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New hope of bringing Tarbert boys home

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THE SCOTTISH Government has vowed to help recover the wreck of the *FV Nancy Glen*, which capsized off Tarbert four weeks ago with two fishermen on board, after accident investigators finished their underwater survey.

The prawn trawler capsized off Barmore Island in Loch Fyne on January 18, where it now lies at a depth of more than 140m (460ft).

One fisherman, John Miller, survived, but the bodies of two crewmen, Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk, have not been found.

Last Friday the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) completed its 'success-

ful' survey of the wreck 'despite the depth and poor visibility'. Earlier, 'multi-beam sonar' and a remotely operated vehicle fitted with cameras provided evidence of the wreck lying on the seabed.

On Monday the MAIB's chief inspector of marine accidents Steve Clinch said it had finished its review of the data: 'We now know enough about the circumstances of the accident for us to complete our investigation, and we do not intend to recover the wreck.'

'Our thoughts are with the families of Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk, who have been informed of the decision.'

But within minutes the Scottish Government announced it 'will work with salvage



Joni MacDougall at the Ardrishaig Nancy Glen fundraiser.

specialists and the families of the *Nancy Glen* crewmen to support efforts to retrieve the bodies of the missing

fishermen. This would mean raising the vessel to a position just below the surface to allow divers to enter and oper-

ate as safely as possible. The costs of any recovery would also be met by the Scottish Government.'

Fisheries secretary Fergus Ewing added: 'In these tragic and extremely exceptional circumstances, it is only right the Scottish Government intervenes and works with the families and salvage experts to search the vessel. The money raised through crowdfunding can go to the families rather than the recovery operation.'

'A recovery operation will pose serious logistical challenges and will need to be undertaken with the safety of divers and others involved uppermost in mind. This has been an upsetting time for all those involved, but we owe it to the families of the fishermen who

were lost to mount this operation.

'And while there is no guarantee of a successful outcome, I hope our intervention will help bring some closure to the families and friends of Mr MacDougall and Mr Krawczyk.'

Przemek's wife, Gosia Krawczyk, reacted on Facebook: 'Przemek and Duncan - boys you are coming home! Thank you Scottish Government.'

Kenny MacNab, chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), said on behalf of the men's families: 'The MAIB investigators acted with professionalism towards the families and at all times were very compassionate. They were completely transparent and said from the outset that they might not need to

raise the *Nancy Glen*. They kept the families informed at all times either through me or directly.'

'Their job is a difficult one and the families would like that to be known.'

'We are very grateful to the Scottish Government for stepping in. Let's pray for decent weather.'

'Our efforts will not stop until the boys are returned.'

By Wednesday, the CFA's Just Giving online appeal had raised £240,000, and many more fundraising events have been held across Mid Argyll, including an Ardrishaig coffee afternoon and clothes swap on Saturday which raised £1,800. For more photographs and report of the Ardrishaig event, turn to page 9.

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£4m set aside to repair crumbling trunk roads



Road surface damage at Strone Point near Inveraray.

BEAR Scotland has said more than £4m has been set aside to repair the A83 following damage to the road surface this winter.

Work will take place at more than 60 locations across trunk roads in the north west over the next three months.

According to BEAR, the investment will allow the repairs to be completed as soon as possible with seven dedicated surfacing crews working on the roads.

Resurfacing has already begun on the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, the Dunoon junction and on the A887 at Invermoriston.

BEAR, which manages and maintains trunk roads across Argyll, says adverse weather conditions continue to hamper progress of permanent resurfacing projects, with temporary repairs being carried out where appropriate.

Commenting on the programme of surfacing repairs, Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west representative said: 'We've targeted more than £4m investment into carrying out an urgent programme of repair across

trunk roads in the north west of Scotland which will allow teams to address sections of the trunk road that are deteriorating rapidly.

'This winter has brought frequent heavy rain followed by sub-zero temperatures across our network of roads causing unprecedented damage.

'As the winter weather is continuing to have an impact on the roads as well as our planned programme of resurfacing, regular updates of the programme will be prepared to keep people well informed.

'The resurfacing programme will be made available on the BEAR Scotland website and will be updated regularly as works progress.

'We fully understand the frustration from the local community regarding the road surface at some locations and rest assured we are doing all we can to carry out the programme of repairs as safely and quickly as possible.

'Should anyone wish to report a specific trunk road defect you can do so via Transport Scotland's Free-phone Customer Care number, 08000 281414.'

POLICE FILES

AT 10.20AM on Tuesday February 6, following a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting a boy in a house in Furnace, a 56-year-old man was arrested and charged. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

☐ Police received a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner in Garval Terrace, Tarbert, on Friday February 9 at 5.40pm. Details were noted and when the man is traced, a report is likely to be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

☐ A new Sharp Television, left by a delivery company, was stolen from Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, sometime between 10am and 11am on Friday January 26. Police appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Police recover a car that went off the A83 near Inverneill.

Crash closes A83 at Lochgilphead

THE A83 was closed for more than an hour at Kilmory roundabout, Lochgilphead, on Sunday February 11 following a car crash.

A car overturned, struck a wall and came to rest on its roof in the road at 4.50pm. Police and ambulance attended and the man who was driving was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

He was later released following treatment and the road was fully re-opened by 6.30pm.

A car left the A816 road leading to Cairnbaan on Wednesday February 7, ending up in a ditch. Police attended and the woman who was driving suffered minor injuries. She was taken to hospital and released after treatment.

Police got also got a call at 10.30pm on Sunday February 11, reporting that a car had gone onto the shore on the A83 near Inverneill.

The woman driver suffered only minor injuries. Weather conditions were a factor in this incident.

There were no charges in relation to any of the incidents.

Tesco Lochgilphead closes for two weeks

TESCO has closed its Lochgilphead store and filling station while a new floor is laid.

The Tesco Express and the Esso filling station beside the A83 trunk road closed from Sunday February 11 at 4pm. The work is expected to take around two weeks to complete.

A spokesman for the supermarket giant confirmed 'no colleague will be unpaid while the store is closed'.

He told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'We apologise for any inconvenience as we refurbish the floor in our store.'

'We look forward to serving customers again in the coming weeks when the store re-opens.'

'Customers can still purchase Tesco products, as Lochgilphead is covered by Tesco.com service, however, we have also spoken to other fuel retailers in the town to ensure fuel is available locally.'

The company confirmed the store will re-open on Monday February 26.

Inveraray must push to keep branch open

THE PEOPLE of Inveraray have been encouraged to keep fighting to save their RBS branch, following the firm's U-turn which will see the bank remain open for 2018.

Bank bosses will conduct an independent review at the end of the year analysing how much the branch is used by the community.

Author Marian Pallister, who organised a petition against the closure, said the people of Inveraray have realised the consequences the closure could have on the local community.



Marian Pallister with MP Brendan O'Hara and the George Hotel owner Donald Clark.

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She said: 'The petition was slow to start but as people realised the enormity of the consequences, the numbers rose steadily. The disastrous effects that closure could have on tourism in particular have made people add their names to the petition.'

'This affects everyone in a wide area of Argyll.'

Marian also said that the executives who called for branch closures across rural Scotland have no idea of the consequences this could have on local communities such as Inveraray.

Concept

She continued: 'People believe RBS have forgotten the 'Scotland' part of their name and that the executives making these decisions have no concept of the infrastructure in rural Scotland.'

'People are wor-

ried sick about the effect on their businesses and the economy of the area. Once tourists realise they can't exchange currency or even get money from a cashline, they'll head straight for Oban and every place south of Inveraray will suffer.'

'That aside, everyone who makes cash deposits knows we'll be adding fuel charges to the costs we already face if we have to make that round trip to Oban.'

She continued: 'The community must show support for the branch and sign the petition.'

Now that we have a reprieve until December, we have to show we mean business.'

'We need more names on the petition and we need individuals and businesses to email or write to MP Brendan O'Hara, who has been very supportive, to our MSPs and to RBS's head office. Our representatives have been doing a good job but we can't let up the pressure.'

To sign Marian's petition, go to: you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/to-royal-bank-of-scotland-stop-rbs-closing-the-inveraray-branch.

Vote narrowly opposes Knapdale windfarm

ARGYLL and Bute councillors split equally in a vote on whether to oppose or support a Knapdale wind farm.

However, the committee chairman gave the casting vote to oppose it.

EDF Energy Renewables (EDF ER) applied to build Airigh Wind Farm south-west of Tarbert. Planning officers recommended councillors on the planning, protective service and licensing (PPSL) committee object due to 'unacceptable, adverse and cumulative' visual impact on Knapdale's landscape,

viewed from West Kintyre, Islay, Jura and Gigha.

