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# Where should council axe fall?

## Public asked for views on spending cuts

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON  
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AGAINST a background of protest and political backbiting, Argyll and Bute councillors last week agreed to open a public consultation on controversial cost-cutting plans that will see jobs axed and services slashed.

The local authority expects to face a funding shortfall of around £12 million over the next two years, with more savings to be found in the years to follow.

The council's policy and resources committee has come up with around 150 cost-cutting and revenue-generating measures across council services that would mean more than 400 jobs would be lost.

Last Thursday's special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council saw councillors approve a motion by council lead-

er Dick Walsh to accept the cost-cutting plans and put them out to public consultation. An amendment by councillor Sandy Taylor - supporting the consultation process but calling for more information to be offered to the public on the impact of the various proposals - and another from councillor Michael Breslin, which was broadly to rip it up and start again, were also put to the vote.

The motion secured 17 votes. Ten members supported Sandy Taylor's amendment, while Michael Breslin's received two votes. Councillors Douglas Philand, Robert MacIntyre (Bute), John McAlpine and Donald Kelly abstained.

There was much talk in the chamber of working together, but by Sun-

day two members of the council administration - Argyll First group members Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand - had resigned from the ruling coalition.

'As far as Argyll First is concerned, we don't have a whip and agreed to become part of the administration so long as there were no whips,' explained councillor Philand.

He added: 'There are a host of issues, not just the one. I am one of the council's autism champions and therefore could not accept the additional support needs (ASN) proposals. There is currently a review of ASN services. I cannot understand why an option to cut has been made without the necessary information.'

Council leader Dick Walsh laid the bulk of the blame for the shortfall at the feet of Holyrood, saying: 'We currently spend around £250 million a year on delivering a range of services, but this budget is set to reduce significantly in the coming years as our funding from the Scottish Government falls.'

SNP group leader,



Around 40 parents and supporters staged a protest at Thursday's full council meeting against proposed cuts to additional support needs (ASN) services. More on page 2 06\_a44protest05

councillor Sandy Taylor, pointed the finger at councillor Walsh, adding: 'This is about a failure to deliver organisational change over time.'

Councillor Walsh alluded to recent public statements by Argyll and Bute MSPs and

the region's MP, as he claimed 'external influences are feeding the situation' of disagreement at Kilmory. He added: 'This isn't a time for tearing each other apart.'

Michael Russell MSP, Brendan O'Hara MP

and Mike MacKenzie MSP announced earlier this week that a meeting with councillor Walsh and council chief executive Sally Loudon is planned for Friday, November 6. Mr Russell said: 'We were encouraged that councillor

Walsh has had to agree to meet us. We will be direct in our message to him and the chief executive.'

The public consultation on the council's proposals opens online today (Friday) until the end of December.

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# 'Our kids need extra support'



Samantha Balkeen with daughter Emily at the Kilmory protest 06\_a44pro-test01

ARGYLL and Bute Council proposes cutting funding for additional support needs (ASN) by up to 40 per cent to save £1.4 million. Seventy-two workers would lose their jobs.

Liz Davidson was among a number of parents at Kilmory last Thursday protesting with her young son Ross, who has autism.

She said: 'What people don't realise is that it's not just special needs children that will be affected, it will all children in Argyll and Bute. The class teachers will have to spend more time with children with additional needs and this will impact on the whole class.'

Liz is angered that additional support needs services are even being considered for cuts: 'The term 'additional support needs' says that

it's not a choice for our children, who can't get through a school day without extra support.'

Samantha Balkeen was also among the protesters.

Her daughter Emily, who has Down's Syndrome, receives funding for pre-school where she gets one-on-one support.

## School

Samantha said: 'These cuts will come into force by the time she starts school.'

'These cuts will affect her and the other children for the rest of their lives in terms of finding a job and integration when they're adults.'

A petition against the proposed cuts, with 1,102 signatures, was presented to Dick Walsh before meeting, and another online petition with 900 signatures also noted by the council.

## Police files

### Bank scams

SEVERAL members of the public in Lochgilphead have recently received telephone calls from people claiming to represent their bank.

The callers attempt to obtain banking details over the phone.

Police remind everyone never to give out such information over the phone and always check a call is genuine by calling their bank themselves. Make sure you hear a clear dialling tone before calling your bank in case a fraudulent caller has kept the line open. Another suggestion is to call a friend first to confirm the call is not answered by the fraudulent caller.

### Car abandoned

ABOUT 4.30am on Tuesday October 20, an attempt was made to steal a car from outside a house near Inveraray Castle.

The vehicle was driven off but abandoned. Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with information to contact them.

### Attempted fraud

ON FRIDAY October 23 at about 0.15am, an elderly woman in Lochgilphead received a telephone call from a man stating he was from her bank and that he wanted to query a cheque that was being processed against her account.

The man persuaded the woman to give him her bank card details to allow him to investigate the payment.

Fortunately the woman realised the telephone call could be a scam so she telephoned her bank and her card was cancelled before any money was taken from her ac-

count. Police were then informed and are investigating the matter.

### Charged

ABOUT 11am on Friday October 23, on the A83 near West Loch Caravan Site, Tarbert, the driver of a white Mercedes Sprinter van veered off the road in an effort to avoid a collision with a silver Nissan Pixo car. A 61-year-old woman was later charged with careless driving. No one was injured.

### Warning

ABOUT 12.30pm on Monday October 19 a shoplifting incident occurred at the Cop in Lochgilphead. A 43-year-old woman was traced, arrested and later issued with a formal warning.

### Arrested

ABOUT 9am on Sunday October 25, on the A83 near the Corran roundabout in Lochgilphead, a car was stopped and the 21-year-old man who was driving was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Disturbance

ABOUT 12.40pm on Sunday October 25, following a report of a disturbance at a house in Inveraray, a 29-year-old man was detained.

He was later charged with alleged abusive behaviour and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they should contact local police on telephone number 101, or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## £19m investment should see jobs boost for Cowal

ARGYLL and Bute Council has approved a masterplan for future development around Ardyne Point and a new fish processing facility.

The development will see £19 million being invested in construction which will lead to significant job opportunities in the area.

Once the site is fully open, it will support 150 jobs directly, with another 180 being supported indirectly.

Councillor David Kinniburgh, chairman of the council's planning committee, said: 'The

plan is flexible but includes areas for tourism, business, leisure, housing, marine and aquaculture developments.

'Masterplans are key documents which describe and map an overall development concept, providing a clear and consistent framework which ensures future projects complement each other.'

'This site can now be developed in a sensible and sustainable way, benefiting both developers and the wider community.'

## Rescue honour for brave teenager

A TEENAGER who saved his grandfather's life in September after he fell overboard from their boat is to be honoured this weekend.

When 82-year-old Sandy Malcolm toppled into the icy waters of Loch Fyne while on a trip around Tarbert and Portavadie, his 13-year-old grandson Andrew Paton took control of the situation.

First, he cut the boat's engines to stop Sandy from being injured by the propeller. Then he guided the craft back to where his grandfather had fallen overboard so he could get a rope around him.

All the while, he was on the phone to HM Coastguard, who alerted a rescue boat and RAF helicopter.

His calm and precise information to the coastguard meant he

was soon located and his grandfather rescued from the water. Former joiner Sandy, from Tighnabruich, believed he was a 'goner' after being thrown from the boat. Andrew, though, had other ideas.

This Saturday, at a special ceremony at Troon RNLI station, Andrew, of Darnley, Glasgow, will be presented with the chief coastguard's commendation. His family will also be present.

# Former MP sets his sights on Holyrood

FORMER Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has been selected to stand for the Scottish Liberal Democrats in Argyll and Bute in next year's Scottish election.

Mr Reid said: 'I am very pleased that the local Liberal Democrats have selected me to contest next May's Holyrood Election.'

'Following on from the increase in our vote and clear second place at last May's election, the Liberal Democrats are best placed to challenge the SNP and bring about the change that Argyll and Bute so badly needs.'

