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Veteran takes on challenge of marathon

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A Tarbert ambulance technician and former Royal Marine faces one of his toughest challenges when he takes on the London Marathon this weekend.

Benefiting from the efforts of Josh Watts will be SSAFA, a charity supporting serving and former armed services personnel and their families.

Josh, aged 28 and originally from Skelmersdale in Lancashire, served for seven years in the Royal Marines, including two tours of Afghanistan.

'I've seen first-hand the great work they do with friends and colleagues who have struggled on return, be it financially or with family or health problems,' explained Josh.

Josh has been working as an ambulance technician

with the Scottish Ambulance Service, operating out of Tarbert station, for the past three years, and said: 'It's a job and a place I love.'

So far he has raised around £1,000 but his target is double that figure.

Josh is looking for a boost to his fundraising before he takes on the 26-mile run on Sunday April 28. 'I'm hoping the great people of Argyll can help push me towards that target,' he said.

Josh added: 'It's a mixture of nerves and excitement at the moment. I can't wait to get down to London and feel the buzz from the crowd and see some of the famous landmarks along the way.'

'I'm going to be travelling to London on Saturday morning with my mum Julie and my girlfriend Jennifer to cheer me on.'

'The last time I was in

London was in 2012 for the Olympics, where I worked as security with the Marines to ensure they ran safely and smoothly.'

Head of corporate fundraising and events at SSAFA James Grant said: 'We're immensely grateful and proud Josh is running the London Marathon in aid of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity.'

'As an Argyll resident and former Royal Marines Commando in the Royal Navy, Joshua knows first-hand the amazing work SSAFA does for the military community. The funds Joshua raises will go towards supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families.'

You can support Josh's marathon fundraising efforts for SSAFA by going to his JustGiving page called 'Joshua Watts is fundraising for SSAFA'.



Josh prepares for his first London Marathon, to help a charity close to his heart.

Tarbert's turn for council cash

Plans to improve Lochgilhead and Ardrishaig are progressing. Now the focus of Argyll and Bute Council is turning to Tarbert.

Councillors were asked on Wednesday to approve the allocation of £295,000 under the Tarbert and Lochgilhead Regeneration Fund (TLRF) towards upgrading the road junction between the A83 Barmore Road and Garvel Road to the marina.

The regeneration fund plans also include shore-side improvements being carried out by Tarbert Harbour Authority, supported by TLRP funding. The improvements include a wash and laundry block, completed in January; a new office and chandlery; new bins; proposals for a new fuelling berth; and new car parking.

Papers before councillors at Wednesday's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee meeting stated that work on the new road junction would need to be completed by December this year to avoid conflict with proposed major works on Barmore Road by Scottish Water.

Firefighting heroes in the heather

After a round-the-clock battle to contain a blaze on the hills between Tarbert and Ardrishaig ended in success, the hard work by local firefighters was recognised by the people of Mid Argyll. **Full story on page five.**

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Council's autism strategy queried

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Councillor Anne Horn has raised concerns about a lack of progress on a strategy for people with autism across Argyll and Bute.

But the chairman of the area's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) insists a draft for the programme is almost ready for feedback from the relevant groups.

Councillor Kieron Green, who took over as chairman of the HSCP's integrated joint board earlier this year, was responding to a comment from Councillor Horn at a full council meeting on April 18.

Councillor Green's report to councillors stated that a short life working group on the autism strategy continues to meet.

But Councillor Horn, who



Councillor Anne Horn.

represents the Kintyre and the Islands ward, said: 'The group has not met for a long time. Members have worked for 10 years to get this strategy in place.'

'There is real concern among the autism community and

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there is no evidence the council is being pro-active on this.

'Members of the strategic group's board are not aware of what is happening, or even if there is still a strategic group. It is a real concern.'

Councillor Green replied:

'As indicated, the strategy has reached a draft stage.'

'I haven't seen the draft but I have been told the next step would be for it to go out to the appropriate groups for feedback.'

'I was informed the group was still meeting. I went to a meeting in September and I don't know when it has met since.'

He had written in his report: 'The short life working group for learning disabilities and autism continues to meet, with specific areas being looked at. Children and families staff will lead future meetings with adult services and education around transitions. Draft strategies for learning disabilities (Keys to Life) and autism have been written, with the autism draft now going to be taken out to consultation with appropriate groups.'



Ruaraidh, Camron and Christopher have qualified for the national pipe band.

Pipers earn place in national band

Mid Argyll Pipe Band is celebrating after three young pipers passed their auditions to join the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland.

The band's Facebook post read: 'Congratulations to Camron MacPhail, Christopher McCartan and Ruaraidh Logan

on their successful auditions.'

'We are very proud of our young pipers - you'll do well!'

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A83 speeding

On Monday April 15, a man aged 55 was allegedly driving at excessive speed on the A83 at Inveraray. He was stopped by police, charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

Theft from site

Sometime between 3pm on Monday April 15 and 8am on Tuesday April 16, at the site of the new Cairndow Childcare Nursery near the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, a six-inch and a 12-inch JCB digger bucket and a JCB rock pecker attachment were stolen.

No learner plates

A motorcycle was stopped for a routine check at 8.10am on Tuesday April 16, on the A83 in Ardrishaig.

Enquiries revealed the rider, a man aged 24, was driving on a provisional driving licence and failing to display 'L' Plates. He was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket

and three penalty points.

Theft from car

A handbag containing cash and bank cards was stolen after the window of a silver Hyundai i30 was smashed sometime between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on Friday April 19 in the car park at the head of Loch Fyne, near Clachan Quarry, Cairndow.

Drink driving

Police stopped a car on the A83 near Inverneill at 6.05pm on Sunday April 21 and arrested the 32-year-old male driver for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police assault

A man, aged 26, was charged for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at 6.55pm on Sunday April 21 in Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig. The man also allegedly resisted arrest by struggling violently

with police officers and assaulted them. The man was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Mobile phone

A driver was issued with a £200 fixed penalty ticket and six penalty points after being stopped by police at 3.15pm on Sunday April 21 on the A83 at Minard for driving while using a mobile phone.

Speeding offences

On Monday April 22, three men, aged 56, 49 and 29 years, were allegedly driving at excessive speed on the A83 at Lochgilphead. All the drivers were stopped by police officers and £100 fixed penalty tickets with three penalty points issued.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Crumbling Crarae sea wall to be repaired 'in summer'

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Drivers can expect traffic lights to remain at Crarae until the summer while engineers work out how to prevent a section of the A83 landing in Loch Fyne.

The temporary lights were installed in March, just south west of Quarry View Coffee

Shop, to push traffic on to the Inveraray-bound carriageway, away from an area of subsided tarmac.

A spokesperson for trunk road management company BEAR Scotland explained: "Temporary traffic lights were installed for safety reasons last month on a short stretch of the A83 at Crarae after our weekly safety inspections

noted signs of subsidence on the carriageway above a retaining wall.

"Our engineers quickly established the cause of the deterioration and a repair is being designed to address issues with the wall, which supports the trunk road.

"The next stage is to carry out a specialist ground penetrating radar survey which will allow us to fully establish the extent of the deterioration. Once this is complete our design will be finalised allowing our teams to begin construction on site.

"Teams expect to complete the repairs in the summer."

