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## A signal of better things to come

MP Brendan O'Hara and MSP Michael Russell point to one of the new mobile phone masts Vodafone have installed in Ormsary. It's hoped the 3G signal the new masts provide will encourage people to come to the area. Full story on page 4. 08\_a07ormsary01

## Councillors meet to make far-reaching cuts

AMID rumours of last-ditch talks between Argyll and Bute Council and finance minister John Swinney, councillors met yesterday to make far-reaching cuts to services.

Planned protests at the council's Kilmory headquarters ahead

of Thursday's budget meeting were just the latest in a series of objections to council plans to slash £10 million from its budget.

Speaking ahead of the budget meeting, council leader Dick Walsh said: 'It is important to ensure that, despite the

challenges we face, we establish a way forward for Argyll and Bute to find a bright, thriving future.'

But a telephone call is believed to have taken place on Wednesday evening between finance minister John Swinney MSP and the

council leader in a bid to ease financial concerns in the region.

Trade unions have meanwhile joined forces to condemn savings measures that would see around 600 jobs lost at Argyll and Bute Council.

**More next week.**

## No new volunteers means the end of Mòd Dalriada

THE COMMITTEE of Mòd Dalriada has decided it can no longer run the event.

For the past three years the committee has tried to recruit people to join them with no success.

Chairman John Murray is planning to leave the area and other committee members, some of whom have been involved since 1998, feel they can no longer continue.

During a meeting at the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead on February 9, John said: 'In the absence of young people saying there is a need and want for the Mòd to carry on, there is no point in trying again next year.'

An extraordinary general meeting was held on June 26 2015 to discuss the situation but the committee was disappointed when only three members of the public attended.

Mòd Dalriada began in 1922 as Mid Argyll and Nether Lorn Mòd and continued until 1994

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with events every year except during the Second World War.

It stopped in 1994 due to low competitor numbers but was resurrected in 1998.

Mòd Dalriada was the first provincial mod to be held in September when it restarted in 1998.

This has now become common but at the time most were held at the beginning of the summer.

Because of this it was seen by competitors as a dress rehearsal for the Royal National Mòd, held in October.

Several singers who won at Mòd Dalriada went on to win the gold medal at the Royal National Mòd the following month.

John Murray said: 'While I am not from the area, I have many warm memories of the Mòd and of working with the committee who

work very hard to make it such a success.'

The Mòd continued to have high numbers of competitors with around 100 in 2014.

John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gaidhealach, the organisation that runs the Royal National Mòd and supports provincial Mòds, said: 'We were made aware of the difficulties the local committee were encountering last year and met with them in Argyll to offer our support.'

'Committee membership and support for initiatives such as the Dalriada Mòd has always been challenging. Oban Mòd has expanded and we hope that, in the meantime, the Gaelic community in Mid Argyll will access the opportunities that the Oban Mòd offers. The Oban Mòd committee is aware of the Dalriada  
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# Sewage leaks on to Tarbert street

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TARBERT residents have kicked up a stink after sewage came flooding out from drains in the town.

The sewage overflow occurred on February 6 and local resident Aggie Dennis said: 'This has been going on for years. The latest one was right outside my house.'

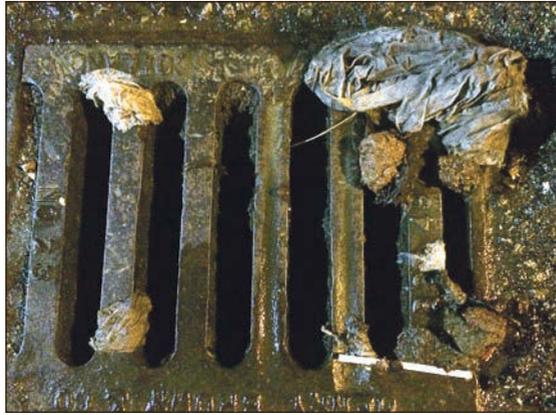
Improvements were made to the sewage works, including a new pumping station, in 2005 and this meant rain water and waste were no longer separate. When there is a lot of rain the system struggles and both rain water and sewage comes up from the drain.

Many residents have complained to Scottish Water about this and have also been in

touch with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) – though when *The Advertiser* spoke to the agency earlier this week, a spokesperson claimed no official complaints had been received.

Jim Frame, SEPA's unit manager for West Highlands and Argyll said: 'We would welcome any information from the public to ensure potential discharges to the environment can be adequately monitored.'

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'Scottish Water has responded to a number of calls from residents in Tarbert regarding a sewer leaking onto Harbour Street and Barmore Road during heavy or prolonged



The mess left after the latest flood.

rainfall. We are currently investigating the performance of the local pumping station and carrying out a survey and analysis of the

sewer network to try and better understand what work may be required.

'While we are aware of and have investigated reports of flooding in

the area, we would like to encourage residents to report incidents to us directly. Now that more residents are contacting us directly, we have a more comprehensive awareness of the full extent of the issue and will work with the local community and relevant authorities with regards to next steps.'

Scottish Water came to clear the mess on Monday February 8, but this failed to satisfy residents, including Mr Dennis, who said: 'This has happened on occasions too numerous to list, and Scottish Water

seem to think that if they come and clean up afterwards it will be fine. It isn't fine and a permanent solution must be found.'

People in the village say it is a health hazard as children play in the area and people could bring it into homes and businesses on their shoes.

Mr Frame added: 'In addition to the potential health and odour issues of raw sewage, uncontrolled discharges can have a serious impact on the local water environment and can lead to long-term contamination if left unchecked.'

## Councillor resigns from administration

AN INDEPENDENT councillor for the Lomond North ward has resigned from the administration of Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor George Freeman said he was finding it difficult to get questions answered by the administration on problems he raised with

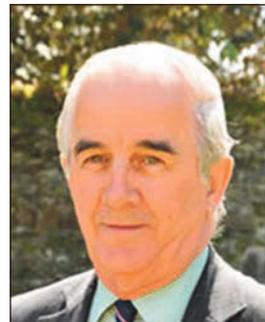
them and felt increasingly that he was just there 'to make up the numbers'.

Councillor Freeman said he was frustrated about having little say in the budget procedure and that other council business, particularly meetings at Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, had made it difficult to attend administration meetings.

He has also resigned from The Argyll, Lomond and the Islands group. He said he had been considering his position for some time.

Councillor Freeman said: 'My first priority has always been to my constituents and those who elected me to represent them, and that will not change.'

'I am also aware that there are many issues within the proposed



Councillor George Freeman.

budget that are of concern to my constituents, and operating as an independent councillor outwith the political group system will help

to free me from the restrictions that apply to all political groups.

'Unfortunately, due to the massive cuts in funding to Argyll and Bute Council and other local authorities across Scotland by the Scottish Government, there are no easy decisions that can be taken by the council and it is inevitable that it will be the most vulnerable within our communities who will suffer the most from the cuts in service that the council will have to make.'

### Bridge repaired

ARGYLL and Bute Council's bridge squad has repaired and reopened Crossaig Bridge on the B842 in Kintyre.

The road was closed on January 28 after it was discovered the wall protecting the bridge base from water ingress had been washed away, making it unstable. After five cubic metres of concrete were poured in and the protective walls rebuilt, the bridge was reopened on February 4.

## Police files Report sent to Procurator Fiscal

A CAR was stopped at the Riverside Filling Station, Lochgilphead, at 6pm on Wednesday February 3.

The 79-year-old driver was charged with allegedly having an expired licence, no insurance and no MOT. A report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Routine checks

A 64-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with allegedly having defective lights on his trailer.

Police stopped the car and trailer for routine checks near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, at 5.35pm on February 2. A report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Damage to cars

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two cars were scratched at Knapdale Terrace, Ardrishaig.

The first incident was between December 27, 2015 and January 2, 2016. A second incident occurred between 9am and 7pm on February 1.

### Drugs charge

AT 10.45AM on Thursday February 4 at Lunga, Ardfern, a 59-year-old man was charged with possession of cannabis. A report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Driver traced

AN UNINSURED vehicle was parked on Union Street, Lochgilphead, at 12.45pm on February 4.

The 24-year-old owner was traced and charged in connection with the offence. A report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

### No MOT

ABOUT 8.35am on February 8 a car was found to be without a valid MOT after being stopped at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig. The 38-year-old driver was issued with a £100 fine.

### Drug possession

A CAR was stopped by police near Minard about 10.15am on February 8. A 26-year-old man was found with a small quantity of cannabis and a recorded police warning was issued.

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**Mod Dalriada**

continued from page 1 situation and are completely supportive.'

Local councillor Sandy Taylor expressed sadness at the news commenting: 'The committee have done such good work over the years in producing a really good showcase of local talent, and celebration of Gaelic culture. The Dalriada Mod is something which people look forward to in the Mid Argyll events calendar.'

The Mòd Dalriada committee would like to thank all spectators, volunteers, adjudicators and competitors for their support over the years.

# Emergency response in spotlight after diver dies in Loch Fyne

AN INVESTIGATION is under way after a diver lost his life in a stormy Loch Fyne.

The 45-year-old man, understood to be a member of a Bathgate sub-aqua club, died on Sunday February 7 after getting into difficulties during a dive on the eastern shore of the loch near Lephinchapel, Strathlachlan.

His diving partner was

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airlifted to the hyperbaric chamber at Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory near Oban for decompression treatment.

**Died**

Police Scotland received a call around 12.50pm to say that a man had died while diving in the loch.

Dunoon coastguard

rescue team and the Prestwick-based coastguard rescue helicopter attended, along with Scottish Ambulance Service helicopter air ambulance and local paramedic crews.

**Helicopter**

The air ambulance was later stood down and the coastguard helicopter

transported the survivor to Oban.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service is investigating its own response, after confusion arose over the location of the incident, which happened as a strong south-south westerly wind blew over the loch.

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesman said: 'We are reviewing the

response to an incident near Loch Fyne on Sunday February 7. Two ambulances were quickly dispatched from Inveraray and Dunoon, along with an air ambulance helicopter from Glasgow.

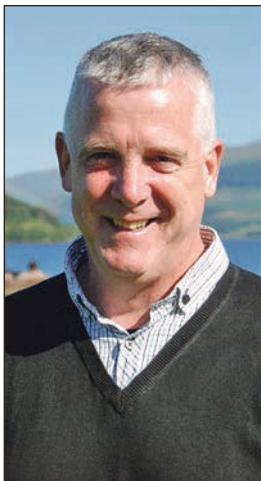
'They were initially sent to St Catherines Caravan Park.

**Connection**

'The quality of the call from a mobile phone

was very poor and the connection was lost. Once contact was re-established, ambulance control worked with the caller to establish the exact location of the incident and re-direct the crews to the scene as quickly as possible.'

The spokesperson added: 'Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of the diver who tragically passed away.'



**Councillor Dougie Philand.** a06\_a07philand01

## Residents urged to have their say on the Rest

TIME is getting short to make your views known to an influential government committee on the A83 trunk road at the Rest and be Thankful.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand, of the Argyll First council group, said: 'Whilst recognising the funding that the Scottish government has invested in the A83 and the extra funding announced at the recent task force meeting, Argyll First believes that the measures put forward are to miti-

gate the current difficulties but not give a permanent solution for this problem.

'The petition presented to the Scottish Government by Argyll First and backed by over 10,000 signatures has asked for a permanent solution.

**Provide**

'The current measures will not provide what Argyll and Bute has requested.'

The Scottish Government Petitions Committee is due to consider the request for a permanent

solution on February 23. Councillor Philand added: 'The petitions committee can be contacted at petitions@scottish.parliament.uk and is open to further evidence until Tuesday February 16.'

'We would urge residents of Argyll and Bute to make their views known and in particular if you believe that the current proposals do not provide a permanent solution for the A83 at the rest and be Thankful.'



