

**THE BRIDEGUIDE**  
 PART 2 - INSIDE THIS WEEK



# Two Mid Argyll police offices to be sold following consultation

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POLICE SCOTLAND has said it now plans to sell Tarbert and Inveraray police offices following a public engagement and review of its estate.

In an email read out at Lochgilphead Community Council's meeting on Monday, Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, area commander for Mid Argyll and Kintyre, said Inveraray police office 'has been closed for over a year with no significant rise in crime or negative impact on the community. The officer's post has been based at Lochgilphead. The intention therefore is to sell this police office.'

Similarly, Tarbert police office is only used periodically, and Chief Inspector Baillie continued: 'The two officers who reside in

the police houses work from Lochgilphead, although they cover Tarbert for local policing issues. The intention is to sell this police office and develop local police surgeries to allow the public to engage face to face with local officers.'

Due to the fact that Campbeltown police office has a number of vacant offices, Police Scotland has been 'engaging with partners with a view to having them co-locate with them'.

CI Baillie said: 'At this time the local Coastguard team has expressed interest in using this office space and work is presently ongoing to scope this proposal.'

She added that due to the age of the Lochgilphead office, which



'does not support modern-day policing services', Police Scotland will retain the current base and custody facilities, but will look for opportunities to relocate if a more modern

facility, suitable for our requirements, becomes available.'

Lochgilphead Community Council convenor Andrew Buntin welcomed news the town's station would stay open.

He said: 'This was confirmation that Lochgilphead will not close, and we will have a police presence. This is a county town, so it is important to have that presence. We need a custodial facility.

It is an ugly old building, but it is not fit for purpose.'

Chief Inspector Baillie told *The Advertiser*: 'We are committed to maintaining a presence within local communities across Argyll.

However, it is vital to have an estate that supports modern working practices and also supports the delivery of a local police service that best meets local needs.'

MID ARGYLL Wild Swimmers took their coldest plunge of the season in the Sound of Jura, at Dounie, south of Crinan, to protest against plans to site a fish farm there.

Kilmelford-based Kames Fish Farming Ltd has applied for a SEPA licence for 12 circular cages, each 100m in circumference, to rear a maximum of 2,500 tonnes of rainbow trout, which would meet demand, create six jobs and secure other jobs in the family business.

However, local campaigners object, saying the site is unsuitable – fearing sea lice and chemical and faecal effluent would reduce numbers of wild salmon and trout in the River Add Estuary, and eco-tourism.

Martin Mellor from Tayvallich said: 'Wild swimming is becoming popular all over the UK and we are regularly joined by visitors who have seen our stunning locations on social media.'

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## Police files

**Breach of bail order**

A 52-YEAR-OLD man was arrested after allegedly approaching a woman and breaching a bail order, in Oban Road, Lochgilphead, at 10am on Monday February 6. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Possession of drugs**

POLICE have charged a 30-year-old man after officers stopped and searched a car at 4.50am on February 8 in Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, and allegedly found a small quantity of cannabis. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

**Playpark damaged**

BETWEEN January 1 and 18, the wooden climbing frame at the children's playpark in Furnace was damaged. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Theft of rock breaker**

BETWEEN 4.30pm on Thursday February 9 and 7am on Friday February 10, an Atlas Copco Hydraulic Rock Breaker tool that attaches on to a digger arm, was stolen from

the area of Kilmory Castle in Lochgilphead.

Anyone with any information is invited to call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Witnesses sought**

OVERNIGHT between Friday February 10 and Saturday February 11, a black Nissan Navara pick-up, parked in Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, was damaged when a wing mirror was bent and smashed. Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them on 101 or anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Possession of drugs**

AT ABOUT 6.20pm on Saturday February 11, on the A83 at Ardrishaig, a car was stopped and searched and a 24-year-old man was found allegedly in possession of a small quantity of cannabis. The man was charged, and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Alleged assault**

A 51-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested and charged with assault and abusive behaviour, following an alleged incident in Cairnbaan, Ardrishaig, at 12.20am on Sunday February 12. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

# CalMac passenger numbers are soaring

CALMAC saw passenger numbers reach five million last year, for the first time in two decades.

The company operates the UK's largest ferry network, with 32 vessels carrying out over 136,000 sailings annually across the West Coast, extending 200 miles from Campbeltown to the Isle of Lewis.

Many routes saw very significant rises in both passenger and car numbers in the first full year after the roll-out of road equivalent tariff (RET) across all areas, with a total of 5,055,827 passengers and 1,356,396 cars network-wide. This equates to 428,801 more passengers than in 2015 and 186,695 more cars.

RET is a Scottish Government policy to ensure that those living on an island are not unduly financially disadvantaged by ferry fares. The RET scheme involves setting ferry fares on the basis of the cost of travelling an equivalent distance by road.

Minister for Transport and the Islands

Humza Yousaf said: 'These figures underline the success of the full roll-out of RET on the Clyde and Hebrides ferry network. Cheaper fares bring benefits to locals, visitors and businesses, making ferry travel more attractive and accessible, as well as providing a boost to the tourist trade.'

CalMac's managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'Last year was our busiest in terms of passengers for two decades.'

The busiest route continues to be Ardrossan to Brodick on the Isle of Arran, carrying 828,262 people and 202,843 cars in 2016 – a rise of 8.7 per cent and 6.84 per cent respectively.

Two other Firth of Clyde routes complete the top three highest passenger totals with 738,549 (+7.49 per cent) on Largs to Isle of Cumbrae, and 675,714 (+6.97 per cent) on the Wemyss Bay/Gourock to Rothesay on the Isle of Bute route.

In terms of cars, the Rothesay route was second with 172,897 (+19.12 per cent), with

Oban to Craignure on the Isle of Mull showing a 40.66 per cent rise to 162,288 – this route was the fourth busiest for passengers carrying 644,827 (+16.14 per cent).

The highest increase on a 2015-2016 like-for-like route was a substantial 74.09 per cent rise in cars on the Tobermory to Kilchoan crossing and 52.26 and 52.33 per cent on both the Oban to Lismore and the Mallaig to the Small Isles runs respectively. A larger vessel will operate the Tobermory-Kilchoan crossing this summer to help cater for the growth in numbers.

In terms of largest percentage increases

in passengers, Tarbert on Loch Fyne to Portavadie recorded 35.53 per cent, with 29.61 per cent and 21.87 per cent on Tobermory to Kilchoan and Oban to Lismore respectively.

Many others showed increases well in excess of 20 per cent for cars and 15 per cent plus for passengers. For cars, the routes included Fionnphort on Isle of Mull to Isle of Iona (+23 per cent), Oban to Craignure (+40.66 per cent), Tarbert, Kintyre to Portavadie on Cowal (+42.93 per cent).

The first fully operational year of Portavadie resort's spa in 2016 may also explain a rise in numbers.



**Martin Dorchester.**

## CalMac CEO to stay

MARTIN Dorchester will remain as CalMac's CEO, after announcing in October he would leave the David MacBrayne Group in March.

Mr Dorchester said: 'Having secured the CHFS contract for the next eight years, as well as the 35-year concession to run Marchwood Military Port in Hampshire as a joint venture, I felt I had achieved what I came to do and it was time to move on to new challenges.'

'Transport Minister Humza Yousaf announced last week that the government will be undertaking a review of Scottish ferry services. This review will

include applicability of the Teckal exemption, which would potentially remove the requirement to put ferry services out to tender, and the management structures of David MacBrayne Limited and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited. I have taken the decision to stay in my current post and lead the organisation through this new chapter.'

David McGibbon, chairman of David MacBrayne Ltd, said: 'The board is delighted that Martin will stay to lead the group throughout what will be an important period. His experience, knowledge and leadership skills will be of great value.'

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# No boater to pay more than £2 extra per week to use the Crinan Canal

**SCOTTISH** Canals published its response to a public consultation on Tuesday setting out a long-term plan for establishing 'fair pricing' for living and travelling on Scotland's inland waterways.

Following a consultation and independent review into the pricing strategy for moorings and licences on Scotland's canals, no boater will pay more than an extra £100 per year – less than £2 per week – plus inflation.

Scottish Canals commissioned this consultation in October 2015, following increases in moorings and licence prices, which took place in April 2015 as part of a wider drive to charge fair and reasonable rates for the ser-



Crinan Canal.

vices the organisation provides.

Following a detailed analysis of all the responses, Scottish Canals' board has agreed that the annual inflationary uplift will be set in line with the Consumer Price In-

dex (CPI), calculated monthly and averaged over the past financial year.

