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WITH the elections for Argyll and Bute Council just two weeks away, this is your chance to get to know a little more about the people who want to be your Mid Argyll councillors.

Three councillor positions

are up for grabs in the Mid Argyll ward, and earlier this week the seven candidates were put through their paces at an election hustings in Ardrishaig.

Read about this lively event on pages four, five and six.

INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

Road delays

THERE were disruptions on the A82 over the Easter weekend to allow the recovery of a lorry which had crashed south of Tarbet.

Full story, page 2.

New oars

A ROWING club has raised funds to buy a new set of oars, with a little help from a famous friend.

Full story, page 7.

Where's Wally?

RESIDENTS on the Kilberry road went the extra mile for the annual scarecrow festival last weekend.

Full story, page 13.

Easter fun

FROM youngsters to grown-ups, there was plenty of family fun over the Easter weekend.

Full coverage, pages 14 and 16.

Art collection

THE Duke of Argyll has received an eye-opening collection of portraits, with links to a famous author.

Full story, page 26.



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Police files

Assault in town

AT AROUND 10.15pm on Monday April 10, in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, a man was allegedly assaulted by another man near the Victoria Hotel. The police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Vehicle damaged

A GREY Volkswagen Passat motor car was damaged by another car in Tarbert.

In Harbour Street at 3pm on Monday April 10, the Volkswagen was scraped on the passenger side by a dark

coloured Honda Civic, which then allegedly failed to stop. Police investigations continue and anyone with information is asked to contact them.

Road crash

ABOUT 9.25am on Wednesday April 12, a black Ford Fiesta crashed off the road on the A83 at Achnaba, near Lochgilphead.

The driver, a man aged 21, was taken to hospital but suffered only minor injuries and was discharged after treatment.

No other vehicles were involved and the road was closed for about 20 minutes to al-

low for safe recovery of the car.

Alleged attack

A WOMAN was allegedly assaulted by another woman in Lochgilphead at around 1.30pm on Friday April 14. The alleged incident happened at the Tesco filling station in the town. Any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to contact the police.

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



Both lanes had to be closed for some time to allow for recovery of the lorry. Photo: David Stone.

Holiday traffic chaos following lorry crash

A MAJOR road serving Argyll was closed for a spell over the busy Easter bank holiday weekend when a lorry had to be recovered after crashing off the road.

The articulated HGV became lodged among roadside trees just above the waters of Loch Lomond after appearing to cross the carriageway on the A82 trunk road south of Tar-

bet in the early hours on Friday April 14. There are no reports of injuries following the accident.

Temporary traffic lights were installed at the scene for safety reasons and, on police advice, by trunk road management company BEAR Scotland.

In an operation taking several hours, the vehicle was removed from the scene during the early

morning of Saturday April 15, during which time the road was completely closed.

The recommended diversion route, via Aberfoyle and Callander to the A85, took motorists on a 71-mile detour.

The accident, and the resulting recovery of the lorry, caused significant disruptions to traffic over what is one of the busiest weekends of the year.

Shedding some light on council work delays

DELAYS to road and street repairs in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area have been higher than expected in recent months.

From October to December last year, the number of street lighting faults repaired on time was down by 33 per cent when compared to Argyll and Bute Council targets, while there was a 27 per cent decrease in road defect repairs be-

ing delivered on time. Though there was little questioning of the figures by councillors at the meeting, the *Advertiser* later posed questions to the local authority.

Demand

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'There is usually an increased demand for street lighting repairs at this time as the nights lengthen. Resource issues and

staff focusing on the delivery of the LED lighting project led to the delay in some repairs being carried out.'

On the subject of road repairs in the MAKI area, the spokesperson explained: 'Winter weather conditions contributed to the deterioration of the road network and made it more difficult to effect repairs. Some repairs were delayed as a result.'

Correction

A CASE reported in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* police files on page two of our April 14 edition stated that a 31-year-old man had been arrested and charged with dangerous driving.

We would like to clarify that the man, though charged, was not arrested in connection with the incident and the *Advertiser* would like to apologise for this error.

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Crash witnesses sought

WITNESSES are being sought by police after a road traffic collision on the road between Lochgilphead and Oban.

Police report that there was a collision between a blue Triumph Tiger motorbike and a black Peugeot estate car on the A816 at around 5pm on Thursday April 13. The incident happened between Kilmelford and Kiln-inver, approximately half a mile north of the Oude dam.

Any witnesses are asked to contact Police Scotland using the 101 telephone number.

The officer dealing with the case is PC Burton at Dunoon police office and callers should quote case reference 2954.

Proposed policing strategy

POLICE Scotland is currently consulting the public regarding its 10-year strategy proposals to ensure Scottish Policing remains fit for the future.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol from Lochgilphead Police Station said: 'I would appeal to local residents to take part in the National Police Consultation process as it's important people from Argyll and other rural areas express their views on the proposed policing strategy.'

The consultation closes on May 8. Members of the public can find out more at www.consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/

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Council allays building fears

CONCERNS have been raised over the quality of construction in Scottish schools after defects were found in dozens of schools across 15 council areas, including Argyll and Bute.

A recent BBC investigation into school buildings uncovered that construction defects were found in 72 schools across the

country. In January last year, 17 schools in the capital were closed following a wall collapse at Oxbgangs Primary in Edinburgh, which sparked outrage and an investigation into the construction of Scottish schools.

Five Argyll and Bute schools were found to be defective and were subjected to a series of inspections and sur-

veys last year. In response to the discovery of the defects, the council stated visual and intrusive surveys of the council's school buildings identified that remedial works were required to fix defective wall and head-er ties.

The schools affected by these construction faults were: Oban Primary Campus, Loch-

gilphead joint Campus Dunoon Grammar, Rothesay Joint Campus and Hermitage Academy.

Argyll and Bute Council said remedial work was completed in summer 2016 to address all construction concerns at schools.

Last week's report, however, has ignited concerns that the quality and control of con-

struction at Scottish schools is putting pupils in danger.

With the new Campbeltown Grammar School campus set to open in the coming year, there are fears that some construction defects may persist.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The construction of the new Campbeltown Gram-

mar is ongoing and there is a monitoring regime in place to ensure the quality and safety of the construction process. Campbeltown Grammar is being built through the Scottish Government's Schools for the Future Programme and will be maintained by hub North Scotland Ltd for the 25-year period of the contract.'



Jamie McGrigor.

Hacked off McGrigor stays true blue

SOCIAL media channels on Tuesday were in meltdown as Jamie McGrigor, former Tory Highlands and Islands list MSP, defected to the SNP in the wake of Theresa May's general election announcement.

Incredulity among online nationalists gave way to congratulations, while messages of welcome flooded Mr McGrigor's Twitter account.

By Wednesday morning, however, it became clear that the Old Etonian had not jumped ship but, in fact, had had his Twitter account hacked by a mischief-maker.

Using Twitter, Mr McGrigor posted: 'Tweet that I joined SNP is incorrect. Hacked Off! Still proud to be a Scottish Conservative. Thanks to all for welcomes, though.'

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April cold warmed by lively candidate

ON A chilly April evening, six of the seven people who would be Mid Argyll councillors gathered in Ardrishaig to meet and be grilled by the electors.

Tuesday's meeting, chaired with efficiency by Rev Dr Roderick Campbell from Inveraray, proceeded at a good pace, with minimal latitude given for long-winded questions or answers.

Missing from the hustings was Scottish Green candidate Elaine Morrison, who was unable to attend, though you can read her election statement among the others on page six today.

Questions from the

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80-strong audience, on a wide variety of subjects, were fielded by candidates. Topics included council budget cuts; depopulation; roads; broadband connectivity; education; and even bus services in Lochgilphead.

Audience and panel behaved themselves very well as the debate rattled through the subject areas – but that is not to say there was no passion. The strength of feeling was clear in the questioning, and the sense was that the folk who had braved the cold

to come to Ardrishaig Public Hall were looking for change.

A recurring theme in questions and replies was that budgets continue to reduce, and there is simply not enough money to go around.

But a thread that ran through many of the points from the floor was that there is general feeling of disengagement and disenchantment with our representatives in Kilmory as a whole.

The candidates on Tuesday did, however, come across fairly

well under the glare of public scrutiny. Leaving the hall, one woman told the *Advertiser*: 'It was good to see them up there in front of people whom they want to represent.'

'They were generally pretty good tonight but they need a shake-up at Kilmory.'

'I enjoyed the night,' said another man, 'and I admired the honest replies the candidates gave. I do think, though, that we need new blood in the council.'

Whether we see old faces or new around the council chamber will be decided when the polls open on Thursday May 4.



The candidates line up before the hustings. Left to right: Dougie Philand, Jane McCurdie, Donnie MacMillan, Alec McNeilly, Jane Kelly and Sandy Taylor. One candidate, Elaine Morrison, could not attend the hustings. 06_a16hustings01

Have your say on who is elected

AFTER five years, another Argyll and Bute Council term is coming to an end and it is once again time for the public to have their say.

This is an opportunity for local people to decide not only who the decision-

makers are in local government but also the type of decisions that are made.

The election will be held in each contested ward and voting will take place between the hours of 7am and 10pm on Thursday May 4.

Ten wards across the whole of the Argyll and Bute region will be up for contest – as Kintyre and the Islands is uncontest-

ed – so it is important that voters are familiar with their candidates.

Councillors will be elected using the single transferable vote system, meaning that voters will have to list the candidates in order of preference on the ballot sheet.

For more information on how to vote and the voting system, visit: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/local-government-elections-4-may-2017.



Chairman Rev Roderick Campbell lays down the law. 06_a16hustings03

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North Kintyre hustings

HOT ON the heels of Tuesday's Mid Argyll hustings in Ardrishaig, North Kintyre and the Islands ward candidates will line up in Tarbert next week to face public questioning.

Argyll and Bute Council hopefuls will be put to the test on Monday April 24 in Tarbert Village Hall.

If you live in the Tarbert and North Kintyre area, come along and get to know the people who are looking for your vote. A lively evening of hustings is anticipated – 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

grilling in Ardrishaig

Questions from the audience



The population of Mid Argyll is getting older and more and more young people are moving away.

What ideas do you have to bring young people to the area?

Selected answers:
Douglas Philand: 'I think the biggest issue is connectivity. We need the connectivity power to match the bigger areas to make it easier for people to stay and live in Mid Argyll. We also need good employment opportunities to make them stay. The council should be looking to redesign local services to generate more employment opportunities.'

Sandy Taylor: 'Instead of asking what we can do to bring

people into the area, we should be focusing on keeping our young people here. Young people leave to go to university, so let's develop the University of the Highlands and Islands and find ways of giving young people similar education opportunities here. Also, we need better broadband – businesses and employers rely on it.'

The recent report on education service at Argyll and Bute Council was quite shocking. Do you accept the report? And what, specifically, needs to change?

Selected answers:
Jane Kelly: 'Having been a secondary teacher, education is

one of my areas. I've seen and experienced what needs to be done to improve schools, and that usually means more support from the council. Agreement with the report is irrelevant – we need to accept the results and move forward. Education services need a more collaborative effort between schools and the council.'

Alec McNeilly: 'This is a Scotland-wide issue, and isn't just a problem in Argyll and Bute. This country used to be renowned for its education service, but the standard of education in Scotland is dropping dramatically. So what's changed? I don't believe it's the quality



Intense concentration from the panel. 06_a16hustings02

of teachers. I think it's the ever-changing targets from the Scottish and UK parliaments. Change needs time to bed in, and education authorities should trust teachers to do their job.'

The Scottish Government is encouraging communities to get more involved in local decision-making, but this relies on the work of local volunteers. What will you do to

support volunteers in the community?

Selected answers:
Jane McCurdie: 'I know exactly what it's like to be a volunteer in the community that relies on council support. I founded the Phoenix Project and it was very difficult to get the council to help. It is because of this that I am here today – we need the council to support our community volunteers. I've been there and done

it, so I know how it all works.'

Donnie MacMillan: 'Where we are sat just now, Ardrishaig hall, is now owned and run by a trust, which was helped set up by the council. There are now plans to set up similar trusts for local sports facilities and libraries. So the council is already taking big steps to support community groups and volunteers but, of course, more needs to be done.'



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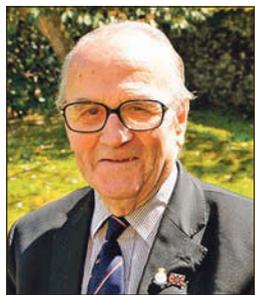
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**Donnie MacMillan
Independent**

I WAS born and brought up in Kil-michael Glassary and – apart from three years in the RAF at the end of the war – have worked in Argyll all my life.

There are a lot of decisions for the new council to make, including care for the elderly in the community and ensuring housing is of a standard to meet the needs of tenants.

There needs to be continued support for organisations like Mid Argyll Community

Pool, Citizens' Advice and many others. Facilities for our young people must also be improved.

I also believe that the £2 million allocated to the roads budget must be used in a responsible manner.

I will once again be standing in this election as an independent candidate and always wish to be responsible to the people whom I represent.

If elected, I will carry out my duties as I have done for many years, attending as many community council meetings as possible, supporting local groups in their fundraising coffee mornings, sales of work etc.

I will also be available around Lochgilphead on most days to meet people from both the town and rural areas. Thank you for your support.

Statements from candidates standing in the Mid Argyll ward in the local government elections on Thursday May 4


**Jane McCurdie
Independent**

I HAVE lived and worked in Mid Argyll for nearly 20 years.

I was the barber in Lochgilphead for 12 years, and in doing this I met a good cross-section of people.

This gave me a great insight into what the people of Mid Argyll were looking for in terms of opportunities for work and leisure.

