pass through the works approximately every hour, when it is safe to do so.

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## Swishing makes a return to Lochgilphead

A FASHION craze which took Lochgilphead by storm two years ago will return in just a few weeks.

A 'Swish Night', where women swap the best clothes hiding at the back of their wardrobe, will be held to help local lasses find a new outfit for the winter party season.

Women can buy a ticket for the event which entitles them to one free swap. After that swappers can continue to 'swish' for a small fee until they find the perfect handbag, shoes and scarf to complete their outfit.

The daring fashionistas will be supporting people with cancer while scouring the rails as all the money raised from the swishing will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event will take place at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on November 6 when ladies will also be able to enjoy a glass of wine with friends. It begins at 7.30pm but swish items will be accepted from 4.30pm onwards.



An annual event, the Achtnabreac Hallowe'en Party allows children to unleash their inner vampire.

## If you go down to the woods...

GHOSTS, ghouls, witches and monsters will be ready and waiting to greet children at Achtnabreac Forest on Friday, October 24.

Brave families are being invited to join Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) and Kilmartin Museum in celebrating Hal-

lowe'en in the woodland, where they are sure to find a big surprise.

Youngsters will be able to hunt for ghosts along the scary Achtnabreac trail and even get the chance to create their own woodland creature at the arts and crafts tent.

Funky Chicken will be there to paint faces and there will be traditional Halloween games such as apple dooking and lucky dip.

### Essential

Booking is essential to ensure a car space for this free event; see FCS and Kilmartin Museum websites for further details.

# Poetry in motion at festival

POETRY is set to be a key feature at the second ever Tarbert Book Festival next month, which will adopt a World War One theme.

The festival was launched last year to encourage young people to engage in reading and writing.

Liz Scott, one of the organisers, said: 'The festival is loosely based around WWI because this is the year of the centenary and we thought it would be fitting to feature poetry, as that was popular around that time.'

'Poets and authors will read some of their favourite poems and extracts and if anyone from the area has poems from that era they can bring them and read them if they wish to.'

Debi Gliori, the Scottish author of children's books, including Pure Dead Brilliant, and Janis MacKay and the au-

thor behind the Magnus Fin series, will be at the event to read to and meet some of their greatest fans.

Crime writer Denise Mina and Tarbert man Calum Arnot are among the headlining performers at the festival.

### Interviewed

Calum will be interviewed in front of an audience about how he wrote and self-published his work online and that will be followed by a question and answer session with the public.

Visitors can enjoy book signings, readings and food across venues such as The Anchor Hotel, Templars Hall, An Taibeart cafe and many more.

The Tarbert Book Festival will take place over Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23.

For tickets and to see all the details go to <http://www.tarbertbookfestival.org/>

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# Award-winning author supports Mid Argyll bookshop



Four-year-old Emily Craig enjoyed her new book while eating lots of sweets and treats handmade by staff for the occasion. 08\_a42book02

'It would be a pity to see independent book stores disappear from our high streets'

A MID ARGYLL author joined in on The Big Book Party at her local bookshop to express her support for an annual campaign.

Lisa Tuttle, of Torinturk, Tarbert, popped in to the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead, while manager Eli Pickering hosted the party as part of the Books Are My Bag national campaign to celebrate and promote independent bookshops.

Lisa, who is on the Tarbert Book Festival committee, said: 'I just love going into bookstores

and love nothing better than buying a new book.

'It would be an absolute pity to see independent book stores disappear from our high streets, so I do try to support them whenever I can.'

The Texan author moved to Mid Argyll 24 years ago where she settled down with her English husband and raised a family.

The award-winning novelist released her latest book, The Mysteries, last month and it is available to order from any bookshop.



Lisa Tuttle cuts the cake baked by staff at Argyll Book Centre.

## Coffee morning for Dochas Centre

FAMILIES and friends turned out on Saturday to support a fundraiser for the Dochas Carers Centre in Lochgilphead.

St. Margaret's Parish Church held a coffee morning, raffle and entertainment to raise funds on behalf of the Dochas.

The church holds regular fundraisers for local charities and community projects. Helen Simpson

is the parishioner who organised the coffee morning.

She said: 'We think that they are doing good work to support carers and we wanted to support that.'

Dochas provides carers with counselling, advice on medical services and outreach to groups around Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the islands of Islay and Jura.



Helen Simpson (front right) with church members at the coffee morning 08\_a42coffee01

## Farmers' market move proves a big success

STALLHOLDERS at the farmers' market in Lochgilphead say that a change in location has proved 'very successful'.

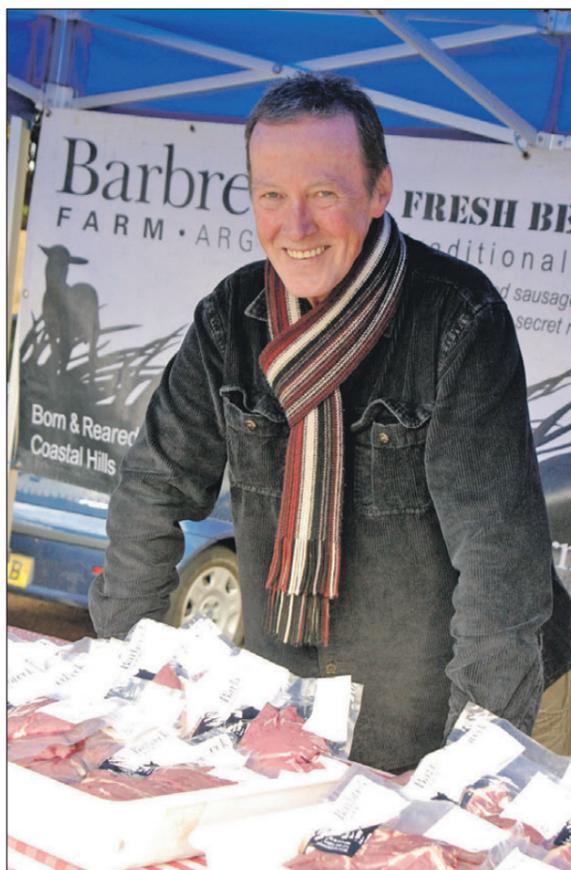
Argyll Food Producers, which hosts a morning market every second Saturday of each month, have moved from the car park at Dalriada House to the car park at the Co-op on Bishopton Road.

**New customers**  
Chris Fox, from Ardfern, runs a stall on behalf of Barbreck Farm. He said: 'By moving up here we have met so many new customers and everyone who has been popping in and out for their shopping has come over to have a look. Every person so far has bought at least one thing.'

