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Households face cash crisis as energy prices rise again

A LOCHGILPHEAD-based charity has voiced outrage at the decision by Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) to increase energy bills when many people are struggling to make ends meet.

Gillian McInnes, manager of Argyll and Bute Citizens' Advice Bureau, said she was 'horrified' to hear the news of SSE's price increases and explained the move will see thousands of families across Argyll and Bute struggle.

She said: 'Already our biggest area of advice is debt and yesterday alone we worked with the Moving on Mid Argyll project to deliver emergency food bags to three households. People are already struggling to heat and eat, and this will compound the situation.'

Scottish and Southern

By **NEILL BO FINLAYSON**
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Energy announced on Monday it plans to increase standard UK domestic electricity prices by an average of 6.9 per cent.

The hike, which will come into effect on April 28, means SSE customers will pay an extra £73 a year for dual fuel deals.

Pressure

The main concern for the Citizens' Advice Bureau manager is that those most affected will be working-age families who are already feeling the pressure of low wages, rising food bills, increased council tax and the removal of working and family tax credits.

SSE is the latest of 'big six' energy suppliers to raise prices.

A spokesperson for SSE said: 'We deeply regret having to raise

electricity prices. This is the first increase since 2013 and we've worked hard to keep them down for as long as possible by cutting our own costs.'

SSE explained that without an increase the company would have been supplying electricity to domestic customers at a loss.

In an attempt to soften the blow, SSE is launching a £5 million fund to provide assistance to vulnerable customers who are struggling with their bills.

Gillian McInnes, however, said that this UK-wide assistance scheme barely scrapes the surface and overlooks households reliant on low or variable incomes which, she says, are stretched to breaking point.



Bill Nelson hands over certificate of appreciation to Inveraray Jail warden Robert Irons. 06_a11gambia01

Inveraray Jail releases charity funds

AN INVERARAY tourist attraction has leaped to the assistance of an Argyll charity.

After an appeal in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, Inveraray Jail manager Gavin Dick contacted Bill Nelson of First Aid 4 Gambia to offer £250.

The contribution sets the charity on

course to cover the cost of shipping essential medical supplies to the west African nation.

Bill Nelson said: 'I would like to thank Gavin and team for their continued support.'

The first load of supplies is set to arrive in Gambia in the next month.

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THIS WEEK

Loch search continues

POLICE were continuing to search the southern reaches of Loch Awe earlier this week for any sign of a missing Mid Argyll man.

Joachim Brolly was reported missing last Friday after apparently going for a fishing trip on the loch.

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Regeneration revealed

CONSERVATION work on Inveraray buildings has taken a big step forward.

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Curtain up on music festival

THE STAGE is set for Mid Argyll Music Festival.

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Trad star works with choir

TRADITIONAL music star puts a Gaelic choir through its paces.

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The revitalised Inveraray Town House.

New look Inveraray revealed

THE SCAFFOLDING is coming down in Inveraray.

The regeneration of the historic Argyll town has reached a major milestone as buildings are revealed once more, looking fresher than they have in years.

Four of five chosen priority buildings – the Town House, Chamberlain's House, the Old Temperance Hotel and Relief Land – have been given a new lease of life as

part of the Inveraray Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) by being restored to their former glory.

Work on Arkland, the fifth priority building, will be completed by the summer.

Councillor Aileen Morton, the council's policy lead for sustainable economic growth, said: 'It is really pleasing to see the regeneration work in Inveraray,

which started in 2013, reaching this visible stage.

'The town is looking great and will help our ambition of attracting visitors to come to our historic town.

'This is testament to the hard work and dedication of the owners, the contractors John Brown (Strone) and Laing Traditional Masonry and the council's delivery team.

'We have worked close-

ly with our partners and are grateful for their assistance in making the essential conservation of some of the most important listed buildings in the town a reality.'

Ambitious

The ambitious conservation of the distinctive and important buildings was made possible by the council's contribution of £350,000 and the CARS funding (£970,000) award-

ed by Historic Environment Scotland. The total budget, which included contributions from the owners, Argyll Community Housing Association, and private sector housing grant, is over £2 million.

The Inveraray CARS scheme will continue until March 2018 – with the focus of the final year being on supporting community engagement initiatives.

Police files

Hunt on for shoplifter

AT 8.50am on Monday March 6, police received a report that a woman had stolen items and been abusive to staff at the Co-op in Lochgilphead.

A 32-year-old woman was subsequently identified.

When traced, she will be charged with theft and abusive behaviour and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Failure to stop after incident

IN COLCHESTER Square, Lochgilphead, a gold car collided with a red Skoda Citigo at 2.55pm on Saturday March 11.

The gold car failed to stop and left the area. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses

Officers probe Tarbert assault

A MAN was assaulted by another man on Harbour Street, Tarbert, at 12.50am on Sunday March 12.

This incident was preceded by an altercation in a pub a short time before.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses.

Disturbance at Clachan house

POLICE received a report of a disturbance at a house in Clachan on Monday March 13 at 10.35pm.

A man aged 43 was arrested and charged with alleged abusive behaviour. He was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

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Particular emphasis is being put on 16-

and 17-year-olds, who will be eligible to vote. To take part in the elections, voters must be registered by the end of Monday April 17.

If you are not already registered to vote, you can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

There are different ways in which to vote. You do so in person

at a polling station on the day, by post or by proxy if you would like someone else to vote on your behalf.

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Sudden death in Ardrishaig

POLICE say there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of a 28-year-old man in Ardrishaig.

The man was found dead in a flat in Ardrishaig in the early hours of Monday morning.

A police spokesman confirmed that a post mortem will be carried out in due course.

MAMA Fest sponsor appeal

THE PEOPLE behind Mid Argyll's premier live rock music festival are appealing for sponsors.

The festival, which is run by a group of seven volunteers, takes place over the first weekend of September.

The event was held in Lochgilphead Drill Hall for two years but last year circumstances forced a change of venue. MAMAFest committee member Laura Gray said: 'There was a change to the lease which forced us to cancel and have a small-scale weekend at the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead, instead.'

'This year the festival returns, but in Ardrishaig Hall.'

'After a couple of years of compromise and difficulty in booking venues, the committee hopes to recover some lost momentum with a successful event in Ardrishaig.'

'This year we hope to be able to use the car park at Ardrishaig too.'

