



Fundraisers

Tarbert and towns across the region raise thousands for the Nancy Glen Appeal.



Pothole misery

Pothole misery continues with more than a dozen drivers reporting burst tyres in one day.



Sports news

Lochgilhead Red Star returned to winning form last Saturday, putting six goals past Duntocher Hibernian.



Alfie plays his heart out for the best of causes.

Musical boost for Nancy Glen fund

YOUNG Alfie Campbell busked outside the Co-op in Lochgilhead last Saturday to raise money for the Nancy Glen appeal.

Alfie and hundreds of other people around Argyll, the Clyde coast and beyond have been moved to raise money for the fund, which is now well beyond the £200,000 mark. The fantastic sum of £194.49 raised by Alfie will be added to the coffers.

For more on the Nancy Glen campaign, including a Tarbert coffee afternoon to remember, turn to page three.

Staff anger over plans to close Aros building

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NHS STAFF have slammed plans by health bosses to close Mid Argyll Hospital's Aros building in an attempt to save £150,000.

The plans were laid out during a Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) meeting at Argyll and Bute Hospital on Wednesday January 24.

News of the closure comes as the HSCP confirmed a £10.1 million funding shortfall for the year 2018/19.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* was approached by disgruntled staff members who attacked the decision, saying it would ruin the identity of the NHS and was not cost-effective.

It is also understood plans to relocate employees to Argyll and

Bosses claim shutdown would save £150,000

Bute Council offices will go ahead despite there being no space for 22 of the 83 staff who work in Aros.

One staff member, who wished to remain anonymous, said: 'The HSCP's Integrated Joint Board (IJB) paper refers to 22 members of staff who do not have planned future office space.'

'This represents 27 per cent of the total number of staff and realistic costs have not yet been identified for them.'

'Without a solution for accommodating the remaining 22 staff, empty property rates relief cannot be applied for and the build-

ing will continue to attract a rates charge of £40,000 per annum, as well as light and power costs.'

The staff member also commented: 'The NHS identity will be lost when corporate departments move to council premises that are not exclusively for council social care.'

Councillor Dougie Philand echoed staff concerns, saying: 'It is deeply concerning that 22 members of staff have an uncertain future regarding where they are going to be based.'

'There must be clear communication to ensure the concerns of staff and the possible

implications for the wider community are addressed.'

In a report in November 2017 to the HSCP strategic management team, NHS Highland financial adviser George Morrison said nothing would be saved by closing the building and the cost of relocating staff would be at least £79,000.

Mr Morrison recommended that 'given there is no financial case to close Aros, it would be sensible to invest modestly in the building to enable its continued use in the short term'.

Despite his recommendation, the decision to close Aros was taken by the IJB three weeks later, on November 29.

A spokesperson for the HSCP said: 'This decision will provide an opportunity for support service staff, cur-

rently based in the building, to be co-located with colleagues in a number of existing premises in Lochgilhead, and will also allow the HSCP to stop paying for a building which is no longer fit for purpose.'

'Senior managers within the HSCP are currently working up the plan to take this forward within a suitable timeframe and will continue to engage with staff to ensure they are kept fully informed.'

HSCP chief officer Christina West attempted to reassure employees, saying they would not be relocated until all plans were complete.

However, IT employees hit back with concerns saying they had never seen 'a project like this completed within the desired timeframe'.

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Planners oppose wind farm but communities back development

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COUNCILLORS urged to oppose a South Knapdale wind farm with turbines 'almost as tall as the Blackpool Tower' have voted to see the site for themselves.

EDF Energy Renewables (EDF ER) has applied to build Airigh Wind Farm, composed of 14 wind turbines up to 145m tall, in a 'bowl-like' area 8.4km south west of Tarbert.

Argyll and Bute Council has been relegated to the role of consultee, since applications to build on-shore power stations generating more than 50MW require the consent of the Scottish Government.

Planning officers are recommending councillors on the Planning,

Protective Services and Licensing committee object to the proposal due to its 'unacceptable, adverse and cumulative' visual impact on Knapdale's landscape, viewed from West Kintyre, Islay, Jura and Gigha. A report presented before the committee last week stated: 'If granted, the development may influence public attitudes to a point where tourists might become dissuaded from visiting due to the proliferation of wind farms.'

Deal

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and Ardrishaig Development Trust have signed a community ownership deal with EDF ER, which would bring in £5,000 per MW per annum, possibly totalling up to £8.82m

over the wind farm's lifetime. Planning officers, however, argued the economic benefits would be outweighed by the adverse effects on the local environment.

The report explained that, so far, the Scottish Government had received six objections and three letters of support, one of which argued: 'Mid Argyll is an area that really needs employment opportunities and this project will bring that.'

One objector wrote: 'The turbines are to be the largest they can install at just under 150 metres high – eight metres short of the height of Blackpool Tower. Current Argyll and Bute regulations appear to limit turbine heights to 130 metres maximum.'

Another objector

claimed: 'These developments are not wanted by the vast majority of local inhabitants.'

West Kintyre Community Council also

raised objections, but Ardrishaig Community Council did not at its meeting on January 19.

The report, however, added: 'The committee

is small and may not be representative of the wider community. The limited visibility of the wind farm has resulted in a remarkably small

number of objections from local residents.'

Councillors voted eight to three to hold a site visit to determine the visual impact.



Dr Paul Davidson and Dr Andrew Strain, the practice's newly-recruited GPs.



Advanced Nurse Practitioners Lorna Mitchell and Emma Wilson.

GP practice bolsters care team

THE TEAM at Lochgilhead GP practice has been strengthened with the recruitment of a new doctor.

The primary care team at the practice was also bolstered last summer when two Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs), Emma Wilson and Lorna Mitchell, were recruited. GP Dr Andrew Strain also signed up last summer.

The latest team member, Dr Paul Davidson, started on Monday Jan-

uary 1. Welcoming his new colleagues, practice business development manager Alastair Turner said: 'Emma and Lorna are highly skilled senior nurses with advanced clinical skills. They, and our two new GPs, are a welcome and experienced addition to the team.'

Mr Turner went on to explain the practice appointments system: 'Patients with acute short-term illness may consult an ANP

rather than a GP,' he said. 'ANPs can take a full medical history, carry out physical assessments and examinations, make a diagnosis and carry out treatment, prescribe medicines, plan follow-up treatment and refer patients for investigations.'

'The ANPs have access to GPs for advice and support as needed. GPs are still available to treat patients with complex needs.'

Mr Turner added:

'The benefits to the patient include a shorter waiting time for assistance as a result of a higher number of available telephone consultations and face to face appointments.'

'Patients have the opportunity to build a rapport with another clinician, while allowing GPs time to deal with complex cases.'

Mr Turner concluded with an appeal to patients: 'Please consider a call back from an ANP as an option.'

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

POLICE attended Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, at 8.20pm on Sunday January 21, following reports a 26-year-old man was behaving in a disorderly and abusive manner.

The man was arrested and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Resisting arrest

ON THURSDAY January 25 at 2.45pm, near to the Riverside fuel station, Lochgilhead, a man, aged 23, was arrested on a court fines warrant.

The man then behaved in a disorderly and abusive manner and resisted arrest. He was charged with the offences, the

fine was paid and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vehicle seized

DURING routine checks on Friday January 26, a car was stopped by police on the A83 at Lochgilhead at 12.40am. Checks revealed the car had no insurance or MOT.

The driver, a 36-year-old man, was charged with the offences and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following reports a red Honda Civic was being driven in a dangerous manner in the grounds of Lochgilhead Joint

Campus at 2.20pm on Friday January 26. There were also reports a silver Renault Koleos was being driven carelessly.

Police are in the process of tracing the drivers. Any witnesses or anyone with information should contact 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

No insurance

A VAN was stopped by police for a routine check on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead, at 6.50pm on Friday January 26. Checks revealed there was no insurance for the vehicle and the driver.

A 31-year-old man was charged and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Politicians are urged: 'Be as strong as Tarbert'

POLITICIANS must put aside party politics and be guided by 'human decency' as the bid to raise the Nancy Glen intensifies.

The call came from Clyde Fishermen's Association chairman Kenny MacNab as he confirmed that quotes had been received to raise the fishing boat from the bottom of Loch Fyne.

On the evening of January 18, the 40-foot vessel Nancy Glen TT100 was fishing prawns on the loch not

far from her home port of Tarbert when she capsized and sank – despite intense efforts to save her.

