



# Furnace fights for lower speed limit



Provost sends message to people of France

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PEOPLE are 'too frightened' to use the pavement beside the main road through Furnace as traffic thunders past at high speed.

This view was expressed more than once at a public meeting last week in Furnace Village Hall, where people want to extend the 40mph speed limit.

The A83 trunk road passes through the Loch Fyne-side village, and locals say the speed and volume of traffic is causing genuine problems.

Spurred on by current plans by Transport Scotland to introduce a 50mph limit south of the village to Allt Na Cear-daich, Furnace Community Council has taken up the fight to have a 40mph speed limit imposed instead, right through to Minard, three and a half miles to the south.

At the meeting, attended by around 40 people and chaired by community council convener Mike Masters, it was agreed that a brand new petition, asking to

have the speed limit reduced to 40mph, would be raised and passed around residents in both Furnace and Minard.

Speaking from the floor, residents explained the problems caused by heavy traffic travelling at speed.

'I have a job getting out my drive at times,' said one man living beside the road. This was supported by Reverend Roddy MacLeod, a Minard resident, who explained: 'I have enough trouble getting out my drive in a 40mph, so it must be particularly difficult in a 60mph area.'

Norma Jack, a resident of the row of houses at Coille Mhinnean, south of Furnace, said: 'I have a young family, and we are just too frightened to use the pavement to walk to school, particularly where the road is narrow. It's not unknown for lorries to have to mount the pavement to get past one another.'

Another roadside homeowner joked about the sizeable collection of wing mirrors from



Norma Jack with her son, Jack Wilson, braves the traffic at the current 60mph limit. Even where large vehicles are driven responsibly, like the bus above, the roadside pavement can be a scary place. 06\_a47furnaceroad5a

lorries and buses that he had collected from the A83 over the years.

A spokesman for Transport Scotland outlined the reasons for seeking a 50mph limit.

'Transport Scotland met members of the local community in Furnace in late September to listen to their concerns about this matter.'

'Following this, we undertook a site visit with Police Scotland to look into the issues raised and, based on the

considerations made, our view remains that a reduction to a 50mph speed limit is most appropriate.

#### Concerns

'We do, however, recognise the local community's concerns and that is why we recently delivered a package of road surfacing and bend signing improvements near Whitebridge Cottage. In addition to the proposed speed limit reduction, we plan to carry out further speed

surveys in the area, to enable evaluation of the impacts of this change, 12 months after implementation.

'At our most recent meeting, particular concerns were raised regarding pedestrians' safety on the footway adjacent to the A83. As a result, we have proposed working with the local community to deliver a programme of footway widening and, once a date is agreed, will meet with them

again to agree priority locations for footway widening.'

Furnace Community Council, assisted by West Lochfyneside Community Council, covering Minard, will now encourage people to contact all elected representatives individually, while a letter will also be sent to the Scottish transport minister.

First of all, the hope is to gather as many signatures as possible on the petition.

EXPRESSIONS of shock and sympathy have flooded in from all around the world after last Friday evening's terrorist atrocities in Paris.

Argyll and Bute Council provost, Len Scoullar, joined voices from across the globe after the tragedy on November 13.

In a handwritten note to Emmanuel Cochler, Consul général de France, Directeur de l'Institut Français d'Ecosse in Edinburgh, Councillor Scoullar said on behalf of the people of Argyll and Bute: 'May I ask that you convey our deepest sympathy to all who are in any way involved. Please tell them of our sadness that such a terrible thing has happened to them and that they will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.'

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causing an unnecessary obstruction.

**Drugs offences and electricity theft**

ABOUT 12.30pm on Wednesday November 11, police searched a house in Torinturk. A 25-year-old was charged with offences in relation to growing cannabis and theft of electricity.

**Damaged car**

BETWEEN November 5 and November 12, a car parked in the health centre car park in Tarbert was damaged, apparently by being hit by another vehicle.

**Housebreaking**

ON SUNDAY November 14, at about 5pm a house in the north end of Glenburn Road, Ardris-

haig, was broken into but nothing was stolen.

It is suspected access to the house may have been gained via the canal towpath.

**Disturbance and resisting arrest**

ABOUT 4am on Sunday November 15, a disturbance in a close in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, was reported by a member of the public. Police attended and arrested a 19-year-old man who was charged with abusive behaviour and resisting arrest.

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



Swimming is considered to be one of the best forms of exercise.

# MACPool cuts petition reaches 500 signatures

A MID Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) petition on change.org, against Argyll and Bute Council's proposed cuts in subsidy for community swimming pools, has been signed by more than 500 people.

If the subsidy is removed, along with the potential scrapping of non-domestic rate discretionary relief for charities, the MACPool board faces a reduction of up to £17,000 in 2016/17. It cost around £235,000 to operate the pool last year.

With the education budget also facing cuts, the pool could also be further hit if schools can no longer afford to send pupils for swim-

ming lessons. While MACPool could increase its charges by up to 50 per cent, the board is reluctant to as it would make it more expensive to use than council-owned pools.

Sue Hillman, MACPool board chairman, said: 'The board and staff at MACPool are very encouraged by the support received for the online petition. We are also pleased to know we have the backing of local councillors, MSPs and MPs.'

'MACPool services our local community with development and improvement of health and wellbeing, life saving skills, swimming lessons, sporting, em-

ployment and training opportunities as well as social and leisure opportunities.

'The local community has told us that Mid Argyll would be a much poorer place without it.'

Many residents have taken the opportunity to highlight the benefits to health and fitness the pool provides as well as the importance of children living so close to water learning to swim.

Doctor Rebecca Helliwell wrote: 'Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise for our community, preserving physical and mental health, mobility and independence, ensuring water safety through children's lessons...we

don't have many community resources as valuable. Local people already support this pool as much as we can, but we need equitable allocation of public funds, like other areas in Argyll and Bute, in order to continue to realise the benefits the pool offers. It is a resource which encouraged me to live and work here.'

As well as public swimming and swimming lessons for all ages, the pool also hosts groups including Fit for 50 and Mid Argyll Dolphins which encourage youngsters into competitive swimming.

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(Photo by Bill Baillie Photography)

# Argyll fishermen claim red tape threat

## 'Disproportionate impact' on Clyde area

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FACED with a bewildering array of official measures restricting their activities, the fishermen of Argyll want people to show their support in turning the tide. West coast seafood is a premium product, in demand across Europe and beyond.

Even as demand grows, Scotland's west coast fishermen are finding themselves having to deal with a wide range of policy proposals aimed at conserving shellfish and finfish stocks - moves they claim could decimate their industry, the supply trades and entire communities that depend upon fishing.

The Scottish Government plans to introduce, by the end of this year, a number of Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) and marine Special Areas of Conservation at the same time as conservation charity SIFT (Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust) is pressing for a regulating order affecting the Firth of Clyde area.

The measures would restrict the activities of

dredgers and trawlers, with creelers also affected, but to a lesser extent.

Explaining its proposals for management zones, SIFT director Charles Millar said: 'The current over-dependence on scallops and prawns is bad for economic and environmental security, both of which leave communities exposed. Our proposal is the only way to help the shell fishery whilst also bringing back commercial stocks of finfish.'

Representatives of the industry believe the government has ignored technical and scientific evidence gathered during a lengthy consultation process, criticising fisheries minister Richard Lochhead for failing to listen to their case.

Argyll and Bute Council last week agreed to support the fishing industry's case in a formal motion that began: 'The implementation of these proposals will have a disproportionate impact on Argyll and Bute and have the potential to

cause further depopulation to already-fragile communities.'

Recognising the efforts already made by Clyde fishermen to enhance the sustainability of fishing grounds, councillors also urged the Scottish Government - should the measures go ahead as planned - to provide urgent financial assistance and support to fishing businesses, the local supply chain and their families, as well as the wider communities affected.

In a series of meetings in coming days, the Clyde Fishermen's Association is seeking the backing of fishing and non-fishing residents and business representatives.

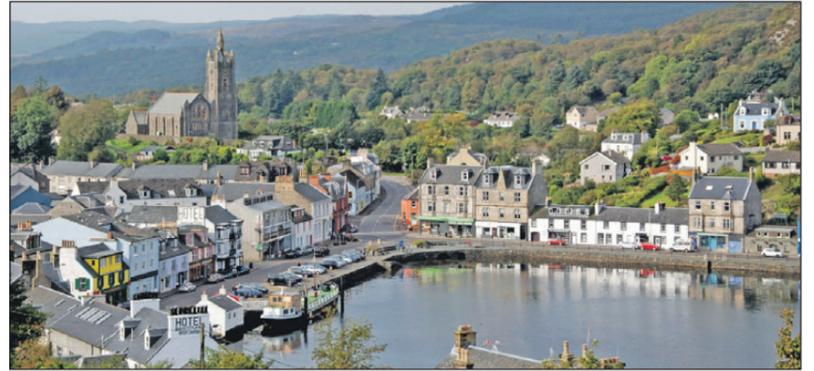
Meetings, each starting at 7.30pm, will be held in Carradale hall on Sunday November 22, followed by a second in Campbeltown at the Ardshiel Hotel on Mon-

day, the village hall in Tarbert on Tuesday November 24, and Port Ellen's Islay Hotel the following evening.