The twice-monthly market sells lo-

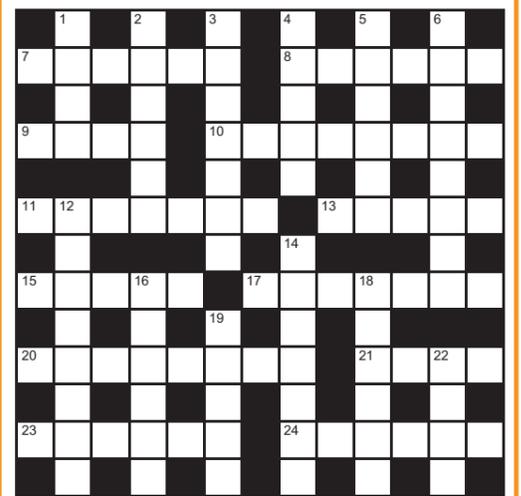
cally produced meat, fruit and vegetables and is on from 10am until

1pm. The next will be held on Saturday, October 25.



Chris Fox runs a stall for Barbreck Farm. 08\_a42market01

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- 8 Fix (6)
- 9 Work hard (4)
- 10 The Americas (3,5)
- 11 Splash (7)
- 13 Arc lamp gas (5)
- 15 Be a nosy parker (5)
- 17 Transport to Oz? (7)
- 20 Regular beat (8)
- 21 Break in (4)
- 23 Didn't recall (6)
- 24 Deliver a sermon (6)

Down

- 1 Shroud (4)
- 2 Difficulty (6)
- 3 Similar place to sleep (4,3)
- 4 Muscle (5)
- 5 Counter (6)
- 6 Damned pool to turn a wheel (8)
- 12 Large cask (8)
- 14 Steel ones to protect (7)
- 16 Power problem (6)
- 18 Mad squirrel? (6)
- 19 Deliver a blow (5)
- 22 Found in a stable (4)

Last week's solution



Church hosts concert

ZAMBIAN orphans have landed in Scotland to celebrate 50 years of their home country's independence.

The two-week trip, made possible by The Mthunzi culture group which was founded by Kilmichael woman Marian Pallister, will see nine young people aged 14 to 22 perform at events in Lochgilhead.

The group will be at Lochgilhead parish church on Tuesday October 21 from 7.30pm until 10pm.

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# Sheriff officers brought in to recover councillors tax debts



Board members met in Lochgilhead for the agm. 08\_42mac01

SHERIFF officers were used to recover unpaid council tax owed by two Argyll and Bute councillors.

The shock revelation came to light after it was confirmed this week that five out of the council's 36 members had failed to pay last year's bills on time and had to be sent reminder notices.

However, the council had to go through court to recover council tax from two elected members.

One of two councillors has yet to bring their account up to date.

One serving councillor, who did not want to be named, said: 'When one person doesn't pay, all of our names are taken into disrepute.'

With almost 15 per cent of elected members getting behind with their council tax payments, Argyll and Bute council has one of the highest percentages in Scotland of elected officials not paying their bills on time.

Councillor Ellen Morton, depute leader of the council, came to the defence of her colleagues,

saying some understanding and sympathy was needed rather than people rushing to make unfair judgements. She said: 'Councillors and employees are expected to pay council tax just as members of the public are. Having difficulty in paying bills is something that can happen to anyone. If someone has difficulty in paying council tax, we will do what we can to support them.'

'The same process applies for collecting council tax whether from councillors, employees or members of the public.'

An Argyll and Bute council spokeswoman said: 'We can confirm that in 2013/14, five councillors were issued with a reminder notice after failing to pay a council tax instalment by the 14th of the month, in which the payment was due.'

'In three cases, the amount due was subsequently paid. Two were served with a summary warrant and, in one case, the full amount due was

paid. In the remaining case, there are still arrears but there are particular circumstances relating to this which are unusual.'

The spokeswoman declined to be drawn on the circumstances or the identity of the councillor.

She continued: 'It is not appropriate to name any individual in this case. The council's procedure for collection of council tax and council tax debts is the same across the board.'

Islay postmaster and prospective Westminster candidate for the Conservatives for 2015 Alastair Redman said: 'Our councillors are not living in poverty. Not only do they receive a very good salary, but they enjoy extra payment for every additional Argyll and Bute job title they have attached to their name.'

'To make matters worse, our local authority has refused to name and shame these councillors or take any action against them apart from chasing the unpaid debts.'

## Pool legacy of Stuart will live on

BOARD members met at Mid Argyll Community Pool for the annual general meeting, where a special tribute was paid to former manager Stuart Owen.

The late Mr Owen was commended for his contribution to the Lochgilhead pool and the board vowed to 'pursue his vision'.

Sue Hillman, chairwoman, said: 'In two short years, he had become a well respected and much loved local figure and contributor in the local community.'

'His energy and expertise made a huge impact on the management and organisation of the pool. One of Stuart's many legacies to the pool was his achievement of a balanced budget. We now cover our operational costs with self-generated income, plus our council grant.'

## Call to halt chasing poll tax arrears

THE SNP have proposed Argyll and Bute council stop pursuing and collecting historic poll tax arrears with immediate effect and to refund all arrears payments made from earlier this month.

It follows the announcement by First Minister Alex Salmond that he is planning to ban councils from using the updated voters' register to chase poll tax debts.

Councillor James Robb said: 'With the First Minister's announcement it is important to clarify the situation and remove

any overhanging threats from those affected as quickly as possible. It will end the misery of the one token victim actually paying Poll Tax arrears out of almost 27,000 cases in Argyll and Bute.'

'It also rules out any witch hunt for those with poll tax arrears who have become re-engaged with politics and enrolled on the electoral register for the referendum. This failed Tory experiment in Scotland is finally over, consigned to history but never to be forgotten.'

He added: 'The outstanding Argyll and

Bute council poll tax debt is £7,549,133.83 but there is a full 100 per cent provision of the same amount in the accounts. Due to council inactivity under the 20 year expiry rule it is expected that virtually all of this will be written off by the council this year anyway. This is a book exercise and will have no effect on the council's cash position.'

'In 2013/14 the council only collected £418.82 in back payments for poll tax.'

In contrast the outstanding council tax debt is around £16 million.'

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## Highland cattle show champion tops sale prices at Oban mart

A TEENAGE exhibitor was among the top awards at the annual autumn show and sale of pedigree Highland cattle at Oban Livestock Centre at the weekend.

Sixteen-year-old Oban high school pupil Erin Cameron, of Dunach Estates won The Oban Times trophy for Best Young Handler, presented by Allison Logan, at Sunday's show.

Her calf, Eilidh 5th of Dunach, which she exhibited on behalf of Lord Denham, also won its class in what was a great day for the teenager. Erin was joined on the day by French girl Hillana Moland Nichaux, who had been helping at Dunach during the summer.

She was not the only European at the sale, which attracted visitors from Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Germany, Austria and England.

Top price at Monday's sale went to the show's female champion, a three-year-old heifer Capleadh Proiseag 4th of Broomrigg owned by Mr Douglas Fountain. It was sold for 5,200 guineas to Michael Poland, Mottistone fold, purchased by stockman Willie MacLean.

