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Argyll and Bute to extend warm welcome to first Syrian refugees

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute have pulled out all the stops to welcome the region's first Syrian refugees.

Around 200 people have been in touch with Argyll and Bute Council to offer their skills and support for the newcomers, who will travel to Bute this month.

Fifteen families from Lebanon will arrive on the island before Christmas and members of the local community have warmly extended helping hands to support them as they settle into their new lives.

Argyll and Bute Council was one of the first local authorities to show its support in Scotland and welcome Syrian families following an international crisis that saw thousands queue up at the borders of European countries seeking salvation and respite from war in their own country.

The Refugee Resettlement Group has been set up ahead of the families'

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arrival and is made up of council officials and community planning partners, who will work with the Scottish Government, the Home Office and CoSLA.

Cleland Sneddon, chairman of the Refugee Resettlement Group, said: 'It is a natural reaction to reach out to comfort a child or an adult in distress.'

Safe place

'It is our communities that have reached out to offer a safe place, where our new families from Syria can settle, thrive and contribute to Argyll and Bute.'

'We have been overwhelmed by the response of our communities and we look forward to welcoming our new families.'

Sixty Bute residents have volunteered their time to support the newcomers in the simplest of tasks, such as shop-

ping and getting to know the area.

Councillor Isobel Strong of Bute said: 'There will be professional people, such as interpreters, travelling with the refugees and they will remain in the area during their settling in period.'

'We've had lots of people volunteer their time and skills, offering to mentor people when they are here or even just to help them with the new climate, showing them how to deal with the cold. Two that I know of also have knowledge of Arabic, which is fantastic.'

'I really was amazed by the amount of people that came forward to offer their help.'

One of those was four-year-old Jess, who sent a letter with children's clothes.

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Christmas comes early in Lochgilphead

NINE-YEAR-OLD Sophie Maclver from Lochgilphead had an early festive treat as children from Mid Argyll enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus at the weekend. More pictures and full story on page 12.

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Campaign launched against planned cuts to Argyll school libraries budget

THE future of secondary school librarians and mobile libraries is under threat as part of cuts proposed by Argyll and Bute Council.

The removal of mobile libraries would see 3.5 posts removed and is expected to save £137,000.

Taking librarians out of secondary school libraries would see ten people lose their jobs and is expected to save £319,000, one of the largest savings proposed.

Mobile libraries currently serve rural mainland areas and travel to islands such as Islay and Mull, allowing residents there access to a library. Argyll and Bute



Writer Christopher Brookmyre has backed the national campaign to support school libraries.

is not the only Scottish council to propose cutting school libraries

and there is now a campaign, Save Scotland's School Libraries, which

has the backing of writers such as Alan Bissett and Christopher Brook-

myre. They have petitioned the Scottish Parliament for a national strategy for school libraries and recently appeared before the public petitions committee at the parliament.

Spokesman for the group Duncan Wright said: 'The proposal from Argyll and Bute council to remove all ten school librarians is staggering.

There would be an enormous impact in schools and pupils would undoubtedly suffer as a result. It is not fair on the pupils of these schools that they would become educationally disadvantaged from their peers elsewhere in Scotland.

Businesses warned over fake data control letters

LETTERS sent to businesses in Argyll purporting to be from UK Data Control are a scam and should not be responded to.

It claims to need a business's VAT number to give them an advert on its website. This will cost £790 each year and has no benefit to the business.

Other areas have been targeted with reports of these letters being sent out stretching as far back as February.

Many companies have been taken in by Hamburg-based UK Data Control's very official looking letters.

The British Independent

Retailers Association produced advice in June saying that any business that has already filled in and returned the form should contact their legal team or Trading Standards.



The letters look official.

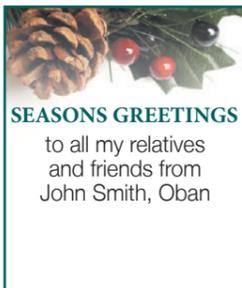
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Phone fraud

A PENSIONER has fallen victim to a fraudulent banking scheme, costing her around £5,000.

The Mid Argyll woman received a telephone call from a man, at 7.45pm on Tuesday November 24, who said he was from her bank and that he wanted to query a payment due to be processed against her account later that night.

The man persuaded the woman to log on to her internet banking system and talked her through the process of transferring all the money in her account to a 'safety deposit account'.

The money was transferred and when the woman checked with her local bank the next day, she was informed the call had been a scam

Police files

and she was unlikely to get her money back.

Police are now investigating and urge people not to disclose personal or bank account details to anyone on the phone.

Speeding motorist

A WOMAN was fined £100 and issued with three points on her drivers' licence after speeding on the A83 in Inveraray.

The 31-year-old was stopped at Barn Brae at 10am on Wednesday November 25.

Drunk driver

A YOUNG driver was arrested at the weekend for allegedly being under the influence of alcohol.

The 21-year-old man was driving on the A83, near to Lingerton waste disposal site when police stopped him at around 12.45am on Saturday November 28. He has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Theft of BMX bike

A BIKE stolen from outside a youth centre has led to police appealing for information on its whereabouts.

The black and white BMX bike was stolen from outside the Mid Argyll youth project building on Union Street, Lochgilphead, on Friday November 27 between 8.30pm and 9pm.

Police are investigating and are appealing for anyone with information to contact them

on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Possession of knife

POLICE received a report of a man behaving in a threatening and alarming manner while in possession of a kitchen knife on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, at 1.25am on Saturday November 28.

The man, 48, was later arrested and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of the peace

A 19-YEAR-OLD man was fined £40 for shouting and swearing on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, at 1.45am on Saturday November 28.

Police are investigating and are appealing for anyone with information to contact them

Man resists arrest

POLICE arrested a man after it was reported he was behaving in a threatening and alarming manner at a house in Lochgilphead.

The incident happened at around 2.30am on Sunday November 29 at the property on Meadows Crescent. Police attended and a short time later a 20-year-old man was traced and arrested for alleged threatening conduct, resisting arrest and police assault. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Argyll ready to welcome refugees

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The letter said: 'To your new Syrian Residents, with love from Jess aged 4.'

The letter and parcel were sent to Argyll Street shop Bute Oasis food bank, where founder Angela Callaghan has been taking thousands of donations from residents in the area.

Last Friday the Discovery Centre in Bute hosted a meeting of authorities including

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Fyne Homes, Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland.

The meeting went on to Rothesay Joint Campus where Syrian children will attend school.

Arrival

Pupils and teachers at Rothesay Joint Campus have been working hard to prepare for the arrival of the newcomers and have put together a film about the island

in a bid to educate the children on their new surroundings.

Councillor Dick Walsh commended the response of communities in Argyll and Bute, adding: 'I have personally been incredibly encouraged by the overwhelming response from our local communities which are equally moved by this desperate situation and who have come forward to offer their assistance in a multitude of ways.'



A van is forced to cross the carriageway hoping that no on-coming traffic is heading Tarbert-bound. 06_a49flooding01

Erines flooding 'could cause accidents' says councillor

FLOODING on the A83 trunk road at Erines, north of Tarbert, is 'an accident waiting to happen', according to one Argyll and Bute councillor.

A combination of rainwater on the carriageway and run-off from the hillside above gathers on the north-bound carriageway, often to the extent that it crosses the road so that south-bound vehicles are also affected. The road is particularly narrow at that point and the flooding occurs beside a blind bend.

It forces Ardrishaig-bound vehicles across the road to avoid the deepest water, according to councillor John McAlpine.

He said: 'This is a road safety issue,

and it's really an accident waiting to happen.

'Why has this flooding never been addressed by BEAR Scotland?'

