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Producer Silvio Gigante said they decided to bring the release date forward due to the public support.

He said: 'People wanted to have a copy and this was brilliant so we pushed it forward.'

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Bomb disposal team takes Fyne route to Kintyre



All's well that ends well after a long journey to Carradale. 25_c40bomb03_bomb_disposal01

THE PREFERRED route seemed to be the scenic one as bomb disposal experts responded to reports of a device on an Argyll beach.

Social media chatter started when blue flashing lights appeared on a single-track road at the southern end of the Cowal peninsula around 6pm on Sunday February 25.

The bomb disposal unit was heading on the B8000 towards the

hamlet of Millhouse from Kilfinan.

Inquiries to the Ministry of Defence by the *Argyllshire Advertiser* revealed the Northern Diving Group, responsible for bomb disposal in the region, had indeed been out on a call.

The team was responding to a 'pyrotechnic' being found washed up – but on a beach near Carradale in Kintyre. Rather than use the more direct route on the A83

round Loch Fyne, the team travelled from its Faslane base and took the road southwards through Cowal to take the Portavadie ferry to Tarbert.

There were closures planned for the A83 at Strone Point, but this was publicised as starting at 8pm the same evening – with access for emergency vehicles at any time. Puzzled locals were also left wondering why the vehicle was seen on the minor

road from Kilfinan rather than the main road from Tighnabruaich. A spokesman for the MoD confirmed that a ferry journey had been involved, but there was no explanation as to why the team seemed to have taken the scenic route.

The Carradale device turned out to be a corroded maritime flare, which was safely disposed of in a controlled explosion near the scene.

ROAD REPAIRS 3rd and 4th March 2018 (Saturday/Sunday) Mid Argyll Integrated Care Centre

Scheduled roadworks maintenance will affect the main entrance to Mid Argyll Integrated Care Centre on the 3rd and 4th March 2018. The entrance will remain open both days, operating a one-way traffic system. There will be no disruption to public transport or emergency vehicle access. There will be a reduction in available vehicle parking bays over the weekend.

Maintenance has been planned to take place Saturday and Sunday to reduce any impact to services. Qualified traffic management personnel will be directing traffic with "stop and go" signs to ensure minimal disruption and safety of all road users and pedestrians.

It is anticipated that maintenance will begin early Saturday and the duration of disruption is expected to end late Sunday.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to patients and visitors during essential repairs being completed.

Mid Argyll ward closed to new dementia patients

THE SPECIALIST dementia unit at Mid Argyll Hospital has been closed to new admissions.

The temporary measure was taken by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) as a result of staff shortages.

There are currently seven patients being cared for in the

eight-bedded dementia specialist Knapdale ward, and the HSCP has said it has sufficient nursing staff to ensure the delivery of care for those already in the unit.

Kate MacAulay, local area manager for Mid Argyll, said: 'We have been experiencing recruitment problems within this category of nursing staff and have

therefore taken the decision to close the ward to admissions.

'To close a ward to admissions is not something we do lightly, but the safety of our patients is the HSCP's top priority.

'We are currently working closely with clinical colleagues to finalise suitable alternative arrangements for any individuals

who would have been assessed as requiring admission to this ward.

'We are also going through a recruitment campaign to employ more staff and hope we will be in a position to re-open the ward in the near future.

'The HSCP apologises for any inconvenience this may cause to patients, carers and their families.'

Tarbert 'stars' to feature in Outlander programme

TWO TARBERT 'stars' are to appear in a popular television show.

The Wee Dooker and the Ilolair skiffs made their way to Dunure in Ayrshire at 10.30am on Tuesday February 27 to feature in the programme *Outlander*.

The skiffs, looked after by the Ring Net Heritage Trust, will lap up the limelight during filming on Sunday March 4.

Outlander follows the story of Claire Randall, a married combat nurse from 1945, who is swept back in time to 1743 into a world she doesn't know.

She is forced to marry a young Scottish warrior and her heart is torn between two different men in two different lives.

The series is an adaptation of



Ilolair being prepared for her journey to stardom.

Diana Gabaldon's best-selling books and is produced by Ronald D Moore.

Keep an eye out for the Tarbert boats in the next season of *Outlander*, expected to hit screens this autumn.

POLICE FILES

Possession of drugs in Inveraray

TWO MEN, aged 25 and 32, were found to be in possession of cannabis when their car was stopped by police at 10.15pm on Saturday February 24, in Front Street, Inveraray.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive behaviour and vandalism

POLICE arrested a 25-year-old man at 10.30pm on Saturday February 24 on Front Street, Inveraray, for behaving in an abusive manner and damaging a door of the Inveraray Inn.

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MAMAFest on hold

POOR attendances have forced organisers to put Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMAFest) on hold.

The home-grown Mid Argyll music festival has provided a showcase for Argyll musical talent, but declining audiences have forced organisers to pause for thought.

MAMAFest chairwoman Liz Miller said: 'The committee decided we needed time out to think things over. We won't be holding MAMAFest in 2018, but we might look at one-off events.'

Poor attendances force organisers to cancel 2018 event



None the Wiser was just one of the local bands to rock the joint at MAMAFest 2017 – but not in 2018. 06_a36MAMA_NoneWiser01

She continued: 'It's a bit deflating. We worked really hard, but looking at last year, the Saturday was okay and a reasonable number of folk turned up, but Friday and Sunday were really poor.'

'MAMAFest has always been a wee festival. We had hoped it would build up, but it's been increasingly hard to compete with bigger events like Best of the West and others.'

In a letter published on page six of this edition, Liz acknowledged supporters of the festival, writing: 'We

would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, volunteers, musicians, background support and everyone who attended one or more of our festival weekends and other events for their support to date.'

She concluded with an appeal for help: 'We have a cracking wee committee, but we really need more people to come forward and lend a hand. If we get that, you never know.'

If you would like to help, contact Liz Miller on 07788 767359.

Waiting continues for Nancy Glen families

SIX WEEKS after it sank, and a fortnight on from a Scottish Government offer to help raise the Nancy Glen, the families of Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk were this week still waiting on the operation to return their loved ones to begin.

Much of the preparations have been in place for some time, ready for the recovery of the Tarbert fishing vessel, which lies 143 metres deep in Loch Fyne, off Barmore Island. The two fishermen lost in the tragedy are believed to be on the vessel.

Elaine Whyte, of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, which is helping co-ordinate the operation, explained further meetings with specialists were to be held later this week to ensure all necessary procedures were followed.

More information was expected following those meetings.

Progress made on road surface repairs

MANY people have seen a difference to the A83 over the past week, following hundreds of complaints about crumbling road surfaces.

BEAR Scotland, which manages Argyll's trunk roads, has finished repairs along the A83 including the Rest and be Thankful, Dunoon junction, Dunderave, south of Achnagoul and Inverneill.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said: 'Our ongoing

£650,000 programme of urgent surfacing repairs on the A83 is making good progress.

'Overnight resurfacing at Strone Point is under way this week with more than 250 tonnes of road material removed since Sunday night and teams now working on laying the new materials on the A83.

'We're working with Transport Scotland to agree our road maintenance budget for next year so we can roll out our programme of im-

provements. Drainage improvements are considered as part of this normal surfacing programme and will be included within our road maintenance strategy for the next financial year.

Safely

'Our teams are working hard to carry out resurfacing repairs as quickly and safely as possible and to minimise disruption to road users wherever they can.'

Complaints persist, however, about the

state of Lochnell Street, which forms part of the A83 through Lochgilphead.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said this week: 'We have a resurfacing scheme programmed for Lochgilphead in mid March. We will monitor the location and continually screen the area when required, until the resurfacing starts.'

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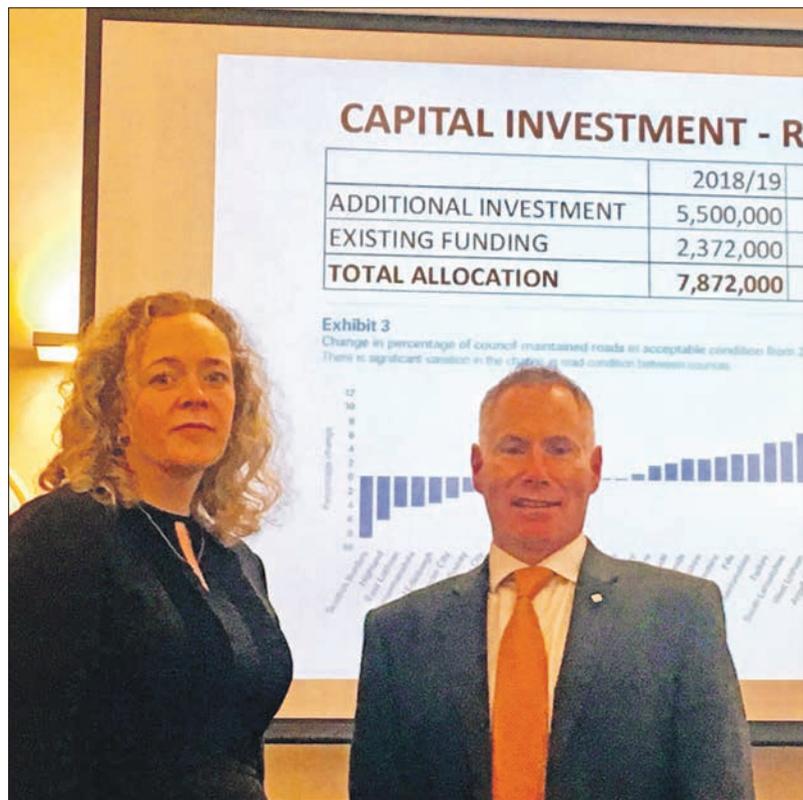


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Cheers and harmony greet Argyll and Bute budget



Council leader Aileen Morton and deputy leader Gary Mulvaney.

TO DESCRIBE it as a love-in might be stretching it a little but the mood in the council chamber stood in stark contrast to more rancorous budget gatherings over the past decade.