Party leader Willie Rennie added: 'Alan Reid was an outstanding MP for Argyll and Bute for 14 years. The increase in his vote at the last election showed his popularity in the constituency.'

### Highly rated

'When I am in Argyll and Bute I always hear on the doorstep that he was a highly rated local MP.'

'I am delighted that Alan has been selected to stand again and he will be a great asset to the Scottish Parliament and a champion for his constituents.'



Liberal Democrat candidate Alan Reid with Scottish party leader Willie Rennie

### Final craft fair at Cairnbaan

THE final craft fair for at least a year at Cairnbaan Hotel will be held on Sunday November 1.

Organiser Penny Airlie plans to take a year off in 2016, so there will no craft fairs in Cairnbaan or Kilmartin with her at the helm.

On Sunday, between 11am-4pm, there will be 18 tables of locally-produced goods including soap, Christmas candles, pictures and jewellery.

Funds raised on the day will go to the RNLI and there will also be a sweepstake to support this good cause.

### West Loch Hotel honoured

THE West Loch Hotel in Tarbert will be recognised in the Good Hotel Guide 2016, which specialises in small, owner-managed hotels and bed and breakfasts.

Rosaline Ryan, co-owner at the West Loch Hotel, said: 'There is no greater seal of approval than being recognised by one's guests. This accolade is a remarkable vote of confidence to our business.'



Kate Paton with her Balvenie Medal

Photo: Derek Maxwell

## Argyll pipers have great success at Glenfiddich championships

ARGYLL pipers came first and second in the Glenfiddich piping Championships held at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, on October 24.

Angus McColl from Oban won the championship with Inveraray and District Pipe Major Stuart Liddell coming a close second.

Ten performers were invited to compete on the strength of their playing at other competitions and it is the

fourth time Angus has won the prestigious competition.

Kate Paton, a well-known face on the Argyll piping scene, was awarded this year's Balvenie Medal, given for services to piping.

The award was presented by James Beaton, who said: 'Kate has made an outstanding contribution to piping as a player, as a trailblazer and also as a stalwart of piping at a

community level.'

He added: 'She has, for the last 20 years, been a driving force behind the Strachur and District Piping Associ-

ation, teaching, organising the annual junior competition, and working very hard to ensure a successful annual summer school.'

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## Fireworks and music in Lochgilphead

THERE will be fireworks, a bonfire and live music in Lochgilphead on Saturday November 7.

The bonfire and fireworks display is being organised by the Mid Argyll Round Table. The fire will be lit at 7.15pm and the fireworks display will begin at 7.30pm.

MAMA Fest has arranged for live music and None the Wiser will be performing opposite the bonfire, before the fireworks.

Colin MacFarlane of the Round Table said: 'Bonfire night is one of the highlights in the local community calendar and we're looking forward to seeing as many people on the night as possible.'

'There's plenty to keep adults and children entertained, with the local fair attractions, various community stalls, Gail's Snack bar, live music and, of course, the grand finale of the bonfire and fireworks display.'

'We would encourage people to come along early to enjoy all the activities on offer.'

# Lochgilphead Baptist Church celebrates its 200th birthday

## Oldest church and one of oldest buildings in town

THE Baptist Church in Lochgilphead will celebrate its 200th anniversary on the weekend of November 7 and 8.

In 1815 Dugald Sinclair, the pastor of the small Baptist church founded at Bellanoch in 1804, bought some land in the newly developing village of Lochgilphead. The building was put up soon afterwards and is the oldest church, as well as one of the oldest buildings in the town.

### Open

The story of the church goes along with the story of Lochgilphead and on Saturday November 7 the church will be open from 11am to 4pm for the community to visit.

There will be a number of displays, including a timeline that provides

interesting information, taken at ten yearly intervals, of what was happening in the church, the local community and the world at large in the last 200 years.

Looking at records of the past it is just possible to get an impression of what the joys, challenges and concerns were of the people worshipping in the church building over all these years - the early preaching and singing in Gaelic; the economic hardships that drove many to emigrate to Canada; the fear of the 1850s cholera epidemic in the town; the rejoicing in the coming of the gas street lighting in the 1840s and electric lighting in the 1930s; the loss of life in both world wars; the financial struggle of ordinary



Lochgilphead Baptist Church

people and, through it all, an effort to be true to a calling to live and witness as God's people with a message of hope for all.

On Saturday November 7 there will also be

an opportunity for people to record their memories of contact with the church by writing in the memory book. There will be soup served from midday to 2pm with plenty of time to

browse other items on display. There will even be a chance to help build an unfinished thanksgiving wall of two hundred carton bricks with personalised messages.

The weekend will

be brought to a close by a special service at 6.30pm on Sunday November 8. The speaker will be Rev Alan Donaldson, the General Director of the Baptist Union of Scotland.

## Hallowe'en event at Achnabreac

DRAGON egg helpers turned up on a wet night to help the Dragon of Achnabreac find his stolen eggs. Families were told magical stories before embarking on a night time walk discovering the good fairies and picking up dragon eggs with the help of some magic glitter to find the dragon's nest.

Fairies were building little homes in the forest and there were glowing standing stones and a glowing fairy on the way.

The event was run by Forestry Enterprise Scotland in partnership with Kilmartin House Museum and with the help of the Scottish Wildlife Trust.



The dragon egg hunters on their quest

## RET introduced to the last ferry routes

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The new fares were rolled out to the last ferry routes at the start of the winter timetable on October 26.

It will reduce costs on both runs to Bute, with Wemyss Bay to Rothsay now costing £3.05 for a single passenger, and Colintraive to Rhubodach costing just £1.05. Passengers on the Tarbert to Portavadie route will also benefit, with a single crossing cost of £2.60.

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# Mary's Meals on the road to feeding twice as many hungry children

## 'We rely on grassroots donations'

DALMALLY-BASED Mary's Meals has been handed match funding from the UK government for a special three-month project.

During the charity's Feed Our Future appeal, which will run until December 28, the UK government will double all personal donations made by UK residents, up to £5 million.

Also supporting the campaign is bus tycoon Sir Brian Souter, who has come on board with his company, Stagecoach.

### Code

Stagecoach buses on more than 150 routes across Scotland, North West England, and Southern England will carry a special 'text to

donate' code, as well as Mary's Meals posters and stickers, encouraging the public to donate while gifts are being doubled, to help feed more hungry children with a nutritious meal in school.

Stagecoach will also match-fund customer and employee donations up to £100,000.

The UK aid match grant from the government means that a single donation of £12.20 will feed two children for a whole school year.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, CEO and founder of Mary's Meals, said: 'Mary's Meals is reaching more than one million children with feeding programmes across four

continents, but with 59 million children still out of school because of poverty and many more chronically hungry, we believe our work has just begun.

### Match funding

'For us to be able to receive match funding from the UK government is just brilliant news. This means that every individual donation received in the name of our Feed Our Future appeal for the next three months will actually be doubled.

'We intend to use this funding to extend our school feeding programmes to feed 108,818 children already identified in need in Malawi and Zambia. This will provide new



Sir Brian Souter (left) with Mary's Meals founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow beside one of the promotional Stagecoach buses

feeding programmes to 34 schools in Zambia and 117 schools in Malawi.

'As a charity we very

much rely on grassroots donations from individuals and groups doing what they can, so

to have all these gen-

erous gifts from across the UK doubled for the next three months is just amazing.'

Sir Brian Souter add-

ed: 'Providing a child with one meal every school day can make a huge difference - improving their health, encouraging them in their education and helping lift them out of poverty later in life. The great thing is that it costs just six pence to provide a life-changing meal.'

### Encourage

'We are delighted to support the great work Mary's Meals is doing around the world.

'I hope our match funding pledge will also encourage our employees and customers to get on board with Mary's Meals.

'Whether they live in Kirkcaldy or Kenya, Motherwell or Malawi, children everywhere are our future.