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson responded: 'We are aware of flooding problems at Erines caused by a blocked culvert on the A83, and our teams have erected signs to notify motorists to use caution on approach.'

'Heavy rain and excess water has prevented teams from being able to access the culvert and remove the debris, however, teams will clear the culvert at the next available opportunity when the water has receded.'

'Safety is our top priority and we will continue to monitor the location.'

Police search for answers after man's body found

THE DISCOVERY of the body of an elderly man in Ardrishaig has led to police appealing for witnesses.

At around 10.50pm on Sunday November 29, police found the body of the man, believed to be in his 70s, on the rocky shore off Ardrishaig.

Police are still carrying out enquiries to determine the cause of death and a post mortem has yet to take place.

If any members of the public saw a man with a beard wearing a khaki green-coloured jacket and denim jeans walking along the A83 through Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig on the same evening between 5pm and 6pm, they are urged to contact Police Scotland on 101 and ask for Campbeltown police station.

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This letter was attached to a parcel of children's clothes sent to a Bute foodbank.

Bells ring out in New York for the people of Bute

ON HEARING Argyll and Bute Council will screen *It's a Wonderful Life*, the 1946 Christmas film, for Syrians on their arrival, a New York museum got in touch.

Anwei Law, president of the board of trustees, at Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum and Archives in the American city, read the council's plans and wrote a letter of support.

In the letter to council leader Councillor Dick Walsh and the people of Argyll and Bute, she wanted to let them know how moved she was by the gesture and shared her 'deepest respect' with the council and the people of Bute.

Councillor Walsh said: 'The museum will be ringing the bells of the town to recognise people who have made

a difference. Their decision to include the people of Bute in this list is very much appreciated.

'I have written to them to thank them for getting in touch and to acknowledge our gratitude.'

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Fishing war of words as environmental lobby hits back

HOT ON the heels of a series of public meetings hailed as 'a success' by the fishing industry, the powerful environmental lobby has hit back.

The meetings, in Stranraer, Largs, Campbeltown, Islay, Tarbert, Carradale and Troon, were aimed at raising awareness of the potential impact on fishermen of the proposed 'overly ambitious' Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and of a regulating order proposed by the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT).

Hosted by the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), the meetings received strong local support, particularly in Tarbert where around 200

people turned up. The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has since accused the CFA of seeking to alarm communities with 'misleading information' about Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and their impact.

In a press release, COAST claimed: 'Rather than modest MPAs, which were only designated last year, being a threat to fishermen, it is historic overfishing, degradation of the seabed, a lack of management and poor leadership from both government and the prawn industry groups that are the main reasons we no longer eat finfish caught from the Clyde.'

But the CFA disagrees. Elaine Whyte, CFA secretary, said: 'Fishermen aren't catching the finfish thanks to innovative gear developments, in fact in recent Marine Scotland studies they caught less than 0.7 per cent cod.'

She continued: 'An independent socio-economic consultant with expertise in rural economics has highlighted that if the MPAs in their current form go ahead in the Kintyre area alone 140 fishing jobs could be lost, equating to a loss of £5.4 million in turnover. A further potential loss of 700 onshore fishing-related



Elaine Whyte with Kenny MacNab, CFA chairman, at last week's Tarbert meeting. 06_a48fishtarbert05

jobs would equate to a loss of £26.6 million in Argyll and Bute.'

She added: 'We would like to draw attention to the fact that ICES

(International Council for the Exploration of the Seas), has recommended

a 41 per cent increase in the prawn quota uptake for 2016. This is not the sign of a fishery on the verge of collapse - quite the opposite.'

COAST chairman Howard Wood said: 'The Clyde belongs to us all and must be managed for us all. It's time we looked after it properly for everyone's sake, not only for the short-term benefit of the few.'

Elaine Whyte stressed that the CFA did not oppose the introduction of MPAs in principle, but added: 'The need for so-called ambitious MPAs in line with lobbyists campaigns, which will devastate local communities, is our key objection.'

Council bows to public pressure - but more cuts must follow

CAMPAIGNERS accused Argyll and Bute Council of 'stealth cuts' as the authority was forced into a dramatic U-turn over plans to cut services for vulnerable children.

The decision means, however, that cuts in other services - to the tune of £1 million - must now be found at short notice.

The local authority had proposed to axe 72 additional support needs (ASN) assistant posts, contributing £1.37 million worth of savings to a total cut of £5 million from education. The suggested saving was

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just one of 150 measures in the council's 'service choices' consultation - aimed at slashing £18 million from budgets over the next two years alone.

As the proposals were announced in October, protests followed from parents of children with additional support needs, culminating in a demonstration at a Kilmory council meeting on October 22.

Last Thursday, councillors bowed to pressure from groups including Argyll and Bute

Parents Against Council Cuts (ABPACC) and agreed to remove the ASN proposal from the 'service choices' list of cuts.

But it hasn't disappeared entirely.

The ASN assistant savings proposal came at the same time as a separate review of ASN service delivery.

Review

This review, which will continue into next year, has already identified £280,000 of annual savings, leading to a reduction of 8.4 per cent (551 hours) per week in work for ASN assistants, applied from the start of the present school year. This equates to the loss of 15 ASN support assistant posts.

A spokesperson for ABPACC said: 'We were astounded to discover that as part of the ASN review, stealth cuts

of 8.4 per cent have already been imposed on ASN support within the education system.

'This review is ongoing and we envisage that there could be more cuts yet to come.'

'We have all been incredibly stressed and upset by this entire experience.'

Councillor Douglas Philand, one of the council's autism champions, commented: 'If we had listened to the people on October 8 after the policy and resources committee, this paper would have come up [at the previous council meeting] on October 22.'

'We need to listen to the people, but the point is when we do this.'

Cleland Sneddon, executive director of community services, has been instructed by councillors to find other ways of saving £1.09 million as a result of Thursday's council decision.

Options rejected

COUNCILLORS had two other voting options in front of them at last Thursday's meeting, both of which were rejected.

Councillor Michael Breslin proposed waiting until the ASN service review was complete, but with a speeding up of this so that figures were available before budget decisions in February.

A second amendment, by councillor James Robb, would have left the £280,000 ASN budget saving on the list of service cuts and part of the current consultation process.

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Furnace Primary School to hold craft fair

THERE will be a craft fair in Furnace Primary school on Saturday December 4 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The fair will take place to raise funds for Furnace and Minard Primary Schools and some of the school children have

themselves made crafts to sell.

There will be tea, coffee and home baking available as well as a raffle. About 20 different stalls will be selling a variety of goods such as cards, jewellery, candles and knitting.



Furnace Primary School children have been busy making things to sell at their craft fair.



Inveraray Burns Club president Jim McMillan (centre) welcoming Len (left) and Alastair (right).

Burns club hosts St Andrew's night dinner

INVERARAY Burns Club hosted its annual St Andrews Dinner in the Inveraray Inn on Saturday November 28.

The audience were captivated by the respective talents of Dunoon Grammar

School Pipe Band Pipe Major Craig Wilson, and Alastair McDonald and Len Murray who presented an

enthraling and dramatic telling, in words and song, of the history of the Jacobites in the White Cockade.

Support your local shop

CONSERVATIVE MSP Jamie McGrigor and Tory parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute Donald Cameron have given their backing to small business Saturday.

It is an annual event encouraging people to support their local shops and businesses and this year falls tomorrow, December 5.

Donald Cameron said: 'Argyll and Bute has many excellent small, independent retailers and businesses but they are under ever-increasing pressure from supermarkets and from online competition which seems to intensify every year.'

'Small business Saturday is a good opportunity for local residents to show their support for the small businesses that are such an important part of our town centre and village communities and I hope many people will visit a local shop or other business on Saturday.'



