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## Violet wins five-month battle for access ramp at her home

A WOMAN who has been a virtual prisoner in her own home is to get a much-needed access ramp after fighting since July to have one installed.

Forced to use a mobility scooter since contracting the incurable lung condition known as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, 66-year-old Violet Mackenzie must rely on the help of others to lift the vehicle in and out of her Lochgilphead home.

Mrs Mackenzie, who breathes with the assistance of bottled oxygen 24 hours a day, approached the *Argyllshire Advertiser* last month in an attempt to highlight problems she is said to have had in getting a ramp installed.

She said at the time: 'I thought I was going to get a ramp so that I could get access with

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my mobility scooter in and out of the house, but that was turned down in the summer after the occupational therapy people said there wasn't enough space for one.'

A tenant of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Mrs Mackenzie approached the association to be told that a referral would first be needed from the occupational therapist service before a ramp could be considered.

After the *Advertiser* published her story on October 21, Mrs Mackenzie says she was contacted by ACHA, who offered to re-home her and her husband.

'I don't want to move, and I don't think I'm fit enough

to do it anyway,' Mrs Mackenzie said later.

Matters seemed to be moving in the right direction when Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership said they would refer Mrs Mackenzie to ACHA, with each working to find a solution.

But by last week Mrs Mackenzie claims she was no further forward. She contacted ACHA and says was told that no referral had been received.

Again Mrs Mackenzie contacted the *Advertiser*, saying: 'I am getting a bit peeved with the whole thing. They seem to think they can fob you off and you'll accept everything they say.'

She added: 'All I want is to be able to get

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### Well-deserved award for coach

Mid Argyll rugby coach Duncan 'Brochan' Aitken was caught by surprise in the middle of a training session when he was presented with a well-deserved award by Councillor Donnie McMillan. Full story on page 23.

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#### INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

#### Green fingers

TARBERT Academy primary pupils helped volunteers at Tarbert community orchard.

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#### Craft fair

CROWDS made an early start on their Christmas shopping at the Tree Shop craft fair.

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#### Back in Argyll

APPROVAL of plans for Rainbow Valley's new cancer treatment centre by Loch Lomond will see the charity back in Argyll.

Full story, page 10.

#### Scout for a day

SCOUTS Scotland's Lochgoilhead national activity centre welcomed brave adventurers to experience what it's like to be a scout.

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#### We remember

PEOPLE gathered at war memorials across Mid Argyll to remember those who have sacrificed so much in conflicts past and present.

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## Mental health move information sessions

DROP-IN events providing information about the interim move of inpatient mental health services from Argyll and Bute Hospital to Mid Argyll community hospital are being held across Argyll.

Succoth ward at Argyll and Bute Hospital will be closed and inpatients moved to the ground floor of Mid Argyll Community Hospital until the refurbishment of Argyll and Bute Hospital is complete.

Public drop-in events will be held in Campbeltown Community Centre on Thursday November 24, from 3.30pm-6.30pm; Bow-

more Baptist Church, Islay, Wednesday November 30, 2pm-5pm; Craignure village hall, Mull, Thursday December 1, 3pm-6pm; Cowal Community Hospital, Dunoon, Monday December 5, 3.30pm-6.30pm; Moat community centre, Bute, Monday December 12, 2pm-5pm; Lochgilphead Parish church hall, Friday December 16, 3.30pm-6.30pm;

Plans for the new mental health inpatient unit are also available at Mid Argyll Community Hospital. Staff from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership can answer any questions.



Argyll Talking Newspapers volunteers look on as MP Brendan O'Hara takes control. 06\_a47talkingpapers02

## Talking Newspapers welcomes MP

ARGYLL Talking Newspapers welcomed MP Brendan O'Hara to its weekly session in Ardrishaig.

Argyll Talking Newspapers, a registered charity, records readings of local newspapers so that people

with visual impairment can keep up with the news. The volunteers then send out the recordings on memory sticks to more than 150 people. Mr O'Hara, who recorded a reading from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and the *Campbeltown Courier* during his visit, said: 'What a fantastic idea. It is groups like these which are at the heart of our community. Blind or visually impaired people can often

feel on the periphery of society but this service helps keep them in the know.'

He continued: 'I would like to thank chairwoman Morag Hunter and the volunteers who showed me the ropes. When I return to parliament I will submit an early day motion to acknowledge the work they do. They will be forever recorded in the House of Commons parliamentary records.'

## Police files

### Speeding motorist

A 46-YEAR-OLD man was stopped by police on Monday November 7 for driving in excess of the 30mph speed limit, on the A83 at Inveraray. He was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

### House searched for drugs

A HOUSE in Tarbert was searched by police on Tuesday November 8, at around 8.15pm. A 38-year-old man was allegedly found to be growing cannabis. He was charged and a report will be submitted the procurator fiscal.

### Driver caught being careless

A MAN aged 50 has been charged with careless driving af-

ter being stopped by police on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, at around 11.45am on Saturday November 12. He got a £100 fixed penalty and three penalty points.

### Breach of the peace

POLICE were called to a disturbance at around 7.10pm, on Saturday November 13 in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. Three men, aged 23, 29 and 35, were each later issued with a £40 fixed penalty notice for breach of the peace.

### Theft from Whitehouse

A MOBILE welfare unit was stolen from a construction site on a farm near Whitehouse between April 1 and 19. The unit was contained on a trailer and would have required a vehicle to tow it away. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to come forward.

### Dangerous driving

A MALE driver, aged 31, was stopped by police on the A83 near Tayinloan on Monday November 7 at around 9am, for dangerously driving in excess of the speed limit. He was charged with dangerous driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact police on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# Anger after council fells row of trees for cycle link

ACTION by the local authority to remove a row of trees screening an industrial building has angered Cairnbaan residents.

The line of conifers, estimated at around 30 to 40 years old, were felled by Argyll and Bute Council to create a pavement along the southern bank of the Crinan Canal linking Letter Daill with the waterway.

But the trees have been screening a forestry workshop from the view of local people.

Catriona and Ogilvie Ross live on the opposite side of the canal, overlooking the shed, which is owned by the Forestry Commission.

'This is nothing to do with the Forestry Commission,' said Mrs Ross. 'I am, though, angry at the attitude of the council. They came along without any warning or consultation and cut down these trees.'

Mrs Ross also wor-



Mrs Ross surveys the stumps left after the council felled trees screening the building in the background. 06\_a47treescairn03

ries about the impact on tourism. 'They call the Crinan Canal "Britain's most beautiful shortcut" and it was once part of the Royal Route, then the council comes along and takes away these trees. It makes no sense.'