Argyll and Bute councillors unanimously agreed the 2018/19 budget on February 22 with barely a question asked – never mind the personal barbs between elected members we have become increasingly used to seeing at Kilmory.

They even cheered as the council leader finished her speech.

No public toilets will close, the road safety

unit will be kept and there will be a £5.5m cash injection for roads this year. Councillors also did not accept a £725,000 cut to health and social care services and instead gave an extra £844,000 to address ‘cost pressures’.

Staff cuts to environmental health and the council’s central education team were also not implemented.

However, the majority of savings options were passed, including a three per cent rise in council tax, losing two school janitor posts, changes to school meal fees, increasing parking charges from £1 to

£1.20 and introducing more parking charges in tourist destinations.

There was a boost for Mid Argyll, as councillors agreed to invest £25,000 in Mid Argyll Community Pool to support development plans.

While the council abandoned plans to close 36 of its 57 public toilets, it would ‘progress sustainable models’ by adding turnstiles and charges, franchising some as kiosks or transferring others as community assets.

In the budget, councillors unanimously agreed to bridge a ‘£5

million funding gap in 2018/19’ and build in ‘protection for vital services against funding cuts in future years’.

Council leader Aileen Morton said that investment in the council’s roads and footpaths network would more than double over the next two years from £6.6m to £14.9m, with an extra £8m added to the roads capital plan. ‘We’re making vital and significant investment in Argyll and Bute in the face of challenge. We want to see Argyll and Bute thrive,’ said Ms Morton.

What our councillors thought

Mid Argyll members

Sandy Taylor: ‘It was good to see the council administration and the SNP opposition had prepared budgets which mirrored each other’s priorities.’

‘This showed they had listened to their communities and provided more resources for the care of the vulnerable, for our deteriorating roads and valued community enterprises, while rejecting plans to close local toilets.’

‘It is clear talks between council group leaders in advance this year played a big role in the preparation of a budget which was unanimously agreed and this is something we should commit to each year.’

Donnie MacMillan: ‘This was a very successful budget for Argyll and Bute. This was due to the hard work of the ruling group on the council.’

‘There will be money for Mid Argyll Community Pool and for the Citizens’ Advice Bureau. The ruling group will not be making the proposed savings for public toilets or for community transport, which is good news for the region.’

Dougie Philand: ‘Argyll and Bute First worked closely with SNP colleagues to help influence the budget that came

before council. I was concerned about the advice bureau being closed with no alternative proposals in place. I was also concerned about the withdrawal of the road safety unit.’

‘The council leader was receptive to dropping these proposals following discussions with myself, Sandy Taylor and her own administration group. I am delighted with the extra funding for the health and social care partnership and also the Mid Argyll swimming pool.’

Kintyre and the Islands members

Anne Horn: ‘The SNP had prepared a competent budget that restricted cuts to roads and amenity and education services, while we rejected savings to community transport organisations, economic development and environmental health.’

‘We had allocated additional monies to the council’s roads network and Argyll and Bute Citizens’ Advice Bureau. We protected valuable community assets and services while making best use of the budget surplus.’

‘Faced with a budget which addressed the same priorities it was decided not to divide the chamber.

‘This is a good budget for our constituents and communities.’

Robin Currie: ‘The final allocation from the Scottish Government was not just as bad as we thought some weeks and months ago, but savings still had to be made.’

‘Our biggest priority as an administration group was to address the state of our roads and I’m delighted we are able to put more than £15m into roads over the next two years.’

‘I’m also pleased we are putting £1.5m more into health and social care to protect the elderly and the vulnerable.’

‘The public also told us we should keep our public toilets open and I’m really glad we have been able to keep them all open.’

Alastair Redman: ‘Keeping our local toilets open is one of my top priorities.’

‘The decision to spend £15 million on roads over the next two years will help. Our roads link every corner of Argyll and Bute and have to be properly maintained.’

‘The increasing elderly population in Argyll will lead to great challenges in funding health and social care which is why I am delighted we agreed to increase social care spending by £1.5 million.’



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Welcomed into their new surroundings by a piper, the pupils gathered in the sports hall where they were greeted by acting head teacher Catherine Cameron.

Historic day

Ms Cameron said: 'Wednesday 21 February is a historic day for Campbeltown Grammar school as we move into our new premises.

'It is also the start of a new era of high expectations in which every-

one associated with the school – parents, teachers and partners – will work together to ensure that our children and young people aspire to achieve the best they can in school and to have success and fulfilment in their lives beyond school.

'Campbeltown Grammar School has a proud tradition of community engagement that has shaped our open, friendly and caring ethos and we, in turn, are well supported by our community and partner agencies who help our young people to be well-rounded individuals who become



Pupils gather in the new school sports hall.

helpful, engaged citizens of their own and other communities.

Ambition

'By bringing the best of what we already are as a school and adding to this our ambition to maximise the

potential of our wonderful new school facility to achieve the highest standards in teaching, learning and attainment, we can make Campbeltown Grammar the excellent school that our young

people and our community deserve.'

The £26m school has three storeys and the capacity to cater for up to 500 pupils. Outside there will also be a music pavilion, a 3G sports pitch and a large

car park on the site of the old building once it is demolished.

Michael Padzinski, chief executive of hub North Scotland said: 'This fantastic and much-needed new school is testament to the effective collaboration and positive working partnership between Argyll and Bute Council, hub North Scotland and our supply chain.

'Hub North Scotland looks forward to the continued partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, and to seeing the benefits that this long-term partnership will deliver.'

David closes in on £1,850 target for Anthony Nolan

A LOCHGILPHEAD dad-of-two who is raising money for the Anthony Nolan Trust has almost reached his target.

David MacInnes, who donated stem cells to a man suffering from leukemia, will run the London marathon next month for the charity.

He has organised a number of fundraisers including kids' discos.

To help David exceed his fundraising target, there are charity boxes in Fyne Tackle, KC Fashions, Lochgilphead Book Shop and the Rumblin' Tum in Ardrishaig. Those interested can also donate to this worthy cause on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-macinnnes.



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BEAR Scotland making progress

THERE are still plenty of spring and tyre-busting stretches on the A83 – not least the disgraceful Lochnell Street.

But credit where it is due: BEAR Scotland has made significant progress over the past week or two on re-surfacing some of the worst sections. Lochnell Street is apparently due to be improved in the next couple of weeks.

BEAR Scotland often gets it in the neck for lack of maintenance.

The buck, though, must stop with Transport Scotland.

Winter weather is no excuse for the roads being in a third world condition.

Ready for green light on boat

THE involvement of public money in the recovery of the *Nancy Glen* seems to be a wee bit of a double-edged sword.

Frustrating as it might be for the people closest to the tragedy, due process seems to take time.

On the plus side, everything seems to be poised ready for the green light.

Meanwhile, let's support the *Nancy Glen* fund by buying the catchy new single – see page one.

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MAMAFest taking time out

Sir,
I am writing on behalf of the MAMAFest (Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival) committee which met recently to discuss the way forward, following the past four years' weekend festivals and mini-MAMA events.

MAMAFest 2017 in particular was a real mixture of highs and lows. The highs in the main were the incredible musical line up and range of styles. The biggest low was the limited number of people who came along to listen to that fabulous music.

We have decided not to go ahead with MAMAFest 2018 and instead to take some time out to:

- consider the future of MAMAFest and how and if it can survive within the context of other festivals and events in the area.

- see if anyone else would like to join the committee to help with and plan future festivals.

- give the current hard-working committee a well-earned break.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, volunteers, musicians, background support and everyone who attended one or more of our festival weekends and other events for their support to date.

Lastly, we would like to thank The Argyllshire Advertiser for its never ending positive publicity and encouragement.

**Liz Miller, chair,
MAMAFest.**

Hard pressed council

Sir,
Conservative councillor Alastair Redman has sunk to a new low.

In his letter in the February 23 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser he complains about lack of investment in our roads. He

has the gall to cite a named Argyll and Bute Council official, whose role is to carry out the Conservative/Independent council policy.

His party has cut public services by £46 billion and given tax breaks to its friends of £20 billion. Does Councillor Redman agree with his party's cuts?

If he does, he should not be surprised that our local council is hard pressed. If he doesn't agree with his Conservative Party's policy he should say so and not blame named individuals who cannot fight back.

**David Roberts,
Ardrishaig.**

Learn ovarian cancer symptoms

Sir,
I used to be one of the four out of five women in the UK who can't name bloating as a major symptom of ovarian cancer.

Then my role model, the wonderful comedian Linda Smith, died from the disease. Now as an ambassador for Target Ovarian Cancer, I am calling for more awareness of the disease during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month this March.

I want everyone to know the four symptoms – it could save lives: persistent bloating; feeling full; tummy pain; needing to wee more.

I'm asking your readers to join us to raise awareness and money to support Target Ovarian Cancer this March. It's time to TAKE OVAR. Together we can make sure every woman knows the symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Join us at your workplace, school or community. 'Bake some noise' with a cake sale or coffee morning, join us on Friday March 9 for The Big Colour Clash by wearing your loudest outfit for a donation, or challenge yourself to tell 50 people about the symptoms and raise £50.

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symptoms leaflets, badges and wristbands. Call 020 7923 5474 or visit targetovariancancer.org.uk/ March

Raise awareness, fund research, and save lives this March.

**Susan Calman,
Target Ovarian
Cancer ambassador**

Best site for Screen Machine

Sir,
I write following the decision by Argyll and Bute Council to push for the Screen Machine mobile cinema to be sited either beside the Winterton or at Inveraray Castle (Argyllshire Advertiser, February 23). This despite a wish by many local people to have it sited more centrally at Fisher Row, near the pier.

I intend to set up a meeting in April between all parties – the council, Screen Machine staff and Inspire Inveraray – on site to determine what are the risks and if we can resolve the problem.

