



## Graduation day

Take a look at Lochgilhead's new graduates on page 8.

# Surfer thanks heroes after miracle rescue

## Heart-stopping drama at sea

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A SURFER picked up 13 miles off the Kintyre coast after more than 30 hours adrift has thanked his rescuers for saving his life.

Matthew Bryce, aged 22 and from Airdrie, was reported missing by his family after he failed to return from a surfing trip to Westport beach in Kintyre on Sunday April 30.

At 7.30pm on Monday, a Coastguard rescue team located Matthew drifting in open waters between Kintyre and Rathlin Island before airlifting him by helicopter to hospital in Belfast, where his condition was described earlier this week as 'comfortable'.

Mr Bryce said in a statement released by the hospital: 'I am so grateful that I am now receiving treatment in hospital. I cannot thank those enough who rescued and cared for me. They are all heroes.'

Belfast Coastguard coordinated a search, involving RNLI lifeboats from Campbeltown, Islay and Red Bay and Coastguard rescue teams from Campbeltown, Southend, Gigha, Tarbert and Port Ellen as well as the Coastguard rescue helicopter based at Prestwick.

Mr Bryce was hypothermic, although still conscious, when the rescue team found him. Speaking shortly after the rescue, Coastguard spokesperson Dawn Petrie said: 'He was kitted out with all the right clothing including a thick neoprene suit and this must have helped him to survive for so long at sea.'

The family of Mr Bryce expressed relief at the news of his rescue. John Bryce, Matthew's father, said: 'The past 48 hours have been an absolute rollercoaster of emotions for our family and we are so grateful that Matthew has been found safe and well.'

'To get that call from the police last night to say that he was alive was unbelievable - it was better than a lottery win - you just can't describe it.'

'Our family cannot thank the Coastguard, RNLI volunteers and police officers involved in finding Matthew enough.'

Cameras on board the rescue helicopter capture dramatic footage of Matthew Bryce, inset, being plucked from the waves off the Kintyre coast.



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## Scouting granny

FOLLOW Dinah's progress as she nears the end of her mammoth charity ride up north. Full story on page two.

## Dementia workshops

EXPERTS on dementia gathered in Tarbert, last week to spread the word about the brain condition. Full story on page four.

## Hard-hitting message

TWO Lochgilhead charities hosted a film night exposing the harsh reality for those living on benefits. Full story on page 13.

## Showing enterprise

SECONDARY pupils in Argyll competed in the Young Enterprise Scotland final. Full story on page 20.

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## Police files

■ A VEHICLE was stopped by police on the A83 at Lochgilphead at about 9am on Friday April 28. Checks revealed the vehicle had an expired MOT and the driver, a 45-year-old woman, was issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

■ ON FRONT Street, Inveraray, a car was stopped around 1.20am on Saturday April 29 and a 22-year-old woman was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. A report has been submitted to the fiscal.

■ AT 3.15pm on Sunday April 30, on the A816 near Badden Nursery, Lochgilphead, a Honda Jazz was allegedly driven very close to two cyclists while overtaking, in the face of oncoming vehicles. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to call 101 or anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Scoot round the isles

## Intrepid Dinah completes 500-mile marathon journey

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ORMSARY grandmother Dinah Bosomworth is in the last leg of her 500-mile scooter ride on the road to the isles.

Dinah and her scooter Nerys began the gruelling challenge to raise funds for the Scottish Association for Mental Health on April 20 after leaving Oban, bound for the western isles.

Travelling light and with only a small suitcase, water bottles and sleeping bag, the intrepid Dinah landed on the Isle of Skye on Saturday in time for the Dunvegan 10K where she handed out medals at the finish line.

Her trip took her from Watersay to the Butt of Lewis on The Hebridean Way. From there she landed at Uig and stopped off in Dunvegan before travelling to Armadale where she crossed the sea to Mal-



Dinah and trusty Nerys – almost on the final scoot home. F19 Dina Bosomworth-01

laig and on to Kilchonan. The last leg of her

journey involves a loop on Mull and then from Oban home.

Dinah said: 'Mental health problems affect everyone. I want to help remove the stigma surrounding men-

tal health issues, especially in rural areas, and let people know it is all right to talk about it. SAMH is a fantastic charity that does really good work in breaking down the perceived

barriers to mental health issues and a very worthy cause.'

She added: 'Cars have stopped to give me money and, even before I started my journey, I had made

more than £2,800 for the charity. I hope to raise £3,500 in all, but the more the better.'

Dinah admits the journey has not been an easy one and has run the gauntlet of bad weather conditions and speeding drivers.

'I'm very slow,' she said, 'so it's not difficult to overtake me. So far, I've only been shouted at once. Someone overtook me and swore at me while he was passing. That was very upsetting because I try really hard to keep out of people's way.'

Despite the weather, the roads and tiredness, Dinah is determined to complete her journey by arriving home on Sunday May 7.

Support Dinah's challenge by visiting [virginmoneygiving.com/DinahBosomworth](http://virginmoneygiving.com/DinahBosomworth)

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## Author puts pen to paper at signing



Denzil Meyrick.

BOOKWORMS will be pleased to know that two Mid Argyll bookstores will be hosting a book signing on Saturday.

Denzil Meyrick, the author of the bestselling DCI Daley series,

will be dropping in to Tarbert and Lochgilphead to hand out signed copies of his latest book and to meet any avid fans of his in the area.

Meyrick, who was brought up in Camp-

beltown, had a varied career before picking up the pen and writing crime fiction. He served as a police officer for Strathclyde Police, before a stint in management at a distillery in Campbeltown. It is no surprise then that his first foray into published literature was Whisky from Small Glasses, a crime drama set in a small west coast community.

Meyrick's latest publication, Well of the Winds, is another instalment of the critically acclaimed DCI Daley thriller series, telling the story of city detective Jim Daley, who finds himself solving mysteries in small towns on the fringes of Scotland's coast.

The book signings will take place on Saturday May 6 at the Loch Fyne Gallery in Tarbert then the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead between 2pm and 3pm.

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# Tarbert Flower Show is suspended this year

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NO TARBERT Flower Show will be held this year after just two members of the public turned up to a crunch meeting on the show's future.

The meeting was called in a last-ditch effort to find volunteers and committee members - both of which are desperately needed to keep the show alive.

The existing Tarbert

Flower and Vegetable Show committee members felt that they could no longer continue, mainly due to a combination of advancing years and ill health.

At the public meeting on April 20, while both of the new faces were willing to help in the running of the show, neither was in a position to take on a committee role.

In the circumstanc-

es the retiring committee reluctantly decided that there could be no flower show this year.

The committee expressed gratitude to Dr Douglas Barker, in his absence due to ill health, who has acted as chairman for almost 20 years.

The efforts of the many people who have played a part in the running of the show over the past 67 years were also gratefully

acknowledged.

Committee member Ian MacIntyre said: 'Regret was expressed at the disappointment this decision will cause to the many exhibitors that have regularly supported the show over the years, by entering their produce in the various competitions.'

'The hope must remain that a new group will still come forward in the future and re-

store this annual feature.

'In the meantime, last year's trophy winners are asked to return these to Kintyre Electrical or Ian Y Macintyre's shop at the end of August as usual.

'They will be kept in secure storage until the situation is clarified.'

Julie Muir of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society said: 'It is unfortunate that at a time

when the benefits and value of gardening and working with plants is gaining almost daily importance and recognition, horticultural societies like Tarbert are struggling to find suitable volunteers.

'In pockets across Scotland it unfortunately would appear to be a problem and something that many dedicated horticultural societies are only too well aware of.'

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## Leanne works her way to top pool job



The swimming pool has a home-grown deputy manager to help run the facility. MACPool in Lochgilphead has appointed 24-year-old Leanne Williams to the role after two years working at the pool. In that time she not only worked as duty manager, lifeguard and swim teacher, but also trained as an aquacise instructor. Leanne, from Ardrishaig, is studying for an SVQ level three qualification in leisure management. In her new role she will oversee the duty manager, lifeguard and swim teacher teams, arrange training and keep staff qualifications up to date as well as looking after the running of the MACPool office, shop and reception. 'I'm just really pleased,' Leanne commented. 'I have a lot to learn but I'm looking forward to it.' 06\_a18macpool03

## Council funds on offer

COMMUNITY groups in Argyll and Bute are being invited to bid for a share of a cash pot to help improve their local areas. Argyll and Bute Council has £50,000 available funding for environmental action plans and up to £5,000 is available to organisations. Applications should be made by July 30 and awards will be made in September.

## HIE backs Argyll renewable energy firm with funding

A RENEWABLE energy company in Lochgilphead has received funding for a project to boost international trade and create jobs.

Renewable Parts Limited (RPL) has secured a £25,497 investment from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to help meet the market-

ing costs and increasing sales capacity.

RPL provides parts and services, such as electrical components and blade components, to the wind and renewable energy industry in Europe.

With help from the HIE funding, RPL expects to treble its turnover and provide security for its existing

workforce and create at least two new quality jobs in Lochgilphead.

James Barry, RPL chief executive, commented: 'Scotland is the home for renewables in the UK and this welcome investment from HIE will enable us to significantly increase our operations at a crucial time.'

## New council elected

WITH the results coming in after yesterday's (Thursday May 4) Argyll and Bute Council election, look out for full coverage in next week's edition.

The results are available before then on the Argyllshire Advertiser website www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk and Facebook page.

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# Dementia experts lend a hand at workshops

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RELIGIOUS leaders in Argyll, concerned with an ageing population, took it upon themselves to learn more about dementia.

Various members of the community met in Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday, April 28, to attend presentations and discussion led by experts and care practitioners on the affects of the brain condition.

With the average age of both church congregations and the general population on the increase, Rev Dr Roderick Campbell of the Parish of West Lochfyneside felt it was important to provide training and raise awareness of dementia to the people it is most likely to affect.

He said: 'You become increasingly aware of demen-



Members of the community gathered in Tarbert to understand the affects of dementia. 08\_a18dementia01

tia as an illness as you get older, for both sufferers and carers. I thought since the congregation is getting that bit older we should have some training.'