Fund

The committee is looking for sponsorship to help fund the festival. Laura explained: 'The festival is primarily about giving local acts a platform to perform and showcase their talents as well as bringing live acts to the area.'

'Over the years MAMAFest has proven itself to be a brilliant night out with many in the area anticipating its return.'

Acts

MAMAFest takes place over two days and three evenings with around 30 to 40 different acts performing.

If you are interested in sponsoring MAMAFest this year, contact Liz on 07788767359 or email info@mamafest.co.uk.

Police continue search for man last seen boarding boat on loch



Divers search Loch Awe. 06_a11lochawe02

Youth service to re-open in style

MID ARGYLL Youth Development Services (MAYDS) will be opening its doors again after six weeks out of action.

A fire over the Christmas period meant the hall had to be closed for refurbishment. After a successful renovation, MAYDS is now in a position to open up again for clubs and events.

To mark the re-opening of the hall, the group will be hosting a MAYDS users group open day tomorrow Saturday March 18. The open day aims to show off the work that MAYDS does in the community, espe-

cially now with the use of the new hall, while hopefully raising some funds for comic relief.

The day will comprise various activities, a raffle and many red noses. Teas, coffees, soup and sandwiches will be on offer at the hall.

MAYDS offers educational and recreational services to young people throughout Mid Argyll and, with the aid of the newly-refurbished hall, is looking to host events and sessions focusing on the needs of young people in Mid Argyll.

To keep up to date on its activity, follow MAYDS on Facebook.

by COLIN CAMERON
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SPECIALIST equipment was called in earlier this week in the search for Joachim Brolly from Ford.

The move came after Police Scotland issued an appeal to the public for assistance with their investigations into the 59-year-old's disappearance.

Mr Brolly was last seen getting into a boat at Torran Bay Hostel near Ford at the southern end of Loch Awe, at about 3pm on Thursday March 9.

Mr Brolly is described by police as white, five foot six inches tall, of medium build with short grey hair and clean-shaven. He was wearing navy trousers, a navy fleece and a navy jacket.

Mr Brolly was reported missing from his nearby home at

around 9.20am on Friday March 10. Emergency services, including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, the Coastguard and the Scottish Ambulance Service rushed to Loch Awe to begin the search.

On Wednesday police divers brought in specialised sonar equipment to assist with the loch search.



Joachim Brolly.

Police Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'An extensive search involving police, fire and rescue service and Coastguard has been

ongoing since Mr Brolly was reported missing on Friday March 10.

'We have received information that he went out on a boat around 3pm on Thursday March 9. However, there have been no sightings of him since.'

'Anyone who has seen him since Thursday March 9 is asked to contact police at Lochgilphead immediately via the 101 telephone number.'

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Sound of music in Mid Argyll as pipes herald start of festival fun



The primary school competitions are always great fun, providing excellent festival entertainment. 06_a13mamf16

THE SKIRL of the pipes will herald the start of a feast of music over the coming week.

The 38th Mid Argyll Music Festival gets under way tomorrow, Saturday March 18, when pipers and chanter players make a welcome return after some years' absence from the event. The piping takes place in Ardrishaig North Hall from 10am to 12.30pm.

Monday March 20 will see the popular and highly entertaining children's speech/verse speaking competitions in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Another feast of daytime entertainment is promised on Wednesday in Ardrishaig Hall, when the audience will be treated to solo, duet

Piping makes a welcome return to popular event

and ensemble performances from many enthusiastic primary school singers. On Wednesday evening one of the highlights of the festival will be the Songs from the Shows evening, showcasing the high standard of rich vocal talent both locally and from further afield.

Thursday daytime will celebrate secondary school vocal solos and duets, as well as promising pianists. These performances will be followed in the evening by Brownies, adult Scots vocal solos

and duets, and a popular song class promising a very varied programme.

On Friday daytime, the festival welcomes performers of Gaelic song, for which Mid Argyll has a proud reputation. A healthy number of primary brass players, along with recorder, woodwind and string performers will have the rafters ringing in both Ardrishaig halls all day.

Then, in the evening, another increasingly popular event will be the adult choirs, ensembles and vocal solos in the Public Hall.

The final day of performances will take place in Lochgilphead Joint Campus from 9.30am, when audiences will be treated to a series of performances from infant, junior, Gaelic and intermedi-

ate choirs as well as secondary school and family instrumental classes. To finish off, as always, there will be the much-anticipated and hugely popular brass bands competition, during which the audience will learn who will take home the most prestigious trophies of the festival, including the SCWS trophy for the adjudicators' choice of the most promising performer of the festival.

Refreshments and souvenirs will be available during the day from Monday onwards, and programmes may be purchased from Ardrishaig Public Hall any day during the festival.

Fiona MacDonald, of the festival committee, said: 'The committee wishes everyone a warm welcome, and we invite people to join us during the day or in the evening, where you will find a high standard of entertainment and great value for money.'

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Planning to make Argyll an attractive investment prospect

AN INVESTMENT plan designed to attract millions of pounds to Argyll and Bute will be considered by the local authority's policy and resources committee when it meets today (Friday).

If approved, the Single Investment Plan (SIP) will be used by the council to negotiate a rural growth deal with the UK and Scottish governments.

The SIP identifies key sectors that have potential to drive economic growth in Argyll and Bute, including tourism, food and

drink production, forestry, marine sciences, renewable energy, defence and space industries.

It also highlights a range of investment projects based on five key areas for growth: high quality broadband connectivity, more affordable housing and business accommodation, modern transport links, improved branding and marketing of the many reasons to visit the area, and a sufficiently trained and skilled workforce to meet local employment demands.

Trad star strikes a chord with young Mid Argyll choir members

ASPIRING Gaelic singers were in fine voice on Wednesday as traditional music sensation Robert Robertson stopped by to lend a helping hand.

The Coisir og Dhail Riata choir met for a very special rehearsal as they continue their preparations for a number of upcoming events.

Robert, a Mòd gold medallist and front man of traditional band Tide Lines, made the journey up from Glasgow to spend an evening with the girls, offering advice and guid-

ance on technique, performance and how to handle nerves.

Having won numerous Gaelic singing competitions and played to a sold-out Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow, Robert's guidance was invaluable to the choir.

Confidence

Chairwoman of the choir June Graham, said: 'The idea behind getting Robert in was to help boost confidence and, of course, to get a few extra tips.'