The traffic lights themselves have been a source of frustration, after several reports they had been sitting at red on both sides at times, and stuck on red at one side on other occasions.

"The temporary traffic



The lights will remain until work is completed in the summer, says BEAR Scotland.

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Traffic passes on the opposite side of the A83 from the area where the sea wall is undermined. 06_a17Craraeroaddanger06

lights are in place for safety on the A83 and our teams have checked the signals and reported no issues," continued the BEAR Scotland spokesperson.

"Sometimes the lights can be thrown out of sync when motorists ignore the red

light and refuse to stop and as the lights are fitted with motion sensors to detect vehicle movements they will automatically switch to a default red-red function for safety to ensure traffic won't meet any oncoming road users in the work zone. The

lights return to normal after a full cycle. We remind road users to follow any temporary traffic signs or signals that are in place for their safety.

"Our teams will continue to monitor the lights and do all they can to minimise disruption."

MarPAMM COMMUNITY EVENTS

Marine Protected Area Management and Monitoring (MarPAMM) is a project that aims to trial the production of Marine Protected Area (MPA) regional management in Argyll.

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Full steam ahead as Waverley makes for Ardrishaig

The famous Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, will return to Ardrishaig Pier later this year.

Bookings are being taken for a trip from Tarbert to Ardrishaig on Friday August 2. She will set sail at 2.30pm and is expected to arrive at Ardrishaig at 3.15pm before returning to Tarbert for 5.20pm.

PS Waverley, named after Sir Walter Scott's first novel, was built on the Clyde and made her maiden voyage in June 1947. After a great deal of fundraising, she underwent a major restoration in 2003 which returned Waverley to her original 1940s style.

The paddle steamer is currently in dry dock in Greenock while refit work is completed on the ship's boilers and she is made ready for the sailing season ahead.

A Waverley Excursions spokesperson said: 'Dry-docking signals the final phase of winter maintenance. We acknowledge the effort of

all our full-time crew, as well as the volunteers who help reduce the cost.

'Even with this valued volunteer support, and with practical assistance from companies like BAE Systems of Govan, we spend around £400,000 on maintenance every year to keep Waverley ship-shape.'

Following dry dock, Waverley will return to Glasgow and final preparations for the sailing season, which begins on Thursday May 23.

Over the May bank holiday weekend, the Waverley will embark on a cruise round the Isle of Bute and a rare trip from Glasgow and Largs around the Mull of Kintyre to Oban.

Ardrishaig Pier was recently reinforced and extended by owner Scottish Canals, with work to build a visitor hub alongside the steamer terminal cafe on Pier Square due to be completed this summer.



The elegant Waverley will make a special trip to Ardrishaig later this year. 01_B10waverley01

Views wanted on Lochgilphead conservation area

The views of the public are wanted on Lochgilphead's town centre buildings, hot on the heels of a successful bid under the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

A consultation event will be held in Lochgilphead next month to ask for comments on Argyll and Bute Council's Lochgilphead Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and to outline proposals for a Lochgilphead CARS project.

A council spokesperson said: 'As a council, we are required to periodically review our conservation areas. An appraisal of Lochgilphead's conservation area has been carried out and members of the public are invited to comment on the result of this work – the draft Lochgilphead Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.'

The event, on Wednesday May 15 from 1pm to 7pm at the Baptist Church Hall on Argyll Street, is designed to inform

and seek the views of residents and other interested parties in the conservation area. Lochgilphead's historic town centre was recently handed £1million in CARS funding from Historic Environment Scotland (HES). Along with the £969,700 from HES, Lochgilphead CARS is backed with £386,000 in council funding, and estimated contributions from building owners of £250,000, bringing a projected total budget of £1.6m over the five years the CARS scheme will run.

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The crew from Ormsary Estate help tackle the blaze on Friday morning.

Firefighters douse Mid Argyll hill blaze

Firefighters have been praised after tackling a Mid Argyll hill fire which broke out on Thursday April 18.

As night fell, the blaze on the hills near Stronachullin between Ardrishaig and Tarbert, was visible for miles around Loch Fyne.

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) said: 'The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was alerted at 7.54pm on Thursday April 18 to reports of grass on fire near Tarbert.'

Four fire engines were sent to the location, where firefighters tackled the fire across two kilometres of hillside.

Work continued through

the night and the SFRS said on Friday morning: 'Crews have extinguished some of the fire and are still working to put out the rest.'

By late morning appliances were leaving the scene, though there were later reports of sporadic outbreaks which were controlled or burnt out.

No casualties

SFRS confirmed there were no casualties and no damage to buildings or property.

A team from Ormsary Estate also attended, helping to extinguish the fire at first light on Friday.

Landowner James Lithgow explained care was taken to protect the Allt Dearg and



Alasdair MacLeod took this photograph from Castleton at 9.30pm on Thursday.

Srondoire wind farms, situated not far from the scene of the fire.

He told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'The fire had progressed over the hill and was on the Srondoire Hill above the fish farm. There was little risk to the wind turbines, but we did not want to take any chances.'

Firefighters had praise heaped upon them on social media as news broke of the fire.

One Tarbert woman posted: 'Well done. We are lucky to have such a dedicated crew.'

'Having driven through it last night - well done. Good job. Glad all safe,' commented another Tarbert resident.

Another posted simply: 'Not all heroes wear capes.'

As the flames above Loch Fyne were being doused, news came of another hill blaze on nearby Bute.

The dry spell continued into this week and SFRS advised: 'Our crews have worked tirelessly to tackle a large number of significant wildfires across Scotland this Easter weekend.'

'There remains an extreme risk of wildfire across the country in the coming days, with temperatures remaining high and moisture levels low.'

'We encourage everyone who is enjoying the countryside to exercise caution and be aware of how easily fires can start and spread.'



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Dry weather and fire

By the time you read this, weather forecasters predict the three-week dry spell will be over.

During that time, though, things got pretty dry. There are even reports that stoor was spotted in Achnamara.

The danger of fires in the countryside became clear with a number of outbreaks. We are lucky to have such well-drilled and dedicated firefighters, retained and volunteer, to deal with these situations. Working overnight to tackle a hill fire must be a difficult task, so hats off to them.

Marathon challenge

Two tours of duty in Afghanistan must have been anything but easy, but Josh Watts will face a challenge of a completely different kind on Sunday in London.

The Tarbert resident is raising money for an armed forces charity and we applaud Josh for his hard work and for supporting this good cause.

Easter parade

Lovely weather over the Easter weekend helped encourage a healthy turnout of people young and old at events all over the region.

The people organising these days of fun will be wishing we could be sure of good weather throughout the year.

Joint church effort

Sir,
On Easter Saturday, April 20, Tarbert Church of Scotland and Tarbert Free Church held a coffee morning at the Templar's hall in Tarbert.

A total of £625 was raised, to be shared between the two churches which are raising funds to help ongoing projects.

We are grateful to everyone who baked, donated, worked to make it a success and supported it.

It was lovely the two churches came together to fundraise for our causes.

Tarbert Free Church has been carrying out an ongoing programme of repairs for 12 years. The congregation has just completed a major structural repair replacing supporting beams on the east wall of the church.

The next phase will involve repairing the crumbling stonework at the front of the church and creating disabled access from the road behind the church. The total cost will be around £25,000.

Tarbert Church of Scotland, even though it has undergone a major repair to the roof, is still fundraising to put in a disabled access and toilets into the church/church hall. The project will cost in excess of £50,000.