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Compassionate councillors!

ARGYLL and Bute councillors made a collective decision last week to remove a controversial spending cut option from the lengthy list of potential ways to slash spending.

They were keen to project an image of reasonableness and compassion during the Kilmory meeting. They had agreed, they said, to take on board the findings of a review of additional support needs (ASN) services in schools, which began in February.

This review is only half way through – so the obvious question is why did councillors suggest the loss of 72 jobs for ASN assistants? In putting this out for consultation, our council members have created genuine stress and anxiety for families and council staff.

Even while performing a U-turn on this savings option, the real cost – that of 15 ASN assistant posts (later confirmed by the council) – was never mentioned. Instead, it was couched in financial figures. Not one councillor or senior officer admitted to making a mistake or offered a clear apology.

And to compound matters, not only are ASN jobs to go, but there is a last-minute need to find a replacement £1.09 million of savings – and this is unlikely to be part of a sensible consultation.

The fiasco does little to engender confidence in the process surrounding the remainder of the 150 'service choices', or suggested cuts.

If anything, though, it has brought into sharp focus the need for anyone with an interest in the future of Argyll to have a hard look at all the measures the council is proposing to cut.

The consultation ends on December 31.

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Fewer deprived youngsters getting higher education

Sir,
A range of respected organisations within the further and higher education sector have produced submissions which show it is getting more difficult for young people from the most deprived areas to complete a college or university course.

Colleges Scotland has told MSPs on the education committee that the average grant and bursary pay-out fell from £1,860 to £1,220 between 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The number of students receiving such support also fell by two per cent, despite Scottish Government pledges to get more disadvantaged students into college and university.

Other countries, including England, are making much better progress when it comes to funding grants and bursaries for poorer students and reducing the inequalities across different student groups.

This adds to the problem we have in Scotland with our growing attainment gap between rich and poor children, with some of the worse figures coming from Argyll and Bute. The SNP is failing the poorest in our society; more should be done to help students seeking better education and more opportunities.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Lifeline ferry services

Sir,
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tunity to talk about the lifeline ferry services that are vital for the people of my region of the Highlands and Islands.

I have used CalMac services myself for about 60 years and I know the affection in which CalMac is held by so many of my constituents.

I am pleased to join other MSPs in paying tribute to all those hardworking CalMac staff who have helped consistently ensure that CalMac's safety record is impressive and who give our tourists such a warm welcome.

Constituents in two parts of my region, namely Dunoon and Cowal and Orkney, are fortunate to have the option of using services provided by private ferry services, Western Ferries and Pentland Ferries respectively, which are frequent, reliable and affordable.

I commend Western Ferries and Pentland Ferries and their employees for the excellent work they do without one penny piece of public subsidy and would hope we can learn lessons from their good practices.

Constituents in Campbeltown and Kintyre have asked me to press the minister again to make an early decision on whether the Campbeltown-Ardrossan ferry service, which has been trialled for the last three summers, will be made permanent.

There is significant community and business support for this service which has the potential to provide Kintyre with a real economic boost.

Finally constituents in Dunoon and Cowal have ongoing concerns about the reliability of the Argyll ferries passenger-only service between Gourock and Dunoon

and ministers need to continue to monitor the performance of this service.

Jamie McGrigor,
Highlands and Islands,
Conservative MSP.

'What ifs'

Sir,
May I correct a couple of points in the letter from Alistair Redman in Argyllshire Advertiser November, 27.

Firstly, the SNP does not have a 'plan to close Kilmory'. Michael Russel MSP issued a very wide ranging document containing various possibilities and 'what ifs' which did not shy away from the very hardest of outcomes.

He also issued a statement and press release pointing out the SNP's long standing policy of no compulsory redundancies. Perhaps Mr Redman missed this.

Unfortunately, Alistair Redman's letter omitted to mention the need for such discussions, which are necessary as a result of the current Conservative government's overzealous austerity policies.

David Hay,
Minard.

Four requirements

Sir,
As the likelihood of British airstrikes against ISIS forces in Syria increases by the day, it is vital that any such action approved by Parliament is conditional on meeting four requirements.

In the first instance, legality through the explicit authority of the UN Security Council.

A recent UN Security Council resolution states that member take 'all necessary measures' to redouble and co-ordinate

their efforts to eradicate the safe haven established by IS in significant parts of Iraq and Syria.

Whether this provides legitimacy for airstrikes is open to question and there have been calls for a UN Chapter VII resolution, explicitly legitimising military action.

Secondly, there must be explicit attainable military and political objectives with a high chance of success, to ensure that our military action doesn't do more harm than good.

Thirdly, specific measures to minimise civilian casualties, and finally a plausible exit strategy – we must know when and how to stop.

Unless all four conditions are satisfied, Parliament should reject the government's proposed military action.

The conditions proposed are extremely challenging – as they should be before the civil authority lets loose war, death and destruction in yet another Middle Eastern country.

Every one of the four conditions is essential if another disaster is to be avoided.

Alex Orr,
Leamington Terrace,
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Alan Reid, front row third right, and Jamie Stone, front row second right, with party members at the AGM.

LibDems meet in Royal Burgh

ARGYLL and Bute Liberal Democrats held their annual general meeting in Inveraray last Saturday.

The meeting was attended by two LibDem candidates for May's Scottish Parliament election - Alan Reid, the candidate for Argyll and Bute constituency,

and Jamie Stone, top candidate on the LibDem Highlands and Islands regional list.

Mr Stone was MSP for Caithness Sutherland and Easter Ross for 12 years before standing down in 2011.

Mr Reid said that the main theme of the Liberal Democrat

campaign would be empowering people and communities and reversing the centralisation of power. He called for more local control of services such as the police and the NHS, and for a speeding up of the roll-out of broadband and mobile phone coverage to all parts of Argyll and Bute.

Rare Islay malt hits Edinburgh sale

A RARE bottle of Islay whisky is to go under the hammer in an Edinburgh auction house.

Bonhams Whisky sale

in Edinburgh on December 9 will feature an early 20th Century Laphroaig Old Liqueur, estimated to be worth £6,000-£7,000.

It was distilled and bottled by D Johnston and Co, and is described on the label as 'non-peaty - unusually for a single malt from Islay.'

Bonhams whisky specialist Martin Green explained: 'I believe it would have been bottled from an autumn cask filling. The non-peaty nature of the whisky is almost certainly the result of distilling after a particularly long dry summer when the water supply would have contained fewer of the natural peaty phenols which give Laphroaig and other Islay malts their characteristic nose and taste.'



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College board to lose councillors

COUNCILLORS will no longer be part of the board of Argyll College UHI following a review of policy by the education provider.

The 15-strong board has contained two Argyll and Bute councillors since its inception, but chairman Andrew Campbell has asked the local authority to look at stopping the practice.

The move would bring Argyll College in line with other Scottish colleges, which tend not to have elected council members on the board.

Mr Campbell stressed that the college was keen to retain close links with the local authority.

GRADUATION



Calum Robert MacDonald B.A. (Hons) of Skipness has graduated with an HNC in Mechanical Engineering at North East Scotland College.

Scottish youth awards open

'Our young Scots never fail to impress us'

RESIDENTS of Argyll are being invited to nominate their young Scot, aged 11 to 26 years, for the Young Scot awards 2016.

The awards recognise young people who are outstanding in various different fields from arts to health and volunteering.

The winners will be announced at a red carpet ceremony in Edinburgh International Conference Centre on April 27.

Louise Macdonald, chief executive of Young Scot, said: 'At Young Scot, we meet extraordinary young people achieving incredible things every single day and the awards are a chance to celebrate their amazing achievements.'

