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Calamity curtain-up

Ann McMillan and Jay Helbert, as Calamity and Francis Fryer, blew in from Windy City to clink their glasses to the grand opening of this week's Calamity Jane production in Ardrishaig Village Hall. Staged by Mid Argyll Musical Society, the shows continue this evening (Friday) and again tomorrow from 7pm.

Tarbert rallies over fishing rules threat

UNDER-PRESSURE

Tarbert fishermen were boosted this week by an overwhelming show of support from local people.

Faced with restrictions on where they can work in the Firth of Clyde area, boat operators fear a massive drop in turnover that will threaten their future. Industry leaders also believe that fishermen have been let down by the Scottish Government.

Fisheries minister Richard Lochhead wants to introduce Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Firth of Clyde area in a few weeks' time as part of a number of such sites around the Scottish coastline. Also on the cards is a regulation order for the Clyde, pursued by the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT), which would further limit the area crews can fish.

Boat owners believe

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the measures will jeopardise the safety of crews, increase costs and reduce the amount of shellfish they will be able to land - leading to an estimated 30 to 50 per cent drop in turnover.

At a meeting in Tarbert on Tuesday evening - one of a series organised by the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) - around 200 people packed the village hall to demonstrate unanimous support for the fishing industry.

CFA chairman and local man Kenny MacNab spoke with no-nonsense passion on the subject.

'After three and a half years and countless meetings, we thought we had come to an agreement on MPAs early in the year, said Mr MacNab.

'We got on with oth-

er things, believing the matter had been resolved. Then, in June, Richard Lochhead announced plans for MPA measures that went way beyond anything discussed, under pressure from the environmental lobby.'

He added: 'We managed to get an agreement to stall their introduction, but Mr Lochhead is going to make an announcement on MPAs by early December.'

Kenny MacNab and the CFA believe, however, that the government has made a mistake by failing to fully consider the socio-economic impact of MPAs. He explained: 'One boat with three men, and three kids each could help to sustain up to 32 people when you think about schools, shops

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Concern over council cuts

MID ARGYLL charities are facing an uncertain future if cuts proposed by Argyll and Bute Council go ahead.

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), including its Mid Argyll office, would close if the £55,000 of funding from the council is stopped. Its overall costs are £87,000 and council funding allows it to attract further funding.

One proposal in the consultation is for advice service funding to be stopped. The CAB helped 2,032 people in Mid Argyll and Kintyre deal with a range of

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issues last year. Argyll CAB manager, Gillian McInnes, said: 'It's hard to comprehend the hardships that people will be forced to endure if they don't have our assistance.'

'We help people with debt, employment, housing, benefits and many other problems.'

'Too often we see people who feel helpless and in many cases hopeless but with our help they regain dignity and independence and can see a way forward.'

She continued: 'A lot of our work centres around debt and arranging a debt management plan often means people can continue to live in Argyll and Bute and contribute to the area.'

People facing eviction or repossession often have to leave the area.

Gillian has seen more people coming through CAB's doors who are working but have had to take fewer hours or zero hours' contracts leading to in-work poverty. She 'dreads to think' what



Mid Argyll CAB could be shut. 06_a48cab01

impact the cuts in tax credits will have on many families across the region.

She also believes the proposal is short sighted as the CAB helps secure payback of council tax debt: 'About 98 per cent of the people we help with debt have money owing to the council.'

'The council must spend a huge amount of money paying a debt collection company to chase council tax debts so in the long run we save them money,' said Gillian.

Concerns are rising at the Lochgilphead Community Centre.

There is a service level agreement which means a centre management

committee, elected by centre users, and the council share responsibility for the centre. It also outlines what responsibilities lie with each party. The council now wants to take on all the responsibilities in the agreement. Jim Morrison, chairman of Lochgilphead Community Centre Association, said:

'There has been an agreement with the council for many years which has worked well. It means that many decisions are made by centre users rather than people at the council.'

One of the measures put forward is to have a single hire

price structure at the five council owned community centres in Argyll and Bute. The fees are currently set by the users' management committee at each centre. The management committee has in the last three years put together a development plan for the Lochgilphead centre.

A council spokesperson said: 'No decisions have been taken yet and we are looking for our communities' views on the options. It is important to understand that there are more options for consideration than savings that have to be made – that is why we need to hear our communities' views.'

Police files Speeding motorist

A YOUNG driver has been charged after being stopped for speeding on the A83.

The 24-year-old man was stopped by police near to Kilmory Industrial Estate at around 1.45pm on Monday November 16.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Theft from house

CASH and a mobile phone were stolen during a house break-in in Inveraray, police have revealed.

The police are now appealing for information and witnesses to the incident, which happened between Saturday November 14 at 5pm and Tuesday November 17 at 2.30pm at a property in the town's Chalmers Court.

Anyone with information is advised to contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Fixed penalty notice

A MAN was issued a £40 fine for urinating in a public place in Tarbert.

The 21-year-old man was found to be committing the offence at 11.20pm on Saturday November 21 on the village's Harbour Street.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

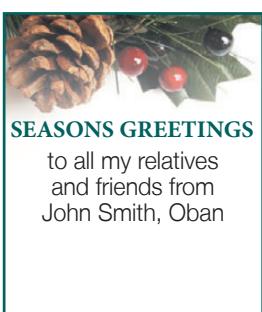
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STEELE - PEAT

The marriage of Karen Steele and Nigel Peat took place in Kilmartin Church. Karen is the elder daughter of Alan and Lesley Steele, Kilmartin. Nigel is the son of John and Leonora Peat, Yorkshire.

(Photo by Bill Baillie Photography)

New lease of life for clock lodge as store work finally starts

A WIDELY anticipated development of a community and country store will finally get underway early next year.

The spring of 2016 will see Harbro Country Store move in to begin repair work to Lochgilphead's derelict Kilmory Clock Lodge, after a two-year wait for the go ahead.

The farming produce giant was conditioned to carry out wind and water tight repairs to the building as part of an agreement with Argyll

and Bute Council and charitable group Lochgilphead Phoenix Project (LPP).

When the work is complete a new Harbro store will be built next to the Clock Lodge, which faces on to the A83 trunk road.

The building is in desperate need of the repairs in order to secure its reuse in the future, which LPP has championed for more than four years.

Malcolm Sinclair, secretary of LPP, said: 'It

is great news that the building will be repaired in the new year.'

The group has now recruited building preservation expert Kenneth Ferguson to assist in the transformation of the Clock Lodge in to a community hub and will come on board in the new year.

The move means that LPP will be able to forward plan its use and it will become a viable and sustainable community facility.

Malcolm said: 'We have ideas for its use, one of which was for it to be turned into a community café. After putting the position of project co-ordinator out to tender, we drafted in the expertise of Mr Ferguson and are confident that he will be able to guide us the right way.'

The group will take over the Clock Lodge's



After five years, a Lochgilphead project group is to relaunch Clock Lodge. 06_a48harbro01

New chief for Loganair

TROUBLED flight operator Loganair has appointed a new operations director to help turn around the fortunes of the company.

Maurice Boyle has worked in the industry for 35 years and took on the job in late October.

Loganair has been hit by problems with engineering and punctuality recently with trade union British Airline Pilots Association raising concerns about the safety of Loganair's planes.

Inaugural chairman for drugs partnership

ARGYLL and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) announced the appointment of a new chairman this week.

John Owens is the first person to take up the role as independent chairperson for ADP since its formation earlier this year.

Christina West, chief officer for Argyll and Bute health and social care partnership and the current ADP chairwoman

said: 'I am delighted to welcome John to this new role as independent chairman for the ADP.'

'He comes with an extensive range of experience having worked with a number of third sector organisations and also as a social worker and I know he will continue to focus on improving outcomes for those individuals in receipt of services.'

John Owens said: 'I

am really enthusiastic about this new role and the opportunity it provides to help with collaborative working in the field of alcohol and drugs.'

I believe enabling and

empowering individuals and communities to take greater control of their lives is essential to both the prevention and the provision of services for people affected by alcohol and drugs.'



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Tarbert turns out to support fishermen

ARGYLL and Bute MSP, Michael Russell, was one of the politicians subject to criticism at Tuesday's meeting in Tarbert Village Hall. Following the meeting, the Argyllshire Advertiser contacted Mr Russell for his views, and his response is published below:

'I WAS not invited to the meeting and also knew nothing about the one the night before in Campbeltown.

'I have however met regularly with CFA and others to discuss this issue and will continue to do so. I have argued, like the CFA itself, that whilst MPAs are fine in principle both the process undertaken and the details of these ones need looked at.'

Direct evidence

'That is why I worked hard - and successfully - to get the MPAs discussed at the Rural Affairs Committee of the parliament in September (which the CFA asked me to do and which heard direct evidence from fishermen about fishing concerns) and why I have continued to press with Richard Lochhead the case for changes and better compensation.'

I have also made clear to Kenny McNab and others, including SIFT, my strong reservations about the proposed regulating order, which is a separate issue but which is adding pressure to local fishing businesses.

