



Brian determined to get life-saving treatment

'I've lost three sisters and my mother to this condition'

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A MAN, who has lost most of his family to the genetic disease he suffers from, is determined to raise the money he needs for the treatment he believes could return his health to 'normal'.

Brian McNeill, 44, from Tarbert has spinocerebellar ataxia, a muscle wasting condition of the brain that affects balance, speech, vision and mobility.

Desperate to live to see his four-year-old son grow up, Brian hopes to travel to China to get transcranial magnetic electric stimulation (TMES) treatment.

Frequently offered to people with ataxia in China, TMES is a straightforward procedure that sees surgeons fit a magnet under the scalp. It is supposed to awaken nerves and keep the part of the brain that

controls co-ordination active.

Brain is hoping to hold a series of fundraisers in Tarbert to help him pay for the £10,000 treatment.

He said: 'I've lost three sisters and my mother to this condition. That was four of us in my family. My wife and I have traced the family tree and three out of seven of my grandmother's children had it.

'It's scary having the condition, but the prospect of being able to take my son out for a walk or kick about in the park is exciting and if the treatment works I could have nearly normal health.'

Brian's Chinese wife Wendy found out about the treatment after stumbling across it online. The pair met seven years ago when Wendy

worked as a nurse in the Chinese hospital where Brian underwent a £30,000 course of stem cell replacement therapy. Brian's symptoms drastically improved for around 12 months following the therapy, but after three years his condition deteriorated rapidly.

Brian, who has two children from a previous marriage, shares his home with Wendy, who is a health care worker, and their son Calum.

He drove diggers and was a supervisor with Forestry Commission Scotland before he was diagnosed, aged 33, and forced to retire. He hopes that if the treatment is successful he could get back to light work.

To find out more about Brian's fundraiser go to www.facebook.com/bmacneill or www.facebook.com/wendy.wang.10004694



Brian relies on his mobility scooter to get around Tarbert. 08_a45brian02

Permission to close Cara Ward

NHS HIGHLAND is seeking permission to permanently close Cara Ward at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

The ward closed 'temporarily' on August 5 when patients were transferred to Knapdale Ward.

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Poppyscotland help for veterans

A FORMER member of the navy who sold poppies on Argyll doorsteps for 10 years is now seeing first-hand how Poppyscotland is helping veterans.

Keith Roger, who served with the Royal Navy for 25 years, tells the Advertiser how the charity has provided a lifeline for him and his wife in times of ill-health.

See page 12.

Rest and Be Thankful opens

THE A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful opened on Monday evening after the worst landslide in recent history closed the road for almost a week.

In excess of 2,000 tonnes of rubble fell on to the hillside nets and the road in the early hours of October 28.

The mass clean-up was hampered by fog at the weekend, which also affected the opening hours of the Old Military Road diversion route.

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Driver arrested after failing roadside breath test

A MOTORIST was arrested for drink driving after failing a roadside breath test near Inveraray.

The 63-year-old man was stopped by police at 11.50pm on Saturday on the A83 outside the royal burgh and was breathalysed.

He has since been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Co-op discount for Young Scots in Mid Argyll

YOUNG people in Mid Argyll will be able to get 10 per cent off their shopping at the Co-op thanks to a deal with Young Scot.

The supermarket has agreed that all Young Scot cardholders, aged 11 to 25, can get the discount when they shop at any of its 400 stores across Scotland.

The move comes after Young Scot research showed a fifth of young people are concerned about life expenses, such as food shopping.

Second petition launched in bid to find long-term A83 fix

'How long do we require to wait till a permanent solution is actioned?'

A SECOND petition calling on the Scottish Government to find a permanent solution to landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful has been launched.

Set up by Argyll First councillors Douglas Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly, the petition comes after a

landslide on October 28 closed the road for six days.

The biggest landslide recorded at the troubled beauty spot saw 2,000 tonnes of rubble fall, crashing through the hillside netting, installed to prevent landslides from reaching the lifeline route.

Councillor Philand

said: 'Clearly the netting is not an effective remedy for the A83 and yet again we in Argyll are now fearful of another winter and the impact this will have on businesses in Argyll

Solution

'The original petition by Argyll First in 2012 raised the issue and there was considerable

work carried out on the A83, however how long do we require to wait till a permanent solution is actioned?

'I do hope this petition is seen as a genuine attempt to make the request for a permanent solution, based on the early evidence of the netting and that we are not lobbying again

in a number of years for assistance to keep Argyll open.'

Last week a spokeswoman for the Scottish Government said it was 'satisfied with how the nets performed' at the Rest.

Argyll First launched the Sign for the A83 petition in 2012, which called for the A83 to

be trunked between Kennacraig and Campbeltown; for the road to be widened at pinch points such as the Erines Narrows; for safe crossings to be created in Ardrishaig and Tarbert and for a permanent solution to be found to landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Bonfire night to go off with a bang

HOPES are high Lochgilphead will rally round to ensure the survival of Mid Argyll's biggest event of the year - bonfire night.

Organisers behind this year's MAMAFest have stepped in to host an open air gig before the fireworks, which will be followed by a buffet and ceilidh at Lochgilphead Bowling Club. The

events were organised to fill the void left by the Lantern Parade.

Colin MacFarlane, of Mid Argyll Round Table which organises the fireworks, said: 'Last year the event made a loss so we're looking for the community to come out and support this event.'

'Having spoken to the fireworks crew we've been assured we're go-

ing to get one of the best displays ever.'

He added: 'The Lantern Parade was unique and we hope that bonfire night will inspire people to bring back the parade.'

From 6pm tomorrow (Saturday) local band None the Wiser will take to the stage, situated next to the Bank of Scotland, while Bar None Community Choir will be collecting money for next year's event and Mid Argyll Youth Forum will be selling glow sticks. The bonfire starts at 7.15pm and the ceilidh at the bowling club on Bank Park will start at 8pm.



In 2013 members of Bar None Community Choir sang as part of the lantern parade. This year members will be shaking buckets to raise funds for the 2015 fireworks display. 06_a45lan23



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Living wage up to £7.85 an hour

THE LIVING wage will rise to £7.85 per hour this month.

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The living wage sees an increase of almost £1.35 on the minimum wage (£6.50 for over 21s) - the statutory minimum, which by law has to be paid to adult workers. The rise to the living wage should see many workers, whose organisations support the scheme, enjoy a pay increase of 20 percent per hour.

Argyll and Bute council has adopted the living wage.

Community hospital ward to close

ELDERLY patients who have been cared for in hospital for seven years have this week been told that the ward they call home is likely to close.

NHS Highland is seeking permission from the Scottish government to permanently close Cara Ward at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, as it says all continuing care patients will be assessed to see if their needs can be met outwith the hospital.

The ward closed temporarily on August 5 because of staff shortages and patients were transferred to Knapdale, another continuing care ward.

Kate MacAulay, NHS Highland's clinical services manager for Mid Argyll, said discussions about a permanent Cara Ward closure had been held

prior to August 5 because patient numbers had dropped to the same number of beds available in Knapdale.

Now all 11 patients in the 12-bed Knapdale Ward will be assessed to find out whether they should stay in hospital, move to a nursing home, residential care home or return to their own homes with the support of care workers.

Mrs MacAulay said: 'Historically the continuing care beds came from the old Argyll and Bute Hospital and what we have come to learn is hospital is not always the best place for people with continuing care needs to be.'

'The assessment will be around their needs and complexity of those needs and if they can be met anywhere other than a hospital environment.

'Their needs will be matched to the appropriate care setting, I can't predict what that might be. It may be that these people require ongoing NHS care. The decisions will be made by clinicians.'

Outwith Cara Ward there are nine dementia assessment beds on Glassary Ward which also cares for people who have suffered a stroke, or are showing challenging behaviour.

Mrs MacAulay confirmed the ward closure would not result in redundancies and that redeployment of staff looked unlikely because of natural changes to the workforce recently.

Families of the patients involved have been fully informed of the proposed closure and a formal engagement will follow.



From left: Margaret McDougall, Moira Shaw and Maggie Donaldson at Ardrishaig North Hall. 08_a45coffee05

Festive cheer as Ardrishaig event boosts RNLI funds

THE NORTH Hall in Ardrishaig was transformed into a scene from a Christmas party on Saturday for a Royal National Life Boat Institution (RNLI) fundraiser.

The Mid Argyll branch of the RNLI raised £770 by selling calendars, cards and stocking fillers from shoppers and visitors to the coffee morning.

The fundraising committee also decorated tables with holly for the second event of the year.

Maggie Donaldson, president of the

fundraising committee, said: 'This is one of our annual fundraisers.'

Popular

'It is always a popular one because people come to buy bits and bobs for Christmas.'

'The money will go to the central fund and

will support the upkeep of the boats.' The event was also a celebration for Maggie and Margaret MacDougall, committee treasurer, who received gold and silver badges for decades of commitment to the charity.

Time change for special bell service

THE TIME of a remembrance service, which was set to take place tomorrow (Saturday) at All Saints Church in Inveraray, has changed.

The service will now begin at 3.30pm when the Episcopalian Bishop of Argyll and the Isles will attend. At 4.30pm the Scottish Association of Change ringers will attempt a half-muffled quarter-peal on the famous bells of Inveraray Bell Tower in an act of remembrance.

People urged to remain vigilant after thefts

PEOPLE are being urged to remain vigilant after further thefts in the area.

A garage was broken into and items stolen in Furnace sometime between 5pm on October 27 and 5pm on October 30. Then, between 4pm on October 30 and 11.45am the following day, an aluminium milk

churn was stolen from a farm in Kilmichael Glassary. Meanwhile at 5.10am on October 30 and 4am on October 31 police received reports that men were acting suspiciously in Sinclair Avenue, Inveraray. Police ask the public to report any information by calling 101.

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Marching contingents and members of the public who wish to parade to the War Memorial are asked to meet at 10.00am at Campbeltown Old Quay and those who are laying wreaths as part of the official ceremony are invited to attend a short briefing at the War Memorial at 10.15am. There will be an opportunity at the end of the official wreath laying ceremony for individuals to place their floral tributes on the War Memorial.

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Glow event at Inveraray

THE ANNUAL Glow event in Inveraray will take place this evening (Friday).

Kicking off at Inveraray Primary School, Glow sees walkers, runners and joggers don their head torches and glow in the dark clothing and pound the streets of the Royal Burgh.

