



Hallowe'en party at Achnabreac Forest - see pages 14 and 15

Here we go again

A83 at Rest and Be Thankful closed after major landslide

A LEADING businessman has accused Transport Scotland of getting it wrong, as the national roads authority was forced to close the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful for two days.

A spokeswoman for the government described the landslide, which occurred in the early hours of Tuesday morning, as the 'the largest that we have seen in recent years'.

In total 1,800 tonnes of mud and debris fell from the hillside at the Rest, while a further two minor landslips also occurred at Glen Kinglas and Ardgartan; they too blocked the road.

Now Donald Clark, owner of Inveraray's George Hotel, says authorities should look to France to see how the problem is solved.

Mr Clark suggests a 400-500m stretch of the

hillside at the Rest is cut into to create a second road, which, when a pre-fabricated concrete tunnel is inserted around it, will ensure flowing traffic in both directions under traffic lights.

A flow-over canopy would ensure the debris fell further down the hill, where workers could clear it away from motorists.

He said: 'When will Keith Brown accept that this is the most hazardous and potentially fatal section of the A83 and take steps to find a permanent solution with a simply designed flow over canopy giving safety and continuity of use of this vital route into Argyll.'

'If they can cut a 60m x 30m sump near the top of the Rest with only minor disruption then cutting a flow-over channel

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Renowned Inveraray piper Stuart Liddell has been crowned 'the best of the best' as he is named the Glenfiddich Piping Champion for a second time. Stuart said he was 'honoured' to take part in the event, which each year invites the world's top 10 pipers to compete for the Glenfiddich Trophy. For more on the story see page 7.

Tinker's Heart fight taken to Scottish Parliament

THE FIGHT to have the Tinker's Heart recognised as a cultural and ancient monument has been taken on by Scottish ministers.

Jess Smith, an author and member of the traveller community, met the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee earlier this month after almost 2,000 people signed a petition calling on Historic Scotland to adopt the monument.

For more on the story see page 16.

Sahara trek for mum of four

A MOTHER of four is today (Friday) leaving Mid Argyll to travel to Africa where she will spend the next six days trekking across the Sahara Desert.

Denise Murdoch, of Ardrishaig, is completing the challenge to raise money for Carr Gomm, the charity she works for.

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Urgent call for action to tackle Scotland's 'worst case of depopulation'

ARGYLL and Bute Council must end all talk of school closures, stamp out over-bureaucratic procedures and launch a major marketing exercise to attract young families to the area.

That's the view of Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, as he called on public agencies to address what he described as the 'worst depopulation problem in Scotland'.

Senior politicians, including Holyrood finance minister John Swinney, economists and entrepreneurs descended on Dunoon on Wednesday morning, as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press, for Argyll and Bute Council's Population Summit.

Mr Russell said: 'The summit needs to focus intently on what is the worst depopulation problem in Scotland and take clear, decisive and

untied action to tackle the issue. If the council can grow the population base, it will increase its own funding and restore viability to many communities in the area that are teetering on the edge.

'Firstly, the council needs an opportunistic, entrepreneurial approach.

'An ideal first step would be to quickly complete the community purchase of the Toward Estate and, by so doing, not only help to create jobs in Cowal but also send out a strong signal that local assets are available for local communities to utilise to grow the population.

'A major marketing exercise to those who come here on holiday would pay dividends,' he added. 'Telling people who enjoyed spend-

ing time here that there are ways they could settle here would be an obvious next step, but the council would have to outline those ways and make sure they were achievable.

'There must be an end to any talk of school closures, planning decisions must be more positive and swifter, local services must be enhanced and the council must find a 'can do' attitude to inquiries and requests.'

Mr Russell, who was unable to attend the rescheduled meeting because of an earlier commitment as education minister, said he wanted the council to appoint a senior officer to oversee population recovery. This person should, he said, 'first stabilise the population and then increase it year on year.'



Michael Russell MSP



Members of Coisir Og Dhailriata are ready to welcome new singers to the group. 17_t42mod33

Coisir Og Dhailriata welcoming new members

YOUNG people are being given the opportunity to learn more about their heritage and the Gaelic language with an invitation to join Coisir Og Dhailriata.

The junior Gaelic choir is inviting young people in P7 to S5 to join them just weeks after success at the Royal National Mod in Inverness.

Securing a second place and two third place finishes at the national competition, the choir has enjoyed a good year, competing at the Lochgilphead and Islay mods and performing at the Best of the West Festival.

Choir conductor Fiona Munro, who is supported by Gaelic tutor Christine Johnston, said: 'There are limited opportunities in Mid Argyll

to take part in and learn about Gaelic language, traditions and music, and the choir aims to give young people an insight into local heritage and culture through a variety of Gaelic songs.

'The choir encourages young people, who enjoy singing, to work and learn together and be proud of their achievements.'

Knowledge of Gaelic is not needed, nor is previous singing experience.

People interested in joining the choir can attend the next lesson at Lochgilphead Community Centre between 4.30pm and 6pm on Wednesday, or for more information contact Fiona on 01546 606215.

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Tougher drink drive limit in Scotland likely to be made law by Christmas

A MORE stringent drink drive limit in Scotland is likely to be on the statute books by Christmas.

Justice secretary Kenny MacAskill has introduced an order in parliament, which if approved, will mean the reduced limit will come into effect on December

5. Under the plans, Scotland's blood alcohol limit will be reduced from 80mg in every 100ml of blood, to 50 mg in every 100 ml of blood.

Change

The change will bring Scotland into line with most other European countries.

'No' to cold caller signs available from council offices and police stations

PEOPLE who want to ensure cold callers and con men stay away from their homes are being told how to keep them at bay.

A sign has been produced for displaying on household doors, saying 'no' to cold callers.

It comes after Mid Argyll was targeted by bogus workmen offering to carry out work but increasing the price when the work was completed, as well as salesmen selling goods and services at inflated prices. The signs are available from council offices and local police stations.

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Simon Smith has been named the best bar manager in Scotland by the Scottish Bartenders Network. 06_a44bar01

Simon is the best in Scotland bar none

INVERARAY is officially home to the best bar manager in Scotland as The George Hotel wins another coveted award.

The hotel's Simon Smith was named the

best bar manager in Scotland at the Scottish Bartenders Network annual awards ceremony.

The 25 year old, originally from Australia, was selected from 300 nominees for one of the network's 10 awards.

Simon doesn't know who nominated him for the award but suspects it was someone in the hospitality sector who visited the hotel.

He said: 'To be recognised by your peers is very, very nice especially when it's an organisation that's based in Edinburgh and its members are leading the way in Scotland, which has earned a reputation for its food and drink.'

Simon came to work at the George in 2009 for one season but loved it so much he remains at the helm of the hotel bar five years on.

'There is a lovely community here and the Clark family are a lovely family to work for,' he added. 'This is a beautiful hotel and bar to work in and over the past three years one that has given me an opportunity to introduce my own innovations and changes.'

Only one third of crisis grants awarded

Council hands out £20,000 a month to cash-strapped households

PEOPLE experiencing food and fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute are collectively being awarded around £20,000 a month through the local authority's welfare fund. Argyll and Bute Council has revealed just 15 months after it was established, the welfare fund has handed out almost £304,000 to people in need.

The money, given out by Argyll and Bute Council on behalf of the Scottish government, provides a safety net for the poorest households.

It has, to date, supported 2,967 vulnerable people, 3.4 per cent of the population.

The welfare fund includes crisis grants and community care grants.

Almost £17,000 has been handed out every month in crisis grants, for items such as unexpected expenses, travel and lost or stolen money.

The local authority made 460 emergency grants to households in 2013/14, although it received applications from 1,670.

Since April, the council has made payments of £163,216, of which £119,372 was in community care grants, used by people to purchase

household essentials like beds, prams, washing machines and cookers.

One woman who received the grant said the process within the local authority made it easy and confidential to claim. She said: 'I left my husband after I found out he had been cheating on me.'

'I had very little money and nowhere to turn. I cannot praise the staff in the council office enough for the care and support they gave me.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'At the moment, the scheme has been widened to include low priority as well as high and medium priority cases. We would expect

to see an increase in November in line with last year's pattern.'

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Government said: 'Latest data shows the average crisis support is £70 and is usually to help with food and heating bills. Some £980,000 was given out for food between April and June, up from £300,000 during the same period last year.'

'A further £130,000 was granted for clothing and shoes.'

'Ministers are now pushing ahead with legislation that will put the Scottish Welfare Fund on a statutory footing so that all local authorities will be required to maintain a fund.'

Renewed call for witnesses

POLICE in Lochgilphead have made renewed call for witnesses after a young man was mugged.

The 27-year-old was knocked from his mountain bike by two men at 10.30pm on September 30 on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.

The first man is described as being white, 5ft 9in, aged mid to late teens and of slim build.

He was wearing a light coloured baseball cap and dark clothing, with a silver stripe down his tracksuit bottoms.

The second boy is described as being white, 5ft 6in, of slim build, aged mid to late teens and wearing dark clothing. The pair made off with the bike.

Police are eager to speak to anyone who was on Glenburn Road at the time of the incident. People can telephone 101, or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Government's new hybrid ferries called into question

MARITIME experts have branded the Scottish Government's new Tarbert to Portavadie Ferry as costly and 'a dog's breakfast'.

Introduced earlier this year, MV Lochinvar is a dual fuel ferry, which runs with 10 to 15 tonnes of battery on board.

It cost in excess of £10 million, about three-times as much as a 'normal' ferry, but saves £19,000 per year in diesel costs.

Now, with a contract going to Ferguson's shipyard for a £12.3 million hybrid ferry that can be used across the western seaboard - further questions are being raised about the financial viability of the 'green' ferries.

Gordon Ross of Western Ferries, based in Dunoon, recently paid £4 million for a ferry to run

on the Dunoon-Gourock route. His ferry will take 40 cars and carry 200 passengers, while the commissioned hybrid ferry will carry 20 cars and carry 150 passengers - the same as MV Lochinvar.

Mr Ross, whose vessel was built at Cammel Laird, said: 'The driver for us in getting a new vessel was to reduce our tonnage. In turn this will make us much more fuel efficient.'

Professor Alf Baird of Edinburgh Napier University has criticised the Scottish government for procuring the hybrid ferries, saying they are 'a dog's breakfast'.

He said: 'There are 10 to 15 tonnes of battery on these ferries.'

