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Old oil depot to become gateway to Mid Argyll

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WORK has started to turn a derelict industrial site into a 'fantastic' new hub for visitors to Mid Argyll.

The £1.5 million project will create a her-

itage and community centre at the former Gleaner Oils site beside the A83 trunk road through Ardrishaig.

The Scottish Canals-led project will see the transformation and extension of the dere-

lict building known locally as the 'Egg Shed' into an interpretation centre telling the story of the canal and the communities on its banks.

From the ancient Gaelic kingdom of Dalriada to the tale of Queen Victoria's journey on the Crinan Canal, the new centre will display the unique history of Mid Argyll through interactive exhibits and interpretation material.

Space

The revamped Egg Shed project includes space for community activities – from art installations to pop-up exhibitions – and opportunities for social enterprises and community groups.

There are also plans to create new viewpoints and walkways around the building

and new access with Ardrishaig centre. The work, the first phase of the redevelopment of the Gleaner site, is expected to be complete early next year.

Vision

Christopher Breslin, head of regeneration and development at Scottish Canals, said: 'Over the past few years, we've worked with our partners and the local community to develop a shared vision for the future of the Crinan Canal corridor.'

'The redevelopment of the Egg Shed will help deliver a sustainable future for Ardrishaig, creating a fantastic tourist destination and a vital community resource that will bring jobs and economic benefits to the area.'

'We're grateful to our funders and the local community for their



Work has started to transform the former Gleaner site in Ardrishaig into a new hub for visitors to Mid Argyll. 06_a16ArdrishaigEgg Shed01

support and look forward to welcoming them to the new hub in early 2019.'

The project is funded by the Scottish Government, European LEADER money, Scottish Canals, Argyll and Bute Council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, Sustrans,

Shanks, the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Argyll-based contractor TSL won the contract for the project and started work on site this week.

Aileen Morton, policy lead for economic development at Argyll and Bute Council, said:

'The redevelopment of this site is all about working with the local community to create jobs and boost the local economy, and the project was championed by local people.'

'The council has agreed to contribute up to £250,000 as part of our wider work to regenerate Mid Argyll.'

The boys are home

THE SOLITARY candle, burning on Tarbert's fish quay since Saturday February 7, was quietly extinguished on Tuesday evening.

Its task was done. The way had been lit to guide Tarbert's boys home to their families.

Lost in the sinking of fishing boat Nancy Glen in Loch Fyne on January 18, Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk were returned to Tarbert after a complex operation to raise the boat from a depth of 140 metres.

People in their hundreds gathered at Tarbert Free Church of Scotland to pay their respects as Mr MacDougall was laid to rest on Wednesday April 18 and a service for Mr Krawczyk is due to take place tomorrow (Saturday) at Tarbert Parish Church.

More on page three.



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Runners line-up for the start of last year's race.

Runners on their marks for 2018 Crinan Puffer

THE SCOTTISH Sea Farms Crinan Puffer Road Race takes place this Sunday, April 22, with more than 90 runners from as far away as Glasgow pounding the roads of Mid Argyll.

Race registration will take place at Ardrishaig Public Hall prior to the race, which starts in Crinan at 11am.

Runners are expected to cross the line in Ardrishaig from 11.30am,

with the prize-giving scheduled for 1pm.

The race is organised by MACPool and is sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community Trust. It is also supported by Mid Argyll businesses including the Co-op, Midton Acrylics and the Sweetie Jar.

Refreshments will be provided by local volunteers raising funds for their respective causes.



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Mystery campaigners fly the flag for Catalonia

THE PEOPLE responsible have yet to come forward, but folk around upper Loch Fyne woke up to a colourful surprise on Saturday April 14.

The distinctive flag of the Catalonia region of Spain was draped across the Inveraray-bound bus shelter on the A83 at Cairndow, with an

identical flag tied between road signs on a traffic island on Inveraray's main street.

Yellow ribbons, symbolising the campaign for Catalan independence, also adorned street furniture around town.

A message left beside the flags read: 'These yellow ribbons show our support for Catalan political prisoners, held in jail by the authoritarian Spanish government with the charge of rebellion.'

The message continued: 'We will remove these ribbons ourselves and no litter will be left behind.'

A Cairndow resident told the *Advertiser*: 'I am led to believe these ribbons were put up during the early hours of Saturday morning. This had all been done as far as I know with no consultation with residents in the village or the community council. While we may sympathise with what has gone on in Catalonia, I am annoyed to wake up to this in our village.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Anyone wishing to fly flags from coun-

cil property should contact the council for permission in advance. We were not aware of the bus shelter being used for this purpose.'

Police Sergeant Iain MacNicol said officers were not aware of the flags being put up, adding: 'I am not aware of any permissions being asked of the police and none would be given.'

'I would be concerned they could be a distraction to motorists and, if so, they will be removed.'

A glass panel on the Cairndow bus shelter draped with the flag



The flag draped outside Inveraray Parish Church on Saturday morning.

was smashed recently, two events are connected.

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Police hunt shoplifters

POLICE have launched an inquiry after two men stole alcohol from the Co-op in Tarbert at 6.50pm on Saturday April 7.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information should contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Abusive behaviour

A MAN, aged 26, was arrested and charged with behaving in an abusive manner in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, and Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, at 5.30pm on Tuesday April 10.

He was held for court and a re-

port was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Damage to door

THE DOOR of a house in Craignish Place, Lochgilphead, was damaged on Thursday April 12 at 5.40pm.

Later that night, a man, aged 18, was traced by police and issued with a recorded warning regarding the offence.

Fined for urinating

A MAN, aged 30, was issued with a £40 fixed penalty notice for urinating in a public place at 1.05am on Sunday April 15, in Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.

Tarbert's boys brought home

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THREE months after the Nancy Glen sank in Loch Fyne, two fishermen lost in the tragedy have been returned to their loved ones.

That dark evening on January 18, skipper Duncan MacDougall, aged 46, and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, 38, went down when the Tarbert fishing boat capsized and sank – despite the efforts of many seafarers and rescue agencies who came to her aid. A third crewman, John Miller, 34, was rescued from the loch by a fish farm boat.

A campaign began almost immediately to recover the vessel from its resting place 140 metres down, off Barmore Island. A fundraising effort with the slogan Bring our Boys Home, garnered donations from people from across Scotland and further afield, but it was only when the Scottish Government pledged support that the campaign gathered real pace.

After weeks of preparation, on April 12, the Nancy Glen was recovered from Loch Fyne. Both men were found on board and this week they returned home to Tarbert.

The funeral of Duncan MacDougall was held on Wednesday and a service will

be held for Przemek Krawczyk tomorrow (Saturday April 21) at Tarbert Parish Church.

Central to the campaign to bring the boys home was the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), under the chairmanship of Tarbert man Kenny MacNab. The association this week thanked the agencies involved in the operation to bring the fishermen home.

A statement read: 'No matter how large or small your role or contribution was, we valued it. There are simply too many names and organisations to list. However, please be assured of our eternal gratitude to you all.'

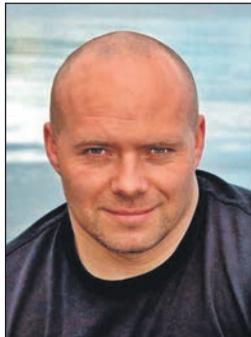
'We would like to thank the public for the immense show of support. It has been hum-



Superintendent Matthew Ramsay of the Fishermen's Mission lit the symbolic candle at Tarbert fish quay in early February. Earlier this week it was extinguished as the boys were returned to their families.



Duncan MacDougall.



Przemek Krawczyk.

bling beyond words to experience the heartfelt solidarity and generosity on such a local, national and international



The Nancy Glen TT100.

level.' After a complex operation to raise the vessel, the CFA added: 'Our special and continued thanks go to the Scottish Government, in particular the First Minister of Scotland, the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing for their compassion, direct leadership and real presence throughout.'

'We are particularly grateful Scottish ministers agreed to fund the cost of the recovery operation, allowing money raised to go directly to the families affected by this tragedy.'

'We also thank our local elected representatives, Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O'Hara MP, Councillor Ann Horn, Councillor Robin Currie and Councillor Jamie MacGrigor, for their involvement, and the

UK Government for its words of support.'

Through the CFA, Duncan MacDougall's family thanked everyone who helped bring Duncan and Przemek back home, recognising the 'incredible efforts, skill and gener-

osity of the public and the professionals involved and gave their unconditional thanks to everyone who did their best to help'.

They also thanked the community of Tarbert and many communities nationally and interna-

tionally who proved to be a 'tower of strength' at a difficult time.

Przemek's wife, Gosia, said: 'It is impossible to put into words the effect the loss of Przemek has had on our family.'

'On behalf of my family, thank you very much for the support, help and prayers coming from all over Scotland and the world.'

'I would particularly like to thank the community of Tarbert and the surrounding area for their enormous help, extreme support and kind words each day for the past 12 weeks. There are no words we could return which would express our gratitude.'

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Grub's Up reveals plans to plug service gaps



Some of the people behind Grub's Up. From left: Irene Short, chef Robbie Bell and Gill Hutton. Behind the counter is Kirsty McKenna.

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GRUB'S Up recovery cafe has outlined ambitious plans to relocate to new premises which it hopes will include a separate area for recovery groups, workshops and training.

The group is looking to renovate a vacant building and bring new jobs to Mid Argyll, with the new space being used seven days a week to benefit the most vulnerable.

Grub's Up is a cafe where a nutritious meal, home baking, coffee and tea are available to all visitors in exchange for a donation of £4. The meal is made by those in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

The new plans include an area for the recovery cafe, as well as a room to allow complete confidentiality, which group leaders hope will enable and maintain wellbeing.

Gill Hutton, from the cafe, said: 'We currently use our local parish church and, although these premises are

Recovery cafe determined to keep people well in new premises

okay to run a café, they are not suitable for our purposes long-term.

'We need a separate area to run our recovery groups, education/workshops and training, and for people to take full advantage of services.

'We work closely with the Oasis and CADAS recovery groups, and intend to bring the three groups together for weekly outings and activities.'

The new vision has come to life after the group recognised several gaps in statutory health services where those suffering from addiction could not get the help they needed.

Gill continued: 'With all the cuts being made, we feel we must make people more aware and

responsible for their own care. We have recognised several gaps in services and this new enterprise will fill these voids in Argyll.

'We intend this building to be a community area where people can drop in as they please. It is essential we keep people well, as well as directing them onto statutory services when they need it.'

The new premises will be open at weekends and in the evenings to help those who work during the day.

However, the group is up against the odds as health care cuts mean it has no support from statutory local agencies.

'The group is in a constant level of uncertainty,' Gill explained. 'We have had financial support from the Health and Well-being Network and Third Sector Fund. However, to date, we

have had no help from our local Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

'We haven't even been informed when the funding applications are due.'

The work that Grub's Up and its fellow community groups do is deemed essential for those who feel there is no way out from addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Gill says she cannot understand why the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) focuses on early intervention and prevention if it does not invest in community groups.

She said: 'The HSCP strategic plan recognises early intervention and prevention as areas to concentrate on, but it is also important people are enabled to maintain their well-being.'

'We shouldn't only focus on crisis.'

'If the emphasis is on more community-based care, surely the partnership needs to invest in community-based projects.'

Grub's Up recovery cafe takes place three Fridays a month at Lochgilphead Parish Church hall. For more information on the group, visit the Grub's Up Facebook group.

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Mid Argyll health and care meeting rescheduled

THE NEXT meeting of Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum has been re-scheduled for Tuesday April 24 from 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

The meeting will take place at Lochgilphead Resource Centre, with the public encouraged to attend to discuss the local health service.

Non members are welcome to attend. For more information, contact 01546 605680.

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The Quintessentials will perform at Tayvallich Village Hall in aid of the Kilmartin Museum Redevelopment Fund.

Five-piece group to perform in aid of new museum

FIVE-PIECE group The Quintessentials will perform at a fund-raising concert for Kilmartin Museum Redevelopment Project on

Saturday April 28 in Tayvallich Village Hall. The group previously visited Tayvallich in 2016 when they held a concert in aid of

MACPool. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for under-16s. For more information contact Kilmartin Museum on 01546 510278.

Beach cleans and barbecue

THERE will be beach clean at Kintraw from 11am on Sunday April 22.

Following the clean-up, there will be a barbecue at 1pm provided by Mary and Paul Smyth and Claire Hamer.

And keeping up the good work, there will be a clean-up at Craobh causeway and Lunga Bay on Sunday May 13. For more information contact Elaine Purdy on 01852 500384.

Soft play fun at MAYDS

CHILDREN under school age are invited to a soft play day at the MAYDS centre on Monday May 14.

The session will be split into two groups, with under twos from 10am-noon and ages two to five from 12.30pm.

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Editorial

Home at last

IT'S A strange thing, but Loch Fyne looks different this week.

The return of Duncan and Przemek to their families is an important step in the grieving process.

The fact this was achieved is remarkable.

From one of the deepest parts of Loch Fyne, in virtually zero visibility, in surprisingly powerful tides and treacherous winds, to recover this fishing boat is an achievement.

It was down to the determination of many people – the families, local fishermen, the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) and politicians, among others – that it happened at all.

The strength of feeling in Tarbert, wider Argyll and beyond – as demonstrated by the incredible fund-raising effort – played a part in the decision by the Scottish Government to help with, and fund, the recovery.

Perhaps the loch seems different because we know these two loving, and loved, family men are now back home with their families.

'We wish peace for everyone affected by this tragedy.

And in the words of the CFA: 'Rest in peace, Duncan and Przemek, from your friends and fellow fishermen.'

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Families express thanks as fishermen return home

Three months since the tragic sinking of the Nancy Glen fishing boat in Loch Fyne, the boat was last week raised from the depths.

Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk have now been returned to their families. Through the Clyde Fishermen's Association, Duncan and Przemek's families this week issued the following statements:

The MacDougall family

The MacDougall family wishes to thank everyone who helped bring Duncan and his fellow fisherman Przemek back home to rest in Tarbert.

They recognise the incredible efforts, skill and generosity of the public and the professionals involved, and give their unconditional thanks to everyone who did their best to help. Thanks go to the community of Tarbert and many communities nationally and internationally who have proved to be a tower of strength at this difficult time.

They wish to thank the Scottish Government, in particular the First Minister, and Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing for their compassion in making the decision to help. They also thank Allan Gibb of Marine Scotland for overseeing the operation.

In addition, they offer gratitude to Police Scotland's family liaison officer Sergeant Martin Balkeen and Sergeant Danny McGeachy; CalMac; the workers from the Scottish Salmon Company and the valiant divers Calum Gilbert and Iain MacNab who all assisted on the night of the tragedy.