Mr Ross added: 'I tried to contact the council about this several times and was passed from pillar to post. I don't think they

wanted to talk to me about this. They forget, sitting in Kilmory, they are public servants. My

main issue is their disconnection with local people. There seems to be a lack of empathy

with the public, and we should have heard before anything happened here.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We have secured a total of £100,000 from the Sustrans Community Links programme and the Scottish Government's Cycling Walking Safer Streets grant to provide a completely new link between the community of Letter Daill with the Crinan Canal at lock eight.

'To create the path, we have removed a number of trees within the road corridor and will be planting new ones once the path is completed.'

## Violet wins ramp battle

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in and out of my house.'

Further inquiries by the Advertiser revealed that a referral was submitted to ACHA on October 28 by an occupational therapist.

The housing association then gave Mrs Mackenzie the news she has been waiting on for five months or more.

In response to this newspaper's inquiries, ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'I can confirm that the association received a referral for Mrs Mackenzie which asks for a feasibility survey to instal a ramped access or whether there are other options which could be looked at.

'A site visit has tak-

en place and we have gone back to the occupational therapist department with several options for consideration.

'I am pleased to say that this morning [Wednesday] I have been advised that the occupational therapist has agreed that a ramp can be fitted.

'We will now be instructing our specialist supplier to visit the property to measure up and provide us with a quotation in order that we can take this forward.'

A delighted Mrs Mackenzie said: 'I am absolutely over the moon at the news.

'I want to thank the people who have helped me to get things to this stage and can't wait to try out my new ramp.'

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# Tarbert youth group goes out with a bang

TARBERT'S sparkling fireworks display this year was hailed a great success and saw the community come together for a dazzling show.

The display, held on Friday November 4, was Tarbert Youth Group's last year hosting the event, with all proceeds from the night going towards Tarbert Church of Scotland appeal for disabled access.

The evening's events held at the yacht club in Tarbert saw piper Harry Adair, of Lochgilphead, entertain the crowds, while lentil soup and warm chocolate cake were served before the start of the fireworks.

Heather Bellshaw, of Tarbert Youth Group, said: 'The night went perfectly for our last time hosting this event, and we raised £260 for the church disabled access fund.'

'We would like to thank everyone involved over the past six years and wish whoever takes over next all the very best.'



Fireworks light up Tarbert.

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Tarbert Academy pupils meet volunteers.

## Cultivating the future at Tarbert Castle

PRIMARY pupils visited a Tarbert community orchard before getting stuck into helping over the winter months.

Tarbert Academy P1, 2 and 7 called on Tarbert Castle's orchard project, which was well under way in preparation for planting.

The children showed a good understanding of what an orchard is

and the reasons why volunteers are busy digging ditches, preparing the soil with seaweed and building a protective deer and rabbit fence.

Tarbert Castle Trust chairwoman Sheila Campbell and other volunteers asked questions about what could be seen and received very good answers, while the children were keen to know about the

types of fruit which could be grown, including apples, plums and soft fruit. The pupils helped peg down a geotextile raised bed planting area cover, through which trees will be planted to provide weed protection. It was a job for many hands and enjoyed by everyone.

Trust secretary Robert McPhail said: 'The introductory visit was

a great success and the trust is looking forward to pupils giving volunteers more assistance with planting over the winter months.'

A free workshop on fruit pruning and after care will be held tomorrow (Saturday November 19), led by John Hancox - known as Apple John.

To find out more, call Robert McPhail on 01880 820643.

# Marie Curie fund benefits from Borders walk

A TEAM of walkers recently travelled to Kelso, before covering 90 miles in six days on the



The walkers at Jedburgh Abbey.

Border Abbeys Route. Their mission was to raise funds for the Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraisers group, and earlier this week £2,000 was handed over to Jenny Broly of the local group.

Next September the intrepid walkers are planning to be the first team to trek a new long-distance walk through Mid Argyll called the Columba Route. The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance has already registered the route with the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum as a pilgrimage walk, linking the Kintyre Way with Oban and Iona. It will again be a sponsored



The team, their four-legged friends and, of course, Dewey the mascot bear.

walk, this time raising funds for Mary's Meals.

The Port Ban team is looking for others to join in, either as walkers on at least one of the stages, or helping with the organisa-

tion and provision of accommodation. For more details, see [www.heartofargyll.com](http://www.heartofargyll.com).

The team that took on the Border Abbeys Route included employees David Austin, Neil Baxter, Jonathan

and Nelleke Sheldrick along with caravan tenants Ella Crockett, Margaret and Jim Duncan, Paul Reid and regular guest Jonathan Bennett – not forgetting labradoodle Tess and mascot bear, Dewey.

## Anti-social behaviour tops list of crime concerns

ANTI-social behaviour is the top concern for people in Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, according to a new survey.

The Police Scotland 'Your View Counts' survey also revealed that drug dealing and misuse are also issues seen as important to people in the local policing division.

Almost 700 people responded to the survey locally, with the main concerns being anti-social behaviour and disorder, drug dealing and misuse, violent crime, homes being broken into, and child abuse, including child sexual exploitation.



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## Great news

IT IS really good news that Violet Mackenzie is to have a ramp built at her home. She is the kind of person who likes getting out and about, despite the restrictions placed on her by illness.

Looking at this from the outside, the obvious question is why it took so much effort, stress and time before a disabled pensioner was considered eligible for a ramp.

We cannot know the full private details, but Mrs Mackenzie certainly feels her plight has either been misunderstood or ignored. The woman has to be connected to oxygen. She cannot walk any distance and needs her scooter. There cannot be many more clear-cut cases, surely.

And if a fit and able private house builder is obliged to construct a ramp to their new homes, why should Mrs Mackenzie, who is disabled, have to fight the system so hard to have one installed in a housing association property? It is great news nonetheless that common sense seems to have prevailed. All's well that ends well, and let's hope she enjoys her new-found freedom. The shops of Lochgilphead, look out...

## Home in Argyll

FUNDRAISING has been going on for many years for the Rainbow Valley treatment centre, a good deal of which has been in Mid Argyll.

With strong local connections, it is nice to see the charity setting up the new facility inside the boundaries of Argyll. Congratulations to Angela and everyone involved, and more power to your collective elbow.

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## The best possible start in life

Sir,  
The National Child Development Study reveals how membership organisations contribute positively to the improvement of mental health, even later in life.