The Fisher Row site is the best, as it has both standard and disabled toilets, but the council loses money if the lorry parks on the parking bays – not in the winter months but in summer, and that seems to be the major sticking point.

The paying toilets, however, have not taken much money for some time due to faulty entrance gates, and that's a bigger loss to this cash-strapped council.

Inspire Inveraray is not yet in a financial position to hire the required toilets, and the other possible sites with toilets do not have disabled facilities.

The Screen Machine would not be as visible to the public as in the Fisher Row car park, but we will be looking closer at these sites if the council still refuses to move on our preferred site.

**Derrick Anstee,
vice chair,
Inspire Inveraray.**

Want to be hunted?

Sir,
We are looking for applicants for Channel 4's series, *Hunted*.

The series will follow a number of volunteers as they try to go off grid and become a fugitive in the UK. We are looking for men and women of all ages to try and evade capture from a team of expert trackers. We are looking for people from a variety of backgrounds and professions who think they have what it takes to disappear in 21st century Britain. They could be going it alone or with friends, family or colleagues.

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The closing date for applications is Monday March 12 and you must be 18+ in order to apply to take part in the series.

If you do put someone online, it would be great if you could let me know or send me the link, so we can share it too.

**Alexandra Rombaut,
casting researcher,
Hunted.**

Falling short on A83

Sir,
I just thought I would add to the growing number of road users experiencing misery at the current state of Argyll's roads.

I struck a series of potholes on the Glasgow-bound A83 on approach to Strone Point, causing my cars alloy wheel to actually crack. The series of potholes on this section of road is extremely dangerous.

There is loose gravel across most of the road, re-

ducing grip and enormous cavities in the carriageway causing drivers to swerve aggressively to avoid damaging their vehicles. I feel that an accident on this section is inevitable.

I contacted BEAR Scotland to report the defects as soon as the incident happened but have received no response and no acknowledgement.

The defects had not been repaired more than 10 days later. As for my car, I have been told the wheel is not safe to repair and I am now left with a bill of £500 for a replacement wheel. In addition, I am left driving to my job as a doctor with a temporary spare wheel until I am able to source a replacement.

I hope my story and photograph contributes to the portfolio of evidence that BEAR Scotland is falling well short of what road tax paying motorists expect from a trunk road maintenance agency.

**Dr Gregg Neagle,
Kilmartin.**



The damage caused to a doctor's car by hitting an A83 pothole.



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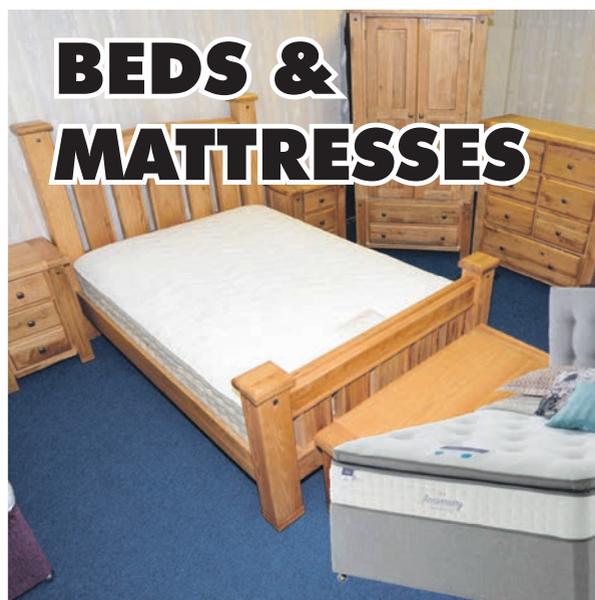
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Youthful hope for Gaelic song in Mid Argyll

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BARELY a week goes by in summer without a music festival jam-packed with bands like Tide Lines, Skipinnish, Skerryvore, Heron Valley, Ho Ro and many more. The talent in these bands is immense, and the music is rooted in Highland culture.

Traditional music has never been more popular across all generations in Mid Argyll – but what of Gaelic language and song?

There is a project led by an enthusiast of the language, Àdhamh Ó Broin, to salvage

Gaelic and West Highland music heard everywhere

the last embers of the Mid Argyll and Cowal dialect which he has called Dalriada Gaelic.

Ceilidh

But not so long ago Gaelic song was heard in towns and villages up and down the region, with adult and junior choirs in a number of places – and accomplished male and female solo singers

ready to do a ‘turn’ at many a village hall ceilidh.

Times have changed and with this our local Gaelic culture has eroded – but beautiful Gaelic harmonies can still be heard thanks to the dedication of a small band of enthusiasts.

Adult Gaelic choirs can still be found in

Tarbert and Islay. In Lochgilphead and Inveraray, however, the focus is on youth.

Inveraray Primary School Choir – or Còisir Òg Inbhir Aora – is ably led by tutor and conductor Josie Campbell. One of the main targets for her young charges each year is to take part in the Royal National Mòd, held in October.

Last year the school took 10 young choristers of the 15 members to the Mòd in Lochaber where they delighted the audience with a strong performance.

‘It would be really great if we could get a few more wee singers, both boys and girls,’ explained Josie.

‘The children really enjoy singing in the choir. It is a good way to give them a sense of achievement while having fun.’

Lochgilphead-based Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata comprises older children of P7 upwards. The choir also travelled to Lochaber in October for the Mòd, finishing an excellent third in the under-19 two-part harmony.



The question was: ‘Do you enjoy singing in the choir?’ 06_a06GaelicChoir07



Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata is put through its paces by conductor Cheryl Naisby, during a visit last year by Gaelic singing star Robert Robertson, seated, far left, of the band Tide Lines. 08_a11gaelicchoir03

The members are coached by Gaelic tutor Christine Johnston and conducted by Cheryl Naisby, a former choir member who last year was in charge at her first Mòd.

New singers

As they look ahead to this year’s events, including Mid Argyll Music Festival later this month and the Royal National Mòd in Dunoon, the two young choirs are keen to recruit new singers – and bolster support

from adults across Mid Argyll. ‘We need the support of people who enjoy Gaelic singing and who might want to help in some way,’ said Josie.

Christine added: ‘We really want to keep Gaelic song alive in Mid Argyll. We would welcome anyone who wants to help.’

She added: ‘The children get so much from the choirs.’

‘Not only is there the pleasure of singing and expressing songs,

but being in a choir can really boost children’s confidence. It’s just such a marvellous thing to be involved in.’

June Graham, chairwoman of the Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata committee, said: ‘We’re looking for enthusiastic young singers to join the choir.’

‘No Gaelic experience is necessary as everything is taught phonetically. Anyone from P7-S6 is welcome.’

Interested?

IF YOU would like to find out more, Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata meets to practice in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Wednesdays between 4.30pm and 6pm.

More information can be obtained from June Graham on 07748 008870 or Christine Johnston on 01546 602024.

To find out more about Inveraray Primary School Choir, call Josie Campbell on 01546 602706.



Visit the Argyllshire Advertiser website for a short video of the Inveraray primary choir rehearsing.



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Josie Campbell rehearses with Inveraray Primary School Choir. 06_a06GaelicChoir04



Fresh ideas for a Springtime wedding

Anyone tying the knot in spring is spoiled for choice when it comes to fresh ideas for their big day.

Just look around you for cool inspiration and get those creative juices flowing.

Take a hint from nature, copycat those colours – subtle shades of whites, greens, pinks and yellows – to celebrate your new life as a married couple.

Starting out is a huge adventure so the wedding itself has to be a perfect beginning for both of you.

Planning is the key to making sure the countdown to the ceremony and after-party runs as smooth as silk.

Families and friends will all offer help and there is no shame in delegation as long as you can keep a close track and no one gets carried away with ideas that might surprise the bride and groom.

If you choose to share out the preparation, make sure everyone is absolutely clear what they need to do and that they stick to your instructions. Let them know how much you appreciate their help and enthusiasm but don't let them forget whose wedding it is.

Keeping a working list or file is something that lots of brides pass on as a top tip to others. Ticking off the boxes is huge-

ly satisfying – even when it's other people who have done the work.

Save-the-date cards are trending right now to make sure you can guarantee the guests you want to be there.

Hen and stag nights are still fashionable but the wise bride and groom know not to party too hard the night – or even the week – before if they both want to look their best.

Looking your best can also start well ahead of the wedding date, so a sensible keep-fit programme, eating healthily and indulging in beauty treats will pay dividends.

Finding the right dress is all about finding the right style to suit your

shape and personality. Grab the opportunity to try different looks, sticking to the sweeping princess gown you have dreamed of since childhood might not be the look for your older-self – that slinky fish-tail might just surprise you and your groom.

Dare to be different in the changing room – not just the style but the colour too. Seek out blushing pinks, peaches and soft vanillas if you want to stray gently away from white.

Shoes need to be comfortable but glamorous unless it's an outdoor wedding where ribboned wellies would be ideal – especially in the case of April showers!

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A happy couple underneath The Boathouse

The Church at Kingairloch

Building for the future

Developing traditional skills training and community engagement has been a key part of CARS by boosting specialist skills for local contractors and professionals as well as introducing school students to the world of building conservation.

Inveraray CARS has hosted a total of 19 events with organisations such as the Scottish Lime Centre, Historic Environment Scotland, Frew Conservation, the Scottish Traditional Skills Training Centre and the Lead Sheet Association.

Pupils from Lochgilphead High School have been introduced to building conservation and stone masonry. Contractors have been able to access training in lead bossing and welding, surveying traditional buildings, building and rendering with lime mortar and using drones for building surveying.

There have also been evening seminars for dealing with damp and promoting energy efficiency as well as the successful Doors Open Days events and contractors' breakfast meetings.

Supporting the community

Inveraray CARS provided grant funding to what was Inveraray Community Company (ICC) – now Inspire Inveraray – for a comprehensive options appraisal for the old community hall.

Saving the old community hall has proven to be a careful balancing act between architectural and historical interests and the needs of a working community hall.

