

A83 roads chief admits 'a lot of things have gone wrong'

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A SCOTTISH Government engineer has admitted 'a lot of things have gone wrong' on the A83 this winter.

George Fiddes, Transport Scotland area manager and the engineer responsible for the North West trunk road network, said BEAR and Transport Scotland had struggled to keep on top of repairs on the A83.

Speaking at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee meeting on Wednesday March 7, Mr Fiddes told councillors this winter had been one of

the worst experienced by Transport Scotland for a number of years.

He continued: 'Most of the damage that occurred early on in the winter was not visible to the travelling public.'

'There are a lot of things that make up a road, which many do not know about.'

'This winter there has been one of the worst freeze-thaw cycles for the trunk road and with a road being significantly cooler than the air, this accelerates the damage. We have struggled to keep on top of it and a lot of things have gone wrong.'

Mr Fiddes said he had

travelled the road himself to assess the damage and the road by Inverneill was one of the most badly damaged areas on the A83.

He said: 'I don't think anyone could predict how quickly the road at Inverneill would fail.'

'BEAR has a five-year contract and we currently have 17 repair sites along the A83, assessing category one and two damage.'

Councillor Rory Colville disputed Mr Fiddes's claim on the road at Inverneill, saying drainage had been a problem for a number of years.

Councillor Colville added: 'I could have predicted what would happen to the road at Inverneill.'

'When the road was taken from the council, I explained it needed drained as soon as possible and this still has not been done.'

Drainage is an important consideration, Mr Fiddes responded, and was something that would be considered in future.

Councillors also discussed BEAR Scot-



High school and fire service fight cancer together

A much-loved Lochgilphead woman was remembered this week as Lochgilphead High School pupils joined forces with the fire service to support a blood cancer charity. Left to right: John Sweeney from Oban Community Fire Station with S6 pupils Alix Nelson and Romy MacPherson. Full story - page three.



The badly damaged road surface at Strone Point on the A83.

land's lack of communication in relation to road closures at Strone Point.

Mr Fiddes stressed that as much information as possible would be released before the next set of closures so fewer drivers were inconvenienced.

He also said £1.6 million had been set aside for repairs along the A83 and, once these had been completed, an investigation would take place to assess what can be done to avoid the current level of road damage happening again.

Second sheep attack in Inveraray

A NUMBER of dogs were seized by police last weekend after sheep were attacked in a field near Inveraray.

This follows a serious attack just a week earlier in which 11 sheep were killed or put down.

A man has been charged in relation to the incidents. More on page two.

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Man charged after second Inveraray sheep attack

A MAN has been charged in the wake of a second attack on sheep in the space of a few days near Inveraray.

Just a week after a horrific attack left four sheep dead, with another seven later put down, two husky-type dogs were seen chasing sheep in a field behind the former Inveraray police station at 5.20pm on Sunday March 11.

In addition to the two dogs in the field, police seized a further eight dogs from the same owner near the town.

Three sheep are said to have sustained injuries in the second attack.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol, of Lochgilphead police office, said: 'Police Scotland and the Argyll and Bute Council dog control warden are investigating this in-

cident.' The police later confirmed that a 55-year-old man had been charged in relation to both incidents under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

The seized dogs were later released under a dog control notice.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal and the man is due to appear in court at a later date.



Some of the ewe hoggs attacked in the first incident overnight on March 3/4.

Delight at cash award for childcare centre

SCOTTISH Government funding has been approved for a new family and early years centre on a site at the head of Loch Fyne.

Cairndow Community Childcare has been working on this project for more than five years. The new building will enable it to relocate from Cairndow Village Hall to a purpose-built centre.

Chairwoman Alison Hutchins said: 'We are absolutely delighted that with this £800,000 funding from the Scottish Government Regeneration Fund, via Argyll and Bute Council. We have reached our funding target for the family and early years centre at Cairndow.

'The local community has worked in-

credibly hard to raise the other £1.2 million from a variety of other sources, including the Big Lottery and local businesses Ardinglas Estate and Loch Fyne Oysters, but until the government fund stepped in, it looked like we might not be able to begin the procurement and construction process. We expect to appoint a

contractor soon and have them on site within the next few months. This facility will become a hub for the local community and provide an invaluable resource for local children and young people, allowing new services and activities to be brought to the area. Thank you once again to the council and all of our other supporters.'

Fresh Suzanne appeal prompts 20 calls

DETECTIVES searching for the body of Suzanne Pilley have said they've received a positive response to a renewed appeal.

Suzanne, who was murdered eight years ago by David Gilroy, is believed to have been buried in a forest near Lochgilphead.

Following an appeal from Suzanne's mother and sister, police have received more than 20 calls.

Suzanne's sister Gail, who spoke for the first time since her killing, said: 'She was not treated with any dignity in her death.

'She was discarded and we do not know where she is and that is sometimes unbearable.'

Her mother Sylvia



Suzanne Pilley.

said: 'I feel and my husband feels as if she didn't matter and she has gone and we can't do anything about it, so we have to rely on the public.'

Married Gilroy and Ms Pilley were work colleagues who were having an affair. When Suzanne tried to end the relationship, Gilroy lured her to the basement of their work and murdered her.

She was last seen on

CCTV in the centre of Edinburgh on May 4, 2010.

Following her disappearance, detectives meticulously trawled CCTV to help them analyse Gilroy's journey from Edinburgh to Argyll and back.

In 2012, he was sentenced to 18 years in prison for her murder.

Anyone with information which could assist the investigation should contact police on 101 quoting Operation Mica, email SCD-MITEdinburgh@scotland.pnn. police.uk or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

AT 7.30PM on Friday March 9, following a report of a woman behaving in an abusive manner at Seaside Park, Ardrishaig, a 51-year-old woman was charged with the offence.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Help save a life at Lochgilphead High

TWO LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils have joined forces with the fire service to host a stem cell recruitment drive.

John Sweeney, from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and S6 pupils Romy MacPherson and Alix Nelson hosted a presentation on blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan and how those aged 16 and over can sign up to the register.

Alix is the cousin of Joanna MacVicar, who sadly died after being unable to find a stem cell match.

Anyone aged 16 to 30 can go along to Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Wednesday March 21 to sign up to the Anthony Nolan register. They will be greeted by Laura Campbell, who has fought cancer three times and received

a stem cell transplant in October 2016. John Sweeney, watch manager at Oban Community Fire Station, said: 'The register has had a high profile in the town through the work carried out by the late Johanna MacVicar, who spearheaded a recruitment campaign after being diagnosed with leukaemia. Johanna sadly passed away before her match could be

found. It wasn't because that person wasn't out there, they just weren't on the register.

'I'd like to thank Lochgilphead High School and Craig Lemmon from the school for their continued support for the partnership. The enthusiasm of the staff and pupils is fantastic and I'd especially like to thank Alix Nelson and Romy MacPherson for the ef-

forts they have put into organising the event. Hopefully, someone from the school can go on to be a potentially lifesaving donor to someone suffering from blood cancer. It's a very simple, 10-minute process to join the register.'

Anyone interested should go along to the school between 10am and 1pm on Wednesday March 21.



Queues quickly built up but it will be worth it in the end. 06_a11LochnellStreetWorks08

Delays as busy Lochgilphead stretch of A83 is resurfaced

LONG-AWAITED resurfacing work began in Lochgilphead on the morning of Wednesday March 14.

The work to renew the pothole-ravaged stretch of the A83 on Lochnell Street was expected to be completed by last night (Thursday March 15), according to trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland.

Traffic lights were in place, with queues at

9.15am on Wednesday building up as far back as the northern outskirts of Ardrishaig on the A83.

Drivers on the A83 and in the Lochgilphead area were advised to expect delays and to plan journeys accordingly.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand has been pressing for A83 resurfacing and he commented: 'I'm absolutely delighted to see

this work being done. It has taken a lot of discussion with Transport Scotland to apply pressure to BEAR Scotland to carry out an action plan and, to their credit, this has been done.'

BEAR Scotland came under fire for lack of formal notice before the machines arrived on site.