Thanks to fundraising and a number of successful grant applications, we are getting closer to the target, but we still have a shortfall of approximately £10,000.

Lisa MacFarlane, Tarbert Church of Scotland fundraising co-ordinator.



The joint Tarbert fundraising coffee morning was well attended.

Notre Dame for everyone

Sir,
I was interested to learn that, despite its monopolisation by Roman Catholics, Notre Dame is owned not by the Vatican but by the French government.

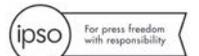
With French President Emmanuel Macron having already signalled he is open to new ideas for rebuilding the cathedral, perhaps it is time to consider reconstructing it as a

multi-faith centre for use by everyone. For example, the incorporation of a minaret in place of the destroyed spire would be of use to Muslims, while the provision of a cafe or restaurant would be in the spirit of Laïcité, the secularism on which the French state is founded, and would appeal to people of all faiths and none, especially if dietary regimes like kosher, halal and veganism were to be catered for.

John Eoin Douglas, Edinburgh.

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Maternal mental health

Sir,
Maternal Mental Health Matters Week runs from April 29 until May 5.

As a mum-of-two who experienced low mood and anxiety, I was left feeling unable to cope during my second pregnancy. I realised how prevalent mental health issues are among parents and how difficult it can be to ask for help. Our recent research shows more than half – 54 per cent – of mums with children aged five and under have felt anxious since having a child, 45 per cent have felt low and over a third – 35 per cent – depressed. Worse still, many face these challenges alone, not able to tell others about their feelings.

While I was lucky enough to get the help I needed, I found the information about mental wellbeing fragmented. This led me to set up Motherdom, a magazine for parents which attempts to fill that gap. Asking for help is by no means a sign of weakness. It is often the strongest thing you can do. I hope we can let people know they are not alone.

Anna Ceesay, founding editor, Motherdom.

Easter cuckoo call

Sir,
On Easter Sunday morning, while enjoying an Easter egg hunt in her garden in Ford, Beau Harlow Henderson could hear the cuckoo calling for the first time this year with her mummy.

Roberta Jean Henderson, Ford.

YOUR PICTURES



Our reader's photograph this week was taken by Achnamara man John Wright. Following our theme of feathered friends over the past few weeks, John's image of a pheasant sauntering across the road was taken at Skipness on Saturday April 13. Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or by direct message via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Skiffs and laughs in store at Loch Fyne club launch

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A fun day on and off the water is guaranteed as the first Inveraray Skiff Day is held early next month.

Plans are afoot to establish an Inveraray coastal rowing club, and the skiff day will showcase just what such a club can offer.

Three boats, known as skiffs, from visiting clubs will be at the Argyll Caravan Park slipway on Saturday May 4 to let people have a go on board.

Bringing along their skiffs will be Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club, Largs-based Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club and Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club from Greenock.

As well as having the opportunity to have a go on a skiff – safely and under the guidance of experienced people – there will be a barbecue on the



shore courtesy of David and Cindy at Skipper's Bistro.

Inveraray's skiff project is the brainchild of retired surgeon Martyn Webster, who has a vision to build a skiff and help foster community spirit in Inveraray. With the

help of Argyll Caravan Park assistant manager Al Rodden, Martyn is looking for recruits to help build an Inveraray skiff and crew the boat in friendly races.

The plan is to cover the building costs of the 23-foot-

long skiff by selling shares at £75 each, a process which is well under way. There will be the chance at the skiff day to buy your share in the boat project and also to offer your carpentry or rowing skills.

A site close to the slipway



Al Rodden, left, looks forward to welcoming people to the first Inveraray Skiff Day 06_a17SkiffDay03; Martyn Webster and Al Rodden, above, with the skiff design. 06_a04InvCoastalRowing01

has been offered at Argyll Caravan Park for a shed to build and store the boat, courtesy of Argyll Estates.

Once built, the boat, with a crew of four plus a cox, might be raced against rowers from other communities.

And that takes us nicely to the final – and arguably most exciting – part of the skiff day. A special race will be held, with each of the visiting

Clyde clubs competing for the honours in a contest between Inveraray and Argyll Caravan Park.

Al Rodden said: 'Everyone is welcome to come along. It should be a great day, and thanks to Argyll Estates for the use of the slip.'

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Karen praises Scottish MS research work

A Lochgilhead woman with multiple sclerosis (MS) has praised the work being done in Scotland to fight MS.

MS Awareness Week runs between April 22 and 28, and MS Society Scotland is encouraging people to support research that will eventually lead to a cure for people living with the condition.

Karen Pickering, 37, is a former carer in the community assistant and was diagnosed with relapsing remitting MS in 2014.

New treatments

She said: 'Since I was diagnosed I've seen the progress made in new treatments and it offers so much hope for people.'

'People don't often understand how MS can affect you mentally and physically – your whole life – but there are people out there working so hard to drive progress.'

MS affects the brain and

spinal cord as the coating that protects nerves (myelin) is damaged, which can cause a range of symptoms from tremors to fatigue.

Around 85 per cent of people are initially diagnosed with relapsing remitting MS which causes distinct relapses of symptoms which then fade away either partially or com-

pletely. Dr Anne Astier at the University of Edinburgh has researched the role of vitamin D in MS.

Her project researched how immune cells move into the brain and spinal cord – where they can cause damage – and whether vitamin D is involved in that process.

Dr Astier said: 'MS is a very

complicated condition with a number of factors determining whether you might get the condition.

'It is thought that one of those factors is vitamin D – which might play a role in why prevalence in Scotland is so high.

'The research I'm involved in could help develop more and better treatments for MS with fewer side-effects.

Long way

'We've come a long way in the past 25 to 30 years and I'm optimistic, as I think many people are, that we are getting ever close to stopping MS.'

Dr Astier's research is one of a number of projects that have been funded by MS Society throughout Scotland.

Karen added: 'I can't say thank you enough to the researchers and scientists doing this work, and it makes lives easier and better for so many people.'



Karen Pickering is grateful for the work being done to tackle MS.

Boats back in Loch Fyne



The boats are back in the water at Ardrishaig. In a sure sign – along with the swallow's arrival and the cuckoo's call – that spring is here, boats kept ashore for the winter in Ardrishaig were gently hoisted back into the water on Saturday April 20. 51_a17ArdrishaigBoatLaunch13

Get nautical at Ardrishaig RNLI sale

All things nautical, and much more besides, will be available in Ardrishaig.

The RNLI boat jumble will a huge variety of boating and non-boating items as well as home baking.

Items for sale will include two topper sailing dinghies, a Mirror dinghy and one small rowing boat.

The boat jumble will be held at Ardrishaig North Hall on



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Lack of helpers last straw for Kilberry scarecrows

A shortage of volunteers scared off one of the most popular events in the Easter weekend calendar – the Kilberry Scarecrow Festival.

For many years, dozens of hugely imaginative scarecrows lined the B8024

Kilberry road over Easter, but the 2019 event did not happen.

Former chairman of Ormsary hall committee Mary Semple, who stood down last November, explained there had been a shortage of volunteers to take

on the running of the event. She said: 'It's a shame as it was a great event for the public, but a lot of work for very few organisers.'

She added: 'Hopefully, another community will take on the idea.'



