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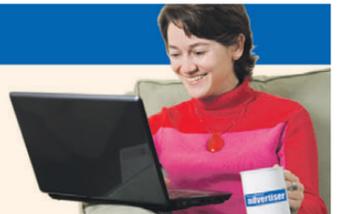
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### No decision on poll tax debt write off

REPORTS of a potential £7 million household tax debt write off in Argyll and Bute have been dismissed by the local authority.

Argyll and Bute Council said a decision to stop pursuing the multi-million pound historic debt, from up to 25 years ago, has not been made.

Other local authorities have already decided not to go after those people who joined the electoral register to vote in the referendum for outstanding debt.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'No decision has been made yet about writing off poll tax debt.'

'There would be no financial implication if this did go ahead, as there is full provision and income from poll tax is very small in any case.'

It is likely that a report will come before the local authority to ask members to consider the situation in light of other local authority decisions.



### October holiday camp success

Ruby Dunlop, six, was one of the dozens of children who attended Mid Argyll's first October holiday camp.

Following on from a successful summer event, the camp entertained at least 25 children

every day with sport, swimming and fun activities.

Organised by Active Schools in partnership with MAC Pool, the Mid Argyll holiday camps will return next year, running at Easter, summer and October.

## 50-year wait for housing almost over

SIX FAMILIES in Craignish will endure their last cold winter living in caravans and sub-standard accommodation, as Fyne Homes says it will have new properties for let by January.

The social landlord told the Advertiser its six homes - two three-bedroom homes and four two-bedroom cottage flats - should become available soon after the New Year when MacLeod Construction Ltd completes work on site.

It is the first social housing to be built in the Mid Argyll village in more than 50 years.

The news comes as Fyne Homes completes a draft local letting initiative (LLI) to ensure that it is Craignish people that are allocated the homes.

The LLI criteria, drafted in partnership with Craignish residents, will

### Families expected to move into new homes in New Year

see people on the waiting list awarded additional points when: the person is living in unsuitable or insecure accommodation in Craignish; or has permanent employment locally and is unable to find suitable housing. Janet McAlister, technical services director at Fyne Homes, said: 'The draft document has been prepared based on the wishes of the LLI working group and we are now asking the whole community if they are happy with it.'

She added: 'The developers are due off site at the end of January. The housing team would probably start to pencil in names of tenants in December.'

Chris Thornhill, who has been campaign-

ing for social housing in Craignish for years, said: 'It got to the stage where Argyll and Bute Council were taking enforcement notices against people in sub standard accommodation. This housing has been designed to alleviate that problem.'

People responding to the consultation should make their representations to Fyne Homes before November 5.



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**Sky Protect telephone scam warning**

ANOTHER telephone scam has reached Mid Argyll as fraudsters, claiming to be from Sky Protect, attempted to trick a woman into handing over bank details.

The Lochgilphead woman was telephoned and asked to give the first four digits of her bank card and asked to confirm the rest of the long number.

The woman did not provide details and, after ending the call, contacted Sky Protect who confirmed no one from the company had called her.



Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, and Lib Dem campaigner Alison Hay say the lack of phone signal and broadband were the biggest complaints from Argyll residents. 06\_a42alan01

**Lack of good broadband main complaints from residents**

A LACK of good broadband was the main complaint from Mid Argyll residents this summer, according to Alan Reid MP.

Mr Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said he was inundated with complaints about broadband speeds on

his summer tour of the constituency.

He said: 'People are seeing BT laying cables but are very frustrated when they get told that it will be 2016 before there's any improvement and even then BT can't tell them whether their house

will get the improved broadband or not.'

Mr Reid said he would be getting in touch with BT and operators of the Community Broadband Scheme, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, to ensure a detailed plan for broadband improvement is published.

**Simple answer to phone signal problems**

PRESSURE is being put on mobile phone companies to immediately improve their poor signal coverage in Argyll.

The Advertiser has learned it can be done quickly and cheaply - by using an existing and underused network of masts.

Airwave - the emergency services network - maintains almost blanket signal coverage for police, ambulance service, mountain rescue and coastguard.

Its masts, covering 99.8 percent of the UK, are available for use by other companies.

Research by Mary Galbraith, Argyll and Bute Labour candidate for next year's general election, has established how simple it would be for EE, O2, Three and Vodafone to use the Airwave infrastructure.

She said: 'Instead of putting up their own

masts at great expense, they can attach their equipment to Airwave masts almost immediately at relatively small costs.

'They have no excuses. There is nothing to stop them improving transmission dramatically in the area now.

I've been in extensive discussions with these firms. They... have indicated they are looking at it with their technical teams.'

Mrs Galbraith said weak or no mobile phone reception are regular complaints she hears from Argyll residents, adding: 'It is now up to people to keep sus-

tained and coordinated pressure on these firms to get something done.'

An Airwave spokesman confirmed its 3,800 masts are available to share.

'There is a rental fee but it is not a lot,' he said.

A Vodafone spokeswoman said: 'We are always open to sharing masts - a third of our sites are run in this way.

'If a community is having difficulty receiving signal it can apply to our Rural Open Sure Signal programme, which offers 3G internet and phone coverage free of charge to more than 100 communities per year.'

**Tarbert Castle and its Royals**

THE HISTORY behind Tarbert Castle has been published in a new booklet which has been available for visitors to the fishing village.

The booklet, based on historical sources, traces the castle's origins, the kings who commissioned its building and explains the reasons royals wanted a castle in such a strategic western location.

Published by Tarbert Castle Trust, the booklet brings readers up to date by recalling how the castle came into community ownership and how its ruins were secured.

The booklet has been put on sale in a number of tourist outlets, including Loch Fyne Gallery and Ian Y MacIntyre's shop; all profits will be returned to the trust.

  
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### Council workers in holiday pay bonus

WORKERS in Argyll and Bute are in for a bonus after a European Union ruling will see the council pay out more than £300,000 in 'miscalculated' holiday pay.

Through no fault of its own, the council has been totting up holiday pay on the basis of an employee's contractual hours. But an EU ruling last month means it will now be calculated on all hours worked.

A recent English court judgement, involving British Gas, ruled that holiday pay must be based on annual hours worked, including additional hours.

In practice this means someone who is contracted to work 15 hours a week but regularly works more hours should see no difference between pay received while on holiday and that paid when working.

A council spokeswoman: 'All council employees affected by this will receive the backdated payment in their October pay.'

'Councils and trade unions are working together at a national level to find a way forward for settlement of any backdated claims out-with the current year.'

The ruling has still to be tested in a Scottish court, therefore further back payments may be due to workers for years prior to 2013/2014.

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This floating pier is similar to the structure being proposed at Ardcastle.

# Floating pier on Loch Fyne for timber lorries

PLANS to install a 'floating pier' on Loch Fyne, which will allow timber haulage to be diverted away from the A83 and onto the water, have been unveiled.

Cargo company JST Services wants to install a 37-metre long pontoon on Loch Fyne and build a 50-metre long timber stacking rack on adjacent land at Ardcastle Forest, north of Lochgair.

The construction of the pier will not include dredging the seabed, but will instead see a concrete support built, which will hold the floating pier in place.

Ayr-based JST Services has been contracted by Forestry Commission Scotland to transport timber from Ardcastle Forest to Glasgow each year.

Company owner John Scott said: 'We hope to have it up and running by spring next year.'

'It will not have a dramatic impact on the landscape. We already have sites on Mull and Loch Striven, which all work successfully.'

'It will help to take timber traffic away from the roads, which can only be a good thing.'

#### Reduce

Mike Hyde, from MH Planning Associates which is working with JST Services on the proposal, said the development would reduce the 300 tonnes of timber transported by road from Ardcastle to

Glasgow each year. Mr Hyde said: 'It will mean we can put 25 lorry loads onto one ship.'

#### Partly funded

'It is a much more sustainable and viable method of transport that will be partly funded by the Scottish government's strategic timber transport fund.'

On Thursday November 20 a public consultation will be held at Lochgair Hotel.

The event is a drop-in session for people who would like to view the plans and speak to Mike or John about the development.

Once the initial public

consultation has been carried out, a planning application will be submitted to Argyll and Bute council.

### Campaign to stub out underage smoking

A POSTER campaign to highlight the risks of buying cigarettes for children has been launched by Trading Standards services in Highland and Argyll and Bute council areas.

The public is being reminded it is the person buying or attempting to buy tobacco products,

not the shopkeeper, who is guilty of the offence.

#### Penalty

They will face a fixed penalty of £200 and failure to pay may result in action in the criminal court.

Posters will be displayed in shops across Argyll and the Highlands.

### Man reported to procurator fiscal

A MAN stopped by police on the A83 in Inveraray on Saturday morning was allegedly found in possession of herbal cannabis.

The 31-year-old was searched by police at 11.15am in the Barnbrae area and has since been reported to the procurator fiscal.

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## WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFITS PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 27th October at 7pm in Lochgilphead Community Centre

All residents of Lochgilphead, Cairnbaan and Port Ann are invited.

For those wishing to take part in Community Council activity by-election nomination forms are available now from Kilmory HQ for return by 27th October. Telephone 01546 604392.

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Maiko Zulu and Marion Pallister at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall watched the group perform. 08\_a43zambia06

# Young Zambians celebrate 50 years of independence

JUST as Scots said no to independence, a group of street kids from Zambia landed in Scotland to celebrate 50 years of their country's freedom.