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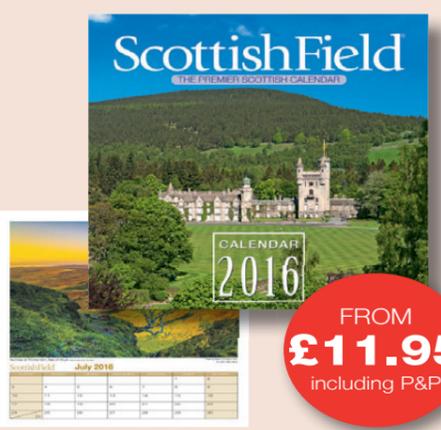
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## Gloves are off

NOT THAT it's much comfort, but Argyll and Bute is not alone in facing a big budget shortfall over the next few years.

Councils up and down the land have had to make drastic choices about what to spend money on – and what can be sacrificed in a bid to save millions. Current council proposals to save cash will mean the loss of hundreds of full time jobs, but in certain urban areas of Scotland, thousands of local authority staff are facing redundancy.

It's a pretty dire state of affairs, but the political point-scoring in the Kilmory chamber last Thursday achieved nothing, and one wonders what the people in the public seats made of it all.

Whether it is Kilmory, Holyrood, Westminster, Brussels, the bankers or Craig Joubert that is to blame for the present financial difficulties, there is a pressing need to sit down, forget political differences and come up with real, practical solutions. After years of slicing away at services, the time has probably come for some radical thinking. And this requires external, non-political input.

In the meantime, perhaps there is some merit in a proposal put forward at Thursday's meeting by Oban member, Roddy McCuish. Councillor McCuish called for unity, but went on to suggest that colleagues with differences might be better 'sorting things out' in the Kilmory car park.

Now, that would be something that would sell tickets. Perhaps the solution to the financial crisis has been staring our elected members in the face all along. Seconds out!

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## SNP protest

Sir,  
I see that at a recent meeting of Argyll and Bute Council the full panoply of SNP councillors, MSPs and Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara put in a combined protest at the proposed cuts to services in Argyll with its many job losses.

It's only right that they should protest but they are the people who caused this shortage in the first place. There has been no increase in council tax in nearly a decade or not even a replacement.

This has just been a vote chaser for the party now in power at Holyrood.

**James Simpson,  
Lochgilhead**

## Reply to Mr Moodie

Sir,  
I refer to the mistakes in last week's letter from SNP candidate Mr Moodie.

I didn't get a vote on grants to Scottish councils. Only MSPs can do that. Mr Moodie alleges that councils in England received a cut in funding of 25 per cent this year. The actual figure is 1.6 per cent.

He is also wrong when he writes that I 'voted in the bedroom tax'. When the bedroom tax was 'voted in' on October 24 2012, I voted against. The real scandal of this vote was that half the SNP MPs couldn't be bothered to turn up.

Thanks to the powers devolved to Scotland by the UK coalition Government, the SNP has full power over next year's Scottish budget and doesn't have to follow the austerity programme being adopted in England. In contrast, the SNPs exactly how much mon-

ey the council has to spend. I've no doubt the council administration could be streamlined, but no amount of efficiency savings are going to find the £9 million that the SNP has told it to cut.

I hope that our SNP MSPs won't be like their Westminster counterparts and go missing when the vote comes on the SNP cuts in Argyll and Bute. I hope they will speak out against these cuts and vote against them, if they fail to persuade their government to change its mind. The SNP is sitting on a £350 million underspend and so could easily find the £9 million needed to avoid any cuts in Argyll and Bute.

I'd be happy to sign a petition against these £9 million cuts. I hope that Mr Moodie will too.

**Alan Reid,  
Dunoon**

## Police service of Scotland

Sir,  
I have absolutely no objection to having the Gaelic version of 'police' painted onto police cars. After all, everyone who lives in a place with a name like Tarbert uses a - highly descriptive - Gaelic term every time they write their address.

However, what I would really like to see on police cars, police stations and police everything else is the name by which the Scottish parliament stipulated, in section six of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the new single police service should be known.

This name is not Police Scotland but the now seldom heard Police Service of Scotland.

To me, there is little to be gained from dropping the use of Police Service of Scotland in favour of Police Scotland and a great deal to be lost.

The term Police Service of Scotland speaks of a service of a particular kind i.e. a service of policing, in the ownership of a community i.e. Scotland. This is a name which is completely clear and unobjectionable, in effect, a good use of language.

Police Scotland, on the other hand, may roll effortlessly off the tongue but what it is meant to communicate to us is not at all clear. The omission of the key word, service, in its own causes me some concern but the placing of police ahead of Scotland and the similarity between Police Scotland and police state I find absolutely unacceptable.

If Police Scotland is intended to communicate to us anything about the nature of the service we require of our police, it completely fails ie it is the poorest use of language. If it is intended to convey anything else we have a profound problem within the policy-making levels of our police service.

At any rate, it is time for the police to admit their mistake in promoting such an inappropriate name as Police Scotland and paint the service's legal name onto their vehicles and other similar assets.

**Arthur McFarlane,  
Tarbert**

## Animal testing

Sir,  
Readers may be shocked to learn that in 2014, 3.87 million experiments were completed on animals in Great Britain.

Of these, 50 per cent related to the 'creation' of genetical-

ly altered animals. The latest government statistics reveal that animals including mice, birds, rabbits, guinea-pigs, monkeys, dogs, cats and horses all suffered in UK laboratories.

The experiments carried out included toxicity (poisoning) tests in which animals are force fed, forced to inhale or are injected with drugs and chemicals to see what dose will sicken or kill them.

Other experiments can involve irradiation; distress caused from severe water deprivation; inescapable electric shocks; surgery to implant electrodes in brains or recording devices in bodies and surgery to deliberately damage or even remove parts of the animal's brain.

Shockingly, during 2014, there was an increase in some toxicity tests, such as the cruel skin irritation/skin corrosion tests using rabbits, for which there are valid accepted alternatives to using animals.

This makes a mockery of the claims made by the home office and research industry that animals are only used when absolutely necessary.

It is unacceptable that animals continue to suffer even when tests are no longer required by international regulations or alternatives are available.

The UK should be leading the way in reducing animal testing, yet we remain one of the world's largest users of animals in experiments.

Cruelty Free International will continue to work towards ending this appalling suffering taking place in our laboratories.

**Michelle Thew  
Cruelty Free International**

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Fiddlers' rally in Lochgilphead 08\_a44fiddle01

## Tarbert pupils present cheque to Sean Batty on live TV

THREE lucky children from Tarbert went on the STV appeal live show in Glasgow.

Amber Blake from S1 and Amber Smith and Tia McLean from P7 joined Dougie and Margaret MacNeill from the Corner House and met Sean Batty and Lorraine Kelly.

The pupils handed Sean the cheque on October 16 for the total raised on his Coast to Coast challenge live on TV – the total was a secret from

Sean until he was presented with the cheque and he was delighted to have raised £22,402. It was an exciting experience for them all.

The girls were also with Lorraine and Sean on the STV balcony, high above the River Clyde, when the fireworks went off, followed by the announcement that £2.9 million in total was raised for the 2015 Appeal.

This will all go to support children living in poverty throughout Scotland.



The pupils meet Sean Batty, third right, along with Margaret and Dougie MacNeill

## Musical event in aid of RNLI funds

A GROUP of fiddlers and other musicians travelled from Oban to host a fiddlers' rally in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The evening, on Friday October 23, was started by Cosir Og Dalriada, fresh from the choir's success at the Royal National Mòd in Oban. The

members performed a wonderful collection of songs to the enjoyment of the audience.

### Disappointed

Organisers were disappointed with the turnout but those who were there enjoyed two sets of, often energetic, fiddle music.

Both traditional and

more modern tunes were performed. During a short break between sets, there was a chance to get some refreshments and the raffle was drawn.

The event was in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and there was a short presentation and video about

how vital its work is. The evening was rounded off by a second set from the fiddlers, who performed a variety of traditional music from waltzes to reels.

Organisers and musicians would like to thank Bowman Stewart for its sponsorship of the event.

