



## Mid Argyll talent showcased at annual music festival



# Delight as MACPool lands redevelopment funding

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A MID Argyll community group has been awarded £315,788 from the Scottish Land Fund to kickstart its plans to redevelop its swimming pool.

Mid Argyll Community Enterprise can now buy the land MACPool is built on, as well as two adjoining buildings, to revamp the area.

Proposed changes include upgrading the current swimming and changing areas, a new public gallery, a community cafe and a soft play area.

Kim Ritchie, chairwoman of Mid Argyll Community Enterprises, said: 'This award from Scottish Land Fund is the first crucial step in our exciting plans to develop and expand the facilities at MACPool,

enabling us to deliver more and better services to the community of Mid Argyll.

'The board and staff of MACPool are very grateful to the Scottish Land Fund for this great opportunity.'

Mid Argyll Community Enterprises will be using the money to buy the current Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (ABCAB) building and the Riverside Rascals Nursery and bring the site into community ownership.

ABCAB will remain at its current premises for now and Riverside Rascals will not be affected by the planned redevelopment.

MACPool joins a list of community projects across Scotland which will share a £1.2m pot for community projects and initiatives.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan, who at-



**Mid Argyll Enterprises chairwoman Kim Ritchie with Kath Craig, Rowan MacIntyre, board member Andy Knox, MACPool manager Graham Love, Jack Johnson and Molly Dykes.**

tended the opening of the pool 22 years ago, said: 'I am delighted the pool has received the grant.'

'Congratulations to all the staff for this achievement.'

'The pool is a tremendous asset to the local community and to vis-

itors to Mid Argyll.' Councillor Dougie Philand added: 'I congratulate the board and staff for all their hard work in securing such a sizeable grant. This will allow MACPool to progress plans it has to maintain the security and sustainability of

the pool. Well done to everyone.'

John Watt, Scottish Land Fund committee chairman, said: 'I am delighted to see such a wide range of projects benefiting from this latest Scottish Land Fund investment.'

'Whether it's buying

land to build new social housing or developing an existing asset like a pub or swimming pool, each initiative shows just what can be achieved when local people are encouraged and supported to pursue their community ownership ambition.'

Michael Russell MSP said: 'I am delighted that the Scottish Land Fund has made this decision. I am a great enthusiast for MACPool, and I got that enthusiasm from the late Bob McIlwraith who was a tireless campaigner for the pool and the benefit it brought to the community.'

'The present board has done a great job taking forward ambitious expansion plans and I look forward to continuing to support those ideas and seeing them come to fruition.'

## Care services spared but axe still hovers

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AT THE end of a week of worry, stress and uncertainty for many people, widely-reported healthcare cuts were, in the end, dropped.

For now, at least.

Plans by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to bridge a £13 million funding gap for 2018/19 included measures to close centres for people with learning disabilities, shut the Knapdale dementia ward in Mid Argyll Hospital, close elderly day centres and privatise home carers' services.

These savings alone would result in the loss of at least 70 full-time equivalent jobs to cut an estimated £465,000 from spending.

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Breedon area general manager Kenny Stewart, left, with Michael Russell MSP.

## New asphalt plant at Furnace quarry

A NEW asphalt plant at Furnace has been opened by Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute.

Furnace quarry is owned by Breedon Group plc, which has operated there for more than 15 years.

The firm produces material for the local construction industry, employing more than 50 people.

The replacement asphalt plant is in re-

sponse to demand from regional road and construction schemes.

It replaces an old and increasingly inefficient plant which had reached the end of its useful life.

Alan Mackenzie, chief executive of Breedon Northern, explained: 'We all appreciate the need to keep our roads in good condition, especially in a rural area like Argyll and Bute. We're

pleased to have been supporting the local community in this way for many years and this investment will enable us to continue doing so for many to come.'

Mr Russell added: 'It's great to see the investment, not only in this facility, but also from the local contractors who are all investing in the road network, which is a long-term commitment in Argyll and Bute.'

## Police files

### Possession of drugs

AT 1.15AM on Thursday March 22, on Oban Road, Lochgilphead, a 25-year-old man was stopped and searched by police and charged with being in possession of a small amount of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Driver on drugs charge

THE 29-year-old male driver of a car stopped by police in Meadows Crescent, Lochgilphead, at 11.30pm

on Saturday March 24, has been charged with being in possession of a small quantity of cannabis and cocaine. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Abusive behaviour

POLICE charged a woman, aged 68, for behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting two police officers at a house near Ardfern on Saturday March 24 at 11.10pm. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

# Cairndow caviar farm gets council go-ahead

A PLAN to build Scotland's first caviar farm at Cairndow has been unanimously approved by Argyll and Bute councillors.

The Fynest Caviar Company will now start producing Ostrea caviar from Russian and Siberian sturgeon in three buildings on the site of Ardinglas sawmill at the head of Loch Fyne.

The Edinburgh-based company hopes to have Scottish caviar on the market by Christmas 2020, initially producing 1.5 tonnes of caviar a year, which can sell for more than £1,000 per kilo, and growing up to three tonnes annually.

The £4m project aims to turnover £3.64m over six years and to hire seven full-time employees, including a general manager and technical staff.

Accountant Fraser Niven, one of the company's three directors, said: 'We are delighted the council recognised the significant benefits to the area that the company's plans represent.'

'Not only will it bring jobs, but the board's determination is that the company's produce will be synonymous with quality and richness reflecting the area's international reputation.'

Currently the UK

market consumes 19 tonnes of caviar a year, some of which is produced by the UK's only existing caviar farm in Devon.

Director Stephen O'Brien added: 'The object is to become a leading, high quality and profitable niche producer of caviar and sturgeon meat based on an ethical, sustainable and environmentally friendly operation in Scotland.'

### Petition

The application received a 5,000 signature petition from animal rights group PETA, with names from all over the world.

PETA director Elisa Allen said it was 'ap-

palling' councillors 'refused to listen to the calls of thousands of locals who opposed the plan'.

'In the wild, sturgeons live in open rivers and migrate vast distances, but on commercial fish farms, such as this one, they're confined to severely crowded tanks, where they have no option but to spend their lives swimming in endless circles and are highly susceptible to stress and aggression,' she added.

'At the end of their miserable lives, they'll be cut open so their eggs can be taken for a so-called 'delicacy' which most people have no appetite for.'

## Dashcam footage appeal after serious crash

WITNESSES to a two-vehicle crash last week by the shores of Loch Fyne are being sought.

The crash, on the A815 Cairndow-Dunoon road at Poll, near St Catherines, was reported to police at 3.20pm on Wednesday March 21.

A man, aged 56, was driving a Nissan X-Trail southbound on the A815 when it was involved in a collision with a Land Rover Defender being driven north-

bound by a 31-year-old man. Emergency services attended and the 56-year-old man was taken by ambulance to Cowal Community Hospital, then transferred to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow where staff have confirmed his condition is 'serious'.

The driver of the Land Rover suffered minor injuries.

Officers from the divisional

road policing unit at Dumbaron are appealing for any witnesses to the crash or anyone with information to come forward. They are also keen to speak to anyone who was driving on the road prior to the crash who has dashcam footage.

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## Almost ready for Nancy Glen lift

WORK has continued this week on clearing debris from the wreck of the Nancy Glen.

Speaking on Tuesday, Elaine Whyte of the Clyde Fishermen's Association said that research ship Severn Sea continued to work using remotely operated underwater vehicles to remove fishing gear, ropes and other material from the boat.

She told the Advertiser: 'The operation is slightly behind schedule due to adverse weather, but it is almost complete.'

This was slightly at odds with an earlier Scottish Government statement.

A government spokesperson said: 'We are confident all of the debris has now been cleared around the site of Nancy Glen and a formal underwater visual survey will confirm this.'

'Work to mobilise a barge with lifting equipment at the site will take place over the next few days and we hope to commence further preparatory work this week before any lifting begins at the site.'

'This continues to be a complex task with a number of technical challenges, meaning there is no guarantee of success. We are in close contact with the families and are keeping them updated as the recovery progresses.'

The boat sank on January 18 with the loss of skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk.

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# Narrowing down options for Minard's shop future

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EFFORTS by the people of Minard to keep the village shop open have proved unsuccessful.

The shop, owned by Minard Community Trust, will be closed after tenants Mike and Syb Masters - who also operated a post office in the shop - decided to retire.

The closure comes despite an exercise

by the trust to come up with ideas for the shop's future use, in conjunction with local people.

In an online statement, Minard Community Trust said: 'Unfortunately the efforts to open the village shop have been unsuccessful. The proposed closure date for the shop is April 13.'

The search goes on to identify a plan for the shop building. The trust has narrowed

down suggestions to a shortlist of four and at a public meeting last week these were put to residents.

The preferred options are to find another business tenant; use the space as a community hub; convert the shop back to a house or sell the property and bank proceeds for the community.

Minard Community Trust chairman Brian Barker said: 'It was a nice positive meet-

ing, with around 25 folk there. It was all about focusing on how to make the best use of the space and people certainly came up with ideas that are food for thought.'

The trust will now meet to decide its next step.

Mr Barker continued: 'The post office service will still be available for two hours per week from the village hall.'

'We are still talking with the Post Of-

fice about the details of how this will work.'

A Post Office spokesperson said: 'We would like to assure customers that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a post office service to the local community.'

'In exploring this, it is important any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service and for the post office.'

## Argyll and Bute sees drop in crime and fire levels

THERE has been a reduction in crime levels and the number of fires across Argyll and Bute, according to statistics presented to a recent community services committee meeting.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's senior officer James McNeill presented the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's third quarter report to the Argyll and Bute Council committee, which showed a 36 per cent drop in the number of fires in the council area compared to the same period last year. Committee members also heard how the overall number of crimes in Argyll and Bute continues to decrease, according to the latest Police Scotland report.

When compared with the five-year average for the region, the total number of crimes recorded in the last three months of 2017 is down by 24.5 per cent.

Chairwoman of the community services committee Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'I commend the work done by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland in keeping our residents safe.'

## MP presents petition against RBS closure plans



Campaigner Marian Pallister, Inveraray hotelier Donald Clark and Brendan O'Hara MP at the petition launch in December.

A PETITION against the Royal Bank of Scotland's plans to close its Inveraray branch has been handed to MPs in Westminster.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara presented the parliamentary petition, with hundreds of signatures, to the House of Commons on Thursday March 29.