Not much has changed regarding community aspirations.

However, the availability of work has diminished through the

loss of jobs in the health sector, local authority and forestry, to name but a few. This led me to form the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project. Through my work with the trust it became obvious that the only way to address these issues would be to put myself forward for election to the council. With my commitment and dedication to the Mid Argyll community I can honestly say that I will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the job of councillor – and I will never promise anything that I cannot deliver.

I ask the people of Mid Argyll to put your trust in me to get the best possible deal for you. Let's get the job done. Make me your first choice on the ballot paper.


**Jane Kelly
Scottish Labour Party**

I AM standing for election to Argyll and Bute Council because of my concern about the lethargy and inaction of the current council.

Everyone recognises that there are real problems in Argyll – a lack of well-paying jobs, population decline and poor housing stock, but I see very little action to address these issues.

At the same time there have been more council cuts which are reducing the viability of some of our villages

and communities. The council itself seems to be in decline with too much infighting and a failure to pull together to improve the lives of all their constituents. Nothing I say is new to most people, but still there is no great urgency in tackling these problems.

I would like to see a real change in Kil-mory with new energy and enthusiasm to really tackle the problems facing this area.

More new councillors are needed to bring fresh ideas and approaches.

I would be willing to work with all parties and independents to find a way forward to address these problems.

The future of Argyll and Bute is the priority – not party political concerns and petty infighting.


**Elaine Morrison
Scottish Greens**

I AM Elaine and I am 44 years old.

I live near Inveraray with my husband and six-year-old son. I have qualifications from the universities of Aber-

deen, Strathclyde and East London. I'm an expert in fuel poverty and community energy with more than 20 years' experience in the voluntary, public and private sectors.

I run a small consultancy practice supporting social enterprises and the charity sector with research and business development services.

This election brings huge opportunities and huge challenges if we want to revitalise local democracy.

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run their services, and by making sure that you have the opportunity to play a greater role in the decisions that matter to your life.

If elected I will work to increase the availability of truly affordable housing; support locally-led approaches to health and social care; and work co-operatively to create and sustain high quality jobs in the green economy.

Vote #1 Scottish Greens and we can have a strong and positive voice for democracy, looking after people and planet and steering our council towards a better future for all of us.


**Sandy Taylor
Scottish National Party**

I MOVED to Mid Argyll in 1990. I enjoy living here in a place to be proud of.

It was a privilege to be elected in 2012.

Since then I have worked hard to help individuals and communities, making sure our community's voice is heard alongside and above others.

I regularly attend community council and other meetings, listening to and learning about what people want for the place where they live – making sure that the council hears what they say, and, more importantly, does all that it can to help them realise their ambitions.

I am concerned about the current elected council, which is not doing all it can for Argyll and Bute or for Mid Argyll.

External government auditors, critical of the council, say that it needs to significantly improve young people's educational attainment; improve the quality of strategic leadership at the education authority; establish a more open and transparent culture and way of working; take a more innovative approach to dealing with financial challenges; improve its community engagement; and empower its communities.

We need change. We need a new, better council that delivers for Mid Argyll.

I want to be part of that change, working for you.


**Alec McNeilly
Scottish Conservatives**

AS A former chief officer, with 30 years in the public sector, I believe my understanding and knowledge of how local authorities work is second to none.

Argyll and Bute Council, as do many others, complains of lack of funding necessitating the need to raise council tax or reduce services.

I believe that we need a proper process when setting budgets each year which I do not believe exists at present. No department's budget should be accepted without question.

Many of the services provided are very much in decline – social care services, education, infrastructure. Dedicated staff work with one hand tied behind their back. This decline can be halted.

There is a lack of information or consultation from the council with local communities.

There seems to be very little feedback on issues of concern to local communities. Whatever the reasons for this, it is unacceptable.

I am convinced that, if I am elected, I can make a difference, that I can at least try to resolve these issues. I cannot do this alone which is why input from local people and local community groups is so important. I am convinced that, if elected, I can make a difference.

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Rowing club buoyed by cameraman's support

A RENOWNED wildlife photographer has helped steady the boat for a local rowing club in its quest for new oars.

Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club members gleefully took to the water last month to test out their new oars, the purchase of which was helped with by a fundraising event hosted by famous photographer Doug Allan.

The club needed an extra cash injection to get over the line and secure the new oars, which are a considerable investment. The final total was reached thanks to a fundraising presentation and talk from Doug Allan, a distinguished wild-

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life cameraman and photographer.

The BAFTA award-winning cameraman has covered over 70 filming trips, including BBC's *Planet Earth*, *Blue Planet* and *Ocean Giants* documentary series, as well as producing radio wildlife programmes and penning his own books.

Doug was more than happy to help the club. He said: 'Corinne Cheetham, one of the rowers, bought a copy of my book and from that came an exchange of emails between me and her about how the club wanted to raise money.'

Doug continued: 'As it happened, I was just organising a schedule of talks in theatres for the end of 2015, so I worked in a date for the Lochgilphead rowers.'

There was a great turnout at the event which raised £1,500 in the end, providing a major boost to the rowing club.

'Spending the money on the oars seems to me to be a great choice as you don't get far on the sea without the right tools,' Doug commented, 'and now I get a smile on my face when I think of how my talk helps them pull

their way in and out of the bay at high speed.'

The longer, but considerably lighter, oars will help members, young and old, to improve their technique and reduce fatigue, which will ultimately allow the club to undertake longer rows this coming season.

Corinne Cheetham, of the Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club, is very grateful to Doug for his support and can't wait to get the oars in the water again. She said: 'The oars' purchase is a fairly major one for the club and couldn't have been achieved without the funds raised through Doug Allan's talk.'

The club has now



Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club with the newly donated oars.

begun this season's evening rows with members rowing from Ardrishaig on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm from the boat club. New and old members are hoping to welcome anyone wishing to try rowing for sport, fitness or just pleasure.



Doug Allan beside one of the club's boats at his talk in November 2015. 06_dougallan01



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The news was welcomed by its Principal, Fraser Durie, who stressed that achieving at college was often a springboard to further education and employment opportunities.

Statistics released by the Scottish Funding Council show the proportion of Further Education (FE) students completing their full-time courses

at Argyll College UHI in 2015/16 has increased by a huge 13.7% over the last three years.

The overall total of 74.9% is now nearly 7% above the national average, putting the college ahead of the pack in terms of successfully supporting its FE students through to the end of their chosen courses.

The statistics also show a 19.6% leap over the last year alone in the corresponding figure for part-time Argyll College UHI students (on courses taking up more than 320 hours), which is now 80.6%. This is 6% above the national average.

At the same time, the College has achieved its target of ensuring that 100% of its full time teaching staff hold teaching qualifications.

'We're very pleased with the progress we've made over the last few years – particularly as regards the FE course completion rates,' Principal Fraser Durie said.

'We believe a significant factor in this success is our network of local learning centres, which enable students to study and achieve, with appropriate support, within their own communities.'

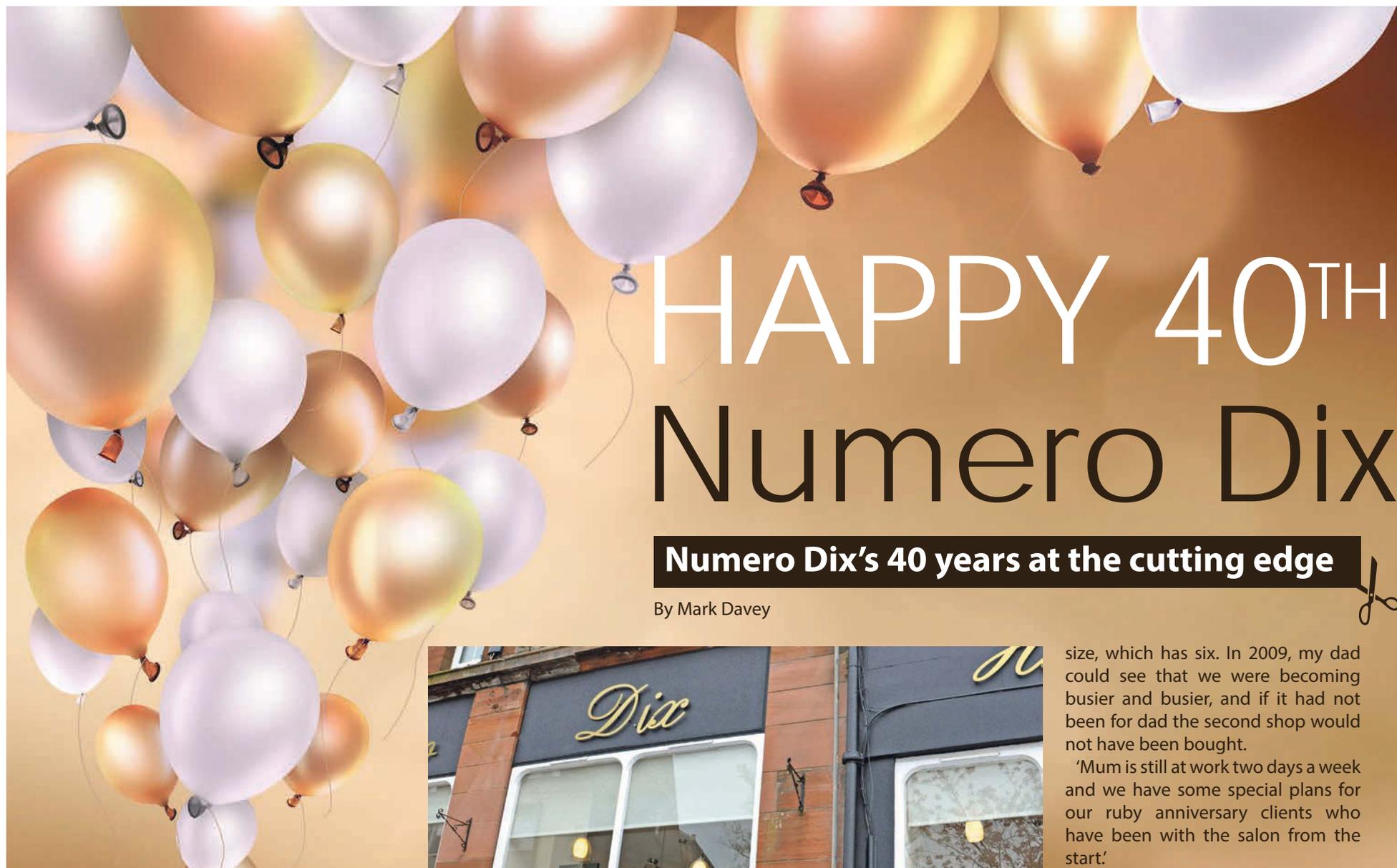
'Successfully completing one of our FE courses is often not an end in itself but a means to progressing on to other courses or employment opportunities. We're delighted such a high proportion of our students are putting themselves in the position of being able to move onwards and upwards.'

'Our staff work ex-

tremely hard to help all our students reach their full potential, so it's very rewarding for them when our performance is shown to measure up so positively against the national average. We'll continue to work hard to further improve in the future.'

Anyone interested in finding out more about Argyll College UHI and the courses it offers should go to www.argyllcollege.ac.uk, email us at info@argyllcollege.ac.uk, pick up a prospectus from one of our centres or ring us on 0345 2309969.

Argyll College UHI is one of 13 academic partners of the University of the Highlands and Islands, and is the main provider of further and higher education in Argyll and Bute.



HAPPY 40TH Numero Dix

Numero Dix's 40 years at the cutting edge

By Mark Davey



The current Numero Dix Hair Salon team.

BACK in 1976 a pair of hair stylists combed Campbeltown before setting into number 10 Union Street.

Little did Morag McKinven and Moira Watson know it was the start of a hair salon business dynasty that would go on to employ three generations of the same family and train countless Kintyre stylists.

Current proprietor Kerry Dickson, Morag's daughter, said: 'Mum had

been working for Irene's across the road before cutting out on her own with Moira. The pair of them ran Numero Dix as a partnership for 10 years.

'When choosing a name for the salon, mum and Moira were discussing it with a friend. They hit upon the idea of using the French words for the salon's location.

'Back then there were three chairs and the salon was half the current

size, which has six. In 2009, my dad could see that we were becoming busier and busier, and if it had not been for dad the second shop would not have been bought.

'Mum is still at work two days a week and we have some special plans for our ruby anniversary clients who have been with the salon from the start.'

As well as keeping Campbeltown in line with the latest fashions in hair design, Kerry and her team have become top of the class in charity fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, winning a trip to London last year. They currently have more than £1,000 in this year's kitty.

Kerry is well supported by L'Oreal who have donated a steampod for a prize draw and GHD has given its latest limited edition hair stylers.

Numero Dix's team are not only charity prize-winners.

Kerry said: 'The girls have entered the L'Oreal colour trophy three times and made the Scottish final on each occasion, which makes me very proud.'

As well as loyal customers, Numero Dix inspires staff to stay.

Kerry added: 'Mairi McKillop has been with me for nine years, Gayle



The team at McKinven & Colville are delighted to be a part of Numero Dix Hair Salon's journey.

We would like to wish
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We look forward to the next 40 years and wish Numero Dix Hair Salon a very happy 40th birthday from all the team at L'Oréal Professionnel!



BIRTHDAY Hair Salon

Durnin seven and Carol Maciver five years. If you are good to your staff, they are good to you.'

Kerry is a keen advocate of the benefits of training. For the past three years she has been part of a popular interactive session at Campbeltown Grammar School on the day when employers speak to pupils.



Kerry receiving her certificate of distinction in advanced master cutting.