Nine boys from the Mthunzi Culture Group are on a visit to Scotland, where they are taking part in the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative's (MALI) student exchange.

The group, which usually visits Lochgilphead every two years, has been performing music and dance at various venues across Mid Argyll.

Donald Musenge, 22, is the eldest member of Mthunzi Culture Group.

He said: 'This is my third time in Scotland. This time is special because it's about celebrating my own country.'

'I feel passionate about the anniversary because it celebrates the people who fought hard for independence in Zambia.'

Many of the boys had

also expected to celebrate Scotland's independence during their visit.

Maiko Zulu, the UN Ambassador for youths in Zambia and one of the country's most famous musicians, joined the Mthunzi boys on the visit. He said: 'For me it was a great disappointment and I was

sad for Scotland. Zambia became independent from Britain and I really feel for the people of Scotland. Scotland must pick itself up and dust off. The vote shouldn't diminish desire for independence.'

Maiko and the Mthunzi Culture Group joined Gaelic singers, pipers and drummers in per-

forming at a Zambian independence celebration in Edinburgh on Saturday.

The boys performed traditional Zambian songs and dance, while their Scottish counterparts piped guests into the celebratory meal at Heriot Watt University.

Members of the Mthunzi group are fos-

tered and schooled in Zambia under the work of charity MALI, which was set up by Kilmichael woman Marion Pallister. The charity has for years funded the education of vulnerable young Zambians and is currently raising funds to build a high school near its Mthunzi Centre.



The boys made an extra special effort when they performed at Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday evening. 08\_a43zambia01

## High winds close A83

HIGH winds and torrential rain saw the A83 closed at the Rest and Be Thankful on Tuesday as the remains of Hurricane Gonzalo battered the UK.

The road closed after a HGV lorry toppled in high wind on Tuesday afternoon.

Traffic was diverted on to the A82 and A819 Dalmally to Inveraray road during the closure when wind speeds of up to 80mph were recorded at the Rest. The road re-opened when the storm eased at 7pm.

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## SNP membership rockets in Mid Argyll

A RECENT 370 per cent increase in membership of the Scottish National Party (SNP) in Mid Argyll has forced the branch to change 'the way it works'.

The Dalriada Branch of the SNP, which takes in Inveraray, Ardfern and Ardrishaig, had 41 members at the beginning of 2014; it currently has 195.

Membership has been increasing gradually throughout the year, but shot up after the referendum.

Sandy Taylor, a SNP councillor for Argyll

and Bute, said: 'Even the national party is up 25,000 to 82,000 and that's around a 200 per cent increase. For Mid Argyll alone to see such a jump in numbers is very interesting.'

'The way that the branch works will have to change to ensure it can engage with new members. I think possibly a less formal structure would help.'

A meeting will be held next month to bring the members of the Dalriada branch together, with the aim of discovering which of the 195 members would like to be actively involved in managing campaigns and the day-to-day business of the party.

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# Landcatch to become global player in aquaculture

A MID Argyll business has become a global player in the aquaculture industry after buying a 45 per cent share in Seattle company Troutlodge Inc.

Ormsary-based Landcatch, which supplies Atlantic salmon eggs and smolts, has become a major shareholder in the company, currently the world's largest rainbow trout egg producer.

The business acquisition will allow Landcatch - which has devised a way of breeding salmon with a greater resistance to sea lice - to bring its scientific expertise to trout breeding.

Meanwhile Troutlodge, which opened fish hatcheries in Chile in 1996, will reintroduce Landcatch to the lucrative salmon market in Chile, from which it has been absent for a number of years.

Going forward, the two companies will embark on a joint venture that will see new company, Landcatch-Troutlodge Chile SA, formed under Landcatch's parent company Hendrix Genetics. It will establish an independent Atlantic salmon breeding programme, backed by genetics research. It aims to capture a substantial market share of salmon eggs in Chile within

three to five years, while also developing a pedigree salmon programme to service the Chilean industry.

Neil Manchester, managing director of Landcatch, said: 'We are delighted this major and exciting deal has now been concluded and we can now begin the integration process to bring together three world-leading companies with the goal of becoming one of the main global players in salmon and trout.'

It is envisaged that as the new company grows in the next five years so too will job opportunities on both sides of the Atlantic.



Carl Olivarius was one of the 12 Rotarians that took part in the sponsored walk of the Kintyre Way.

## Mid Argyll Rotary raises more than £1,000 in sponsored walk

A WALK of the Kintyre Way raised more than £1,000 for Mid Argyll charities.

Twelve members of Mid Argyll Rotary Club took part in the walk which they completed as a relay team in six pairs.

Altogether the club walked for 86 miles, which raised £1,048 in sponsorship.

The MS Centre in Lochgilphead was one of the charities that bene-

fited from the funds. The centre received a cheque for £510 at the club's meeting in The Stag Hotel on Thursday evening.

### Distributed

The remaining funds will be distributed to other local charities.

Club president Len Simpson said the club was indebted to the members of the public who gave generously and to local businesses for their support.

## Public to get involved at community council elections

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to stand up and be counted when community council elections are held next month.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Community councils offer people the opportunity to make a real difference and change in the place where they live. They play an important part in local democracy and provide a way of representing the views of local people to the council and other public agencies.'

The elections take place on Thursday, November 27 in the following communities: Lochgilphead, Ardrish-aig, West Lochfyne, Inveraray, Dunadd, Tarbert and Skipness and West Kintyre.

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## Green and blue bins will be collected on alternate weeks

GREEN and blue bins in Mid Argyll are now to be emptied on alternate weeks in a bid by Argyll and Bute Council to help improve the environment.

From October 27, homeowners will be able to use their blue bins for all plastic material, cans, paper and card, while green bins will be used for everything else.

All homes will now receive a blue bin if they don't have one already and the council believes the changes will save residents from making

regular trips to recycling centres.

Council head of roads and amenity services Jim Smith said: 'We introduced an enhanced service in the Helensburgh and Lomond area in 2009 and it has been very successful.'

'I am confident residents in Mid Argyll and Oban and Lorn will benefit from this enhanced service.'

More information for residents can be obtained either from the council's website or information packs.

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## Lochgilhead could host Royal National Mòd

THE Royal National Mòd 2014 has ended, but the legacy it has left behind in Inverness is one to be remembered.

The image of a bustling city with thousands of people from all over the world travelling to take part and attend the competitions, should not be lost on us. The fact that it is edging so much closer to home next year, in Oban, has left people wondering if Lochgilhead could host it? And the answer is an emphatic 'yes'.

In fact, if one weighs up what the town has to offer and why it would be the ideal location for such an event, the list becomes quite extensive.

Lochgilhead has plenty of room to house the thousands of visitors from all around the world with its abundance of hotels and bed and breakfast motels.

The town has a whole host of restaurants situated in and on its outskirts. And there's the high school, which would make a perfect venue with its many classrooms and hall space.

The town also has the venues for concerts, the bookshop which could be used to host Gaelic readings and much more, if given the chance.

The revelation that the Mòd is worth around £3 million to its host town or city, should help to concentrate the minds of those in charge at Argyll and Bute Council. That should spur them into action to fight to bring the Gaelic celebration to Lochgilhead - a town in much need of regeneration.

And, with four years notice ahead of the event, that would be plenty of time for businesses in Mid Argyll and Lochgilhead to prepare for it. Not only would the holding The Royal National Mòd be an opportunity of a lifetime for the town, but it would be a chance for the community to thrive and put Lochgilhead on the map.

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## Coisir Og Dhail Riata on song at Mòd

Sir,  
Coisir Og Dhail Riata has returned from the national Mòd in Inverness having done very well, gaining a second place and two thirds in their competitions.

They gave a fantastic performance each time.

On behalf of the choir and their tutors, Fiona Munro and Christine Johnstone, we would like to thank everyone for the support shown to the choir in the last year.

They will be soon be getting started on their songs for next year when the Mòd will be held in Oban and they will be there to represent Mid Argyll.

Moran Taing,  
**Lena Ferguson, secretary.**

## Superb service from start to finish

Sir,  
We held the launch of our new CD, Seunta, at the Putechan Hotel in Bellochantuy on September 27.

We were so impressed by the new owners of the Putechan, who also own the Tarbert, Stag and Royal Marine Hotels.

They did everything possible to make our event a success: soup and sandwiches for around 20 helpers and band members prior to the event, a fantastic room for the launch, an incredible buffet for 150 guests and overnight rooms for various guests - and all completely free of charge!

All the hotel's staff worked so hard to provide everything we needed. It was a simply superb service from start to finish.

Na Seudan Ur,  
Tarbert.

## New legislation on carrier bag charges

Sir,  
Small businesses have to charge at least 5p for 'single-use' bags they give to customers - no matter if the bag is made from paper, plastic or any other material, as per a new Scottish Government legislation in place from October 20.

Anecdotes suggest that some businesses that sell hot food, for example chip shops or takeaways, and high street shops, such as fashion retailers or hardware stores, aren't as prepared as they should be for the change.

Until recently all eyes have been on Scotland's constitutional future and the Federation of Small Businesses is urging those in charge of enforcing the new laws to show some leniency to time-pressed small enterprises.

However, local business owners can prepare by going on line to <http://carrierbagchargescotland.org.uk>

**Rory Mackail, chairman,  
West of Scotland, Federation  
of Small Businesses.**

## Have your say on Scotland's future

Sir,  
The vast major of people in Argyll and Bute voted no in the Referendum.