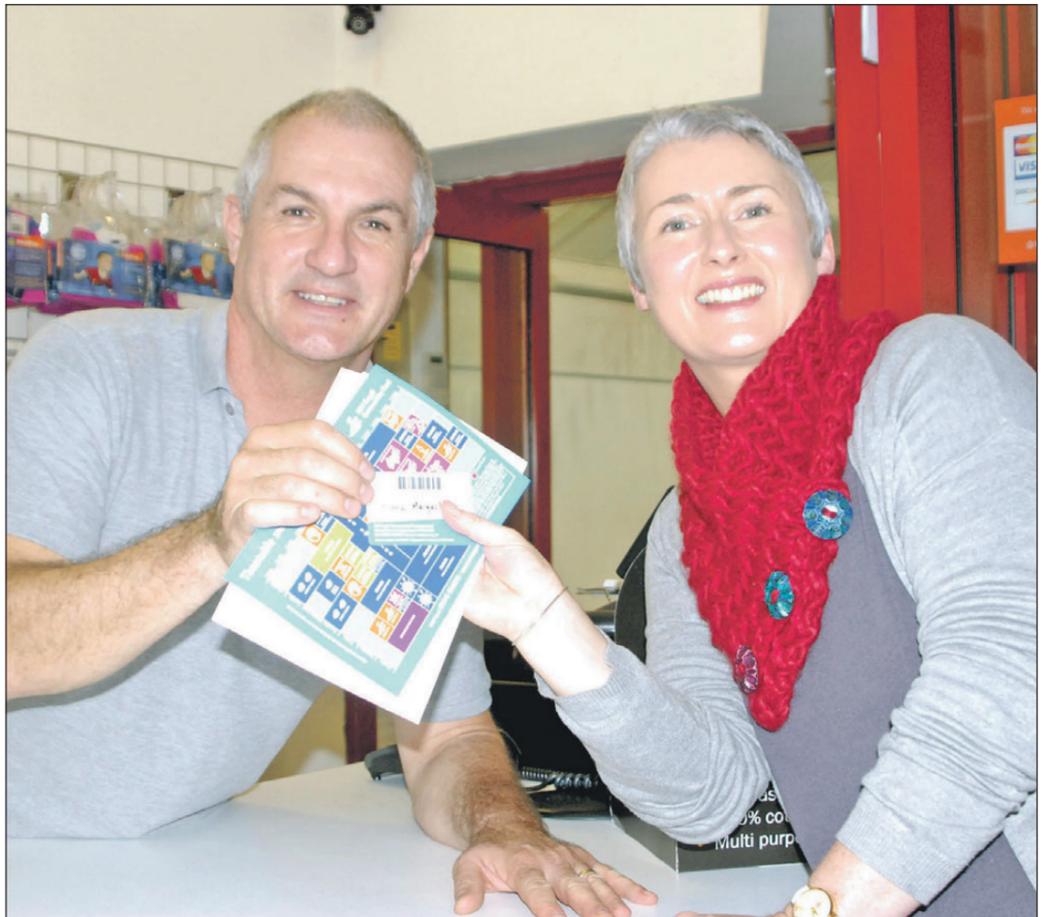
'For ships designed to carry such small numbers that is a lot of dead-weight'.

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'These low emission hybrid ferries, built in Scotland, are helping to contribute to the Scottish government's targets on cutting climate change emissions, with initial operational experience indicating around a 28 per cent fuel saving and an associated reduction in carbon emissions.'

The new western seaboard vessel is expected to be launched in spring 2016, before entering service in the autumn of 2016.

It will use a low carbon hybrid system, that combines traditional diesel power with electric battery power.

The system will lead to a reduction in fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions. It will travel at a service speed of nine knots.



Fiona Frier hands over her membership card to Matt Walsh, deputy pool manager, on her most recent visit to the pool. 06_a44pool01no

Fiona swims to good health with year's membership of MAC Pool

A WOMAN passionate about exercise and wellbeing is the lucky winner of a year's membership of MAC Pool.

Fiona Frier, who works with people experiencing high levels of stress, was delighted to win the prize that gives her free, year-round access to the Lochgilphead pool and all of its exercise classes.

Questionnaire

Fiona won the prize after completing a questionnaire about the pool and its facilities with consultancy firm Ekos; it has been asked to investigate how

the pool could be upgraded and extend its facilities.

The Ardrishaig woman, who works as a guided self help worker with Argyll Voluntary Action, said: 'In my job I am very aware of how important regular exercise is to maintaining good health and wellbeing so I'm delighted to have won this prize.'

'I'm really pleased to see the pool undergo this process of improvement to ensure its survival, it's a fantastic community asset.'

MAC Pool announced at the

end of last year that it had permission to extend the building and add new facilities. Ekos has since been tasked with asking Mid Argyll people what they would like to see at the pool, and investigating how their wishes could be implemented.

Sue Hillman, chairwoman of the MAC Pool board, said: 'We are now looking forward to the results of the Ekos study which will set the direction for the future of MAC Pool.'

It is hoped the Ekos report will be completed by the end of the year.

Children admitted to hospital with signs of alcohol abuse

CHILDREN as young as 10 are regularly being admitted to hospital with signs of alcohol abuse.

In the last two years 233 children aged 10 to 18 were admitted to hospital, a new survey has revealed.

The Scottish government suggests a delay in the minimum unit pricing for alcohol - due to a legal challenge -

is a hurdle in mending 'Scotland's difficult relationship with alcohol'.

Learn

'We are currently taking forward substance misuse education work in schools where children and young people will learn about a variety of substances including alcohol, medicines, drugs, tobacco and solvents,' a government spokesman said.

'Sure signal' deadline has been extended in rural communities

RURAL communities in Argyll have been given longer to sign up for mobile internet coverage in their area.

Mobile phone giant Vodafone has asked residents to sign up for a new 'sure signal' programme for 3G service in villages and has extended the deadline for applications until November 7.

The company says it

will set up the improved system in 100 rural communities, giving priority to places where there is currently poor mobile coverage.

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A83 at Rest and Be Thankful closes following another landslide

Continued from page 1 poses no great problems.'

Mr Clark insists digging into a small section of the hill and inserting a canopy will be much less costly than burrowing a tunnel through the hill.

But a spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said it is happy with the landslide mitigation measures adopted on the route.

'The landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful is...bigger than the event of 2012, which resulted in the A83 being closed for several days,' she told the *Advertiser* on Wednesday.

'With the sheer volume of material involved, we are satisfied with how the nets performed.

'They prevented 1,000 tonnes of mud and rocks reaching the road and



Over 1,800 tonnes of mud and debris fell from the hillside, blocking the Rest and Be Thankful on Tuesday morning. Photos: BEAR Scotland

helped to keep it safe from the larger pieces of debris.

'The Old Military Road diversion is up and running fulfilling its purpose of keeping Argyll and Bute open for business and our operating company, BEAR

Scotland, is doing all it can to get the A83 operational as soon as possible.'

Heavy persistent rainfall saw the road network in Argyll crumble as it brought no less than three landslides to the A83 on Tuesday, while

the trusted diversion route, the A82 between Tarbet and Dalmally, closed briefly because of flooding.

The bad weather shows no sign of abating as wind and rain are scheduled for today (Friday) and again on Sunday.

Men rescued from the Firth of Clyde

TWO MEN discovered clinging to rocks on the Firth of Clyde on Monday morning were rescued in dramatic fashion as severe wind and rain thrashed the west coast of Scotland.

The men, believed to be foreign fishermen, were airlifted after their small boat started taking on water while near Dunoon.

Emergency services including the coastguard and Helensburgh RNLI were alerted after police spotted the men on CCTV.

But weather conditions prevented the lifeboat from getting close enough for a rescue.

A nearby passenger ferry had sight of the casualties and was able to circle the area, until the Royal Navy rescue helicopter from Prestwick got to the scene.

The two men were airlifted to the shore where an ambulance was awaiting them.

Their current condition is unknown.



A landslide at Glen Kinglas on the A83.

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Why are thousands in Argyll going hungry

IF ANY more evidence was needed that the welfare system is penalising the poorest in our society, we need just look to page three of this week's paper.

To learn that thousands are turning to Argyll and Bute Council for emergency cash for food and fuel in this day and age is outrageous.

And what's more, the 2,967 people who have received help so far does not include those who do not meet the criteria for a crisis or community care grant but are still desperate. Nor does it include people who are perhaps too proud to ask for help, or those who are receiving support from food banks, as well as charities.

The £20,000 the council is, on average, handing out every month doesn't even take into account the hundreds of thousands of pounds it has dished out to those penalised by the 'bed-room tax'.

The sheer number of people coming forward for help shows the problem is not down to people being unwilling to work, or mismanaging their finances, as popular media often tells us, but widespread welfare reform.

The quantity of cash being handed out in what is clearly frequent emergency situations leads us to ask how effective is welfare reform in saving money? This cash should be redirected into the benefits system to ensure people have the money when it matters, as opposed to facing the sometimes humiliation of having to ask for help.

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Will the SNP continue to moan and groan about losing the referendum

Sir,
Clearly the grieving process is taking longer for some of your readers than others.

Mr Cormack, in your October 9 edition, demonstrates anger, rejection and denial towards the 'sovereign will of the Scottish people' in voting to stay part of the United Kingdom by a margin 55.3 to 44.7 per cent.

He and other SNP supporters imply that the Scottish people were tricked by false and unachievable promises.

This is wrong. People voted 'No' to continue the benefits of UK membership, a growing economy, secure pensions, international recognition, an outstanding health service, membership of the EU, and a strong pound in their pockets.

We all want change. Indeed, the only thing in life that is constant is change. People seem not to be aware of the Scotland Act of 2012 which enabled the Scottish Parliament last week to raise taxes for the first time since 1707.

Mr Swinney, the finance secretary, will have increasing powers to borrow funds and raise taxes over the coming year. All this before we know the results of Lord Smith's commission.

My concern is what will the SNP government do with these powers? Will it continue to appoint foreign companies to run our railways? Will it increase the Scottish NHS funding by only one per cent which is a quarter of what the increases are in the rest of the UK? Will

the SNP continue to underfund further education as demonstrated in the Scottish budget on Thursday?

Will it continue to ignore its responsibility for law and order and allow police to stop and search young children? Or will it continue to moan and groan about losing the referendum and in so doing create uncertainty which is negatively affecting investment in the Scottish economy?