Inveraray CARS provided a grant to ICC in September 2015 to pay for a professional options appraisal. This was carried out by Kenneth Fergusson Chartered Surveyors and Simpson and Brown Architects in 2015-16.

We have supported Inspire Inveraray with community engagement events and council staff continue to provide organisational support and advice. We hope that this will assist Inspire Inveraray with a future project for the rehabilitation of the hall.



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Inveraray CARS final celebration

The changing face of Inveraray was front and centre of a final celebration event for Inveraray CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme) was held recently at the Nicoll Hall.

As well as an exhibition detailing the work and events that had been undertaken as part of CARS since April 2013, local resident Ken MacTaggart gave a fascinating presentation on the history of the town through photos and postcards.

Archivists from the Written in the Landscape project attended, bringing along a rent ledger from Inveraray old town dating back to 1768.

The project aims to use the data within

the ledger to map how many residents made the transition to the new town, and if wealth was a barrier to making that transition.

Local residents were able to drop in throughout the day and, while there, were invited to offer comments on their experiences of Inveraray CARS. These will be collated and included in the final report to Historic Environment Scotland.

Further comments are invited and can be sent by email to Feargal.De_Buiteleir@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to Feargal de Buiteleir, Argyll and Bute Council, Whitegates Offices, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.



Ken MacTaggart with a historical photograph of Inveraray Church.

Share a vision for Inveraray



Inspire Inveraray is inviting local residents to give their views on how they want to see the future of their town at a 'Visioning Day', in the Inveraray and Glenaray Parish Church (the Round Church), on the morning of Saturday March 10.

The great changes made by CARS in Inveraray inspired residents to put together a plan that will link together all their new ideas for improvement into a single document that will add momentum and focus to the local groups.

Already, people have been busy circulating and completing surveys on the

future of their town. The Visioning Day is the next stage of involving people in the process.

Residents of the town are invited to attend, between 10am and 2pm, where there will be colourful maps and lively activities to get everybody's best ideas. All the family is welcome, and there will be an interactive 'kids' table' for smaller residents with coloured chalks and toys. Refreshments are on offer, including soup and sandwiches, over lunch.

For more information please contact: Antonia.baird@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Finishing touches being put to the Town

Inveraray close to c

Inveraray Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) will formally complete on March 31.

This five-year, £2.1m project has seen the refurbishment of five priority buildings – Arkland, Relief Land, Chamberlain's House, the Temperance Hotel and the Town House. It has also funded small repair grant projects covering a further 12 properties across the town.

Inveraray CARS funding package includes £970,059 from Historic Environment Scotland and £350,000 of match funding from Argyll and Bute Council.

What is CARS?

CARS is a jointly-funded grant programme that provides assistance for regenerating historic towns and villages.



A completed Relief Land.



House.

y CARS ompletion

When the community in Inveraray expressed concerns over the deterioration in condition of some important buildings in the town, Argyll and Bute Council commissioned conservation accredited consultants to carry out the necessary initial investigations. The evidence gathered formed the basis for a successful application to Historic Environment Scotland.

CARS was developed for Inveraray to improve the appearance of the town, reinforcing the wonderful townscape qualities and emphasising its important historic character and unique setting. Perhaps more importantly, the repairs works will halt the hidden deterioration of building fabric and lead to healthier, more comfortable homes.



Keeping with tradition

The CARS project is not the first time that Inveraray has undergone a major refurbishment.

The town had a major refurbishment in the late 1950s and early 1960s under the supervision of architect Ian G Lyndsay, when works were carried out in accordance with the best practice of the time.

However, in recent decades we have learned that hard, impervious cement-based renders are not well suited to traditionally-built, solid wall buildings.

In many cases, these renders have cracked, allowing rainwater to enter the building fabric but prevent-

ing it from escaping again. Render tests carried out by Inveraray CARS in April 2015 showed significant levels of trapped moisture.

At the gable of Relief Land, water poured out of the joints between the masonry when a section of render was removed.

At Arkland and Relief Land, cement-based renders were removed entirely and replaced with vapour-permeable lime renders. This breathable material allows the fabric of these buildings to begin to dry out ultimately, leading to drier, warmer properties.

In addition to the technical benefits, the chosen traditional materials are

also more historically and architecturally appropriate.

In other cases, where the condition of existing renders was better, selective patch repairs were carried out instead. The other most common issues encountered were failed or inadequate leadwork, cracked chimney stacks, slipped slates and broken or choked rainwater goods.

Works at Arkland and Relief Land were carried out by specialist contractors Laing Traditional Masonry. Works at Chamberlain's House, the Temperance Hotel and the Town House were carried out by Dunoon firm John Brown (Strone) Ltd.



Testing render at Relief Land.

Primary school walks through history

Inveraray Primary School brought local history to life through a very successful theatre project run in conjunction with the Walking Theatre Company.

Pupils at the school hosted a number of 'history café' events where local residents were invited in and were interviewed about the history of the town. They then produced a film called *Inver Inver Inveraray*, which is available on Youtube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoFPbMpUbEw.

The project culminated in June 2017 with live performances of the walking play *A Town We Made* with 18 children and three professional actors leading their audiences around Inveraray, before returning to the school for an exhibition of their work and a ceilidh.





Event organisers Martin Jeffries and Dougie MacNeill, flanked by Gordon Smith, left, and Alex Rae.

Event scores thousands

BILLED as an evening in the company of Andy Goram, a last-minute cancellation by 'The Goalie' failed to dent the success of the recent sports speakers night.

The evening, hosted on Friday February 16 by the Tarbert Hotel and run by Dougie MacNeill and friends, was in aid of the Nancy Glen appeal.

Mr Goram may not have appeared, but former Rangers players Gordon Smith and Alex

Rae rode into town to take his place – and a great night was enjoyed by the big crowd who had a great time as they sparked off one another. A stunning combined total of £8,500 was raised, with £6,000 alone from an auction of sports memorabilia, including a 2016 Ryder Cup golf pin flag signed by David Love and Darren Clark, signed Rangers tops from various eras and a round of golf at Machrihanish.

Hall sees charity cash soar again

THE SCENE of one of the most remarkable fundraising efforts ever seen in Argyll once again provided the setting for continuing generosity from the people and friends of Tarbert.

The Templar Arts and Leisure Centre was filled to bursting a few weeks back for a coffee afternoon in aid of the Nancy Glen fund – raising £13,000 in just a few hours.

Last Saturday, February 24, people again made their way to the hall for a double-header.

Downstairs a soup and sandwich lunch raised £600 for the fund, with delicious fare on offer, prepared by Tarbert Senior Citizens committee and helpers.

A steady stream of customers enjoyed a warming bowl of soup on a chilly winters day.

The organisers thank everyone who came along, in particular Robert Strang from Carradale for his help with soup kettles and more.

Saturday's event also included a charity raffle upstairs, organised

by Caroline Cowan. It began with the idea of pulling together a special hamper for the raffle, but soon grew thanks to the generosity of local people and organisations.

Prizes included original artworks by Helen

Preston from Tarbert, cash, gardening work, car parts worth £150, hampers and many other prizes.

Combined with the proceeds of a bottle stall, the raffle raised £1,750 for the Nancy Glen fund.



Seven-year-old Emily Toal from Erskine picks out a ticket at the raffle. Emily's mum Hazel (nee Dale), originally from Clachan, was keen to support the fundraiser. 06_a09TarbFundraiser03



Workers at the soup and sandwich lunch – Flora Duffy, Laura Henderson, Barbara Johnston, Laura MacKay and Sheena Ferguson. 06_a09TarbFundraiser01

Nancy Glen fundraising continues across region

FUNDRAISERS across the region continued to raise thousands for the Nancy Glen campaign while the salvage operation to return the boys home to Tarbert continues.

Customers at the Co-op in Rothesay on the

Isle of Bute raised £1,500 for the campaign.

A coffee morning in Inveraray on Saturday February 24 also raised £972, with the community council contributing to push the amount raised to £1,200.

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Tarbert citizens of the year Jane Cowan and Sheila Campbell enjoy the fare at the soup and sandwich lunch. 06_a09TarbFundraiser04



Rothesay Co-op raised money for the Nancy Glen appeal.



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Couple raise a glass for Colonsay success

A COUPLE who produce award-winning gin from their home in Colonsay have just secured their first national supermarket order – with bottles due to appear on shelves this summer.

Fin and Eileen Geekie set up Wild Thyme Spirits Ltd in 2016 and



Fin and Eileen hard at work bottling their quality Colonsay spirit.

since then have sold more than 5,000 bottles, including sending their first export shipment to Canada.

Support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute has helped them grow the business. The couple have recently benefited from specialist marketing advice via the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme, which is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund 2014-20 Structural Funds Programme.

Fin said: 'We're proud of our Colonsay Gin and the response we've had from the

public. When we sold our 5,000th bottle it was a special moment and since then we've expanded more. We exported our first shipment to Canada including an exclusive special commemorative bottling for Canada's finest military regiment, the Lord Strathcona's Horse. We're also in negotiation with importers in Italy and Spain so it is an exciting time for us. We have secured a national supermarket order although we can't say which one until nearer the time.

'Since setting up we've had support from Business Gate-

way, which has been with us every step of the way. The specialist advice we received in marketing and PR has really given us a boost and put us in a great position to go forward.'

The success of Colonsay Gin has led Fin and Eileen to offer a gin lover's retreat experience, making use of the on-site accommodation built during the renovations. The weekend retreat offers visitors and gin enthusiasts a chance to choose from over 200 gins and eat fantastic food whilst taking in the remote and beautiful scenery of the island. For 2018, book-

ings for the retreat are already at 70 per cent as gin lovers seek a unique experience.

Fin added: 'Gin is loved by many people and we wanted to make use of our wonderful surroundings to offer something different. We also wanted to help the island's economy and tourism by bringing people to the island who have not been before.'

