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Ardrishaig post office closed as Yot Spot folds

'So many people rely on the post office services and for it to be shut like this is just atrocious'

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ARDRISHAIG has been left high and dry as the village Post Office closes – hot on the heels of news that the Yot Spot has gone out of business.

The *Advertiser* understands that the post office will be closed for a minimum of three weeks as efforts are made to restore the service.

The post office moved from the Key-store in Ardrishaig during 2016 following the opening of the Yot Spot – a new shop and cafe complex in the steamer terminal buildings owned by Scottish Canals.

This is not the first time the post office in Ardrishaig has been

affected, with the *Argyllshire Advertiser* reporting on unplanned closures in October as the Yot Spot appeared to be struggling.

After months of speculation on its future, Companies House has listed the Yot Spot's status as 'liquidation' with effect from December 2017.

Crowdfunding

Ahead of opening the Yot Spot, founder Michael Forbes attracted support from 81 people, who raised more than £10,000 through online crowdfunding towards fitting out the building.

A local resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said: 'There have been rumours for months about the status of the Yot Spot and

what would happen to the post office. So many people rely on the post office services, and for it to be shut like this is just atrocious.'

Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'This is really concerning for the residents of Ardrishaig, not only for the three weeks but the uncertainty of the future.'

'I believe national government should review the provision of such vital services, and assist to protect them in rural areas.'

Councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'We should all be concerned about this situation.'

The modernisation of the Post Office network has surely led to the difficulty finding alternative providers in Kilmartin and Ardfern,



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and now an unsustainable post office business in Ardrishaig.'

A spokesperson for the Post Office said: 'We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the temporary closure of Ardrishaig Post Office.'

'Unfortunately, from time to time, post office branches do temporarily close for reasons beyond our control. The majority of our branches are run by independent retailers and, regrettably, this means we are unable to re-open the branch ourselves.'

'We always want to maintain post office services, and would like to reassure our customers that we are doing all we can to restore services as soon as possible.'

Inside this week

Beware of fraudsters

SCAMMERS are calling people across Argyll with false threats of court action over tax. **Page 3**.

Controversial caviar

PLANS for a new caviar farm at the head of Loch Fyne promise investment and jobs - but not everyone is happy. **Page 4**.

Rough time for A83

THERE has been a big reaction from readers about the condition of the A83 trunk road. **Page 6**.

Gold star Daniel

A MID Argyll goldfish has won online admirers the world over - whether or not he's a Pet Idol winner. **Page 22**.



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Dad dies in New Year's day quad bike accident

A 42-YEAR-old man died after a New Year's Day accident involving a quad bike outside Oban.

The man, named as father-of-two Paul Thomson, was discovered by a member of the public 600 yards from the A816 to Lochgilphead on

Lerags Road shortly after 9pm on New Year's Day.

The road was closed to allow a crash investigation to be conducted.

No other vehicles are thought to have been involved.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Police ask anyone who witnessed the incident or has relevant information to contact PC Barber at Oban Police office using the 101 telephone number.



Paul Thomson.



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'Last chance' for Lochgilphead man

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Racially abusing
Sheriff Patrick Hughes, sitting at Oban Sheriff Court, was told that a body-cam worn by the worker captured David Macdonald For-

rest racially abusing him and telling him to 'get a real job'.

When Forrest said his girlfriend had only parked the car there for minutes, the council employee tried to explain, but Forrest started to shout and swear at him.

Forrest, 33, of 7 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, admitted acting in a racially aggressive

manner on July 29 last year by shouting, swearing and uttering racist comments.

Depressed

In Forrest's defence, it was said he had been depressed since losing his job as a fisherman and had been suffering from alcoholism, a problem he was now addressing, and that he took full responsibility for his actions and did

not know why he said the things he did.

Sheriff Hughes had previously called for reports on Forrest and sentenced him to a community payback order with 150 hours of unpaid work to be completed within nine months and a supervisory order for 12 months, during which time he was to undertake treatment for alcoholism.

'This is a disgraceful way to behave,' said the sheriff and, referring to Forrest's previous convictions, added: 'This is your last chance.'

The sheriff ordered Forrest to return to court in three months for a review of the order.

Police files

Domestic assault

AT 1.15AM on Tuesday January 2, police officers attended a disturbance on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

A 45-year-old woman was charged with assault and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Attempted housebreaking

WITNESSES are being sought by police after a reported attempted break-in at a Tarbert industrial unit.

Officers attended Argyll Window Repairs on Campbeltown Road at 10.35am on Thursday January 4 following a report there had been an attempt to force entry into the property.

Police ask anyone who may have seen or heard people in the area or who might have information at contact PC MacLeod at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Tarbert vandalism

Police were called to Oakhill, Tarbert, at 1.42pm on Saturday January 6 after reports of vandalism to property and a vehicle.

Witnesses or anyone with information is asked to contact PS Wilson at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Failed to report collision

On Thursday January 4, a vehicle was parked on Shore Street, Bowmore, Islay, when it was allegedly struck by a passing vehicle.

The driver did not stop or report the collision.

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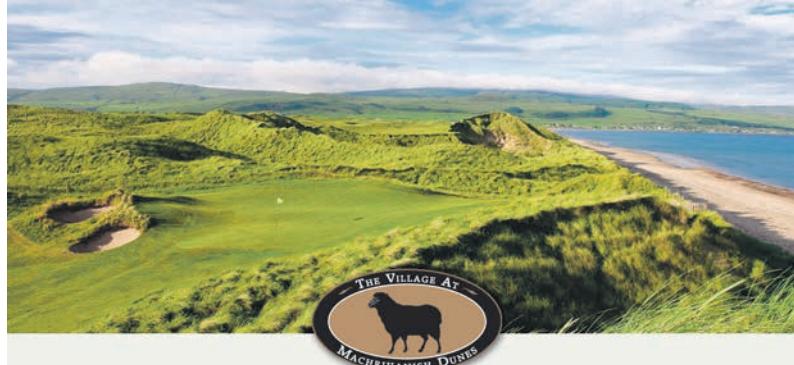
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Arrochar works to improve 'disgraceful' road surface

CONTRACTORS will start work later this month to improve the A83 road surface near Arrochar.

A five-day project will start on Monday January 22 to resurface the Succoth stretch of the trunk road described by *Argyllshire Advertiser* readers as 'a disgrace' - see page six of this edition for more.