This heifer is by Urquhart of Tordarroch and by Capleadh Proiseag 2nd. She is in calf to Jock of Inversnaid.

Judge Charlie Bruce, from Banff, said:

'There's a good standard of stock in all the classes.

'There's been some really good three and two-year-old heifers and a really nice championship calf.

'It's been a very good turnout, with the stock well-presented by the exhibitors and a good, large crowd at ringside, including some new young faces which is always good to see.'

Hazel Baxter, breed secretary of the Highland Cattle Society, said: 'The quality has been really good and it's been a great turnout.'

Overall female, winner of Invernairn Cup, best three-year-old and winner of Bell Ingram Quachich was Capleadh Proiseag 4th, from Mr and Mrs D Fountain.

Reserve female, best yearling heifer and winner of Braes of Greenock Challenge Bowl was Frances 3rd of Brathens Fold, sold for 2,300 gns.

This heifer is by Thorn of Bien Esk and out of Beitidh of Hoejgaard.

### SELECTED RESULTS

Section One:

Class One:

Three-Year-Old Heifers

First, champion three-year-old and best female, Capleadh Proiseag 4th of Broomrigg from Mr and Mrs DR Fountain sold to Mr M Poland for 5,200 gns.

Second, Barabel Ban Flath 12th of Glengorm from Glengorm sold to Mr and Mrs C Klinger, Norfolk for 2,400 gns.

Class Two

First and reserve, three-year-old Raonaid 44th of Benmore from Mrs Emma Paterson sold to Mr P Casey, Orkney for 2,000 gns.

Second, Dorothy Nighean 10th of Glengorm from Glengorm sold to Mr G Keep, Suffolk for 2,500 gns.

Section Two

Class Three

Two-Year-Old Heifers

First, champion two-year-old and winner of George Bruce Memorial Trophy, Hazel 11th of Knockendon from Ronald and Frances Fergie sold to Mr and Mrs C Klinger, Norfolk for 1,900 gns.

Second, Sorcha Beg of Drimmin from Derek C Lewis sold to Mr Anderson for 500 gns.

Class Four

First, Hazel 12th of Knockendon from Ronald & Frances Fergie sold to Mr and Mrs AG Noble, Banchory for 1,500 gns.

Second, Catriona 1st of Gartocham from Mr and Mrs JS McKechnie sold to Mr RD Schuster, Oxfordshire for 1,500 gns.

Section Three

Yearling Heifer

Class 5

First, champion yearling and winner of Braes of Greenock Challenge Bowl Frances 3rd of Bien Esk from Patricia Smith and Paul Burns sold to Mr & Mrs I Adams, Banchory for 2,300 gns.

Second, Roxanne of Goldenberry from Mr A Kennedy sold to Mr J Cooper, Tordarroch for 900 gns.

Class 6

First and reserve champion, Cailean 3rd of Culfoich from J & M McConachie & Son sold to Mr W Davies, Swansea for 3,000 gns.

Second, Lisa 1st of Gartocham from J & S McKechnie sold to Mr W Davies, Swansea for 3,000 gns.

Section Four

Heifer Calf

Class 7

First, Eilidh 1st of Dunach from Lord Denham sold to J Fraser, Maryculter for 1,200 gns.

Second, Katie Morag 9th of Blairlogan from Blairlogan Highlanders sold to Mr Wreczycki, Germany for 800 gns.

Class 8

First, champion yearling and winner of Myrecairn Perpetual Trophy Katie Morag 10th of Blairlogan from Blairlogan Highlanders sold to J Uhr, Denmark for 1100 gns

Second, Marsili Ruadh of Ceannacroic from Dunlossit (Farming) Ltd sold to Mr & Mrs M O'Hara for 1100 gns

Section 5

Cows

Class 9

First and winner of Thaggnam Cup Brenda of Hellfield from Mr & Mrs S Haley sold to France for 2,000 gns.

2nd Minnie of Dunvegan from Mr M Poland sold to France for 2,300 gns.

Males

Bull Calf

UisgeBeatha of Dunach from Lord Denham sold to Mr P Martin, the Borders for 800 gns

Turas Mara of Dunach from Lord Denham sold to J Fraser, Maryculter, for 300 gns.

Steers: two steers from David Keys from Ardenraive sold to J Fraser, Maryculter for 260 and 300 gns.



Erin Cameron, 16, from Oban, who won The Oban Times trophy for Best Young Handler. 16\_t42cattleaward01

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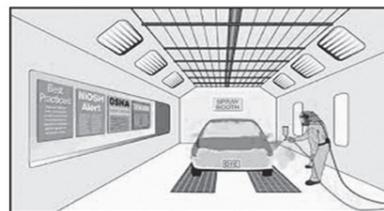
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# New talent unveiled to boost Argyll tourism

THE organisation responsible for raising awareness of Argyll and the Isles as a top quality visitor destination has unveiled its latest recruits.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) has just appointed seven new 'development agents', who will work on its behalf, across the area, with local marketing groups and tourist associations in a bid to promote Argyll and the Isles as a tourism hot-spot.

The dynamic new agents will start almost immediately. They will

work on a freelance basis for an average of two days a week until March next year, with the possibility of their contracts being extended over the following two years.

Each of the new recruits will cover a particular area within Argyll and the Isles.

They include Lynn Jones working in Mid Argyll and Iain Johnston working in Kintyre and Gigha along with Sam Jones, Linda Battison, Bonnie Wood, Virginia Sumsion and Tasha Watson, who will cover the rest of area.

New AITC chair Gavin

Dick said the appointments mark a major step forward in the efforts to grow tourism capacity across Argyll and the Isles and tackle priority projects at a local level.

## Exciting time

'This is a very exciting time for tourism in this area, with AITC recently securing significant funding for the next three years,' he added.

'The profile of Argyll and the Isles as a top tourist destination continues to rise, and this is in no small part down to the fantastic work being done by individual groups and associations

up and down the region.

'We are delighted to have attracted this group of high calibre 'agents', who will provide an extra level of support for the local enterprises.

'Their job will be to work with the people on the ground to ensure that their efforts have a lasting impact and secure growth in the tourism sector, wherever they happen to be.

'They join a team which is committed to ensuring that Argyll and the Isles has the infrastructure and support in place to enable it to reach its full poten-



The new development agents include Iain Johnston and Lynn Jones, far left, who will be working in Argyll.

tial, and we very much look forward to seeing their work starting to bear fruit over the

next few months.' Anyone interested in finding out more about AITC and its work can vis-

it its website at [www.exploreargyll.co.uk](http://www.exploreargyll.co.uk) or email [info@exploreargyll.co.uk](mailto:info@exploreargyll.co.uk).



Donna Rumbold, manager and Michael Staniland, head chef. 08\_241skipp01

## Bistro offers something a little bit different

VISITORS to Skippers Bistro at Argyll Caravan Park can enjoy a variety of theme nights including live music events.