The Clyde Fishermen's Association said: 'The local fishing sector is a thriving, sustainable industry providing local employment, not just to fishermen but to engineers, netmakers, hauliers, processors and a whole range of other professions.'

Tarbert-based chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, Kenny MacNab, believes Argyll fishermen on the Clyde face a real threat to their livelihoods.

Mr MacNab said: 'The consequences could be absolutely dire for small communities if they go ahead with what's proposed. All the Kintyre coasts would be affected, while some small villages could be finished.'



A mysterious bang was heard in Tarbert. 06\_a74tarbert01

## Mysterious bang in Tarbert

MYSTERY surrounds a big bang that was heard in Tarbert on the night of November 17.

The loud noise was heard all across the town and most people thought it had happened either inside or just outside their house; pets were terrified of the sudden noise.

When some brave people went outside to investigate, they found nothing amiss and no signs of damage.

A police officer also said he had heard it. The police were called but they were at a loss as to what it was

and said they wouldn't be investigating any further.

Small earthquakes can sometimes be heard as loud bangs but the British Geological survey confirmed there had been no activity recorded.

The suggestion that it was a sonic boom from a plane was quickly dismissed, another theory was that it could be the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on exercises nearby. The Advertiser got in touch with the MoD but hadn't received a response at the time of going to press.

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## Pharmacists working together

PHARMACISTS from NHS Highland are working with the island NHS trusts in the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland to develop pharmacy practice in rural areas.

News of the collaboration was announced at a NHS conference on November 13.

The project is running two pilots at the moment. The first is a telehealth service for patients in care homes in remote areas. The second involves pharmacists supporting dispensing GPs with medication review clinics.

Claire Morrison, NHS Highlands lead pharmacist, said at the conference: 'Patients in remote and rural areas are just as entitled to high-quality, safe pharmaceutical services as patients living in urban areas.'

# Good, bad and ugly as council outlines economic progress

'HEADING in the right direction' is how the chair of an influential Argyll and Bute Council committee last week described the region's economic situation.

Councillor Ellen Morton was speaking as council officers presented a half-year performance report to the environment, development and infrastructure committee.

Among a number of successes listed were improvements to Oban through the Stafford Street development and the granting of planning permission for a new maritime visitor facility in the town.

In the report, Helensburgh and Campbeltown CHORD developments were also listed as success stories, while the council's Business Gateway team supported 28 business start-ups, creating 35 new jobs, during the reporting period.

There are, however, chal-

lenges to the region's economic prosperity.

The first is a fundamental threat to the region's future success, as the council struggles to meet its obligations under the Single Outcome Agreement as a means of achieving long-term prosperity, sustainable employment and inward investment.

### Stormy passage

Another potentially stormy passage involves the transfer of responsibilities to Transport Scotland for ferries serving Jura, Lismore, Luing and Easdale.

The implications of a ban on waste landfill in 2020 is also exercising minds in Kilmory, though there was encouragement as the proportion of recycling increased.

On a broader front, attracting staff with the right skills to certain council posts has proved difficult, while staff absence within the authority

continues to cause concern.

Fergus Murray, head of service for economic development, said: 'Staff are working hard to ensure success along with a whole range of partners, though there are challenges ahead.'

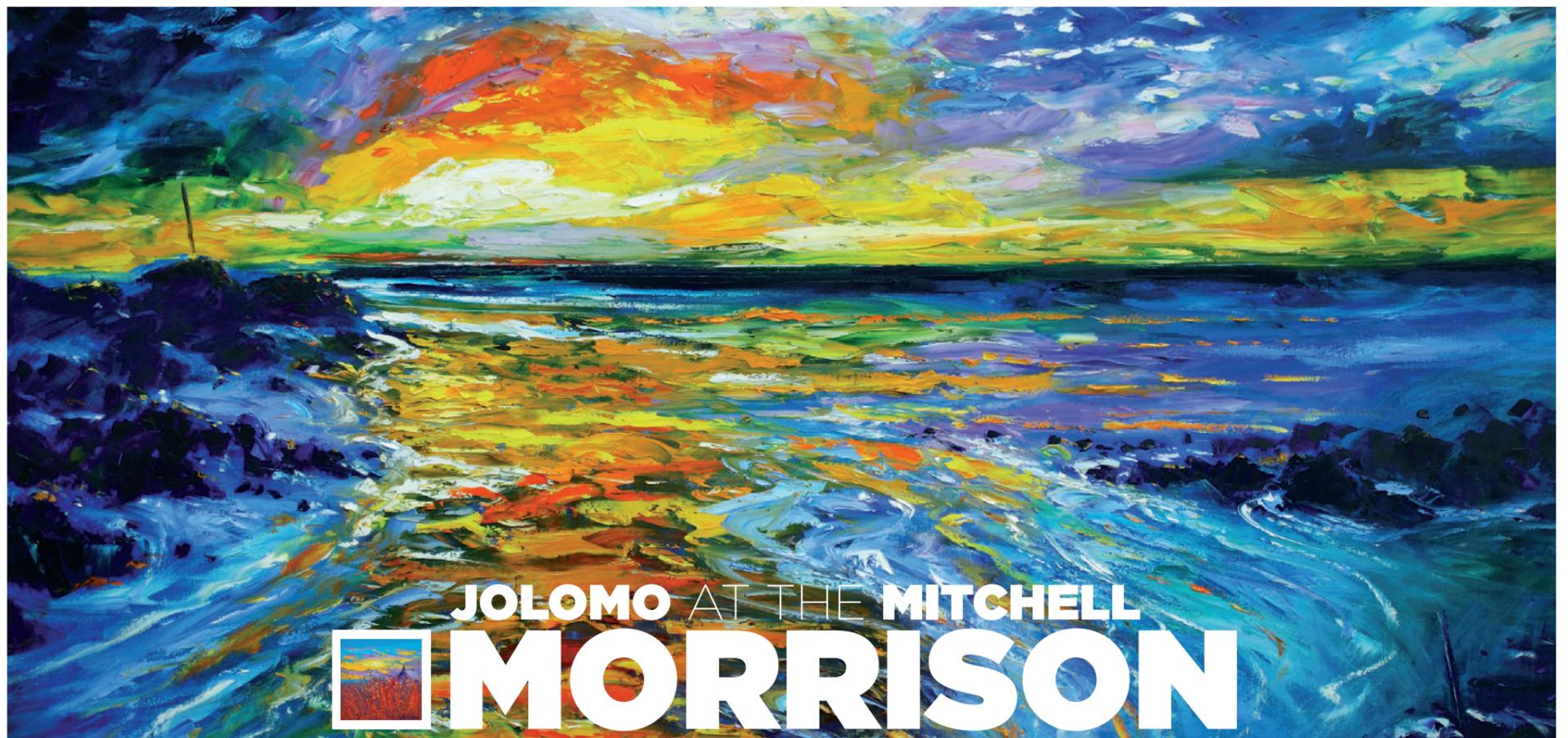
Under questioning from councillor Bruce Marshall, Mr Murray conceded that economic progress was not equally spread, explaining: 'There are areas such as Bute and Cowal with some challenging economic issues, but there are also successes, such as Portavadie, as well as opportunities around Castle Toward and the new Ardyne development.'

He added: 'We are working alongside HIE to improve connectivity and transport across the whole region to stimulate economic activity.'

Concluding, Cllr Ellen Morton said: 'It's still an uneven, fragile picture, but I do feel we are heading in the right direction.'



Councillor Ellen Morton - 'right direction'.



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Loch Striven before going to Loch Fyne and reaching Tarbert where passengers could go ashore. The third day was spent cruising the Holy Loch, Loch Long and Loch Goil before the ship ended back in Greenock.



The Hebridean Princess is a familiar sight around Argyll. 06\_a47hebrincess02



Passengers come ashore on smaller boats. 06\_a47hebrincess01

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THE forestry commission is looking for entries for its annual finest woods awards. There are a wide variety of categories including one for schools and a quality timber award. There are awards for community woodlands with a focus on either health and wellbeing or economic development and regeneration. If anyone would like to nominate their local wood in one or more of the categories, the information is on the Scotland's finest woods awards website. The closing date is March 31 2016.