Recent experiences in the parish encouraged Rev Campbell to organise the

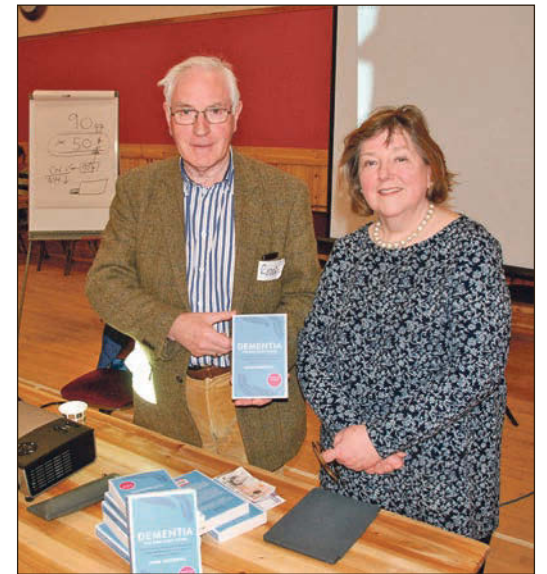
workshop, as he explained: 'I had a particular experience recently where I met a dementia patient and I realised just how little I, and many others, know about the illness.'

Professor June Andrews - a published expert on dementia -

was invited to Tarbert to lead a workshop explaining the medical nature of the condition as well as giving practical advice on how best to care and interact with dementia sufferers. June said: 'Congregations are ageing quickly but still maintain a

strong sense of pastoral community, making church events a good way to reach out to people who most need support.'

Workshops continued into the afternoon, with the Dochas Carers Centre leading a discussion on the affect of demen-



Rev Roderick Campbell and Professor June Andrews, with her book, *Dementia: the One-stop Guide*. 08\_a18dementia03

tia on carers and families. Crossreach, the Church of Scotland's care and support organisation, hosted the final workshop, outlining to the group the importance of pastoral support for sufferers.

Those at the work-

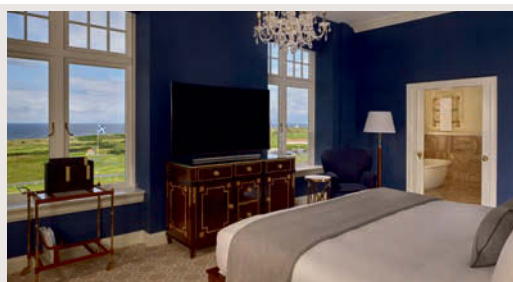
shops were grateful for the chance to learn about dementia, with one delegate saying: 'It's great to have people with such experience and knowledge coming here to teach us. It makes such a difference.'

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In no particularly order, from Lochgilhead: Cdt Ewan Barr, Cdt Connor O'Brian, Cdt Ben MacLennan, Cdt Catlin Armstrong and Cdt Robbie MacFarlane and Tarbert: L/Cpl Ryan Frew, Cdt Kayleigh McNeill and Cdt James Gray.

## Co-op cash boost for cadets

ARMY cadets in Mid Argyll have had a boost to their summer plans after getting cash from a local supermarket's community fund.

Lochgilhead army cadets received the money from the Co-op Local Community Fund, which supports projects in local communities using contributions from Co-op

members, as well as the sale of carrier bags.

The cadets collected their £6,024 cheque at the Co-op in Lochgilhead last month and hope to spend the money on taking the youngsters on more training trips and equipment.

Sgt Joe Ash said: 'The money raised could not have been raised without the fantastic support

of the local community who have supported the cadets during this period.' The money will give the detachments a bit of breathing space as they get set for a busy year ahead.

Joe continued: 'This will allow us the freedom to plan for the next 12 months and make sure the kids have a year to remember.'



Everyone enjoyed a night of music and dancing at the resource centre on Friday. 08\_a18resourcebirthday01



Shirley Nicolson, from the centre, with party-goers. 08\_a18resourcebirthday04

# It's party time at centre



Coast Collective played a lively set, getting people up on the dance floor. 08\_a18resourcebirthday03

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BIRTHDAY celebrations were in full swing on Friday night as the Lochgilhead Resource Centre marked its 30th anniversary.

Revellers enjoyed a night of music and dancing as staff, and the people they support, were joined by friends and families to let their hair down at the centre.

Local band Coast Collective did an excellent job of keeping the dance floor busy with a set list crammed with hits.

There was a nice extra touch to the night as guitarist Struan Thorpe actually works at the centre.

Although similar services have been running for longer, it is 30 years since the re-

source centre support service was established in Lochgilhead and Friday, April 28, was a fitting way to celebrate that time.

During the day, before the party kicked off, the centre held a stakeholders' day where partners met to review the service and discuss how to improve the centre.

Charlene Newman,

registered manager of the centre, said: 'Today was a chance for us to recognise what we do well and what we could do better.'

'The care inspector also came along and joined in, although not on official duty, which was really helpful.'

The centre has a busy few months ahead with many events planned on the

horizon, in particular the Special Olympics in Sheffield in July which the Lochgilhead competitors will be attending for the fourth year in a row.

Charlene continued: 'We are lucky to have such dedicated and motivated volunteers here to help us out and organise things, such as entering the Special Olympics.'

# All creatures great and small ... and parasitic

IN A first for the practice, Lochgilhead's vets put on a pleasant evening for dog and cat owners – all about parasites.

Guest speaker for the evening, organised by Dalriada veterinary practice, was Hugh McConville, senior account manager at Zoetis animal health. He soon had the audience scratching with a talk on external parasites such as fleas and ticks.

Hugh explained that centrally-heated homes are flea heaven; female fleas can lay 50 eggs per day; and that 95 per cent of the problem lies in the cat's or dog's environment rather than with the pet itself. Any flea treatment must include a programme to disinfect the home.

And who doesn't love



From left: Hugh McConville, Zoetis representative; Vet Justine Armstrong; Kathleen Merrilees, practice receptionist; Kirsteen Yuill, vet nurse; Catriona Anderson, vet; and Fiona Campbell, vet. 06\_a18vettalk01

a tick? Those little devils who can't resist hitching a ride on any passing dog or owner. Before clamping their jaws on to their skin, injecting their saliva and sooking away for all they are worth until they resemble a wee balloon.

The most common tick in Scotland is the sheep tick, Ixodes ricinus,

which requires three hosts to complete its life cycle. It accounts for 72 per cent of the Scottish tick population, loves mild, damp conditions and can cause swelling, infection and abscesses in pets as well as transmitting disease. In the human population, Lyme disease can result from tick bites, with 85,000

cases reported each year in Europe.

The recommended way to deal with ticks on pets is to treat them regularly and use a proprietary tick removal tool to remove them. The clear message was that prevention, for all ectoparasites, is better than cure.

Internal worm parasites was then the pleasant subject of a presentation by Justine Armstrong, a vet at the practice. She covered intestinal and non-intestinal worms, explaining that the 'bottom line' in dealing with worms is to treat pups when they are two weeks old. The risk of infection can also be reduced by keeping the animal's environment clean, lifting dog mess, and regular de-worming.

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## Editorial

### Take care when going out to sea

IT IS hard to imagine what must have been going through the mind of Matthew Bryce as he drifted in the dark across open ocean clinging to his surf-board.

It is incredible that he managed to cling on for more than 30 hours. But a bigger miracle is that he was found at all in the expanse of sea between Scotland and Ireland.

All the emergency services deserve a massive pat on the back for their skill and dedication.

This good news story – which might so easily have ended in tragedy – reminds us that our seas and lochs must be treated with respect, taking into account currents, sea conditions and weather.

Official advice from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency is that all coastal users should be prepared before going out on the water, or at the coast, where conditions can change quickly. Always tell someone where you are going and take an appropriate means of raising the alarm in an emergency.

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### Peace and unity in Europe

Sir,  
On Tuesday May 9, events will take place across the European Union (EU) to mark Europe Day, an annual celebration of peace and unity across the continent.

Thousands of people will take part in visits, debates, concerts and other events to mark the day and raise awareness of the EU. Celebrations will naturally be more muted here in the UK, as we embark on the process of leaving the EU.

Because the UK is embarking on the Brexit process, however, does not mean we should not celebrate the EU and its achievements, the foundation of which the UK played a key role in.

The day is also known as Schuman Day, commemorating the historical declaration 67 years ago on May 9, 1950 by the French foreign minister Robert Schuman, which marked the first move towards the creation of the European Union.

Its creation has proven to be highly successful in transforming a previously warring continent, the foundation of peace, stability and prosperity after centuries of bloodshed.

Since the Schuman Declaration nations across Europe have forged closer links and come together to reach common solutions to common problems, keeping the peace and enhancing our collective security.

It does no harm in being reminded what we have enjoyed, the precious gift of

more than 60 years of peace, stability and prosperity in a previously war-ravaged continent.

Alex Orr,  
Edinburgh.

### Crucial role of school libraries

Sir,  
Argyll and Bute Council has, in the recent past, shown itself to be out of touch with forward thinking about education and the central role of school librarians.

At a meeting of the public petitions committee in Holyrood on April 20, deputy first minister John Swinney gave a clear signal that it is his intention to formulate a national school library strategy, in recognition of the key role that school libraries have in supporting educational outcomes. His comments regarding the link between professional library staff and acquisition of information literacy skills made it clear that he had been persuaded by this aspect of the role. Also with the contribution school librarians make to literacy in learning.

He revealed that when the next 'How Good is our School' document is released in time for school session 2017/18, it will include guidance which focuses on the contribution to be made by library staff to cross curricular outcomes.

How Good is our School contains the criteria used to evaluate the quality of education provided.

Where will that leave Argyll and Bute Education Service, next time the inspectors call? Please ask your new councillors what they

will do to review the removal of school librarians.

Jenny Des Fountain,  
for Supporters of Argyll and Bute School Libraries,  
Tobermory,  
Isle of Mull.

### Plastics challenge for our oceans

Sir,  
With more plastic than fish in our seas a possibility by 2050 according to some predictions, our reliance on plastic in all its forms is clear.

To highlight just what a plastic pickle we're in, the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is once again throwing down the gauntlet to the public to take on the Plastic Challenge throughout June.

MCS, the UK's leading marine charity, is asking people to give up single-use plastics for a whole month.

The challenge is to say goodbye to conveniences like pre-packed sandwiches, ready meals and plastic-bottled drinks for a day, a week or, if you can manage it, for the whole of June.

This is a challenge that you can make as easy or as hard for yourself as you like.

But however you choose to do it, you can't fail to realise just how reliant on plastic we have become. Some things are really tough to replace, however much you want to give up single-use plastic.

Many people who take on the challenge really do get stuck in.

They know why it's so important to cut down on our plastic use. If these dedicated ditchers found it hard to find non single-use

plastic alternatives then that just goes to show how plastic dominates our lives, even if you actively don't want it to.

Register to take part in the Plastic Challenge at [mcsuk.org/plasticchallenge](http://mcsuk.org/plasticchallenge).

MCS offers help and advice through an on-line community in the run up to the challenge and all through the month of June.

Dr Sue Kinsey,  
MCS technical specialist.