His help will also, hopefully, raise awareness of the choir and

encourage more people to get involved.'

Robert was grateful for the invitation to come to Lochgilphead and was kept busy at the session.

He explained: 'We worked a lot on the tone of the notes, the smoothness of the phrases, as well as adding some different dynamics into the songs. Best of all, at the end, we had a wee ceilidh and the girls sang along with a few songs.'

Choir conductor Cheryl Naisby was slightly apprehensive about the evening over-



Robert and Cheryl, left, with the aspiring young singers. 08_a11gaelicchoir02

all, saying: 'I'm new to the position of conductor and to have Robert come along is quite nerve-racking. But I'm sure Robert is a bit nervous about tutoring us too.'

Coisir og Dhail Riata is competing at the Mid Argyll Music Festival on Saturday March 25

and is already looking ahead to the National Mòd competitions in October

Enjoying

Cheryl is very much enjoying her return to the choir, after 12 years, and can't wait to compete together at the music festival next week.

Robert matched Cheryl's enthusiasm for the young choir, commenting: 'I was very impressed. Cheryl Naisby has worked wonders with their musical sound and Christine Johnston does a great job with their Gaelic. I was only there to offer my opinion where

I could, and I was delighted to do so.'

The choir is always looking for new recruits and stress that no experience of Gaelic is needed. Anyone is welcome to join. It meets every Wednesday from 4.30-6pm in room six at the community centre.



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These gargantuan firms, with shareholders hungry for profit, have such a stranglehold it can be difficult to see an alternative.

But it does not need to be a one-way street. The customer can wrestle back some of the initiative by keeping suppliers on their toes and shopping around. There are buyers' groups out there too – a good way of working together to get a better deal.

And perhaps we should be investing more in smaller-scale energy, maybe at household or neighbourhood level.

But one thing is for sure: if you are finding it tough to cope with household bills, don't suffer in silence. Speak to services like the Citizens' Advice Bureau and talk things through. At worst, you will feel better getting it off your chest. At best, you will materially improve your situation.

Fun festival

BEST wishes to the organisers of Mid Argyll Music Festival. We would encourage anyone with the time to go along and enjoy the performances. The talent among our young people must be heard to be believed.

Search hope

THE WAIT for news on the whereabouts of Joachim Broly must be agonising for his family and friends and our thoughts are with them. We can only hope the search reaches a successful conclusion before too long.

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Fish farms and environment

Sir,
I write concerning the proposed fish farm development at Dounie.

In a recent article in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, Mr Cannon of Kames Fish Farming said: 'Evidence from our fish farming in Kames Bay for 45 years shows there is very little impact on the environment.'

Four years ago Kames was named in the press as breaching sea lice thresholds during fish health inspections. That doesn't sound like very little impact to me.

When Mr Cannon spoke to North Knapdale Community Council he clearly believed the fish farm at Dounie was a fait accompli. He was vague when questioned and said four full-time jobs might be created with perhaps two more part-time, not six as stated.

The *Sunday Herald* recently revealed the sea lice treatment emamectin benzoate kills lobsters and crabs far from the cages and this may be used at Dounie.

The *Advertiser* article stated that the proposed farm is for rainbow trout. Kames Fish Farming's SEPA application is for salmon or trout, yet Mr Cannon refers to Dounie only as a 'trout farm'.

Most importantly, your article did not state that Dounie is in a Marine Protected Area. Whether the Scottish Government is just pay-

ing lip service to conservation is something the public should watch very carefully.

**Christine Richards,
Tayvallich.**

Born on Islay, not from Surrey

Sir,
In response to Mr McCall's letter in the March 10 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, I would like to set the record straight.

I am 29 years old so I'm not sure calling me elderly is entirely accurate. I was born and have lived all my life on Islay, not Surrey like was stated in the letter. In fact, I have never even visited there.

I don't wear tweed or smoke a pipe, though frankly I'm not really sure what difference that makes. I left school at 16 and started working as a farm labourer until I took over the local post office at 17.

I am currently a West Highland Housing Association tenant and take the bus to work every day. I am from a working class background and I'm currently earning the minimum wage at best, so to try to paint me as a rich Tory stereotype from the south of England shows how out of touch many nationalists have become with the unionist majority in Scotland that are increasingly supporting my party.

The biggest problem I have with the letter, though, is the portrayal of Islay as being drizzly, midge-infested

and away from civilisation. This is complete nonsense. Our island is the Queen of the Hebrides, with a rich history steeped in culture. We have beautiful scenery, a productive agriculture and fishing industry and, of course, our massive world famous whisky industry which is seeing tremendous growth and produces more tax revenue than many different areas of mainland Argyll put together.

The people on Islay are some of friendliest you will ever meet so why someone would go out of their way to put down my home island is beyond me. It's hardly the best way for mainland nationalists to win friends and influence people.

With my latest letter getting such an emotional reaction from one of your paper's nationalist readers, someone might think my statement had touched a nerve.

**Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay.**

No mandate for referendum

Sir,
I was appalled on Monday to hear Nicola Sturgeon announce she is going to call for a second independence referendum within the next two years as it is the wish of 'the Scottish people'.

So, another two years of uncertainty. This is bad for the Scottish economy.

I cannot understand why she thinks she has a mandate to do this unless it is to keep sweet her SNP sup-

porters. The SNP did not get a majority of the votes in the Holyrood elections - therefore has no mandate.

The SNP at the last referendum for independence promised this was once in a generation - therefore has no mandate.

Although the majority of Scotland voted to stay as part of the UK in the EU, this fact is ignored by Nicola Sturgeon. She is now no longer talking about being a part of the EU but only the single market. This does not reflect the voting wishes of the people of Scotland - therefore no mandate.

Why can't she leave independence on the back burner and start doing what is best for Scotland - governing it and doing the 'day job' she was elected to do?

No, Nicola, we don't want IndyRef2 as it is not in Scotland's interest.

**Ursula Craig,
Cove.**

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New traditional music workshop set up in Glasgow by Mid Argyll fiddler



Mairi is pulling strings at the workshop.

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman is at the centre of one of Glasgow's newest traditional music workshops.