A typically imaginative entry from the 2016 scarecrow festival. 06_a14scarecrow08



Relax with friends and swap books at Kilmartin

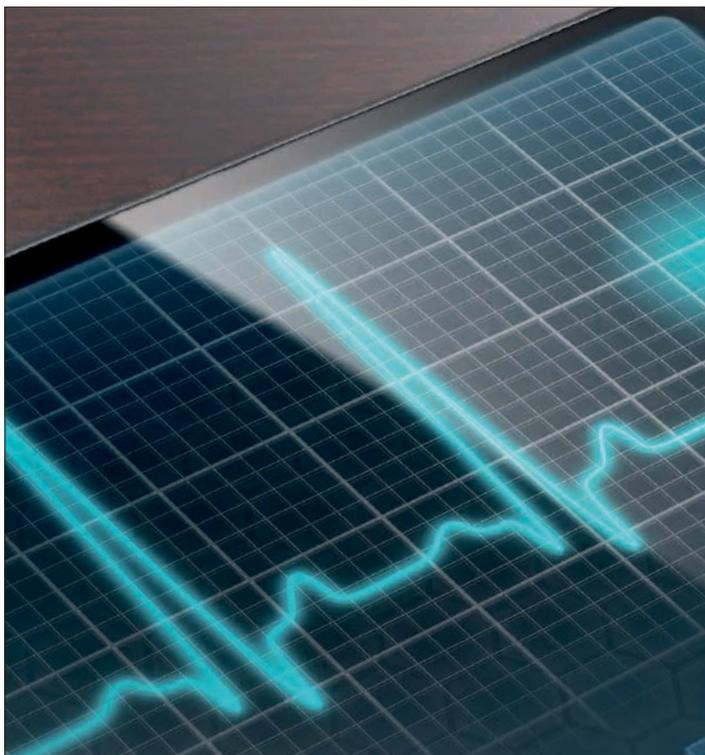
The monthly book swap at the parish church in Kilmartin is fast becoming the place to be on the first Wednesday of each month.

Di Roberts, a volunteer at Dunadd Book Swap, said: 'Folk love the opportunity to get together, meet up with old friends and make new ones. There's always a good range of books with something for everyone, though the home-baking

can be a bit of a distraction. The book swap is a Dunadd Community Enterprise project with people coming from across Dunadd, but also from Ardfern and Ardrishaig. It's a really relaxed, comfortable place to be.'

The book swap meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church in Kilmartin from 2pm until 4.30pm.

The book swap is a place to meet up with old friends and make new ones.



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Browsing bric-a-brac on Kilmartin green

All kinds of events for the people of Kilmartin will benefit from the proceeds of an open-air sale on the village green in gorgeous spring weather.

The sale of bric-a-brac on Sunday April 21 was organised by Kilmartin

Community Initiative, a group set up to run community events throughout the year.

Browse

Shoppers could browse through everything from garden tools and plants

to clothing, toys, games and household ornaments – and plenty more besides.

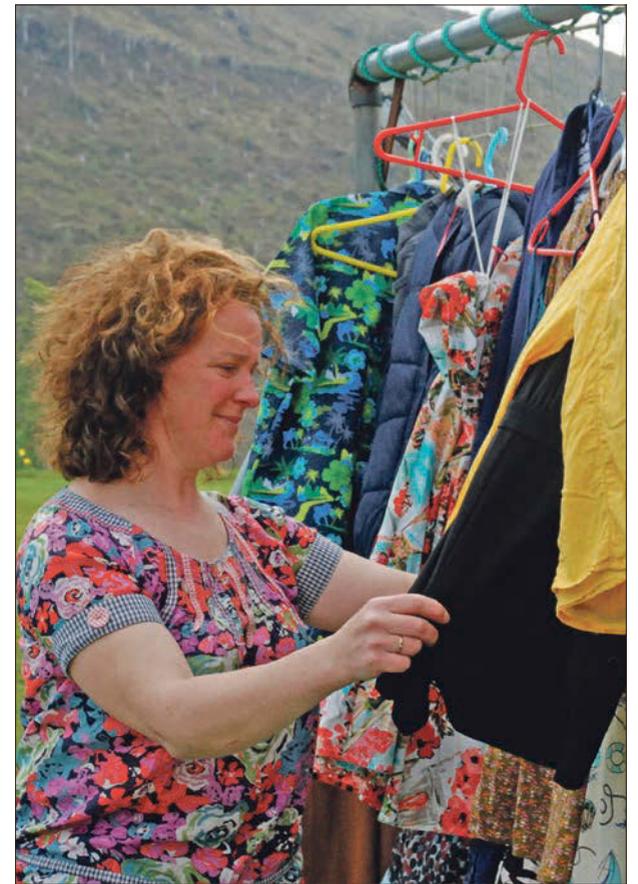
A proportion of the money raised will be donated to the cost of maintaining the grass and flower displays on the front green.



Enjoying the day were, from left, Charlie Wragg, Pauline Houston, Michelle Rusden, Di Roberts, Emily Wragg, Stephanie Wragg and Lynn Laws. 06_a17KilmartinJumble04



Emily and Charlie Wragg rummage through the toys, hoping to find a wee gem. 06_a17KilmartinJumble03



Stephanie Wragg from Ford browses the extensive collection of clothing for sale. 06_a17KilmartinJumble01

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Eggs hunted down for Eas



Easter eggs are not just for children, as Mary McGuinness demonstrates. 06_a17Easter_Blarbuie07



Sally Wilkin, Grace MacLeod and Gillian Davies of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise handed out more than 150 Easter eggs in the space of an hour. 06_a17Easter_Blarbuie03

Blarbuie community woodland in Lochgilphead was filled with the sights and sounds of spring.

Verdant buds were poised to burst forth, while birdsong echoed melodically through the trees – mingled with the excited shouts of children hunting for Easter eggs.

Parents, grandparents and older siblings came along with the kids as they searched for special egg tokens care-

fully hidden in the woods in lovely sunshine on Saturday April 21.

No fewer than 150 creme eggs were supplied by the Riverside filling station, Co-op and Tesco in Lochgilphead and handed out within an hour to the lucky hunters. Not only that but there were four special tokens hidden away, where the person finding them could win a golden egg.

Aside from the egg-hunting fun, Blarbuie Community Enterprise ran a competition to name the green man – an effigy carved from stone and donated by artist Bob Carr. The man will be placed at the woodland's labyrinth to look after it, but he remains nameless.

Plenty of imaginative suggestions were made by the young visitors, and all will be revealed once the names are collated by the organisers.



Having great fun in Blarbuie were, from the top, Archie McCallum, Harris Morrison, Caleb Morrison, Dexter Forsythe, Miley McCallum and Alexander Knox. Jenny. 06_a17Easter_Blarbuie04



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ter in Blarbuie woodland



The Bowden family had a go at naming the green man – six-year-old Ethan with Neve, eight and 10-year-old Mirrin.

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The woodland was filled with the sounds of excited children on the Easter egg trail.

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Ardfern gets heavy for night of rock



Glasgow band Take Today had Ardfern jumping with their brand of heavy alternative rock.

A fantastic gig at Craignish Village Hall on Saturday April 20 saw the rockers supported by Ardfern's own The Easy Peelers, with a range of cracking covers; Oban outfit 4Below, featuring big riff-tastic grungy sounds; and alternative rock band Ohnova from Glasgow.