### Custodians of Mull land have responsibility

Sir,  
In response to the letter from Tim Liddon of Tilhill Forestry (*The Oban Times*, April 27), many pesticides that are now banned – for example, organophosphates – were once authorised and approved by government and scientific authorities.

Neonicotinoids are already banned in some European countries and are shortly to be banned by the EU.

Pesticides are designed to kill, and neonicotinoids destroys acetylcholine in nerves and the brain.

The hazards for the neonicotinoid pesticide Gazelle (which is an acetamiprid) are:

1. highly water soluble
2. very persistent in aquatic systems
3. moderate mammalian toxicity
4. high potential for bioaccumulation
5. highly toxic to birds and earthworms
6. toxic to aquatic organisms
7. contaminates other plants, which depend on insect pollination, by the fungal mycorrhizal association from the systemic treated

trees. (I invite readers to check for yourself about acetamiprid.)

Yes, we enjoy the forests, but also for their wildlife and flowers. Mull has one of the richest variety and concentration of wildlife in Europe – golden eagles, a flourishing hen harrier population (which is declining in the rest of UK) and insects not found any where else.

Tilhill Forestry has a responsibility, as custodian of the land for future generations, to ensure that this wonderful diversity of wildlife and flowers (which depend on insect pollinators, such as bees) are protected. Wildlife tourism is also a major factor in Mull's economy.

Michael Shilson,  
Dervaig,  
Isle of Mull.

### Lanterns are a burning farming issue

Sir,  
NFU Scotland has stepped up its lobbying on the issue of sky lanterns in recent months. Although sky lanterns are seemingly innocent devices, and are beautiful to look at, they can cause untold damage as there is no control over where these burning structures of paper, metal and wood decide to land.

Across the UK, there have been many reports now of fires started by lanterns and harm to the health of livestock when lanterns have landed in farmers' fields and been eaten. There is a further risk to stock when grass is cut and ensiled for winter feed, and the wire is chopped up and subsequently contained in

hay or silage.

We ask the public, particularly as the wedding season approaches, to consider an alternative method of celebration and avoid the use of sky lanterns and helium balloons.

Martin Kennedy,  
Vice-president,  
NFU Scotland.

### EU unfair to non-Europeans

Sir,  
I refer to the plight of a Canadian couple who set up a business in Scotland but are soon to be deported.

Sadly, this is typical of the racial discrimination we have had to endure since we joined the European Union.

We have two elections coming up, so we have the opportunity to vote against candidates who are members of parties that support the EU, including members of SNP, Greens, Lib-Dems, and the Blairite wing of Labour, all of whom support the EU's racist immigration laws.

I voted leave because I am opposed to racial discrimination, for the same reason I think we should refuse to negotiate any trade deal with EU and should insist on a hard Brexit. Once we have left EU, we should refuse to trade with EU members and should impose a total ban on all imports from EU countries.

This is our moral duty in order to protest against EU immigration laws that discriminate against non-Europeans. At present we have to discriminate against Canadians because they are not Europeans.

David Gallant,  
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The class of '17: the new graduates after the ceremony at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus. 08\_a1856graduation01

# Lochgilphead graduates

EMOTIONS were running high last Friday as Lochgilphead S6 pupils waved farewell to the Joint Campus.

Parents were invited to attend a graduation ceremony on Friday, April 28, to celebrate the pupils' six years of school and herald the beginning of a new chapter for the young students.

Campus principal Ann Devine introduced the ceremony, commend-

ing the S6 pupils for their hard work, describing them as an outstanding group of young people.

Pupils were then presented with a certificate of graduation, along with a few kind words from their respective guidance teachers.

With many of the students going on to further education or starting in local industries, the future looks bright for the Lochgilphead graduates.



Myrin Robertson and Katie Luxmoore sheepishly showing off their artwork. 08\_a1856graduation03

## New graduates' artwork on display in joint campus

AFTER the graduation ceremony, parents were invited to join the new graduates and teachers in the library where some of the students' artwork was on display.

Eoghan Condie, one of the S6 pupils displaying artwork, was pleased to be recognised for the group's year-long efforts. He said: 'We thought it'd be a good opportunity to exhibit our work. We've spent so much time on the pieces that it'd be a shame not to show them off.'

Easels were erect-

ed to prop up the artwork, brightening up the library and turning it into a bright and colourful art gallery for the afternoon.

Several of the departing students are going on to study creative courses, such as print-making, architecture or fashion, which is testament to work of the art department at the Joint Campus.

'There's a number of us going on to study art-related courses next year,' Eoghan continued, 'so I'd say we're definitely an arty year group.'



Eoghan Condie and Cally Joynson helped to organise the pop-up library art gallery. 08\_a1856graduation04



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# Silvers Marine Scottish Series – all set for exciting racing and great fun - both on and off the water!

TARBERT will welcome the Silvers Marine Scottish Series fleet for the annual racing regatta on Loch Fyne between May 26 and 29 2017.

The event encompasses first class racing in a spectacular setting and has become an iconic regatta attracting not just competitors but visitors to Tarbert. The local community enjoys one of its busiest weekends of the year – both in the village and also at Portavadie marina across from Tarbert. For many it's a 'must do' weekend in the UK racing and social calendar.

The 43rd event is organised by Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) and the title sponsor is Silvers Marine. Racing is offered over a mix of classes –

from

spinnaker to non-spinnaker classes, sailing a mix of round the buoys Olympic courses to passage racing and a white sail cruise in company from Largs. The event offers something for everyone from highly competitive racing to family and cruiser classes with the inshore race on Sunday proving a popular addition.

## Tarbert Harbour Authority

Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) hosts the fleet for the duration of the event at Tarbert and looks forward to welcoming everyone as well as hoping for fair winds and sunshine for racing.

The THA team

has a rough berthing plan to adhere to on a first-come, first-served basis. The latest pontoon addition has expanded the berthing area and is now described as 'second to none'. The proposed new toilet and shower block should be completed for next year.

## Portavadie Marina

Across the water from Tarbert, Portavadie Marina also welcomes competing yachts for which a regatta rate of £20 is offered. Marina Manager Craig Cochran said: 'Most of the accommodation is taken by yacht racing teams and we are open for business in our restaurants and café at our Leisure Club.'

As well as being a Five Gold Anchors accredited marina Portavadie is a first class resort destination in itself with infinity pool,

spa and a range of shoreside accommodation and leisure facilities.

## The Racing

The event format is a mixture of Olympic style and coastal races.

All spinnaker classes race on Loch Fyne on day 1.

The opening passage race from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers is on Friday May 27. Saturday sees a passage race from Tarbert towards Otter Spit and return to Tarbert, which is not part of the series. Sunday features the Inch Passage Race and racing continues in Loch Fyne till Monday May 29. The overall regatta prize-giving is on Monday night at the marquee.

A Bangor to Tarbert feeder race starts at 8pm on Wednesday May 24. This year Irish interest in the event appears to have been re-kindled with a rise in entries from across the water.

Classes range from high tech IRC racers to those sailing CYCA handicaps, both spinnaker and restricted sail.

## IRC Championship

New for 2017 is the IRC Scottish Championship which will be embedded in the Silvers Marine Scottish Series for the first time.

Event chairman David Denholm explained: 'It makes sense as

the number of competitors at the Scottish Series is considerably in excess of the numbers that have turned out for the weekend championships. We are very grateful to the Mudhook Yacht Club for allowing the MacIver Salver to remain the trophy for the competition'. David added the IRC fleet within the entry list was now sitting at more than 35 boats and could be even higher with late entries. 'This probably moves it to one of the larger IRC championships within the UK,' he said.

## RC35

A new initiative for the RC35 class is formed out of the Scottish Series Class 2 to improve the competitive sailing in that band of IRC yachts and will see it a mainstay of this year's event alongside a revived Sigma 33 fleet, the One Design fleet and the strong 707 class. All classes are currently boasting around a dozen entries.

'Everything is shaping up well for an exciting race series over the end of May Bank Holiday weekend,' enthuses David.

'Entries are up on last year and we have substantial sponsorship, not only from headline supporter Silvers Marine, which also provides its barge and marks but prizes from Marlow Ropes, Knox anchors, a youth sponsorship boost from Hempel Paints and six mark buoys from Crewsaver.'

He added: 'It is again a privilege to link the Crewsaver brand with our One Design fleets which last year saw this racetrack provide some of the closest racing especially in the Hunter 707s. Indeed it was from this class the overall Scottish Series winner emerged.

'For 2017 we hope the same competitive spirit and expertise will again be displayed.'

Luke Patience may also be appearing again at Tarbert in a 707 and the class association is also making a boat available for a Glasgow University students' entry.

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David added: 'We are hoping for a substantial enlargement of the White Sail fleet through the Scottish Marine Tourism Alliance to interest from Sailing and Cruising Scotland, the Facebook-based group.'

**On the startline**

**Class IRC 1**

Former several-times, overall-series winner Jonathan Anderson races his new Ker 39 Inis Mor against the famous Howison partnership with their 'well kent' Local Hero. Rod Stuart and Bill Ram's Corby 37.2 Aurora will also be hot contenders in this class alongside the J122 Black Jack of Kip with Phil Moyes at the helm. Jay Colville from East Down Yacht Club brings his First 40, Forty Licks as well as the Mackays in their Farr 30 Wild Haggis. Possible late entries include Steve Cowie's Zephyr and Jamie McGarry's Eala of Rhu and both would also be to the fore in this class.

**Class IRC2 / RC 35s**

Competition should be very hot with the new RC 35 interest. The two Corby 33s Jacob V11 and Banshee of John Stamp and Charlie Frize race this class as seasoned and experienced campaigners giving close one design racing. And there are three J109s pitching up - Pat Kelly's Storm, the Irish contingent with Chimaera and Jim Dervin's No Worries. Add in three First 36.7s the Aitken's Animal, Jeffery and Scutt's Carmen 11 and Altair from Cove, the Balmforth's Tangarao and Rob McConnell's Fools Gold and there are some seriously good sailors in this class. Triple Elf, the First 35 of Christine Murray, is also always up there as is the Thomsons' Sloop John T, this year racing

against another Swan 40 Can Can IV, of the Thoms. Craig Latimer's new Wildebeest is a Ker 32 which promises great things. A previous class winner Craig's boats are always well sailed as is Neil Sandford's Now or Never 3.