Mairi Voinot, 22, is one of five tutors who will host workshops in Scottish fiddle, cello and guitar during the day, while also giving people the opportunity to join in or to just simply enjoy live sessions in the heart of Glasgow. The String School workshop will be topped off with an evening concert and ceilidh showcasing the incredibly talented professional tutors.

Mairi, who is organising the workshop as well as teaching and performing at it, said: 'As a full-time musician who has tutored before, I thought it was time to start up my own teaching event. All of the other tutors I have asked to join me have been my inspiration through the years, so to be able to work with them now as a tutor myself is a true honour.'

From a young age, Mairi was introduced to the fiddle and traditional Gaelic music by her musical neighbour,

Archie MacAllister, who sparked Mairi's passion for traditional music.

She commented: 'Archie was a great tutor and encouraged me to attend various workshops. From then on I have travelled all over Scotland, America and Spain to play the fiddle.'

Inspired

The String School isn't the first music workshop she has organised. Before Mairi left Lochgilphead to study at the University of the Highlands and Islands, she taught pri-

vate lessons and also ran a fiddle workshop in the local library which, she says, inspired her to become a tutor.

Mairi reflected: 'It is a very supportive place. The community was incredible when I was fundraising to travel with the fiddle and it was really inspiring.'

Her parents, Gillian and Jean-Michel, are owed a lot of credit for her success, says Mairi, after spending many hours driving her all across Scotland to attend various work-

shops, competitions and classes.

Mairi would love to speak to anyone interested in setting up workshops in Argyll and would encourage anyone to come to Glasgow for the String School to meet her.

Taking place on the first weekend of April at Glasgow's City Halls, the String School is aimed at all ages, and all abilities are welcome.

To find out more, visit www.thestringsschool.co.uk or follow The String School on Facebook.

Grant scheme to help young people achieve their dreams

DO YOU go ape over archaeology? Are you nuts on natural history?

If that describes you – and you happen to be under 21 years of age – then a new scheme might help to fulfil your dreams.

Share

The Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll attracts people with passion, and now the society wants to share some of this through a grant of up to £250, available to any young person under 21 to help

them to pursue a project that falls within the society's sphere of interest.

It might be that you would love to spend time on a recognised archaeological dig, or maybe join in an RSPB survey. Always wanted to visit the neolithic sites in Orkney? What about voluntary work with national park ranger service or the National Trust for Scotland?

Applicants simply need to tell the society about their idea and

how the bursary would help them.

Successful applicants will be asked to produce a written report of their experiences which will be published in the *Kist*, the society's twice-yearly journal.

Passionate

The Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll attracts some 190 people locally, nationally and internationally who are passionate about the natural environment and all matters archae-

ological and historical. The society meets monthly throughout the winter for talks from experts in these fields and over the summer months visits are organised to a number of local landmarks.

Further details of the bursary scheme are available on the kist.scot website. Application forms can be completed online or sent to: Membership Secretary, Courtyard Cottage, Kilmartin PA31 8UN. The closing date for entries is March 31.



Perhaps you would like to learn more about sites such as the Temple Wood stone circle in Kilmartin Glen.

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Ardrishaig treated to a night of hot club swing

WITH CHARM and eloquence, Swing '17 wowed the audience at Ardrishaig village hall on Saturday evening with a night of hot club swing, courtesy of Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA).

The band played an interesting jazz style for strings that draws on gypsy folk music, Latin dance and American jazz.

John Russell, founder of Swing '17, led his talented quartet through standards including, *Blue Drag*, *Black Orpheus*, *Minor Swing*, *Honeysuckle Rose*, and many more.

The band were authentic in every detail as John Russell played on a gypsy jazz 'D' hole style guitar, while Steven Coutts, trained in the west coast American jazz guitar style, used an immaculately prepared electro acoustic, delighting

the audience with solos showing great virtuosity and musical judgement.

With her violin, Seonaid Aitken shared the front-line solos with Steven, creating ingenious improvisations and neat dialogues with lead guitar.

Seonaid, a guest with the band, then surprised the crowd by revealing her rich and beautiful jazz singing voice in performances of *J'attendrai*, *I saw stars*, and *I'll see you in my dreams*.

Backing the group on the double bass was Roy Percy, previously a visitor to Ardrishaig as part of the Tim Kilphius trio. Roy teased the audience with only a few solos, despite increasingly generous applause.

While introducing a Reinhardt piece, John recounted a story of the

bravery of Django Reinhardt as a gypsy musician in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Through his composition, he created a surrogate national anthem for the French and, despite a severely injured left hand, he continued to play guitar to a standard beyond most of his peers – a reminder of the challenges the best musicians can face in bringing their music to the public.

The concert ended with *Dark Eyes*, eliciting a roar of applause from the audience who were rewarded with *Try a Little Tenderness* as encore.

MAAA was delighted to welcome Swing '17 to the stage and have a number of upcoming shows and events in the area. Visit www.ardrishaigpublichall.org.uk for information.

Robert Lacey



Swing '17.



The band playing through their repertoire.

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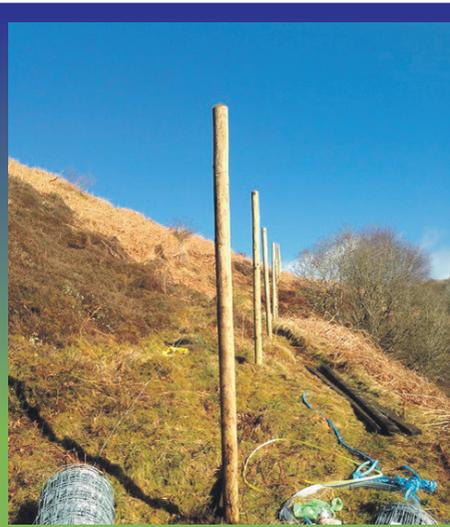
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Spring farming special

NFU SCOTLAND'S latest Shelfwatch, taking in 35 stores nationwide, has found a huge variance in the support being shown by supermarkets to Scottish lamb.

With lambing time just around the corner, members and staff at NFUS have been visiting supermarkets across Scotland to identify the amount of Scottish lamb on shelves. More than two-thirds of the lamb offered on supermarket shelves was found to be Scottish or British, but NFUS believes that this is a figure that can be significantly improved by greater retailer support.

While Scottish lamb production traditionally falls toward the start of spring, Scottish farmers believe that there is still enough lamb to fill Scottish store shelves and meet the year-round demand from shoppers for local, tasty home-produced lamb.