A 400m section of road will be resurfaced in the £60,000 scheme. Work will be carried out between 7am and 7pm each day.

For safety reasons, a 10mph convoy system with temporary traffic lights will be in place during the work.

Upgrade

Eddie Ross, of trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland, said: 'These essential resurfacing works will upgrade the existing road surface, greatly improving quality and safety for road users.'

'The traffic management arrangements are necessary due to the restricted width of the road at this location but our teams will do all they can to keep disruption to a minimum.'

Our top ten most read online stories of 2017

THE ARGYLLSHIRE *Advertiser* website has been upgraded - and it is well worth a look if you haven't been there for a while.

Keep an eye on the website for breaking news stories - seven days a week.

Looking back on 2017, here are the top ten most read online news stories of the year:

1. Two arrested after Lochgilphead knife assault - September 14

2. Mystery Tarbert chemical scare triggers major response - August 24

3. Police appeal after Arrochar hit-and-



The second most popular story of the year involved a suspected chemical contamination in Tarbert sorting office - which sparked a major response by the emergency services. 06_a34Tarbreponse14

run - November 25

4. Major loch search after man reported missing - March 10

5. Body found in search for Lochgilphead woman - June 17

6. What a night as In-

veraray's march goes on - August 30

7. Minister 'expects progress' as Strome Point scheme gets green light - November 29

8. Shock at death of

popular Mid Argyll farmer - October 21

9. Ophelia kicks up a storm in Mid Argyll - October 18

10. New appeal in search for Mid Argyll man - March 13

Phone tax scammers target Inveraray

A READER from Inveraray contacted the *Advertiser* to warn others after receiving a scam phone call on January 8.

The lady, a pensioner, said: 'I had a phone call purporting to come from the income tax people saying they were taking me to court and to press 'one' on my phone to talk to my case manager.'

At that point she dropped the phone by mistake, but it cut off the call, before calling Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC),

where she was told the call was a scam.

The HMRC website advises: 'The bogus call may state HMRC is filing a lawsuit against you and that you must make an immediate payment. This scam has been widely reported and appears to be targeting elderly and vulnerable people. If you can't verify the identity of the caller, don't liaise with them and forward details such as date, time of call and the telephone number used to phising@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.'

Register children for school

CHILDREN who turn five between March 1 2018 and February 28 2019 should be registered for primary school during the week beginning Monday January 15.

Parents should take their children to their local primary school to register during that week between 10am and 3pm.

If the child is not receiving pre-school education in Argyll and Bute, their birth certificate should also be taken along. Further information can be found on the Argyll and Bute Council website or call 01369 704000.

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£4m Loch Fyne caviar farm plan draws protest

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AMBITIOUS plans to create Scotland's first caviar farm at the head of Loch Fyne are attracting controversy.

The Fynest Caviar Company, based in Edinburgh, hopes to be on site at Clachan, Cairndow, by this spring – provided its planning application is approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

An application for permission in principle was submitted in November to the local authority for the erection of a closed containment aquaculture facility for the production of sturgeon.

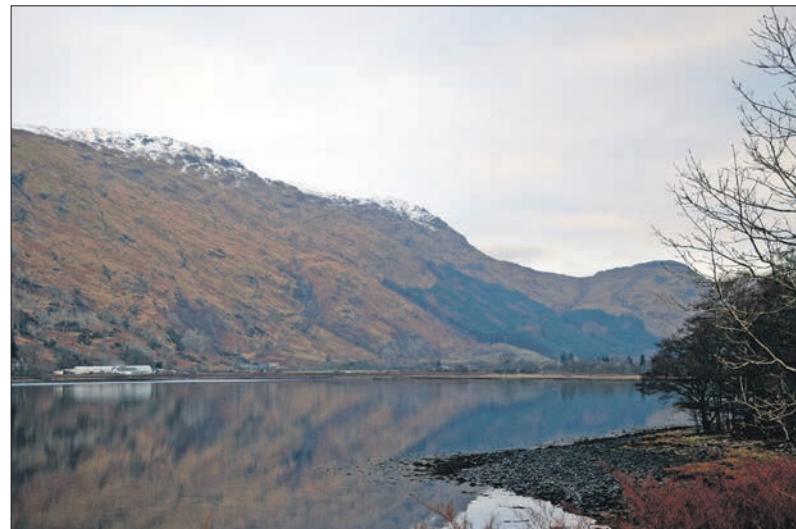
One of three directors in the limited company, Edinburgh account-

ant Fraser Niven, said £4 million would be invested in the new enterprise.

He explained: 'The initial investment will be on the infrastructure and stock, which is being bought from sustainable sources. The business is a long-term enterprise as we nurture the fish until they are in a position to provide their high quality produce.'

'We reviewed other locations across the UK and consider the chosen site in Argyll to have an impressive number of benefits including the water, the local expertise and the market's high regard for the quality seafood produced in the area.'

But the scheme has



Loch Fyne's reputation for seafood was one of the attractions of the site at the beautiful head of the loch. 06_a02LochFyneCaviar01

drawn criticism from an animal rights group and Marilyn Sheddell of Muasdale. Ms Sheddell, a columnist with the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, submitted a letter to the council in which

she urged officers to reject the application, writing: 'I strongly object to what amounts to the total unadulterated cruelty to these fish.'

'This project, if pushed through, would be barbaric and would dehumanise us all.'

Campaign group PETA has meanwhile sent a petition with more than 5,000 signatures from members of the public urging the council to reject the plan.

PETA claims that in addition to causing cruelty to fish, a farm

of this kind could result in increased traffic from goods vehicles and the obstruction of scenic views. It also claims environmental pollutants such as ammonia from the site could have a detrimental impact on wildlife.

PETA director Elisa Allen said: 'PETA is calling for the proposal to be rejected, sparing sturgeons immense suffering.'

Fraser Niven responded: 'In order to provide the finest product for our customers, we understand we will

need to provide the finest facilities for our fish. One of the reasons for the significant level of investment is our desire to provide the optimum environment in which the fish can develop.'

'The company has assembled a well-respected and experienced team to assist in the set up and running of the business. Their reputation and knowledge will ensure best practice is established and maintained.'

Mr Niven added that seven full-time jobs will be created in the

initial phase of the project, with potential for more.