The branch was earmarked by RBS for closure by June 21 this year, but a stay of execution was later announced which means the branch will remain

open at least until the end of 2018.

At this point, RBS will re-assess the situation and make a decision from there on whether the Inveraray branch will remain.

### Disputed

RBS claims changing ways of banking and fewer people using the branch means it must close - something hotly disputed by local business people.

Personal and business customers have protested at the bank's plans, with Brendan O'Hara describing the move as 'inexplicable'.

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# Care services are spared but the axe still hovers

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Together with other sweeping measures, the HSCP aimed to save £3.4 million.

The trade union Unison, when it got wind of the proposals, reacted angrily, releasing details of potential job losses among its members.

Alarmed at the suddenness of the announcement, staff, carers and service users were left to deal with the prospect of losing much-needed jobs and services.

The final decision was due to be rubber-stamped by the HSCP's governing body, Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB), at a meeting in

Kilmory on Wednesday March 28. People affected by the threatened closures were, by this time, galvanised into action – and a petition by councillors Douglas Philand and Donald Kelly of Argyll First to 'retain vital health and social care services in Argyll and Bute' rapidly gathered 1,352 signatures.

One of the facilities earmarked for closure was the Lochgilphead Resource Centre, offering support for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

As the news emerged last week, an emergency meeting was called at the centre. The conclusion was

that any propose closure of the centre would be 'vigorously opposed'.

One parent said: 'The few hours my child spends at the resource centre are invaluable. What is the alternative? Where do people go?'

But Wednesday's IJB meeting turned out to be less crunch and more damp squib – the main business understood to have been had been discussed and agreed at a 'heated' pre-meeting ahead of the publicised event.

Scotland's health minister, Shona Robinson, last week urged the IJB to 'reconsider as a matter of the highest priority what fur-



Pauline Turner from the Dochas Centre hopes there will be proper consultation before new savings plans are unveiled in May.

ther work it needs to complete' before final-

ising spending plans. IJB members unani-

mously agreed to a motion by chairman Rob-in Creelman to remove the planned savings from closing learning disability centres, the Knapdale ward, elderly day centres and privatising home carers' services.

The board also withdrew a separate report outlining potential further service changes – understood to include a leaked plan to close all council-run care homes in Argyll and Bute because they 'would not have been in line with the strategic plan'.

Officers have been asked to draw up alternative savings proposals to be brought back to the IJB in May.

Mr Creelman had opened the meeting with an apology for 'the way things transpired'.

He added: 'There was no intention of anything being hidden or dealt with in secret, as was implied.'

Pauline Turner, of Lochgilphead's Dochas Centre, which offers support for carers, said: 'We're delighted they listened to popular opinion. I just hope they consult properly with carers and people like ourselves in the third sector before they do anything else.'

'They need to think more openly and holistically. We have good ideas, and working together we can use what we have a lot better.'

## The view of the union . . .

SIMON Macfarlane, Unison regional organiser, commented: 'Unison campaigned against devastating cuts to jobs and services that were considered today.'

'Our open letter to public sector leaders gave a voice to a groundswell of opposition from our members and the community. We are glad to see that the

IJB today passed a motion that stepped away from the worst of the cuts that we had highlighted in our letter.

'Today we saw the immediate threat

to Knapdale Ward, learning disability day centres and the proposed privatisation of home care lifted.

'We further saw a step away by the IJB from doing budget business in private. It is still the case the HSCP faces financial challenges and that is a result of needless austerity.'

'Today, though, we welcome that the threats to our members' jobs have been lifted for now. We will continue to speak up for jobs and services and the IJB knows that.'

Simon Macfarlane, Unison regional organiser, left, with Unison convener for Argyll and Bute NHS, Dawn MacDonald and Kevin McIntosh, chairman of Argyll and Bute Council Unison branch.

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## Difficulties posed by conflicting priorities

CHRISTINA West, chief officer of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said after the IJB meeting: 'The budget paper presented at today's meeting highlighted the scale of the financial challenge the HSCP is facing.'

'The IJB was presented with some very difficult decisions to take and was faced with a dilemma with conflicting priorities of providing quality care, meeting performance targets and expectations and delivering financial balance.'

'This included separate consideration of service proposals that are outwith the delivery of our strategic plan. The board did not approve any proposals that would not have been in line with the strategic plan's objectives and priorities and consequently withdrew



Christina West 'regrets the upset caused'.

the report that was intended to be discussed in private session.

'I am also aware that the speculation over the proposals has been unsettling for our staff, communities and stakeholders and I regret the upset, concern and anxiety that this has caused.'

'HSCP officers will therefore continue to engage and work with our staff, third and independent sectors,

trade unions, our funding partners and our communities to develop plans to deliver savings for the organisation.'

'We will take up offers of support from our partners to develop the budget further, including communicating and supporting the case for change and the need to transform and modernise our services to meet current and future demand.'

## So good it's scary in Kilberry

LOOK out for the annual Scarecrow Challenge this Easter weekend.

People around the whole length of the single track B8024 Kilberry road get involved, creating all

kinds of imaginative scarecrows in the hope of winning this prestigious competition.

Drive round and view the scarecrows on Easter Monday and call into Ormsary Hall between midday and

4pm, where you will find delicious home baking plus soup, tea or coffee. There will also be a tombola stall, book stand and various craft tables.

If you wish to go along and take a free table, just go along on the day.

Achahoish Primary School pupils will play a big part in the Easter Monday celebrations, holding a car wash at Ormsary Hall as well as a 'nearly new' table, all in aid of the SSP-CA. A craft stall will be there, raising funds for the school.

Pupils have created their own poems, and these will be displayed around and about Ormsary.

**You never know who you'll meet on the Kilberry road.**

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**Dancing the night away in Ardrishaig Public Hall.** 06\_a50countrydance06

## Dancers brave the ice for annual shindig

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society held their annual dance on Saturday March 17 in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Dancers from all over Argyll braved the icy weather to enjoy an evening dancing to the music of Nicky McMichan and Martainn Skene, with a lovely buffet supper provided by branch members. Mid Argyll dancers meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm in Ardrishaig Public hall and are always happy to welcome visiting dancers.

## Early learning in Tarbert about fair trading

EARLY Level children at Tarbert Academy have been learning about transport.

Working with Tarbert Co-op, the children also celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight, learning how food gets to the shops.

### Brilliant talk

Staff from the local Co-op visited the school when Margaret and Martin delivered a brilliant talk to teach

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The children enjoyed learning about fairtrade.



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## Editorial

### Music festival hits right note

IF YOU missed this year's Mid Argyll Music Festival, make sure you keep your diary free in 2019 for the week of music and song.

There are some real stalwart supporters who come back year after year to help and to compete, but the festival deserves better.

It is a true gem in the crown of Mid Argyll.

To hear competitors, from the smallest of tots to those slightly longer in the tooth, giving their best in singing and instrumental events is fantastic.

The talent out there is outstanding, fostered by dedicated tutors and coaches.

But we need to get right behind these local events or they will struggle to survive.

Enter yourself and your children; get along and enjoy the performances.

Or just offer to lend a hand. Every little helps.

### Making waves at community pool

CONGRATULATIONS to the board governing Mid Argyll Community Pool plus hard working staff.

Their ambition is to be applauded and more power to their elbow.

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### 'Long on rhetoric'

Sir,  
As usual, Councillor Redman's letter in last week's edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser was long on anti-SNP rhetoric and short on fact and information.

He firstly fails to differentiate between A roads and trunk roads, begging the question of the relative proportions as he compares England and Scotland.

It would be interesting to hear if Councillor Redman thinks the Tory Westminster government bears any responsibility for its imposition of years of austerity and cutbacks.

As the responsibility for maintenance of A roads

lies with local councils, not the Scottish Government, perhaps Councillor Redman will tell us when the A roads for which his ruling group is responsible will have them up to standard and also have the grace to acknowledge the increase in budget from the Scottish Government that has allowed Argyll and Bute Council 'to step up to the plate'.

David Hay, Minard.

### Get kilted out

Sir,  
I would like to encourage Scots to take part in this year's Kiltwalks to raise funds for the NSPCC.

It's so important people are aware of the work the

NSPCC does. I am a parent but I think there are so many children out there who are not being looked after properly.

This year's Kiltwalks take place in Glasgow on April 29, Aberdeen on June 3, Dundee on August 19 and Edinburgh on September 16.

For more information, contact scotlandevents@nspcc.org.uk or call 0141 212 3879.

Gail Porter, NSPCC supporter and TV presenter.

### Pet warning

Sir,  
Easter is a time of great fun for the whole family, but I would urge your readers to

keep chocolate treats safely out of reach of inquisitive pets.

Chocolate can be highly poisonous to pets, with dogs most commonly affected.

It contains theobromine, a naturally occurring chemical found in cocoa beans which, while safe for humans, is harmful to dogs and other animals.

If you suspect your dog has eaten chocolate, don't delay in contacting your local vet.

The quicker the animal gets veterinary advice and treatment, the better. Your vet will want to know how much chocolate your dog has eaten and what type. If

possible, keep any labels and have the weight of the dog to hand.

The effects of chocolate poisoning in dogs usually appear within 12 hours and can last up to three days.

First signs can include excessive thirst, vomiting, diarrhoea and restlessness.

These symptoms can then develop into hyperactivity, tremors, abnormal heart rate, hyperthermia and rapid breathing.

In severe cases, dogs can experience fits and heart-beat irregularities and some cases can result in coma or death.

Melissa Donald, president, British Veterinary Association Scottish branch.

# A winter in Argyll – part one

Over the next few editions, we will be serialising a short story by an Edinburgh writer with an enduring love for Mid Argyll. We hope you enjoy it and look out for another chapter in next week's edition.

By Carolyn McKerracher  
When I was ten, I wrote a story about my summer holidays.

'Mrs Munro, what's the name for a shop that sells sweets and boats?'

'Sweets and boats? I don't think that there is a word for that kind of shop.'

'There is! I was there in the summer. There's a special name for a shop that sells sweets and boats.'

Unfortunately, in pre-internet days, Mrs Munro was unable to do a quick Google search to find the answer and it was another 40 years before I discovered it myself.

The Boatique.