'We are very aware of how important business is to the future sustainability of the island and we're keen to start employing people as soon as we can. We are excited about the rest of 2018 and look



A well-earned break for Fin and Eileen.

forward to the Scottish Rural Awards, where we are finalists in the Best Artisan Spirit and Best Start-up Business categories.'

Barbara Halliday, Business Adviser for Business Gateway Argyll and Bute said: 'Wild Thyme Spirits has been steadily growing since bottling its first gin in March 2016 and by accessing our range of services has cemented its position as an exciting and successful drink pro-

ducer in Scotland. By taking advantage of our specialist help, Fin and Eileen have benefited from tailored PR advice aimed at helping them grow their business.'

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DigitalBoost workshops are taking place throughout March in Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Dunoon and Oban. Workshop topics include LinkedIn for Business, Keep Your Business Safe Online, Web and Social Media Analytics, Producing Engaging Online Content and Twitter and Hootsuite.

To find out more or to book visit bgateway.com/digitalboost.

As well as the local workshop programme, one-to-one adviser sessions with digital specialists are also available to eligible businesses that would benefit from extra support on digital topics. Access to one-to-one support is by referral from a Business Gateway adviser.

Local Growth Accelerator Programme

Businesses with growth ambitions are being encouraged to look at the support available from the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme. The programme offers grant funding and specialist advice to help support growth.

The programme is open to mi-

cro, small or medium sized businesses based in Argyll and Bute, aiming to increase their turnover by £50,000 or more within the next three years. Anyone wanting to find out more or to register should visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap

The Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund 2014-20 Structural Funds Programme, with a total programme value of £544,200.

One-to-one business adviser support

Business Gateway locally has a team of experienced business advisers on hand to help. As well as providing individual support on a range of issues from mar-

keting and funding to taking on staff, the advisers can also signpost specialist sources of help with particular issues, including manufacturing, exporting, or tendering.

In 2017, more than 530 business adviser meetings took place, helping both existing businesses and those looking to make the move into self-employment.

Business skills workshops

A wide range of free business skills workshops are available. Business Gateway's workshop programme runs throughout the year offering topics for businesses at all stages of development. Workshops aimed at those about to start or still in the early stages include the start-up workshop which covers planning, market-

ing and finance, as well as workshops on basic bookkeeping, an introduction to social media for business and how to build a business website.

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Last year more than 100 workshops took place in Argyll and Bute, with a combined total of 675 attendees.

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Left to right: the next presbytery clerk Stewart Shaw, Alison Hay, Marilyn Shedden, Rev Dr Roderick Campbell and Rev Catriona Hood.

Inveraray Parish Church gets co-ordinated for parish needs

INVERARAY Parish Church welcomed a large congregation to meet the newly-appointed Church of Scotland hub minister and co-ordinator for north and east Argyll.

Alison Hay, from Furnace,

has taken up the post of co-ordinator and is working with Rev Dr Roderick Campbell as hub minister to ensure all the vacant churches involved are covered for services and pastoral needs.

The service, on Tuesday February 13, was attended by groups from each church and members of presbytery.

It was conducted by Marilyn Shedden, previous moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll.

Safety first for Mid Argyll apprentices

MODERN apprentices Rachael MacIndeor and George Williamson have received certificates after completing training with their employer Argyll Community Housing Association.

Rachael and George, based in the housing and neighbourhood services team in the Mid Argyll office, undertook a day course on routine playground inspections in November. They passed the course – aimed at those responsible for carrying out weekly in-

spections of play parks – and have received their Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) certificates.

George said: 'I found the course really interesting and now that I have my certificate it will allow me to assist the area teams in carrying out the weekly inspections of our play parks.'

Rachael added: 'I also enjoyed the course and I am looking forward to putting what I have learned into practice.'



Rachael and George passed a RoSPA course.



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Children's author to visit Lochgilphead bookshop

A LOCHGILPHEAD bookshop is getting into the spirit of World Book Day as a celebrated children's author comes to town.

The annual event celebrates books, authors, illustrators and, most importantly, reading. The aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of the written word.

Storytelling

The Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead will mark the 21st World Book Day by welcoming Argyll-based children's author Alan Windram – creator of popular characters One Button Benny and Mac and Bob – for an afternoon of storytelling and music.

All children are invited on Saturday March 3, so make sure to get



Alan Windram was a big hit at the shop in 2017 – now he's coming back. 06_a10BookMac01

youngsters of all ages along from 2pm to 3pm to meet Alan for an afternoon of fun. Find out more about the joy of reading at theworldbookday.com website.

Get your boat ready to launch

Fitting out for 2018

ALTHOUGH wintry weather is still upon us, time is marching on for getting boats ready to launch for the summer season.

Many owners want their craft launched for Easter weekend at the end of this month. It may be that work needed has already been completed over the winter but, for many, fitting out is always last-minute, so it's time to prioritise jobs and get down to work.

As a first step, it's always useful to find out from the yard when they want to launch your boat, so you know what deadline there is to work to.

If you need any work carried out by the boat professionals, get in touch as soon as possi-

ble to book a slot since this is their busiest time of year.

Set your workload list down alongside tools and materials required. Add an array of rags, silicone and grease, petroleum jelly, lubricating and penetrating oils, cleaning products, brushes, wet and dry sandpaper, rollers and tray, degreaser, rolls of tape, engine spares and treatments for your water and fuel tanks.

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Hull and topsides

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However if it has built up over the years in thickness, then this is an important job since it reduces efficiency of boat movement in the water.

A variety of scrapers are available but care needs to be taken not to damage the hull, whether this is gel coat or wood or other. A smooth surface will pay dividends for re-application and help keep fouling at bay for the season.

This is a good time to inspect the keel and keelboats for signs of rusting or pitting and wear at the keel to hull joint that may

be more evident after winter layup.

If anything looks suspect, ask the experts for the best course of action. Deep pitting on the keel may indicate anode problems and will need taken back to bare metal and an epoxy protective coating applied before anti-fouling.

Check the rudder, skeg fittings as well as the propeller and look for any play in bearings, stock or quadrant. Make sure the bonding wires from the anode are sound and replace the anode as required. Grease the shaft, steering cables and the log's paddle wheel where fitted. A wide range of anti-fouling products is available on the

market from powerboat finishes to racing and cruising coatings. Choice will depend on boat type, use and where it is kept. Your local chandler or boatyard will advise on what suits best. Follow instructions for application with a stronger build-up in high impact areas – the leading edge of the keel and skeg and the keel to hull joint.

A long-handled radiator roller can be a good option to give an even finish with a paint brush to reach more inaccessible points. Some antifouling requires only one application; others need a few depending on longevity required. If stored on a cradle or stocks,

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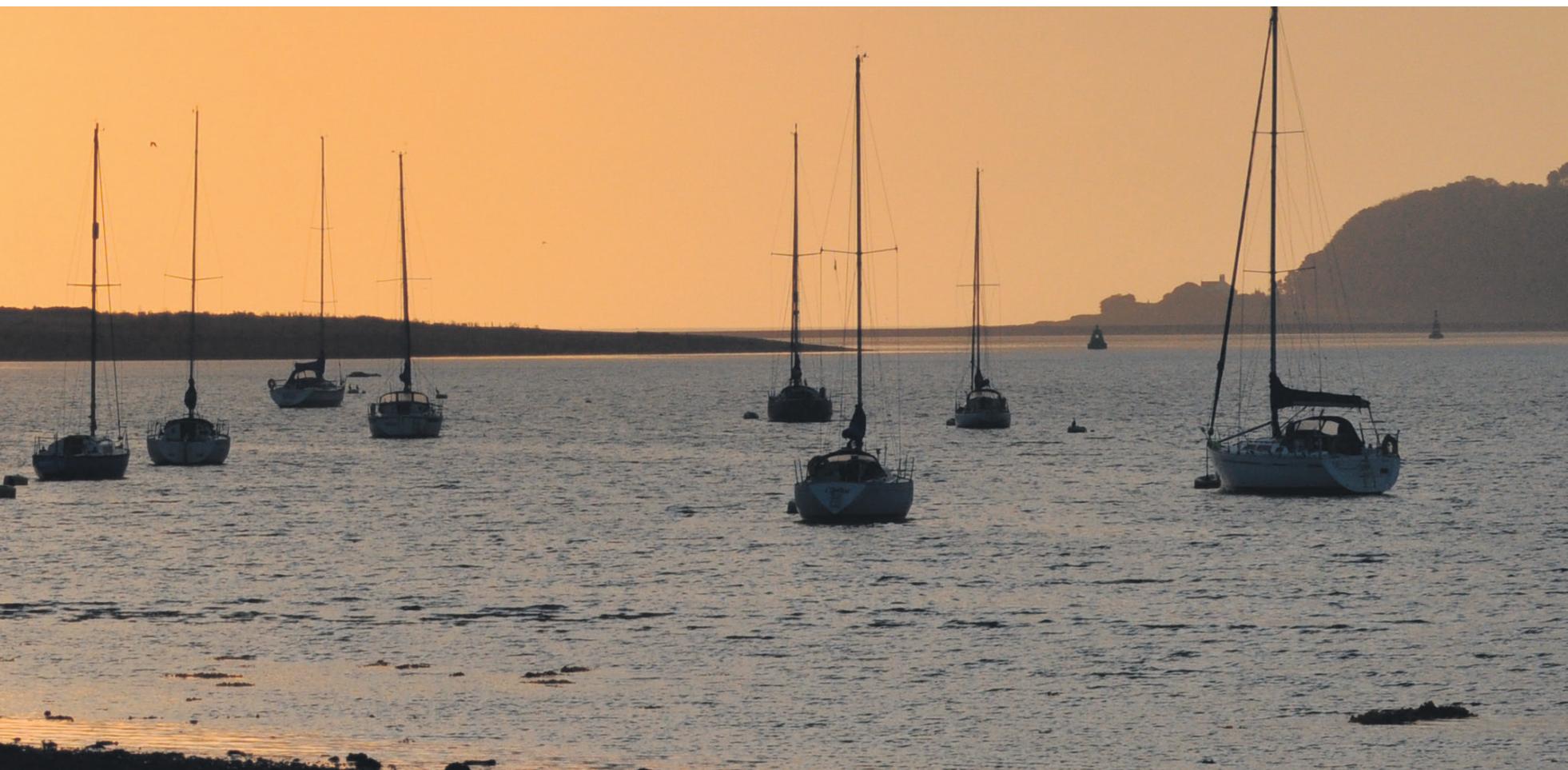
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leave some antifouling for painting the underside of the keel and cradle support points before the boat is launched while in the hoist. Topsides and deck will require a thorough clean up after lying for a winter. This is always made easier if a polish was applied on layup. Repair any problem area such as chips or crazing in the gelcoat as required. Where gelcoat is older it may need hard work to get the original finish back. Then apply a protective wax and polish well to keep the boat looking pristine throughout the season. There is an extensive range of products is on offer for all requirements. Ask at the chandlery for advice.