All price increases less than £100 per year will be implemented in full, plus the CPI, and all price increases greater than £101 will

be phased in so that no customer pays more than an extra £100 per year, plus the CPI.

Customers can pay their moorings fees in full at the outset or by monthly instalments, but the cost will remain the same however they

choose to pay. Navigation charges will remain at 2015 prices, subject to an annual CPI uplift.

Transit charges will remain the same on the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and drop by 25 per cent on the Lowlands Canals as a way of stimulating boat movements. Registered charities that are not acting commercially will benefit from a 25 per cent reduction in transit charges.

Subject to contractual

renewal dates, all price changes will come into effect from June 1, 2017, and April 1 each year thereafter.

Steve Dunlop, chief executive of Scottish Canals, said: 'As a public body, it's right that we adopt a fair and reasonable approach to pricing.'

'With amenities and customer demand varying between locations and waterways, price inconsistencies over charges have emerged over the years leav-

ing some boaters paying significantly less or more than their neighbours.

'This is a complex issue and one which all canal authorities are wrestling with. However, we believe we now have in place a fair, transparent and consistent approach to pricing which benefits all boaters. I'd like to thank all of our boating customers for their feedback and understanding during the review process.'

## Hospitals can't cope says MSP

A TOTAL of 674 operations were cancelled at NHS Highland in 2016, new figures have revealed

Highlands and Islands MSP Dave Stewart said the problem was that hospitals could not cope with the increased demand under current financial pressures.

NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership have been asked to make savings across the board.

The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is being asked to cut its budget by up to £22 million over the next five years.

Analysis from Scottish Labour found that 7,740 operations were cancelled across Scotland in 2016 because of a lack of capacity, equipment or staff to carry them out – an average of 21 a day.

Mr Stewart said: 'The figures back up NHS staff concerns about

growing pressures and the long-term solution is to invest in social care to take pressure off hospital resources.'

He continued: 'The SNP-Green budget is set to cut a further £170 million from local hospital budgets in the coming year, taking the

total to £1.5 billion of cuts since 2011.

'Now that we see that 674 planned operations were cancelled last year, we know it was because hospitals across NHS Highland did not have the capacity to cope.'

A spokesman for

NHS Highland said: 'The decision to cancel a patient is not one that we take lightly and all efforts are made to ensure that any cancellations are kept to a minimum. Any cancellations are prioritised and rebooked as quickly as possible.'



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# Residents face three per cent rise in council tax and a hike in service fees

## Canal banks to be tidied up

THE REMOVAL of coppice along the banks of the Crinan Canal has caused concern and confusion among local people.

But Scottish Canals has said the job is not yet complete with contractors due to return 'to tidy up and trim the vegetation'.

One woman told the *Advertiser*: 'I live nearby and it is a complete mess. The trees look like they've exploded over the banking and onto the road.'

A Scottish Canals spokesperson explained the work currently being carried out between Bellanoch and Crinan is part of annual winter work to maintain the canal.

He continued: 'In our role as custodians of the Crinan Canal, Scottish Canals has removed vegetation from the canal em-



Work continues down the banking overlooking Bellanoch Marina. 08\_a06crinantrees06

bankments between Bellanoch and Crinan to protect the integrity of the structures and provide safe and clear access for staff inspecting the historic infrastructure of the canal.

'The operation is not yet complete and we will ensure that the site is left clear and that the vegetation is trimmed back to ground level.'

ARGYLL and Bute residents face a three per cent rise in council tax and a hike in charges for fees and services.

Papers released on Thursday show Argyll and Bute Council plans to fill a £6 million budget gap by putting three per cent on council tax and increasing charges for fees and services, if plans get the go-ahead at a budget meeting on February 23.

However, MSP Michael Russell says the local authority has the highest per capita support of any mainland council and it does not need to increase the council tax.

It is understood there are no plans for staff reductions or to make any large savings from any service.

Council insiders say it is a 'safe budget' prior to the council elections in May.

One councillor, who didn't want to be named, said: 'Budget meetings have been very relaxed this year compared to the previous few because we knew all along that we would need to raise the council tax. But it will be back to business as usual next year when there will be millions to save and that will mean making the difficult choices we have avoided this year.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'We are currently working through the detail provided by the Scottish Government after changes to the local government settlement were announced on February 2.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Due to significant cuts made by the Scottish Government this year, the head of strategic finance has made several recommendations, including that the council may wish to end the council tax freeze and replace it with a three per cent increase, which could raise an addi-

tional £1.239 million. The council will make the final decision at its meeting on Thursday February 23.'

Mr Russell refuted the claim significant cuts had been made to the local authority. He said: 'The reverse is true. The council has increased resources available to it - up by 2.7 per cent. Argyll and Bute also has the highest per capita support of any mainland council. The current incompetent administration has failed to manage the budget and it should admit it is responsible for the council's poor financial performance rather than blame anyone else.'



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# Concerns grow over Robber's Den wood

ARDRISHAIG residents are growing concerned as woodland behind their property is becoming unkempt and dangerous.

Those living in Columba Court fear that the trees growing in Robber's Den

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are blocking out sunlight to the backs of their homes and causing damp.

Donna Galbraith, who has lived there

for almost a year and a half, told the *Advertiser*: 'My kitchen backs onto the woods and I have a real problem with damp in there

now. I've even had to have a cupboard replaced. There's just no sun getting through the trees.

'I've tried growing things in my garden but all the light is blocked out – even the grass won't grow.

And the leaves that fall from the trees into our gardens just turn to mush with all the rain. There are some folk in these houses that aren't able to clear them themselves and could slip on them.'

Ms Galbraith is also concerned about the fly-tipping in the woodlands. 'There are sheets of corrugated metal, chicken wire, a wheelbarrow so rusted it looks like a pile of leaves, asbestos ... I don't want my daughter



Donna Galbraith with daughter Ella, in Robber's Den behind their home. 08\_a07robdden04

playing up there – it's dangerous.'

Robber's Den is held in trust for the community by Ardrishaig Community Trust and Ms Galbraith first contacted the trust with her concerns in April, 2016. She says she is disappointed with how the trust has responded and that no work has taken place yet.

She continued: 'I am not asking for miracles. I am just asking for it to be made safe and the trees trimmed back so some light can get through. Why

couldn't we have something like Blarbuie Woodlands in Ardrishaig? I'm sure the locals would love to help out with ideas and some might even pitch in. Robber's Den used to be a beautiful place and now it just looks a mess.'

The *Advertiser* understands Ardrishaig Community Trust is awaiting confirmation of grant funding for improvements within Robber's Den and no work is allowed to start until the funding has been signed off.

## Demonstration planned before care home crisis talks

A PROTEST was planned outside Argyll and Bute Council HQ at Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, on Thursday, before a crucial meeting to decide the future of Auchinlee care home in Campbeltown.

The 24-bed specialist dementia facility, which opened in 1952,

is facing closure after reportedly running at a loss of £250,000 a year, due to its owner CrossReach, an arm of the Church of Scotland, having to recruit agency workers to cover staff shortages.

The only other care home in Campbeltown is full and relatives face moving residents

miles from the area. An eleventh hour emergency summit in mid December postponed a final decision for three months, after the owners and local authority agreed to share the losses, costing taxpayers around £31,000.

Campbeltown councillor Donald Kelly said: 'If Auchinlee is

allowed to close without any alternative provision being put in place, this will have a devastating impact on the current residents and their families.'

Concern was also raised at Lochgilphead Community Council on Monday, when councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'We must do

everything we can to stop the closure.'

The demonstration was organised by the Save Auchinlee group, which explained on its Facebook page: 'Elderly and dementia patients face the prospect of being removed from their place of residence, where they have lived for many years.'

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## Music to your ears

WITH Mid Argyll Music Festival fast approaching, it is encouraging to see it continue year after year.

Sheila McCallum, founder and organiser, says things are looking good for this year's event with entries slightly up on last year. It is great that local people are still performing and supporting it. There has always been a positive vibe from Mid Argyll Music Festival performers and spectators and the quality of talent showcased is something Argyll should be proud of. Organisers have found a healthy balance between a competition and providing the people of Argyll with a platform to show off their talents and it is something that needs our continual support to see it endure beyond its 38th year.

## Council tax rise

THE NINE-YEAR national council tax freeze ends this year and local authorities are free to raise the basic rate by up to three per cent, as Argyll and Bute Council plans to do on February 23 to plug a £6 million budget gap.