'From overcoming adversity to helping people who are less fortunate, the stories of our young Scots never fail

to impress us.'

Nominations can be made at the Young Scot website until February

25. Previous winners include pop star Paulo Nutini and tennis ace Andy Murray.



Previous Young Scot winners Jamie McIntosh, Mark Flood and Hannah Clarke.

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Calamity Jane proves to be 'best yet'

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll left their hometowns behind as they stepped into Broadway for this year's big musical production in Ardrishaig Village Hall.

Once again Mid Argyll Musical Society (MAMSoc) pulled off a colourful depiction of 1953 film and stage play Calamity Jane in what was described as the 'best yet'.

The four-date show opened last Wednesday evening and attracted hundreds of musical lovers to see Calamity

and Bill Hickok's love story unfold in the lawless town of Deadwood in the height of the Western era.

The production brought Ann McMillan and Iain MacInnes together as the lead characters and the pair gave their roles everything.

Unsung star
Jay Helbert, former Ardrishaig Primary School head teacher, was the unsung star of the show as he filled the shoes of comedic Francis Fryer, the actor drafted in to play a fe-

male actress with high hopes to fool the growly bevy merchant cowboys of the town.

His part generated laughs from audiences throughout the show, in particular when dressed as a female singing to the notes of *Hive Full of Money*.

In what was a well organised, rehearsed and delivered adaption of the ol' favourite, the actors carried it well.

One audience member, who has been attending the shows for 16 years, said she reckoned it was

MAMSoc's best production yet.

Sue Phillis, of Ford, said: 'Every year the shows are great, but I felt that this year they pulled out all the stops and it made it exceptionally good. They really captured the storyline, with excellent choreography and portrayal. For the short space of time that they have to do it they did a wonderful job.'

Come forward
The production marked the musical group's 40th anniversary and led to a call on others to come forward and get involved for next year's production and to make suggestions for future shows.

On closing the show on Saturday night, lead actor Iain MacInnes took to the mic to thank MAMSoc members for their hard-working efforts to put on the annual events.

He added: 'We have put up a suggestion box for all of you [the audience] to let us know what shows you want to see from us here. We also want enthusiasts to come and join us next year, so get in touch.'



Ann McMillan put on a convincing act as Calamity Jane. 08_a49calam03



The men of Deadwood swoon over a picture of Adelaide Adams.

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Santa Claus pays a visit to Inveraray lights switch-on

SANTA Claus brought Christmas magic with him as he paraded down Main Street in Inveraray ahead of the town's lights switch-on.

Families turned out in their hundreds to parade through the town behind Santa's sleigh and Mid Argyll Pipe Band just as snow began to fall from the sky.

The parade culminated in the lights switch-on outside the Inveraray Inn, formerly Argyll Hotel, where local legend Maggie McGhee was accompanied by her friend Barbara Bailey to push the plunger and light up the streets once again for the festive season.

Maggie was selected to do the honours after winning a gardening competition with her housing association this year and for her well-known efforts to organ-

ise events in her residential community at Chalmers Court.

The event is an annual celebration which sees Santa take to a grotto built into the fire station and invites families of Inveraray to make lanterns and show them off in the parade.

Hundreds of youngsters made their way with their parents to the fire station where they met Santa and were given presents ahead of writing their Christmas wish lists.

Staff members from the town's Londis shop served minced pies and mulled wine on the night and were also taking donations for the event.

The event is funded and organised by Inveraray Community Council and is supported by residents' donations.



Above: Maggie MacGhee and Barbara Bailey enjoyed being at the centre of the parade.

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Right: Wee Stephen Kennedy, five, tell Santa what he wants for Christmas.

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One of the lead organisers, Linda Divers, plays Santa's helper at the community's fire station.

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Audre McCaughey and Janey Van-Stone from Londis served juice and minced pies.

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MacDougall sisters Ashley, eight, and Sophie, six, meet Santa.

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Last week's solution

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World famous film-maker visits Lochgilphead

HE IS the man behind some of the most memorable TV wildlife documentary moments, and last Saturday

cameraman and film-maker Doug Allan was in Lochgilphead.

In a fascinating illustrated lecture,

he recounted tales of close encounters with polar bears, whales and leopard seals.

Forget Happy Feet - Doug Allan was (probably) the first to record live footage of Emperor penguins on the Antarctic ice.

There is nothing fluffy and sentimental about the lives of creatures at the poles, and Doug Allan has recorded their behaviour for film and documentary makers the world over.

The 64-year-old reserved special praise, though, for one of the earliest influences on him as he made early steps away from life as a diver and British Antarctic Survey employee towards film making.

He said: 'It has been my great privilege to work with Sir David Attenborough on many occasions.

'Back in 1981, while



Swimming with whales - Doug filming a mother and calf in the southern Pacific Ocean.

same time it has been reducing in extent.'

He explained: 'One of the effects of this is that polar bear cubs are getting lighter. Fewer cubs are being born each year as mothers have less and less time to put on weight before the winter. What this means is that thin cubs are less likely to survive.'

As a guest of Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club last Sunday at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Doug was welcomed by a packed hall - and he appeared to do a roaring trade in selling his latest book at the interval.

Doug added: 'I love what I do, but it's so gratifying as well to be associated with some of the most famous sequences of wildlife photography in the world.'

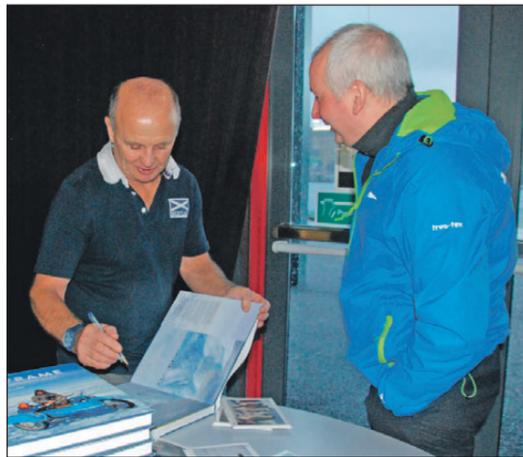
Speaking afterwards, Corinne Cheetham of Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club, said: 'Doug's talk was a huge success.

'We sold almost 200 tickets and everybody seems to have enjoyed the talk.

'I'm very grateful that Doug agreed to include Lochgilphead in his very busy schedule, and the club would like to thank him for coming along.'



Doug Allan enjoys his first visit to Lochgilphead. 06_dougallan02



Signing a copy of his new book for Tarbert's, Jeff King. 06_dougallan03

'Ten years later I filmed with him on Life in the Freezer, and have done so many times since.'

His lecture, though, was about more than stunning photography, film clips of fluffy polar bear cubs and entertaining wildlife tales.

Having witnessed its impact first-hand in the polar regions, Doug Allan is keen to press home the urgent need to tackle global warming.

'Arctic ice is getting thinner,' he told the Lochgilphead audience.

'There has been a 40 per cent reduction in the thickness of sea ice since 1976, and at the

working as a station commander with the British Antarctic Survey, I was beginning to get somewhere as a

still photographer.

'David appeared at the base while filming for Living Planet. He was very encouraging to me.

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Campbeltown egg farmers sprout new produce

by BEN RAMAGE
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THE FARMERS behind Kintyre Eggs have sprouted a timely new delicacy.

And while the vegetable splits opinions over dinner tables nationwide this month, the High Bellochinty farmers are just glad they have finally been able to grow them.

Hannah and Will Jones moved to Kintyre 10 years ago, and started growing vegetables for their honesty box four years ago, before opening their Farm Stall shop in Bellochinty in June this year.