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## Full house at historical society

INVERARAY and District History Society was treated to an excellent presentation by Nick Walker on November 3.

### Famous

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It was a full house but unfortunately the technical side of the presentation came adrift.

Nick carried on and everyone was both impressed with his unprompted memory and his depth of knowledge regarding Clyde Puffers.

Later in the evening the technical problem was resolved but it really didn't matter as the talk was fascinating.

### Subject

The subject of the December meeting is the Gemini expeditions given by Dr David Dorren.



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For some children and teenagers the Mid Argyll Dolphins provide the opportunity to swim competitively and improve their swimming. Their continued success is testament to their hard work as well as the hard work of the coach, Arlene Green, and other MACPool staff.

Going for a swim is enjoyable, relaxing and has many health benefits for all ages and swimming abilities. Living so close to water, it is also a vital skill that could save lives meaning that having a swimming pool in the area is vital for the whole community.

## Storm Abigail

Winter is well and truly upon us, as was proven by the Met Office's first named storm, Abigail, blowing into Argyll last weekend.

It was perhaps not as bad as people had expected although those forced from their homes at Clachan due to flooding may disagree.

It is a credit to the community and to the services, such as police, coastguard and electricians who work to maintain and repair powerlines, how quickly they spring into action and work together in difficult conditions when storms like this occur.

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## Take part in consultation

Sir,  
As this process to consult with the public on service choices is now under way we would urge our constituents to contribute to this process and while doing so consider how any proposal might impact on other services.

We appreciate that it may be difficult to assess how funding reductions influence alternative services and if information is not readily available your local councillor should be able to provide this for you.

**Councillors Anne Horn and John Armour.**

## Unemployment

Sir,  
It is very bad news that unemployment in Scotland continues to rise. In England it is falling. The reason for the difference is obvious. The SNP desire to have another independence referendum is causing uncertainty and driving away investment.

If the SNP wants to help unemployed Scots find jobs, the best thing it could do would be to announce that the referendum was 'once in a lifetime' as it promised before the last one.

The SNP could also help job prospects in Mid Argyll greatly by abandoning its crazy plan to close Kilmory and transfer all the jobs to other towns.

**Alan Reid  
Lib Dem candidate  
for Argyll and Bute,  
Dunoon.**

## Thanks bus driver

Sir,  
I would like to give my grateful thanks to driver Malcolm Hannah on the 2pm Glasgow

to Campbeltown bus on Sunday November 15.

Malcolm should get a medal for driving his bus through floods at Dumbarton, the wind, hail and snow and especially the drive up the A83 Rest and Be Thankful where the weather was absolutely atrocious.

Malcolm also picked up some people whose tyres had blown and dropped them off at the Loch Fyne Hotel. Malcolm went beyond the call of duty in my mind, being on constant communication on the radio and with the ferry for Kennacraig as he had five passengers for Islay. Sadly they did not make it but he informed them he would drop them off at the hotel for the night.

He was, in my humble opinion, a knight in shining armour and I wish there were more like him - well done Malcolm Hannah and another big 'thank you'.

**Pauline Houston,  
Lochgilthead**

## Potential funding cuts to children's services

Sir,  
As a coalition of leading independent and third sector providers, we are deeply concerned by the threat of potential funding cuts to vital children's services across local authorities in Scotland and have launched a major campaign to protect these.

As local authorities consult on their budget proposals, the potential to cut services is set against a backdrop of increasing demand for children's services, with the number of

those identified with additional support needs (ASN) standing at more than 140,000, around one in five of the school population.

Urgent action is required to ensure that those children and young people with ASN are identified as early as possible, and provided with adequate support.

Local authorities are, however, finding it increasingly difficult to provide the necessary services due to budget cuts.

**The Scottish  
Children's Services  
Coalition.**

## Vulnerable elderly

Sir,  
I am looking for people in this area who have been similarly astonished at the lack of care available to older people in Mid Argyll.

The health professionals we encounter give us amazing TLC but they express frustration at the lack of services available to help people whose condition suddenly changes and they go off their feet or have a fall.

Old age creeps up on us. We can't be surprised if we hurt a little more or have not got the same energy to be up and doing or find we recover more slowly from bouts of illness.

Some people accept this as inevitable. As the author Reginald Hill described one doctor's views: 'The ageing process is impossible to reverse, difficult even to delay.'

As a physiotherapist I know that a great deal can be done to delay or even reverse decline in muscle strength, mobility and life enjoyment. It is true that without active and persistent attention both our physical and recuperative pow-

ers decline. There then comes a point where something relatively small can push us off the edge. Our mobility and life skills can catastrophically decrease.

This is where the much-needed and urgent intervention does not exist: 'You can be admitted to hospital.' I was told. 'The trouble is once you are admitted you are no longer an emergency because you are regarded as safe. Then you are at risk of infection.' To say nothing of loss of confidence and the decrease in coping ability to which the unwell elderly are very susceptible.

An assessment of need can be made in the community but there is no acute intervention facility like that which is available in some other areas. My son is a GP in England and they have a multi-professional team ready to spring into action. Here we have to wait for an already-burdened service.

There is also no programmed assessment of mobility and personal health in the ageing population. Such a facility would alert us to decline in ability, give us information and help us to improve, giving us a baseline to assess sudden changes in our condition.

We have an ageing population in Argyll, geographical and transport difficulties, local authority cutbacks - the latter includes a gym that is closed at the time many older people would like to use it. If you add to this a lack of vision in our strategic plan we are very vulnerable.

You can see that I am starting a crusade and welcome input and personal experience from anyone interested.

**Barabel McKay  
Lochgair**

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# Wet and windy as Abigail hits Argyll

STORM Abigail was perhaps not as fearsome as some had predicted but she still managed to cause some disruption.

On Thursday afternoon Argyll and Bute Council cut down an old tree on the front green, Lochgil-

thead in case it would get blown over in the storm and cause damage when the wind got up.

There were winds of more than 80mph with more than 84mph recorded in South Uist, Western Isles, on Thurs-

day. There were more than 20,000 people without electricity on Thursday night in Argyll, the Western Isles, Skye and Angus.

This was mainly due to lightning and Scot-

ty staff worked quickly to have power restored to almost all homes by Friday morning.

On Sunday there was flooding locally, with roads between Lochgilthead and Kilmartin being passable by 4x4 vehicles only.

The worst of the flooding was at Clachan where several homes were flooded and people evacuated as the river burst its banks at about 6am on Sunday morning. People affected were sheltered in Clachan school. The A83 through the village was opened again by 10am.

For those who had been away for the weekend there may have been difficulty getting home as flooding near Dumbarnton meant there were diversions in place.



'Abigail' crashes into Ardrishaig pier. 06\_a47storm07



Jimmy MacMahon in Ardrishaig took this picture of the storm hitting.



A tree was cut down in Lochgilthead before the storm hit. 06\_a47storm01



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# Polar bears, penguins and life among the cold stuff

UNLESS they have been living on the moon for the past few decades, most people will be familiar with Doug Allan's work.

Planet Earth, The Blue Planet, Life, Human Planet, Frozen Planet and Ocean Giants are among the television programmes, with stunning, ground-breaking footage, that involve camera work and expertise from Doug Allan.

A specialist in north and south pole wildlife, a skilled diver and a hugely talented photographer and cameraman, he has a fascinating story to tell. Doug Allan will talk about his life and work next Sun-

day in Lochgilhead, in a special event hosted by Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club.

Originally from Dunfermline, 64-year-old Doug has built a reputation as a much-sought-after wildlife and documentary cameraman. He left Stirling University in 1973 with a honours degree in marine biology.

On completion of his degree, he decided that science at the sharp end wasn't quite where he wanted to be, so he became a diver. Underwater anywhere became the drive and for the next three years he dived for freshwater pearls in Scotland

with well-known diver Bill Abernethy, took on commercial diving jobs and assisted with research on marine biological expeditions in the Red Sea. In the summer of 1975 he ran a diving centre in Jersey.

His big break was in 1976 when he first went to the Antarctic to work as a research diver on the British Antarctic Survey station at Signy Island in the South Orkneys. It was the start of an affair with ice that lasts to this day.

Posted to a lonely Antarctic station as base commander in the early 1980s, he bought himself a movie camera. There wasn't much life down there, but Doug knew there was an emperor penguin colony - and this was an opportunity he was not going to miss.

He managed to sell the footage to the BBC, and the rest is history.

Looking back on his career, he added: 'Concentrating on the cold stuff was definitely a good idea for me. I



Doug demonstrates one of the hazards of the polar regions - a frozen face.



Polar bears fighting.

have done other work in many places all over the world, but I much prefer the ice.'