Argyll and Bute is not alone. All 32 of Scotland's councils will set their budgets by March 2 and already Western Isles, Shetland, Moray, Midlothian, Edinburgh, Borders and East Renfrewshire have agreed three per cent increases. Six more councils, including Highland and Inverclyde, will decide on Thursday too. Bills are going up regardless, after MSPs voted to increase the multiplier for the top four bands E-H. We are all being squeezed, but let's hope this helps councils save vital services.

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## Objection to Dounie fish farm

Sir,  
John Aitchison's letter ('Fears over siting of fish farm', February 10) gives excellent objections to a fish farm at Dounie.

A growing petition already has more than 450 local names. His views are widely shared, including by Councillor Dougie Philand, who forwarded it to SEPA. The petition can be signed in Fyne Tackle, Lochgilphead.

A community group, the Friends of the Sound of Jura, has been set up to protect the Sound, the River Add and its local users against the farm's devastating economic and environmental impacts.

Argyll MSP Michael Russell also believes Dounie is not a suitable site. He has written to cabinet secretaries Fergus Ewing (rural affairs) and Roseanna Cunningham (environment), and to the chief executives of Marine Scotland, SEPA and SNH, calling for the Dounie fish farm application to receive 'special and very careful consideration'.

We welcome SNH's recent objection to the proposal. In a letter to SEPA, SNH clearly states that it 'would impact protected areas and protected species' and calls on SEPA for specific assurances that discharges from the fish farm would not affect the protected common skate

and other priority marine features.

**Lottie Goodlet, Carsaig, supporter of Friends of Sound of Jura.**

## BBC's Red Nose competition

Sir,  
BBC Learning has teamed up with the National Literacy Trust, Comic Relief and Blue Peter for a BBC Red Nose Day comedy competition for Scottish primary children.

Richard Curtis, Miranda Hart and Blue Peter's Barney Harwood will judge jokes. The winners in each category – six to eight and nine to 12 years – will see their jokes live on a Red Nose Day Blue Peter programme in March.

The competition closes on February 28. For further details see: [www.bbc.co.uk/comedyclassroom](http://www.bbc.co.uk/comedyclassroom).

**Emma Gilcher, BBC Learning.**

## Scotland treated as low priority

Sir,  
Hardly a week goes by and we see another example from the Tories of the arrogant disdain with which they treat Scotland.

This time it is a leaked UK government memo which shows key industries will be a low priority for the UK government in Brexit negotiations.

Listed are construction, water, telecoms, steel, oil and gas, environmental services and medical – some, if not all, key employers in Scotland.

We often hear of how they want a special deal for the bankers in the City of London or how the Nissan car factory in Sunderland will be protected in a secret deal – an area which voted 61 per cent leave to Scotland voting 62 per cent remain.

In the coming local government elections, voters can send a message to the Tories that they will not be treated as a low priority in the Brexit negotiations because they will claim every vote as an endorsement for their plans.

If people turn out and vote for candidates opposed to these plans, they can send them the message that the Tories can't treat Scotland's industries as a low priority.

**Graham C B Roberts, Caithness Street, Glasgow.**

## Crinan Canal bank is devastated

Sir,  
Scottish Canals must be congratulated on joining the ranks of petty government-funded agencies whose practices are inimical to what they purport to defend and enhance.

The flailing frenzy that has devastated parts of the bank on the Crinan Canal has done nothing to en-

hance the canal or Scottish Canals' reputation.

Of course, it will eventually recover, but a more controlled work schedule over time would be more beneficial.

It is also very likely the new tarmac surface on the towpath may have destroyed the particular orchid that grew there.

The arrogant ignorance of such bodies as the Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is already a byword, so Scottish Canals will fit right in.

The Forestry Commission seems to delight in wantonly destroying landscape features and leaving a brutalised hillside behind; 'harvesting' is such a comfortable word, until you see the consequences of FC practice.

As for SNH, it really is the king on the muck heap of government bureaucracy. Its beaver nonsense is proof that playing God should be left to God.

I suppose that somewhere in Holyrood there are people to whom these organisations are supposed to answer. I wonder who they are. Perhaps shame prevents them owning up.

**Alexander Hamilton, Leac na Ban, Tayvallich.**

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## Countdown to Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day

THE DATE of Lochgilphead's Armed Forces Day has been announced as Saturday June 10, when the Royal Regiment of Scotland's mascot Cruachan IV will lead the parade.

The event, billed as the only Armed Forces Day in Argyll and Bute, starts at noon with a street parade of veterans, serving personnel and cadets, led by the seven-year-old black Shetland pony and Balaklava Pipe Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Association.

Members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland from the High-

landers, 4th Battalion and 51st Highland, 7th Battalion will also be in attendance.

The marchers will fall out the parade after paying their respects at the war memorial, with this year in particular commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Aden conflict.

A grand draw then begins at 3.30pm, with a gala afternoon running until 4pm. For more information, or booking forms for charities, community organisations and business to join the event on the Front Green, visit the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Facebook page.

## Crinan Canal talk for institute ladies

LADIES of Lochgilphead Scottish Women's Institute are looking forward to taking a journey along the Crinan Canal from the comfort of their seat.

Everyone is welcome to attend their meeting on Tuesday February 21 when Donna Mallan from the Crinan Canal office will talk about developments around the canal and share a bit of the Crinan Canal's history.

The meeting will be held in the Community Centre, Lochgilphead, at 7.15pm.

# Legion mission to find every veteran for tours

DO YOU know a D-Day veteran?

The travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, is on a mission to find every surviving D-Day veteran, as the Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge tours for D-Day veterans to return to Normandy and pay their respects to their fallen comrades.

The tours are being funded by the Treasury with £4million from Libor fines, and will enable a D-Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour. The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September and will give Normandy veterans – now mostly in their 90s – the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials. The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion.

The tours will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus

visits to personally specified cemeteries too.

The Rt Hon Phillip Hammond MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: 'It's a token of our nation's immense debt of gratitude to those who gave so much both for our freedom and the freedom of Europe in the Second World War.'

Nichola Rowlands-Smith, from Remembrance Travel, added: 'We're really looking for the general public to help us find every single living D-Day veteran. There's no database of Normandy veterans, so we're relying on the public, whether that be a grandchild, neighbour or carer to spread the word, so that we can offer these free tours to all D-Day survivors.'

For Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour, they need to apply via Remembrance Travel's tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit [www.arenatravel.com/journeysofremembrance](http://www.arenatravel.com/journeysofremembrance).

Remembrance Travel will also be offering group travel opportunities for Normandy veteran associations.



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# Roxburgh String Quartet entertain at Kilmory

THE COUNCIL chamber at Kilmory once again resonated to sounds of exquisite music on Saturday evening, thanks to the Roxburgh String Quartet.

The classical musicians performed works spanning more than 130 years of musical history, while the audience experienced emotions from the happiness of childhood to deep tragedy and loss.

Visiting Mid Argyll in their 10th anniversary year, the Roxburgh Quartet have always nurtured their Scottish roots as they continue to bring the highest quality music to the area with their unaffected brilliance and secure musicianship.

The quartet began their programme with Beethoven's *F major*,

*op. 18 no. 1*: a work marking this great composer's early ventures in writing for string quartet. Completed around 1798, it was revised to its present form in 1801 with a warning from the composer not to use the previous score, saying: 'I have greatly changed it, having just learned how to write quartets properly.'

In four movements, all the drama, humour, excitement and compositional adventures to be expected from a Beethoven work were revealed to the audience through the insightful playing of the Roxburgh team. As expected, they showed impressive ensemble as the audience were delighted with a well balanced and virtuosic performance.

Shostakovich fol-



The Roxburgh String Quartet performed exquisitely.

lowed, with his first *String quartet in C major*, written in just six weeks in the summer of 1938. In this work, the composer evokes his childhood. It is light-hearted with a touch of playful and mischievous drama, and what may well be a game of hide and seek played out in the third movement.

The mood darkened in the second half of the concert. Courageously, the Roxburgh chose to play Mendelssohn's last quartet, a work written following the tragic death of sister Fanny, his life companion and muse. Mendelssohn's deep anger and sense of injustice burns powerfully throughout

this piece. The players were masters of the technical challenges set and achieved a good balancing of the first two movements, both of which are intensely fiery and virtuosic, giving little relief from his tirade, through neither change of tempo or pace. The pathos of the third movement was deeply

felt by the players with the sense of hurt and anger returning undiluted in Mendelssohn's all-consuming Finale; a work in such great contrast to the composer's familiar output.

The Roxburgh Quartet, after long applause, delighted the audience by playing an arrangement by Stamitz of the well-known Scot-

tish air, *The Dark Island*, as their encore.