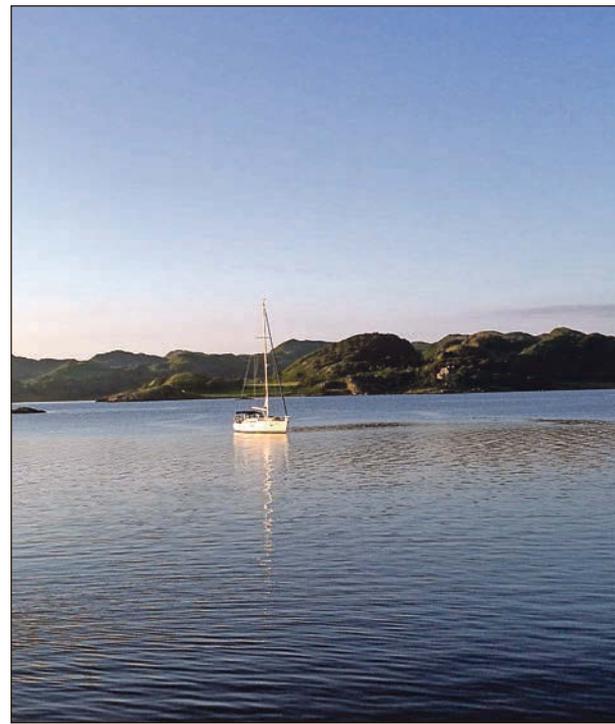
A shop that sells sweets and boats. More commonly known as the Crinan Boatyard.

As children we used to holiday on a houseboat on the Crinan Canal. For landlubbers like my sister and I, it was an adventure, ably led by our dad who took us on endless wet and muddy walks, through miles

of Forestry Commission plantations, fully kitted out in our identical cagoules and wellies. For mum, the midges, the single-ringed stove, the incessant rain on the tin roof and – best of all – the on-shore toilet, it was all an adventure too far.

Dad's cousin was Margaret, who was literally swept off her feet by Forsyth Hamilton when she fell off her bike when on recuperation at her grandfather's house in Ardrishaig. The houseboat was theirs. Consequently, every on-board holiday was peppered with kippers. Kippers for breakfast, kippers for dinner and kippers in a big box to take home for family and neighbours. Mum's compensation? A bucket of pickled herring, which she slowly picked her way through over the winter.

Alas, we grew up and holidayed on our own. Forsyth died, then Margaret. Ties were lost and kippers gone. I visited once or twice over the years, but it wasn't until



Beautiful Crinan – a place to reflect for Carolyn. a13\_Crinan01

one year after my dad died that I came back properly, to spend two winter months in Crinan, ostensibly to write but also to remember and to grieve.

I did it all: the writing, the remembering, the grieving, but I also laughed, met new people, volunteered, walked, fell, lost my phone and hit numerous potholes.

I loved it all. Except maybe the potholes.

My home for the two months was the picturesque Barn Cottages at Kilmahuaig, right on the edge of the Celtic Rainforest. My hosts, Daphne and Mike Murray, tended to my every need, answered every question and even forgave the breakages. Each day at sun-

rise I hiked through ancient oak, birch, hazel and ash, up to Dun Mor, down to Lock 14, along the towpath to the canal basin, then back up through the woods.

A good hour's heart-pumping yomp and, in the mud, ice and rain, safest with walking poles. An omen, if ever there was one.

I wrote at the cottage, paragraphs punctuated by glimpses of oak, heron and blue tits, feeding greedily off what I learned was the cotoneaster bush by my front door. It was clearly delicious - but only for birds. Just before midday, I headed out past the donkeys and the Shetland ponies, to the Crinan Hotel, where I spent two hours in the gallery on the third floor.

There I drank in not just coffee, but the harbour, the red and white striped lighthouse, Loch Crinan and the hills and mountains beyond. A view only surpassed by that from Lock 16, the hotel's Seafood Restaurant, which offers a panorama of the Sound of Jura, from the Paps to the Corryvreckan, Scarba and Mull.

To be continued...

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Jackie Adams was promoting beach cleaning at the jumble sale after finding a number of plastic bottle tops on Kilmory Beach. 08\_a13jumblesale02



Alex Pollock with her daughter, Ella, 11, who was selling toys to raise money for Mary's Meals. 08\_a13jumblesale01

## Ardfern enjoys jumble success

THE SUN shone over Craignish Village Hall in Ardfern on Saturday March 24 for the boat jumble and car boot sale.

Thanks to the good weather, the event was one of the biggest for 19 years with the hall and car park full of 'boat bits' that were snapped up by almost 200 bargain hunters.

Craignish Community Company (C3) raised more than £1,500 which will help cover the organisation's running costs for 2018.

Organisers thanked everyone for their support and everyone who helped out and who donated raffle prizes.



Pat Barclay raised money for the Malawi World Food Programme by selling her homemade jams and chutneys. 08\_a13jumblesale04

## £5m boost for timber transport funding

SCOTLAND'S rural economy secretary Fergus Ewing has announced a £5 million funding boost for projects minimising the impact of timber lorries on rural roads.

This award of additional money to the 2018/19 Strategic Timber Transport Fund (STTF), managed by Forestry Commission Scotland, means £7.85 million of support is now available.

Speaking at the Timber Transport Forum conference near Inverness, Mr Ewing said: 'Last year, an additional Scottish Government contribution of £5 million to the Timber

Transport Fund resulted in 50 projects and £11 million of improvements to the Scottish rural road network.

'This has been of significant benefit to the forestry sector, our rural economy, rural communities and the environment and for this reason the Scottish Government is this year contributing a further £5million to the Timber Transport Fund.

'Forestry's success story is set to continue in the years ahead and with greater volumes of timber being brought to market, this welcome investment will further mitigate the impact of increased timber

traffic for minor rural roads, on local communities and on the environment.'

As well as supporting projects that strengthen public roads and reduce disruption by timber haulage, the STTF also supports projects that move timber by sea or rail, as well as those diverting timber lorries on to in-forest haul routes.

All projects are required to meet Strategic Timber Transport Scheme funding criteria. Projects involving work on in-forest roads and on normal A-class roads can apply for support at up to 50 per cent of costs.

## Carers enjoy Kintyre break

A GROUP of carers from the Dochas Centre in Lochgilhead enjoyed a long weekend break at Saddell House in Kintyre.

The carers were treated to meals in the large dining room, with staff enjoying having their meals cooked for them and sharing it with other carers.

One Dochas employee said: 'It was so good to have your meals cooked for you. The company was brilliant, everyone was included and I got to make new friends.'

The house had no wi-fi or television, with the staff feeling they could really unwind. They took in some of the most spectacular views Kintyre has to offer, look-

ing across Kilbranan Sound to Ardran, also getting a great view of the beach where Paul McCartney recorded 'Mull of Kintyre'.

Following afternoon tea on Saturday, three therapists arrived to pamper the carers. One carer commented: 'I realise how important it is to take care of myself I am going home a different person. I feel so refreshed.'

The Dochas Centre would like to say a huge thank you to the Landmark Trust for giving the carers this experience for the third year in a row, allowing them to relax, make new friends and recharge their batteries. Thanks go to all the helpers and staff that made the trip so memorable.



Carers from the Dochas centre enjoying their break at Saddell House.

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Steve outside Carradales



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# Mid Argyll talent showcased at annual music festival



Amy Paterson, aged 16, won the Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark in solo brass. Amy also scored the highest mark of the festival with 91. She is pictured with adjudicators Professor David Houlton and Sheila Kent. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat09



Above: Eve Maxwell finished off a successful music festival winning the Munro Memorial Salver for the highest mark in vocal solo. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat10



Festival co-ordinator Fiona MacDonald with Feorlin Renton from Inveraray. 06\_a13MAMF\_Fri04



Campbeltown Brass, recently crowned Scottish Brass Band Champions, won the Gifford Bowl for the highest mark by a choir or band. Conductor Stephanie Mitchell is pictured with adjudicators David Houlton and Sheila Kent. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat11



Adjudicator Sheila Kent with Hanna McCaig, aged 11, who brought the Co-operative Premier Festival Award home to Campbeltown. The award is given to the most promising competitor, chosen by the adjudicators following the week's performances. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat08



Holly Renton, who won the Celia Henderson Memorial Shield with a mark of 89, with Celia's daughter Gillian Aitken. 06\_a13MAMF\_Fri02



Campbeltown Brass following their performance in the open bands competition. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat07

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# Fun for all ages but tough decisions for adjudicators

THE AUDIENCE at this year's Mid Argyll Music Festival witnessed some of the best talent the region has to offer.

Kicking off on Saturday March 17, the festival was a week of musical fun for all ages, with primary one to three children getting the chance to be involved in a non-competitive setting. Festival adjudicators Luis Allan, Joy Dunlop, David Hoult and Sheila Kent had many tough decisions throughout the week with consistently high performances across all sessions.

The event was meticulously organised by

the festival committee, ensuring all sessions ran on time and each had appropriate silence for their performances.

Festival administrator Sheila McCallum said: 'The festival was hugely successful, despite the numbers being down. The audience was appreciative of all the performances.'

The festival received lavish praise from the adjudicators on how well it was organised and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the committee led by Martin Gorringe for all their hard work.'

**More from the music festival on page 13.**



Intermediate piano duet winners Ruth Neville and Bea Campbell won the Meldrum House Shield with a mark of 87. 08\_a13MAMF\_ThursPM04



Left to right: Fiona Cupples, Ann McMillan and Shona Keith who placed in the songs from the shows senior class. 08\_a13MAMF\_WedEve03



Eve Maxwell, Alistair Cupples and Holly Renton who placed in the secondary school years four to six vocal solo. 08\_a13MAMF\_ThursPM09



Ben Maddox won the Smiddy Bistro Trophy for his performance in the piano solo open. 08\_a13MAMF\_ThursPM08

## Speaker Tilly on fine form

TILLY Cunningham won the secondary verse speaking solo and Scots verse speaking solo at the music festival.

She was awarded a certificate of honours for her performance of 'James Had a Magic Set' and a certificate of distinction for 'Sunday Spectacular'.



James Urquhart won the Portsonachan Players Quiach with 85 marks for his performance in the piano solo sonata. 08\_a13MAMF\_ThursPM07

Look out for Mid Argyll Music Festival results in next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



Songs from the shows junior winners, left to right: Alistair Cupples, Eve Maxwell, Hannah Black and Rhona Love. 08\_a13MAMF\_WedEve02

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# Happy Easter

After a long, cold, winter isn't it wonderful to welcome Eastertide and the lighter evenings and the much-anticipated arrival of spring!

