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# Tarbert rallies to help brave toddler Mitchell

A FUND to help the Australian-born son of a former Tarbert footballer who is battling leukaemia has topped £16,000.

At the start of August Alex Johnstone (AJ), a former Dookers' manager who moved down under six years ago, received the devastating news that his son Mitchell, two, has acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and will require at least eight months of treatment.

Sister-in-law Fiona, 49, and brother Iain, cajouled AJ's Tarbert family into action.

They set up a Just-Giving page to raise funds to help their Aussie relations during the prolonged treatment.

Fundraising and events, bringing together many Tarbert people, both friends and strangers, helped smash Fiona's original £1,000 target.

## Thousands raised to help with Aussie tot's treatment

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**Mitchell Johnstone.**

Fiona said: 'AJ left Tarbert to find a new way of life in Australia. Little did we know he was going to find much more, to meet and marry Mary. He was over 40.'

'We were all delighted in September 2014 when Mitchell was born and in June this

year was followed by Archer, aka Archie.

'Family life was busy, fun and tiring with a newborn and toddler. Sadly, at the beginning of August their world was shattered.'

Online funding has raised £8,125 in two months and a recent coffee morning, in the Templars, collected £754.60. Supporters wore T-shirts printed with Mitchell's picture and donated by Robbie Williamson. A penalty shoot-out competition made £700 and AJ's Dookers mates' benefit match, last Saturday, brought in £350.



**Martin and Alison, who ran the quiz.**

Sara and her Frigate team raised £1,509 and a Cornerhouse quiz run by Martin and Alison further boosted the total in one week to £6,272.

Many people donated or gave raffle prizes, all the local clubs, bowling club, soccer centre, football club, local shopkeepers and businesses.

Mitchell will need hospital visits twice a week and more surgery. The treatment will mean his immune system will be very low and any infection will need to be treated quickly. The family need to stay next to the hospital the whole time.

### Difference

Fiona said that the family's living and travel costs in the next year will be very high and she hopes the fundraising will make a difference.

Fiona added: 'AJ and Mary would dearly love to thank everyone in person but if the *Squeak* could thank people for them and also mention how much they appreciate it they would be really pleased.'

'They have had quite a battle over the last few weeks and need all the support.'

See sport, page 23 for more on the football charity fundraisers.

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## Sports club lottery draws

THE TARBERT Football Club draw results were 5, 15 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot goes up to £300.

The numbers drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 8, 16 and 18.

Jenny Speirs had a winning ticket and scooped the £800. The jackpot next week will return to £100.

Also drawn on Monday October 10, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery produced no winners this week. The numbers were 3, 5 and 6 and next week's prize will be £600.

# Charity condemns 'mindless' vandals

## Holes slashed in project's polytunnel

VANDALS who ripped holes in a Lochgilphead charity's polytunnel have been branded mindless idiots.

Sometime between 5pm on Friday of last week and 9am on Monday huge holes, described as unrepairable, were cut in Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd's Woodyard polytunnel. In addition, timbers have been kicked out of the new octagon building.

It is not the first time vandals have struck at the woodlands.

On the project's own social media page an administrator wrote:



The slashed polytunnel.

'This is becoming depressing.

'Not only does it soak up time, money and resources, it also has a devastating effect on the squad who work so hard to maintain this place.

'There is no excuse. I can't believe that

the people doing this have had harder lives than the folk who work here so just have to assume they are mindless thugs.

'As it was slashed with a knife, that is more worrying.'

Comments on Facebook have reinforced

the futile nature of the incident, including: 'Truly sickening, especially on Mental Health Day.....and disappointing to think that someone in the area has to behave like this.'

Another added: 'Parents should be held responsible for those inhuman and destroying idiots who do this.'

One poster has suggested a possible solution and wrote: 'You should consider a couple of motion cameras that run on batteries.

'Not only might you capture who ever is doing this but you might capture some nice shots of wildlife.'

If you have any information or see or hear anything unusual in the woodlands, call the police on 101.

## Police files

### Cannabis found on man in car

POLICE stopped a car on the A83 at Barn Brae, Inveraray, and allegedly found cannabis on a 28-year-old man.

A report was sent to the procurator fiscal following the incident at 12.15pm on Monday of last week.

### Careless driving

POLICE suspect careless driving may have caused a collision between a small hatchback and a two-seater sports car.

After the Monday evening accident last week, on the A816, near Riverside Filling Station, Lochgilphead, the 47-year-old driver of a Citroen C1 failed to stop.

No-one was injured and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Abnormal load offence

A LORRY driver was stopped on the A83 at Minard for having an unescorted abnormal

load. The 43-year-old man was reported to the procurator fiscal for driving the lorry without an escort or notifying police at 11.30am last Wednesday.

### Windscreen smashed

A BLUE people carrier at the rear of Argyll Pharmacy, Lochgilphead, was vandalised sometime between last Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Police are investigating after the Renault Scenic's rear window was smashed.

Any witnesses should call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Fixed penalties

A MAN aged 69 and a 22-year-old were given fixed penalties with a £100 fine for not wearing seatbelts in cars on the A83 at Inveraray on Wednesday last week.

On the same day, a 67-year-old man was given a fixed penalty ticket carrying a £100 fine and three points for using a mobile phone while driving.



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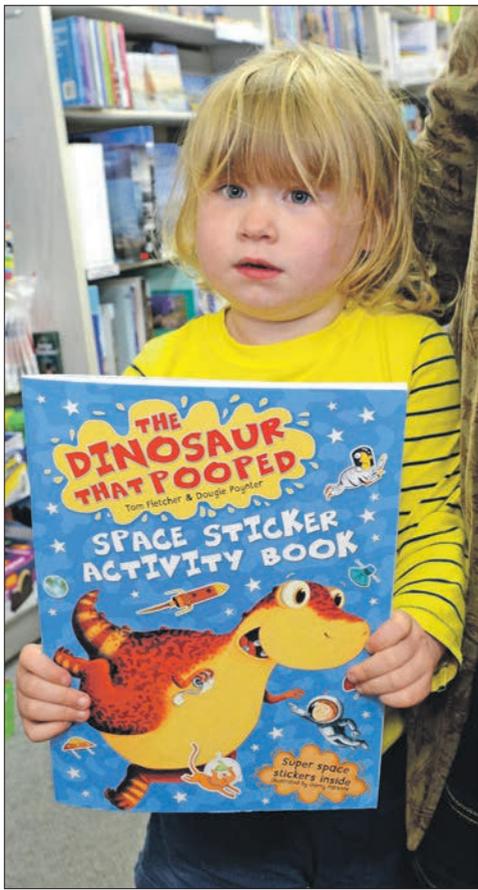
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**Arla, four-and-a-half, was pleased with her dinosaur book.** 25\_c42bookshop01\_arla

## Books are my bag

CAKE and coffee kept bookworms happy as small independent bookshops were celebrated in Lochgilphead.

The campaign to highlight town centre bookshops runs until November 2. Eli Pickering of Argyll Book Centre made a large cream sponge which was decorated with 'books are my bag' icing.

In addition, there were free bookmarks promoting the event, colouring-in cards and forms to vote for readers' favourite books.