What the audience might have lacked a little in numbers they certainly made up for in enthusiasm, generating a great atmosphere in the hall.

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Headbanging hilarity among the rock fans at the gig.

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Wrestling bad boy halts local rockers in Tarbert

Glasgow Pro Wrestling Asylum big mouth 'Big Money' Austin Osiris got a shock in Tarbert last Saturday April 20 as he tried to shut down local teenagers Famous Last Words opening the show.

A Twitter feed between the two resulted in Osiris determined to stop them playing and when he did



BBC Star Jack Jester was back in town.

the band had a surprise for him, Insane Championship Wrestling World Champ and BBC Rogue to Wrestler star Lionheart.

The champ came out, thanked the crowd and promptly got to work on Osiris. A superb start to an incredible night.

Other matches on the card saw an amazing triple threat between Prince Asad, Kez Evans and Thatcher Wright. BBC star Jack Jester defeated the Party Animal Charlie Vyce, The Sam Barbour Experience defeated Logan Smith and in a brilliant women's match Angel Hayze defeated Rosie Nyte.

The main event came down to a six-man tag with Pro Wrestling Elite Champions, The Purge teaming with Rudo Lightning against The Govan Team and Leyton Buzzard, with Rudo threatening to cancel Easter if they won



Big Money Austin Osiris.

the match. Thankfully Ravie Davie, Zander and Leyton got the job done and Easter was saved for another year. The show ended with The Govan Team leading the kids in flossing and Fortnite dances.

The show raised significant sums for Clachan Village Hall Development Fund and the organisers would like to thank Wrestling Experience Scotland and West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust for support

and everyone who helped out and went along on the night.

Insane Championship Wrestling champion Lionheart said: 'We love coming to Tarbert, it is a highlight of the year, and it is such an appreciative audience.'

Krobar of The Purge said: 'The best thing about Tarbert was the Fyne Ales in the fridge and the road back out.'

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Cakes and plenty of colour at MACH1 launch

The name MACH1 suggests high speed and no looking back, but the truth is that Mid Argyll's new social group can be as fast or slow-paced as people want it to be.

MACH1, or Mid Argyll Community Hub, is open to everyone. Based at the

MAYDS building on Union Street in Lochgilhead, it offers a range of activities.

But if anyone happens not to be into activities there is no pressure. Just go along for a cuppa and a blether.

Colour – and delicious food – were the main themes

as MACH1 was officially launched on Saturday April 20. The vibrant interior of the building matched perfectly the positivity of MACH1.

This is a club which brings people together to make Mid Argyll a better place.

The chocolate-related attractions of Easter events elsewhere made for a slow-ish start to the launch as tables of mouth-watering food awaited, prepared by the MACH1 volunteers. But soon plenty of people of all ages arrived to help celebrate the new hub and to see what all the fuss was about.

An afternoon appearance by Funky Chicken workshop left children delighted – and painted as tigers, butterflies and many other mysterious creatures.

MACH1 will meet on Tuesdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm.

The new group will focus on warmth and fun, with attractions such as Tai Chi, outdoor activities, board games, sports on TV and even craft workshops.

On Tuesday, some community service providers will be available if members want to have an informal chat.

A selection of newspapers will be available, so that if anyone just wants to go and have a cup of tea and read the paper surrounded by friends and neighbours, that's fine with MACH1.

It's all new, so why not go along and find out what's on offer.



Kirsty McKenna was among the hard-working volunteers helping to prepare and serve the food to the hungry hordes. 06_a17MACH1_05



Brothers Harris, William and Innis Gallagher had a great time making their Easter 'bunnies' as MACH1 was launched. 06_a17MACH1_01



Foncie Strang's delicious cupcakes brought a dash of Easter colour to the launch. 06_a17MACH1_02

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Inveraray car boot sale for Gambia

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all over Argyll – from Oban and Kilmartin to Dunoon.

Adding a special note to Sunday's boot sale will be Lochnell Oysters, cooking up fresh mussels to tempt the bargain-hunting masses.

First Aid 4 Gambia,



The charity supplies much-needed supplies to Gambia.

co-founded around a decade ago by Inveraray man Bill Nelson, supplies much-needed first aid equipment and training to schools and other community groups across the west African country. Sunday's car boot sale will

be held at the Winterton between 11am and 3pm. Stallholders are asked to set up from 10am. Access is via the entrance to Inveraray Castle.

For more information, call Bill Nelson on 07833 925126.



Event organiser Bill Nelson of First Aid 4 Gambia.

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Knock Newhouse at Lochgair will open its garden to visitors, courtesy of owners Mr and Mrs Hew Service.

The six-acre woodland garden is centred on a small waterfall, a 250-foot lochan and lily pond. Since the 1960s, there has been constant planting including major plantings in 1989 and the 90s.

Storms in 2011/12 caused significant damage to trees and bushes but created space for additional azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, hoheria, eucryphia and other flowering shrubs.

The garden will be open on Saturday and Sunday April 27 and 28 and for the middle two Sundays in May as part of Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

The gates will open at 1.30pm and close at 5pm,

admission is £4 and children are admitted free of charge.

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Rhododendrons are coming into full bloom.

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Scotland's beef event to focus on 'beef after Brexit'

The likely impact of Brexit on the beef industry will be the theme of a seminar at Scotland's Beef Event 2019 at North Bethelnie, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire, on Thursday May 30.

Five industry experts offering different perspectives from varied industry backgrounds will be joining the discussion panel which will be chaired by Ken Rundle, former agricultural correspondent with BBC Scotland and latterly head of regional development and partnership in the north with Scotland's rural college, SRUC.

Adopting the theme Beef after Brexit, the panel will comprise economist Peter Cook, director of Food, Drink and Agriculture with Opportunity North East (ONE); politician and farmer Colin Clark, MP for Gordon who farms at Thomastown, Auchterless; banker Brian Richardson, head of agriculture with CYBG (Clydesdale

and Yorkshire Bank Group); farmer and vet Kate Rowell, chairwoman of Quality Meat Scotland, who farms at Hundleshope, Peebles; and farmer David Watson, who runs a herd of 440 Salers cross suckler cows on the family farm of Darnford, Durris, Banchory, which was named Scotch Beef Farm of the Year in 2015.

'We may, or may not, know the outcome of the ongoing political battle on Brexit but, either way, our expert panel will have strong views on where we are and the impact on the beef industry of the various Brexit options,' said David Barron, vice-chairman of the Scottish Beef Association, organisers of the event, and chairman of the organising committee.

'We are grateful to our panel members for agreeing to join the discussion which is sure to provide a fascinating insight into the implications of Brexit for the beef industry



Scotland's Beef Event 2019 hosts Robert and Barbara Milne, and their son, James.

which is such an important part of Scotland's agricultural economy, particularly here in the North-east.'

Scotland's Beef Event 2019 is expected to attract a large attendance of beef farmers from all over Scotland and beyond

and will be hosted by Robert and Barbara Milne, and their son, James.

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the 500-acre all-grass farm and view the suckler herd of 320 Salers and Salers cross cows, which are crossed with Charolais, Salers and Aberdeen-Angus bulls with all calves either finished on the farm or sold as forward stores.

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A total of 2,800 prime sheep consisting of 44 new season lambs were sold, selling to an average of 244.18p and 2067 old season lambs selling to an average of 204.60p and also 689 ewes and rams.