Let us hope that the new SNP leadership will stop being bad losers and start acting as a government for all the people of Scotland.

**Jane Lindsay,
Grant Street,
Helensburgh.**

Time for action and a permanent solution to the A83

Sir,
Yet another landslide and closure of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful and it has also blocked the much vaunted diversion route, the Old Military Road, which runs below the trunk road at the steepest and longest slope of the A83.

I dislike using the term 'I told you so', but sadly this is the case. I have argued strenuously to cut a 400m flow over canopy on the most hazardous and regular site of the main slides. I have been fobbed off by the transport minister and his department that this would cause a visual and environmental intrusion and would be difficult to implement without road closures.

But this rationale is nonsense. It would be a great deal less intrusive than the present acres of netting on the hillside, while

Transport Scotland was able to cut 60m x 25m into the hillside at the site with only one lane closure.

We have endured many years, yes years, of traffic lights on the Rest. The sooner the minister and his officials accept the proposal, thus removing 400m of the most dangerous section from the equation, the better.

This is Argyll's M8. It is time for action and a permanent solution.

**Donald Clark,
The George Hotel,
Inveraray.**

Be extra careful on bonfire night

Sir,
As Bonfire night approaches I'd like to make a plea to everyone to give extra care and thought as to how we use and deal with fireworks.

The loud bangs, cracklings and the flashing lights of fireworks can be disturbing for many people, including the youngest and oldest of us. So while we look forward to enjoying the fun, please show consideration to vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Similarly, domestic pets, farm livestock and non-domestic animals can be severely traumatised by fireworks.

Animals can panic and flee. Every year there are various examples of the harm caused, including road traffic accidents; birds flying into electricity pylons and animals, as well as horses running through barbed wire fences.

So I make this plea, please consider the effects fireworks can have on all animals and where possible keep them securely inside wherever possi-

ble. Let's all look out for the wellbeing of people and animals so that November 5 is 'remember-remembered' for the right reasons and I would ask people please limit setting off your fireworks until the days around November 5.

**Rhoda Grant MSP,
Highlands and Islands.**

Fundraising in Tarbert

Sir,
This past weekend saw the Corner House hold its annual 'Think Pink' quiz. This was a great night, well attended and fun packed. The quiz and raffle raised £452.27 which was a terrific amount towards Breast Cancer Research.

On Saturday morning a coffee morning was held in Tarbert Hotel for Mid Argyll MS Centre. Again this was well attended and raised £378 which will help with the work of the centre and those who use its facilities.

Everyone involved in organising the events would like to thank everyone who supported the them in any way and helped raise this amazing sum for charity in the Tarbert last weekend.

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Businesses warned after break-in

THE OWNER of a removals and storage business that was ransacked by thieves has warned Argyll is as vulnerable to theft as anywhere else.

Graham MacQueen MBE, owner of MacQueen Bros in Oban's Glengallan Industrial Estate, warned other businesses to be vigilant after thieves broke into around 30 locked containers overnight between Saturday and Sunday. Mr MacQueen, whose business has been a long-term sponsor of the Mid Argyll Triathlon, said he has been forced to improve security at his site.

'We are checking our CCTV but maybe we needed something like this to realise that Argyll is not the place it was,' Mr MacQueen said.

Diesel, scrap metal and power tools were taken from the containers; the owners of the lock-ups affected are being informed.

Inveraray piper is crowned

'best of the best'

'It's an honour and privilege'

RENOWNED Inveraray piper Stuart Liddell has been crowned 'the best of the best' as he is named the Glenfiddich Piping Champion for a second time.

Stuart, pipe major of Inveraray Pipe Band, won the championship after winning the Springbank Invitational in Campbeltown last month.

No knowing

A previous winner of the Glenfiddich title in 2009, Stuart said: 'Competing at the Glenfiddich Championship, you know that you are

up against the best of the best, and there is no knowing what way it is going to go on the day.

'It is always going to be the smallest fraction that separates the winner from the others.

He added, following his win: 'It's an absolute honour and privilege to be here competing with such talent and I'll look forward to celebrating with everyone this evening.'

A descendent of piping royalty, Stuart is the son of accomplished musicians Billy and Agnes; his grandfather was the



Stuart Liddell, centre, has won the Glenfiddich Piping Championship for a second time. Bruce Gandy, left, and Roddy McLeod, right, came second and third respectively.

late pipe major Ronnie McCallum MBE, piper to the Duke of Argyll.

Stuart competed against the 10 most highly acclaimed international pipers to claim the Glenfiddich Trophy,

including Bruce Gandy, of Canada, and Roddy McLeod, of Glasgow, who came second and third respectively.

The Glenfiddich Piping Championship was established in 1974

to bring together the world's finest pipers and witness some of the finest renditions of the ancient and traditional piobaireachd (the great music) and the ceol beag (the little music).

Workers escape injury after drill rig slipped from its moorings

ROAD WORKERS escaped injury last Friday when a specialist drill rig slipped from its moorings on the A83 at Strone Point.

BEAR Scotland staff were using the rig as part of the investigation works for the proposed road improvements in the area when it toppled at around 3pm.

No one was injured during the incident but the road was closed for one hour to allow a crane room to lift the rig back into position.

Traffic was diverted on the A819 Inveraray to Dalmally road and the A82 during the incident.

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Lochgilhead WRI

THE OCTOBER meeting of the Lochgilhead WRI saw Zofia Sloan entertain the ladies with a very interesting and informative talk on her love of alpacas.

She talked about how to care for them as a pet, to the shearing of their fleeces, then the spinning of the yarn, which then produced some beautiful hand-crafted garments.

Competition winners: Knitted or crochet corage: Gold: Mandy AWCOTT and Jenny CAMPBELL; Silver: Lizzie SCOTT and Jean SMITH; Red: Elaisaid MACKAY. Two empire biscuits: Gold: Jenny CAMPBELL, Mary CAMPBELL, Debbie MONROE, Mandy AWCOTT and Jean SMITH; Silver: Elaisaid MACKAY, Jeanette LAWTON, Moira MURDOCH and Lizzie SCOTT.

Argyll Federation AGM

MEMBERS of the Women's Rural Institute are being reminded of the change of venue for the Argyll Federation AGM.

The meeting will be held in the Tarbert Hotel and will begin tomorrow (Saturday) at 10.30am.

Puffy entertains on canal tour

YOUNGSTERS were enchanted and engaged when Puffy MacPuffer sailed into Crinan on Saturday afternoon.

An interactive musical, Puffy MacPuffer and the Crabbit Canals was staged by Scottish Opera as part of its outreach work in rural communities.

Following the adventures of Puffy, the bold, coal guzzling steam boat, the musical saw Puffy sail with cargo through canals across Scotland, while illustrations were used to highlight things such as the Falkirk Wheel.

Created in partnership with Scottish Canals, the musical was as much educational as it was entertaining as children were introduced to the country's five canals and told how they were built.

Storyteller Steven Ritchie, singer Chris Nairn and musicians Andrea Kuypers and Lizzy Stirrat all worked together to bring the tale to life.

Made for five to eight year olds, the musical



Youngsters clapped, sang and displayed their water-going knowledge as the interactive musical was staged on Saturday afternoon.

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was a success with both youngsters and adults, who took part in sing-alongs and a pop quiz on Scottish canals.

Staged during torrential rain, the production entertained dozens of families on a dreich Saturday afternoon.

Puffy MacPuffer, otherwise known as singer Chris Nairn.

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Dark comedy with rave reviews on film club billing

A DARK comedy that has 'touches of greatness' is to be screened as the next instalment of Tarbert Film Club.

The Irish produced 2014 movie Calvary has won rave reviews and will be shown by the club next week.

Veteran actor Brendan Gleeson plays Father James, a priest in small-town Ireland, who finds himself taking confession from a parishioner who starts by making a threat to kill him.

'Certainly a startling opening' is Father James' considered response.

The film explores how the priest handles this unusual experience and what a priest should do when faced with such a situation.

Father James does not tell the authorities. Instead he chooses to continue administering to his wayward flock, including his own estranged daughter who is recovering from a recent suicide attempt.

The film is part thriller, part dark comedy.

It has been described as a parable of the betrayal of the Irish people by the Catholic Church.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

To advertise in the community noticeboard call 01586 554646 or 01546 602345

Diabetic Support Group
 Tuesday 4th November
 Mid Argyll Hospital
 6.30pm
General Discussion on the 15 Health Care Essentials for Diabetic Care
 Coffee & tea - All welcome

Kintyre Crafters' Group
Christmas Gift Crafternoon
 at the *Seafield Hotel*
Sunday 2nd November
 1pm - 4pm
 Tea/coffee/shortbread £2.00
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PRIZE BINGO
 In aid of Tayinloan Children's Christmas Party
Thursday 6th November
 Tayinloan Village Hall at 7.00pm
 £5 (Includes light supper)
 Prizes include meal vouchers, luxury Scottish hamper, whole fresh salmon & whole lobster.
 Raffle

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PANCAKE TEA
Saturday 8th November
 Kirk Street Hall
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 Performances from all the bands
 Baking, bottles & raffle

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT
Swish and Swap Evening
Thursday 6th November 2014
7.30pm Parish Church Hall, Lochgilhead
 Tickets £6 including a glass of wine and one new outfit!
 Hall open from 4pm to drop off any items of good clothing/accessories.
 Tickets available from committee members of at the Bookshop in Lochgilhead.
 Raffle on the evening

CAMPBELTOWN CAT RESCUE ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 8th November
 Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
 10am - 12 noon
 Baking, bottle stalls and Raffle (First prize £100)
 All donations gratefully received
 Everyone most welcome.
 (Please note earlier date this year)

PRIZE BINGO
 for Local Diabetes Service
 at Campbeltown Bowling Club
Thursday 6th November
 Eyes down 8pm
 £5 + Raffle

EDINBURGH CHOREOGRAPHIC PROJECT
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Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern Friday 7th November, 7.30pm
 Tickets £9 / £6 (conc) / £20 (family)
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 with guest speaker Norman Liddle from the Scottish Bible Society, recently returned from Rwanda
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 Baking

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Dozens of women turned out to play bingo under an arch of pink balloons, created by Corrina Charlwood. 06_a43bin02



Pink bingo organiser Rose Taylor with Fiona MacInnes. 06_a43bin04

Full house for pink bingo

£311 raised for Breast Cancer Care

THERE was a full house in the MS Centre on Friday night as Lochgilhead women turned to bingo to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Organised by Rose Taylor, pink bingo saw women don their finest pink attire to raise funds for breast cancer charities while winning coveted prizes.