**Class IRC 3**

Trastada, the Andrieu half tonner of Angus and Challis, returns as does Lambay Rules with Stephen Quinn of Howth Yacht Club. The J92s of Peter Doig from East Antrim and Nicholas Marshal's Satisfaction will also have fellow J92 Samurai J of Cove Sailing Club in close competition. Also battling it out will be the two half-tonner's Harmony and Kingone, always to the fore. Murray MacDonald is campaigning his Sonar for 'Autism on the Water' and the familiar names of the Kent's Farr e Nuff, Phoenix, Edgy and John Reekie's Blue Jay from Bassenthwaite SC should all add interest to the mix. The Swan 36 of Chris Frost may just upset the placings if the wind is up.

**CYCA 4**

Long time Scottish Series campaigner Brian Robertson is on home ground with Celtic Spirit, his X332 and Alan Moore's Dehler 34 Delinquent is also a familiar boat in this class. The Grand Soleil 34 of Bilsland and Campbell will no doubt be the strong contender to win the class but John Corson's Salamander and Boyd Tunnock's Lemerac will hope to give the Arran boys a run for their money. Keith Salters from Royal Ulster with Grey Goose and First Edition with Cameron Still, the GK 34 Strike 3 of Mark Taylor and Maria Beattie from Prestwick add to the mix.

A class with the Morrison's Enigma, the Elan 333 Delta Blue of Wallace and Cuthbertson and John Mill's Elan

31 Vamp should be really interesting to watch. And always in the top placings and several times class winner, Valhalla of Ashton the kenspeckle Swan 36 of Alan Dunnett will be sailing to win again as well.

**CYCA 5**

An open class with six entries to date. Experienced Alastair Pugh with his Contessa 32 Marisca is back again and Alistair Gay takes on the class with his lovely Nicholson 35 Orwell Lass. Colin Wood's Nic 30 from Largs is another of the classics as well as the Colvic UFO of Oliver Epsom that will have to work with Richard Doig's Sirius from East Antrim Boat Club and Ravel's Bolero of Kenny Macdonald. Slowest boat in the class is David Williamson's Westerly Tiger. This will be a close class to call.

**White Sail Fleet**

**CYCA Class 8**

This class has the widest range of handicaps to contend from 5.25 to 22.95. Owen McManus of Campbeltown Sailing Club sails his X332 Jochr and he will face stalwart Ian Nicolson's Maxi 1000 St Bridget. CCC commodore Clive Reeves also lines up with his Maxi 1000 Lyrebird. Royal Ulster YC is represented by John Moorehead in his Swan 40 Margarita and Angus Cartwright races his big 47.7 Golden Fox. The Sigma 33 of Stewart Shearer and Elan Impression of Reid and Wilkie and the Oceanis, Whimbrell, like the previous contenders are all quick boats and will have to be some way ahead to keep clear on handicap of the Frigate 27 and Jaguar 25 at the slow end of the fleet.

**CYCA Class 9**

This class start from Largs and will comprise 'non series' competitors who will take part in the passage racing. Anna Mae from Loch Sunart with Dorothy and Stewart Ritchie at the helm are long time SS campaigners. Marjorie Grant's beautiful McGruer sloop Kelana is entered as is the Moody 31 of the Devonalds of Delting Boat Club and Joe Magee's Albin Cumulus Torranan. Garth and Erica Wilson will be serious contenders for this with their Moody 336 Shearwater.

**Sigma one-designs**

There has been something of a Sigma 33 revival with 11 of these one-designs lining up for the starting gun. As ever the top three of Donald McLaren and his team on Sigmatic, Leaky Roof 2 of Harper and Robertson and James Miller's Mayrise will be hard to beat.

**Sonata one-designs**

Old School with Ross MacNish at the helm will have new competition this year with Brian Wiseman of Craignish Boat Club entering Virtuoso with Guy Neville at the helm. Mark Taylor's Saraband and Wicked Wookie will all be vying for top placings in what's again, a highly competitive fleet.

**VX / J70 and Hunter 70s**

2016 Scottish Series Winners overall Dara O'Malley and the 707 Seaword, return to defend their title. The team faces strong competition from More T Vicar of Carl Allen from Port Edgar, a previous class winner and Stewart Robertson's crew on Cacciatore, 707 Scottish Champions have to rank as a favourite. Glasgow University SC team race Big Boys' Toys with a boat given by the class association. David Smith's Rammie from Aberdeen is also a strong contender and Kieran McAllister returns with Wishful Thinking from Lough Swilly Sailing Club. The strength of this class on the east coast should show through with Neil McLure's Blue Funk, Mad Rafiki, from Helensburgh Sailing Club form the west coast contingent.

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Other supporters include RYA Scotland, and EventScotland.

**The social scene**  
 The social scene is as important as the on-the-water activity. The focus is the marquee by the Tarbert pontoons. Clyde Cruising Club is organising Icebreaker parties this year to kick-start events and welcome competitors on Thursday night. There will be a bar and a hog roast. A similar event will be held at Largs Yacht Haven for the white sail fleet. A small donation will be asked for to support the CCC Seamanship and Pilotage Trust charity. The Tarbert marquee provides a meeting point and social venue where everyone can enjoy drinks and catch up on the day's action on the water. Saturday night welcomes The Eliot Murray Band with free entry to the event. The traditional and spectacular fireworks on Saturday are this year being funded by Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC) and Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA). TEC receives support from Argyll and Bute Council and THA. John Hardie of TEC, which takes the lead in organising shoreside attractions, said: 'We welcome both competitors and visitors to this fantastic event. Everyone recognises its importance to the village. The regatta is so well run on the water with top class racing and this is pointed up by the entry list from far and wide. Ashore it's also great fun with a buzz about the village that is always associated with the Scottish Series weekend.' Tarbert's hotels, restaurants and other accommodation providers are geared up to offer a selection of the best of hospitality and food for all. John added: 'The Silvers Marine Scottish Series provides the best food, drink and boating for an unforgettable experience both on and off the water.'

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# Highlighting hardship in Mid Argyll

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EMOTIONS were drained in the busy Lochgilphead hall as the credits rolled after Ken Loach's moving film 'I, Daniel Blake'.

The story follows the struggles of a 59-year-old widowed Newcastle joiner who suffers a heart attack that leaves him unable to work.

Reliant on welfare, Daniel struggles to negotiate an impersonal and tortuous benefits system while helping a single mother who is struggling to take care of her two children.

Allowing for a little artistic licence, Loach's depiction is generally accepted as being pretty near the truth. It paints a bleak picture of people in genuine hardship in 21st century Britain, with the state seemingly reluctant to help. Some claim this is manifested in a convoluted system that can serve to deter some genuine candidates from claiming and drive others to distraction.

Hosted by Argyll and Bute Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) and the charity MOMA - Moving On Mid Argyll - last Friday's screening in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall saw a very healthy turnout of people, including Argyll and Bute's MP Brendan O'Hara and a forces veteran who has first-hand knowledge of the benefits system.

The 36-year-old Grenadier Guards veteran, Shaun, now lives in Argyll and spoke of his experiences.

After an accident



Grub's Up offered some tasty food to round off the night. From left: Angie Macconnochie, Irene Short, Christopher Halbert, Kirsty McKenna and Gill Hutton. 06\_a18grubsup01

five years ago, surgery on his back was unsuccessful so he was forced to seek support through the welfare system.

He waited for an assessment to be done for Employment and Support Allowance after applying in May 2015.

The 12-week target for his assessment came and went.

Shaun was eventually assessed 14 months later in July 2016. After a two-month wait he received word that, despite the fact he was walking with two sticks, he was deemed fit for work.

He explained: 'I was in tears. What was I meant to do?'

'The next nine months were hell. I spent a lot of time in bed with pain and medication, and all the while debt was building up.'

He added: 'I was close to becoming one of the suicide statistics.'

He finally received benefits a few weeks ago, but added: 'The

CAB was a great help to me, but the system is failing us.'

Representing MOMA, Sandy Taylor was almost apologetic as he outlined the charity's success in supplying starter packs to those setting up home for the first time. MOMA is a partnership between local churches, and Sandy explained: 'Our charity is only a success because the need for our services has grown.'

'When the charity began operating it would provide around 15 starter packs per year, but that has grown to 30 annually.'

'We were also supplying about 24 food packs when we began, but so far this year we've done 22 - and we're only at the end of April.'

The point was reinforced by Liz Miller of CAB, who said: 'In one day alone recently we had to request three emergency food parcels - in Lochgilphead.'

She stressed the problems that bene-

fits sanctions can have on claimants where, for example, appointments are missed, correspondence is not replied to or phone calls not returned - often the result of poor broadband and mobile service and limited public transport in Argyll.

'This is money people use to heat their home, feed and clothe themselves and their family, pay bills, pay for travel and get to the Job Centre to look for work,' Liz continued.

'Can you imagine what it is like to have that money taken away?'

The CAB can help, whether people are on benefits or not, said Liz.

As if to show defiance in the face of the bleak topic, the evening was rounded off with some excellent food provided by 'Grub's Up', a new recovery café project catering that evening for its first event.

A tasty way to end a thought-provoking night and send off audience members with food for thought.



The issues raised in the film are relevant to Argyll.

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Under its conductor, Marilyn J Smith MBE, and accompanist and depute conductor, Cameron Murdoch, the choir performs a wide range of music from choral standards to new music and often featuring delightful solo performances by choir members.

Its concerts in Argyllshire this month support a number of charities and the intention is to return to a number of the venues in the future to add to its praised series of postcard

CD recordings which raise much needed funds for these buildings or organisations. Venues already supported include the Italian Chapel in Orkney, St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow to support St Andrew's Hospice Airdrie and Iona Abbey, which is visited on this tour. Join the choir at a series of memorable concerts and performances - all welcome.

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# The future is bright for young entrepreneurs



The judges quiz Dunoon school enterprise Ma Jar Stick. 06\_a18youngenterprise02

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THE SPIRIT of enterprise is alive and well in Argyll.

If proof were needed, the Young Enterprise Scotland final in Inveraray last week provided ample evidence that youthful energy in business is here in spades.

The Argyll and Bute

area final, sponsored by Business Gateway, saw three teams of S6 pupils - two from Lochgilphead High School and one from Dunoon Grammar School - compete for the honour of representing Argyll and Bute in next month's national final.

The great and the good from across Argyll gathered last Wednesday at the Inveraray Inn to witness proceedings. Among the audience were council chiefs, head teachers, business leaders and, presenting the prizes, His Grace the Duke of Argyll.

The judges for this year's competition were business adviser Donald Melville from Business Gateway and Argyll and Bute Council head of strategic finance Kirsty Flanagan. Young Enterprise Scotland was set up



The winning team, West Coasters, with the Duke of Argyll. From left: Dougie Ritchie, Claire Morrison, Ruby Murray, Alexander Feeny, company boss Chloe Fairman, Iona MacNicol, Iona Raeburn, Aaron Whitefield and Emily Gillen. 06\_a18youngenterprise11

to inspire and equip young people to learn and succeed through enterprise. The company programme, delivered through schools, encourages pupils to set up and run their

own company and develop a range of skills throughout this year-long entrepreneurial experience.