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# Craignish Village Hall celebrates ten years

CRAIGNISH Village Hall will be celebrating ten years of being the hub of the community with a series of events spread over a year.

The first of these events is taking place this Sunday, November 1, with a performance of the play *Fable*, by York cross-genre arts group the Flannagan

Collective, who come fresh from a trip to New York, where they have been performing the play, which is inspired by Ardfern and some of the people who live there.

**Family ticket**

The curtain goes up at 4.30pm and tickets cost £9 or £6 for concession.

There are also family tickets available for £20, for two adults and two children.

For the first time there will be a carer's scheme, which will also be available for other shows.

This entitles people bringing someone who wouldn't be able to come alone to a reduced price ticket of £5.

From Midday until 3pm there will be a workshop run by the Flannagan Collective's members, who will explain how to tell stories in a simple way.

After the performance there will be a chance to speak to the cast. The audience are invited to bring their own bottle and some snacks.



Aquafit is a fun way to get fit

## Aquafit starts at MACPool

NEW Aquafit classes have started at the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool).

**Hour-long**

The class started on October 27 at 6pm. These are hour-long classes that

allow people to keep fit with low-impact exercise.

The class is taken by Emma Vaughn and runs on Tuesdays. It is open to anyone aged 16 or over, with no experience necessary.

## Date change for Wingin' It concert



Wingin' It will now play on Saturday, November 7

FOLK guitar duo Wingin' It have changed the date of their concert in Tayvallich Village Hall from November 6 to November 7 at 8pm. In 2011 Adam Bulley and Chas McKenzie were asked to compose 10 minutes of original music for the Gordon Duncan Memorial trust.

Using these 10 minutes as a launch pad they started work on their debut album *For the Many* which was released in 2013.

Tickets are £10 from the Square Peg, and Tayvallich Village shop.

## ZamScotEd to host coffee morning



Good progress is being made on the new school

LOCAL charity ZamScotEd is to host a coffee and crafts event at Lochgilhead Parish Hall on Saturday.

The event will run from 10am to 12mid-day and will be to support the work ZamScotEd are doing to educate children in Zambia, particularly the building of a new school to be called St Columba's.

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Alexander Harry Morrison, second right, reviews his latest exhibition with guests at the opening 06\_a44exhibition01

# Art exhibition at Archway

FORMER Mid Argyll artist Alexander Harry Morrison's new exhibition entitled *Coastlines* is now open at the Archway in Lochgilphead.

**Packed**

The official opening was on Friday, October 23, and the exhibition hall was packed. Har-

ry said: 'I'm really interested in maritime themes and the exhibition is inspired by that, both in Argyll and in Germany where I live now. It kind of connects the two.' This is perhaps most noticeable in his painting of the launch of Cal-Mac ferry, Loch Seaforth,

which was built in Germany but now sails between Stornoway and Ullapool.

He also recalled how his time at Lochgilphead High School inspired him to become an artist, saying: 'I went to Lochgilphead High School when John Morrison was the art teacher

there. He would often have us outside drawing and painting. It was really inspiring to learn from someone who was actually doing it, who had made it as an artist.'

**Display**

*Coastlines* is on display in the Archway until November 13.



Police officer Stuart Charnock visited the nursery

## Police visit Badden Farm Nursery

PRE-School children at Badden Farm Nursery recently had a visit from police officer Stuart Charnock.

Stuart spent time tell-

ing the children about 'stranger danger'. He also allowed the youngsters to have a seat in his car with the blue lights flashing. They also got

to try on some of the uniform police officers wear. Staff at the nursery would like to thank Stuart for his educational visit.

## Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall



**Saturday 7 November**

- 12:30pm **Hotel Transylvania 2** (U) 82 mins  
Monstrous family animated adventure with Drac's pack
- 2:30pm **The Intern** (12A) 121 mins  
Charming generation clash comedy with Robert de Niro
- 5:30pm **45 Years** (15) 95 mins 'Powerhouse performances' The Telegraph  
Charlotte Rampling & Tom Courtenay in mesmerising drama
- 8:00pm **The Martian** (12A) 141 mins  
Matt Damon stars in Ridley Scott's epic sci-fi

**Sunday 8 November**

- 1:00pm **Hotel Transylvania 2** (U) 82 mins
- 3:00pm **Everest** (12A) 121 mins  
Stunning film based on the 1996 disaster with an all-star cast
- 6:00pm **Suffragette** (PG) 106 mins  
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Adults £6.50 Concessions: £5.00 Family of 4: £20.00

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## Book centre continues series of signings

ARGYLL Book Centre continued its run of signings on Saturday, October 24, when author Paul Kerr came to the shop.

Paul, who is from Dunoon, was signing copies of his book *Mega Stubborn* which details his life with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

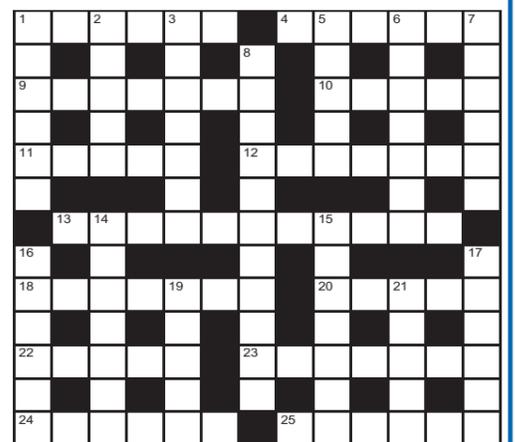
The Book Centre had also teamed up with the MS Centre to provide information to people giving them an idea of what the effects of MS are on people who have the illness.

There are copies of the book available at Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead.



Paul Kerr was signing copies of his book 08\_a44signing01

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**Across**

- 1 Core (6)
- 4 One who watches (6)
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- 11 Narrow person in court? (5)
- 12 Hard wing! (7)
- 13 A place to go when older (7,4)
- 18 Old Turkish coin (7)
- 20 Tense (5)
- 22 A-list (5)
- 23 Double cross (3-4)
- 24 Caring (6)
- 25 The thing (6)

**Down**

- 1 End (6)
- 2 Cheque casher (5)
- 3 Fast car (3,4)
- 5 Dental filling (5)
- 6 Tungsten (7)
- 7 Take back (6)
- 8 Film auditions (6,5)
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## Delegates get insight into latest research

By Ewen Campbell, SRUC Kirkton and Auchtertyre farms manager

WELL, for once I start on a positive note about the fantastic weather we have had this past month.

What a great change from the dreich and dismal summer. It has made such a difference to us, not just in terms of farm work, but also because we have been so busy with demonstration events over the past month.

First of all, I spent a day last month talking to farmers about the benefits of using the automatic EID crate at a meeting at Drumtee Farm outside Fenwick in Ayrshire. The day was organised by colleagues from Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Consultants in Ayr and focused on preparation for tupping and winter nutrition of pregnant ewes.

Then, back at our own farms, we had visits from three groups of students who were keen to hear more about our work at Kirkton and Auchtertyre farms. On September 17, we hosted the new intake of Scottish Rural College (SRUC) MSc students for an afternoon.

My colleague, Davy McCracken, spoke to them about the farms and the type of research we are doing here. The following week, we had more than over 120 fresher students from SRUC in Edinburgh (from courses covering agriculture, animal science and environment) who stayed in our wigwams for four days as part of their West Highland experience.

Their last day was focused around the work at Kirkton and Auchtertyre that was of relevance to their individual courses. Claire Morgan-Davies, Harriet Wishart and myself talked to them about hill farming in general and about our new handling facilities in particular, showing them both the new fank and sheep and cattle-handling systems.

Ann McLaren explained to them the breeding research we are carrying out, and John Holland took some up the hill to talk about ecosystem services and biodiversity in the hills.

Hopefully, this gave the students a nice overview of hill farming, the challenges that need to be addressed and how SRUC is conducting research into these areas.

The week after, we

also had a visit from agriculture students from SRUC's Ayr campus who came with their lecturer, Jan Connell, to hear my colleague John Holland talk about pasture and grazing management on the farms.