No to independence, but not no to change.

Now is the time to seize the opportunity to create a principled, democratic transfer of power to Scotland within a rebalanced United Kingdom.

Lord Smith of Kelvin established the Smith Commission to take forward

the devolution commitments on further powers for the Scottish Parliament. Members of the public are asked for their views to help guide the Commission's consideration.

The deadline for responding is 5pm on October 31. Email responses to [haveyoursay@smith-commission.scot](mailto:haveyoursay@smith-commission.scot).

**Joyce Oxborrow, A-Chruach,  
Campbeltown.**

## Conservative policies are just the job

Sir,  
New figures from the Office for National Statistics show over the last year unemployment has had its largest annual fall since records began.

These strong jobs numbers show clearly our long-term economic plan is working.

Unionists and conservatives have been backing business with lower jobs taxes and better infrastructure, while reforming welfare so work always pays. And as today's figures confirm, this is delivering.

Labour left office with nearly half a million more people out of work than when they started. Their plans for more ineffective spending, more borrowing and higher taxes on jobs are exactly what got us into a mess before, and would put jobs, the recovery and the security of Britain's future at risk.

We know there is further to go, and families are still feeling the effects of Labour's Great Recession.

But the only way to get living standards up for the long-term in Argyll and Bute is to stick to the plan which is getting people off welfare and into work.

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

## People must keep Gaelic language alive

Sir,  
Having met John Macleod at the Mòd service on October 12, I read with interest a report on his opening speech to the Mòd.

However, having studied examples of language maintenance in a number of other countries, I feel Mr Macleod's comments are misguided.

Experience in other Celtic communities in these islands indicates that government led language movements produce indifferent results whereas in territories such as Israel, the Faroe Islands and South Africa, private initiative and individual commitment have given rise to successful examples of language revival.

It is not within the power of the government to promote a minority language. It has to come from the people who speak it.

It is up to the membership of An Comunn to promote Gaelic in their own daily lives, not only one week a year but throughout the year.

It is to be hoped An Comunn Gàidhealach will broaden its aims beyond its traditional objectives of music and singing.

Some years ago a young Harris woman said to me 'S toigh leinn e, ach dé'm feum a th'air? (We like it, but what use is it?) It is to be hoped Gaelic will come to be recognised as a working language.

Witness my own series of industrial histories, which I hope will illustrate the use of Gaelic in a working context and in this way lead to a rise in confidence.

**Richard Deveria, Gaelic  
historian.**

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Traveller Edith Townsley with Siubhan O'Rourke, development officer from Mecopp Argyll and Perth, at the Moving Minds exhibition. 08\_a43edith01

# Lochgilphead traveller is face of campaign to improve relationships

A TRAVELLER from Lochgilphead has become the face of a campaign that aims to improve the relationship travellers have with public agencies and the wider community in Scotland.

Edith Townsley, who lives at Duncholgan, supported the launch of an exhibition called Moving Minds at Lochgilphead Community Centre last week.

Featuring memoirs and experiences shared by travellers in Scotland, the exhibition was part of a wider project supporting Gypsy carers in rural Scottish communities.

Edith grew up within the travelling community in Mid Argyll and helped to care for her mother. 'I have faced discrimination all

my life and I know others have too,' said Edith.

'The exhibition is about raising awareness over the issues that travellers face in accessing health and support services.

'It is about raising awareness, challenging discrimination and breaking down the barriers.'

### Change

Edith, who works with Mecopp - a charity which supports carers in ethnic communities - wants Argyll folk to change how they view the travelling community.

'People have a perception that gypsies don't work, are lazy and tend not to want their children mixing with ours,' she added.

'I can't get work because I'm a traveller. No one has said as

much, but it's always the same letter of, 'thanks for your application, but...'

She added: 'I want to be proud of who I am and not feel discriminated against.'

Edith and Mecopp have been delivering training sessions to staff from Police Scotland, social services, housing associations and NHS Scotland to show staff how they can support travellers.

Material featured in the Moving Minds exhibition, compiled by Mecopp, has been turned into a book of the same name.

Edith said: 'Before getting involved with Mecopp, I would never have had the courage to stand up against discrimination for myself or my community.'

# Restoring empty homes is rewarding work

MAKING hundreds of empty homes habitable again has won Argyll and Bute council a national award.

The local authority's combined housing and tax teams achieved a silver award at the national Institute of Revenues, Ratings and Valuations Performance Awards 2014 for their entry to the excellence in innovation category.

The combined team worked on a set of empty homes initiatives since August last year, aiming to bring empty homes back into use and increasing the number of affordable homes available in Argyll.

So far it has brought 539 empty properties back to life in Argyll and Bute.

The team can offer incentives to

property owners like refurbishment grants or low cost loans on the condition the property is made available for affordable rent, alongside double council tax on houses which have been left empty in the long term.

The council also has a dedicated empty homes officer to oversee the projects.

Douglas Hendry,

Argyll and Bute council's director for customer services, said: 'The success of this policy is due to the two council teams sharing information and making sure everyone knows about the potential benefits. 539 homes brought back into use is an excellent achievement and this award reflects the teams' hard work.'

# Swimming taking off amongst Mid Argyll youths

SWIMMING sessions for boys have taken off in Mid Argyll.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) launched Boys in Action in August, after the success of Girls on the Move.

Both groups were launched to get young people active in a fun and relaxed environment, with the majority of pool fees paid for them.

The swimming sessions have seen up to 43 boys take part at one time, with numbers not falling below 30.

Fiona Kalache, project manager at MAYDS, said: 'We've had to put an extra member of staff on at the pool because of the high number of boys taking part.'

'They play pool polo, basketball and sometimes we play music for them. They really enjoy it and it's just a fun time for them.'

The community group hopes to introduce an activity programme and is continuing to work with pool managers to organise a timetable for various water-based sports.

## Log on for seasonal work

YOUNG people searching for a seasonal job throughout the festive period are being urged to log on to a website offering employment advice.

Myworldofwork.co.uk, created by Skills Development Scotland, features tips on completing application forms and interviews.

It sees employers, recruitment specialists and career coaches offer practical advice and information alongside people who've been through the process before.

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## The way we all register to vote has changed

The electoral registration system changed in September. The new system is called **'Individual Electoral Registration'**

Every person is now responsible for registering themselves individually and you may have to provide more details to register – including your national insurance number and date of birth.

Most people who are already registered to vote will be registered automatically under the new system. They do not need to do anything. However, some people will need to take action to join the new register. We are writing to people to tell them whether they need to take action.

### Look out for a letter between 23rd October and 11th November

The letter will tell you whether you are on the new register or whether you need to take action. It will tell you what to do. You may need to respond to the letter or go online to register.

If you are currently not registered or your circumstances have recently changed you can register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

# Scottish Opera sails into Crinan with Puffy MacPuffer

BOATS, storytelling and live music will sail into Mid Argyll next week when Scottish Opera arrives at the Crinan Hotel.

Puffy MacPuffer and the Crabbit Canals is a fun, engaging show following the adventures of Puffy, the bold, coal guzzling steam boat, as he sails with cargo through canals across Scotland.

Aimed at children aged five to eight, the interactive musical features a

series of specially commissioned illustrations, a storyteller, a singer and two musicians.

Created in partnership with Scottish Canals, the Scottish Opera production will be staged at Crinan Hotel tomorrow (Saturday) as part of its outreach programme.

**Exciting**

Jane Davidson, Scottish Opera's director of outreach and education, said: 'Puffy MacPuffer and the Crabbit Canals is an exciting pro-

duction which really engages with children through song and music.

'We wanted to make a show that both entertains and informs youngsters about the key role canals played in the social and economic life of Scotland's past but which also highlights the many and varied activities on offer for families visiting the canals in the present day.'

Richard Millar, direc-

tor of heritage, enterprise and sustainability at Scottish Canals, said: 'Joining Puffy on his travels along the nation's 137 miles of canals, kids can step back into history to discover and engage with the stories, legends and myths of the waterways. We'd encourage everyone to set sail and join him on the canal adventure of a lifetime.'

For more information on the Crinan event see [scottishcanals.co.uk](http://scottishcanals.co.uk)



Royal British Legion Scotland members with a delighted Marlene McLean from Kilkennie who had just won a bottle of vodka from the bottle stall. 08\_c43coffee01

## Support and generosity of residents for dialysis campaign is praised

ARGYLL people have been turning out in droves to fun fundraising events for Campbeltown Hospital's first dialysis unit.

It comes as the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Group was told last week that original capital costs estimated to adapt a room at the hospital for the unit had doubled.

South Kintyre residents turned out in their

numbers to support a coffee morning and bottle stall held by the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland last Saturday, which raised £539.

**Generosity**

Alistair Kenny, branch chairman, said: 'We had a constant flow of people from 10am till noon. The generosity of people in this area and the way they unite to sup-

port a good cause is amazing.'

Meanwhile, a packed audience of around 150 turned up at Campbeltown Bowling Clubhouse last Saturday afternoon to enjoy a fashion show.

Fashionistas walked the catwalk wearing clothes from local shops, helping to raise a further £1,567 for the cause.



## Midton staff in the pink

STAFF at Midton Acrylics were clad in an array of pink recently and raised more than £100 for Breast Cancer Research.