One crewman was rescued but skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk are believed to have gone down with the boat.

Effort

The Clyde Fishermen's Association is spearheading a move to raise the wreck from its position 140 metres under the surface – with a huge commu-

nity fundraising effort backing the campaign.

Investigations into the tragedy are continuing by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch and underwater surveys are planned but the UK government agency has said it does not intend to raise the vessel.

Kenny MacNab said: 'This doesn't mean it will not happen.'

Politicians on all sides in Holyrood and Westminster are being urged to lend support to the campaign to

raise the Nancy Glen and Mr MacNab added: 'I would just say to all politicians, regardless of party, look to your humanitarian side and adopt some compassion.'

He continued: 'We have had contractors interested in lifting the Nancy Glen giving fairly reasonable quotes.'

'For the moment they have to remain confidential as we are waiting for others to get in touch.'

'Our efforts to get

funding from governments to return our shipmates carries on and we will never give up. So it's up to all the politicians to make it happen.'

The community spirit shown by residents of the Tarbert and its surrounding areas for the affected families has been immense. The fundraising campaign was boosted on January 27 by a single coffee afternoon which raised £13,000 – just one fundraiser among scores around

the region. Online funds meanwhile total £175,000 and rising.

Mr MacNab praised the efforts of people near and far.

'Yet again I have to thank the community of Tarbert and now the worldwide community for your support raising money and offers of help and comfort to the families,' he said.

'It is greatly appreciated. Let's hope our politicians and governments, north and south of the border, are as strong as you are.'

Raising the Nancy Glen – the latest

THE *Argyllshire Advertiser* caught up with Clyde Fishermen's Association executive secretary Elaine Whyte for an update on where things stand with the campaign to raise the Nancy Glen.

She explained: 'The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has a tender out for sonar work to survey the wreck of the Nancy Glen and we hope this will happen quickly.'

'We are trying our hardest to pull things together ready to raise the boat as soon as possible for the sake of the families.'

'The Ministry of Defence has been co-operative and we have already had reasonable quotes from various contractors to do the work.'

'Once we get a report following on from the sonar work, it's really down to the politicians. So far, we have had a helpful response from government, so fingers crossed either Holyrood and Westminster will help us financially.'

Coffee afternoon raises £13,000 for appeal

TARBERT residents once again stood united on Saturday January 27 to raise money for the Nancy Glen Appeal with a coffee afternoon.

And raise money they did, with £13,000 being added to the fundraising effort.

Donations of home-baking, a bottle stall, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac covered all three floors of the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre (TALC) as generous locals turned out in force, some queuing for an hour, to support the event.

Their wait was rewarded with cake stands filled with delicious home-baked delicacies and copious amounts of tea and coffee. Tarbert is well-known for putting on a

good spread – but this was unprecedented.

In fact, the volunteers were so overwhelmed with gifts of baking that they threw open the doors of TALC the following day, inviting locals in for cake and a chat.

The coffee afternoon was the latest in a series of events which has seen the close-knit community come together to raise money for the Nancy Glen appeal.

A spokeswoman thanked everyone who supported the event, saying: 'Once again this small community has opened its huge heart and given so much.'

It's been a tough time for the village and I'm humbled to be part of this incredible place we

are fortunate enough to call home.'

Fundraising events are being held across the region – too numerous to mention – but the response since the Nancy Glen went down was remarkable.

Elaine Whyte of the Clyde Fishermen's Trust, co-ordinating the appeal, said: 'The generosity of people has been exceptional. It just means so much to the families and the fishing community.'




The Templar Hall was jam-packed on all floors for the stunning coffee afternoon.

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Donate to the Nancy Glen appeal

You can support the Nancy Glen appeal by visiting the following online donation pages: GoFundMe, JustGiving and Crowd-funder – just look for the Nancy Glen appeal or campaign pages.

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Pothole plague prompts record burst tyre callouts

THE potholed roads of Argyll are damaging the vehicles using them – but at least there is hope for Strone Point as plans for repairs are revealed.

So bad is the A83 trunk road that on a single day last week WD Semples garage in Inveraray attended 14 separate vehicles with tyres damaged as a result of hitting potholes.

Garage foreman John Cameron told the *Advertiser*: ‘We cover a 20-mile radius around Inveraray doing work for the AA and RAC and last Tuesday we were called out to 14

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cars on the A83 where the tyre walls had been ripped hitting holes in the road. We also had a couple of buckled alloy wheels. That was exceptional, but we’re guaranteed two or three call-outs for burst tyres every day.’

Trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland is to undertake urgent repairs and resurfacing after additional funds were allocated by Transport Scotland.

The firm blames ‘ac-

celerated road surface deterioration caused by recent winter weather conditions, where the freeze and thaw cycle has weakened the carriageway’ for the crumbling A83. One of the worst stretches is between the Strone Point roadworks and Garron Bridge. Under a revised winter action plan, BEAR Scotland is to resurface the Strone Point section overnight on Sunday February 25 and Monday February 26.

But the A83 is not the only road in Argyll to have pothole problems.

The council-managed

B8024 Kilberry road is treacherous in many places, as is the B8000 Kilfinan road on the other side of Loch Fyne. One Kilfinan man, travelling from Inveraray, is reported to have decided to use the Tarbert-Portavadie ferry to avoid using the worst stretches of the road.

Argyll and Bute Council’s policy lead for roads Roddy McCuish said: ‘Our teams are working hard to carry out necessary repairs as quickly as possible as part of our on-going maintenance programme.’



Charlene Glencross hit a pothole in Airdrishaig, buckling an alloy wheel on her car.



This photo of the B8000 Kilfinan road was sent by Otter Ferry resident Madelon Halley, who said: ‘Locals know where potholes are. It’s going to be a problem once tourists start coming.’

Strone Point overnight road closures for four nights

DRIVERS will face lengthy diversions as the A83 at Strone Point near Inveraray is closed overnight for four nights from Monday February 5.

This is the first of three phases of road closures needed during a £1.6 million, 28-week project to realign the road.

The closure, between 9pm and 5am from Monday February 5 for four nights, is needed to allow the use of a long-reach excavator to access higher areas of the slope.

Road users will be diverted via the A819, A85 and the A82.

The next phase of closures is expected to be in the last week of February.



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Fundraising continues for Kilmartin Museum

A KINTYRE gin tasting at the Stag Hotel on Friday January 26 raised almost £1,000 for the Kilmartin Museum redevelopment

project. The tasting was well attended as the museum makes the final push for fundraising before the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

deadline on Friday February 23.

The Kilmartin Museum fundraising team has submitted an application to the HLF for a

grant of £3.1m alongside substantial match funding from other organisations and individuals. However, the museum still has to bridge a £150,000 gap before the HLF makes its final decision at the end of next month.

A Kilmartin museum spokesperson said: 'We raised almost £1,000 from the gin tasting. The more funding we have in place by the end of February the better our chances are of receiving the HLF grant.'

'We would like to thank all our supporters so far for donating.'

To donate to the Kilmartin Museum redevelopment fund, go to www.kilmartin.org/redevelopment/donations.



Fundraising officer Ruth Bolwell, with finance officer Sally Wilkins and trustees Grace MacLeod, Ruth Knox and Anne Smart.

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Left to right: Hilary Simpson, Pamela Hamilton and Grace MacLeod.

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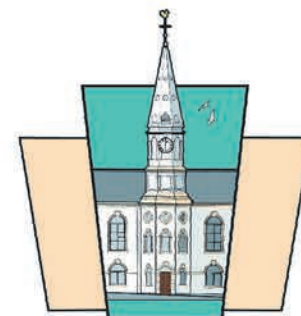
Kintyre Gin director Niall Macalister Hall pours a dram for thirsty gin tasters at the Stag Hotel in Lochgilhead.

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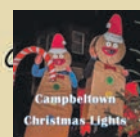


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- GINTYRE Scottish Gin Festival 21st April
- Kintyre Songwriters Festival 5-6th May
- Campbeltown Malts Closing Dinner 25th May
- Christmas Lights Winter Ball 8th December

2018 REGULAR EVENTS

- Volunteer Meetings Tuesdays 11am
- Adult Learning/Hospitality Course Tuesdays 1pm
- Ensemble Choir Tuesdays 6.30pm
- Daft About Craft Club Wednesdays 7pm
- Bridge Club Thursdays monthly 7.30pm
- Wee Toon Warriors Fridays 6pm



Editorial

THE GENEROSITY of the people of Tarbert and many other towns and villages following the Nancy Glen tragedy has been incredible.