New season lambs (44) – West Carse (Suff) £126, Gillbank (BTex) £125, Balgonar (Tex) £120, Balgonar (Cont) £115, Whitehouse (Zwa) £105.
New season lambs (44) – Balgonar (Tex) 279.0ppk, Southfield (Suff) 271.0ppk, Greystone (Zwa) 249.0ppk, Balgonar (Cont) 245ppk, Gillbank (BTex) 231.0ppk.
Old season lambs (2,067) – Luckenburn (BTex) £124, Isle Cottage (Tex) £114.50, Easter Garden (Suff) £100, Wardhead (Chev) £96.50, East

Bracklinn (X) £94.50, Lenaig (Mule) £92.50, Baldovie (Cont) £92, Wester Bleaton (BF) £91, Old Faskally (Char) £88.50.
Old season lambs (2,067) – Luckenburn (BTex) 276ppk, Wardhead (Tex) 256ppk, Easter Garden (Suff) 233ppk, Wardhead (Chev) 231ppk, Pityot (X) 221ppk, Old Faskally (Char) 214ppk, Pitsundry (BF) 210ppk, West Balgothrie (Mule) 204ppk.
Ewes (689) – Victoria (Tex) £141, Head of Balglass (X) £108, Barbarafield (Suff) £103, Hoprig (HB) £95, Kirkton (Berr) £95, Gayfield (Zwa) £92, Easter Garden (Mule) £82, Easter Garden (Chev) £80, Fearnoch (BF) £76.
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It will be presented as an annual prize for the Supreme Champion Charolais Bull during the May Bull Sales, which take place this year on May 5 and 6 at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

Morton was a highly respected champion for the agricultural sector with a career spanning more than 50 years.

He left school aged 14 to become a trainee auctioneer at Hamilton market and worked in Edinburgh and Cupar before moving to Stirling market in 1958 where he specialised in selling prime cattle. Morton was managing director of UA from 1990-95



and, following retirement, remained on the main board of UA Group PLC until 1999. He continued to be involved with the bull sales and acted in an advisory capacity as recently as the construction of Stirling Agricultural Centre.

Known for his energy and enthusiasm in and out of the

box, Morton never missed the Royal Highland Show where he was a local director in 1997 and a steward for many years.

Neil McLean, chairman of United Auctions, said: 'Morton lived and worked in Stirling for 60 years, making an indelible mark on those who knew him by going that

Morton Strachan MBE.

extra mile with great care, thought and attention. He was dedicated to his work while being a true family man, so it's fitting that his daughters are the first to present this special tribute which honours his legacy.'

Livestock farmers urged to take leaf out of crop sector book on soil health

NFU Scotland's vice president Martin Kennedy has urged Scotland's livestock and grassland farmers to take a leaf out of their cropping sector colleagues' book when it comes to improving soil health.

Writing his blog while spreading lime on his Highland Perthshire farm, Martin and his family are two years into a five-year programme that will see them soil test every field and then, using GPS technology, target nutrients and fertiliser to where they are most needed. But such technology, often combined with minimum tillage or no till, has been widely adopted by those growing crops for many years.

The benefits after year one on Martin's farm are stark. Not only is soil health improving but savings on fertiliser of £30 per tonne have already been achieved.

Martin writes: 'I would urge all those in the live-

stock and grassland sectors who don't presently use this technology to take a leaf out of the arable sector's book and treat grass with the attention it deserves. After all, from a livestock perspective, it's every bit as important.'

And the big win in building on Scotland's excellent record on soil health is in storing carbon, an important element in tackling climate change.

'Scottish farmers could do more on soil health, but let's remember that in comparison to some other parts of the world, we are starting from a pretty admirable position. Politicians need to recognise these efforts, particularly in the arable sector, and appreciate that, if we're not careful, the opposite of what is desired will be achieved,' concludes Martin.

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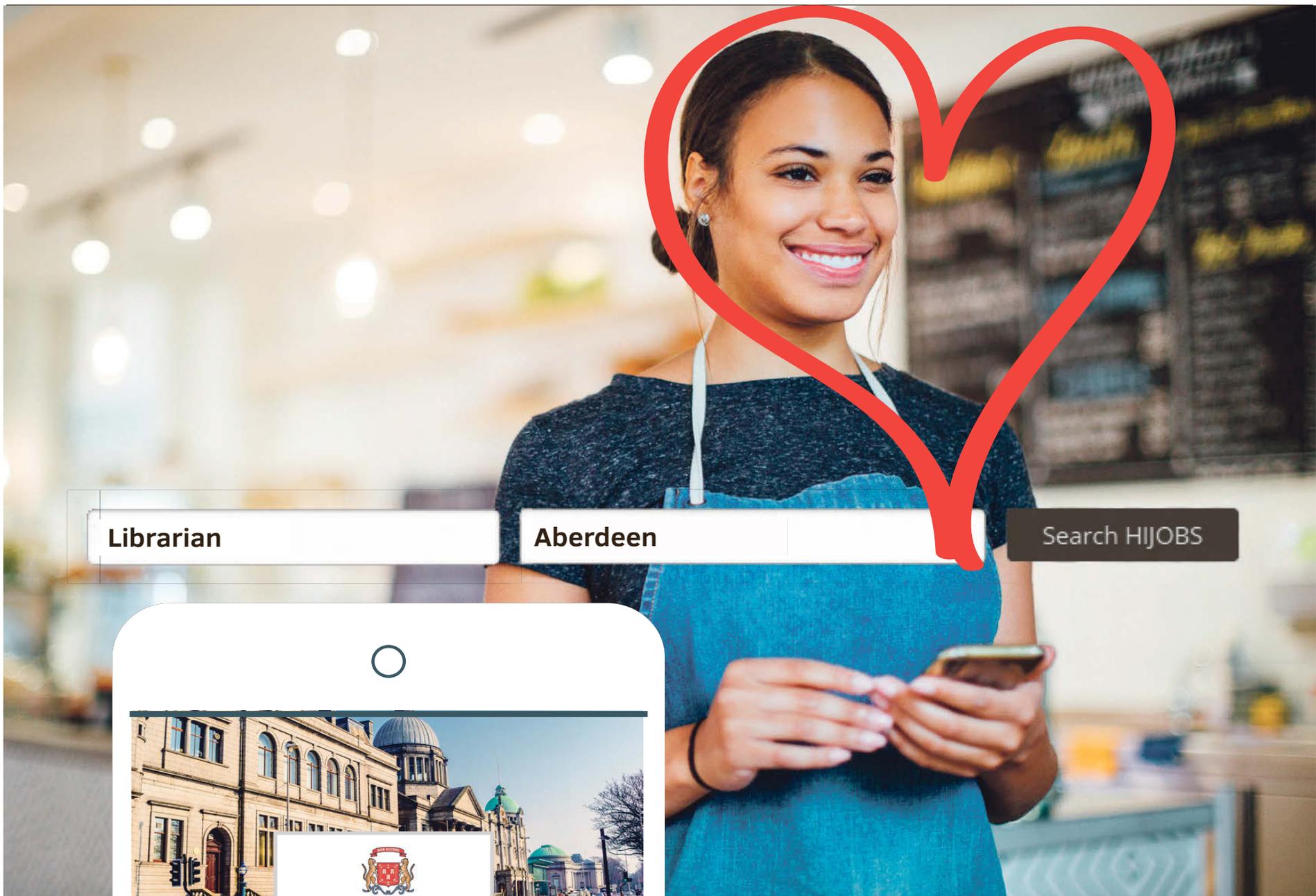