'Legislation is for governments, not private bodies, so I am not in favour of how this is being pushed forward.

'There will need to be intense, lengthy and critical scrutiny of what is now being promoted by an environmental charity but which would have the force of law.'

'Adding this to the mix at this time is not helpful and no wonder people are angry about it.'

'Securing sustainability, future prosperity and jobs is the key issue and I will continue to work as hard as I can to help every community, every business and



A packed Tarbert Village Hall, as people vote for a future for Tarbert's fishing fleet in the face of restrictive regulations. Kenny MacNab is standing, left foreground. 06_a48fishtarbert03

every family in my constituency.'

Arguing

'However, it is fair to note that some people in Argyll, including many active fishermen, are arguing that only increased conservation will secure our vital fishing industry in the medium and longer term and the jobs that go with it on boats, in processing and more widely in tourism and other services.'

Getting to that point will require a lot of willingness to work together.'

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What is a Marine Protected Area?

SEVENTEEN Marine Protected Areas have been designated in Scottish territorial waters under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

In line with EU legislation, suitable management measures must be implemented at each site to conserve the protected features.

The Scottish Government

says: 'By protecting rare, representative and productive species and habitats on the basis of sound science, the rich diversity of life in the waters around Scotland and the benefits they bring can be enjoyed in the future.'

Ecosystem

Scotland's seas are extraordinary and provide nurseries and

feeding grounds for species critical to the marine ecosystem.'

Proposed MPAs for the Firth of Clyde include upper Loch Fyne and Loch Goil, South of Arran and an area off south Kintyre, though local fishing boats will also be affected by other west coast MPAs as they travel to other areas.

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and other services. This is significant.

'More work is needed on the upstream and downstream economic effects of MPAs, but this needs to be done by someone other than the CFA to avoid accusations of bias.'

Elaine Whyte, secretary of the CFA, said:

'These measures have the potential to impact upon every aspect of community life, including local businesses and schools.'

'We fully support marine conservation and the principle of MPAs, but it is vital that such management measures are proportionate and

enable the continuation of sustainable fishing.'

Local politicians came under fire as it was claimed that they had failed to offer any real support for fishermen. 'I cannot grasp why our politicians fail to understand that these measures will destroy full time jobs and create part time jobs,' continued Mr MacNab.

'Young people won't wait around for part time work. Schools and shops will close and places like Tarbert will turn into retirement communities.'

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

'A public consultation

management approaches, and the proposals published for further consultation in June 2015 were a direct response to the view expressed in the previous one. We are currently considering the additional views expressed by the industry and will be setting our way forward soon.'

'We need to balance the interests of protecting Scotland's marine environment with wider economic interests, particularly those of the fishing industry. However, failure to protect coastal areas would result in permanent damage to habitats and the fish stocks they support – that is the real risk for

our coastal communities.'

'Everyone who has participated in our consultative process has been listened to. All consultation responses are analysed and taken into account in the decision making process.'

Back at the meeting, Argyll and Bute councillor, Robin Currie, from Islay, advocated direct action, saying the time for talking was past. 'Perhaps you should be going to the Scottish Parliament en masse to protest,' he suggested.

Before that, the CFA is encouraging people to show support by signing a petition and lobbying MSPs directly.

Regulating order for the Clyde

THE SUSTAINABLE Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) charity intends to apply for a regulating order for the Firth of Clyde by the end of March 2015.

SIFT says it wants to 'restore the Firth of Clyde ecosystem so it can again support a sustainable, economically viable mixed fishery for everyone's benefit. Although SIFT does not want to bring back the 3 mile limit, it is proposing to manage the more damaging forms of fishing by creating separate zones for different fishing methods – with trawling continuing in less sensitive muddy areas and creeling operating in more sensitive habitats'.

SIFT further states: 'Regulating orders are intended to improve the management of natural, existing shellfisheries. They give the grantee the power to introduce and enforce regulations and restrictions on how shellfish are fished within a designated area.'

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Carra is looking for your vote

The pageant definitely boosted my profile

A FORMER Lochgilphead high school pupil is calling on the people of Mid Argyll to get behind her as she strives to win first place at a beauty pageant next year.

Model and aspiring beauty queen Carra MacKenzie took part in her first pageant in April this year and was overwhelmed when she reached the top 10 girls in the competition.

Now the 23-year-old care assistant will compete in the Miss International Bombshell 2016 for a second time and she is keen to encourage people to vote for her.

Carra, who has been living in Paisley with her partner Behan Henderson for almost a year, said: 'I was surprised to get in to the top 10 finalists at the interna-

tional competition in Stirling, so with just a little bit more support it would be amazing if I could reach first place. That extra push would be make for such a big achievement.'

The 2016 competition is set to be more difficult, with new stages being introduced.

Carra, who will represent Lochgilphead, is going head to head with 39 other girls at the event in Derby, England, where just four will be chosen for team UK to go on to the finals in Gibraltar, Spain.

Carra said: 'It's going to be so difficult next year. This year we only had the competition in Stirling, this year it has returned bigger, better – and harder – so the votes will count.'

The Derby stage of the competition will be held in May 2016, with the finalists then going on to compete at the main event in September.

Carra has been inundated with modelling and television work since taking part in the pageant this year.

She said: 'I work as carer as well as model because the work isn't always consistent, but the pageant definitely boosted my profile and gave me more confidence in my modelling.'

'I have just finished a motorcycle calendar for House of Custom, Glasgow and will be doing a zombie film as well.'

A text and phone call voting service will be set up and members of the public will be advised how to vote.



Carra wants Mid Argyll's vote.

Hamper draw for charity

A MID Argyll bank will give away a festive hamper of goodies to one lucky local this month.

People in the area are being urged to pop in to Lloyds TSB on Union Street, Lochgilphead and to put their names down for the prize draw.

The annual giveaway is in partnership with local charity, Befrienders. The partnership has so far seen the bank raise £300 towards the cause.

The bank linked with the charity for 2015 after a vote by locals.

Plenty of gin, whisky, wine, biscuits, chocolate and festive treats are included in the hamper. The competition closes on December 20.

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Fishing industry

The fishing industry on the West Coast is vital for the sustainability of communities in the area. Both conservation and the jobs of the fisherman are important, and a balance must be struck to conserve fish stocks while supporting the fishing industry. After all, it is nobody's interest to have no fish in the sea.

Fishermen are willing to compromise – but there has to be flexibility on all sides.

Depth of cuts

The depth of the cuts to come from Argyll and Bute Council are becoming clearer by the day, as organisations look at what they mean for them and the whole of Argyll.

From libraries to swimming pools, advice centres to community centres, a wide range of services are facing funding or service cuts.

It is important for everyone to have their say. This can be done by logging on to the Argyll and Bute Council website and taking part in the consultation that runs until December 31.

Community events

Many in the community have been perfecting their dance moves or practicing their singing as a series of community events get under way.

The Mid Argyll Musical Society is in the middle of its run of *Calamity Jane* at Ardrishaig Public Hall. It has been running since Wednesday day and the final show is on Saturday.

On December 5, there is Strictly Lochgilphead at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. Plenty of well kent local faces will be strutting their stuff in a bid to win money for charity.

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Unemployment

Sir,

I was a bit baffled by Alan Reid's letter in the Advertiser dated November 20. He was a leading advocate of Better Together but despite staying together, he complains that unemployment is now worse.

He can't have it both ways.

**David Hay
Minard**

Furnace speed limit

Sir,

Furnace Community Council has my full support in its efforts to extend the 40mph limit on the A83 trunk road. I supported its campaign when I was the local MP, but the SNP Government would only agree to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph south of the village. Even 50mph is too fast here. The SNP should stop blocking the community council's 40mph proposal.

**Alan Reid
Lib Dem candidate
for Argyll and Bute**

Time to shout for school librarians

Sir,

It sounds tedious, but it's surprisingly easy and it might just make a huge difference. Why not add your voice to Argyll and Bute Council's public consultation on options for budget cuts? The deadline for this is December 31.

Go to www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture and click on the link to the survey.

I am going all the way to category 4: stop to save. This is where you'll find the option to stop employing librarians in secondary schools. Sounds relatively painless (except for those unfortunate employees).

After all, anyone can shush kids and organise books? No, no, and no again. This option would damage the education of every single youngster in Argyll and Bute secondary schools.

Secondary school librarians provide support for independent learning in all areas of the curriculum. They help young people learn skills they will need to be successful in any future job or career path.

Librarians provide access to computers for many youngsters who do not have access to the internet at home and they are there to help them learn how to use them for learning.

Librarians make sure that all young people have a safe place to read, daydream, think creatively and to be challenged. They put the right book in the right child's hands at the right time.

A cut to qualified school librarians is a cut to all young people's opportunities. Please click the 'strongly disagree' box on the on-line consultation. Please talk to your local councillors about this short-sighted proposal. Please make sure that Argyll and Bute Council knows that this option is not an option for our communities.