For the final, the teams hosted trade stands before making a presentation to the audience, including the judges, about their experiences. Just to add to the stress levels of the young competitors, there followed a question and answer session with the knowledgeable audience.

The aspiring entrepreneurs handled every situation with great aplomb, and were a credit to themselves and their schools.

Speaking before announcing the results, Kirsty Flanagan said: 'Everyone involved in this process should be very proud. It is an amazing achievement, no matter who wins.'

In the end the clear winners were West Coasters from Lochgilphead High School, a company producing and selling 3D artwork using natural materials from coasts and all over the Mid Argyll landscape.

The Duke of Argyll rounded off the ceremony by addressing the enterprising youngsters. 'I just want to congratulate you all,' he said. 'The skills you have learnt will stand you in good stead for the future.'

He continued: 'If any of you are ever looking for a summer job...'

Chloe Fairman, managing director of West Coasters, was delighted.

'I'm slightly surprised, but overall we did well. I am very proud, because we pulled together, and it's just a rewarding feeling,' explained Chloe.

She added: 'I want to thank the rest of the team, and Mrs McBride and the school business advisers, who all helped us a lot.'

- Awards:
- Best report:*  
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- Best display:*  
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- Best presentation:*  
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The Lochgilphead High School team of Drift - From left: Jack Lague, Diane Corr, Hannah MacDonald, Sean Smyth and Tom McCuaig.

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The Ma Jar Stick team - From left: Cambeul Walker, Patrick Turton-Smith, Claire Gray and Amy Thomson. 06\_a18youngenterprise04

# Peninver Players pip top spot at drama festival

LAUGHTER and drama returned to Ardrishaig last week as the Argyll Drama Festival returned for its 69th instalment.

Four amateur dramatic clubs from around Argyll took to the Ardrishaig Hall stage for two rip-roaring nights of entertainment.

The amateur drama companies - Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Lochgilphead Drama Club, Accent Players and Peninver Players Drama Club - performed for an eager audience over Thursday and Friday last week, April 27 and 28.

The audience basked in the fun and frivolity of live stage productions as the casts and crews put on a feast of entertainment. There were trophies to be won or lost, however, and adjudicator Dr Paul Dougall had

the unenviable task of picking the top productions.

Paul, who has over 40 years' experience performing, adjudicating and producing stage plays, spoke of the high standard of performances, which he felt were deserving of a bigger audience.

It was Peninver Players Drama Club's performance of *Nearly Departed* that clinched first place overall, narrowly beating Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club's production of *A Separate Peace* by one mark. It was decided that Janette Hannah's energetic comic display in *Nearly Departed* just edged out Benderloch's Mike Rowell and earned Peninver the trophy.

'There was really very little between the two productions,' Paul said, 'but I had to decide a

winner and it came down to the lead performers.'

After the final marks and awards were handed out, Paul gave his last remarks on the festival: 'I've had a great time in Ardrishaig for the drama festival and have been impressed with the standard. Each play offered particular challenges to the clubs but the productions were very good.'

A fitting tribute was paid to the late Agnes Jane Gilchrist, who was a drama festival stalwart having attended every festival for its 69-year existence. The festival organisers are looking for anyone who is interested in joining the festival committee or is just interested in getting involved to get in touch as preparations for next year's festival will begin in the coming months.



Peninver Players Drama Club backstage before their performance of *Nearly Departed*. 08\_a18dramafest03



Adjudicator Dr Paul Dougall giving his opinion on the performances. 08\_a18dramafest05



Festival award winners: Kenny Johnson of Accent Players, Anne Leith of Peninver Players and Mike Rowell of Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club. 08\_a18dramafest07



The cast of Lochgilphead Drama Club's *Costa Del Packet*: Sandra Staniland, Ros Way, Jim Morrison, Ruth Morrison, Elizabeth Fraser, Kirstin Thompson. Lochgilphead Drama Club 08\_a18dramafest01



Anne Leith from the Peninver Players picking up the club's awards. 08\_a18dramafest06

**Results:**  
 First place overall: Peninver Players Drama Club  
 Highest mark for a dramatic production: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club  
 Highest mark for a comedy production: Peninver Players Drama Club  
 Highest mark for acting: Peninver Players Drama Club  
 Highest mark for stage setting: Lochgilphead Drama Club



Argyll Drama Festival committee. 08\_a18dramafest08



Elise Glendinning, Martha Rennie and Maureen Johnson of Accent Players, backstage after their performance of *The Magic Roundabout*. 08\_a18dramafest04



One of Lesley's pieces while at the Crinan Canal – 'From Bellanoch Swing Bridge'

## Gongoozlers' paradise as canals hit the canvas

SCOTLAND'S first ever canal artist-in-residence has captured the spectacular sights of the nation's inland waterways.

Lesley Banks is inviting the public to go 'gongoozling' as the first exhibition of her work opens on May 6 at the Park Gallery in Falkirk.

Entitled 'Gongoozler' - a Lincolnshire term for someone

who enjoys watching the world pass by on canals - the exhibition marks the culmination of a 15-month residency that saw Lesley travel Scotland's canals, including Crinan, creating paintings that celebrate the environments and stories of Scotland's 250-year-old waterways.

The exhibition will run until June 25.

## Fyne way for bikers to spend a Sunday

ALL ROADS lead to Loch Fyne Oysters this weekend - particularly if your preference is two wheels. The Clachan venue will host the third Bike Fyne motorcycle safety event on Sunday May 7.

Ducati Glasgow will be headlining the event, which aims to reduce the number of accidents involving motorcyclists on the A83.

Bikers can take part in training sessions and demonstrations provided by representatives from the motorcycle industry, including free emergency care training sessions offered by the fire and rescue service-led scheme 'Biker

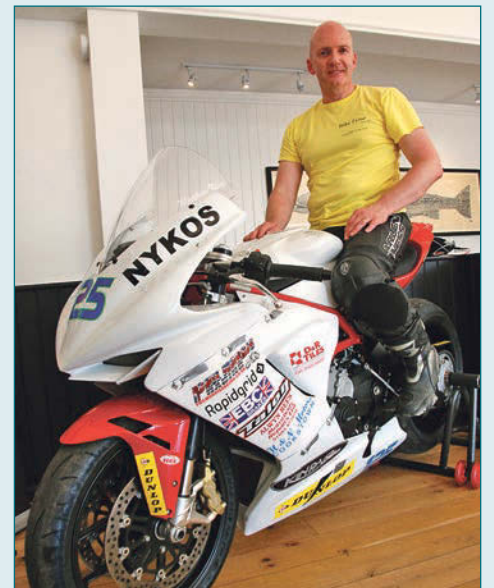
Down', and can learn to improve riding confidence and road skills through a variety of demonstrations.

The Institute of Advanced Motoring will offer observed rides on a number of routes through stunning Argyll scenery.

Also present will be the British Horse Society, Scotservs, MARTYS and the Scottish Air Ambulance.

More than that - bikers can take advantage of 20 per cent discount on all food in the Loch Fyne Oysters restaurant and 10 per cent off in the Deli next door.

Bike Fyne will take place on Sunday between 10am and 4pm.



Pictured at last year's Bike Fyne, Loch Fyne Oysters deputy managing director Martyn Paterson with a stunning Italian MVA Agusta.

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# Visitor centre proves a big hit over the Easter period



FOLLOWING a successful opening event on the April 1, the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation visitor centre at Barr an Daimh saw a steady stream of locals and tourists over the Easter period.

Visitors to the area have been keen to find out about the best places to see the beavers and other wildlife.

HOWA has also helped them to find out about some fantastic walking and cycling trails in the area and recommended businesses offering a range of wildlife and outdoor activities and experiences.

Lots of local people have been coming in too, which is great to see, and many brought their children and grandchildren during the school holiday periods.

Meanwhile, it is

great to see that the ospreys are back in the area, with many of them arriving a couple of weeks later than normal. The swallows have also returned, and cuckoos are being heard in the woods.

The trees are green-ing up and spring flowers such as cuckoo flower and stitchwort are popping up.

Despite the cold spring, some butterflies are beginning to emerge from hibernation and can be seen on sunny afternoons – look out for the bright colours of the peacock and small tortoiseshell butterflies. Also in May people may be lucky enough to spot the rare marsh fritillary butterflies particularly at Tainish and Moine Mhor SNH nature reserves.

At the HOWA centre, various animals are becoming used to the



Swallows herald spring in Mid Argyll.

presence of people and visitors have been lucky enough to see red squirrels, greater spotted woodpeckers, willow warblers, tree creepers, and the centre's entertaining family of bank voles.

Camera traps have also shown that badgers and pine martens

are regular visitors to the feeders outside a viewing window.

At present the centre is open from 10am every Monday and Thursday.

From the beginning of the summer holidays it will open five days per week and will run a range of

walks and events - the summer programme will be out shortly.

HOWA will also run activities at the centre on an ad hoc basis – keep an eye on the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Facebook page and the HOWA website heartofargyllwildlife.org

## Bluebell festival looking for fairies and elves

VISITORS to Inveraray Castle and garden during the month of May can feast their eyes on blooming bluebells - but best of all, fairies and elves can go free. Dust off your fairy wings, dress in your best fairy costume and you might just hear the bluebells ringing, calling you to the fairy gathering.

As part of the annual bluebell festival at the castle, there is free entry for fairies and elves when accompanied by a paying adult.

## Murder mystery money

A BAND of mysterious characters met on Saturday night in the Furnace Hall Social Club only to discover they were all suspects in a dastardly murder.



Whodunnit? Suspects in Fifi Flapper's murder mystery.

Using special packs supplied by Macmillan Cancer Support, three houses in Furnace played host to eight suspects each, all dressed in 1920s outfits and all under

suspicion of murdering the glamorous Fifi Flapper. Everyone met in the club to compare costumes and find out which house they were going to. With

the object of the night being to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer support, each house had devised their own way of extorting money from the suspects.

Fines for speaking out of character or pointing at a suspect helped to increase the tally, while villagers who weren't able to take part were encouraged to place bets on who the murderer might be.

The social club also donated the evening's bar takings, which meant the total raised came to £1,120. Everyone at the event would like to thank Sharon MacInnes for organising the night.

## Bakers wanted to avert coffee calamity

TO BE honest, the promise of some delicious home baking is one of the main reasons to go along to coffee mornings.