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# Lochgilphead play park slides into rusty ruin

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THE SLIDE may look shiny but its supports are rusting – and that's alarming Lochgilphead Community Council members.

There has been talk of upgrading the Front Green for 20 years. Since 2011, a refurbishment of the play park has been included.

The paddling pool is full of weeds and cordoned off with rusty barriers, paint is peeling on swings and rusty bolts hold equipment together.

One member said: 'The play park is failing due to lack of maintenance.'

Back in February this year, at the council's budget meeting, against a background of cuts, £3 million was promised for a Mid

Argyll regeneration scheme.

Almost a year earlier, a £100,000 scheme for play park improvements had resulted in a draft memorandum of understanding between the council and community council, four companies quoted and all seemed settled.

This April it was put on hold when the Crinan consultation was announced. Argyll and Bute Council now claims the proposal, including play park refurbishment, was submitted during the consultation.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'A proposal to fund an upgrade to the Lochgilphead Front Green, including the play park, from the



**Rusty slide supports at Lochgilphead play park.** 25\_c42rusty01\_playpark

Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund will be considered.

'This proposal was suggested by the local community at a Re-think the Link Crinan Canal consultation.'

During a heated discussion at the community council meeting, on Monday evening, the convener, Andy Buntin, distributed

copies of a letter he sent to Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council's head of economic development.

The letter detailed how close the community had come to securing the work last year.

Mr Buntin said: 'We are talking about £100,000. It is a drop in the ocean of the £3 million available.'

Mr Buntin's two-

page letter linked the plan to the single outcome agreements.

He said it fulfilled the criteria of outcomes – four: that children and young people have the best possible start; five: people live active healthier and independent lives; and six: people live in safer and stronger communities.

Councillor Donnie Macmillan said: 'I have told the council quite bluntly that we are ready to go with the play area. We need something done tomorrow, not in 10 to 12 years. I think the community council should send a letter to Argyll and Bute's leader Dick Walsh, chief executive Cleland Sneddon and Fergus Murray.'

'We need the play park refurbished for the kids of today for next summer.'

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# Council supports Lochgilphead army plan

ON A mission to gather support for plans to create a small Mid Argyll reserve unit, the army set up camp at Kilmory to speak to councillors.

The army proposes a unit of up to 30 reservists - formerly known as the Territorial Army - promoting it as a benefit to the region.

Addressing the Sep-

tember meeting of Argyll and Bute Council, Captain Tommy Blair, adjutant for the reserves 7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (7 SCOTS), highlighted the training opportunities available through the military, stressing the flexible nature of modern reserve service and benefits to both

employers and reservists. The plan would be to use the existing Cadet Centre in the town - described as being an 'excellent' facility' - as a base.

Argyll and Bute provost Len Scoullar said: 'The council was extremely impressed with the plans put forward by the army. This will help create opportunities for people to undertake meaningful training and we would be pleased to welcome the 7 SCOTS reserve unit to Argyll and Bute.'

'This is an opportunity for the people of Argyll and Bute to develop themselves and careers by enhancing teamwork, decision making and leadership skills as well as staying in the local area,' added Captain Blair.



Captain Tommy Blair, left, with Sergeant Major Robert Hamilton, both of 7 SCOTS, at Argyll and Bute Council's headquarters. 06\_a41Army04



Some of the soldiers despatched to Lochgilphead to promote the reserve battalion with Captain Blair, centre. 06\_a39army03

# No reservations about spreading the word in Mid Argyll



Sergeant Doolan, a trained combat medic with 7 SCOTS, demonstrates procedures to Tarbert's Triona McCuish, as Luke and Dennis Brackley from Lochgilphead look on. 06\_a39army09

THE LOCAL infantry reserve battalion is the 51st Highland, 7th Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland (7 SCOTS), with reservists working closely with regular battalion 4 SCOTS, the Highlanders.

Captain Tommy Blair of 7 SCOTS was part of a recruitment drive by army personnel last month around Argyll, and they pitched up on Lochgilphead Front Green.

Also in Lochgilphead was Private Victoria Gray of 7 SCOTS - the only female soldier with the group.

Known as Vicki, she looks on herself as just one of the boys. 'If you are true to yourself, people will accept you,' she said, 'and I get treated just the



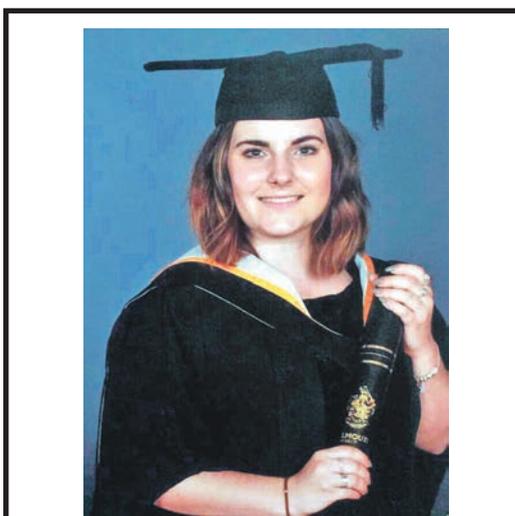
Private Vicky Gray - moving from the reserves to the regular army. 06\_a39army05

same as the blokes.' But by now Vicki will have joined the regulars. She told *The Advertiser* in September: 'I have been doing an infantry support role in the reserves, largely involving social media, but from the start of October I'm joining the regulars, hopefully to become a medic.'

Asked what attracted her to join the reserves, Vicki said: 'My family has a strong military history, with my dad and grandpa both having been in the Royal Engineers, and my great grandfather also served.'

'I just like the lifestyle and the banter. In the army, you know everyone's got your back.'

## GRADUATION



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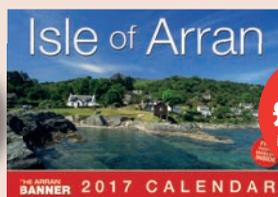
Tyler Jaye O'Brien has graduated from Falmouth University, Cornwall, with a BA (Hons) Photography. Tyler is the daughter of Mr and Mrs P O'Brien of Galicia, Spain and the granddaughter of the late Mr and Mrs W O'May of Glebe Street, Campbeltown.



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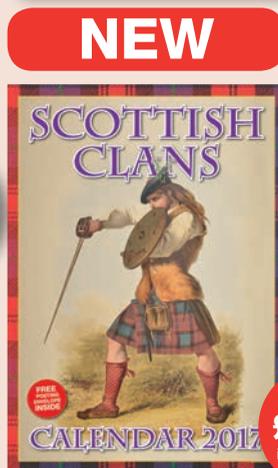
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## Oats so simple at Mary's Meals

WORKERS at a Lochgilphead charity shop proved they know their oats on World Porridge Day.

Last week at Mary's Meals they tested porridge and on Monday, as a thank you to their loyal customers, Marina Campbell baked dozens of sweet oat-cakes which ensured the kettle was kept on



**Mary's Meals manager Marina Campbell samples her oat-cakes.** 25\_c42oats01

the boil and so were the volunteers, supplying tea and coffee.

Mary's Meals was celebrating the provision of daily porridge based meals to more than 1.1 million of the world's poorest children every day when they attend school.