He added: 'The talk in Lochgilhead will mostly be about polar bears, penguins, the polar regions and filming scenes underwater. There will be something for people

of all ages.'

The illustrated talk by Doug Allan will be held on Sunday November 29 in the main hall at Lochgilhead Joint Campus, starting at 2pm. Copies of his latest book, Freeze Frame, will be available to purchase on the day.



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The cast in rehearsal last week. In the foreground are lead characters Ann McMillan as Calamity and Iain MacInnes playing Bill Hickock. 06\_a47calamity04

# Rip-roarin' entertainment as Calamity comes to town

NEXT week the stage of Ardrishaig hall will be turned into scenes from the Wild West, as Mid Argyll Musical Society puts on its production of the classic Hollywood musical, Calamity Jane. The hall will be transformed into the Golden Garter Saloon in Deadwood City, in the shadow of Dakota's Black Hills for some fast, rip-roarin' musical fun,

full of larger-than-life characters and wonderful songs. The songs include great chorus numbers like 'The Deadwood Stage', 'Windy City' and, of course, 'The Black Hills of Dakota'. Among the chorus this year are a number of new and familiar faces. There will be solos and duets from Calamity (played by Ann

MacMillan), Bill Hickock (Iain MacInnes), Katie Brown (Beverly Moran), Danny Gilmartin (Chris Maddox), Adelaide Adams (Lena Carter) and 'The Lovely Frances Fryer (Jay Helbert). The story zips along

with fun, comedy and, of course, love intrigue with Calamity realising by the end of the show just who her 'secret love' really is. Go along next week to find out who that might be! The show runs from Wednesday November

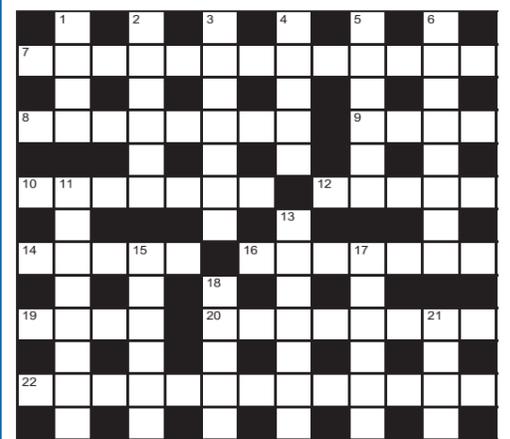
25 to Saturday November 28, with curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets are available in advance from the Archway in Lochgilphead and Flowers by Morna, Ardrishaig. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

## Santa coming early to Lochgilphead

THIS year the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll will be holding its annual Christmas event in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on Saturday November 28. As always, the main attraction will be the visit of Father Christmas. Between 2pm and 4pm, Santa will be in his specially-built grotto, handing out gifts to the

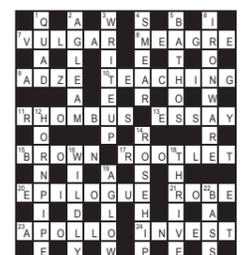
boys and girls. As well as receiving a Christmas gift from Santa, each child will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with him. Teas and coffees will be served and there will also be raffle tickets on sale. All proceeds will be donated to local good causes.

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| 10 Short rope (7)        | 4 Dry of drink (5)   |
| 12 Takes one upwards (5) | 5 Casual top (1-5)   |
| 14 Milk dispenser (5)    | 6 High altitude beyond which there is no tall growth (4,4) |
| 16 Change sequence (7)   | 11 Watchers (8)  |
| 19 Type of tide (4)      | 13 When to partake in cake and beverage (7)                |
| 20 Freedom of action (8) | 15 Enlarge (6)   |
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# Streetlight replacement under spotlight at Kilmory

ARGYLL and Bute Council has moved a step closer to converting every one of its 14,000 streetlights from orange lamps to white LED lumination.

Council figures estimate that more than £400,000 per year would be saved in electricity costs. To leave things as they are, according to a report by the develop-

ment and infrastructure services department, would leave the authority vulnerable to energy price rises, lead to higher maintenance costs, while doing nothing to reduce the council's carbon footprint.

The estimated cost of the lamp replacement programme is £3.9 million.

In addition, around 2,000 (15 per cent) of the council's lamp posts are in such poor condition that they will need to be replaced at a cost of around £2.9 million. Under council plans, a replacement programme for the columns will be financed by annual savings, used to pay interest on a 'prudential' loan amounting to £747,000, repayable over 25 years.

Jim Smith, head of roads and amenity, explained the benefits to the public: 'The light produced by these LED lamps is directional. In

other words there is less 'leakage' of light and therefore less light pollution.

'What you will also get is better colour definition, rather than everything appearing orange.'

The environment, development and infrastructure committee agreed to the business case, and the matter will now go to the policy and resources committee for financial consideration.



The council plans to upgrade street lighting, whether decorated (above) or not.  
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Tarbert Academy pupils gather at the war memorial.

## Tarbert Academy remembers

ON THE eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Tarbert Academy paused to remember the servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Representatives from P7 through to S6 gathered at Tarbert War Memorial where the poem Remembrance, written by P7 pupil Jessica McCallum, was read. Following two minutes of silence and reflection the pupils and staff paid their respects by placing red carnations on the memorial.

## Jolomo exhibition gets Royal opening

MID ARGYLL artist John Lowrie Morrison's latest exhibition was due to be opened by HRH the Princess Royal in Glasgow yesterday, November 19.

The exhibition at Glasgow's Mitchell Library will be his biggest this year and will include some new paintings and some rarely seen portraits.

These include crofters in Argyll and disabled children which were done while he was at Glas-

gow School of Art.

John said: 'As a Glasgow lad, I'm delighted to be having a show in the Mitchell Library. I more or less lived in the Mitchell Library's reading room when I was a teenager at Hyndland Secondary School studying for my Highers. Now, it's a fantastic exhibition space.

'It feels like a museum - the scale of the space seemed to lend itself to some bigger work.

'I have made a couple of really large landscape-format works. I've been painting square paintings for 40 years, so this is a major departure.

'I decided to include a selection of retrospective works which a lot of people won't have seen.

'People don't associate me with figurative work. It will be interesting for people to see that I'm not a one-trick pony, as some people have said.'

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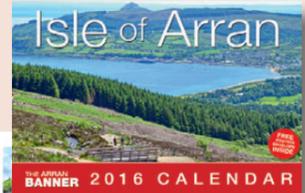
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# Scotch lamb campaign succeeds in driving sales forward

RETAIL sales of fresh lamb in Scotland were lifted by more than eight per cent as a result of a Scotch Lamb marketing campaign, an industry body has claimed.

The increase, says Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), was driven by a QMS advertising campaign entitled 'Wham Bam Scotch Lamb'.

The promotion increased demand for lamb over the two month of the campaign, out-performing sales of fresh lamb across the rest of Britain in the same period.

The campaign targeted 3.7 million consumers – more than 90 per cent of Scottish adults –

and built on a campaign a year earlier.

A key objective of the 2015 campaign, which took place mainly in August and September, was to encourage consumers to understand that lamb is versatile and simple and quick to cook.

### Social media

The campaign harnessed a range of marketing activities to drive Scotch Lamb sales, including 115 days of sampling in retailers, 112 outdoor poster sites; a month-long radio advertising campaign and extensive on-line and social media activity.

'The good news is that the average retail price for fresh lamb re-

tailed in Scotland held firm and even strengthened by 1.5 per cent year-on-year to £9.25/kg during the course of the campaign, compared with the GB-wide price which went down by 0.5 per cent,' said Laurent Vernet, head of marketing with QMS.

'Our research also clearly indicates that the strong results were not triggered by reduced retail prices.

'The campaign resulted in shoppers increasing the number of occasions they purchased lamb and also the volume of lamb purchased on each shopping trip.'

Another encouraging aspect of the campaign

results, he said, was a lift in the retail value of fresh lamb purchased by more affluent consumers.

Mr Vernet continued: 'During the campaign we also saw an increase of Scottish shoppers aged under 45 years old purchasing fresh lamb, with a welcome lift in the number of Scottish families with children purchasing lamb.

'We believe that our general message resonated with these younger consumers.

'The frequency of lamb purchased by urban families also saw a very encouraging 55 per cent increase during the campaign.'



BBC Masterchef host Gregg Wallace was reunited with Masterchef: The Professionals winner Jamie Scott at the campaign, when the pair cooked quick, simple dishes with Scotch Lamb.

## Genetics and feed to boost milk quality

AS THE dust settles on the sale of possibly Kintyre's best ever Ayrshire herd, dairy specialists are determined to improve the quality of milk from the remaining producers.

Archie Millar's cows, which were sold at Carlisle on November 4, provided 650,000 litres of especially high protein milk, the building block of cheddar cheese.