Under new management, the bistro opened its doors on May 1 and unveiled a top-to-toe makeover leaving it warm and modern from the inside out.

Over the summer months members of the public, residents at the site and visitors to Mid

Argyll have enjoyed a series of music events, steak, curry and even pampering evenings for women.

## Different

Donna Rumbold is the manager at the caravan site's restaurant.

She said: 'We are trying to offer people who are coming to us something a little bit different.'

'We've been establishing what people enjoy by trying out these

theme nights.

'The theme nights have all gone down really well and I'm pleased with our first season in business.'

'This is a place for everyone and the public have been very impressed by the upgrade.'

Upcoming theme nights will include a live performance from local band The Camans, a Hallowe'en party for children and a murder mystery night.

## Kids learn about activity tourism

SCHOOL pupils have been exploring the opportunities for young people in the growing area of activity tourism around Loch Lomond.

Run by Fiona Jackson, skills partnership business coordinator from the local community partnership, the event took place at Scotland's Rural College Kirkton and Auchtertyre research farm in Tyndrum, Perthshire. It offered a perfect back drop for a day full of activities for students which included a taster in willow weaving, bug hunting,

team building and archery. These showcased the range of underlying skills and attitudes necessary for those looking to work in the tourism sector such as team work, organisation, communication and enthusiasm.

It was organised by lecturers from the SRUC Oatridge Campus, the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Skills Partnership, and local businesses.

Niall Evans, SRUC head of environmental and countryside management, who was one of the organisers of the

day, said: 'Activity tourism covers a wide range of activities from thrill seeking pursuits such as mountain biking to much less energetic activities such as wildlife watching, fishing, hill walking and traditional arts and crafts.'

'With events like these we are able to show young people how much a career in activity tourism can offer as well as the education provision available, and we can help grow vital links which can see the development of work experience placements.'

## Crowd funded scholarship launched

THE University of the Highlands and Islands has launched Scotland's first crowd funded scholarship programme with the aim of reaching an initial goal of £100,000 to encourage and retain local talent.

Now it is appealing to companies and individuals across the region, and beyond, to help it reach an initial goal of £100,000.

Support will be matched to students

who need help in realising their potential. The scholarship fund will support a wide range of students across the Highlands and Islands with opportunities in a broad range of sectors including energy, engineering and the environment, health and wellbeing, archaeology, history, music and culture as well as IT, business, leisure and tourism, and many more in coming years.

## Swinney at major Argyll summit

A major summit on the economic future of Argyll and Bute is to be held later this month.

The summit will bring together key representatives from local and national government as well as the business, public and voluntary sectors to debate what action is needed to build a prosperous economic future for Argyll and Bute and increase the population.

The keynote speaker will be John Swinney MSP, cabinet secretary for finance and sustainable growth at the event to be held in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon on Wednesday October 29.

It will be chaired by the journalist and broadcaster Mark Stephen, BBC Radio Scotland feature presenter.

He chaired the Scottish Government Resilience Conference last year.

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# Royal National Mòd



The Susan Paterson Caledonian MacBrayne Trophy was awarded to Port Ellen Primary who competed in the two-part harmony competition for area, district and town choirs for learners under-13. The trophy was presented by David Cannon of Caledonian MacBrayne. 17\_t42Mòd40



Islay Junior Gaelic Choir had a successful Monday at Inverness Mòd. 17\_t42Mòd48



Coisir Og Dhailriata had a successful Mòd, taking one second place and two third place awards. 17\_t42Mòd33

## Welcome to the 2014 N:

THE AIR in Inverness is full of music, song and chatter as the city hosts the 2014 Royal National Mòd.

The organising committee, chaired by Oban Times columnist Allan Campbell has done itself proud with a great venue at the Eden Court Theatre and a community which is celebrating the traditions of the culture and heritage of the Gaeltach.

### Biggest

This is the biggest Mòd ever, and the whole of the country is represented, and beyond.

There seems to be fewer numbers from the Oban area – and they are missed at the competitions so far.

Some concerns have been raised about the number of

competitors from the town which will host the 2015 Mòd and was the birthplace of the Royal National Mòd in 1892.

But the choirs from the west coast who have come and taken part have done well, including the choirs from Mull under the tutelage of Riona Whyte.

In Mid Argyll the work of Fiona Munro with Coisir Og Dhailriata has seen exceptional results within both individual and choir competitions.

Organisers say that more children than ever are taking part in the event, due in no small part to the commitment of the Gaelic language plans – but that some of the 50 organisations that have such plans are not implementing them as quickly as possible.

## Composer hopes handing 1 will help ‘Mòdernise’ trad:



Susan Rhodes, musical director of Na Seudan Ur 17\_t42Mòd58

AN ARGYLL composer is handing back a trophy in a bid to persuade Mòd officials to accept modern arrangements of traditional music.

But An Commun Gàidhealach says it is continually ‘Mòdernising’ Gaelic language and culture and that’s why there has been an outstanding growth in the number of competitors.

### Performed

Susan Rhodes won the Gaelic choral arrangement competition after arranging the music for Balaich An Iasgaich, a song that will be performed by Tarbert Loch Fyne Gaelic Choir.

But Susan, musical director for Na Seudan Ur - previous Mòd winners - has chosen to hand back the trophy in a bid to persuade Mòd officials to be more

receptive of modern arrangements.

Na Seudan Ur, an under-19 folk group, was criticised for not staying true to the roots of traditional music when performing Bean an Lasgair at the Mòd on Monday.

Susan said: ‘The feedback was to keep true to the roots of the tradition and that it had a jazz lounge style.’

‘But that’s the reason there has been a revival in Scottish music because people are blending it with other styles and putting their own twist on it. If you can’t do that at the Mòd, it will die. You can take traditional music and do something else with it.’

‘We like to put a twist on it. We don’t expect to get marked down because they didn’t like it.’

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# Royal National Mòd



Emma MacFarlane and Hannah Prill, from Tarbert, won a silver medal in the duet competition for 16 to 18 year olds. Emma also took second place in the solo singing competition for the same age-group. 17\_t42mod83

## ational Mòd

This is the modern day Mòd where technology and innovation are merging with the needs of the communities that come to take part. There is a mobile phone app that steers visitors around the Mòd and alerts competitors to the times of competitions.

### Political platform

New for this year is the Mòd as a political platform for change and for companies such as CalMac to lobby and inform its community.

The fringe programme is the biggest ever and Highland Council has used it to drive forward a tourism message – with everyone from street sweepers to council officers giving the same message – ‘you are welcome to come back’.