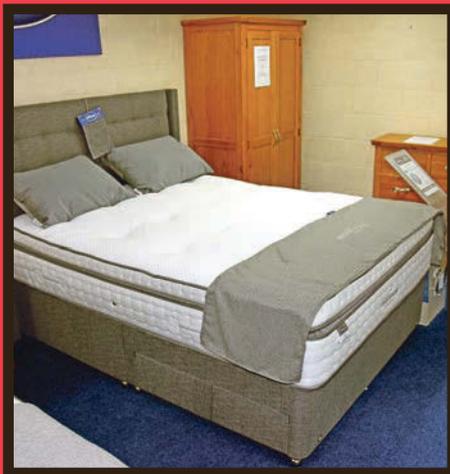
Earlier in January, the PPSL agreed to a site visit before considering its response, and met last Friday to vote. Committee members split 4:4 in the vote, with councillors Kinniburgh, MacMillan, Moffat and Redman voting to object, and councillors Blair, Freeman, Taylor and Trail in support. In a tie the casting vote goes to the chairman, David Kinniburgh, who voted for the motion to oppose the wind farm.

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New hub minister introduced

REVEREND Catriona Hood was introduced to her new combined flock from Skipness, Tarbert, Lochfyne and Kilberry at Saturday's Service of Introduction, which saw a large turnout from all congregations.

The preacher Marilyn Shedden, Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll, received Catriona's vow to serve and love the people. Marilyn also dedicated the Guild Ban-

ner, 'Whose we are and whom we serve', and Janne Leckie, the Tarbert Session Clerk, gave the scripture reading.

Lunch was provided by Tarbert Church Guild.

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'Tough times' budget will see council tax rise

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AS ARGYLL and Bute Council faces a £5 million to £27 million funding gap over the next three years, suggestions for the next round of savings include raising council tax, fees and charges by another three per cent, and reducing funding for health and social care by £725,000.

Council officers published their 500-page budget plan last week, before it faced the Budget, Policy and Resources Committee for any recommendations yesterday (Thursday February 15), and then a vote by the full council next Thursday, February 22.

Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'These are tough times for local government. Cuts to council funding continue. Difficult choices must continue.'

'The council is pretty much in a break-even position for 2018/19. We need to reshape the council for the future to ensure we can continue to provide valued local services in the longer term.'

'The harsh fact is our funding has still reduced by 1.5 per cent for 2018/19. It is expected to continue falling in the years to come so the council needs to consider the longer term. In the starkest terms, we needed to make savings of £5 million this year and will need to save a further £22 million over the next

two years. There is a near-£3 million gap in our capital plan, which outlines investment in our vital infrastructure such as roads and IT. This wipes out any surplus in our revenue budget – the money we spend on delivering day-to-day services.'

'Breaking even does require raising council tax by three per cent. That's the basis on which the Scottish Government predicated its local government settlement. Like most councils, I expect we will take forward that proposal. However, the administration is already clear that it cannot support one proposal in the papers to cut £725,000 from health and social care services.'

Meanwhile, on Tuesday the body overseeing the Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB), announced it needs to 'identify and deliver' even more savings to address its 'estimated budget shortfall of £10.1 million for 2018-19'.

Christina West, chief officer for the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said its financial report 'highlights the scale of the financial challenge we are facing as we attempt to meet increasing demands for health and social care services, rising costs due to inflation and the estimated funding from our partner bodies, NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council.'

'The financial assumptions re-

main to be finalised and the IJB has not yet received confirmation from the council and health board over the level of funding they will allocate to the IJB.

'The final position and funding offers from our partners will be reported to the IJB at its meeting on March 28 when the board will be presented with the implications for local services in approving the budget for 2018-19. The IJB may have to make difficult decisions.'

Councillor Morton thanked everyone who responded to the council's budget consultation, saying: 'Almost 800 people took part, giving around 2,500 comments on ways we could make savings and raise income.'

The proposed savings include closing 36 out of 57 public toilets, such as Ardrishaig, Kilmartin, Crinan, Tayvallich, Bownmore, Bridgend, Port Ellen and Portnahaven, installing turnstiles at Tarbert's toilet, and turning Lochgilphead and Inveraray's toilets into food kiosks.

Plans also include introducing parking charges in key tourist destinations such as Arrochar, and moving the council's two 'deteriorating' fleet workshops on Bishopton Road in Lochgilphead into the existing depot on Kilmory industrial estate.

The budget reports and full consultation is on the council's website.

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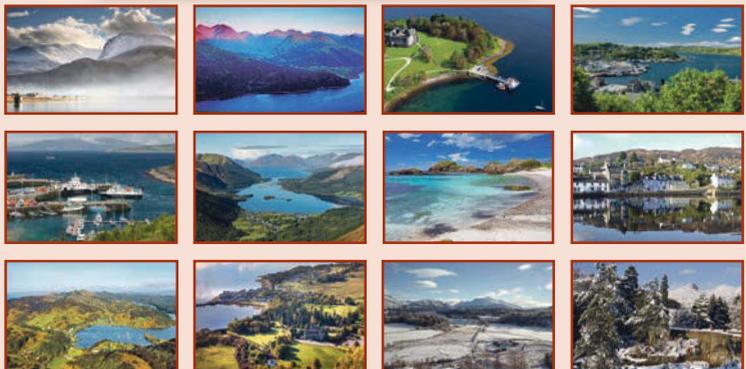
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Tarbert musicians record song for Nancy Glen

Classic pop riffs with a Scottish twist feature on recording

A HOST of Tarbert musicians and song writers have come together to produce a single dedicated to the Nancy Glen campaign.

The single, recorded at the Templar Hall in Tarbert on Saturday February 10 and Sunday February 11, will be released with the title '#TT100 Bring Our Boys Back Home.'

Written and produced by Silvio Gigante and Simon Greatbach, the song will consist of classic pop riffs with a Scottish twist.

Performers on the track include Loch

Emily Jamison
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Fyne Pipe Band, Tarbert Academy choir and local singer Beatrice Catherine.

The song will also be mastered by Grammy award winner David Donaldson.

Producer Silvio Gigante said: 'I'm so grateful to everyone that came today. It's really great to meet some nice people who are selfless in their manner, time and words. I have really been as happy as can be doing music today.'



The drummers pose for a picture before their recording session. 06_a07nancyglensong02



Pipers from Loch Fyne Pipe Band record at the Templar Hall on Saturday. 06_a07nancyglensong01



Tarbert Academy choir also features on the single.



Beatrice Catherine, who went to school with Duncan MacDougall, sings the lead. 06_a07nancyglensong03

Tarbert Academy fundraiser

A FUN day out is guaranteed at Tarbert Academy on Sunday March 4, from 11am-3pm, when an event is held in aid of the Nancy Glen appeal.

There are various activities planned, including football on the astro turf, a bouncy castle assault course run by the army cadets, a mobile skate park provided by MAYDS, face painting, tug of war, archery and splat the teacher.

There will also be food, non-alcoholic drinks and a raffle on the day.

The events will be split between Tarbert Academy, the astro turf and the nearby playing field.

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Editorial

THESE are 'tough times', reflected council leader Aileen Morton as her administration faces up to a £27million budget gap and a looming decision on what services to save and cut next Thursday.

The 'extremely challenging financial position' will also be felt in Argyll's health and social care services, which reported a £10m shortfall for 2018/19 and warned of more 'difficult decisions' to come at the end of March.

But this stands in huge contrast to the generosity shown by kind people in Argyll and as far as America, fundraising and donating hundreds of thousands for the families of the *Nancy Glen's* two missing fishermen, Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk.

They will be enduring the toughest time of all, and everyone will hope the raising of the *Nancy Glen* can help bring them some closure, thanks to a promise by the Scottish Government to pay the bill.

Tarbert's Free Church of Scotland minister, Reverend Robert MacLeod, reminded us to think of their emotional needs, saying: 'I'm sure those tonight who mourn want nothing more than to see their loved ones home, but there can be no joy in that prospect for them.'

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Brain injury support

Sir,

I am writing to tell your readers about a new handbook entitled 'Me and my brain', that has recently been launched by The Children's Trust for teenagers affected by brain injury.

Being a teenager can be a difficult time with lots of change and decisions to be made. For teenagers with a brain injury these difficulties can be heightened.

Me and My Brain has been written with the help of young people affected by the condition, as well as health professionals who specialise in childhood brain injury. It provides advice and guidance on key topics such as bullying, driving, alcohol and education, alongside real life experiences from teenagers.

The handbook is also recommended for family members, teachers, carers or colleagues, providing a detailed explanation of brain injury and how the disability, which is often described as hidden, can affect young people's day to day lives.