Engines, fuel tanks and gas systems

Both inboards and outboards need serviced and this is most often done by a professional whether by your boatyard or an independent engineer. If undertaking on your own oil, filters and anodes should be renewed and exhaust fitments checked. Impellers and engine belt tension and mounts should also be inspected as well as the underside of the shaft – re-bed if any leaks are apparent. Keep spares of everything you think you may need on the boat during the season. With sail-

drives the oil level and gaiter seal need checked as well as the earthing wires from the starter motor. Replace if there is any wear on hose and electrical connections. Before launching all batteries need to be up to charge and holding. If they have not been on trickle charge over lay-up, re-charge now and monitor electrolyte levels if unsealed. Ensure the battery tray is dry and tighten securing straps making sure all gas vents are clear. Clean terminals and coat with petroleum jelly. Fuel tanks should be full from laying up. If not, drain water off and treat with a diesel biocide. Inspect the

gas system regularly and thoroughly. A qualified gas engineer will ensure the system conforms to current gas regulations and any suspect hoses and fittings should be replaced to manufacturer's recommendations.

Bilges

Inspect bilge pump impellers and gaskets, grease and replace if necessary. With automatic bilge pumps, see float switches work and the strum box is clear. Manual strum boxes should be pumped through to see hose is clear of blockages. Seacocks need serviced.



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Deck gear, rigging and anchors

Dirt will have built up over the winter on deck and will need a good scrubbing with perhaps an anti-mould treatment. Deck gear needs checking for wear and tear.

Check the stanchion bases for any cracks and any corrosion in lifelines, particularly under plastic sheathing. Replace if suspect. Inspect rigging for broken strands and any cracking at terminals and renew if necessary. If rigging is dangerous boat insurance could be invalid. Your local sail rigging firm specialist will carry out a rig inspection for you if you are in any doubt.

Instrumentation and furling equipment at the masthead should be checked in case work is required before the mast is stepped.

Overhaul winches and strip down any that are seized – soak components in degreaser and re-grease. If warps and sheets were removed for winter then this is the time to check over, renew and replace as required.

Similarly, look for corrosion on anchors and chain. Clean manual windlasses, check for wear and grease. Remove the gypsy in powered versions, grease the drum, look at the foot switch for wear, clean and grease electrical connections.

All wood on deck, teak slats etc should be oiled or varnished and paintwork touched up and stainless polished. This is an ideal time for maintenance of spray hoods and other cockpit coverings.

Interior

The cabin will need a good clean up if not already attended to over the winter. Most owners have a dehumidifier and heater installed to keep mould at bay so this will help greatly in the fitting out preparation.

Clean all the lockers before replacing everything and remember to display a list of where everything is in the boat. Clean the galley and check burners on gas cookers. Look over berth cushions and other soft furnishings checking for any damp if they have not been taken off for the winter for storage. Re-install for the season ahead and keep everything well aired.

Water tanks and heads

Any water in the water tank should be pumped through and a purifier added before re-filling for use. Flush through the heads adding washing up liquid/vinegar to lubricate the hoses and pumps. Check the boat's central heating system if there is one. Re-install any communication, navigation and other equipment that was removed for winter storage.

Safety equipment

The best time to go over safety equipment is at the end of the season which allows time to store properly and replace items if there are any issues. However, if this hasn't been done, it's essential now to see all equipment is in good condition since lives may depend on it. Fire extinguishers, flares, life-rafts, life-jackets and rubber dinghies should be inspected with items needing replaced or repaired if in any doubt as to condition. Invert MOB lights to see they work and change bulb and batteries if not. Some WD40 on the copper contact strip inside should ensure good connection. Silicone grease rubber seals. The RNLI will carry out a free safety check on your boat equipment and lifeboat stations will check your life-jackets – this is really worthwhile. Make an inventory of where safety equipment is stored and display prominently in boat – items can then be found quickly and easily in an emergency.

Sails and sprayhoods

Sailmakers are on hand for advice and, since sails are the powerhouse of the sailing vessel, it's important they are in good condition. If this hasn't already been done, get your sails checked over and repair or replace as required. Similarly, sprayhoods and other outdoor canvas should be checked for wear. If new sails are needed, order as soon as possible, since this is the busy time for sail lofts.

Expert advice

Professional advice is on hand from boatyards, engineers, marine service and repair firms as well as chandlers and sail-makers. Each has their own area of expertise and don't hesitate to contact them for advice and to carry out work as required. Whatever your plans are for getting out on the water – whether it be cruising, racing, fishing or just pottering about with your boat, enjoy a safe and successful 2018 season!



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The Scottish Inter District Nursery Final has been switched from Kintyre to Ayr.

Sheepdog trials move to Ayrshire

THE final of a national sheepdog trial competition will no longer be held in Kintyre.

The Scottish Inter District Nursery Final, which was due to take place at Clochkeil tomorrow (Saturday March 3), will now be held at Bargenoch Farm,

Coylton, Ayr, courtesy of Kenny Donald.

A spokesperson for Kintyre Sheepdog Trial Association, which was due to host the event alongside Arran Sheepdog Trial Association, cited 'unforeseen circumstances' as the reason for the change of venue.

Police issue warning on sheep worrying

POLICE Scotland has urged owners to keep their dogs on a lead and away from sheep in a nationwide appeal against worrying.

The appeal comes following a sheep worrying incident in Strachur last month, which resulted in an individual being charged and

a dog control notice being issued.

The campaign has been launched by Police Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, NFU Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates, the National Association (Scotland) and the Kennel Club to raise awareness among dog owners of the effects sheep worrying can have on livestock.

The campaign will run until the end of May, and highlights that owners must act responsibly and keep their dogs under control when walking in the countryside.

The message is particularly important at this time of year when sheep farms are busy preparing for the arrival of lambs. Pregnant ewes and newborn lambs are particularly vulnerable to dog attacks or being chased, and this can lead to significant injury with sheep often being killed or destroyed.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol from Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Police said: 'I urge all owners to keep dogs on a lead and well away from sheep.

'Even when dogs are on a lead and in the same field as sheep, livestock can be startled and this can be a major issue considering ewes are pregnant at this time of year.'

Police Scotland are also enforcing the existing legislation to ensure all reported cases of sheep worrying are investigated and offenders reported to the procurator fiscal.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, the owner and the person in charge of a dog can be charged with an offence and, if convicted, be fined up to £1,000 and made to

pay a compensation order. The local authority can also apply for an order to have the dog destroyed.

Gemma Cooper, policy manager at NFU Scotland, said: 'NFUS welcomes this campaign and urges the public to ensure that when accessing fields with livestock, they ensure dogs are under proper control. They should not go into fields with very young lambs.'

Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.



Fergus Ewing.

Land released to attract new farmers

MORE than 1,000 hectares of public land is to be made available to new farmers to attract people to farming.

Forestry Enterprise Scotland, Scottish Water, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Highland Council will all release land across Scotland this spring for around 50 new farmers. Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'One of the

primary barriers to attracting new entrants to farming is the availability of land. That is why I am pleased to announce public bodies will release more than 1,000 hectares of land this spring.

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Two sessions were held, with younger P1 to P6 children coming along to Inveraray Parish Church hall from 6.30pm, followed by

P7 to S6 youngsters from 8pm until 9pm.

The children got stuck into art and craft activities in puppet making and finger painting. There were board games, pool and football tables, jigsaws and even an Xbox.

Most importantly, to keep up energy levels, there was also a tuck shop.

Margaret Renton, of Inveraray Youth Project, said: 'The two sessions had a really healthy attendance. We welcome any ideas from children and adults alike.

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An application had been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Mr J S and Mrs L D Adam and Son for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Garraron Hydro Scheme, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Construction and/or operation of impounding works 1m in height	Allt a Chait	NM 8195 0957
Abstraction of 8161 m3 per day of water	Allt a Chait	NM 8195 0957
Return of abstracted water approximately 500m away from abstraction point	Garraron Hydro Scheme Reservoir	NM 8158 0941
Construction and/or operation of impounding works 8m in height	Unnamed watercourse at Garraron Farm	NM 8135 0949
Abstraction of 4606 m3 per day of water	Unnamed watercourse at Garraron Farm	NM 8135 0949
Return of abstracted water approximately 1km away from abstraction point	Unnamed watercourse at Garraron Farm	NM 8051 0893

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have a significant adverse impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilphead Office, Kilbrandon House, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX, by telephoning 01546 602876. Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: <http://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/consultations/advertised-applications-under-car/>

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Before determining the application, SEPA will:

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- consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
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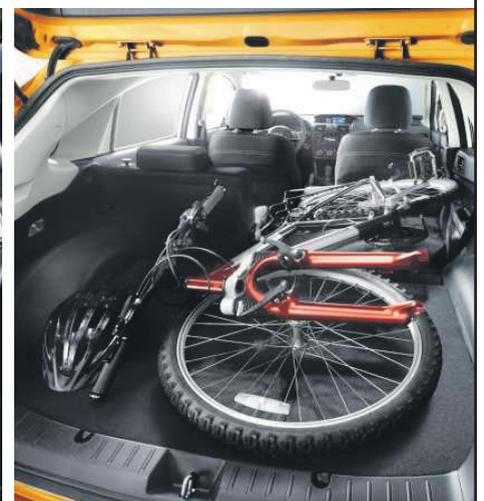
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MARCH SET TO BE RECORD MONTH FOR MOTS



● Half a million cars need first MOT in March ● These cars have travelled 4.9 billion miles ● One fifth of 3 to 13 year old cars could need test this month

NEW analysis released today by Kwik Fit, the UK's largest MOT tester, reveals that this coming month is set to break MOT records. March 2018 will see the largest number of MOTs carried out in any single month since the introduction of twice-yearly registrations in 1999.