Bus operator West Coast Motors was caught by surprise and the firm posted on Facebook: 'We have been informed late this evening [Tuesday] that there will be resurfacing works in Lochgilphead Lochnell Street ... we have not been informed of temporary bus stops being set up or stops being relocated at this time. This will affect all Citylink and local services so

delays are to be expected.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'The project is part of our ongoing £650,000 urgent repair programme for the A83.'

'We'd like to thank the local residents for their assistance during this project by relocating their vehicles to allow our teams to complete the works.'



Work begins to resurface the A83 at Lochnell Street. 06_a11LochnellStreetWorks02



The Lochnell Street surface has been deteriorating since the autumn. 06_a02A83Potholes02

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39th music festival comes to town

THE 39TH Mid Argyll Music Festival starts tomorrow, Saturday March 17, with chanter and piping classes at Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Budding poets will then perform pieces at two sessions, judged by Luis Allan, who also judged at the Argyll Drama Festival.

On Wednesday March 21, there will be performances from primary school pupils in solo singing, duets and ensemble alongside 'music is fun' classes. Popular songs will be performed again in the evening.

Secondary pupils will take to the stage on Thursday March 22 to perform solo singing and duets, joined later by performers in the piano classes.

This year the music festival is delighted to welcome two groups of Brownies to the fes-

tival, 1st Lochgilphead and, making their first visit to the festival, 1st Ardrishaig.

The evening session will be followed by an adult Scots folksong competition and will conclude with the popular song class where singers perform with a backing track or sing to their own accompaniment.

Perform

There will be an opportunity for Gaelic singers to perform on the morning of Friday March 23, with woodwind classes for beginners and primary pupils concluding the session.

Friday afternoon will be devoted to brass beginners, with a large number of entries. Another session, including recorder, Scots fiddle and violin, will take place in the North Hall, Ardrishaig.



Mid Argyll Music Festival starts tomorrow, Saturday March 17.

There will also be performances in clar-sach solo on Friday, a new class added to the syllabus this year.

Debut

Four young ladies will make their debut at the festival, playing an instrument of their choice.

Friday evening has

become a community event, with adults performing in vocal solo, ensemble and choral classes.

The final day of the festival, Saturday March 24, will see the festival move to Lochgilphead Joint Campus where school choirs and instrumentalists

will showcase their talent, following a performance of three bands from Campbeltown.

Awards

Special awards will conclude the evening, with the festival welcoming new musical

adjudicators. Joining the line-up for the first time are Professor David Hoult and Sheila Kent.

A more familiar face in Joy Dunlop will adjudicate the Gaelic solo singing.

Argyll and Bute supports economy through film

MORE than £1.3m of film-related investment was made in Argyll and Bute in 2017.

And this year, the area hopes to attract even more film production and tourism.

At a recent meeting of Argyll and Bute Council's environment, development and infrastructure committee, plans to develop Argyll and Bute as a leading location for screen industry productions and film tourism were endorsed.

The BBC's 'The Loch' and ITV's 'The Replacement' were filmed in the area as were a number of commercials and 48 other productions.

The council has launched a website dedicated to the screen industries, to find out more go to www.filmnargyll.co.uk.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus pipe to success

YOUNG Lochgilphead pipers and drummers triumphed last weekend at the world's largest school piping event.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus Pipe Band won top prize in the quartet category at the Scottish Schools' Pipe Band Championships (SSPBC) at Inveralmond Community High School, West Lothian, on Sunday March 11.

The quartet, made up of Donal Bremner, Harry Adair, Abbie Williams and tutor Stuart Liddell, fought off stiff competition to come out on top and receive a £250 prize and the Scottish Schools' Pipe Band Championships shield.

Judges and the audience enjoyed a day of outstanding performances with a record 700 pipers and drum-



Left to right: Donal Bremner, tutor Stuart Liddell, Harry Adair and Abbie Williams at the championships in West Lothian.

mers and 150 Scottish schools taking part. The event, which is funded and organised by the Scottish Schools' Pipes and Drums Trust, was also attended by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon who presented prizes to the winners.

She said: 'Year of Young People is celebrating the very best of Scotland and its young people, so I was particularly pleased to at-

tend this year's Scottish Schools' Pipe Band Championships.'

David Johnston, SSPBC committee chairman, said: 'We are incredibly impressed by the young musicians who took part in today's Scottish Schools' Pipe Band Championships. The level of playing throughout the day was very high and it was particularly pleasing to see so many schools repre-

sented for the first time at this year's event.

'The event, which is currently in its sixth year, caters for every level including fledgling outfits that may not have previously competed or even played in public and it was very encouraging to see so many young people here today.'

Winners: Juvenile – Dollar Academy; Novice Juvenile A – George Watson's College; Novice Juvenile B – North Lanarkshire Schools; Freestyle – Preston Lodge High School; Junior A – Fettes College; Junior B – St Columba's School; Debut – Balfour High School; Quartet – Lochgilphead Joint Campus; Eilidh MacLeod Endeavour Award – Ullapool Schools; Piping Hit – Archie MacKechnie, 14, Dollar Academy.

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Editorial

Good work but better communication needed

IT'S NOT exactly stunning news that things have gone wrong on the A83 over the winter.

But it is refreshing to hear an official admitting it in front of Argyll and Bute councillors.

Credit to Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland for recent resurfacing work, but they both need to improve communication – on the ground, on social media, on their websites and with the press.

Sheep attacks

WE WERE still recovering from the horrific nature of the early March sheep attack near Inveraray when news arrived that another one had happened.

Hopefully this will see an end to a traumatic time for the people and livestock affected.

Music delight

MID ARGYLL Music Festival gets under way this weekend.

It is a fantastic event and we would recommend going along to take in some of the competitions and events.

It is truly good for the soul.

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Castle project support

Sir,
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If you are shopping at the Tesco store in Campbeltown, please ask for a blue token and vote for one of the three projects displayed in store.

Voting will be open during March and April.

**Robert McPhail,
Secretary and treasurer,
Tarbert Castle Trust**

Live more sustainably

Sir,
I'm writing to encourage your readers to join the thousands of people across Scotland and millions across the world taking part in the biggest event to protect the planet – WWF's Earth Hour.

This year, make a #PromiseForThePlanet and change an aspect of your life to live more sustainably. This could be switching to a green energy pro-

vider, refusing plastic cutlery with takeaway food or buying a re-usable coffee cup. While individually these changes may seem small, together they will have a huge impact and will help to reduce our environmental footprint.

With almost 50 per cent of species at risk of local extinction if global temperatures continue to rise at the current rate, this year's Earth Hour is focusing on the need for us all to play a part in protecting our planet – for people and nature. By working together, we can show we care and are willing to take action to ensure – that species such as polar bears, elephants, tigers and marine turtles, to name but a few – will still be around for our children and grandchildren.

Make sure you take part on Saturday March 24 at 8.30pm and make a promise to protect our wonderful planet at wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour.

**Andy Murray,
WWF Ambassador**

Repair Ardrishaig road

Sir,
I have written to ask BEAR Scotland to carry out an urgent repair programme to the road at the Canal Basin, Ardrishaig on the A83.

It is becoming worse for motorists to travel on and has been a hazard for around the past two months.

Also, just outside Ardrishaig before Brenfield, the road is bad where the traffic lights had been a few weeks back.

Approximately 100 yards before the hazard sign 'for 3/4 mile', the road needs repaired there next to the sea side. It has been bad for a while now there.

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilthead**

Trashing Mid Argyll

Sir,
I write further to Mike Murray's letter in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* with his photo of trash collected from the road to Achaioish.

I ventured to Glasgow on the bus from Lochgilthead on Friday March 9 and was astonished – during the fairly frequent stops at roadworks (as well as for passengers) on the A83 – at the sheer volume of rubbish strewn along this road.

There was a time when you'd see a team clearing the verges, but maybe the government cuts have put paid to that.

By Easter the trash build-up could easily warrant

submittal for inclusion in the BBC website's weekly selection of spectacular Scottish landscape photographs – to maintain a balanced picture of the character of the country.