Rose said: 'I have had family members suffer from breast cancer and I have done fundraising for the MS Centre before so I thought I would do this for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

'I was hoping to get a good turn out which I did and we got donations from a lot of local people so that was really good.'

Together Rose and her bingo friends raised £311 which will be donated to Breast Cancer Care.

Rose added: 'Without them there wouldn't be all of the stuff that there is available today in terms of research and technology, even compared to 10 years ago. People survive it now.'



Debbie MacIndeor, right, receives her prize from Rose Taylor after gaining a full house at the bingo. 06_a43bin01

Think Pink pub quiz at the Corner House

KIND hearted Dookers put their knowledge to the test and raised more than £400 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

People took part in the Corner House's Think Pink for Breast Cancer pub quiz on Saturday.

The event, which also included the sale of pink cupcakes and a raffle, raised £452 which will be used to help fight breast cancer in the UK.

Another charity night will be held in the Corner House on December 6 to support people with Parkinson's Disease and Myasthenia.

Pink day for inspirational women

PAMPERING, relaxation and complementary therapies will be dished out to women living with, or recovering from, breast cancer thanks to an inspirational Argyll woman. Nicky Murphy from Dunoon has arranged a Pink Ladies Day on December 5 to ensure all those affected by the disease have a 'day off' from the daily struggle that goes alongside breast cancer.

Held at the Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa, the event is for women who are either in remission, or living with breast cancer, and will include morning and afternoon coffee, lunch, a seminar, a host of free complimentary therapies and beauty

treatments and use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

The seminar, entitled Moving Forward, focuses on day-to-day things such as finance, work, family, relationships, health, fitness, nutrition and self-esteem. Experts will also be on hand to offer advice on all these issues.

Nicky, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last Christmas, said: 'We are aptly launching details of this special event now as it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a day that will be all about laughter, learning, pampering and friendship, along with good food and relaxation.'

The event is available for up to 50 women from the West of Scotland and a friend each on a first-come, first-served basis, while women who would like to attend on their own will be well looked after throughout the day.

Diagnosed

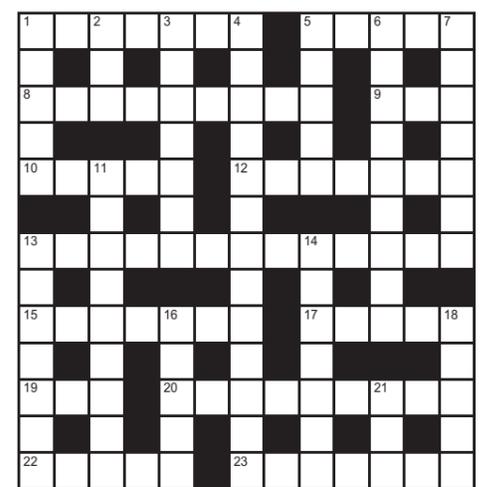
Nicky added: 'Often, women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer have at least one female friend or family member who has been a fantastic support to

them during and after treatment, so this is the chance to spoil them a little too.'

Transport will be available from Oban, Lochgilhead, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Helensburgh at 8.30am to allow time for a 10am start.

People who want to attend the event must register by either emailing Nicky Murphy at pinkladiesday@outlook.com or by calling on 07786 861266.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Celebrate (7)
- 5 Cockeyed (5)
- 8 Directly related to (9)
- 9 Trick taker in cards (3)
- 10 Marina vessel (5)
- 12 Relevant as 8 across (7)
- 13 Cocky (13)
- 15 Sauce with gammon (7)
- 17 Bucolic (5)
- 19 Bad deed (3)
- 20 Skillful (9)
- 22 Last left (5)
- 23 Tornado (7)

Down

- 1 Old and worn (5)
- 2 Bump (3)
- 3 Inane (7)
- 4 Where to go in an emergency (9,4)
- 5 Performer (5)
- 6 Tree climbing marsupial (5,4)
- 7 Which place (7)
- 11 Type of store sale (9)
- 13 Argued against (7)
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Rural farms could benefit from Centenary Trust fund

NFU SCOTLAND'S Centenary Trust is now taking applications for another round of funding it has available.

In what is the sixth round of applications since the start of last year, £30,000 is available and applications are being sought which focus on one of the trust's key objectives of supporting the promotion of health and safety on farms and in rural areas.

So far, some £189,000 has already been committed to projects across Scotland which are primarily educational and rural training projects.

The funds have been raised mainly through the generosity of NFU Scotland members as well as a specially-bottled malt whisky organised by the Banffshire branch and a centenary book.

Established in the union's centenary year, the objectives of the trust were to encourage as many children as possible to learn more about where their food and drink comes from and to visit a farm in 2013 and 2014; to educate farmers, their employ-

ees and their children on health and safety in the countryside, with a special emphasis on children's safety; and to assist in bringing forward a meaningful apprentice programme that supports farmers and their employees.

Projects promoting and delivering genuine health and safety benefits will be considered ahead of other applications in the latest round.

However, educational and training projects may still be submitted and will be considered if funding remains.

The closing date for applications for what may be the final round of funding will be Friday, November 14. More information can be found at www.nfu.org.uk

George Lawrie, centenary trust treasurer, said: 'This will be the sixth and possibly final request for applications to the trust. With this in mind we hope to encourage more requests from projects promoting and encouraging health and safety on farms thereby fulfilling a key objective of the trust.'



Money is available to help improve health and safety on rural farms.

'The trust has already helped fund so many projects, and we are seeing the results of that coming to fruition. It is great to see the impact the funds have had, in particular in some rural schools and giving children an opportunity to

learn about agriculture that they may otherwise not have had.

'The enthusiasm of the children to learn more about the farming environment around them has been evident in recent months, including those children who at-

tended the Royal Highland Show in June thanks to money from the centenary trust.

'It is great to see firsthand the impact the trust has had, and it has successfully fulfilled its objectives over the past 18 months.'

Farmers urged to attend CAP roadshows

MID ARGYLL farmers are being encouraged to attend Scottish Government roadshows to set out details of the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) payment system in Scotland.

The nearest to Mid Argyll is in the Corran Halls, Oban, on November 25 at 2pm.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP, who is also convenor of the Scottish parliament's cross party group on crofting, said: 'The change from an historic-based payments system to an area-based one will mean the new CAP is very significantly different for our farmers and crofters.'

'There are still many unanswered questions in terms of the detail of the new support schemes - this was voiced again

at the recent meeting of the Cross Party Crofting Group - and these roadshows are an excellent opportunity for any farmers and crofters with concerns to discuss them with Scottish government officials before the new CAP policy begins next year.'

Different

Alastair Redman, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Westminster candidate for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The new CAP system in Scotland will be radically different from the current system which our farmers and crofters receive support from.'

'I hope many farmers and crofters will be able to attend the roadshows so they will have the opportunity to quiz Scottish Government officials on the details of the new scheme.'

MARKET REPORT

United Auctions Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held a sale of 2,797 sheep of all classes and 312 calves and store cattle at Islay Auction Mart.

All classes of lambs sold on October 23 to average £53.80 against £57.52 at the corresponding sale last year.

Lambs sold to a top of £69 for a pen of Suffolk Crosses from Callum MacTaggart Jnr, Lyrabus Farm and to a top of 173pence per kilo for a pen of Suffolk Crosses from Claggan Farm.

Feeding Ewes from

M/s Porter, Carrabus sold to £92.50. In the cattle section, M/s Wood, Octofad led the top prices per head when their British blue cross bullocks sold to £1185.00.

Leading the day's prices per kilo was Charolais crosses from Mr and Mrs Brown, Cruach when their consignment sold to 294 pence and 292 pence per kilo for both.

Bullocks sold to average £769.48 per head (£767.25 last year) and heifers levelled out at £656.80 per head (£668.73 last year).

BULLOCKS: AAX: £1100 - Lorgba: £925(3) - Keppols: £905(4) -

Octomore: £805 - Octofad: £800 - Lorgba. BAX: £905, £885(2) & £825 - Ardnave. CHARX: £835 - Knocklearach: £805(2) - Cruach (Brown). LIMX: £1025 (3) - Balaclava: £1005 (7) & £985 (2) - Octofad: £965 - Ardnave: £925 - Kintra: £915 - Ardnave: £915(6) - Balaclava: £895 (2) - Octofad: £885 - Kintra&Ardnave: £865 - Ardnave: £855 (3) - Balaclava: £845 (8) - Ardnave: £815 - Balaclava. BRBX: £1185 and £1055 - Octofad: £925 - Starchmill. HFRS AAX: £790(3) - Lorgba.

BAX: £925 - Ardnave. LIMX: £885(3) & £845(8) - Octofad: £845(4) - Balaclava.
TOP PRICES PER KILO BULLOCKS AAX: 227p (3) - Keppols: 210p - Lorgba: 209p (4) - Octomore: 204p (2) - Cruach (Brown). BAX: 252p (2), 247p(2), 238p, 237p, 235p (3), 230p (2), 226p (3) & 212p - Ardnave. CHARX: 294p (4) - Cruach (Brown): 283p (13) - 9 Mansefield Road: 268p (2) - Cruach (Brown): 259p (9) and 258p (5) - Knocklearach: 255p - Cruach (Brown): 229p and 215p (4) - Knocklearach. LIMX: 279p (3), 278p (5) and 264p (2) - Kinnabus Farm: 262p (3) and 258p (2) - Ardnave: 254p - Kinnabus Farm: 237p and 236p (5) - Ardnave: 235p (3) - Balaclava: 233p (8) and 232p (5) - Ardnave: 232p - Balaclava (3) and Octofad (2): 230p - Kintra: 228p - Octofad (2) and Ardnave: 225p (5) - Octofad: 223p - Balaclava: 221p - Ardnave: 220p (6) - Balaclava. BRBX: 258p - Knocklearach.
HEIFERS AAX: 222p - Cruach (Brown). BAX: 254p, 253p, 232p (7) and 221p (2) - Ardnave.
CHARX: 292p, 276p (6), 269p (2) and 258p - Cruach (Brown): 251p - Knocklearach (7) and 9 Mansefield Road (19): 238p (2) - Cruach (Brown).
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Support available for aspiring childminders

PEOPLE interested in becoming a registered childminder could be offered up to £500 by Argyll and Bute Council as it aims to meet government targets on additional free childcare.

