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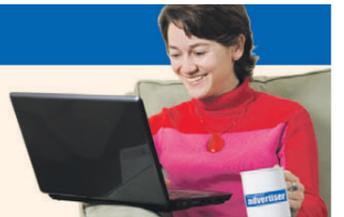
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# Teacher drought forces closure of Achnamara primary school

## Argyll and Bute Council 'working hard' to find replacement teachers to re-open Ashfield and keep Achahoish schools

REPORT By EDEL KENEALY  
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THE STRUGGLE to attract teachers to work in Argyll and Bute has resulted this month in Achnamara children being bussed to a different school, while Ashfield primary remains shut.

A second school, Achahoish primary at Ormsary - possibly Mid Argyll's most rural school - is also without a permanent teacher after the acting head left on October 10.

Argyll and Bute Council told the *Advertiser* it was, like other local authorities, struggling to recruit teachers.

The staff shortage has forced the council to hire a taxi to drive five Achnamara children nine miles to Tayvallich primary, where they will remain until the end of

the year when the situation will be reviewed.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute said: 'To ensure a smooth transition for the children, the council's education manager met with parents on a number of occasions beforehand, and the acting head teacher worked closely with Tayvallich's head teacher in the period leading up to the transfer.'

'Arrangements have been put in place to ensure continuity of education for children as well as support for staff.'

**'Disappointing'**  
Alka Foster, a parent of a P5 pupil at Ashfield primary, said the situation was 'disappointing'.

'The council has been

in discussions with us to make sure we felt supported in whatever decision we took, as we had been given options of other schools where the children could go.'

Alka said: 'The staff at the school are being very good in supporting the children to feel welcomed.'

Meanwhile a retired head teacher has been enrolled at Achahoish primary to teach the school's 11 pupils.

**Working hard**  
The council spokeswoman added: 'The council has been working hard to recruit new teachers across the local authority area.'

'This includes active recruitment both within Argyll and Bute itself and wider afield, through national media and specialist education publications.'



## Andy gets 'dolloed up' for fundraiser

Andy Powell, English, guidance and drama teacher at Lochgilphead High School got 'dolloed up' for his rendition of *It's Raining Men on Friday*, when he performed a drag act for Children in Need. The teacher had agreed to the makeover in a bid to smash the school's previous Children in Need fundraising record. For more on this story and the school's fundraising efforts see page 15. 08\_a47cin07

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# Family surprises Phemie, 90, at soup group

A LIEFLINE group for older people this week aided a surprise reunion of a Tarbert family, whilst hosting a birthday party for a Dooker marking her 90th year.

Phemie Law, who turned 90 yesterday (Thursday), was baffled when her daughter and son-in-law travelled all the way from South Africa to Tarbert Soup Group to attend the celebrations.

Only-child Catherine

and her husband Joe Hodge had been in touch with Tarbert Soup Group coordinator Heather Bellshaw to arrange the surprise.

### Great

Catherine, who paid for the lunch at the Tarbert Hotel as a thank you to the group, said: 'This is a great thing for my mother and they do such a good job.'

'My mum has been coming here since it started four years ago

and she just enjoys it so much.' When Phemie was younger she would go to South Africa every other year on holiday to see her family, but now Catherine and Joe visit Tarbert once a year.

Phemie has three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren all living in South Africa.

Stunned at lunch on Monday, Phemie said: 'I can't say how good it is that they are here. It's just wonderful.'

She said: 'I always look forward to seeing the family pictures that Catherine brings over.'

Born and bred in Tarbert, Phemie worked at Blair's grocers, now the tourist information board, for a number of years.

She used to play bowls, for which she won several trophies, and still lunches with her old school friend, Margaret Johnson, who is also Catherine's godmother.

The family are spending the week with Phemie to celebrate the milestone and spoil her.

Catherine, Joe, birthday girl Phemie and best friend Margaret Johnson have been celebrating the milestone together this week. 08\_a47soup01

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## Big Lottery splashes the cash for swimming

YOUNG people attending Tarbert Youth Group will become more confident in the water this year after the Big Lottery handed over cash for swimming sessions.

The lottery has given the youth group £9,816

from its Awards for All Fund to pay for weekly swimming at MAC Pool in Lochgilphead.

Heather Bellshaw, Tarbert Youth Group project co-ordinator, said: 'After speaking to MACPool, we discov-

ered that not as many people from Tarbert were using the swimming pool. The funding will make it more accessible for young people.'

The money will pay for transport, snacks and the sessions. Heath-

er added: 'It will help to get their confidence up in the water. It's so important with us being surrounded by water.'

The swimming sessions will also be open to people attending Tayinloan Youth Club.

## Countdown to Inveraray lights switch on

THE INVERARAY Christmas light switch on will take place next Friday, November 28.

The event will be preceded by a lantern parade leaving the primary

school at 6.30pm, down the main street, along Shore Street, Church Square, Main Street and Front Street, where the lights will be switched on. Santa will take pride

of place in the parade, and everyone is invited to come and meet him in his new grotto in the fire station, after the parade has finished.

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**A83 Tarbet road works resume**

ROAD works on the A83 between Arrochar and Tarbet were due to be completed this morning (Friday).

Works to improve the 1.8km stretch of road were only half completed when they were abandoned on October 28 to allow a mass clean up of landslides around the Rest and Be Thankful.

The £400,000 works saw resurfacing, an anti-skid surface laid at the corner at Tarbet Tea Rooms and improved drainage to prevent flooding in the area.

**'Worlds' to stay in Glasgow**

THE WORLD Pipe Band Championships will continue to be held in Glasgow until 2021.

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association awarded the right to host the 'worlds' to Glasgow for a further six years at a meeting on Saturday.

The event is the highlight of the piping calendar for several Argyll bands including Inveraray and District and Mid Argyll.

# Almost half a million sick days taken at council in five years

COUNCIL employees took 36,033 days off sick from work last year.

Figures for 2013/14 show that Argyll and Bute staff, on average, were missing from work through illness for two working weeks.

Council workers in Argyll and Bute took 10.6 days off in 2013/14, double the 5.3

days recorded in the private sector.

This places the council's absentee rate just above the Scottish national mean figure of just under nine days, but well below the worst affected local authorities.

While the figures for staff sickness in Argyll and Bute are improving,

particularly the number of teachers taking a day off, the local authority has racked up almost half a million sick days in the past five years.

**Reasons**

Injury, back problems, infections and digestion problems are among the most common reasons for short-term absence.

Long-term absence

- attributed to stress, medical treatment and digestion problems - has more than doubled in five years, with 227 people absent for more than 28 days.

Some council insiders argue that the widespread geography of Argyll makes it very difficult to provide sickness cover, given

the reduction in staff numbers following cuts at the council in recent years.

One worker, in a front-line service, said she was at her wit's end having to cover colleagues who were off sick.

She said: 'The truth is I cannot do my job and everyone else's in the time I have. Sometimes

it is easier to stay off sick myself rather than face a task I cannot do.'

Dave Watson, of Unison, described the rise as an inevitable consequence of massive job cuts.

He said: 'We have carried out surveys and found sickness had gone up in areas where jobs had been cut but there had been no reduction in workloads.'

'Those left behind have to plug the gaps, resulting in increased levels of stress.'

An Argyll and Bute council spokeswoman said it 'mitigated staff absence by supporting staff to return to work'.

She continued: 'We have introduced a trigger system to manage absence and the use of occupational health services to support the process.'

'Managers are provided with training on this specific policy.'



## Help the homeless and hungry this Christmas

FOOD donations will be welcome at a coffee morning to be held on Saturday, November 29.

The charitable event will take place in a bid to raise funds for, and

collect donations to, Kintyre Food Bank.

Hosted by the McCurry family from Lochgilphead, coffee and cakes will be served from 10am until 12pm at the town's MS Centre.

As well as the food bank donations Karen McCurry will be collecting warm clothes and food for homeless people in Glasgow, as part of the Rucksack Project.

Left: Karen McCurry's Kintyre Food Bank donation box is half full already. 08\_a47food01

**Lottery invests £65m in Argyll**

THE NATIONAL Lottery has donated more than £65 million to Argyll and Bute projects in the past 20 years, it has been revealed.

The organisation celebrated its 20th anniversary this week by unveiling facts and figures on the projects it has supported. Together with its ongoing support of Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, the lottery has supported 1,900 projects in the county.

Restoration schemes for Helensburgh's Hermitage Park, Campbeltown Town Hall and Dunoon Burgh Hall have all been awarded lottery cash.

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**Pair arrested following hotel break-in**

TWO MEN have been arrested after a Lochgilphead hotel was broken into and drink taken.

Aged 39 and 66, the men are accused of forcing entry into the hotel on Argyll Street, consuming a small amount of alcohol and sleeping in the hotel between 12.30am and 9.20am on November 12.

The men were traced within the hotel and are now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

**Man reported on driving charge**

A DRIVER is being investigated after a report of dangerous driving in and around Inveraray on November 19.

Police received reports of a car speeding on the A83 at Inveraray at 10.10pm and later traced a car and a 39-year-old driver.

A man has since been reported to the procurator fiscal.

# New hospital delayed again

CONSTRUCTION of the proposed new mental health hospital in Lochgilphead has been delayed for a fourth time, as health chiefs say it will be late 2017 before the specialist unit opens.

NHS Highland this week confirmed the 22-bed inpatient hospital, designed to replace Argyll and Bute Hospital, is scheduled to open almost five years later than initially planned.

## Intensive care unit patients to be transferred to new unit within Succoth Ward

The news comes after Argyll and Bute Council granted planning permission for the new hospital, which will sit where the former rehab unit, Tigh na Linne Ward, is currently situated.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'The design has been agreed and we have planning consent. The building contractor will be appointed by the end of the year and demolition of some of the old

buildings is scheduled to take place in January 2015, however building work will not commence before 2016.'

A series of changes are also being made to the existing Argyll and Bute Hospital before the new

building is constructed. The local health authority has confirmed that the Intensive Psychiatric Care Unit (ICU) for people with severe mental health problems is to close, with patients being transferred to a new unit that will be built within an existing inpatient psychiatric unit.

The spokesman added: 'We are currently planning to convert an area within Succoth ward over the

next few months. 'The planned relocated ICU will be a locked unit within Succoth Ward.'

The Scottish Government previously pledged £9.5 million of capital funding to build the new hospital, whilst Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership invested an additional £1.3 million in community-based mental health services to provide support for people now living at home.

The Argyllshire Advertiser took to the streets of Lochgilphead to get people's views on the delayed construction of the new Argyll and Bute Hospital.