The problem isn't just down to the behaviour of road users; here in Lochgilthead the excellent and very useful path along the hillside between the Health Centre and the houses toward Kilmory is also afflicted with discarded trash.

This must be courtesy of local folk, although to be fair crows, gulls and four-legged locals have discovered the benefits of over-stuffed waste bins – courtesy of council collection cuts? – and the wind can strew trash far and wide.

Maybe we're living in a trashy age.

**Robert Wakeham,
Lochgilthead**

It's good to talk

Sir,
Just a reminder to your readers that 'Aye Fyne is in Argyll Street, Lochgilthead, next to the fish shop.

Anyone is welcome to come in for a cuppa, a warm fire, good company and a chat – even if just for 10 minutes or so.

The group is not affiliated to a political party, but participants do believe that

Scotland should be independent from Westminster.

Whether you agree or disagree, drop in and share your thoughts. The door is open every Saturday morning from 11am to 1pm.

We need to talk.

**The Aye Fyne
organisers,
Lochgilthead**

Warm SWI welcome

Sir,
A huge thank you to all the folk who came along to support our recent SWI coffee morning in Lochgilthead.

We raised more than £400, which was an excellent achievement following the inclement weather of the previous week. Thanks to our bakers and those who donated prizes for the raffle.

This is a one-off event in the year for the SWI and helps keep our institutes thriving.

We are always happy to see new members join our groups. We will soon be closing in May for the summer months, but start up again in October.

Look out for a notice in this newspaper nearer the time for details of how to get in touch.

**Linda Tighe, treasurer,
SWI Mid Argyll group**

Oban to host celebration of dancing and music

BUDDING musicians and dancers are invited to take part in the annual Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban, to be held in May.

But time is short - entries close on Monday March 19.

This year the festival celebrates its 35th anniversary and organisers hope to beat recent participation numbers of 1,100 entries across 125 competitions.

Festival chairperson Breege Smyth said: 'We are looking for budding Highland dancers, fiddlers, pipers, pianists, accordion and clarsach players, and not forgetting those proficient in woodwind and brass to come along and show their talents.'

The festival, to be held from May 4 to May 6, brings live music to various Oban

venues as well as outdoor performers in the heart of the town. The festival promotes a long tradition in music and dance but also introduces innovation through our group dancing competitions and novelty from the individual. Argyll is rich in musical and dance heritage and the festival provides a great outlet for this.

The festival would not be possible without the support of many local businesses, which has enabled young people to compete to the highest level and have the opportunity to go on to make solid careers from their musical abilities and passion.

This year's Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival is supported by EventScotland.

Find out more at the festival website at www.obanfestival.org.



Entries close shortly – don't miss out.

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Specsavers' teams up-skill awareness in glaucoma - the silent thief of sight

In the build up to World Glaucoma Week this week, Specsavers teams have been up-skilling to better support patients with the condition.

Often symptomless in its early stages, glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible sight loss. It is thought to affect 700,000 people in the UK today, but as many as 50% of cases are undiagnosed*.

In conjunction with the International Glaucoma Association, Specsavers has developed training for its retail teams to assist sufferers with their treatment. Specifically, they will be advising on how to effectively administer eye drops, which are crucial for managing the condition.

This new training complements the skills held by Specsavers' optometrists, who have collectively completed almost 5,000 postgraduate glaucoma accreditations since 2017, through a variety of accrediting bodies including Cardiff University and the College of Optometrists.

Alan Murphy was just 37 when a trip to Specsavers found the early stages of glaucoma. Thanks to early detection,



his condition is now managed by using eye drops daily.

Alan, now an advocate of regular eye tests and good eye health, believes early diagnosis and careful management has saved his sight. He says: 'I would strongly urge people to go for regular eye tests, and to make the most of the advice and support provided by their local optician.'

Karen Osborn, chief executive of IGA, says: 'The majority of people who are diagnosed early with glaucoma will retain useful sight for life. Most will be treated with medical eye drops. Unfortunately we know from calls to our helpline that many people aren't told about how to put the drop in the eye correctly, or aren't advised about the aids that are available to help them. We are delighted to work with Specsavers on this often over-looked aspect of glaucoma management.'

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RBS slammed as business leaders demand answers

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INVERARAY hotelier Donald Clark has accused the Royal Bank of Scotland of 'not playing fair' over its plan to close rural branches.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, Mr Clark – newly elected as chairman of the business group – said the proposed closure of Inveraray branch was far from justified.

He claimed that around £7 million is banked annually from businesses alone, and that the closure decision is 'political and accountant-driven'.

After announcing just before Christmas that it was to close a third of branches, a storm of protest forced RBS to think again. A temporary reprieve for 10 branches, including Inveraray, was revealed last month.

But in its official statement on the move,

RBS said: 'At the end of the year an independent review will be carried out into the use of these branches and whether they should be kept open or not.'

'Should any of these branches see sustainable transactional increases and viable new income over this period, then the bank will reconsider the closure of the relevant branch as part of a full independent review.'

Mr Clark said: 'We need to pull folk into

Mid Argyll, but to lessen facilities like this means that we are fighting a lost cause.'

'People must use the Inveraray branch as much as possible and we need a campaign to support that.'

RBS managing director for personal banking, Jane Howard, said: 'We provide our customers with more ways to bank than ever before. They can choose from a range of digital, to face-to-face options, including mobile and



Pictured at the chamber of commerce AGM at MacLeod Construction in Lochgilphead are, left to right, Donald Melville, Donald Clark (chairman), Jane MacLeod (secretary), Alison Hay (outgoing chairwoman) and David Smart (new vice-chairman).

online banking, tele-banking, community banks on wheels, and phone banking, video bankers, our mobile post offices.'



Party activists protest outside the bank with Brendan O'Hara, far right.

Bank 'in for a fight' over Inveraray closure plans

A DAY of action by SNP activists on Saturday March 10 saw a group gather outside the closure-threatened Inveraray Royal Bank of Scotland branch, led by Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara.

Hundreds of signatures against the closure have been gathered on parliamentary petitions relating to the Campbeltown and Rothesay RBS branches, as well as Inveraray, and these will be presented on the floor of the House of Commons in the next few weeks.

Mr O' Hara said: 'We are not going to allow the Royal Bank of

Scotland to close these branches under a false premise. I think they are creating the conditions to justify a pre-determined outcome.

'They are in for one almighty fight.'

'This is the last bank in town in a tourist hotspot. There are hotels, cafes and bars, with a castle and estate. Tourists pass through in the tens and hundreds of thousands each year – and there is no banking facility.'

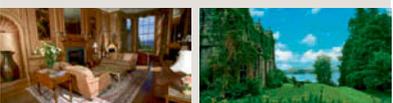
'There is no justification for closing any of the Argyll and Bute branches.'

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Farming women to be inspired in Inveraray

A SERIES of free events offering advice and inspiration for women working in Scottish agriculture has been announced, including one in Mid Argyll.

The women-only events have been organised by the Scottish Government's Farm Advisory Service programme, delivered by SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC).

Taking place from March 13 to 28, they will cover a range of topics, from accounts and mental health awareness to diversification opportunities

and even the role of social media.

Last summer's report, entitled 'Women in Farming and the Agriculture Sector', highlighted the major role women play in Scottish agriculture and recommended a series of measures to address 'conscious and unconscious bias' within the industry.

Siobhan Macdonald from SRUC, who helped to co-ordinate the events, said: 'These free events are a great chance for women to find out more about these opportunities, to learn, to share ideas and to be inspired by a

range of speakers and interactive sessions.'

The Mid Argyll meeting will focus on live-

stock records and accounts, and will be held on March 23 at 1.45pm at the Inveraray Inn.

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Joy to damp despair in a year for ACHA tenant

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JOY AT moving into a one-bedroom Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) home in Rowan Park, Lochgilphead, has quickly turned to misery for 63-year-old Jennifer Gibb.

She has been forced to sleep on the floor of her living room and is unable to keep food in her cupboards because her rented house is damp and – just a year after picking up the keys – Ms Gibb is desperate to move out.