An awareness raising event mirrored by 16 other Mary's Meals shops throughout Scotland, World Porridge Day celebrates the huge difference this daily mug of porridge makes to the lives of chronically hungry children.

Lochgilphead shop manager Marina Campbell was full of praise for the response from the community

Happy winner of the Pot Luck £10 was Iain Salmon.

# Parliament spotlight falls on minister over Rest

THE TRANSPORT minister is to be quizzed by a Holyrood committee over progress on the Rest and be Thankful.

A petition asking for the Scottish Government to carry out work to permanently resolve the landslide problem on the A83 at the Rest was raised by Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand.

At a meeting of the Scottish

Parliament public petitions committee on September 29, members agreed to write to the Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf MSP.

An email on behalf of the petitions committee informed Mr Philand: 'When responses are received we will inform you and you will have an opportunity to provide a collated response to the submissions

on your petition.' Dougie Philand commented: 'The petition remains a live one, which is great.'

A Scottish Government response to questions posed in July by the petitions committee was dubbed 'not acceptable' by Mr Philand, as he fights for an engineering solution beyond the current mitigation work at the Rest.



**Transport minister Humza Yousaf will be quizzed.** 06\_a37taskforce01



**Netting above the road at the A83 trunk road at the Rest is not enough, says Dougie Philand.** 06\_a42Restnets01

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## A9 dualling dwarfs Rest costs

IF UPGRADING 80 miles of the A9 goes to plan it will cost the Scottish Government £3 billion by 2025.

A permanent fix for the beleaguered Rest and Be Thankful could probably be achieved for a fraction of that sum. It is a miracle no-one has been killed by each winter's A83 landslides – but what cost a life?

Drivers constantly moan about the A9 but most of the accidents and deaths on that road are not due to poor engineering and sticking-plaster solutions. Accidents there are often due to errors, speed and overtaking.

The A9 is already a largely straight, fast road while the A83 is windy, twisty and treacherous for the unwary as well as travelling across an unstable landscape.

Once again the east side of Scotland is benefiting. The second Forth road bridge is almost finished, subsidised by everyone in the west, including Glaswegians. Now it is straight on with the next infrastructure vanity project for the east. In England, the situation is reversed, the M6 was pushed through the centre connecting the west to the south and even today the east's A1 is a poor relation.

## Play park prevarication

LOCHGILPHEAD'S play park has been beset by problems for a few years but it could have all been so different.

In spring 2015, it looked like action would be taken but once again it is back on the drawing board. Youngsters using the slide will not think about the rusty bolts and supports beneath – that's the job of adults responsible for the equipment.

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In Argyll and Bute, ferries provide important connections for many people living and working in the area but for people in the area living with a disabilities, access to the ferries can be physically and mentally daunting.

I recently met staff from Enable Scotland and the advisory group ACE of adults with learning disabilities in Dunoon.

I heard of their serious concerns regarding ferry access and the challenges this presents.

Narrow gangways, uneven floor surfaces, steps and doorways can all present challenging barriers to people with disabilities or restricted mobility, limiting access.

Action is needed now to make improvements to ferries and harbours for those with disabilities.

**Donald Cameron, MSP.**

## Rural communities are sidelined

Sir,  
In a recent Holyrood debate on rural communities, shadow rural affairs secretary Peter Chapman said the SNP had 'turned its back' on the countryside.

He also said: 'Nationalists were too focused on centralising things in the central belt and their obsession with independence was distracting from gov-

erning communities up and down Scotland.'

The shocking delay in single farm payments is just one example of this. It is a very worrying trend that is coming from the SNP lead government.

We in Scotland's rural communities are constantly being sidelined in these 'one size fits all' SNP policies.

Scotland's rural communities deserve better.

**Alastair Redman, Islay.**

## 'Sleepwalking' to more cuts

Sir,  
MSPs are complaining that, due to the late autumn statement by the UK's Chancellor Philip Hammond they will only have 15 weeks for scrutiny of the 2017 Scottish draft budget.

Under the Liberal Democrat-Conservative-Independent administration at Argyll and Bute Council we are lucky to get 15 minutes for scrutiny before the provost requires amendments.

The advice from Audit Scotland 'to facilitate more transparent scrutiny of budgets, members should consider circulating proposals for significant changes to the budgeting pack in advance of the council meeting, ideally with agenda papers', is ignored.

The SNP always published its budget four weeks ahead of the budget meeting to allow for proper scrutiny and to try to reach consensus.

The £10m of administra-

tion cuts this year are now starting to bite.

The administration took more than a year to decide its cuts but was still unable to control its overspending and had to be bailed out by an extra £1.7m of cuts secretly provided by the chief executive.

In contrast, the SNP amendment balanced the budget without management help, retained an extra £1.4m in education and protected more jobs.

With only four months to go before the budget meeting in February, the administration has put no plan to the council to deal with its forecast overspend next year.

The council leader has stated the projected overspend next year could be even greater than the £10.5m forecast by council officers.

The administration at Argyll and Bute Council is sleepwalking to another panic round of savage and thoughtless cuts to council services.

It is reckless and irresponsible of the administration not to put forward any plans to deal with its overspend next year and to reject SNP proposals to take forward a budget process.

The SNP approach would have been inclusive and transparent but the administration prefers to stick its collective head in the sand and operate in secrecy.

The behaviour of the administration will no doubt require further intervention from Audit Scotland and

the Accounts Commission but it is the people of Argyll and Bute who will continue to suffer for the failures of the current council administration.

## Councillor James Robb. Tories are cause of dread and alarm

Sir,  
For many, the headlines from the Tory conference relating to immigration will have caused considerable dread and alarm.

Firms forced to list the number of foreign workers they employ, doctors from overseas told they are not welcome and Liam Fox commenting that EU nationals living in the UK will be used as 'negotiating cards' in the Brexit negotiations.

The previously thinly-veiled xenophobia has been shamelessly turned up a notch and is now very much to the fore.

We must continue to reiterate to those living in Scotland, wherever they are from, that they are welcome here.

In 2002, as chairman of the Conservative Party, Theresa May said that the Conservatives were being called 'the nasty party' by some.

It appears little has changed – and, in fact, that party just turned considerably nastier.

**Alex Orr, Edinburgh.**

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# Inveraray on parade - 21 years ago



Ally Mather and Fiona Nelson of Inveraray on their trike.

MEMORIES were re-kindled for Inveraray woman Margaret Renton last week when a collection of photos emerged from two decades ago.

They were taken during Inveraray's celebrations in 1995 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day at the end of the Second World War.

Margaret was sent the photos by friend Keira Finlayson after they turned up unexpectedly, 21 years after being taken.

The photos feature Margaret's mum Mar-

garet Campbell, who sadly passed away a year ago.

'It is lovely to have these photographs to look back on,' said Margaret.

### Parade

'The VE celebrations involved a parade down Main Street, a traditional evening tea dance and a street party in Chalmers Court.

'I think these photos capture the community

spirit which was in Inveraray. They certainly made me smile when I received them in the post.'