The local authority is working with people keen to enter the industry after the Scottish Government demanded children aged three and four get 600 hours of free childcare per year.

Argyll and Bute Council says it may be able to offer start-up grants of up to £500 to prospective childminders as a way of enabling them to embark on a new career.

Mary-Jean Devon, lead councillor for children and families, said: 'The increased number of hours provides the opportunity for passionate, patient and committed people to help deliver childcare: people who understand how important it is to give the next generation the best start in life.'

A spokesman for the Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) said: 'SCMA offers guidance and training opportunities, helping you build the strong foundations towards your childminding career.'

'Our helpline team is made up of childminding experts, who can answer your questions; from becoming a childminder to information on child development.'

Changes to free childcare provision came into effect in August this year when the number of free pre-school hours was increased from 475 to 600 per year; it also included provision for some two-year-old children for the first time.

For more information contact Sheena Stewart, childcare information officer at Argyll and Bute Council, on 01369 708509.



Connor with his UK World Skills teammates in France.

Connor is one of the four top young stonemasons in UK

A YOUNG man from Lochgilphead, who was named Scotland's top apprentice three years running, has finished his training.

Connor Crawford, 21, has been a stonemason apprentice with Historic Scotland for four years, while completing his studies at the Elgin campus of Inverness College UHI.

Connor, who graduated recently, is a member of the UK World Skills team and represents the best of architectural stonemasonry in the country.

He attended heats in Ireland earlier this year as part of the World Skills competition, and recently competed at the European finals in France.

'I never got a medal so I wasn't placed first to third,' Connor said. 'But my training manager set

me targets and he said I met them all.

'I am still part of Team UK and I'll keep working until May next year when we hear the team selection for the world competition. One of the four of us stonemasons that are left will go to Brazil in August.'

Connor is amongst four of the top young stonemasons in the UK who train once a month in York under the guidance of special instructors; the instructors will next year choose one of them to represent their country at the world championships in Brazil.

Connor added: 'I have been given a full-time job with Historic Scotland based in Lochgilphead and I would like to thank Elgin Training Unit and my employer, they have been very supportive of me.'



Connor Crawford recently graduated from Inverness College UHI and has secured a full-time job with Historic Scotland.

Cars should be winter ready

THE SCOTTISH Government launched its winter ready campaign for motorists this week, at the same time severe weather caused flooding and landslides on the road network in Argyll and Bute.

The government is keen to see motorists, especially those in rural areas, create an emergency kit for their car.

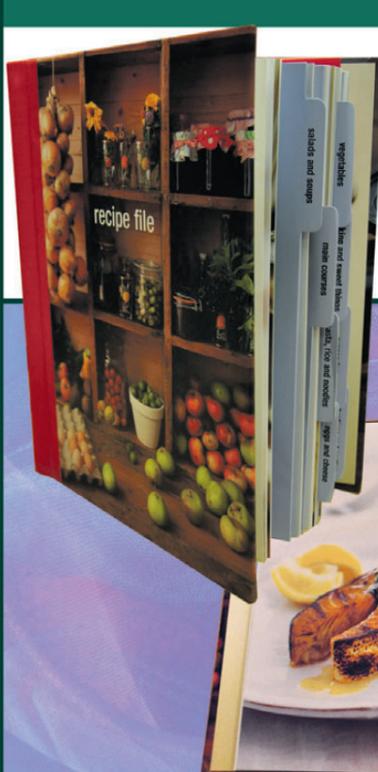
It should include a first aid kit, jump leads, torch, batteries, map, blanket,

ice scraper, de-icer, warm clothes and boots/waterproof shoes, socks, matches, a high visibility vest, screen wash, non-perishable food, water and a flask of hot liquid.

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Support floods in for new charity

A NEW charity which aims to promote the countryside as a perfect place to walk, play and observe wildlife has won the support of renowned film maker John Aitchison.

The Tayvallich cameraman who has worked on programmes such as the BBC's Frozen and Hebrides: Islands on the Edge, has spoken

out in support of Act.

An abbreviation for Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust, Act aims to maintain, enhance and promote the region, so it can be enjoyed by residents, businesses and visitors.

John said: 'I'm a wildlife filmmaker so I am outdoors all the time, abroad as well as at home. I

know how lucky we are to live in the amazing landscapes of Argyll and the Isles.

'Our beaches and mountains, coasts and forests - and the wildlife which lives here - are second to none, so if you belong to a group this is the perfect opportunity to get outside and make the most of it.'

Flowers, talks, pampering and lunch at Caledonian Court

FLOWER planting, pampering and piping hot soup were on the menu at Caledonian Court at the weekend as people came together for an afternoon of socialising and activity.

More than 20 people - residents of sheltered housing in Lochgair

Place, Tarbert; McCracken Court, Lochgilphead and Caledonian Court, Ardrishaig - were offered lunch and friendship on Saturday.

Organised by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) in partnership with charity Carr Gomm, the meet-

ing aimed to remove barriers to isolation for people living in sheltered housing.

The event saw people tuck into hot soup and sandwiches after planting bulbs and weary hands were later manicured back to good health as Karen Faulds,

of Beauty by Karen, offered treatments to everyone.

'These events give people something to look forward to,' Jacqueline Paton, of ACHA said. 'The planting of the bulbs lets them know they can see something growing throughout winter and it's the social side of it as well. It's seeing old friends from Tarbert and Lochgilphead that they haven't seen in years.'

Jacqueline said ACHA was hoping to offer residents an event once a month throughout winter.

She said: 'We had a fish tea last month, we have had lunch this month and a talk by Neil MacCallum on the Crinan Canal and surrounding area, and next month we will do some Christmas stuff.'

'Carr Gomm offered us funding, so the tenants do not have to pay for anything.'

The next event for sheltered housing residents



ACHA and Carr Gomm staff and volunteers: Jacqueline Paton, Marion Richardson, Silvia Jost and Mary Campbell. 06_a43cal03



Bill Stoddart of McCracken Court, Lochgilphead, enjoyed some pampering at the event with Karen Faulds, of Beauty by Karen. 06_a43cal02

Groups awarded Act grants

THREE Mid Argyll groups have been given grants of £100 to contribute to their positive work in the outdoors.

Mid Argyll Rowing Club, Taynish Archaeology Survey Group and Colintrave and Glendaruel Community Trust were each awarded the cash by Act.

An Argyll-based charity, Act provided grants to 17 organisations that work to protect, enhance or promote Argyll and the isles and its wildlife.

Act Alfresco grants were also given to groups that encourage people to get active outdoors.

Denise takes on Sahara for Carr Gomm

A MOTHER of four is today leaving Mid Argyll to travel to Africa where she will spend the next six days trekking across the Sahara Desert.

Denise Murdoch, of Ardrishaig, is completing the challenge to raise money for Carr Gomm, the charity she works for.

Denise, a senior operations manager, said the money raised would be added to the Catch a Dream Fund, used to support vulnerable people in Mid Argyll.

She will be completing the challenge with six Carr Gomm employees and two volunteers from across Scotland.

'We are walking 100km over six days and camping out overnight in eight-man tents,' Denise said.

'I am 55 and my three sons and daughter are

very supportive. It will probably be the biggest challenge that I will ever have to face.'

Explaining the inspiration behind the Sahara fundraiser, Denise said: 'What this has shown me is I will need support to do this, someone walking by my side to get me across the Sahara and that goes for our work as well.'

'People just need someone by their side for a short period, sometimes longer, to support them to get to where they need to be.'

'I have funded this trip myself so every penny

raised will go to Carr Gomm funds.

'The money will be split three ways between Edinburgh, Glasgow and Argyll, Bute and the Highlands.'

The Sahara trek comes after Carr Gomm staff, including Silvia Jost from the Lochgilphead office, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro two years ago. The money has since funded the winter activity programme at Caledonian Court, a first aid course for young parents and confidence boosting activities that encourage people to face their fears.

Increase in summer passengers

THE NUMBER of people visiting Kintyre by air increased sharply this summer.

Latest figures from Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) show Campbeltown Airport benefited from increased demand on the Glasgow route and private commercial flights between July and September.

in Mid Argyll is a St Andrew's celebration on November 29.

Kicking off at 4pm at the hall in Caledonian Court, the event will offer a two-course meal, alongside music from the '60s and '70s.

The winter programme has been supported by local businesses including Flowers by Morna, the Rumbly Tum and Glenfyne Taxis, which have all offered their services at a discounted rate.

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Decorating cupcakes was exciting business for Iñaki Ohnstad, five, and Niven Weir, four. 06_a43part07



Alex Carter, nine, from Lochgilhead, cooked for apples. 06_a43part09



Craig and little Blair Houston enjoyed the chocolate at the Hallowe'en party. 06_a43part02



Turnbull sisters - Violet, five, and Myrtle, 10, from Cairnbaan show off the cupcakes they decorated. 06_a43part06



Megan Danson, Erin MacFarlane, Meg Blackburn, Reb spirit. 06_a43part11

Ghosts and return to A

HEAVY rain and wind only added to the spooky atmosphere at Achnabreac Forest on Friday when a unique Hallowe'en party was held.

dozens of Mid Argyll families turn out in their weather-proof clothing for all kinds of fun.

Tread carefully

An annual event, the party again saw youngsters tread carefully into the woodland on a guided ghosts and ghouls tour

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Lewis MacGregor, four, met Bruce the Beaver at the party. 06_a43part05



Boys used Hallowe'en as an opportunity to dress up a 06_a43part13



Rebecca McCurry and Eilidh Logan embraced the party



Count Dracula, otherwise known as seven-year-old Gavin Small from Lochgilphead, enjoyed colouring in. 06_a43part04



Arran Beattie, eight, from Lochgilphead, got his face painted by Lori Silvan, the lady behind Funky Chicken Face Painting. 06_a43part12

Spooky ghouls at Achnabreac

of Achnabreac. Those that survived the journey had their faces painted to look like an array of beasts typically found lurking in the woods, before searching for eyeballs in a bowl of gunge and dooking for apples.

was, as usual, a hive of activity as youngsters got to grips with glitter and colouring pencils.

Decorated

Tasty treats also awaited all those visiting the Scottish Beaver Trial, as youngsters decorated chocolate cup cakes.

