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# Feathers fly in row over Ardrishaig hub project

**Colin Cameron**  
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A FLAGSHIP Mid Argyll construction project has flown into controversy after the developer was accused of disturbing rare nesting birds.

Andrew Tongue, a research ornithologist based at the University of Birmingham, claims work at the former Gleaner site in Ardrishaig has been allowed to go ahead despite the fact there are breeding birds on the site.

The £1.5 million scheme by Scottish Canals to refurbish the former Egg Shed building as the core of a community and visitor hub got under way in late April.

Mr Tongue, though, claims the work may be taking place in contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside

Act (1981), as amended.

Writing in this week's paper (page six, Letters), Mr Tongue says: 'I was shocked on arriving at Ardrishaig recently, for 2018 fieldwork, to discover the former Gleaner oil depot, a known local breeding site for the UK Amber-listed common gull as well as oystercatchers and black guillemots, is undergoing major development, with complete and utter disregard for these breeding birds.'

The accusation has been refuted in no uncertain terms by Scottish Canals.

Julia Johnstone, senior environmental scientist at Scottish Canals, said: 'We strongly reject these allegations. We provided Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the regulatory

authority, with access to the site last week to check for nesting activity. None was found. 'SNH has advised there are a number of other suitable habitats nearby and that we are fully authorised to undertake works on the site.

'We have followed all SNH guidance throughout the project and have fully complied with all planning consent conditions set down by the local council. We will continue to liaise with SNH on any issues that may arise on the site to ensure we continue to fulfil our statutory obligations.

'Our environmental team works very hard to minimise the impact of any work we undertake on local wildlife and the project in Ardrishaig is no different.

'We value the wildlife that call the canal home, not only for their biodiversity but for the benefits they bring to users. We are committed to safeguarding local habitats for everyone to enjoy.'

Mr Tongue added: 'I implore Scottish Canals to temporarily postpone this work until the birds have finished breeding for the year and, longer term, to design a mitigation plan for these birds.'

The body responsible for planning matters on the site is Argyll and Bute Council and a spokesperson said: 'No representations were received in respect of it being a habitual nest site.

'It is the responsibility of anyone carrying out work not to disturb nesting birds under wildlife legislation.'



Red Star players savour victory – and promotion – after the sixth goal is scored by hat-trick hero Kieran Moore, right. The team secured promotion to SAFL Premier 1 with a home win over Duncanrig. Full story, page 32. 08\_a18redstar15

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## MOJO mania hits Ardfern

MOJO Argyll will be back at Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, on Saturday October 20.

The music event is currently accepting applications from Argyll musicians or those with strong Argyll links. Any style of music will be considered, with a shortlist of acts to be confirmed by the end of the summer.

Organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'We had a great night of music last year and felt so welcome and supported in Ardfern. We still hope to stage MOJO in other locations through-

out Argyll in the future, but Ardfern has given us the start we needed. We hope to build on that this year to get MOJO and the artists out there.'

If you are over 18, your band or yourself can perform for more than 30 minutes and you are a resident in Argyll or have strong connections to Argyll, the MOJO team want to hear from you.

If you are interested in applying, contact Dan on 01546 602429, or visit the MOJO - Argyll Facebook page.



Oban band Citizen9, who performed at last year's MOJO event.

# Inveraray looks to Tarbert for marine tourism ideas

PLANS continue apace to open up Inveraray's waterfront to marine tourism and the town is learning from another lochside community with a well-developed tourism strategy.

Members of the Inspire Inveraray group met Tarbert Harbour Authority representatives on April 27 to see

what maritime ideas could be adopted.

'We're very grateful to Tarbert for offering to help us,' said Inspire Inveraray vice-chairman Derrick Anstee. 'They have considerable experience in running a harbour since Tarbert gets much more marine traffic as they are closer to

the busy waters of the Clyde estuary and Kyles of Bute.'