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Looking the part are, left to right: Margaret Cryans, Lucy Haddon-Riddoch, David McInnes, Margaret Campbell and Jackie Greenall Smeaton. Lucy, David and Margaret all worked in the Spar, while Margaret and Jackie worked in Highland Arts - both businesses on Main Street.



Local scouts and schoolchildren in the able hands of Karen Stewart and Frank Clark.



The festival princesses and queen, Jennifer Goodheir, Jacqueline Kerr and Margaret Campbell.

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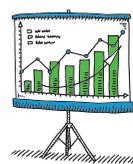


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# Marsac's magical music at Crear

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils heard some virtuoso notes when they reviewed the Marsac Festival Players at Crear.

Scottish pianist Alasdair Beatson with Helena Winkelman and Chiara Enderle from Switzerland, Manuel Hofer from Austria, Jānis Tretjuks from Latvia and Tim Crawford from England gave a concert last Thursday.

### Supported

It followed a residency supported by the charity Crear Space to Create.

The programme included the UK première of Helena Winkelman's Quartet - Bacchanalia - alongside works of Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Bartok and Fauré.

Pupils from Lochgilphead High School spoke to the players back stage during the interval.

Sixth year pupil Thomas Bland wrote: 'The Marsac Festival Players brought a new light of music to our hidden western wilderness.'

'Each piece resonated with me in a different way and with the backdrop of a glorious sunset over the Paps of Jura seen behind the players through the expanse of Crear's extensive window wall, it was a sight to behold.'

'The final piece 'Bacchanalia' which was composed by one of the performers Helena Winkelman, was truly astonishing.'

'Her use of unusual effects gave the section about the heat of southern France a true feel of drought.'

'After speaking to some of the players it has given me a new insight into the world of classical performing.'

Kizzy Catterwell added: 'It was very interesting to hear pieces

that were so contrasting.

I liked how the musicians interacted with each other whilst they were playing and it was interesting to hear the harmonics on the different instruments.

'My favourite piece was the string quartet by Fauré.'

### Inspiring

Cally Joynson wrote: 'It was incredibly inspiring to see such a highly skilled group of performers playing together.'

Kate McNiven added: 'Helena Winkelman's composition taught me how every instrument has the capacity for an abundance of unique and versatile sounds.'

### Techniques

'The pianist of the group, Alasdair Beatson, kindly let us meet the musicians and showed us how he achieved some of the musical techniques.'

Stephen Povey, the school's head of mu-



Kizzy Catterwell, Cally Joynson, Emily Gillen, Katie McNiven and Thomas Bland talking to Alasdair Beatson.

sic, said everyone was still buzzing the following morning and are looking forward to

returning to the next concert at Crear with world-famous Scottish pianist Steven Osborne

on Sunday October 23. School children always have free entry to Crear events and soup,

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### TV coverage of the Mòd

A TRIO of live television shows will cover the most coveted events in next week's Royal National Mòd in Stornoway. BBC ALBA will broadcast daily shows from the Mòd, organised by An Comunn Gàidhealach, in addition to the live broadcasts.

The Mòd is the Gaelic community's most prestigious festival celebrating cultural heritage, Gaelic language, music and arts.

Cathy MacDonald will present BBC ALBA's week-long coverage which is being produced by BBC Gàidhlig, with programmes being broadcast each night from next Monday October 17 to Friday October 21.

# Top pianist's perfection on the ivories

A PIANIST whose mastery made New York headlines in March impressed an Ardrishaig audience.

Daniel Lehardt, 23, played his first Scottish recital, with a masterclass for Campbeltown school pupils, at the beginning of the month before moving up the peninsula for his date for Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA) in association with Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

It was a gloriously sunny day which ended with a real treat when Hungarian Daniel Lehardt, who the New York Times said 'shows daring command', took to the piano stool at Ardrishaig Hall.

Lehardt is a protégé of the Young Concert Artist Trust based in London.

By any standards Daniel's programme was intensely classical in content. He opened with J S Bach's Italian Concerto BWV 971, a standard three movement work with a slow meditative aria-like central movement bracketed by two fast movements. In both these he projected the rhythmic counterpoint with precision.

Next Lehardt shifted down a notch to play Brahms' too-rarely performed Op.118, a set of six contrasting pieces written late in his life. Daniel brought out the retrospective and personal nature of these – particularly the tender emotion of the slower ones – with great sensitivity.

After the interval, Schubert's Impromptu in C minor Op.90 with its repeated triplets and oscillations between the major and minor keys was given the Lehardt treatment.

#### Finale

As a grand finale Lehardt brought to his audience a true giant of the classical repertoire, Beethoven's last piano sonata – No.32 in C minor Op.111.

The previous evening he had warmed up for his Ardrishaig performance, possibly practicing this piece when he played it for Kintyre Music Club.

This monumental two movement work is unashamedly taxing for soloist and listener and places huge demands on the pianist at both technical and mental levels.

It was a masterly interpretation with Lehardt capturing his au-

dience on this epic journey – the great struggles of the first movement and the sublime set of variations of the second. The last few variations with their constant ethereal trilling were truly other-worldly leaving one exhausted but at peace.

After that extraordinary journey it seemed almost sacrilegious to continue with an encore, but Daniel gave the audience a charming vignette by Bartok called Evening in Transylvania to round off a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Having moved to London from his Budapest home six years



Daniel Lehardt - a fine recital.

ago, Daniel won the Royal Academy of Music's prestigious Patron's Award.

Lehardt said: 'I was very lucky to have a good courageous teacher who gave me difficult pieces early on.'

He added: 'Scotland is so beautiful and it is really brilliant to be here.'

MAAA's next concert, The Da Vinci Piano Trio, is on November 5 at 3pm.

## Sheep festival at Dalmally

DALMALLY is preparing to celebrate its woolliest residents at the village's first sheep festival.

The event, from noon on Saturday October 15 at Dalmally shinty field, coincides with the annual blackface ram auction, or 'tup sale' at Dalmally Mart, and will include activities for families and local arts and crafts.

The highlight will be the Wool Sack Race, a test of strength and

speed in which teams of four competitors carry a large, full wool sack the width of the village shinty field (approximately 80m) competing for glory, and a prize sponsored by local brewer Fyne Ales.

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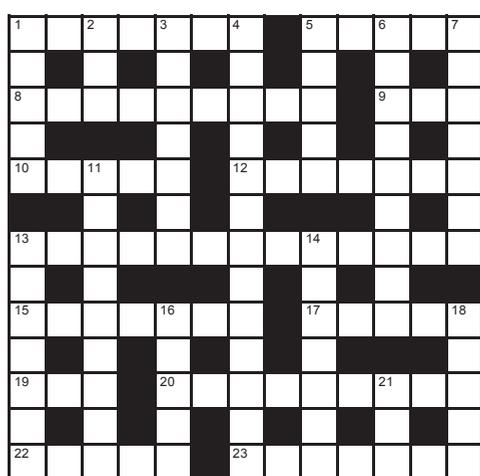
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- 10 Sense (5)
- 12 To such an extent (7)
- 13 One of twelve in the year (8,5)
- 15 Tungsten (7)
- 17 Prime minister of the republic of India from 1947 - 1964 (5)
- 19 An electrically charged atom (3)
- 20 Pole or paper? (9)
- 22 A type of light beam (5)
- 23 Type of kit to make engine pistons move faster (7)

#### Down

- 1 Letters online (1-4)
- 2 Droning sound (3)
- 3 Greek dictionary (7)
- 4 Distance at sea (8,5)
- 5 A tall member of the onion family (5)
- 6 Rust-red breasted male bird (9)
- 7 Royal leader (7)
- 11 Cultivated area to play ball (4,5)
- 13 Female ranch hand (7)
- 14 One who runs the business (7)
- 16 Chopper blade (5)
- 18 One who puts you in your place (5)
- 21 Question (3)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Round Table joins search for young guys to save lives

LIFE-saving young men are wanted in Mid Argyll.