Kerry's daughter, Louise Mitchell, has finished her apprenticeship and is fully qualified. The current apprentice is Chloe Murray who started as a Saturday girl while at school and has become full-time.

'Training has been paramount for many years,' said Kerry. 'We have done gents' hair-dressing, many colour and cutting courses and last September I received a distinction after a three-day advanced cutting course with Paul Faultrick and Ross Taylor in Glasgow.'

Last year a week-long intensive business course in Gran Canaria run by beauty specialist, Liz McKeon, had a profound effect on

Kerry. Kerry said: 'It was really full-on starting with an hour's walk at 7am and half an hour's meditation before a full day of learning.'

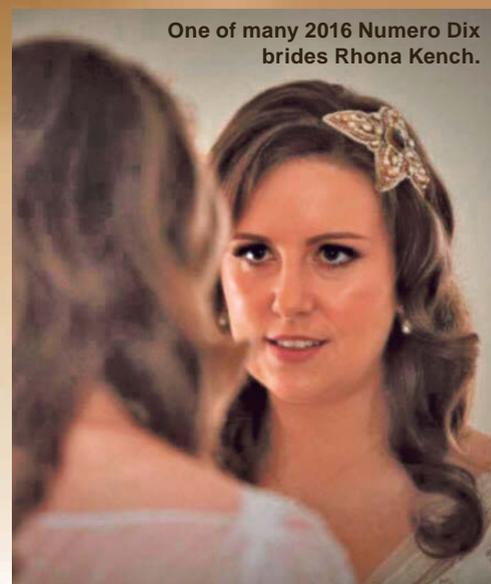
'There were 11 of us, four from Ireland, six from England and myself from Scotland and we have stayed in close contact.'

'The course has helped me step back a bit and really improved the way I run the business day-to-day.'

'We have regular morning team meetings since the course and that has added much encouragement for the girls.'

Kerry laughs off suggestions of a Numero Dix franchise but everything is in place for a further 40 years.

A very happy birthday to Numero Dix Hair Salon.



One of many 2016 Numero Dix brides Rhona Kench.



Kerry Dickson, her daughter Louise Mitchell and her mum Morag McKinven.

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Numero Dix Hair Salon joined the GHD team 4 years ago and since then have immersed themselves in the GHD world. Very quickly Numero Dix soon became a destination salon, stocking all the latest GHD products, from electrical to brushes and have welcomed GHD training and hosted many GHD nights encompassing all the skills and techniques for fabulous hair.

**Happy 40th Birthday
Numero Dix Hair Salon!**



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A fresh start

ARGYLL and Bute Council has not had to look far for its troubles in recent months and years.

Against a backdrop of ongoing public sector budget cuts, the pressure on council services and staff has been immense.

The cracks have shown among elected members.

There have been reports by Audit Scotland in the past few years criticising the often-fractional relationship between certain councillors, and also between some councillors and senior officials at Kilmory.

Then there was last month's highly critical Education Scotland report.

Next month's council elections offer the opportunity to make a fresh choice on who should represent our interests at Kilmory.

The *Advertiser* held a well-attended hustings in Ardrishaig earlier this week, and it was a lively evening.

These events are a very useful way of sizing up candidates, and next week, in Tarbert, a similar hustings will be held for North Kintyre and the Islands.

It will be well worth going along to so see page four for more details about how to make your presence felt.

Jumping ship?

THE TALK of the steamie at Tuesday evening's hustings was the defection of Scots Tory grandee Jamie McGrigor to the Scottish National Party. People frantically checked calendars to make sure it was not April 1.

Of course it was a hoax.

For goodness sake – next they'll be electing a property tycoon with no political experience as United States president, and Britain will be voting to leave the EU.

Impossible.

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Understanding diabetes' impact

Sir,
In a few days Scotland goes to the polls for the council election.

This election will impact the health and wellbeing of our communities as this is the first since the integration of health and social care in April 2016.

Councillors, who are then nominated to integrated joint boards, will be given the power to influence our health and social care system and make vital decisions that will affect us all.

One in four of us is living with or at increased risk of diabetes. The diabetes community is Scotland's largest constituency, which is why it is vital candidates understand the wide-reaching impact of the condition. People should be supported in managing diabetes well to

help avoid complications which may result in hospitalisation, disability and even premature death.

Diabetes Scotland is reaching out to candidates across Scotland to raise awareness and understanding of diabetes. New councillors must understand that diabetes not only affects the individual and their family but also our NHS Scotland and the wider economy. We must prioritise the care and support of people living with all types of diabetes and look at how to introduce new, more effective ways to prevent the rise of type two diabetes.

We're calling for people affected by diabetes across Argyll to contact their local candidates and ask them if they will #Stand4Diabetes.

Before May 4, we have to know if our candidates are committed to ensuring that people living with the con-

dition are supported to live health, happy lives.

If you would like to get involved in Diabetes Scotland campaigns, please get in touch via email Gavin.Thomson@diabetes.org.uk or phone 0141 245 6380.

Gavin Thomson,
policy and campaigns manager,
Diabetes Scotland.

Petition catches signatures

Sir,
More than 3,000 signatures have now been collected by Friends of the Sound of Jura against a proposed fish farm within the Loch Sunart to Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area (MPA).

The local group is buoyed by this groundswell of support for the local and national petitions (see tinyurl.com/fosoj). The group's key concerns are for wild salmon and trout runs on

the River Add, critically endangered flapper skate that use the deep trench beside the proposed farm, and local businesses that are based on the sustainable use of the sea.

Recent reports have highlighted the toxic nature of treatment against sea lice infestations at fish farms, as well as the large amount of fish farm effluent that would be dumped into the Marine Protected Area. The network of MPAs in Scotland is part of the government's commitment to a 'clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse marine and coastal environment that meets the long-term needs of people and nature'.

The proposal to put a fish farm in this MPA seems to go counter to the MPA ethos.

Martin Mellor,
Tayvallich.

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Be sheep-wise this spring and keep your dog under control

A NEW 'sheep-wise' campaign to warn the public about the consequences of sheep worrying has been launched by the National Sheep Association of Scotland and Quality Meat Scotland.

Scotland's rural organisations are uniting behind the campaign, which also has the support of the Scottish SPCA, Police Scotland, the British Veterinary Association, NFU Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates and Scottish Natural Heritage.

The initiative includes a high-impact, two-minute film aimed at highlighting the devastation, for farmers and dog owners, caused by sheep worrying, with powerful first-hand accounts of sheep worrying from Aberdeenshire farmer John Fyall (who is also chairman of NSA Scotland), Stonehaven vet David McLaren and Gill MacGregor, the Scottish SPCA senior inspector, who feature in the hard-hitting 'sheep-wise' film.



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Narrated by a dog lover, the film also articulates the anguish which dog owners face, along with potential criminal prosecution, if they fail to control their dogs properly in the countryside.

Kathy Peebles, NSA Scotland vice-chairwoman, said: 'For

farmers, as well as lost income, it is heart-breaking to witness horrendous injuries in the sheep they work hard to look after.

'For pregnant ewes, the result of being hounded by dogs can be miscarriage of unborn lambs and for ewes with young lambs at foot the result can be offspring getting sep-

arated from ewes and dying of hypothermia or starvation. The outcome could be a vet putting down a healthy dog, which is distressing for the owner and could easily be avoided by following the countryside access code.'

Carol McLaren, of Quality Meat Scotland, added: 'A key message of the campaign is that sheep worrying is not a dog problem, it is a dog owner problem.'

'Any dog - whatever breed, size or age - has the potential to chase sheep and cause considerable harm but the responsibility lies with owners to keep their dogs under control and out of trouble.'

Inspector Jane Donaldson, Police Scotland's rural crime co-ordinator, added: 'Police Scotland recognises that the worrying of livestock can have devastating consequences for farm animals and has an obvious financial and

emotional impact on farmers and their businesses, particularly during the spring lambing period.

'The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime livestock worrying campaign runs from February to May and the advice to dog owners is

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Supermarkets 'slap in face' for Scottish sheep farmers

SCOTTISH sheep farmers are said to be 'appalled and disappointed' at a lack of support from Scottish supermarkets for Scottish lamb.

NFU Scotland sent out secret shoppers over Easter to count packs of chilled lamb in stores the length and breadth of the country. They found that almost all retailers gave people little choice to buy Scottish lamb.

The shelfwatch results show that, despite

previous commitments by some supermarkets, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, the Co-op, Morrisons, Marks and Spencer and Lidl have all chosen to import huge volumes of New Zealand and Australian lamb, shunning home producers.

The results also show a marked decrease in the amount of Scottish lamb available in previous years, leading to farmers questioning the long-term commitment of supermarkets.

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Glen Scotia distillery manager goes from strength to strength

Mark Davey

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'THERE is never a dull moment,' says the Campbeltown chief of Glen Scotia distillery.

Iain Mcalister's previous seven years' experience with Scottish Water may have helped – although he is happy to admit that joining a distillery was a steep learning curve.

Even in the nine

years since he took on his role as distillery manager with the High Street firm, there has been a sea change in Campbeltown whisky.

Tour

Iain's working day starts at about 8am when he makes a tour of the distillery to see the staff, discuss any issues and check the production figures. Last year

Glen Scotia created 536,000 litres. Iain, 49, counts Glen Scotia's Double Cask malt whisky winning at the World Whisky Awards as one of his and parent company, the Loch Lomond Group's greatest achievements.

'The engineering side of Scottish Water helped,' Iain said. 'There is a huge amount to learn and you have to know



Iain Mcalister has been in charge of Glen Scotia Distillery for nine years and has seen a 'sea change'.

every part of the operation in the distillery.

'Creating amazing malts is an art with a lot of science in the background. The product is a testament to the whole team.

'I have no understudy and there are just eight staff, so I tend to be very hands-on. Being the manager is not just about paperwork – the work is mixed and varied.

'The input from Loch Lomond on a day-to-day basis is minimal. They say it takes about 10 years to learn the job so I am not there yet.

Doldrums

'When I started there were three of us at Glen Scotia which was coming out of the doldrums in whisky terms.

'What you see today is what Loch Lo-

mond's investment has brought to Glen Scotia.'

Iain, who loved history and PE, left Campbeltown Grammar School aged 17 and, as work was scarce, he went on the fishing boats for three years.

He said: 'It was a good start, was character-building and gets a young person into a good working ethos.

'It was a different

world, and things have changed a lot in the 21st century.

'I was 40 when I saw my job advertised in the paper. If I had known about the complexity I might have thought twice.

'Careers in distilling are very rewarding. Whisky is in vogue and it is a global business.

'I would recommend it to any young person.'

ALlenergy tackles global issue in Argyll

A SMALL Oban-based organisation and member of a network of energy agencies across Europe is doing its bit to ensure all households in Argyll and Bute have access to affordable energy and are not vulnerable to fuel debt.

Established in 1999 by Argyll and Bute Council under the EU 'SAVE' programme, ALlenergy (Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency) is dedicated to changing the way energy is used in the region and beyond, and does so by improving public knowledge of, and engagement in, renewable energy and energy efficiency issues and combating fuel poverty.

The aim is that more people take action in their lives to in-

crease energy saving and support renewable energy, so that all households have access to affordable energy and are not vulnerable to fuel debt.

Supporting the local community is a key focus for ALlenergy. It delivers a wide variety of activities that demonstrate this, including support to community renewable energy projects, facilitation of and support for local and regional supply chains, support of local skills development, area-based energy efficiency installation schemes for national and local government, and energy education in schools and communities. Although the work of this organisation covers the county of Argyll and the isles of Bute and Arran, it is combating a global issue. Energy efficien-

cy and energy awareness will mitigate the global climate change, which many predict will lead to massive disruption of the world's populations.

ALlenergy is a member of the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC), a centre composed of specialists in the industrial biotechnology (IB) sector to help stimulate the growth and success of the IB industry in Scotland.

IBioIC plays a key role in delivering Scotland's National Plan for Industrial Biotechnology, for which the mission is to grow IB-related turnover in Scotland to £900 million by 2025. As such, ALlenergy has huge potential to drive the Scottish IB industry forward.

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Kilberry residents put on a scarily good show

THE B8024 Kilberry road was unusually busy this Easter weekend as scarecrow-spotters braved the blustery conditions to take part in a big game of 'I Spy'.

In its fifth year, the Ormsary Scarecrow Festival proved as popular and topical as ever, with a certain Donald Trump making a strawy appearance more than once.

With more than 30 scarecrows dotted along the roadside, a tough afternoon was in store for the judges who were tasked with picking a winner. After some careful deliberation,

the judges marked out their top three scarecrows in the festival.

Third place was awarded to Let it Crow, an exhibit inspired by the Disney film Frozen and its hit song Let It Go, while second place went to Crowbot for its creator's clever use of metal piping. Top prize, however, was reserved for Where's Wally? which, at first, had scarecrow hunters searching high and low before spotting Wally hidden behind a garden wall.

The winners were announced at a well-attended Scarecrow Festival fair

held on Monday April 17. Delicious homemade soup and baking was served up, as well as various craft stalls, a tombola and a brilliant spring-themed treasure hunt around parts of Ormsary Estate.

The dazzling sunshine seemed to entice more folk to trundle along the single track road to spot the scarecrows and take in the sights around Kilberry, leaving organisers both delighted and surprised at the turnout. There was no need for panic, however, as in true Argyll fashion there was more than enough cake to go round.



The winning scarecrow: Where's Wally?



Heather MacNicol, right, explains the treasure hunt to Eoghan, his mum Anna and baby brother Angus.



Maureen Green, Mirrin, Neve, Ethan and Jo Bowden all set to take part in the treasure hunt.



Second place scarecrow: Crowbot.



Third place scarecrow: Let it Crow.