Organised to raise funds for the chemotherapy unit at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, the event is for people of all ages and abilities.

The walk will be two miles, while there are three and four-mile trail runs too.

At the end of the event people will be invited for a curry at The George Hotel.

For more information see the Inveraray jogscotland Facebook page.

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Kenny conquers China and charity challenge

£12,000 donated to Fishermen's Mission

A FISHERMAN who hopped off his boat and onto the walking trail of the Great Wall of China has raised £12,000 for charity, while paying a fitting tribute to his late brother.

Kenny MacNab, of Tarbert, walked for six days over the remoter and more difficult parts of the Great Wall of China in September.

He completed the challenge in memory of his well-known fisherman brother James, who died in May after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

Handed over

Kenny, chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association and chairman of Tarbert Harbour Authority, handed over £12,000 to the Fishermen's Mission, which

supported James and his family throughout his illness.

'We, the MacNab family, felt very grateful to the Fishermen's Mission, especially Matt Ramsay, for all the compassionate support that was extended by the mission at that time,' Kenny said.

Before he died James helped Kenny to plan his trip and saw him start his training regime which involved 15-kilometre and more training walks into the hills around Tarbert.

The training came in useful as, although the trek was planned in September to avoid the worst of the heat, the humidity during the first few days was high and the route very steep.

With sponsorship

money rolling in Kenny successfully completed his challenge.

He said: 'I was amazed at the generosity of individuals and many companies in the fishing industry who all supported me and I would like to thank everyone who gave me help, from pensioners in the street in Tarbert to CEOs of the biggest businesses in Scotland.'

Worthy cause

'It was the trip of a lifetime leaving me fitter and healthier than I have ever been and benefiting a worthy cause.'

Matthew Ramsay of the mission said: 'We are so thankful to Kenny for raising so much money. It will allow us to support so many other families in times of need.'



Kenny MacNab raised £12,000 for the Fishermen's Mission after walking the Great Wall of China in memory of his brother James.

Rainbow valley launches blog

RAINBOW Valley, the charity set up to fulfil the dreams of a Lochgilphead girl, has launched a blog.

The charity was set up to fulfil the wishes of Johanna MacVic-ar and create a centre in Glasgow where people living with cancer, and their families, can seek advice and support.

Launched just last week, the blog provides Rainbow Valley with a place to share all its news and events, as well as case studies of people affected by cancer.

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In the original Allt Rubha wind farm proposal, a wind turbine would have been situated just 700 metres from Mark Middleton's Inverneill home. 06_a47inverneill02

Revised wind farm proposal put forward

A PROPOSAL for a wind farm which has been halved in size following community consultation has been submitted to Argyll and Bute council.

E-ON last week submitted a planning application to install nine turbines in the hills above Ardrishaig, on Forestry Commission land.

In the past 18 months it has reduced the number of turbines from 24 to nine and has moved the turbines further away from homes.

The turbines will be 126.6 metres to blade tip, with the closest situated 1.2kms from one Inverneill house; previously turbines were situated 700 metres from dwellings.

A meet the developer

event was held on Tuesday in Ardrishaig where people viewed the final plans.

Emma Clark, onshore development manager at E.ON, said: 'Since we introduced our proposals in February 2013, we've held a number of events to share our plans with local residents to give them every chance to provide their feedback.

This included public information days, exhibitions and design workshops.

'We also set up a community liaison group which provided a way of communicating directly with local residents and respective community councils to ensure we fully understood the community's views on our proposals.'

She added: 'The

local feedback so far has helped shape our final proposal and we'd like to thank everyone involved including both local people and the community councils.'

Ardrishaig community council was due to discuss the planning application at its meeting on Tuesday evening as the *Advertiser* went to press.

Tracking plan a non-starter

POLICE Scotland is considering using a global positioning system (GPS) to keep track of offenders.

But a police source told the *Advertiser* the system would be almost 'useless' in Argyll where GPS technology is 'very patchy'.

This is what some *Advertiser* readers had to say on Facebook about the recent A83 closure at the Rest and Be Thankful:

Roderick MacDonald: Not again! BEAR need to drill a tunnel through the hillside to sort this problem permanently.

Kris Gordon: I can see why people are annoyed, but what options are there? Can't stop the rain or move the hill.

Cameron McLennan: It's costing the local economy a fortune. The issue needs to be addressed properly.

Torquil Johnston-

smith: They can't stop sludge coming off a hill.

The nets catch big rocks that would crush you.

David Dean: Blast slopes both sides, fill valley (sorry farmer), build road on top, no more hill to slide. Job done.

Liam Doherty: So are the local community going to get a refund since the work that's been done clearly isn't doing the job?

Man reported on drugs charge

A MAN was allegedly found in possession of cannabis when he was stopped and searched by police.

The 33-year-old was stopped in Lochgilphead at 11.05am on Monday.

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We have been lucky so far

SINCE last week's landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful the debate about what to do about the troubled beauty spot has started again.

And while petitions highlighting the economic impact road closures have on Mid Argyll are important, we are at times missing the most important thing - which is these landslides are so big that someone could easily be killed.

On the A82 near Onich two weeks ago, motorists were trapped for hours between two landslides. No one was hurt but the situation shows had those cars been a little further down the road, the rubble could have hit them and caused a serious accident.

At the Rest 2,000 tonnes of rubble fell, the damage it could have caused to motorists is immeasurable.

Transport Scotland says it closes the road when it anticipates a landslide but the A83 was open during the last incident. No one anticipated the potential danger to human life.

So yes, fix the road and help our businesses survive, but more importantly fix the road and ensure no one gets killed.

Remember, remember

THIS Bonfire Night people in Mid Argyll should be remembering not Guy Fawkes but their local veterans.

The fact that Mid Argyll celebrates Bonfire Night the day before Remembrance Sunday may be painful and distressing for armed forces personnel.

Loud noises and flashing lights will be all too familiar to those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as World War Two.

So please have fun, but remember those for whom Bonfire Night is just another painful reminder.

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Poll tax arrears

Sir,
Nine members of the policy and resources committee took a decision yesterday in our name to continue to prosecute the one person in Argyll and Bute actually paying poll tax arrears. This person probably has less weekly income than some of us get in expenses for one trip to Kilmory.

Last year out of £7.55m million outstanding in poll tax, the council collected £418.82 in arrears. There is something wrong when the council continues to prosecute that one person amongst 30,000 to uphold some discredited Tory policy, or as a homage to the memory of Mrs Thatcher. It is wrong when petty party political point scoring is more important than humanity or fairness.

Due to council inaction on collecting poll tax it is now only able to pursue an estimated tiny percentage of that £7.55 million. That will have no cash effect because the council recognised that recovery of that debt was unlikely and made full provision in the accounts. The Scottish Government has announced that 20 years on from the end of poll tax it will write-off the outstanding balances.

The council currently has live council tax arrears of over £16m.

This is not the first example of Tory/LibDem dogma running the council, if you can recall the months when the poor, the vulnerable and the disabled were forced to pay the 'bedroom tax' despite full funding for mitigation from the Scottish Government.

The political administration will not fall if ordinary mem-

bers occasionally do the right thing and follow their conscience rather than their instructions.

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

Hybrid ferries

Sir,
In your last edition Mr Gordon Ross of Western Ferries revealed the enormous cost difference between his recent ferry purchase and the cost of the new CalMac hybrid ferry.

As a frequent user of both the Western Ferries Gourrock to Hunter's Quay and the CalMac Portavadie to Tarbert ferries, his figures amazed me. I do not doubt his figures, but it would be very helpful to the public taxpayer to have figures which compare the vehicle/mile costs for both the private company and the state owned one for both crossings. If the figures take into account the running and depreciation for both routes this may produce an even more alarming cost difference. That the hybrid ferry appears to run often at less than 30 per cent capacity (my observation) only compounds the problem.

Whilst I believe the public welcomes the need to trial a hybrid ferry, in the interest of lowering our carbon footprint, I can see no justification in building three hybrid ferries before the full trial results of the first one have been completed.

Given that professor Baird of Napier University has described the hybrid as 'a dog's breakfast' it could be that all three hybrids end up as an economic liability.

I can only surmise that the

CalMac management professionals made the decision to build three hybrid ferries under severe political duress from the Scottish Government.

**TK Munro,
Burfield Cottage,
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Ayrshire.**

SNP's 'patch and mend' policy

Sir,
We seem to be undergoing another disastrous Argyll and Highland clearance. Not this time brought about by selfish landowners but by the dysfunctional SNP Government. The justification for this allegation is to be found in the Scottish Government's approach to transport, employment and centralisation.

The SNP's 'patch and mend' approach to the Rest and Be Thankful section of the A83 does not only greatly inconvenience travellers, inflict negative impacts on the environment, but cost jobs, tourists and enterprise.

As a former guest house owner of Arrochar, I have first hand experience of the loss of trade resulting from the uncertainty as to whether the road to Inveraray would be open. Indeed, your own headline, 'Here we go again' says it all. It is no wonder that the population of Argyll and Bute is declining at a ruinous rate.

Since coming to office in 2007, the SNP has failed to continue the upgrading of the A9, established by previous Scottish governments. Instead of urgently addressing 'Scotland's killer road', under SNP plans it will be 2025 before it will have dual carriage-

way from Perth to Inverness. The cost in lives, the social and commercial expense to communities along its route, and the disregard of personal and emotional strain when the road is closed, speaks volumes for the SNP's indifference to rural areas.

Naturally the Scottish Government will attempt to defend its position as lack of investment funding. However, it could find the money to build a third crossing of the Forth and support for the Edinburgh trams to the detriment of the A83, A82, and A9, all vital lifelines to the west and north of Scotland.

This demonstrates the SNP's centralist view of government that all roads lead to it and to Edinburgh.

**Finlay Craig,
Cove.**

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**Terry Giles,
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Artist turns spotlight on old Gothic dairy

THE OLD Gothic dairy at Taynish in Tayvallich is the latest building to be captured by artist Fraser MacIver in his Building of the Month Project.

It was constructed circa 1800; the architect is not known.

Fraser is three quarters of the way through a plan to sketch one 'building of note' every month for a year and publish it in the Advertiser, as well as on his social media pages.

Follow Fraser on twitter @fmacpainter.



Group takes on Cockles challenge

A GROUP has been set up to create a charity that will ultimately transform Cockles delicatessen into a social enterprise.