In association with Mid Argyll Round Table, national charity Anthony Nolan is urging young men aged between 16 and 30 to join the Anthony Nolan stem cell donor register.

Anthony Nolan matches incredible individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to people with blood cancer and blood disorders who desperately need lifesaving transplants.

In 1986, Round Table clubs across the UK and Ireland were instrumental in adding 100,000 new names to the Anthony Nolan

register and 30 years on, Round Table clubs are teaming up with the Anthony Nolan charity again, this time targeting young men.



Head of register development at Anthony Nolan Ann O'Leary, said: 'We're delighted to restart our lifesaving partnership with the Round Table. We urgently need more people, especially young men, to join the register. Most people have a one in 900 chance of

being chosen to donate. But young men have a one in 200 chance.

'What many people don't realise is how simple it is to join the stem cell register – it involves filling in a form and providing a saliva sample.

'For those who go on to donate, about 90 per cent will donate through peripheral blood stem cell collection.

'This is a straightforward process, carried out as an outpatient procedure, where you can potentially save the life of a person in desperate need of a transplant.'

For more information, visit [www.anthonynolan.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.anthonynolan.roundtable.co.uk).



Ruth and Delores at the summit of Ben Nevis.

# Climbing to the light for caring charity

CLIMBING a mountain in the dark might appear a daunting prospect, but two Mid Argyll women have done just that.

Delores Firth from Ormsary and Ruth Carruthers of Ardrishaig took part last month in a charity trek up Ben Nevis in aid of the charity CARE International.

The trek began at 3am, so most of the climb was done in darkness by the light of head torches.

A mild, dry moonlit night helped a great deal, and the good weather held throughout the trek.

Sunrise at the summit

was the aim, but they were still some way off the mountain top as the day dawned.

But Delores and Ruth were able to bask in the sun and enjoy superb views over Lochaber from the summit, before the long descent.

### Emergency aid

A group of 16 completed the climb, with all the money raised going to the work of CARE, which delivers emergency aid in more than 70 countries worldwide and invests in schemes to help individuals and communities become self-sustaining and less reliant on aid.

CARE International

was already working in Haiti before the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew recently and had prepared emergency packs for families made homeless by the flooding.

Between them De-

lores and Ruth have raised more than £1,300, and would like to thank the many generous supporters in Mid Argyll, as well as those further afield who have helped them reach such a great total.



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## Susan 20th of Ormsary is autumn show champion

THE 119th autumn show and sale turned out to be an action-packed weekend starting with a Highland cattle promotional event in Oban, in partnership with Bid4Oban and Jackson Brothers Butchers.

A drinks reception in the Royal Hotel welcomed new members, visitors, vendors and buyers on Saturday evening. On Sunday October 9, Robert Phillip, from Hellifield Highlanders, Yorkshire, capably judged the autumn show and found his champion in Susan 20th Ormsary from Sir William Lithgow Bt & Son from Ormsary.

Iona Keys from the

Keys fold and her friend Niamh Cameron, aged 12, baked Highland cow cupcakes and sold them in the market, raising £200 for the Hurricane Matthew Appeal in Haiti.

Some 160 people attended the society dinner and ceilidh on Sunday evening where the grand raffle was drawn and members played 'shove the pound' to raise more than £900 for Marie Curie.

On Monday, the sale commenced at 10am, and two animals shared the top price of £3000 – Ailsa 9th of Craigmill from Ken and Eva Brown of Kinross, who was sold to Michael and Sally Nairn of Balnabroich Farms, and Raineach of Eilean Mor from Karen and Michael MacGregor, who was sold to Mr A Fitzsimon, Dumfries.

Out of the 70 animals present, 57 found new homes giving a clearance rate of 81 per cent.



Angus MacKay, master of ceremonies, with his Highland cow cake baked by Iona Keys and Niamh Cameron.



Stockman Alan Bosomworth with Susan 20th of Ormsary owned by Sir William J Lithgow, Bt a three-year-old heifer out of Callum the 2nd of Goldenberry and dam Susan 11th of Ormsary at the 119th autumn sale by the Highland Cattle Society at Oban Livestock Centre. Photo: Kevin McGlynn



Raineach of Eilean Mor owned by Michael and Karen MacGregor Ardnamurchan reserve champion three-year-old heifer made 3,000gns at joint top price.



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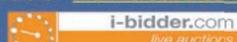
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# Dunadd king: Italian novel star

## Former Inveraray castle guide's role acknowledged by author

by MARK DAVEY  
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THE LINK between Mayan culture, the Samnites and a Pictish king is explored in the latest novel by an Italian author.



Laura Magugliani in Lochgilphead.  
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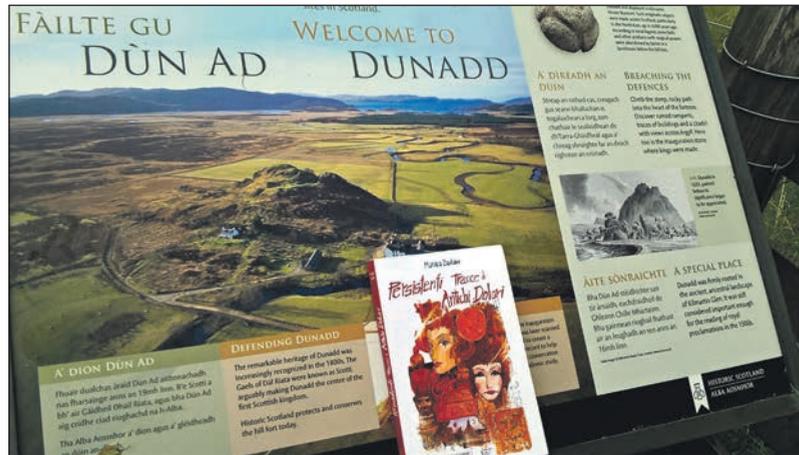
Persistenti Tracce di Antichi Dolori, which means Lingering Traces of Ancient Suffering, is three historical stories within one book by award-winning crime author Monica Bartolini.

The work, which features a first century king crowned at Dunadd, near Lochgilphead, is inspired by three artefacts from different peoples and times: an ancient bronze coin, also known as the aes grave for the Samnites, the famous house-shaped reliquary containing the Holy relics of St Columba for the

Celts and the manufactured sheets made of vegetal fibre belonging to Maya people, also called the Codex Desdensis.