Me and My Brain is a free resource and can be ordered from www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk.

Every year 40,000 children in the UK are left with a brain injury as a result of an accident or illness and many have to live with ongoing, long-term difficulties. We hope this handbook will be able to help some of these young people through what is often a very difficult time.

Maria Coyle,
information manager,
The Children's Trust,
Surrey

Canal bridge repairs

Sir,

Please can BEAR Scotland put a temporary repair in place either side of the Canal Bridge at Ardrishaig.

The surface is getting

worse every day and is a hazard to motorists, as is the area in Lochgilphead at the bus stop on Lochnell Street.

It really is ridiculous and action is needed now to make the road safer.

Peter Laing,
Lochgilphead

MSPs must act on plastics

Sir,

I believe the Scottish Government must go further in the fight to address the occurrence of microplastics around beaches and shores.

Politicians should support the establishment of a microplastics baseline to monitor the effectiveness of current environmental policy.

Recent research from Heriot-Watt University's Centre for Marine Biodiversity and Biotechnology reveals that the levels of microplastics in the Firth of Forth have not changed significantly in the last five years, indicating that the sources of microplastics are still not being adequately addressed.

A levy on single-use plastic items implemented by the Scottish Government helps to influence consumer behaviour locally - as seen with the plastic bag tax. It is not a uniquely Scottish problem, but it would send a strong signal to governments of other countries.

We need a baseline for all UK waters so that we can assess the impact of government policies that aim to reduce marine pollution, such as the microbead ban. At present we only have a patchwork of data from studies in Scotland and comparable North Sea locations.

The growing amount of data regarding plastic litter contamination in the marine environment has led to the need for understanding the related risks not only to the health of marine life, but to humans as well. Microplastics are work-

ing their way into our food chain.

The data from the Firth of Forth provides a local snapshot but our recent research there, as well as in Shetland and the Hebrides, indicates that a much wider Scotland and UK-wide monitoring programme is required to generate a baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of Scottish and international policy measures.

Dr Mark Hartl,
associate professor
of marine biology,
Heriot-Watt University

Child internet safety

Sir,

The NSPCC is the leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK.

Tuesday February 6 was designated Safer Internet Day, and the NSPCC views this as an important issue.

The internet is an amazing place for young people to learn, create and build friendships so it's vital their online world is a safe one.

We all have a responsibility to ensure children are kept safe online so they can enjoy the positives without being exposed to risks including inappropriate content or online abuse.

That's why the NSPCC was pleased to support Safer Internet Day as it brings tech companies, government, law enforcement and communities together to work towards creating a safer internet for children so they can benefit from the exciting possibilities it offers.

Joanne Smith,
NSPCC Scotland
policy and public
affairs manager

Autism awareness

Sir,

The National Autistic Society Scotland is urging Mid Argyll residents to get involved in its biggest

fundraiser, World Autism Awareness Week, which runs from March 26 to April 2.

In the seven days leading up to World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, the charity wants to encourage schools, workplaces and individuals in Argyll and Bute to take part in activities to raise money and autism awareness.

Whether it's taking part in a bake sale, sponsored walk or wearing a onesie, there are plenty of ways in which Argyll and Bute residents can get involved at home, school or work. Free fundraising guides, packed full of great ideas on how to raise money so the charity can continue their life-changing work can be downloaded from www.autism.org.uk/waaw.

The charity needs the public's support to raise vital funds to continue running campaigns like Too Much Information, training and sharing knowledge with professionals working with autistic people, and so much more.

Autism is a lifelong, developmental condition that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.

Around 58,000 people in Scotland are autistic, and although we have come a long way in raising awareness, there's still more to be done until everyone understands autism.

Our research found that although 99.5 per cent of people in Scotland have heard of autism, just 16 per cent of autistic people think it is understood in a meaningful way. We want to increase understanding of the condition - which affects one in 100 people - in order to tackle this issue and build more compassionate communities.

This World Autism Awareness Week, I hope that people living in Mid Argyll will get involved and help us to raise vital funds so we can continue to

make a difference to autistic people in Scotland.

More information can be found at www.autism.org.uk/WAAW.

The charity wants to close the gap between awareness and understanding so that Scotland can become an autism-friendly nation.

Jenny Paterson,
director, National
Autistic Society
Scotland

Cautious Welcome

Sir,

As island communities spokesperson for the Scottish Greens I would give a cautious welcome to the Scottish Government's Islands Bill. The stage one parliamentary debate is an opportunity to debate the general principles of the bill, with any amendments to the bill being considered at stages two, and three.

Our island communities face many unique challenges and I am pleased that this important piece of legislation has been brought forward which should ensure 'island proofing' is given due consideration as part of all future government policy.

Greens support calls for appropriate devolution to island authorities, ensuring day-to-day decision which impact people's lives are made as close to them as possible. We are keen to see all local communities have more control over their resources.

Marine licensing powers are of course particularly relevant to islands and I'm keen to hear more from the Scottish Government on how they intend to deliver on this complex matter.

Some of the most resilient and supportive communities in Scotland are within islands and I believe this bill has the potential to be a step in the right direction of empowering these island communities in a manner they deserve.

John Finnie,
MSP for Highlands
and Islands region

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Memories of wartime exploits in Mid Argyll

THE PUBLICATION of Archie McAllister's postcard featuring Cairnbaan camp in a recent edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser sparked fond memories for one of our readers.

Well-known Inveraray resident Niall Iain MacLean wrote to the paper with his recollections.

He wrote: 'We lived at Ballymeanoch, mid way between Kilmichael and Kilmartin, during the ear-

ly 1930s. We were all aware of it being built as a labour camp by the Ministry of Labour and this caused concern among local residents. Thoughts of rough city dwellers living amongst us were common – but no-one thought of how these alleged 'roughies' thought of us. Maybe they had fears of being sent to a camp amid wild Highlanders, who knows?

'It later became a prisoner of war camp

and when Italy joined the fray against us, the army of Marshal Graziano was routed in the western desert by General Wavell - later Field Marshal and Viceroy of India, a Scot and a great soldier.

'So it was that Italian prisoners of war came to Cairnbaan.

'Father, mother, sister and myself, by this time living in Dunoon where father had taken a teaching post in Dunoon Grammar School, went for a hol-

iday to Culfail Hotel, Kilmelford, which was owned by mother's brother, Johnnie Currie. This would be about early spring 1943. The weather was not great but the trout fishing was good.

'Then, one really nasty, wet and cold night a prisoner of war escaped from Cairnbaan.

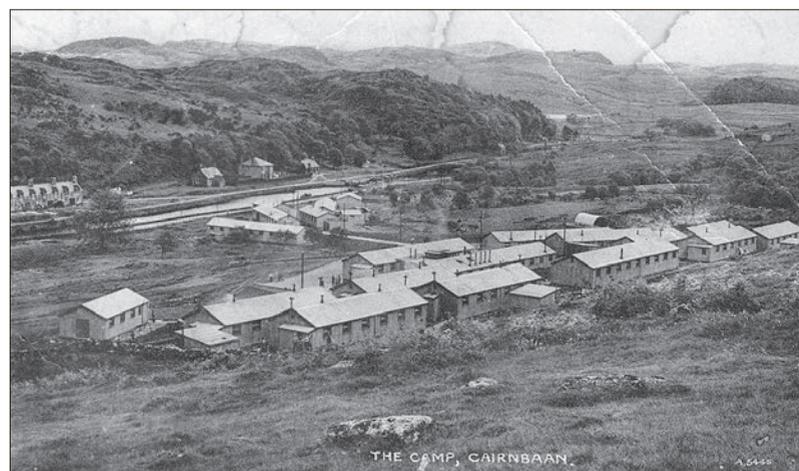
'There was a national alarm, of course. This desperado had to be recaptured, but where was he in this vast hinterland? The Home Guard, police et al sought this Scarlet Pimpernel throughout Mid Argyll.

'I remember the Kilmelford Home Guard assembling in the tap room of the hotel. This was an obvious meeting place where the local policeman gave them instructions and where body fuel could be obtained – some call it Dutch courage. Anyway, suitably fired up they set off to search for this dangerous enemy.

'Don't forget, these Home Guards were shepherds, foresters, keepers and the like and knew their wild hillsides well, and many were pretty good shots too. The odds seemed stacked against the escapee. It was a dreadful night of rain and wind – real Argyll weather – but by daylight there was no sign of the escaped enemy.

'Weary, soggy Home Guards were stood down until later and went home to a warm fire and some breakfast.