**Jenny Des Fountain
Tobermory**

Big Lottery Funding

Sir,

Proposals by the UK department for culture, media and sport to cut £30 million from Big Lottery funding for charities in Scotland will have a devastating impact on the most vulnerable people in our local communities.

It emerged recently that the department is proposing to re-

duce the money bound for the lottery fund from 40 per cent to 25 per cent, so that more can be directed to fund the arts and sport.

However, these cuts would leave the Big Lottery in Scotland virtually unable to fund new work, with existing commitments swallowing up almost all its remaining funds.

This seems rather odd, in that in the run up to the independence referendum the pro-unionist Better Together campaign argued that the only way to protect lottery funding was through the union.

It is perverse to cut support from charities when there has never been a greater need due to government austerity. Indeed, the Trussell Trust have indicated that food bank use in Scotland has increased to record levels, with more than 60,000 referrals over a six month period.

To add insult to injury the Scottish Government has never even been consulted on such a move.

UK ministers should resist the temptation to adjust lottery spending to accommodate pressure on public expenditure, and should be doing everything it can to protect Big Lottery Fund funding, not looking to cut it.

**Alex Orr,
Edinburgh**

Concerns over job losses at Argyll and Bute Council

Sir,

Job losses are never ideal no matter where they happen, but they have an even more drastic effect when they happen in small rural communities.

The SNP's plan to close Kilmory and transfer all the local jobs to larger towns would not only have a direct impact on council employment, but there would also be a substantial negative effect on the secondary jobs created.

Local businesses would suffer in Kilmory as a result of the SNP's plan.

**Alastair Redman
Islay**

Great to see such community spirit in times of adversity

Sir,

Following the recent flash floods at Clachan, West Kintyre Community Council (WKCC) would like to extend its thanks to the Campbeltown and Tarbert Fire Brigade, Police Scotland, SSE, The Coastguard, Charles Reppke, Jolyon Gritten, Ian Smith and his trusty chain saw.

It would also like to thank MacLeods, MacFadyens, G. McNaughton and Son, Argyll and Bute Council, the ladies who manned the school phones and made endless cups of tea, and all the villagers for their help and patience during the hours of work it took to deal with the consequences of yet another flash flood in the village.

Following possible damage to the bridge the community council now awaits the report of the structural engineer and trust the bridge can be reopened to traffic in the very near future.

Once again, thank you to all those who helped.

**Margaret Pratt,
Convenor WKCC,
01880 730244**

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Pre-five children help to keep Lochgilphead tidy.

Pre-school litter pick

CHILDREN at Lochgilphead pre-five unit last week took part in a litter pick.

In the morning the youngsters worked hard to tidy the path

from the pre-five unit along to Kilmory Castle while the afternoon group cleaned up the path from the campus down towards Tesco. Many bin bags of

rubbish were gathered and the children were very proud of their efforts in working towards keeping their own little part of Scotland beautiful.

Flashback to the seventies



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Susan Houston, only daughter of Archie and Audrey Houston, married Stuart MacDougall, elder son of James and June MacDougall, on 16th May 2015 at The Lodge on Loch Lomond.

Successful coffee morning

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church held a successful coffee morning at Lochgilphead Parish Hall on Saturday November 21.

There was a range of baking on offer as well as a raffle. The church would

like to thank people for their generous donations and everyone who came along on the day for making it such a good morning.

A total of £570 was raised and this will go towards church funds.



Some of the mouth-watering baking at the coffee morning.

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Last dance for Strictly Lochgilphead as curtain falls on charity favourite

REPORT By AMANDA CRAWFORD
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FOR A fourth and final time, Strictly Lochgilphead returns to raise thousands for charity and put ordinary people through their dancing paces.

The BBC-inspired event gives your average Joe the chance to step out across the dance floor and has become a popular fixture in the town's diary.

But after four years, 48 dancers, hours and hours of practice and more than £10,000 raised for Mid Argyll charities founders Pamela Knight and Emma Vaughan will close the Strictly doors to explore new ventures.

Pamela Knight said: 'We have had a great time doing Strictly. I think people will miss it, but that's not to say we won't revisit it or that other people won't take over organising the event. It has been a lot of work and we just think now is the time to try something new.'

This year Duncan Ait-

ken, Carys MacFarlane, Catriona MacNab and Findlay Campbell will resume their positions on the judging panel for the event at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Saturday December 5, from 6pm until late.

Emma Vaughan said: 'Duncan and Carys were partners in the first year of the show and we will have Vinny Hutton playing the music this year, he was a contestant last year. Often people who have taken part have enjoyed it so much they want to be involved, which has been great over the years.'

Hosts Tess and Brucie, aka Liz Millar and Dougie Philand, will entertain the 120-strong audience expected on the night and members of Mid Argyll Round Table will man the bar.

Guests are reminded the event is adults only, identification is required at the door and dress code is cocktail party, glitz and glam.

She said: 'The centre didn't support my mother, but it does support people with MND



Ruari Murray and Wilma MacKenzie

RUARI MURRAY, Ford, and Wilma MacKenzie, Tarbert, left, will dance to raise cash for Mid Argyll Volunteer Transport.

On taking part Ruari, 49, said: 'It is something I wanted to do before I was 50.'

Wilma said: 'A

friend of mine put my name forward. It was something fun to do so I went for it.'

The contestants will dance the tango and merengue. They reckon they have a 5/10 chance of winning the competition with their unique styles. 08_a48strictly01

**Meet the other
dancers on page 9**

Lyn MacInnes and Colin McLean

LYN MACINNES, Tayvallich, and Colin McLean, Ardrishaig, right, will donate the money they raise to the Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead.

Lyn's mum suffered from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) before she passed away.

She said: 'The centre didn't support my mother, but it does support people with MND

and I think it does a great job.'

On taking part in the popular event Lyn said: 'Why not? It's out of my comfort zone.'

Modest Colin said: 'I'd just do anything for an audience.'

'We are in it to entertain.'

The couple will dance a ceilidh fusion and line dance with Strictly-style. 08_a48strictly02



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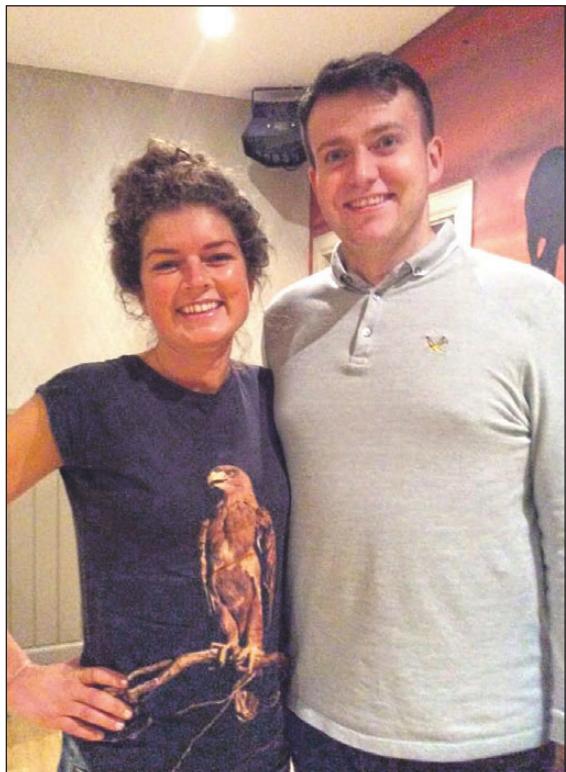
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Norma Litster and Dan Robertson

NORMA Litster, Lochgilphead, and Dan Robertson, Ford, will donate the funds they raise to Autism Argyll.

Norma said: 'My niece is autistic, so it is something that is close to my heart.' The confident couple reckon they will win this year's Strictly Lochgilphead with their own versions of a tango dance and salsa.



Agata Brezinova and Chris Hammell

AGATA Brezinova and Chris Hammell, both from Lochgilphead, will dance a Charleston/jive and waltz to raise money for Argyll Talking Newspapers. Agata said: 'I wanted to try a new experience and meet new people. It is a fun way to do it and I am learning something new.'

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Couples warm up for dance extravaganza

Hannah Parker and Michael Allan

HANNAH Parker and Michael Allan, right, both from Lochgilphead will donate the money that they raise to the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise.

Hannah's mum, Shona Young, took part in last year's event. Mi-

chael said: 'I wanted a wee challenge and to see what all the fuss was about.'

They will dance the quick-step and Bollywood.

They say they have a 9/10 chance of winning. 08_a48strictly04



Robert Kilgour and Lorraine MacIntyre

ROBERT Kilgour, Lochgilphead and Lorraine MacIntyre, Ford, will raise money for Coisir Og Dalriada – children's Gaelic choir.

Lorraine was hoping to have fun while getting in shape for the competition, whilst Robert wanted to do something that 'scared him silly'.