Upturn

They had not managed to get sprouts to take to their high and windy patch of farmland, but this year has seen an upturn in their Brussels fortune.

Hannah said: 'We have tried growing sprouts for a number of years but the plants have never thrived. Winter vegetables that grow above ground, as opposed to



Charlie, 4, checking the size of the leeks while Will cuts the sprout plants.

root vegetables, are always going to be vulnerable to the weather and wind here.

'This year we tried the sprouts in a different field that has a heavier soil further from the shore line and covered them in Enviromesh, a thin net that acts as a windbreak and protects the crop. The sprouts

are fantastic this year and very tasty. We sell them in bags but also on the stem with the sprout tops still on. The tops are also edible, and in our family are the favourite part.'

Persevered

Hannah and Will moved to Kintyre from south west England, and admit it took time to

get used to the different landscape and weather. They are glad they have persevered and are now reaping the tasty benefits.

Hannah said: 'When we saw the farm I loved everything about it, but asked Will if we moved could we have two things; heating in the house and a gar-

den, of which there were neither. Will built a walled garden from beach stones and we began to grow our own vegetables. This was a steep learning curve, as the weather and growing conditions are very different to Gloucestershire where we had moved from.

Local demand

'We started selling eggs on our stall and we thought we'd try putting on some carrots and tatties as we had grown too many for ourselves. We soon sold out and realised there was a local demand for local fresh farm vegetables.'

'The majority of vegetables are grown in the south of England and then go through a number of pack houses and distribution centres, before reaching Glasgow and finally here.

'We grow everything for our farm stall ourselves and pick everything fresh each day, which makes a massive difference to taste and quality of all the vegetables.'

Fewer forms for farmers

THE SCOTTISH Government is heralding a breakthrough in reducing red tape for farmers.

Under EU rules, livestock keepers are required to provide information to the Scottish Government each year, collected through the sheep and goat annual inventory in January as well as the annual December agricultural survey.

In line with Brian Pack's recommendations on reducing red tape, the surveys have been merged - which means 5,700 livestock keepers only have to complete one form instead of two.

And, for the first time, farmers will also have the option this year of submitting their re-

turns online through the SCOTEID website - although paper forms will continue to be sent out if needed.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'The Scottish Government and our agencies - through the RAFF Delivery Board - will continue to seek further ways of reducing red tape for Scottish agriculture both here at home and to push for greater action at EU level.'

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£70 Ardfern Suffolk lamb tops Oban sale

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 733 store lambs and feeding ewes, as well as seven store cattle and 11 OTM cattle at the company's Oban sale on Tuesday November 24.

Store lambs (432) averaged £41.81, down £3.94 on the year, selling to £70 for a Suffolk from C McLarty, the Homestead, Ardfern.

The sale of 169 feeding ewes saw trade £6.27 back on last year to an average of £31.73. Top price of £70 was for a Texel from R S McColl, Stalker Cottage, Appin.

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Ewes:
Tex - £70 Stalker Cottage;

Chev - £59 Tangasdale;

Cross - £58 Kilbrandon;

Suff - £56 Tyree;
BF - £46 Tyree;

Bullocks (4) to £940.00 from M MacKinnon, Castlebay.

Heifers (3) to £520 from A McLarty, The Homesteads.

OTMS (11) to £440 from Glenstrae Farmers.

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 317 suckled calves and store cattle at Stirling on Monday November 30.

159 bullocks averaged 205.73p per kg, selling to 268.10p per kg for Simmental from FB and JM Gauld, Standingfauld, Braco and to £1,310 from J Hornall, Falleninch, Stirling.

126 heifers averaged 200.59p per kg, selling to 229.50p per kg for a Charolais from Glen-

side Farms, Plean and to £1,180 for a Limousin, also from Glenside Farms.

32 black and white bullocks averaged 147p per kg, selling to 164p per kg from Merslaugh Farm, Stranraer.

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Bullocks per head
£1,310 Falleninch;
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£1,160 West-
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Bullocks per kilo
268p Standingfauld;
263.5p Easter Jawcraig;
260.9p Murrayshall;
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Heifers per head
£1,180 Glenside Farms;

£1,150 Greenhead;
£1,120 Eskechreggan;
£1,110 West-
ter Hassockrigg;
£1,060 Bowridge.

Heifers p per kilo
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Santa pays a visit to Lochgilphead Parish Church

Gavin makes sure he is first in line – again



Logan Grunewald, two. 08_a49grotto04

CHILDREN queued up outside Lochgilphead Parish Church desperately waiting to meet Santa at the weekend, but not before eight-year-old Gavin Small.

The Lochgilphead youngster has been first to see Santa for the past three years and once again made sure he was first in line.

He excitedly met Santa in his grotto in the church hall and told him his Christmas wish list before posing for a photograph and receiving a gift from Santa's helpers.

The event is organised by Mid Argyll Rotary Club and money raised every year goes to local charities.

Despite bad weather, consisting of rain, hail and snow, on Saturday

the festive event saw around 100 children and their families go along.

After a meeting with the man in red himself, families sat down to enjoy tea, coffee, juice and cakes served up especially for the afternoon.

A raffle also helps to raise cash for charity and this year's event raised ££££.



Gavin Small, eight, was first to see Santa in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall for the fourth year in a row. 08_a49grotto01



Twins Maxwell and Joshua Kerr, three. 08_a49grotto05



Nine-year-old Sophie MacIver with Santa. 08_a49grotto02

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The annual fundraiser is held to raise cash for the village hall. On Saturday crafts were for sale in time for Christmas. People purchased gifts and goodies and enjoyed soup and sandwiches served by volunteers, who lent their kitchen skills for the day.

A ceildh was held in the village hall in the evening followed by a rap performance. The whole day saw more

than 100 locals attend.

Organiser Andrew Morgan said: 'We happened to have a Glasgow band come along to the event while it was in the area on other business. One of the guys could rap and offered to perform for us. It was certainly a little bit different and very interesting to see and hear.'

The day raised a total of £295, which will go towards the general day-to-day running of Ford village hall.



Artist Inga Bos' work is currently exhibiting in Glasgow's Hidden Lane art gallery, but she had print reproductions of her work available to buy. 08_a49ford03



Andrew Morgan at his jam stall. 08_a49ford01



Beekeepers, Sue and Peter Creech, sold fresh honey and Christmas decorations at the fair on Saturday. 08_a49ford02

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

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15/03161/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, garden shed, installation of septic tank and formation of new access.	Plot A Land West of Corranmor Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
15/03209/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/02559/PPP (Site for the erection of 1 no. dwellinghouse and installation of a septic tank/biodisc treatment plant)	Plot 2 Torran Farm Ford Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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CIH Scotland comments on updated housing statistics



Quarterly housing statistics for Scotland provide an update on new home starts and completions for the third quarter of 2015 for the social sector and for the second quarter of 2015 for the private sector.

Commenting on the figures, Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland director Annie Mauger said: 'We welcome the rise in affordable and social rented homes built over the 12 months to September 2015. However, these figures also show that the total number of homes built across all tenures has fallen in recent years - and the scale of the challenge we face to build the new housing we need to help the growing number of people who are struggling to access a decent home at a price they can afford. Our research with Shelter Scotland and the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations has shown that we need to build at least 12,000 affordable homes a year for the next five years - today's figures show that just less than 7,000 were built in the year to the end of September.'

'Given current budget constraints, delivering the number of new homes that are needed will require some genuinely bold new thinking. We also need to ensure that we are building homes of all tenures (to buy, to rent and for shared ownership) that are truly affordable for people on all incomes. Ahead of next year's election, we look forward to working with politicians from all parties to share the knowledge and experience of Scotland's housing professionals so we can develop solutions that will work in practice on the ground.'