'Then...bingo! A tired, soaking wet, totally dispirited prisoner on the run turned up at the main gate at Cairnbaan, rang the bell or whatever one did and cried 'bongiorno'. He



Archie's postcard of Cairnbaan Camp in the 1930s.

must have reckoned that even Cairnbaan camp was preferable to such a night in the Knapdale hills.

'What happened to him, we never learned. He probably cleaned latrines and paint-

ed coal white – a favourite punishment – and then, of course, they changed sides and became allies of some sort. A true story, no doubt replicated throughout Mid Argyll. We came to own

Cairnbaan Hotel from 1960 until we moved to the Lochgair Hotel in 1963 and remember the camp very much as the postcard shows.

'So, thanks to Archie McAllister for prompting some memories.'



Niall Iain MacLean with his wife Inez. 06_a45medal04



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Crinan Canal waterside regeneration begins



Major step on maritime hub development

Lorne MacFarlane
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

WORK to clear the former Gleaner Oils site in Ardrishaig started on Monday, marking the start of Scottish Canals' waterside regeneration of the area.

Plans for the site took a step forward in 2017 when £580,000 was granted through the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

The money will be used to deliver a mixed use maritime hub on part of the former Gleaner site. Subject to securing final funding, work on the hub is due to start later in the year.

Work to clear the site began this week and is scheduled to continue until mid March. The work will include the removal of existing fuel tanks, pipes and gantry systems and remedial works to exist-

ing hard standing areas.

Chris Breslin, head of regeneration and development at Scottish Canals, said: 'These initial works are a major step forward in bringing forward the former Gleaner site for development.'

'The Crinan charrette developed a shared vision for creating a sustainable future in Ardrishaig by transforming it into a fantastic tourist destination that benefits all those who live, work and do business in the area as well as celebrating the unique character of the area.'

Another phase of work, funded by the Scottish Government, will follow in spring 2018. This work will see Ardrishaig Pier upgraded to accommodate larger freight vessels.

Work to clear the former Gleaner Oils site at Ardrishaig started on Monday. There are plans to transform the area into a maritime hub.

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Poppy Appeal award

THE SCOTTISH Poppy Appeal has honoured Mr and Mrs G Rhodick in recognition of their 'outstanding work' and 'making a life-changing difference' to the Armed Forces community by raising £1,642.64.

Lochgilthead Armed Forces Day takes place this year on June 16. Mrs Rhodick said: 'We are looking for charities who wish to raise funds on Forces Day.' If you are interested, please contact the event's organisers through their Facebook page.

Thousands raised for Nancy Glen appeal



Sophie Bell and Mirrin MacLennan after their sponsored walk raised £2,525 for the appeal.

Young walkers step in with £2,525 donation

MIRRIN MacLennan and Sophie Bell, both aged eight, raised £2,525 for the Nancy Glen campaign by completing a sponsored walk from Westport to Machrihanish.

Aileen MacLennan said: 'My heart is actually bursting with pride that two eight-year-old girls could raise such a substantial amount of money in just two weeks. They are little stars. Massive, massive thank you to everyone who donated.'

Coffee morning at Tayvallich

TAYVALLICH raised £2,500 at a #TT100BringTheBoysHome coffee morning.

More than £8,000 has been raised over the last week at a number of fundraising events.

A Jolomo painting is also up for auction, with all proceeds going to the Nancy Glen fund. The painting has been framed in the highest quality timber and Jolomo will address the winning bidder personally on the back of the frame.

To bid on the painting, contact Lee Buckley on Facebook. The winning bidder will

be announced on Saturday February 17 at 1pm.

Helensburgh walk

MORE than 100 Helensburgh residents and their pets turned out on Sunday February 5 for a sponsored walk organised by Helensburgh Football Club.

The event and money raised through a Just-Giving page totalled more than £800.

Helensburgh FC coach Gordon Brodie, who helped organise the football event, said: 'What an amazing turnout. Thanks to all the boys, girls, ladies, gentlemen and doggies who gave up their time for our fund-

raising walk in aid of our friends in Tarbert.

'Whatever the final figure is, it will boost the fund to help raise the Nancy Glen and bring two of Tarbert's finest home. And just as important was to send a message that our community is thinking of theirs.'

Mull events for Tarbert

MULL has raised £5,110 for the Nancy Glen campaign thanks to schools raising £971, a charity raffle and CalMac donating a £100 cheque.

Robert Crumlish said: 'I would like to thank everyone who has helped. Much love from one fishing community to another.'

Donate to the Nancy Glen campaign, go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nancy-glencampaign



Stewart shows off his beard before the shave.



Stewart might feel the cold on his face a bit more now.

Close shave for Tarbert man

BIG-HEARTED Tarbert man Stewart Maxwell had a close shave on Sunday February 11 when he volunteered to lose his beard to raise money for the Nancy Glen fund.

Not even the snow deterred Stewart from losing his glorious beard, which he's been growing for years. Stewart's 'barber' was local paramedic Lynne Clark. Lynne is also a sheep farmer and she used her skill and experience to make sure Stewart was clean-shaven in record time.



Staff at The Fish Works in Largs after their charity supper night on Wednesday February 7 which raised £2,055.10. The chippy thanks everyone who donated and supported the event.



Ardrishaig fundraising helpers Mhairi MacDougall, Codi MacDougall, Eilidh Moore, Anne Moore, Alison McGinty, Lynn Gorrie and Kirsty Taylor.

Afternoon tea, soft play and clothes swap at Ardrishaig

A BRING The Boys Home fundraising event at the North Church Hall in Ardrishaig raised more than £1,800. The event included after-

noon tea, soft play and a clothes swap. Organisers thank everyone who donated and made the event a success.



Codi MacDougall at the Ardrishaig Nancy Glen fundraiser.

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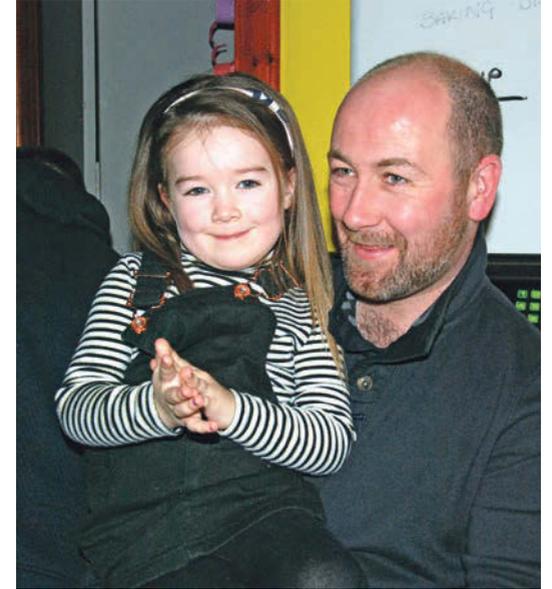
Jesseca MacNab, Chloe MacCallum, Ava Pagett and Jess McCrae post-boogie. 06_a07davidmacinnes04

MID ARGYLL children boogied on down at a fundraising disco in aid of Anthony Nolan on Saturday February 10 at MAYDS.

The evening was organised by David MacInnes who is running the London Marathon to raise money for the charity and has also donated stem cells to a man who suffered from leukemia. The evening raised £277.15, meaning David is now just shy of his £1,800 target after numerous fundraising events. To donate, go to www.justgiving.com/David-MacInnes



Wee Innis enjoying the disco with his mum Jane Gallagher. 06_a07davidmacinnes02



Gracie Philips poses with dad Kenny. 06_a07davidmacinnes03



David with his children Millie and Fergus at the disco last Saturday. 06_a07davidmacinnes

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Food from Argyll takes over Westminster

TWELVE of Argyll's best food producers impressed MPs, peers and some of London's most important buyers in Westminster on Tuesday January 30.

Organised by Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara, 'A Taste of Argyll and Bute' was co-hosted by Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll and supported by the Food from Argyll group.

A number of Argyll companies, including Kintyre Cheese, the Puffer Loch Fyne Oysters, The Scottish Salmon Company, Bute



Brendan O'Hara MP and Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll, with smoked fish from Ritchie's of Rothesay.

Brew Co, Mull of Kintyre Cheese, the Puffer from Easdale, Argyll Hill Lamb and Fyne Ales, were wel-

comed to Parliament. Mr O'Hara said: 'I was determined this wasn't just a tasting event and I wanted as many

of the top-end buyers along to sample what we have to offer.'

Eleanor, The Duchess of Argyll, said: 'We knew an offering of some of the best in food from Argyll would be a draw, but the response to one of Scotland's most famous food destinations was amazing.'

Claire Fletcher from Lussa Gin travelled from the Isle of Jura to showcase their gin.