While there is some welcome strengthening of support for the sector in some supermarket chains, the latest lamb watch reveals that some retailers are still stocking significant amounts of imported lamb.

The results reveal

an honouring of the commitment made by Marks and Spencer to sell exclusively home-produced lamb in Scotland, achieved following NFUS lobbying. It is joined by Aldi and Lidl stores in having the highest proportion of British and Scottish lamb on shelves.

NFU Scotland members expressed concern that Morrisons, a longstanding supporter of Scottish and British farmers, had worrying volumes of imported lamb available and NFUS has contacted the retailer on the matter.

Sainsbury's, Waitrose and the Co-op were found to have the largest percentage volumes of imported lamb.

The Co-op has previously pledged to NFUS Scotland that, from May 2017, it will exclusively source home-produced lamb for its stores.

NFU Scotland will continue to press Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's and Waitrose for a strengthened commitment to home-produced lamb.

Looking at the results, livestock committee chairman Charlie

Adam said: 'With lambing just around the corner, Scottish farmers, crofters and shoppers will be happy to hear that most stores visited had Scottish and British lamb in stock and I would encourage anyone to buy Scottish lamb and support local food production.'

'Some members taking part in this latest Shelfwatch were justifiably angry at the levels of imported lamb in certain stores. We have contacted those retailers, not just expressing our concerns, but to point out the great support that others are showing to Scottish sheep producers and their customers through their lamb sales.'

'It is positive to see the continued commitment to sourcing Scottish and British lamb from Marks and Spencer, Aldi and Lidl and this must be commended. Members found that the Co-op carried very little home-

produced lamb but it is important to note that it has committed to exclusively sourcing home-produced lamb for its supply chain in from May onwards.

'As well as working with supermarkets to increase the amount of our lamb on shop shelves, we also want to see what we can do collectively to increase lamb consumption in Scotland and we look forward to working with supermarkets to achieve this in the future, building on Scotch lamb promotions and the many lamb tastings that NFUS and others have held around the country in recent years.'

'Overall, our Shelfwatchers found 69 per cent of the lamb on shelves was produced in the UK and we want to see this proportion rise in future years. We continue to urge our members to keep an eye on shop shelves and let us know both good news and bad news on Scottish lamb being offered.'

Deadline for payments looms

AS SPRING quickly approaches, this is a busy time for farmers and crofters with calving and lambing in full swing. In addition, it is also time for the annual IACS form to be completed and submitted. These forms are the cornerstone for claiming all farm support payments, without which virtually no business in the more fragile West Coast areas would be profitable. Support includes the area based Basic Payment Scheme, Less Favoured Area Support Scheme, the more targeted support such as Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme,

Scottish Sheep Upland Support Scheme and the habitat management schemes such as Rural Priorities and Agri-environment and Climate Scheme.

Although the UK is leaving the EU, farm support payments will still continue up to and including 2020. So the annual IACS form remains of vital importance for keeping farmers and crofters in business for the next few years. The contribution farming and crofting businesses make to the rural community should not be underestimated, with recent figures showing

that every £1 of farm support received generates £6 to the rural economy.

These schemes also ensure that farmers and crofters follow a framework for delivering good benefits for the public – for example, enhancing biodiversity, protecting the environment, animal welfare and ensuring traceability of livestock.

The IACS application process is very similar to last year. Most applications are completed online and the deadline is, as usual, May 15.

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A NEW youth café opened its doors in Ardrishaig this week.

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For the first few weeks, each young person's first drink will be free and goodies will be given out as a welcoming gesture.

A church spokesperson said: 'The opening of the weekly youth café shows that both organisations are committed to providing somewhere affordable and welcoming for young people.'

The café is lowering its prices for the weekly youth café evenings.

The youth café will be open every Thursday between 7pm and 9pm.

Youth boost from criminal cash

'Behind each of these postcards is a wealth of positive stories'

A MID Argyll youth group attended the Scottish Parliament last week to launch a campaign aimed at promoting the work of the CashBack Youth Work Fund.

CashBack uses the proceeds of crime to in-

vest in a safer, healthier and prosperous future for Scotland's people. Since 2008, £92 million has been committed, which has delivered more than two million free, positive, healthy opportunities and activities for

young people in communities across Scotland and has helped more than 300,000 youngsters.

The youth forum in Lochgilphead gathered to launch My Travels, a postcard campaign run by YouthLink Scotland



Orla and Hannah with Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson.



Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell with Mid Argyll youth forum members Orla Flanagan, Hannah Nicholson and Raymond Flanagan.

to showcase the impact of the fund. MSPs, including Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell, were asked to walk 500 miles in five minutes through an interactive postcard map of Scotland, as youngsters explained what the CashBack fund has done for them.

One youngster who attends the youth fo-

rum told MSPs what they loved about their project: 'Being involved helped me overcome my anxiety issues.'

'Being around everyone made me feel confident enough to try new things and I have made new friendships along the way.'

Chief executive of YouthLink Scotland

Jim Sweeney said: 'Behind each of these postcards is a wealth of positive stories. Over the last few years, money from CashBack has helped young people access life-changing youth work opportunities which has given them more optimism for the future despite difficult life circumstances.'

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Outdoor events co-ordinator for CHAS Scott Maxwell said: 'How many people do you know who can say they've

conquered the Arctic? This really is a unique challenge and such a brave and inspiring way to raise money for CHAS. Your cold feet, but warm heart, will allow us to help make every moment matter for families with a very sick child.'

The Arctic challenge will take place in February 2018 and participants must raise a minimum of £3,500 for CHAS. A self-funded trip with no minimum sponsorship is also available. For further information on the trek and for application forms, contact teamCHAS@chas.org.uk. The deadline for entries is Friday March 31.

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Saturday 22nd April 2017

From 10am

Cairnbaan Hotel, by Lochgilphead, Argyll & Bute, PA31 8SJ

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Registration will be at 10am with light refreshments served prior to a 10.30am start. We anticipate the meeting will close no later than 12.30pm.