Kate MacDonald, who works in the Lochgilhead shop part-time, mooted the idea of moving the shop into community ownership to prevent its closure.

And, following a public meeting last

week to discuss her idea, six people stepped forward to create a steering group.

The group's first aim is to become a registered charity before Christmas.

Mary MacCallum was one of the people to sign up.

She said: 'The people in the group are bursting with energy and enthusiasm and

have some time on their hands, which is what is needed. But, we still need someone who can advise us financially; their expertise would be welcome.

'We will be meeting on a weekly basis and have already begun work to clarify our objectives for the business and shape the organisation.'

Aim

'It is our aim to have details in place and a business plan as soon as possible, definitely before Christmas.'

Crucially the group has not yet decided how the shop will operate as a community enterprise, whether it will run as a co-operative, or by selling shares to the public.

It is, however, already

looking at public grants in a bid to gather some of the estimated £60k-£70k that will be needed to buy the business.

Current owner of Cockles Kay Hunter put the business up for sale some time ago as she plans to relocate to Germany. Kate thought the business could be relaunched as COCKLES, the name which has become an acronym for Community Owned Community Known Local Enterprise Solution.

For more information or to get involved email cocklesinargyll@btinternet.com



Report people with numerous cards at cash machines

REPORTS of members of the public with numerous debit cards at cash machines must be made to the police, Argyll's top cop says.

Last week concerns were raised about the

number of people putting five or more cards into a cash machine at one time - with some thinking this may be a new form of debt collecting.

Sylvia Munro, from

Kintyre, said: 'Quite often there is a woman standing in front of me who has 10 debit cards with a note of each of the PIN numbers and how much is to be taken from each account.'

'My fear is that this is a debt collector at work. Surely people should not be allowed to take other people's property to collect debt.'

Police Scotland area commander Marlene

Baillie said: 'I would advise members of the public to contact the police on 101 if they have any suspicions with regards to a person's activities at cash machines.'

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Royston Maldoom OBE Retrospective

AN EVENING of dance will be held in Craignish Village Hall tonight (Friday).

The Edinburgh Choreographic Project is visiting the Mid Argyll village to present the Royston Maldoom OBE Retrospective.

Internationally renowned Maldoom has devised the show in partnership with the Edinburgh group following a successful collaboration last year.

The programme is inspired by the music of Gustav Mahler, James MacMillan CBE, Graham Fitkin and Fazil Say.

It will include pieces Black Earth, The Confession of Isobel Gowdie, Adagio No.5 and Hook.

The event will begin at 7.30pm.

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Jolomo's calendar raises cash for Mackintosh Appeal

'It will help to keep the appeal alive in people's minds'

JOHN Lowrie Morrison OBE, one of Scotland's most renowned artists, is again showing his support for the Mackintosh Appeal with the launch of a new calendar. John, who paints as Jolomo, launched the calendar on Friday to raise money to help restore Glasgow School of Art's iconic Mackintosh building.

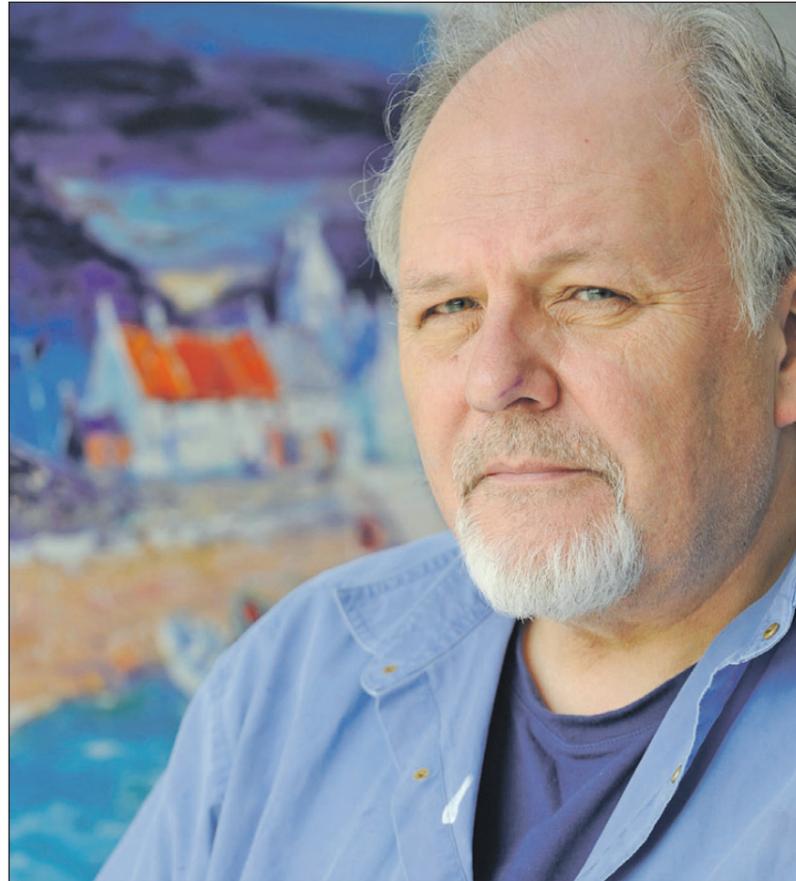
The Tayvallich man will donate all royalties from the limited edition 2015 Jolomo Calendar to the appeal, set up after the building was badly damaged by fire in May.

John, who was a student at Glasgow School of Art from 1967-72 and worked in the Mackintosh Building, says he hopes the calendar will help keep the appeal in the public eye throughout 2015.

'At first, everyone remembered the fire, but people have short memories and the world forgets,' John said. 'The calendar will be on people's walls for a year. I hope it will act as a conversation starter and will help to keep the appeal alive in people's minds.'

The calendar features some of what John describes as the best of his most recent work and, as with so much of his work, it showcases the beauty of Argyll. There are seascapes and sunsets from Mull, Iona, Islay and Gigha.

The calendar is just one of a number of John's projects that has benefited the Mackintosh Appeal. His 2014 summer exhibition at Lochgilphead's Archway Gallery also raised funds for the restora-



John Lowrie Morrison has again pledged financial support to the Mackintosh Appeal.

tion. John added: 'I want to give something back. I'm a successful painter in Scotland

now because of all I got from the Mack and the people who were there. They have done that for

so many artists over the years. Everyone who benefited should be helping out now.'

Council art available to view online

A CACHE of art held by Argyll and Bute Council is available to view online as the local authority encourages more people to enjoy art across the county.

In a bid to boost the profile of the online facility, the council has created a painting of the month feature in which it will showcase an artist and their work.

In October it was not a painting, but a wood engraving by Agnes Miller Parker that was highlighted. It is entitled Stanza 16, Gray's Elegy, and was carved in 1938.

The wood engraving is part of a series of illustrations of eighteenth-century poet and scholar Thomas Gray's 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'.

The artist uses a variety of symbolic images to represent the sentiments held within the poem.

The engraving is part of the council's Argyll Collection and is currently displayed on rotation in schools and libraries throughout Argyll and Bute.

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From left: Clerical officers Lorna Gilthorpe, Kirsteen Weir and Siobhan Dewar looked after the baking stall. 08_a45pink01

Wear It Pink raises £2,000

THE CANTEEN at Mid Argyll Community Hospital was transformed into a pink palace last Friday as it hosted its annual Wear it Pink Day.

Staff at the hospital hosted a coffee morning to mark the event and

raise cash for Breast Cancer charities, as well as their own chemotherapy unit.

Held in partnership with Mid Argyll Macmillan Fundraising Committee, the event saw staff, patients and

members of the public don their finest pink attire for a cuppa and a cake. The coffee morning raised £2,000, which will be divided equally between the chemotherapy unit and the Wear It Pink campaign.

Kathleen Young, who works in the hospital and is also a member of the Macmillan committee, said: 'Thanks to all staff, friends, family, local businesses and the general public who supported the day by donating baking and raffle prizes and for attending on the day, it was greatly appreciated.'

The coffee morning has been running since 2007 and £15,800 has been raised over that time, with money being divided between the two charities for the last three years.



Mo Malone and Neil John MacLean, from Ardrishaig. 08_a45pink06



This team of staff nurses and health care assistants got together over tea and coffee. 08_a45pink04

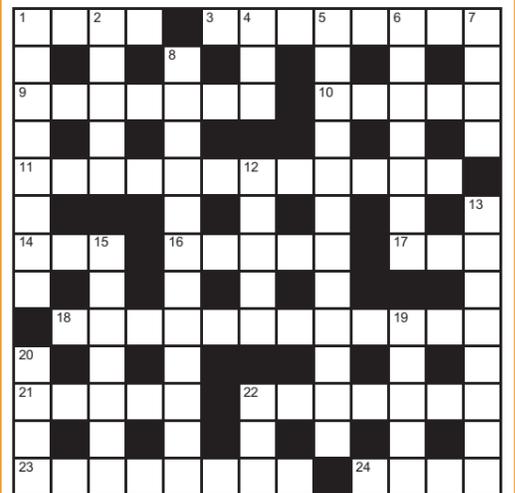


Three-year-old Jessica McCrae, lounged in her pink tracksuit while eating cake 08_a45pink03



Margaret Fletcher, who is on the fundraising committee of Macmillan Cancer Support, caught up with former work colleague Ann Wilson, of Ardrishaig. 08_a45pink02

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| 14 Consumes (3) | 7 Hunting call, in London? (4) |
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| 17 Create a line of cotton (3) | 12 Covered in beard (5) |
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DIANE MCMILLAN
Graduated at The Barbican Centre, London with a BSc (Open) from the Open University. Diane is the youngest daughter of Argyll McMillan, Carradale and the late Frances McMillan. She is currently working with Argyll & Bute Council.



Thousands will flock to farmers' forum



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ISSUES affecting farmers across the Highlands and islands will be brought to the fore at this month's AgriScot, the farm business event.

The premier event of its type in the UK, AgriScot will attract more than 12,000 people to The Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston on Wednesday, November 19.

Backing the event is Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor, convenor of the Scottish Parliament's cross party group on crofting, who has called on topics such as the price of sheep and Europe's agricultural policy to be debated.

Mr McGrigor, who lives in Ardconnel, Lochaweside, said: 'AgriScot is an important event in the Scottish agricultural calendar and a vibrant showcase for new machinery and some of our world-class livestock.

'Last year it attracted some 11,500 visitors and I am sure it will prove even more popular this year.