She said: 'We've had a great afternoon at Westminster.'

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New Highland cattle chief says breed at 'crossroads'



Female champion, Furan Magaidh 7th of Glengorm, owned by Glengorm and brought out by Dexter Logan made 3,800 gns. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

THE QUALITY was high but numbers were low at the Highland Cattle Society's 127th annual spring show and sale at Oban Livestock Centre on Sunday and Monday.

The Highland Cattle Society's new team, freshly elected at its AGM the night before, says the breed is 'at a crossroads', and hopes to make it more commercially attractive to farmers.

The show was compared by Highland Cattle Society council member Angus Mac-

Kay of Tigh Cuileann, Achnagoul, by Inveraray, who said: 'It is going extremely well. This is by no means the biggest, but the quality has been really high. The best has been the number of overseas visitors, from Switzerland, Finland, Italy, Germany, and Ireland.'

But he added: 'The total number of cattle was the lowest it has ever been.'

Gordon McConachie, the Highland Cattle Society's new president elected on Saturday, said: 'We are disap-



Charlie MacLean judging, as new Highland Cattle Society president Gordon McConachie, centre, looks on. 15_T07Highlandershow09

pointed with the numbers. There are only 65 in total.'

Mr McConachie, who farms the Culfoich Fold in Aberdeenshire, set out his priority for his two-year term. He said: 'We need to encourage more commercially-minded farmers to look at it as a commercial animal rather than a picture postcard animal. Tradition does not pay the bills.'

'It is certainly not a critical point, but we need to move the breed forward. It will be a slow process. We are going to have to take the first steps to install confidence in buyers, making the animals more attractive commercially.'

'[The breed] is far more suited to the environment. They are kept outside on low-value forage. The continental breeds cannot forage

on the same. It can survive harsh climates.'

Canadian Craig Cugnet, who breeds Highland cattle on his 30,000-acre farm in Saskatchewan, agreed, saying: 'They are excellent. They will eat the weeds and the invasive plants before they touch the grass. They are far better stewards of the land.'

Mr Cugnet, on his second visit to Oban, appeared as hardy as the Highlanders themselves, wearing summer shorts as snowstorms drifted outside the pens. 'They are one of the back-burner breeds,' he said. 'They are not where they should be. There were not many people under 65 at the AGM. Agriculture is the industry of the old and not the youth. We really have to focus on the next generation.'

The day's Highland cattle judge Charlie MacLean said: 'The quality of the breed has definitely improved. The top end of all the classes was exceptional. If they cannot find a stock bull here, they will not find one anywhere. It is a very underrated breed. If they put their minds together, I am sure they will succeed.'

Oban Highland cattle spring show results

Oban Livestock Centre, Sunday February 11
Judge- Mr Charlie MacLean
Section 1, Class 1
1st & Best Two Year Old Bull- EACHANN RUADH OF HYNDFORD- Mr Alan Prentice
2nd- COIRNEAL 2ND OF BALMORAL-Balmoral Estates
Class 2
1st- SESH MHOR OF BLAIRLOGAN- Blairlogan Highlanders
2nd- CORRAN OF ALLANFEARN- Maureen MacArthur & John Ashton
Section 2, Class 3
1st & Best Three Year Old Bull- EION MOHR 17TH OF MOTTISTONE-Mr Michael Poland
2nd-HUNTER OF EARN-Mrs Heather Corrigan
Class 4
1st- FIONN MHOR OF STRATHELLIE-Mr David

Soutar
2nd- SIR LAWRENCE II OF SPRINGFIELD-Gavin & Anna Brown
Section 3, Class 5 & Best Aged Bull
1st- SEUMAS BUIDHE OF EILEAN MOR- Pennygown Farm
Section 4, Class 6 & Best Yearling Bull
1st 400111 OF EILEAN MOR- Karen & Michael Macgregor
2nd- 400130 OF WALTON- Mr & Mrs Simon Hadley
Male Championship
Champion-EACHANN RUADH OF HYNDFORD- Stock person in charge of Champion- Mr Alan Prentice
Reserve Champion- EION MOHR 17th OF MOTTISTON- Mr Michael Poland
Section 5
Class 7 & Best Senior Heifer
1st- FURAN MAGAIDH 7th

OF GLENGORM-Glengorm
2nd- SUSAN 22nd OF ORMSARY-Sir William Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary)
Section 6, Class 8
1st- MORAG RUADH OF RATTAR- Mr Murray Mackay
2nd- LOTTIE 7TH OF MOSSCAIRN- Archie & Kay Aitchison
Class 9
1st & Best Three Year Old Heifer- CATRIONA 4TH OF GARTOCHARN- Mr & Mrs J S McKechnie
2nd- LISA 2ND OF GARTOCHARN-Mr & Mrs J S McKechnie
Section 7, Class 10 & Best Two Year Old
1st- UNA 4TH OF CORNTOWN-Mr Ron MacLean
2nd- FRAOCH 1ST OF CNOC- Sydney & Maureen O'Hara
Section 8, Class 11 & Best

Yearling
1st- KATHLEEN RUADH 2ND OF MOSSCAIRN- Archie & Kay Aitchison
2nd- PEARL OF GRAY BRAE- Douglas and Hilary Crane
Section 9, Class 12 & Best Cow
1st- HAYLEY 5TH OF EARN- Mr Donald MacNaughton
2nd- DEORAIDH IONA OF CLADICH- Mr Edward Halford
Young Handlers
Senior 1st-Kerrie MacGillivray, Mull
2nd- Chloe Roberts, Sunderland
3rd- Shannon Thomson, Maud
4th- Isla MacGillivray, Dalmally
Junior 1st- Logan Ross, Blairlogie
2nd- Jayden Mclaughlin, Isle of Bute
3rd- Emily Armstrong, Isle

of Tiree
4th- Tom Halford, Gateshead
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Big predators for the Small Isles?

Iain Thornber

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AS A HISTORIAN, I am often asked why rural Scotland attracts so many wacky characters and their quirky schemes.

Is it because many of today's politicians and absentee landowners, who have the wealth and influence to impose their beliefs on us, think we are careless and neglectful of our environment, or simply that they see the land we live in as some vast, empty laboratory in which they can play God?

It would take more than a full page of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* to list all the freaks and follies that have been foisted on the West Highlands and islands in the past 200 years.

If these were confined to pub and dinner party chatter they would be harmless but, when government agencies start indulging self-delusionists and romantic visionaries by encouraging them to meddle without due regard to the loss of a recognised country way of life or an area's cultural heritage, then questions must be asked.

The latest fashionable wheeze is 'rewilding', which means restoring an area of land to its natural uncultivated state and reintroducing species of wild animal which disappeared hundreds of years ago. At its most extreme, rewilding implies zero-intervention by humans, but no matter how hard anyone may try, it is almost impossible to find unaltered landscapes in Europe, including Scotland, that have not been interfered with by man.

Sadly, most wilderness fans tend to forget, or ignore this, because it doesn't fit their ideology of recovering Eden. Even in remote areas, re-introduction of certain elements of a fully-functioning ecosystem is impossible, because key species are extinct and so a substitute has to be brought in.

A new conservation or-



Would Eigg make an appropriate home for lynx? Photograph: Iain Thornber; and inset, The carved stone on Eigg showing a lion, top right. Photograph: Historic Environment Scotland

ganisation set up by Paul Lister, owner of Alladale Estate in Ross-shire, is once again pushing against the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, which gives everyone rights of access, by advocating the reintroduction of dangerous predators.

The European Nature Trust (TENT) has joined forces with a London-based group to promote Lister's dream of having wolves running wild on his 50,000-acre Highland wilderness reserve.

TENT's full consultation paper, published by Community Land Scotland, claims that, thanks to hundreds of years of human pressure, the Scottish Highlands has lost most of its original native forest cover and several indigenous animals.

The solution, it says, is blanket woodland, guarded by large-scale predators such as lynx, wolves and bears.

On the Morvern peninsula and elsewhere in Argyll, thousands of acres of some of the finest food-producing land in Scotland are already being cleared of sheep and cattle.

Deer are being slaughtered in their hundreds; high fences, funded by Forestry Commission grants, are going up without the applicants being means-tested, and speculation about which species will be introduced, is rife.

Local people are beginning to ask why deer that have lived in the region for the past 10,000 years are being sacrificed for a species which no one will see until they start killing domestic stock and ground-nesting birds, which are already in decline.

Two weeks ago, a leading UK newspaper carried an article on rewilding in which Paul O'Donoghue, chief scientific officer for the Lynx Trust, is report-

ed as saying that there is a stone on the island of Eigg with a lynx carved on it, implying that these beasts once lived there.