The Nancy Glen Appeal has given the people of Tarbert something to focus on and donations and support have been constant, with more than £13,000 raised at a coffee morning in Tarbert and Everton's captain Phil Jagielka encouraging his 193,000 followers to support the cause.

The community should be proud of itself.



NHS staff who work in Aros have been left concerned and angered about what the future holds as the Health and Social Care Partnership announces the building's closure.

We don't know why NHS financial advisor George Morrison's recommendation was ignored and hope the HSCP will address staff concerns soon.



POTHOLEs on roads across Argyll are causing daily misery for drivers, with garage WD Semples called out to 14 cases of burst tyres in one day last week.

As BEAR continues to work on the accident black spot at Strone Point, it is becoming obvious more work will need to be done to make the A83 safe for all road users.

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Sir,

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The amount of around £30,000 was split between three charities, as recently recorded in a recent issue of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Perhaps the amount collected by other businesses could also be published.

**Maureen Byrne,
Ardrishaig**

Editor's note: If there are businesses out there which have donated to charity through the proceeds of plastic bag sales, we would be pleased to hear from about this at the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Pass the music on

Sir,

Musical groups in Argyll are being called upon to keep instruments in good use by signing up for a musical instrument amnesty.

We are encouraging musical groups across the country to sign up as collection partners for this year's Pass it on Week, to be held from March 10 to 18.

The national week of action aims to showcase re-use as a quality, attractive alternative to new, and offers Scots the chance to help others and the environment by keeping things in use.

Whether re-homing a neglected guitar or a violin that has seen relentless practice, Pass it on Week 2018 is a fantastic opportunity for organisations to be part of joined-up, nationwide action to 'pass on' the gift of music and show their support for secondhand.

Pass it on Week is all about looking at what we no longer use and passing it on to have a new life with someone else, and one of the great ways you can do that is by giving someone

the opportunity to learn an instrument.

We're calling for organisations to come forward and be listed as collection partners, so that local people can simply drop in instruments somewhere nearby for people in the community to benefit from.

To get the music started Zero Waste Scotland has teamed up with the UK's first 'musical instrument library', Music Broth, and music charity The Glad Foundation. Music Broth will act as an overspill service for any partners that end up with Musical Instrument Amnesty items they can't rehome, and can help connect amnesty partner organisations to a musical group in their local area.

There are already more than 30 partners on board, and anyone wishing to get involved can sign up at www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/passonthemusic.

**Andrew Pankhurst,
Zero Waste Scotland**

Tourism – Argyll's heartbeat

Sir,

As we begin a new year, I am filled with optimism and excitement following a great year for tourism in Argyll and the Isles. From highly successful marketing campaigns to hosting top events, 2017 built well on the successes of 2016.

It was also fantastic to see new investments such as the Carrick Castle Lodge near Lochgoilhead and the Heroes Centre in Helensburgh further enhance the region's tourism offering.

In 2018 we can look forward to the new Scottish Submarine Centre, also in Helensburgh, which will feature a Cold War midget submarine, the HMS Stickleback. Our reputation as a quality destination relies on continued investment and innovation to ensure that current provision meets future demand.

New research revealed that Argyll and the Isles is the fourth most visited re-

gion in Scotland with an average of 891,000 overnight trips taken here each year.

The importance of these trips was also highlighted with 17 per cent of the population employed in the tourism sector, almost double the national average. Tourism is more than a holiday experience – it is integral to sustaining communities across Scotland by generating income, creating jobs and stimulating social change.

More and more people are realising just how important the sector is to the economy and these figures illustrate this vital impact that is growing year on year.

2017 was the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. From the carved footprint at Dunadd Hill Fort in Kilmartin Glen to Inveraray Castle it shone a light on the region's rich heritage and fascinating history, showcasing some of our best assets and uncovering hidden gems.

As part of this themed year, Argyll and the Isles featured in our Trad Music marketing campaign. Launched in January, it utilised Facebook, Unruly and Spotify to connect young Scots with the spirit of Trad Music, events and festivals. Key events from the campaign included Best of the West, Oban Live and Bow-Fest.

This year marks the Year of Young People which will inspire Scotland through its young people aged eight to 26, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contributions to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

Central to the year will be a celebratory events programme which will include The Royal National Mòd in Dunoon and Tìree Music festival. These world class events will allow the region to continue to showcase itself, and Scotland, as the perfect stage.

A major highlight of 2017 was the phenomenal success of the Wild About Argyll campaign. Launched by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) in January, the campaign aimed to raise awareness about the region, targeting a young, active market and positioning Argyll and the Isles as Scotland's Adventure Coast.

Supported by the VisitScotland Growth Fund, the online campaign has reached almost two million people and has driven more than half a million engagements.

The campaign has fostered collaboration throughout the region and we have enjoyed strengthened partnerships with AITC, Argyll and Bute Council and other public sector industry partners.

We Supported the AITC Tourism Summit in March and are key partners in the Tourism Argyll and the Isles 2020 strategy. Partnership and collaboration is at the heart of Scottish tourism and I look forward to our continued work with local industry this year to develop and deliver innovative initiatives that grow the region's visitor economy.

In 2017 we revealed a dynamic strategy to address the diverse transformation in the way visitors access information on what to see and do while in the country.

This year Argyll and the Isles will see a significant increase in the number of channels providing content on places to visit and stay, with a mix of industry partners, Coo Vans and digital products sitting alongside the iCentres in Bowmore, Craignure, Oban and Rothesay.

Reflecting on a successful year really shows just how fantastic a tourism offering we have in Argyll and the Isles and also how important it is. Tourism is the heartbeat of the Scottish economy, causing a ripple effect which touches every industry and community,

creating employment and economic growth. I look forward to another great year for tourism in Argyll and the Isles and all the benefits that come with it.

**David Adams McGilp,
regional director, VisitScotland**

Greatest health challenge

Sir,

Recent coverage of NHS Health Scotland's report into public attitudes to obesity further serves to highlight Scotland's damaging relationship with food.

This comprehensive report details the serious health conditions that can occur as a consequence of poor diet and it is clearer than ever that Scotland has lost its way in terms of appreciating the benefits of a good diet.

What is needed now more than ever is better provision across Scotland of non-judgemental support and advice to help people improve what they eat and how they exercise.

The Scottish Government's ongoing consultation provides an opportunity to focus on Scotland's greatest health challenge and one which Scottish Slimmers is responding to.

We believe that better food and nutrition education, which does not demonise certain foods nor pass judgements on the choices people make, will lead to wide reaching benefits for families across Scotland.

**Alexandra Howie,
comms director,
Scottish Slimmers,
Aberdeen**



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The eventful history of Cairnbaan camp

CAIRNBAAN camp was a fixture in the village for around 50 years.

This postcard shows the camp, perhaps from 1938, and is owned by Archie McAllister, of Lochgilphead.

Archie said: 'I can't be certain of the year but my dad, Archie senior, had it for years.'

Camps of this kind were built by the Ministry of Labour as 'instructional training centres' or labour camps in the 15 years leading up to the Second World War in 1939. After the outbreak of war, many were used as prisoner

of war camps, as Cairnbaan was.

The Cairnbaan camp was later used as the Forestry Commission base for the region.

The houses on the site were demolished in the early 1970s and the area is now surrounded by Sitka spruce planted by workers based at the camp.

Forestry Commission Scotland still has a depot in Cairnbaan and new houses have been built in the area since the old camp was demolished.

If you can shed any more light on the Cairnbaan camp, please get in touch.



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The Argyllshire Advertiser welcomes old photographs from Mid Argyll and surrounding areas.

Hand them in to our offices on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, or send scanned images to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk with a description and some background information.



The canal towpath bin near the Bishopton Road junction, Lochgilphead as it was on January 7.

Bottles blamed for choked dog bins

UNSIGHTLY overflowing dog poo bins along the Crinan Canal were caused by plastic bottles, Scottish Canals has said.

The full-to-bursting bins on the canal bank were reported by a number of readers, with one lady saying: 'Thankfully, the current weather has been very cold, so there was no bad smell.'

She added: 'Our visitors were quite shocked to see this and they said it's enough to put people off from coming back.'

A spokesperson for Scottish Canals said:

'Our bins are emptied every fortnight by our contractor and we find this is normally a suitable time frame across the canal.'

'Although there was a collection during the festive period an issue, however, with plastic bottles blocking the collection chute led to a build-up of waste around the bin at Bishopton Road.'