Organisers and helpers served soup and home-baking to the crowds at the fair.

Back to nature for museum's Easter celebration

THE MOINE Mhor National Nature Reserve played host to Kilmartin Museum's spring family event on Monday as youngsters were encouraged to get out into the wild.'

Perfect day

Sunshine and blue skies welcomed families to the Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve on what was a perfect day to get out and experience some of Argyll's most vibrant natural habitats.

The Kilmartin Museum edu-

cation team were on hand to greet families, hand out clipboards and guide everyone in the right direction on the Easter trail.

The museum's event centred on a wildlife hunt, where walkers were asked to solve riddles and identify different types of flora and fauna that are living and growing in the surrounding woods and grass.

After finishing the Easter trail, there was an opportunity for youngsters to try their hand at

natural weaving, using materials collected on the trail.

Madeline Conn, from the museum's education team, said: 'This is the first of many events we'll be holding throughout the year and is part of our seasonal programme.'

Out and about

'We're trying to get families out and about, thinking about wildlife at Moine Mhor. Already we've had people turn up who didn't know that the Moine Mhor was here.'



One family starting off on their adventure round the Easter trail.

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The education team welcomed families to the spring event in glorious sunshine.

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Young children trying their hand at natural weaving, using materials from Moine Mhor.

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Kilmartin Glen will be hosting similar events throughout the year.

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A fine example of the natural weaving.

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Campbeltown

A Fyne way to enjoy Easter

FYNE Homes held an Easter eggstravaganza last week, to the delight of children.

As part of a series of coffee mornings combined with children's activities around the town, Argyle and Bute Care and Repair and home insurance.

Lochgilhead Parish Hall, there was a cuppa and some cake, and the chance to chat, with local advice available on issues including welfare rights, energy saving, Argyle and Bute Care and Repair and home insurance.

And there were, of course, plenty of fun activities for the



Brothers William and Harris Gallagher look pleased with their eggs.



Sgt MacNicol and Craig Baxter with some delighted youngsters.

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children, including fill the cups. Joining Baxter was Sergeant an Easter egg cup the families and Fyne dropped in to offer his and Easter eggs to Homes tenant partic- assistance.

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WEST COAST FESTIVAL SCENE: Rich in culture and steeped in history, the stunning scenery of Scotland's west coast creates the perfect backdrop for a whole host of events, festivals and concerts

Festival Fáilte!

We are delighted to produce our 2017 guide to the many festivals that fill the islands, lochs and glens of the West Highlands and islands with the sound of music and laughter.

The rise of the festival scene in these parts is a remarkable success story. Islands such as Mull, Islay, Colonsay, South Uist and Tìree and mainland venues like Oban, Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Kintyre now play host to thousands of visitors each year. From humble beginnings and a huge amount of hard work by the organisers, these festivals have gained a glowing reputation that reaches far beyond the borders of Scotland. People from both far and near flock to these stunning locations to savour the best that Scottish music, food, drink and culture has to offer while at the same time experiencing the vibrant, informal and friendly atmosphere of a true West Highland gathering, be it in a bar, beach, public hall or playing field.

Our guide also has a practical purpose as it highlights the essential services festival-goers need to make their visit truly memorable. From tips on getting the most out of your festival experience to the things you need to remember for camping along with some great places to eat and drink in the areas in which you are visiting. This publication will prove invaluable so remember to pull it out and keep it somewhere handy to refer back to.

We hope this supplement will whet your appetite for an authentic slice of Highland and island culture and will help make your stay as much fun as we had in producing it.

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It's festival

West Coast festival scene showcases area's vibrant

THE WEST Coast is bursting with exciting culture. From music to dance, from literature to food and drink, a thriving festival season showcases the 'best of the west.' And if 2016 is anything to go by, 2017 looks to be the best year ever for the festival scene.

Billed as 'the best free festival in the world', the Mull Music Festival April 20-24 sees four days and nights chock full of music in the pubs and hotels of Tobermory. Dubbed a 'literary lock-in', the Colonsay Book Festival, April 29-30 welcomes renowned authors, poets and book lovers for workshops and readings, while the Colonsay Spring Festival looks forward to its fifth year with over 60 events celebrating all things Spring, May 1-21.

Campbeltown hosts two outstanding festivals this season. With a well-earned reputation as 'the friendliest festival in Argyll', the Kintyre Songwriters Festival April 28-30 is a delightful showcase of up-and-coming songwriting talent. May 26 - June 3, the Islay Festival of Music and Malt, or Feis Ile, features a diverse programme of music, dance, Gaelic language and the quintessential Scottish pastimes of golf, bowling and whisky tasting.

Tarbert is ground zero for festivals all season long, with the Scottish Series in May, the Seafood and Boat Festivals in July, and film and music festivals in the autumn.

The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival held April 28- May 1, is one of Oban's biggest annual events, drawing top talent from all over the world.

Future festival headliners are born at Ceòlas, a summer school for Gaelic music, song and dance on South Uist held in July.

The much-anticipated Oban Live 2017 will feature Skerryvore, Skippinish, Admiral Fallow and national headliners Hue and Cry and Toploader.

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival, July 2-7, is a celebration of classical music at various venues around Mull and Iona. The Tìree Music Festival July 14-16 offers vibrant island culture and fabulous live music.

The Mid Argyll Music and Arts, or MAMA Fest, held in September, is one of the most popular live music events of the season.

Festivals in Scotland are amazing - if it doesn't rain. But even if it does rain, the fun doesn't stop. So make sure to pack a mac and wellies, as well as a change of clothes. And speaking of clothes, always take a warm jumper even if the weather seems warm - you never know when a cool breeze or cloud may appear, plus at night the temperatures drop. Don't let clouds fool you into thinking you don't need sunscreen- rays bounce off clouds and water. A straw hat and sunglasses, along



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with maximum SPF, can prevent a miserable burn. Make sure your camera and phone are charged up, as you won't want to miss a single shot of all the great music, fabulous food and cute kid moments. Tents can be a great way to protect yourself from the elements and provide a quiet place for a rest. But keep in mind you will have to carry all your gear from the car, so don't overload. Fun items such as glow sticks, bubbles and glitter are a great way to jazz up your experience and keep the kids entertained. One of the best parts of any festival is the food, but stock up with your own water and snacks to help get you through the day. Also, it never hurts to carry a bit of toilet roll in case the portable loos run out. And last but certainly not least, don't forget the tickets! There is nothing worse than arriving at a festival just to remember you left them on the kitchen table. Some festivals have print-your-own tickets, so make sure you do this at home in plenty of time.

There is a plethora of small and large festivals on the West Coast leave visitors and locals alike spoiled for choice. Friendly shops and service providers in the area welcome guests and provide everything needed for a relaxing festival experience. There is much on offer, so pack a rucksack and get ready to make festival memories that will last a lifetime!

Programme of Events 2017

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	20 - 24 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 - 30 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	1 May - 21 May
Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival	Oban	28 April - 1 May
Loch Fyne Food Fair	Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow	13 - 14 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isle of Islay	26 May - 3 June
Oban Festival of the Sea	Oban	26 - 29 May
Oban Live	Oban	2 - 3 June
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	25 - 27 May
Mhor Festival	Perthshire	26 - 28 May
Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown	28 - 30 April
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	2 - 4 June
Spirit of Skye Festival	Portree	16 - 17 June
Tee in the Port	Isle of Bute	20 May
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull	2 July - 7 July
Iona Music Festival	Isle of Iona	30 June - 1 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert	1 - 2 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	9 - 14 July
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza	30 June - 1 July
Tiree Feis	Isle of Tiree	3 - 7 July
Ceolas	South Uist - various concerts	2 - 7 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Lewis	19 - 22 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert	14 - 16 July
Howlin' Fling	Isle of Eigg	28 - 29 July
Lomond Folk Festival	Balloch	28 - 30 July
Bute Fest	Isle of Bute	28 - 30 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	14 - 16 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert	26 - 29 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	3 - 5 August
MOKfest	Campbeltown	16 - 20 August
Loch Lomond Food and Drink Festival	Loch Lomond	2 - 3 September
BLAS festival	Various locations	1 - 9 September
MAMAFest	Lochgilphead	1 - 3 Sept
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	15 - 17 Sept
Mull Mod	Isle of Mull	8 - 9 Sept
Best Of The West Festival	Inveraray	8 - 10 Sept
Ceòl Cholasa	Isle of Colonsay	September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert	15 - 17 Sept
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	22 - 24 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	29 - 30 Sept
CowalFest	Cowal	6 - 15 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	6 - 8 October
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Feis na Mara	Mallaig	7 - 9 October
Royal National Mod	Lochaber	13 - 21 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert	27 - 29 October
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	17 - 26 November
Hogmanay in Oban	Oban	31 December

UK brewing heavyweights amongst first breweries announced for FyneFest 2017.



BEERS from the UK's most critically-acclaimed breweries will be available in Argyll this summer at Fyne Ales' annual FyneFest event.

The June festival, which attracts over 2,000 visitors to Glen Fyne, will feature breweries including Beavertown, Magic Rock, Siren, Buxton, and Manchester's Cloudwater Brewing Co, recently named the fifth best brewery in the world by respected beer scoring website, Ratebeer.

Representing Scotland alongside the festival organisers, established names including Fierce Beer and Edinburgh's Pilot brewery will be on offer; while fellow Scots breweries Out of Town, Up Front and Campervan will be featured alongside other new breweries including Cornwall's Verdant and Cheltenham's Deya Brewing Co. In total, over 160 beers from over 35 breweries from the UK and Europe will be available at the 2017 festival taking place from 2-4 June, with more announcements due in the coming weeks.

The breweries announcement is part of an exciting wave of news about FyneFest 2017, including a range of new beer-centric initiatives within the festival.

"While we're proud of the fact that FyneFest

brings together elements of music festivals and food festivals, beer is the star of the show for the majority of festival-goers," explained Fyne Ales Managing Director, Jamie Delap. "Developing on the success of the Brewers' Bar introduced last year, we're putting even more focus on beer for 2017. We're delighted to announce our first batch of brewery partners, and to introduce three new beer concepts for this year's festival: Brewers Panels, timed special-release tapings and an on-site micro-brew."

The Brewers Panels will see representatives from some of the UK's leading breweries come together to discuss beers of specific styles, while in the Main Bar, a tap will be reserved for rare and exclusive keg beers that will be tapped at specific intervals. Edinburgh's Campervan Brewing will use its mobile pilot brew kit to brew an exclusive collaboration beer in the festival field during the weekend.

Alongside the wide selection of beer on offer, the festival will serve ciders, wines, spirits, and cocktails on site to compliment the eleven local and award-winning food vendors confirmed to attend, including long-time Fyne Ales collaborator, Loch Fyne Oysters. The festivals music line-up, known for its diversity of styles, has been confirmed with local act Dr Hip & The Blues Operation headlining

alongside award-winning ska band Bombskare.

Many of festival-goers favourite features will return, with Fyne Ales promising an improved Walkers Bar for those who decide to venture up the glen, and the return of Scotland's biggest pub quiz on the Saturday afternoon in the Brewery Courtyard. The family-friendly event, which also welcomes dogs, has a full programme of children's entertainment planned to keep little ones amused over the three-day event.

Further details of FyneFest 2017, including ticket information can be found on the FyneFest website. Additional festival announcements are expected soon – festival-goers are encouraged to keep an eye on Fyne Ales on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news.

BREWERIES ANNOUNCED

- Beavertown Brewery
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- Cloudwater Brewing Co
- Deya Brewing Co
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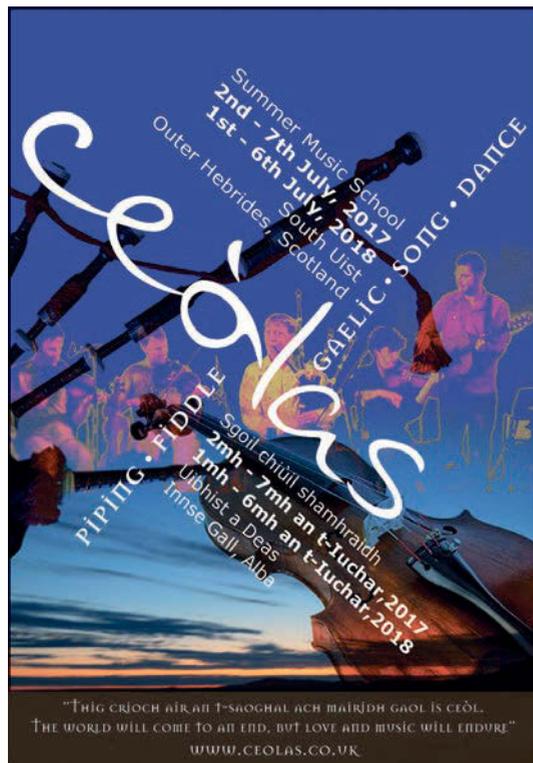
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Ceolas School of Music and Dance



Award-winning traditional music & dance summer school situated in the Gaelic heartland of South Uist in the first week of July. 2017 tutors: Allan Henderson (Beginner Fiddle); Shelly Campbell – Cape Breton, (Advanced Fiddle); Kenneth MacKenzie – Cape Breton, (Intermediate Fiddle); Eilidh Shaw (Youth Fiddle); Alec Valtos (Gàidhlig); Catriona MacIntyre (Gàidhlig); Catriona Black (Gàidhlig); Ingrid Henderson (Clàrsach); Griogair Labhruidh (Ceòl Mòr/Òrain Phìobaireachd); Fin Moore (Piping for Dance); Ashley MacDonald (Youth Piping); Mary Jane Lamond – Cape Breton (Song); Rachel Walker (Song); Christine Primrose (Song); Sophie Stephenson (Beginner Step-Dance); Frank McConnell (Intermediate Step Dance); Mats Melin (Advanced Step Dance); Seonaidh MacIntyre (Playing for Dancing); Sarah Hoy (Playing for Dancing); Kilphedar Sound (Playing for Dancing); Jamie MacDonald (Playing for Dancing). See www.ceolas.co.uk for more information.