**Carol Taylor, 44, from Lochgilphead, left: 'They need to push on with the building. The hospital is a prominent part of the community and it would be nice to see an improvement, not only for patients but for staff. It's the main employer for people here.'** 08\_a47vox01



**Norma Weir, 64, Lochgilphead: 'They need to make Argyll and Bute Hospital more accessible for people. It'd be nice to have somewhere people can receive the right treatment.'** 08\_a47vox02



**Violet Mackenzie, 64, Lochgilphead: 'It's a crying shame it has been left to go to wrack and ruin, like it has. When I was a domestic there it was already such an old building and we could never get rid of the dust.'** 08\_a47vox03



**Jenny Pendreigh, 35, Lochgilphead: 'The building needs to be improved. The site is falling apart. It's old and eerie. I don't think it can be good for people with mental health problems. There are people here who have acute mental health issues and they need a safe place to get better.'** 08\_a47vox04



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## Boat takes new name from Tarbert tot

A TARBERT man will go to work each day reminded of two very important ladies in his life after his employers, the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), named their new vessel after his baby girl.

Chris Smyth was invited to name the new landing craft on Loch Fyne after his 15-month-old daughter Erin Julia, as SSC chiefs aimed to recognise his long service with the company.

And as Erin takes her second name Julia from Chris' grandmother, he will be reminded of her each day he takes to the water.

'Erin was a name both myself and my partner, Emma MacPhail, liked and Julia is after my nana who passed away in 2005,' Chris said.

'Emma and I are both delighted to have a boat named after Erin, especially one I will skipper.



**Chris Smyth, Erin Julia Smyth with her mother, Chris' partner Emma MacPhail, and Iain MacIntyre, production manager of The Scottish Salmon Company.**

'I've worked on many boats over the years but it's a special feeling when it's named after your daughter. When Erin's old enough to understand I'm sure she'll enjoy telling all her friends she has a boat named after her.'

Erin Julia, Chris and Emma were on board the new boat when it made its maiden voyage from Bute, where it had been built by Ardmaleish Boatbuilding Company.

Chris, who started working for SSC in 1998, had been directly

involved in the designs for the boat and helped with the layout of the vessel, ranging from the wheelhouse, deck, workshop/store and hydraulic setup.

Erin Julia will service SSC sites in Loch Fyne, Arran and Striven.

### £162 million investment in Mid Argyll electricity infrastructure

THE ELECTRICITY supply in Mid Argyll should be a lot more secure this winter after a £162 million was invested in infrastructure.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) says overhead lines, underground cables and substations are all in the best condition and able to withstand stormy weather.

The company's engineers have completed helicopter patrols to inspect overhead lines and repair any old or damaged equipment; cut back overgrown trees and vegetation from electricity lines; helped community councils create resilience plans, and installed generators in island and isolated communities.

#### Resilient

Neil Wilson, the distribution operations manager at the Argyll and West Highland Depot, said: 'We're installing the latest equipment and technology in areas which need it most, and we believe that this will make the local network as strong and resilient as possible.'

The energy company says the improvements, implemented in the last four years, will ensure the lights remain on in Argyll throughout the winter.

# Mum and dad join town's community council



Brian and Norma are hoping to create a brighter future for baby Noah. 08\_a471cc01

A PAIR of new parents have joined Lochgilphead Community Council in a bid to help create a vibrant community in which to raise their first child.

Brian and Norma McLennan moved to Lochgilphead a year and a half ago to settle down in what is Norma's hometown and bring up their now seven-month-old son Noah.

But shocked at shop closures and a reduced community spirit, the couple have decided to join the community council where they hope to change the town for the better.

Norma, 40, who had only been away from Lochgilphead for three years, said: 'Having a young baby has made us want to do something to shape the future for our son.'

'Since Noah's birth Brian and I have become quite political and passionate about change for a better future.'

She said: 'I hate the fact that the shops have all closed. It's really sad to see. I want to use this opportunity to try and bring the community feeling back into the town.'

'I'd like to see Lochgilphead become more accessible for businesses and encourage tourism.'

'We'd also like to see it become as environmentally friendly as possible.'

Norma, who worked in the town's tourist information centre in the '90s, added: 'There was a time in particular when people took to the police station to sleep for the night because the hotels and B&Bs were booked out it was so busy.'

'I'd like to think we could revive that.'

Brian, 34, says he saw home-grown businesses in his own community in Dingwall die after large supermarkets came to the area and is passionate about supporting the Lochgilphead high street.

He said: 'This town is the middle of Argyll and we just have to work hard and remind people that it has so much going for it.'

Brian, who works for Scottish Canals, and full-time mum Norma will be at Lochgilphead Community Council's next meeting on December 8 to air their ideas.

### Preparing your home for winter

HOME owners and tenants in Mid Argyll were told how to prepare their house for winter at a drop-in event in Lochgilphead this week.

On Wednesday, Argyll and Bute Council held a housing maintenance event in the community centre.

Open to everyone, people learned how to make their home more resilient in severe weather. There was information on roof and guttering repairs, and energy efficiency, as well as general home maintenance issues.

For those who missed the event, more information is available at [readyscotland.org](http://readyscotland.org).



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Pictured is Laura Campbell BSc (Hons 1st Class) MC Optom who, following her graduation from Glasgow Caledonian University July 2013 and completion of her Pre Reg year, was presented with her diploma from the Royal College of Optometrists in London recently. Laura currently works with Specsavers in Aberdeen and is the elder daughter of Stuart and Mairi Campbell, Drumore Villa East, Campbeltown and grand daughter of Mrs L Campbell, Ardconnel, Hutcheon Court, Campbeltown and Mr & Mrs D Colville, 7 Wellpark, Kilkenzie.

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## Council should help its staff overcome stress

THE SHEER number of people taking time off work at Argyll and Bute Council because of illness has raised questions over the environment in which they are working.

It is no secret that pressure at work can cause people to become run-down, suffer from physical health problems and, in prolonged cases, cause deeper mental health issues, such as anxiety and a loss of confidence.

It is up to chiefs at Argyll and Bute Council to provide a comfortable environment in which staff can carry out their duties.

And while no job is stress-free, measures can be put in place to ensure a workforce is well looked after.

That is why the introduction of the latest 'trigger system' is a step in the right direction for existing and future employees.

Implementation of the trigger system will see managers at the council trained to support employees who are taking on too much, or feel that their health may be suffering. Staff should, if the system is successful, be able to approach and discuss issues with their managers and occupational health workers.

In the long-term, however, councillors must think carefully about staff and their workload when they make cuts in what is anticipated to be an austere 2015/16.

Members will be forced not just to think about what services to protect but what cuts can sensibly be achieved within a workforce that is already seems to be at breaking point.

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## Clarification on pregnancy scanning

Sir,  
In response to the article last week with regards the scanning service, I would like to comment on the facts.

Midwives across Argyll and Bute were trained to carry out confirmation scans on pregnant women. These were for the purpose of establishing gestational age accurately, viability and fetal number.

There had not been any formal programme of skills updating or audit in place and it is for this reason the local scanning service has ceased.

Pregnant women in Argyll and Bute have always had to travel to Glasgow for their 12-week cub scan and 20-week fetal anomaly scan. Therefore the requirement for a review has not changed the patient pathway for these scans.

Recent guidance requires professionals carrying out scans during pregnancy to undertake a one-year accredited post graduate course.

Argyll and Bute is committed to delivering services that support women throughout pregnancy. Long journeys to hospitals in Glasgow can be difficult for women. We have worked with both services users and staff to review how we can deliver the service locally and are looking to provide a better, safer and sustainable service.

**Catriona Dreghorn,**  
Interim lead midwife,  
Argyll and Bute CHP.

## Safety first for patients

Sir,  
I am responding to the article you published last week

regarding the ultrasound scanning service in Argyll and Bute.

A review of the Argyll and Bute obstetric scanning service, carried out by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in 2013, indicated that there was significant risk in non compliance with national requirements and recommended that all antenatal ultrasonography should be carried out by trained obstetric ultrasonographers.

As a result NHS Highland made a decision to suspend all scanning carried out by midwives across Argyll and Bute until the right training and supervision were in place to ensure delivery of safe scanning services.

The article was incorrect when it said that women now had to travel for a 12 and 20-week scan. This has always been necessary and is not new.

As a result of these changes women are now offered scanning services in line with the national guidelines.

Outreach consultants also carry out some scans to high risk women when visiting each locality.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership puts the safety of its patients at the forefront of decision making, and endeavours to do the best by patients.

**Kristin Gillies,** Argyll and Bute CHP.

## Significant investment needed on lifeline road

Sir,  
When it comes to investment, it's clear that the A82, like Cinderella, is the poor relation to other key routes for travellers

in Scotland and the Highlands. Significant investment is needed to upgrade the road to a standard, which is appropriate to its lifeline status for Lochaber and Argyll.

The current approach of simply adding restrictions to sections of the route is quite inadequate, if we are to have a safe and efficient main trunk road for the West Highlands. Towns and communities here are already significantly disadvantaged by geography. The standard of the A82 only compounds the issues of cost and time they face just to stay and to do business here.

I am today writing to Keith Brown to seek a meeting at which we can clarify what can be done to progress this.

The route desperately needs improvement to allow safe and efficient movement of traffic and to cut travel times. We need to see that ambition and action from Transport Scotland, to end the A82's Cinderella status.

**David Stewart MSP,**  
Highlands and Islands.

## Sponsorship thanks

Sir,  
I would like to thank my sponsors for supporting me financially and helping my parents pay for the travel, accommodation and entry fees that are necessary parts of my sailing. Without the help I have received the costs involved would soon become prohibitive.

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Rotary Club, Argyll and Bute Trust and Corpach Boat Building Company.

**Tom Graham,** Ardfern.

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**Michelle Thew,** Chief executive, Cruelty Free International.

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# Karen backs MS Trust campaign

**'I wish they had this information when I was diagnosed. It's the unknown that's scary'**

A YOUNG woman who felt scared and isolated after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis is backing a campaign to ensure doctors and patients are well informed about the illness.

Karen Cameron, from Lochgilhead, was diagnosed with MS almost a decade ago and is this year supporting the MS Trust's Making Sense of MS initiative.

The national charity has created the Making Sense of MS introductory booklet which includes helpful information and advice for patients and their families. Neurology doctors will pass this on to people when they receive their MS diagnosis.

The booklet, designed to address the fears people experience when diagnosed with MS, comes after a study showed only 12 per cent of people are

given the information they need at the time of diagnosis.

Commissioned by the MS Trust, the study revealed the majority of patients struggled to make sense of their condition.

Karen first became ill in July 2007 at the age of 25. Although she was diagnosed within four months of experiencing severe symptoms, she said she was left feeling scared because of a lack of information.

'I wish they had this information when I was diagnosed,' Karen said. 'It's the unknown that's scary.'

'My consultant diagnosed me over the phone, and he advised me to go to my GP.'

'When I did, he was very nice to me but that was it. No one reassured me or told me anything else; I was left to get on with it.'

When Karen fell ill she was newly married and had been looking forward to settling down with her husband. Instead she found herself researching her condition online.

She added: 'I was a carer before I got MS and I cared for people with it, so I associated MS with wheelchairs and constant support. I was scared and no one even mentioned the MS Centre to me. If my friend hadn't dragged me to it a few months later then I might never have had the support that I needed.'