The Scottish segment of the tale is set in the year 806, at the time when Iona's abbey was destroyed. It is about the fictional Gayle of Antrim who went to Dunadd in 792 to marry Caustantin Mac Ferguson, the Picts' king.

Ms Bartolini said: 'By using Gale and her life as the centre point of the story, I was able to analyse and portray 20 years of Scottish history that represented a turning point for Celtic culture in Scotland.



The novel at Dunadd where part of it is set.

Ms Bartolini, from Rome, already had the idea for the book when she met Italian tourist guide Laura Magugliani, from Kilmartin, at Inveraray Castle two years ago.

Ms Magugliani was surprised to meet another Italian who knew about Dunadd and the meeting became the start of a friendship sustained through email and a mutual interest.

Ms Magugliani said: 'Monica has red hair and her nickname in Italy is 'The red woman who writes yellow books' as yellow books is the slang for crime stories. I send her books about standing stones and we regularly correspond. She is hoping to bring out the title as an ebook.'

Ms Magugliani, from Milan, moved to Argyll in 2003 after 15 years

in Scandanavia. She is a blue badge guide, speaking five languages and does some voluntary guiding at Kilmartin museum. Later this month she will return to her homeland, where she is still in de-



Author Monica Bartolini.

mand for tourist trips, to lead a tour of the Reubens exhibition in Milan.

Ms Bartolini added:

'When I visited Argyll three years ago to see the places I have now written about, I was shocked by the small numbers of tourists at the historic site of Dunadd. It's unbelievable.

### Devoted

'My friend Laura, from Lochgilphead, told me that public funds were devoted to increase the awareness of this marvellous yet unknown site because every single Scot should put their feet upon the carved stone of Dunadd's hill.'

Ms Bartolini has made her name in Italy as a crime writer but after a successful venture into short stories in 2011 has written her first historical novel.

Ms Bartolini added: 'I hope the novel will be translated into English and thrill many more readers.'

## Wind farm cash boosts education grants

MID ARGYLL students will soon receive the first instalments of grants from the Allt Dearg Educational Trust.

Now that Srondoire Community Wind Farm has joined Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm in production, the Educational Trust's income has been boosted by £18,000 a year and annual income is now £50,000.

Starting four years ago with 17 young people receiving grants, the trust has welcomed new young people every year, while continuing to support everyone throughout their course.

A total of 62 people have had grants and the total granted is more than £120,000.

The students must be living away from the family home, and priority is given to those from areas closest to the windfarms.

Applicants are studying a wide range of courses including Masters in engineering, medicine, teaching, nursing and HNCs in a variety of subjects.

One of last year's students from Ardrishaig said: 'I would like to say thank you for the grant I received this year as it made such a difference to my first year at college and my first year trying to be financially stable without living with my parents.'

Applications for next year will open in spring 2017.

## Mouth organ found on path

A READER has handed in an orange mouth organ which he found on the Crinan Canal towpath.

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Ms Bartolini during a book signing at the Café Pantheon in Rome.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'WHERE are you going and can I come with you?' are the opening words of a song written by John Bell.

Where are we going in life, I wonder? I also wonder about where the church is going in this modern day and age. What is our destination and who will come with us?

These are big questions for our church today. Who will come with us when the pews are empty and people have left the church in their droves?

Who will come with us to find out where we are going?

On Saturday, we were at a gathering of people from across the Presbytery of Argyll.

We attended a road show, organised by the Ministries Council of the National Church of Scotland.

We were looking at some hard facts.

These facts that tell us we have too many vacancies in Argyll - in fact we have too many vacancies throughout Scotland.

We are a church at the crossroads. We are a church which many see as irrelevant today.

We are a church with empty pews.

That may be true, yet come to church at a funeral and you will find you cannot get a seat.

The church is packed. The church is there and people come in times of crisis or pain or loss. The church is there when people need it.

'Where are we going?' We are on the road.

'Where does that road lead to?' It leads to life in all its fullness.

'Can I come with you?'. Yes you can, for all are welcome on this road.

The church is more than the pews, it is more than the numbers game - it is the body of Christ.

'Where are you going and can I come with you?' Yes, come.

## TARBERT

### Big shots at Tarbert Gun Club

A MOTHER and son shot their way to clay pigeon trophies at Tarbert Gun Club's annual trophy season opener.

The DTL competition saw 36 enthusiasts taking part in the first shoot of the season at the Barmore Shooting Ground last Sunday on a glorious autumn day.

High gun for the day was Niall Wilson, from Achnamara, who also won the pool trap.

Oban's Jim McIntyre was second and Steven Sloan and Rob McColl tied in third spot.

Future dates for the diary include the start of the winter league on Sunday November 6 and a charity day on Sunday November 20 to raise funds for Mid Argyll Macmillan nurses. Details on both events will follow.



Trophy winners: Steven Sloan, Niall Wilson, Jennifer and Jack Campbell.

## ORMSARY

### Tin Farm Five

THE TENTH Tin Farm 5 cross country race will be held on the Kilberry peninsula on Sunday November 6.

To mark the ten-year milestone, the five kilometre event, which takes place on the Ormsary estate, will have two new categories, a super veterans

race and juniors. Organisers have been hoping to add a junior race for some years and have decided this is the year.

There will be two age categories - 8 to 10 years and 11 to 13 years.

Entries opened last Sunday, October 9, on [www.entrycentral.com/Tin\\_Farm\\_5](http://www.entrycentral.com/Tin_Farm_5)

For further details see [www.tinfarm5.co.uk/](http://www.tinfarm5.co.uk/)

## INVERARAY



Branch members and Erskine hospital residents.

### Erskine Hospital residents enjoy day on Loch Fyne

SKIPPERS Bistro and the Inveraray and district branch of The Legion Scotland welcomed Erskine hospital residents on their annual visit.

Branch chairman Ian Campbell, speaking at last Saturday's event, said: 'Many thanks to David and

Cindy for their continued support and to all the branch members who attended.

'It was a fantastic day with the Ceilidh Band from Bowling and Erskine's own stars, Carol and Colin.'

### Resurfacing works on A83 north of Inveraray

RESURFACING work is due to start on the A83 north of Inveraray and south of Loch Fyne Oyster Bar on Monday October 17.

The improvements, on a 1.2km stretch of the trunk road, are scheduled to last 10 days.

Work will take place between 7am and 7pm on weekdays, with no work planned for the weekend.

The A83 will remain open during the improvements with a convoy

system in place for the safety of road workers and motorists.

This will be removed out of working hours.

A 30mph speed limit will remain in place outside working hours as traffic will be travelling over a temporary road surface.

#### Safer

Commenting on the improvements, Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's North West Representative, said: 'These works will greatly improve the

road surface on this section of the A83, creating a safer and smoother journey for motorists.

'We've taken steps to minimise disruption to motorists by avoiding working at the weekend and carrying out the works outwith the peak tourist season to limit any impact on the local economy.'

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**GALBRAITH-MCKERRAL** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Kenneth Hugh, third son of Hugh and Elizabeth, Coledrain Farm, Southend, to Alison Catherine, elder daughter of Ian and Norma, 5 Mopoon Terrace, Campbeltown.



**MCCALLUM-RAMSAY**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Carol, only daughter of Lamont and Margaret, to Stephen, younger son of John and Moira. Lyle is over the moon.