‘I was so excited when I moved in,’ said Ms Gibb. ‘I had waited for some time to get a house and I was really happy.’

But things soon turned sour, as she explained: ‘During the course of the year, one damp patch after another



Jennifer keeps food on the kitchen floor because her cupboards are so damp. 06_a10RowanParkACHA01

has appeared. I’ve had mould and spores in the bathroom and kitchen. The kitchen wall cupboards are so damp I can’t keep food in them as it goes off.’

So bad was the damp that Ms Gibb, who suffers from asthma, found it impossible to use her bedroom. ‘I went to bed at night and the bed felt really

damp. Clothes in the bedroom wardrobe had to be thrown out because they were going mouldy.

‘Another issue is the presence of tiny bugs, which have been causing me to come out in a rash with bites.’

She now sleeps on the living room floor on a fold-down mattress. ‘It’s not ideal, but it’s better than the bedroom,’ she said.

‘But when I lift the mattress in the morning it’s damp underneath.’

Another problem is the ongoing cost of heating the property.

‘I am throwing good money after bad,’ Ms Gibb explained. ‘I can’t afford to heat the bedroom and it’s already costing me up to £40

a week in electricity to heat the house.’

Ms Gibb has made an official complaint to ACHA and would prefer to be re-housed – at least until the dampness in her home is resolved.

She explained: ‘It’s got to the stage where I can’t stand the house, which I initially loved. All I want is to live in a dry house.’

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: ‘An inspection of the property was carried out on February 23.

‘A small leak was discovered at the WC, which has been repaired.

‘There was also some water in the pipe box-

ing but none of the pipes was leaking.

‘ACHA will insulate the pipes to prevent further suspected “sweating” in the space and also, as a further preventative measure, ACHA will renew the connection into the cast-iron waste pipe.

‘There is no evidence of rising dampness and there was no evidence of any bugs in the property.

‘In addition to the above, a check on the cavity wall insulation will be carried out and ACHA will add the property on to the internal wall insulation programme to warm the external walls.’

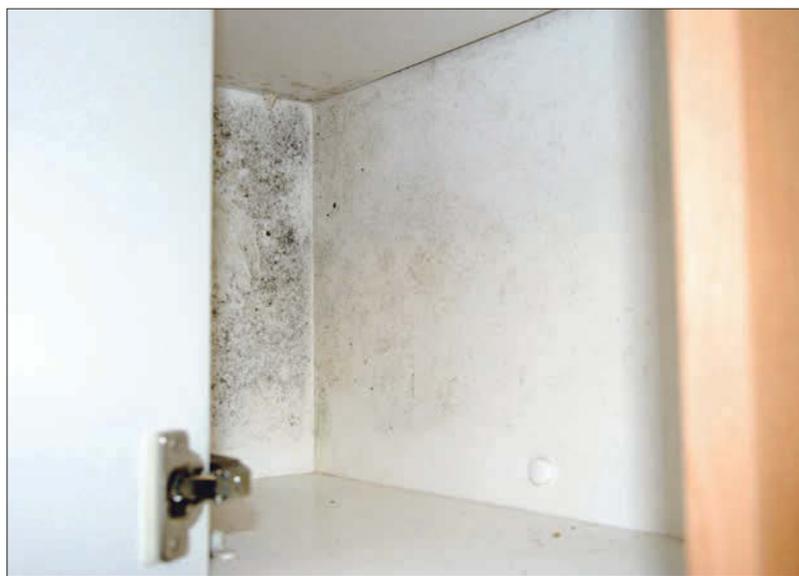
Adam Lang, head of communications and policy at housing ad-

vice charity Shelter Scotland, gave his view.

He said: ‘In 21st-century Scotland, people shouldn’t be forced out of their bedrooms and be unable to store food in their kitchen cupboards because of damp.

‘Homes must be substantially free from rising or penetrating damp to be considered fit to live in. If this is the cause, the landlord must repair it.

‘If the cause is condensation, both tenant and landlord can have a role – for example, ensuring extractor fans are available and used when cooking or windows are open when washing is drying indoors.’



Mould in the kitchen wall cupboards. 06_a09RowanPark01

Problem home not an isolated incident

JENNIFER Gibb’s problem with dampness in her home is not an isolated incident.

Last spring, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* reported the story of an 80-year-old partially-sighted ACHA tenant who was forced to sleep on her living room sofa because her bedroom was too

damp to use. Black mould on her bedroom walls led to the housing association removing the plaster down to the underlying brickwork to allow it to dry out.

The lady’s family blamed damp rising from the ground soaking through the fabric of

the house but this was dismissed by ACHA. Work on her home by the association improved the situation but the dampness problem has recently reappeared in her bedroom.

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In its fifth year, the Argyll Wedding Show will be coming to Lochgilphead High School for the first time to showcase everything from wedding gowns to videography.

With 25 local exhibitors flocking to the event, soon to be newlyweds will be

able to experience all that Argyll has to offer for the wedding of their dreams.

A few of the exhibitors confirmed to be attending the Lochgilphead event are Argyll Hog Roasts, Timothy J Sharp (Jeweller) and Cromlech Events.

Brides will be able to inquire on the day about anything they may need for which will complete their special day, with models also showing off the lat-

est trends, ready to answer any questions brides may have.

The event is supported by the Scottish Wedding Directory, with all those who attending receiving a free copy of the magazine.

The Argyll Wedding Show takes place at Lochgilphead High School on Sunday March 18 and at Dunoon Grammar on Sunday March 25, kicking off at 11am.



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The pupils had some fantastic ideas for their designs and had lots of fun. Many of the businesses they were depicting were familiar to them, and the artwork was very colourful and imaginative - including muscly mechanics and fish with legs.

The Kilmartin kids will be taking part on the big day itself, with plenty of activities around school.

The nation is being challenged to come together to beat an epic one billion steps a day, every day, for Sport Relief this year from March 17 to March 23. Celebrities Zoe Ball, Greg James, Alex Jones, and many more are also taking on epic challenges of their own.

The stars will also be out in force for a night of TV entertainment on Friday March 23, live on BBC One.

Comic Relief chief executive officer Liz Warner said: 'Sport Relief gets us all donning our trainers and taking on all types of sporty challenges or running a mile at school to help raise funds.'

'In 2018 we have more British celebrities than ever pushing themselves

to the limit to help us raise money for Sport Relief, which gives 50 per cent of funds to the UK and the other fifty per cent to the most desperate communities in the world.

'This is the first time we have asked the nation to take up a collective challenge and we can't wait to see how many steps we can all do - let's hit a billion steps and get more donations and sponsors coming in to help others.'

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Quality Islay grazing cattle attracts plenty of mainland buyers

UNITED Auctions held its annual early spring sale of grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday March 10, when 898 head were sold.

A good show of quality grazing cattle was presented to the usual strong force of mainland buyers. Cattle in general were lighter on the year.

Bullocks sold to an average of £853.79 per head or 250.2 pence per kilo (down £38.10 per head and up 6.7 pence per kilo). Heifers averaged £774.50 per head or 234.1 pence per kilo (up £8.52 per head and 3.83 pence per kilo).

Bullocks sold to £1,200 from Craighfad and Lossit and to 309 pence per kilo from Aoradh. Heifers from Craighfad sold to £1,180 whilst Starchmill sold heifers to 279 pence per kilo.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head

Bullocks
AAx: £1,030 – Tallant : £1,000 (2) – Octomore : £960 (7) – Aoradh : £940 (6) – Octofad : £920 (2) – Tallant : £910 – Uiskentuie.

CHARx: £1,200 – Tallant and Craighfad (3) : £1,150 (2) – Octofad : £1,080 – Tallant : £1,030(8) – Craighgens : £1,020 – Eorrabus : £990 (2) – Tallant : £980 (5) – Eorrabus : £970 – Aoradh (6) and Craighgens (6).