'I got a lot of emotional support from the MS Centre, and I think GPs should be referring people to the centre. They could do so much more to give people emotional support.'

To download the Making Sense of MS booklets go to [www.ms-trust.org.uk](http://www.ms-trust.org.uk).



Karen is always raising awareness of MS. 08\_a47ms01

## Help on the line

NATIONAL charity Breathing Space will be marking 10 years as Scotland's leading mental health support phone line this November.

Advisors at the service have answered more than 525,000 calls in that period, helping Scots to open up when they are feeling down.

Tony McLaren, Breathing Space national coordinator, said: 'People from all walks of life contact Breathing Space. Whatever the issue, whether it's loneliness, anxiety, low mood, stress or relationship problems, our advisors are here to listen and offer advice. We answer more than 6,000 calls a month - it's encouraging that people are picking up the phone to talk about their problems, rather than bottling things up.'

Breathing Space is a free, confidential and anonymous phone service available to anyone across Scotland.

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## Council finance chief to leave

THE HEAD of strategic finance for Argyll and Bute Council is to step down after almost two decades of service.

Bruce West will join Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) as director of finance and IT in February, after 19 years with the council.

A spokeswoman for the local authority said: 'Bruce has been a fantastic officer throughout his time with the council and a real asset to the work of the organisation - he takes with him the good wishes of the elected members and colleagues.'

Alistair MacGregor, ACHA chief executive, said: 'ACHA is pleased that someone with Bruce's experience of strategic finance will be joining us. We look forward to working with him.'

## First rural parliament voted a big success

MORE THAN 400 people from rural Scotland gathered for three days in Oban at the beginning of November for the inaugural Scottish Rural Parliament, and the largest gathering of rural activists Scotland has seen.

The event, sponsored by Caledonian MacBrayne, ended with a call for action to achieve a more empowered, connected and sustainable rural Scotland.

Action points were gathered from workshops over the first two days and collated into a strategy for the rural parliament to take forward over the next two years.

Delegates agreed to ask the Scottish Government to commit to a national conversation on local democracy as a first step towards radical reform of local gov-

ernment that will bring power much closer to communities. They also backed the continuation of the Scottish Rural Parliament.

Guests were predominantly those who are active within their communities in rural Scotland, but also included cabinet secretaries Richard Lochhead, Michael Russell and Keith Brown. Other politicians present included Alan Reid MP, Claire Baker MSP, Jamie McGrigor MSP and Mike Mackenzie MSP.

International guests came from as far afield as Belarus, Sweden

and Canada to participate in, and learn from, the historic event. Rural parliaments are successful in Europe and key-note speaker Anneli Kana from Estonia gave an overview of the impact its rural parliament has had in giving rural communities a stronger voice in decision-making.

Bids to host the next national rural parliament event in 2016 will be invited from rural communities, and there will be a smaller meeting with Scottish ministers in 2015 to take stock of progress on the issues discussed in Oban.



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# Mid Argyll cookbook launched at library

FOOD lovers are getting involved in the celebrations for Book Week this year, as a new Mid Argyll cookbook is launched.

As part of celebrations for Book Week Scotland, Lochgilphead Library is launching a cookbook filled with recipes handed over by regular visitors to the Manse Brae building.

Dubbed The Library Cookbook, it also features artwork created by pupils at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The book will be launched at the library on Wednesday at a special event, which will also include an art exhibition showcasing all the art completed by students during the collaborative project.

Those attending the book launch are also being encouraged to bring

along a love letter as part of the Book Week bonanza.

Organised through the Love Letter to Your Library campaign, the letter should be addressed to the person's favourite library and outline why the library is so important to them.

### Displayed

The letters will be displayed throughout Book Week Scotland which runs from November 24 to 30.

Book week comes as Argyll and Bute Council launches its online e-book lending service and confirms visits to its libraries have increased by 10 per cent in the past year.

To learn more about Lochgilphead Library and its services log on to [argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-leisure-and-libraries](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-leisure-and-libraries).



The dancers posed for pictures with children after they performed.

# Choreography project dazzles at Craignish Village Hall

DANCERS who performed at a sold-out gig in Ardfern could be back to hold workshops.

The Edinburgh Choreography Project dazzled families in the community when they performed a variety of modern dance routines at Craignish Village Hall last Friday night.

Lucy Walsh, event organiser at Craignish Village Hall, said: 'The kids loved it. They were mesmer-

ised and stayed silent all the way through the night.

'Some of the dancers offered to come back and do dance workshops with adults and children, which is something we will definitely organise.'

Despite travelling through floods and road closures to make the booking on time, the dancers stayed late to mingle with the audience.

'The group was great, the members stayed behind to sign autographs for the children and spent time chatting to the adults,' Lucy added.

### Choreographed

The Edinburgh troop's show was choreographed by Royston Maldoon and was inspired by music from Gustav Mahler, James MacMillan CBE, Graham Fitkin and Fazil.

# Hoot leaves audience spellbound

Review by **Bernine White**

THE AUDIENCE at Mid Argyll Music Association's most recent concert was treated to a special piece of music that had only been premiered two weeks ago.

HOOT - harp and flute duo Helen MacLeod and Emma Wilkins - performed Cowal Colours, which was composed by Edward MacGuire to mark Cowal Music Club's 70th season.

The girls performed the music as a film was played which showed how Argyll artists Don McNeil and Jean Bell produce their paintings.

Emma and Helen showed their perfect partnership in Debussy's La Fille aux Chevaux de Lin, the musical simplicity creating rich emotional depth. Emma played the alto flute for the performance of Cape Cod from Toward The Sea, by Takemitsu, a tonal piece commissioned by Greenpeace.

The audience was left spellbound by HOOT's encore, Lochaber No More. A privilege for everyone to hear.

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**Friday 28th November** in the Salvation Army Hall and  
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 Come and create a free picture as a reminder of the Christmas story  
 Visit our website to find out more  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)

Mid Argyll Musical Society present  
**WHISKY GALORE** (a musical)  
 Wednesday 26th November - Saturday 29th November  
 Ardrishaig Hall 7.30pm  
 Tickets £8, Conc. £6 from The Archway, Lochgilphead, & Flowers by Morna, Ardrishaig.

Ardrishaig Craft Club  
  
**Coffee Morning & Sale of Crafts**  
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 Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 3pm  
 Campbeltown Heritage Centre  
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 Teas and coffees available afterwards

**McCorkindale Dancers Present THROUGH THE YEARS**  
 A nostalgic look back to celebrate 40 years of McCormick Dancers  
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 Campbeltown Grammar School  
 Show starts 8pm  
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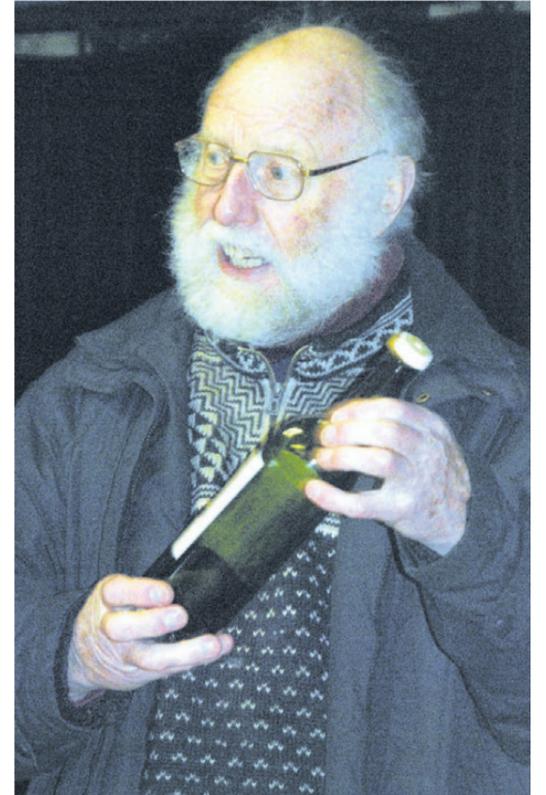
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 10.00am - 12.00 noon  
 Usual stalls  
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The islanders unload the cargo from the shipwreck. 06\_a47play03



Baxter Nisbitt plays Willie Munro, one of the islanders keen to get to grips with the ship's cargo. 06\_a47play01

# Whisky Galore is staged in

# Ardrishaig

Musical showcases the islanders' hilarious chase to get the whisky, hide it and maybe even drink it!

NEXT WEEK Ardrishaig Public Hall will be transformed into the Hebridean islands of Great Todday and Little Todday as Mid Argyll Musical Society stages its production of Whisky Galore.

The musical is adapted from the book by Compton McKenzie, which was based on a real event in 1941 and tells the story of cargo ship, The Cabinet Minister, which ran aground during World War Two near to the Isle of Eriskay.

During the war many things were scarce, including whisky, which was a great sorrow to the islanders. But, to their delight, the cargo of the stricken ship was whisky.

Despite the protestations of Captain Waggett of the Home Guard, the islanders decide to 'rescue' the crates of whisky.

The cast of crofters, shopkeeper, priest, minister, schoolteacher and the staunch of ladies of the islands, aided and abetted by Sergeant Odd



Even the priest, Father McAlister, played by John Orr, can't resist the lure of the whisky. 06\_a47play02

- who is home to marry the lovely Peggy - do their utmost to outdo the authorities.

The other love interest is with George, the teacher, who loves the feisty Catriona of whom his domineering mother disapproves.

Written by Shona McKee McNeil and Ian Hammond Brown, the Whisky Galore musical is a show full of fun and laughter, which, following the shipwreck, showcases the islanders' hilarious chase to get the whisky, hide it, and maybe even drink it.

The show runs from Wednesday, November 26 to Saturday, November 29.