'It is also a great opportunity for farmers and crofters across the Highlands and islands to meet and discuss some of the challenges facing the industry, not least concerns about the recent fall in sheep prices and the significant changes in support which begin next year through the new Common Agricultural Policy system.

'Farming and crofting remain key primary indus-

tries and are very significant part of the economy of the Highland and Islands and I support any event like AgriScot which helps to raise the profile of the industry.'

AgriScot is the place for those seeking answers to the myriad of questions on their own circumstances.

Scotland's Farm Business Event is where the best commercial and technical advice is on offer.

The Lowland Machinery Hall is the country's largest winter display of machinery where visitors will be able to view the latest developments in farm hardware and technology, from the latest tractors to equipment for both arable and livestock farms.

And this year the Upland Hall is introduced with more trade stands increasing the size and scale of the event.

Add in competitions for aspiring young agricultural professionals, silage and new products, business seminars, technical demonstrations and more than 250 trade stands exhibiting a wide variety of products, services and advice covering every aspect of agriculture and it's easy to see that AgriScot is the place to be if you are in the business of farming.

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Fresh blow to Argyll milk producers

DAIRY farmers in Kintyre have been hit by another blow after suffering their seventh price cut in as many months.

The milk price paid to farmers by dairy co-operative First Milk is to fall at the beginning of December to 22.7 pence per litre for its liquid pool and 24 pence per litre for its manufacturing pool, a cut in price of 1.4 and 1.8 pence per litre respectively.

Kenneth Galbraith, whose family owns Coledrain, a dairy farm near Southend with more than 100 cattle, explained that the latest decrease in milk prices means some farmers are operating with no hope of a return on their milk.

He told The Courier: 'With the price of milk falling by between six and seven pence per litre in Kintyre, there is little if any profit being made with the current milk price.'

'Many dairy farmers will be producing milk at a loss.' First Milk, which produces Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, says it has made the decision because of a fall in returns for both liquid and cheese over the past month.

Sir Jim Paice MP, First Milk's chairman, said: 'With cheese specifically, this impacts not only on what we are selling now, but on the price at which we can sell our cheese stocks in the future.'

'Additionally, we have

been processing the majority of surplus milk supplied this year into skimmed milk powder.

'Returns from this market have declined further over the past month as many companies, particularly in mainland Europe, have increased stocks.

'The harsh reality is that prices are continuing to fall for dairy products across the world, but we will continue to take whatever steps we can to reduce the impact of these negative market conditions and ensure the business is in the best possible shape when the market turns.'

Gary Mitchell, milk committee chairman of NFU Scotland, bemoaned the volatile na-

ture of the global milk market.

He said: 'Since 2007, dairy product values have risen significantly but without Scottish dairy farmers or processors ever making the most of the potential offered.'

Volatile

'Due to the market being highly volatile and increasingly globalised, even small changes to supply and demand are having a huge impact on dairy farmers and processors.'

The future direction of the Scottish dairy sector will be debated at the AgriScot event on Wednesday, November 19 at Ingleston near Edinburgh.

With both farmgate

prices and dairy commodity values on a severe downturn, this high-level seminar will look at the opportunities and the challenges facing dairy farmers.

First Milk is the UK's only leading dairy company, 100 percent owned by British farmers, supplying a wide range of dairy products and dairy ingredients to customers in both national and international markets including block cheeses, soft cheeses, raw milk, butter, skimmed milk powder, whey proteins and sports nutrition brands. It is headquartered in Glasgow with seven manufacturing sites across England, Scotland and Wales.



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Mid Argyll remembers the fallen

Poppyscotland fundraiser gets support in retirement

'We helped Poppyscotland when it needed us and when we needed help, it was there for us'

A FORMER member of the navy who sold poppies on Argyll doorsteps for 10 years is now seeing first-hand how Poppyscotland is helping veterans.

Keith Roger, who served with the Royal Navy for 25 years, lives in Carrick Castle, near Lochgoilhead, with his wife Christine; the pair have been long-time servants of armed forces charities until ill-health took hold.

Supports

It was this that brought the couple back in touch with Poppyscotland, which supports people in the armed forces, their families and veterans.

Speaking after a stay in hospital, Keith said: 'Because I had an aortic aneurysm and we had coal-fired central heat-

ing, I couldn't pick up buckets of coal so an ex-soldier, who Poppyscotland was helping, came round to the house a few times a week, filled the coal buckets and that was a lifeline.

'That's the kind of help you can't get from anywhere else.

'It was a real turnaround for us. We are getting old and couldn't light the fire and if we couldn't do that, we couldn't keep warm.'

Happily, Mr and Mrs Roger, both aged 75 and in poor health, now have a long-term solution for their situation as Poppyscotland has funded the installation of oil-fired central heating to their home.

'We helped Poppyscotland when it needed us and when we need-

ed help, it was there for us,' Keith added.

'When it needed our help selling poppies we didn't realise just how far they went and when I was in trouble they were there.

'They just helped and in the most practical way possible.'

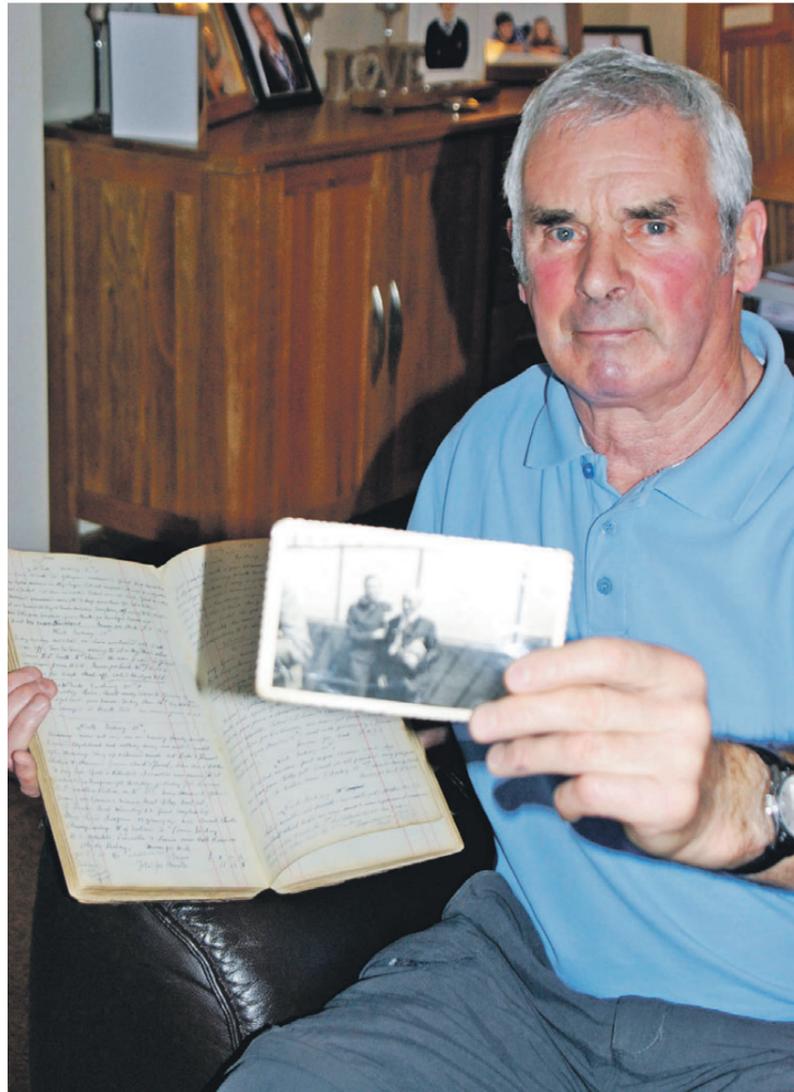
Urging

Now Mr Roger is urging others who need assistance to speak up.

He said: 'Poppyscotland helped me when I was ill and things went awry.

'If you're ex service and you're in difficulty don't sit back and suffer alone, if you need help ask for some help.'

For more information on accessing grants, visit www.britishlegion.org.uk or contact 0808 802 8080.



Alex with a picture of his grandfather and the journal. He vows to share the stories with his own daughter. 08_a45war02

100-year-old diary reveals war trauma and hardship

INVERARAY man Alex Blyth has opened up his family album to raise awareness of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on soldiers fighting in the 21st century.

Marking the centenary of World War One, Alex has opened up his grandfather James McCormick's journals, which date back to 1900 and document both world wars.

Speaking about the 'heartbreaking' poems of hardship that he read in his grandfather's journals, Alex has spoken out about his un-

cle Johnny (James' son), who fought in the World War One.

Johnny spent days in the trenches after being shot in the arm by a German sniper.

The injury left him severely disabled and unable to work after the war.

Remember

Alex said: 'I still remember Johnny. When he came home he was a heavy smoker and drank. I always remember my mother saying that he had totally changed after going to war.

'In hindsight Johnny

most definitely suffered from PTSD. His story relates to the commemoration and I hope it can raise awareness for our soldiers today and help them to access the right support.'

James McCormick worked at Fairfield Shipyard in Govan throughout his life and documented poems of work, war, rations and financial despair. He never fought in the war but had sons, friends and other relatives on the battlefield.

James died in the '80s and Johnny also passed away later in life.

Ode to Hoarders by James McCormick, 1915

Oh Wicked, wicked mortal that should stoop to deeds so low as hoard the food, whilst others starve, and no matter where you go

Your conscience will ever heck you and your sleep will restless be, the cry

of the children starving will keep you company.

So change your mode of living, be you peasant, duke or king, and instead of abuse and cusses, blessings it will bring.



The Wee Box

IN 1915 small boxes were placed in the Glasgow Corporation Cars for donations to soldiers and sailors in all theatres of war.

Tis a sma' receptacle, an attractive wee bit box tae help both Jack and Tommy with comforts such as socks.

So give yer contributions, be generous to the brave who rallied to their country's call to conquer, or the grave.

Tis the magnet of attraction, its purpose is sublime, this wee box for Jimmy's wants in France or other climes.

In deeds of daring, none surpass in air, land or sea, with sacrifices to be untold to still keep Britain Free.

On the battlefields of Flanders, many heroes are laid low. The cruel hun, with gas and gun have struck a treacherous blow.

Austrian, Belgian and Turk likewise did join this murderous crew to crush the French and British troops, a task they will forever rue.