**The Scottish Government Petitions Committee visiting the Rest in September last year - in glorious weather.** a06\_a07rest01

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## Man convicted over A83 tragedy

A DANISH man has been convicted of careless driving when he hit a minibus back in 2013, killing the driver of the vehicle.

Stefan Hansen, 24, was ordered to surrender his passport when he was convicted at Edinburgh High Court on Wednesday last week.

On October 17, 2013 Hansen was driving on the wrong side of the road at 7.10am, near Kennacraig on the A83, when his 4x4 vehicle collided head-on with a MacLeod Construction minibus being driven by Andy Rennie, 62, from Millars Park Campbeltown.

Mr Rennie, suffered serious injuries and died at the scene. Ten of the

construction workers, including his son Iain, were taken to hospital, some seriously injured.

Student Hansen, who has no previous convictions, had denied a charge of causing Mr Rennie's death by dangerous driving by driving his vehicle southbound in the northbound carriageway.

A jury at the High Court in Edinburgh convicted Hansen of a lesser offence of causing death by careless driving.

The court heard he had previously offered to plead guilty to that offence.

The judge, Lady Stacey, told Hansen: 'You appreciate you have been convicted of caus-

ing death and injury by careless driving.'

She explained that she required a report from a social worker before sentencing him later this month and would allow him bail but with a special condition that he surrender his passport.

The court heard that Hansen had previously been in Scotland in 2011 for work experience in the area, taking part in wildlife management and had driven regularly.

He had returned in 2013 with his father and one of his friends, and they went hunting.

On the morning of the crash he had set off alone with a rifle. He said he had turned onto the A83 taking the

left hand side. He said he had decided to change the channel on the radio and looked down. Hansen said: 'I switched the channel on the radio and the next thing I saw is two headlights coming towards me and there was a collision.'

Mr Rennie was a father of three and grandfather of nine, and drove the minibus every working day taking Campbeltown-based colleagues to jobs in Mid Argyll.

At the time MacLeod Construction director, Jane MacLeod, said: 'Andy Rennie was employed by us for more than 15 years and was a highly respected member of our company.'

Hansen is due to be sentenced later this month.



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# Villagers hope 3G signal will tackle Ormsary depopulation

NEW MOBILE phone coverage in one of Mid Argyll's most isolated villages has been launched with hopes it will bring more visitors and settlers to the area.

Ormsary became the latest village to benefit from a Vodafone scheme being rolled out across rural communities in the UK.

The 3G signal Vodafone's Rural Open Sure Signal (ROSS) programme was discovered by local lady Barbara Cutler, who got the ball rolling with an application

form back in November 2014. At the time she was supported by estate owners, the Lithgow family, chairwoman of the Ormsary Hall Committee Mary Semple and then MP for Argyll and Bute Alan Reid.

On Friday last week it was finally launched and has already made an impact on the village, but it is hoped that mobile phone signal will also encourage tourists and settlers to visit the area. Before Vodafone installed three masts there was no

mobile signal in the area and it was proving to be problematic for visitors and people living in the area.

Mary Semple said: 'We hold events in the hall and for us it was always very difficult to keep in touch with outside organisations who use the facility.'

'For example, the Cubs come here and use the hall, but before we couldn't even give out a contact telephone number. This has changed that and will make it more accessible to use. Mobile phone



Barbara Cutler, left, and Mary Semple are delighted to have championed the new 3G mobile coverage in Ormsary. 08\_a07ormsary02

coverage is also essential for keeping families in the area and boosting our population. It's such a big deal for running businesses as well. I have even heard that a few people with holiday homes struggle to get bookings when potential visitors hear that there is no wifi or mobile network

available. This will make a huge difference to our community.'

Barbara had originally read about the ROSS programme in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Colin Scott, senior regulatory manager with Vodafone said: 'It takes people just to catch on, it just shows that these things are possible.'

Brendan O'Hara MP and Michael Russell MSP were at the launch. Mr O'Hara said: 'This is important for economical growth. I applaud Vodafone on rolling it out.'

Ardfern is also one of seven communities in Argyll and Bute that will benefit from the scheme this year.

## Fishermen propose MPA changes

FISHERMEN have proposed changes to mitigate the potential economic impact of Marine Protected Area (MPA) fishing restrictions.

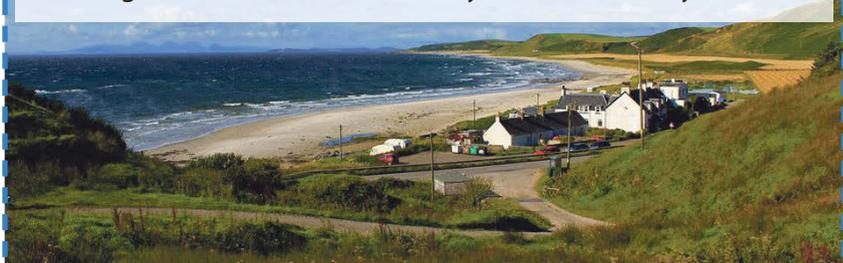
Members of Mallaig and North West Fishermen's Association (MNWFA) met with Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment Richard Lochhead MSP on Thursday to discuss the impact of the recently sanctioned MPA designations, which would limit some forms of fishing.

It was agreed not to lay the introduction of the Small Isles management order of the MPA until further discussions were held.

Mr Thompson said: 'It is heartening the government has listened to the concerns of the fishermen and I look forward to further constructive discussions.'

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Soldiers and cadets. 08\_a07army01

## Regiment on the lookout for Army recruits

THE ROYAL Regiment of Scotland's recruiting team has been out and about in Argyll.

The team was based at the cadet centre in Lochgilphead and also visited Campbeltown and Oban.

During their time in the area they spoke to school pupils and interviewed candidates who had

applied for the army. They also met with cadets to tell them about life in the army.

The army has more than 140 careers on offer including part time and full-time roles.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland recruits throughout the country and has five regular and

two reserve battalions. Sergeant Robbie Semple has been a reservist for 14 years and says his only regret is not joining sooner.

'I joined when I was 32,' he said.

'Although that's later than most, I've still achieved a lot and met some great mates.'

## Road works on A82 between Inverarnan and Tarmat

MAINTENANCE on the A82 between Inverarnan and Tarmat starts on Monday February 15.

No road closures are expected as trees, drains and rocks are cleared from the 10-mile stretch of road. Some parts of the road will be sin-

gle file and temporary traffic lights will be in place.

The work is part of a plan to improve the route in advance of an upgrade and work is due to be finished by Easter.

Transport Minister Derek MacKay said: 'Last year I took a trip

in a heavy goods vehicle to see for myself the challenges of driving the route and as a result I pledged to carry out measures to improve the route in advance of the upgrade for all road users, but particularly those driving long vehicles.'

'This work will be getting under way next week and will include the clearing away of vegetation, overhanging trees and the removal of loose stones and rocks from the verge of the road as well as the clearance and improvement of existing drainage.'

# Charity highlights funding difficulty

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A LOCAL charity highlighted difficulty in getting funding when MSP Michael Russell visited.

The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre in Lochgilphead costs around £140,000 a year to run and is funded half by its own activities and half by the International Progressive MS Alliance, a group of 11 MS charities that operate internationally.

Funding from Alliance

will run out in March and centre staff are applying for another five years of funding, centre manager Karen McCurry said: 'We're hopeful of getting Alliance funding and that it will want to help us develop.'

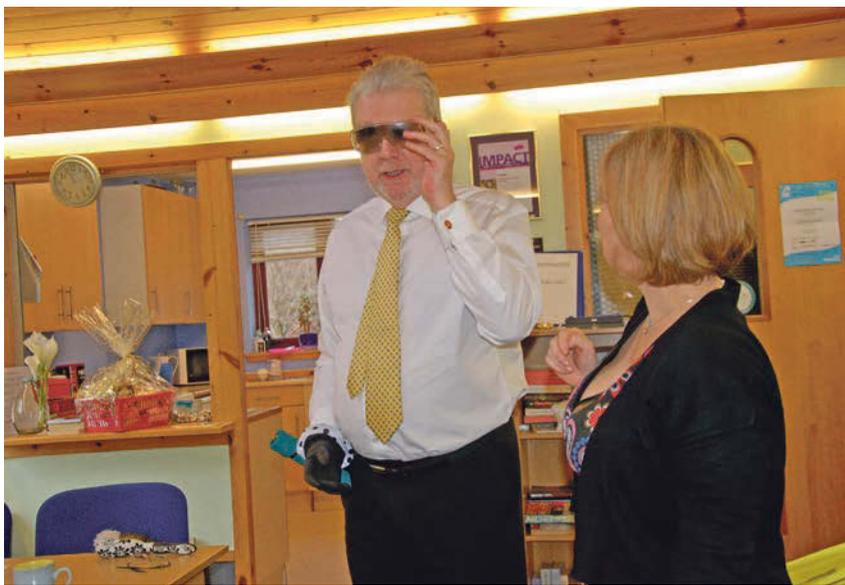
**Grant applications**

The centre has also put in grant applications to the Big Lottery and Argyll and Bute Council.

Over the 20 years it has been open, some

creative fundraising has been done including firewalks, abseils and bungee jumps. The centre relies on a team of 52 volunteers many of whom can no longer work because of MS or other long-term conditions.

The centre charges £6 for treatments such as massage and physiotherapy but as an hour in its hyperbaric chamber, an oxygenated chamber that can alleviate the symptoms of MS, costs the centre £25 per per-



Michael Russell tries on MS glasses. 06\_a07centre02



Michael Russell with staff and members of the MS Centre. 06\_a07centre01

son it is heavily subsidised.

It is unclear where any responsibility for funding the centre lies as NHS Highland says the council's social work department; it is the NHS's responsibility. When a health and social care integration fund was announced Karen applied for fund-

ing but was unsuccessful.

If council proposals have charities pay the non-domestic rates from which they are currently exempt, the MS Centre's calculations show it will be £10,000 worse off. Karen said: 'Fundraising to pay our rates isn't going to get the community supporting

us the same as saying we're doing it to provide treatments to people will long-term health conditions.'

While at the centre on February 5 Mr Russell saw the hyperbaric chamber in use as two members were going in for their session. He also heard from centre members and staff about liv-

ing with the condition and the problems they face in getting the support they need.

The politician was also happy to 'try on' MS by wearing an assortment of glasses to show how vision deteriorates, weights to show fatigue and flippers to show how difficult it can be to walk.

## Lodge donates to Dochas charity

A LOCAL charity was recently given a donation of £260 from the local Masonic Lodge.

The donation was made from Lodge Loch Fyne to The Dochas Carer's Centre, Lochgilphead and will support two of its projects.

Maggie McLaren, centre manager, said: 'The kind donation from the lodge will go to-

wards two projects, the Circle of Friends and Playlist for Life.

**Befriending**

Circle of Friends, is a befriending service for people and their carers, who are isolated and lonely and Playlist for Life supports people living with Dementia to make a personal and meaningful playlist of music.

Both of these services help re-

duce isolation and stress as well as promoting stimulation and communication.'

If you would like more information or to volunteer for any of these projects the Dochas Centre provides all training and support. Please contact Maggie McLaren, at the Dochas Centre, or Ryan Taylor, co-ordinator of Circle of Friends on 01546 600022.



Lodge Loch Fyne members Tommy Angus and Andrew Kerr present Maggie McLaren and Wanida McEwan with a cheque.

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## Mod ends

IT IS sad news that Mòd Dalriada has come to an end after so many years.

Generations of children will have sung and played instruments at the Mòd with some going on to success at the Royal National Mod.

Many of these singers will have gone on to have children of their own who have also competed at the Mòd and this has helped pass on Gaelic music and culture.

The committee has worked very hard for many years to make the Mòd the success it has been, with some having been there since it was relaunched in 1998.

## Mobile masts

ORMSARY having new 3G masts switched on will benefit the community immensely.

Many are put off moving to an area or staying in an area if they can't keep connected to the outside world, and for those in some lines of work or who own their own business it is vital.