The arts and crafts tent



Charli Baird searching for treats in the lucky dip tub. 06_a43part10



Children dressed as super heroes, spooky creatures and animals.



Nine-year-old Kyle Baxter getting ready to search for eyeballs in the Kilmartin Museum tent. 06_a43part08



Willow Ryan, five, from Kilmichael, was sweet instead of scary as she opted to dress as a bunny rabbit at Hallowe'en. 06_a43part14



Daisy and Rufus Carter from Kilmartin got 'crafty' at the party. 06_a43part03

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Fight goes on for recognition of Tinker's Heart

THE FIGHT to have the Tinker's Heart recognised as a cultural and ancient monument has been taken on by Scottish ministers.

The Tinkers' Heart, an outline of white stones marking the shape of a heart, is set into the ground at the crossroads of the old Hells Glen and Strachur roads, overlooking Loch Fyne.

A sacred monument to travellers, it has been there since the 1700s, with many travellers choosing to marry, have their babies christened and honour their dead there.

Jess Smith, an author and member of the traveller community, met the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee (PPC) earlier this month after almost 2,000 people signed a petition calling on Historic Scotland to adopt the monument.

David Stewart MSP and convener of the PPC said: 'The committee found Jess Smith's evidence very moving. Jess clearly feels passionately about the preservation and restoration of the Tinker's Heart.

'We will engage with the Scottish Govern-

ment, Historic Scotland and a range of stakeholders as we carefully consider the philosophy and practical steps involved, alongside the potential opportunities to develop tourism in the local area.'

Jess raised the petition as travellers believe the future of the Tinker's Heart, the only monument that Scottish travellers have, could be threatened as it remains on private land.

They want to it handed over to a public body that will be responsible for maintaining it for future generations.



Children as young as three took part in a 'mini Commonwealth Games' at Lochgilphead Joint Campus earlier this year. 06_26games03and 037



More children taking part in sport as Active Schools reaches 10 year milestone

THE DOZENS of volunteers in Mid Argyll who offer sports classes to youngsters before and after school are being thanked as Active Schools celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Argyll and Bute Council and sportscotland, which run and fund the Active Schools programme, say volunteers are at the heart of the thousands of activities they run for children each year.

In 2013/14, the year

that saw the Commonwealth Games come to Glasgow, 468 pupils took part in a total of 9,065 activities in Mid Argyll's 11 primary schools and one secondary school.

There are 43 volunteers working at these schools and there are 10 community clubs with activities linked to schools.

Councillor Robin Currie, lead councillor for community and culture for Argyll and Bute,

said: 'I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Active Schools team, support staff, volunteers and school staff for their continued hard work and enthusiasm in probably the busiest year they have ever experienced in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in providing support to our young people.

'Increasing opportunities for children to take part in sporting activities is critical to a life-

time's involvement in sport and to future sporting performances, and ensures their ability to live active, healthy lives starts as early as possible.'

Across all of Argyll and Bute, children and young people from a school population of around 10,700 participated in 122,848 extra-curricular activity sessions in 2013/14 - an increase of more than 10 per cent on the previous year.

Bells made to remember war dead will ring out

THE VICTIMS of war will be remembered at a special service next Saturday, when the bells at Inveraray Bell Tower - built in remembrance of the World War One dead - will be rung to an unusual peal.

On the eve of Remembrance Sunday, the Scottish Association of Change Ringers will attempt a half-muffled quarter-peal on the famous bells during the afternoon.

The bell tower was

built by Duke Neill Diarmid X of Argyll in memory of his clansmen killed in the conflict of World War One, and indeed of all the departed.

A requiem, or prayer of remembrance, service will be held in All Saints Church at 5.30pm following the bell ringing.

It will see the St Maura Singers from Dunoon sing the mass in three parts by William Byrd and it is hoped that a piper will also perform.

The Episcopalian

Bishop of Argyll and the Isles also hopes to be present.

Father Simon Mackenzie from the church said: 'We hope that the ringing, the piping, the singing and the praying will honour the noble and profound intentions of all who helped to make the bell tower at Inveraray so notable a memorial to the lives lost in the horrors of the wars. We warmly invite everyone to this service of love and respect.'

Inveraray Community Council meeting

THE NEXT meeting of Inveraray Community Council has been deferred until November 11. Originally scheduled for November 4, the meeting will take place at 7.30pm at Loch Fyne Hotel.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02011/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and workshop/outbuilding and formation of vehicular access	Land South West of Skookum House Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8OL	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead
14/02484/PP	Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 13/01214/PP (Erection of Class 1 retail foodstore including associated car parking, servicing and highway infrastructure) - extension of time period	Caravan Park Bank Park Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NX	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead
14/02542/PP	Change of use of post office (class 1) to form two flats.	Carradale Post Office 4 Airds Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RY	Sub Post Office Carradale

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02487/LIB	Internal alterations to form en-suite bathroom including installation of extractor fan and wastewater pipework to exterior	Rockwood Kilkerran Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02504/LIB	Installation of vertical platform lift and removal of existing window to form new external door	Inveraray Castle Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XF	Sub Post Office Inveraray

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)
 Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in ARDRISHAIG HALL on MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. He can also be contacted by e-mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone - 01546 604184. Councillor Taylor will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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Convenor: Trevor Scott-Dodd, 3 Queen Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6DY.

Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau
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Friday 14th November 2014
11am

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All interested parties are invited to attend. Any stakeholder who wishes an item to be included in the agenda should deliver this in writing to the Harbour Office not later than fourteen days prior to the public meeting.

Copies of the Annual Accounts are available from The Harbour Office, Garvel Road, Tarbert. PA29 6TR.

K MacNab, Chairman

Agenda:

1. Present	4. Annual Accounts
2. Apologies	5. Chairman's Report
3. Minutes of previous meeting held 14th November 2013	6. Harbour Development
	7. Any other business

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
NOTICE OF ELECTION

One Councillor is to be elected for the South Kintyre Ward of Argyll and Bute Council.

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
South Kintyre	1

Nomination forms can be obtained from The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00 pm on Friday 7 November 2014.

Completed nomination papers MUST be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by 4.00pm on Friday 7 November 2014.

If the election is contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday 11 December 2014.

Postal or Proxy Voting

Applications to cancel or alter existing postal and proxy votes, or to change from postal to proxy voting MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Kilbrannan House, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown PA28 6HZ by 5.00pm on Tuesday 25 November 2014.

New applications to vote by post MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Wednesday 26 November 2014.

New applications to vote by proxy MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Tuesday 25 November 2014.

If as the result of a disability an elector becomes incapacitated after 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 December 2014 an application to vote by proxy MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on the day of the poll.

For advice on postal or proxy voting contact the Electoral Registration Office 0800 980 0470.

Sally Loudon, Returning Officer, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT
 Tel: 01546 603264, Fax: 01546 606874
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Notes

- Nomination Packs: Nomination packs may also be downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections or obtained (but not lodged) at the Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown.
- Electoral Register: The deadline for applications to be included in the Register of Electors to be used at the election is Tuesday 25 November 2014.
- Issue and Delivery of Postal Ballot Papers: Postal ballot papers will be delivered from Friday 28 November 2014. Please consider this when deciding whether to vote in person, by post or by proxy. In the event of any delay in the receipt of a postal ballot paper please note that the earliest date an application can be made for the replacement of a lost postal ballot paper is Friday 5 December 2014.

For advice about registering to vote or applying for a postal or proxy vote contact the Electoral Registration Office on 0800 980 0470. For all other enquires about the election contact the election office on 01546 603264 or e-mail elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
 Graeme Harvey trading as Graeme's Waste Solutions Ltd of 141 Ralston Road, Campbeltown is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers at Building 120H, Machrihanish Airbase, Campbeltown, PA28 6NU. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST are holding a **Planning & Development Day** Saturday 8th November 1-4pm
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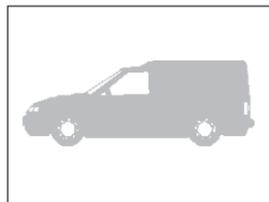
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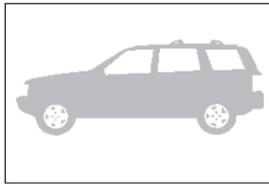


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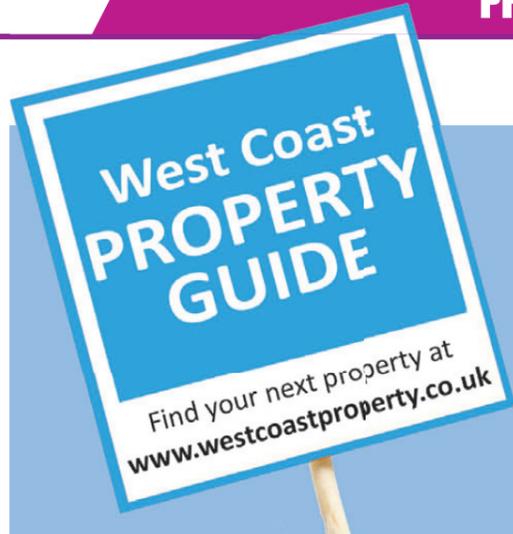
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NHBC reports positive figures for Scottish house building



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In total, 3,017 new homes were registered during the period, compared to 2,759 in 2013, with overall year-to-date registrations also marginally up on last year.

NHBC regional director Malcolm MacLeod said: 'Scotland has enjoyed a promising quarter with overall registrations up nine per cent on the same period last year. Although the principle driver for this increase has been the private sector we continue to work with the social housing sector protecting the significant investment they make in delivering

new homes. 'The referendum may have unsettled some prospective buyers but it is likely that the market will now settle down and the recent announcement on the Land and Building Transaction Tax coupled with the imminent availability of the next tranche of Help to Buy funding will likely lead to registrations increasing.'

Overall UK figures for Q3 2014 reveal that new home registrations have increased eight per cent on the same period last year with the private sector continuing to be the main driver of growth. These figures represent the highest year-to-date figures and the highest Q3 figures since 2007.

In total for the UK, 36,343 new homes were registered

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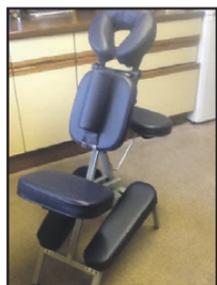
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE WEE ferry was bobbing about like a cork somewhere on the sea between Claonaig and Lochranza.