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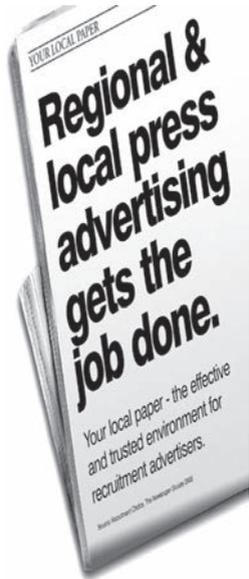
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The vehicle is the fifth PEUGEOT to win the Car of the Year prize and the first SUV to be honoured with the accolade in its history. PEUGEOT's success in the awards dates all the way back to 1969, when the 504 saloon scooped the award.

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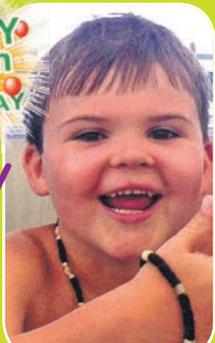
To all my family, friends and neighbours for beautiful flowers, cards and gifts I received on the occasion of my 80th birthday. All very much appreciated. Thanks again.

Mary, Drumlembie.

HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY

Have a fantastic 18th Birthday Ali!!

Love you loads, from Mum, Dad, Scott & Sam xxxx



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Travis & Emily

got engaged on 1st March

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE is a memorial plaque in St Paul's Cathedral dedicated to Sir Christopher Wren.

It reads: 'If you seek his memorial, look around you.'

As we know, Christopher Wren was an outstanding architect and one of his greatest legacies was St Paul's Cathedral.

After the Great Fire of London in 1666, Wren presented King Charles II with a detailed plan for a rebuilt city.

The memorial plaque gives a brief statement, but the good works a person has done tell the full story of a life well lived.

Many people leave their mark on the landscape of a community and change it for the better.

Their life lives on in people and in projects, in hearts and in minds.

There are people whose legacy is all around us. We see it where values of honesty and integrity are reflected in the memories of that person's life.

We remember the qualities of goodness when we exchange stories.

Truly great people usually are unaware of their greatness and cast it off like an old cardigan.

Leo Tolstoy said: 'There is no greatness where there is no goodness, simplicity and truth.'

Memorials are treasured reminders, but if you really want to see the impact of a good life, look around you.

There is a memorial on a hill above Glenbarr village which we gather round every November, even in the wildest and fiercest of storms.

There was one Adam Berguis, who stood there in all the storms even in his 90s.

This stone is also part of his legacy, but if you want to know more, look around you.

CAIRNBAAN

Customer forum

A USER group meeting for the Crinan Canal will take place on Saturday April 22 at the Cairnbaan Hotel, taking the form of a customer forum. The event will offer the chance to air any views or concerns over the use of the Crinan Canal.

Please advise Donna Mallan by email at donna.mallan@scotishcanals.co.uk, or by phone on 01546 603210 if you would like to attend. It would be helpful for the forum if anyone interested attending could also include a brief summary of any questions you may wish to ask.

Registration will be at 10am with light refreshments served prior to a 10.30am start and the aim is to finish no later than 12.30pm.

ARDFERN

Boat jumble

ONE OF the red letter days in the calendar for Ardfern and district is the annual boat jumble and car boot sale.

If you are on the hunt for a bargain of a nautical nature as well as



Carol Lamond, Jan Hrdlicka and Moira McClay show off the home baking.

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Coffee morning at St Margaret's

ST MARGARET'S Church held its first coffee morning of the year on Saturday. Spirits were high as a delicious spread of home baking kept everyone satisfied while a raffle prize draw provided some entertainment.

Coffee morning stalwarts were out in force and the home baking certainly seemed to get the nod of approval.

The church is holding a number of coffee mornings over the coming months, with the next coffee morning is scheduled for April 22.

The coffee morning helped to raise funds for the church which will be particularly useful as it is preparing to host a number of events over Lent.

many other fantastic deals, Craignish Village Hall is the only place to be next weekend.

The event takes place on Saturday March 25 from 10am until 2pm. It is sure to be a fantastic day out for all the family, and all for a £3 entry fee which

includes refreshments. To find out more, call 01852 500689.

TARBERT

Princess pays a visit to Tarbert

MV Hebridean Princess dropped her anchor just outside Tar-



Theresa Sinclair, who organised this gathering, with coffee morning stalwart Helen Simpson.

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St Margaret's first coffee morning of the year was well attended.

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bert harbour on Sunday March 12.

Around 50 guests were ferried into Tarbert from the cruise ship for a few hours between 2pm and 5pm and were welcomed onshore by local people and businesses, providing an extra boost to the town

in the shoulder part of the tourist season. The 72-metre-long former ferry, built in 1964, is often seen cruising the waters of Argyll.

On top of that, the vessel provided a striking focal point to the view out from Tarbert as the sun broke through the clouds.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS



BROWN

Gavin and Julie (née Graham) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Talla Esme Graham Brown, at the Princess Royal Maternity Unit in Glasgow, on Friday, February 10, 2017. Gavin and Julie would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped along the way and to all the kind well-wishers and gift-bearers since. Another grandchild for Valerie to spoil rotten.



MCSPORRAN - SAKER

Aimee, Niamh and Aida are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their gorgeous wee brother, Dochaidh Christopher, on February 21, 2017. Many thanks to midwives at Campbeltown and Paisley maternity units.



NEWLANDS - DUNCAN

Greg and Carly are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Oliver James Newlands, on February 28, 2017 at 5.55pm, in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



MCCONNACHIE - MARTIN

At Lorne Street Church, on March 17, 1967, by Rev James W Hood, assisted by Rev Daniel Brock-Doyle, James to Isobel. Present address, 9 Broomfield, Carradale.

DEATHS

CHINN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital on March 11, 2017, Eric Chinn, in his 75th year, Dalmore Farm, Southend, formerly of Aston, Birmingham, dearly beloved husband of Alison, much loved father of Frank and Stephen, father-in-law of Helen and a loving grandfather to Connor, Jo and Samantha. Service will be held in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, March 17 at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital on March 10, 2017, Hilda Kirkland Campbell, in her 83rd year, 1 The Mains, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late Malcolm MacDonald and a loving sister-in-law and aunt.

MACGREGOR - On March 12, 2017, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Rae MacGregor, née MacLaren, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Peter MacGregor, much loved sister of Charlie and John, a dear sister-in-law and aunt to all the family. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, March 20 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Inveraray Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM - The family of the late Margaret Graham would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay and the Lorne and Lowland Church, to the Blair family for their professional services and to the Ardsheel Hotel for catering. Also very special thanks to all the carers from Carr Gomm who delivered care in such a professional, kind and caring manner. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

SHUTTLEWORTH - Donald and all the family of the late Rosemary Shuttleworth would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent loss. Sincere thanks to community nurses, Macmillan nurse and carers for their kind and constant care.