These developments don't just happen, they take hard work, and credit is due to Barbara Cutler and everyone else who made it happen.

Mobile phone coverage is something many take for granted but living somewhere like Mid Argyll communities, unfortunately, often have to take the initiative for it to be delivered.

## Council budget

IT MUST be difficult being a councillor in these hard economic times. Hard decisions need to be made but public services must also be protected.

The choices over which services should be cut and by how much have now been made. We can only hope the right decisions have been made for the people of Argyll and Bute.

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## Facial recognition

Sir,  
I never thought that my face was so interesting that anyone would like to keep a record of it but now I am not so sure. I read that Police Scotland retain over 335,000 people's images on unregulated facial recognition technology.

Scottish Liberal Democrat justice spokesperson, Alison McInnes, used freedom of information requests to draw the SNP government's attention to the potential threat to civil liberties of unregulated use of facial recognition technology.

A recent report to the Scottish government concluded that Alison was right and concluded that there is, 'a need for improved legislation and better independent oversight around the police use of biometrics in Scotland.'

When in coalition government in Westminster the Liberal Democrats established a statutory code of practice governing such technology in England and Wales in 2012. It's time for the SNP government to catch up.

Just as occurred with stop and search, armed police and corroboration, the reports findings show that only Scottish Liberal Democrats can be trusted to protect your liberties.

**Ursula Craig,**  
Cove

## EU good Samaritans

Sir,  
It is often said that a lie can go around the world before the truth has got its boots on. This is particularly true in reports on the European Union (EU), where coverage is often distorted by confusion and misinformation.

I would like to reiterate to your readers that the EU has no plans to criminalise holidaymakers who act as good samaritans and rescue struggling migrants off the coast of Greece.

It is somewhat disheartening that other news outlets are willing to suggest an organisation that has donated millions in humanitarian aid would give people no choice but to watch others drown.

Yes, the European Council conclusions should explicitly acknowledge that some actions have a humanitarian reason and should never be prosecuted or treated as smuggling.

Migrant smuggling is a serious form of organised crime, and we cannot simply accept that shoving families on an overloaded boat and leaving it to fate is a viable option.

There is a huge difference between migrants and refugees, which has also been glossed over by certain quarters.

I would respectfully encourage your readers to get in touch whenever an EU story that strikes them as suspicious, and I'll be happy to give them the inside scoop.

**Alyn Smith MEP,**  
Edinburgh

## John Swinney

Sir,  
May I extend my wishes for happiness and prosperity to everyone for this Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey. People born in the year of the monkey are characterised as quick-witted, curious and innovative, but it is also believed to be one of the most unlucky years in the Chinese calendar.

Perhaps it is fortunate John Swinney, the finance secretary,

I understand, born in the year of the dragon. People born then are supposedly lucky, flexible, artistic but eccentric and eccentric seems to be his most prominent feature at present. A finance minister who is against austerity but does everything in his power to reduce vital services and force local authorities to pay off staff, a deputy leader who wants greater fiscal power, but is deliberately stretching out negotiations, so as not to have to explain his plans for taxation prior to the Scottish elections.

When the Scottish Liberal Democrats showed him how he could have £475 million extra each year to invest in education and Scotland's future, he refuses to consider it.

Mr. Swinney has always favoured the rich rather than those less well off. Those who pay higher tax bands of local taxation are better due to the council tax freeze. The Lib Dem 1p for education would have no negative impact on lower paid workers but would ensure those on higher incomes would pay their fair share. Mr. Swinney is determined to support the upper classes.

Let's just hope that Mr Swinney's other characteristics come to the fore and that the Year of the Monkey is not an unlucky one for us all.

**John Tacchi,**  
Helensburgh

## Marine protected areas

Sir,  
I read with some disappointment in the letters page the erroneous interpretation of how the proposed marine protected areas (MPAs) will affect

the fishing industry. The seas around Scotland belong to everyone, not just one small sector. What is being proposed is that three per cent of the total inshore waters of Scotland should be protected from the most damaging fishing activities (scallop dredging and trawling) in order that the seabed and fish stocks should recover.

This of course leaves 97 per cent of waters available for boats which by their nature are large seagoing vessels and they do fish widely not just in small local areas. Protecting areas brings marine environments damaged by years of exploitation back to life and this recovery is beneficial to fishermen as well as to wildlife tourism etc, this has been proven around the world, with New Zealand leading the way.

We live next to the Firth of Lorne where there has been no scallop dredging for eight years, the recovery underwater is remarkable with the area now a nursery for small fish and scallops. Wildlife tourism is thriving with eight boats taking wildlife watchers and divers out to enjoy the marine environment. All these people bring business to accommodation providers, restaurants and pubs. Not all fishing will be banned from MPAs, sustainable fishing such as scallop diving and creeling will continue.

Everyone in Scotland is a stakeholder in our seas, in the initial consultation on MPAs the vast majority of 5,000 respondents asked for there to be more protection for the marine environment. In the long term everyone will benefit from healthy seas.

**Jean Ainsley,**  
Seil

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# Kintyre drama festival – one night only

ROMANCE, dyslexia and hypnotism will be in the spotlight at Kintyre's annual drama festival.

Last year's winners Accent Players will be hoping to stage another top performance in the local round of the Scottish Community Drama Association (SCDA) One-Act Festival.

Last year their performance of 'That Old Black Magic' won the Argyll Kintyre District SCDA competition and the Rex Trophy.

This year's festival will be staged on Thursday February 18 in Campbeltown Grammar School at 7pm.

The early start is because it seemed that the best plan for the audience was to hold the festival on one fun-packed evening.

The show starts with Strachur and District Youth Drama, newcomers to the SCDA One-Act Festival.

Their play, 'The Struggles' by Kendra Thomas, is a poignant, award-winning drama about the problems caused by dyslexia.

Next to grace the boards will be Accent

Players with a play called 'Romance' by John Reason.

It tells the story of a woman who made a life-changing choice. Was it the right one?

The final team of the evening is the ever-popular Peninver Players with a cracking comedy called 'When I Snap my Fingers,' by Bruce Adam. A couple agree to be hypnotised for a short time. What could possibly go wrong...?

Lochgilthead Drama Club was due to perform with 'Mrs Meadowsweet' by the ever-popular David Campton, but have had to pull out.

#### Difficult task

Silvie Taylor of the Scottish Association of Speech and Drama Adjudicators is charged with the difficult task of judging the plays.

Silvie's adjudication work for The British and International Federation of Festivals, has taken her throughout UK, to Canada, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and on many occasions to Hong Kong.

She has judged public speaking at national level, is a book reviewer, freelance writer and past



Accent Players collecting last year's trophies are: Martha Rennie, Kenny Johnson and Maureen Johnson. 06\_a18drama02

president of the Scottish Association of Writers.

Tickets, priced at £7 and £4 for children un-

der 12, can be bought in advance at the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South, Camp-

beltown, or at Campbeltown Grammar School on the night.

For various reasons,

some of the regular teams are unable to take part in this festival, but hopefully they will be

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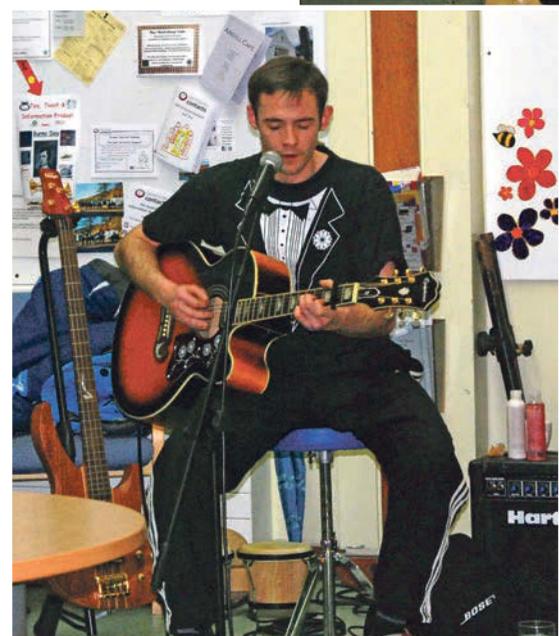
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# Easy club holds first session

A BRAND new music club for Mid Argyll held its first session at Lochgilghead Resource Centre.

Easy Club aims to be inclusive and is aimed mostly at those with long term health conditions, mental health problems or learning difficulties.

Local musician Vinny Hutton played a selection of covers and originals at the event and responded to requests. He also chatted to the small



Vinny Hutton played at the club. 08\_a7easyclub01

Many folk played at different times in the Sanctuary band. 08\_a7easyclub03

audience and thanked them for coming out on a wet Wednesday evening at the club on February 3.

The Sanctuary band also played a selection of well-known covers.

The band was formed at the Argyll and Bute Hospital and contains a number of former patients of the hospi-

tal, people with mental health problems and other volunteer players.

Players came in and out of the line up which allowed a variety of tunes to be performed to the delight of the audience.

A main aim of the club is to get everyone involved and this was done on the last song

where tambourines, maracas and all manner of other instruments were passed out to the crowd, who joined in with great enthusiasm.

Hugh Fife, who arranged the night and is a member of Sanctuary, said he had 'big plans' for the club and he hopes it will grow over the coming months.

## Photo clubs focus on Campbeltown competition

SNAPPERS from eight Argyll and Bute camera clubs will show off their lens work when an annual battle is held in Campbeltown.

The Frank Walton Argyll Inter-Club Trophy, originally donated by the eponymous Oban photographer, will not return to the Wee Toon for nearly a decade as it is hosted by a different club each year.

Mr Walton, 76, from Benderloch, ran his own camera shop in Oban for about 30 years before retiring aged 65.

He said: 'My father was a keen photographer and when he passed away in 1982 I conceived the idea of donating a trophy.'

'Oban had and continues to have a strong photographic club. When digital came along a lot of the purists said it would be the death of photography but it has

revitalised the skill. It is still a fascinating hobby.'

This year's Frank Walton event at the Seafield hotel on Monday March 14, will be joint hosted with Carradale Camera Club.

It will be attended by photographers from Cowal, Helensburgh, Mid-Argyll, Oban, Campbeltown and Carradale, joined by two younger clubs: 3Villages and Peninsula.

Clubs enter 10 images each with no more than two from any one photographer.

These will be inde-

pendently and expertly judged by Philip Price of Loch Visions based in Kilchrenan, Argyll.

Loch Visions runs photography workshops concentrating on wildlife photography exclusively in Argyll and Mr Price has featured on BBC Countryfile. He has won numerous awards including the British Countryside award for Best Rural Enterprise in 2008.

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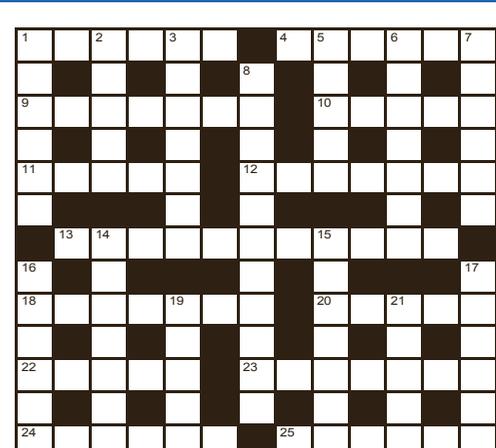
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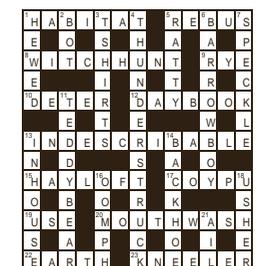
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# Angling champ Tom nets the big one

A CHAMPION angler with strong Mid Argyll links has hooked the most prestigious award in salmon fishing.

Tom Buchanan, from Barrhead near Glasgow, was awarded the Malloch Trophy after a panel of 11 judges unanimously decided that a massive fish caught by him last April was the best salmon caught by fly and released in Scotland during 2015.