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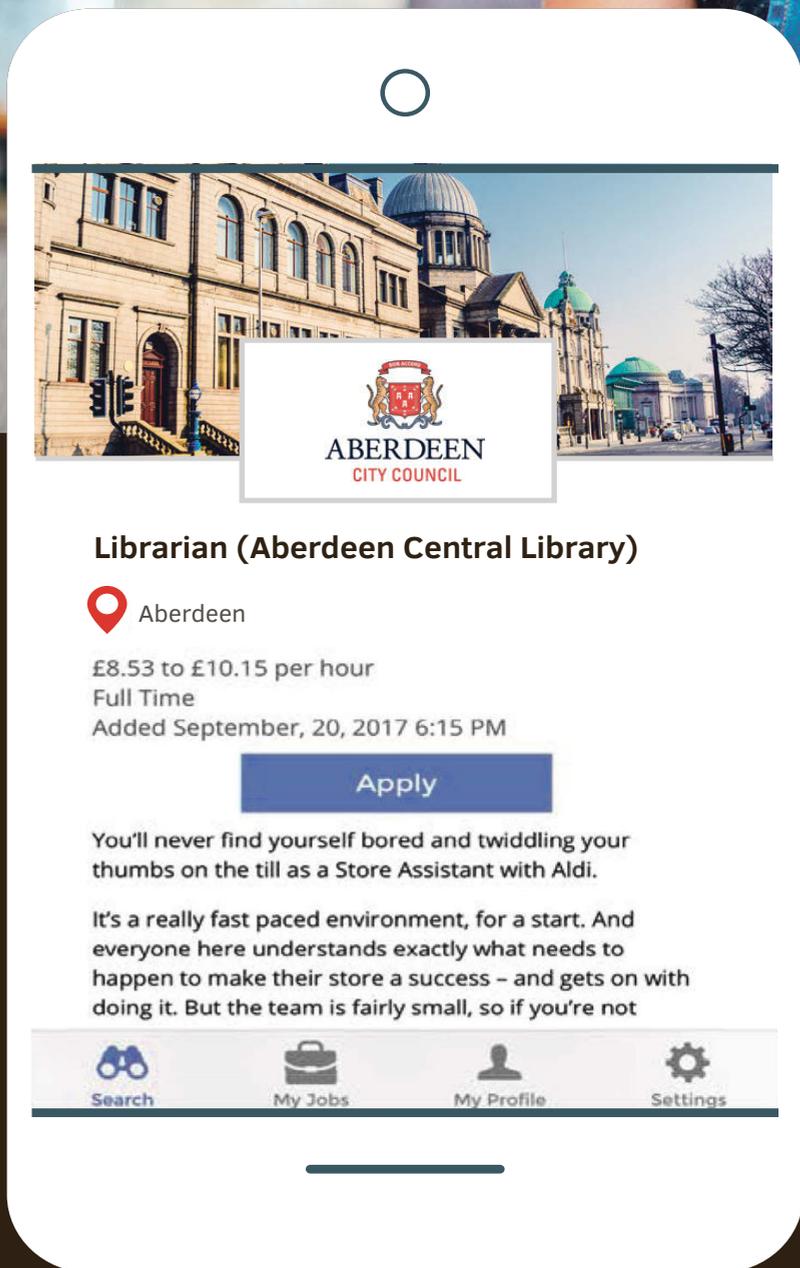
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This year the organisers, Mid Argyll Pipe Band, are aiming for a record number of float entries – and some creative carnival-themed floats. There will be a prize for the best float on parade.

So grab your pals, work-mates or family members and help make this year's Ardrishaig Gala Day Parade the best yet.

Contact the organisers via the Ardrishaig Gala Day Facebook page to register your float.

TARBERT

Seafood and sequins at disco

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And – don't forget – the Tarbert royals must be available on the weekend of July 6 and 7 for the festival itself.

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Mrs Goodwin and pupils with bags of rubbish collected around the village.

Furnace community steps up for village clean-up

The village of Furnace is sparkling clean after a community clean-up last week.

Around 20 villagers joined children and teachers from Furnace Primary School to tackle rubbish which had accumulated throughout the winter around the village and the shore.

Furnace Community Council convener Lynda Syed said: 'We've been wanting to do this for a while, but have waited until the winter winds died down. I am delighted the school joined in and all the children worked really hard. It is unbelievable what some people will dump.

'Furnace can be proud of its community spirit. It was good to see so many people turn out and work so hard to improve our environment.'

A big wool and craft day is planned for Sunday April 28 and Furnace is looking nice and spruce ahead of the event.

Contemporary glass specialists turn pane into gain

Contemporary Oban glass specialists and recycling crusaders Gail and Colin Goodall have come up with a smashing idea to put something back into the community.

The couple have reclaimed the broken windows from the former Rockfield Primary School and will

make them into bespoke items to be given back to the new Rockfield Centre in Oban to sell.

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Owners of Highland Glass, Gail and Colin plan to make the Rockfield glass into commemorative items before handing them

back so they can be sold on as original Rockfield pieces.

The couple have also made decorations from glass reclaimed from Mull and Lochgilphead Church Hall as well as making jewellery incorporating the ashes of someone's much-loved pet.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"The Lord ... gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" (Isaiah 40:29).

BIRTHS

MCALINDEN - To Paul and Lindsay (née Glendinning), the gift of a beautiful daughter, Freya Elise, on April 7, 2019. A wee sister for Finlay.

DEATHS

MCLACHLAN - Peacefully, at the home of her son, Creag Bhan, Oban, on April 17, 2019, Annie Campbell Watson, in her 89th year, 62 Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late William McLachlan, devoted mum of Stuart and the late Wilma, cherished grandma to Rebecca, much loved sister of Flora, Renee and the late Malcolm and a special mum-in-law to Christine and Robert.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 18, 2019, Neil McLean, in his 86th year, 69 Craigdhu Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Janet McLean, much loved brother of Rene, beloved uncle of Joan and Tracey and a loving great uncle. Funeral Private.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACINTYRE - Billy our wonderful son passed away April 27, 2017.

Always made us so proud of everything you did. Love you now and forever. - Mum and Dad and family.

WILLIAMSON - In memory of a much loved mum, grandmother and great grandmother, Christina Alice (Allie), who died April 27, 2010.

Missed every day. - Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.