Sixteen-year-old Chloe McNeill, from Lochgilphead, sang in the solo competition for 16-to-18-year-olds. 17\_t42mod76



Alasdair McLean, 16, from Kilmartin took part in the solo singing of a prescribed song for 16 to 18-year-old boys. 17\_t42mod79

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'It was a modern ar-for a traditional song. scored badly and there lash. After that there ntroduced that encour-arrangements.'

es a criteria that looks ch as Gaelic interpre-ssion, playing of m-ments and polish will n into consideration accordingly in future

John Macleod, president of An Comunn Gàidhealach said: 'We are committed to responding to modern developments at The Mòd, which is one of the reasons we have programmed the biggest fringe programme in our history.'

### Includes

'This includes performances from modern and traditional artists and bands, including Skipinnish, Cartriona Murray, Trail West and Angus Nicolson.

'However, the competitions concentrate on celebrating the traditional values of the language, and that is something we are very proud of.'

'It is regrettable that Susan is choosing to hand back her trophy as she was a very deserving winner and we hope to see her and Na Seudan at The Mòd in 2015.'



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## Keeping Lochgilphead shiny and tidy

WORKERS from Shiny Cars and Tidy Gardens made a splash in Lochgilphead this week, as a car valeting service got underway.

In a spin-off from a former council initiative to get people with little or no qualifications or learning disabilities into work and training, Argyll Supported Employment and Training (ASET) teamed up with the resource centre to provide car valeting and gardening services to people and businesses

in the community.

The charity-run pilot project launched on Monday at the Co-op car park on Bishopton Road in Lochgilphead, where two centre users were supported by two ASET workers to valet customers vehicles throughout the day.

### Looking forward

Iain MacDougall, who has a learning disability, was involved in the council-run project and was looking forward to getting back to work. He said: 'It's been brilliant.

'I'm getting good work experience and I enjoy cleaning the cars most.'

The team of four worked on six cars from 10am until 4pm on Monday and will be based at the Resource Centre on Union Street on Monday, October 20 from 10am, where the team will also take gardening bookings.

Customers are being asked to fill out feedback forms or go online to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/657W5TP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/657W5TP)



Iain MacDougall took a shine to the Argyllshire Advertiser's car.

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## Cameron digs into the record books



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Like many youngsters brought up in the environment of a family plant businesses, Cameron was drawn to machines from an early age and has been coached

and supervised by dad George, one half of the husband and wife team that runs George McNaughton and Son, the Argyll civil engineering contractor and plant hirer.

He has already been into the hills to demonstrate his newly-certified skills at the controls of a machine working on a 2,000-metre pipeline contract. According to mum Janet, her boy has a dual personality: 'He has his school life and then he has his digging life.'

Normally Cameron buckles down to his education during the week and then switches from school desk to a tractor or quad bike at the weekend, working on the family-owned leisure park at Tyndrum in Perthshire. Better still, he'll get to operate one



Cameron with proud dad George after his first excavator outing. Photos Mike Travers at Scottish Plant [www.scottish-plant.co.uk](http://www.scottish-plant.co.uk)

of the earthmoving fleet.

Given the tender age of the operator it's appropriate that his favourite excavators are supplied by Young Plant, the Hyundai dealer for Scotland.

Cameron was assessed by Sibbald in a 210LC-9, one of four Hyundais bought in the last year by McNaught-

on. He was, he admits, 'very nervous' but having passed with flying colours is now looking further ahead, first to his CPC operator's ticket and then to his HGV licence.

'I just like the Hyundai,' said Cameron.

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on November 9 with the final being held on November 30.

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### Successful

Winning contestants will go forward to the district final and, if successful, to the regional final and, if successful again, will take part in the RIBI Young Musician final at Darwen High School, Lancashire on May 16 2015.

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With Christmas now just 11 weeks away, many people are already filling their homes with expensive gifts for loved ones, making this a tempting time for domestic burglars. During the third week of National Home Security Month (w/c October 13), organisers of the campaign are urging people to protect their valuables, including any Christmas gift purchases, from theft. Computers, cash, electrical goods and jewellery are among the most commonly stolen items in domestic burglaries and, as a result of people's love for gadgets, the average cost of a burglary has risen by 40 percent over the last three years. With the latest game consoles, phones or tablets at the top of many Christmas wish lists, homes across the UK provide rich pickings for burglars at this time of year. However, it is not just festive purchases that are at risk as 21 percent of people say they never hide their own personal valuables when leaving the house, with 37 percent leaving portable gadgets such as e-books or tablets easily accessible.

David Herbert, from National Home Security Month lead sponsor Yale, said: 'Home security is more important than ever at this time of year and there are a number of ways you can protect your home from falling prey to opportunistic criminals. 'To protect smaller valuable items and reduce the risk of fraud, use a home safe. This can be used for items such as jewellery, small electronic gadgets, important documents and gift receipts, but make sure you bolt it securely to a wall or floor so it can't be stolen. 'Alarms also offer an effective visual deterrent. Statistics show that 60 percent of burglaries attempted on homes with alarms are unsuccessful. However, 71 percent of homes still don't have a working burglar alarm so if yours is one of them it's worth getting one fitted.' Search for 'National Home Security Month' on Facebook and Twitter channels for daily tips on maximizing door and window security during the dark nights. For more information visit [www.homesecuritymonth.com](http://www.homesecuritymonth.com).

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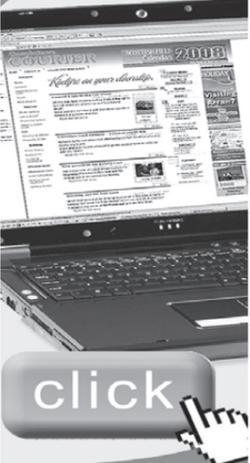
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS stopped at the traffic lights at the top of the Rest and be Thankful on a beautiful autumnal day.

I looked at all the barricades of metal and fences which were placed strategically on the hillside to save the unsuspecting motorist in the event of a landslide.

I have to admit I wasn't too confident about this. Anyway, I had time to look round my surroundings and I pondered on the road below, commonly known as 'the Old Road'. It looked so small and it wound round the hillside like a lazy snake.

I remembered my dad telling me about it and about how long it took to drive from Glasgow to Argyll. He welcomed the new road with great enthusiasm and said it would be such a benefit for so many people.

He was right, of course, but as we all know the 'new road' has many disadvantages too.

The old road certainly made the journey longer, but there weren't so many hazards.

The new road is faster, but is it safer?

Living in Kintyre, I often like to look at the original roads on the peninsula.

These are now relegated to a part of the past that is regarded as outdated.

These roads were for horses and carts and slow moving vehicles.

Today we have to rush to our destination and have no time to waste.

I sometimes wonder as we rush through life if we do not miss a lot. I wonder if we do not take time to watch the colours change on the hills or the sun wind its way around the peninsula leaving the world bathed in a glorious sunset.

I wonder if we put up our own barricades and fences in life and keep people out too.

I wonder if sometimes in life it is good to travel for a while on the old road.

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**TARBERT**

**Viking boat 'put back' after complaints**

DOOKERS took to social media to vent their frustration when the Viking boat was moved without warning.