LIMx: £1,200 (7) and £1,190 (7) – Lossit : £1,180 – Octofad : £1,140 – Ardbeg : £1,120 (2) – Craighfad : £1,100 – Ardbeg : £1,090 – Balaclava (2) and Ardbeg (2) : £1,080 – Lossit (4) and Balaclava : £1,050 (10) – Octofad : £1,040 – Tallant (2) and Starchmill (2) : £1,030 – Ardbeg : £1,020 (2) – Starchmill : £990 – Tallant (3) and Eorrabus(6) : £980 –

Eorrabus, Aoradh (4) and Balaclava : £970 – Octofad and Blackrock (6) : £960 – Kilchiaran (5) & Starchmill : £950 – Balaclava (2), Ardbeg (4) and Aoradh (3).

LUINGx: £730 (9) – Duich.

SIMx: £900 (4) – Carrabus.

Heifers

AAx: £1,000 (2) – Eorrabus.

BAX: £840 (2) – Eorrabus.

CHARx: £1,180 (2) and £1,130 (5) – Craighfad : £1,000 – Tallant : £970 (3) – Octofad : £950 – Tallant and Craighgens (6).

LIMx: £1,100 – Eorrabus : £1,020 (2) – Starchmill : £1,000 (13) – Lossit : £970 – Octofad : £960 – Starchmill, Kilchiaran (3) and Uiskentuie.

Top prices per kilo

Bullocks
AAx: 282p (5) – Tallant : 272p (7) and 262p (9) – Aoradh : 256p (2) – Tallant : 255p – Uiskentuie : 253p – Ballinaby.

CHARx: 286p (5) and 279p (5) – Aoradh : 274p (2) and 271p – Tallant : 271p (4) – Aoradh : 270p (5) – Eorrabus : 269p (7) – Ballinaby : 263p (4) – Craighgens : 261p (3) – Ballinaby : 258p (6) – Aoradh : 257p – Carrabus (2) and Claggan (2) : 255p (8) and 254p (6) – Craighgens : 251p (2) – Eorrabus : 250p (2) – Aoradh.

LIMx: 309p (3) – Aoradh : 302p, 294p and 293p (2) – Ardbeg : 292p (2) – Uiskentuie : 286p – Ardbeg : 284p – Tallant (5) and Lossit (4) : 282p – Ardbeg (5), Smaladh and Tallant (2) : 281p – Uiskentuie (2), Tallant (4) and Duich (7) : 278p – Blackrock (7) and Lossit : 277p – Claggan : 276p (2) – Ardbeg : 275p – Aoradh (10) and Octofad (6) : 273p – Ardbeg (2) and Lossit (7) : 272p – Ardbeg (8) and Tallant (3) : 271p – Claggan and Tallant (2) : 270p – Tallant (5), Aoradh and Eorrabus : 269p and 268p (3) – Kinnabus : 265p – Smaladh and Aoradh (4) : 264p (6) – Blackrock : 263p – Octofad (9) and Duich (9) : 262p – Ardbeg, Tallant (4) and Grulinbeg : 261p – Starchmill (3) and Eorrabus (8) : 260p – Tallant (2) and Octofad (4) : 256p – Octofad (6) and Balaclava (5) and Uiskentuie (4) : 253p – Starchmill (2) and Ardbeg (4) : 252p – Sannaigmore, Tallant (2) and Aoradh (3) : 251p – Starchmill and Eorrabus : 250p – Starchmill (2) and Carrabus.

LUINGx: 263p (6) and 262p (9) – Duich. SIMx: 252p – Sannaigmore : 248p – Carrabus.

Heifers

AAx: 248p and 230p – Craighgens. CHARx: 274p (3) – Tallant : 273p (6), 268p (4), 264p (4) and 260p (9) – Aoradh : 258p – Ballinaby (5) and Aoradh (12) : 257p (2) – Aoradh : 256p (2) – Tallant : 255p (3) – Aoradh : 251p (9) – Octofad : 250p – Aoradh : 248p – Craighgens (5) and Octofad (5) : 240p (20) – Eorrabus.

LIMx: 279p – Starchmill : 276p (2) – Ardbeg : 261p – Starchmill : 260p (3) and 259p (2) – Tallant : 257p (6) – Ardbeg : 255p – Aoradh : 254p (13) – Lossit : 251p – Ardbeg : 250p – Starchmill (2), Ardbeg, Kinnabus (6) and Grulinbeg (2) : 249p – Ardbeg (6) and Blackrock (4) : 248p – Tallant, Octofad and Aoradh (6) : 247p(5) – Starchmill : 245p (3) – Smaladh : 243p (9) – Uiskentuie : 241p (8) and 240p (3) – Eorrabus.



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The Scottish Government appreciates that change can sometimes be challenging. That is why we are offering farmers and crofters applying under the SAF in 2018 more support to help them make the switch to applying online.

This includes, for example, refreshed online guidance and regional events held this spring to demonstrate how to make an online application.

To secure a place, customers who made a paper application last year can notify interest in attending one of these events by contacting their local RPID office.

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Farmers advised to take steps to combat late spring

SCOTTISH farmers are being advised to take steps and plan fodder usage now, with experts predicting a late spring.

Using data from grass variety trials, specialists from SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), predict that T-Sum 200 – which indicates when soils have warmed sufficiently for grass growth to begin – will be two-to-three weeks later than normal.

This could lead to a variety of problems, including straw shortages, which could in turn heighten the risk of disease among newborn animals.

Basil Lowman, beef adviser at SAC Consulting, said: 'A late

spring couldn't be at a worse time. Not only are many farms already short of forage due to last summer's wet weather, which forced many stock to be housed much earlier than normal, but potentially as problematic is a severe shortage of straw to bed stock.

'Many farmers with suckler herds, block calving dairy herds and housed flocks time calving and lambing so that stock can be immediately turned out on to clean, high-quality spring grass. Being forced to keep animals indoors could pose a major additional disease challenge for newborn animals this spring. With a real risk of a late spring, it is best

to plan now and minimise problems later.'

Immediate steps livestock farmers can take to combat the late spring include:

- Discuss with their vets what preventive treatments, for example vaccinations, might be sensible and cost-effective.

- Sell trading stock as quickly as possible. Even consider selling all or some cattle store rather than finishing them.

- Prioritise bedding towards young stock, especially newborns. For example, ensure a dry, well-bedded creep area is made available for new calves.

- Graze all grass and delay shutting fields up for silage. Consider

grazing forward winter sown cereal crops with ewes and lambs or graze cover crops.

Despite being counter-intuitive, it may even be a sensible option to delay turnout for the earliest calvers and synchronise then artificially inseminate them indoors.

The remainder of the herd could be turned out to grass. This would reduce demand for silage and grazing. It would also allow the youngest calves, which are most susceptible to disease build-up, to be turned out with their mothers.

These later calving cows will also benefit from a longer transition in diet before cycling and breeding

commences. Overall, this could help avoid an extended calving period often associated with a late spring. The early calving group can then be turned out to grass once they are over seven days inseminated.

Farmers seeking further advice should email beefandsheep@sac.co.uk

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Date Thursday, 22nd March 2018
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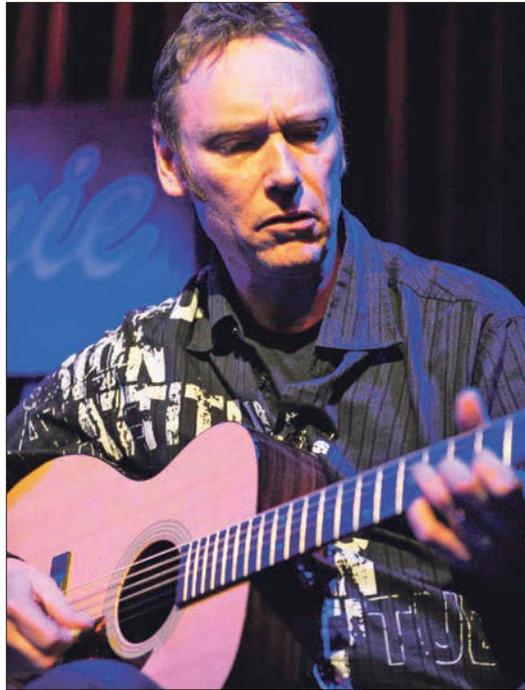
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John's wide repertoire ranges from Celtic influences that reveal his Scottish roots, through blues and jazz to soul, reflecting his time playing with some of that genre's biggest stars.