The study is also very much reflective of the hard work the Boys' Brigade does with around 20,000 young people in Scotland alone. Our priority is to provide support in a safe and fun learning environment, providing young people with the best start in life.

Researchers found programmes which help young people with skills such as teamwork, outdoor exploration and self-reliance can provide lifelong benefits. These are all core factors in our structured programme we deliver on a weekly basis to our members. From problem solving and overcoming challenges, whether it be physically while out on an expedition or mentally through preparation for one of our awards programmes such as the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, we strive to provide the best overall experience for all our members.

Many are just five years old when they join the BB, but we are here to help set people up for life and help motivate self-learning and independence, both key indicators found in the study that result in better mental health in middle age. Mental wellbeing is such an im-

portant area and our partnership with Young Minds UK really underlines our commitment to support adult leaders and young people with this work.

This study is also a reminder that the BB can be instrumental at building resilience, not just in young people, but also in providing the core skills to create a positive future for thousands throughout their lives.

**Bill Stevenson,**  
director,  
The Boys' Brigade,  
Larbert.

## Tax plans 'insult to democracy'

Sir,  
Details of the SNP's tax grab plans have been revealed, with Argyll and Bute losing out on £1.2 million. This is how the SNP's attainment fund – which took council tax proceeds from one area to invest in another – are planned to play out. This is an insult to local democracy.

As well as the people of Argyll and Bute having to pay on average an extra £300 a year more in council tax bills, much of that money won't even be spent here.

Hard-pressed Argyll and Bute taxpayers will now be funding councils in Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire. Keep in mind that the SNP is hoping to win control of those two council areas that it is planning on funnelling Argyll and Bute's council tax to.

How can SNP politicians both at a local and nation-

al level honestly say that the people of Argyll and Bute are better served by the SNP's hare-brained scheme of taking money away from our council?

It is high time our local MP forgot about the oath of loyalty he swore to the SNP and, for that matter, the local SNP councillors stopped blindly following their party line and put the people of Argyll and Bute first.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Islay

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Surely by reducing the cost of this service it would alleviate the problem of fly-tipping and dumping.

**Hilary Bridge,**  
Skipness.

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## Youth work heroes wanted

YOUTHLINK Scotland is looking for youth workers and volunteers to be recognised at a national level.

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Chief executive of YouthLink Scotland, Jim Sweeney MBE, said: 'Scotland has one of the most vibrant youth work sectors in the world.'

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The deadline for nominations is Monday January 16. A special awards dinner will be held on Thursday March 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow.

To find out more and to download a nomination form, visit the YouthLink Scotland website.

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# A Fyne fair at the Tree Shop



**Sporting a set of antlers from Inveraray, Ruaraidh the Stag gets a tickle on the chin from creator Catherine Bloy of Highland Homeware, Achnamara.** 06\_a47craftfair04

THE CROWDS flocked to the head of Loch Fyne last weekend for a new date on the pre-Christmas calendar.

Situated at the Tree Shop at Clachan, Cairndow, the festive craft fair proved to be a big draw, pulling in a large number of visitors.

### Shopper

Around 20 stallholders set up temporary shop among the Tree Shop's existing wide range of goods. For the Christmas shopper there were stalls selling locally-manufactured soft goods and cushions, jewellery and glassware, candles, picture frames and much more besides.

Tree Shop manager Neil Colburn said: 'It's been really successful. We weren't sure how many stalls we would get, but it's been absolutely fantastic.'



**Lynne Girdwood of Ardrishaig's Fyne Silver is all smiles after a good day selling her unique range of jewellery.** 06\_a47craftfair01



## Public Drop In Events

**Campbeltown, Community Centre - Thursday 24th November, 3.30pm-6.30pm**

**Islay, Bowmore Baptist Church - Wednesday 30th November, 2.00pm-5.00pm**

**Mull, Craignure Village Hall - Thursday 1st December, 3.00pm - 6.00pm**

**Dunoon, Cowal Community Hospital - Monday 5th December, 3.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Bute, Moat Community Centre - Monday 12th December, 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Lochgilhead, Parish Church Hall - Friday 16th December, 3.30pm - 6.30pm**

Come along to one of the drop in events above to find out more about the interim move of inpatient mental health services from Argyll and Bute Hospital in Lochgilhead to Mid Argyll Community Hospital in Lochgilhead

You can drop in at any time and see the plans for the new mental health inpatient unit in Mid Argyll Hospital and also have a chat with staff from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership

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# History society stag night

ALASTAIR MacGugan, of Scottish Natural Heritage, was the most recent speaker at Inveraray and District Local History Society's meeting, entertainingly covering the topic of deer management on Tuesday November 1.

Arriving at the meeting directly from his flight from Norway, where he had been studying moose, Alastair treated the packed Nicoll Hall to a talk on a very interesting subject, sharing some unexpected and funny sides of deer management.



The Robin Robertson Blues Band.

## I guess that's why they call it the blues...

TAYVALLICH is set for another exciting night of blues music tomorrow, Saturday November 19, when The Robin Robertson Blues Band make a return visit.

Their first visit 18 months ago went down a storm, so if you were unlucky enough not to be in the audience that night, then get along to this gig to find out what you've been missing.

The band bring together a

wealth of experience in performance and musicianship to create a unique blend of blues, mixed with early RnB and a smattering of jazz. The five-piece band works within a wide range of ensembles, from orchestras to jazz groups, as well as supporting artists as session musicians, but come together to play for the love of the blues.

Their influences include such diverse artists as Bessie Smith,

Billie Holiday, Katie Webster, Rae Charles and Robben Ford. The band have toured and headlined festivals and venues in the UK and abroad and have released two successful albums. Find out more at [www.robinrobertsonbluesband.com/about](http://www.robinrobertsonbluesband.com/about).

Saturday November 19, doors open 7.30pm, Tayvallich Village Hall. Tickets £10 (£5 for 16s and under) at the door.



May MacGugan proudly watched her son, Alastair, as he spoke at the Nicoll Hall.

## Dig out your tartan gladrags

THE Easy Club will be hosting its first Saint Andrew's ceilidh on Wednesday November 30.

The music club, which formed earlier this year, is particularly aimed at those with mental health problems, learning disabilities and long-term health conditions, though it is open to all.

The enthusiastic members invite you to join them at Lochgilphead Resource Centre, where the rafters will be dirling during the night of piping, Gaelic song and Scottish music. Doors open at 7pm. Entry is by donation and a tartan dress code is encouraged.