Last, but by no means least, we hosted a visit for over 50 farmers and land managers attending a major conference in Oban with a focus on 'A future for hill farming: it's in your hands'.

The conference was organised by National Farmers Union Scotland and the Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum, with support from Argyll and Bute Council, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and SRUC's Hill and Mountain Research Centre.

### Discussed

The conference delegates were also shown our new sheep-handling facilities and discussed how to make best use of mandatory electronic tagging (EID) of sheep.

This was followed by discussions on how to reduce unnecessary wormer use on farm; the benefits to be gained from the use of Estimated Breeding Values and performance recording in sheep flocks; and the approach being taken to build up the new cattle herd on the farms. It was a great day, and it



Hill Farming Conference delegates being shown new handling facilities

was really nice to speak to other farmers and land managers, sharing our experiences of farming in the hills.

In the midst of all these events, I still managed to do a bit of 'proper' farm work. Our lambs are being finished in the shed as I write.

We are feeding them until they reach the ideal weight to be sent to the abattoir. We are also building up to tupping time, which will start soon enough in November. At the moment, we are establishing which fields and parks are best for tupping, as part of our ongoing grassland and grazing management plan.

No rest for the wicked.

### Market report

## Busy sheep and cattle sale on Islay

UNITED Auctions sold 2,574 lambs and sheep, 286 suckled calves and 60 breeding cows at their sale held at Bridgend Auction Mart on Wednesday October 21.

Lambs, in keeping with recent trends were slow to cash, especially short keeping types.

Suckled calves sold in keeping with current levels at principal mainland centres. Younger breeding cattle sold well, whilst older lots were slower to sell.

Bullock calves from Ardnave sold to £875 per head whilst Cruach sold their bullock calves to 291 pence per kilo.

Ardbeg led the prices per head for heifer calves at £925, and Cruach led the kilo prices in this section at 259 pence per kilo. Cows with heifer calves at foot sold to £1,550 and cows with bull calves sold to £1,500, and both lots were consigned from Mulindry.

Lambs from Lossit sold to £58.50 whilst Ewes from Bayview sold to £83.50.

Principal lots and prices  
Top prices per head  
Bullocks  
AAx: £845 - Lorgba: £810 -

Ballinaby.  
BAx: £875 and £825 (4) - Ardnave.  
CHARx: £875, £845 and £825 (6) - Ardnave: £810(2) - Ballinaby.

LIMx: £815 - Ardbeg & Ardnave (3): £805 - Ballimartin(6) and Ardnave: £800 - Mulindry.

Heifers  
AAx: £825 & £815 - Lorgba.

BAx: £845, £775 and £745(2) - Ardnave.

CHARx: £785 (2), £755 (5) and £715 (4) - Ardnave.  
LIMx: £925 - Ardbeg: £745 - Ardnave: £725(2) - Mansfield.

Top prices per head  
Bullocks

AAx: 234p - Ballinaby: 231p(2) - Cruach.

BAx: 233p(5) - Ardnave.  
CHARx: 291p (3) - Cruach: 276p (8) - Mansfield: 270p (2) - Cruach: 266p (3) - Kinnabus Farm: 263p (5) - Ardnave: 260p - Cruach: 250p (3), 247p, 243p (6) and 240p - Ardnave.

LIMx: 288p - Ardnave: 262p (2) and 256p (6) - Ballimartin: 252p (4) - Ardnave and Kinnabus Farm: 250p - Ardnave.

Heifers  
BAx: 251p, 241p, 231p (2) and 230p (4) - Ardnave.

CHARx: 259p (2) - Cruach: 255p (2) - Ardnave: 254p - Cruach: 246p (5) and 245p (3) - Ardnave.

LIMx: 237p (3) - Ballimartin: 231p and 230p (3) - Ardnave.

Cows with male calves  
BRBx: £1,500 - Mulindry  
LIMx: £1,500 and £1,300 - Mulindry.

SIMx: £1,450 and £1,300 -

Mulindry  
Cows with heifer calves  
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Lambs  
SUFFx: £58.50 - Lossit and Frederick Cresc: £58.00 - 16 Westend: £57.50 - Uiskentuie: £54.50 - Ballimartin: £54.00 - Ardbeg: £53.50 - Lossit.

TEXx: £54.00 - Lossit: £53.50 - Carrabus: £52.00 - Ardbeg: £51.50 - Coultoun.

CHEVx: £51.50 - Aoradh: £49.50 - Coillabus.

CROSS: £55.50 - Uiskentuie: £53.50 - Keppols: £50.50 - Lossit: £50.00 - Glenegedale.

MULE: £46.50 and £45.50 - Island.

BF: £53.00 & £46.50 - Lossit: £45.50 - Ceannacroic: £43.50 - Uiskentuie: £40.50 - Keppols and Ceannacroic: £40.00 - Craigfad.

Wedders  
£65.50 - Craigfad: £57.50 - Keills.

Ewes  
SUFFx: £83.50 - Bayview.  
TEXx: £81.50 and £68.50 - Bayview: £66.50 - Keills: £60.50 - Bayview.

CHEVx: £68.50 - Aoradh.  
CROSS: £72.50 - Bayview: £71.50 - Claggan.

MULE: £54.50 - Coull.  
BF: £38.50 - Keppols.  
Top prices per kilo

Lambs  
SUFFx: 138p - Ardbeg: 136p - Frederick Cresc: 132p - Ballinaby.

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The Highways Agency recommends checking a vehicle before winter weather hits, including making sure the tread depth on tyres is safe, brakes work properly and the heating is fully functioning. Although the minimum tread depth on tyres required by law is 1.6mm, the AA recommends that motorists have no less than 2mm, and preferably 3mm, for winter driving.

Tyre pressures are also important. It is recommended that you check these at least once a week during the winter, en-

suring that they reach the manufacturer's recommended levels. These can be found in the vehicle handbook or on a sticker on the inside of the driver's door.

Regularly check that a vehicle's anti-freeze levels are between the maximum and minimum. This will help avoid potential damage to the engine or radiators, which will be much more expensive to fix than the couple of pounds it would cost to buy anti-freeze.

Keep an eye on oil levels with weekly checks. Low oil levels can cause significant damage to an engine, as oil is basically the blood that passes through the car's system.

Bear in mind that most car manufacturers fill modern vehicles with longer lasting anti-freeze, which should not be

mixed with traditional solutions. If unsure about what fluid to put into a vehicle, it is recommended that vehicle owners consult their local dealership or a qualified mechanic.

Flat batteries are one of the most common reasons for motorists to require breakdown assistance in the winter, making up about one-third of the total call-outs.

The additional use of heaters, lights and other electrical components on the car all add to the strain placed on batteries during this period. Car batteries generally last no longer than five years, so if a battery is coming to the end of its life as winter approaches, it might be worthwhile changing it in order to avoid the inconvenience of a breakdown.

The Highway Agency also suggests that drivers put together a winter emergency kit for their car, with crucial items such as warm clothing, a torch, de-icer, ice scrapers, shovel and boots.

Check the latest traffic information and weather forecasts before setting out and be prepared to alter plans if weather conditions are particularly bad. It may be a case of leaving earlier or leaving a little later or simply planning the best places for rest stops along the way.

A winter service for vehicles is a must and should be done at least a week before any long journey.

The better prepared a vehicle is, the smoother all the winter journeys.

## Keep road safe with the 20 pence tyre check

TYRESAFE is reminding all drivers to ensure they're keeping their road risks to a minimum by practising #SafeTyre-Checks.

October is typically the wettest month of the year and coincides with the onset of colder weather,

combination which places high demands on the only safety feature of a vehicle which is in touch with the roads – its tyres.

Most drivers are unaware that each tyre's 'footprint' is about the same size as an adult's palm and, with so much literally riding on them, it's essential to check they are in optimal condition.