There are still a number of hoops to be negotiated, however, before the project can be approved. Statutory consultees, including Marine Scotland, will need to be satisfied.

Just before Christmas, the government agency asked for further details of the scheme and advised The Fynest Caviar Company to engage with the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate for necessary authorisation.



Part of the proposed site, close to the River Fyne, with existing buildings in the foreground that would be cleared for the caviar farm. 06_a02LochFyneCaviar02



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SCOTLAND'S mobile cinema has arrived in Lochgilphead.

The Screen Machine kicked off a three-day visit to the Resource Centre, Lochgilphead, last night, Thursday January 11.

It will remain in the town until Saturday.

The cinema will host screenings of Paddington 2 and Murder on the Orient Express tonight, Friday January 12, and will show Rocket Post: A National Theatre of Scotland Show, Call Me By Your Name and The Death of Stalin tomorrow, Saturday January 13.

To buy tickets or find out more about the screen machine, go to www.screenmachine.co.uk.

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ARGYLL and Bute Council has awarded Kilmartin Museum's re-development project £400,000. these three grants will contribute towards the £6.7 million total.'

Gin tasting

The project team is organising a gin tasting night with Kintyre Gin on Friday January 26 at the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead, in aid of the re-development project.

Tickets

Tickets for the gin tasting are £15 and can be booked by emailing ruth@kilmartin.org.



Editorial

Looking to future

JUST a couple of years after it opened with great promise, it is a shame to see the Yot Spot go under.

With it, of course, goes Ardrishaig post office - at least temporarily.

Scottish Canals will be working to find a replacement tenant and we hope to bring news of this in time.

There are big plans for Ardrishaig pier, so let's hope the future holds greater success.

Trunk road cash

WORK has been going on to resurface the A83 at Dalmellon and we hear the Succoth stretch at Arrochar is to be improved later this month. But the Scottish Government needs to part with some real cash to improve this major arterial road.

Red stars

TWO LOCHGILPHEAD stars are shining bright.

Lochgilphead Red Star Football Club are flying high in the league and we wish them well for the rest of the season.

And Daniel the Goldfish has turned out to be a real superstar with his online Pet Idol exploits. For a fish, he sure gets around.

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The condition of the A83 trunk road

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser ran a front page story in last week's edition (January 5) on growing concerns about the crumbling condition of the A83 and

BEAR Scotland's plans to address the problem.

The online reaction has been remarkable, with almost 19,000 people to date

viewing the story via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page and plenty of comment left on the page.

Below are a selection of comments:

facebook

Duncan Black: 'The problem being they go for the cheapest option every time which never lasts. The stretch between Arrochar and Tarbet they resurfaced a while back. How long did it take for the drains to sink? A week?

about the state of the road between the [Lochgilphead] bus stop and the bottom roundabout. That's wild!'

Iris Marhencke: 'One needs to repair, not patch. The Furnace bends are terribly dangerous, as one finds oneself on the wrong side of the road to avoid potholes which when it has been raining look like harmless puddles - a totally dangerous set up.'

Donald Bowness: 'Sums it up when bear are repairing the potholes at Ardrishaig bridge with cold tar and their workboots.'

David Philips: 'For these big companies to make money and stay in profit they need to let the road get bad and apply for a big scheme from the government.'

They just can't apply for money for one pothole as they won't make anything. It's the same with street lighting and anything these private companies are involved with. I just feel sorry for the workers, as they take it off everyone and is nothing to do with them.'

Craig Martin: 'Petition is required to the SNP or higher up the food chain. Think I'll go on the bus next time and save my tyres!'

Willie Robertson: 'I've only one thing to add for consideration - timber wagons.'

Scott Staff: 'Resurface damaged areas instead of patching them up, which only lasts a couple of months.'

Ami Harris: 'I was at Glasgow yesterday and the road is an absolute joke. On my journey home the Furnace corners have been 'filled in'.'



The potholed A83 road surface through Lochgilphead, as photographed by Councillor Douglas Philand.

An open letter to Scotland's transport minister, Humza Yousaf MSP

Dear minister,
I am writing to you as a matter of urgency regarding the state of the A83 from Tarbert in Argyll to Tarbert at Loch Lomond.

There are a number of seriously large potholes in which cars are now swerving in the road to avoid.

Some of the holes have been filled with soft tar but this lasts a couple of days. It really needs a permanent and urgent solution to fix this before someone is seriously hurt. I have included photos of the potholes in the main town of Lochgilphead to illustrate the size, and believe me the stretch I have mentioned is also showing holes of such magnitude.

If this was the state of the road between Glasgow and Edinburgh on the M8 the potholes would be instantly fixed because they are so dangerous. My question is why are we in Argyll yet again being treated differently. I do hope you can assist us in Argyll before someone is seriously hurt or even worse consequences. I look forward to hearing from you.

Councillor Douglas Philand.

ly hurt with state of road.'

Kat Drummond: 'Transerv did a far better job, but the contract was given back to BEAR, so back to square one.'

Stephen Lovie: 'They were filling a few holes today, but given the rain it wouldn't surprise me if they appeared again.'

Isabel Macleod: 'A disgrace in this day and age.'



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School gathers cash for Christmas lunch

By Lorne MacFarlane

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's annual Christmas assembly on December 21 focused on giving during the festive period, with performances from a number of students and presentations from Lynda Syed and Reverend David Carruthers.

Isabel Hamilton from the school hosted a presentation on 'giving' and a number of different traditions.

Fitting the assembly's

theme, a cheque for £313 was presented to Gill Hutton on behalf of the Mid Argyll Community Christmas gathering, where a Christmas meal is served to those who find themselves alone during the festive period.

Food bank

The money was raised at the school's Christmas market at the beginning of December, with teacher Fiona McBride accompanying pupils to the Co-op to buy

food that was then donated to the food bank.

Reverend Carruthers concluded the assembly by highlighting the important role the Mid Argyll Christmas gathering has within the community.

Lochgilphead High School, Reverend Carruthers and Mid Argyll Community Christmas Gathering thank everyone involved on Christmas Day who helped make the meal a success.



Volunteer Gill Hutton, left, was delighted to receive the cheque on behalf of the community gathering. 08_a2TScheque

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New Year is often a time when people start to consider what they hope to get out of life and start to make plans for the year ahead. Argyll College UHI has a range of short, full-time courses starting at the end of January that can be a great first step into education and will get you started on the right track.