In light of this a project being managed by SAC Consulting, a division of Scotland's Rural College, is aiming to help dairy farmers in Kintyre and Gigha improve their milk quality which should, in turn, increase the cheese yield at the Campbeltown Creamery they supply.

Consultants believe that milk high in the protein casein will produce larger volumes of cheese.

Senior dairy consultant David Keiley said: 'Milk quality is largely influenced by genetics, the animal's environment and the way they are managed.

'All of these elements dairy farmers can exercise some level of control over and this project aims to help them better understand the changes they can make. We aim to help the farmers produce milk with a casein level of 2.8 per cent or above.'

There will be a series of meetings beginning in early December for farmers in the Kintyre and Gigha area where experts from SAC Consulting will detail some of the areas which could help the farmers improve the quality of their milk.

### Improve

Genetics will be a specific topic as breeding for improved casein levels will take two or three years before a noticeable difference will be made.

Management changes – such as alterations to feed – will yield results in just six to 12 months.

David advises the best possible forage quality with ideally two forage types – silage and whole crop – mixed with maize

grain starch sources and a balance of rumen degradable and undegradable protein such as rapeseed meal and Hi Pro Soya.

David added: 'Kintyre dairy farmers are focusing on the end product and looking to improve their present situation.

'High casein milk makes better quality cheese and reduces the lower value by-products of the cheese making process such as whey and butter.

'Economically milk processors should be taking more notice of casein content with regards to cheese making in Scotland.

'Given that two thirds of milk in Scotland goes into cheese production, milk pricing needs to consider casein content of milk in future payment schedules.'

This project is a follow on from one which worked with 14 Kintyre dairy farmers and the creamery to work out how the needs of both groups could be met.

This was when milk quality was identified

and in particular milk with high levels of the milk protein casein.

Both projects are funded by the Scottish Funding Council. For more information on the project please contact David Keiley at david.keiley@sac.co.uk, or John Forster at john.forster@sac.co.uk.

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## CMAL chief executive to leave his post

THE Chief Executive Officer of Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), Tom Docherty, has announced he will leave the company next year.

CMAL owns ferries, ports and infrastructure for ferry services in the west of Scotland.

During his two-year tenure, Tom oversaw the award of contracts for three state-of-the-art new ferries as well as work to upgrade and improve ports.

Tom said: 'It has been a privilege to lead the team at CMAL and consolidate the organisation as a key player in the delivery of the lifeline fer-

ry and port infrastructure in Scotland. I have enjoyed my time working with the communities served by the CalMac ferries and have gained a far greater appreciation of how important the lifeline ferry service is to them. I thank everyone for the welcome and hospitality afforded to me on my visits and trips across the islands.

'It's been an absolute pleasure to be part of the rekindling and re-establishment of shipbuilding on the Clyde in Port Glasgow and I wish Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited every success for the future.'

## Corncrake numbers fall



ONE of Scotland's rarest birds, the Corncrake, has seen numbers fall by nearly a fifth since last year.

Mainland Argyll is home to just one calling male but this is an increase on last year when there were none.

In 2014 the highest number of Corncrakes were counted in at least 45 years at 1,289 but this has since fallen to 1,069.

Islay and Iona bucked the trend and both had an increase of four calling males. Because Corncrakes are shy birds that like to remain hidden, counting the number of calling males is the most accurate way of gauging the population.

Despite this setback, numbers have recovered hugely since a conservation programme started in the 1990s.

At that time, there were only 400 calling males in the UK and they were all on Scottish islands. This year Tiree alone had 333 calling males.

**There is only one calling male Corncrake in mainland Argyll.**

Photo: Steve Knell

## Rural award nominations

NOMINATIONS are still open for the Scottish Rural Awards which highlights and celebrates the best of the Scottish countryside.

There are 12 categories including business start-up, aquaculture, agriculture and rural tourism and hospitality.

Businesses and individuals can nominate themselves or any other people or businesses they would like to see recognised at the Scottish Rural Awards website. The closing date for nominations is November 20.

The awards will be presented at a gala dinner in Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh on March 31 2016.

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## MSP criticises provost for 'crass' refugee comments

AN MSP has criticised the Provost of Argyll and Bute over 'crass' comments he made about refugees to a national daily newspaper, and has told him to resign if he doesn't withdraw them immediately.

Provost Len Scoullar, 76, from the Isle of Bute, said he had 'reservations' someone with fanatical 'tendencies' could be among the 15 refugees who have been offered a home on Bute.

He told The Sun newspaper: 'My feeling is I just hope there is no one among them who have these tendencies at all. Obviously that would be absolutely catastrophic.'

'And it's a fear that everyone will have, I'm sure, if we brought in a terrorist among these people.'

'It's always been a reservation that I've had, but we just hope these are genuine people and we can do the genuine thing for them.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell criti-

cised his intervention.

He said: 'The provost's reported comments are crass and inappropriate to his office.'

'I am sure that he does not speak for the council, for the people of the area or for his own island.'

'Lots of people in Bute and across Argyll have been working hard to welcome fellow human beings who are themselves victims of terrorism and extremism, and Len's remarks threaten to undermine all that good and generous work.'

'In addition, the last thing the refugee families need at the end of their exhausting and life-changing journey is small-minded suspicion directed at them by a senior civic leader.'

'Len needs to acknowledge very quickly that he spoke foolishly and out of turn. If he does not then his position is untenable.'

Argyll and Bute is due to house around 80 Syr-

ians, including 50 children – one of 17 councils across Scotland that will take around 300 people before Christmas.

Following Mr Russell's comments, Councillor Len Scoullar said: 'For the avoidance of doubt, I wish to make it clear I always have and will continue to support the refugee resettlement initiative and I am looking forward to the families arriving on Bute before Christmas.'

'I am confident in the measures being put in place by the Home Office to ensure the right families are resettled in the right communities.'

'The terror attacks in Paris on Friday night shocked the world. Our plans, however, have not changed in light of this shameful attack.'

'What happened in Paris on Friday is exactly the type of violence that these refugees are fleeing from.'

'I personally will be happy to welcome them when they do arrive.'

# Norway remembers Inveraray's part in pivotal wartime raid

'The terrain around here is very much like Norway, and it is an honour to see where British and Norwegian troops were trained'

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

ATTENDING the recent Remembrance ceremonies at Inveraray and the Combined Operations memorial, a group of Norwegian men stood in silent respect.

They knew of the contribution Inveraray made to the Second World War effort.

It was at the Combined Operations Training Centre, set up in October 1940 on the site of the modern-day Argyll Caravan Park, that thousands of allied troops were trained in the skills of beach landing in preparation for a

number of daring raids on German and Italian targets.

British commandos trained at the naval centre, known as HMS Quebec, and their skills were put to effective use on December 27 1941, as a raid - codename Operation Archery - was launched against fortified German positions on the islands of Maaloy and Vaagsoy, Norway.

Central to the operation was the destruction of fish oil factories and stores which the Germans used in the manufacture of high explo-

sives. Another aim was to cause the Germans to deploy extra forces to Norway, which might otherwise have been used at the eastern front.

Operation Archery was the first time in which air, sea and land troops combined in an amphibious raid, made possible only after the kind of training experienced back on Loch Fyne.

The raid was hailed as a great success. Suspecting that a British invasion of Norway was likely, Hitler took the bait and diverted 30,000 troops north, spending time and resources reinforcing defences as he did so.

Fighting alongside

British commandos during the raid were around a dozen men from the Norwegian Independent Company 1. The commander of the exiled Norwegians, Captain Linge, was killed in an attack on the local German headquarters.

Linge is held as a hero to this day in his homeland, and the Norwegian people have never forgotten the Maaloy raid and the part played by British commandos.

An information centre is to be established in Vaagsoy to commemorate the raid, and four of the people behind the initiative were in Inveraray to see where the commandos trained.

Helge Hjelle said: 'The terrain around here is very much like Norway, and it is an honour to see where British and Norwegian troops were trained.'

He outlined the plans for a commemorative centre: 'This raid was such an important event. Up to that point the Allies had experienced many defeats, and the war was not going well. This raid was the first time that the Germans were so completely defeated. It was a poke in the eye for Hitler.'

After a decade working on the project, the team has secured the use of the former town hall for the centre, and a former German bunker will form a part of the exhibition. It will feature photographs, film, items from the raid and will tell the tale of this daring operation that started to turn the tide of war.

Another of the project team, Terje Solvberg, said: 'Next year it will be 75 years since the raid. Our aim is to have the centre complete and open in time for the 75th anniversary in 2016.'



22 British troops were killed in the raid, with 57 wounded. At least 120 Germans were killed, with 98 taken prisoner.



Fish factories ablaze in the wake of the attack.