The slab, one of two fragments of a cross-shaft of late ninth century date, has been studied by staff of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. They say it shows a hunting scene depicting a horse and rider, hounds, a bull, eagle, boar and a lion.

The eagle is probably a white-tailed one, but what Dr O'Donoghue thinks is a lynx is a lion clearly identified by its mane. Lions were popular with early craftsmen not because they were present at the time, but for their biblical connection.

Despite all the twaddle about lynx, references to them are extremely rare in Scotland. They do not appear in Gaelic literature and, in all the prehistoric sites that have been ex-

cavated in the Highlands in the past century, I can find one mention only of a lynx. This was allegedly the skull of a northern lynx, one of six species of the Eurasian lynx, which turned up more than a century ago in a cave near Inchnadamph in Assynt.

Why is an important British daily newspaper, based in London, bolstering the case for introducing lynx to the West Highlands and Islands by drawing attention to the Eigg carving? Does the editor believe the ensuing fracas will increase his sales, or can it be the directors of the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust, who have surpassed themselves in getting all manner of grants since they acquired the island in 1997, have entered into a pilot scheme with the Lynx Trust?

TENT claims huge annual sums could be generated by rewilding through part-time jobs, school ex-

perience programmes, visitor accommodation and nature-friendly consumer products.

And why not? On the face of it, the islands of Eigg, Muck, Rum and Canna, with their caves, sheep, rabbits, deer and few humans, would make ideal homes for lynx. More importantly, once released, they would be unable to escape.

Another haven, which would lend itself to a few predators, is the uninhabited Shiant Isles in the Minch owned by Tom Nicolson, son of old Etonian Lord Adam Nicolson, who spends a few weeks a year in Morvern.

Adam is a well known writer, noted for his wonderful book, *Sea Room* about the Shiant Isles, in which he disarmingly describes himself as an 'English toff'.

Nicolson, who is a self-confessed rewilding enthusiast, managed not long ago to ease £900,000 from RSPB Scotland and SNH for an eradication scheme to clear an estimated 3,600 rare black rats thought to have arrived on the main Shiant island from an 18th-century shipwreck. At £250 a pop, that's serious cash.

Stalkers, farmers and crofters are rightly worried about large carnivores attacking and killing sheep, but seem confident that rewilding will not happen. Unless they join forces with other professional land-users, it will undoubtedly slip through.

The armed forces have always maintained Highlanders prefer to be led rather than to lead, but when they do produce a leader, he is usually exceptional.

The martial spirit has almost gone from these parts. If the dreamers are to be stopped, farmers, crofters and naturalists living among us – many in tied cottages – will need to put aside their fear and modesty and speak out.

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On the 12th February 2018, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
The Order, which comes into operation on Monday 2nd of April 2018, introduces the following controls in the Lorne Street Car, Coach and Lorry Park in Lochgilphead:
1. Overnight parking charges in the Lorry/Coach Park between the hours of 8pm and 8am. The Council's commercial parking rate will apply which is currently £1.10 per hour or overnight rate £10.00.
2. Trailers will be removed as a permitted vehicle category.
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Cars will continue to be able to park with no charges applying within the car parking areas; however they will be subject to all other provisions of the traffic order.
A copy of the Order and plans relative thereto can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders or viewed during normal office hours at:-
(i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead;
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Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from the 16th of February 2018, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.
Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services,
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18/00091/PP	Change of use of land to form amenity open space including site clearance, earthworks, paths, site furniture, timber shelter, fencing and landscaping	Land North Of Craignish Primary School Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern

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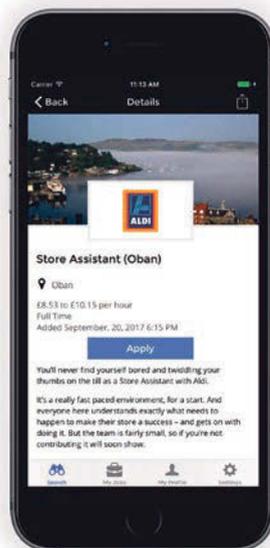
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EyeSight technology uses cameras to detect the car's surroundings, highlighting any potential threats, issues or impending collisions, aiding in a safer drive on and off road. The all-new XV is also praised for its passenger and child safety credentials, topping the findings as the safest car for child occupancy in the 2017 results.

Torbjörn Lillrud, automotive development director Subaru UK, said: 'We are delighted the all-new XV has been highly commended by What Car?. Our customers buy our cars because of their safety credentials and EyeSight technology is a part of that reason too. We're delighted that the XV has got off to such a good start, especially as it's now in showrooms for customers to test drive.'

Subaru EyeSight – Subaru's EyeSight driver assistance technology, which is also fitted as standard on the new XV and Impreza, scored highly in the autonomous emergency braking section at Euro NCAP testing, with both cars and pedestrians. The EyeSight driver assist technology is a set of two digital cameras that monitor the traffic movement to warn the driver of a threat ahead and to apply pre-collision braking in emergency situations, in order to avoid or at least to mitigate the collision. Subaru EyeSight also observes the lateral support functions, warning the driver of unintentional lane departure and assisting the driver in keeping in the travelling lane.

To find out more about the all-new Subaru XV, please visit www.sandsservices.co.uk or call John Spicer 01292 880080 / 07831 808702



PEUGEOT 3008 SUV WINS AGAIN AT THE FLEET WORLD HONOURS



PEUGEOT 3008 SUV takes Fleet World Honour for Best Medium SUV

3008 SUV wins its class for the second year running

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THE PEUGEOT 3008 SUV has added to the growing list of awards it has accumulated since its launch in January 2017 by winning 'Best Medium SUV of the Year' in the 2018 Fleet World Honours.

This is the second year running that the 3008 SUV has won its category, having been named 'Best Crossover' in 2017.

The award was presented at the 2018 Fleet World Honours ceremony held at the RAC Club in London's West End.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, Fleet World Editor Alex Grant said: 'Few sectors are as fiercely competitive, or highly desirable, as this.'

'But the 3008 brings a lot to the table; distinctive and modern styling, an intuitive but incredibly stylish interior, and competitive petrol and diesel engines to suit all sorts of users. It's also great to drive, and excellent value.'

PSA Group Fleet Director Martin Gurney said: 'For the 3008 SUV to be recognised for two years in succession in the Fleet World Honours shows the strength of its appeal to the fleet sector.'

'The crisp, modern design and low emissions engine range are just what fleets are looking for.'

As JATO Dynamics stated recently, PEUGEOT 3008 SUV sales soared by 555 per cent to almost 167,000 across 27 Western European countries in 2017, its first year on sale in the UK.

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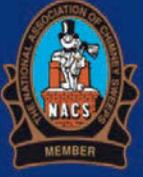
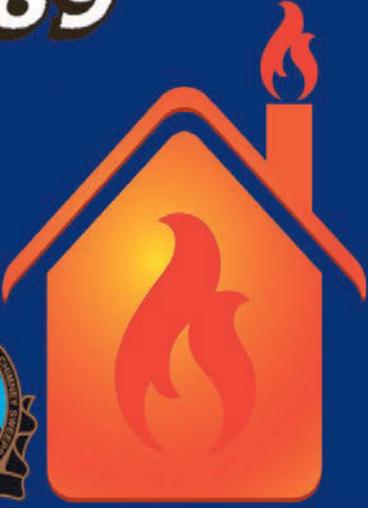
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MULL

Young lifeboat volunteer recognised at awards

TOBERMORY RNLI's youngest crew member has received the Argyll and Bute Youth volunteering award to mark his work on the lifeboat.

Alexander Anderson received the award at a ceremony in Helensburgh last week. Alexander, 17, joined Tobermory's volunteer crew last year, following in his father's footsteps.

Within 24 hours of receiving his pager in May 2017, Alexander responded to his first call, which was a false alarm to an emergency position indicating radio beacon.

Tobermory RNLI chairman Richard 'Popz' Fairbairns said: 'This is a very well-deserved award for Alexander.'

'As the award citation states, this is in addition to his school activities and other interests.'

'All of us at the station congratulate Alexander on winning this prestigious award.'



Whisky cat catches lift with Jura PC

A POLICE constable received some attention from a furry friend while on patrol in Jura.

JURA

PC Findlay was parked up outside Jura

Distillery when Elvis the whisky cat paid him a visit.

It wasn't long before the feline made him-

self comfortable on the dashboard of the van. Maybe he needed a rest after a dram or two.

KILMARTIN

Museum hosts seed swap

KILMARTIN Museum is hosting a seed swap on Saturday March 3 from 11am to 3pm.