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<p><b>Campbeltown Christmas Lights Switch On</b> Friday 25th November 2016 Tea, coffee soup &amp; Christmas nibbles in the Salvation Army Hall, 10 Burnside Street, from 7.00pm <i>Crafts, gifts and christmas cards also for sale.</i></p>	<p>Clachan Village Hall <b>CRAFT FAIR</b> Saturday 19th November 1 - 3pm Collectables, Art, Crafts, Candles, Cards, Come and buy that present with a difference. Refreshments served with home baking. To book a £7 table ring <b>01880 740637</b></p>	<p><b>This is YOUR paper...</b></p> <p>Send your photos and stories to <a href="mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk">editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk</a></p>
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# A taste of South America at library



Mauricio has the library audience enthralled.

THE SCOTTISH International Storytelling Festival came to Mid Argyll as a Colombian entertained.

Lochgilphed Library has been part of the festival for the past three years and has hosted storytellers from Jordan and New Zealand in the past.

This year Mauricio travelled from Colombia to visit libraries in Argyll and Bute.

With an audience of around 30 people, Mauricio entertained with dynamic storytelling, using mime and engaging

well with the audience. At the start of the evening he had the lights out, so the library was quite dark and he told everyone to close their eyes and imagine they were high up in a balloon, crossing the ocean to South America and the sounds and smells of Colombia

Mauricio went on to tell stories for a hugely entertaining hour and a half. Afterwards there were drinks and snacks and a chance to talk to Mauricio, rounding off an excellent evening.

## Santa comes to Ford

FORD'S first Christmas market promises to be full of family fun.

Events kick off with workshops on the morning of Saturday November 26 where children will be making tree decorations.

The workshops, led by local artist Inge Bos, will take place at the Ford Hotel, from 11.30am-1pm.

Santa will then lead the youngsters to the village hall, where the market will be running between noon and 3pm. Stalls selling Christmas gift essentials, from cards

to soap, woodwork to craft glassware and home baking and preserves, will ensure there will be something for everyone.

Saturday evening will see the Christmas cheer spread as carolling and a sing-along take place in the hall from 7pm, followed by a night of music, hot food and a licensed pop-up bar to get everyone in the spirit.

Admission for the night's entertainment is £5, with all funds raised going to Ford Village Hall.



There will be an opportunity to create your own Christmas decorations. a47xmasdec01

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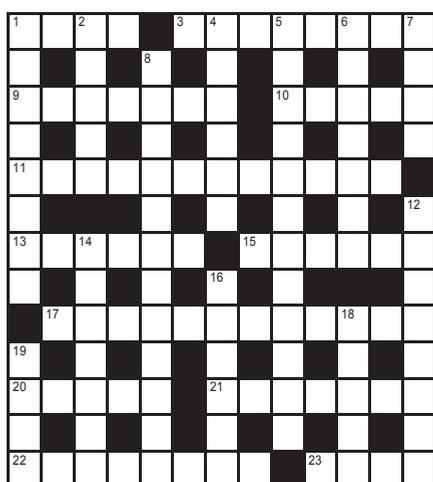
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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Rainbow Valley another step closer to realising treatment centre dream

A DERELICT Loch Lomond outdoor centre will see a new lease of life after councillors approved a locally-supported cancer charity's plans for a treatment centre.

Cancer charity Rainbow Valley will transform the old Ard-lui outdoor centre, at McGregor's Landing, into a residential cancer therapy centre

By RACHEL CARRUTHERS  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

for patients and their families.

With plans to open in 2017, the centre will provide information, education and complementary therapies through residential and day courses, made up of conferences, seminars and small group meetings.

With an open-door policy, the charity hopes it will not only help those in the local community but cancer sufferers from all across Scotland.

West Dunbartonshire Council, which was renting the building, agreed to transfer the lease of the centre to the charity.

Angela MacVicar, founder of Rainbow Valley, said: 'It is very poignant that it is in Argyll and extremely special as Argyll has been extremely supportive throughout the years.'

Rainbow Valley was founded in memory of Johanna MacVicar, Angela's daughter, and was inspired by her vision for a centre dedicated

to holistic and complementary therapies.

Johanna, who was born in Argyll, was 16 when she was diagnosed with leukaemia. She died in 2005 after an 11-year fight against the illness.

The centre, which has been unused for more than a year, is in need of refurbishing to fit the needs of the charity but provides an idyllic location. With £2.6 million to raise to help cover the costs, as well as the centre's running expenses once it is open, Rainbow Valley continues to work hard raising funds.



Angela MacVicar, left, and Laura Boyd, STV presenter and board member of Rainbow Valley, at the new site.



View of Loch Lomond from the new site.

## Supporters from Mid Argyll enjoy annual charity ball



Blair Johnston and Jennifer Brown at the ball.

RAINBOW Valley supporters from Mid Argyll travelled to Glasgow to attend the Rainbow Valley Ball on Saturday November 12.

The annual event, which has been running for five years, was held in the city's Hilton Hotel.

The night kicked off with a moving performance of *Somewhere from West Side Story* by Angela MacVicar, founder and chairperson, and Laura Boyd, STV presenter and

board member of the charity. Blair Johnston, landlord of Lochgilphead's Argyll Inn and supporter of the charity, attended the event and said it was a 'great night'.

Money raised at the ball will go towards the costs of the new cancer treatment centre on Loch Lomond and Blair is looking forward to the Argyll, 'a community pub, doing what it can to help in the fundraising efforts'.

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## Police beef up farm theft response



Targeting thefts of farm machinery is a police priority. 06\_a25farmdemo03

POLICE officers from across Scotland are being trained on how to identify stolen agricultural plant and vehicles.

In the second such training session this year, more than 70 police officers from across the country attended the training course at Auchterarder.

### Priorities

The theft of agricultural vehicles is one of the key priorities identified by the SPARC (Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime) group and quad bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and trailers are the most common items to be stolen.

Training was being provided by the National Agricultural Vehicle Intelligence Service alongside an agricultural vehicle specialist from NFU

Mutual, which is funding the training.

Inspector Jane Donaldson, Police Scotland's rural crime co-ordinator, said:

'Our focus on rural vehicle crime has already seen an overall reduction in the theft of quads and ATVs, and significant reductions in previous hot-spot areas of Lanarkshire and

Ayrshire. We acknowledge, however, that the theft of a vehicle routinely used as part of a business will have a significant impact on the day-to-day productivity of that enterprise. 'We are committed to reducing these thefts further and ensuring the way we investigate these crimes is consistent and reflects best practice.'