The boat, which was especially built for this year's successful Viking festival, was moved from the harbour side to the pontoons.

The boat was built voluntarily by members of the Viking festival committee.

The relocation led to villagers from Tarbert and surrounding areas showing their support for the monument to be moved back, by taking part in an online survey on the All Things Tarbert Facebook page.

It is believed the boat was moved from its usual spot so that non-specific repairs could be carried out on it.

Tarbert harbour authority has confirmed it will be moved back to its usual station at the harbour-side.

**SKIPNESS**

**Primary school pupils visit Tesco**

PUPILS from Clachan and Skipness primary schools will take over a supermarket bakery for the day as they learn all about where their food comes from.

The youngsters will visit Tesco Campbeltown on Wednesday October 22 where they will get to make pancakes in-store before learning how the supermarket's fruit and vegetables are grown, as well as the different types of meat, fish and poultry the store offers.

Gavin Lawson, store manager, said: 'The day will also see the children enjoy our pack lunch offer and have the chance to tell us about their trip through a letter or picture.'

**CLACHAN**

**Cycle tours make for inspired talk**

NEW MEMBERS at Kilcalmonell Guild inspired people with a



Some of the pupils with their new iPads.

**Another dimension to Inveraray learning**

CHILDREN at Inveraray primary school are set to benefit from iPad Minis bought with the help of funds raised at an event earlier in the year.

A parent council race night raised £700 and Mid Argyll Round Table pledged another £232 to the ensure the purchase of the iPads.

Helen McIntyre said: 'All the children in the school will benefit from using the iPads to add another dimension to their learning.'

presentation about their long distance cycling hobby.

David and Ann Dean were welcomed to the first meeting of the session by members and friends.

The couple took their touring bicycles along to the meet, kitted out with luggage holders and a display of clothing and equipment that they had used during long distance cycling journeys.

Slides were shown of a tour around the perimeter of Ireland, where they kept the sea on their left hand side.

Younger members felt inspired to 'just get on a bike and start off pedalling'.

Older people felt encouraged by the example of these hardy travellers.

**LOCHGAIR**

**Public meeting to be held on pontoon plans**

A PUBLIC meeting is to take place next month to discuss the development of pontoons in Lochgair.

The pre-planning consultation will reveal drawings for

the development of a floating pier, timber stacking areas and ground works.

The meeting will be held in the Lochair hotel on Thursday November 20 from 4pm until 8pm.

Any comments regarding the proposal should be submitted by email to mikehyde@mhpplanning.co.uk or by letter at MH Planning Associates, 41 West King Street, Helensburgh, G84 8UL before Thursday December 11.

**CARRADALE**

**Wall application**

A PLANNING application to demolish a greenhouse and erect a replacement 2.2 metre high wall at Gardeners House, Carradale, has been made to Argyll and Bute council.

**Book talk brings back childhood memories**

SADDELL and Carradale Church Guild held its first meeting of the session in Carradale Village Hall Library on Tuesday October 7.

The guest speaker, Rosemary Temper-

ley, gave an illustrated talk entitled 'Performing Pages', which explored children's books that have been 'brought to life' with pop-ups or movement.

Rosemary told about the history of these books, which were first invented in the 1700s.

The 22 guild members were impressed by Rosemary's presentation and enjoyed sharing the childhood memories it sparked.

The next talk, on Tuesday October 28 at 2.30pm, will be delivered by Steve Fulcher, church minister, in the library. He will give a talk based on the guild theme 'A world to serve'.

**DUNOON**

**£2m repair for Dunoon pier**

A £2 MILLION investment to save Dunoon pier is set to be completed by the end of the financial year.

In the summer, Argyll and Bute council agreed to provide the cash to re-structure the pier and since teaming up with CalMac, Historic Scotland, Transport

Scotland and Inverclyde and North Ayrshire plans are now in motion.

A council spokesman said: 'The most important consideration at this stage is the development of an efficient and effective technical design for the structural repairs. Our focus is on securing the long-term future of the pier and its historic buildings.'

Some of the work to be carried out includes a review of services and utilities required for the pier, including new lighting and foul water drainage from the waiting room.

There will also be traditional timber repairs and crack repairs to stone foundations of the present harbour master's building.



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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

The Bible says, 'Honour one another above yourselves' (Romans 12:9).

**BIRTHS**

**ARKELL** - Adam and Pamela are delighted to announce the birth of Ellen. A sister for Ben and Isla.

**CASTELL** - Bill and Rhona (nee Ralston) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Maxwell John (Max), at St Thomas' Hospital, London, on September 6, 2014, a brother for Will and James. A new grandson for John and Anne, Kilkivan, Campbeltown and William and Renice, Limpsfield, Surrey.



**GRUMOLI - GILCHRIST**

Shaun and Gloria are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Max, on September 18, 2014 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. A wee brother for Kayla. First grandson for Paul and Margaret Grumoli and second grandson for Gloria and the late Leonard Gilchrist.



**LANG - BROWN**

Craig and Cheryl are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lexie - Louise, on October 4, 2014. First grandchild for Dougie and Mandy, and Kenny and Andrea. Thanking midwives at Campbeltown Hospital and the Princess Royal, Glasgow

**DEATHS**

**CHESTNUT** - Suddenly at home, 27b John Street, Campbeltown, David Chestnut, in his 64th year, dearly beloved son of Daniel and the late Mary Chestnut, much loved brother of Jim, Joan and Daniel and a loving uncle.

**GRAHAM** - On October 9, 2014, peacefully at home, Mhairi Graham, nee MacDonald, of Craighuadh, Tayinloan, in her 64th year, beloved wife of Tommy and much loved mum of Eileen and Iain, dearly loved daughter of May and the late Willie MacDonald, dear sister of Donald and Campbell and a cherished sister in law, aunt and granny. Funeral service was held at A'Chleit Church, Muasdale, on October 15, followed by a cremation, on October 16, at Cardross Crematorium.

**GRAY STEPHENS** - Douglas, suddenly in his 55th year, at home on October 13, 2014. Beloved son of Fiona and William Thornburn. Much loved by Lauren, Harriet, and Christian. Much loved brother. Funeral to be arranged. Details - gordonsg@btconnect.com

**HENDERSON** - Peacefully at home, Springbank House, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, on October 13, 2014, Rev. Charles Malcolm Henderson, in his 92nd year, dearly beloved husband of Dorothy Thornburn, much loved father of Flora, Mary, Sorley, Caroline, Katherine and the late Donald and a loving and much loved grampa and great grampa. Service in the Highland Parish

Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 1.00pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of Christian Aid.