"Drivers need to remember that brakes, steering and all advanced safety systems designed to help avoid accidents depend on the vehicle having a sure footing on the road – in other words, their tyres need to be in good condition," said Stuart Jackson, chairman of TyreSafe. "As we're now facing an increasing number of cold and wet days, to stay safe we need to be even more attentive to tyre maintenance. Air pressure, condition and

tread depth must be checked regularly, especially if you're planning a break using a car laden with your most prized possessions – your family."

Many drivers are aware that recommended tyre pressures for a vehicle vary to suit the weight of the load it is carrying, but far too many are complacent and don't take the time to make this important adjustment before they set off with their families. Typically, the unladen and laden pressures are on a plaque either inside the fuel filler flap or in the door shut, but they are sure to be found in the handbook. Incorrect pressures not only increase wear and decrease fuel efficiency but also make the tyre more vulnerable to sudden deflation.

A tyre's tread depth is a particularly important factor in cold and wet conditions as the more worn it becomes, the longer your car will take to stop. Checking is easy and takes just a few minutes using the 20p test as the outer band of a 20-pence piece is 1.6mm, which is the

minimum legal tread depth.

To check how close you are to that limit, place the 20p in the main grooves in the centre section of your tyre: if you can't see the outer band above the tread, then check at two other points across the width and repeat at two more places further round the circumference. If you can see the 20p's outer band at any point or are unsure, you need to get the tyres checked by a professional as the tyre maybe illegal and dangerous. If you find something in the grooves, like a stone, remove it if you are able to do so.

While you're checking the tread depth, you should also ensure the tyres are in good condition, looking out for cracks, lumps, bumps or embedded objects. Tyre manufacturers don't produce tyres with bulges or screws in them, so if you see anything suspiciously out of the ordinary, get it checked by a professional.

TyreSafe recommends these checks are done at least once a month and before long journeys.



# Forward thinking from the Institute of Motoring as the clocks go back

AS the country settles into British winter time, this week's tips from the Institute of Advanced Motoring's (IAM) head of driving standards, Peter Rodger, look at how to ensure your journey is as safe as possible in the dark.

Here are some tips to see you through.

With morning and evening fog expected, it's important that windows are kept clear of ice and frost throughout.

Use a good quality windscreen washer fluid to keep them clean, and keep the reservoir topped up.

As dipped headlights will be in use more often it's important to make sure they are working properly.

The same applies to all other car lights, indicators and tyres too – make sure the tread depth is

checked regularly. If any of these need to be replaced, do so as soon as possible. A spare set of light bulbs is a very worthwhile investment too.

Automatic headlamp systems do not always put dipped headlamps on in foggy weather conditions, so they may need to be switched from an auto to manual setting.

Remember, it is not necessary to wait until it's completely dark before dipped headlights are switched on – they may be needed in reduced daylight conditions too.

Where there are no street lights or while driving on an empty stretch of road in seriously reduced visibility, switch on the car's full beam to help see further ahead. However, don't use full beam during the day – even in poor visibility – as there is a risk of dazzling other

road users.

Look out for vulnerable road users in the dark including motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians. Take particular care when driving near schools in the late afternoon or on dark mornings when children are travelling to and from school – see and be seen at all times.

Pedestrians are not easily spotted when they wear dark clothing. Keep your eyes peeled and avoid speeding when visibility is reduced in both dark and bad weather conditions.

Keep an eye out for reflective road signs and cats eyes studs that help drivers in poor light. These are useful guides on dark roads.

Judging the speed of vehicles is difficult in the dark – increasing the distance between cars is a sensible precaution. An inability to see

clearly ahead means drivers must slow down to give themselves more time to react to a potential hazard.

Peter said: 'It might sound obvious, but you cannot drive the same way in the dark as you would in daylight – but that's what a lot of people do.'

'Make allowances for your own abilities in darkness; your eyes take time to get used to the dark. And be aware others might not be as careful as you, and might not be wearing reflective or bright clothing as they should do. Take on the responsibility of looking out for others, and your journey will give you a warm glow inside – even if it's chilly outside.'



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Argyll and Bute Council has revised the **Environmental Report (Strategic Environmental Assessment)** that accompanies the adopted **Local Development Plan, to include an annex relating to draft Supplementary Guidance.**  
 The **Environmental Report** together with the draft Supplementary Guidance can be viewed at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>  
 The consultation period on the above documents has been extended and will now run until the 27th November 2015.  
 The documents will also be available to view in the Council Offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Please note responses must be received before **5pm on the 27th November 2015.** Responses should be sent to Sheila McKenzie, Development and Infrastructure, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD or by emailing [ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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15/02278/PP	Erection of 4 wind turbines (48.01 metre blade tip) with associated control cabinets, substations and access track	Land North West Of Calliburn Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

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 Councillor Armour can also be contacted by email – [John.Armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:John.Armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by telephone – Tel: 01586 552404.  
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**Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)**  
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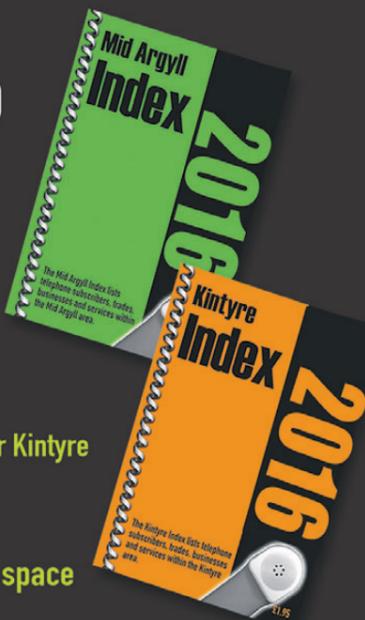
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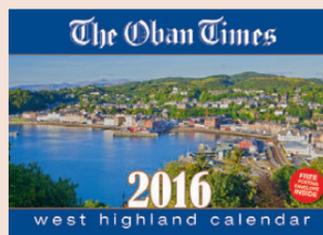
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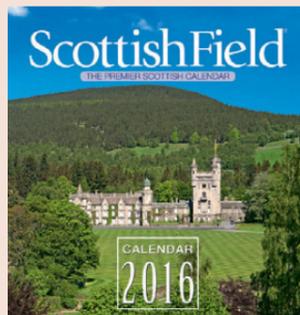
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was one of the most amazing nature programmes I have ever seen. It was about butterflies.

I have seen many superb photography shots of these beautiful creatures, but I had never actually witnessed the wonder of their 'new birth'.

This programme enabled us to be midwives at this most wonderful moment.

The caterpillar was a rather ungainly creature hampered by a cumbersome body that weighed him down. But when the time was right he began to spin a cocoon around himself, and once he was cradled in this, the most spectacular event took place.

With violent shaking the chrysalis burst open, and from it emerged the most glorious fully formed butterfly.

With his molecules rearranged in the same body, he had metamorphosed into something totally different, yet the same.

The commentator said: 'He has no need of this old body now.'

We often use the analogy of the butterfly to speak of resurrection into new life, and how appropriate this image is.

'When the time is right', we know that we too have to let go of our earthly body, which also may be cumbersome and weigh us down. We cannot know what our new body will be like. It will certainly be different. It will not be constrained by the limitations of this world.

Yet we may well be a bit afraid of this concept of 'new birth'.

We are often afraid of the unknown and like to cling to the familiar things of life.

Yet in our first birth we left the safety and silence of our mother's womb, to be shaken into a different world. We left a world which held us and cradled us for a world that was quite different.

We learned to live in this world and indeed grew to like it.

Why should we fear our new birth, especially when we look at a butterfly.

**TARBERT**

**Money raised for Think Pink**

TARBERT residents raised £1,200 for charity, Breast Cancer Now, by having a pub quiz and a coffee morning.

The pub quiz was held at the Corner House and was won by Pretty in Pink. The winners of the funniest team name went to Stinky Pinky.

Margaret McNeil at the Corner House would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support.

There was also a coffee morning at the Templars Hall on Saturday, October 24, where a range of delicious cakes were enjoyed for a good cause.