Their Argyll tour continued at Lorne and Lowland Church Hall in Campbeltown on Friday February 10, then St John's Cathedral, Oban, on Sunday February 12, and is next at Hanover Street Church Hall, Dunoon, this Sunday, February 19, at 3pm.

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# Time to get in tune

by **RACHEL CARRUTHES**  
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PRACTICE makes perfect is the motto of many Mid Argyll musicians as they prepare to perform at Mid Argyll Music Festival.

With songs selected and entry forms submitted, the countdown to the popular event has begun.

Open to all ages and abilities, Mid Argyll Music Festival draws in local and visiting talent for both competitive and non-competitive classes.

Over the years, the festival has expanded and diversified to include dancing, poetry and contemporary songs. I

n its 38th year, the festival will once again include the popular Anything Goes class,

in which anything really does go. Soloists and groups of any age can perform their own choice of vocal and/or instrumental music whether that be pop, folk or classical, or a mime or dance routine. Following feedback

from last year's festival, the committee has re-instated piping classes to the syllabus, fitting them into a busy programme which already includes the always entertaining primary school action songs, vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles, verse speaking classes and

the band competition. Adjudicators this year will be Margaret Tomlinson, speech, and John Foster and Michael Hancock, music. The festival will run from Monday March 20 until Saturday March 25 and, once again, is set to showcase some of the best talent from Argyll.



Winners of the Vocal Ensemble (Open) at last year's festival.

# Investment boost of £271m

TOURISM in Argyll and the Isles stands to benefit from investment of more than £271 million in infrastructure development projects over the next three years, VisitScotland has revealed.

The updated National Tourism Development Framework, first published in 2013, aims to highlight the importance of Scotland's visitor economy.

It identifies projects - due to start or be completed over the next three years - covering all aspects of the visitor experience including digital, transport, accommodation, nature, heritage, towns and cities and events and festivals.

The total amount of investment across Scotland up to 2019 is estimated to be more than £16 billion.

The £271 million figure for Argyll and the Isles represents overall public and private sector investment in major infrastructure projects expected to impact the visitor economy and support tourism growth.

These include Argyll Lorn Arc (£144m), CHORD town centre regeneration (£30m), Dunoon Waterfront including Queens Hall refurbishment (£11m), Isle of Bute Pavilion community arts and sports hub (£11m), Bute Estate (£8m), Oban Bay and Harbour (£6.9m) and Helensburgh Esplanade (£6.7m).

VisitScotland research has found cars are the most popular mode of transport used by domestic visitors to Scotland.

On average, there

were 8.2 million domestic trips to Scotland by car each year from 2006 up to 2014.

The use of trains to Scotland has increased since the economic downturn, with an average of 1.6 million domestic trips to Scotland each year up to 2014.

Digital investment worth £486 million is also outlined within the framework, including plans to deliver fibre broadband access to at least 95 per cent of premises in Scotland by the end of 2017.

Argyll and the Isles will benefit from £146 million which is being invested in superfast broadband across all Highlands and Islands Enterprise council areas - Argyll and Bute, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Highland, Orkney, Moray and Shetland.

# Argyll's booming tourism economy

HOT ON the heels of the launch of Wild About Argyll in Glasgow at the end of January, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) has welcomed evidence of Argyll's booming tourism economy.

AITC, which hosts its sixth annual tourism summit at the Lochawe Hotel on March 21, cites Scottish Government statistics from 2011 to 2014 which show Argyll and the Isles comprehensively outperformed Scotland in terms of tourism.

Argyll and the Isles total visitor spend increased from £199m to £270m - an increase of 36 per cent compared with four per cent for Scotland - while turnover rose from

£167m to £227m, an increase of 36 per cent against 15 per cent for Scotland.

The greatest percentage increase in visitors to attractions by council area between 2015 and 2016 was also in Argyll and the Isles, at 21.9 per cent, compared to 4.9 per cent for Scotland.

### Proof

AITC chairman Gavin Dick said: 'These statistics are authoritative proof of the importance of tourism to our region and the effect AITC has had in changing the way tourism is represented in Argyll and the Isles.'

AITC's 2017 campaign Wild About Argyll, which features

adventurer Mark Beaumont's 12-day Argyll and the Isles adventure, was launched at Oran Mor, Glasgow, January 31. Skerryvore's new single *Live Forever*, which features video from the 12-day epic adventure, is the Wild About Argyll campaign theme.

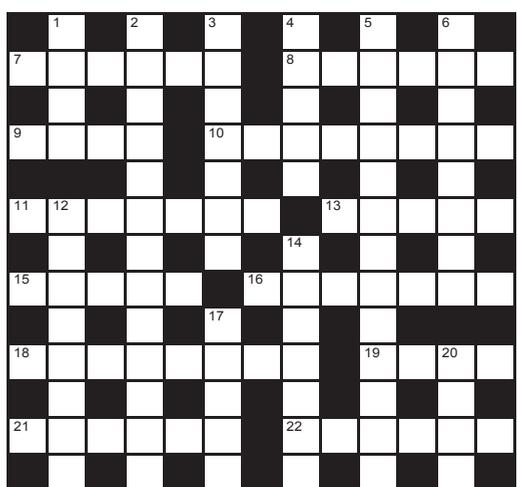
The year-long campaign is designed to introduce potential visitors to the region, Scotland's adventure coast, and to put together their own 'Wild About Argyll' adventure - whether they are here for a day trip, short break or longer holiday.

For more details on AITC, visit [www.exploreargyll.co.uk](http://www.exploreargyll.co.uk) or [www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk](http://www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk).

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# MO-MA gets gift that keeps on giving

BACK in December, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau staff decided to give a special Christmas gift to one local charity.

Staff and volunteers of the Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau decided to save themselves from handwriting Christmas cards to one another and instead donate the money they would have spent on cards to Moving On – Mid Argyll (MO-MA).

MO-MA was established to help relieve the suffering and distress brought about by poverty. The charity assists in the provision of starter packs (basic household essen-

tials) for homeless people moving into a new home and emergency food parcels for Mid Argyll people in need.

On Wednesday February 8, staff and volunteers presented MO-MA secretary May Taylor with the belated Christmas gift – a cheque for £185.

Gillian McInnes, bureau manager, explained: 'We did the same last year and are delighted to have collected even more money this year. We work really closely with MO-MA to help clients and sadly more and more people are finding themselves in urgent need of assistance.'

'We speak to May regularly and she and her colleagues are always willing and able to deliver, often at very short notice, substantial food parcels to us for our clients to pick up.'

'They provide a valuable service to those in need in Mid Argyll and we are very happy to support them.'

David Carruthers, MO-MA convener, said: 'Thanks to the Citizens Advice staff. This money will go towards new bedding, as part of our starter packs, for those moving into new homes and/or emergency food parcels for those in need.'



May Taylor, left, accepts the cheque from Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau staff and volunteers Liz Miller, Michael Kelly and Ben Cunningham. 08\_a07CABcheque01

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## Child porn man locked up

A TARBERT man who downloaded and distributed more than 500 images of child pornography was sent to prison for a year by a Campbeltown sheriff.

Last Thursday Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Andrew Crichton Robertson that only a custodial sentence 'shows society's abhorrence' for his crimes.

In January, Robertson, 46, of 7 Bruce Hill, Tarbert, pleaded guilty to three charges: that between April 22, 2012, and March 21, 2016, he had tak-

en or permitted to be taken indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children, a further charge of possession, and that on September 26, 2015, he distributed indecent photographs of children.

### Graphic details

Before sentencing, the procurator fiscal told the court graphic details about some of the images and Sheriff Anderson QC said that she had viewed just a short movie clip to confirm these details.

Robertson's defence solicitor

claimed that some images were double counted and the true total might be 272.

Sheriff Anderson QC said that it was not the number but the contents, and added: 'These are top end images they are violent. These are truly victims of criminal activity which is encouraged by people like Robertson. The children are young...no one knows what will be the long-term effects.'

'The courts must mark such offending and show the abhorrence of society.'

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## Mid Argyll young farmers club on the lookout for new members

THE FUTURE of Mid Argyll Young Farmers' Club hangs on new people coming forward at its AGM to organise and attend events.

The 20-strong team



**James Peterson, current vice-chairman, shearing sheep in June.**

behind the club, which reformed in 2016 after it folded five years ago, has been busy organising fun and useful events, including sheep-shearing lessons, a car treasure hunt, stock-judging in Oban, trips to Allt Dearg windfarm, a machinery valuation night, and a stand at the Mid-Argyll Agricultural Show where passers-by had to guess the number of balloons in a tractor.