Thanks to the Reverend Robert MacLeod for his comforting service, at both church and graveside, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional handling of the funeral arrangements. Special thanks to Claire and her girls for their wonderful care and Lachie for his daily visits.

IN MEMORIAM

MACDOUGALL - Precious memories of our son, Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. They say the greatest loss a human being can experience is the loss of their child, this is so true. It not only changes you, it demolishes you. The rest of your life is spent on another level.

- Missing you always, see you later, love Mum and Dad x.

MACDOUGALL - Alasdair, your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You're loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure. Loved and missed everyday. - Nikki, Mhairi, Keli, Codi and Esmée xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Your name we often mention, Our thoughts are with you still, You have never been forgotten, And, Alasdair, you never will.

- Sadly missed by Sina and Alasdair and all the family, home and away x.

MACVICAR - Treasured memories of our mum (Peggy), who died March 16, 2015. We think of you every day, Happy memories come to mind, Of one we loved with all our hearts, And will till the end of time.

- From all the family xx.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of my dear wife (Peggy), who died March 16, 2015. The golden years we spent together, Are not forgotten, they are ours forever. Loved and remembered every day. - Robbie xx.

MCALLISTER - In loving memory of Roddy, died March 17, 2013. I sit and wonder every day, Why the Lord chose to call you away, I think he saw you needed rest, He only takes the very best. - Inserted by your loving wife Mary, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MCGEACHY - In loving memory of Margaret, taken from us March 18, 2010. Sad is this heart that loved you, Sad are the tears that fall, But living my life without you, Is the saddest part of all. Aye fond kiss. - Leslie.



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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 19th March
11am - All welcome to our Worship Service (and light lunch)
Speaker this week - George John Stewart
LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING
Tuesdays at 7.30pm
Praise, Sharing and Worship
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart"
Proverbs 3:5
www.livingstoneschristiancentre.com

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

SCHOOL OF CHRIST

(Authentic Bible Teaching for Believers)
"The Cross" - "The Way of the Cross"
Thursday 23rd March
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Room 6, Community Centre, Lochgilphead
All Believers Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 19 March
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
David Logue
Saturday 18 March
Achnamara Hall
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 - 12:30
Monday 20 March
Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time 10:30 am
Thursday 23 March
LSCC Kilmartin
Messy Church 4-6 pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 19th March 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All welcome

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Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Fridays 12 noon
Stations of the Cross
12.45pm Soup Lunch
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Pottaloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 19th March 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr James McLellan
Guild meets
Monday 20th March
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 19th March
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Dr John L Morrison
All Welcome
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre 5 - P7)
10.50am - 12 noon in the Church Hall
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Drop-In Cafe
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SCO16311

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in
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CHURCH NOTICES



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 19th March 2017
Lent 3
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Wednesday 22nd March
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Wednesday 29th March
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

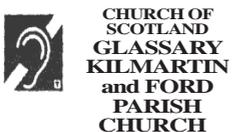


Missionary Sunday
19th March 2017
11.00 am
A special family service focusing on the Baptist Missionary Society's work in Chad followed by refreshments
Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN

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Vigil Mass, Saturday 6pm
(except the 1st Saturday of the month)
Holy Mass, every Sunday 10am



19th March 2017
Worship Service
Glassary 11.45am
Mr David Logue
Thursday 23rd March
Messy Church
4-6 pm Living Stones Hall, Kilmartin
All welcome
SCO 02121

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 19th March 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
The Annual Stated Meeting will be after the service
Tuesday 21st March
Session meeting at 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall.
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 19th March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 21st March
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
BBs Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Company Section 7pm
Thursday 23rd March
Friends of Auchinlee
Coffee Morning
Choir Practice
Friday 24th March
Lunch Club New Hall 12.00 noon
Next Generation 7.30pm



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01586 552046

Saturday 18th March
Coffee Morning
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th March 2017
Family Communion
Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome.
Wednesday 22nd March
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for
Prayer and Bible Study
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

Lochgilphead club tees up for golf open day

AN OPEN day next weekend will see Lochgilphead Golf Club lay out the welcome mat to anyone wanting to try the game.

To be held at the club from 2pm until 4pm next Sunday, April 2, the Get Into Golf event offers those interested in taking up the game the chance to have a go.

Ladies club captain Ele Hunter said: 'Whether you are a complete beginner or someone coming back to golf after a break, why not come along and meet us at the club?'

'We're a friendly bunch and it is a great way to get out and socialise.

'There is no need to enter golf competitions if you don't want to.'

Ele added: 'Lochgilphead is a nine-hole course, so you can come and play a round and it doesn't take too much time out of the day.'

All ages

There is something for all ages at the club and 10-year-old junior member Murray MacDonald enthused: 'I play golf because it's fun and my dad plays it too.'

As a special offer on the day, visitors will be offered a membership and coaching package at reduced rates.

To find out more, contact Ele Hunter on 07714 233006.



These junior Lochgilphead members need no convincing golf is fun. Left to right: Kern McKellar, aged 13, Ruan McKellar, 11, and Murray MacDonald, 10. 06_a11golfday01

Red Star youngsters return to form

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star 2004s have returned to form in March following a stutter in February. On Saturday March 4, the youngsters played a strong Drumchapel United at home in a league cup tie. In a competitive match, Red Star found themselves one-nil down at half time.

Whilst most of the second half remained close, the youngsters stepped up a gear and eventually ran out convincing winners with a 4-1 victory.

The following Saturday, March 11, the youngsters made the long trip to Clydebank to face Singer CFC. A dominant display resulted in a comfortable win for Red Star along with a welcome clean sheet. Over the next two weeks, Red Star 2004s are at home to Oban and Ardencaple.



The Argyll Sports Hall athletics final will be held at Atlantis Leisure, Oban, on Sunday.

Atlantis to host athletics final

ATLANTIS Leisure in Oban is the venue for the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final.

The final, on Sunday March 19, is the last in a series of competitions held in the district this winter starting with area events in Lochgilphead, Tobermory, Oban and finally the Kintyre area event on Sunday March 5.