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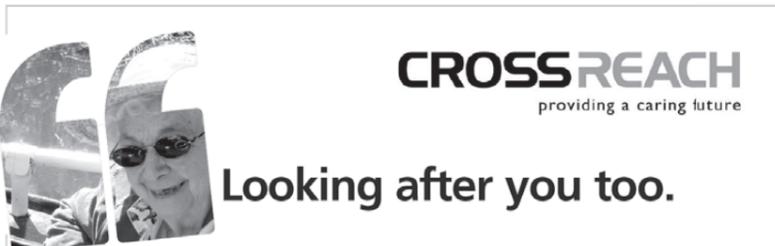
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE weather threw its worst at us, but it did not deter us. Amidst the torrential rain, hail and gale force winds, we gathered at the Christmas Market at Springbank in Campbeltown.

We gathered in cheerfulness, with good humour and resilience. The rewards far outweighed the challenge of the weather.

What a wonderful feeling of community and cheerfulness emanated from all the stall-holders. I loved the fact that the whole family of community gathered and helped.

All of God's family played their part.

The young folk from the grammar school welcomed us as we entered with carols and songs.

Iona with her great people skills, sold us our Christmas tree.

Our even younger folk, like Gavin, told us of the 'awesome' cakes on Hannah's stall, and so now we can't wait to taste them.

Music and laughter and happy conversations permeated the day. Paintings by local artists reminded us of the talents in this wee community.

We bought wonderful Christmas chutney, peach and amaretto jam with Christmas biscuits from Pat, and lovely quiche from Dalnaspidal.

Beautiful crafts of needlework and skills of such variety reminded me of all God's gifts to us.

Santa and the Minions mingled to welcome and amuse, and provided us with laughter.

Yes, they are part of the secular world, but they do have their place in our celebrations.

Where there is love and kindness, we can find God. Advent reminds us of the coming of God in human form.

Often we miss Jesus amidst all the commercialisation of Christmas. Yet if we look beyond the tinsel we do find the truth.

On Sunday in Campbeltown I felt that God was very much evident in the friendship and the fun we shared together.

Where people gather and share and care, there is much that reflects the vision of God's dream for his people.

KILMARTIN

Mystery resident funds outing

A KIND resident of Mid Argyll has funded yet another outing for more than 40 people.

The annual compassionate benefactor behind the donation to Kilmartin, Glassary and Ford Church wishes to remain anonymous.

But the hundreds of people that the money has supported to get out on social occasions are thankful for such a treat.

Linda Tighe, one of two organisers of the outings, said: 'We don't often shout about this, but it is a good deed and really supports people who are more vulnerable, older or just those who don't have regular access to transport to get out and about and socialise with others.'

'The benefactor donates the sum to the church and it is not only church members who are welcome, but the people who live in the parish area. People really enjoy these outings and appreciate them.'

Last Thursday participants enjoyed Christmas lunch at the Cairbaan Hotel. Isobel Soudan also works with Linda to organise the outings, which take place once each month.

FURNACE

Christmas party for the elderly

ELDERLY members of the Furnace community will enjoy a Christmas party tomorrow at the village hall.

The annual event will be hosted in the hall where food and drinks will be served up by the Furnace Amenity Association.

Local youngsters will also be on hand to help on the evening and will look forward to celebrating the arrival of Santa himself during the party, which takes place from 4.30pm.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Charity whisky tasting at the Stag Hotel

WHISKY tasters will be piling into a Mid Argyll hotel to raise cash for charity tonight (Friday).

Campbeltown's Springbank distillery will offer a taste of some of its finest tipples at The Stag Hotel on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead from 7.30pm. All money raised will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care. For more information, pop in to the Flow-er Shop, on Lochnell Street or Fyne Wines on Lorne Street both in Lochgilphead.

INVERARAY



One musician at the November event.

Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

AN AUDIENCE filled the Inveraray Inn to enjoy musical performances hosted by Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

The monthly event welcomed renditions from Fyne Folk, with Nick MacFarlane on accordion, Sally Hall, Jake MacKay and Alex John MacLeod on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

The club's chairman, Niel Iain MacLean, proudly welcomed guest artist virtuoso accordionist David Vernon from Edinburgh. Mr MacLean said: 'David took the audience on a

tour of the world. It is hard to describe the talents of the player and he has to be seen and heard for his incredible dexterity to be appreciated.'

Captivated

David captivated the audience with his talent on the bass and keyboard, which was alternately mixed with humorous stories and jokes.

Next week, the guests to the event will hear performances from the 2015 winner of the band competition at this year's Newtongrange Accordion and Fiddle Festival, the Ewan Galloway Trio, from Musselburgh.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation' (Isaiah 12:2).

BIRTHS

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RAMSAY - JONES - Rhys and Morag are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Sheena Alyson Jones, on November 24, 2015. Mother and baby are doing well. First grandchild for Matthew and Sheena, Carradale, and new grandchild for family in Wales. All so happy!

DEATHS

AITKEN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on November 28, 2015, Janet (Nettie) Aitken, nee Thomson, of 2 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, aged 90 years, beloved wife of the late William Aitken, much loved and loving mum of Andrew and Ruth, adored gran of Robin, Andrew and Catriona and a much respected mother-in-law of Paul. A cherished sister, aunt and cousin to all the family and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church, today Friday, December 4, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Dochas Centre and Marie Curie Mid Argyll.

MACDONALD - On November 27, 2015, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Dr Neil Macdonald (Scourie), in his 80th year, beloved husband of Hilary, much loved by Kirsteen, Jamie and Nikki, and a dearly loved grampa. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, December 4 at 10.15am, thereafter to a memorial service at Tarbert Parish Church at 1.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid and Tarbert Senior Citizen's Annual Dinner.

MCNAIR - Peacefully, on Friday, November 27, 2015, in Struan Lodge, James (Jimmy), beloved husband of the late Margaret, loving father to Gordon, Mairi, Jim and Robin and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Sadly missed and dearly loved by all his family and friends. The funeral service will be held on Friday, December 4, in Strachur Parish Church at 11.00am, and thereafter to Strathlachlan Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Struan Lodge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACCALLUM - The family of the late Malcolm MacCallum wishes to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy. Sincere gratitude to Dr Mark Simpson and all the staff of Lochgilphead Medical Centre for the care and support shown to Malcolm over many years. Special thanks to Collete Morgan, Macmillan nurse, community nurses, extended community care team and Marie Curie nurse for their skill and care, which enabled Malcolm to stay at home during his

final illness. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, to Fiona and Roddy of D MacDonald for professional services, to Alistair MacLean for piping tribute, and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Thank you to all who attended at the church and graveside. The retail collection for Erskine amounted to £275. Malcolm was a true gentleman who served Lochgilphead in the Army Cadet Force, Fire Brigade and Community Council. He leaves many treasured memories and will be sadly missed.

SOUDEN - The family of the late Isobel McLean would like to thank family and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Isobel. Thanks to Alasdair Blair and son for caring and efficient arrangements, to Rev Crossan for a personal service, to the Argyll Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for RNID raised £392.32.

IN MEMORIAMs

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

MARTIN - Loving memories of Marion, a much loved mum and granny, died December 2, 1997. Forever in our thoughts.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

MCNAUGHTON - Treasured memories of my husband, John, who died December 9, 2013. A devoted father, father-in-law, granda and great granda. It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home.