Thanks to the Royal Navy; all of the fishermen who gave their time to search relentlessly; Matthew Ramsay of the Fishermen's Mission; the Rev Robert MacLeod who provided spiritual support; Michael Russell MSP and Kenneth MacNab and Elaine Whyte of the Clyde Fishermen's Association and the Clyde Fishermen's Trust.

A special thank you goes to Anthony Glover and his team at Keynvor MorLift for skill in achieving a very difficult recovery task.

The family would like to ask for privacy at this time to allow them to grieve properly. Their gratitude to everyone who assisted will endure.

Gosia Krawczyk, on behalf of the Krawczyk family

It has been the longest, hardest, saddest and most traumatic 12 weeks of our lives.

I have lost my husband, my love, my best friend and my children have lost their amazing father.

My family and I are mixed with emo-

tions at this moment in time. It is impossible to put into words the effect the loss of Przemek has had on our family. We will forever remember his unconditional love, humility and the sacrifices he made to provide for the family that meant the world to him.

He was everything to us and he has left a space no one else can ever fill. We miss him every day and we are struggling to picture a life without him in it. We know nothing will ever be the same for us and the weight of that grief is heavy to bear.

I would like to thank the Scottish Government, especially the First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon, for making the decision to retrieve the body of my husband. We also thank the Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing and Michael Russell MSP, Brendan O'Hara MP and Allan Gibb for their humanity, support and direct contact with me and my family; the KML Keynvor MorLift Ltd team for amazing commitment and hard work and Police Scotland for the sensitivity of their support throughout this very difficult process.

Special thanks to Martin Balkeen of Police Scotland who has been by my side from day one. His support, sensitivity, care and good words helped me to survive every day of this tragedy. My children and I are truly, truly appreciative for what he has done for us. He will always have special place in our hearts.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clyde Fishermen's Association, Clyde Fishermen's Trust, Kenneth MacNab and Elaine Whyte for being with us and for their invaluable support and help. Without them I do not know how I would survive this very difficult time.

On behalf of my family, thank you very much for the support, help and prayers coming from all over Scotland and the world. I would particularly like to thank the community of Tarbert and the surrounding area for their enormous help, extreme support and kind words each day for the last 12 weeks.

There are no words we could return which would express our gratitude.

We hope to be allowed the space to grieve in this period.

Thank you.

Call for public vote on final Brexit deal

Sir,

The launch of the 'People's vote' campaign group, which brings together MPs, celebrities and business leaders, calling for a public vote on the final Brexit deal between the UK and the EU, is to be welcomed.

The vote held almost two years ago was very much a vote in the dark and no one had any idea of what the consequences were going to be.

Indeed, the terms and conditions of Brexit are quite unlike how they were presented during the run up to the 2016 referendum.

Some Brexit campaigners deceived the British people with their misleading slogans and speeches – £350 million a week promised to the NHS being just one example.

However, the fallout from Brexit is becoming increasingly clear, especially around issues such as the implications of Brexit for the Irish border as well as the cold reality that it is hurting our economy, our public services and the life chances of future generations.

The government has already admitted that in all of the possible outcomes of the current negotiations, the country will be worse off.

We are ultimately about to embark on a course that will make both ourselves and our children less prosperous than they are now.

Brexit is such a huge and momentous time in our history, one which will affect future generations for many years to come, and is an issue that should not be left to the politicians.

Now we are learning the

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real cost of Brexit, the only way to resolve the huge challenge we now face as a country is through a people's vote on the final Brexit deal.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Make a difference – volunteer to be a friend

Sir,

The latest Office for National Statistics survey on loneliness shows it doesn't affect older people – it hits anyone regardless of their age in life.

We have so many new ways to communicate with people these days thanks to social media and technology, but often the traditional method of having a face-to-face conversation can dramatically help brighten someone's day.

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Feeling lonely also damages mental health. It's as bad as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and more dangerous than obesity.

Let's help halt and reduce this epidemic and make the time to stop and listen to someone suffering from loneliness. Not only will you be doing a good deed, but you may also discover something new from someone else's wisdom whilst giving them a reason to love life.

Carl Hodson, chief executive, Society for the Blind, Kirkcaldy.

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Winning poodle lands new haircut

LOCHGILPHEAD resident Helen Hope spent competition winnings on a new haircut - for her toy poodle.

Helen was the lucky recipient of the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* 'spot the ball' competition. Her pet poodle Rambo received a full pampered treatment from Sue's Dog Room in Lochgilphead, and looked every inch the mod-

el poodle Helen adopted Rambo when he was a year old from Achnabrec Kennels outside Lochgilphead.

She says he is a wonderful companion, even if he looks a bit ruff without a haircut.

If you would like to try your hand at the 'spot the ball' competition, more information is available on page 27.

Easy Club to host fundraising night

ON FRIDAY April 27 the Easy Club will be hosting a fundraising show at the Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead, with everything from piping and Scottish dance music to raucous rock and singalongs.

The independent community group has been running since 2016, holding music workshops and public shows at the Lochgilphead Resource Centre.

The club is open to everyone and anyone in Mid Argyll, and supports vulnerable, disabled and those who are socially isolated to participate.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Argyll Inn and from the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead.

For more information on the Easy Club, visit Lochgilphead Resource Centre.



A few Easy Club members performing last year.

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Ian combats west coast ticks with flower power repellent

FEW PEOPLE walk on the west coast without picking up the odd tick – but an Argyll man may have the answer to this pest problem.

The blood-sucking parasites are annoying enough in themselves, but they also spread Lyme disease, which can cause arthritis and heart problems while affecting the nervous system, eyes, kidneys and liver.

In severe cases, the effects of Lyme disease can be life-threatening.

It was after con-

tracting the disease that Lochgair man Ian Smith discovered dried marigold flowers as an ingredient for a tick repellent which became 'Nontix'.

Ian said: 'The tick season usually starts in March.'

'A neighbour of mine has said her dog has had five infestations of ticks this year already.'

For a limited period, Ian is offering readers of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* the opportunity to create their own Nontix personal tick repellent.

Nontix consists of a small bag filled with Ian's special marigold-based organic ingredient, which can then be pinned to clothing such as trouser legs.

'If people want to try Nontix, I am offering dried marigold flowers and the recipe free to readers of the *Advertiser*.'

To find out more about the herbal repellent, visit the nontix.co.uk website.

To get your kit, write to Ian Smith at 6 Gallanach, Lochgair, PA31 8SD.



Ian Smith being interviewed about Nontix by BBC Radio Scotland in 2006.

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Rugby canvas auctioned off for MAPB

A MEMBER of Mid Argyll Pipe Band (MAPB) was the winning bidder for a canvas featuring Scotland player Greig Laidlaw playing for Scotland in the 2015 World Cup.

Band member James Peterson is now the lucky owner of the canvas, which was donated by Kelly Hobrough in memory of band member Lewis Wilson.

MAPB thanks Kelly, the Wilson family and auctioneer Craig Lang for helping to raise £125 towards band funds.



History society studies Kilmartin Glen

MEMBERS of Inveraray History Society enjoyed two videos presented by Crawford Grier at the group's April meeting.

The first video traced the development of Kilmartin Glen from the Ice Age to the time of St Columba.

The videos provided an oversight into the biological development and early expressions of faith.

The second video was a presentation of a film taken in 1929 of a German sailing ship and



The society learned about the biological development of Kilmartin Glen.

its voyage round Cape Horn to Valparaiso on the west coast of South America.

This displayed camera work and gave a

notion of the difficult sailing conditions.

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Members are encouraged to attend the annual general meet-

ing on Tuesday May 1 when Jess Smith will be entertaining the group by Sharing Tales and Songs of the Travelling Folk.



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Campbeltown Creamery turns sour for First Milk

WORKERS at Campbeltown and Arran creameries heard this week that First Milk (FM), a farmer-owned mutual, has put the factories up for sale.

Currently the site employs 26 people but has been 'financially challenged' according to First Milk.

An FM spokesperson said: 'We believe new ownership is the best option for these businesses to grow and become more profitable.'

FM chief executive officer Shelagh Hancock, who was in Campbeltown this week, said: 'Following a review, we have determined our branded consumer-facing businesses in Campbel-

town and on Arran are not a strategic fit for First Milk.

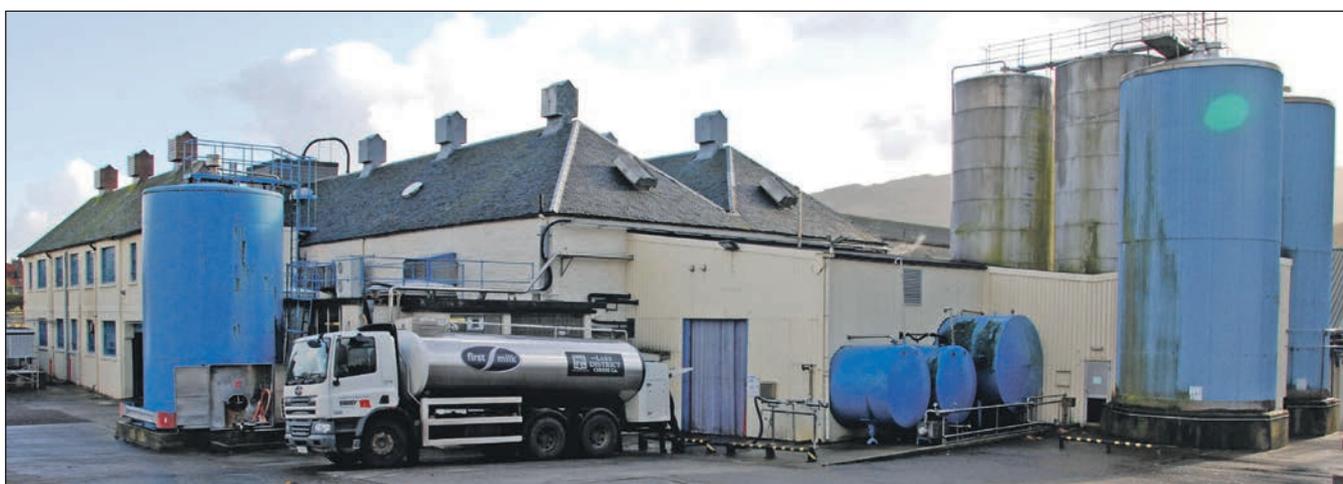
'A sale would enable us to continue with our focus on developing our major creameries in Haverfordwest and the Lake District.'

Pulling out

According to a source, who preferred not to be named, bosses told creamery workers that the farmer-owned co-operative is pulling out of Kintyre.

An FM spokesperson added that the review identified there is undoubtedly a market for the premium Mull of Kintyre and Isle of Arran brands.

The spokesperson said: 'However, both



Campbeltown Creamery. 08_c46creamery01

require significant investment for activity that is not core to our strategic direction.

'We are confident that with the right focus and investment under new ownership the businesses would pro-

per. Campbeltown and Arran Creameries will continue to run as normal during this sale process and we will be working closely with prospective buyers to ensure a smooth transition. We appreciate

this decision will affect some of our colleagues, but we hope that under new ownership the sites will thrive, offering good employment prospects for the future.'

The creamery was ac-

quired in 1997 (initially as a JV) and the business was purchased outright in 2007.

The FM spokesperson added: 'In terms of the asking price, our focus is on seeking a buyer who will invest

and provide the right focus. Ultimately securing a positive future for the business and so the asking price will be a matter of discussion, based on what a potential buyer is prepared to pay.'

Tallant bullocks top Islay kilo stakes

UNITED Auctions held its second sale of grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday April 14.

A good selection of 571 grazing type cattle sold to a good turnout of mainland buyers. Bullocks sold to average 246.17 pence per kilo or £916.60 per head (+ 4.34 per kilo or £44.07).

Heifers sold to average 235.35 pence per kilo or £790.93 (+ 3.6 per kilo or £13.34 per head). Bullocks from Tallant sold to 297 pence per kilo, whilst Island Farm led the prices per head in this section at £1,180. Heifers sold to 276 pence per kilo, also from Tallant and Coilabus (Carmichael) sold their Heifers to £1,100.

Principal lots and prices
Top prices per head

Bullocks

AAx: £1,110 (5) and £1,090 (5) – Craighens : £1,060 (8) – Ballmartin : £1,040 (5) – Craighens : £1,030 (11) – Octomore : £1,000 – Ballmartin (7), Sunderland (2) and Craighens (7) : £990 (5) – Ballmartin : £980 – Craighens (9) and Tallant : £970 (6) – Craighens : £960 (14) – Octomore : £940 (5) – Craighens.
BRBx: £940 (3) – Sunderland.
CHARx: £1,020 (11) – Craighens : £1,000 – Craighens : £990 (7) and £980 – Tallant : £970 – Craighens.

LIMx: £1,100 – Island Farm : £1,100 – Octomore : £1,070 – Coilabus (A Carmichael) : £1,060 (2) – Corry : £1,030 – Lossit (5), Octomore and Corry : £1,020 and £1,000 (2) – Lossit : £1,000 (4) – Kilchiaran : £990 (2) – Corry : £980 (8) – Tallant : £980 (9) – Ballmartin : £960 (2) – Octomore : £950 (8) – Ballychattrigan.

SIMx: £1,180 – Island Farm : £990 (4) – Corry.

Heifers

AAx: £980 (10) – Octomore : £950 (2) and £900 (3) – Craighens : £900 (8) – Octomore.
BRBx: £840 (5) – Sunderland.
CHARx: £1,050 – West End : £910 – Tallant.

LIMx: £1,100 and £960 – Coilabus : £950 (5) – Lossit : £940 (2) and £920 (7) – Kilchiaran : £920 – Ballychattrigan : £920 (6) – Lossit : £900 (2) – Corry.

SIMx: £800 (2) – Kilchiaran.

Top prices per kilo

Bullocks

AAx: 297p and 263p (2) – Tallant : 252p (6), 249p (5) and 248p (5) – Craighens : 246p (14) – Octomore : 245p (14), 244p (4), 243p (11) and 242p (5) – Craighens : 242p (7) – Ballmartin : 240p (14) – Craighens.
BRBx: 246p (2) and 243p (7) – Sunderland.

CHARx: 297p (8) – Tallant : 279p (2) – Ballinaby : 268p – Tallant : 265p (3) – Ballinaby : 254p (11) – Craighens : 252p – Craighens : 247p (3) – Craighens : 245p – Craighens.

LIMx: 297p (12) – Tallant : 274p – Achnacloch : 273p – Duich : 271p (2) – Lossit : 269p (10) and 268p (5) – Kilbride : 267p (2) – Mansefield : 266p – Lossit : 264p (4) – Tallant : 261p (9) – Ballmartin.

LUINGx: 269p (2) – Duich.
SIMx: 251p (4) – Corry.