**MARRIAGES**

**MCCRAE-LLOYD** - Kyle and Chloe were married on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Greenlands, Henley-on-Thames. Kyle is the youngest son of Alistair and Linda, Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse and Chloe is the only daughter of Leslie and Beryl, Henley-on-Thames. A lovely day was had by all.

**DEATHS**

**ALLISON** - Suddenly at his home, 6 McCracken Court, Lochgilhead, on September 29, 2016, Cyril John Allison, aged 87 years, formerly of The Drovers, Achagoil, Minard, former husband of the late Peggy McGilp, a dear nephew, cousin and uncle to all the family and a good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Friday, October 14 at 11.00am, in Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilhead, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard at approximately 12.00 noon.

**BLACK** - Peacefully, at Cowal Community Hospital, Dunoon on October 11, 2016, James McKinnon Black, in his 93rd year, of 2 Weem Flats, Manse Brae, Lochgilhead, and formerly of Lismore, retired Lochgilhead Post Office, much loved husband of Charlotte, loving father of Duncan, dear father-in-law of Susan, much respected grandfather of Kirstin, Julie and Duncan, and great grandfather of William, Joy, Thea, Oscar and Lily. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Dementia Scotland.

**BLACK** - Suddenly, at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow, Shona, née McGurk, aged 33 years, dearly beloved wife of Calum, much loved mother of James, Charlie, Harvey, Alfie, Ruby and Freddie and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Shona was laid to rest in Kilwinning, on October 10, 2016. A memorial will be held in the

Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Please wear something of colour as this will be a celebration of Shona's life.

**MACMILLAN** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, surrounded by her loving family, on October 11, 2016, Rose MacMillan, aged 90 years, of 31 Balliemore, Kilmichael, by Ian and Norma, loving mother of Francis and Agnes-Mary, dear mother-in-law of Tina and the late Malcolm, much loved grandmother and great grandmother and a dear sister, auntie and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, former work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmichael Parish Church, on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery.

**MARKS** - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on Wednesday October 5, 2016, Ronald J B Marks, dear son of the late Rev and Mrs James Marks, late of Southend, Kintyre and of Dunoon, beloved brother of Kathleen and dear cousin of Anne, Kenneth, Gill, Barbara, Celia, Marjorie, Sheila and Evelyn. Funeral will take place from Oban Parish Church, Glencruitten Road, Oban on Thursday October 13, 2016 at 7.00 pm. Interment will take place at Dunoon Cemetery on Friday October 14 at 12.00noon. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection/donations if desired for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

**MEIKLE** - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 9, 2016, Andrew Meikle (Drew), in his 67th year, 5 Castlepark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Ann Galbraith and a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

**MILLOY** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 9, 2016, Elizabeth McAllister Johnston, in her 81st year, Briarbank, Oatfield and formerly of Stewarton, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Malcolm Milloy and a much loved mum of Isabel and John.

**OMAN** - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 11, 2016, Margaret Isobel MacKenzie, in her 85th year, formerly of Wellwood, Airds, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late Colin Donald Oman, much loved mother of Leslie, Finlay and Garry, mother-in-law of Kate, Karen and Janice and a loving grandmother to Christina, Rosslyn, Lucy, Karena, Colin, Robbie and Ruairidh. Service in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreatal collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**JOHNSON** - The family of the late Betty Johnson would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy, support and for flowers and cards received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink and district nurses for the kind care and attention received, to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Anchor Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all Tina and the late Malcolm, much loved grandmother and great grandmother and a dear sister, auntie and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, former work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmichael Parish Church, on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery.

**MACAULAY** - The family of the late Marie Macaulay, of 16 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls received following her sad passing. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting services, to Donald MacDonald for all funeral arrangements, to the Grey Gull Inn for their fine purvey and to all those who attended at church and graveside. Special thanks to all doctors and nursing staff who cared for Marie during her recent illness. Donations raised for the Renal Unit at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital raised £215. Forever in our hearts.

**MACDOUGALL** - Duncan and family would like to thank most sincerely those who came to A'Chleit Church, on October 1 to say goodbye to Zandra, who left us suddenly and unexpectedly on September 26. We have been overwhelmed by the cards and messages of sympathy we have received telling us how much they thought of her. Rev Catriona Hood gave a moving and poignant service, for which we are truly grateful; beautiful Scottish music was provided on the organ by Nettie; the Argyll Hotel Bellochantuy did us proud, catering for a large number of people afterwards. Finally, a huge thank you to Kenneth Blair and his team for superb support during a difficult time. The retiring collection provided a generous donation to A'Chleit Church.

**MENZIES** - Joy, Jamie and family of the late Kenneth Menzies junior, of Stenhousemuir and formerly MacDonal Terrace, Lochgilhead, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support given to them all, following the sudden death of Kenny Jnr. Grateful thanks to all those who travelled to Falkirk Crematorium to pay their respects. Cherished memories of a much loved son and brother, loved and respected by all his family members.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of Mary, a dear mother, granny and great granny, who died October 14, 2011. Years may pass and fade away. But silent thoughts and memories stay. - From your loving family xxx.

**DAWSON** - In memory of Jack, Mamie and Gladys, dearly loved. - From son and husband, Bill.

**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 with love, you are forever in our hearts. - Ellen, John and Maurice xxx.

**RENNIE** - In loving memory of Andy, a much loved dad and granda. Loved and missed more than ever. - Iain and Emma, Andrew and Anita, Rosemary and Robert, and grandchildren xxxxx.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST**

**LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Sunday 16th October 2016**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Preacher: Mr. Duncan MacDonald (Taynuilt)  
**ALL WELCOME**

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 16th October 2016**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
Speaker - George Stewart  
'Choose you this day whom you will serve'  
**Tuesday 18th October 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome



**LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 16th October**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**Every Tuesday**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
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**Highland Parish Church**

**Sunday 16 October 2016**  
The service will be conducted by Matthew Ramsay and will be held in the church at 11.15am

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm

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**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead (SC013787)  
**Sundays 11.00 am**  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's,**  
Poltalloch (SC031391)  
**1st Sunday**  
of the month 9.00am  
Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday**  
of the month 6.00pm  
Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
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Fr. David Connor  
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**Lesson 1: "True Repentance"**  
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Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 16 October**  
Bellanoch Church 11:30 am  
Retiring collection for Malawi food crisis  
Tayvallich Church 6:30 pm  
Alternative Worship  
David Logue  
**Saturday 15 October**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
**Monday 17 October**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer time 10:30 am  
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www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 16th October 2016**  
Morning Worship  
Ford 10.00am  
There will be a retiring offering for Malawi  
All welcome  
SCO 02121

# Garage breakdown recovery rescues wrestling ring

A LOCHGILPHEAD garage saved the day by rescuing a wrestling ring bound for a Tarbert match.

The Scottish Wrestling Alliance (SWA) bout, on Friday last week, nearly came a cropper when the van carrying the ring broke down in Minard. Thankfully the Stag Garage crew stepped up to the plate.

An SWA spokesperson said: 'There was the peculiar situation of having a room full of Scotland's finest wrestlers and no ring to wrestle in!