Best Of The West Festival

8-10 September 2017
INVERARAY CASTLE



The Best of the West Festival of music, art, crafts, food and drink is an 'end of season' showcase held

in the grounds of the magnificent Inveraray Castle from 8-10th September 2017. A celebration of music that shines a light on Argyll as a prominent and world-class dining, drinking and travel destination, this year sees Best of the West expand its offering with the introduction of a Friday night programme.

Music headliners include: Skipinnish and Heron Valley (Friday 8th September); Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles and Hunter and the Bear (Saturday 9th September) and Eddi Reader, Tide Lines and Dr Hip & the Blues Operation (Sunday 10th September) with many more bands set to play throughout the weekend.

Masterchef: The Professionals 2016 winner Gary Maclean is all set to cook up a storm at The Best of the West Festival Kitchen on Sunday 10th September 2017. Gary joins a star-studded line-up of celebrity chefs already booked for The Best of the West Festival Kitchen, including: Graeme Cheevers, head chef of Restaurant Martin Wishart, Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond and Paul Leonard, head chef at The Isle of Eriska Hotel Restaurant, both Michelin star restaurants.

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The island has a wealth of musical talent. As well as Pete Smoke and the Roaches, one of the best cover bands on the West Coast, there's RSAMD graduate and fiddle player Simon Moran from Deoch n Dorus; his singer/songwriter brother

Danny Moran, a top traditional musician now based in Dublin; their local partner in 'crime' from 'Cum-A Dol' the excellent accordion player Graham Rozga, the talented local pipers and one of the stalwarts of West Coast style, David MacDonald is an established box player and released two albums with the Jura Ceilidh Band.

One of the many highlights over the years has been when we have been repeatedly nominated in the first Scottish Traditional Music Awards held in Queens Hall Edinburgh in the Best Music Festival category. Celtic Connections won it, but we were up in the top three with them...small things from little acorns grow!

Sponsored by the Isle of Jura Distillery on the Sunday early evening is a stand up concert in the Jura Distillery Cooperage. It is incredibly popular and has featured bands including Skippinish and Wolfstone and Skerryvore. More information on this is available on the website. www.juramusicfestival.com

Cantilena Festival on Islay

Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after event for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Italian Renaissance to the present day. The festival has been taking place for over twelve years now and attracts audiences from as far afield as Italy and Germany thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the concerts which take place in the Columba Centre in Bowmore and a number of Islay's famous malt whisky



distilleries.

This year's festival is from Sunday 9th to Friday 14th July and also features guest artist Swedish conductor and violinist, Tobias Ringborg, whose previous visits to Scotland have been to conduct acclaimed performances with Scottish Opera. Concerts this year include music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Strauss. For a more detailed programme and ticket information visit cantilenafestival.co.uk. The 2017 Cantilena Festival on Islay will be from 9 - 14 July.



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Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Founded by renowned violinist Leonard Friedman in 1988, the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival July 2- 7, has become one of Scotland's most brilliant island musical events. Featuring concerts at various venues around Mull, Iona, Oban as well as further afield in Scotland and England, the festival is a chance for promising young professionals develop their skills in the field along with professional mentors. Artists on this year's bill include Leonardo Giovine, Antonia Kesel, Tom Congdon, Fiona Robertson, Christine Anderson, Andre Gaio Pereira, Feargus Egan and Josh Salter.

The repertoire will focus on Mendelssohn's Octet, in a new edition by Richard Jeffcoat, who presents it in its original form, as written by the

16-year-old composer. Other offerings include quartets by Haydn, Dvorak and Shostakovich and a Mozart piano concerto. The concerts are free, and will be held in stunning, intimate venues, such as Iona Abbey, St John's Cathedral, Duart Castle and Creich Church.

With a mission of 'Nurturing a deeper understanding of the art of chamber music for performer and audience alike,' Mendelssohn on Mull is not to be missed by classical music lovers and budding musicians.

The festival is sponsored by Sound Waves, a charity dedicated to the advancement of arts, heritage and culture in Scotland.

For more information and events listing, visit soundwavesscio.org.uk.

Oban's first West Coast Whisky Fèis

The resort town of Oban, home to one of Scotland's most venerated distilleries, is to be the location for a new whisky festival celebrating the water of life.

The West Coast Whisky Fèis will take place in July of this year, and is the brainchild of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, a local retailer of the spirit.

Euan Finlayson, proprietor of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, said, 'We wanted to create an event that shows off the incredible whiskies that the west coast has to offer. The aim is to offer a range of whiskies and masterclasses that can appeal to newcomers and aficionados alike.'

The main venue for the event will be Skipinnish Cèilidh House and will feature exhibits from every distiller from the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Lewis. Ticket holders will be given their own dram glass and will be able to take samples from all of the exhibitors who are present. Water will be available to allow people to cleanse their palates between tasting.

In addition, Oban Distillery will be holding masterclasses. These will be based around their

world famous whiskies. Other masterclasses will be available on the day. The other exhibitors will be more than happy to have a chat about their produce as well.

Local food producers will be selling their wares in the Cèilidh House should anyone get a bit peckish after a few drams. There will also

be a nosing competition where attendees can attempt to identify various whiskies by smell alone. The entrant who is closest to being correct will win a bottle of single malt whisky.

There will be a Fèis shop in the Cèilidh House where attendees can pick up a bottle of whichever whiskies took their fancy during their sampling session. Subsidised delivery will be available for people who don't want to have to lug bottles around with them after they leave.

The Cèilidh House will be open from 12pm to 6pm on 22nd of July 2017. There are likely to be other supporting events during the day which will be announced via the event's Twitter and Facebook feeds closer to the time. Samples are included in the event ticket price and masterclasses are available for an additional fee.





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Arran Malt & Music Festival 2017

Every year, the annual Arran Malt & Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July.

The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, local musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of all things Malt and Music!

On Saturday 1st July, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved with the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky cocktail masterclass with bartenders from the Edinburgh Bon Vivant Bar and the opportunity to purchase rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram.

Their annual special Festival Single Malt Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of their Ultimate Masterclass. The festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by popular band 'Skippinish'. Entry to the festival Saturday 11am – 5pm is free. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



MOK Fest 25 First Bands



The 25th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest as it is more commonly known runs from August 16th – 20th.

The Saturday night concerts on Aug 19th promise something for everyone with high octane Celtic Dance kings The Peatbog Faeries and Scotland's 9-piece Ska juggernaut Bombskare playing in the Victoria Hall. The Traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will feature six piece all female folk band The Shee with singer songwriter Jim Malcolm also on the bill. More acts for the Saturday will be announced shortly.

Herron Valley is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 18th. Award winning Gypsy Jazz Swing specialists Rose Room and The Dalriada Connections Band will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections on Aug 20th will have another great line-up with Arty McGlynn & Nollaig Casey, Gillian Frame, Ciaran Mulholland, Scooter Muse, Lorne MacDougall Trio and Rhuvaal already confirmed to play.

News on who will be performing at the Festival Gaelic Night on Aug 16th, Young Folk Night on Aug 17th and Survivors Night on Aug 20th will be released soon.

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Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



THE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in music, sport, food and literature. The excitement kicks off in May 26-29 with the Silvers Marine Scottish Series.

The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening 'Clyde Challenger Race' from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The upgraded facilities at Tarbert Harbour including the well-stocked chandlery shop provide a warm welcome for competitors.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 1-2, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival Queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, 14-16 July draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (26th-29th) and continues the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 28 years.

Held the weekend of September 15-17, it features kids' activities and a full programme of concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the fantastic local seafood and the relaxed vibe.

This lovely book festival in the pretty fishing village of Tarbert is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from the 27th-29th October

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the adjacent Kintyre Trail make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along! www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2017

Tarbert is an enchanting and beautiful fishing village sitting on the west shores of Loch Fyne.

There are several festivals held during the year which encompass Tarbert's fishing heritage and its affinity with the sea.

Come to Tarbert and experience life on Scotland's west coast - you will be made most welcome.



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27-29 October



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Festival Safety by the Summer Festival Guide

Festivals are a great way to spend a summer weekend. Good bands, good beer, good weather: what's not to like? It is important, though, to keep safe. That's why we're going to use today to look at the various ways in which you can ensure that your weekend goes by without any kind of hitches.

Keep a mobile charger on you. The simple fact is that in 2017, it's virtually impossible to get through the weekend without using your phone for something. (No, not Facebook. For goodness sake, give it a rest for the weekend!). In any busy festival, it's almost guaranteed that at some point you'll probably get separated from your friends. Invest in a mobile charger (i.e. one that's powered by batteries rather than the mains) and stock up on a load of batteries. This way, you'll be able to call your mates and meet

up with each other every time you find yourself getting pushed to the other side of the crowd!

Don't bring your valuables. Repeat after us: 'I do not need to take my iPad to Glastonbury'. Most modern festivals are pretty friendly and, generally speaking, people try and look out for each other. However, it's not a good idea to take a load of expensive gear with you. Cameras are fair enough, but leave the laptops, credit cards, tablets and the like at home. You simply don't need them.

Be sensible

At even the most orderly festival, there probably will be the odd group of people insisting on being...well, a word we probably can't use here. The best move to make if anything happens that makes you feel remotely uncomfortable is to simply move to a different section of the area (again, keep your phone on you so you can re-meet friends easily). If you're particularly concerned, try and find a security guard (most festivals have them stationed throughout the venue).

Don't get carried away with moshing and crowd-surfing.

We're not just saying this to be killjoys. It's a simple fact that even the biggest and hardest metalheads get injured in moshpits. Honestly, they do. Don't get the wrong idea: we're not suggesting you start twerking whilst Machine Head are on stage (though that would be sort of hilarious), but don't put yourself at risk unnecessarily. Also, crowd-surfing is even more risky – you're likely to get a bad landing.

Care for your hearing

If you're a regular gig goer, then the chances are you'll know how loud those speakers can get. Well, at a festival you can multiply that noise by about 500 (the volume is needed to project the sound across the site). What does this mean in practical terms? Well it means that if you get stuck by the speakers, it'll REALLY hurt. As in, 'might cause you permanent damage' hurt. Stock up on ear-plugs: even the cheaper ones will be more than enough to stop even Motorhead from deafening you. Places like Alllearplugs.com have a great range that will meet all budgets and ear sizes.

Split your cash

As a general rule, it's not a good idea to take all your cards to a festival. Stick to a certain amount of hard cash and one card for absolute emergencies. Always ensure that you split the cash: the chances are that you'll have at least a couple of hundred with you: that way, if some of it goes missing, you'll still have enough in reserve to keep you going.

Voted 'Best Small Festival in Scotland' for a third time in 2016, the Tiree Music Festival returns on the 14th-16th July with platinum selling act Scouting For Girls heading to the remote island as part of their 10 year anniversary tour. This is the 8th TMF and the festival has sold out every year since its formation in 2010. There are now less than 300 tickets remaining for the 2017 festival so book your island festival adventure quick! www.tireemusicfestival.co.uk



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Bluebell Music Festival – Now in its 8th Year!

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As well as non-stop FREE music thanks to the George there is beer, spirits and cocktails flowing to the wee hours. An amazing BBQ is available all day if you get hungry.

The event kicks off on the Friday night with British Country band, 'Ashton Lane'. Their most recent album Nashville Heart received five star reviews and radio support around the UK and Europe. They are followed by headliners 'Into the Ark' who many will recognise as finalists in this years 'The Voice'.

This highly acclaimed newcomer duo from Blackwood in South Wales will be touring the UK & Ireland in May 2017 – this is a great opportunity to hear them live, locally!

Then it's all day music on the Saturday and Sunday. Picks of the bunch are The Badboys and The Camans on Saturday night and The Wild West fancy dress party on the Sunday night featuring Starsky and The Shiverin' Sheiks among many other country and western artists!

Accommodation can be difficult to get over the weekend so book early to avoid disappointment. Visit www.exploreargyll.co.uk and click on the 'stay and eat' link for a list of local accommodation providers. There is often a minibus to ferry visitors to local accommodation at the end of the night.



Mhor Festival Launches Summer Festival Line-Up

26th - 28th May

Mhor Festival, Scotland's most spectacularly-located, food, drink and music festival, launches their full line-up which includes Lorna McNee, Scottish Chef of the Year and Phil Kay, previous winner of British Comedy Award Best Live Stand Up.

Run by Tom and Lisa Lewis and family, Mhor Festival takes place on the banks of Loch Voil in the Perthshire Highlands during the May Bank Holiday weekend (26th – 28th). The festival is supported by EventScotland, part of VisitScotland's Events Directorate.

For the first year ever, Mhor Fest will be hosting an all star female chef line-up for the coveted Mhor Feast (Friday 26th May). Lorna MacNee, Scottish Chef of the Year will serve up her signature dish, along with a course each from Rosie Healey of Ottolenghi fame; 'The Café Girls' of Café St Honore; Marysia Paskowska of Monachyle Mhor.

A limited number of 100 Feast tickets are available. Previously selling out within days, tickets for the 5-course dinner are only available on a lottery basis.

Across the weekend festivalgoers will be amongst a selection of Scotland's best artisan producers including; L'Art Du Vin wines, Glengoyne Highland Single Malt Scotch whisky and Great Glen Charcuterie.