Clive Harris, NFU Mutual's agricultural vehicle security specialist, said: 'Working in partnership with Police Scotland is enabling us to share our experience as the insurer of most of Scotland's farmers to help stop farm vehicles being stolen – and bring thieves to justice.'

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## Island sheep sale success

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A sale, held on Thursday November 10 at Islay Auction Mart, United Auctions, sold 1,684 lambs and sheep.

Lambs sold to £70 per head for Texel Crosses from Carrabus Farms and levelled out at £50.29.

Principal prices: Lambs: SUFFx: £63.00 Ellister, £61.50 Kilchiaran, £61.00 Starchmill, £60.50 Carrabus, £60.00 Kilchiaran, £59.50 Ard-

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Ewes: SUFFx: £58.00 Carrabus. TEXx: £78.00 Carrabus (J

Porter), £68.50 and £60.50 Carrabus, £60.00 Lossit. CROSS: £55.00 Ardbeg. BF: £36.00 Carrabus.

Top prices per kilo: Lambs: SUFFx: 163p Achnaclach, 156p and 154p Duich, 153p Ardbeg, 149p Lossit, 148p and 147p Duich, 146p Ballachlaven. BELTx: 151p Coille. TEXx: 163p and 154p Ardbeg, 149p Ballimartin. CHEVx: 150p No2 Foreland, 149p Duich. CROSS: 148p Leorin. MULE: 152p Uiskentuie. BF: 130p Lossit, 128p Ballachlaven and Dunlossit Ceanacroic.

## A fair day's trade at Dalmally auction

UNITED Auctions sold 84 cattle and 566 sheep of all classes at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday November 12.

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Top prices per kilo - Bullocks

BSx: 208p (two) – Castles Estate. LIMx: 203p – Muckairn. LUINGx: 227p (five) – Blackmount. SIMx: 223p and 203p – Drimnin Estate. Sheep: Lambs TEXx: £40 – Gallanachmore. BF: £44 and £40 – Tullochcan. Ewes: BF: £45 – Acharonich: £35 – Duallin. CHEV: £40 – Castle Lachlan.

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# Being a scout - skills for life . . . and marshmallows

Earlier this month Scouts Scotland offered a few lucky journalists the opportunity to 'Be a Scout for a Day' at its Lochgoilhead national activity centre. The Argyllshire Advertiser sent along intrepid reporter **Connor Boyd** to channel his inner Bear Grylls.

SUSPENDED 50 feet in the air, relying on teamwork to hoist yourself to the summit of the Jacob's Ladder, you begin to realise that being a scout is way more than the old

cliché of 'boys, badges and big shorts'. Scouts Scotland has seen a spike in its membership over the last ten years and this was my opportunity to find out what the

big attraction is. With the Lochgoilhead centre enjoying its busiest months over the summer season, there was a feeling as we arrived the weather might limit the range of activities on offer.

But a week's worth of dreich weather subsided in time for a morning of climbing and team building exercises and the sun was splitting the trees by the afternoon. The instructors running the 'Be a Scout' day were clearly passionate about their work. They helped push the group to overcome their fear of



Don't look down - the top of the Jacob's Ladder is not for the faint-hearted.



From left, Katie Docherty, Chris Tiso, Dundee Courier reporter Gayle Ritchie and Steven Maclennan.

heights on the fear-some-looking Jacob's Ladder, offering help when it was needed.

Safety and fun seemed paramount to workers at the centre.

A particularly charming character was Kenneth Noble, who showed the group how to start a camp fire using natural methods. With plenty of jokes up his sleeve, he had the place in stitches throughout the demonstration before surprising everyone with marshmallows and hot chocolate to round off the afternoon.

The scout centre has been in Lochgoilhead for 30 years, growing from a garden shed to the professional facility it is today.

The owner of that shed was centre manager Mike Masino, who recalled: 'The centre was a hut in my back yard until a plot of land owned by the forestry became available and we transformed it into a weekend camp. It's

outgrown that now because during the week it's full of school pupils and on the weekends it's full of scouts, with 150 beds in total.

'I am really proud of what it has become. I came up through the Boys Brigade and met my wife through the scouts, so it has been a big part of my life.'

### Easy access

The location has easy access to lochs, mountains and the woods - all within walking distance of base camp.

Mike added: 'We have the loch for activities like canoeing and kayaking, the forest for orienteering and archery and then we have the mountain terrain for rock-climbing and abseiling. It's amazing.'

The centre has also attracted royal recognition.

Mike explained: 'It was special when Prince Edward came to visit Lochgoilhead.

He was very impressed, not only with



Steven Maclennan gets ready to start a fire.



Chief executive Katie gets stuck into kindling making.

the centre but with the training we provide. That's great because it raises our profile.'

Chris Tiso, honorary president of Scouts Scotland, was at Lochgoilhead for the day and said: 'I really want today to raise awareness about the quiet work that goes on under the radar from everyone involved with the scouts.'

'You can see by the number of young people signing up that we are changing and adapting to the 21st century whilst also keeping with our traditions and principles.'

Katie Docherty, chief executive of Scouts Scotland, added: 'We are seeing a growth in membership and perception of the scouts is changing.'

'But when friends heard this was to be my job they were asking whether they had girls in the scouts.'

'That made me realise we still have work to do to get across the point that 47 per cent

of young people in the scouts are now female.'

Katie says she is relishing the chance to build on a solid foundation and hinted at future government funding.

Katie explained: 'We only have around 30 permanent staff and in some areas we don't have the adult volunteers to run the right age groups. There are 3,000 youngsters on waiting lists.'

### Independence

She added: 'Scouting makes such a tremendous difference to young people's lives. It gives them skills and independence that make a significant impact on their personal life and career prospects.'

'We need to give youngsters the opportunity to become involved in the community.'

'It's also important we show volunteers it isn't just the Scouts that have fun, the adults can get so much from it too.'



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## Home buyer confidence bounces back to pre-Brexit levels



### Demand for properties

- In September, the average number of house hunters registered per member branch increased from 287 in August, to 333.
- This is a rise of 16 per cent and takes the number of prospective house buyers recorded up to the levels seen back in June, when estate agents recorded 330 on average per branch.

### Sales to first-time buyers (FTBs)

- In September, 23 per cent of sales were made to FTBs – a decrease of five percentage points from August and the lowest level seen since November last year when 21 per cent of sales were made to the group.
- Just one in 10 estate agents (12 per cent) has seen sales to FTBs stall since Brexit, whereas two in five (41 per cent) have witnessed no change in FTB activity as a result of the Brexit vote.