Despite his success, retired engineer Tom has never forgotten his angling roots in Mid Argyll. 'I caught my first salmon in Stronachullin Burn, between Tarbert and Ardrishaig, as a very young man,' said Tom, who also spent a lot of time on the River Add in years gone by.

He continued: 'My mother and father had a flat in Ardrishaig above the Crinan Canal during the 1960s and 1970s, and we still regularly spend my holidays in Lochgilphead at Ar-

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gyll Caravan park. And I visit my brother-in-law John Mackenzie and his wife Osvalda who live in Ardrishaig.

'I still meet and fish with my long-time friend Dugald Magilp from Lochgilphead, who is one of the finest anglers that I have ever had the privilege to fish with.'

### Sister

On a sadder note, Tom explained: 'Jean Mackenzie from Ellary, John's young sister, was my beloved first wife who sadly died in 1985 after a long battle with MS.'

'My older brother Jimmy, now deceased, lived in Ardrishaig with his wife Maureen and family during the 1950s and 1960s when he worked in the county yard in Lochgilphead.'

The tale of Tom's champion salmon just has to be told.

'It was caught in the Rock Pool of the River Lyon, a tributary of the Tay,' he said. 'I caught it on my 12ft Daiwa WTF Whisker Salmon/Grilse rod on a Monkey fly of my own tying.'

Tom's wife Mary said that she would come down to the Rock Pool with him in case he caught a big one – and luckily she was quick with the camera when it happened.

Tom continued: 'The big salmon took my fly on the first full cast in the pool with an explosive take, and right away I knew I was into a really big fish.'

'I held on, with my rod bent double for 20 minutes with me looking very much like the underdog and just praying the hook held as I could see the fly right in the front of the salmon's mouth.'

'At the last minute I

managed to lead it gently into a wee sandy bay where I beached it and laid it on the grass next to the river. When I put my hand into its mouth the fly virtually fell out in my hand and the hook was straightened.'

It was clearly more than 30 pounds – later confirmed at 35 pounds in weight, and 45 inches in length.

### Photos

'Mary quickly grabbed my digital camera from my pocket and captured the amazing photos which I didn't know at the time would prove to be crucial evidence in winning me the biggest trophy in salmon fishing,' he recalled excitedly.

### Ceremony

Tom received the Malloch Trophy at a special ceremony at the Hilton Dunkeld Hotel on January 15. He was also presented with a box of valuable fishing flies, a silver replica Malloch Trophy and a £250 voucher – but the biggest prize for him is to see his name on the trophy.

'It's something I've always admired, concluded Tom, 'but I never thought I'd ever get near it.'



Above, left to right, Environment Minister Dr Aileen Macleod who presented Tom with the trophy; Hamish Rae, head keeper; Tom Buchanan; and Tom's wife Mary.



What a whopper – Tom with his prize-winner before releasing the monster.

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## Upturned boat bus shelter proposed

A BUS shelter with a difference is being proposed for Craignish.

The proposal from Tom McCardell Associates, architects based in Tarbert, includes using an old boat as the roof. The proposal said: 'There is a long tradition in coastal communities of using tired old boats as a roof for a shelter, shed or even house. Ardfern is often thought of as being a bit quirky (to say the least) and we feel that this approach would fit the bill for our community'

Craignish Community Council received the proposal and is looking to find out what the

community think of the idea and will make a final decision based on this. The bus shelter will be near the fire station at Craignish. The side walls will be made of wire mesh to which flotsam and jetsam can be attached to decorate the shelter. Local artist Hannah Toft, who often works with schoolchildren, will take charge of this.

Any comments on the proposals can be made to the community council by emailing [craignish\\_cc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:craignish_cc@yahoo.co.uk) or leaving a note in Ardfern Village store addressed to the community council.

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## Politicians face under-pressure farmers at NFU Scotland AGM

DELAYED payments, poor prices and political decisions are high on the agenda at NFU Scotland's AGM, held yesterday and today (Friday).

Ahead of the meeting at St Andrews, Scotland's farming union slammed the Scottish Government's failure to deliver support payments to the majority of Scottish farmers. This, coupled with poor commodity prices and the wettest winter on record has made for a bleak start to 2016 for the nation's farmers and crofters.

Speaking at the meeting, Scottish Cabinet Secretary, Richard

Lochhead and Defra Minister, George Eustice, are expected to be pressed for clarity on when support payments will arrive and when the promised Westminster review of the 'convergence dividend' from Europe will take place.

### Agenda

Land reform was also on the agenda, with a debate on the impact of the proposed Land Reform Bill, currently passing through the Scottish Parliament.

Speaking ahead of the AGM, NFU Scotland president, Allan Bowie, said: 'While longer term there remains much to be positive about for Scottish food and farm-

ing, the short-term pressures on farm businesses from poor prices, payment worries and bad weather are relentless.

'That means finding a way to ride out the year ahead will drive decision-making at farm level. It is essential that, whatever decisions farmers are forced to make, we retain our capacity to produce food.

'The farming community and the supply trade will be desperate to hear from Richard Lochhead and his plans to address the fact that two-thirds of Scottish farmers and crofters are yet to receive a single penny of their support payment.



NFUS president, Allan Bowie: 'pressures are relentless' on farming. 06\_a07allanbowie01

That ongoing delay has generated a cash flow crisis on Scottish farms that is building by the day and causing genuine hardship in some cases.'

Mr Bowie added: 'While public support remains a crucial element of farm incomes, the desire remains to se-

cure more from the marketplace for our produce. This AGM will also hear about the opportunities that exist for our food and drink sectors, while also looking at the relationship farmers can have with our biggest customer – the UK retailers.'

## Highlanders come to town

OBAN will be the venue once again this weekend as the 125th spring show and sale of pedigree Highland cattle gets under way.

More than 100 of the country's top bulls, cows, heifers and steers will parade through the ring at Caledonian Marts' Oban Livestock Centre, starting with the annual show at 10am on Sunday February 14, followed by the sale spectacular the following day.

Judging the animals on Sunday will be George McNaughton, originally from Kerrera and now of the famous Ran-

noch fold of Highlanders. Young handlers and their livestock will have to impress Catherine McKechnie of France Farm, Gartocharn, if they are to win the Woodneuk cup.

Before the big event, members of the Highland Cattle Society will gather for the organisation's annual general meeting on Saturday February 13 at the Royal Hotel in Oban.

The trophies and prizes will be presented by special guests at a ceilidh in the Royal Hotel on Sunday night.

### Kintyre Agricultural Society

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## Kintyre sow's celebrity status after litter of eight

FANMAIL has been arriving for a Tamworth sow who has become the star attraction at Bellochantuy Farm Stall.

The animal, which has become known by the name 'Big Pig,' gave birth to a litter of eight piglets about two weeks ago.

In celebration of the piglets' arrival proprietor and farmer Hannah Jones, baked some

pig shaped shortbread which is now on sale in special presentation packs printed by Krisp Print in Campbeltown.

Mrs Jones, who moved to Kintyre from Gloucestershire, said: 'When we took the farm on about a decade ago if someone had told me one day you will be opening fanmail for a pig I would not have believed them.

'That is exactly what

has happened as just after the piglets birth congratulation cards addressed to Big Pig started arriving.

'She has won the hearts of Kintyre and visitors from afar.'

Originally the stall opened about a year ago as an outlet for produce including eggs, from the farm where Mrs Jones and her husband Will have built up from 500 hens to about 3,000.

### True co-operative

The stall, alongside the A83, is a true co-operative with a wide range including home grown potatoes, rolled and pinhead oatmeal and through sharing Grant's Butchers in Taynuilt take eggs for haggis.

Big Pig, who was bought from Islay, through an advertisement in *The Courier*, at first lived at the farm but last year, due to her friendly nature became a 'petting' pig for children and some adults in

a her run alongside the stall.

This is the first litter which has been on display since her celebrity status was confirmed.

Big Pig is mostly fed on rolled oats from the farm although while she has piglets 'sow rolls' are given as a supplement to ensure good milk supply, although her young are already happily munching their way through greens such as brussel sprout tops.

Mrs Jones is building a further shed where she hopes to have small animals such as guinea pigs and rabbits with a sand pit for rainy days to entertain children.

'Due to Big Pig's popularity she is likely to be joined by a very tame rare white Highland steer called Bunree who is quite cuddly looking,' added Mrs Jones, 'We saved Bunree from the abattoir through a Facebook post where we said



Tamworth sow named Big Pig the mother of the eight piglets. 25\_c07bigpig01

we would buy him if we got 100 likes.'

People are welcome to visit Big Pig and her piglets but are warned that sows can be very protective of their young and have sharp teeth.

In addition only food bought at the stall should be fed to the pigs as crisps and food which has been through a kitchen is banned by law.



Charlie Jones, aged 5, feeds three of the piglets. 25\_c07piglets01

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# Concerns raised over future of towing vessel

SERIOUS concerns are to be raised at a meeting to discuss the future of the emergency towing vessel on the west coast.

The current contract for the last remaining government-funded emergency towing vessel (ETV), which is currently based on the northern coast of Scotland, has less than two months to run.

Argyll and Bute Council provost Len Scoullar says removal of the service increases serious risk of shipping accidents.

The Maritime Coastguard Agency has invited stakeholders to a meeting to discuss the future of ETV provision in the United Kingdom.

Mr Scoullar said: 'Along with Comhairlie nan Eilean Siar and Highland Council, we have serious concerns about both the current

level of provision and the potential removal of the last remaining ETV.

'It is our view that this significantly increases the risk of a serious shipping incident which could have a grave effect on the local environment and economy.

'We want to see the reinstatement of the Minch tug, based in Stornoway, as well as the retention of the tug based in Orkney.

### Grounded

'Last February the 120-metre cargo vessel *Lysblink Seaway* grounded near Kilchoan on the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

'The Orkney-based ETV *Heracles* took 24 hours to arrive on the scene and only at that point could the vessel be moored safely nearby to allow counter-pollution teams to deal with the leakage of diesel oil.

'If an ETV had been based in Stornoway it is quite possible that it would have arrived at the incident in enough time to pull the ship off the rocks at high tide, significantly reducing the risk of further damage and significant pollution.

'The Minches, Argyll coastal waters and the Firth of Clyde are all considered to be of high sensitivity and high risk to maritime incident, especially with the transport of nuclear waste.

### Risk

'A lack of ETV provision on the west coast poses a major risk to mariners and the wider environment which supports key industries, such as fishing, aquaculture and tourism.

'We will welcome this positive step and will be pleased to participate in this meeting.'



Lochgilphead Red Star 2005s enjoyed the coffee morning. 06\_a07redstar01

## Footballers hold fundraising coffee morning

A MID Argyll youth football team held a successful coffee morning at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre in Lochgilphead.

The event on February 6 was run by Lochgilphead Red Star youth football team and raised £210 to take the up-and-coming

footballers away to tournaments and to keep the team running.

There was an array of home baking to be enjoyed and a raffle.



Pupils at St Columba's take delivery of their new textbooks.

## Textbook donation from Jolomo

WELL-KNOWN artist John Lowrie Morrison (Jolomo) has donated textbooks to St Columba's school in Zambia.

The school was built by local charity ZamScotEd and opened its doors to eager pupils earlier this year.

John and his wife Maureen have supported the charity since the beginning and specifically asked for this donation to go towards textbooks.

Marian Pallister, founder and chairwoman of ZamScotEd said: 'This donation means that, unlike most Zambian children at secondary school, the students will have access to learning resources for every subject they study.

'Most have to rely on copying teachers' notes from the board without explanation - now the teachers will have time to explore the subjects with the children.

'The books will be kept in school and be handed on to next year's grade eight. By then we would hope to have more grades in operation, but that depends on us managing to raise funding.'

John and Maureen said: 'The plight of Zambian children has been close to our hearts for many long years and we were delighted to be involved in the building of the new school.