**DUNOON**

**Benmore redwood comes second in tree of the year**

THE giant redwood at Benmore Botanic Garden has come second in the Scottish Tree of the Year competition.

The avenue of Giant Redwoods is thought by many to be the best entrance to any botanic gardens in the world.

It was beaten to first place by the Suffragette oak in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow, which

**FURNACE**  
**Girls night out at Furnace Village Hall**



Ladies of Furnace past and present enjoyed a girls' night at Furnace village hall on Saturday, October 24. The night was a great success and very well attended with all the ladies having a great time and supporting a good cause. The event was held as part of Breast Cancer Now's Think Pink Campaign. To raise funds they held a raffle which brought in £740 06\_a44furnace01

was planted in 1918 to commemorate women getting the vote.

The competition is run by Woodland Trust, Scotland and is supported by players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

**ARDRISHAIG**

**Mid Argyll Arts Association concert**

THE next Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA) concert will be in Ardrishaig hall at 7.30pm on November 7.

Sisters Nicola and Al-

exandra Bibby have enjoyed an international career as pianists for more than 20 years and have played as far afield as Australia and New Zealand. They have also appeared on Loose Ends on Radio 4 and have been awarded Best of Platform Live by Classic FM.

**INVERARAY**

**Historical society begins new season**

THE NEW season of Inveraray and District

Local History Society got under way on October 6 with a detailed, well-documented and illustrated talk on the June 1944 D-Day landings, given by local historian Jim Jepson.

For a number of years, Jim ran the Combined Operations Museum in Inveraray Castle until the museum's closure in 1999.

He has continued as the general secretary of the Combined Operations Association.

Jim reminded the audience that much of the training in preparation

for the Normandy landings was carried out in and around Inveraray during the four years immediately following the Dunkirk evacuation of 1940.

His descriptions of the five beach landings graphically retold both the horror and the bravery of those events, and his presentation was warmly received by a large and appreciative audience.

The next meeting will be on November 3, entitled VIC 32 and the Clyde Puffers. Visitors are welcome.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**MACLEOD - MACKAY** - At Dingwall Free Church on October 22, 1965, Ian to Sheila.



**SIMS - SMITH**

On October 29, 1965, at Lochend Church, by Rev Young, Michael to Margaret, of 'Colwyn', Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown. Congratulations on fifty years together, to a wonderful mum and dad, and granny and granddad. Lots of love from Moira-Ann, Paul, Campbell, Alyson, Noah, Daisy and Isla xxx.

**DEATHS**

**EWEN** - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, on October 22, 2015, Catherine (Ena) Ewen, in her 95th year, beloved wife of the late Charlie Ewen, much loved mother of Rosemary, Barbara Shirley and the late Jean, much loved granny, great granny and dear aunt to the family. Funeral service was held at Kilmichael Glassary Parish Church on October 28, cremation thereafter at Cardross Crematorium.

**RIDDELL** - Peacefully at his home, Inchjura, Tayvallich, Argyll, on October 23, 2015, James Bruce (Jim) Riddell, aged 69 years, (formerly of 21 Wardlaw Avenue, Rutherglen), loving husband of Ulla and much loved father of Lars, Erik and Signe. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

**SCALLY** - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on October 23, 2015, Robert Scally, in his 76th year, 27 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Betty McCormick, much

loved father of Robert and Stephen and a loving granda and great granda.

**STUART** - On October 25, 2015, peacefully at Westerfield Care Centre, Paisley, Christina (Ena) Halley, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Jack Stuart, much loved mother of Hamish and David, and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Monday, November 2, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Westerfield Care Centre.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CARMICHAEL** - Margaret returns sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received since the sad loss of John. Particular thanks to Doctor Norrie, nurses and staff at the Campbeltown Hospital for the exceptional care and kindness to John in his final weeks; to the Reverend Philip Wallace for his uplifting service; to the Kirk Session of Lorne and Lowland Church, of which John was an elder; to Mr David McEwan for his choice of music; to Mr Ronnie McNally, Church Officer; to T A Blair Ltd for professional services and to the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, thanks to all who attended the service as a celebration of John's life and to the many who attended the interment at the cemetery.

**HENDRY** - The family of the late Anna Hendry would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to North Argyll House Care Home, Oban, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lorne and Islands Hospital and all the carers at Chalmers Court Inveraray, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to The Scotch Heather Shop for the beautiful flowers, to the George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Inveraray Parish Church raised £335.

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- From Maggie and family.

**LEWIS** - Jessie, who passed away on November 1, 2014, a dear mother, granny and great granny.

Always in our thoughts.

- Dorothy, Mildred and Robert and families.

**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.

Night, night Auntie.

- Love Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna and Fraser.

**MACQUARRIE** - In loving memory of Christine, a dearly loved wife, mum and gran, who died November 5, 2005.

No longer in our lives to share

But in our hearts you're always there.

- Inserted by Willie, Kenny, Alexis, James and Charlie.

**MUNRO** - Precious memories of Neil James, who died October 30, 2013, aged 55.

We wish that we could see you

For just a little while

We wish that we could hug you

And see your lovely smile But wishing gets us nowhere

And longing is in vain So we will keep you in our hearts

Until we meet again.

Forever in our thoughts.

- Daughter Zara, Mum and brother Bobby.

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# Strachur pontoon sets sail for upgrade

SLAKING its way northwards along Loch Fyne, an unusual sight attracted the attention of onlookers last Saturday.

Being towed by local boats to Cairndow for major refurbishment was the pontoon from Strachur Bay.

The pontoon was manufactured in 2012, and is in need of a facelift.

## Exposed

Ian Arnold, of Strachur and District Moorings Association, said: It is really upgrading and modification that is taking place as, for an exposed site like ours in Strachur Bay, much



The pontoon section passes Inveraray and St Catherines en-route to Cairndow 06\_a44pontoon01

more movement takes place in the deck when it is stormy.

‘Through Fusion Marine, we are removing

the central deck board, and re-spacing the boards between the outside boards (presently 13 boards,

being reduced to 12) and we are shortening the panels, from 3.5m, to about 3.47m.

‘We also intend to put

side boards between the deck and flotation pipes on the seaward side to reduce the amount of seaweed which gets

driven in there. We will also do this on the other side behind the big fenders to give them more support.’

He added: ‘With the help of a couple of enthusiastic donations, we also hope to retro-fit an offset hammerhead before next season.

‘This will give more shelter in modest breezes, and make it easier for ageing sailors to get on and off boats at the stern.’

The 81-metre pontoon section is currently lying at the Scottish Salmon Company site at Cairndow, close to the location where

the original pontoon sections were joined and decked in late 2012.

The Strachur pontoon has seen plenty of action already in its short lifetime, playing host to the Queen’s Baton Relay ahead of the 2014 Commonwealth Games as the baton travelled across the loch from Inveraray.

## Delights

As well as being well used by locals and visiting boats, the pontoon has also occasionally allowed cruise ship passengers to come ashore and enjoy the on-shore delights of Argyll.

## Transport volunteer raffle

THE MID Argyll transport volunteer raffle has raised over £500.

Winner of the £50 prize was Helen McCuaig, the £25 prize was won by Forbes/Cruikshank and the hamper by D Hay, Minard. Many other prizes of wine, chocolates, CDs and other goodies have also been distributed.

All these donations will help provide volunteer drivers, willing to give their time and use their own vehicles, to transport elderly and disabled residents to visit friends and family and keep appointments. Many of these members of the community have no car of their own and find it difficult to access suitable public transport.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers are extremely grateful to the general public and to all the local organisations which have given donations throughout the year.

These include Tarbert Masonic Lodge, the Baptist Church, Ardshaig Craft Club, Mid Argyll Rotary, Kilmartin initiative and the Medical Records book sale.



Girls night in was a big success a44nightin01

## Marie Curie girls’ night in is the new girls’ night out

THE MID Argyll Fundraising Group for Marie Curie recently held a girls’ night in at the MS Centre in Lochgilphead.