This virtuoso musician has toured worldwide as a solo performer and with many other artists including classic Motown acts, George Benson and the Faces.

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Dubbed a 'one-man acid jazz band', John combines bass, chords, melody and groove with apparent ease.

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The Colin Steele Quintet in full swing.

Colin Steele Quintet thrills a packed Ardrishaig hall

Review: Helen Maddox
MID ARGYLL Arts Association transformed Ardrishaig Public Hall into a lively jazz club on Saturday March 10.

Scottish trumpet maestro Colin Steele was joined by four of Scotland's finest jazz musicians to create the Colin Steele Jazz Quintet. They lit up the crowded hall with their virtuosic improvisations, delivering popular styles of jazz to a relaxed and enthusiastic audience. Unusually, the quintet played an acoustic set with pianist Dave Milligan coaxing fresh sounds and funky rhythms from the association's wonderful grand piano, dreamy one minute, bouncing out of his seat when things hotted up. Drummer Stu Rit-

chie, from Nice in France, had never played so quietly, they joked. With Calum Gourlay on double bass, the three musicians played as a trio at times, cooking up brilliant percussive jazz.

Frontman Colin Steele performed blistering trumpet solos, sometimes using a sink plunger as mute to recreate the sounds of the swing era and his hero Louis Armstrong. His obvious pleasure in collaborating with the other musicians radiated to the audience. He also brought a personal quality to the evening by sharing the stories behind his compositions. Even in dark times, people supported him with his music and when least expected the music flowed.

The excellent track Looking for Nessie came to him while on holiday with his family, when inspiration seemed to have dried up.

New to the band, but proving a great fit, was saxophonist Martin Kershaw, who gave an impressive display of circular breathing during a mesmerising solo on soprano sax. This set the atmosphere for an ambitious three-part piece called Down to the Wire, which used elements of Scottish folk and finished with a rip-roaring Scottish blues.

Notching it up further, they ended with the brilliantly funky Slipped Disc, which left the audience energised and uplifted following a very enjoyable evening.

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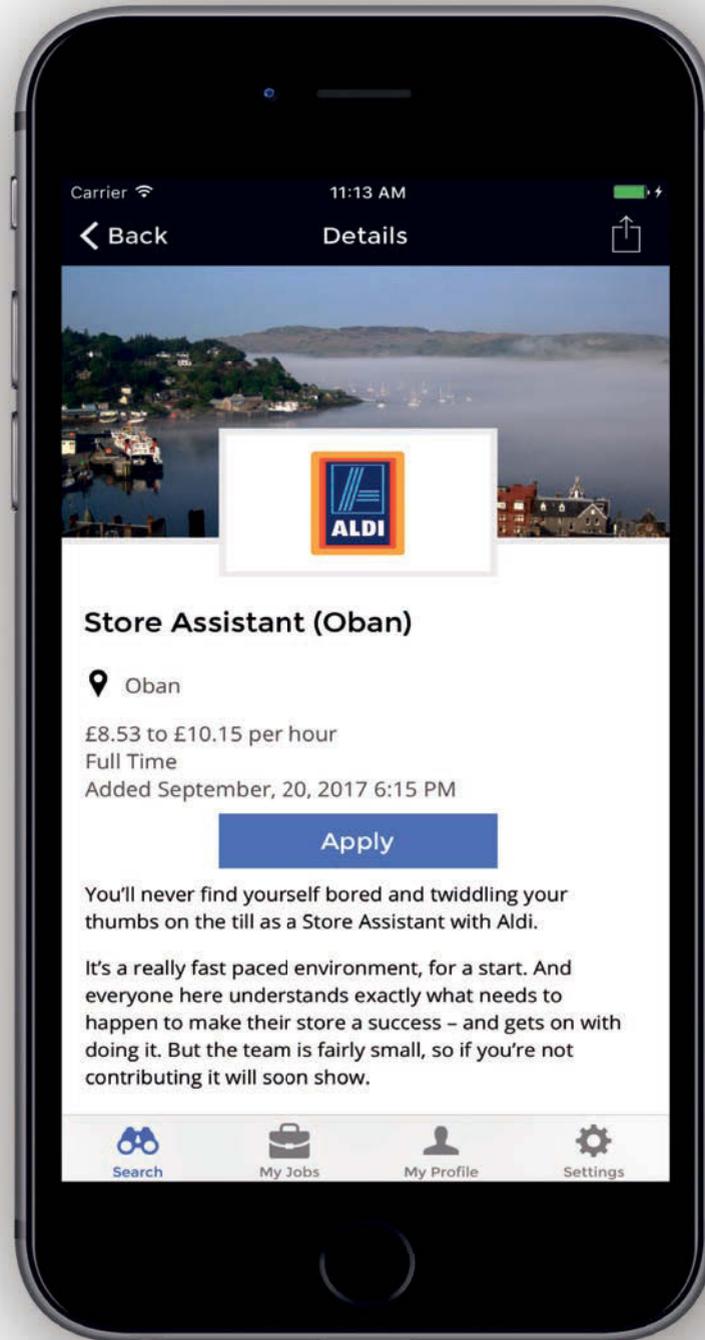
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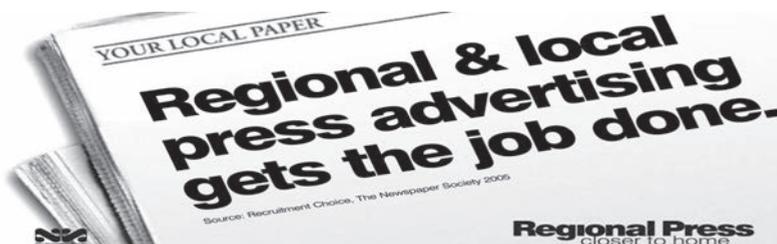
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18/00343/PP	Use of land to form extension to council depot for the purpose of vehicle/plant storage and maintenance including removal of protected trees and formation of landscaped bund (part retrospective)	Site 5 Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RR	Mid Argyll Area Office
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WORLD PREMIERE OF SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT AT GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW

TOKYO, MARCH 6, 2018 – Subaru Corporation today unveiled the Subaru VIZIV* Tourer Concept at the 88th Geneva International Motor Show.

SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT

Since the debut of the Subaru VIZIV Concept in 2013, Subaru has produced a series of themed concept models embodying the brand's vision for the future of making cars, that deliver enjoyment and peace of mind to its customers.

Designed with a tourer theme, the Subaru VIZIV Tourer Concept unites a Symmetrical AWD layout powered by a boxer engine, with Subaru's wealth of expertise in offering driving performance, practicality and safety; delivering a new value in a tourer form, enabling drivers and passengers

to fully savour the enjoyment of travelling by car.

In anticipation of widespread future deployment of automated driving technologies, advanced driver-assist functions combining the next-generation EyeSight system with other devices have been installed in the car to reduce driver fatigue on long journeys and enable active enjoyment of driving with peace of mind.

Subaru's design and development will advance in the directions indicated by the VIZIV Concept models as the company continues to make cars that deliver enjoyment and peace of mind.

* The name VIZIV has been coined from the phrase 'Vision for Innovation'

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS OF SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT

Body size (overall length x width x height): 4,775 x 1,930 x 1,435 mm
Wheelbase: 2,730 mm
Tire size: 245/40 R20
Seating capacity: 4

DESIGN FEATURES

Evoking successive generations of Subaru touring wagon models that have paired superior driving with high levels of practicality, the Subaru VIZIV Tourer Concept has been designed based on Subaru's shared 'Dynamic x Solid' design philosophy.