- Betty and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 6th December 2015
Skipness Service 10.00am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev Walter Ritchie
Guild Meets Monday 7th December
Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care

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Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
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Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Soup lunches last Thursday of the month - 12.00 - 1.30.
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 6th December 2015
Morning Worship 11am
Tuesday mainly music at 10.15am
Friday Jumpstart From 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 6 December
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
followed by Christmas Fayre
in Achnamara Hall
Monday 7 December
Prayer meeting 10 am
Tayvallich Church

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SATURDAY 5th December 2015
PRAYER GATHERING
9.15 for 9.30am Finish approx. 12 noon

SUNDAY 6th December 2015
11.00 am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Graham McLean
'Knowing the Time'

THURSDAY 10th December 2015
10.00 am (Please note change of time) Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

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3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

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Saturdays
Eucharist Service
Sunday 6th December
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Sunday 6th December 2015

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Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glennaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

Services conducted by Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim Moderator

All Welcome
Note: Induction of Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell, Cumlodden Church, Saturday 12th December, 2 pm



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
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Ford 11.45 am
Rev C Acklam - All welcome
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Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer 10.45am
Followed by AGM

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George Street, Campbeltown

Friday 4th December
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship

Saturday 5th December
9.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 6th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Suraj Kasula

2.00pm Explorers Club
for all Primary school children
3.00pm 'After the Earthquake'
Suraj and Roshani Kasula
Wednesday 9th December
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe

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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

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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
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LOCHGILPHEAD
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SC0002876)

Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 6th December 2015
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3rd, 4th & 5th December
Christmas Lunches in Kirk Street Hall
Badminton Club
meets on Tuesday evenings in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Saturday 5th December
BB Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
Church Hall

Sunday 6th December
Service 11.15am

Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace

Town Carol Service 6.00pm
Monday 7th December
Guild New Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th December
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 10th December
Choir 7.30pm



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Army Kidz

6.00pm Town Carol Service
Lorne & Lowland Church

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Lunch Club - 12.15pm
Home League - 1.30pm

Wednesday
Make and Munch Mob - 7.00pm

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 6 December 2015
11.00am
Family Communion Service
Mr John Ives

Thursday 10 December
No Bible Study this week
Cup of Peace - Coffee Afternoon
CLOSED until after Christmas

TONIGHT - Friday 4 December
7.30pm in the FREE CHURCH
Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Panel Night

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Council moves to biomass as ten projects given green light

NINE ARGYLL and Bute schools and a school hostel are to be converted to biomass heating, many over the next few months.

Funded by £2 million of 'prudential' borrowing, primary schools at Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Kilcraggan, Park and Rosneath will have biomass heating installed, along with Tarbert High/Primary, Tیره High/Primary, Tobermory High/Primary and Lochgilphead joint campus.

Oban's Glencruitten Hostel will also be converted to biomass heating.

Five other proposed biomass heating projects at Arrochar, Dunbeg, Port Charlotte, Port Ellen and Tighnabruach primary schools were deemed unaffordable.

The project to convert the buildings from oil



Argyll and Bute Council plans to use wood pellets - and may become a supplier.

and electric heating to wood biomass relies on a government support scheme known as the Renewable Heat Incentive. Subject to changing government policy, schemes delivered by March next year will secure a known tariff rate for a 20-year period. The local authority hopes

to save an estimated £168,000 annually in heating costs, reducing into the bargain its carbon footprint by 988 tonnes.

In a paper before councillors last Thursday, officers conceded that there was a risk that some of the 10 sites might not meet the March deadline if

there was any delay in planning or building consent.

Questioned by about timescale, the council's executive director of customer services, Douglas Hendry, replied: 'The timescale will be challenging, but the advice we have is that it is something that can be pursued. Given a

fair wind, we have every chance of delivering this.'

Councillors also questioned the decision to use wood pellets rather than wood chips, with councillor Sandy Taylor commenting: 'The cost of pellets is twice that of chips per unit of heat, and it is easier to create chips than to pelletise.'

As part of the scheme, Argyll and Bute Council is to explore the possibility of becoming a wood pellet supplier, given the scarcity of local supplies and cost of imported woodfuel.

'In doing this, the council will be creating a critical mass,' said councillor Rory Colville. 'This is an opportunity for Argyll and Bute to become a leader in this technology in Scotland.'



Dr Simon Gilmour, director of the Society of Antiquaries Scotland, speaks at the symposium. 06_a49kilmartin01

Local history goes under the spotlight

INTERNATIONALLY important as Argyll's archaeology might be, the region does not get the recognition it deserves. That was one of the conclusions as 10,000 years of local history was under the spotlight last weekend at a two-day archaeological symposium.

The event, organised by Kilmartin Museum, brought together professional historians, archaeologists and local history groups.

There was agreement that Argyll's archaeology is internationally important due to the quality, variety and concentration of monuments.

The purpose of the event was to build a complete picture of Argyll's history and to un-

derstand what gaps there are in the knowledge of the area.

The royal kingdom of Dalriada and its role in the development of Scotland was discussed, and it is clear that surprisingly little is actually known and understood about medieval households in Argyll.

The changes in Argyll's landscape, coastline and environmental effects during these periods were considered, as well as the diet of local people and how they would have started farming the land and settled here.

It was agreed at the symposium that the archaeology of Argyll is not as well known as it should be, and more should be done to promote its importance.



The audience at the symposium.

Who's with who at Kilmory?

WITH the formation of the Reform group on September 24, there are no fewer than seven different political groupings within Argyll and Bute Council.

In light of this, and with recent changes in the composition of the administration, council officials last week presented councillors with a useful list of political affiliations and groupings, as things stood at that point.

The groups are: Alliance of Independent Councillors: Alastair MacDougall, Robert G MacIntyre, Donnie MacMillan, Alex McNaughton, Jimmy McQueen, Len Scoullar (provost) Dick Walsh (AIC group leader, leader of the council).

Argyll First: Donald Kelly (Con), (Argyll First Group leader), Duncan MacIntyre (Ind), John McAlpine (Ind), Douglas Philand (Ind) (depute provost), Robert E Macintyre (Ind).

The Argyll, Lomond and the Isles group: Rory Colville (LD), Robin Currie (LD), Aileen Morton (LD), Eileen Morton (TALIG group leader, depute leader of the council), Maurice Corry (Con), David Kinniburgh (Con), Gary Mulvaney (Con) Elaine Robertson (Ind), George Freeman (Ind), Roddy McCuish, Mary Jean Devon, George Freeman (Ind), Roddy McCuish, Mary Jean Devon.

Reform group: Michael Breslin (Reform group leader), Vivien

Dance (depute group leader), Bruce Marshall (group secretary).

Scottish National Party group: Sandy Taylor (SNP group leader), Anne Horn, James Robb, Isobel Strong, Richard Trail (depute group leader), William Gordon Blair, (group secretary), Iain Angus MacDonald, Iain Stewart MacLean, John Armour. Non-aligned: Neil Macintyre (Lab).

Other than councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand, who recently stood down from the administration, the 21-strong ruling group, led by councillor Dick Walsh, is made up of the Alliance of Independent Councillors, Argyll First and The Argyll, Lomond and the Isles group.

Craignish hall marks ten years with big plans for 2016

CELEBRATING ten years of Craignish Village Hall (CVH) went down a storm with locals at the weekend and event organisers reckon 2016 could be the 'best yet' for the village.

Residents celebrated the anniversary of their 'new' village hall last weekend with a ceilidh, and are planning a bumper year of performances, celebrations and community art projects.

The big plans for 2016 have come after CVH secured funding from Creative Scotland, and events include new community artworks, drama, dancing and creative writing workshops.

'Performers, visitors and locals all agree that

our village hall is one of the best in the west, and we're confident that 2016 is going to be the best year for us yet,' said Matt Walsh, chairman of the hall committee.