EASTER is early this year but here is a conundrum: it might well be early in the calendar but it seems we have been waiting for it for so long after a bitterly cold spell of weather.

Winter does seem to have dragged this year, doesn't it? The daffodils all seem to have waited, shivering, to come out and greet the spring.

It is a time for shaking off winter and getting out and about – whether that is meeting up with our families and friends, venturing out into the countryside or beginning to enjoy our gardens.

It is a time when migrating birds and animals start to arrive back in the West Highlands and our tourist season begins to build.

Now that Easter is here let's all enjoy the awakening of new growth, new life in the fields around us, the lengthening days and the Christian celebrations at the heart of the holiday.



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Tarbert Academy Juniors won the Hollies Plate in the traditional/folk group competition with their performance of 'Mairi's Wedding'. 08\_a13MAMF\_FriPM03



Larchwood Barbara Shop, which won the Kilmartin Hotel Shield for their performance of 'All About the Bass'. 08\_a13MAMF\_FriEve03



Shona Keith won the Ardgartan Cup in the Kennedy Fraser solo with a mark of 88. 08\_a13MAMF\_FriEve06

## More pictures from this year's Mid Argyll Music Festival

Intermediate Gaelic choir winners Coisir Og Dhail Riata also won the Saltire Quach for the highest mark in the Saturday morning session. 08\_a13MAMF\_Sat03



Beginner brass solo winners, left to right: James Barr, Eilidh Flanagan, John Bell and Arran Grant. 08\_a13MAMF\_FriPM01



Dunadd Trophy winners Grace McTaggart, left, and Kirstie Renton. a13dunaddtrophy



Tarbert Academy's Daria Derevyankin pipped Robyn Fleming from the Lomond School into second place in the violin solo competition. 8\_a13MAMF\_FriPM05

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# Physio's handiwork creates business success

A FORMER physiotherapist with a lifelong love of sewing has set up her own business designing and creating an exclusive collection of handmade bags.

Thistle Fairy Designs has grown steadily since Shona Jennings first began selling her products three years ago and now exports 50 per cent of its unique bags to America.

Shona decided to focus on the business full time in July last year after she moved to Oban with her husband.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Shona is now selling online via her own website

and Etsy, to customers across the UK and Europe.

Shona is working with small, independent weavers who specialise in limited edition tweed to create one-off products giving her customers a rare and special article.

She said: 'Thistle Fairy Designs began as a hobby, initially selling to family and friends, but through word-of-mouth, fairs and Facebook, it started to snowball.'

'Somehow I managed to continue with my physiotherapy job, but when my husband was offered a new job in Oban it was the right time to turn Thistle Fairy Designs into a full-time business.'

'I knew I had to get really serious about running the business, so in order to up the ante I went to Business Gateway for support.'

'I attended a number of DigitalBoost workshops focusing on digital marketing strategy and social media, as well as other seminars on selling online and ensuring my website was fit for purpose.'

'This allowed me to introduce an online shop which I felt was the natural next step for the business.'

Thistle Fairy Designs create a range of handmade bags mainly made from Harris Tweed or the environmentally and vegan friendly cork leather.

With stockists in

Perthshire, Oban and Appin, Shona is keen to target more sales and attend bigger trade shows.

She is also opening the doors to her studio to allow visitors to see how she works and touch and feel the fabrics for themselves.

Shona added: 'By using cork leather we're producing environmentally friendly bags that are colourful yet allow the natural beauty of the Harris Tweed and leather to be the centre of attention.'

'I had no idea that my love for sewing would result in people in America buying my products but it's wonderful as I love running this business.'

Angela Vernel of



Shona Jennings of Thistle Fairy Designs.

Business Gateway Designs grew, Shona said: 'Shona has taken advantage of our fully funded workshop calendar and DigitalBoost programme to learn the skills needed to run a successful venture.'

'As Thistle Fairy

knew she had to look at improving her digital knowledge and ensure her website was suitable for online selling.'

For more information visit [www.thistle-](http://www.thistle-)

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## Business owners urged to brush up on new data laws

BUSINESSES across Argyll and Bute are being urged to find out more about the new data protection regulations before they come into effect on May 25.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply to all businesses and organisations that are offering goods and services to EU citizens, or to those monitoring the behaviour of EU citizens or who are processing personal data.

Business Gateway has introduced a new GDPR online tutorial and guide, a crucial addition to the DigitalBoost portfolio, which will help business owners to easily and efficiently comply.

GDPR is a complete update and overhaul of the existing data protection regime now including new data storage invention, giving

greater protection and rights to individuals on how personal information can be used by organisations holding it.

Failure to comply with the GDPR regulations will result in significant fines being applied for infringements, which could be as much as €20m or four per cent of a company's global turnover.

Business Gateway's top tips on things Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) need to be doing right now to prepare include:

1. Review it now – Preparing for GDPR will need full attention and it will take time to implement new processes and procedures across a business.

2. Understand the new changes – Many of them will impact current processes, such as an indi-

vidual's right to be forgotten and subject access requests. Business owners may need to draw up a plan for responding to such requests as with most cases under GDPR there is only one month to reply.

3. Map out what data and personal data is stored – It is essential to understand where it is stored, what systems are used, and how it is used.

Consider whether invasive means of collecting personal data are used and if the data is processed fairly and lawfully.

This means informing people about the purpose and use of personal data collected and how your business will process that. At this stage it may be worth considering a privacy impact assessment.

4. Securely delete old data – If storing data that is no longer required (and a business is not legally obliged to keep) then securely delete it.

Disposing of unnecessary data will help reduce risk. But make sure to securely erase it with specialist equipment and software.

5. Let employees and suppliers know – Make sure all employees and suppliers are aware of any changes to processes and procedures that may impact them.

6. Find out more – Visit the links below at Business Gateway's website:

· Online Tutorial - [bgateway.com/online-tutorials](http://bgateway.com/online-tutorials)

· Online Guide - [bgateway.com/gdprguide](http://bgateway.com/gdprguide)

Hugh Lightbody, lead officer, Business Gateway National Unit

said: 'At Business Gateway's website, you'll find comprehensive online guides to help you get to grips with the GDPR.'

'Our DigitalBoost programme is already a success and adding GDPR training to the programme will allow business owners to continue to make best use of digital and importantly help them to protect their business.'

Dates for a GDPR workshop will be confirmed soon – to register interest in attending contact the local office on 01546 808363.

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# Spring Property REVIEW

Happy, happy HPI talks!



Average prices have been steadily increasing each month' – Janet Egdell, Registers of Scotland.

**Property prices are on their way up in Scotland, say the number crunchers**

THE latest publication of the monthly UK House Price Index (UK HPI) shows that the average price of a property in Scotland has increased 7.3 per cent in 12 months to £148,512.

The UK average is £225,621; an increase of 4.9 per cent on the previous year.

Janet Egdell, of Registers of Scotland, said: 'Average prices in Scotland continued their upward trend in January with an increase of 7.3 per cent when compared to January 2017. Average prices have been steadily increasing each month since March 2016, when compared with the same month of the previous year.'

She added: 'Residential sales volumes decreased in November.

The annual decrease of 1.9 per cent when compared with November 2016 in Scotland is in the context of larger decreases across the rest of the UK. The cumulative volume of sales for Scotland for the financial year to date – from April to November 2017 – was 72,842. This is an increase of 7.9 per cent on the equivalent year to date position for November 2016.'

Across Scotland, all property

types showed an increase in average price in January 2018 when compared with the same month in the previous year. Detached properties showed the biggest increase, rising by 8.6 per cent to £261,291. The average price of flats showed an increase of 5.6 per cent to £105,590, the smallest increase of all property types.

Scotland's house price index

(HPI) is produced by Registers of Scotland. Together with partners the Office of National Statistics, HM Land Registry, Land and Property Services Northern Ireland and the Valuation Office Agency they produce the UK HPI. The numbers quoted are from the statistical review of Scottish residential property 2017 published this month



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# Buying for the first-time ? avoid these big mistakes

## BUY with your head, not your heart and always pay attention to the home report

THERE is nothing as wonderful as turning the key in the door and walking into your first home.

There is also nothing as potentially terrifying. This is the biggest financial decision of your life and it will influence the way you live: where the kids will go to school, future holidays, cars and even your career decisions. The winning post is the home you want and enjoy at a price you can afford.

## Priority

Think long and hard about what you need your home to do:

- Be close to your job or can you afford, or face, a commute?
- How many bedrooms, will one be an office/hobby/music room?
- Open plan?

- Garage or not? On or off street parking?
- Size of garden?
- Do you have the skills to renovate, or ability to live in a house being renovated over time as cost allows, or would you be better buying new or renovated?

## Money

Don't break your heart by finding your dream home only to discover your credit score isn't good enough; get a pre-approved mortgage so you know what you can afford and stick within that budget.

Once you know this don't go to the very top of your budget. You need wiggle room.

## Wiggle room

The cost of buying a house is more than a mortgage. It can be stamp duty or legal fees. You could well have a removal bill to pay, building and contents insurance and money set aside for repairs when they arrive, and they will!

Plus any new appliances you will need like a

cooker, fridge or washing machine. This is before you have bought a can of paint or a stick of furniture.

## Go in headfirst

Make sure you buy with your head, not your heart. If you fall in love with a property don't let that love be blind!

One of the biggest blind spots for a first-time buyer would be to not heed the home report.

Anyone selling a property in Scotland has to provide a home report. This is a pack of documents that provides more information about the property for potential buyers: a single survey, an energy report and a property questionnaire.

Read it from cover to cover and heed what it says because this report highlights structural problems and things like rot, rising damp and woodworm. All things which will make you fall out of love pretty fast.

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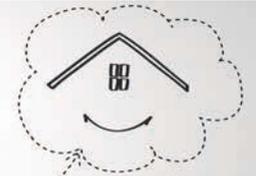
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## Mortgages



### The proportion of homeowners

income spent on mortgage payments is now one of the lowest in 10 years according to the Halifax.