More than 40 members of staff from the Lochgilphead-based factory swapped their normal work attire for pink t-shirts, hats and

**Lauren Prentice, Midton's office administrator, was one of the organisers of the Wear it Pink day.**

jumpers to raise money as part of the Wear it Pink fundraiser.

Home-baking was also sold in abundance to boost the coffers and by the end of the day of £135 had been raised.

Jenny Blackwell, senior customer accounts supervisor, and Lauren Prentice, office administrator at Midton, organised the event.

Wear it Pink days are held across the UK in October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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**Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association PRIZE BINGO**  
Thursday 30th October 2014  
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Eyes down 8pm



The group of youths from MAYDS before their paintball war began.

# Mid Argyll youngsters enjoy paintballing day at Inveraray

YOUTHS from Mid Argyll enjoyed a paintball session at the weekend. Twenty-two young people were bussed to

outside Inveraray, where they were kitted out in safety equipment for the fun session. Fiona Kalache, project co-ordinator for Mid Ar-

gyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS), also took part in the 'fun'. **Brilliant** Fiona said: 'The kids

all had a brilliant time and roped me in to doing it as well. I was scared though. 'I could be found hid-

ing under a rock, while the kids were going mad for it.' The day out, for those aged between 11 and 18, was fully funded by MAYDS.



Kilmartin museum's Pam Gregory with Bruce the Beaver.



Jo MacLean went along to paint the faces of visitors, volunteers and staff.

## Life is sweet

THE CAFE at Kilmartin Museum hosted its second annual chocolate day last weekend. A sweet day was had by all as families came to take part in the treasure hunt, have their face painted and attempt cupcake decorating with the Scottish Beaver Trial. Bruce the Beaver came along for the afternoon, met the children and adults, but decided his paws were too big to make cup cakes. Cafe staff provided a huge range of chocolate-themed meals, puddings and the much enjoyed cake.



A beaver cupcake goes down well

## Concert with a twist

FLUTE and harp duo Hoot is set to perform a concert with a twist in the second show of this year's Mid Argyll Arts Association concert series.

The versatile musicians, harpist Helen MacLeod and flautist Emma Wilkins, will perform music at the same time a multi-media screening by film-maker Gordon Davidson takes place.

The duo, who are greatly inspired by art, will play a range of music including classical pieces by Bach and Debussy along with some more contemporary music.

They are set to play a

piece of music especially written for them by Scottish composer Edward McGuire. This composition, entitled Cowal Colours, was inspired by the paintings of Argyll artists Don McNeill and Jean Bell.

### Performed

Helen and Emma, who have performed with all of Scotland's professional orchestras and popular music groups, such as Belle and Sebastian and Texas, have promised a varied programme when they take to the stage in Ardrishaig next week.

The concert will be held in Ardrishaig public hall at 7.30pm on Saturday November 1.

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**Primary six pupils at Ardrishaig primary have become playground buddies after learning how to organise games that include all children in the playground.**

**Ardrishaig primary makes the sports grade**

ARDRISHAIG primary school has become the third school in Mid Argyll to be awarded a silver School Sport Award, following in the footsteps of Lochgilphead and Tayvallich primaries.

The sportscotland School Sport Award is a new national initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve the quality and quantity of physical educa-

tion and school sport both in and outside of the classroom.

Ardrishaig primary was assessed on its extra-curricular clubs, qualified coaches within the school, quality of PE and sports leadership initiatives.

Innes Paterson, Mid Argyll active schools co-ordinator, said: 'I'm glad to see Ardrishaig get the recognition it deserves for all

the hard work staff have put in. The school has a number of extra-curricular clubs and a successful playground buddy leadership programme. The programme's assessment tool highlights areas of strength and weakness in the school and this helps to create a framework moving forwards. Perhaps Ardrishaig can push for the gold award in future.'

**Rotary search for top young musical talent**

YOUNG musicians in Mid Argyll are being given an opportunity to showcase their talent and win a coveted award thanks to the local Rotary club.

Singers and instrumentalists aged 17 and under on August 31 are being invited to take part in the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) Young Musician competition 2015.

The Rotary Club of Mid Argyll is organising the local contest and, depending the number of applicants, heats will be held in Tarbert on November 2 and in Lochgilphead on November 9, with the final being held on November 30.

Winning contestants will go forward to the district final, where they will have a chance to

compete for the regional and ultimate RIBI title on May 16.

Len Simpson, president of Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, said: 'RIBI Young Musician is a very expressive competition.

'All contestants bring not just their individual skills but their emotions to the contest.

'The result is performances which will move audiences.

'Everyone who enters is a winner and each contestant has the opportunity to demonstrate why music is their passion.'

For more information or to enter, contact Kate Connelly, [kateconnelly@sky.com](mailto:kateconnelly@sky.com).

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**Swinney to set the tone for Argyll's economic summit**

FORMER SNP leader John Swinney will be the keynote speaker at Argyll and Bute's economic summit in Dunoon next week.

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.

Mr Swinney is currently Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth in the Scottish Parliament, as well as MSP for Perthshire North.

Journalist and broadcaster Mark Stephen will chair the event at the Queen's Hall on Wednesday, October 29, between 9.30am and 4.30pm. One of Radio Scotland's most prolific feature presenters, Mark has chaired a wide range of events including the Scottish



**John Swinney.**

Government Resilience conference last year. Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid asked a question about the summit during Scottish Questions on Wednesday, October 15, in which he urged Secretary of State for Scotland, Alistair Carmichael to consider a reversal of the SNP's centralisation policies.

Mr Reid asked: 'When the Secretary of State goes to the population summit in Dunoon, will he remind the Scottish

Government that devolution should be not just from Westminster to Holyrood, but from Holyrood to local communities in Scotland?'

'Will he tell the SNP Government that they should reverse policies such as centralising the police and fire services and closing local courts, which are taking people and jobs away from rural Scotland and into the central belt?'

In response, Mr

Carmichael said: 'I am very much looking forward to joining my honourable friend, leaders of his local council and ministers from the Scottish Government in Dunoon.'

'What he says is very much the message that ministers from the Scottish Government will hear. It is a message that they get throughout the Highlands and islands; seven years of SNP Government in Edinburgh have given Scotland the most centralised system of government in western Europe. That has got to change.'

Speaking afterwards, Mr Reid said: 'I'm pleased the secretary of state agrees with me that Argyll and Bute council's summit in Dunoon will provide an opportunity to explain to SNP ministers that the population decline in Argyll and Bute can only be stopped if they reverse their policies of centralising services in the central belt and instead give more jobs to rural parts of Scotland.'

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## Kintyre Limousin champion sells for £1,100 at Dalmally

### York buyer takes Argyll bullock back south of the border

A KINTYRE farm took the top prize at Saturday's show of suckled calves in Dalmally, run by United Auctions.

The Hamilton family at Kilwhipnach, Southend took top honours with a home-bred March born Limousin cross bullock. It sold for £1,100.00 to Mr I Woodhead, York at the proceeding sale.

Judge for the day was Duncan Henderson junior of Whitehouse Farm, Stirling.

There was a superb entry of 1,276 suckled calves and store cattle on offer to the packed ringside of buyers present from throughout Scotland and Yorkshire.

Autumn Born Bullocks: 1st - P Kennedy, Lephinkill 2nd & 3rd - N MacDonald, Auchgoyle. Autumn Born Heifers: 1st & 2nd - Lephinkill. Spring Born Bullock Calves: 1st - Mr T Hamilton, Kilwhipnach 2nd - Lephinkill 3rd - Auchgoyle. Spring Born Heifer Calves: 1st - M Hall, Tombuie 2nd - Lephinkill 3rd - M/s McVicar, Lephinchapel. Shepherds Class: 1st & 2nd - Mr Allan, MacFadyen, Braglenmore 3rd - Mr C Stewart c/o Barguillean. Pens of 4 Bullocks: 1st - Lephinkill 2nd - Auchgoyle 3rd - M/s MacNeill, Tiraghoil. Pens of 4 Heifers: 1st - Lephinkill 2nd - M/s Ronald, Keilator 3rd - M/s MacFadyen, Braglenmore. Champion Calf: Mr T Hamilton, Kilwhipnach - Limousin Bullock weighing 302kilo's and selling for £1,100.00 to Mr I Woodhead, York. Reserve Champion: Mr P Kennedy, Lephinkill - Limousin Bullock weighing 388kilo's and selling at £880 to Mr Woodhead.

Overall, the 732 Bullocks levelled out at 266.19 per kilo or £736.78 per head whilst the 544

Heifers levelled out at 251.83 per kilo or £664.27 per head.

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Bullocks

AAX: £910 - Braglenmore: £770(3) & £760 - Pitcastle Estate: £750 - Braglenbeg (2) & Barn-dromin (3).

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BRBx: £1150 - Lephinkill: £1120 - Dunans: £880 - Lephinchapel & Balliemeanoch (Lochgilthead): £830(2) - Kilwhipnach(2): £790 Lephinchapel: £770(2) - Kilwhipnach.

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# Public asked to help fund forest restoration

AN ARGYLL community is hoping local residents will help fund restoration of a woodland previously destroyed in severe weather.

Kilfinan Community Forest Company (KCFC) wants to plant 500 saplings to reforest an area of its Tighnabruaich woodland that was destroyed by severe wind in 2013.