The cast perform a few ceilidh dances during the musical, set in the Hebridean islands in 1941. 06\_a47play05

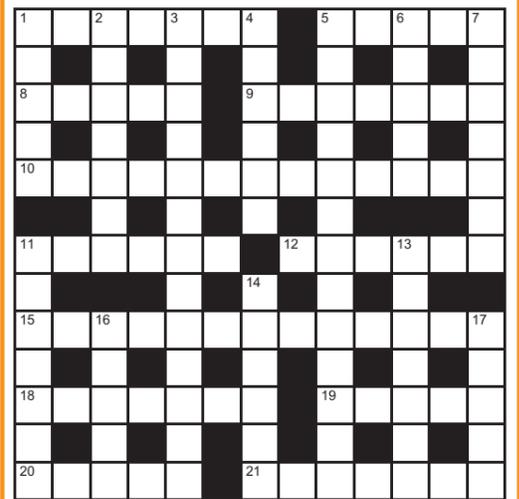


Captain Waggett (Colin Murray) asks Sergeant Odd (Chris Maddox) to use his island contacts to get information on the missing whisky. 06\_a47play10



Beverley Moran, right, and Joanna Green play the love interests - the lovely Peggy and feisty Catriona - in the musical. 06\_a47play07

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Across

- 1 A drunkard (7)
- 5 Athletic events (5)
- 8 Implied (5)
- 9 Core (7)
- 10 Appetising (5-8)
- 11 Personify (6)
- 12 Allot (6)
- 15 Stickers to allow delivery (7,6)
- 18 Penned (7)
- 19 Countryside (5)
- 20 Superintendent (5)
- 21 Clear (7)

Down

- 1 Carved pole (5)
- 2 Give way to (7)
- 3 Planned fierce encounter (7,6)
- 4 Boring tool (6)
- 5 Senior officer aboard (7-2-4)
- 6 Boredom (5)
- 7 9mm formerly used by the British army (4,3)
- 11 Authorize (7)
- 13 Corrupt (7)
- 14 Rupture (6)
- 16 Insinuating (5)
- 17 Restorative (5)

Last week's solution



## Fires of Love to light up Lochgilphead Church

THE NEXT instalment on the Mid Argyll Arts Association programme of concerts will see the quartet known as Fires of Love raise the roof of Lochgilphead Parish Church.

A band with a passion for baroque chamber music, the quartet will perform for music lovers next Saturday, November 29.

### Instruments

Formed in 1998, Fires of Love comprises soprano and baritone voices, percussion, an array of recorders and strings, including lutes, guitars and theorbo.

Featuring Frances Cooper, Gordon Ferries, Jonathan Hugh-Jones and Marcus Claridge, the group was formed

with the aim of performing renaissance and early baroque chamber music in a fresh, innovative and accessible style.

The programme will include Jacobean songs of love and loss.

The foursome has won numerous awards, as well as rave reviews from critics which ranked the Fires of Love concert amongst the top ten most interesting concerts in the UK.

People are asked to note the change in venue for the concert, which has been moved to the Lochgilphead church because its acoustics are more sympathetic to the baroque style of music.

The concert begins at 7.30pm.

## Tayvallich tea raises cancer charity cash

PEOPLE in Tayvallich tucked into a 'strawberry tea' recently as the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group hosted an event to raise cash for Breast Cancer Care Scotland.

Two ladies from the group, Mary MacLauchlan and Libby MacDonald, along with some friends, hosted the tea party in Tayvallich Village Hall and surpassed all previous years of fundraising by amassing £747.30.

Kind villagers went one step further and donated the £281 they raised at a Commonwealth Games celebration to the cancer charity. The total was rounded off to £1,050 and sent to the charity, which recognised the ladies efforts by sending



Mary MacLauchlan and Libby MacDonald were presented with their certificates by the group's fundraising organiser Susan Cameron.

thank you certificates to the Mid Argyll group.

These were presented to Mary and Libby by Susan Cameron, the group's fundraising or-

ganiser, who has been communicating with Breast Cancer Care for many years. Several members of Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group

also attended Breast Cancer Care's annual fashion show this year.

Held in Glasgow on November 12, the event raised £180,000.

## Lochgilphead 65 project needs public's help

MID ARGYLL Youth Forum has renewed its call for people to share their stories of World War One soldiers.

Researching the names of the 65 people listed on Lochgilphead War Memorial, the forum is compiling a book with information relating to each of the men killed in action. To date the forum has traced 63 of the 65 names.

However, the teenagers want to learn more about the personalities of the war dead, their previous jobs before becoming soldiers and more about their families. To help, contact Raymond Flanagan on 01546 604751 or email raymond.flanagan@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

**NOMINATE NOW**  
Nominations close on Monday 8 December 2014

# Calling all rural heroes

Do you know a Mid Argyll rural business or an individual that deserves to be recognised for making a significant contribution to their local community?

Then why not nominate them to win one of our inaugural Scottish Rural Awards? The awards, affectionately known as the 'Scotties', are a joint partnership between Scottish Field and The Scottish Countryside Alliance and were formed to recognise excellence across a range of 12 award disciplines. Nominating couldn't be easier – simply go to [www.scottishruralawards.org/category](http://www.scottishruralawards.org/category) and choose your category or alternatively call 0131 551 7919 and we will post you out a form. You can nominate as many times as you like and each time you will be entered into a prize draw where six randomly chosen lucky winners will receive a bottle of Tomintoul 12 year old Speyside Glenlivet as a thank you from the judges. The awards will culminate in a special celebratory dinner taking place on 26 March 2015 in Edinburgh.

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You can be a friend, colleague, family member or anyone else, but can't nominate yourself! We are looking for someone remarkable that has really made a difference to others around them
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**STRATHALLAN**  
Education is vital to a productive and progressive rural society, so your nominee, either individual or establishment, needs to demonstrate skills for teaching which will benefit others around them, young or old, and the community as a whole.
- **RURAL TOURISM** – Visitor Centre or Attraction  
Your nomination may be about a specific attraction, place, experience or person that has brought something to life in rural Scotland. We are looking for innovation, communication, service and education as well as fun and excitement.
- **HOSPITALITY**  
Always important and popular, our hospitality industry has made great strides in recent years. Customer service is key, but so is the role that your nominee plays in the local community if they go beyond the call of duty. Are they ambassadors for local produce who care about where their food is sourced? These are important questions that you can help us to answer.
- **BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION**  
The key to thriving in a rural business is the ability to focus, re-focus and even change tack in order to stay ahead of the competition or even the times. The winning business here will be the one that has thought outside the box not only to survive, but to succeed to the benefit of all.

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The SRA take a realistic view of what conservation means and what can be and is being achieved right now. This award will be given to the organisation, business or individual who can go beyond the norm to create, develop, innovate and succeed in enhancing the Countryside by sustainability, protection, rescue, introduction or re-organisation.

**AQUACULTURE AND AGRICULTURE**  
Open to all agricultural and aquaculture businesses, this award is about enhancing, protecting, managing and developing the Countryside's rural resources and will especially recognise those whose ultimate goal is to manage effectively and considerately the man-made and wild environment.

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## Kilkenzie farmer seeks NFU vice president post

JOHN Smith, who farms Drumalea Farm, Kilkenzie in partnership with his wife Ruth, is bidding to become one of two vice presidents of National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS).

The Smiths have two daughters and the farm carries 350 pedigree Holsteins.

John, who has served five years on the union's board of directors as chairman of the legal and technical committee, is seeking to become a vice president.

He said finance committee duties have enhanced his interest and understanding of NFUS.

He is also a past national chairman of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs.

The elections are to take place at the union's council meeting at the Fairmont Hotel, St Andrews on February 10, 2015.

The deadline for candidates to submit their proposal form is Friday,

December 12, and some candidates have already declared their intention to stand.

The term of office for president, held by Nigel Miller, is open for election every two years. Mr Miller, has come to the end of his term after serving four years and no president can stand for more than two terms.

Allan Bowie and Rob Livesey, current vice presidents and Andrew Moir, combinable crops committee chairman, have confirmed they will be standing for president. Rob Livesey and Andrew Moir will also run for vice president. Andrew McCormick, Dumfries and Galloway's current regional board chairman, Kelvin Pate, current vice chairman of the Lothian and Borders Regional Board, have also declared their intention to stand for a vice president position.

Members of NFU Scotland's council – a



**John Smith of Drumalea Farm is bidding to become a vice president of NFU Scotland.**

body made up from representatives of each of the union's 73 branches - will select the successful candidates.

Those wishing to stand for these positions should contact NFU Scotland chief executive Scott Walker to obtain a proposal form, which must be returned to him by Friday, December 12.

He said: 'It is healthy

to see so many people interested in taking on these posts, and more people may come forward.

'Our members already have a choice from a strong field of candidates on who will be the next president and vice presidents of NFU Scotland.

'Whoever is elected will lead the organisation and represent Scottish farmers on issues that affect all farm-based businesses in Scotland.

'From discussions with the supply chain up to the multiple retailers; influencing and shaping government legislation that originates from Scotland, the UK and Europe; and working with a Scottish parliament and ministers; this will mean the people who take up office in February will operate on many fronts for the benefit of our members and the farming industry in Scotland.'

## Call to check payments letters

FARMERS and crofters from across Argyll are being urged to check their recent Scottish Government Rural Payments Inspection Division (SGRPID) letter to ensure all the details for their land are correct.

Nearly 100 union members attended meetings in Tarbert and Oban last Friday to hear from Jonnie Hall,

NFU Scotland director of policy. All farmers and crofters should now have received their letter from SGRPID, ahead of the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) next year,

and should make it a priority to check the details to ensure all field parcels are included and each has been allocated to the right region.

If not, the advice is to get in touch with your local office as soon as possible. The Argyll events were the latest in a series of 11 CAP meetings being held by the union across Scotland.

This was an opportunity for members to hear how the new CAP is going to be implemented. The main delivery is going to be through the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), which will be the new area payment,

based on three payment regions.

The union has already received calls from members expressing concern that either field parcels have been missed out completely or that they believe their better land for instance silage fields, good green ground and machair has been wrongly classified as rough grazing. This issue was raised at both the meetings in Argyll.

Nigel Miller, NFU Scotland president, said: 'If you have any concerns that what RPID has sent you is incorrect then contact your local RPID office now – you

only have 60 days from the time that the letter is dated.

'If you have field parcels that are a mix of Rough Grazing Regions (RGR) and Permanent Grassland (PGRS), i.e. rough grazing and better green ground, then our understanding is that if at least 40 per cent of the field is PGRS then the whole parcel will be classified as region 1.'

For anyone who was unable to make the NFU Scotland meetings, the Scottish Government is holding further meetings, including in Templar Halls, Tarbert, December 8, 1pm – 3pm.

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# Lochgilphead High School remembers the war dead with a visit to France

## Youngsters find relatives' graves

Report by S3 students  
Ruby Bosomworth,  
Holly Smith and Jura  
McMillan

IN JUNE, 26 pupils and three staff members from Lochgilphead High School embarked on a five-day tour of the World War One Battlefields around the Ypres salient in Belgium and the Somme area in France.

The trip was particularly relevant, as it coincided with the centenary of the start of the Great War in 1914, and to the new fifth year senior history students, who were studying the impact of Scots on the Western Front.

On day two of the trip, the group visited the Thiepval Memorial - a vast arched memorial on

which more than 72,000 names of the missing soldiers of the Battle of The Somme are listed and remembered.

Students used the visit to try and locate their family name.

Students Leah Fairman and Morgan Curtis both found that they had relatives buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery in Ypres.

They knew their relatives might have been interred in that area but only found them on the day by searching the cemetery records held at the entrance to Tyne Cot.

Leah said: 'It was perhaps by chance or maybe fate that I found the grave of my great, great uncle, G. D. McNair.'

'When I stood in front of the grave, I felt an in-



Student Jamie Wilson played his bagpipes at the Highland Light Infantry Memorial at the Somme.

stant connection, as if he was right next to me.