Typical mortgage payments accounted for less than a third of homeowners' disposable income at 29 per cent in the last three months of 2017 which is down from almost half, 47 per cent during the same period in 2007; house purchasers would have to look back

to the 1990s to find a lower percentage.

**UK finance**, the banking and finance industry body, says there were 8,800 new first-time buyer mortgages completed in Scotland in the last quarter of 2017 which is 3.5 per cent more than in the same quarter in 2016 - up almost 10 per cent to £1.01 billion. The average loan was £106,000.

**SINCE 2007**, the Low-cost Initiative for First Time Buyers (LIFT)

shared equity schemes have helped over 12,000 people to buy a home. It gives people a step up via the open market shared equity Scheme with funding for 10 per cent to 40 per cent of the purchase price. The scheme is aimed at first-time buyers, social rented tenants, disabled people with a housing need, armed forces personnel and recent veterans or their widows or widowers.



### Six Bedroom Guest House In Oban

The Old Manse, Dalriach Road, Oban, PA43 5JE, Argyll

Offers Over **£499,000**

#### Key features

- Award winning 4-Star (STB) Victorian villa with spectacular views across Oban Bay to Mull.
- Positioned on an elevated and prominent trading location in the popular tourist town of Oban.
- Trading 6 letting bedrooms seasonally just below the VAT threshold.
- A charming property providing an easy-to-operate "home and income" lifestyle opportunity with sound profitability.
- Spacious ground floor private owners' accommodation comprising of 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, office and bathroom.
- Beautiful grounds to the front and private patio area to the rear of the property.

The Old Manse Guest House is a beautifully restored, detached Victorian Villa.

The business trades successfully on a seasonal bed and breakfast basis just below the VAT threshold. The development of year-round trading would enable new owners the capacity to trade above the VAT threshold. With six well-appointed en-

suite letting bedrooms, one of which has the facilities to expand into a family suite, there is no doubt that this property presents a remarkable prospect for first-time guest house operators or experienced proprietors. The property is currently trading with a 4-Star STB rating. This well-maintained property which is presented in excellent

condition, combined with exceptional trading prospects, represents a truly superb business opportunity.

Generous owner's accommodation is located on the ground floor with private access and includes a spacious lounge overlooking the harbour.

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### Charming Guest House near Oban

Braeside Guest House, Kilmore, Oban, PA34 4QR, Argyll

Offers Around **£349,000**

#### Key features

- Traditional 4-Star guest house within a prominent trading location on A816 coastal route near popular tourist town of Oban.
- Charming property providing an easy-to-operate "home and income" lifestyle opportunity overlooking Loch Feochan.
- Includes 5 most attractive en-suite letting bedrooms and spacious public rooms plus small bar area.
- Attractive owner's accommodation, comprising private lounge and double bedroom along with a basement area suitable for extended family or further development.
- Benefiting from year-round trade with sound profitability.

Braeside Guest House is a charming Visit Scotland 4-Star rating Guest House located on the A816 coastal route, 10 minutes' drive from the popular town of Oban. The property enjoys views over open countryside to Loch Feochan and is an attractive business. Operating year-round, Braeside Guest House offers bed and breakfast service in 5 well-appointed en-suite bedrooms, configured as twin, double and family

sized rooms. Guests can also be catered for with the provision of an evening meal service and, as the Braeside is licensed, served with some nice wines. The Guest House enjoys a good level of both repeat trade, and passing trade in the main tourist months, however most accommodation is booked online using the businesses own website or other portal agencies such as booking.com, late rooms etc. All the accommodation is

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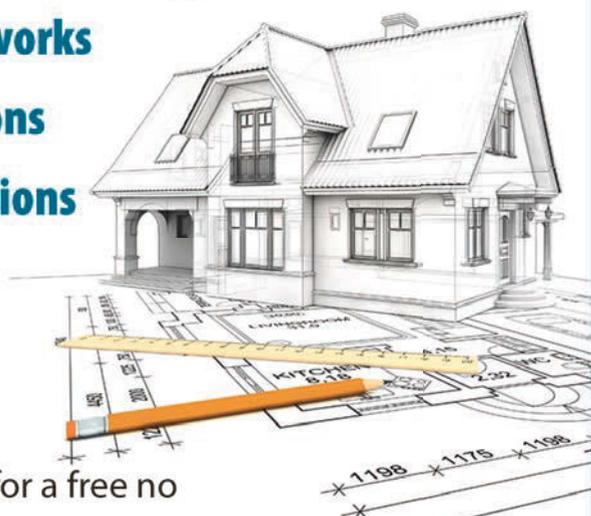


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## Dun Toiseach, Ford, PA31 8RH

Price Guide £375,000



- Spectacular Loch Views
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Dining Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Study
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Detached Garage
- Landscaped Garden
- EPC Rating: E 41



*OCCUPYING A PRIME, elevated position, with spectacular views sweeping over the surrounding countryside towards Loch An Lodan, the sale of Dun Toiseach offers an exciting opportunity to purchase a most desirable, Architect designed villa with garage, set in spacious garden grounds.*

Situated on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Ford in the heart of mid Argyll, Dun Toiseach forms a stunning, substantial detached villa set in generous garden grounds and enjoying superb, open views to the surrounding countryside towards Loch An Lodan. In immaculate order throughout and beautifully presented, the property was completed by the current owners in 2007 and has been designed and built to capitalise on the elevated and peaceful, rural location. Benefiting from double glazing, an oil fired wet central heating system, underfloor heating to the ground floor and an impressive double sided open fire, the property would be ideally suited as an excellent family home, idyllic holiday retreat or premium self-catering business opportunity.

In excellent order throughout and beautifully presented, the property has been thoughtfully designed to create fantastic and versatile living space and boasts many impressive features including the stone frontage, "Cathedral-style" windows, superb split-level open-plan lounge, kitchen and dining area with solid oak kitchen with granite work surfaces and integral appliances, double sided stone fireplace, exceptional mezzanine sitting room with decorative glass balustrade, feature beams and bird's eye view of the lower lounge area, striking fully tiled shower wetroom and master suite with dressing room to name but a few.

The property is approached by a private, gravelled driveway which leads to the integral garage and rear, providing ample parking and turning space. Laid to a mixture of lawn and gravel for ease of maintenance, the grounds are offset with mature shrubs and bushes, a raised decked entertaining area, paved patio and a feature decked planting area.

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- Convenient Central Location
- Lounge & Kitchen/Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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**Price Guide £100,000**

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- Charming Detached Cottage
- Stunning Countryside Views
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**Price Guide £140,000**

**Grianan, Corriebeg, Kinlochail,  
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- Charming Detached Property
- In Excellent Order
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**Price Guide £280,000**

**Tigh an Beag, 14 Upper Inverroy,  
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- Superior Detached Period Property
- In Very Good Order with Stunning Views
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/ Diner & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Shower Room & Cloakroom
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**Price Guide £598,000**



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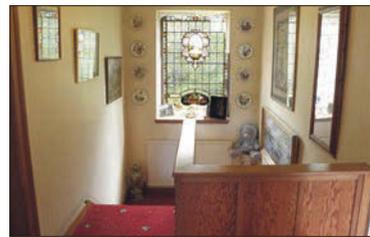
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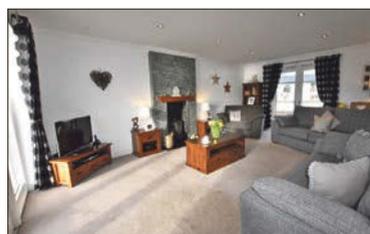
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Occupying a superb elevated position, with magnificent views over Loch Eil to the surrounding countryside, the sale of Hamnavoe offers an exciting opportunity to purchase a superior detached villa located in this exclusive development. Finished to a very high specification the property boasts a Tenby kitchen, bespoke staircase, feature picture windows, air source heating and under floor heating to the ground floor.

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Some of the delegates at the free advisory event in Inveraray.

## Argyll's farming women turn out in force for inspiration

ARGYLL'S farming women turned out in force last week for the latest in a series of free events offering advice and inspiration for women working in Scottish agriculture.

More than 30 travelled to the Inveraray Inn on the afternoon of Friday March 23 to

hear Morven MacArthur from SAC Consulting talk about livestock record keeping, while Brona MacDougall, an accountant with R A Clements Associates, discussed farm account keeping.

Participants also gave valuable feedback on what other training

events they would like to see held for women in agriculture in Argyll.

The events have been organised by the Scottish Government's Farm Advisory Service programme and delivered by SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College.

## Insurer warns over Easter dog attacks on livestock

AT THE end of a month which saw two separate attacks on sheep near Inveraray, rural insurer NFU Mutual is calling for owners to keep their pets under control over Easter.

The average cost of claims for farm animals killed or injured by dogs dealt with by NFU Mutual now more than doubles during the first three months of the year. Scotland was one of the worst affected parts of the UK with an estimated cost to farming of £330,000 in 2017.

New research by the insurer has revealed that more than 80 per cent of dog owners exercise their pets in the

countryside, with more than 60 per cent letting them roam off the lead.

Shockingly, almost seven per cent of owners admitted that their pets had chased farm animals in the past and one in 10 owners don't put their pets on a lead if they see a sign warning that livestock are in a nearby field.

While the majority of owners let their dogs off the lead, less than half (42 per cent) said their pet always came back when called – and only five per cent admitted their dogs are so disobedient they never come back when called. The insurer is also increasingly concerned by reports that

many attacks are being caused by dogs which have been let out in gardens and escape to attack sheep in neighbouring fields. 'These attacks cause tremendous suffering to livestock and are hugely distressing for farmers and their families who have to deal with

the aftermath of an attack,' said Tim Price, Rural Affairs Specialist at NFU Mutual.

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## Plenty going on for young farmers

MID ARGYLL Young Farmers' Club has been busy over the last few weeks as it goes from strength to strength.

At the club's recent annual general meeting, James Peter-

son and Robert Campbell continued as chairman and vice chairman respectively. Cara MacInnes became the new secretary and Aileen Semple is treasurer.

The young farmers also held a successful quiz and curry night in the Kilmartin Hotel on March 16, which raised £332 for club funds. Thanks go to everyone who came along.

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# Lochgilphead pupils sprint for Sport Relief



Lochgilphead Primary School pupils set off at high speed during the fun run.

THE SUN turned up just in time for the Lochgilphead Joint Campus annual Sport Relief fun run on Friday March 23, with pupils raising more than £1,200.