The couple will dance the American smooth and cha cha cha. Robert joked: 'I am confident that we will come in the top six.' 08_a48strictly03

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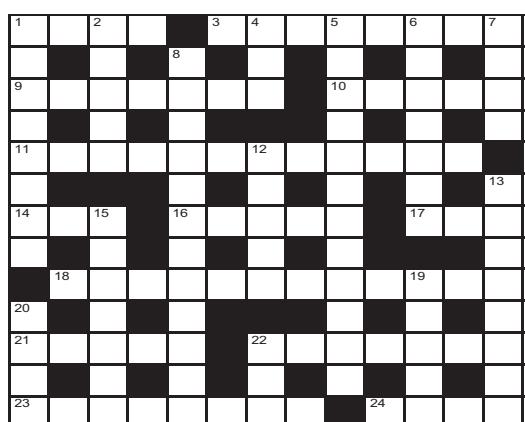
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- 4 Be in debt (3)
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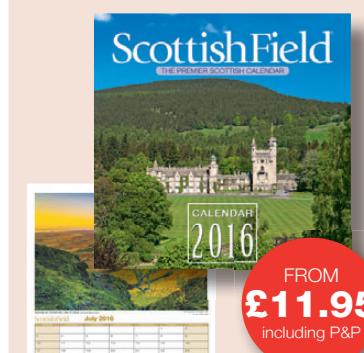
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AgriScot draws large crowds, despite farming challenges

MORE THAN 11,500 people attended last week's AgriScot event near Edinburgh.

Billed as one of the UK's biggest and most prestigious farm business exhibitions and shows, AgriScot brings together livestock, farm supply firms, agricultural advisers and working farmers under one roof at Inglinton for an annual countryside showcase.

Among many highlights, Isle of Mull student Claire Simonetta scooped £1,000 as she won the AgriScot business skills competition. Pitted against three other finalists, Scottish Rural College (SRUC) third-year student Claire gave the outstanding presentation on a milk analysis tool for dairy farmers.

Claire, of Torloisk Farm, Ulva Ferry, described the competition

as 'a fantastic experience'.

Elsewhere, the winner of the inaugural AgriScot Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year award was awarded to Armadale in Sutherland.

Farmer Joyce Campbell runs the 5,600-acre hill farm with help from a part-time contract shepherd and her niece and nephew. The farm supports a flock of 780 Lairg-type north country Cheviot ewes.

Ongoing work

Richard Blake from Thorntons Solicitors, judging the competition, said: 'Joyce and the Ar-madale team show fantastic community engagement including on-going work with local schools and the Rural Skills programme.'

'They have regular dialogue with multiple retailers resulting in the re-introduction of Scotch lamb on local shelves. Joyce herself is also active in encouraging the next generation to become actively involved in the farming operation and in showcasing the farm and the Scottish sheep sector to a national and international audience by way of social media.'

The Isle of Bute had success as an Ayrshire heifer won the inter-breed 'Super Heifer' award. Bred by J McAlister and Sons, Bruchag Farm, Bruchag, Talent Evelyn also won the championship at Bute Show earlier this year.

Judging at the show in Rothesay that day was Ayrshire farmer Gilmour Lawrie, who promptly bought a half share in the winning beast.

Andrew Moir, AgriScot chairman, said: 'It has been very, very busy. There have been a lot of good vibes about

the event and the seminars have been really pleasing, especially the one at which the cabinet secretary, Richard Lochhead, spoke. I think there were more than 300 people at that seminar, keen to hear him speak about the forthcoming CAP reform.

'My gut feeling is that we have a similar, or greater, number of attendees as last year. The timing of AgriScot is perfect, given that most farmers can get away from the farm at this time of year.'

'Despite current challenges, farmers still want to come along and learn what's new in the industry and I'm particularly pleased to see so many younger farmers. Business is still being done – where there are difficulties, there will always be opportunities and that is what AgriScot is all about.'



Claire Simonetta from Mull with (left) rural affairs secretary, Richard Lochhead and Alec Ross of sponsors, Biocell Agri.

MARKET REPORT

Caledonian Marts Ltd Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd, Stirling, sold 740 store lambs and feeding ewes on Monday November 23.

All classes of lambs were slightly dearer on the week and more could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

The top price of the day went to W J Nisbet, Bogside for a pen of Texel lambs at £57.50.

Feeding ewes sold to a top price of £56 from Pat Wilson Farms, Lochrosque.

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TexX – Maidenwells, £54

Suff – Wester Ochtermuthill, £56

Suff – Maidenwells, £53

Cont X – Wester Ochtermuthill, £55.50

Mule – Lathro, £54

BF – Kirkton, £49

BFX – Lathro, £46.

Disappointment for farmers as subsidy payments delayed

SCOTLAND'S farming union has slammed the government after subsidy payment targets were missed. The Scottish Government announced last week that payments under the new basic payments scheme (BPS) are to be made in two instalments of 70 per cent and 30 per cent.

Just a quarter of Scottish farmers will, however, receive their first instalment by the end of December. The majority will receive their 70 per cent part-payment by the end of January and some will not receive the first tranche of BPS until the end of March.

The balance payment of 30 per cent is to be delivered to all farmers by the end of April, just a

few weeks before Scotland's farmers and crofters will be expected to submit their claim forms for the 2016 scheme. Rural affairs cabinet secretary Lochhead said: 'This is the first year of the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform we are implementing and it's the biggest and most complex reform in a generation.'

'There can be no doubt the three payment regions and coupled support schemes requested by industry – as well as the move to area-based payments required by Europe – have greatly added to our enormous administrative challenge but the message I always got was that this is a price worth paying

to deliver a better policy for Scotland. My officials have been working extraordinarily hard to get us to this point and continue to work flat out to ensure we can pay as much as possible to as many as possible as soon as we can.'

NFU Scotland president Allan Bowie said: 'For some considerable time, NFU Scotland has informed the industry that Scotland's traditional payment timetable would not be met and now the cabinet secretary has come clean on what is likely to be delivered.'

'NFU Scotland has been given a clear mandate by its membership that the only acceptable outcome for delivery mechanism has not.'

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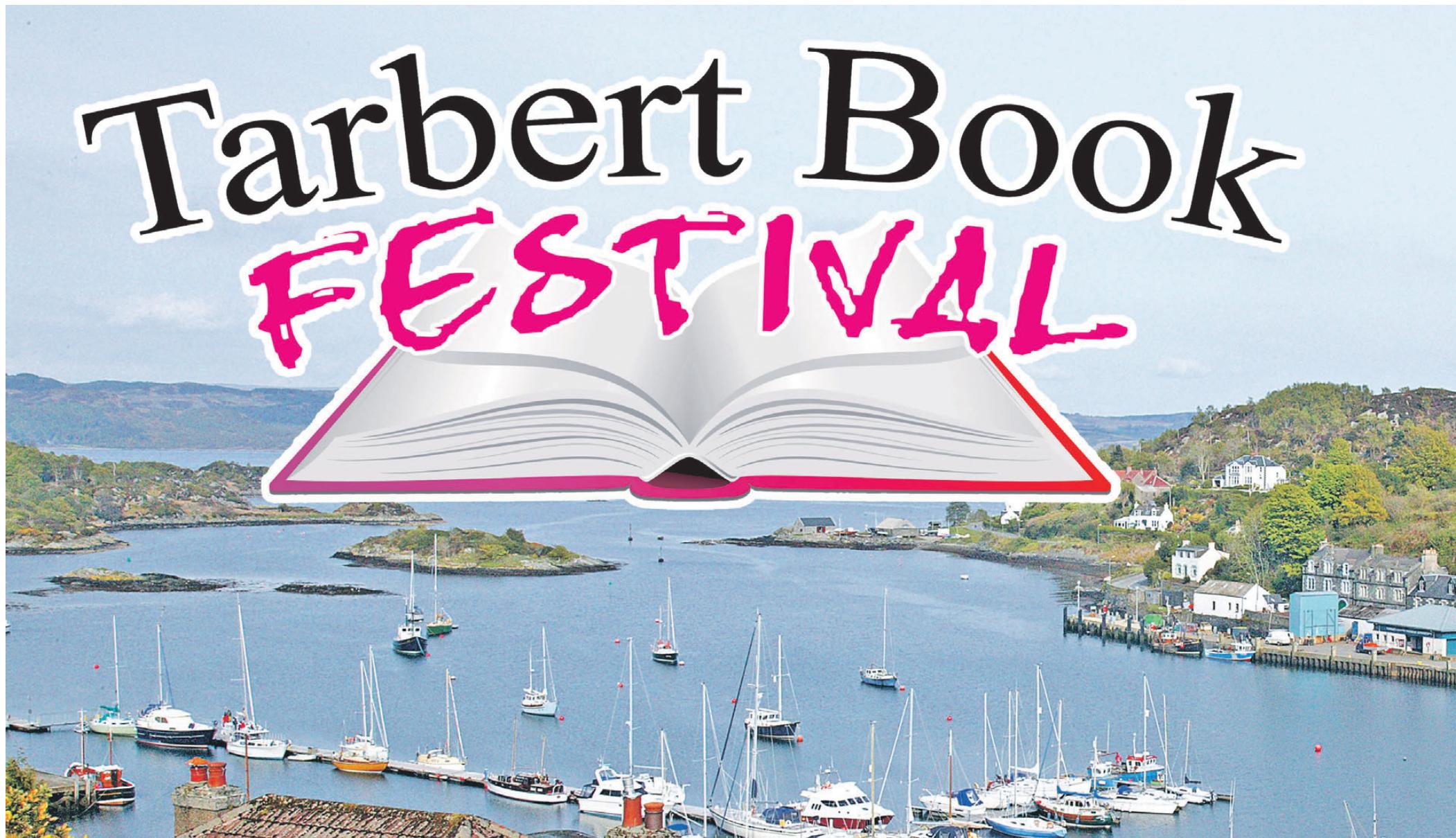
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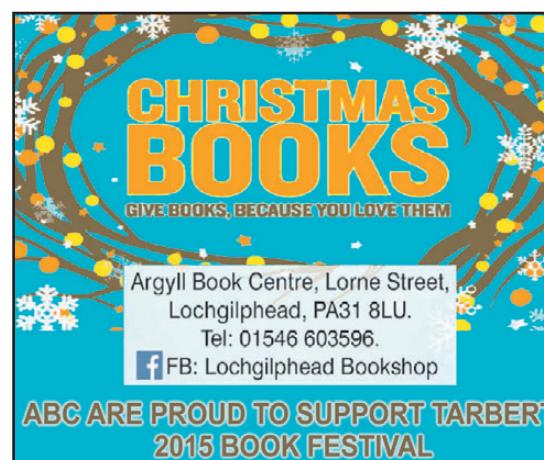
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AUTHORS, poets, performers and book lovers will come together for the third annual Tarbert Book Festival November 27-29, packed with events for literary fans of all ages and genres.