Morgan, who also found her relative, said: 'It was very overpowering to find a relative of my granddad. To think what he went through and the effects his decisions had on my family is incredible.'

Hannah Harper, a student on the trip, said: 'The Lochgilphead Pals, as our group became known, experienced a packed itinerary, including a visit to the site of some rare, genuine preserved wartime trenches, where it took some time to realise that we were literally walking in the footsteps of soldiers of the Great War. Thankfully, unlike the hard 'Kilties' - Scots soldiers, we were equipped with the luxury of wellies to combat any muddy conditions.'

The students also placed a small memorial cross at the Cruachan Memorial to the Argyll and Sutherland High-

landers (Princess Louise Battalion), many of whom came from the Lochgilphead, Inveraray and surrounding areas.

The Highland Light Infantry Memorial at the Somme was also visited and here student Jamie Wilson played his bagpipes.

He said: 'I felt deeply honoured to have played my pipes on the Western Front to honour the fallen soldiers of World War One. It was a moment of pride I will never forget.'

On their last evening the students witnessed the nightly Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres and took part in their own remembrance service, where they laid a wreath at a small cemetery in commemoration of all the soldiers who fought and died for their country in the First World War. The note on the wreath read: 'Lest we forget, forever grateful'.



Leah finds her great-great uncle's grave at Tyne Cot cemetery in Belgium.

## New book remembers war dead in Furnace

TO MARK the 100th anniversary of the start of the first world war, a man has researched the lives of Furnace men who died on the battlefield.

Jim Jepsen, who was supervisor of Inveraray War Museum before its closure in 1999, compiled his research with fellow Furnace residents Mary Gillies and Patrick Anderson.

The trio have, over the past year, researched, gathered and compiled the family and personal histories of the men whose names feature on Furnace War Memorial.

Jim said: 'I came up with the idea more than a year ago because

I thought people should know more about those we pay our respects to. The reason for remembrance is to not forget the people we lost to war.'

The research now features in a book, entitled Furnace Roll of Honour, which was published with the support of Furnace Primary School.

Jim presented the book to Reverend Roddy MacLeod on Remembrance Sunday. A copy of the book will remain on display in Furnace and Cumlodden Parish Church.

For a personal copy of the book email Mary Gillies at arygfurnace@gmail.com.



The Rev Roddy MacLeod with the finished book, dedicated to those who died in WWI. 08\_a46warfurn01



Pupils at Cruachan Memorial of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

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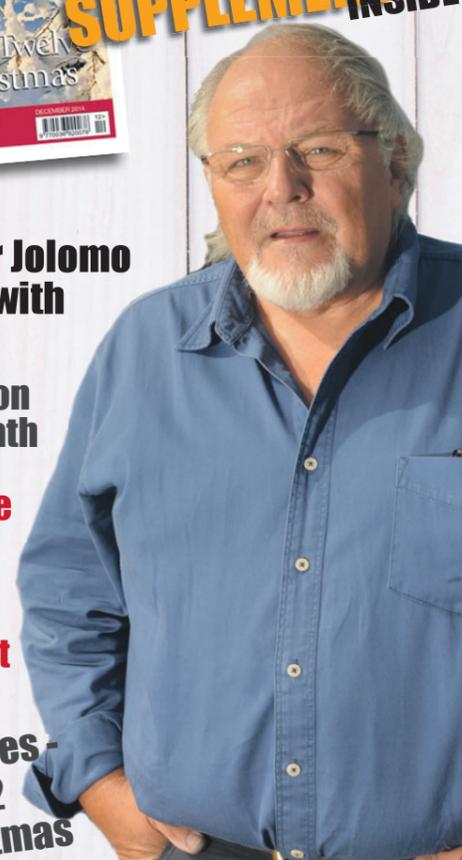
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## Wind farm offers work opportunities

THE COMPANY behind Freasdale Wind Farm, near Whitehouse, is holding a meeting this week in a bid to find businesses and people it could employ during its construction.

Energy giant RES is hosting a meeting in Tarbert on Wednesday when it hopes to learn more about local contractors and services so that company bosses can match up employment opportunities with local people.

Roger Seshan, RES supply chain director, said: 'RES has a track record of working with the local supply chain to find opportunities.'

'We want to build on that record with the potential investment of nearly £7m in Kintyre through our wind farms in the area.'

'We want to find the

right skills and relationships to support our projects, and our requirements cover a wide range of activities from accommodation and catering through to civil construction. This event will be a key chance to discuss our opportunities.'

Ruth Highgate, RES community relations spokeswoman, said: 'We have sent invitations to many local businesses, and Business Gateway and Highlands and Island Enterprise are also spreading the word to their local contacts.'

The event will run from 1pm until 6pm at the Templars Centre on Harbour Street. For more information, or to register interest in the event contact Ruth on 0141 404 5573 or email [ruth.highgate@res-ltd.com](mailto:ruth.highgate@res-ltd.com)



Jan Brown of the Balmore Trust, Jamie Spencer of Feedback Madagascar, Joanne Macdonald of Angels with Love and jewellery makers Alison Suter and Fiona Fraser at the craft fair in Kilmartin. 06\_a47fair01

## Fair trade sale at Kilmartin Museum

CANDLES, scarves, jewellery, home furnishings and soaps were on display in Kilmartin Museum Cafe at the weekend as a fair trade sale was organised for Christmas.

A series of charities including the Balmore Trust, Just Trading Scotland and Feedback Mad-

agascar had a range of produce on sale which had been made by social enterprises and people from some of the world's poorest countries.

Meanwhile, jewellery makers and sisters Fiona Fraser and Alison Suter, from Oban, had a colourful array of jewellery

on display, thanks to their trips to India, where they buy their stones and gems.

It is thanks to these trips and excursions to Tibet that the duo are active fair traders.

Kilmartin Museum hosts a fair trade sale in the run up to Christmas every year.

## Russell hails increased police numbers in Argyll and Bute

MICHAEL Russell MSP has welcomed new policing figures which show an increase in the number of officers in Argyll and Bute.

Quarterly figures released last week showed that there were 585 serving officers in the Argyll and West Dumfriesshire division of Police Scotland at the end of September, an increase of three per cent compared to December 2013. The figures come as Scotland hits the lowest level of recorded crime in 39 years.

Mr Russell, SNP MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'These figures are welcome, and demonstrate this SNP government's commitment to keeping our communities safe.'

'The incredible work that Scotland's police do is plain for all to see.'

# Here We Are buys Ballure Woods with grant from HIE

## Social enterprise secures timber supply for its growing business

A LONG-TERM plan to create social housing, play areas and a safe walkway around the head of Loch Fyne received a boost this week as Here We Are took ownership of a forest.

The Cairndow-based charity which controls social enterprise, Our Power CIC, has taken ownership of the 37-hectare Ballure Woods.

### Sustainable

Situated to the north of Glen Fyne, the woodland will provide a sustainable timber supply for the company's wood chipping plant, which supplies biomass to a number of businesses including Kilmory Castle.

The buyout, completed just last week, cost £145,000, with Highlands and Islands Enterprise supplying £125,000 of grant funding.

While the woodland will not be ready to harvest for 10 years, Here We Are says the purchase is part of a long-term plan to generate more income and provide economic, social and employment opportunities in the area.

John MacDonald, chairman of Here We Are, said: 'At the moment we have a community plan and that contains a list of things we would like to do over the next period of time.'

'We are trying to gen-

erate money for a cycle and walking path from Cairndow village to the Loch Fyne Oysters area, and maybe a multi-purpose play area for children somewhere in the area. The plan is raw and new but these are the ideas we have and that's the kind of thing the money (biomass revenue) could be used for.'

He added: 'We are all very excited to have had our offer accepted on the woodland and delighted that we can now continue with our plans for development of our renewable energy business and community projects.'

'Our committee and volunteers have worked

hard for many years towards this and we thank HIE for their support and financial assistance.'

Here We Are was established in 1998 with the aim of developing and sustaining the Cairndow area. It now delivers a range of initiatives such as tourist information, exhibitions and local history projects.

It has two trading subsidiaries - Our Power CIC, which operates the wood chipping plant, and Our Hydro Limited, which owns a 25 per cent share in Merk Hydro LLP, a one megawatt hydro scheme currently under development.



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**New salmon fishing boat**

SEA TRIALS of a £1.3 million boat that will service fish farms on the west coast of Scotland were completed last week.

The wellboat, Sally Ann, is the latest vessel to be built for the second largest salmon farmer in Scotland, Scottish Sea Farms, which operates 60 sites across Argyll, the west coast of Scotland and the Hebrides.

Keith Wardhaugh, logistics manager at Scottish Sea Farms, said: 'The Sally Ann is a fantastic asset for the company. Not only will she provide the support services to our sites but, importantly, the state of the art technology on board will spearhead the fight against any biological threats to our stocks.'

With a service speed of nine knots, the 22.8 metre long vessel will serve processing and freshwater sites in Argyll, as well as in Scalway, Shetland and Dumfries.

**Sports leaders gain qualifications to coach after school clubs in Mid Argyll**

AFTER school clubs in Mid Argyll are now home to qualified football, rugby, shinty, athletics and badminton coaches after teenagers took part in the inaugural Argyll and Bute Sports Leaders Conference.

**Conference**

Thirteen S5 pupils from Lochgilphead High School, recently appointed sports leaders at the school, attended the conference with the support of Active Schools.

The young people, who help deliver extra-curricular sports clubs across Mid Argyll, gained two coaching qualifications during their time at the conference.

Held over two days in Oban, the conference helped to equip the young people with the

skills needed to coach sports, deal with young people and also delivered a first aid course.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools coordinator in Mid Argyll, said: 'The Sports Leaders Conference has been an excellent way of getting a large number of pupils qualified to coach a range of sports in just two days.'

'It has also been great to see the pupils mixing with other schools and making new friends.'

**Volunteering**

The newly qualified coaches will continue to develop their skills further by volunteering at a range of school and community clubs in the area.

Argyll and Bute Sports Leaders Conference was organised by Active Schools, with funding from SportsScotland.



Danny has handed over the keys to his hardware store to Sylvia and Roddy MacDonald.

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**New owners as Danny decides to call it a day**

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Danny Litster handed over the reigns of his Argyll Street shop last Friday after 28 years in business.

The owner of Danny's Hardware turned 70 two weeks go and this month handed over the shop keys to another Lochgilphead family business.

Roddy MacDonald, the man behind Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors and Builders, has taken on the hardware store in partnership with his wife Sylvia.

Mrs MacDonald will be running the shop which will retain its name.

Danny said: 'Sylvia worked in the shop for a few years, so she knows the shop inside out and I'm delighted that she and Roddy are taking it over. We're really pleased because they have the personalities for it.'

'It's been a great business, but it's time to put my feet up and let the younger generation have a go at it.'

Before he bought the shop in 1986, Danny, from Kilmichael, worked as a delivery van driver for Mother's Pride.