Heifers

AAx: 249p (2) – Craighens.
CHARx: 276p (5) and 267p – Mansefield : 265p (6) and 264p (6) – Ballinaby : 260p (3) – Tallant.

LIMx: 276p (3) – Tallant : 267p (7) – Mansefield : 261p (6) – Tallant : 259p (3) – Kilbride : 258p (6) – Lossit.

LUINGx: 254p (4) – Duich.
SIMx: 240p (2) – Kilchiaran Farm.

Commission seeks views on land ownership in Scotland

THE SCOTTISH Land Commission is reviewing issues associated with scale and concentration in land ownership.

The commission points out that Scotland has an unusually concentrated pattern of land ownership compared to other countries. The pattern has remained largely unchanged for decades.

Concern about the effects that this has on rural communities and the wider public interest has long been a central issue in the land

reform debate in Scotland. To help the Scottish Land Commission better understand the issues, it is opening a call for evidence and experience on concentrated land ownership.

People are invited to contribute examples and experience of issues related to concentrated land ownership, both positive and negative.

The call for evidence will be open until Wednesday May 23. To take part, visit the Scottish Land Commission website.

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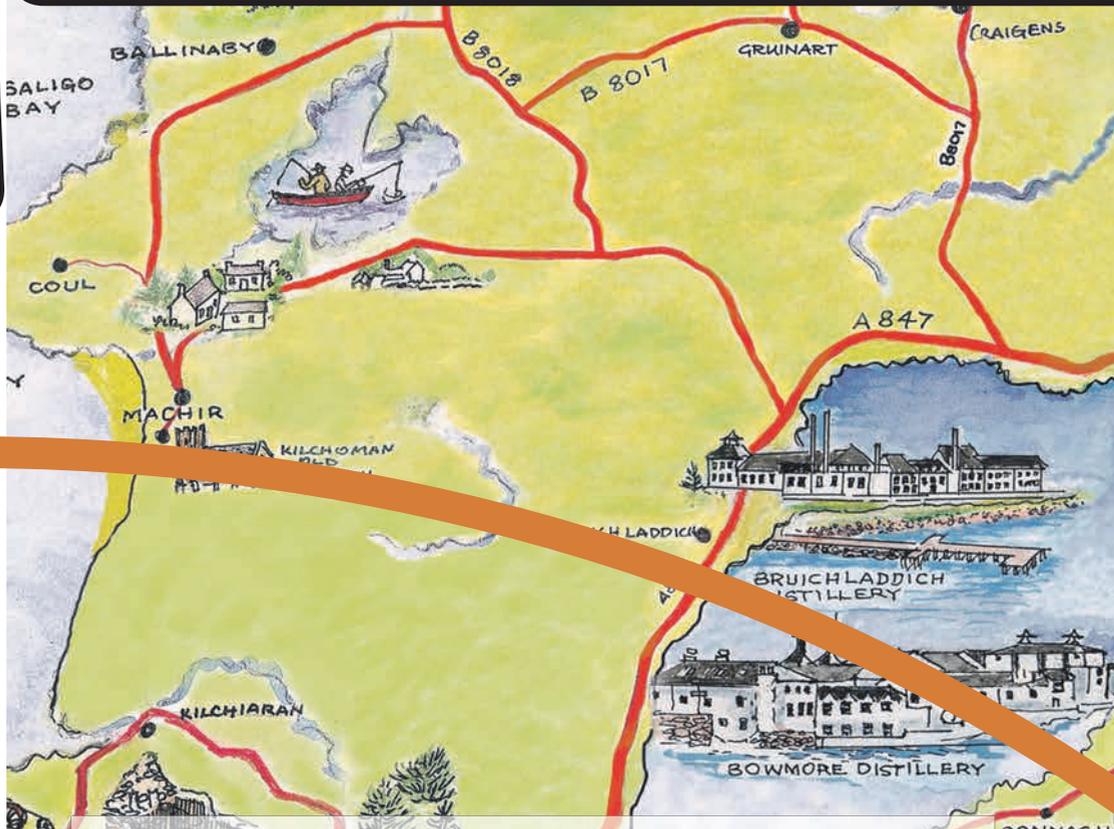


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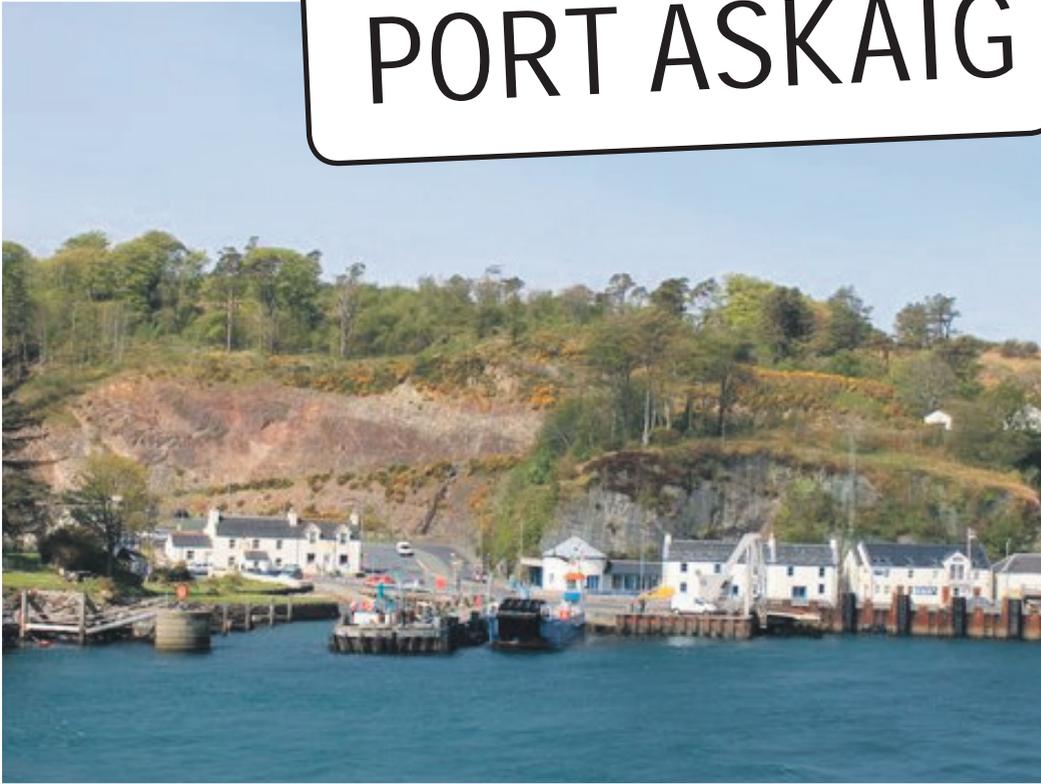
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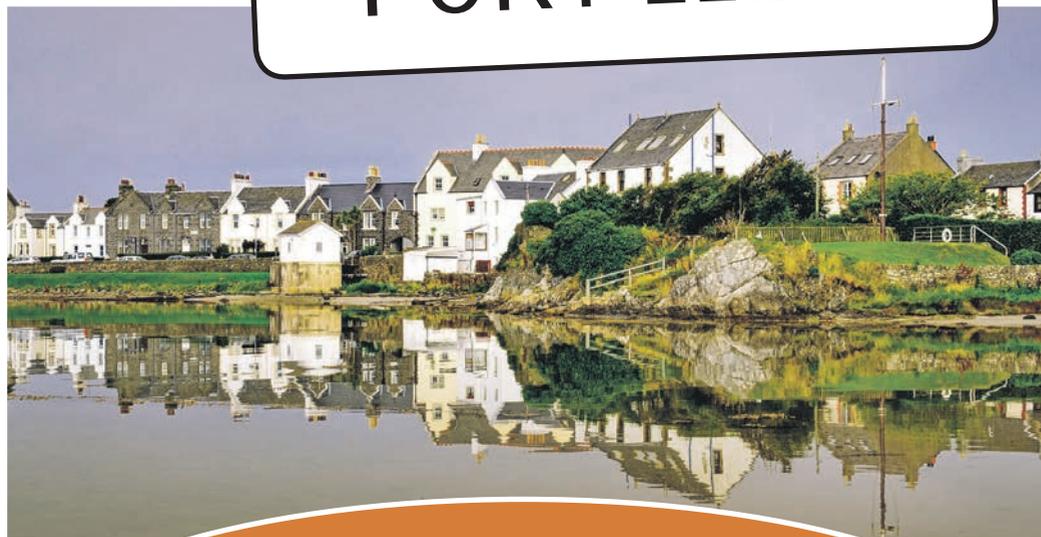
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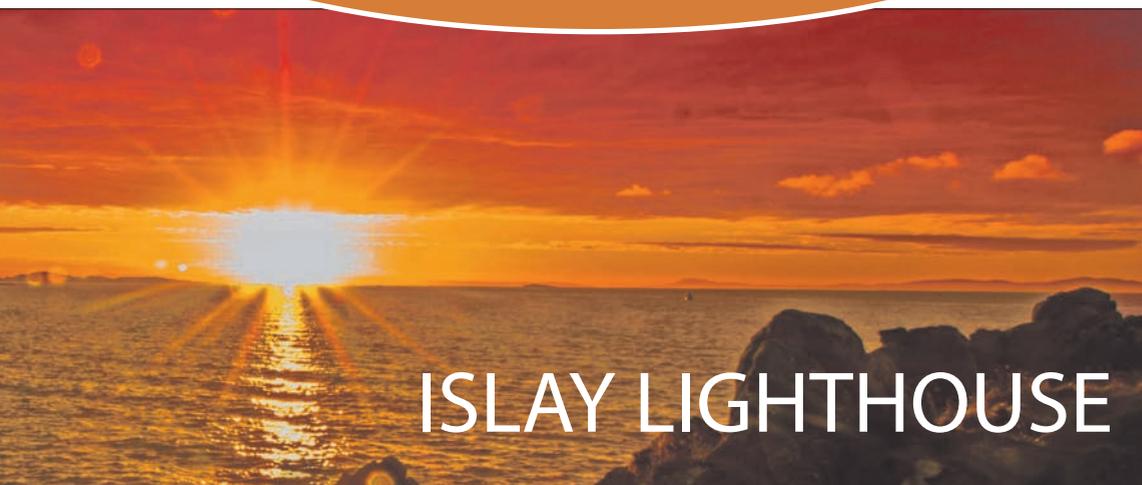


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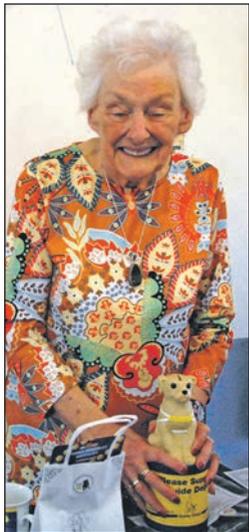
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MS fundraiser paints Lochgilphead orange



Valerine Gay, who helped raise funds for Guide Dogs UK.
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A JUMBLE sale fundraiser on Saturday April 14 at the Red Cross Hall in Lochgilphead raised more than £300 for MS Society Scotland.

The fundraiser was organised by Lochgilphead woman Karen Pickering, who will be taking part in a ziplide zinger challenge for the charity on Saturday May 5.

Karen will be completing the challenge alongside her mum, Eli Pickering, Marte MacBrayne and Christine Irvine.

Karen said: 'Thank

you so much to everyone who came to and helped at the table top jumble sale at the Red Cross Hall today.

'Everyone was so generous.

'A huge thank you to the ladies who donated more baking. I would also like to thank my volunteers - I couldn't have done it without them.'

If you would like to donate to Team Pickering's ziplide zinger challenge, then go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampickering.



Karen Pickering and Robbie Bell pose with some MS Society balloons outside the Red Cross Hall.

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Gill Hutton and Kirsty McKenna raising funds for Grub's Up. 08_a16MSfundraiser01



Gill Currie of Diverse Preserves shows off a few of her home-made chutneys and jams.

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Lynn Garrett fundraising for the 19th Argyll Scouts. Seven members of the group will be heading off to Malaysia next year on a clean water project. 08_a16MSfundraiser03

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Special mention has to go this year to Campbeltown and its newly renovated Picture House - one of the oldest in the world - as it holds its first film festival.

This festival guide is just the beginning - our guides to all the Highland games and gatherings and agricultural shows will be published in coming weeks.

So start planning your good times!

Nicky Murphy,
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Apart from being a great social and cultural event, there is a place in the Mòds for everyone from the tiniest tots and beginners in the language to fluent Gaelic speakers.

Competitions include singing, all kinds of music-making through to drama, recitation and the written word.

The 'provincial' Mòds are smaller local events in communities throughout the Highlands and also towns and cities that have Gaelic-speaking populations. They all build towards October and the annual Royal National Mòd - a glorious event lasting for more than a week, full of the finest that Gaeldom has to offer, not to mention some very impressive parties.

Those in the know make their way to Mull for its Mòd only weeks before as many of the top choirs and soloists use this as their final 'warm-up' performances before the big event.

This year the Royal National Mòd takes place in Dunoon, from October 12-20.

The provincial Mòds

Lochaber, 11-12 May

Uist, 25-26 May

Skye, 30 May - 2 June

Harris, 31 May - 1 June

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Sutherland & Caithness (Bettyhill) 2 June

Lewis, 5-8 June

Glasgow, 8-9 June

Perth & Angus (Aberfeldy) 8-9 June

Ardnamurchan, Friday 15 June

Inverness, 15-16 June

Islay, 23 June

Mull 8-9 September

Mòd Loch Aillse

Barra

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Front page image: We Banjo 3 performing at Oban Live 2017

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Fèis-inating!

If you want to discover the future Gaelic stars of tomorrow, look no further than a local Fèis.

COME and visit the world of the fèis where a love of Gaelic arts and performance is celebrated and instilled through a network of tuition and events.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the National Association of Scottish Gaelic Arts youth tuition festivals.

The organisation was founded in 1988 to expand and support the organisation of local Gaelic arts tuition festivals and develop these community-based festivals throughout Scotland with immersive teaching courses, specialising in traditional music and culture.

You might end up taking part; if not, each fèis usually ends with a concert where the participants showcase all that they have learned.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is currently putting the finishing touches to its programme for this year's Blas – a nine-day celebration each September of the music, language, song and culture of the Highlands, taking place across a number of venues.

Also eagerly awaited are the details of their year's ceilidh trails, cèilodhean air chuairt, which show case the talents of young performers aged 16 to 25 in a professional summer tour in their local area, with the support of their tutors and teams of professional musicians. Check the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website for the final details.

These events give the young musicians incredible experience to help them develop as performers at the same time creating fantastic evenings for everyone to go along and enjoy. The Scottish music scene is packed full of musicians who will tell you they got their first taste of performing in front of live audiences at these events.