Louis McMillan took top spot in the senior boys' competition with a new record of 20 minutes and 20 seconds.

The school thanked Raymond Flanagan of Mid Argyll Youth Partnership, who secured generous sponsorship to cover the running costs of the event, and senior pupils and staff who helped to organise it.

Thanks must also go to the generous pupils, parents and staff for raising funds on top

of what has already been raised this term.

Winners: senior boy: Louis MacMillan; senior girl: Rachael Johnstone; junior boy: Kyle Danson (fifth overall); junior girl: Iris MacMillan; primary boy: Murray MacDonald; primary girl: Nikitta Todd and Anna Campbell.



Keeping it in the family: Iris McMillan, who was fastest junior girl with older brother Louis who set a new school record.



Senior girls' winner Rachael Johnstone.



Pupils during the run for Sport Relief.



Louis McMillan reaches the finish line in just over 20 minutes.

## Inveraray keeps bowling along

JENNY Spiers presented the prizes as the silverware was handed out at Inveraray Carpet Bowling Club.

At the end of another successful season, the Ladies' Cup was won by Marina Campbell.

Scott MacIntyre took the singles' championship, while the pair's cup was won by club chairman Duncan Robertson and George Morrison.

Duncan Robertson's team also won the Skips' Cup.

After a hard winter of competition, when travelling between venues was often difficult, Inveraray retained the Lochfyneside Carpet Bowling League trophy which also featured clubs from Dalmally, Portsonachan, Furnace and Cairndow.

Duncan Robertson said: 'Thanks to all our members for their efforts this season and I hope to see everyone in October for the start of next season.'



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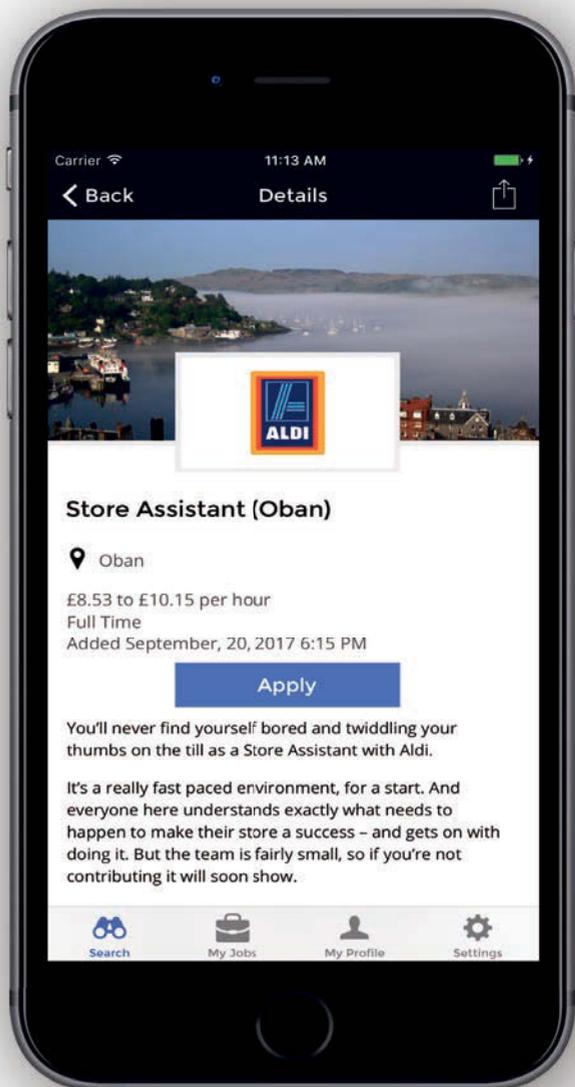
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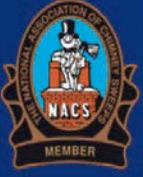
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**Easter Sunday (1st April)**  
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Ms Marilyn Shedden  
**Service on Gigha**  
at 10.00am in church  
Mr John Ives  
**Service in Clachan**  
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**Good Friday**  
Ecumenical Walk of Witness from the Cross, 10 am  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00 pm  
Stations of the Cross, 6.30 pm  
**Holy Saturday**  
Visit the Lord's Tomb, all day  
Blessing of Easter Food, 4 pm  
**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**  
8.30 PM  
**Resurrection Sunday**  
Holy Mass, 10.00 am  
Holy Mass, 4.00 pm  
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7.30pm 'Death to the King' - Jesus' crucifixion  
Rev Derek Lamont  
**Easter Sunday - 1st April**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
2.30pm Café Church  
**Wednesday 4th April**  
12.00 noon  
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**Sunday 1 April**  
9am Keills Chapel  
Early Morning Service  
Mr David Logue  
10am Tayvallich Hall  
Light Breakfast  
11.30am Tayvallich Church  
Easter Celebration  
Rev C Acklam  
retiring offering for Children's Hospice Association Scotland.  
**Friday 30th March**  
7pm Bellanoch Church  
Good Friday Meditations  
Rev C Acklam  
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Rev W Crossan  
**Tuesday 3rd April**  
9.45am Tiny Tots  
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**Friday 6th April**  
Lunch Club  
New Hall 12.00 noon

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SC002493  
**Sunday 1st April 2018**  
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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden  


'Do you know who I am?'  
This is often said by those who think they are very important.  
This is said by those who think that everyone should know just how special they are - how invaluable, how noteworthy.  
It is interesting that Jesus never once said: 'Do you know who I am?'.  
He never made people feel that they were in any way inferior or of less worth than him or of anyone else.  
During Holy Week we hear of Jesus, stooping low to wash his disciples' feet after their dusty journey in the last week of his earthly life.  
Jesus, lord of all and king of the universe, stoops low and becomes the servant king.  
Jesus knows what lies before him. There will be a beating, there will be cursing, there will be spitting and venom and hate.  
But still he doesn't say: 'Stop! Do you know who I am?'  
There will be ridicule and taunting and mockery.  
But still he doesn't say: 'Stop! Do you know who I am?'  
There will be the chilling sound of hammers ringing as nails are driven through his hands and feet, but still Jesus doesn't say: 'Stop! Do you know who I am?'  
There will be a gallows and Jesus will be hung there till his last breath ebbs from his tortured body, but still he doesn't say: 'Do you know who I am?'  
So today on this Friday of grief, stop and look at the man hanging before you.  
Meet his eyes and know that as his eyes meet yours, he will say with utter love: 'I know who you are - and that is why I am here.'

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A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

**BIRTHS**



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Calum, Michelle and proud big sister, Sienna, are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter and sister, Laila, born on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Fourth grandchild for Willie and Margaret, Southend and fourth granddaughter for Johnny and Eila, Carradale. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**LEES - STEVENSON** - On March 30, 1968, at Castlehill Church, by the Reverend J R H Cormack, Campbell to Josephine.  
**MCEACHRAN - PARK** - At St Blaans Church, Southend, on March 29, 1968, by the Rev James Marks, Neil to Jean.

**DEATHS**

**BELL** - Peacefully at home, 3 Hermione Terrace, Ardrishaig, on March 23, 2018, Mrs Mary Bell, née MacMillan, aged 93 years, beloved wife of the late Ian Bell, dearly loved mother of the late Margaret (Clark), much loved granny of Stuart and Veronica, and great granny. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, followed by interment at Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

**HUNTER-SWIFT** - Peacefully at home, 27 Longrow, Campbeltown, on March 20, 2018, Rosemarie Swift (Rosie), in her 67th year, adored wife of David, much loved mum of Daniel, Mary, Sarah and Samuel, loving nanny of Robyn, Nicola, Daniel, Joseph, Chloe, Emily-Kate and Rowan and great nanny to Mia and Shayla.

**LAMB** - Unexpectedly, on March 21, 2018, Violet Finlay Lamb, née Peters, in her 75th year, of Tigh Na Mara, Lochgair, by Lochgilphead, dearly beloved and loving wife of Willie Lamb, adored mother of Marcia and the late Craig, much loved and proud nana of Joshua and Caelan and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A well respected neighbour and dear friend to work colleagues in

Falkirk, Cambridge and Jersey. Funeral service will be held in Lochgair Parish Church, on Thursday, April 5 at 10.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cumlodden, Lochfyneside and Lochgair Churches.

**MATHER** - On March 25, 2018, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Willie, aged 69 years, elder son of the late Bill and Cathie Mather, Cairndow, loving father of Lesley, a much loved grandad, great grandad, brother and uncle. Funeral ceremony will take place at Cardross Crematorium, G82 5HD, on Tuesday, April 3 at 11.15am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Mid Argyll Cancer Care Endowment Fund (Chemotherapy Suite).

**MCLAUGHLIN** - Peacefully, at the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on March 25, 2018, Maureen McLaughlin (née Kennedy), in her 79th year, Glenside, Lochgoilhead, dearly beloved wife of Andrew McLaughlin, much loved mother of Paul and Alan, a loving gran of Amanda, Christopher, Alan and Travis, a much loved great gran of Jack and a loving mother-in-law, sister and aunt. A service will be held in the St Kieran RC Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, April 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Campbeltown Hospital.

**PHILLIPS** - Peacefully, on March 21, 2018, at Care Centre, Knowle, Margaret Taylor MacFarlane, née Smith, in her 79th year, beloved wife of the late Edgar Phillips, devoted mother to her six children and beloved grandmother to her eleven grandchildren. Beloved daughter of the late Neil and Peggy Smith of Glendaroch, Tarbert. Family funeral in Knowle, West Midlands. For further information please contact John Smith on 01880 820430.

**ROLLAND** - Peacefully at home, on March 20, 2018, Alastair Douglas Stacy, aged 87 years, of Pollokshields, Glasgow and Carsaig, Argyll, beloved husband of Elaine, much loved father of Douglas, Jennifer and Stuart, dear father-in-law of Kirsty and Nicole, cherished papa of Andrew, Ralph, Scott, the late Lucy, Angus, Oliver, Isla, Emily, Cara, Genevieve and Ossian, and treasured brother of Mo. A private funeral will take place on Friday, March 30. Friends are invited to

contact family regarding a planned memorial service.

**SIMPSON** - Ralph William. Peacefully, in Almond Court Care Home, on March 8, 2018, loving husband to Isobel and friend to many, Ralph will be missed by all. Funeral was in Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill, on March 21, 2018. RIP.