At the Combined Operations memorial, left to right: Helge Hjelle, Terje Solvberg, Hogne Bleie, Jim Campbell of Inveraray British Legion and Jim Jepson of Furnace (missing from picture, Arne Solvberg). 06\_a47norway

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03017/MFF	Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) comprising the siting of ten 120 metre circumference cages served by feed barge associated with adjacent site	Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 200M North Of Existing Fish Farm Site Carradale Kibrannan Sound Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/03018/PP	Demolition of existing coach house and garden store, erection of two flats including laundry facilities and erection of store	Rudha Na Craige Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03057/PP	Erection of 19 no wind turbines (126 metres high to blade tip), formation of access tracks, erection of control building, sub-station and associated compound, 2 no anemometer masts, 5 no borrow pits and associated infrastructure	Beinn An Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3 Land At Meall Buidhe And South Of A'Chruach West Of Saddell Kintyre Argyll	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03000/LIB	Internally blocking of a door, replacing staircase and installation of new first floor walls and smoke ventilation roof window	Archive Office Cherrypark Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XG	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03021/LIB	Erection of illuminated fascia sign (retrospective)	Glen Scotia Distillery High Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6DS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03083/LIB	Installation of replacement doors	17, 19, 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D, 21E Princes Street And 24 And 26 High Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6DX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03084/LIB	Installation of replacement door	23 John Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6DZ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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15/03087/LIB	Installation of replacement doors	1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 3 And 5 Princes Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6DX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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Planning Application Reference Number: 15/03057/PP  
 Proposed Development at: Beinn An Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3 Land At Meall Buidhe And South Of A'Chruach West Of Saddell Kintyre Argyll  
 Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by ScottishPower Renewables UK Limited relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 19 no wind turbines (126 metres high to blade tip), formation of access tracks, erection of control building, sub-station and associated compound, 2 no anemometer masts, 5 no borrow pits and associated infrastructure.  
 A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the Planning Application Information during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.  
 Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from ScottishPower Renewables UK Limited, 2nd Floor New Building, North Wing, Cathcart Business Park, Spean Street, Glasgow, G44 4BE at a cost of £300.00 (including VAT) for a paper copy or £20 for a CD.  
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**Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)**  
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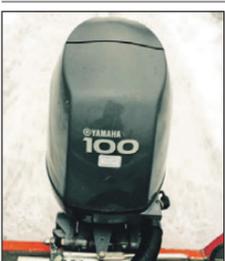
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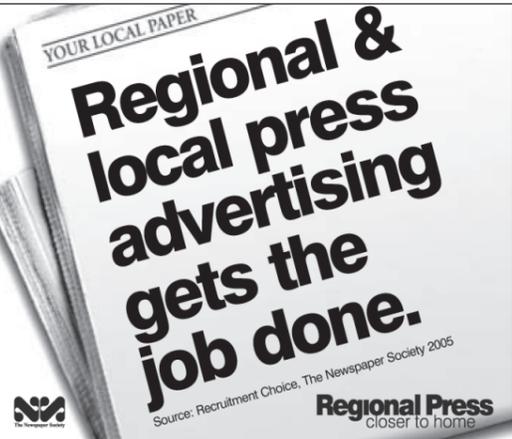
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I thought at first it was another flock of geese flying overhead in perfect formation for there was that distinctive V shape.

However it was the most wonderful group of swans making a beautiful white wave in the sky above us.

Because of this distinctive shape, I learned that a group of swans in flight is called a 'wedge'.

However I love the other collective noun for a group of swans which is 'a whiteness of swans'.

It was a gloomy, grey, dull day as we fought our way along the beach battling wind and rain with our collies.

Had it not been for dog walking responsibilities we would certainly not have been out in weather like that.

The waves were close to the shore and their whiteness stood out against the greyness of sea and sky.

There was a sound which rose above the crash of the waves and that's when we saw the swans.

There were about 30 of them in perfect formation in the sky right above us, and in flight they mimicked the power and whiteness of the breakers below.

How glad we were to be out to see such a wonderful sight.

Soon after, Jazz raced off across the beach barking at something beyond our vision.

We watched in wonder as across the beach about a hundred yards in front of us was a young otter carrying a fish.

Much to the annoyance of Jazz, the otter slipped easily between the waves to finish his breakfast, leaving Jazz barking in frustration at a growling ocean.

Had we been tucked up indoors, in the warm and dry as we had wished to be, we would have missed these gems which enchanted us so much.

Maybe it's when we feel a wee bit miserable that God gives us a glimpse of the things that enchant him, as he shares his creation with us.

**KILMARTIN**

**Fair Trade and Christmas-themed market at Kilmartin**

KILMARTIN Museum was going like the proverbial fair as it hosted a Fair Trade and Christmas-themed market last Saturday.

Featured was an eclectic range of crafts from Fair Trade projects around the world.

A busy sale was thronged by people looking for unusual gifts, every purchase making a difference to the producer.

The museum shop also offered Fair Trade

goods, including bags, purses, felted goods, journals, key rings and mango wood crafts from various projects worldwide including Nepal, India and Vietnam.

**The market at Kilmartin Museum was well attended. 06\_a47KilmartX-mas**



**ARGYLL**

**Argyll SWI Federation president retires**

AT the SWI Argyll Federation AGM, held in Tarbert village hall last Saturday, the retiring federation president Cathy Smith, from Kilmichael Glassary Institute, was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for her hard work over the previous three years, by the incoming president Brenda MacLeod from Appin Institute.



**Brenda presents Cathy with flowers.**

**MINARD**

A SPECIAL sale is to be held next week in Minard Village Hall, featuring a range of clothing for women from size 12 to 30 alongside cracking Christmas gift ideas.

Margaret Turner is behind the new venture, and has a shop in Glasgow selling a range of fashions for ladies.

At the Minard sale there will be a range of competitively priced jewellery, purses and perfume.

Margaret takes pride

in selling her clothing range at prices people can afford.

The sale will take place on Monday November 23, between 6pm and 10pm.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully, after a long illness, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on November 12, 2015, Christina (Tina) Campbell, née Paterson, of 43 Mains Avenue, Beith and formerly of Strachur, beloved wife of the late Norrie Campbell, much loved mother of Liz, Norrie and Christine, adored nanny and great nanny and a dear sister and aunt to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses.

**GILCHRIST** - Suddenly, in the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 15, 2015, Mary Thomson Gilchrist (Maureen), in her 75th year, 82 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved mother of Helen, John, Andrew and the late Duncan, loving mother-in-law of Sharon and Susan, a much loved granny and a loving sister of William. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Dialysis Unit, Campbeltown.

**HULMES** - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Rowan Court Nursing Home, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Friday, November 13, 2015, Anthony Hulmes, aged 97 years, dearly loved husband of the late Flora McPhee, devoted father of Peter, Anthony, Sandra and David and a loving father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather.

**INGRAM** - On November 10, 2015, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Elizabeth Catherine Ingram (née MacVicar) Dunoon and Highlanders Institute Glasgow, ex-Head Teacher of Ulva Primary School, beloved wife of Ivarr, mother to Alasdair, Douglas and Shona and granny of Megan, Ryan and Pamela. She was a fighter to the end. Funeral service to be held at Salen Parish Church, Isle of Mull, on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 11.15am.

**KENNEDY** - On November 6, 2015, suddenly, as the result of a tragic accident, Ross, in his 25th year, beloved son of Lynn and Paddy Williamson, much loved brother of Callum, Donald and Patrick, dear grandson of Aileen and Donald and a dearly loved nephew, friend and work colleague. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, (today) Friday, November 20 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Inveraray Parish Church.

**MACCALLUM** - Peacefully at his home, 15 Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilhead, on November 14, 2015, Malcolm (Malky) MacCallum, aged 86 years, beloved husband of the late Margaret Gillies, dear brother of Cathie, Elsie and Nancy, and a much loved uncle, great uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and

former work colleague and mentor to many. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achtnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Erskine Home.

**MATHIESON** - Suddenly, after a long illness, on November 13, 2015, Archie Mathieson, in his 72nd year, Woodbank House, Southend Road, by Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Angela and much loved father, grandfather and brother.

**MCLARTY** - On November 14, 2015, peacefully at home, Alex, in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Agnes, much loved father of David and Alexander, and a dearly loved uncle, grandfather, former work colleague and friend of many. Funeral service was held at Lochgilhead Parish Church, on November 19, interment thereafter at Achtnabreac Cemetery.

**MCMILLAN** - Suddenly at home, 32 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on November 9, 2015, John Alexander McMillan, in his 69th year, dearly beloved father of Karen and John and a loving grandfather and great grandfather. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Church, today Friday, November 20, 2015 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the RNLI. A private cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium at a later date.