Tom Lewis, Chef Proprietor of Monachyle Mhor and Co-Founder of Mhor Festival, said:

"Mhor festival is more than a food festival – it's a great party with an excellent line up of our favourite chefs, DJs and musicians. This year we're excited to welcome sell-out recording artist, Ray Harris, Daft Funk and The Federation Of The Disco Pimp, winners of the Sunday Herald Cultural Awards 'Best Live Performance' last year."

New for this year, the Festival will host Cinemor77, a mobile cinema housed in a yurt, equipped with cushions and beanbags for guests to enjoy a selection of independent films on.

A festival for all ages and tastes, along with award-winning chefs and musicians, the line-up includes the traditional raft race, aerial trapeze performances, bread making workshops and baking competitions, circus skills workshop, the omelette challenge, disco yoga, and much much more.

Paul Bush OBE, Director of Events at VisitScotland, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting Mhor Festival, in what promises to be a fantastic family event. Scotland is the perfect stage for events and the team have brought together another strong programme this year. With live music, theatre, children's entertainment, and of course, a great selection of local food and drink on offer, there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

Mhor Festival has been running since 2012 as an addition to the ever-growing 'Mhor' brand. Beginning as a two day event, it has now grown into a three day festival due to its popularity. Over the years, the Lewis' have welcomed chefs including the two Michelin-starred Andrew Fairlie; AA rosette-winning Fred Berkmler; BBC Kitchen Café presenter Neil Forbes, and Roy Brett, award-winning Chef Proprietor of Ondine.

Accommodation options include camping in the festival grounds; 'glamping' in the Mhor Bell Tents; or staying in one of the local hotels and B&B's.

Day tickets are available from £20 for an adult, while a weekend camping pass begins at £75. These can be bought online at www.mhorfestival.net/booking. Festival and camping tickets for under 16's are free of charge.

For more information visit www.mhorfestival.net

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DR HIP & THE BLUES OPERATION 8.45pm - 10.00pm

BAD BOYS 10.00pm - 12.30am IN THE BAR

SUNDAY

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TOAST 5.15pm - 6.30pm

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Oban Live - the region's biggest live music event!

A whole stream of talented Scots and Irish artists are lined up to play this year's Oban Live, Argyll's largest music event. The concert, which attracted 7,800 visitors last year, takes place at Mossfield Stadium June 2 and 3. Announcing via live stream on Facebook earlier this year, tradfavourites MÀNran, Trail West, and Tide Lines, as well as Toploader and Hue and Cry were the latest additions to the line up.

Daniel Gillespie of Skerryvore and artistic director for Oban Live said: 'We are delighted to announce that Trail West, MÀNran and Tide Lines will join us in Oban as not only are they great friends but they are three of the most exciting acts on the Scottish scene today - all bringing their own brand and fusion of west coast music.'

The three bands join an impressive line-up that includes Admiral Fallow,

Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, We Banjo 3, Skipinnish, Skerryvore and the collaboration of Argyll Ceilidh Trail and Ceol an Aire. More big named acts will be added to the list very soon.

Celtic rock group, Skerryvore will also be joined on stage by Oban High School (OHS) Pipe Band. OHS Pipe Major, Angus MacColl, said: 'We are incredibly honoured to be invited to play on stage with the sensational Skerryvore. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young band members to showcase their talents to an audience of thousands, and in their local town, too.'

Daniel added: 'Angus MacColl is a piping legend and a real hero of ours growing up on Tìree learning to play traditional music, so to have him join us on stage in Oban along with his brilliant group of pupils will be a very special collaboration for us.'

Local talents Ceol an Aire and The Argyll Ceilidh Trail will join forces to open the show on Friday June 2. Ewan Macdonald from Ceol an Aire said: 'Having seen how incredible last year's Oban Live was, it is a great privilege to have been invited to open Oban Live 2017. Ceol an Aire was formed following the success of the first Argyll Ceilidh Trail so it is exciting to now be forming a collaboration with the latest line-up seven years on.'

More local talent will be added to the bill as the event team hunt for an unsigned group in an exciting 'battle of the bands' competition. Check the event's website and social media pages for more information.

Tickets to Oban Live 2017 are now on sale. To buy tickets and for the latest line-up announcements, visit www.obanlive.com. Follow the event on Twitter @obanlive and www.facebook.com/obanlive.



Skerryvore at last year's Oban Live

Toploader and Hue And Cry to bring new material to Oban Live this June

Noughties household name Toploader and 80s legends Hue And Cry are confirmed for the line-up at this year's Oban Live, June 2 and 3.

The two acts have been added to an already impressive bill at Argyll's largest live music event, at Mossfield Stadium. The event attracted 7,800 visitors last year to Oban. Playing Friday night, June 2, Toploader will perform tracks from their highly

anticipated fourth album *Seeing Stars*, released May 12. Their new single, *Roll With The Punches*, was premiered on Graham Norton's Radio 2 show in February. Classics such as their global hit *Dancing in the Moonlight*, from 2000, are also set to be highlights on the night. Their visit to Oban will be the band's second trip to the West Coast since they headlined Tìree Music Festival in 2012, a gig that saw Skerryvore piper Martin Gillespie join them on stage for a bagpipe solo during *Dancing in the Moonlight*. Meanwhile, Pat and Greg Kane of Hue And Cry are all set for their

evening performance at Oban Live as an eight piece full band on Saturday June 3.

The brothers, who hail from Coatbridge near Glasgow, made a huge impact in the late 80s with hit singles, including *Labour of Love*, and albums *Seduced and Abandoned* and *Remote*. Their Oban Live gig will showcase tracks from their new *Pocketful of Stones* album, due for release this year.

To date, Hue and Cry have sold in excess of two million records worldwide. Martin Gillespie from the Oban Live team and piper for Skerryvore said: 'We



Hue and Cry

are thrilled that these two iconic bands have agreed to join us at Oban Live in June and we are excited to hear their new material, as well as performances of their classic songs.

'It will be great to see the Toploader lads again after joining them on stage on Tìree back in 2012 - perhaps something we can do again in June!'

The Oban Live 2017 line-up also includes Skerryvore, Skipinnish, We Banjo 3, Trail West, MÀNran, Tide Lines, Admiral Fallow, Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire,

Ceol an Aire and the Argyll Ceilidh Trail, and Oban High School Pipe Band. Special guests are still to be announced.

This year's festival is supported by EventScotland, and is part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Tickets for Oban Live 2017 are on sale now. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.obanlive.com or follow on Twitter @obanlive or Facebook: www.facebook.com/obanlive.

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Cowal Highland Gathering 2017

The Cowal Highland Gathering held in Dunoon, Argyll, is the largest, most spectacular Highland games in the world. Nowhere else will you see world-class pipers, dancers and athletes competing on such a scale. It's an unbeatable event for all the family. Just ask the 23,000 visitors who come here every year to soak up the unique, friendly atmosphere and stunning Highland location.

There really is something for everyone, from watching the world championship competitions to running in the 5K fun run. The salute to the Chieftain is one of the highlights. As the sun sets down the Firth of Clyde, the massed pipers and drummers play 'Highland Laddie' in unison. It's an unforgettable experience and a fitting end to this, the most spectacular of Highland games.

The kids will love Artie's Tartan Tails, mountain bike displays, the arts and crafts tent, magic shows, puppet shows, face painting and much more! The ceilidh tent is one of the event's huge highlights and if you want even more of that, be sure to get tickets for the Friday night's Gig at the Gathering.

The headline act this year is four piece band Tide Lines supported by the ever-popular young Argyll band Heron Valley, who have become firm Cowal Gathering favourites. Also playing will be Trongate Rum Riots, a Glasgow nine-piece band who play their own brand of 'turbo sea shanties'.

As usual, the Gig won't simply boast top ceilidh music. It will also feature whisky and gin tasting and street food will be available throughout the evening. But hurry, tickets will sell fast. Gig at the Gathering is held on Friday 25th August with the Cowal Highland Gathering is held on Saturday 26th August.



Festival Survival Guide for Parents with Children

Kids love music festivals, and nowadays, there is often as much for the wee ones to do as for the grown ups. With a bit of preparation and patience, you can feel free to take the whole family to the festival!

Festival goer Libby Wilkinson has these tips for surviving a festival with children.

Preparation is key – Prior to the festival we took a camping trip to get an idea of what it might be like in a possibly cold and wet field with a baby. If you get the chance, pitch the tent and spend the night. You'll get a taste of what's to come and if all goes well, you might find yourself registering for next year's Glastonbury festival.

Plan ahead – Make a list of everything you'll need, you don't want to find out you've forgotten the rain cover half way to your destination.

Safety first - A first aid kit complete with hand sanitizer is essential. As is a torch and flask for preparing bottles and changing nappies in the middle of the night.

Do some research – Some festivals are more geared toward families than others. Have a look around, check out the site maps and figure out if you'll have a long way to carry all your gear and whether or not it'd be



worth staying in accommodation near-by.

Foodies – If you're bottle feeding take sterilisation tablets to hygienically clean feeding equipment. Breast feeding? First aid tents are great places to discreetly express. Also, festival food can be expensive and in some instances might be too exotic for little pallets, so ensure you have plenty of jars and finger foods to keep tummies happy throughout the day.

Safety first – Most festivals issue security tags for you to write your number on, stick a couple on your children in case they wander off, or write it on their wristbands of course.

Festival must-haves – Ear defenders -If you want to get a bit closer to the stage a pair of giant headphones is a baby's best festival accessory. They're not only practical, but adorable too. Secondly -Fairy lights. Wrapping a string of solar operated twinkly lights around the pram makes you visible during the night and you're therefore less likely to get trampled on by drunken revellers. It also turns your baby's transport into a space-age disco buggy, certain to turn heads!

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1. Buy a suitable tent

If there are two of you, don't choose a two-man tent. A two-man tent is perfect for one person, but once you are both inside there will be little room for anything else. Ideally you want space to keep any wet clothes away from your sleeping area. Make sure your tent is waterproof.

2. Practice pitching your tent

Before you leave, have a trial run pitching your tent. Make sure you have all the necessary bits and that you know how to set it up quickly. You don't want to spend your time wrestling with your tent in the campsite when you could be enjoying the music.

3. Buy a good quality sleeping bag and sleeping mat

You may not plan on doing much sleeping, but when you do, you will be glad you've spent the extra money on a good sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

4. Choose your spot

Get there early to have the best picks. You don't want to be too far away from the toilets, but you don't want to be too close either. Choose a spot roughly in the middle and preferably downwind from the toilets. Remember where you have pitched your tent. It might help to tie a coloured ribbon or balloon to the top of your tent so it stands out from the crowd.

5. Keep your valuables with you

Most people are trustworthy, however, there are the odd exceptions, so do not leave any valuables in your tent. Money, car keys, tickets, phones and cameras should all be kept with you at all times in an arm wallet, bum bag or small day pack, allowing you to keep your hands free to bust out your best dance moves.

6. Do not lock your tent

It might seem like a good idea to lock your tent, but the opposite is true as it says to potential thieves there is something valuable worth stealing in your tent. A small knife will easily cut through the fabric of your tent rendering the lock useless.

7. Stock up on essentials

Food and drink can be expensive at festivals and although many won't allow you to bring alcohol in, you should plan to take plenty of water and non-perishable food items with you. If you are planning on cooking, take a small camp stove and frying pan. Do not use an open fire.

8. Make friends with your neighbours

You will be living in close quarters, so introduce yourself.

9. Bring midge repellent

Let's face it, if you are outdoors in the west of Scotland, the dreaded midge won't be far away. Don't let them ruin your festival experience. Bring a good quality midge repellent with you and test for any potential allergic reactions before you leave. Top this up with a basic first aid kit.

10. Bring your wellies

It's Scotland, chances are the rain won't be too far away, even if the sun is splitting the sky. Keep your feet dry with a decent pair of wellies and change your socks regularly.

Camping essentials checklist

- Tickets
- Money
- Ear plugs
- Torch
- Poncho
- Bin bags
- Wet wipes
- Antibacterial hand gel
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A FAMILY business is expanding its offering of outdoor and leisure clothing – right in the heart of Argyll.

The Sweeney family took over long-established Dewars Boot Store some nine years ago. The Inveraray business has gone from strength to strength, selling a variety of quality outdoor gear and equipment. Brand leaders such as Haglofs, Ridgeline of New Zealand, Swanndri, Sealskinz, Target Dry, Guy Cotten and Hogg's of Fife can all be found on the shelves. At the beginning of this month the company took a big

step as it took over the vacant MacIntyres of Inveraray premises, just a few doors along from Dewars on the main street.

Scott Sweeney explained: 'We are delighted to have taken over MacIntyres of Inveraray, and in our opinion this gives us a real opportunity to build on the existing business we have at Dewars Boot Store. Both the stores have been operating for well over 100 years, and we aim to build on the fantastic names that have been part of the town for so long.'

'The staff who worked in MacIntyres previously have come



Brendan O'Hara cuts the ribbon to open the new shop.



Ken Findlay, 91, grandfather of the Sweeney boys, shows Brendan O'Hara the right way to wear a tweed bunnet.

on board to run the store under manager Elizabeth Rieves, making sure that the takeover didn't see anyone out of work.'

The family sees this as an opportunity to bring high quality brands to Argyll, such as Dubarry, Barbour and Musto.

Scott added: 'The new store is very much aimed at country and lifestyle clothing and footwear, and we hope to put Inveraray on the map as a real shopping venue.'

Inveraray has seen considerable investment through the government-funded

Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), leaving a number of key buildings looking fresher than they have in years.

'With the investment we have seen in the town through the CARS project, coupled with the investment of time and money from local businesses to build on the accommodation, retail experience and dining in the town, we feel this is an exciting time for Inveraray,' Scott continued.