### New people

But now the young farmers are looking for new people and ideas at their AGM, taking place on Thursday February 23 at 7.30pm in the Kilmartin Hotel.

Secretary Aileen Semple said: 'We'll



**Mid Argyll Young Farmers' Club visiting Allt Dearg windfarm.**

be looking to hopefully appoint new office bearers, and we're hoping that all current

members and any new members will attend. It is a good opportunity to meet new people,

and there is not a lot for young people to do in rural communities.

'The future of the club is dependent on as many people as possible getting involved with the running of the club.

'It would be good to see it continue, but it does need commitment from people to carry it on.'

## Final pay-out from Centenary Trust

NFU Scotland's Centenary Trust has awarded a final cheque of £1,050 to mark its closing.

The Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) received the donation as the trustees met for the final time recently to close the books.

The trust was set up to mark the union's centenary in 2013 with £217,000, raised from donations by NFU Scotland members, and distributed to charities and community organisations with an interest in agriculture. Since then, 73 projects have benefited from donations.

Among these, Lochgilphhead Joint Campus received £500 for a Royal Highland Show visit, while Kilninver Primary School got £1,000 for polytunnel equipment, and Argyll UHI were gifted £7,200

for various projects. The largest award was given to Royal North-eastern Countryside Initiative of £17,500 to build a new classroom on wheels, with RHET Borders being given £5,000 to refurbish its country class-

room on wheels. The Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs received a further £10,000 for health and safety projects across the country.

Trustee George Lawrie, a farmer in Fife, commented: 'We are

bringing the trust to a close but it will be great to see projects that have benefited from funding continue to educate and inform in the coming years. That is a fitting legacy to mark the centenary of the union in 2013.'



**Lochgilphhead Joint Campus's visit to the Royal Highland Show in Ingliston, outside Edinburgh, in June 2015.**

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## Wedding trends for 2017

### Reduced carbon footprint fetes

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### Ask for what you really want

From cash to camping gear and even museum memberships, couples can ask for just about anything today – including supporting a cause close to their hearts. Charity registries are on the rise and couples can register for a charity on TheKnot.com. For each gift purchased, The Knot will donate to their chosen cause.

### Icebreaker guest games

Weddings today are often an all-weekend affair, so it's essential your guests meet and get to know each other. What better way to get your guests mixing and mingling than with the ultimate grown-up icebreaker: games.

Personalized 'mad libs' about your first encounter and crossword puzzles that keep guests guessing your favourite date spot are great ways to break the ice before the ceremony or during the cocktail hour. Lawn games like croquet, horseshoes and corn hole are perfect for promoting new friendship at an outdoors wedding or cocktail hour.

### Exceptional entertainment

When it comes to entertainment, couples are pulling out all the stops to entertain their guests. Aerialists, acrobats, live painters and even choirs belting out Beyoncé have made their way into weddings. If that's too trendy, try a traditional route with music, but pair it with a performance – like a classical quartet and ballerinas in tutus. Have a noise ordinance at your outdoor locale? Host a 'silent disco' where guests wear headphones and dance to their own beat.

### One with nature

If you can't celebrate under the stars, bring the outside in. Add oversize potted trees and shrubbery to a ballroom for an enchanted forest look. Natural elements like wood and stone can be incorporated into your table settings, and hanging flowers over tables or the dance floor creates an instant wow factor.

### Metallic dresses and breezy silhouettes

Metallic dresses – think tasteful gold threading and silver beading – flooded the runways during Bridal Fashion Week. Wearing a metallic dress may seem like a bold move, but it's perfect for a sophisticated, evening affair. Also big this year, effortless dresses with flowing fabrics. They're a must-have for providing a lightweight, ethereal vibe for destination weddings or even to wear for a second look. Detachable skirts, floral embellishments and off-the-shoulder looks will also make an appearance on the aisle.

### Formal portrait studios

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### Furry friends

The hottest wedding guests of 2017 have four legs and supersoft coats. From bunnies and donkeys to llamas and pigs, couples having rustic barn weddings are incorporating farm animals into the wedding day.

### A movable feast

With food trucks and passed multi-course meals, the sit-down dinner is starting to be replaced with more interactive options. Set up stations that feature your favourite foods, like a raw bar with a waiter live-shucking oysters or wine and cheese pairings with an onsite sommelier. If you don't want to forego a plated dinner, host a cool cocktail hour and serve the main meal family style for a twist on tradition.

Editorial courtesy of TheKnot.com



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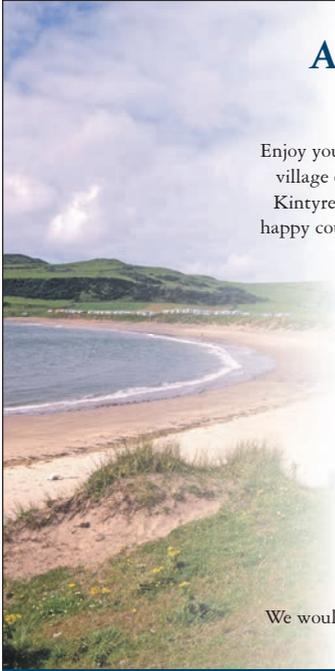
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# Questions about marriage in the



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**Q. Can divorced people be remarried in the Church of Scotland?**

**A.** Marriage is not understood in the Church of Scotland to be a sacrament and therefore binding forever. A minister will therefore conduct the marriage of a person whose former spouse is still alive, or she, however, will wish to be certain that the problems which gave rise to the first marriage are not likely to be repeated. The minister's wellbeing of children from the first marriage is also taken into account. The final decision is with the minister concerned.

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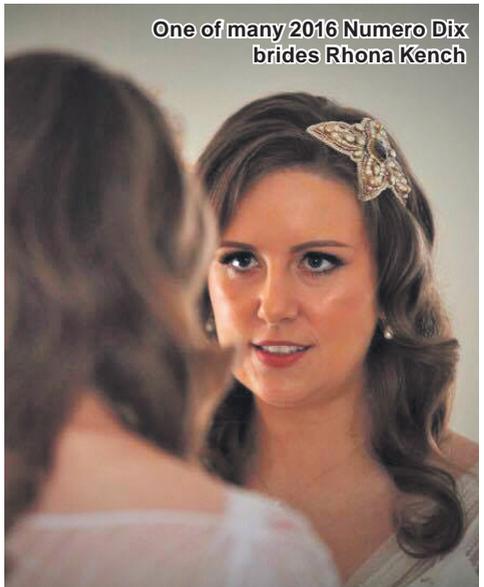
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**Q. Can people come from outwith Scotland to be married in a Church of Scotland church?**

**A.** Yes, this is possible. Marriage in Scotland takes place under Scots law, and those people who satisfy its requirements may be married. However, the local minister also has to agree to conduct the wedding. In practice, some ministers are not able to marry everyone who comes from outwith their parish; some locations have a very high demand for weddings and it is not possible to fit these in as well as more immediate parish duties. In all cases, a minister will wish to interview a couple before agreeing to marry them, so that he or she is satisfied that a religious ceremony is appropriate. It is helpful if the couple have a reason for approaching a particular parish minister – family, knowledge of the place, etc. The minister may suggest that the couple arrange for their own minister to conduct the wedding.

**Q. Can a minister of another church conduct a wedding in Scotland?**

**A.** Yes, if the Scottish registrar is willing to accept him or her. The minister of the church in which the marriage is to be celebrated would also need to give approval.

**Q. Is it true that a minister can marry a couple anywhere?**

**A.** Yes, it is also possible for civil weddings to be carried out by registrars outside registry offices in approved venues.

**Q. What should I do next?**

**A.** It is important to arrange a date with a minister before making other arrangements. The local registrar should be approached not more than three months and not later than a fortnight before the date of the wedding. The intention to be wed will be displayed at the registrar's office and, if no objections are lodged, a marriage schedule will be issued, which must be produced at the wedding for signing. This is then returned to the registrar's office which will then issue the marriage certificate.

**Q. What if I am marrying a person of another faith?**

**A.** People of any faith or none can be married in a Church of Scotland

Please note this advice applies to getting married in Scotland. For a wedding in a Church of Scotland church in England, the law may be different and the minister should be contacted early on to ensure legal requirements there can be met.

church, as long as the minister agrees and both are happy with the marriage service used by the minister. It is probably wise to discuss your plans with your own faith leader, so that you will be aware of the implications of your decision.

**Further information**

You can visit the General Registrar Office for Scotland website [www.gro-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk) for more information about legal requirements for all weddings.

**The churches in Scotland**

The Church of Scotland has a similar role in Scotland to the Church of England south of the border, but it is most similar in style of worship and the way it is organised to the United Reformed Church.