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William Gallagher, five, and Harris Gallagher-McWhirter, two, personified Woody and Buzz Lightyear at the party.

Ghouls and ghosts make an appearance at Elfs Hallowe'en party

SUPERHEROES, princesses, bears and ghouls were seen running around Lochgilphead Community Centre recently when Elfs held a Halloween Party.

Dozens of families turned out for the event for mothers and toddlers last Wednesday.

Led by Christina Sinclair, Elfs weekly parent and toddler group sees Christina lead activities for

the toddlers while parents have an opportunity to talk.

The group meets between 10am and midday at the centre on Wednesdays, while Elfs Toy Library, is open from 9.30am.

House prices at highest level since records began

HOUSE prices are at their highest level since records began, according to official statistics published today by Registers of Scotland (RoS).

The average house price in Scotland in the second quarter of 2014 was £170,190, up 5.2 per cent on the same period in 2013. This is the highest figure since RoS began compiling quarterly house price statistics in 2003.

From July to September, the total number of sales was also up, with an increase of 9.1 per cent on the same quarter in the previous year; this is the highest volume of sales for any quarter since quarter one of 2008-09.

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Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers safe for now

A LIFELINE service for some of Mid Argyll's most vulnerable people has been secured for at least six months after offers of help rolled in.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) provides transport for older, disabled and isolated people when public transport is inconvenient, ensuring they can visit friends and keep appointments.

Now in its 20th year, MATV had been struggling to recruit volunteer drivers.

But following a plea in the Squeak, a number of drivers who are willing to use their own vehicles - receiving in return only a mileage allowance for petrol and wear and tear to their cars - have come forward.

More help is needed however as the MATV

committee needs to generate more income to ensure the long-term future of the service.

Six months

Morag Robins, treasurer of the group said: 'It is approximately £1,000 a month to run the group and, despite the recent fundraising, we have at present only enough funds to keep going for a further six months.'

'Our volunteer fundraiser who did a sterling job of applying to dif-

ferent trusts for financial assistance had to resign last year and we desperately need a replacement so if you think you are able to help then please get in touch with me on 01546 602000, or our secretary Norma on 01546 602685.'

A raffle held recently raised £545 for the charity and saw Margaret Annan win the first prize of £50 and D Murdoch win the second prize of £25.

Crafty night for SWRI

LOUISE Oppenheimer, a well-known expert in hand weaving from Mid Argyll, went to Clachan WRI to present examples of her work.

Louise told listeners how she goes about creating her pieces and how she takes ideas and sketches them in a notebook, before using coloured wool from the Hebrides to create vibrant pieces.

The artist judged the Decorated Cup Cake competition: Pauline Simson was in first place, Pat Dean was in second place and Zoe Weir in third.

Autism Argyll secures £500,000 for vital service

FUNDING for children living with autism in Argyll will see more than half a million pounds invested into a vital service.

Autism Argyll has successfully secured cash from Investing in Communities which means that more than 200 families in the area will be supported.

Welcoming the cash, Alison Leask from Autism Argyll said: 'This generous funding grant is fantastic news.'

'We know about the sense of isolation which exists locally amongst many families who have children with autism.'

'Contact with both professionals and other families who are experiencing similar challenges can be rare and, as a result, many currently feel like they are left to cope alone.'

'Get Set 4 Autism aims

to overcome these issues and be empowering for parents, offering the guidance and support that their family needs to flourish.'

Autism is a lifelong, development condition that affects the way a person communicates, interacts and processes information. Some people will have more subtle difficulties where others will have complex needs requiring more intensive support.

The £548,622 Investing in Communities grant awarded to the five year 'Get Set 4 Autism' initiative, will help in providing post diagnosis support to families with children up to the age of 18 who are on the autism spectrum.

Delivered in partnership with Autism Scotland, the project aims to help reduce feelings of isolation which can be

heightened by families living with autism in rural areas. It will promote a greater understanding of autism, improve communication between parents and professionals and ultimately equip parents with the information and practical skills to enable them to better support their child.

Charlene Tait, director of development at Scottish Autism, said: 'We are delighted with this substantial funding grant from the Big Lottery which will enable us to establish this new initiative.'

'Families living in rural areas have it particularly tough, simply as it is much harder to access resources and support.'

'We are excited to be delivering this model and hope that if it's successful it could be rolled out to other areas.'

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New road could give Mid Argyll better access to the central belt

ONE OF the most radical suggestions at the population summit was a proposal to build a new road between Lochgilphead and Dunoon.

Alex Paterson, chief executive of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, said he was determined to support the county's businesses and, at last week's economic summit, put forward a number of proposals to achieve his aims.

He told delegates that east to west travel is currently difficult in Argyll and Bute and was hampering the economy.

Mr Paterson suggested a new road between Lochgilphead and Dunoon - which would involve a bridge across Loch Fyne at Otter Ferry - would reduce travel time within the county.

He said: 'All road routes in Argyll and Bute seem to go north to south but what about putting one across the way, Dunoon to Lochgilphead.'

'If we do it, it would reduce by more

than 50 per cent the distance and the time taken to travel between the two towns.

'Clearly that's a benefit to the north but it would make Mid Argyll and south Argyll more accessible and give Mid Argyll better access to the central belt.'

The Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce has long campaigned for an improved route into Mid Argyll because of regular closures of the A83.

Jane MacLeod from the chamber said: 'I think just now we should be looking at all ideas that are put forward and that's certainly quite a radical idea and shouldn't be discounted.'

'If it helps us think about different things and a more radical approach then its definitely something we should be looking at.'

Mr Paterson also had a host of other proposals to address problems with digital connectivity and depopulation.

Among those were making Oban

a university town, and making the University of the Highlands and Islands a 'go-to' university for students from Argyll and Bute.



Alex Paterson, chief executive of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, put forward a series of ideas to boost the economy and population of Argyll and Bute.



No plans to move public sector jobs to Argyll

FINANCIAL constraints are to blame for a lack of public sector jobs being moved to Argyll and Bute, according to finance secretary John Swinney.

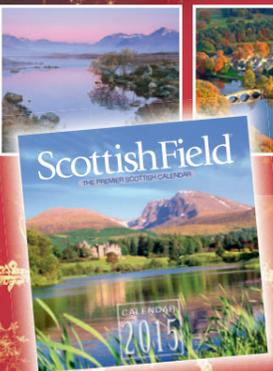
Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has called on government to move more public sector jobs to the area in a bid

to prevent depopulation of working age people. But Mr Swinney indicated there were no plans to take up the proposal, saying: 'We make careful judgements about where is best to deploy public servants. We also have to operate with in severe financial constraints from the

Conservative and Lib Dem coalition in Westminster that has reduced our budget by 10 per cent in recent years. There is an extra cost in building premises but an assessment would be made given the best course of action to take, given the condition of buildings.'

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More staff at HIE in Lochgilphead

BUSINESS support agency Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has pledged more resources to its Argyll and the Islands office in a bid to address worrying population trends.

The business community is worried by population projections indicating Argyll and Bute's working age population will drop by 22 per cent by 2037.

But Alex Paterson, chief executive of HIE, said he would create a new senior post at the Argyll and the Islands office of HIE in Lochgilphead.

Businesses

'Working with businesses trying to grow in Argyll and Bute is at the heart of what we do,' he said.

'We are going to increase resources in the Argyll and the Islands team, not by putting more money into it, because I don't think that's the solution, but by creating an extra senior post for Douglas Cowan and his team so that our contribution to this agenda is as big and positive as it can be.'

He added: 'The population projection is only what will happen assuming nothing will be done but there are things we can do.'

TWO SCOTTISH political heavyweights have given their backing to Argyll and Bute council as it begins addressing an impending depopulation crisis.

Secretary of State for Scotland Alistair Carmichael MP and Scottish finance secretary John Swinney MSP were speaking at the Argyll and Bute Economic Summit last Wednesday in Dunoon's Queens Hall.

The summit was called in response to alarming population projections showing Argyll and Bute's population will drop by 13.5 per cent by 2037, while also seeing 22 per cent drop in the number of working age residents and a subsequent increase of 73 per cent in the population aged 75 and over.

Hope

But the 150 delegates at the event, organised by Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership, were given hope there was a future in Argyll.

Mr Swinney MSP said the Scottish government would be 'a willing participant' in Argyll and Bute's efforts to address population decline, while Mr Carmichael, a native of Islay, told delegates: 'Do what you do today, be strategic, and when you have your 'ask', come back to me, because I want to hear from you.'

Argyll and Bute council's deputy leader Ellen Morton

gave a rousing speech in which she said living in Argyll was not a barrier to success.

She added: 'Today must not be a talking shop; it's not enough simply to say we need to work together - we actually do have to come together, in a structured way, and find ways to make things happen. It will work if we want it to work. It's up to all of us to make it happen.'

Opportunities

'Argyll and Bute is not in trouble. We have economic problems but we are full of economic opportunities.'

'We are not looking for a government hand out, we want a hand up; we do not need a government bailout from our difficulties but want a government buy-in to our aspirations.'

VisitScotland chairman Dr Mike Cantlay and Calum Ross, owner of Loch Melfort Hotel and vice chairman of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, spoke positively of the state of tourism in the area.

Speaking on the issue of depopulation among the county's younger residents, the summit's chairman and host, broadcaster Mark Stephen, interviewed three young people who have come to work in Argyll and Bute. Their collective message was clear: lots of young people would move to Argyll, but they need reasons to do it.



From left: Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh, Alistair Carmichael, Scottish Secretary, and Ellen Morton, deputy leader of Argyll and Bute council.

Lochgilphead to get its own CHORD project

A SCHEME that would help regenerate Lochgilphead is in the early stages of being developed, the leader of Argyll and Bute council has said.

Speaking at the population summit, councillor Dick Walsh said an initiative similar to the CHORD project is being devised for Mid Argyll's main town.

The CHORD project has seen millions invested in infrastructure to boost business and attract tourists to Argyll's main seaside towns including Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon; Lochgilphead was the only major town never included in the original proposal devised in 2010.

'We have plans for Lochgilphead but they are still in the embry-

'We have plans, but they are still in the embryonic stage' - councillor Walsh

onic stage, councillor Walsh told the *Advertiser*.

'We are commissioning a number of initiatives, like CHORD, and we need some for Lochgilphead. This will come out shortly.'