'Our contractor has now cleared the area and rectified the issue. We will be monitoring the situation but we would ask that those using the towpaths use appropriate bins for their waste.'

Lucky winner Jean off to caravan show

WE HAD a great response to our competition to win tickets to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show this month.

The winner is Jean McNulty, from Ardtornish, Tayvallich.

Jean wins two tickets to the show, which is once again sponsored by one of Scotland's

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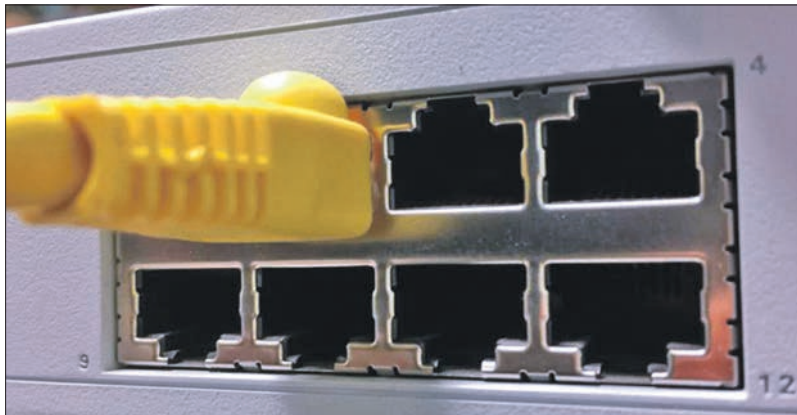
AS THE digital world grows, so too does its impact on business.

As a result, the need for online security becomes an even greater priority for every organisation, large and small. It is a common misconception that some businesses are too small to be attacked.

A 2017 UK government survey found that more than a third of firms with between two and nine employees had experienced a cyber security breach or attack.

In 2015 a Scottish hairdressing business was hacked, resulting in a loss of all their appointment data.

Improving your cyber security doesn't mean



There are simple actions that will reduce the risk to your business.

you need to be an expert in IT or digital technologies.

There are many simple actions that will reduce the risk to your business. Business Gateway Argyll and Bute is now offering a free workshop to help small businesses im-

prove their cyber resilience. The new Cyber Security DigitalBoost workshop will take place during March in Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead and Oban. To find out more or to secure your place call 01546 808363 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Business Gateway can also offer advice to those not able to come along to a workshop. It might sound obvious, but making sure that all of your software is up to date is vital because updates include the lat-

est security patches from the developer.

Changing your passwords regularly is also important. Instead of using a simple word or number sequence you should create a passphrase by joining three or four unrelated words to form a long single word. You should also include some numbers too to make it harder to guess. Another option is to use password manager software which creates passwords for you and adds another layer of security.

Being aware of the signs of phishing emails is crucial. If the sender's email address looks odd, the content is full of spelling mis-

takes, or it is very im-

personal, then chances are it could be from a suspicious source. Another trick scammers use to try and make their emails look credible is by using the logos of well-known brands.

If an email asks you to click on a link to provide your bank details or other personal information then your alarm bells should be ringing.

Securing your customers' data is essential. You should take the time to review individual areas of your business that are customer facing. Are your point of sale stations secure? Are you encrypting customer data? If you take online

payments, is payment card data secure? New regulations on data protection will come into force on May 25, and you should be aware of how they will impact your business. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) raises the standards of how data is obtained and how it is stored so if you haven't already looked into this, you should start now.

Business Gateway has a range of free downloadable guides on its website, including guides on cyber security and GDPR – www.bgateway.com/business-guides/grow-and-improve/digital-boost-guides

Dunoon business gears up for success

A HUSBAND and wife team are using their own experiences to set up a business leasing and repairing mobility vehicles.

Zero Peden Ltd, based in Dunoon, was launched by Eloise and Craig Peden last year, after the couple realised they could fill a gap in the market and help people with mobility issues get around the town easier.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, the business is now steadily increasing its customer base, with plans to

expand. The idea for Zero Peden came when Eloise, who has spina bifida, wanted to take part in family days out with Craig and their children.

Buying a second-hand mobility scooter Craig, a trained mechanic, repaired and adapted the vehicle to make it more fun and reflect Eloise's personality.

Now, Zero Peden Ltd has a workshop and office at Alexandra Parade and has begun hiring out scooters to locals and visitors to the town.

Eloise said: 'Our own



Eloise and Craig with some of their scooters.

experience with my physical disability allows us to understand what people need. We know what it's like to live with a disability and that's why we want to provide solutions that will ultimately help people

and allow them to have a better standard of living. Business Gateway was a great support and we have benefited from one-to-one advice and the free workshops in the area on different business issues.'

A tasty addition to craft gallery

THE OWNERS of an Arrochar craft gallery have been thrilled by the response to a new venture offering customers the very best of Scottish food and drink.

Mansefield Studios, run by Fiona Campbell and her husband Ali, has been operating for 15 years selling a range of lambswool accessories, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, Harris Tweed homeware and other traditional crafts.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Fiona decided to expand their offer and last May opened The Larder; selling high qual-

ity Scottish produce including artisan chocolate, condiments, smoked salmon, meats and gin.

Fiona said: 'The gallery presents the work of independent, Scottish craftspeople and makers and we have carried that ethos across to The Larder. We promote local and independent producers as much as possible, benefiting from the exceptional food in Argyll and letting others know all about it.'

'Business Gateway has been a big help to us as we sought to expand the business. We were given growth grant support which

will help the business become a destination and we received one-to-one which helped us with a number of areas including digital and online marketing.'

As well as the gallery and The Larder, Fiona has added in a children's play area, an ice-cream bike and exterior seating.



Ali and Fiona Campbell.

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Local businesses team up with Police Scotland

A HOST of Mid Argyll businesses showed their support for the local police at Police Scotland health and wellbeing event at the Red Cross Hall on Tuesday January 23.

The event focused on showcasing the support police staff have from the community on a wide range of issues.

The event was attended by David Brack-

en from Artistic Wood Turning and Custom Drums, Madge and Danny Dobbie of Starlight Therapies, Becky Dale of Kilmartin Museum, NHS senior improvement specialist

Jennifer Dryden, pharmacist Susan Pater-son from Argyll Pharmacies, Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service, ArtMap Argyll, MAYDS, Argyll and Bute Youth Services, Heart of Argyll Wildlife and the MS Centre Lochgilhead.

The Police Credit Union, Axa and Optima and Police Mutual Assurance Society (PMAS) also attended to discuss their services.

Staff were treated to homemade soup and home-baking, and also had the opportunity to show off their competitive side in the Wii Fit ski jump competition.

Organisers and police staff would like to thank all the local service providers and police partners who attended the event.



PC Lauren Bradley and Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren get in the Wii challenge.



Police staff at the wellbeing event which was held at the Red Cross Centre in Lochgilhead.



Inspector Julie McLeish and David Bracken from Artistic Wood Turning and Custom Drums.

Fire breathing Fiat to come to Inveraray

THE ARGYLL Festival of Performance will see the fire breathing Fiat S76, also known as the Beast of Turin, making its Scottish debut.

The inaugural festival, which kicks off on Saturday June 2 at Inveraray Castle, has the support of a number of high end brands including McLaren, Ferrari, Classic Team Lotus together with Audi, Bentley, Lamborghini, Maserati and Porsche, to name a few.

The Beast of Turin was a Fiat built to challenge for the land speed record, which it did in 1911. Boasting a 28.5-litre engine, the car was capable of reaching speeds of 116 mph.

Following intensive resoration by owner Duncan Pittaway, the current model is made up of the chassis and engine of two Fiat

S76s. Event director Bill Telford said: 'We are incredibly privileged that Duncan will bring the legendary Beast to Scotland for the first time for the Argyll Festival of Performance.'

'Not only will visitors to the festival be able to see this unique car up close, but they will also hear the Beast roar as she will be one of the star cars being demonstrated at the event.'

'We have ambitious plans for the festival and bringing unique and interesting cars to Scotland for the first time is a key factor in our plans. The Beast is a fantastic example of the cars that

will be on show and we can't wait to welcome her to Scotland.'

The Beast joins a line-up of cars for the festival including a Lotus 18 raced by Scotland's first Grand Prix winner, Innes Ireland and Jim Clark.