Fèis

Fèis Ghallaibh – Thurso High School – April 21

Fèis na h-Òige – Inverness Gaelic Primary School – April 28

Fèis na h-Apaine – Strath of Appin Primary School – April 28

Fèis Thiriodh – Isle of Tiree – 2-6 July

Fèis Tìr an Eòrna – Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath, North Uist – 2-6 July

Fèis Eilean na Hearadh – Tarbert, Isle of Harris – 2-6 July

Fèis Chataibh – Golspie High School – 2-6 July

Fèis na h-Òige – Inverness Gaelic Primary School – 2-6 July

Fèis Eige – Isle of Eigg – 4-6 July

Fèis An Eilein – Isle of Skye – 6 July – 24 August

Fèis Tìr a' Mhurain – Iochdar School - South Uist – 9-13 July

Fèis Bharraigh – Castlebay Community School, Isle of Barra – 9-13 July

Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan – Acharacle Primary School – 9-13 July

Fèis Gleann Albainn – Fort Augustus – 16-20 July

Fèis Thròndairnis – Staffin Primary School – 23-27 July

Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich – Stornoway, Isle of Lewis – 23-27 July

Fèis an Rubha – Sgoil an Rubha, Isle of Lewis – 30 July-3 August

Fèis Lochabair – Lochaber Gaelic Primary School Caol, Fort William – 6-10 August

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A feast of festivals !

Start planning your good times and come join in the fun

Loch Shiel Spring Festival	various locations	19-22 April
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	19-23 April
Gintyre	Campbeltown	20-22 April
Fiddlers' Rally	Oban	28 April
Carradale Music Festival	Carradale	28-29 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	28-29 April
Colosay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	30 April-20 May
Highlands & Islands Music and Dance Festival	Oban	4-6 May
Kintyre Songwriters' Festival	Campbeltown	4-6 May
Scapa Yoga Fest	Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne	4-6 May
BikeFyne	Loch Fyne Oysters	5 May
Ullapool Book Festival	Ullapool	11-13 May
Coll Bird Festival	Isle of Coll	18-20 May
Scottish Comedy Film Festival	Campbeltown Picture House	11-13 May
Fyne at 40 Food Fair	Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow	12-13 May
Gig in the Goil	Lochgoilhead	11-13 May
Campbeltown Malts Festival	Campbeltown	23-25 May
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	24-26 May
Bluebell Music Festival	George Hotel, Inveraray	25-27 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isles of Islay & Jura	25 May-2 June
Mhòr Festival	Balquidder, Perthshire	25-27 May
Oban Festival of the Sea	Ocean Explorer Centre, Dunbeg	26-27 May
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	1-3 June
Oban Live	Oban	8-9 June
Arran Folk Festival	Brodick, Isle of Arran	8-10 June
Eigg Anniversary Celebrations	Isle of Eigg	9 June
Skye Food & Drink Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	13-14 June
MidFest Music Festival	Campbeltown	15-16 June
Scottish Rally Championship, Round 4	Dunoon	23 June
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran	29 June-1 July
Gigha Music Festival	Isle of Gigha	29-30 June
Ceòlas Uibhist	South Uist	1-6 July
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	1-7 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	7-8 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	8-13 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	13-15 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis	18-21 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-22 July
Bute Studio Tour	Various open studios across Isle of Bute	21-22 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 July
Eilean Dorcha Festival	Benbecula	27-28 July
ButeFest	Isle of Bute	27-29 July
Belladrum	Beaul, Inverness	2-4 August
MOKfest, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	8-12 August
Art Map Argyll	Various open studios across mainland Argyll	24-27 August & 1-2 September
Blas	venues still being confirmed	7-15 September
Skye Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Fair	Portree	6-8 September
Best of the West Festival	Inveraray	7-9 September
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	12-16 September
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	14-16 September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	14-16 September
Coll Home Coming	Isle of Coll	15-22 September
Hebrides International Film Festival	Lewis, Harris, Uists & Barra	19-22 September
Cowal Open Studios	Various open studios across Cowal Peninsula	21-24 September
Three Lochs Books and Arts Festival	Sunart Centre, Strontian	21-22 September
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	21-23 September
Bookends Festival	Benderloch	22-29 September
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	27-30 September
Loopallu	Ullapool	28-29 September
Callender Jazz & Blues Festival	Callendar	28-30 September
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	5-7 October
Coll and the Cosmos	Isle of Coll	6-7 October
CowalFest	Cowal Peninsula	5-12 October
Colonsay Autumn Food & Drink Festival	Isle of Colonsay	10-23 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 October
Mallaig Book Festival	Mallaig	9-10 November
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	16-25 November

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Fyne Ales gets ready for biggest FyneFest ever!




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Argyll brewery Fyne Ales have revealed that they are anticipating that this year's FyneFest, their annual, family-friendly festival of beer, food and music, will be the biggest in the event's nine-year history.

This year's festival, taking place at the Fyne Ales brewery estate near Cairndow from 1-3 June, will see almost 3,000 thirsty festival-goers visit scenic Glen Fyne to sample beers from the award-winning host brewery and over forty guest breweries from the UK and Europe.

'The response to FyneFest 2018 has been incredible - we've been blown away by the enthusiasm for this year's event,' commented Fyne Ales MD, Jamie Delap. 'We've increased capacity for this year's festival to meet demand and we're on course to sell out of tickets for the biggest FyneFest ever!'

Several changes have been implemented for the 2018 festival to allow for additional capacity, with a second campervan field available, a super-sized main marquee to house additional seating and dancefloor space, and more staff on hand to pour beer to excited festival attendees. Over 30 guest breweries are already confirmed for FyneFest 2018, with the best of UK brewing set to be showcased at the Argyll event - among the familiar faces including Cloudwater, Magic Rock, Beavertown and Fierce Beer, there are several festival debutants including South coast breweries, Vibrant Forest and Unity, Scotland's Top Out and Natural Selection breweries and Burnt Mill, recently named the UK's best new brewery by popular beer tracking website, Ratebeer.

'It's important to mix up the brewery list each year - not only so festival-goers get to try new beers, but also to give young breweries a platform to reach new people,' offered Iain Smith, FyneFest beer curator. 'Of course, Fyne Ales will have a few new and special releases on offer too!'

FyneFest, runner-up for Best Outdoor Festival at the 2017 SOLA awards, also offers kids activities, tours, talks, tastings, Glen Fyne walks and food from twelve street-food vendors including Loch Fyne Oysters. A full weekend of live music designed to get festival attendees on their feet and dancing is headlined by Glasgow's Colonel Mustard & The Dijon 5 and Brighton's Holy Moly & The Crackers.

Tickets for FyneFest 2018, including discount tickets for those local to the brewery, are on sale now and selling fast. Under-13s and dogs go free, visit www.fynefest.com for all the info and to book!



8th Annual Best of the West Festival

7-9 September 2018

On the 7th, 8th and 9th of September 2018 the gates to the grounds of the iconic Inveraray Castle will open for the 8th annual Best of the West Festival. The festival is now arguably Scotland's finest boutique festival, one where music and food lovers from the world over gather to celebrate the very best in Scottish music, food and drink. The marquees all will be bigger and the beer bars longer for the biggest BOWFest yet.

Music headliners include: Tide Lines and Seven Nations (Friday); Donnie Munro Band, Heron Valley and Dr Hip and the Blues Operation (Saturday) and Skipinnish, Bwani Junction and The Hur (Sunday).

Three days, three stages, 22 Bands, 100+ musicians, six local Celebrity Chefs, one amazing castle, lots of children's activities, no mud and all under canvas.

Whether you're a gourmand who relishes in the intricacies of fine dining, or a

regular foodie excited about tucking into Argyll's local food, the award winning Food from Argyll and friends will be serving regional specialities, you'll definitely enjoy the gastronomic offerings The Best of the West Festival showcases. There will be also the opportunity to discover your favourite west coast malt or gin in the Loch Fyne Whisky Marquee. www.bowfest.co.uk Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @BOWFestArgyll



On the back of their new album release and UK tour, Tide Lines will close the Friday evening at BOWFest 2018 - It's sure to be fantastic!

Loch Fyne Oysters celebrates 40 years with its Fyne at 40 weekend

In 1978 local landowner Johnny Noble and marine biologist Andy Lane began farming oysters in the clear waters of Loch Fyne and selling them from a shed beside the A83. On the evening of Friday 11 May this year a ceilidh will take place followed by a spectacular fireworks show over the Loch. This will be followed by a special 'Fyne at Forty' weekend festival to mark the company's 40th anniversary.



Early days at the Oyster Bar - Founders Johnny Noble and Andy Lane

competition or practise your navigation with our treasure hunt amidst the fantastic Loch Fyne scenery.

Children can get their faces painted before being entertained with musical activities and grown-ups can unwind with demonstrations from top chefs as well as wine and whisky tastings. There will be great food available, and great music to enjoy in the entertainment beer marquee.

Over the two-day 'Fyne at Forty' event, festival goers will be given access to areas normally closed to the public, such as the oyster sheds where every oyster is graded, purified and hand-checked for freshness before being despatched to customers around the world.

There will be tours of nearby historic Ardkinglas House, and you can test your chef skills in our oyster shucking

On Saturday evening (12 May) join us for an unmissable evening with iconic Scottish duo Hue and Cry. With a limited number of tickets available this is a rare opportunity to enjoy an intimate gig in a truly stunning location at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

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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 privilege 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 was established in 2001 and now attracts audiences from as far afield as Germany and Italy, thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the venues which include some of the island's famous malt whisky distilleries.

The 2018 Festival runs from Sunday 8 July to Friday 13 July. The programme includes music by Vivaldi, Brahms, Bridge and Shostakovich. Some of the works have been chosen to reflect the commemorative events taking place on Islay marking the loss of the SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto during WWI.

Tickets are available from the Celtic Shop, Bowmore from 1st June, or by contacting admin@cantilenafestival.co.uk.

During the last weekend in September on Islay you'll hear the waves on the shore, the wind in the trees and the rustle of pages being turned at the island's annual book festival.

This is one of the first of the literary events launched in the area and its reputation and ability to attract a wide range of authors continues to grow each year.

This year participants will include Bernard MacLaverty, Ian Stephen, Brian Johnstone, Janis MacKay, Chrys Salt, Lin Anderson and Les Wilson and many more.

The programme has a good blend of fiction, maritime tales, local history, crime fiction, poetry, contemporary work plus workshops and children's story times.

The festival will also feature work on the the First World War, which ties in with other events on the island. Islay is hosting one of Scotland's major commemorations for the centenary of the war; every community on the island lost men serving during the conflict and there was the torpedoing of a troopship and a collision at sea off the Islay coast which cost many more lives. Events are being held throughout 2018.

A week of chamber music in venues across the island


Cantilena Festival on Islay

8 – 13 JULY 2018

Sunday 8 July Columba Centre
Monday 9 July Laphroaig Distillery
Tuesday 10 July Lagavulin Distillery
Wednesday 11 July Columba Centre
Thursday 12 July Ardbeg Distillery
Friday 13 July Bruichladdich Hall

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 for more information and details of our pre-Festival recital in Portnahaven

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Now in its 25th year, The Isle of Jura Musical Festival is a well-established favourite for lovers of the traditional music scene. From the locals Friday night ceilidh right through to the Sunday night concert in the distillery cooperage, enjoy a weekend packed with fantastic performances, stimulating workshops, spontaneous sessions and great craic.

Over the years the Festival has seen many great performances and this year to celebrate our 25th Anniversary we have a star studded lineup which includes Scottish Music Festival scene favourites

Fred Morrison, Blazin Fiddles and Skipinnish.

Also

The Jura Ceilidh Band, Rhuvaal, Pete Smoke and the Roaches, Travelling Jukebox, The Cumbrae Pipers, Ian Douglas story teller and much more!

There will be various workshops throughout the weekend. A final fling ceilidh dance in the marquee on Sunday evening with Rhuvaal.



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How to get to the Isle of Jura Music Festival

Getting to Jura could not be easier. For the very rich: charter a sea plane or pilot your jet into Islay Airport. Super yachts should anchor off-shore and passengers use one of the motor launches; helicopters can be accommodated on the island with advance notice or use Islay Airport.



For the rest of us heading to Jura for the music festival, who aren't yachties, or don't have some handy cousins who own a fishing boat, the secret is to get yourselves to Tayvallich to catch the Jura passenger ferry to Craighouse.

You can arrive at Port Askaig by CalMac ferry or by flying into Islay Airport on a scheduled service and booking a taxi.

CalMac's most frequent sailings are from Kennacraig to Port Askaig or Port Ellen; if you catch the boat for Port Ellen, then it's the bus or a taxi for you.

But once on Jura, whatever your bank balance, whatever the weather and whether you are young or old, a good time is guaranteed. See you there. And don't forget the Jura Hotel offers a camping package.

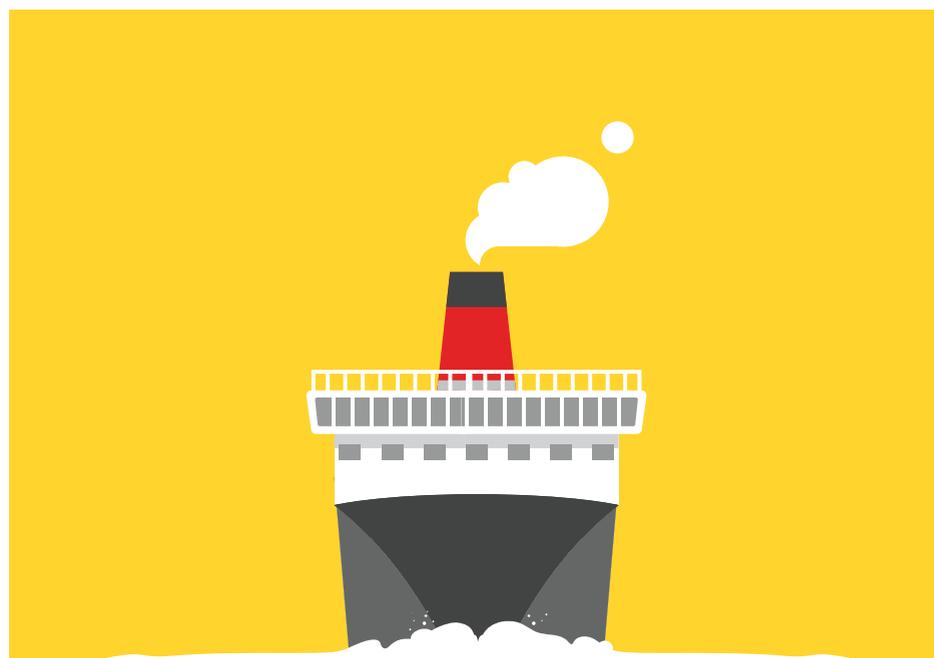
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This year we welcome as our Artistic Directors the world-famous Doric String Quartet.