A great night’s entertainment was laid on with

demonstrations from Julie Liddel, Louise Salmon and Laura Johnstone perfecting nails, hair and make-up respectively.

The ladies who attended on the night enjoyed a small re-

freshment and the chance to browse the trade stands from Christen Anderson, Forever Living, Claire Dennett, Arbonne Products and Morna Shaw, Flowers by Morna.

With the usual support from

local shops including Fyne Tackle, Mark Weldon, Icon, Zing Organics, The Ragdoll and Fergusons Butchers, the group added the proceeds of a very exciting raffle to the entry money and donations

from the evening and raised a magnificent £497.

Next up for the busy group is a Springbank Whisky and Cocktail Tasting to be held on December 4 in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead.



New guidance has been published for community groups wanting to develop projects on Scotland’s national forest estates

## Guidance published on forest use

GUIDANCE has been published for community groups wanting to develop projects on Scotland’s national forest estates.

The guidance will advise groups on everything from making the initial approach to use the land to what considerations will have to be made regarding health and safety, cost,

and the impact on other forest users. The guidance was welcomed by environment minister Aileen McLeod, who said: ‘In order to help people derive greater benefit from Scotland’s national forest estate, Forest Enterprise Scotland has built up a sound understanding of working with communities – either

communities of people in the same local area, or communities of people with a common interest. This new publication captures this understanding – and a wealth of experience – and makes it easy for people to engage with Forest Enterprise Scotland and to develop ideas and plans for activities and events.’

## Mid Argyll shinty youngsters join Oban indoor league

MID ARGYLL school shinty teams are set to travel to Oban this Sunday as they join an Oban area indoor winter league.

Two teams have been entered in the league, one for up to P5 and another up to P7.

Four of the five rounds of games will be held in Oban, with Mid Argyll hosting a fifth in February. The dates for the indoor events are November 1, December 6, January 7, February 7 and February 27.

The Oban rounds will be held at the Atlantis Leisure Centre from 1pm to 6pm.

Following on from the indoor season, four

outdoor tournaments will be held during the spring months, with one being held in Mid Argyll.

In the Lochgilphead area, primary school shinty practices have also moved indoors every Thursday, and the times are: P1 - 2: 5.30pm to 6pm P3 - 4: 6pm to 6.45pm P5 - 7: 6.45pm to 7.30pm

For any budding young shinty players, a stock of indoor sticks is available through the club at £5 each. Having their own stick, which they can cut to size and add grip tape to, should boost confidence and help development in the sport.

## Lottery numbers

THE WINNING lottery numbers for the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 2, 12 and 19. There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot is £300.

The numbers drawn in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery are 4, 8 and 19. There were no winning tickets so next week's jackpot is £300.

Kilmory Camanachd Club winning lottery numbers were 1, 10 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £800.

# Hugh MacArthur 1948 – 2015

## A tribute from Mid Argyll Athletic Club

HUGH MACARTHUR was a founder member of Mid Argyll Athletic Club in August 1984 and his contribution in the early years was immense, particularly as a coach and also as a very active fund raiser and administrator.

He attended many coaching courses in the early years of the club and gained the senior coach qualification in middle distance events.

Hugh's knowledge and coaching skills helped several young athletes to win awards at district and national competitions.

Hugh was also active as an athlete, covering many miles on the roads, canal banks and forestry tracks in Mid Argyll and completed two marathons and many half marathons and shorter road races, reaching a very respectable standard. Before Hugh entered the athletics world as a coach and athlete, he represented Scotland in international competition in clay pigeon shooting.

When Hugh finally retired from coaching, he

concentrated his efforts in trying to establish a sports complex locally, which included a 400m all-weather track.

As chairman of the local sports trust he was the driving force behind the project, but unfortunately this did not materialise as the new joint campus school was built on the preferred, and only, site in 2007. The local sports trust committee continued to meet but eventually the meetings were very infrequent, until efforts were made in 2013 to reform this voluntary group.

Hugh agreed to be chairman, once again, of the reformed Mid Argyll Sports Council and thanks to Hugh and the new committee it was agreed to grant Mid Argyll Athletic Club a generous financial contribution towards the club's project to create an all-weather jumps facility on spare ground at the joint campus. Without Hugh's persuasive influence this would not have happened. This facility, which is now programmed to be completed in the early summer

of 2016, will be of great benefit to the athletic club and also the two schools at the joint campus.

Finally the coaches, committee and junior members of Mid Argyll Athletic Club wish to thank Hugh's wife Katrina, his sons James and David and daughter Karen for their generous donation.

More than £1,100 was collected at Hugh's funeral service in early July and thanks also go to the local community for their generosity.



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A delighted Scotland squad with the Marine Harvest Quach after their 24-14 win over Ireland at the Bught Park, Inverness, last Saturday Photos: Neil Peterson



Scotland and Kyles Athletic's Grant Irvine in a challenge for the ball with Ireland's Mickey Burke

# Successful day for the Scots in Inverness

SCOTLAND manager Ronald Ross was delighted to build on the Scots' home victory of 2014 in the Marine Harvest International, with an impressive 24-14 win over Ireland's hurlers on Saturday.

In front of around 2,000 supporters at Bught Park, Inverness, Ross' players stuck manfully to the game-plan and enjoyed a comfortable victory over Jeffrey Lynsey's senior men.

As ever, the green and whites will be hopeful of a reversal on home soil and the Scottish players will be mindful of the second international at Croke Park in Dublin on November 21.

However, after a solid and eye-catching performance, national coach Ross says the Scots deserve to travel with confidence.

'The first half performance was as good as we've had for Scotland. We played some really good shinty. We want-

## Shinty/hurling

Scotland	24
Ireland	14
Shinty/Hurling	

'The players deserve to feel confident after that performance'

ed to make home advantage count and we did. It was nice to collect the trophy.

'The good thing is that we now have a month before the next game. We can re-group and work towards that. Ireland will want to make up for the result, but the players showed what they are capable of. Man for man, I thought we did very well and we had no failures. The players deserve to feel confident after that performance.'

The autumn sun was

streaming across Bught Park when the senior side took the field, with mixed blessings for the Scots prior to the headline game. Stuart Reid's senior women built on their recent shinty/camogie success with an impressive 19-1 defeat of a Kildare camogie select. Garry Reid's Under 21s didn't enjoy the same fortune in the Under 21 international, falling 25-6 to a highly skilful and fast Ireland side.

After that, it was all about the senior contest

and the match started in typical frenetic fashion, with neither side keen to concede any advantage.

Kevin Bartlett started what went on to become a pattern of well executed two-point hits from the ground, in five minutes. His Irish counterpart, Zane Keenan of Laios, was equally as accurate. In total, Lovat forward Bartlett hit 10 points from ground hits, helping the Scots build a 22-4 lead at the interval that ultimately proved unassailable.

Keenan's hitting was just as noteworthy. He amassed all Ireland's first half points and went on to further success in the second half. Nevertheless, the opening period was all about Scotland. Sandwiched between Bartlett's hits and a single point strike from Liam MacDonald of Kilmallie were three vital goals and a two-pointer from Newtonmore's Steven MacDonald.



Ireland's Mickey Burke and Scotland and Kyles Athletic's Roddy Macdonald fight for the ball during last Saturday's match

Glen Mackintosh, who the night before received the Marine Harvest Premiership Player of the Year award, struck a three-point goal with an excellent flashed shot. Eoin Reilly had little hope of stopping the effort and he also watched Liam MacDonald's similar strike whistle past him.

New cap Fraser Heath's goal perhaps didn't have the venom of the first two, but it was every bit as important as the dark blues left the field for the break with an 18 point advantage.

The Scottish management knew Ireland would fight back and two goals from Shane Nolan, combined with the accuracy of Keenan's hitting (four points), made things less comfortable. However, with Bartlett again grabbing two points over the

posts, the Scots saw out the match and no one in Bught Park could have argued with the final result.

Scotland will now be hoping they can push the Irish hard at Croke Park on November 21 as they seek their first 'double' win in five years.

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