The aim for Inveraray is to attract more vessels of all sizes up Loch Fyne to the vicinity of the town, provide easier disembarkation and hopefully enable the re-opening of the pier. Inspire Inveraray is now looking at options,

including taking on the public toilet building at the pier head and installing showers for marine visitors. 'With support from the Tarbert harbour team, we have been encouraged to produce a marine masterplan that will start with four visitor moorings and a pontoon landing,' continued Mr Anstee.

'Inveraray has so much to offer visitors.' Better access to Loch Fyne would encourage sailing, rowing, water-skiing, kayaking and angling. Com-

munity-built St Ayles skiff clubs, started by the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther, are becoming popular around Scotland's coast and Inveraray would make an ideal base for such a project.

Cruise ships currently come up the loch every year to take in the scenery, but rarely anchor. A pontoon would allow them to discharge passengers via tenders, a procedure commonly used in the cruise industry when a large ship cannot dock in a small port.

A renovated and reopened pier would be a key attraction as the focal point of the waterfront. Inspire Inveraray also believes there are prospects for new business opportunities such as a ships' chandler, rowing boat hire and motor boat excursions to view the local coastline and wildlife, including seals, otters, porpoises and seabirds.

If readers have any ideas for Inveraray, contact Inspire Inveraray via its Facebook page.

**Ken MacTaggart**

## Earth moves twice for people around Tarbert

EARTHQUAKES left people around Tarbert feeling a little shaky this week.

A seismic alert by the British Geological Survey (BGS) confirmed Ormsary was the epicentre of two quakes in three days.

The quakes peaked at a 2.6 magnitude came from eight kilometres below ground but were four billion times smaller than the 2011 quake in Japan.

Tremors were felt around Tarbert at 6.19pm on Sunday April 29 and at 6.15am on Tuesday May 1.

Janeann Reppke posted on the All Things

Tarbert Facebook page: '...our house shook - pretty scary.'

The effects were heard and felt by people in Tighnabruaich, Gigha, Clachan and Cairnbaan.

But BGS earthquake expert Glenn Ford said there is no need to panic. 'They were unusual that they were felt by the general public as most that size go completely unnoticed but in this area's case there are no big motorways or urban noise to cover it up. We've had much larger ones elsewhere in built-up areas that have completely bypassed the public.

'It's slightly unusual there were two of the same size happening within a couple of days in that part of the world but it comes down to how the energy has been released - sometimes it's like a stuttering effect. The area around Ormsary and Tarbert is not sitting on one particular fault, the whole of the UK is criss-crossed by fault-lines. There's nothing for people to worry about. They can sleep safe.'

Anyone who experienced either of this week's quakes can fill in an 'I felt it' report at bgs.ac.uk

## POLICE FILES

### Breach of bail conditions

ON FRIDAY April 6, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, a man, 27, breached his bail conditions by being in the company of a woman. The incident was reported to police on Wednesday April 23 and on Friday April 25 the man was traced and charged. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Abusive behaviour

POLICE have launched an inquiry following reports a woman, aged 27, behaved in an abusive manner at 7.30pm on Friday April 27, in Oakhill, Tarbert. On completion of police inquiries, the woman will be charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Adrishraig arrest

A MAN aged 31 was arrested and charged for abusive behaviour in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, at 1.20am on Sunday April 29. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Theft from vehicle

SIDE-SKIRTING panels were stolen from a white Seat Leon car in the car park near Inveraray Jail sometime between 3.50pm and 4.10pm on Sunday April 29.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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## HSCP goes to Holyrood for cash injection

ARGYLL'S health and social care board is taking a begging bowl to Holyrood as it faces a £2.4million budget gap this year.

The Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) most controversial cost-saving proposals, to cut council-run care homes, day care and learning disability centres, were rejected by the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) last month following public outrage.

The IJB has until its meeting on Wednesday May 30 at Kilmory to plan another solution.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on April 26, members agreed to approach the Scottish Government for extra funding.

Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'The HSCP faces a tough combination of challenges. It needs the support of the Scottish Government.'

Councillor Morton is writing to Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport Shona Robison MSP 'to highlight that budget pressures are preventing community-driven transformation and to ask the Scottish Government to reassess funding levels provided for health and social care in Argyll and Bute'.

# CalMac woes continue with reduced timetable

CALMAC'S repaired MV Clansman ferry should be back this week – but timetable disruption looks likely to continue until May 23, with hoteliers reporting many cancellations during this busy festival period.

Argyll and Bute councillors rounded on CalMac at a

recent council meeting, with Islay member Robin Currie saying it took him 25 hours to get home.

Campbeltown's summer service to Ardrossan is set to be delayed by a month, meaning visitors cannot use it to enjoy Kintyre's biggest events, including the Kintyre

Way Ultra. Councillor Donald Kelly told the meeting this was hitting the town's tourist trade, with 16 cancellations at one hotel from guests due to stay a week.

CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond said this was 'one of the most complex' challenges it had ever

faced, exacerbated by 'unprecedented demand'.

CalMac is working to return to the full, normal service in time for the Islay Whisky Festival.

Mr Drummond said: 'We have been in constant engagement to lease additional vessels for the fleet. This

has proved unproductive because of the difficulties in finding vessels capable of operating our challenging West Coast routes. We will continue to scour the market, but finding vessels which meet strict legal, regulatory and our unique operating requirements is complex.'

# Why roads are closed for hours after accidents

DRIVERS in Argyll have become used to lengthy road closures after serious road accidents.

Particularly in cases where there have been fatalities, roads can be closed by police for anything between six and 12 hours, and occasionally for longer, while investigations are carried out. And while roads such as the A83 are closed, 60-plus mile diversions are commonplace.

In this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* letters page – turn to page six – one correspondent asks why such lengthy closures are required.

The *Advertiser* asked Police Scotland to explain the reasons behind the road closure

## Police outline the challenges they face over safety and investigation



Inspector Julie McLeish.

policy. In a response, fully endorsed by Road Policing Inspector Adam McKenzie from Dumbaron, Lochgil-

thead-based Inspector Julie McLeish replied: 'The primary concern is obviously the safety and wellbeing of anyone involved and other roads users.'

'Once casualties are recovered and removed there is the ongoing challenge of the investigation of the circumstances which led to the incident, making the vehicles involved safe and removing them, clearing the road and making it safe for other roads users. Special-

ist officers are often required for investigation and scene management.

'They may have to come from other areas as, in effect, these can be crime scenes requiring thorough investigation, particularly if serious injury is caused in or, in the worst cases, a fatality.'

'Police Scotland works closely with other road agencies to

manage diversions in these cases and we rely on effective media use to get the information out to the public when this does happen.'

'Road closures are avoided whenever possible and, when they do happen, we are always aware of the challenge these cause to other roads users. We also work with partners to look at road crash preventative measures and

opportunities such as roads layout or markings.

'It is widely recognised diversions and closures have a significant impact on everyone, particularly when they are often so lengthy, and the importance of being able to safely re-open roads as quickly as possible is a priority for officers dealing with such incidents.'

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# Argyll celebrates three decades of Befrienders

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A VOLUNTARY organisation offering support for vulnerable children and families is celebrating its 30th birthday.

The Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead is where it all began, back in 1988. Frustrated by the lack of support options for children and families in Mid Argyll, a dedicated group of professionals and volunteers decided to set up their own organisation – and Befrienders for Argyll and Bute children was born.

Cathi Bertin, a member of the Children's Panel in the 1980s, has been involved from the outset.

Cathi recalled: 'My-

self and other Argyll members of the panel had to travel to Glasgow for training. We looked at other parts of the country and saw that they had far more options for supporting families and children.