Concerts include music for strings by Mozart, Haydn, Brahms and, of course, Mendelssohn himself.



Details on our website:
www.mendelssohnonmull.com

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival 2018

The Mendelssohn on Mull Festival was founded in 1988 by the revered violinist Leonard Friedman. It celebrates the composer's visit to this part of the world in 1829 with a week of music-making specialising in the chamber music for strings that was so important to him.

The Festival presents a dozen concerts, between Monday July 2nd and Saturday July 7th, in venues all over the Isle of Mull, on Iona and in Oban, but its focus is on training. This year nine gifted musicians who are starting in the profession will collaborate with the world-famous Doric String Quartet in a variety of groupings. Not only are the concerts generally admission free but this year it will be possible to attend open rehearsals, introductory lectures, and an award-winning film about Mendelssohn.

This year is the first of four in



which the Doric Quartet will be Artistic Directors. They visited Mull and Oban last autumn and they are looking forward to inspiring their younger colleagues and making wonderful music at the traditional time of year. They have selected musicians of great promise and the standard of their performances will be

the equivalent of any in the great concert halls of the world. The chance to be present in an unassuming venue on Mull and witness this magic at work is what makes the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival unique.

Details are available on the Festival's website - www.mendelssohnonmull.com

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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 29th June to 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 30th June, the Festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved, chat to 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 and food masterclass, matching some of the

best Arran produce with Single Malts from the distillery. A real gourmet experience! There will also be the chance to taste rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram.

Their annual special Festival Single Cask 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 'Tide Lines' and the official Arran Distillery band 'James and the Staves'. Entry to the festival Saturday 11am – 5pm is free. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



www.arranwhisky.com



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 sea, food, music and literature.

The excitement begins May 25-28 with The Scottish Series, Scotland's premier annual yachting regatta. 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 Tarbert Harbour Authority, whose facilities are ever improving, provide a warm welcome for all competitors from the Harbour Master and staff.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 7-8, 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, 20-22 July draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland over 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 14-16, it features a full programme including the popular Fèis for children in the morning and adults in the afternoon plus 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 relaxed vibe and fantastic local seafood in the hotels and restaurants.

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 26th-28th October

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

And also remember the Tarbert Christmas Fair with crafts stores, Santa's Grotto and the switching on of the village Christmas lights - date to be confirmed.

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2018

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.



Scottish Series
25-28 May



Tarbert Seafood Festival
7-8 July



Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival
20-22 July



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26-28 July



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TICKETS, TIMES AND FULL DETAILS
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PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

The Wind in the Willows
Encore Screening captured live at the London Palladium

Desert Island Films with Dave Johns and Vladimir McTavish LIVE
Dave Johns shares his top movie moments

The Giant Custard Pie Splat FREE
Everyone is invited to throw a pie or two – check online for details!

Animation & Comedy Workshops FREE, book in advance

Bunkered! Big Screen Comedy from the Archives LIVE
Hand picked vintage Scottish films featuring some of our best-loved comics accompanied by live performance from the BBC's Jamie MacDougall

I, Fillum Star - Dave Johns LIVE
The award-winning star of I, Daniel Blake returns to his stand up roots to share his hilarious rollercoaster ride along the red carpet in his hit one-man show

Spontaneous Potter LIVE
The Spontaneous Players present an entirely new improvised Harry Potter adventure with live musical accompaniment - a magical hit!

Screenings include: **The Man in the White Suit, Walk Like A Panther, Toni Erdmann, That Sinking Feeling, Blazing Saddles, Hunt for the Wilderpeople, The Divine Order (Glasgow Film Festival on Tour) and more.**

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SCOFF - Scotland's newest and funniest film festival

Dave Johns will be performing at this year's festival.

Photo by Steve Ullathorne



SCOFF, the first edition of Scotland's only comedy film festival, will take place at Campbeltown Picture House from Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May 2018.

The newly restored cinema, with its second screen, café bar and education room will host screenings, live events, workshops, a pop up bar and more during SCOFF.

Dave Johns, stand up comic, writer and star of award-winning I, Daniel Blake will headline the live programme with his hit one man show I, FILLUM STAR about his extraordinary experience in the film world. He'll also share his DESERT ISLAND FILMS with fellow comedian Vladimir McTavish.

BUNKERED! features handpicked films from the archives featuring Scottish comedy favourites from Harry Lauder to Francie & Josie, with live performance from world-class singer, BBC presenter

and Lauder expert, Jamie MacDougall.

A sell-out wherever it goes, **SPONTANEOUS POTTER** will see a brand new adventure magically improvised on the spot with live music.

Two free workshops will help people make their own comic shorts and animations. The first custard pie was thrown on film the same year as the Picture House opened, and organisers are inviting people to join a giant custard pie splat during SCOFF too.

Screenings will include new and vintage comedy, including Singalong Moana, Blazing Saddles, The Man in the White Suit, Bill Forsyth's zero budget debut That Sinking Feeling, international hit Toni Erdmann and more, along with an **ENCORE** screening of musical Wind in the Willows starring Rufus Hound.

Tickets and full info at www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk

Rave Legends to Headline MOK Fest 2018

The 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest as it is more commonly known runs from August 8th – 12th. The Saturday night concerts on Aug 11th promise something for everyone. The MOK Fest welcomes the return of rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF) headlining the Victoria Hall all standing concert with DJ Rankin and Gullion also performing. The Traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham who will be supported by young four piece folk band Helca.

The Grouse Ceilidh Band is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 10th Campbeltown band Rhuvaal along with 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 concert on Aug 12th will have another great line-up with Eddie Seaman and Luc McNally who will be joined by Darren MacLean, Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse, don't forget to pick up your free sponsors whisky miniature at the door.

The Festival Gaelic Night on Aug 8th features Kim Carnie and Innes White plus many more and the Young Folk Night on Aug 9th promises another great selection of young performers from across Kintyre.

The Festival ends on Aug 12th with Survivors Night which sees the return of Slainte Davaar Allstars to headline plus the debut of Deep Under Gullion. Also performing will be Alex & Archie McAllister, Gilchristians plus a few special surprise acts across the night.

There's also loads of free open air events and music in the hotels and bars around the town.

For further information visit our website at www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk

MULL OF KINTYRE
MUSIC FESTIVAL
08 - 12 AUGUST 2018

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KIM CARNIE & INNES WHITE
EDDIE SEAMAN & LUC MCNALLY
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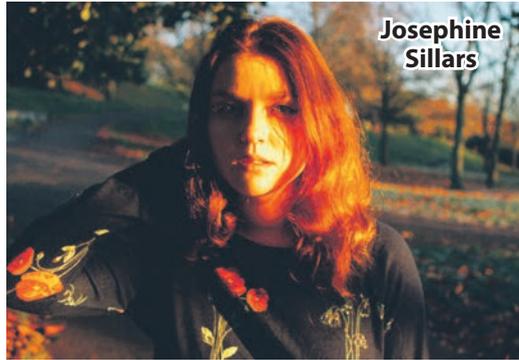
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Woomble, Welsh and hip-hop legend for Kintyre Songwriters Festival



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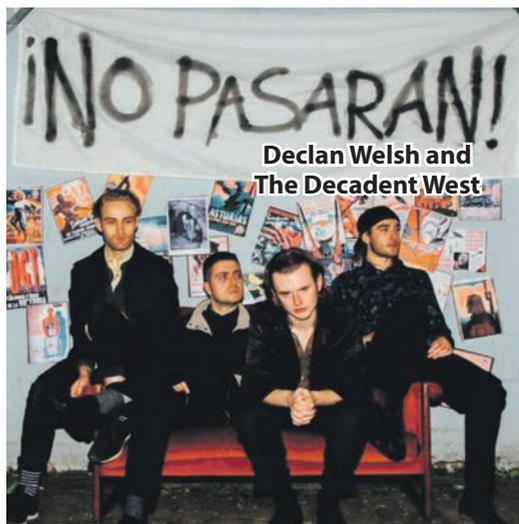
Josephine Sillars



Simmons Is Old



Roddy Woomble



Declan Welsh and The Decadent West



Carly Connor

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Kintyre Songwriters Festival and over the past decade the event has earned a national reputation as the place to see the stars of Scottish music in an intimate setting. This year is no exception and the holiday weekend of 4th-6th of May will see local talent joined by some of the best live performers from across the country. Headliners on Friday night at Whisky Macs are Scottish rock-rap sensations Simmons Is Old. Probably the most respected voice in Scottish hip-hop, frontman Mog has released several critically-acclaimed albums and performed at the opening ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Also performing are rising Glasgow new-wave pop-rockers 100 Fables, recent winners of the Hard Rock Cafe European Battle Of The Bands competition. Support comes from local acts including The Twisted Melons, Sleeping With The Enemy and The Dubious Blues Band. Saturday headliners at Campbeltown Town Hall are Declan Welsh and The Decadent West whose politicised pop-punk has seen them compared to The Clash. A star very much on the rise, Declan's new single 'Shiny Toys' has been playlisted by Spotify and the Premier League. Main support comes from Easterhouse's answer to Janis Joplin, the incredible Carly Connor who has toured with Paolo Nutini and performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival. Another guest performer is Rhona MacFarlane, a Royal

Conservatoire graduate who has recently performed at Celtic Connections and on the Janice Fosythe show on BBC Radio Scotland. They are joined by Campbeltown's own Matt MacAllister who will be performing at the festival for the first time since the viral success of his 'Scottish Winds' video, festival favourites Gullion, newcomer George Hackett and many more. Sunday headliner is Idlewild singer Roddy Woomble, returning to Campbeltown for the first time since headlining the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in 2006. Roddy will be performing an intimate acoustic set suited to the unique songwriters festival atmosphere. Support comes from Josephine Sillars and the Manic Pixie Dreams. Originally from the Highlands, Josephine has toured internationally after a string of sold-out performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Sunday also sees the return of the original lineup of local band A New Hope? plus festival favourites The Gilchristians performing the music of festival founder Kenneth Campbell Gilchrist. There will also be some very special guest performers for the 10th anniversary. With over six hours of music each night, plus the famous open stage at Whisky Macs in the afternoon, the festival has something for everyone. More information at www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

Friday 4th May	Saturday 5th May	Sunday 6th May
SIMMONS IS OLD	DECLAN WELSH AND THE DECADENT WEST	RODDY WOOMBLE
100 FABLES	CARLY CONNOR	JOSEPHINE SILLARS AND THE MANIC PIXIE DREAMS
THE TWISTED MELONS	RHONA MACFARLANE	THE GILCHRISTIANS
GULLION	MATT MACALLISTER	A NEW HOPE?
SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY	GULLION	ACOUSTIC BUTTERFLY
THE DUBIOUS BLUES BAND	ROSS MACINNES BAND	THE TWISTED MELONS
ROSS MACINNES BAND	DEEP JOY	GARETH CROLL
UNDER SMOKE	THOMAS JORDAN	THE DUBIOUS BLUES BAND
THE STRUNTS	THE STRUNTS	DONALD MACNEILL
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Whisky Macs, Campbeltown Doors 7pm Free before 11:30pm, £3 after	COLIN CAMPBELL	SWANFACTORY
	GEORGE HACKETT	CHRIS ANNETTS
	HOPE STRANG	ALAN ANDERSON
	UNDER SMOKE	
	Campbeltown Town Hall Doors 7pm Tickets £17.50	Campbeltown Town Hall Doors 7pm Tickets £17.50
	Tickets available from: A.P. Taylor, Campbeltown Whisky Macs, Campbeltown Campbeltown Town Hall Online at Ticketweb.co.uk	
	Open stage Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Whisky Macs	
	www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk	

The 27th Skye Festival, Fèis an Eilein, takes place between 6 July and 24 August.

A celebration of island culture and performing arts, the popular festival is showcased over two summer months at venues in Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, and around the Isle of Skye.

Although the festival's roots are firmly planted in the Celtic music tradition, events in theatre, dance, comedy, children's shows, circus, literature and world music are also lined up for summer audiences.

This year's trad events include concerts by Charlie McKerron, Saltfish Forty, Fergie MacDonald, Adam Sutherland, Anzo Lorenzo, Alastair McCulloch, Skip Gorman, Routes Quartet, Mary Ann Kennedy and the Kaela Rowan Band.

Other highlights include concerts by the Scottish Ensemble; the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland present Rush Hour;

Alasdair Fraser's Mammoth Fiddle Night; Alan Bissett and his hilarious Moira Monologues and a murder mystery evening with three of Scotland's most popular crime writers.

As well as the Fèis, there are many other events and exhibitions around the Island during the months of July and August and the festival atmosphere continues with a number of lively fringe events in Sleat. These include exhibitions of local arts and crafts, cèilidhs, house parties and concerts, charity cafés, as well as folk clubs, Scottish step dance and Gaelic classes, and open music and survival sessions.

For full details of times, venues, local information and to book tickets, pick up a programme from outlets across the Island, contact SEALL on 01471 844207, info@seall.co.uk or visit www.skyefestival.scot



FÈIS AN EILEIN THE SKYE FESTIVAL

6 JULY TO 24 AUGUST 2018

at Sabhal Mor Ostaig Sleat and various venues around Skye

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Fèis an Eilein
THE SKYE FESTIVAL



Mhor Festival 2018 welcomes

This May some of Scotland's hottest up and coming stars will take to the stage on the bonnie banks of Loch Voil, some for the very first time.

Taking place between the 25th and 27th of May the regional Thistle Award winning Mhor Festival returns for its seventh year and unfolds in the fields of one of the UK's most renowned hotels, described by Conde Nast Traveller as the 'Daddy Cool of the Trossachs'.

Featuring everything from boat trips to bush craft and paintball to pony rides Mhor Festival is the perfect blend of great food, live performances, outdoor activities and celebrity chefs. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park this one-of-a-kind celebration of all things fun and funky has thousands of visitors coming back year on year.

Euan McPherson of

Shoogle Nifty will be playing with Balquhidder's Callum Convoy, the All Ireland Bodhran Under 18 Champion 2017, Finn Moore and Mike Vass in the first live performance from The Travelling Junipers.

Mhor Festival is proud to be hosting world class DJ Jon sa Trinxha for his Scottish debut, alongside Andy Carol and live music from Ray Harris. They will join up-and-coming home-grown talent, Inverness's Dylan Tierney and Glasgow's 100 Fables, to feature in a folk to funk line-up guaranteed to tickle every type of musical taste bud.

In 2018 Mhor Festival will add to the interactive experience with live talks and demonstrations covering a wide range of topics. Whether you have the itch to stich and want to learn to upholster, or you've always wondered the best way to chop and stack wood, prepare to learn a new skill.