The new shop was opened by Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara, with whisky,

Prosecco and home-made tablet to celebrate.

The Sweeney family acknowledged the support of Mr O'Hara, and Scott went on: 'We'd like

to thank everyone who has supported the business going forward, including our customers, suppliers and the fantastic local tradesmen who worked together to

get us open on time in what was a very tight schedule.'

To find out more about the fantastic range of clothing available, call MacIntyres on 01499 302144.



Hats off to the new venture as Brendan O'Hara, centre, opens the new MacIntyres of Inveraray premises, with John and Scott Sweeney on the left and right respectively.



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Charity fun for happy Harbro Easter



Judge Kevin Boland offers his adjudication on last year's polished performances.

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HORDES of children and parents gathered in the spring sunshine for a lively Easter celebration at the Harbro country store in Lochgilphead on Saturday. The afternoon, a fun day which was organised to raise funds for charity, was filled with Easter activities including an egg hunt, face-painting and, of course, plenty of eggs and treats.

There was even some entertainment for the parents as a 'barrow of booze' was up for grabs in the raffle, while a packed table

of home baking and snacks kept everyone satisfied.

The day was split between Kilmory gardens and the Harbro store, in the neighbouring industrial estate, and the organisers made the most of what little space they had as crowds of people packed into the shop. Youngsters weren't put off by the odd rain shower, luckily, and were too busy revelling in the Easter festivities.

Store manager Fiona Shaw said: 'It's been a great day and I'm just

glad so many families came along.'

Harbro is celebrating its 40th birthday this year and to mark this the company is trying to raise £40,000 for charity over the course of the year.

The Lochgilphead branch chose to raise funds for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

The fun day fundraising total came to £1,300 and more than 40 families turned up to join in the Easter celebrations, with Kirsty Robb from Inveraray taking home the 'barrow of booze'.

Fiona continued: 'We are delighted with the fundraising total in the end. A huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.'

'We'd also like to thank our suppliers for donating prizes and helping make this fun day such a success.'



Store manager Fiona Shaw, left, getting into the spirit of Easter, joined by the Easter bunny himself. 08_a16easterharbro02



Face painters were kept busy as dozens of children queued up. 08_a16easterharbro03



A few youngsters enjoying the spring sunshine. 08_a16easterharbro05

Drama, comedy and plenty of entertainment

IT IS curtain up time again for Argyll Drama Festival.

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Curtain up on both evenings is 7.30pm, and tickets - priced at £6 for adults - are available at the Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, or at the door.

Easter egg-citement at Skippers

CHILDREN of all ages descended on Skipper's Bistro at the Argyll Caravan Park.

There was plenty of Easter fun to enjoy last Sunday, following a weekend of events at Skippers, courtesy of David and Cindy MacInnes.

'It was a tremendous day,' David said, 'and we raised more than £700 in just two hours.'

An estimated 80 people went

along to the caravan park to enjoy a barbecue, tombola and other attractions such as beat the goalie.

Four worthy charities will benefit from the fun day - The MS Centre, Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, Macmillan Cancer Care and the Fairy Box appeal at Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

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Young tots eyeing up the giant Easter egg.

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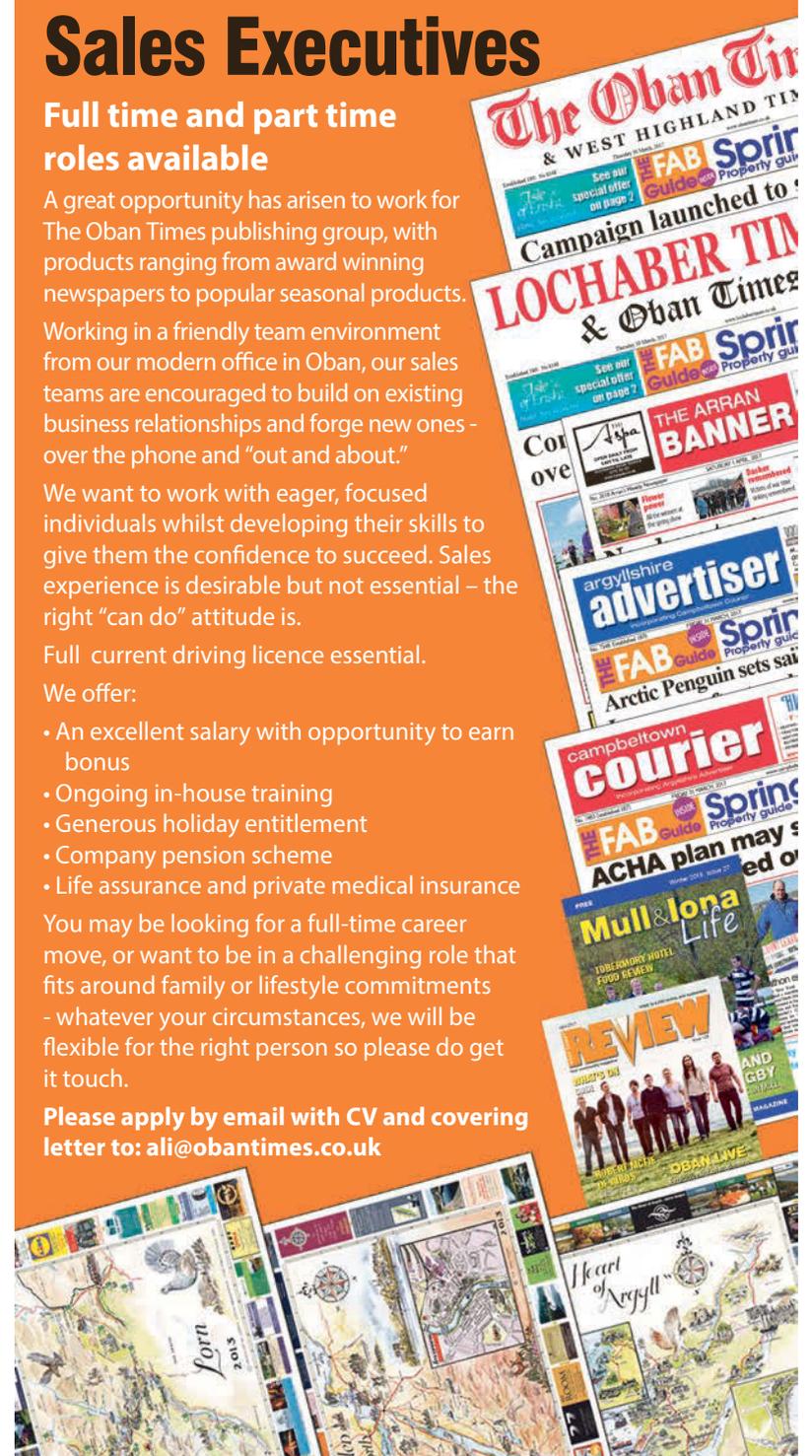
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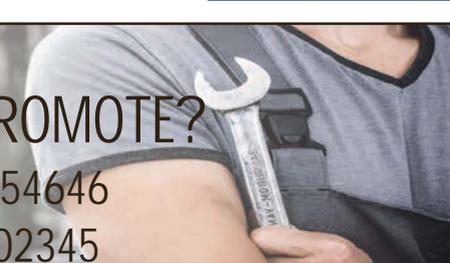
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Thank You
Margaret Milloy would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the beautiful cards, flowers and home baking received after her stay in hospital and since returning home.

ANDREW RONALD
I would like to thank all family and friends for cards, letters, phone calls and visits during my stay in hospital and since coming home. I am recovering well. Thanks again.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ONE OF Leo's favourite games is being a sausage roll.

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Then dad lifts Leo high and drops him to safety, with much giggling, on the bed.

Leo absolutely loves it, which the cry of 'Again!' confirms.

It is a delight to see this interaction and total trust between father and son, with all the fun that makes their time together very special.

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Leo knows he can trust his dad and that he can have great fun with him at the same time.

Sadly, many children can't trust their dads in this way and we grieve for them.

Our father should be someone we can trust and on whom we can always depend.

Some of us, and I include myself in this, have had dads who would have done anything for us, and from whom we learned so much.

My dad and I were politically and religiously poles apart, but I loved him with my whole being, and I knew he loved me beyond measure.

Our heavenly Father loves us unconditionally, regardless of our particular views.

God is the Father in whom we can trust, and on whom we can totally rely.

He is the Father who will hold us and who will have fun with us.

God is just like the dad who rolls us up in the blanket of his love and keeps us safe.

STRACHUR

Argyll's Timber Tigers talk

HAVE you ever wondered where all the lorry loads of timber on the roads are coming from or going to? Well, Strachur and District Local History Society may have the answers for you. Retired forester Ian Arnold is coming to the New Hall in Strachur to present a talk on the timber industry in Argyll, called Timber Tigers.

The event will take place on Thursday April 27 at 7.30pm and all are welcome. Admission is £4, which includes a cup of tea.

CAIRNBAAN

Chance to raise canal concerns

A MEETING will take place to discuss the operation of the Crinan Canal tomorrow (Saturday April 22) at the Cairnbaan Hotel.

Please advise Donna Mallan by email at donna.mallan@scottishcanals.co.uk or by phone on 01546 603210 if you would like to attend. It would be helpful for the forum if anyone interested in attending could also in-

clude a brief summary of any questions you may wish to ask.

Registration will be at 10am.

ISLAY

Charities toast cash legacy

A RANGE of Islay charities raised a dram of Lagavulin last Friday to celebrate sharing in a major financial legacy from the distillery's 200th anniversary.

Representatives of the charities, including the local swimming pool, cyber cafe, arts and festival organisations, visited the distillery to officially mark the handover of £588,395 of funds which were raised through a special Lagavulin 200th anniversary bottling.

The principal beneficiary of the funding is Islay Heritage, a new initiative which has been established to explore, conserve and promote Islay's wealth of historical and archaeological sites. With a grant of £318,395 from the Lagavulin Legacy fund, the ambitious project aims to make Islay as famous for its history as it is for its whisky.

LOCHGILPHEAD



Marching down Argyll Street at last year's Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day. 06_a26afday02

Armed Forces Day announced

THE ONLY Armed Forces Day in Argyll and Bute is returning this year and details have just been announced. The Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day will take place on Saturday June 10 at the front green in Lochgilphead. People are encouraged to turn up at 11.45am as a packed programme of events will take place throughout the afternoon.

There will be a parade at noon featuring veterans, serving personnel and cadets, who will march from the Drill Hall to Paltalloch Street for an inspection. The march will be led by celebrity mascot Cruachan IV.

The marchers will fall out after paying respects at the war memorial,

with an emphasis on commemorating the 50 years since the Aden conflict.

And 4 Scots and 7 Scots will also be in attendance, and there will be an assault course.

Gala afternoon

Hospitality will be available on the green, with a prize draw at 3.30pm before the gala afternoon finishes at around 4pm.

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DEATHS

MACLEAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 15, 2017, Catherine Violet MacLean, née McGougan, in her 85th year, 26 Rhudal Cottages, Drumlemble, a much loved mum, granny, great granny, sister and aunt. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, (today) Friday, April 21 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

MARTIN - Peacefully at home, 25b Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on April 13, 2017, Margaret Begg Sinclair, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Bobby Martin, much loved mother of David and Lorna, loving granny of Christopher, Claire, Andrew, Stephanie and Kirsty and great granny of Jessica, Erika, Ivy and Ben.

MUIR - Peacefully, at Broadford Hospital, Isle of Skye, on April 5, 2017, David, aged 68 years, formerly of 55 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. Brother of John and Gordon. Funeral took place on April 12, 2017. Thanks to all who attended.

STEWART - On April 17, 2017, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Teresa (Terry) Stewart, in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Dougie Stewart, much loved mother of Kenneth and Sheila, dear mother-in-law of Joe, dearly loved granny of Susan, Kelly, Kenneth, Paul, Stewart and Lorraine and a great

grandmother. Funeral Mass at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, April 24 at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

WATSON - Suddenly at home, Lachmara, Muasdale, on April 16, 2017, Agnes Smith Watson, in her 71st year, beloved daughter of the late Lachlan and Martha, much loved sister of William and the late Martha and a loving aunt and great aunt. Funeral private.

YOUNG - On April 19, 2017, peacefully at home, Robert MacKenzie Young (Snowball), in his 65th year, beloved husband of Christine Wallace, much loved dad of Gemma and Laura, dear father-in-law of Neil and Andrew, adored seair of Max, dearly loved nephew of Cathie. Dearly loved by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday, April 28 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DOTT - The family of the late Charlie Dott wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, cards and flowers received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkieson and Alison Sinclair for their kindness and attention to Charlie. Thanks also to Reverend Philip Wallace for his comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional support, and to Stronvaar Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for their excellent catering. The retiral collection raised £842.76. for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MACKAY - The family of the late Linda MacKay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Duncan MacGregor, James and Chris Anne,

Peter McKerral and Co and A M Transport for all their assistance, kindness and consideration shown. Special thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for her support to the family and for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Fyne Flowers and The Larder for floral tributes, Mhairi Anne for excellent catering, West Coast Motors for kind provision of a coach, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations of £845 were forwarded to Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital.

MORANS - The family of the late Eddie Morans would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Thanks also to all, for flowers, cards, food and home baking. Special thanks to Dr Spink and staff at Tarbert Medical Practice and ambulance personnel, Dr Philips, Dr Helliwell, Sister Linda Anderson and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to special family friends, Euan and Cathanna Smith, Anne MacLachlan and Sandra Mackenzie for all their support and kindness. A very special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod (a rare gem and a very special man) for his visits to Eddie, both at home and in hospital and for a comforting and uplifting service. Sincere thanks also to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements and attention to detail, West Loch Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside, some travelling from USA, Callander, Yorkshire and other distances. Donations for Tarbert Free Church raised £506.50. A devoted brother who will be very sadly missed. This world is not conclusion. A sequel lies beyond.