To mark 50 years since the death of Jim Clark, a one-off Lotus 32B constructed for Jim to race in the 65 Tasman Series will

also join the line-up. The Jim Clark Trust is the event's charity partner with a donation from every ticket sold going to support the trust's plans to further develop a heritage centre to celebrate this great Scot's contribution to motor racing.

For more information and tickets, go to argyllfestivalofperformance.com.



The Fiat S76, also known as the Beast of Turin, in action.

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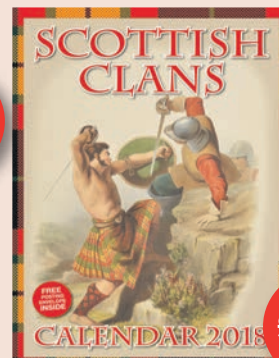
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Fish farm welcomes MP to processing plant

THE SCOTTISH Salmon Company (SSC) welcomed Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara to its newly-developed Cairndow processing and filleting plant on Friday January 19.

Mr O'Hara joined Craig Anderson, chief executive of the SSC, to meet employees at the factory, which is situated at the head of Loch Fyne.

The SSC is a significant local employer

with around 80 people employed at the processing centre and 160 full-time staff employed across 20 sites in Argyll and Bute.

Exported
The company produces more than 25,000 tonnes of sea loch salmon annually, which is exported to 26 countries worldwide. Around half of SSC salmon is produced in Argyll and Bute.

The company was joined by other local

food and drink producers at the 'Taste of Argyll and Bute' event, hosted by Mr O'Hara at the House of Commons on Tuesday. The event showcased Argyll food and drink to MPs from across the UK.

Team
Speaking before the House of Commons event, Mr O'Hara said: 'I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Scottish Salmon Company's state-of-the-art salmon



Left to right: Brendan O'Hara, SNP MP for Argyll and Bute, Andrew Aitken, Cairndow processing manager, and David Bradley, Cairndow general manager.

processing facility at Cairndow and meeting the team.

'Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll, and I are very

much looking forward to welcoming The Scottish Salmon Company and other fantastic Argyll and

Bute producers to the House of Commons on Tuesday January 30. 'A Taste of Argyll and Bute' will be a unique

opportunity to showcase their products, which are amongst the best in the world.'

Pleasure
Craig Anderson, chief executive of The Scottish Salmon Company, said: 'It was a pleasure to welcome Brendan to our Cairndow processing facility.'

'Argyll and Bute is an important area of business for us, with about half of our Scottish salmon being produced in the region.'

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Tarbert Castle hosts volunteer work party

TARBERT Castle Trust has organised a volunteer work party tomorrow, Saturday February 3, at 10am at the castle grounds. Everyone welcome.

Assisted by a grant from Tarbert Co-op, the trust has also organised two bee keeping information evenings on Tuesday February 13 and Tuesday February 20.

Robert McPhail will share invaluable knowledge he has gained during more than a decade of keeping bees and will spend the evening discussing his hobby, the history of bee keeping, basic equipment needed and honey extraction.

For more information, contact Tarbert Castle Trust on 01880 820643.



Tarbert Castle.

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Farming on the edge but what are the advantages?

'Perhaps we need to sort out the supply chain'

Colin Cameron

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IT WAS a question that echoed the thoughts of every farmer and crofter in the room.

Argyll is often perceived to have many disadvantages compared to other parts of Scotland and the UK, but what are our farming advantages and how do we make the most of them?

The panellists at an NFU Scotland 'question time' during last month's Argyll and the Islands regional AGM in Tarbert came from a range of different backgrounds.

But the answers they came up with boiled down to three main themes: collaboration, marketing and the environment.

First to tackle the question – posed by regional NFUS chairman John Dickson – was retail market consultant Marion MacCormick, originally from Oban. The former Aldi fresh meat marketeer told the farmers present: 'I am no farming expert but what I do know about is taking product to market.'



We must promote the carbon advantages of West Coast sheep farming. 06_Sheep_ewes01

'There is an interest in Scottish food, and in the provenance of Argyll food and the story you have to tell.'

Marion continued: 'Perhaps we need to sort out the supply chain where there are complaints that money is not reaching primary producers.'

'There are opportunities, and if self-interest could be put to one side and the story was told better, we could do a good job of marketing Scottish lamb.'

Next to offer his thoughts was NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

'We need to be supplying the market with what it wants, not simply producing a commodity and hoping someone will buy it,' he said.

'We also need to get the supply chain working, maybe through some form of collaboration.'

He stressed Argyll's environmental advantages, telling members: 'You guys are environmentalists. We need to sell that, and what we are doing for climate change.'

Self-employed farming consultant Alison Milne, from Fife, focused on the big picture. She talked about the value of community and sense of place.

'At the moment, we are valued based on our economic output, but if you take into account our environmental and social output, we are hugely beneficial to the rest of the Scottish economy.'

John Sleigh of *Farmers' Journal Scotland*, commented: 'Farmers around here produce food where nothing else could be produced. This should be uppermost in folks' minds when they are buying food and want to save the planet.'

He stressed the need to achieve a premium for this through effective marketing.

'We need to tell people, for example, how much carbon is sequestered by your hill lamb in relation to lamb imported from New Zealand. When I pick up my pack of lamb I want to see saturated fat and salt levels but also carbon rating. You guys, with your lovely grass and lack of inputs, are top of the tree when it comes to saving the planet.'

'You probably won't get more from the market by telling folk you deserve it. You're probably going to do something for it, which will be saving the planet.'

'You're just going to have to get better at telling folk how it happens.'



The panel prepares to face Argyll NFUS members. From left to right, Andrew McCornick, Marion MacCormick, John Dickson (chairman), John Sleigh and Alison Milne. 06_a03nfus08



NFUS president Andrew McCornick: 'Argyll farmers are environmentalists'. 06_a03nfusAndrewMcCornick01

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Calum wows Ardrishaig with marimba masterclass



A virtuoso percussion performance in Ardrishaig.

By Eve Maxwell
CALUM Huggan captivated the audience with his marimba playing in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The afternoon of Saturday January 20 started on a lively note with a piece by the name of *Libertango* by composer Astor Piazzolla. The music was a frenzy of Argentine sounds that whipped the audience into a whirlwind, and was followed by variations on Dowland's *Lachrimae Pavanna* – originally a work for lute.

The marimba imitated the sound of a Renaissance lute and Calum's playing was greeted with murmurs of approval from the audience members.

Just before the interval we were left with a piece of music written for marimbist Momoko Kamiya by Takatsugu Muramatsu, its title *Land*. This piece was my personal favourite and Calum told us that it reminded him of the Isle of Skye, a place he calls home, and the undulating sound of the exotic marimba seemed to convey the impression of Scottish hills.

Impromptu
As we all sat down after the interval again we were given an impromptu pop quiz which was comedic but informative, and in Calum's words the audience received 'top marks'.

He then performed

the second and third movements of *Caritas*, a piece by Solemn and Majestic by M Burritt, the second movement of which was sweeping and swelling with emotional sounds while the third movement came straight out of a music box.

The second last piece was E Sejourne's *Nancy*, a sombre and sweet piece of music that stayed so quiet that the audience was almost afraid to breathe.

The afternoon was finished with *Dr Gradus ad Parnassum* by C Debussy and the music was arranged for marimba by Calum Huggan himself.

The piece comes from a collection of six playful piano min-

iatures dedicated to the composer's then three-year-old daughter and the contents of her toy box.

Sought-after

Calum Huggan has performed solo debuts within the major concert houses across Germany and the UK, as well as performing with orchestras around the world. He is also a much sought-after percussion tutor and workshop leader.

The next Mid Argyll Arts Association concert will be held in the grand surroundings of the Argyll and Bute Council chamber, Kilmory, on Saturday February 10, starting at 7.30pm. The instrumentalists playing will be the Solem Quartet.

Science matters

DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



Europe's cuddly bears

WITH their distinctive black and white furry coats, giant pandas are adorable.

No wonder the World Wildlife Fund adopted them as its symbol. Giant pandas belong to the bear family (Ursidae), but while all other bears are carnivores, pandas eat virtually nothing but bamboo. This diet restricts them to the high forests of central China, where bamboo is abundant, and means that globally they are the rarest and most vulnerable bear species. So how and where did this extraordinary bear evolve?

Fossils eight million years old from China suggest that pandas have lived there since their evolutionary split from other bears, and estimates suggest that the modern giant pan-

das we know and love evolved in China about two million years ago. Yet radiocarbon dating of recent fossil finds indicates a geographically much wider evolutionary history.