**TAYLOR** - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 27, 2018, Donald Taylor, in his 77th year, West Machrimore, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Eve and a much loved dad of Tracy, Julie and Amy. Service will be held in Southend Church, on Tuesday, April 3 at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Immediate family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Pancreatic Cancer.

**WOODALL** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 16, 2018, Patricia (Pat) Woodall, in her 78th year, of 23 Queen Elizabeth Cottages, Furnace, dearly beloved mother of Peter, Karen, David and Louise and a much loved nanny. A good friend, work colleague and dear neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in All Saints Church, Inveraray, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 10.30am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Flowers welcome. Donations if desired to Diabetes UK.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GARNHAM** - Lorna and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support after the sad loss of Alec. I would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, especially Dr Toledo. Thanks to Rev Willie Crossan and all who attended the service and graveside. Thanks also to T A Blair for their professionalism and the Ardsheel Hotel. Special thanks to the Royal British Legion Campbeltown branch while at the graveside. A retiral collection of £170.28 was raised for the Scottish Air Ambulance.

**LINDSAY** - The family of the late Margaret Lindsay would like to thank everyone for flowers, messages, phone calls and cards received. Our thanks to Rev Steve Fulcher for a comforting service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, to Argyll Bakeries, Argyll Bowling Club and all who attended church and cremation services. Special thanks to all hospital staff, Campbeltown ambulance boys and all carers. Also a special thank you to her niece, Tricia.

**MACKENZIE** - Fay and the family of the late Colin Mackenzie would like to extend their thanks to all relatives, friends, neighbours and former work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam for a most comforting and uplifting service; to Emily for the personal tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient and caring arrangements; to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes; and to the Stag Hotel for catering. Further special thanks to the nurses of Lochgilphead Medical Centre for their kindness, care and help given to Colin over the years, and to the medical teams of the Western Infirmary and Golden Jubilee hospitals. Finally, our thanks for the generosity in the retiring collection for British Heart Foundation and Lochgilphead Medical Centre Nurses which raised £630.

**MAC KENZIE** - The family of the late Ian Mac Kenzie, 25 Ballimore, Kilmichael Glassary, would like to thank everyone for their condolences upon his passing, in his 96th year, on March 1, 2018. Special thanks to the following: his home and personal carers; all staff and doctors at Mid Argyll Community Hospital; Rev Cliff Acklam for a most appropriate and personal funeral service, Hamish Hoey & Son Ltd Funeral Director; Aulays Bar in Oban; Kilmartin Hotel; Morna Shaw (flowers); Shona Brechin (Registrar). Following a long and full life, Ian will be sorely missed by all who knew him, particularly Eva, his wife of 62 years.

**STEWART** - Agnes, Agnes, Iain and Kirsten wish to thank all family and friends who have helped at this sad time, sending cards, letters, flowers and food parcels. Thanks to our friend, Rev Gary McIntyre, for a very fitting and personal service for Allister, to David McEwan for superb music, to John and Rachel for readings and to Fergus for his musical contribution. Thanks to all who attended services at the church and graveside. Your generosity has enabled a substantial donation to be made to Campbeltown Lifeboat. We would also like to thank the Blair family for sensitive handling of Allister's funeral arrangements and the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**LIDDELL** - In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990.

To us you were someone special, What more is there to say, Except to wish with all our heart, That you were here today. Loved and remembered every day, Missed more than words can say. - Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of a beautiful sister and 'special' auntie, Diane. You are always in our thoughts, We miss you everyday. - Love, Julie and Chloe.

**MACKAY** - In loving memory of Linda, who passed away on April 4, 2017. Gone from our home, But not from our hearts. - Willie, Mark, Katie, Ross, Viki, Laura, Hollie, Sophie and Charlotte.

**MCEACHRAN** - In loving memory of Gary, who died on March 30, 2017. We are sending a dove to Heaven, With a parcel on its wings, Be careful how you open it, It's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, Wrapped up in a million hugs, To say how much we miss you, And send you all our love. We hold you close within our hearts, And there you shall remain, To walk with us throughout our lives, Until we meet again. Love you, Gary x - Mum, Dad, Ross and Beth.

A beautiful memory, Dearer than gold, Of an uncle whose worth, Can never be told. There's a place in our hearts, No one can fill, We miss you, Uncle Gary, And always will. Love you x. - Christopher and Alyssa.

**MCEACHRAN** - In memory of Gary, much loved nephew and cousin, taken on March 30, 2017. - Aunty Agnes, Uncle Mac and family xx.

**MCEACHRAN** - In loving memory of Gary. Loved and remembered every day. - Aunty Jeannie and family xxxxxx.

**O'MAY** - Malcolm, remembering with love and happy memories. Simply the best! - Love always, your loving family xxxxxx.

**PATERSON** - (McCallum). In loving memory of my dearest sister, Flora, who passed March 2016. Words will never explain how much I/we miss you xx. - Love you always and forever, Joan, Derek, Stuart, Lauren and Amelia-J ♥.

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**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

Good Friday Service 3pm  
Easter Saturday Vigil 8.30pm  
Easter Sunday Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
All Saints, Inveraray Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380  
All Welcome (SCO002876)

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
Sunday 1st April 2018  
Easter Sunday  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mrs Margaret Sinclair  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Rev. Catriona Hood  
Everyone very welcome  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Contact  
Rev. Catriona Hood on 07771 692570 or 01880 730366  
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622  
Skipness SCO04280

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

(The Church of Scotland)  
Easter Weekend  
Friday 30th March  
Good Friday Vigil Service in Christ Church, Lochgilphead from 12noon till 3:00pm  
Evening Reflection in Ardrishaig Church at 6:30pm followed by Night-time Thoughts in Columba's Cave, Ellary at 8:00pm  
Sunday 1st April  
Easter Sunday Services at Tennis Court, 8:00am and in Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Evening Communion Service in Ardrishaig Church at 6:30pm

**CHURCH NOTICES**



**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
1st April 2018  
Communion Service  
Glassary 10am  
Rev. C Acklam  
Extra-Ordinary Meeting  
Living Stones Centre  
Weds 4th April 7pm  
SCO 02121

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

Christ Church  
Bishopton Road,  
Lochgilphead  
(SC013787)  
Sundays 11.00am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
St Columba's,  
Poltalloch  
(SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month  
9.00am Holy  
Communion  
3rd Sunday of the month  
3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**LOCHGILPHEAD ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Christ Church  
Bishopton Road,  
12 - 3pm  
Come and Go as you wish  
Devotions, Song, Music,  
Silence, Prayer  
PART I  
The Homeless Jesus  
Meditations and poems  
in 39 words drawing on the  
words of homeless people  
By Sharon Wilkie-Jones  
(argyllSHARE)  
39 is the average life expectancy  
of Scottish rough sleepers  
PART II  
Preaching of the Passion  
PART III  
Prayers at the Foot  
of the Cross



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round the cross  
Easter Sunday  
10.30am Morning Service  
(Army Kidz)  
Family Easter celebration  
(Followed by Brunch)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Wednesday  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7.00 pm Make & Munch  
Craft Group  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study  
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All welcome

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# Mid Argyll record breakers light up Oban athletics final

AFTER five hours of intense competition, four Argyll age records were broken and one equalled at the Argyll sports hall athletics final in Oban on Sunday March 25.

The final, held at Atlantis Leisure, was the climax of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months and promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

With an entry of just over 100 young athletes, competitors from the Oban and Kintyre areas dominated the boys' events, while Mull and Mid Argyll were to the fore in the girls' events.

The top performance of the day was arguably by Jodie Robertson from Ardrishaig, who became the under-17 champion by breaking the Argyll age record in two events, and was also close to breaking the record of 1.52m in the high jump when she made a good attempt to clear 1.55m.

Earlier in the day Jodie broke the record – set in 1996 – in the standing long jump, clearing 2.33m and

then went on to break a more recent record by five centimetres in the standing triple jump by reaching out to 7.03m.

Twin sisters Jemma and Jorja MacDonald from Lochgilphead were the other record



**Athletics coach and event organiser Bill MacCallum with Mid Argyll athletes, from left, Murray MacDonald, Jorja MacDonald, Jodie Robertson and Jemma MacDonald.**

breakers, competing in the under-nine age group. Jemma was the champion but only two points ahead of her sister. Jemma won four events and excelled in the triple jump, setting a new Argyll age record with her 5.11m leap. Jemma won the two-lap race and later won the high jump and

long jump coming very close to the age records in both these events. Jorja won the speed bounce and the javelin throwing 15.25m and adding almost two metres to the Argyll age record. In the same age category, newcomer Eleni Pistonas from Skipness won the four-lap race in 60.5 seconds.

Mull girls from Salen Primary won both the under-seven and under-11 contests. Sienna Munro was the under-seven champion, winning three of the six events. Sienna won the two-lap race, speed bounce and triple jump. In the same contest runner-up Emma Innes from Lochgilphead won the long jump. Carla Renton from Castlehill in Campbeltown won the javelin and Neve Bowden from Lochgilphead was the winner in the four-lap race.

Ellen MacRae from Salen was the under-nine champion last year and succeeded in winning the under-11 contest on Sunday. This was a very com-

petitive age group and Ellen's dominance in the running events ensured overall victory. Ellen won the two-lap race in 25.3 which was only a fifth of a second slower than the record and then the four-lap race in 56.1 seconds. Mia Campbell from St. Columba's was runner up, just ahead of Violet Campbell from Castlehill. Mia won the javelin with a 14.50m throw and Violet won both the long jump and triple jump. Other event winners in this section were Nicola Duncan from Park Primary, Oban, in the speed bounce and Ruby-Jo Philips from Glassary Primary in Mid Argyll won the high jump.

Kirstin Blair from Crinan was the under-13 winner just ahead of another Mid Argyll girl, Izzy Crawford from Furnace, with Anna Gemmill from Carradale third on points. Kirstin excelled in winning the high jump and both the long and triple jumps and shared first place in the speed bounce with Eilidh Cameron



**Young athletes proudly display their trophies won at the finals.**

from Inveraray. Izzy impressed in winning both the two-lap and four-lap races and was not too far off the record in the shorter event. Anna Gemmill was the winner in the shot putt.

Abbie Cato from Fionnphort was the under-15 champion, ahead of two girls from Ardrishaig - Karis Kidd in second place and Hazel Selfridge in third. Abbie impressed in winning all her events.