IN MEMORIAMS

MCLEAN - Daniel Stuart, Promoted to Glory, on April 21, 2013. Precious memories of my loving husband, dad of Michael and Jacqui, and granda, great granda and brother. Much loved and sorely missed. - Carolin and family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dad, Malcolm Robertson, died April 21, 1994. Always in my thoughts. - Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

SMITH - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora J Smith, who died April 19, 2010. Always in our thoughts, Sadly missed. - Inserted by the family, Kilmichael Glassary.



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3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

23rd April 2017
Worship Service
Ford 11.45am
Rev. C R Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 23rd April 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
In Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Musical Evening
Minard Hall
Saturday 22nd 7 pm
All welcome

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 23rd April 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Mr James McLellan
Kirk Session meets Tues
25th April in Tarbert
Church Hall 7pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith,
Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN
SCO02876

All Welcome
Rev. Tony Wood,
01596552160
VIGIL MASS
Saturday 6pm
(except the 1st
Saturday of the month)
HOLY MASS
every Sunday 10am

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Kintyre Christian Fellowship meeting to be held on
Friday 21st April
at 7.30pm in
Highland Parish Church Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown
Guest speaker:
Rev Colin Buchanan from Dumbarton Free Church
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 23rd April
11.15am Worship Service
4.00pm Service in Lorne
Campbell Court
Wednesday 26th April
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School
followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SCO43322

Highland Parish Church

Sunday 23rd April 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 23rd April
Easter 2
Holy Communion
10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686
Sunday 23rd April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 25th April
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 27th April
Choir
Friday 28th April
Lunch Club



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC091959
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Saturday 22nd April
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth
Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 23 April 2017
Family Communion Service
at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
Wednesday 26 April
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown
Free Church for Prayer and
Bible Study
All welcome
For details, contact the church
office on 01586 551200 or the
Church Secretary on
01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

Masterstroke for Inveraray festival as Masterchef signs up

A BIG NAME chef is all set to cook up a storm at this year's Best of the West festival.

Gary Maclean, the 2016 winner of the BBC's Masterchef: The Professionals will show off his skills at the popular Inveraray event on Sunday September 10.

He has a day job as senior chef lecturer at City of Glasgow College as well as being a

TV champion – and his presence is sure to excite aspiring cooks and help cement Argyll's reputation as a prominent and world-class dining, drinking and travel destination.

Gary said: 'I'm greatly looking forward to joining the line-up of great chefs at Best of the West.'

'I've heard a lot of good things about the festival – and Argyll is home to some great

natural produce – so I hope to inspire a few Masterchefs of the future at Best of the West.'

Welcoming him to the event, Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll and festival chairperson, said: 'I am delighted that Gary is coming to Best of the West. I was one of the many viewers who watched his progression to triumph at Masterchef: The Professionals in 2016

and will be among the many foodies looking to pick up some tips at his festival kitchen appearance.'

Gary joins a star-studded line-up of celebrity chefs already booked for the Best of the West festival kitchen, including Graeme Cheevers, head chef of Restaurant Martin Wishart at Cameron House Hotel; and Paul Leonard, head chef at the Isle of Eriska Ho-



Gary Maclean is looking forward to his trip to Inveraray.

tel Restaurant – both of which are Michelin-starred restaurants.

Music headliners at the festival include Eddi Reader, Skerryvore, Skipinnish,

Blazin' Fiddles, Hunter and the Bear, and Tide Lines.

And the good news is that early-bird tickets are available for the family-friendly festival

of music, art, crafts, and food and drink held in the grounds of the magnificent Inveraray Castle from September 8 to 10 this year.

And she's off – Dinah and Nerys scoot round the isles

DINAH Bosomworth set off for a mammoth scoot round the road to the isles earlier this week.

The 52-year-old Ormsary woman embarked on Thursday April 20 with her bright orange kick-scooter Nerys to travel round the Hebrides in aid of a mental health charity.

Gran of four Dinah departed from Oban, and from there her plan is to make her way from Vatersay to the Butt of Lewis – The Hebridean Way – then across Skye from Uig to Armadale. From there, it's back on to the mainland at Mallaig then on to Kilchoan, before putting in a

loop on Mull and then from Oban to her home in Mid Argyll.

In total, Dinah reckons the trek will take around two weeks and exceed 470 miles in length, and in the process she hopes to raise at least £3,500 for the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH).

The Advertiser spoke to Dinah as she prepared to leave. Asked about her preparations, she replied: 'I think that I'm as ready as I'm going to be. I'm just hoping for good weather now.'

She added: 'The fundraising is going well at over £3,000 already, but I'm now hoping for more.'

And Dinah revealed that there is a little pressure on time during her Hebridean tour.

'I've been asked to be the starter at the Dunvegan 10k run on April 29,' she explained, 'so I'll have to be on Skye by then.'

You can support Dinah by visiting the uk.virginmoneygiving.com website and searching for Dinah Bosomworth.



Dinah with Nerys as they prepared for the marathon scoot.



The picture shows, left to right, Mary Carey, Adrian Carey, the Duke of Argyll, Caroline Clark and Shirley Carey standing in front of three of the unwrapped portraits.

Duke accepts magical collection with Rowling links

A FASCINATING new collection with links to a well-known children's author has been donated to the archive belonging to the Dukes of Argyll.

The Anne Campbell Collection consists of five portraits, a family tree and supporting documentation telling the story of Anne and her husband, Duncan Campbell, Sheriff Substitute of Kintyre 1786-1821.

The collection was delivered to the Argyll Papers, as the archive is known, on March 17 by Shirley, Adrian and Mary Carey, and Caroline and Christopher Clark, and was received personally by the Duke of Argyll.

The portraits include both Anne and Duncan, their son, Col Dugald Campbell RA, and his wife, Ann Mary Kerr, and Elizabeth Macmil-

lan. The documents include fascinating eyewitness accounts of a mermaid, seen at Corphine on the Kintyre coast in 1811, and an account of the siege of Dunaverty in 1647, as well as family stories and genealogical research.

The family can trace its descent from Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck, second son of the second wife of Sir Duncan Campbell of Lochawe, first Lord Campbell – a pedigree also shared by Harry Potter author JK Rowling.

The portraits will be displayed at the Argyll Estates Offices, Inveraray, and the documents will be available for consultation in the archives.

If you would like to view the papers, contact archives@inveraray-castle.com in the first instance.

Grant to support older veterans and their families

A CONSORTIUM of organisations, led by Poppyscotland, has been awarded £4 million from the Aged Veterans Fund to undertake a three-year programme of support for older veterans and their families in Scotland.

Unforgotten Forces, a collaboration of 14 leading organisations, will deliver a range of new services and enhancements in areas, including advice, access to healthcare, social isolation and respite, along with creative activities and events for those in care settings.

Referred

Poppyscotland chief executive Mark Bibbey said: 'If a veteran is engaged with one organisation, they can immediately be referred to another – or multiple consortium members if required.'

'Each partner will also have a sound understanding of what others offer and each will effectively be a door to the whole partnership.'

Ardrishaig bowlers set for the summer season

AFTER a long winter of inactivity, members of Ardrishaig Bowling Club were pleased to open the green for the summer season.

Ardrishaig bowlers were desperate to dust down their bowls on Saturday and set foot on the green again to warm up for the start of the summer league season.

Club president Tom-

my McCrae seemed excited by the prospect of the new summer season after a long winter without much bowling action.

He said: 'There's no indoor winter competitions for us so it's good to get back out on the green.'

As with a lot of local clubs at the moment, Ardrishaig Bowling Club is on the look

out for new bowlers to join the team.

Tommy continued: 'We're a bit short of numbers at the moment and are always looking for new members to join so hopefully we can attract a few more people this summer.'

The start of the new summer season was marked by a ceremonial opening bowl by



The bowlers wasted little time in getting the games underway.

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Betty McCrae throws the jack for the first time in the new season.

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Tommy's wife, Betty McCrae, followed by a special match between a president's select team and a

vice-president's select team.

Ardrishaig will be competing in the West Argyll league this year

and will make the short trip across to Lochgilphead for their opening match of the season on Saturday April 29.

Silverware decided by shoot-outs in high quality contest

ALL THE trophies were decided with shoot-outs at Tarbert Gun Club at the recent sporting event.

There was a high degree of difficulty and plenty of long-range shooting at the shoot on Sunday April 9.

Winning the over-head shoot was Andrew MacDonald, while Niall Wilson came out on top in the settler competition.

The teal was won by Bob McColl and crosser by Ian Winnard.

The day's high gun was Ormsary's own Ian Winnard, after a shoot-out with Scott MacAllister of Campbeltown and Niall Wilson of Achnamara.

The next big day for the club will be the charity shoot on May 7 in aid of the MS Centre, Lochgilphead.

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Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Fyne first round for Tankard at Tarbert

SIXTEEN members of Tarbert Golf Club gathered at a blustery Glenralloch for the first round of the Fyne Tankard. The four golfers who played in the 8am ballot had some awful showers to contend with. Messrs Blair and MacTaggart shared the clubhouse lead with net 67.

The later starters had less rain to deal with but conditions did remain difficult as a swirling wind became a factor in play.

Archie Black moved to the top of the leaderboard with a net 65. Archie was out on level par 33, and was level par for the first three holes of the back nine, but unfortunately went out of bounds at both the 13th and 15th holes to set him back to 42.

Malcolm McAlpine joined K Blair and K MacTaggart on net 67 with I Johnstone, jnr, and James MacNab, jnr, a shot further back on 68.

The leader after the first round is Bruce MacNab who shot 69-5 for a net 64, helped by his back nine of 32, which included three birdies.

It is all to play for in the second and final rounds of the Fyne Tankard which take place this Saturday.

Lottery results

THE numbers drawn on Monday in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 1, 5 and 7. There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £400.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 8, 12 and 9. There were no winning tickets, meaning next week's prize will be £200.

Football frenzy at Tarbert



Lochnell and Tarbert youngsters press for possession. Photo: Lochnell Football Club.

MORE than 70 children travelled to Tarbert at the weekend to take part in the inaugural football festival.

Tarbert Soccer Centre hosted its first football festival on Saturday with several teams from Argyll, and beyond, travelling to Tarbert to take part.

Jam-packed

Squads from Lochnell, Oban, Campbeltown and Arran joined their Tarbert hosts on the field in what was a jam-packed afternoon of football.

There were teams from all age brackets, competing in four-, five- and seven-a-side matches.

For a lot of teams, this was their first taste of playing football 'away' from home and was a great opportunity to compete against other young teams.

The tournament showcased a great level of sportsmanship from all the teams involved and was an encouraging sign for the future of football in the area.

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Glasgow Celtic Society Cup

Bute 0 Inveraray 2

THERE was no evidence of a hangover from last weekend's league defeat to Strathglass for Inveraray on Saturday as they overcame Bute at The Meadows.

Inveraray, with a strong wind behind them, dominated from the start with captain Lewis MacNicol commanding at full centre.

The pressure paid off after 18 minutes when Lewis Montgomery put the visitors ahead.

Montgomery got his, and Inveraray's, second

goal on 25 minutes when he finished off a good passing move.

Inveraray pressed for a third but the resolute Bute defence held out until the break.

Bute now had the wind in their favour and they made a good start to the second half, showing more intensity to their play.

Inveraray held firm, however, with Ally Munro excelling in their defence.

Inveraray slowly started to peg Bute back into their own half again and although they didn't add to their tally, they will be happy with what was a convincing 2-0 win.

That win puts them through to the semi-finals of the Celtic Cup where they will face Oban Camanachd at Mossfield on May 13.

Inveraray now have a free weekend to celebrate Grant Griffin's wedding but they are back on cup duty at the end of the month when they host Oban Celtic in the Artemis Macaulay Cup.

Kyles Athletic 18 Kilmory 0

KILMORY were cruelly dumped out of the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup by holders Kyles Athletic at Tighnabruaich on Saturday.

Kilmory had a number of notable absentees which meant a few players had to play in unfamiliar positions in what became quite a makeshift team.

Grant Irvine completed a hat-trick within 12 minutes, while Gordon Whyte, brothers Roddy and Innes MacDonald, and Martin MacFadyen helped take Kyles' goal tally into double figures at half-time.



Allan MacDonald of Inveraray shields the ball.

The onslaught continued as Sandy MacKenzie and then Brandon Wilson chipped in with strikes as Roddy MacDonald and Gordon Whyte continued to hit the Kilmory net to complete the 18-0 winning margin.

Kyles progress into the semi-finals of the Celtic Cup and will face Glasgow Mid Argyll.

Kilmory are at home against Oban Celtic next Saturday in the Balliemore Cup.

South Division 2

Inveraray 6 Aberdour 0

INVERARAY reserves showed no ill-effects

from the previous weekend's extra-time Sutherland Cup defeat at Lochaber as they swept aside Aberdour reserves at The Winterton.

The star of the show was 12-year-old Coll MacKay, who notched a memorable hat-trick, while Kenny Kirkhope and Andrew Stewart and David Robert-

son all got on the score sheet.

The winning margin could have been greater had it not been from some fine saves from the Aberdour goalie, Craig Callaghan.

Inveraray boss Graham MacPherson will be pleased with the win, their third in three league fixtures with no goals conceded.



Sandy MacKenzie scores for Kyles, as Kilmory goalkeeper Ally MacLennan tries to save. Photo: Paul Paterson.

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