'A huge amount of effort went into the fundraising, building and running of the place, and we felt that our 10th anniversary was well worth celebrating.

'Thanks in large part to the grant we received from Creative Scotland we'll be able to make these plans come to life and give people even more reasons to come and make and do new things here.'

As they are confirmed, a full list of events will be featured on the new hall website.

Meet and munch at Kilberry

THE NEXT meet and munch meeting will be at Kilberry Church on December 8 at 12pm.

The talk will be given by John Campbell of Kilberry Castle and will be on the subject of murder, intrigue

and scandal, true stories from the Kilberry archive.

Organisers ask that people bring a donation as there will need to be a small collection to cover electricity and room costs.

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Camanachd Association reveals new team of development officers

FOLLOWING a restructure of shinty development in Scotland, the Camanachd Association has unveiled a new team of development officers.

An association statement said: 'Following a comprehensive review and restructuring exercise earlier this year, the Camanachd Association's development team has been significantly strengthened in line with the new strategic plan for shinty 2015-2017.'

'The restructured development team is now the largest in the association's history and will considerably enhance the organisation's capacity to work with and on behalf of members in the

promotion and development of shinty across Scotland. The development team will cover allocated clubs and their associated schools plus universities in their region.'

Euan McMurdo will cover the development needs of Argyll shinty clubs, including Ballachulish.

A full list of the new positions are: National development manager, Graham Cormack; regional development manager, Ronald Ross; regional development officer - west, Euan McMurdo; regional development officer - central, Paul MacArthur; regional development officer - north, Katie Drain.



Lochgilphead Golf Club prize winners.

Annual shinty meeting decisions

SHINTY'S ruling body, the Camanachd Association, held its annual general meeting at the West End Hotel in Fort William on Friday November 27.

With association president Jim Barr in the chair, more than 50 people attended, providing a voting strength on the night of 33 from a total voting membership of 45.

Some of the key motions approved by mem-

bers at the meeting were:

□ A proposal from Newtonmore Camanachd Club that named players (player pool) would not be eligible to play in reserve team league fixtures.

□ A proposal from Kilmallie Shinty Club that the bottom two teams in the premierships should be relegated and the top two teams in the national division should be promoted at the end

of each season.

□ An increase in match fee and mileage rate for match officials.

□ The appointment of George Hay and Angus MacVicar as directors of the camanachd association.

□ The appointment of Ian Ross and Donnie Grant (both Kingussie) as members of honour.

□ The appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as accountants for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Lochgilphead golf club awards

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club had its annual prize giving at its clubhouse on November 27.

A number of prizes were awarded by club secretary Fiona MacLeod. There was a buffet by Rumble Tums and music from Colin Rowan.

Prizes awarded were as follows: Easter Trophy - R Brown; Booker Trophy - D Sinclair; Marie Curie Medal - T Angus; Famous Grouse Doubles - K MacAulay,

D Sinclair; Team Scramble - K Cowan, D Sinclair, D Sinclair; Dunlop Tankard - J Scott; Captain's day - L Scott; Ann William's shield - D Johnson; Kilcolm Cup - K MacAulay; RNLI Medal - C Patterson; John Paterson Trophy - A Swan; Tennent's trophy - A MacAulay; Nicky's Cup - C Penman; Dunlop Stableford - L Scott; Centenary Cup - R Brown; Peter White Cup - R Flanagan; AM/AM team trophy -

G MacDougal, D Sinclair, K MacAulay; Sargent Cancer Medal - J Hunter; MacAulay Cup - L Scott; Final Fling - A MacAulay; Charity Cup - L Scott; September Stableford A MacAulay; Midweek Challenge - R McGlynn; Miss Campbell Decanter - A MacAulay; Jubilee Plate - R McGlynn; Burgh Cup - R Sinclair; Tait Trophy - A MacAulay; MacKenzie Cup - J Hunter and A MacAulay.

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Eilidh's on the ball

RECENTLY appointed Active Schools co-ordinator Eilidh MacPherson has spoken to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* why she is passionate about her role.

The Tarbert-born fitness enthusiast took up the position with Argyll and Bute Council in the autumn and provides the link between school activities and community activities.

Eilidh, 27, who now lives in Oban, has always loved Mid Argyll and calls it 'home'. She went to Tarbert and then Ardrishaig primary schools before going to the 'old' Lochgilphead High School.

Now she is back and based at Mid Argyll Sports Centre where she hopes to help the youth of Mid Argyll, and adults, make the most of sporting activities in the area.

Eilidh said: 'I really hope to make a positive impact on the children in the communities of Mid Argyll and the most of sport that is already prominent in the area but has been flagging a little, such as shinty.'

'We need to get more volunteers involved with the high school shinty, as this is where it needs a boost. We have great helpers for the primary school clubs. I want locals to know that

Why new co-ordinator is passionate about her role



Eilidh practices her tennis skills in the back of Andy Murray's Davis Cup glory. 06_a49active05

they can approach me, and I am their point of contact if they want to get involved in coaching with a current team, or if they want to start up something new.'

She also volunteered alongside Innes Paterson, the former Active Schools coordinator for Mid Argyll and well-known member of the community.

'I worked with Innes when we volunteered at Atlantis Leisure Centre summer camp, in Oban, in 2012. I know him well and believe I have a lot to live up to in this role,' she laughed.

Eilidh will continue with clubs and activities that Innes initiated.

She said: 'The holiday camps here were very successful and I continued this with the October holiday camp, with MACPool and Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

offers a variety of sports to try out, including dance and mini athletics.

Eilidh said: 'I am passionate about giving kids in Mid Argyll more and better sport opportunities. I have a lot of enthusiasm for this and I want children and parents to be able to approach me and tell me what they want.'

'I want to see more children taking part in sport, but most of having fun with it, and to be able to take that with them after they leave school.'

Outdoors

Eilidh has already made contact with some local sporting clubs and is keen to make use of Argyll's great outdoors.

Hockey player Eilidh is also making the most of the outdoors in her own time. She said: 'My PE teacher in school is still here and it was she who taught me to play hockey, which is my personal favourite.'

'But I love all sport and I am currently learning to surf. I really love this because it is using the Scottish environment.'

'I am really keen to get



Kids in the mini rugby club at Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Tuesday after school. 06_a49active03

youngsters here more involved with walking, sailing, rowing and possibly surfing clubs.'

Eilidh is also calling on volunteers in the community to help her out at various kids clubs and is encouraging people with ideas for a new club, but don't know how to start up, to visit her for advice.

She said 'I can upskill people who want to go out on their own, put them in touch with the right people and answer any questions that they have.'

If anyone has a great idea for a club or sporting event, would like to get involved in coaching, or want to know what is on, contact Eilidh via email on eilidh.macpherson@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone on 01546604134 or 07342061215.

Sporting leaders of the future?



BASKETBALL enthusiasts Brodie Cross, Orin Corlett and Theo Maddox, above, recently took part in an Argyll and Bute-wide sports leaders' conference over two days in Oban, where they each gained two qualifications.

The 16-year-olds, all Lochgilphead High School pupils, have been helping out at sports clubs and with school PE classes as part of their experience, and the lads prepared for their course entirely in their own time.

A total of 25 Lochgilphead pupils from S5 and S6 are involved in leaders' courses.

Sports lottery draws

THE WINNING numbers in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 2, 10 and 15. J Baker scooped the £200 jackpot so next week's jackpot is £100.

Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers are 8, 17 and 18. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £800.

Inveraray Shinty Club winning numbers were 3, 4 and 8. There were no winners. Next week's jackpot is £500.



Eilidh takes a lesson from 16-year-olds Theo Maddox, Orin Corlett and Brodie Cross. 06_a49active02

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