The social enterprise launched its sponsor a sapling campaign on Monday with the support of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

It asks the public to sponsor a tree for £20, for which they will receive a certificate and will be able to name and visit their tree.

The team hopes to raise £5,500, which will be used to buy the saplings, fund deer-fencing

of the area and recruit a social media intern to promote the campaign.

Rob Borruso, a KCFC director, said: 'With the pressures from deer and invasive species such as rhododendron and knotweed, a 'natural' forest will not regenerate if it is left alone.

## Head start

'By giving the native trees a head start in our new nursery, we should avoid the need for more aggressive interventions in the future such as deer culling or rhododendron burning, as the majority of the saplings will grow strong to take care of themselves when they are transplanted out into the forest.'

Claire Munro, development manager in HIE's strengthening communities team, said the agency would be providing KCFC

with access to digital experts Hot Tap Media to harness the power of the crowd to fund their community project.

She said: 'We are delighted to be working with Hot Tap Media on this pilot project, which we hope will inspire other community groups and projects to use similar techniques to secure match funding or to fund individual projects entirely.'

Members of the public who donate to the campaign can choose from a range of perks including a picnic and wild camping in the forest, cards featuring a hand-drawn picture of their tree by a child in the local primary and places on a woodcraft course.

To sponsor a sapling log on to [www.indiegogo.com/projects/sponsor-a-sapling](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/sponsor-a-sapling).



Argyll College UHI graduates, front, from left, Lesley Taylor, Caragh Sinclair, Abby Ashworth, Gayle Maxwell, Alison Philips, Melissa Telfer and Neil Skewis. Back, from left, Abigail Dalby, Shannon Mehaffey, Antonia Whyte, Georgia Cameron and Marion Mclean.



Claire Young was awarded with a special recognition trophy.

## Mid Argyll students receive prestigious awards at graduation

STUDENTS from Mid Argyll were rewarded for their achievements as they graduated from Argyll College University of the Highlands and Islands.

Two students received special recognition awards at the event.

Claire Young was presented with the prestigious Wilma Campbell Rose Bowl for Argyll College UHI Further

Education Student of the Year.

Claire completed a horticultural course at the college and the mother-of-two was especially commended for her dedication and hard work by lecturers.

Sixteen-year-old Kelly Crawford, of Lochgilphead, was the joint recipient of the Argyll College UHI Skills for Work Student of the

Year 2014 award. Kelly performed particularly well in her rural skills course where she spent one day a week working with Forestry Commission Scotland. This saw her plant trees and learn about the environment, as well as complete training that allows her to use tools and machinery common in the industry.

ARGYLL College is enrolling more students than ever before, according to the college's principal.

The college is just 17 years old and was the first further education facility to be opened in Argyll and Bute and Arran.

Before it opened, people who wanted to study after school had to travel or move further afield to universities in areas

such as Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

## Enrolled

While speaking at the 2014 graduation ceremony in Oban, principal Fraser Durie, said: 'We have had over 1515 enrolled on our programmes. 255 students have undertaken full-time further education courses and 135 students have studied for degree or higher national

qualifications. More students than ever before now have the opportunity to study where they live.'

Fraser added: 'This is in addition to the retained expenditure of students staying in their communities and the very significant contribution to the local economy of qualified and competent students graduating from the college.'

## Christina West new health and social care chief

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman is to head up the new Argyll and Bute health and social care partnership.

Christina West, current director of operations for Argyll and Bute community health partnership, will take up the post soon before the new service becomes operational on April 1 2015.

The new partnership

sees Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland joining forces to bring all health and social care service together.

As its chief officer, Christina will be responsible for ensuring the smooth integration of both services while reporting to both the council and NHS Highland.

'I am absolutely de-

lighted to have been appointed,' said Christina. 'I am looking forward to working with our health and social care teams, the integration board and council officials to drive forward improvements for the people of Argyll and Bute. There is no question we face a number of challenges but I am really excited and can't wait to get started.'

## Finnie joins Green Party

JOHN Finnie, independent MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has joined the Scottish Green Party.

He was welcomed during the Green conference at Napier University in Edinburgh.

'Receiving my membership card feels like a homecoming,' said Mr Finnie.

Mr Finnie will continue to sit as an independent MSP for the rest of this session of the Scottish parliament.

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Coisir Ceann an Tuirc performed in the male voice choir competition. 17\_t43mod35



Louise Lee, senior reporter for The Oban Times, handed over the Oban Times Gold Medal to Rachel Deans who won the Lorn Bard prescribed song competition. 17\_t43mod09



Ainsley Hamill from Cardross won the Mary C MacNiven Memorial Salver while qualifying for the gold medal competition at the Mod on Wednesday. The 22-year-old, who won the silver pendant last year, also played at the Mod Fringe Festival as part of her band Barluath. 17\_t43mod06



Badenoch Ladies won the Harris Tweed Authority Trophy in the waulking song competition on Friday. 17\_t43mod39



Taynuilt Gaelic Choir performed in the rural choirs competition. 17\_t43mod22



Caitlin Crawford and Aifric Pirrie from Coisir Og Dhailriata performed a duet at the Mod. 17\_t42mod75

# Mod to return to Dunoon in 2018

THE ROYAL National Mod will be making a return to Argyll not only next year but in 2018, it has been confirmed. Organiser of the Mod, An Comunn Gàidhealach, has confirmed the Mod will take place in Dunoon in four years time; it will be held in Oban in 2015. The announcement was made on Friday, the last day of competition in Inverness. John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, said: 'We have fantastic memories

of recent Mods on the Cowal peninsula. It's a fantastic host town for us and we hope to engage the local community in traditional Gaelic culture with nine days of competitions and entertaining fringe events.' The Mod was last held in Dunoon in 2012 and will be welcomed back to the Clyde town with enthusiasm after it was revealed the 10-day event is worth up to £3million to the local economy. Continued on pages 14 and 15.

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# Royal National Mòd



Inveraray's Holly Renton and Cara Blyth, who have been singing together for four years, took the bronze badge in the duet for learners aged 13 to 15. 17\_t42mod39



The coveted prize of the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield was won by Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association with Kenny Thomson as the conductor. 15\_t43mod73



The Piseagan won the Esme Smythe Trophy for the fifth time - making the Argyll Ladies Choir the most winning competitions. 15\_t43mod46

## 2014 Mod hailed a cultural and financial success

FOLLOWING nine days of exciting competitions and phenomenal performances, Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail (The Royal National Mòd), has been hailed a huge success. It is set to leave a legacy on the city as thousands of Gaels and non-Gaels have celebrated and embraced traditional Gaelic culture. A signature event of the Highland Homecoming celebrations, the festival returned to Inverness for the first time in 17 years and is expected to have brought between £2.5million and £3million to the local economy.

Convener of The Highland Council, councillor Jimmy Gray said: 'The Highland Council sees this year's Mod as an incredible success for the city as well as for competitors, their families, supporters, visitors to the Highlands, and not to mention the people of Inverness, who have joined in and embraced this vibrant celebration of Gaelic culture. Businesses have received a very welcome economic boost at what is traditionally a quieter time of the year and the atmosphere during the day and in the

evening within the city centre has been really fantastic. I am sure the positive benefits will be felt for a long time to come and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming the Mod back to Inverness in the near future.'

The Mòd officially closed on Saturday with a mass choir procession through the city, culminating in a ceremony handing the reigns over to representatives from the 2015 host town, Oban. Next year's festival is taking place from October 9 - 17 and will be the 123rd year of the event.

More than 3,000 competitors took part in 200 competitions during The Mòd, whilst almost 100 Fringe events added to the electric atmosphere in Inverness. Workshops, book readings, come and try sessions, concerts and gigs took place morning, noon and night across the Highland Capital. Visitor numbers are estimated as being over 8,500 from across Scotland, the UK, Canada and even the United Arab Emirates.

Organised by An Comunn Gàidhealach, one of the world's oldest and most respected Gaelic organisations, the event is the most

important festival of the Gaelic language in Scotland. There was a substantial rise in under-18s competing in traditional singing events and an increase in high school choirs taking part, showing a rising interest in the festival and traditional Gaelic culture.

Top prizes included the children's silver medal (boys and girls) which made history when it went to brother and sister Catriona and John Alasdair Bain from Lewis, it was the first time it has been awarded to siblings.

The silver medals were won by Donna Dugdale from Mull and Hector MacKechnie from Morvern and the Gold Medals were clinched by father-of-two Angus MacLeod from Inverness, who was the first man from the city to win the medal since 1992, and Eilidh Cormack from Portree who had entered for the first time, having turned 18 in July. Eilidh's brother Ruairidh won the men's Traditional Gold Medal, while the women's went to Ceitlin LR Smith from Ness, Isle of Lewis. Ceitlin came third in the competition in 2012 and also performed as part of The Mòd fringe this

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Islay Gaelic Choir, second in the rural choirs competition and third in the puirt. 17\_t43mod32



Undeniably the king of Sine Bhan is Raibeart MacCallum from Kintyre. 'Let it sing itself,' he said - and it most certainly did. 15\_t43mod74



Chelsea, Ann Marie and Krystal McLean from Campbeltown. The trio performed in the songs of the Hebrides competition. t42mod89



Tarbert Loch Fyne choir with conductor Hilary MacDonald. 17\_t43mod34



Janet MacDonald hands over the Islanders Shield to Arlene MacKerral of Islay Gaelic Choir. 15\_t43mod44

ar with her band Gria. In the g choir competitions, the Lot and Tullibardine Shield went Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association while the Margrat Dunn Memorial Trophy went to Abfeldy and District Gaelic Choir. ompetitions in Highland dancing, literature, piping and clarsach so took place.

ays John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach: his year has been so much fun d we have seen incredible talt across all of the competitions. ve also been encouraged by the edback from those who attend- for the first time, commenting how much they have enjoyed

I like to end 2014's Mòd by anking everyone who entered mpetitions and by offering my ngratulations to all our wory winners. Most of all I want to ank our sponsors and supporters d every single person that contributed to the festival's organisation - from the local organising mmittee, to Highland Council, our valued volunteers - we rely couldn't do it without you. ere's to Oban in 2015.'