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Mid Argyll says 'aye' tae a New Year pie

Colin Cameron

editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

LOCHGILPHEAD
butchers HD Ferguson and Son played a big part in bringing in the New Year, and no 'mi'steak'.

For many people,

New Year simply wouldn't be New Year without a steak pie and staff at Fergusons were happy to oblige.

Butcher Wallace Simpson and colleagues were hard at work in the days run-

ning up to Hogmanay preparing delicious pies to meet the seasonal surge in orders.

He told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'I reckon we'll make more than 1,000 steak pies for sale in Lochgilphead, in our Tarbert shop and with a

couple of hundred going down to Campbeltown.'

He explained the process: 'The steak, all Scotch beef, comes in and gets cut up in our Lochgilphead shop. It gets seasoned and cooked slowly overnight so that it's tender,



Steak pie aroma fills the room as Wallace bakes just some of the 1,000-plus pies made for Hogmanay. a01_FergusonSteakPies02



Pastry cases are filled before a fresh batch of pies goes into the oven. a01_FergusonSteakPies03

then we add our special gravy. The pastry is bought in pre-shaped.

'We fill the cases of different sizes with our steak and gravy and bake them to that lovely golden colour.'

The process is strictly controlled, with tem-

peratures checked at every stage. And, on a cold winter's day, the temperature in the oven room has its advantages.

'Aye, it's hard work but there's worse jobs on a cold day,' joked Wallace.

And producing warming steak pies to see in 2018 around Mid Argyll and Kintyre was a worthwhile end result. Summing it up, Wallace said: 'What could be better than a steak pie at New Year, or any other time?'

Argyll students show their caring side

ARGYLL College students were working harder than Santa's elves during December, collecting and wrapping around 500 Christmas gifts to be distributed to elderly members of the community.

The seasonal project was in support of

the Campaign to End Loneliness and students, staff and members of the public left donations of non-perishable food and drink, books, toiletries and small gifts at Argyll College centres in the run up to Christmas.

The students wanted to find a way to show appreciation for older generations who have contributed to society and may now be without family during the festive period.

Local businesses were extremely supportive, with donations of gifts from Purdies of Oban, Labels Coffee Shop in Ballygrant, Is-

lay, and Taynuilt-based Sequence Ladies Choir. Tesco and the Co-op also supported the students by setting up drop-off points in stores in Oban and Islay.

Word of the students' activities spread as far as Dumfries and when Hilda McAdam heard about the campaign she sent a selection of hand-knitted hats, gloves and scarves.

With hundreds of gifts to be distributed throughout Argyll, childhood practice tutor Kerry McGeachy said: 'The support has been outstanding and we are truly humbled



Hannah Hutchison with some of the Islay donations.

by the generosity of staff, students and the wider community.'

Kerry's fellow tutor and curriculum lead for care and childcare Kyla Steele said: 'The activity links with many of the themes in

a number of courses in the care sector and the students have taken this on wholeheartedly.'

Social services tutor Allan MacDougall co-ordinated gift distribution with numerous organisations across the region. 'All the local care organisations have been so enthusiastic about the project and so supportive, which is great,' said Allan, 'especially at a time of the year when they are incredibly busy and had so much to contend with. The staff involved went the extra mile to make this possible.'

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Michael applies science to animal welfare

AN EDINBURGH-based scientist with Scotland's Rural College has been appointed a trustee of a vet-led animal welfare charity.

Michael Appleby OBE will join the board of Animal Welfare Foundation, which funds research, supports veterinary education, provides pet care advice and encourages debate on animal welfare issues.

The charity is supported by the British Veterinary Association.

As a scientist specialising in farm animal behaviour, welfare and husbandry, Michael has lectured in over 30

countries and written several books on animal welfare.

His research has contributed to EU legislation on housing of laying hens and pregnant sows. In addition to being scientific adviser to the Humane Society of the United States and World Animal Protection, he also helped to establish the influential Edinburgh MSc in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare.

He is a visiting professor at Plymouth University and Scotland's Rural College, and Honorary Fellow of Edinburgh University and the International Society for Ap-

plied Ethology. Earlier this year, he was awarded an OBE for services to animal welfare.

'After a career involved with the science and practice of animal welfare, I shall value the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Animal Welfare Foundation,' said Michael.

'I believe that communication and collaboration between veterinary professionals and other animal welfare scientists is essential for the future of animal welfare, in the context of other priorities including sustainability and development.'

'I hope to foster such collaboration.'

AWF chair of trustees Chris Laurence said: 'I am delighted to welcome Michael to the AWF board. As a vet-led charity, AWF is uniquely poised to offer a first-hand insight into the animal welfare challenges facing farm animals, pets and wild animals, and Michael brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise to suggest possible solutions to these and to help to help drive the charity's mission to improve the welfare of animals through veterinary science, education and debate.'



Michael Appleby.

Stockjudging competition in Oban



Test your ability to tell the sheep from the goats at this year's North Argyll Young Farmers' Club stockjudging competition. The fun event will be held at Oban Auction Mart on Friday January 26, starting at 7pm. There will be local stock on show, with food and a bar.

Kirk appoints first farming minister

THE CHURCH of Scotland has appointed its first dedicated farm-

ing minister who will 'show people the love of Christ by walking alongside them'.

Rev Chris Blackshaw's role is to support people in the hard-pressed agricultural industry by visiting farms providing spiritual and family support, counselling and encouraging people to buy local produce.



Rev Chris Blackshaw.

Mr Blackshaw, 57, also interacts with young farmer groups, National Farmers' Union Scotland representatives, visits weekly livestock marts and attends annual agriculture shows.

The new role has been warmly welcomed by National Farmers' Union Scotland and rural charity RSABI.

Get Brexit help with a new digital farm guide

IT HAS been the bane of many an agricultural student's life, and an invaluable tool to farmers for decades.

Now, after almost 40 years of keeping the agricultural industry up to date with the latest data on crops, livestock and finances, the latest edition of the Farm Management Handbook has gone digital.

With support from the Scottish Government and the European Union as part of the SRDP Farm Advisory Service, the online version is free to download, widening access to its contents at a time when uncertainty around Brexit is rife.