### Supply of properties and sales agreed

- The number of houses available to buy decreased marginally in September, to 40 per branch. This is a decline from 41 properties per branch recorded in August, which was the highest level seen since March this year.

- The number of sales agreed rose by 12.5 per cent in September to an average of nine per branch.

Mark Hayward, managing director, National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), commented on the findings: 'This month's report proves that buyer confidence is growing, which is obviously reassuring, given that we expected uncertainty following Brexit. Although supply has dropped marginally, this does not concern us as it's still higher than the levels we saw between April and July. However, it is worrying that the number of sales being made to FTBs has fallen to the lowest number in 10 months. The fact the government's Help to Buy housing scheme is due to close this year might pose more of a challenge for those who were relying on this to help get their foot on the property ladder. We now look ahead to the autumn statement and look forward to seeing what plans the government puts in place to assist FTBs towards their goal of home-ownership.'

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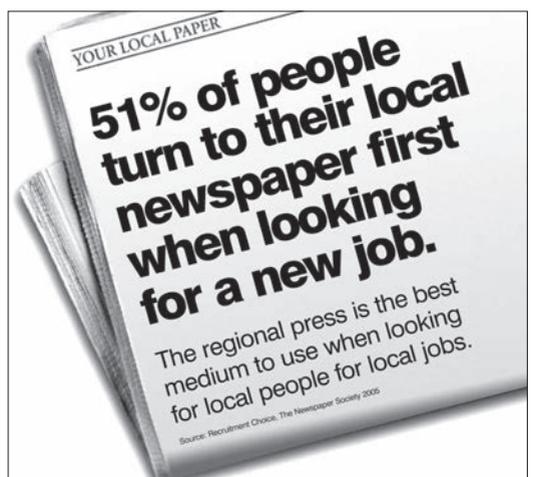
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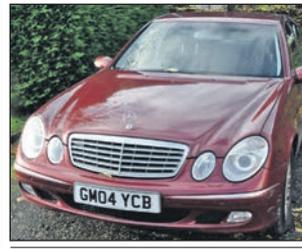
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



A WISE person once said: 'One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.'

It seems to me that good honest debating skills have been lost, only to be replaced with rudeness and constant interruption.

The recent election campaign in America has probably been the nastiest and most offensive of all time.

There was no courtesy or respect, no listening and no grace.

The most powerful country on the planet set an appalling example to the world.

In contrast, I was delighted to catch a report on Radio Four about an educational institution in London called School 21.

It is a small, state-funded mixed school for children aged four to 18.

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The children refer to this as learning 'to share the air' with others respectfully.

If only we could learn 'to share the air' with others.

If only our politicians would learn 'to share the air' we might actually find out what their message is.

There is a teacher here who has 'shared the air' with several generations and has encouraged children to become the best they can be.

She retires today after an outstanding career and this community will miss her greatly.

We wish her every blessing and we are privileged to have 'shared the air' with the much respected Miss Taylor.

## LOCHGOILHEAD

### Community woodland's car park funding boost

FRIENDS of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, the independent conservation and heritage charity for the national park, has awarded a grant of £500 to help upgrade car park at a community woodland between Lochgoilhead and Carrick Castle.

Cormonachan Woodlands Association wants to create a larger car park close to Jan's Hideaway Woodlands Cabin, used for training youngsters in woodcraft skills.

## LOCHGILPHEAD

### On yer bike

A NEW cycle group is evolving, with the aim of venturing out, once a week, to explore the off-road routes around Lochgilphead.

The fair-weather group, currently made up of three locals, is beginning to flex its muscles along the Crinan Canal towpath but hopes to soon be tackling the forestry roads.

The informal group meets either Tuesday or Friday mornings around 10.30am for roughly three hours of cycling and chat, depending on the weather. New members are welcome. If interested, contact David Bowen on 01546 606151 or email [dwkbowen@outlook.com](mailto:dwkbowen@outlook.com).

## ROTHESAY

### High-speed mobile internet for Rothesay

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Derek McManus, chief operating officer, Telefonica UK, said: 'O2 customers in Rothesay will soon be able to experience faster mobile internet on their devices.'

Work is scheduled to start the week commencing Monday November 28 and customers may experience intermittent phone signal during the work.

Once implemented and tested, customers will see the new and improved service in the following weeks.

## INVERARAY



Euan McMurdo, of Inveraray shinty club, receives the new defibrillator from Ross Galbraith of Scottish Power.

## Inveraray shinty club receives donation of new defibrillator

INVERARAY shinty club have recently received a defibrillator from Scottish Power as part of its continuing work in the community.

The shinty club, which had previously held a fundraising open day for a defibrillator, have now used the money raised to purchase an outdoor cabinet to house the equip-

ment. The cabinet will be attached to the town end of the Inveraray shinty clubhouse, making it available to the community.

Inveraray shinty club would like to thank Cruachan Power Station and Scottish Power for their generous offer and, in particular, employees Gordon Pirie and Roddy Davies.

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**DEATHS**

**COFFIELD** - Suddenly at home, 21 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on November 12, 2016, Martin Coffield, in his 93rd year, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Jane McKenzie, dearly loved father of Martin and the late Ian, and a loving grandfather and papa. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, November 18, 2016 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 Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

**MCKINVEN** - Peacefully, with his family by his side, in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on November 10, 2016, Donald McKinven, aged 66 years, 25A Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Anne Alexander, much loved father of Ann-Marie and Sandy, a loving father-in-law and much loved papa of Emma, Craig, Rachel, Isla, Euan and the late Calum.

**MCLACHLAN** - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 10, 2016, Peter Richardson McLachlan, in his 76th year, 9 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, loving partner of Margaret Rich, much loved brother of Neil, brother-in-law of Victoria and a loving uncle of Neil and Kevin.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**KENNEDY** - Margo and Julie would like to thank everyone for the many cards and flowers etc, and for the great support and kindness received following the sad loss of Ronnie. Thanks to T A Blair for caring funeral arrangements and to The Glen Bar, Carradale for the excellent catering. The retiral collection for the RNLI raised £321.50.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**LYNN** - In loving memory of Helen (Morrison), loving daughter, sister-in-law and aunt, fell asleep November 22, 2015.

A year has passed since you slipped away, In our hearts you'll always stay. Gone but never forgotten. - Family, home and away.