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However, if it is your turn to put on a spread for family and friends there are some usual tips to remember.

The first, and most obvious one, is that it is never too early to start preparing and shopping in advance.

As you are going about your weekly shopping, start stocking up on non-perishable essentials for the festive period like crackers, napkins and chutneys - but remember to also check local markets in the run up to Christmas, you'll find many culinary delights as well as novel gift ideas.

With the shops selling out quickly, it is also a good idea to grab advent calendars when you see them to avoid the wee ones - and the big kids - from being disappointed.

If you are going down the traditional route and making your own Christmas pudding, now is the time to get baking. Giving the cake around two months to mature will allow the flavours to deepen and intensify.

Just more than a week after you've baked the

Christmas dessert be sure to soak it in brandy, repeating this process about three weeks later.

About halfway through December write your Christmas plan. You can even plan in what the rest of the family can do to help. Maybe someone else could take care of the soup or the trifle.

About a week beforehand make up a shopping list. You will need ham, cheese, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, stuffing, sausages, bacon, cream and sauces to name but a few items.

Leave the purchasing of fresh vegetables until a couple of days beforehand though.

Be sure to also pick up the ingredients for mulled wine and mince pies to get in the swing of the Christmas spirit.

Do not forget to chill your bottles on December 23 and 30 - and stock up on party food for Hogmanay and visitors in the New Year.

Whether you choose to go in or out, be sure to relax, socialise and have a great time.

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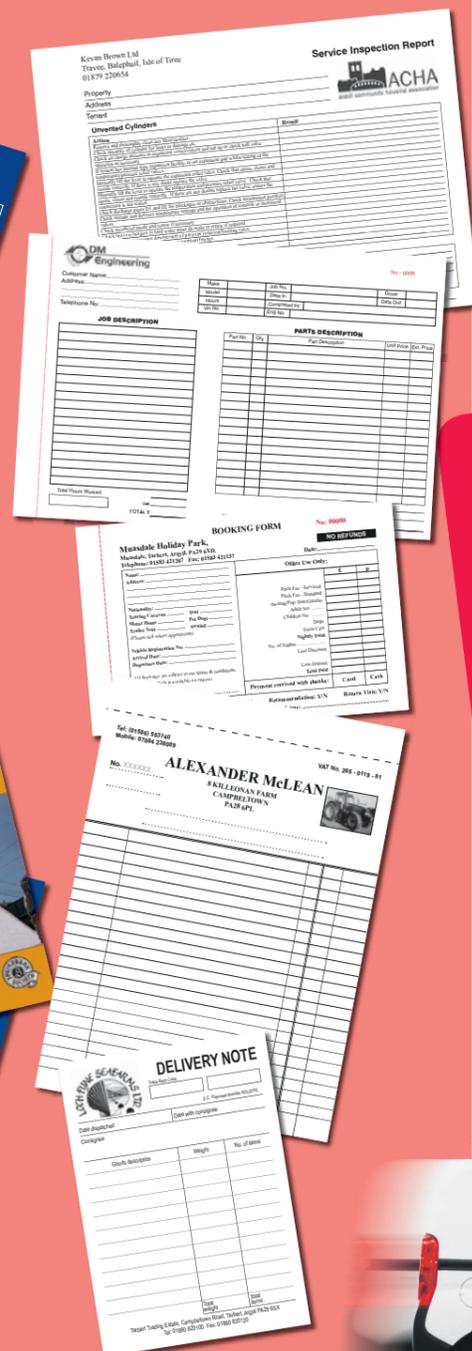
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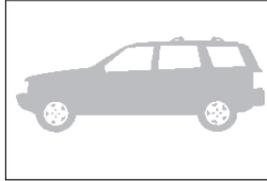
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



THE early autumn sun was warm on our backs as we walked through some of the loveliest hill tracks that meander along the coastline of Arran.

The pups loved this new adventure of beach and woodland and they revelled in new opportunities and adventures.

We walked for miles and were just getting a wee bit disorientated and were concerned that we were getting lost.

It was at this point that I decided to go and find someone who could help us get our bearings.

I tried the doors of several cottages to no avail.

Then I finally gained the attention of a lovely lady who was happy to help us.

She said, 'Keep on the path till you come to a fork in the road.

'Then there are two choices - take the road that leads to the church'.

We followed her advice and were soon safely back at the car.

I thought of how often in our lives we depend on other people to point us in the right direction.

Some may be helpful strangers we will never meet again, but more often they are people we know and love.

There are some who are just always there when we need them.

They are the folk who always put others before themselves.

They are the ones who point us in the right direction.

When we lose them we lose our way for a time and we lose a wee bit of ourselves forever.

When we look back at their influence in our lives we can clearly remember the many times they gave us good directions.

We remember the times they got us back on the right track and encouraged us to keep on going even when the road grew rough.

We have lost one of our own on the Largside, but she has left a candle to guide us.

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**CARRADALE**

**Crossaig substation visit**

RESIDENTS of Carradale were invited to take a tour of the Crossaig substation after it sparked interest among members of the community.

The substation, run by Scottish Hydro, opened its doors after people requested to see the Kintyre to Hunterston project's work in progress.

The project will see a total of 52 towers erected to generate wind and tidal energy.

So far 18 of those have already been put up. Visitors were said to have been impressed not only by the work at the facility but also by the road works on the B842 leading up to the site.

The groups were taken through a safety briefing and received a presentation from Andy Malkin, project director of SHE



Some of the group of 30 who wanted to see the work that has been done at Crossaig substation.

Transmission. Feedback forms were given

out to people at the end of the tours and the re-

sults were so positive the company may hold a

further series of tours in February 2015.

**DUNOON**

**Dunoon nurse nominated for top award**

THE CHIEF executive of NHS Highland has wished a nurse from Dunoon all the best, after she was nominated in this year's Scottish Health Awards

Kathy Graham, senior charge nurse at Cowal Community Hospital in Dunoon, was put forward for the prestigious award by a colleague.

Elaine Mead, chief executive, said: 'Kathy deserves all the credit she can get for her dedication, commitment and energy and I wish her well in the Scottish Health Awards.'

Kathy is one of five nominated in the nurses category. The winners will be announced at a presentation ceremony in the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh, on Thursday November 6. The event will be hosted by comedian Fred MacAulay.

**STRACHUR**

**Craft fair**

A CRAFT fair will get underway at 11.30am

tomorrow (Saturday) in Strachur. Running until 3.30pm at Inver Cottage, a range of handcrafted products, including jewellery and blankets, will be on sale, many of which would make perfect Christmas gifts.

**KILMICHAEL**

**Mini art exhibition**

MEMBERS of Kilmichael Glassary SWRI held a mini-art exhibition after they took part in a creative evening.

Local artist M'Guiness gave the ladies a creative arts lesson based on still life. The women used watercolours to paint fruit bowls, flowers and a soft teddy bear.

According to members it was good fun.

The painting was the fun part and was followed by the monthly competition, which was judged by guest demonstrator M'Guiness.

The ladies at the meeting baked shortbread and hand-crafted greeting cards to be judged.

The winners were announced after a tea break.

Shortbread: 1 Cather-

ine Smith; 2 KateMacDonald; 3 Betty Rhodick.

Any occasion cards: 1 Betty Rhodick; 2 Jean Blackwood; 3 Catherine Smith.

The next SWRI meeting will be held on November 11.

**CRAIGNISH**

**Pub quiz**

CRAIGNISH folk are reminded their local hotel The Galley of Lorne in Ardfern hosts a general knowledge quiz every Wednesday evening.

New faces are always welcome and organisers say it is just a bit of fun.

For more information see galleyoflorne.co.uk/whats-on

**TIGNABRUAICH**

**Pupils ask for support to protect Kilfinan Forest**

CHILDREN from Tighnabruaich primary school hope local residents will support the reforestation of Kilfinan community forest.

An appeal to the public for donations of just £20 could help to fund the work and protect the forest.

Primary school pupils in the village already use the land for outdoor learning and because the project 'creates a unique opportunity for them' their head teacher is supporting the appeal.

Fiona Hamilton, head teacher, said: 'Having the pupils involved in establishing the tree nursery will give them a real sense of ownership and an opportunity to understand woodland management and the lifecycle of trees through first-hand experience.'

**LOCH LOMOND**

**One of the best restaurants in Britain**

CAMERON House has been voted one of the best restaurants in Britain, according to The Sunday Times' 100 Top Restaurants.

Twenty-seven-year old

Graeme Cheevers, head chef at the hotel, is one of the youngest chefs on the list.

**TARBERT**

**Table top sale**

A TABLE-top sale in Tarbert Village hall next month is a chance for people to clear out and earn a little cash in the lead up to Christmas.