Yes, the urge to support good causes is there, but what people really love is a light Victoria sponge with fresh cream.

But this sweet charity treat could be in short supply for one fundraising event this weekend.

The annual Red Cross Week coffee morning is set to be held in Lochgilphead tomorrow, Saturday May 6, but organisers fear that baking donations will be thin on the ground as a number of events compete for the attentions of Mid Argyll's master bakers.

Much of the cash raised at this coffee morning will be used

to support the charity's vitally important patient transport service.

If anyone can provide a little baking to support the Red Cross, the coffee morning is to be held between 10am and 12pm at the Red Cross Hall on Union Street.

A sales table will be there, and visitors will be able to try their luck in a raffle, for which donations would also be appreciated.



Coffee and cakes – always brings a smile.

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# Missing cask and an errant blacksmith

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## James uncovers intriguing history

YOU NEVER know where a search into your family history might lead.

Ten months ago James Hamilton, weel-kent face on the Stornoway to Ullapool ferry and Tarbert's Corner House bistro, embarked on a new venture – the West Coast Whisky shop in Tarbert.

It was while hunting for secret love children of a family 'rogue' who disappeared in Africa a century ago that James happened upon the court papers of an earlier Arran ancestor and 'businessman'.

Like James, Daniel Cook embarked on a career in the whisky trade but, unlike James, on the wrong side of the law, and he left a 200-year-old mystery leading right up to the door of the Isle of Arran's new distillery.

James' voyage of discovery began by trying to please his mother. Catherine Hamilton (nee Stewart) is 88, still on Arran and 'as sharp as a tack'. Her great-grandfather John Stewart was 'a bit of a rogue', to put it mildly.

John, an 'errant' blacksmith at Lamlash smiddy, left his wife

Mary and five children, with another baby on the way, to start a new life in South Africa in 1902, sending back no word or money for many years, and possibly fathering relatives for James to track down. 'I wanted to find out some answers for mum,' he said, 'as to where this old b\*\*\*\*d was.'

John's granddaughter Georgia, less than charitably, continued the story in a document discovered by James: 'John Stewart decided to emigrate to South Africa, hoping to become rich but leaving his wife and children destitute in Arran. We understand he promised that once he was established, he would send money so that they could all join him.'

'However, this never materialised, leaving another deserted family to struggle on as best they could. As he had been an unfaithful and errant husband in Arran, grandmother doubted that he would change his ways in South Africa.'

True to form, John is listed on the Aberdeen Line steamship from London to Port Natal on May 28, 1902,



James believes there may be a buried cask waiting to be discovered on Arran.

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as a 31-year-old 'single' male.

Back on Arran, Georgia continued: 'The thought of being deserted with small children in a country where [my grandmother] had neither friends or relatives made her think that it would be a much safer option to remain in Arran where she was surrounded by both. However, as no money was ever sent, she never had the opportunity to make a

decision to go or stay. 'My grandmother then had to earn money by working in the fields for the various farmers and while she worked the two babies, including my mother, were left wrapped up in blankets in clean potato creels at the end of the drills.'

One son, Jimmy, 11 years old when his father disappeared to South Africa, worked on the baker's delivery van to earn some mon-

ey. 'Each day the baker would give him a slice of iced gingerbread to take home and this he divided in two, giving the two babies half each,' Georgia wrote. 'Naturally my mother always thought Jimmy was the kindest person in this world.'

Eventually, after 10 years of nothing, John was browbeaten into sending some loot by his sons, who traced him to Vereeniging, a district of Johannesburg, where he was working as a foreman.

'I was going to put an advert in the local newspaper,' James said, 'to ask if anyone had Scottish ancestry. But if Georgia had ever got hold of him in South Africa, he would not have had any more kids. She would have sorted him out with a large hammer.'

Then, while rifling through the drawers of family documents, James found papers detailing the trial in Inveraray of another relative, Daniel Cook, an illicit distiller accused of the 'heinous' crime of 'assaulting, beating and violently maltreating' Brodick customs officer James McGregor, on the highway between

Lagg and Benecargan, Arran, in March 1807.

McGregor caught Cook driving a horse and cart containing 'two' casks, McGregor suspected, of 'smuggled or contraband aquavita'. McGregor 'required him to stop', but, 'instead of doing so, Cook violently seized McGregor by the collar and threatened to knock him down with a bludgeon.'

When McGregor expressed his intention to seize the casks and carry them off, 'Cook again violently laid hold of MacGregor, and after attempting to throw him upon the ground, struck his right leg so violently with one of his feet, as to break or fracture the leg about three inches below the knee. McGregor was forced to abandon his seizure, and Cook instantly drove off with his horse and cart.'

As a warning for eternity, the crown advocate argued Cook 'ought to be punished to deter others from committing like crimes in all time coming'. Twelve witnesses were cited to give evidence against him, at a cost of £41 and

four shillings, worth around £1,400 today.

Cook, however, gave the 'it wiznae me' defence, declaring he was at his brother's house three-quarters of a mile away, with his cart laid up in a loft. Painting a wholesome picture, he added that he and Daniel Murphy, another farmer at Benecargan, had 'ploughed together on the said day and wrought as long as they could see with the daylight to turn a furrow'.

Cook was later exonerated, because 'the exciseman had no-one to corroborate his story'.

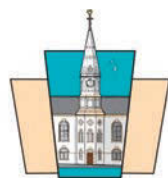
James said: 'I think he was just unlucky. There were illicit stills right through Arran and Kintyre.' But Cook left us a tantalising mystery: that there were not two casks of whisky, but three, secreted in haste after the incident.

'My mum always tells me they buried three casks in the peat, but they only recovered two, so it was said there is a hidden cask, maturing,' James recounted. 'This took place on the south end of Arran, where they are building the new distillery. It's right at the entrance.'

The distillery at Lagg is due to open in 2018.

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## Vets vital for animal welfare after Brexit

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BRITAIN'S vets are stressing the importance of veterinary expertise in maintaining animal welfare and food safety standards post-Brexit.

The British Veterinary Association's 'Brexit and the veterinary profession' report outlines the essential role that the UK veterinary workforce plays in not only caring for animals, but in enabling trade, ensuring food hygiene and safety, and undertaking cutting-edge research.

Non-British EU veterinary surgeons are critical to the UK veterinary workforce. Around 50 per cent of veterinary surgeons registering to practise in the UK each year come from overseas, with the vast majority of these coming from the rest of the EU.

One-fifth of vets are already reporting that it has become harder to recruit since the EU referendum.

The report sets out 52 recommendations for the short, medium and long term, including calling on the next Government to:

- Guarantee working rights for non-British EU vets and veterinary nurses currently working and studying in the UK, and for British vets and veterinary nurses working in the EU, at the existing level and with no time limit, to ensure the need for veterinary services can be met.

- Maintain, and seek opportunities to improve, current animal health and welfare standards and prioritise them in all trade negotiations to ensure that a high standard of animal health, welfare and food hygiene is a unique selling point for the UK.



Vets perform a vital service to the industry.

- Commit to maintaining a single standard for meat produced for both domestic and export markets based on current standards of food hygiene legislation and enforce-

ment, including veterinary certification and controls.

- Negotiate to establish formal links with the EU on disease surveillance, to ensure reciprocal data sharing

with Europe is maintained.

- Guarantee the UK veterinary profession ongoing access to all existing veterinary medicines licensed through the EU regulatory systems in order to meet animal health requirements, while continuing to play a leading role in tackling antimicrobial resistance internationally.

- Develop a regulatory and legislative framework to ensure the UK continues to be a globally attractive place for research and development.

- Establish a body to oversee and co-ordinate animal health and welfare policy across the four administrations of the UK and facilitate partnership working between industry and government to tackle endemic disease and animal health challenges.

BVA president

Gudrun Ravetz said: 'Vets provide the foundation for the UK's work on animal health and welfare.'

'Veterinary teams up and down the country support the UK's 11 million pet-owning households.'

'Not a penny of the UK's £13 billion agri-food industry could be realised without vets – and we are an integral part of the international scientific community, annually bringing in more than £50 million for research and development projects.'

'We believe Brexit also presents us with opportunities, for example, to develop a strong, competitive food industry with full consumer confidence at home and abroad as well as to position the UK as a world leader in high animal welfare – and a strong veterinary workforce is vital in achieving this.'

## Farm incomes plummet in five years

POOR farmgate prices, rising input costs and falling support levels see farm incomes halved in a year.

The latest Scottish Government statistics estimate that average farm incomes have decreased by 48 per cent in the last year alone, leaving farming families a return of £12,600. The downward slide in farm incomes, since a peak in 2010/11, has seen a 75 per cent fall over five years.

Official figures reveal that the income generated from almost two-thirds of farm businesses would not have been enough to meet the legal minimum agricultural wage for paid workers.

NFU Scotland is calling on Scotland's booming food and drink sector to 'immediately address the growing imbalance between the growth and profitability being enjoyed by retailers and processors and the returns to those producing the raw materials at the farm gate'.

The farm income figures also bring into sharp focus the need for post-Brexit farm policy and support structures that will secure profitability and stability at farm level.

NFU Scotland's director of policy Jonnie Hall said: 'These bleak income figures provide hard evidence of the sustained financial damage to farm businesses across a range of sectors. Anecdotal comments and suspicion around how difficult it has been are now backed by fact.'

## King will have Highland Show all shook up

IT IS not all about sheep, coos and big tractors at the Royal Highland Show.

Show organisers have unveiled an exciting programme of live music for this year's celebration of the best in livestock, farming, food and rural life.

No less a superstar than Elvis hits the west stage on Saturday June 24 – or, to be more accurate, Absolute Elvis – bringing some of The King's hits to life for show-goers.

Bands and perform-



Elvis will be in the building.

ers from across the musical spectrum will appear throughout the four days of the show.

With 11 solo albums to date, John Barker brings his Trumpet Magic to the east and west stages, while

Glasgow-based Awkward Family Portraits blend contemporary folk with Americana.

Pipe band fans will be spoilt for choice, with no fewer than five performing at the show. Stirring the

blood among the pedigree bloodlines will be Queen Victoria Pipe Band, West Lothian Schools Pipe Band, St Columba's Pipe Band, the Royal British Legion Band and the Scots Guards Association Pipe Band.

Brass is also represented by the Clackmannan District Brass Band.

The Scottish theme continues with the aptly-named Foot Stompin' Ceilidh Band, the Cutting Edge Ceilidh Band, and the Fife Strathspey and Reel

Society. Schools from around Scotland will also put music centre-stage – Lathallan School, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire pipe bands from this year's host area will be marching through the avenues, as will a band from West Calder High School.