Lewis Cattanach from Tobermory won three events to ensure being under-seven champion ahead of Ethan Kerr from Tighnabruach. Lewis won the long and triple jumps and speed bounce and Ethan impressed in winning the four-lap race in 65.4, just 0.2 of a second slower than the age record. Kian Gibson from Salen Primary and Riley Anderson from Rockfield shared third place on overall

points. Riley won the two-lap race and javelin.

Jack Green from Dalintober Primary in Campbeltown was top in the under-nine contest, winning both running events in addition to the long and triple jumps. Jack was the under-seven champion last year and did well to repeat his success in the older age group. Jack's mother – then Laura Patterson from Carradale – was the under-nine Argyll champion back in 1994 which was the first year these indoor competitions were held in Argyll.

Lewis Gilchrist from Rhunahaorine Primary in Kintyre was the winner of the under-11s, with success in five out of the seven events. Lewis won both running events and the long and triple jumps and also the shot putt. Runner-up Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead won the speed bounce and third placed Finlay MacLean from Oban won the high jump.

Fraser Inglis from Oban won the under-15 contest and Shaun Doy from Lochgilphead was the under-17 champion.

## Dolphins smash swim records

YOUNG swimmers set no fewer than six club records as Mid Argyll Dolphins held its distance time trials.

Of 32 swimmers who attended, 24 achieved all personal bests in the events on March 15.

Arlene Green, Mid Argyll Dolphins head coach, said: 'This was an amazing effort by all our swimmers. Well done.'

### Present

The club welcomed Katy MacNaughton and Will Duncan from Midton Acrylics, sponsor of the 'swimmer of the month' trophies, as well as David Dan-

son from club sponsor Landcatch, to present monthly trophies.

January's swimmer of the month was junior Cara Banaghan, aged 11. Cara achieved all personal best times, taking one second off her 100-metre freestyle and five seconds from her individual medley, setting a new club record (1.49.63) for the girls' 100m freestyle 10/11 age group.

Innes Cameron was swimmer of the month for February. The 11-year-old took 29 seconds off his 200m freestyle time and 10 seconds from his personal best in the 100m individual medley.

Christopher McCartan, aged 12, set a new club record for the boys' 12/13 years 200m freestyle on his way to being voted March swimmer of the month. He took 37 seconds from his previous best in the 200m freestyle and seven seconds from his 100m individual medley time.

### Records

New club records were also set in the older age groups. Felix Maddox (16) swam the 100m individual medley in 1.19.14, while 15-year-old Megan Danson achieved 1.19.87 in the same event.



**At the back, sponsors David Danson from Landcatch and Midton Acrylics' Will Duncan and Katy MacNaughton, with swimmers of the month (front from left) - Christopher McCartan, Innes Cameron and Cara Banaghan.**

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# Veteran in late charge to take title

KEITH Cowan very nearly won the Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league final, played on Saturday March 24.

With only five holes to go, Keith held a one-shot lead and was playing like a pro.

Disaster, unfortunately, struck after an alleged malfunction of his fancy GPS distance measuring device from China. We don't know if it was a problem with British Summer Time or the international date line but it led to Keith hitting shots out of bounds, into a bush and into the burn.

While this was happening, David Sinclair – who, having played the course for more than 50 years, has a good idea of how far to hit the ball without the aid of overpriced mechanical wizardry –

sneaked past Keith and won by six shots.

It was a good day for David as he also won the doubles with James Scott and the team trophy with Ross and Keith.

Ross Sinclair and Alec MacAulay have taken turns at winning this event for the past 12 years, and it would be nice to think they would not mind someone else winning. It would also be nice if they invented yellow golf balls that flew straight, but both seem unlikely.

Grant MacDougall is well kitted out for his trip to St Andrews as part of the Easter outing. He may have had a malfunction of the wardrobe variety, however, and has ended up looking a bit more Max Wall or Harry Hill rather than Tommy Hilfiger.

Colin Rowan was nearest the pin at the 18th hole but, having no faith in his own ability, did not enter the sweep and won nothing.

Andy Law won the 'duffers' derby for the second year running and was pleased until James Scott pointed out that that was not necessarily a good thing.

### Results

Empire trophy – Alec MacAulay. Knockout cup – Grant MacDougall. Winter league champion – David Sinclair. Doubles trophy – David Sinclair and James Scott. Team trophy – David Sinclair, Ross Sinclair and Keith Cowan. Duffers' derby – Andy Law, runner-up – Tom Campbell, third – Colin Rowan.

David Sinclair

# Inveraray off and running with close victory away at Bught rivals

Marine Harvest National Division

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|-----------|---|
| Inverness | 1 |
| Inveraray | 2 |

INVERARAY made the long journey north to the Bught Park looking for their first win of the season.

Clear-cut first-half chances were hard to come by with both defences well on top. Inveraray were especially well-marshalled by half-back John Kennedy and the teams went in at the interval locked at 0-0.

After strong words at half-time, Inveraray took a grip of the game and the breakthrough came on 67 minutes when stalwart defender Nicholas Crawford scored his first goal for the senior side.

Inverness upped their game and got their reward on 76 minutes when they scored a penalty.

The home side had James MacKenzie red carded five minutes from time and a draw looked the likely outcome - until the fourth minute of stoppage time when Lewis Montgomery scored the winner.



Inveraray scorer Lewis Montgomery nips in ahead of Jason McLeod. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Marine Harvest South Division

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|---------|---|
| Kilmory | 2 |
| Bute    | 3 |

Bute had to battle all the way to eventually overcome a determined Kilmory side at MacRae Park in a reversed fixture.

A spectacular Alister MacArthur volley got Kilmory off to a great start with

a goal after just two minutes, but Iain MacDonald made it 1-1 six minutes later.

Veteran Robert Walker scored twice for the visitors on 39 and 43 minutes, to leave them 3-1 ahead at the turnaround.

Andy Cunningham made it 3-2, finishing well on 70 minutes but Bute stayed in front to take both points.

## SPOT THE BALL

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# SPORT



## INSIDE THIS WEEK:

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# Star stay top after crucial league win

**SAFL Premier Two**  
**Lochgilhead Red Star 1**  
**Castlemilk OBC 0**

RED STAR welcomed Castlemilk OBC to Lochgilhead Joint Campus 3G on Saturday March 24 and were able to grind out a crucial victory which sees the local side stay top of Premier Two with nine games to go.

Unlike their previous two outings, Star were able to start the game on the front foot and play-

ing at a good attacking tempo, though clear-cut chances proved elusive early on.

The best early chance came for the visitors, but Luke Kalache was on hand to make an incredible triple save.

He was able to parry the initial shot from 20 yards. The ball fell kindly to the Castlemilk forward from close range but the Star keeper managed to block his rebound on two occasions to keep the scores level.

At the other end, Innes Meikle wasn't able to connect with a header after a well-worked passing move resulted into a cross into the box from the Red Star right.

Meikle was also unfortunate when the ball broke back from the keeper in the box and his effort came off the crossbar.

Red Star management sent their side out in search of an early goal in the second half and it came after a succession of corners.

The ball broke to Aaron Moore, who powered a header into the roof of the net to give Star the lead after 55 tense minutes.

The home side were dealt a blow when referee Archie Mitchell ordered off Innes Meikle on the hour mark for a lunge - a decision the Star faithful felt was harsh.

Castlemilk had more possession as the second half wore on but the Star backline of Andy Weir, Luke

Naisby and Kyle Selfridge limited the visitors to efforts from distance.

Star looked to manage the game, and the effort and hold-up play of Gregor Peacock and Kieran Moore saw 10-man Star secure the points in relatively comfortable fashion.

Tomorrow, Easter Saturday, Star are provisionally scheduled to play an away league fixture against Duntocher Hibs, but this is subject to change.



Iona McCulloch, in blue, defends determinedly.

Photo: Andrew Sinclair.

## Big win for Mid Argyll shinty girls

**Women's Camanachd Association: Marine Harvest South Division 2 Dunadd 9, Cowal and Bute 3**

DUNADD beat Cowal and Bute 9-3 in a high-scoring encounter on the astro pitch at Lochgilhead last weekend.

Iona McCulloch and Carla Todd notched hat-tricks for Dunadd, with Grace Jeffrey scoring twice and Ellie Hetherington also on target.



Plenty of action at the mini festival of football. no\_lochgilheadredstar2004s\_01

# Red Star 2004s triumph over city namesakes

**Lochgilhead Red Star 2004s 4**  
**Glasgow Red Star 1**

A VERY competitive game saw Lochgilhead edge out their Red Star rivals 4-1 on Sunday March 25 at the Joint Campus.

After a nervy start by both teams, Glasgow Red Star took an early lead. The Lochgilhead youngsters responded positively and took control of the game, creating more than a few

chances, before equalising and adding a second goal to take the lead.

Lochgilhead scored a third goal from a free kick before half-time to seal a 3-1 lead at the interval.

The Lochgilhead 2004s put in an excellent second-half performance against a Glasgow side that kept pushing hard and fighting to get back into the game. Some hard work from Lochgilhead in midfield and at the back kept Glas-

gow's chances to a minimum.

Lochgilhead kept the upper hand and scored a fourth goal eventually following a very successful 70 minutes.

A great team performance to consolidate their position at the top of the league.

## Red Star 2007s mini festival

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star 2007s hosted a mini festival on Sunday March

18, despite poor weather forcing some teams to pull out.

Lochgilhead and Oban managed to field two teams each and a good few competitive games were able to go ahead, which gave the youngsters some good game practise after the winter lay-off.

Unfortunately, Lochgilhead youngsters Cameron Lewis and Euan McCartan both picked up bad injuries and the club wishes them a speedy recovery.



## Mid Argyll hosts badminton event

KINTYRE scooped all the major awards at the recent Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships in Lochgilhead.

Around 100 players from schools across Argyll participated, including Tighnabruaich, Bute, Oban, Mull, Lochgilhead and Kintyre.

The games were keenly contested with players from Kintyre emerging as winners in all competitions.

## Find out if you're a winner

DRAWN on Monday March 26, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 6, 16 and 17. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300. Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers 3, 9 and 18. The lucky winners of the £1,000 jackpot were Margaret MacNicol and Lilyanne MacDonald. There will be no draw next week as it is Easter Monday.

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