Jean Johnson, a member of Tarbert village hall committee, has invited people to rent a table at the event which will also raise funds for the hall.

There are already 12 tables set to feature in the hall and there is room for up to a further five.

Jean said: 'This is the first one I've held and thought it would be good fun and maybe bring a bit of life into the hall.'

The sale will take place on Saturday November 1. For more details on renting a table or for event times contact Jean on 01880 820435.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**COOK - SHAW**

Martin and Linzi are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Charlie Douglas, on October 4, 2014 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A wee brother for Ruby. Second grandson for Gilbert and Fay Cook and first grandson for Fiona Cook and the late Duggie Shaw. Thanks to midwives at home and away, especially Isabel.



**GALLAGHER**

Debbie and Lee are delighted to announce the birth of Orla Isabell, on September 24, 2014 in Leeds. Second granddaughter for Isabell and Fred Hodgson.

**O'HANLON** - Aaron and Stephanie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte, on October 5, 2014 at Campbeltown Hospital. A wee sister for Lewis, Logan and Austin. Grateful thanks to Helen, Isabel and Catriona at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**KILCOLM - CURRIE**

In Amsterdam, on October 14, 2014, the engagement of Stuart, son of Tom and Sheena, Lochgilphead, to Louise, daughter of William and Irene, Kilmarnock. Both families are delighted at the news.

**DEATHS**

**DOCHERTY** - Peacefully, on October 16, 2014 at Southern General Hospital, in her 43rd year, Mhairi, beloved mother of William and Sam, daughter of Mary and the late Doc, mother-in-law of Samantha and loving partner of Johnnie.

**DUNN** - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, Eileen (formerly of Campbeltown and Paisley). Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Holy Trinity and St Barnabas Church, St James' Place, Paisley, on Tuesday, October 28 at 12.00 noon. Thereafter to Woodside Crematorium, Paisley for 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**KELLY** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, Elizabeth Jean Taylor, in her 71st year, 48 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late William B Kelly and a loving and much loved sister-in-law and aunt.

**KENNEDY** - Peacefully, at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, with her family by her side, Martha Hunter Kennedy, née Galbraith, aged 86 years, of Fernlea, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Bill Kennedy, loving mother of Peter, Billy and Elizabeth, a much respected mother-in-law of Morag, Frances and Liam, adored gran of Douglas, Dawn, Nicola, Fraser, Cameron, Shona and Stuart, and proud great gran of seven. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research and Macmillan Nurses.

**KLIMANSKA** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on October 12, 2014, Jean (Jo) Klimanska, aged 87 years, of Lochview, Whitehouse, by Tarbert, much loved mother of Zofija, Aleksander and Janina, cherished gran of Maddy, Sam, Nikolai, James, Meg and Ella and dear mother-in-law of Paul, Jackie and Dominic. Funeral service will be held in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 10.30am, followed by private family service at Cardross Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CHESTNUT** - Danny Chestnut and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for attending the funeral of David and for the sympathy cards we received. We would also like to thank the police for the assistance we received, the staff at the Ardsiel Hotel, and Kenneth Blair and company for their services. Thanks again to everyone.

**GAYDON** - Florentine Gaydon (Twinkle) and family would like to thank the carers and all the many local people who knew and helped Harry over the years. Bless you all.

**GRAHAM** - The family of the late Mhairi Graham would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nurses at Muasdale Surgery, district nurses, the Macmillan nurse, and neighbour Marion MacDonald, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev David Thom for his comforting services at A'Chleit and Cardross Crematorium, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services rendered, to Argyll Hotel, Bellochanty for an excellent purvey and for looking after everyone so well, and also the Commodore Hotel, Helensburgh for an excellent purvey. The collection for the Mairi Semple Fund and the local Macmillan Cancer Support raised £1,310.

**MCKINNON (ANDERSON)** - Rena and family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their very kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers following Georgia's passing. Sincere thanks to Rev Wallace for his comforting service. Our thanks to Kenneth and Rhys

Blair for their caring and professional service. Thanks to the staff of the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, grateful thanks for donations in aid of Macmillan Nurses Kintyre and Diabetes Kintyre, which raised £510.56.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ARKELL** - In loving memory of my dear husband, dad and granda (Eck), died October 28, 2012.

Never a day do we forget you, in our hearts you are always near.

God alone knows how we miss you and end this second sad year.

- Love you always, from Maggie and family. Love you, Granda xxx.

**LAURIE** - In loving memory of my sister, Petra, died October 14, 1984. Also my mother, Marjorie, died April 29, 2012, and my father, John, died March 27, 1982. Always in my thoughts.

- Jeanne and family, Inverness. **MCKERRAL** - In loving memory of Jean, died October 25, 2013, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Sadly missed.

**STEWART** - In loving memory of a much loved husband and dad, Dave, died October 27, 2013.

Miss you more and more each day.

- Annie, Marion, Laura and Christine xxxx.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT: Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road. Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm Prayer Time Minister: Rev. R Macleod All welcome.

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 26 October 2014** 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "The Sacrifice of Praise"  
**Thursday 30 October 2014** 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

**NORTH Knapdale PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002 **Sunday 26 October** Bellanoch Church 11:30 am Morning Worship Rev. C. Acklam **Thursday 30 October** Messy Church 4 - 6 pm Tayvallich Hall All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknappdalecofs

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 26th October 2014** Tarbert Service 11.30am Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Margaret Anderson For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

**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 Foodstuff for Blythswood also Supporting the work of Water Aid and Scottish Bible Society

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)** Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service **St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)** 1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service 3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong Scottish Prayer Book **All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)** Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service Father Simon Mackenzie Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

Holy Mass Sunday 10am **ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY** Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SC0002876)

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 26th October 2014 - all welcome!**

**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair** Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am **Glenaray and Inveraray** Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 26th October Morning Worship** 10am - Kilmartin Rev. C. Acklam **Tuesday 28th October** Congregational Board 7.30pm A new loop hearing system has been installed. All welcome SC0 02121

**lochgilphead baptist church**

All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson **Sunday 26th October 2014** 11.00am with communion mainly music **Tuesday at 10am Jumpstart Friday from 10am** Scottish Charity SC015187

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686 **Saturday 25th October** BB Coffee Morning 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church Hall **Sunday 26th October** Morning Service 11.15am BB Dedication Service Session Meeting 10.45am Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev P Wallace **Monday 27th October** Guild 7.30pm New Hall **Tuesday 28th October** Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm Church Hall **Thursday 30th October** Choir Practice **Friday 31st October** Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown **Sunday 26th October 2014** 11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche with a special collection for the Scottish Bible Society Coffee to follow Pastor Ross Ferguson 4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court **Wednesday 29th October** Jellytots Toddler Group 10.00am Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm Tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7FM - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show, co-hosted by Pastor Ross Ferguson and Mr William Crossan. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646

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## Scotland win first shinty/hurling test

KYLES' Roddy MacDonald described Scotland's performance as the best of recent times as the dark blues secured a win over Ireland in the first test of the Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling series.

The 23-14 victory was hailed by nearly 2,000 supporters at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday.

MacDonald, lured back into the international fold by head coach Ronald Ross, played a key part with two of Scotland's three-point goals.

He said: 'I think we caused Ireland a lot of problems and that is the best I have seen from us for a long while.'

'It is good to get a win going into next week and what will be an even tougher game. They are a very good, fast side but I felt we handled it really well.'

The Scotland senior men's squad also included Kyles Athletic's Grant Irvine and Calum Miller.

## Heavy defeat for Tarbert FC

TARBERT Football Club had the worst display of the season so far when they took on FC Clydebank on Saturday.

The team, which currently sit fourth in the SAFL Division 1B league table were defeated 7-3 at the away game.

Tarbert return to league action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take in Carlton YMXA AFC at home.

# Lemmon and Bryn take top spot in Daltote show jumping



Mairi Campbell on DJ with her mum Judy in the pre-pre-novice XC.



Winner of the open show-jumping competition Bethan Lemmon on Bryn.

RIDERS as young as six turned out to compete in the Daltote Hunter Trials when the annual event got under way earlier this month.

There was a good turnout for the event with 29 entries in the cross country classes, but there were classes available for all abilities, from pre-pre-novice in lead rein to pre-novice, novice, intermediate to open.

The testing course took riders up and around the hillside above Loch Sween, with the open and intermediate classes taking 24 jumps along the way, the novice class 20 jumps, the pre-novice 18 and pre-pre-novice 10.

The cross country included the fun of the pairs jumping for those who were fit enough to have another go around the novice course.

Winners: Open: Roan-

na Clark on Local Hero;

intermediate: Bethan Lemmon on Bryn; novice: Iona Baillie on Tilly; pre-novice: Emma McKay on Faylen; pre-pre-novice: Willow Ryan on Dunedan Ryan; pairs: Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy and Freya Urquhart on Meesha.

The day finished off with a separate competition of show jumping in the Shore Field on the edge of the loch in the afternoon. There was strong competition with horses, ponies and riders using their skill and judgement to earn their place in each class, giving it their all in the jumps against the clock.

Winners: Open: Bethan Lemmon on Bryn; intermediate: Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy; novice: Cerys Baird on Murphy; pre-novice: Emma McKay on Faylen; pre-pre-novice: Robyn Macfie on Gems.