Responding to a claim Lochgilphead was frustrated by a lack of development, he added: 'When you see all this kind of investment, there are proposals around the Crinan Canal, things are happening, but when you consider the investment in Campbeltown and Oban and other areas I can understand it.'

Argyll and Bute council did not elaborate on Mr Walsh's plans

but again highlighted Kilmartin Museum, Kilmory Industrial Estate and the Crinan Canal as potential areas of development.

Lochgilphead councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'The three Mid Argyll members are working together to promote economic regeneration in the area. We are lobbying for specific resources to come to Lochgilphead but we will know more when it comes to the 2015/16 budget.'

Mr Taylor suggested anything like a CHORD style regeneration project would have to be included in the budget proposals, usually published in February.



Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

Opportunities for coastal development

SCOTTISH Secretary of State Alistair Carmichael believes the Crown Estate in its current guise is preventing development in coastal areas.

Speaking at Argyll and Bute's economic summit last Wednesday he said the Smith Commission, which is investigating further devolved powers for Scotland, should take note of what opportunities there are for coastal communi-

ties, including transferring powers from the Crown Estate.

He said: 'Think what we could do if we were able to control that resource, taking money from that resource directly into our communities.'

'In my view, the days are numbered for the Crown Estate as a monolith controlling the seabed around our coastal and island communities.'



Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

High rate of self-employment in Argyll

PEOPLE in the west Highlands are among the most industrious in Scotland.

Figures published by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) show that Argyll, particularly the Hebridean islands, has among the highest rate of self-employed people in the country.

Some islands and coastal communities in the county have

as many as 26 to 33 per cent of the economically active population in self-employment.

And Argyll's employed tend to work more hours than many other parts of Scotland.

Throughout the county, at least 20 per cent of residents work more than 49 hours per week, rising to between 28 and 32 per cent in some areas.

At the same time, people in Argyll, the Highlands and Western Isles do the most volunteering, with more than 37.1 per cent of the population in all three local authority areas volunteering at least once a year between 2009 - 2010.

Argyll and Bute has 93 charities per 10,000 population, while the comparative figures for the Western Isles is 121 and Highland 86.

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Ardrishaig's Yot Spot on schedule to open in spring

A BUSINESSMAN with plans for Ardrishaig's Pier Square says his Yot Spot shop will open in spring next year.

Michael Forbes is the man behind the business which Scottish Canals revealed would bring much needed investment and improvements to the Ardrishaig Basin area of the Crinan Canal.

Michael, who owns Forbes Boat Care in Oban, hopes to get the keys to the revamped building in Pier Square at the end of the year, with the business up and running in February.

The Yot Spot will in-

clude a yacht chandlery, restaurant, visitors' services area with laundry, toilet and shower facilities and offices.

Michael said: 'I think there is a lot of potential in Ardrishaig.'

'There has been a lot of investment at the other end of the canal with the new toilet and shower block, so this is a good opportunity to make the whole canal more attractive to people who are arriving by water.'

'But Pier Square also provides opportunities for people travelling by road,' he added. 'Although Yot Spot

suggests it's marine services it is open to all, campers, touring caravans could use the facilities but locals as well especially at the restaurant. I hope to get a good local customer base.'

Explaining local woman Lizzy MacVean has been hired to manage the business, Michael added: 'It is likely there will be four full-time and a couple of part time jobs right from the start.'

Currently Scottish Canals is carrying out a series of repairs to the building at Pier Square before handing over the lease of the property to Michael.



Janet Graham and her Scottish Dance Band.

Accordion and fiddle club gets off to a raving start

FOR ITS new session Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle club played to an almost full house at the Argyll Hotel.

The guest artists who appeared were Janet Graham and her Scottish Dance Band.

Janet was on lead accordion, Derek Hamilton was on second accordion, Richard Hughes played on drums and Ian Wilson played the keyboard.

The group played more than 20 sets to the eager audience, with many of

Janet's favourite pipe marches and waltzes included alongside amusing stories.

The supporting players were Fyne Folk, with Nick MacFarlane on accordion, Sally Hall, Jake MacKay and Alex John MacLeod on fiddle and Agnes Liddell on keyboard. Also James MacArthur and Colin Sutcliffe on melodeon; on accordion Alex MacKinnon, Neil MacMillan and Peter Stewart; June Meikle on fiddle; Jimmy MacDonald and Neil

MacMillan on keyboard and Jake MacKay on 'moothie'.

Their varied selections ranged from soloists to quartets and were much enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Neil Iain McLean, chairman of the club, thanked the musicians at the end of the night for making it such a good start to the season.

Next week the club welcomes back Nicol MacLaren from Blairgowrie and his trio for their guest performance.

Should NOT have gone to Specsavers

A KINTYRE councillor is urging the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) to rethink a new contract that means people face lengthy trips to Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire for eye tests.

Older drivers who want to renew their licence must have their sight examined and until now people in Kintyre have been able to use a local optician in Campbeltown.

However, the DVLA has awarded a new contract to Specsavers optician, which has not been able to agree on subcontracting the work to local opticians. It means people face journeys to Ayr, Largs, Irvine, or Stranraer.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It is simply unacceptable...when these have always been carried out locally.'

'I call on Specsavers and the DVLA to come to a common-sense agreement which will allow the local optician to carry on providing these drivers' eye-tests in Campbeltown.'

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Argyll charity grabs cash boost

A CHARITY that helps keep Argyll beautiful has been awarded £10,000 to continue its work.

Environmental charity the GRAB Trust works to tackle problems associated with waste and recycling across the county.

It was one of 146 UK organisations to receive a Santander Social

Enterprise Development Award (SEDA). Alongside the prize money, the GRAB Trust gets a business support package from Santander, which includes business webinars, fully funded internships, consultancy days and the opportunity to network with other social entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Fireworks can trigger stress for veterans

A LEADING veteran's mental health charity has called on families and friends of ex-servicemen to be aware of the 'triggers' fireworks can cause around this time of year.

Combat Stress offers emotional support and mental health treatment to former soldiers, who suffer from post traumatic stress

disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression.

Dr Nicola Sorfleet from Combat Stress, said: 'Events like Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday can be the first time when family members and loved ones realise that a veteran may be suffering from PTSD. With loud noises, bright flashes and imagery of

war in the media, it's easy to understand how these events can trigger distressing memories.'

The warning comes after there was a nine per cent increase in calls to the charity in November 2013.

Veterans and service personnel can call a 24-hour helpline on 0800 138 1619.

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Ex-service personnel and other organisations are invited to send a maximum of two representatives to the War Memorial for the ceremony.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this act of remembrance.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the official wreath laying ceremony for individuals to place their floral tributes.

Following the Remembrance Service there will be a communion service in the Episcopal Church.

The times for the all other services on Remembrance Sunday are as follows:

09.45a.m.	Lochgilphead Parish Church
11.30 a.m.	Lochgilphead Free Church
11.30 a.m.	Lochgilphead Baptist Church
10.00 a.m.	St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church

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PLANNING

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02512/PP	Erection of shed and temporary garage (retrospective)	Land South Of 3 Ballibeg Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01902/LIB	Repair works to name panels, split slab and replacement of timber runners	Campbeltown War Memorial Kinloch Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(MAIN STREET AND OLD QUAY HEAD, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF STOPPING EXCEPT TAXI'S) ORDER 2014

On Monday 3rd November 2014, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be that for a temporary period no person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to stop with the exception of taxi's, on the lengths of road as indicated in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE - NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXI'S

Name of Road	Extent of Restriction
Main Street	On the south east side extending from its junction with Shore Street to its junction with Old Quay Head
Old Quay Head	On the south west side extending from Main Street to its junction with Old Quay Street

The restrictions imposed by this Order are required to allow for deliveries of materials and easier access whilst work is being carried out on the Town Hall. The taxi rank will relocate to this temporary site and will be effective from Monday 10th November 2014 until Friday 6th May 2016 or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier.

(B8025 CRINAN MOSS-KEILLS ROAD, U38 BARSLOISNACH ROAD AND U18 DRIMVORE-CRINAN FERRY ROAD) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014

On Monday 3rd November 2014, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which comes into operation on 19th December 2014, amends the existing weight restriction order that covers sections of the B8025 Crinan Moss-Keills Road, the U38 Barsloisnach Road and the U18 Drimvore-Crinan Ferry Road in Mid Argyll. The amendment provides an exemption in order to permit the use of the road by refuse and road maintenance vehicles that exceed the 18 tonne maximum gross weight limit.

A copy of the Order is available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices:-

- (i) Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 7th November 2014, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

ARGYLL & 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

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- 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.
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- 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.

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Levels of private housing and private commercial activity increase in strength during Q3 2014.

Private and public housing and private commercial construction activity drove a record workload in Q3 - the highest recorded since 2007 - according to the RICS UK Construction Market Survey.

Despite skills shortage concerns for quantity surveyors rising for the second consecutive quarter (now standing at a net balance of 42 per cent) commercial workloads continue to make a strong recovery throughout Scotland, with 39 per cent more surveyors reporting a rise in activity (up from a net balance of 26 per cent in Q2). This compares to a workload decline over the same quarter in 2012 (net balance of -9 per cent).

In Scotland, there were positive signs for workloads in the public housing sector, with a net balance of 22 per cent of surveyors reporting a growth in construction activity during Q3, the sharpest increase since 2005. Workloads in the private housing sector also grew robustly across all parts of the UK with the London/South East region seeing the strongest growth.

However, while still positive, workloads in infrastructure saw much more balanced growth with 27 per cent more surveyors seeing activity levels rise across Scotland. Significantly for Northern Ireland, for the fourth consecutive quarter, infrastructure and private industrial sector growth in Northern Ireland remained flat (0 per cent net balance).

Across the whole of the UK, the main factors which were found to be limiting building activity were a shortage of labour, followed by concerns over finance and shortage of materials (both a net balance of 58 per cent) followed by planning and regulation factors (a net balance of 51 per cent).

In particular, demand for brick layers grew significantly on the previous quarter, with a net balance of 71 per cent of respondents now saying that they are in great demand (compared to 59 per cent in Q2 2014). However, despite the concerns, the strength and breadth of the growth that is being reported across Scotland is promising and feeding expectations for further growth over the coming year.

As a result, 43 per cent more surveyors expect to see profits increase, rather than decrease, and 38 per cent of respondents expect to take on more people in response to the rising workloads during the next 12 months.

Unprecedented housing demand and the bounce back from a very deep recession are translating into prominent growth in workloads throughout Scotland.