Anyone going along can try a new type of seed or make a donation.

Blarbaie Roots Project members will also be in attendance to discuss volunteering or

renting a raised bed. For more information email Sally Wilkin at sally@kilmartin.org.

TARBERT

Dance fitness event for funds

THERE will be a dance fitness event in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday February 16 at 6pm to raise funds for the Nancy Glen Appeal.

Organised by Jacqui Barker, Karen Ba-

naghan and Sam Ford, the class will incorporate zumba, glo and verafflow classes, which combine cardio exercise with music.

Entry will be a minimum donation of £10. Everyone welcome.

HELENSBURGH

Science show at school

LOMOND School is to host a live science show that will be open

to the community on Thursday February 22 at 6.30pm.

The show will be presented by science experts from The Royal Institution of Great Britain and will allow visitors to get in on the action with experiments and witness a few scientific explosions.

The event is free and suitable for all ages.

To book a place, email events@lomondschool.com.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'Snow was falling, so much like stars, Filling the dark trees that one could easily imagine,

'Its reason for being was nothing more than prettiness.'

I love this quote from Mary Oliver as it paints a wonderful winter wonderland scene.

Unusually, we have had quite a lot of snow lately in Argyll and it has been welcome and unwelcome.

Its beauty makes it a very welcome feature, as it caresses hilltops and paints the islands white. Islay and Jura are magnificent in their milky white coats which glow pink in the morning sun.

I always feel sorry for our children here who have so little snow fun, for as soon as it has settled, it is blown away again in the wind.

It is fun, if we don't have to travel, but when we have to set out with our vulnerable wheels on the roads, the snow is not so welcome.

We got caught in a blizzard last week while on the beach at A'Chleit with our collies.

They looked as if someone had sprinkled the salt cellar over them as they tried to catch each floating fragile flake.

I thought of what wonderful lessons nature can teach us and remembered another quote, by Vesta M Kelly: 'Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.'

One snowflake weighs nothing, yet together they can cause an avalanche. Could we learn from this?

One act of kindness on its own might not change the world, but imagine what we could do together. Maybe we could cause an avalanche of love to cover all the hatred and fear with just one snowflake of hope at a time.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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DEATHS

BARR - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 8, 2018, Mary Haddow Twaddle, in her 93rd year, Knockbay Farm, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Kirkland Barr, much loved mother of James, Elspeth, Andrew and Robin and a loving granny and great granny.

FERGUSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 14, 2018, Janet Wilson Ferguson, in her 84th year, Struanbank, Southend, loving sister of Isabel, Bobby and the late Archie and a much loved aunt and great aunt. Service will be held in Southend Church, on Tuesday, February 20 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

LAVERY - Peacefully at home, 1 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, on February 9, 2018, Catherine McKay MacLean Durnin, in her 91st year, dearly beloved wife of the late Harry Lavery, much loved mum of Kenneth, Stuart and Catrina, loving granny of Hannah, Daniel, Ross, Andy, Guy and Shona and a nan to Hayden, Charlie and Ella. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11.00am, 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 the RNLI.

MCALLISTER - Peacefully at home, 21 Argyll Street, Campbeltown, on February 13, 2018, Angus McAllister, in his 90th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Agnes Martin, much loved father of Angus and Martin and loving granda to Arran. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, February 16 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 Alzheimer Scotland.

MCTAVISH - Peacefully at home, on February 12, 2018, Mary Beveridge McTavish, in her 80th year, of 12A Wilson

Road, Lochgilphead and formerly of Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late David McTavish, much loved mother of Colin, Michael, Marion, Derek and Angela and adored granny and great granny. Dear sister of George and the late Agnes, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, February 26 2018 at 11.00am, followed by a service at Perth Crematorium, on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

THOMSON - Peacefully at her home, with Molly the Dog by her side, Margaret Fleming Thomson, in her 96th year, of Peregrine Cottage, Ardfern and formerly of Waterside, Ayrshire, beloved daughter of the late Robert and Margaret (Meg) Thomson and a dearly loved aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Parish Church, Ardfern, on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Craignish Parish Church. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

WESTCOTT - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 12, 2018, John George Westcott, in his 100th year, Macharioch, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Betty Westcott, a much loved dad of John, Jackie, and Paul and a much loved grandpa and great grandpa. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

HADFIELD - Lynda and Andy Henderson and the late Paul Hadfield's family would like to thank everyone who came to Cumlodden Church, on February 5, 2018, to remember him and to pay tribute to him in person. They also wish to thank all of those who contributed in any way to the funeral and the wake, and to the many dedicated and caring health professionals who looked after Paul over the years, and very particularly in his last weeks.

MACMILLAN - Mathew, Kathleen and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss of Ina. Special thanks to medical staff and to home care teams for their kind

care and attention, which also enabled Mum to stay at home during her final days. Grateful thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring arrangements; to the Stag Hotel for catering and to the Flowershop for lovely floral tributes. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £505 for the Nancy Glen fund.

MCISAAC - The family of the late Ann McIsaac would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent loss. Special thanks to the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention. Thanks also to Reverend William Crossan for a comforting service, to T A Blair for their professionalism and to the Ardsheel Hotel for purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended at the chapel of rest and graveside to pay their respects.

MENZIES - Jamie and the family of the late Joy Menzies would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits received following their recent loss. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for arrangements and to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

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- Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

CAMPBELL - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009. Sadly missed but not forgotten.
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COLVILLE - Remembering today and always, Robert, died February 14, 2013.
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DURANCE - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mum and gran, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered always.
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- With love, Susan, Iona and Ross.

MCPHEE - In loving memory of Moira, died February 19, 2017. Gone but not forgotten.
- Mum and family.

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Tides Lines brighten Tarbert

WEST Highland foursome Tide Lines did not disappoint the Tarbert crowd with a blistering performance at the village hall on Friday February 9.

The sold-out evening kicked off with a supporting performance from Campbeltown unit Deep Joy, who provided some funk tunes to get the night under way.

With buckets to collect money for the Nancy Glen campaign throughout the hall, the appeal to bring Dun-

can MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk home was remembered poignantly throughout the evening.

Much to the delight of their younger fan base, who lined the front row, Tide Lines made their way to the stage shortly after the fundraising raffle.

Singalong

Playing hit songs including Walking on the Waves, Far Side of the World, The Dreams Were Never Lost with a few Gaelic songs, the

popular band finished their set with a crowd singalong to Dougie MacClean's famous Caledonia.

Speaking on the night, frontman Robert Robertson said: 'It was great to see the hall so busy and it was great people had come out and were singing along and really joining in with the set.'

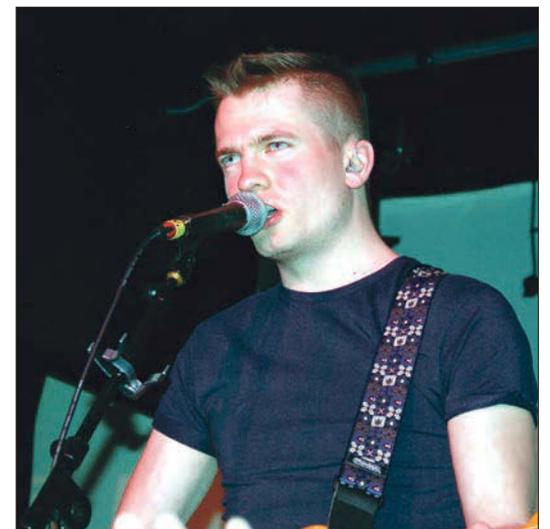
'There was a big crowd of really enthusiastic young folk and teenagers who were joining in with every word.'

'It's particularly great to see

young people singing along to Gaelic songs. I could see they all knew the words.'

Organisers thank everyone who supported the show, Ross and Jim who sorted the sound and Peter and Arthur for their efforts on lights and projections.

Thanks must also go to Tarbert Village Hall for being supportive of all the fundraising efforts, to Kintyre Electrical, Loch Fyne Ales and Garreth, who helped out on the door.



Tide Lines frontman Robert Robertson. 06_a07tidelines08



Claire Greenlees, Kate Cameron, Gavin Semple and Eilidh MacAlister at the end of the gig. 06_a07tidelines18



Ali Turner plays the pipes much to the crowd's delight. 06_a07tidelines15



Ruth Bolwell and Eilidh Cameron from Lochgilphead. 06_a07tidelines04



Vee Sheldrick and Cammy Campbell of Campbeltown funk band Deep Joy wow the crowds before Tide Lines. 06_a07tidelines01



Amanda Jane Grant and David MacPherson from Campbeltown enjoy the atmosphere during Deep Joy's performance. 06_a07tidelines03



Barbara Johnston and Siobhan Dewar from Tarbert. 06_a07tidelines17



Left: Colin Bellamy helps son Zac get a better view of the performance. 06_a07tidelines13

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Port Glasgow put three past Tarbert

Port Glasgow Tarbert FC

3 ing against the wind, they struggled to create chances. On occasions, good play on the wings encouraged some forward momentum for Tarbert, but the final ball kept disappointing.