The hexagonal grille is the starting point for a rigid, forward-thrusting body that combines with four powerfully defined fenders to highlight the enjoyment of driving while conveying a sense of security. Capacious luggage space at the rear offers utility and practicality. The VIZIV Tourer Concept is filled with a crossover mix of values

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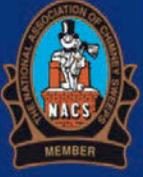
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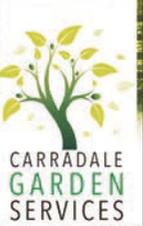
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Green fingers at the academy

STAFF and pupils at Tarbert Academy are appealing to keen gardeners to visit the school and help replant the outdoor plant pots with clematis flowers in a bid to add more colour to the playground.

Anyone with green-fingered skills is to contact Fiona on 01880 820269.

LOCHGOILHEAD

Minister leaves for Jerusalem

A COMMISSIONING service to welcome John McCulloch into the ministry was held in Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich Parish Church on Tuesday February 20.

The service was planned and led by Rev Robin MacKenzie of Strachur and Strathlachlan, with readings by Ardrishaig minister Rev David Carruthers, Anne Fiddes and Lorraine Drew.

John will now join the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem and this

was a warm and loving send-off for the McCulloch family, who will be sorely missed.



Newly-ordained minister John McCulloch is now off to the Holy Land.

CRAIGNISH



Rising folk music star Iona Fyfe.

Iona to perform at Craignish

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a strong voicing of place in her repertoire and was a nominee for Scots Singer of the Year at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards.

Performed

Iona has competed in the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards and has performed at venues such as the Music Hall, Aberdeen,

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, the Mitchell Theatre and, most recently, the Royal Albert Hall in London.

She will be performing at Craignish Village Hall alongside Luc McNally on guitar and Charlie Grey on the fiddle.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'YOU CAN muffle the drum and you can loosen the strings of the lyre, but who shall command the skylark not to sing?'

These are the words of the Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran.

It has been a long, hard winter, and it is not over yet, many people have told me.

We have battled our way across the beach every single day, regardless of the elements.

Hail has stung our cheeks, rain has soaked us, winds have battered us, but we go because we are dog walkers.

Yet, despite the adversity of the elements, we have enjoyed the challenge and felt the better of being out in the midst of nature's varied moods.

However, just a few days ago nature had ceased her shouting and rested in a beautiful silence.

Snow-dusted mountain peaks reflected in shimmering lochs while trees stopped their swaying and dancing to just be still.

The waves ceased from their restless crashing and lapped listlessly to the shore.

It was then we heard it. It was the unmistakable song of the skylark.

She sings when on the wing and stops as she comes to rest.

It was wonderful and seemed like a special intimation of spring.

The air was clear and her song rose as if to enter the gates of heaven itself.

What a glorious song of praise.

I thought again of all that re-creation that happens in our very midst every day, and all we have to do is look for it.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

DEATHS

LINDSAY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 11, 2018, Margaret Campbell MacPherson, in her 77th year, 2 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Lindsay (Rab) and a loving sister and aunt. A church service was held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Thursday, March 15. A cremation service will be held in Cardross, today Friday, March 16 at 2.15pm, to which friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

STEWART - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow, on March 11, 2018, Alexander Stewart (Allister), in his 81st year, 7 Ramsay Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes Mitchell, much loved dad of Agnes and a loving grampa of Kirsten. A service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, March 16 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Black tie optional. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Campbeltown Lifeboat.

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O'MAY - The family of the late Malcolm McSporrán O'May (MOM) would like to sincerely thank all friends and relatives who visited our home, attended the service and burial and provided emotional support at this difficult time, we are truly grateful. A special word of thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr Norrie, paramedics Calum, James, Angus and Robert, and Isobel Milloy from A&E for everything they did. We would also like to thank Rev William Crossan for a very touching funeral service and the Argyll Arms Hotel. A special thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their sensitive and professional handling of all arrangements, before, during and after the service.

IN MEMORIAMs

KENNEDY - In loving memory of Joan, who passed away on March 20, 2017.

Gone but not forgotten.
- Sheena, Catherine and the boys xx.

MACDOUGALL - Precious memories of Alasdair, tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.

Time cannot heal the heartache or stop a silent tear,
It won't take away the memories of one we love so dear.

Missing you always, see you later!

- Love, Mum and Dad xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007.

We will never cease to miss you,
We will never cease to care,

In a special corner of our hearts,

You will always be there.
Sadly missed.

- From all your family in Ardrishaig, Lochgilhead and away.

MACKINNON - In remembrance of my husband and our dad, Hector, who passed away on March 15, 2015.

We never part from those we love,

No distance can divide,
In memory's garden day by day,

We still walk by your side.
- Mary and family.

MCGEACHY - In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from us on March 18, 2010.

A broken heart, a time of pain,
My sad loss, but Heaven's gain,
Left all alone, my happiness flees,
But still I have my memories.

- Aye fond kiss, Leslie.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. In our hearts you will always stay,

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18th March 2018
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 10am
Rev. C Acklam
Thursday 22nd March
Annual Stated Meeting
7.30pm
Church Hall, Kilmartin
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 18 March
'Do this in remembrance of me'
11.30am Tayvallich Church
Holy Communion
Rev C Acklam followed by
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Saturday 17 March
10.30am Achnamara Hall
Café Connect
Monday 19 March
10.30am Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time
Thursday 22 March
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Church Hall 2.00pm
Sunday 18th March
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Rev W Crossan
Monday 19th March
Guild 7.30pm
New Hall
Tuesday 20th March
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
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Church Hall
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Friday 23rd March
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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
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Thursday
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Sports club lottery numbers

DRAWN on Monday March 12, 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 11, 13 and 17. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £700.

Kyles Athletic Shinty Club's winning numbers were 6, 8 and 10. Two winners split the £1,000 prize, with next week's jackpot back to £100.

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Council grant boost for expansion of MACPool

PLANS to redevelop Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) have been boosted thanks to funding from Argyll and Bute Council.

The pool received £25,000 in this year's council budget towards an upgrade which the board hopes will include a cafe, a soft play area and sports massage rooms.

Chairwoman of Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Kim Ritchie said: 'The board and all the staff are intensely excited about it.'

'We see MACPool as being an essential asset to the community. We have been keeping our guard in the swim now for 22 years and



Chairwoman of Mid Argyll enterprises Kim Ritchie and MACPool manager Graham Love with the plans for the redevelopment of the pool. 08_a11macpool-money03

we want to do it for another 22 years. We think that by doing this expansion and giving these extra services we are going to provide an

even better and more varied service to the people of Mid Argyll.

'We are very grateful to the council for giving us this money to help us with our development plans.'

Improved changing rooms and a large viewing gallery are also included in the plans.

The next step is to obtain a stage two grant from the Scottish Land Fund, which will enable the board to buy the land needed for the redevelopment.

The pool will find out if this grant application has been successful in May.

MACPool manager Graham Love added: 'If this grant applica-

tion is successful, the project will take a huge leap forward, as we will be able to purchase the land and buildings we need to make the expansion possible.

'At the moment, we are looking at purchasing the Citizens' Advice Bureau building, the courtyard and Riverside Rascals.

'We fully intend that Riverside Rascals will continue to operate as a nursery on this site.

'What we want to do is to bring the whole site into community ownership.'

To support MACPool in its redevelopment campaign, go to macpool.org.uk for more information.



Tarbert Gun Club trophy winners

Class A: 1 – Andrew MacDonald; 2 – Ally McDonnell. Class B: 1 – Niall Wilson; 2 – Angus Peden. Class C: 1 – Steven Sloan; 2 – Angus Peden. Class D: 1 – Lorne Harvey; 2 – Robert Campbell. Class E: 1 – Ian McVicar; 2 – Jennifer Campbell. Under 18 cup: Angus Peden. Top team: Ally McDonnell, Niall Wilson, Michael Harvey and Ian and Jennifer Campbell.

Dookers are denied a win by Houston's late leveller

SAFL Premier Two

Tarbert	1
Houston	1

ON SATURDAY March 10, Tarbert welcomed Houston to Cil Andreis looking to avenge the defeat in the reverse fixture earlier this season.