**WATSON** - Suddenly, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 12, 2015, Helen Muir Scally, in her 89th year, formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ranald Watson, much loved mother of Liz, Ranald and Mary and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BRIDGEWATER** - Mandy and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following the recent sad passing of Mark. Our grateful thanks to all local emergency services for their assistance. Sincere thanks to Father David Connor for a comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and support through a difficult time, to Morna for beautiful flowers and to the Argyll Inn for their kind hospitality. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

**CASKEY** - The relatives of the late John Caskey would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all involved in his care, to the Lithgow family for all their kindness, estate manager Archie MacArthur and the estate workers for all their hard work and organisation, that allowed everything to go so smoothly. Special thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting and appropriate service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to Stonefield Castle Hotel for catering and to all who braved the elements to pay their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Kilberry Church raised £290.

**CRAWFORD** - The family of the late Cathy Crawford would like to thank everyone for the many cards and support following the sad loss of Cathy. Thanks to the many friends and neighbours for their comforting words and much appreciated support over the past months. A very special thanks to all of the carers, district nurses, doctors and nursing staff at the Glenaray Ward and staff at Carr Gomm for looking after Cathy. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his lovely and comforting service and to the Stag Hotel for the fine catering. Sincere thanks to all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional and caring service. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £325 for Alzheimer Scotland.

**GUNTRIPP** - Pamela and Hilary would like to thank most sincerely, family, friends and colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and fruit received following the sad loss of Pauline. Special thanks to the care teams who supported her at home in the last few years, to Douglas Nicol and Chris Holden for funeral and memorial services, to the congregation of St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church and to Springbank Church for excellent purvey. Thanks also to Kenneth Blair of T A Blair Funeral Directors for professional services, and finally, to all who paid their last respects at both services. The collection for RSPB and Quarriers Children Charity, which Pauline supported over many years, raised £140.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of our son and brother, Dugald John, who sadly lost his life aboard "Antares", November 22, 1990.

- Mum, Dad and Donald.  
**MCGOUGAN** - Precious memories of our loving son, James, who died November 23, 1986, aged 23 years. Though your smile has gone forever

And your hand we cannot touch  
We still have so many memories  
Of the one we loved so much  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts.  
- Inserted by Dad and sister, Heather.

**MCGOUGAN** - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, James, died November 21, 1986.  
Never forgotten.  
- Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

**CHURCH NOTICES**



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:

Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
Lochgilhead 11.30am, located on

Lochnell Street/Manse Brae  
Minister; Rev. Robert Macleod

Prayer Time  
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm

Soup lunches last Thursday of the month - 12.00 - 1.30.

All welcome.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**SUNDAY 22nd November 2015**  
11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch

**SPEAKER:** Norman Weir 'Seeing the invisible'

**THURSDAY 26th November 2015**  
10.00 am  
(Please note change of time)

Prayer, Word and Sharing  
*All Welcome*



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

**Sunday 22nd November**  
Holy Communion  
Glassary 11.45 am  
Rev C Acklam

All welcome  
SC0 02121

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 22 November**  
Bellanoch Church 10 am

Morning Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam

**Monday 23 November**  
Prayer meeting 10 am  
Tayvallich Church

All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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

**LOCHGILHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am

**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor

01546 602380  
*All Welcome*  
(SC0002876)

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 22nd November 2015**  
Skipness Service 10.00am

Tarbert Service, joint with Kilberry 11.30am

Mr James MacLellan  
Kirk Session Meeting, 22nd November,

Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care

Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735

**Everyone very welcome**  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
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**"It is good to sing praises to our God"**

Sunday 22nd Nov Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead (SC013787)

**Sundays 11.00 am**  
Eucharist service  
Coffee & Cake follows the service

Advent Ecumenical Service for Christian Aid  
**Sunday 28th November**  
6.30pm

**St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin**  
(SC031391)

**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Eucharist Service  
3rd Sunday of the month  
3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book

**All Saints, Inveraray**  
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Saturdays  
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Father Simon Mackenzie  
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**LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 22nd November 2015**  
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Hilda Smith

**Saturday 21st November 2015**  
10am - midday

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

**Sunday 29th November 2015**  
3pm

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
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**Sunday 22nd November 2015**

**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097

Morning Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
(Service for Guild Week)

**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**All Welcome**

**Christmas Bazaars**  
**Friday 20th November**  
Furnace Hall 7 pm

**Saturday 21st November**  
Inveraray Church Hall 2 pm

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Sunday 22nd November 2015**  
11.15am

Family Communion Service  
Mr Tony Leighton, Carradale

**Thursday 26th November**  
12.15pm Prayer and Bible Study

Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm  
Cup of Peace - Coffee Afternoon

For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SC014646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 22nd November**  
Christ the King Sunday  
Holy Communion 10.45am

**Details of services are on the church door.**

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**Highland Parish Church**



**SCO02493**

**Sunday 22nd November**  
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McVior in the church at 11.15am

**Wednesday 25th November**  
There will be a Session Meeting in Kirk Street Hall at 7.00pm

Badminton Club  
Tuesday evenings in Kirk Street Hall  
Primary 1 -5: 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Primary 6 & 7: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

**Sunday 22nd November**  
Service 11.15am

Creche, Triple C, Next Generation  
Rev P Wallace

**Monday 23rd November**  
Messy Church, Church Hall 3.45 - 5.30pm

**Tuesday 24th November**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade Church Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm

**Wednesday 25th November**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
Church Hall 10.00am - 12.00 noon

**Thursday 26th November**  
Choir 7.30pm

**Friday 27th November**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall



George Street, Campbeltown

**Saturday 21st November**  
10.00am - 12noon  
Coffee Morning

**Sunday 22nd November**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Jeremy Middleton

2.00pm Explorers Club  
for all Primary school children

**Wednesday 25th November**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

2.00pm Water of Life Café

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**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School  
followed by refreshments

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**Lochgilhead Baptist Church**

All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

**Sunday 22nd November 2015**  
Speaker Angus MacNeill

**Monday**  
Ladies Meeting  
2.30pm  
Rev Chris Acklan

**Tuesday**  
mainly music  
at 10.15am

**Friday**  
Jumpstart From 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187



Campbeltown Corps  
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046

**Saturday 21st November**  
Coffee Morning  
10.00am - 12.00 noon

**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Tuesday**  
Lunch Club - 12.15pm  
Home League - 1.30pm

**Wednesday**  
Make and Munch Mob - 7.00pm

**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study

**Friday 27th November**  
Following the Christmas Light Switch-on there will be tea, coffee, soup and nibbles in the Salvation Army Hall

All welcome

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# Ghostly goings on at the long walk

IT was fast and furious fun at Argyll South Pony Club's Hallowe'en rally on November 7 at the long walk arena.

13 was not an unlucky number for the ponies and riders who lined up in all kinds of amazing costumes.

The eventual junior winners were a colourful Mexican and a very busy bee, while the senior winners were a white sheeted ghost and a very snazzy police horse.

Luckily the rain dried up just in time for the witches quest challenge which led the riders past the horses of Hades, through the witch's washing and all sorts of other challenges ending in the slime pit where

the magic medallion was hidden.

After lunch, provided by master chef Steven Ryan, the afternoon competition games, devised by Sheila MacCallum, really tested the riders' agility and speed as well as providing terrific entertainment for the cheering spectators.

Many thanks go to all those who made the day such a success, especially John and Mairead Brailsford for the use of the arena.

Fancy dress winners: Junior Leah McConnachie and Imogen O'Hanlon; Senior Katie MacKay and Anna McCallum.

Witch's quest winners - Yellow class: 1 Willow Ryan and Minstrel;

2 Henny Jones and Monty; 3 Isla McShannon and Micky.

Orange class: 1 Lauren Johnson and Aero; 2 Morgan Sinclair and Savannah; 3 Rebecca Bailie and Brooklyn.

Green Class: 1 Beth Qualter Buncle and Barney; 2 Anna McCallum and Tiger Lilly; 3 Jadie Bailie and Cruise.

Games winners - Yellow class: 1 Imogen O'Hanlon; 2 Zoe Prentice; 3 Isla McShannon and Willow Ryan.

Orange class: 1 Morgan Sinclair; 2 Lauren Johnson and Rebecca Bailie.

Green class: Beth Qualter Buncle; 2 Anna McCallum; 3 Katie MacKay.



The winners with their rosettes.



The Dolphins show off their medals. 08\_a47dolphins01

## Dolphins swim to success

THE Mid Argyll Dolphins had a very successful and fun time competing at the Scottish Schools trials in Campbeltown on November 10.