Back by popular demand Disco Yoga will bring some funk to the 16th century farm hotel's front lawn and the raft race will see 'Young at Heart' festival goers descend upon, and sometimes into, the clear waters of Loch Doine. Trapeze taster workshops, silent disco, cake competition and interactive cookery classes will also be returning to this year's festival.

And in typical trend setting style, the Mhor Festival will also be introducing a brand new, interactive app designed to keep festival goers updated and connected with who, what and when.

So, if you can't wait to find out which childhood favourite won the cake competition, or you don't want to miss a minute of the silent disco, make sure you upload Cadence from the app store in time for it going live on 18th May.

And if you are worried about getting online, fear not, thanks to the tireless efforts of Balquhidder Community Broadband, the Mhor Festival will also feature the UK's fastest broadband, so you can use the app's interactive functions to ensure you don't miss any of your favourite acts or activities.

Ceòlas School of Music and Dance

Unbeatable tuition in Gaelic music, dance and language from the best traditional musicians in Scotland and Canada; guided walks, house cèilidhs and village-hall dances in the strongest Gaelic-speaking community in the world; authentic Hebridean culture alive in its heartland.

The Ceòlas summer school is an experience like no other. For a week in July, the Isle of South Uist is alive with an amazing buzz and electricity, Gaelic music, dance, language, a

returning diaspora and over a hundred summer school students of all ages and backgrounds. Experience the essence of Gaeldom – the warm hospitality, the rich heritage and culture, the return home of family.

Thig crìoch air an t-saoghal ach mairidh gaol is ceòl.

Price: £250 (full-price); £175 (Western Isles-rate); £75 (Youth Fee: 14-17 yo); £10 drop-in rate per class (Western Isles).



home-grown talent

Another new addition to the ever-expanding programme is the Glengoyne Supper Club which will take place in the festival's newest venue; the Fire Hut. Join the world renowned whisky experts for a seven-course dinner, cooked over an open fire accompanied by some of the world's most mouth-watering drams. By day the Fire Hut will be home to the Malt Master experience, allowing you to go home with something other than just a sore head.



Tom and Lisa, the Festival founders will be launching their exciting new gins, Dr Osbourne's No. 46 and No. 99 this year, made in conjunction with The Old Curiosity Distillery and featuring botanicals grown and distilled at the Secret Herb Garden, Edinburgh.

To book a room at Monachyle Mhor, camping pitch, day ticket, or a yurt go to www.mhorfestival.net

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Welcome to the Oban Winter Festival!

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oban WINTER FESTIVAL

Award winning festival returns this year

Friday 16th November - Sunday 25th November

- Parades / Ceilidhs • Markets / Shopping
- Food & Drink / Competitions
- Live Music / Street Parties
- Art Exhibitions / Fireworks



Image by John Gibb

Back in 2011, a small group of locals decided that the start of winter was a great excuse to have a festival. They organized a Victorian Market to run alongside the Reindeer parade, ice rink, Comedy nights, music workshops for children, cocktails for the grown-ups, and a ceilidh or two – all of which made the festival a great success. News spread quickly and the next year people came from further afield to join the festivities.

Festival action takes place mainly in town and getting from place to place is very easy. Oban is quite compact and walking is a fantastic way to get around. Discover the great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick; take a tour of the local distillery and sample our national drink, or a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafes, soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

Events vary each day from family favourites like the Reindeer parade and Christmas light switch-on to the ceilidhs and light shows.

There is all manner of accommodation options for your stay here, from apartments in the town centre, to hotels and intimate bed and breakfasts, along with some of the finest food and wine establishments that this town boasts.

Last year, 2017, saw a phenomenal foot-fall of 21,500 people with an estimated economic impact for the town of over £1,900,000. Douglas Scott, Chief Executive of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders Associations said: 'The Golden Haggis Awards has grown into the most significant, second only to our own Championship which happens every two years.'

- So why not come and join the biggest winter party in the West.



Image by Colin Cooper



Oban Live: Argyll's largest live music event back for third year

There's a new kid on the block that's standing out on Scotland's list of impressive events. We are talking about Oban Live, the biggest open-air live music concert in Argyll. 2018 will be the event's third year, taking place at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, on June 8 and 9, and there's a whopper of a line-up in store too.

Thousands of visitors are expected to flock to Mossfield Stadium to see a stream of incredible acts including Skerryvore, Skipinnish, Blazin' Fiddles, Heron Valley, and Sharon Shannon Band (featuring Michael McGoldrick and Susan O'Neill).

Acoustic folk-rockers Hermitage Green, one of Ireland's hottest bands, are heading over to Oban Live for their first outdoor festival in Scotland. The band has fans across the globe thanks to their captivating and unforgettable live sets. Also heading over from Ireland are the hugely popular folk duo Hudson Taylor. They have recently released their brand new EP 'Feel it again' and are not long back from touring the US having already completed a sold out European and UK tour earlier in the year.

An all-star line-up of 24 top names in the Scottish traditional music industry will also come together in an exclusive collaboration named 'Sons of Argyll'. Performing on Friday June 8, the project will pay homage to late inspirational figures from the region that played a key role in the lives and music of the performers involved.

The collaboration will include musicians from Tide Lines, Skipinnish, Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles, Trail West and Gunna Sound, as well as Mòd Gold Medallists, world-class pipers, Oban Gaelic Choir and many more.

Local Oban talent will be hitting the stage too including Chunks, who celebrate their 20th anniversary this year, Oban High School Pipe Band and the winning act of the local Oban Unsigned competition.

All this, plus an entertaining Fringe Programme in the town certainly makes Oban the place to be June 8 and 9, 2018.

More acts still to be announced. For tickets and more details visit www.obanlive.com.



Seventy on stage for the 74th fiddlers' rally



The Oban and Lorne Strathspey & Reel Society members are busy practising for the next Annual Fiddlers' Rally. This will be the 74th consecutive rally since the society started in 1944 under the baton of well known Oban musician, Charlie Hunter. Their current conductor is also a well known Oban musician, Helen Jordan. Guest artists are Paul MacCallum, accompanied by Hamish Menzies, together with Rachel and Emma Deans. Paul is a Mòd Gold Medallist while Rachael and Emma are TV and Mod favourites and will add to the enjoyment of the evening. This year's rally will not only include current members but also fiddlers from several Strathspey & Reel Societies across the length and breadth of Britain; from as far north as Caithness to as far south as Wales There will be a total of 70 musicians on the Corran Halls stage on Saturday, 28th April 2018. The concert will start at 7.30pm and for further information please see our Community Notice Board in this issue.

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TV and Mod Favourites

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Tickets: £10.00 Concessions: £9.00 Family Ticket: £26.00
available from Corran Halls Booking Office only Tel: 01631 567333

Your festival home

Camping out is part of the fun and so is finding a great place to stay off site

THE first and biggest decision has been made: which festival you are going to. Now comes another important one; where are you going to stay?

We should say that there is another important move to make if you are going to the islands: get the ferry booked now! You will be far more certain of the sailing times you want if you go online or pick up the phone and book with CalMac now. www.calmac.co.uk

To camp or not to camp? That is the question.

Once again, the secret is book early. Every location will have a mix of high-end accommodation, down to B&Bs and hostel or backpacker accommodation.

Have you considered making a festival the highlight of a bigger holiday and booking a holiday cottage or other self-catering? That way you get to enjoy the buzz of the build-up to the festival, watching the stage and equipment arrive, hearing the sound checks – it can all add to the festival-going experience.

If you are bringing a caravan or motor home, remember that pitches can fill up fast so once again, book early.

- Camping at a festival is just like ordinary camping, but magnified. Everyone's stories of festivals include having to rescue someone who had never been camping before. Don't let that be you.

- Do practise pitching your tent beforehand and using your kit, even if it is only in the back garden. This will save you a lot of heartache.
- We have weather, lots of it. Sometimes several different weather systems in one day, often within the hour. So your camping equipment should be able to cope with this and so should your clothes: think layers, lots of them.
- There is a reason why people wear wellies at festivals, remember to bring yours. (See above).
- Not only do we have a lot of weather, it has a sense of humour: bring sunscreen and a hat. We kid you not. First-aiders deal with more cases of severe sunburn, dehydration and heatstroke than they do hypothermia, because no one was prepared. Never mind what the national weather forecast says, the islands, sea lochs and mountains create crazy little weather micro-systems.
- Bring water, lots of it to keep hydrated, also non-perishable food. You will want to eat at some of the amazing food trucks but keep the budget balanced with some cheaper meals in between.
- We have midges, lots of them, they are hungry and you look tasty. Bring along midge repellent. Don't say we didn't warn you.
- At 4.30am you will wish you had spent more money on a good quality sleeping bag and sleepmat. You might not be planning on getting much sleep but when you want to, you will want to be warm and cozy.
- You've got the power: because you have remembered to bring batteries and a power bank to recharge your mobile phone.

Security: keep valuables with you but keep your tent unlocked. Sounds crazy but a locked tent says 'we have something worth stealing'. Thefts are rare and all events have good security but it pays to be aware and not leave yourself open to an opportunist thief.

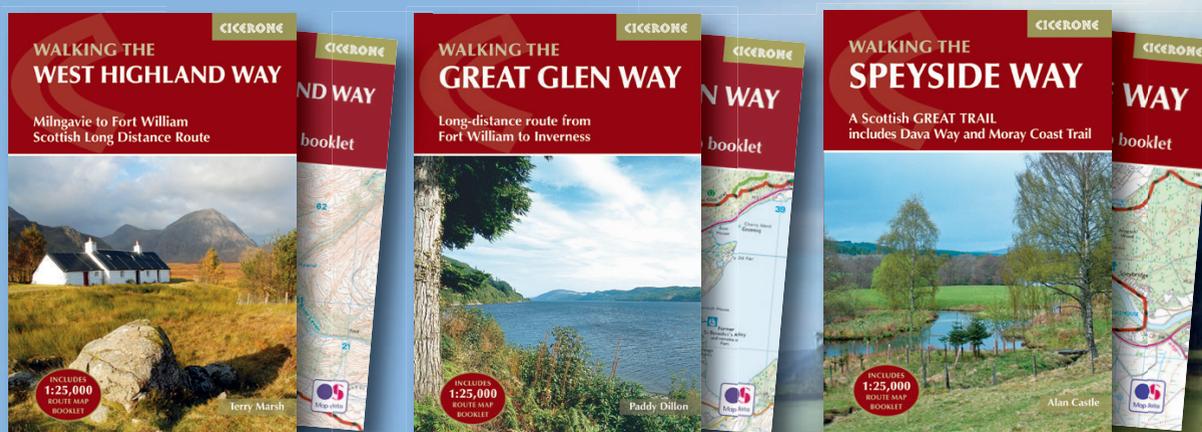


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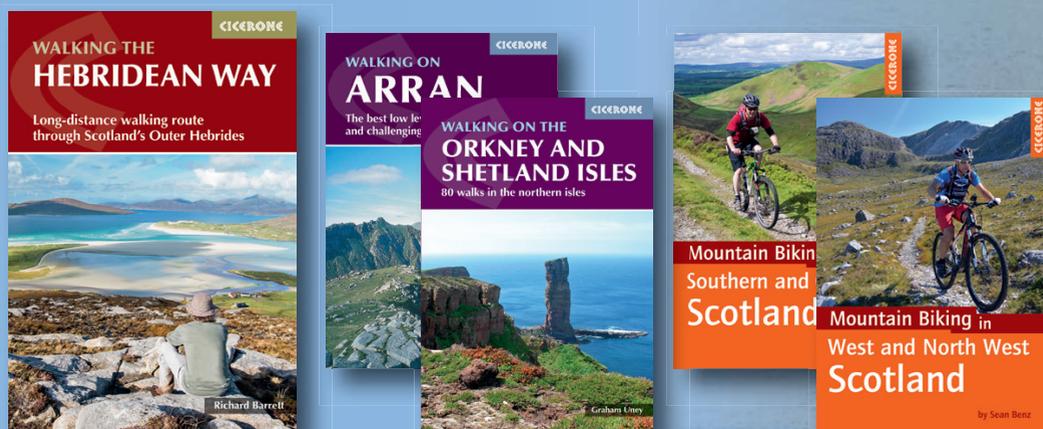


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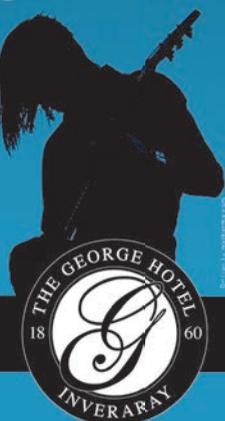
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Family-friendly festivals are a great way for you all to be together having fun

A WELL-RUN, friendly festival is a Godsend for a family holiday. Parents can get to relax, children can run free and be entertained by someone else.

The definition of a good family holiday is that everyone gets the chance to do something they wanted to as well as doing something together they all enjoy and a good festival does just that.

Any parent will tell you getting out of the front door with a small child or toddler is a well-planned campaign, so getting organised for a camping trip or big day out or is just more of the same.

It can be reassuring to know that extra pack of baby wipes or disposable nappies, loo roll or bottled water is tucked away under the seat or the back of the car boot.

Stock up on favourite snacks, kid-sized cartons of juice and smaller bottles of water. You will be surprised how much energy your kids will burn off.

Remember the words of the great Scottish philosopher, Billy Connolly: 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes.' So bring layers, lots of them and every wee festival goer need their wellies just as much as the grown-ups. Likewise, sunscreen and sun hats.

Hearing safety

Make sure your child goes home with happy festival memories and a fully-working pair of ears.

Action on Hearing Loss says sounds over 80 decibels (dB) can cause hearing loss that may leave your child with permanent damage or ringing in the ears.

Ordinary spoken conversation is 60dB and shouting is 80dB, so if you have to shout to make yourself heard, then your kids should be in ear defenders.

You have got the car seat, the safety gate, the catches on windows and cupboards and your kid is covered in SPF 50+ so make sure they have ear safety as well.

Be an eco-friendly festival goer



- Litter – just say no. The biggest single threat to the environment from a festival will be litter. Don't be the cause of it.
- Make new friends, get an eco-vibe going and help by having a bin bag with you and offering folks the chance to drop their litter in.
- Look out for recycling points around the festival grounds and use them.
- If you take extra batteries for torches and gadgets remember to take them to the right recycling point or take them home to dispose of carefully.
- Reuse plastic drinking bottles or better still invest in your own reusable water bottle.
- Likewise own a reusable coffee cup.
- How about taking along your own plate and giving it to the food truck staff along with your order?
- Remember the 4Ps – only pee, poo, paper and puke should ever go down a toilet.
- When you buy baby wipes to take with you, buy a bag of nappy sacks as well – use them for disposing of the wipes and everything else that isn't going down the loo. (See above).