Gregor Peacock helped set up the winning goal for Star which came seconds before the final whistle. 08\_a43red01

## Star stun Thistle with late show

Lochgilphead Red Star 3

Motherwell Thistle 2  
SAFL Premier Two  
RED STAR picked up their first win of the season last Saturday in dramatic style as three late goals secured victory against much fancied Motherwell Thistle.

The home side changed their system for this game, opting for a more attacking 3-4-3 formation.

Star again found themselves behind at the interval as the visitors took the lead when following a smart break down the right, the ball was crossed in and the forward stuck a leg out to divert the ball past Kalache who had no chance.

Into the second half and Star were passing the ball better and were able to create several openings but the Thistle keeper was in top form

to deny Naisby and then Kirk.

The Thistle forwards were proving to be a big danger on the counter themselves and the game looked over as with 18 minutes to go they broke clear and the number ten fired past Kalache to make it 0-2.

Star to their credit were quick in responding and battled back into the contest. And, after forcing a succession of corners, Docherty eventually found Paterson with a dinked cross, which the defender met and nodded home to make it 1-2.

The equaliser came in the 90th minute when Kennedy tapped in from close range to make it 2-2. As the game was deep into stoppage time Star cleared a Thistle cross which fell kindly to Peacock. The forward was able to look up and find strike partner Kirk in space, who showed excellent composure to slot the ball home for the winner, sending the home bench into raptures. There was barely time for the visitors to kick off and Star ran out 3-2 winners.

Star management were delighted with the spirit shown to come back from two goals down and will be hopeful that this result will bring about some confidence for the weeks ahead.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star travel to face another of the league's top sides as they take on Drumchapel Colts.



Neil MacNicol at the 'Devil O' The Highlands Race from Tyndrum to Fort William in August.

## Neil on course for coaching business

A MAN from Mid Argyll who recently won second place the Scottish Ultra Marathon Series 2014 is retraining to follow his passion for sport.

Neil MacNicol, 42, is originally from Ardfert and has been running in ultra marathons since 2011.

Through taking part in events he found a passion for endurance sport and is now working towards becoming a running coach and sport massage therapist, leaving behind a job in the banking sector.

Neil said: 'Now that I am a bit more mature and have the endurance myself to run and train, which I have learned from ultra marathons, I am reverting back to what I always wanted to do.'

Despite losing out on top spot at the

2014 series this month, Neil came first senior male, aged 40 and over, and first place overall in the short series, and his longest achievement so far has been 53 miles.

Neil grew up in Ardfert, his parents own Turnult Farm and he used to help out there. He now lives in Fife, with his wife and three children.

He said: 'I joined the marines in 1993 and wanted to become a personal trainer on leaving in 2003. Instead I went into telecommunications, because it was a thriving sector at the time and I ended up in a senior role at the bank until last year.'

Neil is currently a stay-at-home dad while he trains. He hopes to be qualified by spring 2015.

## Mid Argyll shinty duo's delight at Scotland under-21 call up

TWO MID Argyll shinty players will be representing their country tomorrow (Saturday) when they take part in the 2014 Shinty/Hurling International.

Lewis MacNicol and Ali MacDonald, both Inveraray players, have made the 19-strong Scottish Under 21 squad that will take on Ireland at Páirc Esler, in Newry, County Armagh.

Lewis of Ormsary and Ali of Lochgilphead were selected for the squad after impressive performances in the south v north shinty game earlier in the year.

Forward Lewis, 20, said: 'I'm delighted to have been selected, it's a great opportunity.'

'There's not a lot of players that get asked to play from the south, certainly from this area.'

'There's myself and

Ali that were asked to play this year but I couldn't tell you the last time someone was picked from this area.'

### Hurling

He added: 'It will be a great weekend, I can't wait to see more of their culture and hurling.'

Ali, who just turned 21, is a midfielder. He said: 'This is the first time I tried out for the Scotland team. When I was in primary school

we did an exchange in Ireland so I have had experience of playing against hurlers.'

'I found out I was picked a couple of weeks ago.'

'I am working on Islay and my mum and dad said I had a letter from the Camanachd Association.'

'I wasn't expecting good news to be honest but I'm over the moon.'

The lads have been to

two training sessions with their Scottish team mates and are keen to do their best playing in an unfamiliar squad.

Scotland under 21 coach Garry Reid, said: 'We were delighted to see such a high level of talent on show during the selection process.'

'This is my first year as head coach, and I am very much looking forward to the trip across to Newry. I

and my coaching staff believe we have selected players who can do our sport and our country proud.'

Other Argyll players selected for the under 21 squad include: Kyles Athletic players Innes MacDonald, Zac Coley and Cameron Keith, Oban Celtic's Daniel Madej and Oban Camanachd's Malcolm Clark.

**Lottery numbers**

MARGARET Johnson won £200 on this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery. The numbers drawn were 7, 9 and 15. The jackpot next week will be £100.

The numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Lottery were 8, 10 and 12. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £800.

There were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 2, 3 and 8 drawn. The jackpot will be £500 next week.

**Football results and fixtures**

LAST weekend's results: West of Scotland Cup second round - Glenburn Athletic 1, Oban Saints 7; Kilbride Thistle 1, Dunoon 5; Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Finnart 6; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 3, Motherwell Thistle 2; Division 1B - FC Clydebank 7, Tarbert 3.

This week's fixtures: Premier Division - Eaglesham v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Alba Thistle; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Rolls Royce East Kilbride; Premier Division Two - Drumchapel Amateur Colts v Lochgilphead Red Star; Paisley v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1B Tarbert v Carlton YM.

# Tarbert's karate kid aims to win the Scottish Open

A TARBERT girl is aiming for first place in the 2015 Scottish Open Karate Championships in Glasgow, despite injury this year.

Katie Macdonald, 19, came second in the semi-finals of the Ladies Novice category at this year's British Open Knockdown Karate Championships in Crawley, south London.

But she withdrew from the final of the bare knuckle and full contact event after suffering a head injury.

Katie, a second degree (dan) black belt who has trained at Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club for more than ten years, said: 'I was punched four times in the face and temporarily lost the hearing in my right ear and had double vision. It was a difficult decision to make, but with the support of my trainer and my dad I withdrew.'

'I've never really been injured before, but I will be training real-

ly hard over the next four months to make the Scottish Open.'

The injury has not put Katie off and she aims to win next time, although the Scottish Open is set to be tougher than anything she has competed in before.

**Luck of the draw**

She said: 'Fighters are picked at random, so I could be fighting someone at a lower grade than me or a higher grade, it's just the luck of the draw. But I think I have every chance of winning.'

Despite living in Glasgow, where she is studying civil engineering at Strathclyde University, Katie still regularly trains with coach Iain Rodger in Lochgilphead.

Her dad Stuart Macdonald is also a second dan black belt and trains Katie when she is unable to get home to Mid Argyll.

The Scottish Open 2015 will take place in February next year.



Katie and dad Stuart with her second place trophy at the semi final event this month.

**MAKI League**

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's senior boys team will be looking to win the MAKI League football trophy for the third year in a row when the annual tournament kicks off on Tuesday.

The boys will be amongst four teams from the school to compete at the competition in Campbeltown.

Schools across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) will each take four teams, with junior and senior competitions for both boys and girls at the event.

The tournament is the first in a series of events that take make up the MAKI schools league. Lochgilphead will host the badminton competition in January, Islay host the volleyball in March and Tarbert will round off the year with their softball competition.



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# Award-winning end to brilliant season for Inveraray's young team

## 'Fraser has raised his game to a different level'

A BRILLIANT year for Inveraray shinty club's second team got even better as it picked up two awards in the Marine Harvest annual shinty awards.

The prizegiving ceremony, held last Friday ahead of the Scotland v Ireland shinty/hurling international, saw Ruairidh Graham named coach of the year in south division two and Fraser Watt player of the year in the same division.

Ruaraidh, who coached the team to league victory this year, said their recent success was the culmination of years of hard work since the predominantly young side was in primary school. He said: 'I'm lucky

that the people before me who have taken the boys – Alistair Watt, Ian MacCallum and Norrie Campbell – spent so much time with them. They were so good; it makes my job so much easier. It's thanks to their hard work with the guys when they were in primary school and under 14.'

He added: '[These awards] give the boys a boost to know the club is going in the right direction. They understand what the management committee is doing. It's working and they listen to us, they are a good bunch of boys.'

Fraser Watt, an Inveraray forward who has scored 25 goals this year, was named the



South division two player of the year: Fraser Watt.

best player in south division two despite being only 15 when the season came to a close.

'There are two or three outstanding guys in the team but Fraser has raised his game to a different level,' Ruaraidh said. 'He's 16, but was 15 last season when he scored 10 goals, more than anyone in the whole league. His show of commitment this year has been second to none. He really does deserve it.'

The Lochgilphead

high school student said: 'The team all played well and I hoped I would get an individual award to cap the season off and thankfully I did.'

Looking forward to competing in south division one next year after his team's promotion, Fraser added: 'We are looking forward to the step up and improving our game as we get older and push to get game in the first team.'

Several other Marine Harvest shinty

awards also made their way back to Argyll, as Kyles' Roddy MacColl picked up south division one coach of the year and Lorne Ladies were named Women's Camanachd Association

division two team of the year. The Marine Harvest centenary award for outstanding contribution to shinty, awarded every three years, went to Davie Hamilton of Oban Celtic.



South division two coach of the year: Ruaraidh Graham.

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