The team, Aileen Barr, 9; Ellie Gregory, 11; Arasi Kasirajan, 11; Jilly Lefebvre, 11; Iris MacMillan, 10; Ruth Neville, 10; Jagoda Chmielewska, 12; Megan Danson, 12; Molly Dykes, 13; Ruby Bosomworth, 15; Joey Luxmore, 13; Christopher McCartan, 10 and John-

ny Neville, 13, took 14 medals back to Mid Argyll.

Ruby and Jilly did particularly well with Ruby winning gold in 400m front crawl and 400m individual medley. She took silver in the 200m front crawl and bronze in the 200m individual medley and 100m front crawl.

Jilly won gold in the 50m butterfly, silver in the 50m back crawl and front crawl as well as taking bronze in the 50m breast stroke.

Molly took silver in the 400m front crawl and bronze in the 200m front crawl.

She was also named the swimmer of the month.

Joey won gold in 200m breast stroke with Johnnie just behind him taking bronze. Megan took home a silver in 100m breast stroke.

Coach Arlene Green was very pleased with the results saying that personal best times were fantastic and the results were amazing.

## School rugby at the Ropework

Lochgilthead High School 5 Lochaber 11

On Saturday October 7 the S3 and S4 boys' rugby team from Lochgilthead High School had their first experience of

playing a competitive 15-a-side match at the Ropework.

Unfortunately they lost by a fairly wide margin but coach Mr Deviney was pleased with their performance: 'Near the

end of the first half the boys turned the momentum and fought and battled for two tries before the first half whistle blew, showing they weren't going to give up.

'This tenacity and nev-

er say die attitude continued right till the end of the game and the end result didn't reflect the effort the boys had put in.

'Team work was the call of the day with good communication, leadership and taking time for discipline and to listen to calls. This is a start of more to build on.'

The younger boys of S1 and S2 had a better game winning 11-4 against Lochaber in their Rugby sevens match despite playing against much more experienced boys.

Special mention to Neil Wilson for some fierce tackling.



Players get into the action in a scrum. 08\_a46rugby04a



The S3/4 teams play a lineout. 08\_a46rugby01

## Clubs face higher referee costs ahead of shinty's AGM

A NUMBER of changes to the way shinty operates will be up for discussion when the sport's governing body, the Camanachd Association, holds its AGM next week.

Premiership champions Newtonmore have submitted a proposal that every club fielding a first and reserve team should submit a list of 10 recognised first team players, who will not be eligible to play in any league or cup competition for a reserve team.

Another proposal, from Kilmallie Shinty Club, is that the current play-off system for promotion to the premiership should be scrapped.

In its place would come a straightforward two-up, two-down rule, where the bottom two clubs from the premiership are relegated, to be replaced by the top two from the national division.

The Camanachd Association itself has tabled a proposal that the referees' match fee should be increased from the

current £30 per game to £35, and mileage should go up from 40p to 45p per mile - all from the beginning of the 2016 season in March.

Also on the agenda for the meeting, to be held at the West End Hotel in Fort William on Friday November 27, is the election of two new directors in the form of George Hay, Glasgow Mid Argyll and Angus MacVicar from Lewis Camanachd.



**Proposal to increase match fee and travel expenses for referees**

# Inveraray Shinty Club annual awards dinner

INVERARAY Shinty Club's successes on and off the field were celebrated at its annual dinner dance.

Vice-chairman Euan McMurdo summarised the club's year in a speech following a two-course meal on Saturday at Inveraray's Argyll Hotel.

He then presented the annual awards to the recipients. Although the first team has suffered relegation from the Marine Harvest Premier League, Euan said that 'it has been a successful year if you consider all the different sections of the club'.

'Obviously relegation was a big blow but we reached the Macaulay Cup final and were close to reaching yet another Camanachd Cup final.

'When you consider this and with the continuing improvement of our second team, the U17 team winning the MacQuiston Cup for a second year in succession and the work that is continuing off the



**Prize Winners top left to right, Andrew McMurdo (first team player of the year), Ruairaidh Graham (Jock McCallum memorial trophy for most promising player), Lewis Montgomery (MacQuiston Cup Captain), Euan McMurdo (first team top goal scorer). Bottom left to right: Ross Montgomery (second team player of the year), Fraser Watt (second team top goal scorer).**

park we are a club that is moving forward.'

Inveraray Shinty Club will hold its AGM on

Friday December 4 from 7.30pm at the clubhouse.

## Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: West of Scotland Cup, third round - Campbeltown Pupils 1, Auchinnairn Star 2; Dunoon 1, Haldane United 2; Maryhill Thistle 1, Tarbert 0; Oban Saints 6, Springhill 1; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star 3, Busby 1. Division One - Rossvale 5, Dunoon Athletic 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Goldenhill v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division Two - Millbeg Villa v Tarbert.

## Club lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd club winning lottery numbers are 13, 16, 19 and 3. A MacVean scooped the £1,000 jackpot and next week's jackpot is £100.

Tarbert Football Club winning lottery numbers are 1, 8 and 16. There were no winners this week and next week's jackpot is £600.

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## Red Star pick up first win of the season ... and also a clean sheet

Lochgilphead Red Star	3
Busby	0
SAFL Premier Division One	

RED Star welcomed bottom side Busby to the Joint Campus 3G on Saturday and, despite a frustrating first half, the Lochgilphead side picked up the important three points.

Star began the first half looking to get on top of their opponents early but despite playing some neat football at times, the ball just wouldn't break kindly enough to forwards MacLean and Peacock and resulted in some wasteful finishing which kept the scoreline blank.

#### Untroubled

At the other end Busby's best attempts came from set pieces but Kallache was largely un-

troubled in the Star goal and the sides went in at half time 0-0.

Star broke the deadlock inside five minutes of the second half starting. McGuinness made a surging run from his right back position and was bundled over in the box, with the referee pointing to the spot.

MacLean stepped up to convert the penalty easily to put the home side 1-0 up.

Red Star were starting to turn the screw and should have been further ahead when Weir found Peacock at the far post but his effort went over the bar.

He didn't have long to wait for his goal, how-

ever, as after 60 minutes the keeper could only clear the ball as far as Peacock in the box and this time he made no mistake with the finish from close range and doubled Star's lead to 2-0.

#### Free kick

The game was finished as a contest eight minutes later when MacLean picked up his second goal of the afternoon this time a 25-yard free kick sailed into the top corner to round off the scoring at 3-0.

All that was left was for Star to ensure they picked up their first clean sheet as well and thanks to a defence well marshalled by Forbes and Alderson, they did just that.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star look to build on this win with a local derby away to Dunoon Ams.



Steven MacBrayne with his 10lb 9oz skate.

## Skate caught at Loch Etive

The highlight of Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club's outing at Loch Etive was a young common skate caught by Ardrihaig's Steven MacBrayne.

A member of Loch Fyne SAC, Steven was one of eight anglers taking part in the monthly boat competition when he hauled in a 10lb 9oz skate.

Not a record breaker by any means, but the first landed aboard the charter boat Laura Dawn II indicating there are common skate breeding in or around Loch Etive.

Despite the heavy rain and wintry conditions, fishing in general was good with six species including common skate, spurs, thorn back ray, pouting, whiting and dogfish boosting the scoresheet.

Fish tally came to 158 at the end of the day and the angler who accrued the most points was Scott Rankin, with 36 fish (123pts) closely followed by Willie Shaw, 35 fish (118 pts), and then Mike Thompson, 21 fish (80 pts).

## Jilly picks up gold medal in Dunfermline

MID ARGYLL's Jilly Lefebvre won her first gymnastics competition on Sunday November 8.

Jilly has been training with the Largs Gymnastics Club for the last year and was thrilled to pick up her first gold medal at the Fife Network floor and vault competition in Dumfermline.

The 11-year-old also took silver with her team. Her father, Christophe Lefebvre, said: 'Because of the distance, Jilly is only able to visit the club once a fortnight but she has been working really hard for this and we are really proud of her.'



Jilly (centre) with her gold medal.

## Scotland quietly confident going into second test

NATIONAL Coach Ronald Ross MBE had the Scottish shinty players together for the final time at an all-weather park in Coatbridge on Sunday following a fitness session with coach, Neil Bowman.

The Scots fly out to the cavernous Croke Park in Dublin on Friday and will get a chance to acquaint themselves with their impressive and formidable surroundings before they meet their Irish hurling counterparts in their return match, following a home win.

Ross said: 'Croke Park

is the biggest stage I have ever played on, and ever will, but it is also the same for the hurlers. When we won there in 2010, there were so many people there. Ireland will not want to lose at Croke Park, so we need to make sure we

are ready for it.'

Ross has been in negotiation with the Irish regarding rules for the second test, with players not allowed to create a raised turf with their boot for ground hits.

The match throws in at 4.35pm.

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