### Support

'We were happy to provide new books for the children and to support the work of the caring staff.'

The next stage in the school's development is getting a water supply for which they need £1,000.

Marian said: 'The project has made huge progress, but it all depends on the generosity of the community here in Scot-

land, on bigger funders, and on the hard work of the ZamScotEd team. Supporting education in Zambia right now is hugely important to give

children like these from challenged communities a future and we are so grateful to everyone who helps us achieve our goals.'

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Schoolchildren show off the fundraising indicator. a07fieldfund01

## School keeps fundraising tally in village spotlight

A COMMUNITY bid to buy land received a welcome boost with the appearance of a fundraising indicator outside the village school.

Craignish School has to expand to accommodate pre-school children so an extension will be built on the playground. Locals want to buy and landscape a plot of land behind the school, known as Rosemary's plot, to make sure there is still space for children to play outside.

The Ardfern Field Fund has been set up as a joint initiative between the Craignish Community Company (C3) and the Craignish Primary Parent Council to raise the money.

One of the more significant fund-raising ventures is the Amazing Ardfern Auction that will be held in the Galley of Lorne Inn on Saturday March 5. Up for

will be pledges which have been made by local individuals and businesses for a wide range of goods and services.

So far almost 20 pledges have been received for items that include short-break holiday packages, private sports lessons, boat trips, garden design and cup cakes. A full list of the pledges is available on the Ardfern Field Fund Facebook page.

The initial target for the fundraising is £75,000, and the project has already received a generous offer of match funding from a private foundation.

A number of fund raising events have already been organised, and donations have been received from individuals and further afield.

## Brass pupils hit all the right notes

THERE was success for Mid Argyll at a prestigious brass band championships.

Five Lochgilphead High School pupils competed last weekend at the Besson Scottish Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston. Taking home a third prize in the youth ensemble class for 21 years and under were Jessica Tanner (trumpet), Freya Corner (trumpet), Sioned Phillips (tenor horn), Alistair Cupples (euphonium) and Gavin

Johnson (tuba). Competing in the under-16 intermediate solo competition, Gavin Johnson was awarded gold.

There was success, too, for young Campbeltown players, with the band securing first prizes in junior and intermediate ensemble competitions. There were junior solo gold medals for Campbeltown players Andrew McMillan (tenor horn), Erin McLellan (cornet) and Kyle Patterson (euphonium). Top brass shines for young musicians.



Argyll Brass quintet with adjudicators David Childs, back left, and Dàvur Juul Magnussen, back right. a07argyllbrass01



Tuba player Gavin Johnson, who was awarded gold. a07argyllbrass04

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The ensemble in mid-performance. a07argyllbrass02

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# Walking in the footsteps of saints

A NEW pilgrims' way has been created in Argyll, taking walkers from Craig Lodge in Dalmally to Iona Abbey.

St Conan's Pilgrim Way was created to celebrate Craig Lodge's 25th anniversary.

Part of the monastic tradition established by St Columba on Iona and in the Dalmally area, St Conan is regarded as Dalmally's saint.

The path takes pilgrims through the ancient pilgrim route of Glen Lonan on the mainland.

## Choice

On Mull itself the path crosses the Ross of Mull via a choice of two paths; the road or a more challenging coastal path via Lochbuie, Carsaig and Scoor.

Both meet at Fionnphort to make the final sea crossing to Iona and on to the abbey.

Calum MacFarlane-Barrow, family members and friends from the Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer have devised and tested the route and a guide to the way can be downloaded

## New pilgrims' way takes walkers from Dalmally to Iona

from the Craig Lodge website.

'There is an incredible resurgence in pilgrims' ways across Europe,' said Mr MacFarlane-Barrow. 'There are three new ones in Germany and in Sweden and other places.'

'So many people have got so far away from God and started to question everything.'

Mr MacFarlane-Barrow believes a pilgrimage is a good way to reconnect with God: 'Walking is the prayer of the body and with prayer itself, combining the two together brings a great peace; it's an extraordinary thing,' he said.

The way goes from the gates of Craig Lodge, to Castles Farm, over to Loch Etive via Glen Noe and across the bridge at Inverawe to

Taynuilt. On this first day, it reaches its highest altitude. The second day takes pilgrims to Oban, via Glen Lonan.

Throughout the walk there is stunning scenery and historic locations.

Castles Farm is almost certainly the site of a monastery founded by St Conan and the hill behind, Beinn Eunaich, translates as St Adamnan, who was St Columba's biographer; in Glen Lonan there is evidence of historic crosses marking the way. From Oban and the *MV Isle of Mull*, the pilgrim travels from Craignure to Fionnphort.

The road takes 37 miles and the coastal route 43.

'This can take as long as you like,' said Mr MacFarlane-Barrow.

'Some very fit walkers have completed it in two

days; but if you want, you can do five miles a day.'

The coastal route is for experienced walkers only, who will have to plan sections of the walk with a tide timetable. Their reward is some spectacular scenery seascapes and geology.

## Problem

The one problem is the scarcity of accommodation in places on Mull.

'A back-up car could be the answer but campers will have no problems,' said Mr MacFarlane-Barrow.

The hope is that, just like the world-famous Camino de Santiago, Way of St James, across the north of Spain, St Conan's Way will eventually be waymarked.

And just as the Camino has its cockle shell emblem, St Conan's Way will have its own sign for pilgrims to hang from their packs.

'We were thinking perhaps a small Celtic cross,' said Mr MacFarlane-Barrow.



Calum MacFarlane-Barrow believes the walk offers a connection with God. ©6pilgrim1

## Whale washed up on Kintyre beach

A DOG walker made an unusual discovery on a Kintyre beach last week.

Nick Fletcher of the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, spotted a dead whale on the shoreline near Killegruer.

It is not known how long the 15-foot animal, identified as a long fin pilot whale (*Globicephala melas*), had lain on the sand but its natural colour had gone and its decomposing body was being eaten by various scavengers.



The whale decomposes on the beach.

Nick Davison, Co-ordinator with the Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme

too decomposed for a necropsy.'

## Organs

When a whale is stranded, its body weight crushes internal organs and muscles and they may die of dehydration.

## Strandings

There has been a spate of strandings on North Sea coasts with 30 sperm whales dying recently.

A spokesman from Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The whale was removed on Tuesday afternoon.'

## Owners put Oban Marina up for sale

THE OWNERS of Oban Marina, based on the island of Kerrera, have announced they are to put the business up for sale.

Peter and Katy Weir, from Ledaig, say their age and illness are forcing them to sell the business to someone who can expand and develop it.

David Adam McGilp, VisitScotland's head of marine

tourism, said the loss of the Weir family to the business 'marks the end of a considerable local effort to sustain and develop the business over several years'.

'Oban Marina represents an opportunity for new owners to carry the Weir family's vision forward.'

'The growth of marine tourism depends a lot on infrastructure,

and the greater the number of places with appropriate facilities the greater the prospect of meeting the growth agenda.'

Mr Weir thanked the marina's supporters over the years, adding: 'We have all been through our ups and downs and I hope that the marina continues and finds a buyer who can fulfil its potential.'

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# Water costs rise - but still good value, says Scottish Water

HOUSEHOLD water charges in Argyll, along with the rest of Scotland, remain among the lowest in Great Britain, according to Scottish Water - despite a price rise just around the corner.

In 2016/17, the average Scottish Water charge will be £38 lower than the average charge elsewhere in Great Britain.

Customers of the utility company in Argyll and Bute will see household charges increase by 1.6 per cent from April - a rise of just over £5 a year for the average household.

It means the average Scottish Water household charge in 2016/17 is £351.

Douglas Millican, Scottish Water chief executive, said: 'In the next year, Scottish Water will continue to provide our customers in



Argyll and Bute with one of the UK's best value water and waste water services.

'Our charges have fallen in real terms in the last six years and will have dropped further by the end of our current regulatory period in 2021.

'Charges allow us to maintain investment - ensuring we continue to provide fresh, clearer drinking water for our customers, while

protecting and enhancing the environment and supporting the Scottish economy. At the same time, we are taking steps to build an increasingly reliable and resilient service.

'Customers are at the heart of our business and they expect us to build on the significant improvements we've made to water services while providing value for money, stability and certainty in charge levels.'

A Scottish Water statement continued: 'Scottish Water is delivering a six-year, £3.5 billion investment programme to sustain high quality services for customers - about £1,370 for every connected property. This will help deliver further improvements to drinking water quality, protect the environment and support jobs in the construction sector.'



Autumn rain passing St Colmac, Bute, by John Lowrie Morrison.

## Magical light of Bute in exhibition

AN EXHIBITION of Bute landscapes by Tayvallich-based artist John Lowrie Morrison OBE - known as Jolomo - opens at the Castle Gallery on Rothesay's High Street tomorrow (Saturday February 13).

The new display by the Glasgow-born artist, a former art teacher at Lochgilphead High School for 20 years, concentrates on the island's scenery.

Jolomo explained: 'The west coast

is famed for its beautiful light that is ever-changing. Bute is a supreme example of that quality.

'Bute does have a magical light; it's quite different, maybe because of where it's positioned in the Firth of Clyde and what's around it.'

The The Magic Light of Bute exhibition runs until Saturday March 5, followed by another local exhibition this August at The Archway in Lochgilphead.

## Children's group to hold ceilidh

A GAELIC children's group is to hold a mini ceilidh to get youngsters interested in traditional music.

Little Gaelic Voices will host the session at Lochgilphead Community Centre on February 13 between 10am and 11.30am.

Music will be provided by Cora Lark, a traditional music duo comprising Naomi Stanesby and Niamh MacKaverney, from Tarbert who play in the band Na Seudan Ur.

Little Gaelic Voices has been holding sessions in Mid Argyll for 18 months with support from Bord Na Gaidhlig.

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## Ferry firm sails off with culture award

CALMAC picked up a national award last week for its culture programme, which provides opportunities in music and film.

The UK's largest ferry network operator has been given the Creative Business Award by the Arts and Business Scotland Awards.

The culture programme aims to offer talented newcomers an opportunity that would normally be out of their reach.

In the case of CalMac Culture Music, singer songwriters or bands are given the chance of winning a half-hour slot at one of a number of major festivals across Scotland's west coast.

And in the case of CalMac Culture Screen, the winner is able to work with a top-flight film studio to broaden their skills.

Marketing Manager Peter Griffiths said: 'We had been a sponsor for



Representatives of CalMac who picked up the award on the night.

both Tìree Music Festival and Hebridean Celtic Festival for a number of years.

'So we did know the organisers reasonably well. But that doesn't mean that it was all plain sailing when we went to them in 2014 with the

CalMac Culture Music idea.

'We did, however, work very closely with them throughout and received great support in return.

'They have since trusted us to deliver and we are pleased that we have

done that. We are delighted to have been given this award. It is recognition not just for our team which works so hard on it, but also for the faith event organisers have had in us and for all those who enter the competition.'

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# Canal cottage proves popular with visitors

A WOMAN who rents out a cottage on the banks of the Crinan Canal has had a successful first 18 months in business, with support from Business Gateway.

Pauline Houston bought the traditional cottage to operate as a business for tourists to the area and has been taking a continual stream of bookings since the grand opening.

## Support

Prior to starting the business Pauline, who works part-time for MSP Jamie McGrigor, received support and advice from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service.

Pauline said: 'I moved to Argyll and Bute seven years ago and I cur-

rently rent out my parents' house in Glasgow so I've always been interested in property.

## Invest

'I decided to invest in a little house on the Crinan Canal which has wonderful views and, although peaceful, is close enough to Lochgilphead.

'Last year, the cottage was rented out from February to the middle of October so I'm delighted with how it's going. Not only are my bookings rising but the feedback I have had both privately and on [holiday and hotel review site] Trip Advisor has been fantastic and knowing that people are enjoying the house and appreciating the little



Crinan Canal Cottage is open for bookings.

touches I have installed is a real boost.'