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CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

Sunday 28th April 2019
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 28th April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev W Crossan 10.45am Kirk Session Meeting Session Room

Monday 29th April
Stated AGM 7.30pm New Hall

Tuesday 30th April
Tiny Tots 9.45am New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall

Thursday 2nd May
Choir Practice

Friday 3rd May
Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
All welcome
(SC002876)

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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Friday 26th April
SKY Youth Group 7.30pm

Sunday 28th April
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies

Wednesday 1st May
Bible study 7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

ST KIRAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday 21st April
Easter 2 Holy Communion 10.45am

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



Sunday 28th April
11.15am Communion Service
Rev Bob Akroyd
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Cafe Church
Monday 29th April
4.00pm Road to Recovery

Wednesday 1st May
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
All welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Kintyre Christian Fellowship Meeting to be held on
Friday 26th April
at 7.30pm
in Highland Parish Church Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Mr Gavin Mathews, Baptist Church, Perth
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 28th April
11.00am

Family Service
Pastor Mark Jasper with Sunday school and refreshments after the service

South Kintyre Youth
Every Friday at 7.30 pm
Visit our Facebook page for details of venue
Our Sunday service is held at the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)
"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Sunday Services
in Achahoish at 9.45am and Ardrishaig at 11.00am
All Welcome
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact Carruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmartin
Sunday 28th April 2019
- 11.30am

Rev Walter Ritchie
Followed by Stated Annual Meeting
All welcome
(SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002
Sunday 28 April
10am Bellanoch Church
Saturday 27 April
10.30am -12.30pm
Cafe Connect
Achnamara Hall
Monday 29 April
7.30pm Session Meeting
Tayvallich Church
All welcome
www.northknapdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 28th April
Skipness service 10am
Dr J L Morrison OBE
Tarbert Communion service 11.30am
Rev Christine Fulcher
Kilberry Communion service 2pm
Rev Christine Fulcher
Everyone welcome
Tarbert and Kilberry
Charity No: SC002622
Skipness Charity No: SC004280

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland
Sunday 28 April 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church
- 10.00am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church
- 11.30am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
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Roslyn was all smiles as she got to work painting a pretty egg. 51_a17KilmartinEaster03



Lucy can't squash this egg no matter how hard she tries. Why? 51_a17KilmartinEaster15



James was busy trying to count wriggling tadpoles. 51_a17KilmartinEaster17



Is it magic or science? Sofia's about to find out with Kirsty Jackson-Stark. 51_a17KilmartinEaster06



Rouben and Sofia enjoying the ring toss at the Kilmartin Museum Easter event. 51_a17KilmartinEaster02

Easter fun in the sun at Kilmartin

by Laura Maxwell
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With the sun shining and the birds chirping, Kilmartin Museum opened its garden to youngsters ready to celebrate Easter.

Kilmartin Museum teamed up with Heart of Argyll Wildlife for 'Eggs or not', an afternoon of Easter activities including a quiz, ring toss, an egg hunt, egg painting, 'eggcellent eggperiments' and more.

All the activities had a connection to nature or had

an educational slant, leaving children of all ages curious and entertained.

One prize-winning youngster guessed the number of tadpoles in the tank and got to go home with a toy beluga whale for guessing correctly.

Heart of Argyll Wildlife environmental interpretation officer Pete Creech said: 'We had a very successful day. Around 50 people took part painting eggs, making nests, carrying out egg experiments and guessing the number of tadpoles.'

'It was lots of fun.'



A great day of Easter fun was enjoyed by children and adults.

Parent council hunt boosts funds

Children enjoyed a sunny Easter hunt in the beautiful grounds of Inveraray Primary School on Easter Sunday.

A total of £65 was raised for the parent council. Organisers thank the Inveraray Inn for hosting the event for the second year.



Caitlin made a nest for her egg.

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Some of the older nursery children feed the lambs.

Badden Farm Nursery takes in orphaned lambs

There were three woolly new additions to Badden Farm Nursery this spring.

Many delighted faces looked on as some of the older children fed lambs in the sun.

This spring the children have been taking responsibility for three orphaned lambs.

The children and staff are loving having them at the nursery and they are almost as energetic as the children themselves.

The lambs, named by the children as Rosie, Raspberry and Fluffy, will remain at the nursery until they are strong enough to fend for themselves.

Lochgilphead anglers lose out to Oban club

The first leg of the inter-club competition between Lochgilphead and Oban anglers took place at Cairnbaan lochs on Sunday April 7.

Eighteen anglers took part and caught 17 brown trout.

At the weigh-in, Lochgilphead appeared to have won the competition with a total weight of eight pounds, 15 ounces, while Oban had three pounds 15 and a half ounces. The rules, however, are that the team with the fewer anglers has the names of the other team drawn out of a hat to even out the numbers.

The Oban team was lucky and drew out the second, third and fourth best bags caught by Lochgilphead. The fourth best bag was caught by junior

angler Kyle Danson, who had a nice trout of one pound.

Lochgilphead lost by four pounds 14 and a half ounces.

It worked against Lochgilphead this time, but it has helped the team in the past.

It is still all to fish for in the return match at Oban in September.

The Stronachullin competition took place on April 14.

On a very cold day with a strong westerly wind, 11 anglers braved the elements.

In first place was Dugald MacGilp with two brown trout weighing one pound three ounces. Second was Rudi Graham with one brown trout weighing one pound two ounces.



Inveraray Golf Club.

Neil holds form to take April medal

The April medal at Inveraray Golf Club, held on Sunday April 21, was won by Neil Armour who continued his fine form from last season into this competition.

Neil finished on 72, one shot ahead

of D J MacDonald on 73. Donald MacNeill was third on 78.

This Sunday, April 28, is the Stewart Scott Shield qualifying competition with the usual ballot times available.

Mid Argyll welcomes Twinshocks

The Scottish Twinshocks series returns to Achnashelloch on Sunday April 28, with racing starting at 10am.

The organisers are looking for vol-

unteer marshals to help on the day and to help with track maintenance.

To find out more, contact Mid Argyll Motocross Club via the club Facebook page.

Sports club lottery numbers

Drawn on Monday April 22, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 17, and 18. There was no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300. Monday's Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers were

8, 17 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £500. Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 6, 17 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £700.

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You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbelltown Courier, Main Street, Campbelltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

K Smith
Oban
G Gibson
Oban

Lochgilphead anglers
 lose out to Oban
 club

Easter fun in the
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Kyles and Camanachd sail into Celtic Cup semi-finals

The quarter-finals of shinty's oldest tournament, the Scottish Sea Farms-sponsored Glasgow Celtic Society Cup, were held in fine dry conditions on Saturday April 20.

Kyles Athletic maintained their perfect start to the season as they defeated Bute 3-0 at the Meadows.

Colin MacDonald broke the deadlock on 35 minutes and it remained that way until the turnaround.

MacDonald got his and Kyles' second on 65 minutes and Ross MacRae made it 3-0 a couple of minutes later.

Kyles now travel to face Glasgow Mid Argyll in the last four of the competition.

Cup holders Oban Camanachd ran out convincing 7-0 winners against neighbours Oban Celtic at Ganavan.

Camanachd will now host Inveraray or Taynuilt, who are due to meet this Saturday, in next month's semi-finals.

Glasgow Mid Argyll sealed a place in the semi-finals after beating Ballachulish 5-2 at Yoker.

GMA took the lead on 20 minutes when Craig Anderson scored from the spot. Garry Luke doubled the Glasgow side's advantage on 32 minutes and it stayed that way until the break.

Third

Brian Slattery added a third on 61 minutes before Oliver MacRae made it 4-0 on 73 minutes.

Ballachulish, however, fought back and Allan Clark scored on 75 and 82 minutes to make it 4-2.

GMA's Ian Luke rounded off the 5-2 win a couple of minutes from time.



Above: Kyles Athletic's Andrew King nips in ahead of Thomas Morrison of Bute.

Left: Former Newtonmore stalwart turned Kyles player Paul MacArthur is challenged by Bute's James Craig. Photographs: Paul Paterson.



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