With a lack of housing supply identified in the recent Scottish Housing Commission reports, it is encouraging to see a growth in construction activity across housing sectors.

Sarah Speirs director RICS Scotland said: 'Of course factors impacting construction activity, such as skill shortages and material shortages, must be addressed if we are to avoid capacity constraints, but it is equally important that the underlying framework for effective planning and delivery of projects is in place to ensure long-term construction growth that is evenly spread across the country.'

Despite the positive figures, caution remains within the industry as the recovery begins to take hold.

David Taylor FRICS, CBA QS Ltd, Glasgow, commented: 'There is an ever-increasing air of confidence but market participants still seem reluctant to commit to some of the larger projects. We are sensing caution on funding even though the uncertainty which was present before the referendum has dissipated.'

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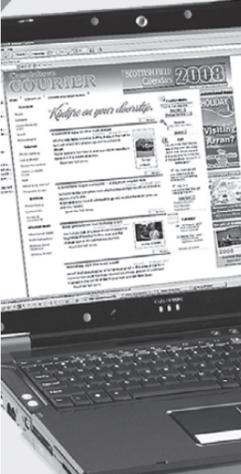
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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



IN Flanders fields today it is quiet. It is a time for remembering.

There are no guns to shatter the silence. There are no shells to blast the peace. There is no war to kill and maim. But the poppies grow as they did then. The poppies grew where life was destroyed in all its forms.

The poppies grew where death stalked the fields around them.

The poppies grew where youth was snatched away. The poppies grew.

One hundred years later the country will fall silent to remember.

All over Europe we will remember. For we must not forget.

People will gather at cenotaph and village green, they will gather in cities and villages. They will gather around the poppies.

It was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars', but it has happened again and again and again.

The world cannot sustain another world war, for our technology would surely obliterate this fragile planet if its force was unleashed.

The poppies remind us of those who fought for peace. The poppies remind us of the fragility of life and the sanctity of life. The lives that were lost were precious beyond words and surely whisper to us of their desire for peace.

On Sunday we will gather round our own village memorials as the names of our own will be read out once again. We will fall silent.

There will be no shells dropping or machine gun fire. There will be silence.

We owe it to those whose names are written on each memorial, and on the palm of God's hand, to strive for peace. We owe it to those who fell amidst the poppies to preserve that for which they fell. We will remember and we will pray for peace. In Flanders fields it is quiet today – thank God.

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ARDRISHAIG

Choir on song at coffee morning

TOMORROW (Saturday) will see Mid Argyll Youth Choir perform at a coffee morning in Lochgilphead.

It will perform songs from musicals and recent chart hits at the second musical coffee morning that the group has taken part in.

Thirty-two youths will take part at Lochgilphead Parish Church from 10am tomorrow morning.

Any funds raised will go towards the running costs of the group and support the youths to continue to rehearse together for a minimum fee each year.

Music teacher Fiona MacDonald said: 'Next year we'd like to take them to shows and hopefully some fundraising will be able to support those activities.'

Co-op staff scale Ben Nevis for charity

STAFF members from Ardrishaig's Co-operative supermarket climbed Ben Nevis to raise funds for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA).

The team of eight fundraisers took to the mountain on Sunday and have so far raised more than £1,000 towards the cause.

They will continue to raise funds and do-



Children had fun scanning products through at Tesco last week.

SCHOOL pupils went on a fun filled learning trip to Tesco in Campbeltown.

The educational tour is thought to be essential to their learning and every day living.

On the day two tour leaders showed the Clachan and Skipness primary school pupils

nations can be made to <https://www.justgiving.com/ardrishaigcoop/>

KILMARTIN

Glassary Presents

PLANS for next year's Glassary Presents event and dance are well un-

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around and taught them about all the different foods and the countries that they come from.

Laurene MacIntosh, head teacher, said: 'They were especially interested in the fact that foods could come from

more than one country. She added: 'Trips like this are vital to the children's education, as it is important for them to experience what they are taught in a real life context.'

After the store and

food tour the children headed to the bakery where they decorated their own kitchen hats and watched as the baker made fresh pancakes.

Ms MacIntosh added: 'The children were transformed into Tesco Bakers, where they had decorated their own hats to wear for this.'

derway. The date has been set and committee members have their thinking caps on.

There will be a host of fun and games at the event. Not to mention a band, which has already been booked, along with daytime entertainment.

Details of a theme and

games set to take place are yet to be revealed.

Glassary Presents will be held on June 6 2015.

INVERARAY

New members on council

INVERARAY Community Council has welcomed two new members.

Norina Coupar and Tracey Boyce joined the community council after they were elected uncontested last week.

The council's first meeting will take place at Loch Fyne Hotel on Tuesday November 11 at 7.30pm.

LOCH LOMOND

Chief executive to leave post

THE CHIEF executive of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park has announced she is leaving her position.

Fiona Logan took up the role in 2008 and was the driving force behind many key projects dur-

ing her time at the park.

These included the restructuring of conservation, visitor experience and rural development and the transformation of east Loch Lomond by introducing byelaws and better camping provision with the support of the community, Police Scotland and the Forestry Commission.

Ms Logan said: 'It's been an enormous privilege to have played a part in the protection, development and promotion of one of the world's most beautiful and important landscapes.'

MINARD

Tips on cake decorating

A CAKE decorating session will take place in Minard Village Hall on Thursday November 13.

Instructor Rhona Crawford will hold the Christmas-themed session. Bakers are advised to take with them: an icing-free 8ins fruitcake, rolling pin, apron and a container to take the finished cake back home.

'Me, barman' says Tarbert Hotel's Davie



Davie Jones dressed up as Tarzan to join the Back Bar's Hallowe'en revellers in costume.

TARBERT Hotel's Back Bar got wild last weekend, as barman Davie Jones did his shift for the hotel's Halloween Party dressed in a home-made Tarzan outfit.

Lynne Furneaux, Tarbert Hotel manager, said: 'Davie got a great reaction to his costume, it was a brilliant effort and the customers loved it.'

'Our party was one of the busiest we can remember, there were loads of great costumes on show. There was a huge turnout from people in the area, which was great to see. Thanks to everyone who came along.'

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

REID - MILLAR - At Longrow Church, Campbeltown, on November 7, 1964, by Rev Ivan F Tibbs, John to Moira.

DEATHS

LEWIS - Peacefully, at the home of her daughter, Kilgour, Machrihanish, on Saturday, November 1, 2014, Jessie Thomson Graham, in her 95th year, a loving wife of the late Robert Lewis (Ted), dearly beloved mother of Dorothy, Mildred and Robert, mother-in-law to Bob and Robert and a loving granny and great granny (nana). Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ADAIR - The family of the late Sheena (Jean) Adair would like to thank all relatives and friends for their cards, flowers and telephone calls received at this sad time. Our thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service; to John Summers for music accompaniment; to the Stag Hotel for purvey; to The Flower Shop for floral tributes and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all their help and professionalism. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

IN MEMORIAM

DAWSON - Jack, Mamie and Gladys. Dearly loved, sadly missed. - Inserted by son and husband, Bill.

MACQUARRIE - In loving memory of Christine, a dearly loved wife, mum and gran, who died on 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.

MCCAIG - In loving memory of our dear dad, Peter, who passed away on November 8, 2010. Also our dear mum, Isa, who passed away on November 9, 1999.

A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands at rest God's garden must be beautiful

For he only takes the best. - From your loving family at Meadows Avenue and Peninver.

MUNRO - In memory of my dear husband and dad, William, who died November 7, 2011. Forgotten never Loved forever.

- Vina, Graham and William.

STEWART - Charles McNaughton Stewart, died November 1, 1990. Sadly missed.

- Wife May, Douglas, Karen, Derek and Nigel. Be still my soul.

TYRRELL - Treasured memories of my beloved husband, John, died November 9, 2007. Loved and remembered every day. - Jenny.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Remembrance Sunday Services in Ardrishaig at 10.45am followed by Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial (approx 12noon) and Achahoish at 12.30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC01391)

1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)

Saturday 3.30pm Service of Requiem for WW1
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
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ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SC0002876)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Services 9th November 2014 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

SERVICES AT WAR MEMORIALS
Lochgair 10.45 am
Inveraray 10.45 am
Minard 11.30 am
Furnace 1.30 pm (Note time)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Service
10am - Glassary
Rev. C. Acklam

Thursday 13th November
Messy Church - 4pm - 6pm
Living Stones Hall, Kilmartin

A new loop hearing system has been installed.
All welcome
SC0 02121

lochgilphead baptist church
All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 9th November 2014
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
10.45 at Cenotaph
Service starts at 11.30am with communion
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th November
Service of Remembrance 9.45am followed by Service at the War Memorial
Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 9th November
Service at the War Memorial 10.40am
Morning Service 11.40am
Next Generation, Triple C, Creche
Rev P Wallace

Tuesday 11th 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

Thursday 13th November
Choir Practice

Friday 14th November
Lunch Club
12.00 noon New Hall

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 9th November 2014
Remembrance Services
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Please gather at War Memorial 10.45am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Kirk Session Meeting,
Tuesday 11th November 2014
Tarbert Church 7.30pm.
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 9 November
Barnluasgan War Memorial
10.50 am

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Bellanoch Church 11.30 am
Service of Remembrance
Retiral offering for Poppy
Scotland
Rev. C. Acklam

Tuesday 11 November
Tayvallich Church 7.30 pm
Congregational Board

Thursday 13 November
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
Living Stones, Kilmartin
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 9th November
Remembrance Sunday
Holy Communion at about 11.30am
All Welcome
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 9th November 2014
Remembrance Sunday
"Following the 10.30am Town Service at the War Memorial, led by Rev Catriona Hood...."
11.30am Family Communion
Coffee to follow
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Wednesday 12th November
Jellytots Toddler Group 10.00am
Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm

To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show.

For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2014
10.50am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham Mclean "Burden Bearing"

Thursday 13 November 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Three points for Lochgilphead Red Star in high scoring match

RED STAR welcomed Port Glasgow to the Ropework on Saturday looking for a win on the back of the previous week's heavy defeat and, despite a nervy ending to the game, picked up the three points.

Star took the lead after 14 minutes when a quick corner between Naisby and Docherty caught the Port defence napping and the ball broke kindly to Meikle, who shot into the top corner from 12 yards to make it 1-0.