**Good business**

He said: 'I delivered bread to Mid Argyll and was made redundant, that's when the shop went on the market and I bought it. There have been no lows at all, it's been a really good business.'

'I've had mixed feelings about retiring. The shop was a great part of

my life and I will miss the customers, but it's time for a change.'

The spare time that Danny has now will be spent looking after his seven-year-old grandson and taking him to school in the mornings.

New owner Sylvia said: 'We want to reassure locals that the shop will be running the same way it always has. Danny has had 28 successful years out of the shop and if we can get another 28 then that would be fantastic.'

**Mary-Ann Kennedy and Alison Burns host music workshop in Lochgilphead**

TWO LEADING figures in the Scottish traditional music scene are to host harmony singing workshops in Lochgilphead.

Alison Burns, the lady who wrote and trained dozens of communities to sing the Commonwealth Games song, Here's to All Our Commonwealth, and renowned Gaelic singer Mary Ann Kennedy will be in Lochgilphead as part of the Scotland Sings initiative.

A project that aims to get people singing in choirs, workshops, round kitchen tables, in pubs and clubs, is hosting an Argyll workshop on January 24.

The harmony workshop, entitled Renewing the Tradition, will see groups taught a new choral repertoire of fresh contemporary arrangements, seeded by some of Scotland's best-loved Burns and Gaelic song.

Scotland Sings has

commissioned songwriters Kim Edgar and Findlay Napier to take a Robert Burns song and rewrite it into a modern version. These songs I Will not Say Goodbye and Petals of a Red, Red Rose will be taught at the workshop.

The workshop is open to choirs and individual singers and runs from 11am to 5pm.

For more information see [scotlandsings-lochgilphead.eventbrite.co.uk](http://scotlandsings-lochgilphead.eventbrite.co.uk).

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Mr Powell is prepared for his performance.

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Shaiza Qamar, 13, said the show was 'bigger and better than last year'.

# Fundraiser was not a drag as pupils rake in over £1,850

PUPILS of Lochgilphead High School pulled out all the stops for this year's Children in Need (CiN) fundraiser.

By putting on musical performances and dressing a teacher up in drag, the school has managed to exceed last year's record and raised £1,850 in aid of the charity.

Andy Powell, English, guidance and drama teacher, got 'dolled up' for his rendition of It's Raining Men, for which he was supported on stage by sixth year boys.

Mr Powell raised £550 towards the total for his sponsored drag act.

He said: 'It's all a bit of good fun and it's for a good cause.'

### Song

The drag act was amongst a wealth of fundraising activities to take place in the school's main hall at lunch time on Friday.

Pupils sang and danced to Mama Mia, Boy George's Karma Chameleon and four boys turned into the T-birds from musical



Three of the 'Karma Chameleon' singers: Ross Anderson, Keir Whitefield and George Ritchie.

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film Grease. According to staff and pupils, the event was the biggest and best to date.

Eoghan Smith, deputy head teacher, said: 'It was a very successful day, everyone enjoyed themselves.'

'I'm really pleased that we've raised even more money than last year.'

When the Advertiser left the school Mr Powell was roaming the streets of Lochgilphead shaking his money box for donations.



The dinner ladies joined in the fun.



Primary school children as face-painted 'Pudsiess'.



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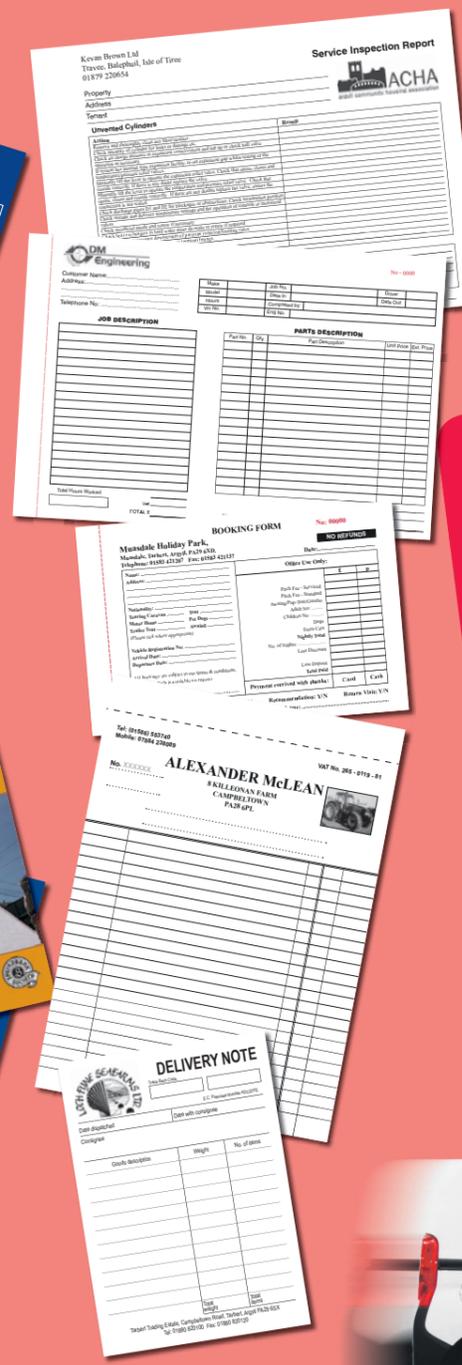
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14/02594/LIB	Formation of new access involving alterations to boundary walls	Bellgrove High Askomil Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6EN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02630/PP	Erection of wind turbine (34.4 metres high to blade tip), formation of access track and erection of substation kiosk	Gartnagrenach Farm Whitehouse Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XS	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

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

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**  
**PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION PUBLIC EVENT**  
**CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Hub North Scotland, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, intends to construct a new secondary school (Campbeltown Grammar School), including associated parking, bus drop-off facility, playing fields and outbuildings. The proposed site for the development is within the existing Campbeltown Grammar School site. A public event has been arranged to provide information on the proposals. The event will be held in:

Conference Room, Aqualibrium Sports Centre, Kinloch Green, Campbeltown, PA28 6EG  
10am to 8pm  
Wednesday 3rd December 2014

The public are invited to come along, between the times noted above, to see the proposals and to meet with the members of the project team. Anyone wishing to make comments on the proposed development can do so in person at the public event. Alternatively they can write to Ryder Architecture, 221 West George Street Glasgow G2 2ND before 10th December 2014 or email [mhaggerty@ryderarchitecture.com](mailto:mhaggerty@ryderarchitecture.com)

Please note that any comments made are not representations to the Planning Authority. There will be an opportunity to make representations to the Planning Authority should Hub North Scotland decide to submit a planning application for the proposals.

**COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES**

**Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**  
Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER, from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. He can also be contacted by email - [sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by Tel: 01546 604184. Councillor Taylor will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

**Councillor Anne Horn (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)**  
Councillor Horn can be contacted by Tel: 01880 820496 and by email - [anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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**Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**  
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977 327751 or by email [donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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**Scottish housing market boost: activity picks up after referendum**

**RICS UK Residential Market Survey, October 2014**

Scottish house price growth remained steady as demand soared during October, according to the latest UK Residential Market Survey.

Across Scotland new buyer demand witnessed a steep growth, as 81 per cent more surveyors reported an increase in new buyer enquiries as activity intensified following September's referendum result. Meanwhile across the rest of the UK demand dipped to a net balance of -18 per cent.

In addition to stronger buyer interest, sales expectations remain positive with a net balance of 55 per cent of chartered surveyors predicting a rise in sales over the next three months.

Significantly, Scotland and Northern Ireland had the most optimistic view on house prices in the run up to Christmas (net balances of 36 per cent and 37 per cent respectively).

Meanwhile, stock coming onto the market also saw the largest increase this year, with 39 per

cent of respondents reporting an increase in new instructions during October. Despite an increase in supply, demand for property continues to outpace and this was further witnessed in the lettings market where tenant demand continues to grow strongly across the country. Over the last quarter, this has particularly been the case in Scotland and rent expectations remain generally firm, with respondents anticipating an increase of around 2.5 per cent over the next 12 months across the UK.

Despite the pick-up in the sales market, demand to rent property is growing and coupled with a drop in supply of new stock to let this is helping to underpin the rental outlook for landlords pretty much across Scotland.

Sarah Speirs, director RICS Scotland said: 'Post-referendum confidence in the market has seen a surge in activity, both in demand for property and an increase in homes coming onto the market. Last month's announcement on land and buildings transaction tax may also have had an impact on the higher end of the market.'

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**Closing date for offers is 12.30pm on 9th January 2015.**

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# Renault picks up two awards at 2014 Green Apple Awards



Kangoo Van Z.E won the Green Apple Automotive Industry Bronze Award.

Renault has won two environmental awards at the 2014 Green Apple Awards ceremony held at the Houses of Parliament in London.

The Renault Kangoo Z.E electric van was awarded the Green Apple Automotive Industry Bronze Award whilst the Renault Clio was named runner up in the small family cars category.

These two accolades build on Renault's success in previous Green Apple awards. Last year, the Renault ZOE electric car took the overall winner prize as well as being named best small family car and in 2012 Renault was applauded with two awards for its commitment to zero emissions motoring.

Commenting on awarding the Kangoo Z.E. van the Automotive Industry Bronze Winner prize, a spokesperson for The Green Organisation said: 'The Renault Kangoo Z.E. Van was the market's first all-electric light commercial vehicle. This purpose-built van has zero tailpipe emissions, is cheap to run and easy to charge. It has instant

torque, making it rather quick – but at the same time very quiet and smooth to drive.'

The awards are organised by the Midlands-based The Green Organisation and were judged by members of the Midland Group of Motoring Writers.

Midland Group chairman Ian Donaldson said: 'When The Green Organisation asked us for our current green champions we wanted to go further than some other awards and look beyond the official figures and rank our favourites in the real world, taking into account how they performed in our hands.'

Explaining the award for the Clio, one Midlands Group of Motoring Writers judge said: 'Good looks combine with an extremely frugal and fun-to-drive diesel engine to put the Clio near the top of anyone's list.'

The Renault Kangoo Van Z.E. is the world's first 100 per cent electric van produced directly by a mass-market vehicle manufacturer. It provides zero tailpipe emissions and silent motoring that is ideal for commercial use

within urban environments.

The 44kW electric motor and 22kWh lithium-ion battery provide 226Nm of torque, available from rest, which allows for smooth, linear acceleration.

The official range of 105 miles means that the vast majority of van users' daily driving can be done on one charge. Kangoo Van Z.E. is available in four versions – Kangoo Van Z.E., Kangoo Van Maxi Z.E. (two seats), Kangoo Maxi Crew Van Cab, and Kangoo Van Z.E. Maxi Crew Van (five seats) – and is priced from £12,995 (+ VAT, after Plug in Van Grant) complete with a four-year/100,000-mile warranty and four years' roadside assistance.