In 2012, teeth from a giant panda ancestor dating from 11.6 million years ago were uncovered in Spain, and now scientists have found teeth from another early giant panda that lived in the region of modern-day Hungary some 10 million years ago. From the shape and wear patterns of the teeth, scientists established that these ancient bears were herbivores, just like modern-day pandas.

Since the European fossils pre-date the Chinese ones by two to three million years, they cast doubt on

China being the panda's ancestral home.

Only DNA analysis can reveal the true relationship between today's pandas and these ancient bears, but scientists suggest that giant pandas evolved from ancestral, carnivore bears in Europe and for a while roamed the forests of both Europe and Asia. Whatever the correct interpretation, clearly the European panda has long since become extinct. For an animal

that probably thrived in lush, warm forests, the loss this habitat around five million years ago, when Europe became cooler and drier, most likely caused its demise.

Nevertheless, I'm sure that Edinburgh Zoo residents Tian Tian and Yang Guang (Sweetie and Sunshine), the only two giant pandas in the UK, would be heartened to learn that they are not so far from home as they imagined.



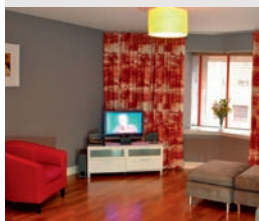
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Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. Information will be shared with promoters and sponsors.

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17/03134/PP	Erection of agricultural shed	Land North East Of Dalmorain Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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17/03312/PP	Installation of 121 metre long x 2.2 metre wide pontoon and amendment to condition 2 relative to planning permission 17/02225/PP (exterior finish from Timber Clad to Plastisol Bonded Sheets - painted grey)	Stronachullin Fish Farm Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00054/PP	Erection of extension to existing pavilion to form match official's facilities	Kintyre Park Pavilion Kintyre Park Limecraigs Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Construction industry unites to reduce unnecessary costs caused by disputes

Six leading institutions, and two of the UK's biggest employers, have launched the Conflict Avoidance Pledge, aiming to put an end to the number of disputes in construction and engineering.

The pledge, created by the Conflict Avoidance Coalition Steering Group – who work to help the industry reduce the costs of conflict, and ensure major infrastructure and property developments are delivered on time and budget – is a voluntary commitment self-assessment open to any organisation or firm regardless of size or location.

The pledge

The pledge is the focal point of a wider campaign, set out by the steering group to drive behaviour change in the way relationships and disputes are managed throughout the construction and engineering sector.

The ambitions of the steering group are to reduce financial

and other costs associated with disputes. This involves promoting cooperation between contracting parties; and helping people and organisations to understand and use conflict management measures, which will ensure projects are delivered on time and on budget.

Over 50 industry bodies have signed the pledge, with a key ambition of the steering group to encourage more organisations to join the coalition.

Benefits

Moving forward, the steering group is developing guidance and toolkits which will inform organisations about the value of conflict avoidance and early intervention techniques, and how to access and use them. These toolkits will be available to all signatories of the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.

For more information about the Conflict Avoidance Pledge and Conflict Avoidance Coalition, please visit www.rics.org/

capledge, or contact Hannah Lambert: t +44 7977 213 282.

The steering group

The steering group is comprised of senior representatives of six leading professional/member bodies and two of the UK's major employers. These organisations are:

- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) United Kingdom
- Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF)
- Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES)
- Transport for London
- Network Rail

Launch event

The pledge was launched on Monday January 29 at the Institution of Civil Engineers. Guests heard from chief executive of the Specialist Engineering Contractors' (SEC) Group, Rudi Klein, London Transport Commissioner Mike Brown and speakers from Transport for London and Network Rail, who are already using conflict avoidance techniques.

The view from RICS

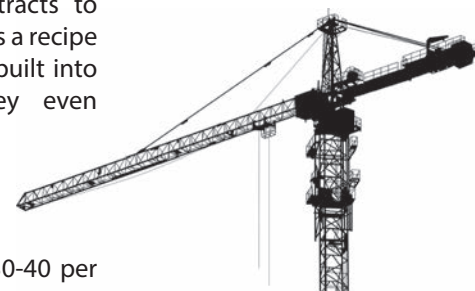
Too often, employers encourage contractors to submit compliant bids for the best price, while contractors, on the other hand, apply a commercial strategy to win the bid. Both sides then seek to manage contracts to their terms. The result is a recipe for disputes, which is built into contracts before they even start.

On average, the ultimate price of a construction project can come to around 30-40 per

cent higher than the original contract target price. Employers and contractors can all too often end up not focusing their energies on the successful delivery of projects, but on arguing over 20 per cent of the overall costs.

It is only when the industry unites to tackle these all too common issues that we can deliver real change. We look forward to more organisations and companies joining our campaign by signing up to the Pledge and making the running of construction and engineering projects, hopefully across the world, more streamline.

Dr John Fletcher, RICS Product Group Director ADR



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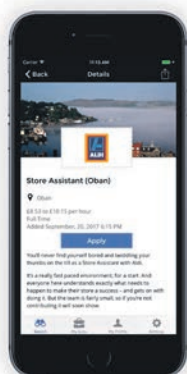
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West Coast **MOTORING TIMES**

SOME ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE **RISE** IN VALUE

AS SALES in the electric vehicle (EV) sector continue to surge, analysis from automotive data experts hpi shows that savvy motorists could already be making a profit on a vehicle they bought just 12 months ago.

A combination of factors including the rollout of clean air zones, cheaper running costs, increased charging points, incentives to drive and wider availability from manufacturers has helped pique interest in EVs.

A car bought at one year old could be run for 12 months and 10,000 miles and be sold for more money than its purchase price. A Peugeot Ion appreciated 8.6 per cent adding £425 to its value. The Vauxhall Ampera's average appreciation

is 5.3 per cent or £725 in value and the most popular EV on the market, the Nissan Leaf, has an average appreciation of 4 per cent or £456 on its original.

Hybrids too represent a savvy purchase with the Toyota Yaris Hybrid appreciating on average 2.6 per cent or £292 and the Lexus GS Hybrid average appreciation of 0.7 per cent or £178 on top of purchase price. Over 60,000 new AFVs took to Britain's roads by summer 2017 with no signs of a slowdown. Chris Plumb, Black Book editor at cap hpi, commented: 'Sales continue to soar in the EV market as drivers have weighed up the



benefits of ownership such as greatly reduced motoring costs and other incentives around driving an alternative to petrol or diesel.

'Our latest analysis shows that drivers who buy the right EV can still make money on a sale after running it for a year

and adding 10,000 miles. This will be a major factor in persuading more drivers to go down the EV road. EVs and plug-in hybrids provide a good balance between range and efficiency plus the economic benefits for motorists can be enormous, offering big savings on fuel and tax costs as well as much lower maintenance costs.'

Average Black Book Movement % 1yr10k moving to 2yr20k by Generation (Jan17 to Jan 18)

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GUESS WHO'S 50 ON 1ST FEBRUARY LOVE FROM MUM XX HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DUNOON

Official opening of Kirn school

KIRN Primary School, Park Road, Dunoon, held its official opening on Wednesday January 31.

Existing site

The £9m project was built on the school's existing site, with the 1881 Victorian build-

ing retained and refurbished.

A two-storey building replaces the old school. It features new classrooms, sports hall, main office, general purpose room, dining hall, atrium and library area.

ISLAY

International Scotch Day

DISTILLERIES on Islay are hosting free tours and tastings to celebrate International Scotch Day.

The tours will run from Thursday February 8 until Sunday February 11 at the Caol Ila

and Lagavulin distilleries.

Information

For more information, contact Lagavulin distillery on 01496 302749 or Caol Ila distillery on 01496 302769.

CRAIGNISH

Lottery grant for bus shelter

CRAIGNISH Community Council has been awarded £9,951 from the National Lottery Awards towards a new bus shelter at the fire station.

The community council thanks Andy McIlvride, Rhys Kelly, Jan Brown and

Sandy McKilligin for their work to secure the grant.

For more information or to get involved with the project, the community council will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday February 7 in the village hall.

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CLACHAN



Some of the cast members from Clachan Calamities Snow White production. 25_c04calamities07

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Clachan village hall

PANTOMIME group Clachan Calamities will perform Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Clachan Village Hall on Friday February 2 at 7pm and on Saturday February 3 at 2pm and 7pm.

The group will also perform at Tarbert village hall on Saturday March 3 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £7 for adults and £5 for children. For more information visit the Clachan Calamities Facebook page.