'So we decided we needed these services closer to home. We met in the Stag in 1988, and from that meeting set about getting organisations to talk to us.'

The group was successful in securing council funding, and Befrienders was off and running.

'We had phenomenal interest when we advertised the co-ordinator post,' explained Cathi, now director of Befrienders.

'The successful can-



Pictured on a fresh Lochgilphead day are, left to right: Befrienders trustee Trisha Grey, Cathi Bertin, Befrienders supporters Mary-Anne and Andy Buntin, and trustee Anne Horn. 06\_a18Befrienders01

didate was Sheila Campbell, who stayed in the role for around two decades. In fact, we have had just two co-ordinators in 30 years.'

Cathi outlined the way Befrienders works. 'Befriending is, quite simply, a positive way for volunteer adults to support children in their own

communities,' she explained.

'The many benefits of befriending include raised self-esteem and self-confidence. Most importantly, as our

many volunteer befrienders in Argyll will tell you, befriending is fun.

'Befrienders is about encouraging and supporting friendships between the volunteer and child or young person.

'The trust between the volunteer and the child or young person is the key and can help the child or young person gain in confidence and have a more positive self-image.'

But the organisation would not work without volunteers. 'We are always looking for more people to help as voluntary befrienders,' said Cathi. They are fully supported, and we work very closely with social work, healthcare

providers and other voluntary groups.'

To celebrate the pearl anniversary of Befrienders in Argyll, an event will be held in the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, on Saturday May 12, at which the speaker will be former Children and Young People's Commissioner Tam Baillie.

There is sure to be plenty of reminiscing at the event, which will be held between 10.30am and 3pm, but this is about looking to the future with confidence and optimism.

If you would like to come along to Arrochar on May 12, contact Cathi Bertin in advance on cathibertin@btconnect.com or call 01546 603144.

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## Dunoon reach Hampden business finals

YOUNG entrepreneurs from Dunoon Grammar School will represent Argyll and Bute in the Scottish final of this year's Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) Awards.

The Dunoon pupils battled it out against Lochgilphead High School to win a coveted place in the final.

The awards are based on the work S5 and S6 pupils have undertaken over the past 12 months as part of the YES Company Programme – a scheme which sees the youngsters setting up and running their own company.

The area final was sponsored by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and took place at the Loch Fyne Hotel in Inveraray. The winning team, Up Town Junk, was formed by 12 students from Dunoon Grammar School and produced upcycled products from a range of materials.



The winning Dunoon Grammar School team, with teachers Graham Stoddart and Colin Spark.

Little Mug Co, run by five students from Lochgilphead High School, created hand-painted mugs with a unique design. The judges faced with the difficult task of picking one winner were Donald Melville, business adviser with Business Gateway, and Lynn Shaw, assistant manager, Bank of Scotland.

In addition to the overall Company of the Year Award, Up Town Junk also won the Best Report award, while the Little Mug Co won both the Best Trade Stand and Best Presentation awards.

Up Town Junk will now go forward to represent the region at the Scottish finals in Hampden Park in June. Jane Macleod, chair of Developing the Young Workforce and YES local team member, added: 'The programme ensures that young people learn about teamwork, co-operation, profit and loss, success and failure, and various interpersonal skills.'

'This year we had two excellent companies in the form of Up Town Junk and Little Mug Co, and I am surprised that the two judges were able to

choose between such excellent enterprises.'



Romy MacPherson from the Lochgilphead High School team receives the prize for best presentation from Councillor Bobby Good.

# New director at helm of health and social care

PUBLIC health specialist Sandra Cairney has been appointed associate director of public health for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

Sandra worked as a paediatric nurse for

20 years after training as a registered general nurse, midwife and sick children's nurse at University Hospital in Cardiff.

In 1996, she took up a post as a health improvement practitioner and progressed to the

head of the health improvement service in Cardiff.

In 2006, she took up post as locum public health director with Torfaen Local Health Board.