**HOOD** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 13, 2014, Iain McPherson Hood, in his 56th year, Craighussa, Peninver, dearly beloved son of Frances Mary Elder and the late Ronald Alexander Hood, dear brother of Harry and Allan and stepfather of Sancho. Service in Cardross Crematorium on Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10.15am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**MACKENZIE** - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 11, 2014, Robina McGeachy (Ruby), in her 90th year, formerly of Edinburgh, dearly beloved wife of the late John MacKenzie, mother of Colin, a loving grandmother, beloved aunt of Scott and AliceAnne and great aunt of Rachel, Nicole and Iona. Funeral Private.

**MUNRO** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on October 9, 2014, Joyce Munro, nee Renton, aged 82 years, of 29 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead and formerly of Achenreir, Barcaldine. Much loved wife of the late Alexander (Sandy) Munro and loving mother of Morag. Adored Granny of Fiona, Andrew and Alistair, and much respected mother in law of Peter. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday October 16, 2014, followed by a memorial service at Lochgilphead Parish Church. Sadly missed.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**LORD** - Hilary and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers following David's passing. Grateful thanks to the staff of Campbeltown Hospital and Health Centre, the Macmillan Nurses; Maggie and Kitty, the Marie Curie nurse Lois, the Community Nursing team for their support, and the Scottish Ambulance crews. Sincere thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for his comforting service, both at the church and Clydebank, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services, to David Gardiner (organist), to the Ardsheel Hotel for an excellent purvey, and to everyone who paid their respects at the church and Clydebank. Finally, grateful thanks for your donations in aid of Macmillan Nurses (Kintyre) which raised £910.36.

**WATSON** - May, Sandy and family wish to extend our grateful thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their very kind expressions of sympathy and for helping us to celebrate the long life of our Mum, Margaret. We would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for their exceptional care and the home carers, Karen, Moira and Lilian, for their support and understanding over the last few months. Special thanks go to Rev. Philip Wallace for beautiful and comforting services in the Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown and at Clydebank Crematorium; to Maria Gibbons for a beautiful rendition of Danny Boy, and to David McEwan for his excellent organ playing. Our thanks go also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair of T.A. Blair Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient services and to the staff of the Ardsheel and West Park Hotels.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of a much loved mother, Mary, who died on October 14, 2011.

In our hearts you left a gap, That no one else can fill, You have gone and yet it seems, That you are with us still. We picture a beautiful garden, And by the gate you stand, Some day that gate will open, And you will take our hands. 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 grand children, great grand children and great, great grand children.

**COLE** - In loving memory of Cally (nee Mitchell), a dear wife, mother, sister and aunt, died October 20, 2011. Three years have passed, but you will always have a special place within our hearts.

- Love, all the family, home and away.

**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.

**MUIR** - Remembering Ian, a loving husband and dad. Forever in our thoughts. Love Ellen, John and Maurice.

**RENNIE** - In loving memory of Andy, a special partner, dad and granda, sadly taken from us on October 17, 2013. I'll see you again, You never really left, I feel you walk beside me, I know I'll see you again. Love and miss you now and always. Gail x.

A special dad, in a special place.

Love Jamie and Melanie. xx. Sleep tight gwangwa, the brightest star in the sky. Big hugs and kisses. Ayla and Kian. xx.

**RENNIE** - You were taken too soon from us Dad, We will love and miss you always. Forever in our hearts. Love Iain, Andrew, Rosemary and families.

♥ 17th October 2013 ♥

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 19th October**  
Morning Service 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C  
Rev. P Wallace  
**Tuesday 21st October**  
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall  
Boy's Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6-7pm  
Junior Section 7.15-8.30pm  
Church Hall  
**Wednesday 22nd October**  
Women's Group 7.30pm Session Room  
**Thursday 23rd October**  
Choir Practice 7.30pm  
**Friday 24th October**  
Lunch Club 12 noon New Hall



**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
**Sunday 19th October**  
11.15am Mr Matthew Ramsay  
Service in the church  
Badminton Club - Registration evening on Tuesday 21st October in Kirk Street Hall at 6.30 pm. All welcome from P1-P7.  
Everyone very welcome

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
Everyone Welcome  
**Christ Church**  
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
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4th Sunday of the month 10am  
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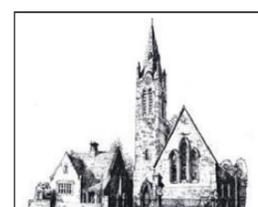
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Andrew Guy moves in to tackle this FC Argyll player. 08\_a42tarbert04

# Tarbert impress in five goal win over FC Argyll

## Referee Litster had to hand out yellow cards

**Continued from Page 28** they did not let the heads drop and some lethal finishing from the Tarbert front pair just about wrapped up the points before the half time whistle blew.

Johnson and Prentice combined on the edge of the area before the latter fed MacDougall who placed a composed finish past the keeper regaining his sides' lead.

A wicked cross from Blair eluded the Argyll defence, giving Tarbert a cushion, and Prentice notched his second of the afternoon.

The Dookers were rampant and the fourth goal soon arrived with Prentice turning provider for MacDougall to claim his second with a close range finish.

### Frustrated

In the second half the away side was increasingly frustrated, while Prentice knew the Dookers were in for a tough battle and called for cool heads to ensure the points were safe.

The free flowing football disappeared as the game turned into a scrap with referee Litster having to hand out yellow

cards on both sides.

FC Argyll did pull a goal back with seven minutes remaining when some desperate Tarbert defending could only deflect the ball to Argyll number six who drilled low past Martin in goal to cut the deficit 4-2.

The Dookers held out well in the final stages and finished in with Prentice claiming his hat trick, in the final minute, with some help from the away keeper.

The Dookers will play away to Clydebank this weekend.

## Scotland hungry to restore some pride

**NEW** SCOTLAND shinty manager Ronald Ross believes his players are hungry to restore pride as they seek their first series victory in the forthcoming Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international matches.

The national coach has assembled a group of players 'with something to prove' and is certain they will give the Scottish fans plenty to cheer about against Ireland's hurlers over the two-test series.

### Intensely

The Scots have been building up intensely to the first test clash at Bught Park tomorrow (Saturday) and Ross is happy with his charges' application and desire so far.

He hopes a refreshing blend of youthful energy and trusted experience can rejuvenate performance at the elite level, with Ireland having the better of recent cross-code exchanges.

Ross commented: 'What we have is, I hope, a fresh, youthful

and hungry team. For me, everyone has something to prove and that is vitally important. I know that from playing in these matches myself.

### Run all day

'Results have not gone our way in recent times and we know the size of the task ahead, with Ireland being very strong. We also know they will run all day.

'However, the players

have been made aware that this is a stage for them to go out and prove to everyone just how good they are. Some of these players went over to Ireland with me way back at U17 level and I know exactly what they are capable of.

What we need is for each player to try to win their individual battle and really give the fans something to get

behind. There is some fresh blood in there and a fresh approach.

### Experienced

'Make no mistake; the new caps are very much there on merit and the more experienced players are guys who would still walk into the top teams in the country, no matter what division they may be playing in at the moment.

'We are looking for-

ward to it and we just want to get started.'