We were in the queue on our way home from a wonderful week on Arran.

The car was well packed. The pups were in their own space in the rear and the back seat was piled high.

The tortoises were on top of everything else, cosy in their wee box and oblivious to the problems.

The ferry finally made it across to Lochranza but we were told that she was unlikely to sail again that day.

As the wind whipped across the bay and the wind raged, we were not surprised.

What should we do we wondered?

We decided to phone our contact for the cottage we had just left and explain our predicament.

'Just come back,' she said, 'and we'll find you a house.'

So we went back, and got back into our own cottage as no one had booked it for that week.

Fresh towels and bed linen were waiting for us, wrapped up in kindness.

'Stay until it's safe to go,' she said.

When I asked how much we should pay, she said we had not to worry about that.

The phrase 'the kindness of strangers' came to my mind, for we had never met this woman who came to our rescue.

So we came back and unpacked and waited for the storm to abate.

The storm did abate and we came safely across the waters.

However our ticket was now a day out of date, but that was not a problem either as the ferryman said: 'You had to wait till it was safe to go.'

In the storms and in the winds of adversity we depend on other people, and as they come to our aid we are greatly blessed.

We give thanks to those who do not even know us, but who care regardless.

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CLACHAN

Litter walk for primary pupils

IT WAS all about reduce, recycle and re-use when Clachan and Skipness primary pupils joined in Skipness Village Hall to finish off their eco and technology project. As part of their learning the children had completed either a beach clean or a litter walk around their village.

In the hall, Clachness Samba Band, led by Clachan class teacher Mrs Blake, featured the children using their own instruments made from pieces of litter or items which were going to be thrown out.

An art exhibition, which the community was invited to take part in, involved artwork made from litter



Pupils performing their play *The Litter Muncher*.

or things found on the beach.

School winners were Joseph McAlister for his rocket and Morvern

Paisley for her bear, with both using items found on the beach.

The winner of the under 18s for residents was

Leo Silvan, who created a collage from leaves and card, while the over 18s was won by Liz Mollar for her fish made

from driftwood. The children also performed a play entitled *The Litter Muncher*, which had a warning for litter louts.

SANDBANK

Majestic Line shortlisted

A BUSINESS which transformed old fishing boats into intimate cruise liners has been shortlisted in two categories of the Scottish Thistle Awards.

The Majestic Line, which has two cruise liners based at Sandbank, has been recognised in the regional final of the awards which reward excellence in the tourism industry. Run by friends Andy Thoms and Ken Grant, the Majestic Line is competing for the best holiday accommodation accolade and the discovering Scotland award.

The central south west regional award winners will be announced at a special event at Hampden Park on November 7; winners will then compete nationally at the final of the Scottish Thistle Awards, held at in Glasgow on March 5.

PORTAVADIE

Marina restaurant commended

A TIGHNABRUACH restaurant has been named amongst the top 10 best places to eat in remote Scotland.

Featured on the Wel-

come to Scotland blog, Portavadie Marina Restaurant and Bar is included alongside renowned eateries such as The Three Chimneys in Skye.

The restaurant was commended for using local produce - including oysters and mussels from Loch Fyne and white fish from Tarbert.

The marina's service of having a chef cook in their guests' luxury apartments also helped it to reach the top 10 list.

DUNOON

Gates get Golden Touch at Benmore

HISTORIC Golden Gates at Benmore Botanic Garden, near Dunoon, have been restored and replaced after an absence of almost 10 years.

The gates were among many additions to the Benmore estate made by Greenock sugar refiner James Duncan when he took over the estate in 1870 from Piers Patrick, a wealthy American.

Duncan commissioned a Berlin firm to design and make the wrought-iron gates for the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

They feature central circles bearing Duncan's initials. Duncan brought them back to Benmore where they were erect-

ed at the Glen Massan entrance to the estate, complete with the marble pillars that had been carved by local stonemasons in 1873.

Having fallen into disrepair, the gates were removed and stored indoors until Benmore's parent organisation, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, raised cash to restore them.

Benmore curator Peter Baxter said: 'The Golden Gates and the surrounding landscaping will become a main attraction to the southern part of the garden. It was our duty to preserve the gates and to have them restored to their former glory. Visitors can't fail to be impressed by the magnificence of the gates and the quality of the restoration work.'

The original lodge house has been demolished so the Golden Gates now stand alone at the garden's original entrance.

CAIRNBAAN

Hotel to host craft fair

TWENTY tables of assorted crafts will be on display at Cairnbaan Hotel next week as it hosts another craft fair.

Kicking off on Saturday morning, November 8, the fair will be offering Mid Argyll people

an opportunity to start their Christmas shopping on Saturday and Sunday.

It will feature knitted and felt produce, home baking, handmade soaps, jewellery, children's toys, handmade cards and handmade glass gifts.

All funds raised over the weekend will be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

There will be an RNLI sweepstake to enter on each day, where there is £50 to be won.

KILBERRY

Meet and Munch Group

A DEDICATED volunteer who records the Argyllshire Advertiser for the visually impaired will be the guest speaker at this month's Kilberry Meet and Munch group.

Christine Reynolds, who lives on the Kilberry Road, is a volunteer with Argyll Talking Newspapers.

The charity sees a group of local people read and record seven community newspapers every week, before sending those recordings to people who have vision problems or difficulty holding a paper.

Everyone is welcome to hear Christine's story at the event, which will take place at Kilberry Church on Tuesday

November 11 at midday. People are asked to bring a plate of finger food to share.

TARBERT

Planting trees

GREEN-fingered Dookers are being asked to support Tarbert Castle Trust this week as it prepares to plant 100 trees.

The trust, which last year embarked on a programme of work to landscape the grounds of the Tarbert Castle, will receive 100 trees from the Woodland Trust in a matter of days.

And with the monthly work party scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday), the trust is seeking volunteers to prepare the ground for the mass planting, which will be assisted by Tarbert Academy pupils.

The work party will begin, weather permitting, at 10am.

Lunch bunch

OCTOBER saw trainee youth workers, Zac Furneaux and Amy Johnstone, from Tarbert Youth Group travel to Lochgilphead to see first hand the work being done by the town's lunch bunch.

The group is currently looking for volunteers and people interested in supporting the lunch bunch should attend the next event and speak to Sandra Johnson.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse' (Romans 12:14).

BIRTHS



ANDERSON

Lewis and Fiona are delighted to announce the arrival of Calvin Ross Anderson, on October 6, 2014. First grandson for Heather Williams and Russell Anderson, and fourth grandson for Stewart and Elspeth McGregor.



PATERSON

Greig and Vicky (née Scott) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Zac, on October 7, 2014. A wee brother for twins, Lois and Caleb. Fourth grandchild for Christine and Ronnie Scott, Troon, Gordon Paterson, Glasgow and Marianne, Campbeltown. Fourth great grandchild for Annie Hamilton, Auchinlee and the late Malcolm Hamilton.

MARRIAGES



GALBRAITH - MCKIE

At the Lodge on the Loch, on October 18, 2014, Andrew Neil, eldest son of Hugh and Elizabeth, Coledrain, Southend, to Kate Hannah, only daughter of Stephen McKie and Marion Greenhill, Stranraer.

MACCORMICK JOHNSTON - At the Hilton House, Dunkeld, on October 5, 2014, Euan, son of Dugie and Dorothy, Carradale, to Margo, daughter of Martin and Jess, Alyth. A very happy day.



MCLELLAN - HUNTER

On September 26, 2014 at Oran-Mhor, Glasgow, Jennifer, only daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth, to Lawrence, only son of Graham and Agnes. A lovely day was had by all.

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DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MACLEAN - PATE

On October 20, 1954 at St Columba's Church, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, by the Rev Doctor Alexander MacDonald, Niall Iain to Inez. Present address, 7 Chalmers Court, Inveraray.

DEATHS

ADAIR - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on October 24, 2014, Sheena (Jean) Adair, née Crawford, in her 81st year, of Dartana, Bank Park, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of John, loving mother of Christine, much respected mother-in-law of Brian and adored granny of Iain. A dear aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, October 30, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

WEST - After fifty fulfilling years in Scotland, Martyn Stanley, aged 87 years, passed away peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 14, 2014, husband of the late Kay, father to Susan, Philip and Grahame, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service on Tuesday, November 4 at 12.00 noon, at Fenwick Church, prior to burial at Craufurdland Woodlands. All welcome, lots of flowers please.

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KELLY - The relatives of the late Elizabeth Kelly wish to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received on Elizabeth's passing. Thanks also to the friends and neighbours who visited Elizabeth while she was in hospital and for the cards and flowers she received. Grateful thanks to all those involved in looking after Elizabeth while she was at home and to Dr Anderson and nursing staff for their care when she was admitted to Campbeltown Hospital. Sincere thanks to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service, Mr David McEwan for the beautiful organ music, the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely purvey, and Kenneth Blair and staff of TA Blair Ltd, Funeral Directors for excellent services. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended church to pay their respects and for the donations to the MS Society, Campbeltown, which raised £392.72.

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IN MEMORIAMs

MACHRAY - Love and thoughts are with you always, Mac.

- From Gladys and family. **MACKINNON** - In loving memory of our dear Auntie Morag, who died October 30, 2002.

Loved and missed so very much.

- Annamarie, Allan and John. **MACKINNON** - In loving memory of Auntie Momo, who died October 30, 2002.

Night-night Auntie.

- Love Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna and Fraser. **MCQUARRIE** - In memory of our sister, Christine, who died November 5, 2005.

- Hamish and Kenneth.

MUNRO - In loving memory of Neil James Durmin, died October 30, 2013.

We think of you in silence We often speak your name But all that we have left Is a picture in a frame. Sadly missed.

- Mum, Bobby and Carol.

MUNRO - Treasured memories of Dad and Grandad, Neil James Durmin, died October 30, 2013.

It broke my heart to lose you, But you did not go alone, A part of me went with you, The day God called you home.

If tears could build a stairway, And heartaches build a lane, I'd walk my way to heaven, And bring you back again.

In life I loved you, Daddy, And in death I love you still, In my heart you hold a place, That no one could ever fill.

- Daughter, Zara and grandkids, Finley and Bronwyn xxxxx.

MURRAY - Gwen. In loving memory of my dear sister, Gwen, who died November 2, 2012.

Always in my thoughts.