Produced by SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College, the 38th edition of the book is also available in print format – ideal for keeping a copy in the farm

office or the tractor. In response to current needs, the new handbook contains additional information, including:

- Grassland and forage costs
- Land tenure and land reform
- New entrants
- Diversification

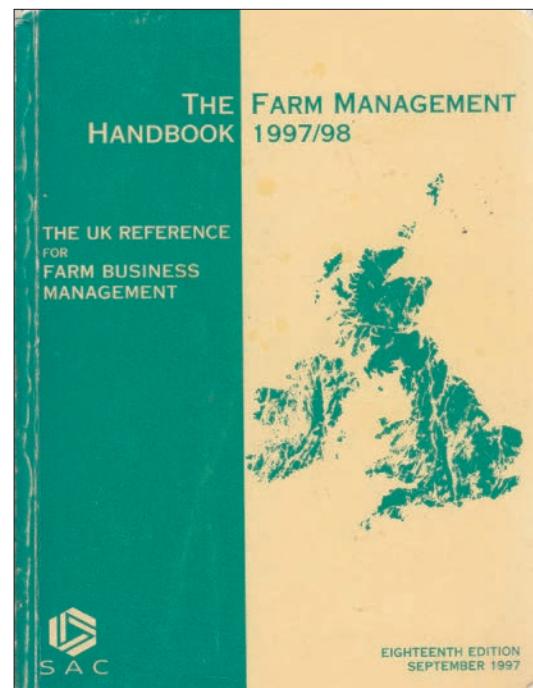
SAC Consulting has also added a new section for crofters and small farmers to provide enterprise margins and business information tailored to their needs. Given changes in the details of Rural Aid and renewable energy schemes, updated guidance has also been provided.

Julian Bell, senior rural business consultant at SAC Consulting, said: 'As no other industry is controlled, supported and regulated more heavily by EU regulations and institutions, agriculture is

widely held to be the sector most affected by Brexit.

'The future for agricultural markets and support has scarcely been less certain in the past half-century or more, meaning it is

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Pet Idol

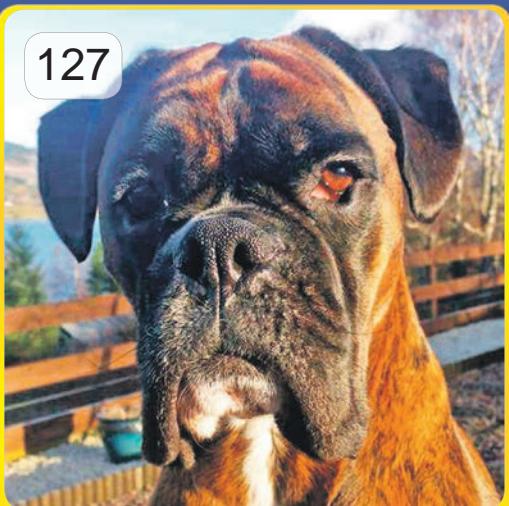
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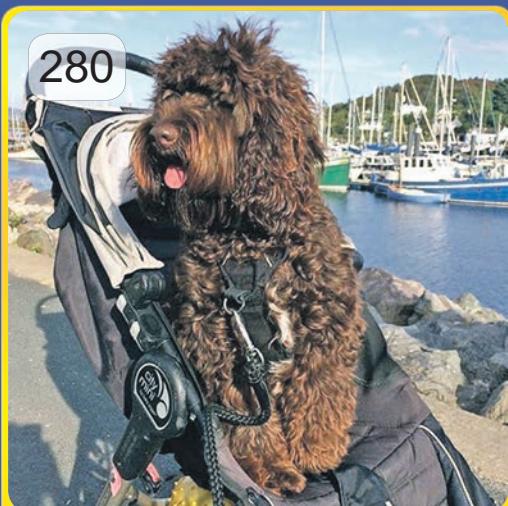
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Time to vote for your **WINNER!**

It seems that readers all agree that a pet is not just for Christmas. Despite being preoccupied with all-things festive you continued to vote in your thousands before, during and after Santa's big day, and we are now in a position to reveal the top 10 pets in the race to become Pet Idol. Our staff are worn out counting the votes, but we are nearly ready to crown our champion. Voting for the winner is now open and you have until 10am on Monday 22nd January to get your votes to us. We will then announce our winner on Thursday 25th/Friday 26th January. Go on, give it one last push for your favourite furball and get voting.

Votes must be received by 10am, Monday 22nd January.

You can vote for as many pets as many times as you like. Only one pet can be voted for on each voting form. Just make sure you use the number quoted on the pet's photograph when voting. Photocopied coupons will not be accepted. One coupon counts as one vote. We will also accept multiple vote coupons in one envelope.

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New Year New You

What is your New Year's resolution for 2018? Find a more fulfilling career, learn new skills or even start a business? Get counselling for an ongoing personal issue? What about losing weight or getting fitter? As CS Lewis said: 'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.'

And while it can seem like an impossible task to keep fit, happy and healthy amid today's hectic schedules, as we usher in the new year, changes – big or small – can have a positive impact on our outlook.

Countless studies indicate that anywhere between 75 and 95 per

cent of people fail to achieve their New Year's resolutions. According to experts, one of the main reasons people fail is because they set resolutions about what they 'should' do, rather than what they really want to do.

You have a better chance of sticking to your resolution if you look at gaining something fabulous rather than giving up something – particularly if it's something you enjoy. For example, rather than looking at giving up food to lose weight, focus on how fit, healthy and confident you will feel when you have achieved your goal.

New Year's resolutions don't have to be something to dread. Becoming an apprentice or taking college courses are fun and interesting ways to improve your earning potential or start a new career.

Why not use this time to try something new? Learning a new skill or rediscovering your love for something is good for the soul, and can boost self-esteem.

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Rhona Galbraith is consultant for Slimming World in Lochgilphead and Campbeltown. She says that it is paramount that she provides warmth, understanding, encouragement and friendship.

In 2017 the Lochgilphead group lost 206 stone whilst the Campbeltown group lost 318 stone which was absolutely fantastic

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17/03239/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land To West Of Sandspoint Waterfoot Carradale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QX	Sub Post Office Carradale
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ARDFERN

Hydro power scheme approved

PLANS for a £290,000 hydro power scheme in Ardfern have been approved, offering 'the best and only chance' of financial sustainability for a traditional hill farm.