**MCGOUGAN** - In loving memory of our son and brother, James, who died November 21, 1986. We thought of you today, But that is nothing new, We thought of you yesterday, and will tomorrow too.

We think of you in silence, And make no outward show, For what it meant to lose you, Only those who love you know, Remembering you is easy, We do it every day, It is the heartache of

losing you, That will never go away. - Interested by his loving father 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.

**MCLELLAN** - In memory of our dear mum, Jenny, passed away November 16, 1982. Loved and missed every day.

- Neil, Margaret and families.

**MCSPORRAN (ADAIR)** - In loving memory of our niece and cousin, Connie-marie, died November 18, 2009, aged 6 1/2 years old.

Today is a very sad day, Because you are not here, All we have left are memories We all would rather have you here.

You may be gone now, darling Connie, But you will never, ever be forgotten.

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**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Jeannie, died November 15, 1996.

Many years since that day, but the pain of losing you never goes away. x - The family, home and away.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**lochgilphead baptist church**

Pastor Derek Gibson  
All Welcome  
**Sunday 20th November 2016**  
Morning Service 11am  
OPEN HEAVEN  
Living Stones Fellowship  
6pm for 6.30pm  
**Tuesday**  
mainly music at 10.15am  
**Friday**  
Jumpstart From 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

**Sunday 20th November 2016**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
**Morning Service**  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Preacher:  
Mr. Duncan N. Macdonald (Taynuilt)  
ALL WELCOME  
**CHRISTMAS SALE**  
Saturday 26th November  
10 am in Furnace Hall

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm

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

**Sunday 20th November**  
Morning Worship Kilmartin 10.00am  
Rev. C. R. Acklam  
**Friday 18th Nov**  
Cafe Church  
7.30 for 8pm discussion time in the church hall on Kilmartin front, Kilmartin  
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SC0 02121



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**Sunday 20 November**  
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11am. Rev. Hilda Smith  
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**Every Tuesday**  
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**Every Wednesday**  
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SC016311

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 20 November**  
Tayvallich Church  
Morning Worship 11:30 am  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
**Saturday 19 November**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
**Monday 21 November**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer time 10:30 am  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
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All Welcome (SC0002876)

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**Sunday 20th November**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Mr Tom McKay  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
T.B.A.  
Guild meets  
**Monday 21st November**  
Tarbert Church Hall  
2.30pm  
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Skipness SC004280

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**Sunday 20th November 2016**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
Speaker - Graham McLean  
'How great is God's faithfulness'  
**Tuesday 22nd November 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 20 November 2016**  
Our family service with communion is taking place at 11.00am this Sunday. We would like to invite you to join us to hear this week's speaker, Tony Leighton from Carradale, who will be speaking on "What kind of King?", as this is Christ the King Sunday.  
**Wednesday**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
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SC014646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 20th November**  
Christ the King  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
**Youth Fellowship**  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**mainly music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
SC043322

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sunday**  
11.00 am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**Highland Parish Church**



SC002493  
**Sunday 20 November 2016**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 20th November**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 22nd November**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Company Section 7.00pm New Hall  
**Wednesday 23rd November**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
Church Hall 10 - 12noon  
**Thursday 24th November**  
Choir Practice  
**Friday 25th November**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall  
Next Generation 7.00pm



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**Saturday 19th 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  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
**Wednesday**  
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch  
Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
**Friday 25th November**  
Christmas Lights Switch On  
Tea, coffee, soup & nibbles  
From 7.00pm  
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**free church of scotland**

George Street, Campbeltown  
**Friday 18th November**  
7.30pm Faith Mission Meeting  
**Sunday 20th November**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Mr Benjamin Wilks  
**Wednesday 23rd November**  
12.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
**All Welcome**  
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# Remembering the lessons of the past

## Lochgilhead



Representatives of various local organisations line up to pay respects before laying wreaths in Lochgilhead. 06\_a47remembgip06



Mid Argyll Pipe Band leads the parade to Lochgilhead war memorial. 06\_a47remembgip03

THE MIST hung low and the rain fell steadily, soaking those who attended services of remembrance around Mid Argyll.

What was not dampened were feelings of pride and gratitude for sacrifices past and present, made by men and women so that we

might live in the state of freedom we presently enjoy.

With political and economic instability increasingly prevalent around the globe, Sunday's ceremonies at town and village memorials seemed to have a significance not witnessed in many a year.

In Lochgilhead, the Reverend Hilda Smith warned against forgetting the lessons of the past, while Rev Dr Roderick Campbell in Inveraray spoke of remembering with real meaning, and with humility, as we contemplate the sacrifices of war.



Cadet Caitlin Armstrong lays a wreath in the rain at Lochgilhead war memorial as Rev Hilda Smith looks on. 06\_a47remembgip10

## Tarbert



Piper and army cadets instructor John Hunt pays his respects during the Tarbert service of remembrance.

## Ardrishaig



Lone piper Iain Campbell plays 'The Flowers of the Forest' in a poignant Ardrishaig ceremony, led by Rev David Carruthers. 06\_a47remembard04

## Furnace



Left: The colour party with Pipe Major Stuart Liddell at a Furnace service of Remembrance led by church reader Margaret Sinclair. 06\_a47remembfurn01

## Inveraray



Inveraray Primary School pupils lay a wreath at the royal burgh's war memorial in honour of the fallen.

## Kilmalieu Cemetery



Services were held on Armistice Day, Friday November 11, at memorials up and down the nation, including this one at Kilmalieu cemetery, Inveraray, where respects were paid at a number of war graves. 06\_a47armistice13

## Inveraray

Right: Rev Dr Roderick Campbell delivers a moving sermon at the Combined Operations memorial in Argyll Caravan Park. 06\_a47remembqueb01





Surrounded by celebrating rugby pupils, coach Duncan Aitken – better known as ‘Brochan’ – with his award. 06\_a46brochan03

## Brochan lauds ‘great game’ as he collects coaching award

IT IS not often that Brochan is wrong-footed, but one such occasion happened last Tuesday when colleagues sold him a dummy with a surprise presentation.

At a routine training session – brought inside Mid Argyll Sports Centre in wet weather – the stalwart rugby coach, properly known as Duncan Aitken, was presented with his Community Coach of the Year award, announced recently as part of the annual Argyll and Bute Council Sports Awards.

Councillor Donnie McMillan presented Duncan with the award, as rugby development officer Allan

Wright and young players looked on.