GIGHA

Burns Night fundraiser

THE ISLE of Gigha Hotel is hosting a fundraising Burns Night supper on Saturday February 3.

All funds raised will go to the Nancy Glen fundraising appeal.

The menu includes

potato and leek soup, haggis, neeps and tatties, steak pie with a bottle of wine or Robbie Burns whisky per table. For more information contact the Isle of Gigha Hotel on 01583 505254.

KILMARTIN

Talk on the history of SAMS

A MARINE biogeochemist will give a talk on the ocean at the Living Stones Christian Centre in Kilmartin on Tuesday February 13 from 7pm.

Dr Anuschka Miller from the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) has been exploring the ocean for more than 30 years.

She will talk about the history of SAMS and the association's current research projects.

Talks are free, with donations to the centre welcome.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Fundraising

PLANNING a January clear out? Mid Argyll Community Pool is raising funds through recycling old mobile phones, inkjet printer cartridges and textiles.

The pool is open seven days a week and donations can be dropped off at any time during opening hours.

For more information, contact the pool on 01546 606676.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a flash of white as an unusual bird rose up from the little lochan. It had tantalised us for some time but we couldn't get a proper look at it.

It wasn't a gull or any of our usual Argyll birds and we became more and more intrigued.

Finally Maggie captured it with her binoculars and identified it as a little egret.

Consultation with the bird book confirmed this and we were delighted to have seen this beautiful bird which is a member of the heron family.

He still enchants us with his airborne elegance and then sits comfortably at the top of the tree and watches.

Egrets are not common in Scotland and are usually southern winter visitors.

How fortunate we are in this beautiful part of the world to have such a variety of nature around us.

Argyll is a nature lovers' paradise and is enjoyed by many photographers and artists.

We were in Glasgow last weekend and enjoyed a lovely time at the theatre, catching up with friends and family, and eating out.

We stayed in a city centre hotel which was very handy and most comfortable.

However, when I looked out in the morning all I could see was buildings and traffic and people everywhere - and more buildings.

Noise assaulted my ears and I couldn't wait to come home.

As I came over Ronachan hill my heart lifted as the peace snuggled into the very depth of my being.

Jura appeared through the mist and once again I gave thanks for the beauty and the wonder of Argyll and the surprises of each day.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS



MCMILLAN

Malcolm and Lynn (née Galbraith) are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of their daughter, Mollie Shiona, on January 13, 2018. First grandchild for Malcolm and Anne, Balloch Cottage, Campbeltown and second grandchild for Danny and Lorna, Carradale. Many thanks to the team at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

MARRIAGES



DUNCAN - BANNERMAN

At Cottiers, Glasgow, on Saturday, January 6, 2018, Neil John Ferguson, son of John and Ismay Duncan, Auchinbreck, Campbeltown, to Marta Colone, daughter of Brent Bannerman and Normajeane MacDonald, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

DEATHS

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Southside Nursing Home, Inverness, on January 26, 2018, Sheena Hunter Cameron, in her 90th year, Dunaverty, Woodland Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald Graham, much loved mum of Moira and a loving granny of Andrew, Julie and Charles. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Red Cross, Campbeltown.

HADFIELD - On January 26, 2018, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Paul John Augustine Hadfield, in his 77th year, beloved partner of Lynda Henderson, much loved father of John Paul and Jane, dear grandfather of Noah and Anna and a much loved and respected member of the local community. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Monday, February 5 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully, with family at her side, at home, 35 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, on January 30, 2018, Ina MacMillan, née Shaw, aged 84 years, beloved wife of the late Davie, much loved mother of Matthew and Kathleen and grandma of David. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, February 8 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to The Nancy Glen (TT100) Fund.

MCINTYRE - Peacefully at home, Caladh-na-Sithe, Glebe Street, Campbeltown, on January 26, 2018, after an illness endured with

quiet acceptance, John Martin McIntyre, in his 85th year, dearly beloved husband to Catherine Brown, for 58 years, much loved father of Frances and Avril, a loving and generous papa of Lauren, Shauna and Ashley and great grandfather of Ethan and Cody. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, February 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully, with her family by her side, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on January 18, 2018, Effie Robertson (née McCuaig), in her 83rd year, formerly of Kilmichael Glassary, much loved mother of Jennifer, Eilidh, Eileen and James and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service will be held at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, Irvine.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

HOUGHTON - David and family would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages of sympathy and support after their sad loss of Muriel. Thanks also to everyone who attended the services at church and the crematorium.

IN MEMORIAM

MACQUARRIE - In loving memory of Neil MacQuarrie, a dear dad, seannair and papa, who died on February 7, 2017. Also Ann, our dear mum and nana, who died April 23, 2003.

Forever in our thoughts. - Love from all the family at home and away.

MCGLYNN - In loving memory of John McGlynn, passed away on January 30, 2012. Sadly missed as a seannair, and by all who loved him.

SOU DEN - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, who died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept.

No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters, Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

WALLACE - In loving memory of Derek, died February 1, 2017.

Still sadly missed, Brother.

- Neil, Claudine, Tyler and Sophie.

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 Rev C Acklam
Saturday 3 February
 10.30am Achnamara Hall
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 Morning Service
 Lochgair Church 10.00am
Glenaray and Inveraray
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Morning service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Preacher:
 Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
 ALL WELCOME

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Scottish Charity Number SC011686
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 Church Hall
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 7.30pm New Hall
Tuesday 6th February
 9.45am Tiny Tots
 New Hall
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm
 Junior Section 7.00pm
 Church Hall
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 New Hall
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 Guild Coffee Morning
 10am - 12 noon Church Hall
Thursday 8th February
 Choir
Friday 9th February
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New sponsor unveiled for Balliemore Cup

A SHINTY competition with its roots firmly in Argyll has a new sponsor.

The Camanachd Association announced on Monday that Fort William-based Liberty British Aluminium has agreed a three-year sponsorship of shinty that includes title sponsorship of the newly-dubbed Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup.

Association president Keith Loades said: 'This is great news. The commitment shown by Liberty British Aluminium adds real value to the continued promotion and development of shinty. The whole shinty community will be delighted that such a successful company has shown such faith in our great game.'

Brian King of Liberty British Aluminium said: 'At this exciting time, when we are expanding at Fort William and consolidating our position as a major Highlands employer, we're very pleased to reinforce our relationship with the sport of shinty, which is an integral part of community life in this part of Scotland. We look

forward to developing this partnership over the next three years for the benefit of the whole community.'

The Balliemore Cup has a history going back to the first half of the 20th century, when Captain Colin MacRae of Balliemore ran a shinty competition in the Kyles of Bute area.

Among the teams playing for the trophy were Kyles, Bute, North Bute, Balliemore and Rhuban Rovers.

The trophy was donated for competition by his brother, Major MacRae Gilstrap, a kenspeckle figure in shinty for many years.

After years lying unused, the cup was presented to the Camanachd Association by Captain Duncan MacRae of Eilean Donan to be used as a trophy for national competition between teams at an intermediate level.

The draw for the 2018 Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup was made this week by Tom Uppington and Rosie Flannigan, representing Liberty British Aluminium.



Left to right: Tom Uppington; Camanachd Association chief executive officer Derek Keir; Daniel Stewart, Kilmallie; Sean Cameron, Fort William; Keith Loades; James Tangney, Fort William; Innes Blackhall, Kilmallie; Rosie Flannigan and Camanachd Association youth director Willie MacDonald. Photographs: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.

Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup first round
Ties to be played on Saturday April 28

Strathglass	v	Glasgow Mid Argyll
Kilmallie	v	Tayforth
Oban Celtic	v	Aberdour
Taynuilt	v	Inverness
Ballachulish	v	Col Glen
Aberdeen Uni	v	Beauly
Glengarry	v	Bute
Fort William	v	Inveraray

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday January 29, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 7, 10 and 13.

The lucky winner of the £100 jackpot was L Kelly.

Next week's jackpot will be back down to £100.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery,

the numbers were 11, 13 and 15. Charlie Turner was the winner of the £1,500 jackpot, so next week's jackpot will be £100.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers for this week were 3, 13 and 15.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £500.