The weather approaching kick off was horrendous, and by the time 2pm came around the pitch was very wet and conditions were freezing due to

the driving wind – it was not a day for the faint-hearted.

The match began with much hustle and bustle, with the away side forcing a succession of early corners. Tarbert defended well though and managed to come through a tough period unscathed though without offering much of an attacking threat themselves. The Tarbert goalkeeper was the busier in the first half and produced

a couple of good saves to keep the scoreline level.

It was Tarbert, however, who should have led at the interval after a good passing move allowed MacDougall to square to MacKinnon but his shot went harmlessly over the bar with the goal at his mercy. Overall, there was little between the teams in the first half so 0-0 was a fair reflection at the break.

Tarbert began the

second half with more vigour as they looked to get their noses in front and try to get a third home win in a row. MacDougall and Guy were getting a lot of joy on the left side and were unlucky not to create more chances as the final ball was often lacking.

The Houston keeper looked nervy and had a couple of mis-hit kicks that barely made it out of his own 18-yard box. Tarbert seemed

inspired by this and went on the hunt for the opening goal, but were almost caught by the sucker punch.

Some quick play from Houston saw them create a half-chance but the effort was saved well and the Tarbert keeper was again out quickly moments later to smother at the feet of the advancing striker.

Tarbert then felt aggrieved not to be awarded a penalty

by referee Litster as MacKinnon broke into the box only to have his foot clipped as he tried to shoot.

All the best action was saved for the last five minutes. More good work on the left-hand side saw the ball come into the box for MacKinnon to sweep home and put Tarbert 1-0 ahead with just a few minutes remaining. The home side looked to keep it tight for the final few

moments, but on the stroke of 90 minutes Houston scored after a shot rebounded kindly into the striker's path for a tap-in equaliser. One final chance came the way of Tarbert as a free kick was delivered into the box but MacDougall's header failed to beat the Houston keeper.

This weekend, Tarbert are away to Castlemilk, which could prove to be a very difficult match.

Cyclist with Tarbert roots powers to success

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A YOUNG athlete with strong Argyll roots is making a name for himself in the competitive world of track cycling.

Aged just 18, Lewis Stewart from Glasgow has already moved to Manchester to train as a full-time athlete with the Great Britain Cycling Team senior academy.

After a successful junior career, Lewis is moving up the senior rankings. And to top it off, he was recently voted Glasgow Young Sportsman of the Year - after being nominated three times for the honour.

But where does the Argyll connection come in? Lewis explained: 'My mum is from Tarbert and is a McCuaig. She moved to Glasgow and now lives in Killearn. However, my grandparents, auntie and uncle still live in Argyll. My grandpa is Peter McCuaig who lives in Tarbert and my gran is Christine McCuaig, who lives in Lochgair. My great gran Jean Williamson is from Ardrishaig.'

He recalled: 'Ever

since I was born, I would regularly visit Tarbert and it's one of my favourite places. There are great roads for cycling and I love how it's right next to the sea.

Looking back to the roots of his cycling passion, Lewis explained: 'I started cycling because my dad used to ride and he introduced me to racing.'

'I started track cycling when the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome was built in Glasgow. Since 2015 I have been a rider for the Great Britain Cycling Team track sprint programme.

The 2018 season marks Lewis' first as a senior. During his time as an under-19 competitor in the European Championships he



The European Championships sprint competition.

achieved fifth in the keirin and the team sprint and eighth in the sprint competition.

At the under-19 World Championships, Lewis finished fourth in the team sprint, setting a new British record, and eighth in the keirin. And he became the British keirin champion.

By the end of 2017, Lewis was ranked fifth in the world for keirin and seventh for sprint.

'I am training hard,' Lewis continued, 'with the aim of competing at the under-23 European Championships and World Cup, progressing to world and European Championships and ultimately

the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

WHAT IS KEIRIN?

Keirin - literally 'competition ring' - is a form of cycle racing in which track cyclists sprint for victory following a speed-controlled start behind a motorised pacer.



Lewis won the junior national championship in keirin.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
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Shinty season gets off to a wet start

AFTER the wintry weather wrecked the opening day of the new shinty season, it was a wet second Saturday on March 10.

Marine Harvest Premiership

Kyles Athletic 4 Kingussie 0

With pitch improvement continuing at Tighnabruaich, Kyles Athletic will play their early season home matches at Dunoon Stadium.

Kyles took the lead on 12 minutes when Dunkie Kerr scored. They would net twice more before the interval through Scott MacDonald on 20 minutes and Roddy MacDonald just seven minutes later.

Kingussie enjoyed a period of pressure at the start of the second half and hit the post following one attack.

Thomas Whyte made it 4-0 on 65 minutes while Dunkie Kerr also missed from the spot during the second half.

Marine Harvest National Division

Inveraray 0 Fort William 2

Two of the division's title contenders met at the Winterton where Inveraray hosted Fort William.

The visitors got off to a great start and were ahead within a couple of minutes through Arran MacPhee.

It got even better for Fort on eight minutes when Graham Campbell added a second.

MacPhee picked the ball up and ran into box before laying the ball off to Campbell, who drove home a low shot.

The rest of the game was a scrappy affair in terrible conditions as the pitch began to cut up.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Taynuilt 3 Inveraray 1

Taynuilt started strongly and had Inveraray under pressure from the off.

Both keepers then made good saves with one Beano Logan stop from ex-Kilmory player Rhys Williams catching the eye.

Taynuilt eventually broke down the Inveraray defence, benefiting from a 'un-deliberate kick' with Mark Bergant scoring from close range with 37 minutes gone.

Gerry Kilmurray then made it 2-0 five minutes later to give the hosts a deserved interval lead.

Graham MacPherson took himself out of goal to add some experience to the forward line and 16-year-old Gregor Mather took over between the Inveraray posts.

And it was Graham MacPherson's through ball that picked out David MacPherson, who fired past the keeper to make it 2-1.

Taynuilt restored their two-goal advantage when Scott Dempster netted on 82 min-



Fraser Watt of Inveraray vaults the stick of Fort William's Shaun Cruickshank in wet conditions on the Winterton. Photo: Stephen Lawson.

utes. Inveraray were well served by their young players, who gave a good account of themselves.

Col Glen 2 Kyles Athletic 3

This Cowal derby served up a five-goal thriller at Otter Ferry.

Donnie McDiarmid gave Col Glen a 12th minute lead but Ross MacRae levelled on 20 minutes.

Luke Thornton gave his side a 25 minute

lead, which they took into the break.

Willie MacVicar drew Col Glen level after 55 minutes.

And that's the way it stayed until 10 minutes from time when Kyle McMartin grabbed the winner for the Tighnabruaich side.

Kilmory P Ballachulish P

Kilmory's match with Ballachulish was postponed on Saturday

morning as MacRae Park was unplayable.

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Strachur A Oban Celtic A

Strachur, among the division's title favourites, welcomed Oban Celtic second team to Strachurmore.

Oban Celtic trailed 3-0 in the match with Ian Wilson and an Ian MacLennan double counting for Strachur.

But with the worsening weather conditions, referee Ted McDonald was left with little choice but to abandon the game.

Lochgilthead tees up new season with membership discount offer

AT THE recent Lochgilthead Golf Club AGM a new committee was appointed, led by club captain David Sinclair.

Ele Hunter is this year's ladies' captain, and other office bearers are James Scott, vice-captain; Douglas Whyte, secretary; Keith Cowan, treasurer; Colin Penman, match secretary; and Donna McKellar, junior convenor.

The club was also pleased to welcome new member Roo Marshall on to the committee.

One of the major items for discussion was the proposal to have a special offer for membership this year, whereby if an existing member introduces a new member, then both members get a discounted rate. This was seen as a positive move towards increasing the membership and was approved. This offer is only available up until April 30.

More details of an open day and junior/adult coaching will follow shortly.

The new season commences on April 1 with the Easter Trophy for gents, ladies and juniors. Lochgilthead Golf Club looks forward to welcoming members to this first competition.

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