Successful qualifiers from the local contests will come together in Oban on Sunday with as many as 120 young athletes, from five years to 16 years, participating in what

should be an enthralling competition. The competition starts at noon in the large games hall at Atlantis with young athletes from most parts of Argyll taking part in running, jumping and throwing events.

Athletes are reminded to register between 11am and noon on Sunday, with the first events starting just after noon. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers overall in each age group.

The Argyll Sports Hall competitions are promoted by Mid Argyll Athletics Club.

Wet weather thwarts yet another shinty weekend

SHINTY once again fell victim to the weather at the weekend.

Matches involving Kilmory, Inveraray, Glenorchy, Strachur and Bute had to be postponed because of unplayable pitches.

This is particularly frustrating because many teams have still not taken to the field this season.

One of the games that did go ahead in Argyll was at Otter Ferry where Col Glen took on Aberdour.

The first half was end to end with Col Glen looking the more likely to go ahead but the visitors finished the half strongly and some great forward link-up play allowed Roddy MacColl to finish a chance to break the deadlock and make it 1-0. David MacDougall added a second for Aberdour on 70 minutes with his first goal

for the senior side. Tom Irvine scored for the home side on the stroke of full time, but it was the men from Fife who collected the points with a 2-1 win.

Dunoon Camanachd played Aberdour reserves at Silversands in the only league match to have been played in South Division 2 this season so far.

David Young gave Dunoon the lead just before half time with his first goal for the club. Aberdour responded strongly, putting Dunoon under pressure, and got their reward when Kevin Latimer made it 1-1.

Both teams came away with a point in

what was a muddy affair.

Weather permitting, the shinty action resumes this weekend.

Fixtures: Saturday March 18: Kyles Athletic v Kinlochshiel, Premiership, Tighnabruach. Glenorchy v Kilmory, South Division 1, Mart. Bute v Taynuilt, South Division 2, Yoker. Strachur v Dunoon, South Division 2, Strachurmore. Inveraray v Oban Lorn, SD2, Winterton.

All throw-ups 2.30pm.

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Gun club hits the spot with annual awards dinner

THE ISLAY Frigate played host to Tarbert Gun Club's annual dinner and prizegiving on Saturday night.

The evening marked the culmination of the winter shooting season with all the shooters' points tallied up to see who had won the top prizes. With 14 trophies presented on the night, and 50 people in attendance, it was a busy evening of celebration as everyone enjoyed a meal and drinks.

A number of the trophies on show at Saturday's event were of historical significance and great worth, with some almost 100 years old. The gun club was proud to present such magnificent trophies to acknowledge the achievements of their committed members.

Results: Class A: 1 Bob McColl; 2 Ally MacDonnell. Class B: 1 Andrew MacDonald; 2 Iain Winnard. Class C: 1 Scott MacAllister; 2 Andy Wilson. Class D: 1 Andrew Gall; 2 Steve Sloan. Class E: 1 Steven MacSporran; 2 Michael Harvey.

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This year's trophy winners.



Winners of the wooden spoon, left to right, John Weir, captain, Rob Byrne, Steve Sloan and Iain Winnard.



Club president Brian Baird, left, presents the High Gun trophy to Bob McColl.



Brian Baird presents the top junior prize to Angus Peden, 15.

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Moore slots past the on-rushing goalkeeper to make it 3-0. 08_a11redstar03

Dominant Red Star sweep aside Broomhill

RED STAR welcomed Broomhill to the Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Saturday looking to avenge a 3-1 defeat in January.

And their efforts paid off as the Lochgilphead side ran out comfortable winners.

Star were keen to open the match at a good tempo, but Broomhill had the opening chance when

a long ball down the flank caused confusion in the Star defence.

Fortunately for the hosts though, Kalache was well-placed to turn the ball round the post to safety.

Star looked to dominate the midfield, pushing Ciaran McPhie into a central midfield role along with Lee MacLean and Aaron Moore.

Lochgilphead Red Star	4
Broomhill	1
SAFL Premier Division 2A	

Star's first attempt came from Rab Docherty but his effort was saved well by the advancing keeper who narrowed the angle after Docherty was played through by Ciaran McPhie.

Red Star opened the scoring after 20 minutes. Colin Weir and Lee MacLean combined on the left with a quick throw in before Weir cut the ball back to Kieran Moore who took a touch before fin-

ishing past the Broomhill keeper.

Star got a deserved second goal before half time. This time Kieran Moore was taken down in the box after a surging run and the referee pointed to the spot. Rab Docherty stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way for his first goal since his return from a shoulder injury. The first half finished with Red Star 2-0 up.

The second half continued with more of the same as Star continued to knock the ball around with confidence against a tiring Broomhill. The match was all but over after 55 minutes when Lee MacLean slid the ball through to Kieran Moore who beat the offside trap before scoring to put Star 3-0 up.

It was 4-0 soon after when Broomhill failed to clear a cross ball which resulted in the

unfortunate defender firing into his own net.

The Star management team used its full squad with Andy Moore, Ali Provan, Ben Forbes and Mark Robertson all coming on for valuable game time.

Red Star now sit fourth in the SAFL Premier 2A, with four games in hand over league leaders Rossvale.

Star take on local rivals Tarbert at home in the Hall Cup first round tomorrow (Saturday March 18). The game kicks off at 2pm at the Ropework although adverse weather could see the tie switched to the Lochgilphead Joint Campus 3G.

Shuttlecocks at the ready for championships

THE ARGYLL and Bute Schools Badminton Championships will be held next week at Lochgilphead joint campus. Information and entry forms are available from schools ahead of the event, which will take place on Tuesday March 21 between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Sports club lottery draws

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 4, 8 and 9. There were two winning tickets, Alex Camoletto and Charlie Turner, each sharing the jackpot of £1,500. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

At the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery, also drawn on Monday, the numbers were 1, 3 and 14. There were no winners and next week's prize will be £900.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 9 and 20. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £900.

SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup, third round – Houston v Campbelltown Pupils; Hall Cup, group stage – Lochgilphead Red Star v Tarbert; Premier Division – Oban Saints v St Joseph's FP.



Rab Docherty beats the keeper from the spot. 08_a11redstar02



A Broomhill defender is fooled by Kieran Moore before conceding the penalty. 08_a11redstar01

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