James Adam of Garraron and Melfort Farms applied for permission to build a dam, a 250m long storage reservoir, powerhouse, burn intake and buried pipeline on land north east of Garraron Farm. The project is esti-

mated to cost £290,000 to build, bringing an annual income of £32,450 to the farm if all energy were exported to the grid. It will be designed to have an operating life in excess of 100 years and visual impact will be minimal. Civil works are expected to begin in May 2018 and be finished within four months, while the turbine and electrical works will be installed when available.

HELENSBURGH

Police seeking information

DETECTIVES are appealing for information following two serious assaults in Helensburgh.

At 8.30pm on Friday December 29 a disturbance took place on Sinclair Street.

A 21-year-old man was taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley where he was treated for a head injury and later released.

The second incident occurred on Saturday December 30 between 1.30pm and 2.30pm when a 23-year-old man was seriously assaulted while walking

in Williamson Drive. He was taken by ambulance to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley where he was treated for a back injury and later released.

Detective Constable Thomas O'Donnell of Helensburgh Police Office said: 'Enquiries are continuing to establish the circumstances and more details on these two serious assaults.'

'I would ask anyone who has information to please come forward to detectives at Helensburgh Police Office through 101.

ARGYLL



Grant Addison's expression says it all at the dook in Oban. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

New Year dooks across Argyll

CAMPBELTOWN, Oban, Dunoon and Innellan 'loony dookers' enjoyed a traditional refreshing dip on New Year's Day.

Nearly 100 dookers ran into the Clyde to celebrate the Dunoon dook, while in Oban dookers jumped into the freezing Firth of

Lorn from Oban Sailing Club. Campbeltown revellers took the plunge amid freezing temperatures at Torrisdale.

The New Year's Day tradition was devised 30 years ago in South Queensferry as a desperate hangover cure.

TARBERT

Guides hold 'Tarbertopoly' board game event

1st TARBERT Guides are hosting a pop-up board game café at Templars Hall on Saturday January 13.

Visitors will have the

chance to play 'Tarbertopoly' and explore village landmarks between 1pm and 4pm. Entrance is £2.50 per adult and £1 per child.

If you wish to attend, email tarbertguides@gmail.com or add your name to the list in Ian Y MacIntyre's shop.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedd



2018 has been designated in Scotland as the 'Year of Young People'.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to focus on the children and young people in our midst. In my opinion, they are not only our future, but the most enchanting part of our present.

'Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see,' said Neil Postman.

What messages will they take from us into their future, I wonder? Into that time we will not see.

Will they take our love and our encouragement to equip them for a future which will be challenging for them?

Will they take our dreams and our aspirations for them to support them on the way?

Will we have given them enough belief in themselves to have the courage to follow their dreams?

Will we keep them close in our love, but release them to follow life's adventures?

Hoddam Carter said that the greatest gift we can give our children is 'roots and wings'. Roots to ground them in our love – a love to which they can return forever. And wings to fly, as God intended, into a future with all its potential and opportunity.

Every child should grow up respected, loved, cherished, valued and affirmed.

Sadly this is not the case as we hear heart-breaking stories of children who are neglected, abused, unloved, lonely, frightened and forsaken. In this year of young people, my prayer is that every one of them will know the love of the God who is the maker and keeper of their precious days and that we will be the community that cherishes and protects them every moment of their lives.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Peter 1:2).

ENGAGEMENTS

GRAHAM - RONALD - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Derek, only son of Jim and the late Alison, of Falkirk, to Catherine Galbraith, younger daughter of Malcolm and Inez, Allt Mor, Southend.



OMAN - LAWLESS

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Christina, elder daughter of Les and Kate, Campbeltown, to Bernard, younger son of Brendan and Mary, Dublin, on December 26, 2017, on Sandymount Beach, Dublin.

DEATHS

BLOUNT - On January 6, 2018, peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardishaig, Nora Blount, née White, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Joseph Blount, dearly loved mother of Frances and Josephine, mother-in-law of David and grandmother of James. Funeral service will be held at St Brendan's Church Skipness, on Tuesday, January 16 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Ardfenaig Social Fund and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

CAMPBELL - At the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, on January 5, 2018, Catherine (Katie), in her 95th year, 21 Saddell Street, formerly of Knightswood, beloved wife of the late William, much loved mother of Bill, Catherine and John, and a dearly loved gran, great gran and great great gran. Funeral service at Craigtoun Crematorium, Glasgow, on January 15, 2018 at 10.30am. All family and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

LOMAX - Mary Jean Gray Lomax (née McIntyre), died from natural causes, on December 29, 2017, a few hours after admission to Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.

MACPHAIL

Peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, on January 2, 2018, Neil Alexander, devoted brother of Chrissie and a dearly loved uncle. Sorely missed.

MCCALLUM

Suddenly, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 7, 2018, Muriel McLellan, in her 68th year, formerly of Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly loved wife of Richard McCallum, much loved mum of Sharon and a loving sister and aunt.

MCISAAC

Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 3, 2018, Annie Watson McIsaac (Ann), in her 75th year, 74 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Robert and Margaret McIsaac, a dear sister and a loving and much loved aunt and great aunt.

MEAD - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 3, 2018, with Vicky and Viv by his side, Ronald Mead (Ron), in his 89th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Vicky (Tory) and a much loved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle. Funeral private.

SHAW

- On December 29, 2017, suddenly in Campbeltown, William (Willie) Shaw, in his 90th year, beloved husband of the late Catherine, much loved brother of Duncan, dear brother-in-law of Jean, dearly loved uncle of Brian and Janice and a much respected friend of many. Funeral service at St Brendan's Church, Skipness, on Saturday, January 13 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to St Brendan's Church.

WILSON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 7, 2018, Flora Wilson, née McArthur, aged 95 years, of 26 Glenfyne Park, Ardishaig, beloved wife of the late Thomas Wilson, much loved mother of Fiona, Libby and the late Sheila, Thomas and Margaret and a dearly loved granny and great granny. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardishaig Parish Church, today Friday, January 12, 2018, at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery.