Other Scottish churches are: the Scottish Episcopal Church, which is in communion with the Church of England; the United Free Church; the Methodist Church; the United Reformed Church; the Baptist Church; and the Roman Catholic Church. In the Highlands and Islands, mainly, there are other denominations which, like the Church of Scotland, are Presbyterian.

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17/00016/PP	Alterations, extension and change of use of existing cook school to form dwellinghouse and erection of perimeter fence and change of use of existing bed and breakfast accommodation to form dwellinghouse	Corrie House Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UA	Sub Post Office Ardferrn
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Any person who wishes to make representation to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute before the 17th March 2017.

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## Mixed picture in December but first-time buyer lending healthy, says CML

### Lending in December:

Home-owner house purchase lending totalled £11.6bn in December, up five per cent on November and three per cent on December 2015. This came to 63,600 loans, up five per cent on November and 0.2 per cent on December 2015.

First-time buyers borrowed £5.1bn for home-owner house purchase, up nine per cent on November and 13 per cent on December 2015. This totalled 32,000 loans, up seven per cent month-on-month and eight per cent year-on-year.

Home movers borrowed £6.5bn, up three per cent on November but down three per cent year-on-year. This totalled 31,600 loans, up three per cent month-on-month but down seven per cent compared to December 2015.

Home-owner remortgage activity was down 21 per cent by volume and by value compared to November. Compared to December 2015, remortgage lending was up seven per cent by volume and by value.

Gross buy-to-let saw month-on-month decreases, down 15 per cent by volume and seven per cent by value. Compared to December 2015, the number of loans decreased 21 per cent and the value of these loans decreased 18 per cent.

### Lending in the fourth quarter of 2016:

Home-owner house purchase lending fell in the fourth quarter to £33.1bn, down three per cent on the third quarter and two per cent on the same quarter 2015. This totalled 182,000 loans, down two per cent on the previous quarter and four per cent on the final period of 2015.

First-time buyers took out 90,800 loans totalling £14.3bn to purchase homes. This was down one per cent by volume and value on the third quarter, but up four per cent by volume and seven per cent by value year-on-year.

Home movers took out 91,300 loans, down four per cent quarter-on-quarter and 11 per cent compared to the fourth quarter 2015. This came to £18.7bn, down six per cent on quarter three and nine per cent year-on-year.

Home-owner remortgage activity came to £16.6bn, down five per cent on the previous quarter but up 10 per cent on the fourth quarter 2015. The number of remortgage loans came to 97,500, down three per cent on the third quarter but up nine per cent on the same quarter in 2015.

Gross buy-to-let lending decreased to £6bn, down two per cent on the previous quarter and three per cent on the same quarter in 2015. This totalled 57,400 loans, up two per cent quarter-on-quarter but down 20 per cent year-on-year.

### Lending in 2016:

Home buyers borrowed £127.7bn in 2016, up seven per cent on 2015. This came to 698,900 loans, up three per cent on 2015.

First-time buyers borrowed £53.2bn for home-

owner house purchase in 2016, up 13 per cent on 2015. This totalled 338,900 loans, up eight per cent from the previous year. First-time buyers borrowed more in 2016 than any other year since our records began in 1974.

Home movers took out 360,300 loans, down two per cent on 2015, but the amount borrowed totalled £74.3bn which was up three per cent on 2015.

Home-owner remortgage activity was up 14 per cent by volume and 20 per cent by value compared to 2015. The number of remortgage loans was at its highest since 2009.

Gross buy-to-let also saw year-on-year increases, up three per cent by volume and seven per cent by value, with remortgage business accounting for nearly two thirds of the total.

### Home-owner house purchase lending in December

The proportion of household income used to service capital and interest rates reached another historic low this month for both first-time buyers and home movers at 17.4 per cent and 17.5 per cent respectively.

Affordability metrics for first-time buyers saw the typical loan size increase from £134,100 in November to £136,000 in December. The average household income increased to £40,400 from £40,100. This meant the income multiple went from 3.54 to 3.57.

The average amount borrowed by home movers in the UK increased to £175,000 in December from £170,900 in November, while the average home mover household income increased slightly to £55,000 from £54,800. The income multiple for the average home mover went from 3.27 to 3.32.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, remortgage and buy-to-let activity differed markedly from the unadjusted figures. While remortgage lending decreased 21 per cent in November on an unadjusted basis, on a seasonally adjusted basis it was a decline of only two per cent. Buy-to-let lending was unchanged on a seasonally adjusted basis in December compared to the previous month and December 2015, despite the non-seasonally adjusted levels showing a decline.

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# The drive of your life on the A83 and A816

BY MARK DAVEY

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So says Mike Sayer, a product manager for luxury sports car manufacturer Bentley, who is based at its Crewe headquarters.

Mr Sayer has placed the drive, starting on the A816 and continuing along the A83 down the south-west coast onto Kintyre, third in his top five drives in the world.

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Mr Sayer said: 'The Oban to Campbeltown route is one of the very best in Europe.'

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'It's stunning. If you're there on a sunny day, it's even better.'

'Scotland is one of the most beau-

tiful parts of the world when the weather is good.'

Number one in his list is a drive on Highway 74 starting in Palm Springs, California, followed by second placed route, San Francisco to Phoenix, including part of Route 66.

His Argyll and Bute pick beats the Jebel Hafeet mountain road, which is in the United Arab Emirates into fourth.

Fifth is a trek, well known in car industry circles, on the road from sea level at Marbella in Spain to the higher altitude town of Ronda.

Describing that trip, Mr Sayer says: 'As you climb and move farther inland, the vegetation changes and you've got great visibility with really smooth, good-quality road surfaces.'

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



MUSIC has a special and often ethereal quality.

It is mood sensitive and mood enhancing.

It can lift our spirits and calm our souls.

We can find empathy when we need it and it can be a friend when we're lonely.

Last week at our Iona Family Group meeting, we were invited to bring a favourite piece of music to share with each other and explain why it meant something to us.

What a wonderful variety we enjoyed, from The Messiah to country and western, from the wonderful rhythm of South Africa to the early morning song of the Blackbird.

My own choice was the rousing song of revolution, 'Do you hear the people sing' from that great musical Les Miserables.

Music can inspire and it can unite us.

We can feel the tears well up when the anthem of our homeland is played, or when the sound of the pipes calls to us when we are in a foreign land.

The language of music is universal and transcends many barriers.

Think of the wonderful work of Daniel Barenboim when he unites Israeli and Palestinian children in beautiful harmony in his orchestra of peace.

We had a wonderful time sharing our music and we learned a bit more about each other too.

It was a special time and a soothing time.

But there was a very special moment for me that day when our hostess, Mary, sat at her piano and quietly and gently played 'Stand on holy ground'.

That was, indeed, an ethereal moment. Mary shared that holy ground with us and I bless her for it.

## TARBERT

### Chance to view updated wind farm proposal

A PUBLIC exhibition is to be held to further discuss the proposed Airigh Wind Farm in South Knapdale.

Force 9 Energy is holding a second exhibition for the proposed wind farm, formerly named Carse, approximately 8.4kms south-west of Tarbert.

The public exhibition will be held between 1pm and 7.30pm on Friday February 24 in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert.

Force 9 will be giving two presentations during the exhibition, the first at 2pm and the second at 5.30pm.

During the presentations, Force 9 Energy will explain the rationale behind the site selection, the emerging design of the wind farm and an overview of the benefits the wind farm would bring to the local area, if constructed.

There will also be a chance to put questions to the project team regarding the revised proposals.

Andrew Smith, head

of planning and development at Force 9, said: 'This second exhibition will provide an opportunity to explain the revised proposals and highlight how local feedback and ongoing environmental studies have helped shape and inform the design of the project.'

## LOCHGILPHEAD

### Curtain up on Casablanca

A SPECIAL screening of the film *Casablanca* will be held next week.

As a result of unforeseen circumstances last month, Mid Argyll Arts Association had to postpone the showing of the timeless classic but is looking forward to bringing the silver screen to Lochgilphead.

The screening will take place in the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service hall on Saturday February 25 at 7pm.

Whether a film buff or a casual movie watcher, everyone is welcome and tickets are available from the Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, or at the door.



## LOCHGILPHEAD



Jean Carse cuts the ribbon. AA07\_Solicitors relocation\_01

### New premises for estate agency

THE LONG-ESTABLISHED local, legal and estate agency firm of Stewart Balfour & Sutherland has moved into a new custom designed and refurbished office at 7 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

The former retail shop and flat above had been vacant for a number of years and had, unfortunately, become an eyesore. The refurbishment has brought the property back to life and has helped to brighten up the street.