Pupils at Tarbert Academy will receive a literary treat on Friday, as Julie Bertagna talks about John Muir Earth - Planet Universe, and storyteller Claire Hewitt shares tales inspired by her travels in a programme called 'It's Geography, Jim, But Not as we Know It!'

In 'Between Mountains and Sea,' at the Tarbert Hotel on Friday at 7.30pm, Andrew Greig talks about and reads from 'At the Loch of the Green Corrie,' his homage memoir to Norman MacCaig, and 'Found At Sea,' a book of poems.

Saturday's events get in full gear at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre at 10.30am

and 1.30pm, when families will enjoy an action packed session from Beano writer and artist Kev Sutherland.

At the Anchor Hotel at 11am, prize winning author, dramatist and creative writing tutor Lesley Glaister will talk about the difficulties of writing her haunting novel, Little Egypt: Big Problems.

Come sit at the feet of storyteller Claire Hewitt at 11am at the Galley Café, where she will take the audience to the magical land where stories grow, a programme for the young and young at heart.

Ken McLeod will be at the Galley Café at 2pm called 'Science Fiction, Poetry and Working with Iain Banks,' in which he talks about the genre and the book of poems he wrote in collaboration with Iain Banks.

In 'Doubling Back: Ten Paths Trodden in Memory,'

award-winning writer of short stories, radio drama and creative non-fiction, Linda Cracknell, will talk about links between walking, writing and memory at the Anchor Hotel 3.15pm.

There will be a BookBug Session for younger children in the library at 1.30pm.

The Stonefield Hotel will hold a Springbank whisky tasting session at 7pm, followed by author Mark Douglas-Home in conversation with Lisa Tuttle about his novel, 'The Sea Detective.'

On Sunday at 11am at An Tairbeart, medieval Tarbert Local historian Robert McPhail will talk about the medieval royal castle. Weather permitting, a guided walk will follow. Antiquarian books and collectibles will be on sale at TALC on Saturday and An Tairbeart on Sunday.

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Fundraising at the Corner House

THE Corner House pub in Tarbert held a very successful race night on Saturday November 21.

Horses were chosen and punters anxiously and excitedly cheered their chosen horse on hoping to win a selection of prizes.

Those not successful with the gee-gees had a chance of winning raffle prizes with overnight stays in hotels in Troon and Aberfoyle among the host of goodies.

Duggie and Margaret MacNeil were delighted to raise £2,800 for Parkinsons and Myasthenia, a muscle weakening condition. Family and a close friend have the conditions so the charities are close to the MacNeil's hearts.

Margaret and Duggie would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes and everyone who came along and helped raise such a large amount of money.

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Lunch Bunch pays visit to Stirling

'These winter nights can seem very long, especially for those who live alone'

MID Argyll's Community Lunch Bunch took a break from their usual venue and ventured out last week on a day trip to Stirling. The 30 lunchers, who braved torrential rain on the journey, were re-

warded with a cold but clear, sunny day when they arrived in the town.

Lynda Syed, from Argyll Third Sector Interface, who organised the trip, said, 'It was a real treat to get away for a day. I think a change of



Etta and Helen enjoy their afternoon tea.

The group enjoys a wee break from shopping.

scene cheered everyone.

'These winter nights can seem very long, especially for those who live alone. Whilst we may have missed out

on our usual lunch, we made up for it with a delicious afternoon tea.'

The next community lunch is on Friday December 18, when a

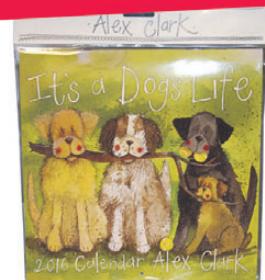
special meal is being planned.

The trip was part funded by the Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing Fund.

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Christmas show at Harbour Gallery

THE Harbour Gallery in Tarbert will be launching its Christmas exhibition this Saturday.

Browsing

The event will last from 10am until 6pm and visitors can enjoy a glass of wine while browsing the paintings, jewellery and ceramics to find the perfect Christmas

present. The window displays have now become very popular, with visitors from across Scotland returning to view them.

'People have been calling the gallery over the past few weeks to ask if we have gone Christmassy,' said owner Stuart Herd.

'On the day we will also offer

10 per cent discount on any item bought, from large original paintings, to a Christmas bauble.'

New range

Stuart has introduced a new range of framed Highland Coo prints in various sizes which are proving very popular with shoppers.



The Harbour Gallery launches its Christmas exhibition tomorrow (Saturday).

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Left to right: Comedian Des Clarke, Henry Thain, regional sales manager of category sponsor Michelin, with Janet and George McNaughton and TV presenter Mary Rhodes.



One of the company's fleet of vehicles with a low loader trailer.

Ardishaig officer's commendation

NAVAL Officer Frazier 'Joe' Munro from Ardrishaig has received a commendation at an annual event at the naval base in Portsmouth.

Warrant Officer Munro was given his commendation for his 'outstanding contribution' to ensuring the operational capability of a mine-hunter squadron of Royal Navy ships as the Executive Warrant Officer.

The commendation was presented by Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Sir Philip Jones, who said: 'The Royal Navy's renowned and widely regarded effectiveness is down to the men and women who serve both in the United Kingdom,



Warrant Officer Munro is presented with his commendation.

our home waters and deployed around the world on a daily basis. These awards are recognition of those people who have gone above and beyond in the role they play.'

After receiving his commendation, Fraz-

er said: 'I am extremely proud and privileged to receive the Fleet Commander Commendation in recognition of three years of intensive, but rewarding, work. However, none of it could have been achieved without the support of my wife and my family of which I am enormously grateful.'

He added: 'My career in the Royal Navy has been long and varied but my best draft has been the one I am receiving the commendation for as Executive Warrant Officer for Mine Countermeasure. In that role I was a central figure on all aspects of force generation.'

Long-established Mid Argyll haulier wins top industry award

Company's innovation rewarded

A LONG-established Lochgilphead-based company has been recognised in a national awards scheme.

G McNaughton and Son, a family-owned and operated business, lifted the award for Scotland's most innovative haulier of the year at the annual Transport News Scottish Rewards presentation ceremony held in Glasgow on Friday November 6.

The popular breakfast celebration, now in its 22nd year, attracted 600 road haulage industry guests and filled the banqueting suite of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The award citation

read: 'The recipient of the award for Scotland's most innovative haulier is located around 100 miles from their nearest appointed truck dealership.

'That considerable distance means this Argyll-based fleet has to go the extra mile in every aspect of its operation.

'In 40 years of business, G McNaughton and Son has displayed many examples of shrewd innovation and the multi-tasking trucks at its Lochgilphead base includes rigid vehicles with demountable bodies for either tipper or concrete mixer

operations, whilst a small fleet of low loaders serves its own civil engineering operations and third party forestry contractors.

'The company's well-equipped workshop facilities sit alongside fully stocked stores of parts and tyres for its wide range of commercials and plant equipment.'

Transport manager and partner Janet McNaughton said: 'We're just so proud to be picked for this award from hauliers all across Scotland. It's a great achievement for a company based in Lochgilphead.'