POS		HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			PTS	
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1	Lochgilphead Red Star 2004's	8	3	0	0	5	0	0	8	0	0	24
2	Glasgow Red Star Athletic 2004's	8	6	0	0	1	0	1	7	0	1	21
3	Glentyan Thistle FC 2003's	7	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	1	1	16
4	Greenock United 2003's	6	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	13
5	Dumbarton Riverside 2003's	8	2	0	3	1	0	2	3	0	5	9
6	Dumbarton United 2004's	7	1	0	1	1	0	4	2	0	5	6

Red Star 2004s continue unbeaten run

DFDL Under 13 League

Lochgilphead Red Star 6
Dumbarton United 0

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star 2004s played their first game of the new year, netting an impressive six goals, to make it eight wins from eight games so far this season.

Silence

Before the game there was a minute's silence to honour the Nancy Glen Campaign.

Despite a six-week gap, the boys played good football and worked hard as a team.

Red Star started off well, retaining possession and scoring their first goal more or less before Dumbarton United touched the ball. This was closely followed by a second goal.

While the Lochgilphead youngsters had the majority of possession and created a few

more goal scoring opportunities, the score stayed at 2-0 through to halftime.

Determination

Dumbarton United tried to force themselves back in to the game early in the second half but a combination of determination in midfield and good defending limited them to only a few chances.

Red Star's fitness began to tell and, de-

spite initial resistance from Dumbarton United, they scored a further four goals to make it 6-0.

Lochgilphead Red Star 2004s have a tough game ahead of them tomorrow, playing Glasgow Red Star who are just below them in the league.

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Feathers fly at schools badminton championships

TUESDAY January 23 saw Oban High School host the Argyll and Bute Secondary Schools Badminton Championships with teams from Campbeltown, Dunoon, Oban, Rothesay and Tobermory competing.

There were five categories – boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles – across U14, U16 and U19 age groups.

In the U14 girls competition Campbeltown dominated, with Jane Scott winning the singles and Jennifer McMurchy, also from Campbeltown, runner up. The Campbeltown girls teamed up for the doubles and defeated Nuria Clowes and Anneloes Hutton, from Tobermory, in the final of the U14 girls

doubles. Jennifer and Ewan Dott, also from Campbeltown, won the U14 mixed with Jane Scott and Scott Oman, of Campbeltown, runners up.

In the U14 boys singles, a fantastic final saw Marcus Keith, from Dunoon, triumph over Morgan Gemmell, from Oban. In the boys doubles, a tight final saw Morgan Gemmell and Kyle MacDougall, from Oban, beat Marcus Keith and Nathan Shield of Dunoon 23-21.

In the U16 events, Alan Mollins, from Dunoon, had a productive day taking all three titles, singles, doubles and mixed. Alan was the only player to win all three titles during the day. He paired up with Andrew Tyre for the doubles and Niamh



Prizewinners from the Argyll and Bute Secondary Schools Badminton Championships.

Evan for mixed. Ferus Carmichael and Finlay France, from Oban, were the runners up in the boys doubles and Kathryn Lindsay and Ceiron Danks, from Dunoon, were the runners up in the U16 mixed.

In the girls U16 singles, Kathryn Lindsay, from Dunoon, was the overall winner with

Niamh Evans, also from Dunoon, runner up. The girls paired up to take the U16 girls doubles title, with Oban girls Zoe Cook and Katie MacCorquodale taking second place.

In the U19 competition, the honours were again evenly spread between Oban, Campbeltown and Dunoon. Alasdair Ferguson

from Campbeltown was the U19 boys singles champion with Jordan McIlkenny, from Dunoon, runner up. Craig MacCorquodale, from Oban, who missed out on the U19 final by one point, teamed up with Angus Neil to take the U19 boys doubles prize with Jordan McIlkenny and Jason Convery,

from Dunoon, runners-up.

In the U19 girls event, Kirsty MacCorquodale from Oban took the top spot with Susan Shaw of Campbeltown taking second place. Susan however, paired with Nicola MacKerel, won the girls doubles with Kirsty and partner Claire Reid coming second.

The U19 mixed doubles was a great conclusion to the afternoon, with gold going to Oban's Kirsty MacArthur and Craig MacCorquodale, and Alastair Ferguson and Nicola Thomson taking silver.

Denise Gemmell, PE teacher at Oban High School, who organised the event, said: 'The standard of play was very high within all age groups and events, with some keenly contested games even early on in the competition. Sportsmanship, enjoyment and fair play were all part of an excellent day of badminton for the Argyll and Bute region.'

A highly competitive day of badminton saw a great deal of talent on display from the young competitors.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Feathers fly at schools badminton championships

Red Star get back to winning ways

SAFL Premier Two
Lochgilhead Red Star 6
Duntocher Hibs 2

RED STAR welcomed Duntocher Hibernian to the Joint Campus last Saturday as they looked to kick start 2018 with a win following a draw with Port Glasgow OBU in their previous match.

The home side didn't get off to the best of starts and were sloppy with their passing, resulting in Hibs opening the scoring after six minutes.

A poor pass out of defence was intercepted and the Hibs wing-

er got the cross in to a striker who met the ball with a well-timed header to give his side the lead.

Red Star upped their game with Aaron Moore and Lee MacLean driving forward from midfield.

The equaliser came after a quick attacking move. From the right channel, Innes Meikle laid the ball off into the path of Colin Weir who beat the keeper with a left-footed finish.

Despite the even score, Star once again fell behind after a mistimed challenge from Naisby gave referee

Jimmy Litster no option but to point to the spot. The Hibs forward stepped up and made no mistake by sending Star keeper Pollock the wrong way.

Excellent skill

It didn't take the hosts long to get back level after Kieran Moore showed excellent skill to drive in from the left channel and place the ball into the bottom corner with a curling shot to level the score.

Star were keen to press on and got themselves in front just before the break with more good interplay between Kieran Moore

and Innes Meikle. This time it was Meikle who finished past the keeper into the bottom corner, putting Star 3-2 up at half time.

With Star attacking the Glasgow end in the second half, the home side began to move the ball much sharper.

Duntocher were struggling to cope with the movement and Kieran Moore added his second goal of the afternoon with a powerful effort which sailed low into the bottom corner to make it 4-2 early on in the second half.

With the Star man-



Lochgilhead Red Star.

agement team boasting a strong subs bench, they were able to add fresh legs as the second half progressed with Ian McGuinness, Martin Bonar, Gregor Peacock and Fraser McFarlane all getting valuable game time under their belts.

Gregor Peacock could have added to the tally but his shot came off the post before Ian McGuinness had an effort disallowed for off-side.

Kieran Moore completed his hat-trick as he broke away from the Hibs defence and

finished with a classy lob over the Hibs keeper. Moore added his fourth goal of the game and Star's sixth with another fine finish, to secure a 6-2 win.

Star's next game will be away to title rivals Castlemilk OBC on Saturday February 3.



Gordon McKinven with the the triumphant Dunoon A Team.



Both teams from Cowal pose with Gordon McKinven and the A and C team trophies.

Dunoon double

BADMINTON teams from across Argyll battled it out in Lochgilhead last week for the Argyll Cup.

Teams from Oban, Dunoon and the combined Mid Argyll and Campbeltown team came together on Saturday January 27.

Two trophies were up for grabs for the A and C teams. Five pairs of mixed doubles from each association competed in a gruelling round robin format, with each pair completing a minimum of 20 sets of badminton.

The teams completed 150 games in eight hours, with Dunoon coming out on top after strong performances in three games.

The Dunoon A and C teams secured both trophies and received them during a presentation at the tournament dinner at Loch-

gilhead Bowling Club. Following the dinner, Cowal Badminton Association stalwart Gordon McKInven praised competitors for their standard of play and everyone involved for keeping showing sporting spirit.

Excellence

A new trophy was awarded this year, with the Charlie Ellis Prize for Sporting Excellence going to Campbeltown's Stephanie Mitchell.

The proceeds from the tournament and pledges received at the tournament dinner saw a donation of £650 made to the Nancy Glen Appeal Just Giving page.

Final scores: A Team - 1 Dunoon; 2 Oban; 3 Mid Argyll/Campbeltown. C-Team - 1 Dunnon; 2 Oban; 3 Mid Argyll/Campbeltown.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup 5th round - East Kilbride Rolls Royce 2, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Ferguslie Star 2; Rosehill Star 4, Dunoon 0; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star 6, Duntocher 2.

Tuesday's result: Jimmy Marshall Trophy, 2nd round - Oban Saints 1, Lochgilhead Red Star 1. Red Star won 5-4 on penalties.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 6th round - Kilbride Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Rutherglen; Premier Division Two - Castlemilk v Lochgilhead Red Star; Tarbert v Easthall Star.

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