Match details: First test, The Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international will take place at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday October 18, throw-in 2pm.

Tickets are available at the ground on the day or in advance from Eden Court Theatre. Prices are £10 adults, £5 concession and under 12s go free when accompanied by a paying adult. Discounts are available to Camanachd Association members.

### Northern Ireland

Second test: the hurling/shinty international will take place at Páirc Esler, Newry, Northern Ireland, on Saturday October 25, throw-in 5pm.

Also on the day will be the camogie/shinty challenge match (1pm) between Scotland's senior women and a Down county select and the U21 hurling/shinty international (3pm) between Scotland's U21 men and their Irish hurl-

## Top four finish for John McPhee in Japanese Grand Prix at Motegi

JOHN McPhee racked up his best Grand Prix finish to date with fourth place in the Moto3 race at Motegi, narrowly missing out on a maiden podium at the end of a frantic six-rider battle for the lead.

The RSF-backed SaxoPrint-RTG rider dropped four places to seventh at the start before gradually working his way up to the back of the lead group where he played a patient waiting game before reclaiming third with five laps to go.

### Shuffled

But in the cut and thrust of the closing laps the Connel racer was shuffled back to sixth before moving back into contention for a podium finish down the back straight.

A near perfect entry into the final 90-degree turn netted fourth, just six-tenths of a second behind Estrella Galicia 0,0's race winner and

championship leader Alex Marquez.

SaxoPrint-RTG's Efrén Vazquez took second while Ambrogio's Brad Binder followed on to claim the final podium place.

With three races to go, McPhee remains in 13th place in the standings but was buzzing after his career-best finish.

'It was a great race,' he said. 'Obviously I'm really happy to get the best result of my grand prix career but disappointed at the same time not to have made it onto the podium.

'I knew I had to hit my perfect braking marker into the final turn and get a really good exit and was hoping I could have got past Binder for that final podium place.

'But today, it seems, it wasn't to be. Rest assured, I'm more determined than ever now to get on that podium before the end of the season.'



Action from last year's second test at the Bught Park

# Star lose out in close encounter

DESPITE returning to action with a promising start after three weeks off the pitch, Red Star failed to bring anything home from this scrappy encounter with Clydebank on Saturday.

There wasn't much between the sides in the opening stages, but Red Star was creating better opportunities and Kalache was called

Clydebank	2
Lochgilthead Red Star	1
SAFL Premier Division Two	

into action on a couple of occasions, but the keeper was equal to the long range efforts.

Clydebank did break the deadlock after 20 minutes when a smart passing move resulted

in the midfielder finding himself space in the box to fire his shot past Kalache into the net to make it 1-0.

However, the Star response was positive and they were soon

level when some good movement of their own saw Peacock burst clear down the right.

He managed to close in on the goal and lay the ball into partner Naisby's feet who made no mistake from close range to make it 1-1.

In the second half and both sides were keen to grab the important third goal. Star went close through Peacock and a free kick from Docherty was well saved by the Clydebank keeper.

The home side edged in front again on the hour when Kalache saved the initial effort.

The ball then fell to the forward who blasted home from the edge of the box with Paterson unfortunate not to make the clearance off the line, which brought the score to 2-1.

Star tried everything to get back into the game pushing more

bodies forward as the clock ticked down and Kennedy went close with his shot dragging just wide before Paterson's header sailed agonisingly over the bar.

The last opportunity for Star came when a corner wasn't cleared but the home side scrambled clear and held out for a 2-1 win.

This was a disappointing result for Star who now find themselves second from the bottom of the table.

With four teams going down this season the Lochgilthead side will be keen to get on the winning trail very soon.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star are at home although they will have their work cut out against Motherwell Thistle who have made an impressive start to their league campaign.

The game kicks off at 2pm.

# Two doubles finals at Glenralloch

## GOLF

TWO doubles finals were played by Tarbert Golf Club at Glenralloch last weekend.

First up was the Jimmy Letters with partners Iain Johnstone and Keith Blair edging out Gordon MacCaffery and Roddy MacDonald five and four.

In the gents' doubles Iain and Keith won the ninth hole to go two up at the turn and their steady play didn't allow their opponents any way back and the pair eventually ran out four and three victors.

The Glenralloch final took place in glorious conditions on Sunday afternoon when youngsters Kieron Repke and Craig Johnstone played up against Jonathan Scott and Donnie Sinclair.

Keiron and Craig maintained control throughout their game and were four up at the turn, eventually securing

a comfortable victory by seven and six. The other majors played for were as follows: Presidents cup, winner Bruce MacNab, runner up Peter MacLean. Cairns Cristie, winner Archie Black, runner up Iain Johnstone. Ladies section: Georgie's cup, winner Frances Hardie, runner up Sheena Ferguson. Bon Accord Cup, winner Heather Brownlie, runner up Seona Martin.

The winter league will start this weekend. The league is open to all club members. Members can play Saturday and Sunday but only one score will count each weekend.

The club's annual prize giving/dinner dance will take place on November 8 in the Tarbert Hotel. Members should be there for 7pm.



Mid Argyll Rowing Club team enjoyed taking part in the skiff race.

## Sun shines for coastal skiff race

MID Argyll Rowing Club's first St Ayles coastal skiff race took place at Otter Ferry on the shores of Loch Fyne at the weekend.

Despite losing out on the trophy

to North Berwick Rowing Club, the team enjoyed a fine day's sailing in the sunshine.

Port Seton Rowing Club also took part.

## No lottery draw winners

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 2, 11 and 19 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £700.

The Inveraray Shinty Club lottery also drew a blank. The numbers were 2, 3 and 16. The jackpot will be £400 next week.



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# Five star performance as Dookers go third

## Hat trick Prentice leads by example



Tarbert	<b>5</b>
FC Argyll	<b>2</b>
SAFL Division 1B	

TARBERT bagged another five goals for the second week in a row in a seven-goal thriller on Saturday.

They welcomed Alexandria outfit FC Argyll to Cil Andreis looking to build on their impressive start to the league season which saw them score five against Renfrew last week.

The home side knew a win would lift them up to third place in the league in their quest for promotion, as well as having games in hand over the sides above them.

The Tarbert Hotel sponsored outfit made one change to the previous week with defender Craig Johnstone, returning from injury to make up a defensive three including, captain Talbot and Blair.

Manager James Prentice was looking for a fast paced opening and this is exactly what he got from his players as Tarbert laid on the pressure from the opening whistle.

Midfielders Ronald and Johnson gave the player manager his first sight at goal and he finished at the keeper's near post to give the home side the lead after only minutes played. Despite dominating the game and passing the ball well, Tarbert failed to add to their advantage.

FC Argyll fought to stay in touch and duly replied when Tarbert switched off to allow the away striker to steer an effort into the top corner. To the credit of the home side,

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Iain Johnson had a good game for the Dookers against FC Argyll last Saturday at Cil Andreis.

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