TARBERT FC travelled to Port Glasgow on Saturday hoping to maintain the momentum from the previous week's win over high-flying Easthall Star.

Wind and rain made for difficult playing conditions but the home side used the wind to their advantage in the first half, causing Tarbert problems.

With Tarbert riding their luck for long spells, chances began building for the home side and they struck the crossbar early in the first half. Port Glasgow took the lead following a stray goal kick from Tarbert's keeper,

allowing the opposition number seven in on goal to slot the ball home. It was a deserved lead with Tarbert struggling to manage the conditions and the wide 3G pitch.

Another piece of sloppy play by Tarbert again allowed Port Glasgow's number seven in on goal to finish. The Port Glasgow midfielder's brace saw the first half finish 2-0.

The away side began the second half much better than the first and soon began causing the Port Glasgow defence problems. Good play created a chance for MacDougall who was unlucky to see his effort diverted off target. A mix-up in the home defence allowed the ball to drop six yards out to Talbot whose shot was tame, allowing the keeper to save. Despite encouraging

play from Tarbert, the home side grabbed a third. Tarbert had been defending well and to concede a third goal was slightly against the run of play. An unfortunate clearance fell to Port Glasgow's winger who slotted home well into the top corner.

Tarbert continued to push for a goal despite the score line but were unable to create too many chances in the Port Glasgow box. The introduction of Andy Guy on the wide right sparked a late flurry of attacks as the home side tired, but it was perhaps too little, too late. Tarbert had little to show for their work and desire on the day as the game finished 3-0 to a well-deserving Port Glasgow.

This week, Tarbert are at home to Duncanrig and will be hoping for a big home support.



Willow, Zoe and Isla enjoy the dry weather.

Sun shines for show jumping

ARGYLL South Pony Club held their points show jumping competition without snow, wind or a drop of rain.

This was deemed quite a feat by organisers, considering the recent Argyll climate.

Morning coaching sessions by Sheila MacCallum concentrated on the technical skills of jumping a course in a flowing rhythm, along with extra advice and practice on how to ride a timed jump-off.

After lunch, it was time to put the new skills into action, with three competitions across the af-

ternoon. All the riders proved they had listened intently, with not one pole knocked down throughout the day, and all times very close.

The dry weather lasted the whole day, ensuring competitors left the arena tired but happy and dry.

Results: Newcomers: 1 Alan Boase, Rhapsody; 2 Willow Ryan, Minstrel; 3 Zoe Prentice, Cowal. Clear round - Isla McShannon, Coley. Discovery: 1 Rosslyn Smith, Fergus; 2 Catt Ryan, Doney. Grand Prix: 1 Josephine Boase, Valerie; 2 Morgan Sinclair, Barney.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday February 12, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 1, 6 and 8. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Clubs lottery draw numbers were 12, 17 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery draw numbers were drawn on Monday February 12. The numbers were 13, 14 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £700.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Sun shines for show jumping

Fine shooting in perfect conditions

ON SUNDAY February 4, Tarbert Gun Club held its February leg of the winter league.

Conditions were perfect for clay pigeon shooting and club members didn't disappoint.

Achnamara's Niall Wilson earned top shot of the day, hitting a maximum on the DTL section. Ally McDonnell had to use his second barrel on the sporting section, depriving him of another maximum.

With only one more shoot to go and four top shots competing for the high gun overall, only four points separated Ally McDonnell, Bob McColl and John Weir. The pressure was mounting heading into the final shoot.

There were new leaders in the team competition as Ally and his team all shot well to win the event and overtake their competitors to take top spot.

Tarbert Gun Club held a raffle to raise money for the Nancy Glen appeal. The club raised £450 and will repeat the raffle in March and May.

Winners: Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell; 2 John Weir; 3 Bob McColl. Class B: 1 Niall Wilson; 2 Archie MacGilp; 3 John Paton. Class C: 1 Matthew Pedan; 2 Steven Sloan; 3 John Cupples, Billy Bergant. Class D: 1 Robert Campbell; 2 Lorne Harvey; 3 Shaun Doy. Class E: 1 Ian McVicar; 2 James Cairney; 3 Jennifer Campbell.

Top team: Ally McDonnell, Niall Wilson, Michael Harvey, Ian Campbell and Jennifer Campbell.

Six-goal Star see off rivals Houston Utd

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RED STAR welcomed Houston United to the Joint Campus 3G pitch on Saturday and saw off their Renfrewshire rivals with an assured display - despite missing key players through injury.

With Aaron Moore and Luke Naisby injured, Connor Crawford played at the back alongside Kyle Selfridge and Andy Weir.

Red Star looked to

get on the front foot early, as they had done in recent weeks, and provided a dominant display for supporters.

Star's passing and movement proved too much for Houston United and after 17 minutes, Innes Meikle broke the deadlock as he met a brilliantly executed cross from Kieran Moore in the box to head in and put Star 1-0 up.

It was 2-0 after just 21 minutes and once again

Kieran Moore was the architect as his cross into the box was met by Ben Forbes who out jumped the Houston keeper to head home.

The third goal came on the half-hour mark after Star engineered a quick free kick which released Innes Meikle who composed himself to dink the ball over the Houston keeper, doubling his tally for the afternoon and putting Star in cruise control.

Red Star went into the break with a comfortable 3-0 lead.

The home side started the second half poorly, however, and some sloppy passing allowed Houston a lifeline as they pulled a goal back just after half-time to make it 3-1. It could have turned into a nervy affair for the league leaders as Houston again threatened but the danger was cleared off the line by Connor Crawford.

Red Star made the most of their earlier let offs and again began to dominate the second half.

Haven broke free of the defence and Lee Maclean showed great composure as he finished into the bottom corner to grab the killer fourth goal.

Kieran Moore, who had dominated the midfield all day, eventually got his deserving goals. Cutting inside from the left wing

and driving forward, he went on to beat the keeper to complete a wonderful solo goal.

The final goal was an excellent team goal as Kieran Moore latched on to a fine lob from the returning Craig Houston before slotting the ball under Houston United's keeper to give Star a deserved 6-1 victory.

This weekend, Red Star travel to Alexandria to take on FC Argyll.

Mid Argyll athletes compete in Glasgow

TWELVE girls from Mid Argyll Athletic Club travelled to the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Sunday to compete in the national under-12s super team competition.

The local club entered three girls' teams in the competition which attracted 52 girls' teams and 46 boys' teams from all over Scotland, including teams from the Isle of Lewis and North and South Uist.

The girls' A-team, consisting of Jemma MacDonald, Eleanor MacDonald, Eleanor Dale, Beth Johnstone and Ruby-Jo Philips, finished 24th overall. With each team mem-bered with winning valuable points for the team, it is clear to see how they secured such success.

Ruby-Jo Philips excelled in the shot putt by throwing 4.92 metres to finish an impressive 21st out of more than 240 competitors. Beth Johnstone also impressed in this event, finish-

ing in 52nd place. Jemma MacDonald recorded 9.9 seconds in the 60 metres which was fastest out of all Mid Argyll girls and Eleanor Dale proved to be a valuable member as she was consistent over all three events.

The girls' B team finished in 43rd place and pushed the A team close in the four x 200 metre relay as they finished less than half a second behind. The B team consisted of Jorja MacDonald, Ruby Dunlop, Maisie Gil-mour and Sophie Bal-keen.

Jorja MacDonald was the top scorer, encouraged by a 2.99 metre long jump, which was the longest jump amongst all of the Mid Argyll girls. Sophie Balkeen impressively finished in the top 50 girls overall for the shot putt, throwing 4.40 metres.

The girls' C team was made up of Erin Naisby, Sara Bakali, Jodie



Left to right: Jemma and Jorja MacDonald and Jodie Allan competed at the competition in Glasgow. 08_a04indoorathletics02

Allan and Louise Pendreigh. Erin Naisby was top scorer after throwing four metres in the shot putt.

Overall, the girls' competition was won by North Ayrshire and Giffnock North came out top in the boys' competition. Another local team, Campbel-

town Running Club, also impressed at the competition securing 27th place, just short of Mid Argyll's A-team.

The national competition was a great experience for competitors and for the parents who got the chance to see their youngsters compete on the big stage.

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