The new office was officially opened for the firm on Tuesday February 14 by Jean Carse, the face of Stewart Balfour & Sutherland in Lochgilphead for 24 years until her retirement in 2014.

Representatives of the contractors MacLeod Construction Limited and

architects Tom McCardel Associates were in attendance, along with Stewart Balfour & Sutherland's current team.

'It's taken us a while but we are delighted with the end result,' said Iain Ferguson, the firm's senior partner.

'The opening of 7 Argyll Street provides us with an enhanced profile in Mid Argyll and will allow us to handle clients' business more efficiently and effectively.'

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'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

**GOLDEN WEDDING**



**HENDERSON - DICKSON**

At Bellochuanty Church, on February 17, 1967, by Rev J D Sutherland, Duncan to Sheena. Present address, The Kennels, Skipness.

**DEATHS**

**KELLY** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 13, 2017, Neil Kelly, in his 70th year, 26 High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Janice Armour, much loved father of Duncan and Ann, loving father-in-law of Sarah and Douglas and a much loved granda of Emma. Service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Church, today Friday, February 17, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Campbeltown Hospital Acute Ward.

**MCFADYEN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 14, 2017, Charles McFadyen, in his 85th year, Glen-Mhairi, Balegreggan Road, Campbeltown, beloved husband of the late Edith Kerr, dear father of Mhairi, Calum, Charles and the late Christine, father-in-law of Archie, Heather, Susan and Colin and a loving grandfather and great grandfather. Service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Church, on Saturday, February 18, 2017 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 Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

**MCKERRAL** - Suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate on February 2, 2017, Camilla, in her 77th year, beloved wife of the late Charles McKerral, dearly loved mother of Robert and Mary, and loving granny of Scott and Charles. A private cremation service has taken place.

**MIDDLETON** - On February 11, 2017, peacefully at home, Anne Middleton, née Binnie, in her 78th year, beloved wife of James Middleton, much loved mother of Annette and Fiona, and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service was held at Cumlodden Church, on February 16, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**DALGLEISH** - The family of the late Rosemary would like to thank everyone for all their cards, messages and huge support following their recent sad loss. Thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all their help and The Galley for their hospitality. Donations raised £480, to be shared between the RNLI, Craignish Parish Church and Ardfern Village Hall.

**MACCUISH** - The family of the late James MacCuish would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement. Thank you to all involved in the care of James over the past months, including ambulance service, Oban and Mid Argyll Hospitals, doctors and nursing staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, Marie Curie nurses and all Carr Gomm carers. The kindness shown to James was very much appreciated. Thanks also to Stan Lupton for his care and efficiency, to Sheena Johnston for taking the service and to the Tarbert Hotel for catering. The sum of £135 was raised for Marie Curie Care.

**MACQUARRIE** - The family of the late Neil MacQuarrie would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink, Dr Ramsay, staff at Tarbert Surgery and ambulance personnel, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Mathew Ramsay for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for British Heart Foundation amounted to £480.

**MILLAR** - The family of the late Jim Millar would like to thank all relations and friends who expressed their sympathy at this sad time. Special thanks must go to the staff of Auchinlea Care Home for their care of him over the last three years, and to Dr Malcolm Lazarus and the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention in his final days. Thank you to Rev Philip Wallace for his friendship and spiritual needs to Jim over his later years and for a fitting service. Grateful thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their dignity and professionalism throughout this time, to Flora, Marion and staff of Ardsheel Hotel for an excellent purvey, and to all who attended the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £1,042 for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

**MORANS** - Crawford, Margaret, Jan and family of the late Robina (Bena) Morans would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their kind words of sympathy and support, good wishes, flowers and cards following their sad loss. A special thanks to the caring staff who tended Bena in her final days in the Sunshine Room. Grateful thanks also to the caring staff and management of the Kintyre Care Home who met Bena's needs for the last two years. Thanks also to the Rev Philip Wallace for giving such an uplifting and personal tribute to Bena, and to the 'One Voice' choir for their moving rendition of the requested song. With grateful thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their empathetic, caring professionalism, and to the Ardsheel Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended and paid their respects at the church and graveside services. The retiral collection raised £502.50 for the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

**SHAW** - The Shaw family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards, flowers, baking and expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Willie. Sincere thanks to the staff of Ward 8A of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and the Acute Ward of Campbeltown Hospital. Special thanks to Dr Elder, Jill Denton and all staff at Carradale Surgery for their excellent care. Thanks also to the Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and home visits. Thanks to Stuart Irvine for the church music. Sincere thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth, Rhys and David Blair for their support, guidance and excellent professional service and to Kerry and staff of Argyll Bakeries for catering services. Finally, thank you to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Cancer Research raised £802.74.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Sharon, who was taken from us on February 12, 1993. Thinking of you always. - Love, Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

**CLARK** - In loving memory of John, a wonderful husband and father, died February 24, 1977. Memories last forever. - Inserted by family, home and away.

**DURANCE** - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mum and gran, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered always. - Willie, Sharon, Martin, Ian and Duncan.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and nana, Cathie, who passed away February 18, 2001. Loved and remembered every day. - Callum, Catriona, Roy and all the family.

**SHAW** - In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrisy), who died February 17, 2011. Deeply missed, loved and remembered every day. - John.

**THOMPSON** - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife Rene, your son Scott, your girls Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

**CHURCH NOTICES**



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Sunday 19th February**  
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Marilyn Shedden  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mr. John Morrison  
Guild meets  
**Monday 20th February**  
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm  
Kirk Session Meeting  
**Tuesday 21st February**  
Tarbert Church 7pm  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
**01546 602380**  
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**February 19th 2017**  
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Ford 11.45am  
Rev. Walter Ritchie  
All welcome  
SCO 02121

**CHURCH NOTICES**

*Highland Parish Church*



SCO02493  
**Sunday 19th February**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kevin Miller and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.



**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sunday Service**  
11am with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
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10.00 - 11.30 am  
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7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
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Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



**75 Longrow, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday 19th February**  
Family Communion Service at 11.00am  
Speaker: Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
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**Wednesday 22nd February**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
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**Wednesday 22nd February**  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
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Calum Ferguson  
**Wednesday 22nd February**  
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**Sunday 19th February**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 21st February**  
Tiny Tots New Hall  
9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
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# Wrestlers will wrangle in the ring for one night only

STARS of British wrestling are set to grapple in the Wee Toon again next month.

Last year, Megaslam, Europe's largest wrestling organisation, toured Scotland for the first time and visited Campbeltown. On Thursday March 19, the company is back at the Victoria Hall, from 6.15pm, as part of a planned 300-plus date UK tour.

Megaslam owner Brad Taylor threw his hat into the promotional ring in 2009 with a small show in Rotherham.

Since then the company has presented more than 1,000 shows across the British Isles and often features some of the most recognisable names in world wrestling.

Taylor, 25, was once a competitor himself before stopping in-ring competition in 2014 to focus on promoting.

He said: 'It was great that British wrestling

returned to TV screens on New Year's Eve. Our stars, in my opinion, are the best wrestlers in the world and they deserved to be in the limelight.'

Megaslam wrestling promises two hours of family entertainment on the night with a wide range of stars and matches.

Stars already booked include: Megaslam British champion CJ Banks from Liverpool, who has held the championship since February 2016, Mexican sensation El Ligero, who has competed in rings around the globe for 15 years, WWE UK's Sam Gradwell and Saxon Huxley and fun-loving Merseyside star Dancing Danny will also be on the bill.

Ladies feature too with Megaslam champion Lizzy Styles battling it out with Ruby Summers.

Taylor added: 'Our show features every-



**Mexican sensation El Ligero.**

thing you need to have a fantastic evening out as a family.

'We are excited to

bring the show back to Campbeltown as we had a great time last year.

'I would strongly advise people to book tickets in advance as the request was unbe-

lievable to bring the show back. We love Kintyre – it is a great setting for our shows.'

Tickets, which are limited, are available to purchase from the Aqualibrium.

## Shinty: Pre-season friendly results

### **Ballachulish 0 Kilmory 5**

Kilmory beat Ballachulish 5-0 in their match at Jubilee Park.

Both sides will play in Marine Harvest South Division 1 this coming season as Balla, have dropped down from the National, while Kilmory were promoted from South 2.

Both sides were also missing key players for this one and Kilmory's Andrew Cunningham opened the scoring and Sandy Leiper made it 2-0 from close range just before half time.