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Thrive in the digital world

THERE will be classes about social media across Argyll and Bute to allow people to get a handle on how to use the likes of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The classes are for all ages and will be run on a drop-in basis. The Mid Argyll session will take place in the Lochgilphead Community Centre on November 30 from 11am to 3pm.

The class is run by Home Start Majik and is free. Equipment and refreshments will be provided.

Advent service for Christian Aid

THERE will be a service for Christian Aid at Christ Church, Lochgilphead on November 29 at 6.30pm.

There will be a candle lit vigil for refugees and victims of violence and a collection for Christian Aid.

It is an open service for people of good faith.

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Perfect picnics win £100 prizes

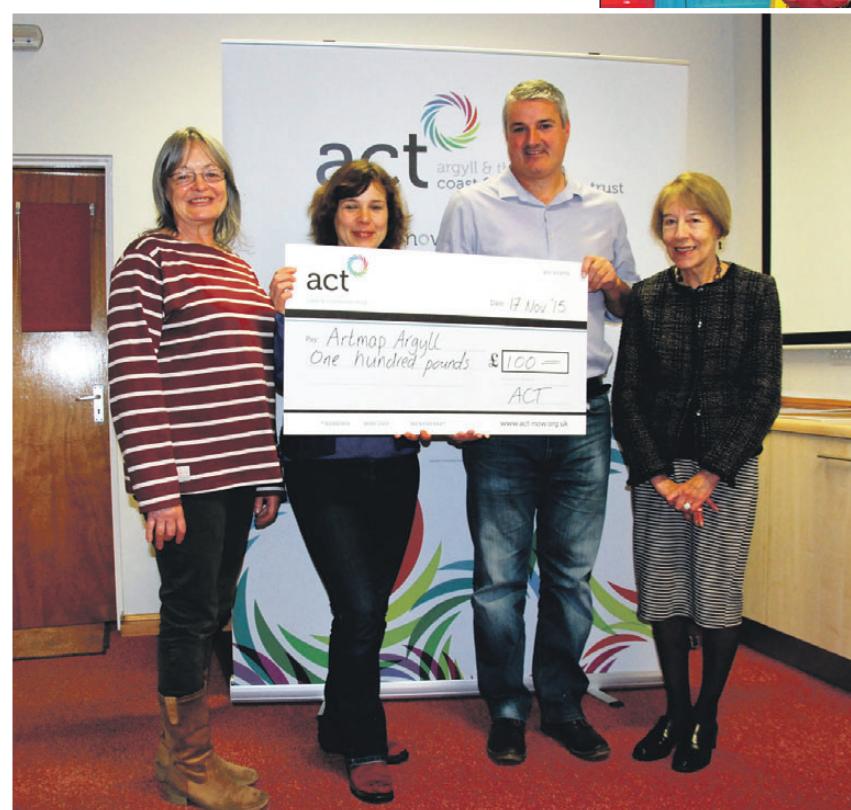
SUMMER picnics, sadly, are no more than a dim and distant memory, but two Argyll groups have won prizes by invoking thoughts of picnic fun.

Invited

Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (Act) invited organisations to enjoy an

outdoor picnic, with the chance to win £100 to spend improving their favourite spot.

The perfect picnic place for Artmap Argyll was Blarbuie Woodland in Lochgilphead, and the art group's suggestion was that some bat boxes might be installed. Across town, the



Pictured left to right: Jane Walker and Lesley Burr, Artmap; Darren Cuming, EDF Energy; and Jess Grant, Blarbuie Woodland. 06_a48act01



Tom West and Hannah Young accept the cheque from Darren Cuming on behalf of Fyne Families, as classmates from Lochgilphead after school club gather round. 06_a48ct02

kids at Fyne Families wished for a seesaw and strawberries for their picnic place.

Each organisation received a cheque for £100, presented by Julie Young, Act development officer, and Darren Cuming of EDF Energy Renewables, which sponsored Act's Perfect Picnic campaign.

'The money is to be spent on making a positive difference to a place of interest,' explained Jane Young.

'Whether it's to install a bin, a bench or a bird table, we don't mind as long as it enhances the area.'

Enjoyed

Jane added: 'We have really enjoyed hearing

what our communities have come up with to improve their favourite picnic spots.'

A large part of the work that Act does is to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors, and the charity is always looking for ways to motivate the public to enjoy the coast and countryside of Argyll and the isles.

Four new swimming instructors at MACPool

THERE will be new swimming instructors at Mid Argyll Community Pool since four of the current lifeguards have now passed their teaching course.

Leanne Williams, Megan Yuill, Kathryn Craig and Laura Clark (not pictured) are all now qualified swimming teachers.

Leanne explained: 'We can teach all of the Learn to Swim programme but we'd have to do another course to coach the Dolphins.'

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Leanne, Megan and Kathryn passed their teaching course.



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A MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD

AT 10.30A.M. – WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh G84 8BP. Telephone: 01436 657605.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services

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A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement, the associated application and other documents submitted with the application may be inspected during normal office opening hours during the consultation period specified in this notice at:

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Copies of the additional information may be purchased from Burcote Wind Ltd (tel: 01383 749645) at a cost of £300 for the colour figures and £20 for the written statement in hard copy. Electronic copies are available on CD at a cost of £10.

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03133/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 12/02263/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse with integrated garage (amended design and siting) relative to planning permission 11/02041/PP	Land South of Lyndon Clonaig Skippness Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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15/03060/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of marquee for a 3 year period from 1st May to 31st October each year to be used 25 days within each 6 month period (maximum of 10 days for music events)	Harbour Masters Office Garval Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6TR	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/03064/LIB	Installation of replacement windows, replacement canopies and re-rendering gable wall	The Square Peg 5-17 Colchester Square Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8LH	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03110/LIB	Installation of replacement door	20 High Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6DS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Closing date for responses: Friday 18th December 2015.

Public meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 1st December 2015
Achahoish Primary School - 7pm

&
Tuesday 8th December 2015
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These meetings are being held by Argyll and Bute Council for consultation within the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

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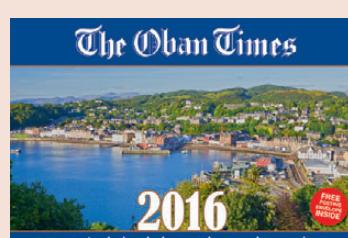
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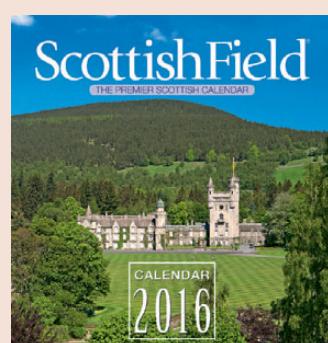
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with Marilyn Sheddell

HE IS often there, standing by the water's edge at Kennacraig.

He stands motionless for ages gazing into the still waters of West Loch Tarbert – waiting.

I am always impressed by the patience of this heron.

He is alert but attentive, as he waits for a fish to come his way.

He waits patiently regardless of what is happening around him.

I thought about this quiet waiting as my thoughts turned to the 'waiting' season of Advent.

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent when we prepare for the wonder of the birth of Jesus once again.

Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for the arrival of God himself.

I thought of the stillness of the heron's waiting contrasted with the frenzied activity of our Advent waiting.

We tend to rush through this special time.

We worry that we have not written these all too many Christmas cards, and instead of a pleasure it becomes a chore.

We worry about what gifts to buy, what meals to prepare, when to put the tree up.

We rush through this waiting time.

It should be a time of quiet reflection; of pondering and questioning; of stilling our minds and refreshing our souls.

We rush through this quiet time.

We have four weeks to consider the enormity of the message of the manger.

It is not a time for rushing; it is a time for waiting; it is a time for being still; it is a time to pause.

A wise biblical scholar once said that there was a time for everything.

This is the time for waiting.

We will not feel the peace and the wonder of Christmas if we rush through the next four weeks.

Let us take time to be. Then when we come to the manger we can thank God for the waiting time.

CRAIGNISH

10th birthday ceilidh

CRAIGNISH Village Hall will celebrate its 10th birthday with a free ceilidh.

The ceilidh, to be held tomorrow (November 28), is one in a series of events that will take place over the next year to celebrate the hall's first decade.

Organisers have said it is a good opportunity to celebrate the hall and the community it serves.

The dance is free but guests are asked to bring their own bottle and some food to the hall. Dancing shoes are also a must. The ceilidh kicks off at 7pm.

TARBERT

Tarbert bowling club to hold indoor sessions

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KILMARTIN



Symposium at Kilmartin Museum

THERE will be a weekend-long meeting of minds held at Kilmartin Museum today and tomorrow (November 27 and 28).

The meetings will hear speakers discuss more than 10,000 years of Argyll's archaeological history.

Although this symposium is aimed at professionals, members of the public are encouraged to go along as seating will be available for them at the meetings.

Those who are keen to learn more about the history of their area and

its archaeology can find out more on the museum's website.

Experts will openly discuss the current knowledge of Kilmartin and the surrounding area as well as what the future holds for its archaeology.