## Extra features

The two-bedroom property, Crinan Canal Cottage, consists of a newly-fitted kitchen, open plan sitting room, private garden with patio and extra features such as Wi-Fi, iPod docking station, selec-

tion of games and BT Sports.

Pauline has already taken bookings for this year and visitors to Crinan Canal Cottage are coming from all over the world, even as far as Australia and Canada.

She added: 'I was really excited to get the decorating finished and

to welcome customers throughout the year. I will be updating room by room which will improve the house and hopefully will attract even more bookings.

'When I decided to buy the cottage and turn it into a small business I wanted to gain extra knowledge on a number

of areas and so I attended a number of Business Gateway's free workshops. As well as learning about finance and accounts, I went along to the 'Build Your own Website' event which has helped me enormously - having an appealing and effective website is essential

when you are dealing with customers from all over the world.'

Barbara Halliday, business adviser at Business Gateway, said: 'Crinan Canal Cottage is not only in a wonderful location but has a host of amenities to appeal to visitors to the region.

## Workshop

Pauline had experience in buying and renting property but she wanted to learn new skills. Through our fully funded workshop programme she was able to do so in the areas she most wanted support in.'

For more information visit [www.crinanacanal-cottage.com](http://www.crinanacanal-cottage.com)

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help set up and develop a business call 01546 808 363 or visit [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute)

## Business Gateway's tip for recruiting and retaining

BUSINESS Gateway advisers are always on hand to offer support and guidance on a range of issues that business owners, new and old, may face.

Donald Melville, adviser at the Argyll and Bute branch, offers his own top tips on how to recruit and retain staff:

'Taking on a member of staff for the first time can be daunting but the most important thing to remember is that people make your business work, so they need to be looked after.

'The first question I ask my clients is 'Are you ready?' It's tempting to rush into recruitment but it's important to pause and think about the job being offered; is it full or part-time, what can the business afford and how can you attract the best quality staff.

'There are many practicalities to address including making sure your premises meet basic health and safety requirements, having employer's liability insurance and registering as an employer with HRMC.

'Always ensure you get the right person. Creating your own application form can be the best route as you can outline the skills and requirements you seek and it makes it easier to compare and contrast candidates. When it comes to selection, forming an interview panel so you have more than one opinion is often beneficial.

'Once you've found that right person, a contract of employment is important to clearly set out what's expected. You also need to con-

sider right to work issues and any vetting or disclosure checks that might be relevant. Keep up-to-date with new legislation to ensure you're complying with law.

'An induction period and an understanding that new people take time to settle will ensure you get off on the right foot with staff as they don't feel isolated and are clear about which tasks they need to perform.

## Motivated

'It reflects well on you and your business if you can retain staff. Understanding your employees' changing needs and being open to considering options such as flexible hours or working from home, will mean people are more likely to stay with you and feel motivated to help you grow the business.

'Effectively training your employees can also improve your chances of success and it has been proven that developing your people and improving their skills can boost morale, reduce staff turnover, increase productivity and give you a competitive advantage.

'Always be fair and honest with your dealings with staff and you will get loyalty in return.'

Business Gateway offers free half-day workshops on 'Becoming an employer'.

The next available dates are in Oban on February 18 and in Dunoon February 25.

The 'managing and developing staff' workshop will take place in Helensburgh on March 17 and again in Oban on March 24.

MORE than 200 people are booked in to workshops, delivered by award-winning and reputable tutors and business people, over January and February.

The Business Gateway team is encouraging people to get in touch to secure their place at one of the free business skills workshops, as spaces fill up fast.

New skills workshops have been added to the range available across Argyll and Bute and most of the current session have been updated too.

There are also limited spaces available at upcoming sessions in Inveraray.

These include:

Principles of customer service - world host takes place on February 18 and will help people train their front-line staff to deliver great customer service, that will leave their customers raring to return.

Better business websites workshop on February 23 is aimed at businesses that are already online. This workshop helps exam-

ine how to make existing websites better through best-practice design, content, usability, accessibility and search engine optimisation.

Marketing your business workshop will be held on March 1 and is designed for business owners who want to improve marketing strategies. It supports people to analyse the target market, set goals and achieve them within a budget.

'Build your business website' workshop on March 23 is a practical workshop aimed at those who don't have a website.

The event takes a step-by-step approach to developing a business website and maintaining it, using free tools.

Other Inveraray workshops with some places available include the Introduction to social media on March 30 and More from social media on March 31.

To find how Business Gateway can help a business, to book a workshop, or to request an appointment with a local adviser, contact the local office on 01546 808 363.

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## DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ARGYLL AND BUTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA): ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Notice under Section 18 (1) (c) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and under Section 16 (2) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Argyll and Bute Council has revised the Environmental Report (Strategic Environmental Assessment) that accompanies the adopted Local Development Plan, to include an additional appendix (Appendix 6) relating to the following draft Supplementary Guidance: SG LDP – Coastal Development; SG LDP – Piers and Harbours; SG LDP – Aquaculture Development; and SG LDP – Renewable Energy.

The Environmental Report together with the above draft Supplementary Guidance can be viewed at: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>

The consultation period on the above documents will run for six weeks until the 25th March 2016.

The documents will also be available to view in the Council run Libraries during their normal opening hours, and at the Council Offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilthead 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Please note responses must be received before 5pm on the 25th March 2016. Responses should be sent to Sheila McKenzie, Development and Infrastructure, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilthead, Argyll PA31 8RD or by emailing: [ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

If you require further information please telephone Sheila McKenzie on 01546 604158 or email: [ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

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## PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilthead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00129/PP	Formation of running path (200mm deep x 2m wide x 200m long)	Meadows Playing Field Raiston Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/00261/PP	Siting of storage containers, gas cylinders, plant and machinery and parking for motor vehicles and trailers (retrospective)	Lorne Garage Chalmers Street Ardrihsaig Lochgilthead PA30 8EY	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00238/PP	Installation of new oil-fired boiler with associated oil tank	Christ Church Episcopal Church Bishopston Road Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00258/PP	Installation of telecommunications cabinet	Land At 10 Barrrow View Kilmartin Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00260/LIB	Demolition of existing rear outbuildings and kitchen extension	Columba Hotel Pier Road Tarbert PA29 6UF	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

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

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

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## NHBC reports continued house-building growth in 2015

The number of new homes registered to be built in the UK has topped 156,000 in 2015 - a continued increase of 7% on the previous year, new NHBC figures have revealed.

7% year-on-year increase in NHBC new home registrations

156,140 new homes registered - representing 8 year high

75% more new homes registered in 2015 than in 2009

In total, 156,140 new homes were registered by NHBC in 2015 - compared to 146,359 in 2014. The figures show NHBC registered 75% more new homes in 2015 than it did at the time of the housing crash in 2009.

Private sector registrations increased by 7% (118,611 in 2015; 110,674 in 2014), with the public sector increasing by 5%

(37,529 in 2015; 35,685 in 2014). The figures also showed that NHBC registered 75% more new homes in 2015 than it did at the time of the housing crash in 2009.

Continuing the trend from 2014, the number of detached homes registered over the last 12 months (42,173) is the highest for over a decade. Additionally, the number of semi-detached homes registered in 2015 (35,423) is the highest in more than 20 years (36,757 in 1994).

NHBC's latest data also revealed that the majority of UK regions experienced notable growth on 2014 levels, with the Eastern region (+23%), North West (+16%) and Scotland (+15%) leading the way.

The East Midlands (+12%), South West (+9%) and West Midlands (+9%) also enjoyed a positive

year, as did Northern Ireland (+30%) although this was from a relatively low base.

London is still leading the way in the number of new home registrations. Although the 2015 figure of 25,994 registrations is down 9% on the record 2014 total of 28,518, 2015 saw the third highest number of registrations on record. Yorkshire & the Humber is down 13% on 2014 and Wales is down 2% on 2014.

As the leading warranty and insurance provider for new homes in the UK, NHBC's registration statistics are the lead indicator of the health of the country's new homes market. For over 80 years, NHBC has been committed to driving up quality and raising standards in house-building and enjoys an 80% plus market share in UK new

home warranties.

Commenting on the annual statistics, NHBC Chief Executive Mike Quinton, said: "We are pleased to report that 2015 was a year for continued housing growth in the UK. Both the public and private sectors have performed well and we have seen encouraging levels of house-building across most regions of the country."

"The detached home continues its resurgence, with our figures showing that house builders are building the highest number of detached properties for over a decade, with semi-detached homes also at their highest level in more than 20 years.

"There is still a way to go before we are building the levels of new homes that were seen before the economic downturn, but 2015

represents consolidation on the growth seen over the last three years.

"As always, NHBC's mission is to ensure construction quality of the very highest standard in new homes and this emphasis on quality remains unwavering, particularly during such periods of increased activity and production that we have seen over recent years."

NHBC UK statistics for 2015 show that:

In 2015 the number of registrations was 156,140, a 7% increase on last year (146,359). Of these:

Private sector registrations in 2015 increased by 7% (118,611), compared with the same period in 2014 (110,674).

Public sector registrations in 2015 increased by 5% (37,529) when compared to 2014 (35,685).

NHBC's role is to support

the industry in maintaining and improving the build quality of new homes for homebuyers, whilst providing the benefit of its 10-year Buildmark warranty protection, when required.

NHBC does this through a wide range of activities, from standards setting through technical support to warranty and insurance.

NHBC is a non-profit distributing organisation with no shareholders. It invests any surplus into activities

that improve new homes further, in particular through its research arm, the NHBC Foundation.

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Interviews will be held w/c Monday 7th March with appointment made soon thereafter.

**For a full job description and application pack please contact Claire McFadzean, Town Hall Manager  
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Grieg Seafood is recruiting for the following position:

**Assistant Area Manager – Dunvegan, Skye****The Company**

Grieg Seafood is a leading producer of quality farmed salmon, with a proven track record of achievement. The company is the one of Scotland's largest producers of Scottish salmon with an annual production of 20,000 tonne. Environmental awareness and sustainability are at the heart of our business.

**The Role**

The Assistant Area Manager will be based in Skye. Reporting to the Area Manager, the position would initially entail:

- Assisting in the prioritising and planning all day to day work on 3 salmon farms in Loch Dunvegan
- Looking after the health and welfare of all fish farm staff and contractors employed within the area
- Monitoring and maintaining the security and effectiveness of all equipment
- Oversee the prompt and accurate reporting of production figures for all sites within the area
- Identifying and rectifying any problems which might affect fish health or security

**Requirements**

The successful candidate will have previous experience within a sea based aquaculture environment. While formal qualifications in relevant subject areas are advantageous they are not a requirement. The successful candidate will be self-motivated, hardworking and a good personnel manager with a strong focus on health and safety.

A salary of £30,790 per annum plus overtime is available for this position. Performance and loyalty based bonuses are also available for this post. For an informal discussion regarding the post, please contact Grant Cumming on 01595741804 or e-mail [grant.cumming@griegseafood.com](mailto:grant.cumming@griegseafood.com). To apply, please contact Suzan Roberts by e-mail or telephone at the address below.

**Suzan Roberts, Grieg Seafood, Gremista, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0PX Scotland (UK)**

**Tel: 0044 (0) 1595 741800 Fax: 0044 (0) 1595 741806**

**E-mail: [suzan.roberts@griegseafood.com](mailto:suzan.roberts@griegseafood.com)**

**<http://www.griegseafood.no>**

**Closing date will be Monday the 29th of February 2016.**



Freedom Food Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of the RSPCA, set up to administer the Society's farm assurance welfare labelling scheme and is looking for an assessor to undertake salmon and trout assessment work in the Scotland, with an occasional requirement to travel to other parts of the UK and overseas.

The main responsibilities of the post include arranging and carrying out on-site assessment of compliance with the RSPCA standards for animal welfare of salmon and trout hatcheries, freshwater and seawater farms, hauliers and abattoirs for both new applicants and existing members of the Freedom Food scheme.