- Conquer your addiction to plastic drinking straws and cotton buds and as many other types of disposable plastic as you can. You know you can do it, be strong!
- If your cans of drink come with plastic loops keeping them together, then snap open the loops before disposing of them safely. Birds, fish and other wildlife can get caught in them.
- Don't launch sky lanterns – they may say the paper is biodegradable but the wire falls to earth threatening wildlife and farm livestock.

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A winter in Argyll - part four

We continue the serialisation of a short story by an Edinburgh writer with an enduring love for Mid Argyll. We hope you enjoy it – and look out for the final chapter in next week's edition.

By Carolyn McKerracher

THUS debilitated, my walking was limited to the 'flat'.

So, two weeks on, I ventured to Loch Coille-Bharr to look for beavers. Sadly, it wasn't flat and there were no beavers, but I have it on good authority – Pete Creech of Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation – that they are at home with their feet up over the winter months, but by spring they will be out and about, gnawing trees and building dams.

In the end, my daily hill walk was replaced with a daily walk along the Crinan Canal, from the canal basin to the vast expanse of the moss by Bellanoch. I walked with the trees and the sea on one side and the canal and the boats on the other. I saw the sun dancing on the surface of the water and the most magnificent rainbow I have ever seen.

I saw wind-blown snow making tracks on the frozen canal and stalactites on the gates at lock 15 but, missing the east coast, I

hankered for some big waves.

'Go to Westport, down the Kintyre peninsula,' advised Colin.

A stunning drive, despite the biggest potholes just outside Ardrishaig, to a long sandy beach bordered by Atlantic breakers. I walked by the surf, collecting multi-coloured rocks, and sat at the



'Stalactites' on the gates at lock 15 on the Crinan Canal.

wooden fort at middle beach to listen to the sounds of the sea. At some point, I dropped my phone. Perhaps every 'big' walk was to be peppered with disaster.

However, like most things, there's an app and, despite my IT inadequacies, I managed to locate my phone, or at least the signal from it. At 12pm it had been at middle beach. At 5pm it was another

mile south. Either someone had found it, or the tide (or a techno-savvy seal) had carried it away.

My only fear was that it ended up in a dolphin's stomach. Not that I had actually seen any dolphins. Perhaps they too were at home with their flippers up over the winter.

Two days later, a Kintyre surfer got in touch. He had found it and, in true Argyll manner, he returned it to me via his parents, who dropped it

in to the Cairnbaan Hotel on their way back to Ford.

'I know you're not a community centre,' I said to the manager, as I explained the situation.

'You'd be surprised,' he replied. 'Tourist information, directions, injured wildlife, we get it all. A phone is pretty easy to handle.'

'I've had your haloumi and mushroom burger a few times,

it's excellent,' I added, in an unnecessary attempt to justify my use of their lost property service.

And, so, I got my phone back, with not one grain of sand on the cover. However, there were some mysteriously messy paw prints on it and a large bill for calls to Iceland.

'But what do you do in the evenings?' quizzed friends who imagined an existence of freezing isolation.

Well, I wrote. I read. I cooked. I even went out. On Burns Night, I found the resource centre, where the Easy Band, adeptly supported by a young man from Mid-Argyll Pipe Band, hosted an excellent evening of music, song and poetry. They deserved a much larger audience.

I also attended two of the winter talks hosted by Kilmartin Museum.

Dr Annette Anderton fascinated us all with the truths and myths associated with local stones, compounds and gems. Next, Dr Anuschka Miller from the Scottish Association for Marine Science gave a great overview of the work they do at SAMS in Dunbeg.

A trip to their visitor centre is a must for next time.

To be continued

Science matters

DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



An arms race of springtime trickery

THE CUCKOO'S distinctive call heralds spring, but this migrant bird has a darker side.

Arriving in mid-April, female cuckoos seek out host nests to parasitise. When the first host egg is laid, she swoops down, lays her egg and flies off with the host egg in her beak. She continues this subterfuge until setting off on the 5,000km flight to Africa in mid-July, confident that her fledglings are well provided for.

The advantages of parasitism for cuckoos are clear – with no brood to raise they can lay more eggs and migrate earlier. But loss of host species' offspring has engendered a vigorous fightback.

An arms-race of trickery and defence has been ongoing between cuckoos and hosts ever since their parasitism began some 2,000 years ago.

Hosts would normally attack birds seen laying in their nest, but female cuckoos look scarily hawk-like and are stealthy and quick. Spying an unattended nest, she lays her egg in

just 10 seconds! Parent birds generally reject foreign-looking eggs, so cuckoos have developed mimicry. Separated into three races, each specialises in copying the egg colour and intricate markings of one common UK host species – reed warblers, pied wagtails or meadow pipits.

While cuckoo chicks are large and pink, host chicks are small and black, so the former could be recognised and rejected on hatching. But no. Thanks to some astonishing adaptations, cuckoo chicks survive. Hatching earlier than host chicks, they have a strong instinct to eject host eggs and any early host hatchlings.

So, blind and naked, cuckoo chicks hump

eggs and chicks out of the nest. Now, reigning supreme, a final deception prevents revealing the chicks' identity. Cuckoo chicks' calls mimic a nest full of host chicks, inducing hosts to feed them juicy insects until maturity – by then eight times the foster-parents' weight.

Victorian naturalists regarded the extraordinary behaviour of cuckoos as scandalous; Gilbert White – author of *The Natural History of Selbourne* 1789 – called it 'a monstrous outrage on maternal affection'.

But to modern ecologists, this struggle between parasitic and parasitised host species is a beautiful, ongoing example of Darwinian evolution.



A young cuckoo being fed by pied wagtail. Photo: Alastair Forsyth.

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Talented line-up tunes up for Ardrishaig charity ceilidh



Mid Argyll Music Festival certificates don't lie – Holly, left, Tiegan and the other young performers are fantastic. 08_a13MAMF_HollyTiegan01

NO STRANGER to supremely talented performers, Ardrishaig will once again offer the best of entertainment – for a very good cause.

At a special ceilidh in support of Christian Aid, fear an tìghe Bruce Robertson will introduce Kintyre's own Archie MacAllister on fiddle and keyboard.

Also playing will be Johnny Fisher and Calum MacDonald on accordion, with Olivia Veitch performing Highland dancing.

Fresh from singing success at the recent Mid Argyll Music Festival, Tiegan Holroyd, Holly Renton and Eilidh Graham will enchant the audience, with Holly's wee sister Feorlin entertaining with recitation.

An excellent evening – with raffle and refreshments – is guaranteed at Ardrishaig North Hall on Friday April 27.



Top musician Archie MacAllister tops the bill. 06_a36MAMA_Mcallister01

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MOJO makes magic music

MUSICIANS are being invited to perform at a MOJO event to get their music heard on the big stage.

The event will be taking place in October, with the place and date still to be confirmed, and organisers are keen to hear from musicians who want to find their MOJO.

If you are over 18, a resident in Argyll or have Argyll links and are able to perform for 30 minutes, MOJO volunteers want to hear from you.

Volunteer Dan Griffiths explained what



Danny Carroll and Eric Dearie perform at last year's first MOJO music event.

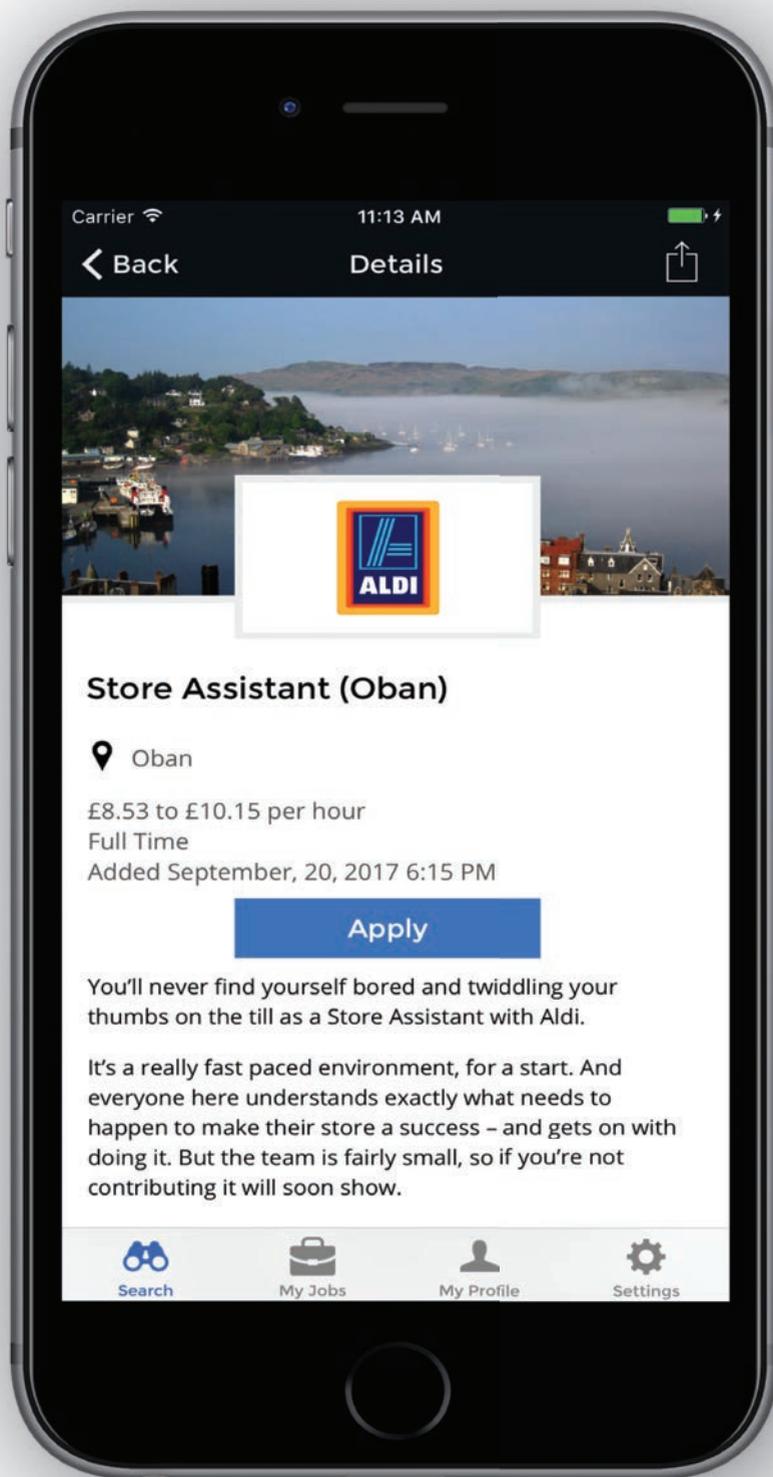
MOJO is all about: 'MOJO Argyll is a small, down-to-earth team of volunteers helping local original artists to get heard. We do it purely for our love of unique,

raw music and keenness to see what talent we have in our own backyard. MOJO is non-profit-making and non-funded, and all proceeds from the event are shared be-

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Location: Ardtaraig Hatchery,
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18/00311/PP	Erection of two self catering chalets, installation of sewage treatment plant with soakaway and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Kirnan House Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00844/PP	Renewal of planning permission 15/00348/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank)	Land North East Of Home Farm Whitehouse Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
18/00420/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Curling Pond Inveraray Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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18/00710/PP	Erection of hut for recreational occupation	Land South West Of Shore Cottage Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
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18/00737/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North West Of Rosehill House Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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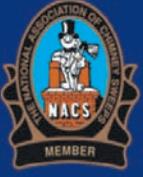
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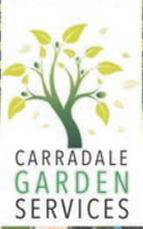
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INVERARAY

Car boot sale at the Co-op

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ULVA

MP visits the island of Ulva

ARGYLL and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara visited the island of Ulva last week to give his support to those who are gearing up to buy the island and return it to community ownership. Ulva, which lies just off the north-west coast of Mull, has been put up for sale by its current private owner for more than £4m. The North West Mull Community Woodland Company registered its interest in buying the island using the Scottish Government's Community Right To Buy legislation and the chances of succeeding were boosted enormously last month, thanks to an award of £4.4 million from the Scottish Land Fund.

CARDROSS

Brown trout are released into the River Clyde

PRIMARY five pupils from Cardross have reared brown trout from eggs and released them back into the River Clyde.



Primary five pupils from Cardross set the trout free into the Clyde.

The project was part of the Clyde in the Classroom scheme, which is run by the Clyde River Foundation to encourage young people to engage with nature and protect the environment.

The children were able to release over 180 fish from 200 eggs into Geilston burn, which flows into the Clyde.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'This is a wonderful project which teaches our young people about nature and the importance of looking after the environment and encourages them to be caring, empathetic individuals.'

'We have young people to be proud of and want the very best for them. Imaginative projects like this one are a key part of this.'

Head teacher at Cardross Primary Elspeth Davis said: 'The

children and their class teacher, Mr Henry, did an exceptional job rearing the fish from eggs. 'It was an extremely challenging project as the correct water temperature had to be established and maintained in order for the fish to survive and grow. 'This proved par-

ticularly challenging on our snow closure days but the commitment of the class shone through and we were delighted that we were able to release so many fish.

'It was a fantastic project to be engaged in and we were delighted to be given the opportunity to learn so much.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



There are certain moments which enchant us in our lives and which we know will become indelible memories.

A family wedding on Saturday, on the beach at Crear, presented several: the bride walking down the beach with her father, as the sound of the pipes drifted across a wind-tossed sea; a toddler at the edge of the ocean in her wellies; tears wiped away as vows were exchanged; rose petals thrown as tokens of love over the happy newlyweds; the sun catching the bubbles in glasses raised in the toasts; the spin of tartan as kilts took on a life of their own at the ceilidh – and so much more.

Then there was a moment at the very end when we gathered in a circle as Runrig brought the day to an end with the familiar strains of Loch Lomond.

It began as a small group and then outstretched hands welcomed everyone to come into the circle.

Each, in turn, invited someone else into the circle until it bulged at the edges.

Everyone was on the floor and laughter and tears became one.

The bride and groom in the centre knew they were literally surrounded with love.

Hands were joined as friends and strangers became one, with a single common reason of being together – simply to celebrate love.

If only we could do this more often than just when at a wedding.

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MCDONALD

On March 18, 2018, to Rebecca (née Welch) and Michael, a beautiful son, Robbie Thomas. Second grandchild for Jackie and Neil (Edinburgh) and sixth grandchild for David and Karen (Ardershaig).