Clutching his prize, Duncan said: ‘Thanks for this. I don’t know how I was nominated, but I would just say to the young players that rugby is a great game. It is a life skill you can take with you and it will open up doors. You’ll find that you will be made welcome at any rugby club and will make friends for life, so stick with it.’

Councillor McMillan added: ‘This award is well deserved. I’ve known Brochan for a long time and he has been a great servant to the game of rugby in Mid Argyll.’

# Mid Argyll medals and PBs galore

SWIMMERS from Mid Argyll took home a clutch of medals after last week’s Scottish school trials in Helensburgh.

No fewer than 17 young swimmers from Mid Argyll Dolphins took part in the championships last Wednesday, among a total of 135 competitors from across Argyll and Bute.

The organisers commented that they had never before seen so many swimmers coming from Lochgilhead

to take part. Dolphins head coach Arlene Green said: ‘We were just delighted to see so many getting involved.’

The team, led by captains Lorne Barrie and Ruby Bosomworth, achieved six medals, but all of the Dolphins swam amazingly well – with the team achieving 65 per cent personal best times overall.’

Ruby Bosomworth won silver in the 400m freestyle swim in the 17/19 years age group,



Medal-winners Ruby, Megan and Molly with Mid Argyll Dolphins sponsor, David Danson of Landcatch.

in a time of 6:16:12. She secured another silver in the 100m back crawl in 1:35:25.

It was silver, too, for Molly Dykes in the 200m freestyle 15/16 age group, in a time of 3:19:66. Megan Danson won bronze in the 200m freestyle, 13/14 age group, in a time of 2:45:08. Megan also came second and took silver in the 100m breaststroke, in a time of 1:41:84.

In the 100m freestyle,

Megan secured a gold medal with a time of 1:13:69 which is also a consideration time for the finals in January 2017.

The swimmers who took part for their schools are: Rhona Love and Logan Allan, both Ardrisraig Primary School; Innes Cameron, Glassary Primary School; Rose MacCallum, Kilmartin Primary School; Ruth Neville, Ardfern Primary School; Iris MacMillan, Tayvallich Primary School; Eileen Barr, Christopher McCartan and Euan Gilmour, all Lochgilhead Primary School; Lorne Barrie, Ruby Bosomworth, Megan Danson, Molly Dykes, Abi and Ellie Gregory, Johnnie Neville and Alfie Smith from Lochgilhead High School.



The team at the Helensburgh pool with coach Rosalind Way, left, and head coach Arlene Green.

## SPOT THE BALL

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## Hallowe'en horse fun in the sun at Kilmartin

ARGYLL South Pony Club members and friends enjoyed fun in the November sun at the Long Walk arena on Saturday November 5, 2016.

Courtesy of Mr and Mrs John Brailsford, the youngsters competed in their annual Hallowe'en rally.

This year the Witch's Quest had some new tasks for the young riders, obstacles such as the Prickly Green Door and the Shark-Infested Lagoon, but every year the favourite toe-curling challenge is dipping into the Slime Pit to retrieve the golden medallion.

The 11 tasks on the quest test the youngsters' balance and dexterity on horseback as well as their ponies' bravery – and patience.

In the afternoon, juniors and seniors had a great time galloping up and down the arena enjoying the Hallowe'en-themed

race games devised by Mrs Sheila MacCallum and her parent helpers. The lunch of soup, followed by home baking, was another memorable part of the day and credit for this goes to Steven Ryan and Ulla Riddell, whose connoisseur sandwiches were swiftly devoured.

All the riders and their ponies had come in fancy dress; with Poppy McClymont and her ghostly skeleton horse and Rebecca Baillie as a fearsome witch with Aero, her equine cat, taking the honours.

Results: Witch's Quest – Junior

1 Poppy McClymont, Fairy; 2 Willow Ryan, Daisy; 3 Alan Boase, Rhapsody; 4 Zoe Prentice, Firefly; 5 Rory Shaw, Libby.

Senior

1 Jadie Baillie, Brooklyn; 2 Lauren Johnson, Savannah; 3 Rebecca Baillie, Aero;



Argyll South Pony Club members show of their well-deserved prizes.

4 Anna MacCallum, Tiger Lily; 5 Morgan Sinclair, Gilly; 6 Josephine Boase, Cosey.

Junior games

1 Poppy McClymont, Fairy; 2 Rory Shaw, Libby; 3 Zoe Prentice, Firefly; 4 Willow Ryan, Daisy; 5 Alan Boase, Rhapsody.

Senior games

1 Jadie Baillie, Brooklyn; 2 Lauren Johnson, Savannah; 3 Morgan Sinclair, Gilly; 4 Anna MacCallum, Tiger Lily; 5 Rebecca Baillie, Aero; 6 Josephine Boase, Cosey.

Special rosette – Amy Anderson, Ryan.



From left to right, Poppy McClymont and Fairy and Rebecca Baillie and Aero in their spooky costumes.

### Star frustrated by weather

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star's match away to Carlton YM was cancelled last week due to an unplayable pitch following wet weather. The match will be rearranged for a later date.

Red Star are due to travel tomorrow (Saturday) to Bannockburn to play Caledonian Premier side Milton AFC in the West of Scotland Cup third round.

The match promises to be another difficult task for Star against a side with an excellent reputation.

### Home comforts for Lorenzo ahead of World Cup



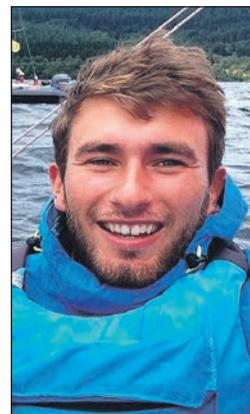
Lorenzo in action at a recent international competition.

FRESH from competing for Great Britain at an event in Tokyo Bay – the sailing venue for the next Olympics – Lorenzo Chiavarini is heading back home to Mid Argyll for a short break.

Lorenzo competed for GBR in the Laser class in Japan, finishing overall in silver medal position.

The Enoshima Olympic Week event also provided a valuable opportunity for the nation's top sailors to become more familiar with the 2020 Olympic setting.

After spending a few



Lorenzo Chiavarini.

days with his family beside the Crinan Canal, 22-year-old Lorenzo sets off for Melbourne on November 27 to sail for GBR in the World Cup Final.

### Sports club lottery draws

THE numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 2, 15 and 20. As there were no winners, next week's jackpot will be £800.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers this week were 1, 3 and 8. There were no winning tickets, so £600 will be up for grabs in next week's draw.

At the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw on Monday, the numbers were 2, 16 and 17. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £500.

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