The Clio hatchback, now in its fourth generation, is available with a range of petrol and diesel engines which emit CO2 emissions of as low as 83g/km and with fuel consumption as low as 88.3 mpg. Prices start from £10,995 and include four years'/100,000-miles warranty and four years' roadside assistance.

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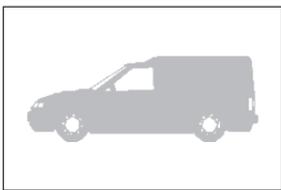


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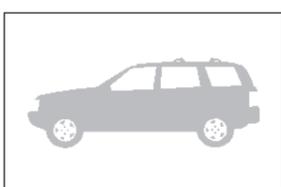
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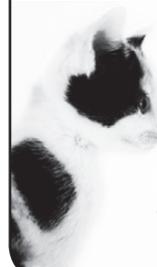
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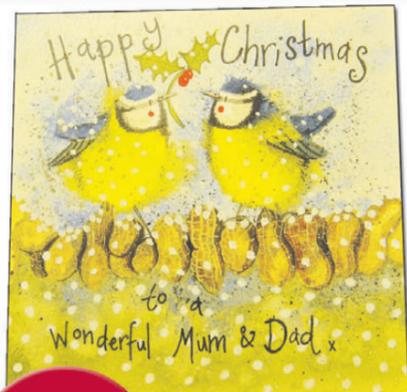
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with Marilyn Shedden



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Having travelled almost six and a half billion kilometres it finally landed on a comet close to the planet Jupiter.

It was almost five hundred million kilometres from home and had been travelling throughout the solar system for 10 years.

It was an achievement of outstanding scientific genius and commitment.

The whole world looked on and held its collective breath at the moment of touch-down.

Comets pre-date the birth of the solar system and the information from the ancient material within them could give us a clue to the development of life on earth.

The Philae will collect this data and send it to the waiting and excited scientists back on planet earth.

However it was the answer to a question on breakfast TV that caught my attention.

The question was regarding what would happen if the Philae left the comet and spun around in space.

Would it still be able to send back information?

The answer was that to function properly, the Philae must be pointing in the right direction at the right time and keep in touch with the Rosetta.

Maybe we need to be pointing in the right direction at the right time and keep in close contact with the One who flung the stars into space.

As more secrets of our beginnings are unravelled and explained we can give thanks to the God who not only has the stars counted, but also the hairs on our head.

Science and faith can walk hand in hand and rejoice together in a great adventure, as science asks 'How?' and faith tells us 'Why?'.

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**CLACHAN**

**Pupils take to the beach**

AS PART of a pilot initiative called Beach Schools, pupils from Clachan Primary School are set to become the first in the area to take lessons on the sand.

The idea is one similar to Forest Schools, which sees teachers take classes outside to the children's natural surroundings and learn more about the outdoors.

Pupils will be taking to the beach on November 27 and December 4 with a specially qualified practitioner.

**TARBERT**

**Firework display**

YOUTHS in Tarbert organised a fireworks display to raise money for the village's soup group.

Tarbert Youth Group organises the annual event every year and raised cash by selling hot chocolate, cakes, soup and glow sticks to the public.

Heather Bellshaw is the project co-ordinator for the youth group and soup group.

She said: 'There were lots of people out for the display. People parked their cars along the pier road too, so as not to get cold.'

**Charity event raises £370 for Macmillan**

DOOKERS turned out in their numbers to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support at the weekend.

In what was Stonefield Farms first ever charity event, staff raised £370



Locals and holidaymakers fight it out in a game of tug-o-war at Stonefield Farms.

**INVERARAY**



The football Easter egg that the one lucky member of the community will win.

**Londis donate 5p carrier bag charge to Christmas fund**

TO DELIVER the burgh's first Santa's Grotto, Londis supermarket has been donating the 5p carrier bag charge to a special Christmas fund.

Shop worker Linda Divers initiated the fundraiser and the shop is also raffling off a huge football Easter egg to raise enough money to create a grotto in Inveraray Fire Station.

At the end of the month, Santa

will travel through the town on his sleigh, before the Christmas lights are turned on.

Alison Wilson, shop assistant, said: 'The kids usually have to climb up on the sleigh to see Santa and it's a shame they are always queuing up on both sides of the sleigh.'

'This year there will be a proper grotto for them. They'll love it.'

for the charity. Kendal Bradley, manager at the farmshop, said: 'We had a game of tug-o-war. Lots of locals came and we even had people who had just arrived to stay at the wigwams take part.'

'We'd like to say a huge thanks to everyone for their support and for coming along, they made it a brilliant weekend. We will hold a second event to try to meet our £500 target.'

On Saturday, December 6 Stonefield Farm will host part two of

their fundraiser and Kendal said there was set to be more stalls and games than ever before.

For more information contact Kendal Bradley at kendalbradley23@hotmail.co.uk

**KILMICHAEL**

**Flower club members at SWRI meeting**

TWO members of Lochgilphead Flower Club wowed an audience at the Kilmichael

Glassary SWRI meeting last week.

Isobel Soudan and Catherine Smith created several colourful arrangements using a wide variety of flowers, shrubbery, candles and Christmas decorations.

Some of their masterpieces were then raffled off to members, before the pair judged the craft competitions.

Competition winners were: Six peppermint creams: first: Catherine Smith; second: Elizabeth Rhodick. Flower arrangement in a ramekin: First: Catherine Smith; second: Anne Ferguson. Fridge cake: first: Catherine Smith; second: Kate MacDonald; third: Elizabeth Rhodick.

The group's next meeting will be held on December 9. For more information contact Marina Campbell at marinacampbell1@aol.com.

**TIGHNABRUAICH**

**Festive market at Portavadie**

PEOPLE will be able to buy gifts and learn how to make the per-

fect Christmas dinner at Portavadie Marina's festive market later this month.

The annual Christmas Market is set to take place on November 29 and 30. Several stalls will be opened at the weekend, where people will be able to buy jewellery, food and stocking fillers, while for children there will be a Santa's grotto and horse and carriage rides.

Iain Jurgensen, Portavadie Marina's general manager, said: 'The market celebrates the start of the festive season. It is a great opportunity to browse the stalls, buy some unique Christmas gifts and try some exceptional local produce.'

'Christmas is a magical time and this year we have something for everyone, we're all looking forward to a fantastic weekend.'

The market will take place over the Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 3pm on both days. The ferry to Portavadie leaves from Tarbert Harbour.

**CARRADALE**

**Raffle raises £900 for village primary school**

THE COMMUNITY of Carradale was praised by the village primary school for its support in helping it raise a massive £900 at its recent raffle.

Elliot Gemmil, a primary 7 pupil from Carradale Primary School, drew the winners of the raffle.

Prizes that were given away included hotel vouchers, cash and high-end toiletry products.

The school is now preparing for a busy Christmas term.

Senior pupils are organising a Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair on Thursday, December 4 between 10am and midday and pupils from the pre-five unit up to primary 7 are preparing for their Christmas concert at the school on Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice' (Psalm 97:1).

**BIRTHS**



**WATSON**

Ranald and Lea are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Anna Eileen, on October 26, 2014 at Cresswell Maternity Wing, Dumfries. First grandchild for Ranald and Mary, Campbeltown, and third grandchild for Brian and Karen, Dumfries.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**YOUNG - KERR**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of James, only son of Dugald and Elizabeth, Drum Farm, Kilkennie to Nichola, only daughter of Kenneth and Alison, Campbeltown.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**



**SEMPLER - MUSTARDE**

In the Salvation Army Citadel, Campbeltown, on November 20, 1964, Graeme and Wilma began a journey spanning the next fifty years and leading them to a life in New Zealand thirty-six years ago. Congratulations Mum and Dad. All our love, Gordon and Avrael, son-in-law, Vincent and grandchildren, Niamh and Hamish. New Zealand.

**DEATHS**

**MACLEOD** - Peacefully, at Morar Lodge, Helensburgh, on November 17, 2014, in her 99th year, Patsy, wife of the late Ian, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday, November 21 at 2.15pm.

**REID** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 14, 2014, Elizabeth Allan Weanie, in her 81st year, Norwood, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Donald Reid, much loved mother of Peter and Jane, mother-in-law of Gavin and Michelle, loving grannie of Kate, Shannon, Kimberley, Iain and Brianna and great grannie of Cayden.

**TAYLOR** - Suddenly, on October 29, 2014, in Rhodes on holiday, Hamish (Jim), in his 65th year, formerly of Glenreasdale, Whitehouse. Sadly missed by a loving family and friends.

**WELSH** - Peacefully at home, on November 16, 2014, Mary Ann (Mamie) Welsh, née MacInnes, aged 89 years, of 45 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilhead, beloved wife of the late Robert. A much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Last member of family of the late Hugh and Mary MacInnes, late of Tarbert, Jura and Victoria, Minard. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, today, Friday November 21, 2014, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae, Minard. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to District Nurses (Extended Community Care Team).

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**DOCHERTY** - Thanks to all our family and friends who travelled to Paisley Crematorium and then to Kilkerran Cemetery. Thanks also to everyone who sent flowers, cards and telephone calls, they were all appreciated. Thanks to Campbeltown Bowling Club for the tea, coffee and food. Special thanks to Ian Wardrop for his kind words about Mhairi. Thank you all. Mary, Johnnie and families.

**PRICE** - Following the death of Nigel, yuYing would like to thank all friends and colleagues for their support and great friendship over this difficult time.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of Dugald John, who sadly lost his life aboard MFV "Antares" November 22, 1990, much loved son of Jean and Dougie and brother of Donald. Always in our thoughts.

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- Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

**YOUNG** - Remembering our dear Shona, who suddenly left us on November 26, 2013.

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Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome

Saturday 29th November 2014 10am - 12 noon Coffee & Crafts in the Church Hall

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11.15 am in the Church

Badminton Club meets in Kirk Street Hall

Tuesday evening

Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

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Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 23rd November

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Next Generation, Triple C, Creche

Rev P Wallace

Tuesday 25th November

Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall

Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm

Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm

Church Hall

Wednesday 26th November

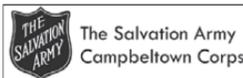
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Thursday 27th November

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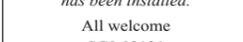
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Wednesday 26th November

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Wednesday 26th November

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## Away victory for Star under-16s

Ardencaple 2  
Lochgilphead Red Star 4

DFDL U16 league

RED STAR under-16s travelled to take on Ardencaple in the latest round of the league on Sunday and although the home side started the brighter, their inability to convert chances saw Star take three points from the game.

Ardencaple started the match strongly by going on the offensive from the kick off, however, the chances created in the early stages were not turned into goals.

Star soaked up the pressure and played on the counter attack.

The Mid Argyll side opened the scoring after 15 minutes as Aaron Whitefield cut in from the left, beat a defender, and fired the ball passed keeper Reece Grant.

### Lob

Just before half-time a high ball into the 'Caple box caused their central defenders difficulties, which Ryan Caskie took advantage of, lobbing the ball into the net.