MCFARLANE - Jenny's family wish to thank all those who have expressed their condolences and support, by word, card or gift, following their sad loss. Special thanks go to all the medical staff who treated Jenny, Rev Robert MacLeod for his thoughtful service, Stan Lupton for his

WYLIE - Peacefully, at the Forth Valley Royal Hospital, on January 1, 2018, Ann Wylie, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Don, much loved mother of Finlay, William, Alex, Mark and Wallace, and a cherished granny to all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The service was held at Stenhouse and Carron Church, Stenhousemuir, on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COCKBURN - Joe and family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and telephone calls received on the sad and sudden loss of Donald. Special thanks to friends and neighbours for support in so many ways. Thanks to local police and ambulance service. My thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service. Thanks also to Roddy and staff from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient service and to staff at the crematorium. Thanks to Ardardan Tearoom for catering, and finally, thank you to everyone who travelled to Cardross for the funeral service.

professional handling of all funeral arrangements and Tarbert Hotel for an excellent purvey. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who paid their last respects at church and graveside, and donated £415 to Cancer Research UK.

MUNRO - Norman would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and telephone calls received on the sad and sudden loss of Donald. Special thanks to friends and neighbours for support in so many ways. Thanks to local police and ambulance service. My thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service. Thanks also to Roddy and staff from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient service and to staff at the crematorium. Thanks to Ardardan Tearoom for catering, and finally, thank you to everyone who travelled to Cardross for the funeral service.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear son, Kenneth.

The years pass by but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Love, Mum and Dad xxx.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear brother (Kenneth), who was taken from us on January 14, 2006.

My brother, my friend. Thinking of you every day.

Missing you.

- David and Anne.

MCLEAN - Remembering Bobby, loving husband, dad and best friend.

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And days before that too. We think of you in silence, But always speak your name, All we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. That twinkle in your eye, And ever lasting smile, Will never be forgotten, Though you've been away a while.

January 9, 1988.

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New Hall

Thursday 18th January

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Friday 19th January

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Rev C Acklam

Saturday 13 January

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Alpha

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Daniel the Goldfish – internet star

A GOLDFISH from Lochgilphead is making waves online after appearing in the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* Pet Idol competition.

A Facebook page has been set up for Daniel the Goldfish, which has seen his head superimposed onto a number of different scenarios, such as on Donald Trump's hair, with the caption 'Make Lochgilphead great again'.

This isn't the only president the fish has surfaced alongside. He was also imposed onto Barack Obama, with the tagline 'Yes we Dan'.

The Daniel the Goldfish from Lochgilphead Facebook page was set up on

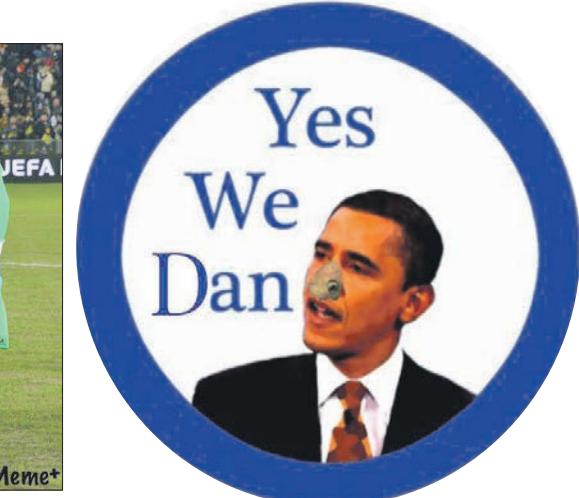
December 23 last year and amassed 146 fans.

Writing on the page, the admin said: 'Do you see any gold dogs or gold sheep in the competition? No. There is only one goldfish. Keep the dream alive.'

Daniel, vying to win the popular Pet Idol competition for 2017/18, has also appeared on the cover of Oasis's 'Danfinite' Maybe album and in the band 'Goldplay'.

The Lochgilphead star has also been seen playing for 'Dan' United.

There are dozens of pictures portraying Daniel in various roles, but these are a few of our favourites.



Sports club lottery draw numbers

DRAWN on Monday January 8, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 7, 8 and 20.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £800.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 6, 10 and 15.

There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot will be £1,300.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers for this week were 11, 16 and 19.

There were no winners, so the jackpot for next week is £200.



John Aitchison.

Nature film-maker in Lochgilphead chat

WORLD-RENNED wildlife photographer and videographer John Aitchison will be in Mid Argyll on the evening of Friday January 12.

John, who has worked on *Planet Earth*, *The Hunt*, *Big Cat Diaries*, *Frozen Planet*, *Life Stories*, *Springwatch* and *Life*, to name a few, will join in a discussion around his life and career, including the filming of scenes for the spectacular series *Planet Earth II*.

As the event is organised by the Mid Argyll Fundraising Group for

Marie Curie, all proceeds will go to the charity. There may also be an opportunity to buy John's latest book. Tickets, priced £5, will be available at the door but can also be bought in advance in Lochgilphead from the Sweetie Jar, Stewart Balfour & Sutherland, The Argyll Book Centre and directly from committee members.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Lochgilphead Joint Campus to meet John Aitchison and enjoy 'The view from behind the lens – a discussion', which starts at 7pm.

Generous Tarbert folk race to help charity

TARBERT'S Corner House held a successful pre-Christmas fundraising race night for Parkinson's UK and the Myasthenia Gravis charity.

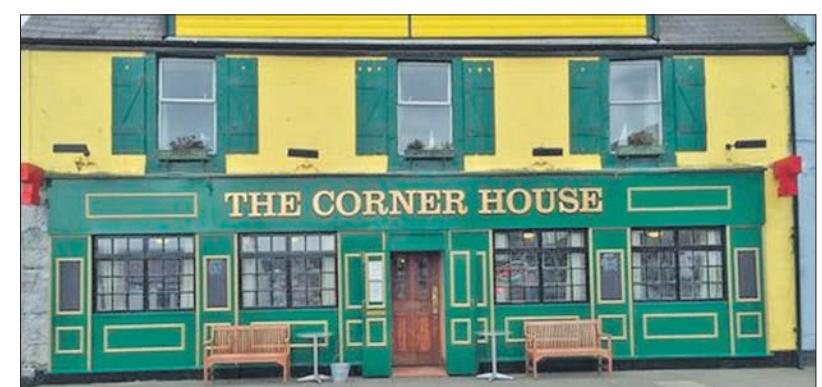
Plenty of fun and nonsense raised lots of cash and each charity has since received a cheque for £1,591 thanks to the generous Tarbert folk.

Organisers Margaret MacNeill and Duggie thank Martin, Allie and

Tracy for sorting out the bets, Lynne for putting together and printing the programmes, Ricky for his sometimes 'blue' compering skills, all the race and raffle sponsors, and all the wonderful people who turned up to make it a great night.