Star doubled their advantage when Docherty's strike came back off the post and the ball bounced along the line, where Naisby got to the ball before the defender to make it 2-0.

Despite grabbing the goal this was Naisby's last involvement in the game as he picked up a knock and Neil MacLeod came on in his place up front.

Port got themselves

Lochgilphead Red Star	6
Port Glasgow	4
SAFL Premier Division Two	

back into the game when after 40 minutes a cross came into the box, which Kalache elected not to punch, and the forward was left with the simple task of nodding the ball into an empty net from six yards to make it 2-1.

However the home side restored their two-goal cushion soon after as Paterson slid in to poke the ball home from Weir's corner to make it 3-1 at the break.

Into the second half and Star looked to put the game to bed with Meikle and Moore instrumental in the middle of the park and showing plenty of energy.

Peacock was proving to be a major threat on the left of the Star front three and it was the striker who added

a fourth goal. After receiving a diagonal pass from Meikle he was able to cut inside his marker and drill the ball past the Port keeper to make it 4-1.

The visitors soon gave themselves yet another lifeline; this time from the penalty spot as Forbes was adjudged to have handled the ball and the visitors number 10 fired home from the kick to make it 4-2.

The most bizarre goal of the game came through Forbes, who took a free kick from sixty-five yards. The ball fell into the box, caught out the Port centre halves, before taking a massive bounce over the keeper's head and into the net to put Star 5-2 ahead.

The hosts added a

sixth goal through MacLeod who got himself on the scoresheet after linking up well with his new teammates and Star were 6-2 up.

This should have ended the game but Port pulled a couple of goals back late on. First a ball through the heart of the defence saw the forward one-on-one with Kalache and he finished into the bottom corner to make it 6-3. The final goal of the game also fell to the visitors as a cross wasn't dealt with properly and the forward was on hand to make it 6-4 at full time.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star play host to Paisley AFC in a league match where three points are crucial once more. The game kicks off at 2pm.

Luke Naisby who scored Star's second goal of the game gets a tackle in on this Port Glasgow player

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Under 16s fight back to share the points

Red Star YFC	2
Antonine YFC	2
DFDL Under 16 League	

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 16s recovered from a difficult start at the weekend to secure a draw with league leaders Antonine, who travelled to Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Sunday.

The visitors started well and were a goal up in six minutes as Star failed to clear a corner and Donaghy's shot then hit the bar and was deflected into the net.

With the wind at their back Antonine continued to press and were rewarded when Daniel Hamilton hit a 40 yard screamer into the net

giving Keeper Thom no chance.

Mid-way through the half Lochgilphead started making an impact on the game, creating chances but failing to convert them. But this changed on 33 minutes when Mackay powered his way into the box to beat keeper Carrol from 14 yards with a left foot shot.

Going close
The goal lifted the home side before half time, with Souden going close but the Antonine defence absorbed the pressure until refer-

ee Litster blew for half-time.

Following the interval Lochgilphead pushed for an early equaliser. Again, the visitors' defence was not giving much away until, after 63 minutes, substitute Lucas Williamson rattled the ball high into the roof of the net to make it all square.

In the closing stages both teams went for the win, Antonine's striker Adam Boyle brought a good save from Cammy Thom and at the opposite end Blair Mackay broke through for Star and saw his shot go wide of the post.

This Sunday is an away game against Milngavie in the league.

Depleted Tarbert crash out of Scottish Cup

A DEPLETED Tarbert squad of only 11 players were beaten by Dysart AFC when they travelled to Kirkcaldy for the third round of the Scottish Amateur Cup on Saturday.

Despite the shortage of players, Tarbert were more than a match for their opponents during the first half. The trio of MacIver, MacNaughton and McDougall were over-running the Dysart midfield and when the home team broke, the Tarbert defence, marshalled by Talbot and the returning Elliott, were snapping into tackles and clearing their lines well.

With Tarbert content to counter-attack they had a number of chances through Prentice but they failed to result in

Dysart	3
Tarbert	1
Scottish Cup - 3rd Round	

goals. The Dookers started the second half determined to build on a positive first half showing, when they should have had a couple of goals to show for their domination.

However, the opposite happened as a 10-minute spell straight from kick off ruined their chances of progressing into the next round of the cup.

With only a minute played, terrible marking saw the home forward free with the ball inside the box and his shot hit a lunging Tarbert defender, which spun the ball over keeper Martin into the far corner of the net.

This was a poor goal for Tarbert to lose but they didn't learn their lesson as a carbon copy goal arrived two minutes later, but this time the wide midfielder blasted his shot low past the helpless Martin.

Deflected
Cruel luck was to strike again when the central midfielder was given far too much time to smash a shot at the Tarbert goal from eighteen yards and, as a Tarbert defender slid in to block the shot, the ball deflected past the stranded Martin.

With 10 minutes remaining, the Dookers managed to pull one

goal back when a corner was cleared by Dysart and the ball fell kindly for young Andrew Guy, who unleashed a crackling first-time volley from 25 yards straight into the top corner.

With Tarbert applying the pressure in the final minutes, Dysart were handed the chance to extend their lead with two minutes remaining when they broke up the park and the forward was fouled in the box. But keeper Martin maintained his excellent penalty record when he dived low to smother the resulting spot kick.

This was to be the last action of the game as the home team ran out 3-1 winners.

Man of the match for Tarbert was goalkeeper John Martin.



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Lottery numbers

THE numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 14, 17 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd lottery had no winners this week. The numbers drawn were 9, 16 and 17. The jackpot will be doubled to £200 next week.

The jackpot in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery has reached £700 after another week passed with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 2, 6 and 15.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Cup third round - Oban Saints 3, Giffnock North 3; Luncarty 2, Campbeltown Pupils 5; Dysart 3, Tarbert 1; Premier Division One - Dunoon 5, Goldenhill 3; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 6, Port Glasgow Amateurs 4; Drumchapel Colts 4, Dunoon Athletic 0.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, third round replay - Giffnock North v Oban Saints; Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Alba Thistle; Premier Division One - Kilbowie Union v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Centre; Lochgilphead Red Star v Paisley; Division 1B - Tarbert v Rosehill Star.

Kenny misses out on record by one second



Campbeltown's Kenny Campbell was just one second short of setting a course record.

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Jura MacMillan of Loch Eck Orienteers kept it in the family, winning the junior girls race in 44.16. Inveraray jogscotland's Freya Corner took second in 45.50, with Maryann Wylie of Campbeltown Running Club taking third in 48.38.

A team competition was held and saw mixed teams of three compete to have the lowest aggregate time when added together.

Nine teams took up the challenge, but for the third year in a row it was a team from Campbeltown Running Club who took home the spoils. Stuart McGeachy, Jennifer Martin and Kenny Campbell of Team CRC completed the course in a total time of 1hr 45mins 49secs, lowering the previous best team time by three minutes.

Second place went to Susannah MacMillan, Jura MacMillan and Stuart Crutchfield of Team 'Bandits' in 1hr 57mins 54secs. Third went to Team 'CRC 2', Elaine McGeachy, James Murdoch and Douglas Ferguson in 1hr 58mins 08secs.

Full results and photographs from the race can be found at www.tinfarm5.co.uk and on the Tin Farm 5 Facebook page.

Dougie 'Moore' consistent than ever before

By David Sinclair
PLAYING the best golf of the day does not always guarantee being the winner, but on this occasion Dougie Moore was successful. All the parts of his game were good and he showed great scrambling ability when he went out of position.

David Sinclair is off to Africa in a few weeks and he is looking forward to the dry weather and will not miss the never ending rain that falls constantly on his head when he plays at Lochgilphead.

Lucky bouncers
Grant MacDougal was at the lucky bounces again - unfortunately it was the bad kind this week. His effort at the nearest-the-pin on the 18th hole bounced off the bridge, hit the clubhouse and ended up in the practice net. Karma was restored however when his three off the tee ball, which was heading for the burn,

bounced off a tree and landed beside the green.

Jim Hunter had a great front nine holes and told everyone that he would most likely mess it up on the back nine, which he promptly did. He remained calm during this disappointment but seems to have lost his putter.

Crazy golf
Ross Sinclair likes the way Alec, the king of crazy golf, sets up the course but today his putting let him down especially at the fifth hole.

Colin Rowan is teaching Keith how to play country and western 'air guitar', as they walk around the course and Keith is trying to teach Colin how to putt.

Simon had a bad day but will improve over the next few weeks as he is good when the temperatures drop.

Results: 10. D Moore; 9. D Sinclair; 8. G MacDougal; 7. J Hunter; 6. R Sinclair; 5. C Rowan; 4. K Cowan; 3. S Taylor.



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Red Star in high
scoring match

Stuart sets new local men's record in Tin Farm 5

...while Kenny Campbell misses course record by one second

LEADING Argyll runner Kenny Campbell regained his title as the winner of the annual Tin Farm 5 race in Ormsary on Sunday, but missed out on creating a new course record by one second.

Kenny, of Campbeltown Running Club, finished the five-mile race around Ormsary Estate in 31mins 56secs; he was one of 91 runners to complete the course in wet and muddy conditions.

Second in the senior category was Stuart Crutchfield, from Ormsary, who finished in 33.01, setting a new local men's record. Stuart McGeachy, also of Campbeltown Running Club was third with 33.014.

The male veteran category is always strongly contended and this year's winner from Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers was Paul Thompson, who had a 33.51 finish. Second place went to Stephen Whiston of Mid Argyll Triathlon Club, 34.54, and third to Douglas Ferguson of Campbeltown Running Club, 37.49.

The male junior prize went to Connor Lopez who travelled from Hampshire to take part in the race. Connor finished a very creditable fifth overall in a time of 34.32.

Mid Argyll jogscotland's Simone Charnock made it two in a row, taking the ladies title overall and the senior female title in a time of 38.47.

Second went to Sandra Houldsworth, of Renfrewshire, who had a time of 43.02, with third going to Campbeltown Running Club's Elaine McGeachy, 44.41.

The female veteran category was a closely-fought battle between Loch Eck Orienteers' Susannah MacMillan and Campbeltown Running Club's Jennifer Reid.

Susannah just pipped Jennifer, with a new female veteran course record of 40.37; Jennifer came in two seconds later in 40.39. Third went to Katie Ferguson also of Campbeltown Running Club, 44.12.

The local female winner went to Jackie Preece, who completed the course in 54.08.

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Stuart Crutchfield from Ormsary was second overall and the local men's winner.

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