- Love Margaret and Mike.

TORRIE - In memory of our great uncle, Robert 'Bob' Torrie, Park Cottage, Ardrishaig, Corporal 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, killed in action at Ypres, Belgium, on October 30, 1914, while in the service of our country.

Remembered with gratitude and respect.

- Catherine Bowe, John Barnett and families.

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 2nd November
A celebration of Communion will be led by the Rev Cartiona Hood in the Church at 11.15am

Junior Badminton Club meets each Tuesday evening at Kirk Street Hall.
Primary 1 - 5: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Primary 6 - 7: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
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Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Tuesday 4th November
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Church Hall Board Meeting 7.30pm
Session Room

Thursday 6th November
Choir Practice

Friday 7th November
Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall



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

Sunday 2nd November
Commemoration of All Souls
10.45am Morning Prayer

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 2nd November
11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Christianity Explored

Wednesday 5th November
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

2.30pm - 4.30pm Water of Life Café

All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am

with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service

Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday (term-time only)

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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 2nd November
Joint Communion Tarbert 11 am

Evening service 6.30 pm.

Tuesday 4th AGM 7 pm

Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Prayer Time (fortnightly)
2pm Ladies Bible Study

Monthly (last Thursday)
Soup Lunch
Minister: Rev. R Macleod
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz

12.00 noon Army Youth
7.00pm Annual Rally of the Campbeltown

Branch of the Scottish Bible Society
Speaker: Mr Norman Liddle (Please note change of time)

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
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4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins

& 11am Eucharist Service
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1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service

3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

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Charity No. SC016665
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Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

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Sunday 2nd November
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Rev. C. Acklam

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Sunday 2nd November 2014
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Scotland performed well despite loss

SCOTLAND manager Ronald Ross could find no fault with his players as the Irish overturned a first leg defeat to secure the 2014 Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling International Series trophy on Saturday.

Michael Walshe's hurlers had it all to do after losing in Inverness and the Scots were hopeful of finishing the job at Pairc an Esler in Newry.

That did not happen, as a resurgent Ireland side ran out 24-8 victors and secured the series quaiach 4-3, after scoring two goals in County Down and earning a vital bonus point.

Despite the disappointment, new national boss Ross MBE praised his players' effort and determination and set his sights on further progress in 2015.

'There is no doubt we have come on leaps and bounds this year. In the end, we were beaten by a better side who deserved to win,' he said.

'In saying that, the players could not have given any more. I feel we have a good nucleus of a squad. We took our biggest victory to Ireland in many years but there is no doubt that, while we can win the one-off games, we struggle to win over two legs.' Kevin Bartlett, the Scottish stand-out from leg one, was again dominant with all of the visitors' eight points through strikes over the bar.

Lottery numbers

S MUNRO was the winner of £800 in the Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 2, 15 and 19. The jackpot will be £100 next week. The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 7, 16 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot is now £600.

Eilidh Campbell won £100 in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week when numbers 7, 15 and 20 were drawn. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

Success for all at MAKI football tournament

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's senior boys retained their title in the MAKI (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay) Schools Football Tournament on Tuesday.

But, in an event typically dominated by Lochgilphead and Campbeltown students, the four trophies available for juniors, seniors, boys and girls headed home in different directions.

Kicking off in Campbeltown on Tuesday morning, the tournament included teams from Lochgilphead High School, Tarbert Academy, Islay High School and Campbeltown Grammar.

The horrendous weather put the tournament in doubt as weather warnings flooded in for across Kintyre, but the grey clouds cleared and everyone was able to enjoy a fantastic day of entertaining football.

Lochgilphead High School narrowly pipped Campbeltown in the se-

nior boys competition on goal difference after Campbeltown had suffered a surprise defeat against a well-organised Islay team.

Islay High School were victorious in the junior boys competition for S1-3 after going unbeaten throughout the day. A young Islay team had struggled at the tournament last year but that experience clearly stood the boys in good stead for 2014, as they played some free-flowing passing football and thoroughly deserved their win.

Campbeltown Grammar School won the junior girls section for the second year running and Tarbert Academy also retained their title from last year as they won the senior girls competition for S4-6.

The next competition in the MAKI series will take place in Lochgilphead in January when the annual badminton competition is contested.



The MAKI schools league proved a successful outing for Lochgilphead senior boys. 20_c44loch01

Late slump results in heavy defeat for Red Star at Drumchapel Colts

A SECOND half slump for Red Star on Saturday saw the team suffer a heavy defeat at the hands of Drumchapel Colts in Glasgow.

The match was played at the excellent facility of Glenheadpark and despite heavy rain the pitch was in excellent condition.

As expected, the hosts were looking to get at Star immediately and had the visitors pinned back early on without troubling Kalache too much in goal.

Drumchapel broke the deadlock after 20 minutes, however, after a neat move was finished off by the forward at the back post to make it 1-0.

Star started to play their way into the game gradually and had chances as Naisby rattled the post and then Docherty went close

Drumchapel Colts	6
Lochgilphead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

with a header that went narrowly over the bar.

Star were back on terms after 35 minutes when some nice play of their own was smartly finished off by Peacock, who cut inside his marker and drilled the ball into the bottom corner to make it 1-1.

This is how it remained until the stroke of half time when Drumchapel edged ahead again when a shot from the right trundled into the net after an unfortunate slip by Kalache to make it 2-1 at the break.

Into the second half and Star had a mountain to climb as the Colts added to their lead early on to make it 2-1, before

Star soon after when Crawford appeared to be bundled over but again the referee allowed play to continue and this time the forward rounded Kalache to make the score 5-2.

The sixth goal arrived for the Colts on the stroke of full time to round off what ended up a convincing win and a very disappointing afternoon for the visitors.

Manager Weir was not happy at all with the way the side capitulated late on in the game and made his feelings known.

Star will be looking for a much improved showing tomorrow when they take on Port Glasgow at home tomorrow. The game is likely to be played at the 3G park at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus and will kick off at 2pm.

The game was beyond

Carmichael finds it plain sailing in high winds

By David Sinclair
HAVING spent most of the summer not playing golf due to sailing commitments, Donald Carmichael should have found it difficult in week two of this year's winter league, but instead he found it to be a breeze.

Four under par and maximum points must this weekend make him a contender for Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league, even this early in the competition.

Kenny MacAulay was not put off by the fact that he was playing with the 'the king of crazy golf' - his Dad Alec - and he came in second.

David Sinclair was feeling the cold as he had just waved goodbye to most of his wardrobe as it boarded the 6am flight to Lusaka on Saturday. His winter onesie kept him warm in the end but is probably not the correct attire for playing golf.

James Scott has gathered up more points in two weeks than he did during the whole of last winter, which is good if he is getting better, but not so good if the rest of the players are getting worse.

Grant MacDougall prefers the cold dry weather as the damp conditions seem to reduce the number of lucky bounces that he usually gets.

Keith Cowan was very nearly last this week as a result of having to play with an old set of clubs, once used by his son, as he waits for his new clubs to be shipped in from Japan.

Ten out of 10 for effort by Keith, which was also the number of stableford points that he managed to amass.

Kenny Cameron does not like playing in the rain and the day just confirmed that.

Results: 10. D Carmichael; 9. K MacAulay; 8. D Sinclair; 7. J Scott; 6. A MacAulay; 5. G MacDougall; 4. K Cowan; 3. K Cameron.



The Scotland Under 21 team included Inveraray's Ali MacDonald and Lewis MacNicoll, as well as Kyles Athletic players Innes MacDonald, Zac Coley and Cameron Keith, Oban Celtic's Daniel Madej and Oban Camanachd's Malcolm Clark. Photo: Kim Ferguson

Scotland the brave!

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leading the way with 1-6 and Lewis on 1 - 0. The Irish point scorers were Seanda Morey and Aidan Morrissey.

Before half time Scotland had increased the lead with a goal from Fort William's Arran MacPhee, countered by a single point for Ireland courtesy of Morrissey. A further point from Arran and a two pointer from Greg put Scotland further ahead before he left the field with a leg injury.

Ireland staged a mini fight back with a further four points, three from Gerry Keegan and a single from Thomas Casey, before Greg returned to add a fourth goal and give Scotland their first victory on Irish soil.

Full time: Ireland 0 - 7 (7 points) and Scotland 4 - 9 (21 points).

Zac Coley, of Kyles Athletic, was presented with the man of the match award before Mike Russell, Newtonmore, received the trophy from Tommy Lanigan of the GAA.

Ali and Lewis help Scots to victory

TWO MID Argyll boys have become part of a record breaking Scottish Under 21 shinty team by becoming the first squad to ever win a Shinty/ Hurling international on Irish soil.

Lewis MacNicoll and Ali MacDonald, both Inveraray players, were part of the 19-strong

Scottish Under 21 squad that beat Irish Hurlers at Páirc Esler, in Newry, County Armagh, on Saturday.

Forward Lewis, of Ormsary, and midfielder Ali, of Lochgilphead, played a crucial part in the match, which saw Scotland run out eventual winners with a con-

victing 0-7 to 4-9 result.

Ali, 21, said: 'Hurling is totally different. These boys are training five days a week, some of them play for the All Star team and are proper athletes. The pace is something that's very different to shinty, but you get used to it. They are very fast and you

have to keep them on a short leash.'

He added: 'The last time the under 21s won was in Scotland in 2003. So not only to have been picked, but to be part of the first team to win on Irish soil is something to be proud of, and something to look back on in years to come.'

With both men now turning their attention to club shinty, they are in training to ensure they are fit for the start of the 2015 shinty season.

Ali added: 'I feel our selection for the Scotland squad also reflects really well on Inveraray Shinty Club. As a team we have been written off

the last couple of seasons with people thinking that our squad of players is too old to play at the top of shinty.

'I think this sends out a clear message to other clubs that Inveraray are still producing top level players and are more than capable of having a very successful future.'



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SCOTLAND'S Under 21 Shinty team emerged victorious after a thrilling encounter with their Irish counterparts at Pairc Esler, County Down on Saturday.

Under new head coach Garry Reid, Scotland stormed into an early lead and by the mid-point in the first half, the visitors led by 2 - 6 to 0 - 2.

Lovat duo Greg Matheson and Lewis Tawse shared the early scoring, with Greg

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Inveraray's Ali MacDonald in action for Scotland Under 21s against the Irish last Saturday. Photo: Kim Ferguson

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