Letters of thanks have been received from the charities, which are delighted with the continued support.

Margaret said: 'This



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is a fantastic amount of money to raise, especially at that time of year. We are so lucky to live in such a generous village.'

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Testing conditions at Dunoon shoot

LIGHT and heavy showers made for a testing competition at Dunoon and District Clay Target Club's first shoot of 2018 on Tuesday January 2.

Despite the conditions, there was a large turn-out of 36 senior guns and two juniors. In addition to the main 50 target 'down the line' competition for the J E Jacobson Trophy, there was a popular Pool Trap event.

Only five points separated the first five places, with a three-way tie for fourth place.

For the second time in three years, the trophy went to Alan Brown of Bute, who shot a solid round of 145 ex 150.

Second place with 143 went to Tam Young from North Ayrshire.

In third place with 142 was Leighton Reid from Bute.

Three guns on 141 tied for fourth place; Derek Street, Glendaruel; Ted Blakeway, Glendaruel and John Docherty, Bute.

Craig MacKay, Dunoon, was the leading junior, closely followed by Josh Cowan, Bute.

The Pool Trap was won by David Mundell, Blairgowrie, after a closely-fought shoot off.

The club thanks all the visitors for their support and Amanda and Willie Arthur and the other volunteers who helped the event run smoothly.

For more information on club fixtures go to: www.dunoonanddistrict-ctc.com.



Alan Brown, winner of the J E Jacobson Trophy, with the other high guns. Left to right: John Docherty, Leighton Reid, David Mundell, Alan Brown, Derek Street, Tam Young and Ted Blakeway.

Athletics galore in Lochgilphead

MID ARGYLL Athletics Club will host its annual sports hall athletics competition on Sunday January 21 at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. Events will begin at noon, with entries accepted from 11.30am. There will be a number of events for children aged under seven to under 17.

Athletes successful at the competition will qualify for the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 18.

Events on the day include three and six lap time trials, high jump, standing long and triple jumps and speed bounce. Under sevens through to under 11s can compete in javelin with shot putt available for under 13s up to under 17s.

Entry fees are £2 per competitor and £5 for families of three or more. For information Bill MacCallum on w_maccallum@hotmail.com.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Wheels in motion for cycling club's first event

Coach sets goals as 2018 beckons

Emily Jamison
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FINISHING 2017 at the top of the Scottish Amateur Football Premier League (SAFL) two, Lochgilphead Red Star have had a blistering start to the SAFL season, losing only one game away to rivals Millbeg.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* spoke to manager Dougie Moore about his hopes for the team in the new year.

What does the year ahead hold for Red Star?

In the next six months we've got aspirations to get promoted or possibly win the league.

We've had a really good start from August up until now. We have played 11, won 10 and lost one. However, we are yet to play Duntocher, Easthall and Castlemilk home and away, so that will be a big determination whether we get promoted or possibly surpass that.

Targets for the year ahead and for this time next year?

We aren't really look-

ing any further than to the end of the season at the moment. We hope to bring in another couple of committee members that have recently moved into the area. Our hope is they will bring in new ideas and help take the club forward in terms of finance and sponsorship.

Players worth watching?

This year we've had five players picked for the Scottish Amateur League Select which is the first time that has happened in our history.

When it comes to players to watch, we have a number of excellent young players like Aaron Moore, Kieran Moore, Lee McLean and Kyle Selfridge, all of whom were involved in the SAFL Select side. Both myself and Andy Weir have tried to build a really good team ethic within the group and this comes to light when the boys are playing competitively in the league and cup games. We've also signed Cammy MacDonald, who has won a

number of league titles with Livingston FC.

He has been coaching in America for a number of years and to have someone with Cammy's experience involved with the club can only benefit us.

Most memorable moment?

The best moment from the season was probably seeing the boys start the season with a convincing five nil away win against Argyll rivals Tarbert AFC and the way the boys have progressed from where they were at the end of last season.

It's been challenging over the last couple of years. I have only been back in the job for 18 months, but to see the boys continually progressing and learning all the time is great. The majority of the boys are young, with a few experienced players included in the group.

The boys getting picked for the select team is a bonus for them to test themselves against a higher calibre of player from top leagues.



Lochgilphead Red Star have enjoyed a successful start to the season, finishing 2017 top of the league.

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Any messages for the fans?

The Soccer Centre has been doing a fantastic job for a number of years now with 90 per cent of our team involved with the centre or Lochgilphead Red Star YFC teams throughout the years.

The coaches deserve tremendous credit for continuing to put the hours in. They have a lot of youth teams coming through that compete in Oban. The 2004's group are doing really well again this year. My message would probably

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Lochgilphead Red Star	11	10	0	1	74	14	60	30
2 Castlemilk	12	9	2	1	38	20	18	29
3 Easthall Star	9	6	1	2	35	14	21	19
4 Duntocher	8	6	0	2	36	16	20	18
5 Millbeg	8	5	2	1	29	16	13	17
6 Houston	8	4	0	4	24	21	3	12
7 FC Argyle	8	4	0	4	16	17	-1	12
8 Paisley	7	3	1	3	13	18	-5	10
9 Duncanrig FP	9	3	1	5	17	25	-8	10
10 Busby	11	3	0	8	21	48	-27	9
11 East End United	6	2	1	3	25	25	0	7
12 Port Glasgow OBU	6	2	0	4	11	19	-8	6
13 Carlton YMCA	8	2	0	6	20	30	-10	6
14 Cardross	9	1	0	8	16	46	-30	3
15 Tarbert	10	1	0	9	9	55	-46	3

Red Star ended 2017 on top of the Premier 2 league table.

be keep supporting us and we'll keep trying to progress and bring youngsters in to play with the team.

Are there any club New Year resolutions?

Last year when we started back in January we hadn't played for maybe four or five weeks, and went into the first few games of the new year thinking the fitness levels would still be there.

'We were only doing one night of training a week at that point, so this year we have gone back to two nights, stepping the fitness back up to almost pre-season level again.



Keeping it in the family: manager Dougie Moore, centre, with sons Kieran and Aaron. 08_a02redstar01



The team is now training twice a week to keep fitness levels up. 08_a02redstar04



Australian goalkeeper Luke Kalache shows off the 'muscles' that help him in goals. 08_a02redstar02