Successful applicants should have GCSE English and Maths or equivalent qualification together with NVQ level 3 or relevant equivalent qualification in aquaculture. 5 years proven practical experience of commercial fish production together with a knowledge of the food production industry (livestock) and legislative requirement are considered essential attributes for the post. Direct experience of farm assurance schemes and auditing skills is desirable.

Applicants require excellent verbal communication skills at all levels, the ability to plan and organise their own workload, and to work both independently or part of a team as necessary. A full, valid driving licence will be essential.

An application form and job description can be requested from: Anna-Louise Sales, Freedom Food Ltd, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9RS or [anna-louise.sales@freedomfood.co.uk](mailto:anna-louise.sales@freedomfood.co.uk). We do not accept CVs.

Please send your completed application form to the above address/email by the closing date of Friday 4th March 2016.

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Grieg Seafood is recruiting for the following position:

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**The Role**

The Area Manager will be based in Skye. Reporting to the Production Manager, the position would initially entail:

- Prioritising and planning all day to day work on 3 salmon farms in Loch Dunvegan
- Looking after the health and welfare of all fish farm staff and contractors employed within the area
- Monitoring financial and biological performance of the area against budget and identifying and reporting deviations
- Oversee the prompt and accurate reporting of production figures for all sites within the area
- Preparing and submitting operational and capital budgets for the coming year

While the successful candidate will have intra-company support in their position, due to the distance between the Dunvegan area and the head office based in Shetland, they will need to be organised and self-reliant.

**Requirements**

The successful candidate will have several years of experience within a sea based aquaculture environment. They will also have previous experience in a management role. While formal qualifications in relevant subject areas are advantageous, they are not a requirement. The successful candidate will be self-motivated, hardworking and a good personnel manager with a strong focus on health and safety.

A salary of £50,000 per annum is available for this position. Performance and loyalty based bonuses and a company vehicle are also available for the successful candidate. For an informal discussion regarding the post, please contact Grant Cumming on 01595741804 or e-mail [grant.cumming@griegseafood.com](mailto:grant.cumming@griegseafood.com). To apply, please contact Suzan Roberts by e-mail or telephone at the address below.

**Suzan Roberts, Grieg Seafood, Gremista, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0PX Scotland (UK)**

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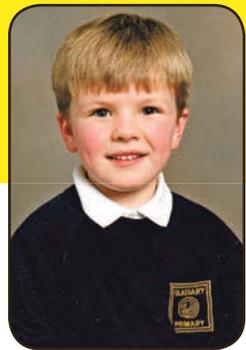
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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden



I REALLY did not want to comment on the weather, but it seems that it is just so awful that it does warrant a small remark.

Dog walking is a challenge in the extreme, as the gales sweep across the stony remnants of what were beautiful sandy beaches.

The waves crash over our wellies and we do our best to keep our spirits up as horizontal sleet finds even the smallest chink in our armour.

Drying very soggy Rough Collies is a daunting task and bedraggled dogs look very displeased indeed.

To this end, we thought we would invest in doggy coats.

We thought about how the dogs would feel. Would they feel silly or inadequate, or would they be pleased of the comfort these coats would bring.

So we decided to try it and use all our canine psychology to bring confidence.

We put on the coats and waited for a negative reaction.

To our amazement and delight, Jazz responded to the praise heaped on him about how handsome he looked.

Carys wasn't so easily taken in, but did feel that it might just keep her hair in order.

So off we went in the storm.

Both collies seemed happy and we praised and encouraged them.

I thought of how easy it is to give praise, and what a positive impact that can have.

So often in life, we forget to offer encouragement and then people can feel inadequate and insecure.

A few words of praise can lift all our spirits and help us feel better about ourselves.

I just hope that the 'real' dogs out there working 'naked' in all weather, don't make fun of our two.

And even if it's not for them, they can be pleased that their friends are comfortable.

So, please Roy and Ben up on the hills at Beachmenach – not a word.

**Businesses are wild about Argyll**

A WORKSHOP at Benmore Botanic Gardens to encourage businesses to take advantage of the wild and wonderful area they are based in was a success.

More than 16 businesses took part in the day-long event aimed at helping business owners and staff to speak knowledgeably on what to see and do in the area.

Both land and marine tourism operators attended the event to find out more about how to attract tourists with an interest in wildlife.



Wild about Argyll workshop participants.

**COWAL**

**INVERARAY**

**Talk on George Houston**

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll history club heard about the life and work of artist George Houston at its latest meeting.

The talk to Inveraray and District Historical Society took place in a packed Nicholl Hall on February 2 and was given by Alan McMillan.

Alan gave an introduction to the work of Ayrshire-born George Houston and showed slides of his work. This varied from pictures of his native Ayrshire to his adopted home of Argyll where he painted around Loch Fyne.

**ACHNAMARA**

**FORD**

**Burns celebration at Achnamara Village Hall**

A BURNS supper was held at Achnamara Village Hall to celebrate the life and work of the national bard.

A traditional meal of haggis, neeps and tatties was served by helpers. Before that, Ailsa Raeburn said the Selkirk Grace and Beau Pettinger addressed the haggis.

Once the meal had been eaten Graeme Pettinger gave the immortal memory and Pat Pettinger sang some Burns songs.

The toast to the lassies was given by Andy Grant and he met his match in Alka Foster's reply and there was a ceilidh to end the night. More than 40 people attended the event on January 30 raising nearly £200 for hall funds.



Dancers take to the floor at a Burns supper

**SWI takes trip round the Americas**

WOMEN of the Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) saw the return of a favourite guest speaker to their meeting last month.

Ford man Ken Hayes gave an entertaining talk on his photo cruise last year and it was so well received the group invited him back a second time.

This time Ken's presentation featured pictures of his Las Vegas and Panama trip.

Secretary of Ford SWI Sue Grocock was along with him on his journey and was pictured with an ex-convict who had spent 60 years in Alcatraz prison.

Later on the Sheena Carmichael trophy for drop-scones was won by Mavis Yuill and the competition for a handmade placemat was won by Kath Robinson at the event on February 2.

The next meeting takes place at Ford Village Hall on March 1. A talk will be given on adventures in gardening by Maurice Wilkins.

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**BIRTHS**



**GRAHAM**

Peter and Louise are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Darroch Alexander Graham, on January 23, 2016 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia. A first grandchild for Agnes Graham, Campbeltown and Hendrie Graham, formerly Campbeltown, and first grandson for Irene and the late Robin McIlchere.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**FRASER - CAMERON** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Elaine, daughter of Patty and the late Alasdair, Cleish, Kinross and Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary, Gartvaigh, Southend.

**DEATHS**

**DEANS** - Suddenly at home, 148 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on February 2, 2016, Archibald Paterson Deans, in his 76th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Martin, dearly beloved father of Archie and a much loved brother and uncle.  
**MCLEAN** - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, on February 10, 2016, Margaret Elizabeth (Betty), in her

97th year, beloved wife of the late Thomas, dear mother of Graham and mother-in-law of Jean, and a much loved granny, great granny and great great granny. Service will take place at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, on Monday, February 15 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 9, 2016, Mary McMillan, in her 103rd year, Flemings Land, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Alexander and Isabella McMillan and a dearly loved sister, aunt, great aunt and great, great aunt. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**MCSPORRAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 6, 2016, Charles Stalker McSporrán, in his 77th year, 1 Killeen Place, George Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth MacMaster and a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

**SELFRIDGE** - On February 3, 2016, suddenly but peacefully, at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, David (Davy) Simpson Selfridge, aged 68 years, beloved husband of Angela, much loved father of Laura, Claire and David, a dearly loved grandfather of Kali and Jasmine and a dear brother and uncle. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on February 11, interment thereafter at Ach-na-breac Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMERON** - The family of the late Isobel Cameron would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy and support given at this sad time. Particular thanks to the staff of Glenaray Ward for the wonderful care that our mum received. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a lovely service, to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance throughout the whole process, and to the Grey Gull Inn for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

**NAPIER** - The family of the late Willie Napier would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and letters following their sad loss. They would especially like to thank Ann Parkhouse for her help and kindness to Anne during Willie's illness, and for her continued support. Thanks also to Dr Ireland and the district and Macmillan nurses for their help during Willie's time at home and to the nursing teams at the Mid Argyll and Royal hospitals. A special thanks to Catriona Hood for her very touching service, which was appreciated by the family. The retiral collection on behalf of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality amounted to £410.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**COLVILLE** - Fond memories of Robert, who died February 14, 2013.

- Doreen, Jean, Betty, Lynsey, Lorraine and families.

**DAVIES** - Robert. In memory of a loving husband, dad, father-in-law and granddad, died February 13, 2015. We miss you lots.

- From Ivy and family.

**SCOTT** - A note of remembrance for Gavin, who recently would have turned sixty. Sadly he passed away in the summertime. He left us far too soon. He loved Ardrishaig and his ashes are scattered at a favourite spot in Mid Argyll. Happy Birthday Dad, we're all thinking of you.

**SHAW** - In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrisy), who died February 17, 2011.

Deeply missed, Loved and remembered every day.  
 - John.

**THOMPSON** - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.

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 11.15am Worship Service  
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
 4.00pm Psalms Alive!  
 Community Psalm Singing  
**Wednesday 17th February**  
 12.30pm  
 Bible Study and Prayer  
 All Welcome  
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 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 14th February 2016**  
 Skipness Service 10.00am  
 Mr Tom MacKay  
 Tarbert Service 11.30am  
 Kilberry Service 2pm  
 Rev Chris Brett  
 Kirk Session  
 meets Tuesday 16th February  
 Tarbert Church 7.30pm  
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 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD**  
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Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 14 February**  
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 Holy Communion 11:30 am  
**Monday 15 February**  
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 Prayer meeting 10 am  
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
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 Rev P Wallace

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 Kirk Session Meeting  
 Session Room 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 16th February**  
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
 Boys' Brigade  
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
 Junior Section 7.15pm  
 Church Hall  
**Thursday 18th February**  
 Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 19th February**  
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 Lochgilphead

# Simon Fraser - lawyer and land reformer

FRIDAY March 15, 2002 was cold and damp on Gigha, with a gusty wind shoving squalls of icy rain across the island. Nothing of this, however, dulled the enthusiasm of islanders and others who, that day, witnessed a ceremony not seen in Scotland for several centuries – one intended to give symbolic significance to the moment when ownership of Gigha was acquired, not by another of the absentee landlords who had so long presided over island affairs, but by islanders themselves.

What that ceremony consisted of was explained a year later by its restorer, Simon Fraser, when, on a hillside above Loch Seafort, another crowd braved similarly rough weather to be on hand when the 55,000-acre North Harris Estate was formally taken over by its residents.

'From time immemorial,' Simon said on that occasion, 'it was the custom and the law of Scotland that, when a new owner was given possession of land... stone and earth of that land would be handed to the new owner. This ceremony was known as giving sasine. Through time... the ceremony of sasine was abolished. However, it was revived in Gigha last year and we are now going to bring it back to the Western Isles.'

Following the death last week of Simon Fraser, historian Professor Jim Hunter reflects on this Lewis lawyer's huge contribution to the cause of community ownership



Simon Fraser.

Turning to North Harris's David Cameron, as he had done to Gigha's Willie McSparran 12 months earlier, Simon gave David a piece of rock, a lump of turf.

'I hereby deliver into your hands,' he said, 'stone and earth of this

land, and in so doing give unto the North Harris Trust true and lawful sasine of these whole lands of North Harris, from the low tide of the sea to the highest mountain tops, *ab caelo usque ad centrum*, to be held on behalf of the people

of North Harris in all time coming.'

In those words, and in the actions accompanying them, there is much of Simon Fraser. There is a profound sense of history. There is recognition of the epoch-making importance of the sort of community ownership Simon did so much to bring about in North Harris, Gigha and many more places. There is reverence for the forms of Scots Law and an appreciation of the way that law – so often an instrument of oppression and exploitation – can be a means of securing justice, liberation, progress.