FORD

Craft fair and ceilidh at village hall

TO CELEBRATE St Andrew's Day people in Ford are being invited to a craft fair and ceilidh.

The craft fair will be held in Ford Village Hall tomorrow (November 28) from noon until 4pm.

There will be festive goods on sale at the fair so people can start to buy Christmas presents.

Tea, coffee and cake stalls will be amongst the arts and crafts for sale on the day.

Later in the evening locals and visitors will be putting down their wrapping paper and changing into their dancing shoes to support Glasgow-based ceilidh band the Reel Stramash.

The band has a reputation for an energetic ceilidh that gets everyone

up on their feet. A buffet and bar is provided and the ceilidh runs from

7.30pm until midnight. For more information contact the hall.

STRACHUR

Memorial Hall committee looking for new members

STRACHUR Memorial Hall are looking for new members to join the hall committee.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, three members of the committee announced they would be standing down at the next AGM and the treasurer will be standing down in January.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward please contact any member of the committee to find out what will be involved.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...'
(James 1:5)

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - At Athelston House, Malmesbury, on November 19, 2015, Nancy (née Langcake), aged 89 years, formerly of Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Donnie Campbell.

Much loved and missed by Catherine, Keith, Bruce and Anne and their families.

GILLIES - On November 19, 2015, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Coll, formerly of British Waterways, in his 93rd year, beloved husband of Jean Gillies, much loved dad of Colin, Billy and the late Sally, a dear father-in-law, grandfather, uncle and former work colleague and friend of many. Funeral service was held at Ardriishaig Parish church, on November 25, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery.

TAYLOR - Tragically, on November 15, 2015, Craig Dixon Taylor, aged 21 years, of Barsloinach Farm, Poltalloch, Kilmartin, loving son of Sheila MacCallum, née Dixon, and Grant Taylor, a much loved brother and grandson, and a dear nephew and cousin to all the family. A good friend and former work colleague to many. Proposed date for funeral service is Tuesday, December 1 at 12.00 noon, at Kilmartin Church and Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations to Mid Argyll Agricultural Society (Show Gate Fund).

dearly loved brother of Tommy and the late Billy (Australia) and a very dear uncle who will be very sadly missed. Funeral service at Daldowie Crematorium, Broomhouse, Glasgow (G71 7RU), on Tuesday, December 1 at 1.00pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Any enquiries to Co-Operative Funeral Care on 0141 778 3028.

SINCLAIR - On November 24, 2014, peacefully at home, Pat Sinclair, née MacAlister, in her 66th year, beloved wife of Donald Sinclair, much loved mother of Fiona and Donnie, and a dearly loved sister, aunt and granny. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 1, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Tarbert Parish Church.

MCLARTY - The family of the late Alex McLarty would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support, and for cards and flowers received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, district nurses, OT, for their outstanding care and attention, Liz and Gail for their great support, Robert Cameron for his eulogy, and Charlie Ferguson for piping. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Stag Hotel for catering, to The Larder for excellent floral arrangements and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for the Arms and Dochas Centre raised £244.

WATSON - Liz, Ranald and Mary really appreciate all the help given to their mum, Helen, over the years. Thanks to all who attended church and graveyard, to Rev William Crossan, to D McEwan, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair who made the service one which Mum would have approved of.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACKAY - In loving memory of Sheena, who died November 26, 2005. Forever remembered, forever missed. - Iain, Marion and family.

MACLELLAN - Treasured memories of a beloved husband and father, Neil, Nursing Officer, brutally murdered at Carstairs State Hospital on November 30, 1976.

A few more steps along life's way
Perhaps a few more years
But by God's grace we will meet again
Beyond the vale of tears.
- Marion.
Lovingly remembered.
- John.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978.

A heart of gold stopped beating
Two willing hands lie still
The one who did so much for me
Is resting at God's will.
Remembering not just today but every day.
- Johnnie.

TODD - In loving memory of Geordie, who died November 25, 2000. A much loved husband, dad

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MATHIESON - Angie and family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and messages. Also thanks to everyone who joined us to say goodbye to Archie. Thanks to all the nurses for their kind care towards Archie, with a special thanks to Kitty Millar. Finally, thanks to all the staff at the Argyll Hotel for an excellent farewell 'party'.

MCCAIG - The family of the late Teresa McCaig would like to thank all relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to Dr Lazarus and Dr McGovern and the Acute Ward staff for excellent care when Teresa was in hospital. Also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their support, guidance and excellent professional service, to Father Connor for a warm, uplifting service and to the Argyll Hotel for fine purvey. Special thanks to Macmillan nurses, Maggie and Kitty, and the district nurses who afforded us the privilege of nursing our mother at home, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for the district nurses raised £280.

NAPIER - Peacefully at home, The Old School House, Clachan, on November 23, 2015, William Melville Napier (Willie), in his 79th year, dearly beloved husband of Anne Miller, much loved father of Lorna and Martin and a dearly loved grandfather. Service will take place in Clachan Church, on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Clachan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

PATON - Robert. Peacefully, at Eastbank Care Home, Glasgow, on Sunday, November 22, 2015, Bob,

and grandad. Forever in our thoughts. - Lorraine and family.

YOUNG - In loving memory of Billy, who died on December 12, 1985 and his dear daughter, Shona, who died on November 26, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Love from all the family.

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNIE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 29th November 2015
Skipness Service 10.00am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr Tom McKay
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735

Everyone very welcome

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Prayer Time
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Soup lunches last Thursday of the month - 12.00 - 1.30.
All welcome.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

SUNDAY 29th November 2015

11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch

SPEAKER: George Stewart

'The Love of God'

THURSDAY 3rd December 2015
10.00 am
(Please note change of time)

Prayer, Word and Sharing

All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 29 November

Tayvallich Church 10 am

Advent Communion

Rev. S. Hood

Monday 30 November

Prayer meeting 10 am

Tayvallich Church

Tuesday 1 December

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises

to our God"

Sunday 29th Nov
Services in
Ardriishaig at 11.00am
and Achahoish at 12.30pm

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Everyone Welcome

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Coffee & Cake follows the service

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Sunday 29th 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

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Sunday 29th November 2015

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Rev. Hilda Smith

Saturday 21st November 2015

10am - midday

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Sunday 29th November 2015

3pm

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Sunday 29th November 2015

11.00 am

with Sunday School followed by refreshments

Pastor Chris Holden

mainly music 10.00 – 11.30 am

every Thursday (term time only)

Registration required

We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road

www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

CHURCH OF KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on

Friday 4th December

at 7.30pm in the Free Church, Campbeltown

Panel Night - "Any Questions"

Questions can be submitted before or at the door on the

4th December

Panel members -

Mrs Felicity Kelly, Pastor Chris Holden, Rev Jeremy Middleton &

Rev Findlay McKenzie

Tea/coffee served after meeting

Everyone most welcome.

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 29th November 2015

Morning Worship 11am

Tuesday

mainly music at 10.15am

Friday

Jumpstart From 10am

Scottish Charity SC015187

Scotland lose close game in Dublin



Kyles Athletic's Roddy MacDonald in a race for the ball with Ireland's Matthew Whelan at Croke Park last Saturday.

Ireland	16
Scotland	14
Shinty/hurling - 2nd Test Match	

SCOTLAND fell to two late goals at Croke Park last Saturday to lose the shinty/hurling international second test 16-14 against Ireland.

However, the overwhelming view in the aftermath was that the Scots have taken significant strides when it comes to matching their hurling counterparts.

With only five minutes left to play at the home of hurling, with around 20,000 fans inside the Dublin stadium, it looked as if Scotland were going to win a point.

Sadly, the final moments didn't go the Scots' way and Eoin Price and Shane Nolan were able to evade markers and launch single point strikes over the posts.

Understandably, the Scottish players were devastated at their late loss but, to a man, could

not have given more over the two legs.

'I thought the players were brilliant,' said a disappointed but proud Scotland manager, Ronald Ross MBE.

'If this had been a two-game series, we would have won it this year. Overall, I was really pleased with the improvement if you consider what happened in Ireland last year.'

Few could have disagreed with Ross' assessment as the internationals concluded with a win apiece for each nation.

In fact, had Grant Irvine converted a first half goal chance, the disciplined Scots may have left Dublin with more.

TJ Reid, Hurler of the Year, was matched every inch by Newtonmore defender Rory Kennedy and failed to stamp his authority on the proceedings.

Despite being unable to create a divot to raise the ball for ground hits, Scotland were once again well served by their hitters, Kevin Bartlett and Steven MacDonald.

Indeed, it was MacDonald's strikes which created two of Scotland's three point goals.

Eoin Reilly failed to deal with MacDonald's looping hit in six minutes and Fraser Heath was able to bundle the rebound into the back of the net.

When Reilly parried another of MacDonald's rockets, Bartlett was alert to pounce and drill the ball home in 31 minutes.

Ireland, too, had their goals.

Patrick Maher's first half strike was the pick of them. He juggled the ball on his hurl before running deep into the Scottish box.