Jazz aficionados can enjoy the Dick Lee Trio while the Phoenix Gospel Choir and the Farmers and Farmers' Wives Choir will appeal to choral enthusiasts. Acoustic group Blu Flint, the Stirling

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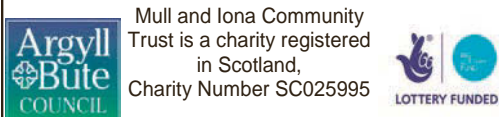
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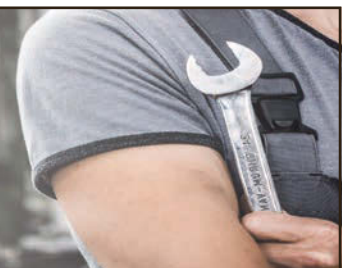


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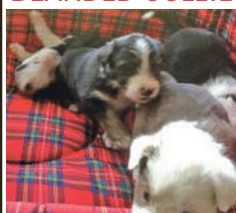
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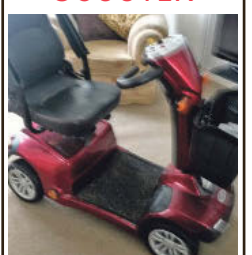
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On Wednesday, April 26, people were invited to sample a range of hot and cold smoked trout products fresh-

ly prepared on site by fish farming company Dawnfresh at Taynuilt Village Hall. All of the trout on show was farmed from near-by sites on Loch Etive.

Dawnfresh has five sites at different points in Loch Etive, from Port na Mine in the east to Ardchattan House in the west.

Alison Hutchins of Dawnfresh said: 'It was fantastic to see so many people come and sample the fresh fish produced right on their doorstep on Loch Etive.'

'We wanted the local community who live in the area to come and sample the food produced in Loch Etive.'

DUNBEG

# Masterplan approved

EXPANSIVE plans to transform sites between Dunbeg and Ganavan have been given the go-ahead.

The ambitious blueprint will see 600 houses built in the area, as well as shops and business facilities.

Members of Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing committee approved the plans at their meet-

ing on April 26. A total of 300 homes will be built in the first phase of work in the next six years. At least 25 per cent of the completed development is to be affordable housing, with a mix of houses and flats.

Green spaces, play parks and landscaping also form part of the proposal.

Kirk Road is to be upgraded to accom-

modate the new homes and a new roundabout will be created near the Halfway House fill-in station. The Dunbeg expansion will be part of the council's local development plan, which outlines major infrastructure proposals for Argyll and Bute for the next five years.

Approval has been given for the full masterplan, subject to planning consent.

CAMPBELTOWN

# Highland games return

VOLUNTEERS have managed to revive the Campbeltown Highland Games this year, taking place on Saturday, May 13.

Since its announcement, there has been a change in location and the event is now being held in the hospital field at Limecraigs.

At night there will be a party at the Victoria Hall. The Big Ceilidh event will take place on the Saturday night at 7.30pm.

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Hannah Tofts with one of her sarongs inspired by sea trash.

# Colourful plastic

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Now, after a successful crowd fund campaign, she is ready to launch her beachwear brand 'Let's go to the beach'.

On the back of her crowd fund campaign, Hannah gained the support of the Plastic Soup Foundation and the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), both of which will partner her on future endeavours and will also receive a donation for every sarong sold.

Ian Fraser, head of fundraising at MCS, said: 'We are delighted that Let's go to the Beach has decided to raise funds on our behalf by designing and selling these sarongs in such a unique, creative and innovative manner.'

# Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



We were at a most interesting course on helping to understand and relate to people with dementia. This was led by Professor June Andrews, and she was an inspiration.

June helped us understand the confusion and fear that people with dementia experience.

She invited us to consider ways in which we could help, and understand the fear and confusion that people with dementia experience every single day. June enabled us to catch a glimpse of the mental anguish suffered by so many with this distressing condition.

There was much to absorb and much which gave hope.

One of the things that impressed me most was when June told us about a new venture in dealing with people who turn day into night and who are unsettled and anxious as night falls.

She said that in care homes night staff are encouraged to wear pyjamas or onesies.

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"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

**DEATHS**

**GILCHRIST** - On April 25, 2017, peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Agnes Jane, in her 88th year, much loved mother of George, dear mother-in-law of Bettina, dearly loved sister of Flora, and the late Greta and Betty, and a dear aunt of Peter. A good neighbour and friend of many. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on May 2, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery. With special thanks to doctors and staff at Lochgilphead Medical Centre, Beatson Glasgow and Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Grey Gull Inn for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £500 was raised for the Beatson Cancer Charity.

**MACINTYRE** - At Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, after a long illness, on April 27, 2017,

Billy MacIntyre, in his 55th year, of Cruachan, Middle Balado, Kinross, dearly beloved husband of Irene, devoted dad of Fraser, beloved son of Janet and William MacIntyre, 64 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Janice and a loving uncle. A cremation service will be held in the Dunfermline Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 10 at 2.00pm. A memorial service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, May 15 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Headway.

**MACMILLAN** - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, Shalom, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on May 2, 2017, Jenny Ferguson Mitchell, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Donald MacMillan, much loved mother of Shona and the late Robert, loving granny of Rebecca and Rhiannon and great granny of Jennifer, Millie and Bobby. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, May 5 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery, Southend. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection

will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MCARTHUR** - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 29, 2017, Duncan McArthur, aged 68 years, of Robert Burns Drive, Edinburgh, formerly of Lochgilphead and Newcastle, much loved brother of Susan and the late Peter and Archie. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service private, by request.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**YOUNG** - Christine, Gemma and Laura would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss of Robert. Many thanks to family, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, food parcels and kind messages with stories of an amazing character. Special thanks to all the nurses involved for their kind care and attention. A very special thanks to Rev Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, handling of all arrangements and attention to detail, organist, Ethel MacCallum, and piper, Ian Campbell, for their playing and choice of music, The Scottish

Heather Shop for beautiful floral tributes, The George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £1,255 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARSHALL** - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days. May the winds of Heaven blow gently, And whisper for you to hear, That I still love and miss you, Always wishing you were here.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend.

**MCCALLUM** - Treasured memories of our mum, Tessa (Scally), died May 7, 2007, and dad, Archie (Caddy), died January 6, 1993. Remembering every day.

- Maureen, Robert, John and family.

**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012 and a beloved granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, died May 5, 2010, aged 27 days. Three little words, "forget me not", Don't seem much but mean a lot, Just a memory fond and true, To show, we are thinking of both of you.

- Isobel, Stephen, Andrew, Paul, Anthea and family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

Sunday 7th May 2017  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
All welcome

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
Sunday 7th May 2017  
Communion Services  
**Skipness Service**  
10am  
**Tarbert and Kilberry**  
Service 11.30am  
Rev Walter Ritchie  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith,  
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Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

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Services in  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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

Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
All Saints, Inveraray  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
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**ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN**

SCO02876  
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Rev. Tony Wood,  
**01596552160**

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Saturday 6pm  
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**HOLY MASS**

every Sunday 10am

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 7 May  
Tayvallich Church 10am  
Morning Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Saturday 6 May  
Achnamara Hall  
Café Connect 10.30am  
Quilting Talk 12.45pm  
Dr Chrystine Livingston  
Monday 8 May  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer Time 10.30am  
Thursday 11 May  
Messy Church  
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6pm  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.northknapdale.org



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St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 7th May  
Easter 4  
Morning Prayer followed  
by Theological Reflection  
10.45am  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of  
the Worldwide Anglican Communion



George Street, Campbeltown  
Sunday 7th May  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
Wednesday 10th May  
12.30pm Bible Study  
and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
All Welcome  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



Communion Service  
7th May 2017  
11.00 am  
Visiting Speaker - Fiona  
Merriweather  
with Sunday School  
followed by refreshments  
Church AGM  
10th May 2017  
7.30pm Ardsheil Hotel  
Mainly Music  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



KILMARTIN  
Sunday 7th May  
Service at 11 a.m  
Speaker this week -  
Graham McLean  
"Oaks of Righteousness -  
The Planting of The Lord"  
Light meal to follow  
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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

Christ Church  
Bishopton Road,  
Lochgilphead  
(SC013787)  
Sunday 7th May  
11.00am  
Service of Healing with  
Prayers for the Sick.  
St Columba's, Pottalloch  
(SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month  
9.00am Holy Communion  
3rd Sunday of the month  
6.00pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**Highland Parish Church**



SCO02493  
Sunday 7 May 2017  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The service will be conducted by  
Rev William Crossan  
and will be held in the church at  
11.15am  
Please note that the service is in  
the church and not  
Kirk Street Hall  
All Welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number  
SCO11686  
Sunday 7th May  
Sacrament of Holy  
Communion 11.15am  
Kirk Session meet 10.55am  
Creche Holiday Club  
for P1-P7  
Sacrament of Holy  
Communion 2.30pm  
Rev P Wallace  
Tuesday 9th May  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Friday 12th May  
Lunch Club



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Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Wednesday  
Lunch Club 12.15pm  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch  
Craft Group  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Captains Ben & Ruth  
Russell  
All welcome

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 7th May  
Family Communion Service  
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Wednesday 10th May  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

7th May 2017  
Worship Service  
Kilmartin 11.45am  
Rev. C R Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

## Lochgilphead golf round-up

SPRING has been a busy time of the year for Lochgilphead Golf Club as golfers have been eager to get off to a good start in the new season.

The ladies' season teed off on April 1 with the Nogral trophy, which was won by ladies' captain for this year Ele Hunter, with runner-up Donna McKellar. It was the same result in the next competition, the Booker Trophy, as Ele pipped Donna once again.

On Easter Sunday the ladies played for the Easter trophy which was won by Margaret MacKinnon with Ele Hunter finishing as runner-up this time round.

April was rounded off with two nine-hole competitions where Kathleen Young and Donna McKellar finished in the top spots.

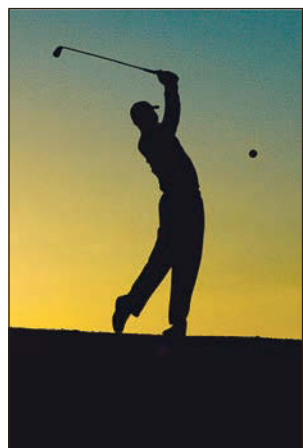
Last weekend, the ladies played for the CLIC Sargent Cancer medal which saw Donna McKellar with Ele Hunter on top again, this time Donna taking the trophy home.

Douglas Whyte opened the gents' season with a win in the Dunlop Tankard finishing above David Sinclair.