This peak comes because the new month sees cars which were newly registered in March 2015 requiring their first MOT. 492,774 new cars were registered three years ago, the largest monthly figure since August 1998 (the last year before the switch from one to two new registration plates per annum). As a result, this month will see the biggest monthly increase in three year old cars in almost two decades.

It is not only the growth in three year old cars which is going to cause increased demand for MOT appointments this month. Kwik Fit's analysis of 22.3 million new car registrations over the last 13 years reveals that almost one in five (18.9%) cars were registered in March. This is more than double the number which would have been the case if registrations were spread evenly across the year and results in even greater demand for MOT appointments at this time of year.

The huge increase in the number of new cars being bought on personal contract plans (PCP) over recent years will have a significant impact on the ownership of those three year old cars. The majority of PCPs last for three years, with many drivers switching to another new car at the end of the agreement. When combined with the cars that were bought as fleet vehicles and so will also be sold on by the fleet companies, Kwik Fit analysts suggest that at least 389,000 three years old cars will be coming on to the used car market over the coming weeks.

Kwik Fit advises those looking to buy a car of this age to have a clear checklist. While the quality of modern car manufacturing is such that the core structure of a three year old vehicle is unlikely to be compromised, the wearable components are a different matter. These cars will have collectively travelled over 4.9 billion miles, an average of 29,943 miles, by their first MOT. With the typical life expectancy of a tyre currently around 17,000 miles, depending on driving style and conditions, many three year old cars will be close to needing their third set of tyres, something those in the market for this age of car should be aware of.

Roger Griggs, communications director at Kwik Fit, says: "March is always a peak month for MOTs, but this year it will be busier than ever as the record breaking new car sales of 2015 feed through. Our research has shown that many drivers tend to leave their MOT to the last minute but this can be a particular problem in March when all testing centres get very busy.

"Some owners don't realise that they can have their car tested up to a month before their MOT expires and still keep the same anniversary, which helps to avoid a last minute panic. While thinking about the MOT it's also worth remembering that maintenance is not just an annual activity – we should all be checking our cars regularly throughout the year."

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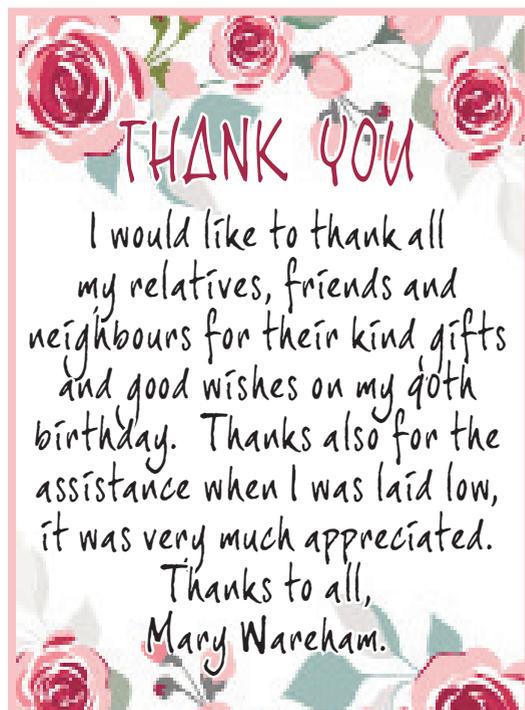
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HELENSBURGH

TSI conference in Helensburgh

ARGYLL and Bute Council will be working alongside the Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI), Volunteer Scotland and the Improvement Service to host the Turning Volunteer Participation Upside Down conference. Held in the Victoria Halls in Helensburgh on Friday March 16, the conference will be part of the Improvement Service's leading practice conference programme. For more information contact Helensburgh TSI on 01436 671613.

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New tent for Rhu cubs

CUBS FROM 1st Rhu Pack were recently presented with a £200 donation from Waitrose's Community Matters scheme. The money will go towards purchasing a new tent for the group, with leaders thanking Waitrose for their generosity.

DUNOON



Police officers, staff and partners from across Argyll were commended for their work throughout the year by Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren. Among them were a number of Lochgilphead officers.

COLL

Stargazing weekend to be held on Coll

THERE will be a stargazing weekend break on the Isle of Coll on March 10 and 11. The break has been designed to be open to a wide range of people, and costs £90 for adults and £75 for young people. The event is a collaboration between Coll Bunkhouse and Cosmos Planetarium, using technology to deliver a modern stargazing experience. **Knowledge** No previous knowledge of astronomy is needed and all are welcome. For more information and bookings, contact Coll Bunkhouse on 01879 230217.

TARBERT

Nancy Glen fundraising event on Sunday

ORGANISERS from a Tarbert Academy fundraiser have appealed for a range of outdoor games. The fundraising event for the Nancy Glen takes place on Sunday March 4, and will include a number of sporting activities. If you have something the school could borrow, contact Tarbert Academy on 01880 820269.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I think music must be one of the most evocative ways of tapping into our memories. Certain pieces of music can transport us to a time and place of years gone by and we can instantly feel a part of our past become a transient moment of our present. Being of a certain age, it is the music of the sixties that takes me back to very happy teenage years and I find that I can sing along with all the words. Memories flood back and, with nostalgia, I wonder where all these decades have gone with so much in between. One of my favourite TV programmes is *Call The Midwife*. The music of my younger days permeates throughout it and, as a Glasgow youngster, I can relate to so much about the way of life at that time. *Midwife* has everything – humour, pathos, tenderness, sadness, compassion and so much more. There are moments that touch the heart as the lives of the characters intertwine. One such moment was when Fred, who is the odd-job man at the midwives' house, sat with Sister Monica Joan, who was terrified at the prospect of her cataract operation. Sister Monica Joan can become very confused and distressed, and this lovely, gentle man got through to her in a way that no-one else could. His love was stronger than medical advice, and his patience and tenderness gave her the strength she needed to face her demons. Fred had no training in how to deal with such situations, no online courses, no experts to teach him. He just dug deep in his heart and found the love God had put there – and he shared it.

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(Proverbs 23:12).

MARRIAGES



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At Ingleston Country Club on Friday, February 16, 2018, Carol, only daughter of Lamont and Margaret, Kilkenzie, to Stephen, younger son of John and Moira, High Street. A lovely day was had by all, from start to finish.

DEATHS

GOODWINS

Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on February 20, 2018, Rosanne, formerly of Bellochany SWRI and Campbeltown, much loved partner of Liam Millar and mother of Richard. Funeral details from D Moodie, Barrhead, 0141 881 1414.

JOHNSTON - John Menzies (Ian), ship's captain (retired), formerly of Danna, Tayvallich, passed peacefully, in his 90th year, on February 19, 2018 in Queensland, Australia surrounded by family. Beloved husband of Nanette, much loved father of Yvonne and Lorraine, proud papa of Alasdair, Iona, Esther and Danna, loving brother of Archie and Eileen, and uncle to Dawn and Finlay. Will be sadly missed.

MCSPORRAN - Margaret McSporrnan, née McLean, formerly of Park Square, passed away peacefully, at home, on February 26, 2018, with her son and great grandchildren by her side, wife of the late Peter Downie McSporrnan. Funeral will be held at Maryhill Crematorium, Glasgow, on March 6 at 2.30pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BARR - The family of the late Mary Barr would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Campbeltown Hospital and ambulance staff for their care and attention, to the Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for funeral arrangements and to the Argyll Hotel

for an excellent purvey. A retreatal collection for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital raised £970.05.

FERGUSON - The family of the late Janet Ferguson would like to thank everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy received. They would also like to express their sincere appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours who have been so supportive over the last two years, especially all the carers who allowed Janet to remain happily in her own home. Thanks to the staff at Castle View Care Home and Kintyre Nursing Home for excellent care. Special thanks to the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention. Grateful thanks to Rev Steve Fulcher for a comforting and fitting service, to David McEwan for the lovely music, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professionalism and to Muneroy Tearoom for excellent purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended church and graveside to pay their respects.

LAVERY - Kenneth, Stuart and Catrina would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support following the death of their mother, Catherine. We thank the staff and doctors in both Campbeltown and Glasgow hospitals for the good care they took of her. The excellent care and support from Carr Gomm enabled Mum to return home for the last three months of her life. Thanks to Kenneth Blair for his professional services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea, to the Reverend William Crossan for delivering such an eloquent eulogy, and especially to the church organist, Katrina MacDonald, who did her "aunty" proud.

WESTCOTT - The family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy after the sad loss of John, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Many thanks to Rev Wood for a comforting service and the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. Special thanks to Jennifer, Alison and Jen, Homecarers, Southend Medical Practice and Campbeltown Hospital staff for care and support over the last few years. Thank you to T A Blair for assistance and professional service. All very much appreciated.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH **4th March 2018** **Morning Worship** Ford 10am Rev. C Acklam All welcome **Thursday 8th March** Messy Church - 4pm - 6pm Living Stones, Kilmartin SC0 02121

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Argyll teams gear up for the new shinty season

By Emily Jamison

WITH the new shinty season kicking off on Saturday March 3, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* spoke to club representatives about their hopes for the season, and the players worth keeping an eye on.