With Stuart MacIntosh as the last line, he smashed the ball on the volley and nothing would have kept it out.

For Ireland's second

first half goal, MacIntosh was poorly sighted by activity in front of him and Zane Keenan, who was outstanding, managed to squeeze the ball over him and into the net.

Ireland's other first half scorers were Keenan (five points from hits), Eoin Price (1) and Neal McAuley (1).

Goals aside, Scotland's first half strikes came from MacDonald (2 points from ground hits) and Bartlett (4 points from hits).

With the interval scoreline standing at 13-12 to Ireland, the second half was less frenetic.

Bartlett (2) and Ireland's Derek McNicholas (1) evened things before Ireland's telling late goals.

Scotland, though, will take heart from 160 minutes in which they did little wrong.

'For a while, we were being criticised but I think Ireland know we are up for this now. That can only be a good thing,' said Steven MacDonald.

Prentice bags brace to fire Dookers to second place in the league

Millbeg Villa	3
Tarbert	5
SAFL Premier Division Two	

TARBERT AFC returned home from Glasgow with all three points after a thrilling game against Millbeg Villa.

The Dookers knew a good result would propel them into the top three, and they fought back from a half time deficit to shoot up to second in the league.

Tarbert's pressing paid off as they took the lead early after a surging attack led to a foul on Johnson 20 yards out.

James Prentice stepped up to take the free kick and fired expertly into the bottom corner to give the visitors a well-deserved lead.

The Dookers were undone soon after when Millbeg capitalised on some poor defending, which left their strik-

er with a free header to even up the tie.

With half time fast approaching, Tarbert lost the ball in attack and a swift counter from Millbeg caught Tarbert out again with a swift counter attack to take a 3-2 lead with around 25 minutes left.

Far from losing hope having gone behind again, the Dookers rallied and began to dominate proceedings. Their mental strength was rewarded when Johnson burst into the box only to be crudely brought down for a penalty. Talbot calmly stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way and make it all square once again.

This took the wind out of Millbeg's sails and, sensing this, Tarbert pressed for all three points. With just 15

minutes to go, a clever move down the Dookers' right came back to Blair, who pinged in an enticing cross which Prentice met with an audacious flick that nestled into the far corner of the net.

Tarbert refused to sit back on their lead and continued to press, making the result certain just a few minutes later when a ball across the box was met by Andy Guy. His effort from just a few yards out deflected into the net off the despairing Millbeg defender. The home side tried to press and get back into the game but some fine defending saw the Dookers return home from Glasgow's East End with all three points.

Tarbert host Clydebank this weekend at Cil Andreis, hoping to consolidate their lofty new league position.

Star let it slip in Dunoon

Dunoon	3
Lochgilphead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division One	

DESPITE dominating the majority of the match last Saturday, Red Star travelled home from Dunoon empty handed after squandering numerous chances to put the match out of sight.

Star opened the scoring early in the first half through Aaron Moore, who found the bottom corner after some good work in the left channel by Docherty and Weir, making it 0-1.

The score remained this way till half time with MacLean going close to adding to Star's tally but his header was just off target.

Dunoon were level from the spot when MacIntyre got caught wrong side and bundled the forward over leaving the referee with

match again at 2-2.

Star were made to pay for another afternoon of wasteful finishing when the Dunoon forward finished well from close range with five minutes to go to give his side a fortunate 3-2 win.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star play host to Motherwell Thistle, who proved to be impressive last time the sides met, so the hosts will need to be on top form to achieve a result.



Gregor Peacock.

Fit folk defy wind, hail and rain to raise cash in Inveraray

BRAVE walkers and runners recently took to the woods to raise cash for a cancer treatment unit in Mid Argyll.

Fifty people gathered at Inveraray primary school on November 13 to take part in the fifth annual GLOW! Run. The event gave people the choice of a three or four-mile run in the woods surrounding the burgh.

The run through Inveraray's muddy puddles and soggy grounds raised £465 for Mid Argyll hospital's chemotherapy unit.

Mud and puddles

The walkers' planned route also involved mud and many puddles so no-one was left out.

Event organiser Fee Corner, of Jogsco-

land, praised the determination of those who turned out for the run and thanked Inveraray businesses for donations of raffle prizes.

Good humour

Fee said: 'Everyone took part with such good humour in the face of cold, wet feet and chilly winds. The chemotherapy unit is such a vital support for anyone having to receive such treatment and its patients and staff deserve to have the best. Thanks to those who helped by leading and supporting the runners, and to all those who made the massive effort to leave their cosy homes to join us.'

The top prize bottle of Living Cask was won by a happy diner at the George Hotel in the town.

As part of the event a warming curry was provided by the George Hotel making the evening complete.



Anna Morrison, from William Grant and Sons, presents prizes to winners of the Glenfiddich Challenge trophy shoot at the Glendaruel and Colintraive Gun Club.

Andy claims third spot

A LOCHGILPHEAD shooter came in third place at a gun club's trophy shoot at the weekend.

Andy Heatherington tied, 140 out of 150 points, with Dumbarton man David Milton in the Glendaruel and Colintraive Gun Club competition.

The pair were two of 34 guns to take part in the Glenfiddich Challenge trophy shoot on Saturday at the club's new premier grounds

and were beaten to the top spot by East Kilbride man Stewart McNeill, who achieved 147.

Second place went to Angus MacDonald, of Duror. Fourth place was a three-way tie between George Lynn of Dunoon, Derek Street of Dunoon and John Kennedy of Stirling, who scored 138 points.

Glenfiddich whisky producers, William Grant and Sons, spon-

sored the event and delivered prizes to winners.

There was something for everyone and the 34 competitors were gifted with a Glenfiddich miniature and hip flask.

The club thanked everyone who attended the event and helped to co-ordinate the day. It gave a special thank to the caterers, to those who maintained the trap, refereed and scored the competition.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Goldenhill 4, Oban Saints 4; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division One - Dunoon 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 2; Premier Division Two - Millbeg Villa 3, Tarbert 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Fingart; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Motherwell Thistle; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v FC Clydebank. Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Carlton YM; Centenary Cup - Dunoon v Ferguslie Star.

Club lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd Club's lottery numbers drawn this week were 2, 10 and 20. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot will be £200.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 2, 8 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £700.

The numbers drawn in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery were 3, 19 and 20. There were no winners, therefore the jackpot for next week will be £400.

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SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £900

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Nova and out . . .



The Vauxhall Nova that got the Lochgilphead pair to the final stages of a Scottish rallying championship. Photo courtesy Gavin Brown

TWO Lochgilphead daredevils powered through a really race with sparks flying from their wheels to complete this year's Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship (STRC).

First driver Donald Bowness, 29, and second driver Ian Parker, 22, were delighted to come out second place in the championship class on completion of their

first year in racing. Bowness said: 'Ian and I got into rallying last year and took part in the Machrihanish rally in 2014. Other than that we haven't done anything else.'

The pair committed themselves to the STRC this year and have travelled the UK, including the Mull Rally, to get to the finals.

The team has raced this year with a 1600 bowyer de-

velopments powered Vauxhall Nova.

At the time of the Mull Rally the pair were in fourth place overall driver in the tournament.

Collapsed wheel

When it came to the final Kingdom Stages, in Crail on Saturday November 14, Bowness and Parker's car suffered a collapsed wheel bearer, inevitably causing

break failure, which brought them to making a decision that would affect their position.

Bowness said: 'We had to decide whether to go to the service centre or not. We knew if we did it would never be repaired on time to get us back in the race and in a position to get the points we needed. So, we decided to carry on and not give up,

although there were sparks coming from the wheel and it was almost on fire.'

The brave team fell from 26th overall to 37th overall as it lost 1m36s in the last stage of the race, but still earned the points that it needed to achieve its second in the championship class goal.

Bowness is determined to keep going next year and he and Parker expect to take

part in STRC 2016 as well as other rallies in Ireland.

Bowness said: 'I would like to thank all of our sponsors and people who have helped in many ways to get the car ready before Mull and continued their support throughout the 2015 and 2016 season.'

Next season kicks off with the Knockhill Stages on January 4, 2016.



The Lochgilphead team was the only one to boast the recruitment of two female players.

Argyll schools compete for the MacPherson Cup

ARGYLL schools came together earlier this month to compete for the MacPherson Cup title in a new shinty tournament.

Pupils from Lochgilphead Joint Campus' S4-S6 classes welcomed teams from Rothesay, Dunoon and Oban to their home ground for the matches.

Despite the Lochgilphead team coming third overall, it was the only team to have female

players, in the form of Shannon Wilson and Iona MacNicol.

The tournament was set up by new active schools co-ordinator Eilidh MacPherson and shinty development officer Euan McMurdo.

The second leg of the tournament has been scheduled to play in February 2016 in Dunoon.

Shinty for all pupils from the high school will start again at

3.45pm on Wednesday December 2.

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Anyone who would be interested in volunteering at shinty clubs

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