DEATHS

BENNETT - Suddenly but peacefully, on April 14, 2018, Richard Charles Bennett (Mucker Roy), in his 68th year, 1 Mill Park, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Susan Marshall and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. A service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today Friday, April 20 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The Fishermen's Mission and The Children's Cancer Trust.

CARMICHAEL - Peacefully at home, on April 12, 2018, after a courageous fight, Christina Turnbull Carmichael, née Lambie, in her 60th year, of Carlam, Tayvallich, beloved wife of Donald Carmichael, much loved mother of Bruce and Morven, dearly loved daughter of the late Bobby and Jessie Lambie, cherished sister of George and John, dear sister-in-

law of Heather and Norma and an adored aunt to Andrew, Jennifer, Alison, Lauren and David. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Tayvallich Parish Church, today Friday, April 20 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie and Oban and Mid Argyll hospitals.

KRAWCZYK - Przemek, aged 38 years, tragically died on January 18, 2018, aboard the fishing boat, Nancy Glen, beloved husband of Gosia, cherished father of Kacper and Mia, and a much respected fisherman and dear friend of many. Funeral service will be held at the Church of Scotland, Tarbert, on April 21, 2018 at 12.00 noon. Flowers - only single white rose please.

MACDOUGALL - Suddenly, on January 18, 2018, near Barmore Island, aboard the fishing boat, Nancy Glen, Duncan Thomas MacDougall, aged 46 years, beloved husband of Dawn, cherished father of John and Campbell, much loved son of John and Margaret (née Aitchison), son-in-law of Alex, Wilma, Moira and Lachie, adored big brother of Alison, brother-in-law of Stephen, Alexander, Mark and David, loved uncle of Ella and Jack, and a much respected work colleague and dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on April 18, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

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IN MEMORIAMS

GILCHRIST - In loving memory of our much loved mother and mother-in-law, Agnes Jane, died April 25, 2017, in her 88th year.

Always in our memory and thoughts.

- George and Bettina.

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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free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 22nd April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 25th April
12.00 noon
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website: www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
VIGIL MASS
6 pm
(except 1st Saturday of month)
Sunday 10 am
(St. Columba's, Bridgend, Islay)
All Welcome
(SC002876)

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to take place on **Friday 27th April** at 7.30pm in Salvation Army Hall, Burnside, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Mr Derek Maxwell of Slavic Gospel Mission
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 22nd April
11.00 am
Family Service
Visiting Speaker - George Thomson with Sunday school followed by refreshments
The Ark
Baby and Toddler Group
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am (term time only)
Youth Fellowship
Check our Facebook page for details
We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
22nd April 2018
Sunday Worship
Glassary 10am
Rev. C Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 22nd April
Easter 4
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 SC011686
Sunday 22nd April
11.15am Morning Worship
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Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 24th April
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys
Junior Section
Church Hall
Company Section
New Hall
Thursday 26th April
Choir
Friday 27th April
Lunch Club
New Hall 12.00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY
Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009159
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Saturday 21st April
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00 pm Make & Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 22nd April
Family Communion Service
11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
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Thursday 26th April
Bible study
7.30pm at the manse
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 22nd April
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Please note that there will be a congregational meeting on Monday 23rd April at 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall with a session meeting to follow.
All welcome.

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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St Columba's, Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
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Sunday 22 April
11.30am Bellanoch Church
Rev C Acklam
Saturday 21 April
10.30am Achnamara Hall
Café Connect
Monday 23 April
10.30am Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time
Tuesday 24 April
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Kirk Session
Thursday 26 April
4-6pm Messy Church
All Age Event
Tayvallich Hall
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Sunday 22nd April 2018
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Cumlodden Church 10.00am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 22nd April 2018
Skipness Service 10.00am
Dr John L Morrison O.B.E.
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2.00pm
Rev. Catriona Hood
Everyone very welcome
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Rev. Catriona Hood
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or 01880 730366
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre set to expand

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre is to welcome girls and pre school children after a record number of primary one pupils from across Mid Argyll signed up for mini football sessions.

The soccer centre decided to pilot a girls only training session on Friday nights, with numbers quickly growing from six girls to 14. Open to any girls from primary four to S2, the pilot has been so successful in attracting a record number of girls to the sport that it will continue.

Mixed teams

In addition to continuing to having mixed teams, the girls now have their own teams and are entering tournaments across Argyll and Bute.

The demand has also been high for the centre to include pre-

school children, with sessions now available for all children in their final pre-school term.

The half hour mini kickers sessions will start tonight, Friday April 20, at 6.15pm and will run every Friday on the outdoor artificial pitches until June 15.

Busy

Bruce West, chairman of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, said: 'I have been involved with the soccer centre for a number of years and I have never seen it so busy.

'It is great seeing all the children, but especially the girls, having so much fun playing sport and their hunger to travel to play in festivals has been terrific.

'We now have a number of Red Star squads from primary two to secondary two playing all over the west



The Lochgilphead Soccer Centre girls' team.

of Scotland and their technical standard of play as well as their fitness is fantastic.

'We are actively pursuing funding and growing the number of volunteers getting in-

involved with our social committee as well as coaching and anyone interested in being involved with a long-established and growing organisation should not hesitate to get in touch.

'Young people seeking volunteer opportunities are particularly welcome. No experience of football or sport is required, just bags of enthusiasm.' Any children in their

final year of pre-school up to S2 interested in sport and having fun in a safe environment are welcome to come along to the artificial pitches on a Friday night.

Tarbert close the gap with win over Cardross

SAFL Premier Division 2

Tarbert	5
Cardross	0

TARBERT welcomed Cardross to Cil Andreis for a crucial 'six pointer' on Saturday April 14.

The away side arrived late and were unable to field a full team.

Tarbert still had a job to do as they looked to open a gap between themselves and the bottom club in the league.

The opening 20 minutes of the match left the home side frustrated as a number of careless final balls and missed chances kept the game level at 0-0.

Captain Talbot stepped up soon after to drive a shot low into the corner from the edge of the box and ease some of the tension Tarbert had been feeling.

Further chances came and went in the first half with the away keeper producing a couple of fine saves to deny Campbell and MacKinnon. The latter was not to be denied his goal though, and he doubled Tarbert's advantage going into half time.

The second half followed in a similar vein to the first with Tarbert totally in command without really slipping out of first gear.

Goals followed from Scott, with a free kick that somehow evaded the away keeper, MacKay and MacKinnon as Tarbert cruised through the second half.

There was even time for captain Talbot to put his name forward for miss of the season with a penalty that the keeper saved well. It wasn't a game that will live long in the memory but Tarbert claimed the crucial three points they craved to climb a place in the table.

This week Tarbert are at home to FC Argyll.



Star wrestler Jack Jester interacts with young fans. Photograph: Emma Dockrell.

Wrestling slams into Tarbert

THE LAST few remaining tickets for Wrestling Live in Tarbert will be available from 1pm on Saturday April 21 before the show kicks off at 7pm.

A raffle will be held on the night in aid of Clachan Youth Club's trip with the Ocean Youth Trust.

A world title belt will also be on show at the event, after Insane Championship Wrestling own-

er Mark Dallas gave permission to champion wrestler BT Gunn to bring the belt along.

At the interval, youngsters will get a unique opportunity to be photographed with the title belt in exchange for a donation to the Nancy Glen appeal.

Tickets cost £10 each, or £30 for four. Everyone is welcome to attend this family event.

Lochgilphead pip Oban in inter-club fishing match

ON SUNDAY April 8, the first leg of the inter-club competition between Lochgilphead and Oban took place at Cairnbaan lochs.

The competition saw some milder weather but not many fish were moving.

Lochgilphead caught 15 brown trout weighing 22 pounds and 1.5 ounces.

Best bag

Best bag for Lochgilphead was caught by D MacGilp, with six trout weighing a total of 10 pounds 10 ounces.

Closely following was D Welch with four trout weighing seven pounds six ounces.

Best bag for Oban was caught by R McLeod who caught two trout weighing

two pounds and half an ounce. Second for Oban was R Graham with two trout weighing one pound and

eight and a half ounces. This gives Lochgilphead the lead going in to the away leg in Oban in the autumn.



Trout caught by D MacGilp, the largest being 3lbs 11 ounces.



Cycling bonzana comes to Kilberry

KEEN cyclists across Argyll will now have the chance to take part in the first Kilberry Loop sportive.

The event, approved by British Cycling and organised by the Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club, will take place on Saturday August 11 with an 8.30am start at the Isthmus in Tarbert. Registration will open at 7.30am.

Entrants will head east towards the village and then north on the A83 before turning left at the junction and onto the single track B8024.

There will be a 2km climb before a fast descent into Achahoish along the shores of Loch Caolisport, with breathtaking views over Jura, Islay and Gigha.



There will be snacks available at the half-way station, with the cycle then continuing through Kilberry, heading east, with some sharp climbs and sweeping descents.

The coast of West Loch Tarbert will then be in view, past Tarbert Golf Club onto the A83 and back to the village of Tarbert.

The event is described as a sportive, a non-competitive event which is suitable for road bikes.

Organiser John Hardie said: 'We are delighted to announce a new cycling challenge, the inaugural Kilberry Loop Cycle Sportive. The Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club is an all-inclusive club for athletes and sporting enthusiasts of all ages and abilities.'

'We wish to promote fun, fellowship and friendship with a dash of competition. The Kilberry Loop is a favourite route of the members.'

For more information, email John on johnwhardie@outlook.com
To enter online, go to <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/167256/Kilberry-Loop-Sportive>

Red Star 2004s cement top league position

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star 2004s have secured a further two victories so far in April to cement their position at top of the DF DL 2003/04 league.

On Sunday April 8, the Lochgilphead youngsters welcomed Greenock United 2003s to the Joint Campus. Lochgilphead started well and had the majority of possession in the first half. Goals from McLean and Caskie gave Star a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Greenock dominated the second half and managed to draw the match level at 2-2 before Caskie scored in the final minutes to give Red Star a hard-fought 3-2 win.

Sunday April 15 saw the 2004s trav-

el up to Oban for a local derby against Oban Saints 2004s. Red Star started well and controlled the first half with Caskie and McLean scoring to give the Lochgilphead youngsters a good 2-0 lead at halftime. The second half was a different story with Oban having the majority of possession and chances.

Red Star held out until the last five minutes before Oban pulled a goal back and although that resulted in a nervy few minutes Star held on for a 2-1 win.

While not at their best, and missing a few players through injury, the youngsters secured two important wins and a valuable six points.

Firsts all round for the golf club

SUNDAY April 15 saw the first 18-hole medal for the ladies' section, with six ladies competing for the April medal.

Ele Hunter won with a net 69, pipping Kathleen Young to the post by one stroke.

Juniors also competed for the first time this season for the Young Rosebowl, with Harry Turner taking the honours with 17 points, beating Kern McKellar by one point.

The gents played for the Marie Curie Medal, where a fair amount of cash was raised for the charity.

This turned out to be the most positive part of the day for many players, who did not return scores.

Tenacity was the word of the day for Keith Cowan, who

won with a net 63 beating Grant McDougall by two strokes.

The club welcomed the Round Table for their annual golf outing on Monday April 16. Unfortunately, the weather was not at its best, but everyone played a great game before returning to the clubhouse for much needed hot food and drinks.

The club's 10-week coaching programme for juniors and adult beginners began with eight adults and 10 juniors attending.

The training is delivered by motivated volunteers Donna, Jim, Keith and Ryan.

If you would be interested in taking part in the training programme, contact Donna on 07919 242053.

Scottish Amateur FL fixtures

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – East Kilbride RR v Oban Saints; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two – Easthall Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert v FC Argyll.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
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Bowling clubs spring into action



The ceremonial opening bowl is thrown at Lochgilphead Bowling Club by reigning ladies champion Mavis Yuill.



Grace Heafey throws the first jack to mark the opening of the season at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club.

ALONG with the cuckoo and the first sightings of swallows, a main harbinger of spring is the appearance of bowlers on manicured lawns, desperate to get the season under way.

Members of Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club were out in force on Saturday April 14 to open the green, while Lochgilphead Bowling Club members dodged the showers on the evening of Tuesday April 17 to get proceedings started.

The opening of Tarbert Bowling Club green has been re-arranged as a mark of respect, with the funeral of fisherman Przemek Krawczyk taking place on Saturday. The green will now open at 2pm on Sunday April 22.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday April 16, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 3, 7 and 18.

The lucky winner of the jackpot was B Johnston, with next week's prize back down to £100.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers this week were 13, 14 and 17. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £1,200.

The lucky numbers in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 6, 7 and 8. There were no winners, with next week's jackpot £300.

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Kilmory edge shinty derby

**Marine Harvest
National Division
Inveraray 2
Beauly 1**

THIS match at the Winterton wasn't one for the purists.

The game's opening goal came on 41 minutes when the ball was played to Lewis Montgomery around 15 yards from goal who beat his marker before netting with a low drive.

Beauly's equaliser came a couple of minutes after the re-start following a spell of pressure.

Shot

Jack MacDonald was first to react to a long ball up-field and blasted a ferocious shot past Inveraray keeper Scott MacLachlan who was left beaten by the

sheer pace of the ball. The winner came on 55 minutes when Beauly failed to clear their lines and Lewis Montgomery fired home from 18 yards.

**Marine Harvest
South Division One
Inveraray 4
Kilmory 5**

KILMORY stay top of the division on goal difference after beating Inveraray in a nine-goal thriller at The Winterton.

The noon throw-up had it all: nine goals, three red cards and two converted penalties.

Former Kilmory player Rhys Williams fired a rocket into the roof of the net with five minutes played.

Inveraray's 16-year-old keeper Gregor

Mather, playing his first full 90 minutes in South Division 1, had no chance with Alister MacArthur's equaliser. Neil Campbell put Inveraray into a 2-1 half-time lead with a well-taken goal on 30 minutes.

Penalty

Kilmory started the second half the brighter and were awarded a penalty by referee Alex MacVicar on 55 minutes which Alister MacArthur struck well to make it 2-2.

This was Kilmory's best spell of the game and they soon added two more goals through MacArthur again on 57 minutes and Hal Jones on 67 minutes.

Inveraray gained a man advantage when Kilmory's Bruce John-

ston was sent off for two bookings. It was Kilmory who scored a fifth though on 76 minutes, with MacArthur netting four times for the second successive week.

The match threatened to boil over at times but referee Alex MacVicar handled proceedings well.

Inveraray's Kieran Kirkhope and Kilmory's Andrew Cunningham were both sent off following a scuffle.

Inveraray's John Mackenzie converted a penalty on 81 minutes and got his second with a fine back-post strike to make it 5-4 on 90 minutes.

Inveraray pushed hard in injury time but Kilmory's 10 men held on for the win.



Inveraray veteran David MacPherson is crowded out by determined play from Kilmory's Andy Cunningham and David McAlister. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

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