Kilmory Camanachd Club

Lochgilphead-based Kilmory recently won a friendly pre-season game after triumphing over Strathspey 5-2.

What are the club's specific goals for this season?

The main goal of this season would be to keep our position in the South League Division 1, to avoid relegation and to get a reasonable position within the league table. We hope to consolidate on the good work we've made in the past couple of years. We've lost a few players so our main goal would be to remain in the division.

Which players do you think would be the ones to watch?

We've got some exciting new young players coming through. Andrew Innes and Aaron Robertson are both young boys, and this will be their first year in the first team, so they are worth watching. We've also got a lot of experienced players in the team such as David McAlister, Duncan MacBrayne and Bruce Johnston, and I think if they can all compete to their best, then we should stay in the South Division 1.



Duncan MacBrayne and Sandy Leiper during Kilmory pre-season training. 06_a09kilmoryshinty

Bute Shinty Club

What are the club's specific goals for this season?

Our goal this season is to build on last season's results and continue to introduce young players into our senior teams. Most of the first-team squad will be under 20 years of age. We would like to be back in the National League for season 2020 with a side capable of competing and remaining in that division.

What would constitute success this season?

We would consider it to be a successful 2018 season if our first team finished in the top three of South Division 1 and our second team mid table in Division 2, with both teams having good cup runs.

Which players do you think would be the ones to watch?

We do not like to pick out individual players, but two of our younger members are worthy of mention. Andrew McLachlan broke through into the first team last season, even though he only turned 15 in December 2017. Also the very promising 14-year-old Marcus Plank, who will be a regular in our second team.

We look forward to the season with new management in place for both senior teams with John MacCallum and Iain McDonald running the first team and James Craig taking over second team duties.



Kyles Athletic Shinty Club.

Kyles Athletic Shinty Club

What are the club's specific goals for this season?

Both teams are eagerly awaiting the start of the season. James, ably assisted by Kenny, is always looking to push the first team on to greater things. The demands on a tight first-team squad are huge but this season will be no different to those of the past in that we'll take every game as it comes and always look to improve.

The second team face a similar challenge squad-wise as the senior team. A small squad will test new coach Fraser Williamson to the full. Fraser takes over this year after Peter Mobeck stepped down. With a good mix of youth and experience, Fraser will hope to push them on to greater things.

What would constitute success this season?

We have no set goals for the season. If we improve on last season, the coming campaign will be considered a success. The Kyles committee will do their best to support all the coaches on and off the field.

Strachur Shinty Club

What are the club's specific goals?

The Strachur team had a good season last year after a one-year break from senior shinty. Coming back into South Division 2, the Currachs came a close second to Inveraray in the league and hope to go one better this year. We also reached the final of the Bullough Cup, losing out to an experienced Inveraray side.

What would constitute success this season?

The player pool has been strengthened with a few new and returning players. With plenty of hard work from the team, the club hopes to secure league promotion.

Which players do you think would be the ones to watch?

It's really a team effort. Ollie Adrian was the 2017 league player of the year and is a great prospect but this counts for nothing without a strong team led by manager Ross MacDonald. Looking to the future, we have some promising youngsters coming through, largely due to the work of youth coach Ally Mirrlees.



Strachur Shinty Club.

Inveraray Shinty Club

What are the club's specific goals?

Inveraray's aim, as always, is to be successful on the pitch in the coming season. While our primary aim for the first team is to regain Premiership status, we appreciate this may be hard with such a young squad. We will also be aiming to achieve a cup win this year realising that the Balliemore Cup may be the most likely in this category.

What would constitute success this season?

We would hope that our second team continues to improve and bring along the younger players – that is our main focus. If we can do this by staying in the SD1, then all the better, but our focus is to prepare youngsters for the first team and whatever success that brings all the better.

Which players do you think would be the ones to watch?

We have a number of players to watch out for but wouldn't like to single them out. The important thing for us is how the teams grow together throughout the season. We genuinely feel that if we keep the boys playing together, with so many years in front of them we have a fantastic future in front of us.



Inveraray Shinty Club.

Col Glen Shinty Club

What are the club's specific goals?

Our main goal for the coming season is finish above our previous season's league position and hopefully finish at the top end of the table. Our league position last season really wasn't a good reflection of our how well we performed throughout the campaign and we want to show the rest of the league what we're about with big performances every Saturday.

What would constitute success this season?

An achievable minimum for success this year would be a top five finish in the league. And obviously everyone wants silverware, so a good run in either of the cups would be a target for us also.

Which players do you think would be the ones to watch?

We are fortunate enough to have an excellent pool of very talented young players who are developing rapidly in their shinty ability, so all the U17 lads will be ones to watch. We would peg young Finan Kennedy as a possible young player of the season candidate.



Dookers denied in more away day blues

SAFL Premier Two

Paisley	3
Tarbert	0

TARBERT travelled to play Paisley looking to end their 'away-day'



Jason MacArthur was sent off. 20_c31friendly07

hoodoo in the league which has seen them lose every game so far this season.

Last Saturday's match began as it set to continue with Tarbert arriving promptly before 1pm, in preparation for the usual 2pm kick off, only to find out that the match was in fact at 3pm.

The tie itself began at a frenetic pace with neither team settling into any kind of rhythm in the early stages.

Dookers had a few passing moves down the left side and created a couple of openings only for the final ball to let them down.

Hesitation in the Tarbert defence midway through the first half led to the opening goal as the Paisley midfielder was al-

lowed to swerve his way through into the box and slot home into the bottom corner.

Fair to say that the home side were coping better with the surface as Dookers struggled to get a passing rhythm going. They were limited to a couple of long-range efforts from Smith and MacDougall in the first half.

Paisley hit the woodwork late in the first half as Tarbert battled to stay in the match.

The second half had a similar feel to it although Tarbert had better possession than the first and created clearer cut chances.

The best of these came as a cross into the Paisley box caused chaos and the ball was cleared off the goal line three times.

The first of these appeared to strike a Paisley arm and the third looked to have crossed the line. The referee waved the appeals away and the score remained 1-0.

This proved pivotal as Paisley soon made it 2-0 following a slick move. Tarbert didn't let their heads go down, pushed to get back into the game and nearly did so as an Allan Blair corner was met by Fraser Talbot but his header was well saved by the home keeper.

The sucker punch hit again as Paisley swept forward and what looked like a cross evaded everyone and drifted into the Tarbert net.

The only action of note, for the last 10



Allan Blair in action earlier in the season.

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minutes, was a sending off for Jason MacArthur two minutes after his introduction to the game.

The referee decided to show two yellow cards for 'dissent'

and ordered the player off the park without actually showing a red card. Full time 3-0.

This week Tarbert are at home to Busby who sit above them in the table.

Scottish Amateur FL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints 3, East Kilbride 0; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two – Lochgilphead Red Star 4, Carlton YM 0; Paisley 3, Tarbert 0.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 6th round – Oban Saints v Yoker United; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round – Campbeltown Pupils v Rosehill Star; Premier Division Two – Port Glasgow OBU v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert v Busby.

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Ben Forbes shields the ball from a Carlton midfielder. 06_a09RedStar01



The Carlton defence struggles against Kieran Moore's pace as he gets a cross in. 06_a09RedStar08

Red Star labour to home win

SAFL Premier Two
Lochgilhead Red Star 4
Carlton YM 0

RED STAR welcomed Carlton YM to the joint campus 3G on Saturday February 24 and, despite not being at their best, eventually ran out comfortable winners.

Carlton came with a game plan to defend deep and frustrate the home side and for long spells of the first half they succeeded, with

Star guilty of forcing the play instead of using their patient passing game.

The opening goal arrived five minutes before half-time as Rab Docherty found space down the right channel before squaring the ball to Neil Russell who beat the keeper from close range. The home side were one goal up as the first half came to a close.

Red Star came out with a flea in their ear

from their management, who were looking for an increase in tempo, which soon brought about the second goal five minutes into the second half.

The goal arrived as midfielder Lee MacLean found Kieran Moore with a through ball and the striker slotted the ball past the Carlton keeper to double the home side's lead to 2-0.

Fraser McFarlane was substituted onto

the right wing and soon came close when his effort from 20 yards came crashing back off the bar, before getting himself on the score sheet with a powerful close-range shot to increase Star's lead.

The day's scoring was completed late on by Gregor Peacock, who got a goal which his play in recent weeks deserved.

The forward guided his shot into the bottom corner from out-

side the area, giving the Carlton keeper, who had played well, no chance.

Star will be pleased to have kept a clean sheet and to have secured all three points to maintain their position at the top of the league.

This Saturday, Red Star have a tricky away game at Port Glasgow OBU. Star will be looking to improve on their previous meeting in January when they drew 1-1.



All the P7 teams who competed at the recent indoor tournament.



Young Mid Argyll players to feature in national finals

KILMORY/Dunadd Shinty Club's primary seven team will represent Mid Argyll in the national indoor finals on Saturday March 3 at the Nevis Centre, Fort William.

The P7s came through after a convincing win in a play-off with Inveraray earlier this month at Mid Argyll Sports Centre. Inveraray had more

success in the primary five section and they will be representing Mid Argyll in this category in Fort William.

In other action, the final winter round of the Oban area coaching committee competition was held at Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Saturday February 24. Teams from Dunadd, Oban schools Rockfield and Park, Taynuilt

and Inveraray took part in primary age categories. Find out more about junior shinty at the Kilmory and Dunadd Junior Camanachd Facebook page.

The P7 team from Kilmory/Dunadd Shinty Club which will compete in the national finals. Back, from left: Harry Turner, Murray MacDonald, Nairn Jackson, Innes Cameron, Euan Gilmour. Front: Joe Anderson and Dan Anderson.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday February 26, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 8, 10 and 1. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £400.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers were 4, 8 and 17. There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot will be £500.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were also drawn on Monday February 26. The winning numbers were 5, 16 and 17. There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot will be £900.

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