## Champions

As was recognised across the Highlands and islands, Simon Fraser's death last week deprived the cause of land reform, and the cause of community ownership in particular, of one of its greatest champions.

That helps account for the strength of feeling evident in tributes posted on land trust websites and on social media more generally. But to speak with people in any one of the widely separated localities affected by Simon's passing is at once to become aware that folk feel they

have lost more than a valued adviser and confidant. They have lost a warmly regarded friend.

Recalling a man to whom he became very close, former Highland Council leader Michael Foxley describes Simon as a family man who, with his wife Ann, raised four children, Alasdair, Simon, Cara and Anna, of whom their father, Michael says, was 'immensely proud'.

## Affection

Michael talks too of times spent with Simon at his home at Callanish in Lewis and at Mollinginis in North Harris – a place that, as everybody who knew him knows, Simon spoke of with the deepest of affection.

'Simon rebuilt a ruined croft house at Mollinginis,' Michael says. 'There he took his children, his nephews, nieces and friends, including me and my sons. It's a magical spot. No phones, no emails – just the hissing of a Tilley lamp and the crackling of a wood-burning stove. A place to walk, fish, catch lobsters – and put the world to rights while looking out over the Shiant's.'

## Contribution

Like John Watt who, when heading HIE's Community Land Unit, worked closely with Simon Fraser in Gigha and elsewhere, Michael Foxley insists on Simon's key contribution to making community ownership the

now widespread reality it has become. 'No matter how much support community ownership had on the ground,' Michael says, 'no matter how much backing we got from politicians, the public, the media, we'd never have succeeded without someone who was always on top of the legalities and never less than two moves ahead of the other side in any negotiation. That someone was Simon Fraser.'

Simon's involvement with community ownership began in 1989 when the then Conservative government offered to transfer ownership of its crofting estates on Skye and Raasay to crofting communities on those estates.

## Lawyer

Simon, already a well-established lawyer with Anderson Macarthur, Stornoway, was a member of the team commissioned by the Scottish Crofters Union (SCU) and the Highlands and Islands Development Board to look into possibilities arising from the government offer – his remit being to devise the means by which crofters might best manage the land they lived on.

In the event, the government's Raasay and Skye tenants rejected community ownership, and the documentation setting out how such ownership might take shape was accordingly filed away in Simon's Stornoway office.

But it was brought out again in June 1992 when Simon got a call from Achmelvich crofter Bill Ritchie.

At a meeting called by the SCU's Assynt branch, Ritchie explained, it had been agreed that crofters on the North Lochinver Estate, then just advertised for sale by its Swedish owners, should try to buy the property. Would Simon act for them? Yes, he would.

There followed a six-month saga during which the newly formed Assynt Crofters Trust confronted obstacle after obstacle while, amid nationwide publicity,

doing something crofters had never done before – bidding, in the open market, for the sort of estate where faraway landlord had previously succeeded faraway landlord without it occurring to anyone that affected residents should have any say in who owned the land around them.

'Simon was critical to what we were about,' Bill Ritchie recalls. 'Night after night he folded that big frame of his into a bunk bed made for one of our boys. Day after day he got on quietly, confidently, reassuringly with what were immensely complex and difficult negotiations. What I remember most is the sheer presence of the man. Soft-spoken, gentle in his manner. But never wavering in his belief that it could be done or in his commitment to making it happen.'

## Successes

From the eventual victory of the Assynt Crofters Trust, there followed the continuing series of other successes that have taken more than 500,000 acres into community ownership.

Of these, perhaps, none meant more to Simon Fraser than what was accomplished in Eigg, where the island's absentee proprietors had long been at loggerheads with islanders and where Simon – whose role in winning the community ownership secured in 1997 was every bit as crucial as in Assynt – will always be remembered with great fondness by Maggie Fyffe and her Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust colleagues.

## Leadership

'Simon had so much leadership ability,' says John Hutchison, the Eigg Trust's recently retired chairman. 'He made everyone involved feel we were engaged in something truly transformational. I remember him saying on the day Eigg's ownership passed to its people: 'The purchase of this island by the community is one in the eye for everything mean-spirited or self-serving'.'

## Weather report from Benmore

THE LATEST in a series of reports from Benmore Gardens, Dunoon, reveals that 2016 has got off to a very wet start.

There was only one day no precipitation was measured and the monthly total was up by 45 per cent on the seasonal average.

The total rainfall for the month was 16 millimetres. There was also snow and sleet on eight days in January, with hail on two days.

The number of days with air frost was down by 70 per cent. The number of days with ground frost was about average, but they were light frosts.

Average minimum temperatures saw a big increase of an average of 2.9 degrees to 2.3 degrees while average maximum temperature was up by a more modest 0.7 degrees to 7.5 degrees.



Benmore Gardens, Dunoon.

# Primary pupils serve to win at badminton championships



Sonny Scott from Glenbarr finds the net in a round of the boy's doubles. 25\_c07badminton05



Boy's singles runner-up Euan Dott from Campbeltown. 25\_c07badminton06



A CAMPBELTOWN junior badminton player had a smashing time when she won the Argyll and Bute Primary Championships for the second year running.

Jane Scott beat fellow Campbeltown player Jennifer McMurchy in the final, while Arrochar boy Logan Moffatt won the boy's title for the first time.

Almost 40 competitors from primary schools across Argyll and Bute took part in this year's tournament last Saturday in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Pupils had travelled from Arrochar and Oban to participate against local players.

Jane Scott went on to win the girl's doubles with her partner Jennifer McMurchy having been runners up last year.

Logan Moffatt part-

Left: Logan Moffatt from Arrochar on his way to winning the boys' singles. 25\_c07badminton11

nered Sonny Scott from Glenbarr in the boy's doubles winning a close match against Jordan Todd from Campbeltown and Euan Dott from Peninver.

Euan Dott partnered Jennifer McMurchy to win the mixed doubles for the first time, narrowly defeating Jane Scott and Sonny Scott in the final.

Many of the games were keenly contested and at the end of the day former Campbeltown badminton player Tommy MacPherson presented the prizes to:

Girls' Singles - Winner - Jane Scott (Campbeltown) Runner-up - Jennifer McMurchy (Campbeltown); Boy's Singles - Winner - Logan Moffatt (Arrochar) Runner-up - Euan Dott (Campbeltown); Girls' Doubles - Winners - Jane Scott and Jennifer McMurchy (Campbeltown); Runners-up - Sophie Durnin and Christina McTaggart (Campbeltown); Boys'

Doubles - Winners - Logan Moffatt (Arrochar) and Sonny Scott (Glenbarr); Runners-up - Jordan Todd and Euan Dott (Campbeltown); Mixed Doubles - Winners - Jennifer McMurchy and Euan Dott (Campbeltown) and Runners-up - Jane Scott (Campbeltown) and Sonny Scott (Glenbarr).

For further pictures see page 26.



Girls' singles winner Jane Scott in action. 25\_c07badminton13



Logan Moffatt in action in the boy's doubles. 25\_c07badminton07

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# Mid Argyll athletes compete in superteam competition

YOUNG Mid Argyll athletes competed in Glasgow's Emirates Arena recently as part of the national under 12s superteam competition.

A total of 12 Mid Argyll Athletics Club members competed at the event on February 6 with two girls' teams and one boys' team taking part.

The girls A team came 14 out of 55 teams. This was thanks to Eilidh Cameron and Kirsten Blair running under 10 seconds in the 60 metres with times of 9.80 and 9.82 respectively. Eilidh, Kirsten and Iris MacMillan all jumped over 3metres in the high jump.

The boys' team was made up of Ruaridh

Green, Logan Allan, Murray MacDonald and Lewis MacArthur. They came 21st out of 54 teams and Ruaridh placed highly in the long jump, jumping 3.29 metres, and the shot putt, throwing 5.64 metres. Murray was the fastest Mid Argyll boy running 60 metres in 9.61 seconds. The girl's B team were placed 38 out of 55. Drew Buckley placed highly in the shot putt with a throw of 4.6 metres. She and Amy Anderson recorded a similar time of 10.5 seconds for the 60 metre sprint. The boys contest was won by Cumberland and the girls contest won by Giffnock North AC. Mid Argyll Athletics



Three teams of four competed in Glasgow.

club coach Bill MacCallum said: 'This national competition was a great

experience, not just for the young athletes competing in the big arena,

but also for the supportive parents who provided transport on the day.'



Youngsters practice their shot-put. 06\_a07sports06

## Youngsters on track to take up athletics

A LOCAL sports club aims to encourage youngsters into athletics by giving them a chance to train and compete.

Mid Argyll Athletics Club caters for children aged from seven to 17 with regular training sessions and opportunities to compete in arenas.

The club has been running for more than 30 years and has supported local children to realise their sporting potential.

At one of their regular Monday night sessions, coach Bill MacCallum and his team of volunteers keep a watchful eye and give instruction on a variety of different track and field sports.

Bill said: 'We usually have about 50 coming to the primary session and about 30 to the second-

ary session.'

He explained they were a bit lower on numbers at this session which was probably due to a number of members competing at the under 12s superteam competition at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow the day before.

Members of the club get a chance to try different sports with high jump, running, shot-put and triple jump stations being set up.

'We don't often do triple jump but we thought we'd try it tonight,' explained Bill. There is a variety of sports to try at club nights which take place at Lochgilphead Sports Centre between 6.30 and 7.30pm for primary children and 7.30 to 8.30pm for secondary



Craig Samborek's charity shooters find shelter on Saturday.

## Hardy shooters brave weekend deluge

IT WAS a busy - and a wet - weekend for Tarbert Gun Club.

Last Saturday saw Craig Samborek along with his friends and family enjoying a day of shooting at Barmore, all in aid of the Scottish Air Ambulance Service.

With some cash still to come in, the shooters had raised in excess of £400 for the charity.

The rain that drenched Saturday's crackshots

continued into the following day, Sunday, for the February winter league team shoot. So wet was it that club president, Brian Baird, harboured thoughts about cancelling the day's shooting. But the sight of competitors arriving, after having travelled from places such as Glasgow and Dumbarton, convinced him otherwise.

In all, a very healthy

total of 50 shooters, or 10 lines, took their places for the event - and the rain continued to fall.

Ally McDonnell came out as top shot for the day and, with one shoot to go this season, Brian Baird's team remain top of the league. Special mention, however, to 13-year-old Matthew Peden, who beat many more experienced competitors to win his class.

Results: Class A: 1 Ally

McDonnell, 2 Bob McColl, 3 John Paton. Class B: 1 Niall Wilson, 2 Roy Laird. Class C: 1 Archie MacGilp, 2 Lynn MacDonald, 3 Jonathan Gargan. Class D: 1 Bill Bidmead, 2 Jack Campbell, 3 Lorne Harvey. Class E: 1 Matthew Peden, 2 John Winnard, 3 Archie Currie. Top team: Brian Baird, Niall Wilson, Archie MacGilp, Stephen MacSporran and John Winnard.

## Dunadd shinty ladies in action

YOUNG members of Dunadd women's shinty team took part in a tournament in Fort William recently.

Iona McCulloch, Eilish Malcolm, Anna Air-lie, and Iona McNicol were joined by Deborah Cameron from the Glen Urquhart team to make up the five-a-side team.

At the tournament on February 6 the team played against some more experienced sides including eventual winners Skye.



Dunadd shinty team. a07dunadd01

## Sports club lotteries

KILMORY Camanachd Club's winning lottery numbers are 1, 4 and 20. E MacDonald was the lucky winner of £1,000. Next week's jackpot is £100.

Tarbert Football Club's lucky lottery numbers are 5, 7 and 12. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £400.

Inveraray Shinty Club's winning lottery numbers are 10, 12 and 17. There were no winners and next week's jackpot goes up to £900.

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