In the Booker Trophy, Whyte couldn't match his previous victory and finished second to Steven Colligan.

The Marie Curie medal was one of the more tightly contested and Robbie Wilson did well to beat Jim Hunter after a count back. Jim Hunter then hit fine form, winning both the Easter Trophy and the Dunlop Stableford with Alex Macaulay finishing in second place at both events.

The club hosts a Prosecco afternoon tea this Saturday; there are a few tickets left and they can be obtained from Phyllis Angus, just phone 01546 602763.



Primary one to three soccer centre youngsters with a generous cheque from the Co-op.

## Lochgilphead Soccer Centre wins big

YOUNG footballers in Lochgilphead are to benefit from Co-op members' cash.

Working in partnership with Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS), Lochgilphead Soccer Centre has been given a grant of £6,411 from the Co-op Community Fund.

The funding will allow the club to join the prestigious Coever partner club programme for two years as well as cover a total of 10 expert coaching sessions for the youngsters.

Bruce West, from the soccer centre, said: 'We are delighted with the award - it's terrific news for youth football in Mid Argyll.'

The money is to be shared by MAYDS in Lochgilphead to help spread the benefit across the area. MAYDS worker Fiona Kalache welcomed the award: 'We are delighted to have worked in partnership with soccer centre on this and it will be a huge benefit to a large number of children in our area.'

# Meikle masterclass as Star beat Houston

**Houston United** 2  
**Lochgilphead Red Star** 5

HAT-TRICK hero Innes Meikle helped Red Star to secure their place in the quarter finals of the Hall Cup on Saturday after an impressive victory over Houston.

The small surface at Lochwinnoch made it a tight match but Star started on the front foot and took the lead when Rab Docherty crossed the ball to Innes Meikle, who finished from close range.

Star let their opponents back into the game, however, after some sloppy play at the back resulted in Ben

Forbes fouling his man in the box. Star keeper Ben Pollock did well to save the initial effort but after the referee had spotted encroachment in the box and ordered a retake, the Houston forward made no mistake on his second attempt.

As the first half progressed it was Star who posed the biggest threat and were unfortunate not to be ahead as forwards Kieran Moore and Innes Meikle found the Houston keeper to be in fine form.

Star did get their noses in front just before the interval when Ben Forbes, making amends for his earlier mistake, picked the ball up

in his own half before releasing Kieran Moore with a superb ball down the right channel. The young forward had the composure to drive into the box and lay the ball into Meikle who put Star 1-2 up at the break.

Into the second half and Star looked to have put the game to bed when Kieran Moore was released through on goal by Lee MacLean, and the striker finished coolly over the head of the Houston keeper to put Star 1-3 up.

Houston found a way back into the tie in bizarre fashion. Star 'keeper Pollock was caught off his line after his enthusiastic cele-

bration of the previous Star goal and Houston lobbed it over his head from the kick off. Pollock hadn't taken the shorter pitch into account and the teams drew level at 2-3.

Thankfully for the keeper, this mishap had little effect on the outcome of the match as the Lochgilphead side soon restored their two-goal lead.

Kieran Moore once again beat the offside trap and finished low past the keeper to make the score 2-4, with Pollock happy to applaud from his own goal line this time.

The Star midfield were now dominant with Lee

MacLean and Aaron Moore once again driving the team forward from the middle and it was no surprise that they added to their tally late on.

When the ball fell to Meikle 20 yards out, he hammered the ball into the net to complete his hat trick in stunning style and secure Red Star's place in the next round.

Tomorrow, Saturday May 6, Red Star travel to play Houston once more, this time in league action. The team look to take a big stride towards promotion with another win in their penultimate Premier 2A match.

# Achnashelloch whips up a motocross storm



Riders line up at the start line, set for racing.



Action from the Twinshock Scottish Scramble Championship.



The Achnashelloch track allowed fast-paced, flowing racing for the riders.

ROUND two of the Scottish Scramble Championship took place at Achnashelloch farm last Sunday, April 23. Riders were treated to a cracking day as a well-laid-out, graded track and superb weather allowed for quick, flowing racing for all the riders.

The Scottish Twinshock Club, race organisers, thanked Stewart Campbell for hosting the event at Achnashelloch, and the team hopes to return next year for more motocross action.

The next round of the championship takes place on Sunday May 28 at Powmill.

The top scoring team were the Red Rockets, who beat Argyll and Dial-a-tow into third spot with the Ballistic Six scoring well to



Flat out scrambling at Achnashelloch. Photos: West Coast Photos.

close the gap to just two points at the top but behind Onestop Racing. Results: 1 Onestop Rockets 401 points; 2 4 Team Argyll 385 points; 3 The Red 266 points; 4 Team Argyll 385 points; 5 Dial-A-Tow 266 points.

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# SPORT

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Lochgilthead  
golf round-up

## Inveraray and Kyles get home ties in Celtic Cup

VENUES for the semi-finals of the MacTavish Cup and Gregor Cameron Celtic Society Cup were decided by the toss of a coin this week. The offices of Anderson Shaw and Gilbert in Inverness - the new match day sponsors for the MacTavish Cup Final - hosted the draw.

Inveraray and Kyle got the luck of the toss and are set to play their Celtic Cup semi-finals at home.

MacTavish Cup semi-final, May 13: Newtonmore v Glenurquhart at The Eilan, Newtonmore.

MacTavish Cup semi-final, May 20: Kilmallie v Kinlochshiel at Kirkton, Balmacara.

Celtic Society Cup semi-finals, May 13: Inveraray v Oban Camanachd at The Winterton, Inveraray; Kyles Athletic v Glasgow Mid Argyll at The Playing Fields, Tighnabruaich.

The MacTavish Cup Final will be held at the Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday June 10 and the Gregor Cameron Celtic Society Cup Final will be held at The Playing Field, Taynuilt on Saturday June 24.

# Last-gasp cup exit for Inveraray

**Inveraray 4 Oban Celtic 5 (AET)**  
MACAULAY Cup runners up last year Inveraray were knocked out of this year's tournament, losing 5-4 to Oban Celtic after extra-time.

Lee Askew opened scoring for Celtic with a scrappy goal after five minutes but as the game flowed from end to end, Inveraray responded well with Ruaraidh Graham and Allan MacDonald scoring to put the home side ahead 15 minutes later.

Another blow was to follow for Celtic as they lost full back Andy MacDonald with a nasty cut to his face.

This seemed to spur Oban Celtic on and former Scotland U21 international Daniel Madej made it 2-2 with a well-worked goal on 37 minutes.

Oban Celtic then conceded directly from the restart as Allan MacDonald grabbed his second to give Inveraray a 3-2 advantage at the break.

When MacDonald completed his hat-trick on 65 minutes, Inveraray had one foot in the next round of the cup.

It would have been easy for Oban Celtic to throw in the towel but manager Kenny Wotherspoon went for broke.

Oban Celtic showed a great fighting spirit which paid dividends when Neil Carmichael scored twice in the final seven minutes.

A low, driven shot from Carmichael sneaked into the corner of the net, making



Inveraray's Allan MacDonald shields the ball from his namesake Andy MacDonald from Oban Celtic. Photo: Stephen Lawson

it 4-3 on 82 minutes, and even when it still looked as if Inveraray would grind out the win, Carmichael scored again to take the tie to extra-time.

Oban Celtic were the fitter side during extra-time and Inveraray failed to match their opponents' desire.

With 90 seconds left, and as both managers were contemplating a penalty shootout, Celtic won it. Daniel Madej hit a snap-shot on the turn from 20 yards out which was saved by Scott MacLachlan but Daniel MacMillan was first to react and he rifled the ball low and hard into the net to win the tie and set up a derby meeting with Oban Camanachd at Ganavan in the quarter-finals.

Inveraray, who will be reeling from this loss, are back in cup duty this coming Saturday, at home to Tay-

forth in the Camanachd Cup.

### Kyles Athletic 3 Kilmallie 1

WITH THEIR rivals in cup action, Kyles Athletic took the chance to go two points clear at the top of the table after they defeated Kilmallie 3-1 at Tighnabruaich.

Callum Miller and Grant Irvine were missing for Kyles so Innes MacDonald and Cammy Keith were deployed as a make-shift full back partnership.

Kilmallie are feeling the full effects of their ill discipline in recent matches as they were without starters Michael Rodger, Aaron Sandison and Liam Cameron, however, forward Duncan Rodger had returned from his suspension.

When referee Lachie Wood awarded Kyles a 27-minute penalty, the ever-reliable Rob-

bie MacLeod stepped up to score.

Sandy MacKenzie made it 2-0 on 35 minutes and it stayed that way until the break.

Kilmallie's Duncan Rodger pulled a goal back on 54 minutes only for Roddy MacDonald to make it 3-1 on 74 minutes to maintain his record of scoring in all of Kyles' eight matches this season.

Kyles are now two points ahead of Kinlochshiel and Oban Camanachd but they have played a game more than the former and a game fewer than the latter. Their next match is at home to Lovat in the Premiership with a 2.30pm throw up.

**Kyles Athletic 0 Lochside Rovers 2**  
ROVERS returned from Tighnabruaich with a win for the second successive Saturday after a 2-0 win

over the Kyles Athletic reserves.

Michael MacQueen gave the Oban side the lead after half an hour with a 25-yard rocket shot into the top corner of the net.

Keith Burnett added a second on 66 minutes courtesy of a lovely assist from Michael MacQueen and he slipped the ball past the advancing Kyles' custodian.

Kyles put pressure on the visitors during the final 15 minutes but the Lochside defence was outstanding.

Kyles reserves are at home to Col Glen in the league next week.

### Col Glen 1 Taynuilt 1

STEVEN Parr's goal just seconds from full time earned Taynuilt a share of the points in a 1-1 draw with Col Glen at Glendaruel.

The first half was goalless but Connor Kennedy put Col Glen ahead 10 minutes after the restart.

That's the way it stayed until the game moved into the final minute when Steven Parr equalised for Taynuilt.

Col Glen stay fourth and Taynuilt stay fifth with a game in hand.

## Home game for Tarbert

TARBERT AFC are playing at home this Saturday, May 6, against Duntocher in a SAFL Premier 2B league match.

The Mid Argyll side have two matches remaining and hope to finish a difficult season on a high with a couple of good performances and results to take into next season.

Several young players have featured for Tarbert this year in what is their first season at senior amateur football.

The match against Duntocher on Saturday kicks off at 2pm at Cil Andreis.

## Sports club lotteries

THE NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 11, 15 and 19. There were no winners this week so next week's prize is £300.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 14, 15 and 16. There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £600.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 15 and 9. There were no winners this week, meaning next week's prize will be £400.

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