'Thanks to the rescue, the show was off and running, just 30 minutes late.'

Wrestling fans from across Mid Argyll flocked to Tarbert to see the SWA action. Topping the bill was heavyweight champi-

on Mark Coffey who successfully defended his title in an outstanding match with Kenny Williams.

Coffey, out first, blasted the Tarbert crowd for being obsessed with wrestlers Grado and Joe Coffey, both of whom had to pull out of the show due to other commitments.

### Chicken

He refused to defend his title and Kenny Williams appeared, calling him chicken and demanding the match.

Words and blows were exchanged and with the words 'nobody calls me chicken' the match was on.

Hardcore iron Jack Jester was next out in a bout with Junior Heavyweight Champion 'Flyin' Ryan Griffin.

This was a brawl that

went all over the hall and Griffin managed to survive being thrown through the tuck shop table to get back into the ring and secure one of the biggest wins of his career so far.

In other matches, Craig Forsyth defeated Arrochar's Alexander D MacAllan, Scott McManus defeated Timm Wylie and Rowan Frey defeated Kieren McColm after interference from his Titans of the North tag partner MacAllan.

Scott McManus blasted the Titans and set up a tag match for them for him and McColm 'The Underdogs' which they duly won.

In the main event Coffey just held onto the title in what was a match of the year for the contender.

The event has given a welcome boost to the



Ear twisting agony for one wrestler. Photos: Janet West

Clachan Village Hall Development Fund.

The organisers said: 'We'd like to thank the crowd for their patience as we worked through the ring prob-

lems to get a show on.

### Terrific time

'The crowd was fantastic and really into the show and our friends in the SWA and Source Wrestling

School had a terrific time and have offered to come back in the future.

'After two cancellations over the summer by English-based pro-

motions, we proved there is an appetite for this type of show in the area and we are grateful for everyone's support and efforts to make it a success.'



The crowd baying for blood.



Left: Warming up the crowd.



A wrestler prepares for some aerial action.



A champion is crowned.

# Dookers play benefit match for legend's brave young boy

PLAYERS of the past, present and future gathered at Cil Andreis to raise funds for a two-year-old battling leukaemia in Australia.

Mitchell Johnstone, who has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, is the son of Dookers' legend Alex Johnstone (AJ).

## Campaign

The Johnstone family in Tarbert started a fundraising campaign to help AJ and his family with financial support through this very difficult time, which with AJ's Dookers' history led to two football events.

Tarbert footballers had a penalty kick competition which raised £700 and saw club captain Fraser Talbot take the trophy as penalty cup king.

In addition, a game



The two teams. Photo: Kevin McKavaney

between the over 30s versus under 30s was hotly contested and raised £350.

It was an entertaining game with both sets of players desperate to get the bragging rites in the charity fundraiser.

The over 30s took the game to their younger opponents from the first whistle with David Ronald tormentor in chief.

The oldies were

Tarbert Over 30s	3
Tarbert Under 30s	3
Under 30s won 5-4 on penalties	

awarded two stone wall penalties when Iain Mackinnon then Ronald were sent crashing to the turf, Ronald making no mistake with both kicks giving keeper Selfridge no chance.

This sparked the

youngsters into life and they pulled one back when Iain Johnstone crossed from the left for Nikki McDougall to volley past Hawthorn. Half time 2-1.

The youngsters started the second half in a more positive frame

of mind and took the game to their older opponents. It was no surprise when they equalised with a bullet header from McDougall for his second of the afternoon.

## Looping header

He got his hat trick five minutes later when his looping header dipped in under the bar.

The oldies weren't finished yet and perse-

verance from MacKinnon paid off when he scored with a terrific left foot shot from the edge of the box.

Towards the end the youngsters piled on the pressure but the experienced Dookers rear-guard held firm. Full time 3-3.

Penalty kicks were to decide the outcome and it was the youngsters who came out on top by 5 goals to 4.

## Macnab's 64 nett bags Johnson Cup

TARBERT'S greens were rolling well with the golf course in great condition for the James Johnson cup.

From the early starters Bruce Macnab posted a three over par 69-5 for a 64 nett to take the clubhouse lead. Both Duncan Johnstone and Iain Johnstone jnr did their best to catch him but finished with nett 66s to just miss out.

The Cairns Christite final was also played between Eddie White and Iain Johnstone snr.

Iain was never down in the game and was two up with three holes to play but Eddie won the last three holes to take the last major of the season.

With the season now at an end, greenkeeper Graham Prentice is keeping busy with a planned programme of works on the greens and tees.

The club will hold its prizegiving in November on a date still to be announced.

## SPOT THE BALL

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# Red Star hold on to league top spot despite defeat

BISHOPBRIGGS' best preserved Rossvale AFC's unbeaten record when they inflicted Red Star's first defeat of the season.

It was a slow start for the home side last Saturday as they struggled to get their passing game going despite the immaculate Ropework surface as the Rossvale forwards were doing a good job in pressing high up the pitch, putting the Star back four under pressure.

Kalache was the first keeper in action when

<b>Lochgilhead Red Star</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rossvale</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division 2A</b>	

he was at full stretch to save a powerful effort from 30 yards and did enough to turn the ball round the post.

Star had a good opportunity themselves when Kieran Moore played the ball across goal to Neil Russell but the forward couldn't get the desired connection to turn the ball home.

Rossvale opened the

scoring just before the half hour when their winger did well down the left channel before cutting inside and curling an excellent effort beyond Kalache and into the corner of the net.

This gave Star a wake-up call and they started to impose themselves on the game. Gregor Peacock was unlucky not to win a

penalty as he appeared to be bundled over in the box, but the referee waved play on.

The final opportunity of the half came for Kieran Moore when he beat the offside trap and rounded the keeper, however, he could only find the side netting from a difficult angle.

The second half saw Star shooting up the slope as they looked to pull themselves back into the game. The passing through the middle was much better, with Aaron Moore and Lee MacLean picking passes from midfield, but the Rossvale defence was well-organised and proved difficult to crack.

Gregor Peacock was again unlucky not to win a penalty when he raced into the box and was tripped, but once again the referee waved play on.

Star brought on Kevin Keen for Neil Russell to freshen it up front and it almost paid dividends when Keen



**Robert Docherty tangles with a Rossvale player.** 25\_c42redstar07



**Kevin Keen beats two defenders.** 25\_c42redstar05



**Lee MacLean in control.** 25\_c42redstar02



**Argyll and Bute Women's Bowling Association members in Inveraray wearing smart new uniforms, courtesy of an Argyll-based ferry firm. Aileen Sloan, association past president, said: 'We would like to thank Western Ferries for its support in helping us with new uniforms.'**

found himself with a great chance in the box, but the goalkeeper did well to smother his effort.

At the other end, Rossvale could have made the game safe as they broke smartly but the striker's effort came crashing off the bar.

Red Star continued to press throwing more and more bodies forward. They almost forced an equaliser when the ball fell

to Aaron Moore but he couldn't get a clean strike away and the ball was cleared to secure the points for the visitors. Tomorrow, Red Star look to return to winning ways as they travel to play Castlemilk in the league.

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