The first action of the second half saw the home side work a good move down the right, with Calum Dods finishing it off to make it 1-2.

At the other end Lochgilphead restored their two goal lead when Keiran Moore scored directly from a corner. Once again a fired up Caple replied as Dods again slotted the ball home from 14 yards.

The Helensburgh team were reduced to 10 men as midfielder Jack Dickson was red carded by referee James Gallacher.

In the closing stages, the hard working Rhuaridh Brown was tripped in the box resulting in a Star penalty. Brown's spot kick was blocked by keeper Grant, but Brown reacted quickly and volleyed the rebound into the net to make it 2-4 at full-time.

Although this was a below par display from the Lochgilphead boys, gaining three points was important as the team face the high-flying Milngavie Wanderers in the regional cup this week.

The game kicks off at 1pm on Sunday at Rope-work Park.



Dalriada Dolphins swim to success in Argyle and Bute Schools trials. 06\_a47pool01

## Lefebvre strikes gold at schools swimming trials

SWIMMERS of Lochgilphead's Dalriada Dolphins made a splash at Argyle and Bute Schools Swimming Trials this month, taking medals ahead of much more experienced athletes.

Eight swimmers from Mid Argyll schools travelled to Helensburgh for the event, which saw swimmers compete to record the fastest times and the chance to progress to the national championships in Aberdeen.

With many Dalriada Dolphins participating in their first swimming meet, the competition was seen as an opportunity to gain valuable race experience.

The competitors from Mid Argyll, who all attend the swimming club at MAC Pool, acquitted themselves very

well despite the pool of talent competing at the meet.

Jilly Lefebvre, 10, was the pick of the Mid Argyll participants as the Lochgilphead Primary School swimmer picked up a gold medal in the under-12 girls 50m backstroke and silver in the 50m freestyle.

### Podium

Megan Danson, 11, from Lochgilphead High School also managed to get herself on the podium, winning a silver medal in the under-12 girls 50m breaststroke.

Arlene Green, Dalriada Dolphins coach, was delighted with all the swimmers' performances.

She said: 'They were swimming against others that are swimming six practice sessions a week, they

did really, really well and they all did personal best times for their swims; that's all the swimmers that competed from Mid Argyll.'

She added: 'The Dolphins only swim here once a week and they are all making great progress as a club. We do time trials on a monthly basis and the progress the whole group is making is immense.'

And there continues to a bright future for the Dolphins as they have ambitions of getting a full team kit for each swimmer, plan to practice more often and even host their own swimming gala too.

Young people who like to join Dalriada Dolphins can get more information by calling MAC Pool on 01546 606676.

## Seniors progress to third round of cup

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's (LHS) senior boys football team has progressed to the third round of the Schools Scottish Cup after a convincing 9-3 victory over Drumchapel High School.

Having despatched Vale of Leven Academy in the previous round, confidence was high.

With just five minutes on the clock, Keir Whitefield gave them the lead after latching onto a pass from Kieran Moore and a second goal quickly followed.

Whitefield was involved once again when he was chopped down

Lochgilphead High School	9
Drumchapel High School	3
Scottish Schools Cup	

in the box, leaving the referee no choice but to award a penalty. Cammy Hendry stepped up to send the goalkeeper the wrong way.

A further three goals in six minutes from the Lochgilphead striker and a tidy finish from Kieran Moore made the score line 6-0 going into the second half.

At the beginning of the second half Drumchapel pulled a goal back. A thumping shot from 30 yards out flew straight

into the top corner leaving LHS goalkeeper Ewan McCulloch no chance.

Whitefield grabbed his second goal of the day on 65 minutes with a stunning solo goal as he waltzed through the home defence before thumping a powerful strike past the Drumchapel goalkeeper.

Five minutes later, Josh Coates tapped in goal number eight for Lochgilphead courtesy of a Whitefield cross

and moments later a Drumchapel defender was shown a straight red card for kicking Hendry off the ball.

In the dying moments of the game substitute Stuart Munro scored from close range and Drumchapel scored with the last kick of the game to make it 9-3 at full-time.

Teacher Stephen Povey, who travelled to the game with the team, said: 'The Lochgilphead boys showed a great level of discipline and deserve a great deal of credit for the way they conducted themselves on and off the pitch.'

## Red Star celebrate Argyll derby success

Red Star 2  
Dunoon Athletic 1  
SAFL Premier Two

RED STAR welcomed Dunoon Athletic for this Argyll derby on Saturday knowing three points would be vital to steer them away from the relegation places.

It was the hosts that started brightest and they could have been ahead inside the opening couple of minutes when Peacock found space on the edge of the box, but his strike was diverted onto the post by the Dunoon keeper.

The opener arrived for Star on 22 minutes; this time a flowing move down the right saw the ball crossed to the back post where it fell to Weir, who managed to cross the ball back across goal and MacLeod finished in cool fashion from 12 yards to score in his second successive game.

The Star midfield duo of Meikle and Moore were continuing to drive forward, pushing the Dunoon defence back and it was no surprise when the hosts added a second goal on the half hour.

This time the build-up involved Forbes and Peacock who rolled the ball across to Naisby who found himself in acres of room to calmly knock the ball into the bottom corner to make it 2-0.

Dunoon tried to get back into the game as half time approached but their only serious effort of the half found

Kalache to be in fine form, diverting the long-range effort wide.

The second half was far from comfortable however as a sloppy start allowed the visitors back into the game. A free kick was given away 20 yards out and the Dunoon captain's shot proved too hot for Kalache to handle, the Dunoon forward was quickest to react and he bundled the ball home from close range.

Both sides were having a real go now and Star could have made the game safe with opportunities falling to MacLeod and Peacock whose efforts were well-matched by the Dunoon keeper.

With 15 minutes to go, Star were under pressure when a reckless challenge by Meikle was met with a red card by the official.

Meikle looked to have picked up a nasty injury as the result of the challenge, which hopefully is not as bad as first feared.

This gave the Dunoon side a lift and they piled bodies forward in search of the equaliser but the Star defence of Kennedy, Paterson and Forbes stood firm and the hosts managed to see the match out for a vital three points.

Star will look to continue picking up points tomorrow although they will be missing a few players when they travel to face Neilston AFC in another tough league match.



Star midfielder Aaron Moore pushed the Dunoon defence back in the first half, leading to Star's two goals. 06\_a47star01



Alistair Galbraith, centre, with Romano Capocci, organiser, left, and Robert Campbell-Preston, who hosted the competition.

## Minard man secures shield for second time

ALISTAIR Galbraith of Minard has his name on the Inverawe Shield again.

Thirty of the area's best anglers are invited to compete in the annual charity event hosted

by the Campbell-Preston family at the Inverawe Estate's fly fishing lochs, with a soup and sandwich lunch at the tearoom. The charity chosen for 2014 was Combat

Stress, which supports military personnel and their families. The competition raised more than £650.

Alistair won the trophy back in 2012; this year he took both prizes for

the biggest fish and best bag of five, 4lb 4oz and 15lb 2oz respectively.

Brian Todd, Oban, and Archie MacGillp Jnr, Ardrishaig, tied for second place with bags weighing in at 13lb 4oz.

# Sinclair regains his appetite for winning

By David Sinclair

AFTER weeks of eating humble pie Ross Sinclair took a big bite out of Jim Hunter's golfing ego by beating him on Sunday in the latest round of Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league.

Ross' performance also saw him jump to the top of the leader board.

Alec MacAulay has been having nightmares recently about a golf course where the greens are all flat and square and easy to putt on. So he moved most of the greens onto hills, made them round and difficult to putt on and promptly won by three shots. He is the king of crazy golf after all.

Colin Rowan had another good round despite Keith giving him a demonstration of his new yodelling technique

which he assures him will improve very nearly every country and western song ever written.

Tommy Angus told us that he learned to yodel when he was one of the supporting cast in the original Sound of Music in the 60s.

This explains the lederhosen which were a poor choice of clothing on a wet day.

Donald Carmichael has a collection of wet weather gear which can be viewed lying where the wind has blown

it at various parts of the golf course. David Sinclair donated his prize for nearest the pin to Zambian charity Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative.

Liam Scott played his first ever winter league round and finished somewhere between first and last.

Results: 10. A MacAulay; 9. R Sinclair; 8. C Rowan; 7. J Hunter; 6. F Curran; 5. G MacDougall; 4. K Cowan; 3. D Carmichael; 2. T Angus; 1. D Sinclair.

## Lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd lottery had no winners this week. The numbers drawn were 5, 14 and 20. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

The jackpot in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery has reached £900 after another week passed with no winner. The numbers were 1, 7 and 15.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 12, 13 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.



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Tom, in Denmark, competing in the Laser Radial Youth European Championship.

## Young sailor fighting for place in Team GB

A YOUNG sailor from Ardfern is knocking on the door of the Great British junior sailing squad after a rollercoaster year of competitions.

Tom Graham has been ranked 11th in Great Britain amongst under-19 boys after 2014 was filled with a series of highs and lows for the teenager, who only started competing seriously three years ago.

The 16 year old this year forged a name for himself in the sailing world after taking second place in the Scottish Grand Prix series and

taking 26th place in the Laser National Championships in difficult conditions.

But it was the United Kingdom Laser Association (UKLA) qualifiers that meant the most to Tom, as they offered an opportunity to win a place in the Great Britain squad.

The Lochgilphead High School pupil said: 'The three autumn events were used as selection for GBR Youth Squad; the primary aim of most youth sailors.'

The first competition took place in Pwhelli but did not go well for Tom as he finished 61st

### Ambitious Tom steers a course for the Olympics

and far behind the time needed to qualify for the squad. The next event however was much more positive and he climbed to 11th place on the leader board. Finally, at Plymouth, Tom was 17th after day one but was unable to maintain the consistency on Sunday and ended up in 23rd place.

He said: 'These three

results put me a single point behind the last person selected for the youth squad. Because of this I was put on review, meaning I would compete in the National Inland Championships and could potentially still get into the squad.'

But it was to be another competition of mixed fortunes for Tom as the inland competition

saw him finish second to fellow Brit Daniel Martin, who was also on review for Team GB.

Despite the disappointment, Tom still has a place training with the Scottish Development Team, which is helping him prepare for the 2015 sailing season.

He said: 'My short-term goal is to be good enough at sailing in the UKLA qualifiers so that I'll get selected for European youth teams.'

'In the future, I'd like to think I can be good enough to get selected for adult European events and maybe even go on to compete in the

Olympics.' Ambitious Tom is looking at craft engineering courses for when he finishes school, and hopes to coach budding sailors in Mid Argyll.

'I'd really like to have my powerboat, first aid and dingy training so as I can start my own instructing classes at Craignish Boat Club,' he

added. 'It's something I'd like to do for next year.'

Sailing since he was five years old, Tom only took part in his first Scottish Series competition in 2011. Still sailing with his local club, he is a keen volunteer and helps to teach under-10 sailors on Loch Craignish.

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