Alex Cunningham added a third before Rhys Williams slotted home number four.

Alex Cunningham got his second to make it 5-0 and he had the chance to complete his hat-trick in the final minute but just failed to convert from the penalty

spot. Next up for Kilmory is a meeting with Col Glen on Saturday February 25.

### **Col Glen 2**

#### **Bute 0**

Col Glen defeated Bute 2-0 at Otter Ferry.

Conor Kennedy got the opener for Col Glen and Lorne Marshall made it 2-0 for what was a good win against higher league opposition.

### **Glenorchy 2**

#### **Oban Lorn 1**

Marine Harvest South Division 1 side Glenorchy beat Oban Lorn from the league below 2-1 at Mart Park, Dalmally. The influential Findlay Ross scored both goals for the home side with Drew Walker countering for Oban Lorn.

### **Inveraray 2**

#### **Kinlochshiel 6**

Kinlochshiel made it 14

goals in two pre-season outings when they beat Inveraray 6-2 in their noon throw up at the Winterton.

Jordan Fraser grabbed a hat-trick for 'Shiel, Keith MacRae scored twice and Finlay MacRae got the other.

Neil Campbell and John Kennedy were on target for Inveraray.

### **Lochside Rovers 1**

#### **Kyles Athletic 1**

Lochside Rovers and the Kyles Athletic second team drew 1-1 in their 2pm throw up at Ganavan.

Iain MacMillan netted for the home side while youngster Paddy Mulholland was the Kyles scorer.

### **Oban Camanachd 4**

#### **Kyles Athletic 2**

Oban Camanachd were 4-2 winners in their noon throw up against Kyles Athletic at Ganavan.

Kyles made a strong start to the game and they dominated the opening quarter.

However, Oban Camanachd settled into the contest and Aidan McIntyre put them in front after 37 minutes with a low strike.

It took a couple of good saves from Oban Camanachd keeper Gavin Stobart to keep his team in front at the break.

A superb strike from Matt Rippon made it 2-0 just after the restart.

A touch from Oban Camanachd substitute Evan MacLellan deflected the ball and it looped into the top corner of the net on the hour mark to make it 3-0.

Another well-taken Matt Rippon strike on 74 minutes increased Camanachd's advantage.

Oban Camanachd reshuffled their pack during the closing stages and

Kyles scored twice during the final 10 minutes through Martin MacFadyen and Roddy MacDonald to narrow the deficit to 4-2.

### **Oban Celtic 1**

#### **Glasgow Mid Argyll 7**

Glasgow Mid Argyll found their scoring touch, beating Oban Celtic 7-1 in their 1.30pm throw up at Mossfield.

With manager Kenny Wotherspoon on holiday, the Oban side were also minus Daniel Madej, Neil Carmichael, Lee Askew, Iain Mackechnie and Allan Mckie from their starting line-up.

GMA found goals hard to come by in their 1-0 defeat to Aberdour a week earlier but they turned in a good performance in this one.

They led 2-0 at the break when Celtic changed keepers and lost the influential

Andy MacDonald through injury. Last season's top scorer Craig Anderson opened his account for the new term with a hat-trick while former Kinlochshiel player Duncan 'Ach' MacRae scored twice.

John McNulty was also on target, as was Mark Bain from the penalty spot.

Rory Bruce countered for Oban Celtic with new signings Ross MacMillan and Fulton Ronald their best performers.

### **Taynuilt 1**

#### **Glasgow Mid Argyll 0**

A late goal gave Taynuilt a 1-0 win over the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team at the Taynuilt Sports Hub.

Ryan Gillies notched the winner with his effort coming during the final 10 minutes of the game.

Tayforth host Aberdeen University this coming Saturday.

# Mid Argyll girls are ready for rugby

MID Argyll girls now have the chance to play rugby at mini rugby and high school level.

Oban rugby coach Ellie MacNiven has been coming to Lochgilphead to coach the

girls as part of a three-week block of training.

### Oban

A development day for the girls' game is due to be held in Oban on February 23.

However, more rugby



Young rugby players with Oban coach Ellie MacNiven on the right. 06\_a07rugby02



coaches are wanted to support the development of the game for both girls and boys.

If you would like to coach rugby in Mid Argyll, contact allan.wright@argyll-bute.uk.

The girls enjoy last week's coaching session at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. 06\_a07rugby01

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints 2, Drumchapel Colts 1; Premier 2A – Port Glasgow OBU 0, Lochgilphead Red Star 6; Premier 2B – Tarbert v Duntocher, postponed; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round – Inverclyde 2, Campbeltown Pupils 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Inverclyde v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Premier Division 2A – East Kilbride YM v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert v Arkleston.

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## Sports club lottery draws

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 2, 16 and 18.

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

There were no winners in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery, also drawn on Monday. The winning numbers were 2, 6 and 10 and next week's prize will be £1,200.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 4 and 7. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £500.

## Moving up the rankings

FOLLOWING his third place finish in Miami, Lorenzo Chiavarini is now ranked third in the world.

The Mid Argyll sailor was fifth in the world rankings before winning bronze in the Laser class medal race, the first world cup regatta of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games cycle.

After adding the extra points he accumulated from this race, he is currently ranked third.



Lorenzo Chiavarini.

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# Shinty club gets striking new strips

A MID ARGYLL junior shinty team took time to show off its new strips before an important game.

Kilmory and Dunadd Jun-

ior Camanachd Shinty Club players were delighted to model their new strips, generously sponsored by W D Semple of Inveraray, ahead

of their match against Inveraray Under 14s shinty team.

On the evening of Thursday February 9, the two

clubs played each other for a chance to take part in the National First Shinty Festival to be held later this month in Fort William.

The National First Shinty Festival sees primary school teams compete against one another in a one-day indoor shinty event.



P7 and under Kilmory Junior Camanachd with Ian Brown, of W D Semple. 08\_a07kidsshinty01



P5 and under Dunadd Junior Camanachd with Ian Brown, of W D Semple. 08\_a07kidsshinty02

# Star return to winning ways

RED STAR travelled to Parklea on Saturday February 11 to take on the league's bottom side, Port Glasgow OBU, and after an excellent performance returned home with all three points.

Despite a positive start, Red Star could have been a goal down after ten minutes.

OBU broke down the left and the ball was laid back to the on rushing midfielder, however, his shot sailed over the bar from close range as Star breathed a sigh of relief.

The visitors made the most of this let off and took control of the game.

The scoring was opened when a free kick from Kieran Moore was met by the

head of an OBU defender.

The centre back tried to clear the ball but could only head it towards goal. The keeper kept the ball out but first to react was Mark Robertson who was on hand to finish from close range for his first goal of the season.

With the hosts chasing the game, Star were happy to use the wide pitch to their advantage allowing the midfield three of Aaron Moore, Lee MacLean and Mark Robertson plenty space to pick their passes.

Star doubled their lead after half an hour when Connor Crawford set off on a run from the left back position, overlapping Colin Weir who found him near the touchline.

Port Glasgow OBU	0
Lochgilhead Red Star	6
SAFL Premier Division 2A	

Crawford got to the byline before crossing the ball into the box where he found Kieran Moore who finished into the bottom corner to make the score 0-2.

The pace of Ciaran McPhie was once again causing his opponents plenty problems and he was there to set up Kieran Moore for his second of the afternoon, cutting in from the right hand side and laying the ball off for his fellow youngster to score again and put Star in control.

Into the second half, OBU showed some resistance as they looked to put the Star backline

of Ali Provan, Kyle Selfridge, Luke Naisby and Connor Crawford under pressure.

It was a slightly sloppy star to the half from Red Star who were almost punished when the OBU forward latched onto a through ball. His effort beat Kalache, however Luke Naisby was able to scramble back and clear the ball to safety and preserve a clean sheet.

The match was over as a contest after an hour when Star got their game going again.

This time a smart passing move was met by Lee MacLean who

found the bottom corner from the edge of the box and Star had the points in the bag at 0-4.

Star were not finished scoring and added a further two goals. A Lee MacLean free kick was met by Ben Forbes at the back post and the defender got himself on the scoresheet when he pulled the ball down before hammering an effort past the keeper.

OBU were reduced to ten men when their centre back, who had accumulated a series of

fouls, was shown a second yellow for aiming a petulant kick at Kieran Moore.

The Lochgilhead side rounded off a satisfying afternoon with a breakaway goal. This time it was Luke Naisby venturing forward and putting the finishing touches to another fine move and the match ended 0-6.

Victoria Hotel sponsored Red Star will look to take this form into tomorrow's match away to East Kilbride YM.

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