In 2007, she progressed to public health

director covering Anglesey and Gwynedd health boards and in 2008, after nearly 30 years of living and working in Wales, she came back to Glasgow to become head of strategy planning and health improvement with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Ms Cairney said: 'I have a real passion for public health and was really interested in this post in Argyll and Bute.'

## Partners

'I am looking forward to working with partners across all sectors, particularly community planning partners and local communities to improve health, prevent ill-health and address inequalities across Argyll and Bute.'

Ms Cairney will also be responsible for strengthening effective working relationships with local agencies ensuring public health concerns are professionally administered and provided.

She will be concentrating on improving and underpinning the quality of services



Sandra Cairney.

available to communities, carers and their families.

Christina West, chief officer of Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'I

am really pleased we have appointed Sandra as associate director of public health.

'She brings with her a depth of experi-

ence and knowledge of the importance of the public health message, particularly reducing health inequalities in Argyll and Bute.'

## MP visits rape crisis centre

ARGYLL and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara visited Argyll Rape Crisis last week to support the team which works with survivors of sexual violence.

Argyll Rape Crisis

provides emotional and practical support to people of all genders aged 12 and over throughout Argyll and Bute, with offices in Dunoon, Campbeltown, Oban and Rothe-

say. It also provides advocacy for survivors seeking medical attention and supports victims when going to the police or court.

The group also supports survivors if they decide not to go to the police.

Following the meeting, Mr O'Hara said: 'I was hugely impressed by the level of dedication, commitment, service and humanity which Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis provides, and their work with youngsters to raise awareness of what constitutes appropriate behaviours. I would urge anyone who is in need of its support, including those who have suffered historical abuse, to contact Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis.'



Brendan O'Hara MP with Nicola Hall, back left, Vivien Crowe, back right, and Jan Koopmans, front left, from Rape Crisis, and Councillor Audrey Forrest, front right. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

## Council hears of lack of candidates for community council elections

A DOZEN community councils in Argyll and Bute cannot form after elections on Thursday April 26 because too few candidates stood.

Nominations for new community councillors closed on March 22. Argyll and Bute papers revealed there were only two contested elections – one in Jura and one in Kilninver and Kilmelford.

A total of 42 community councils were formed by uncontested elections, including Colonsay, Craignish and Is-

lay in Mid Argyll and Kintyre. There are 12 community councils that cannot be formed due to insufficient nominations being received – less than 50 per cent of the maximum membership level.

These include Isle of Gigha, Ardrishaig, Oban, Seil and Easdale, Dunbeg, Lismore, Cove and Kilcreggan, Rosneath and Clynder, Cardross, Ardentinn, Sandbank and Bute.

'We have 20 per cent of community councils that would not be operational,' Council-

lor George Freeman told last Thursday's council meeting in Kilmory Castle.

'Thirty per cent of community council places would be vacant.'

The council leader's report added: 'In most cases we are one or two short of being able to form a community council but there are four community councils where we need three, four or five candidates to be nominated. We're looking at a timetable for a by-election to fill these.'

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## Editorial

THE EGG Shed project seemed to be going so well.

There were no down-sides. A former industrial site was being redeveloped; a well-known building was to be refurbished; Ardrishaig would be spruced up and business drawn to the area.

That was before a row broke out about the presence or otherwise of nesting birds on the development site.

It would be surprising if Scottish Canals and its consultants had overlooked this matter. Environmental considerations are woven into the planning process so this should have been picked up, perhaps, at that stage.

Scottish Canals says it has followed all the correct procedures, yet the claim persists that birds have been disturbed.

There must be room for compromise. We cannot lose sight of our responsibilities to the natural world, yet this is a flagship project with public money and contractors' time at stake.

It is an important symbol of regeneration for Ardrishaig and for Mid Argyll.

Let's not jeopardise its success through intransigence on either side.

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## Lengthy trunk road closures

Sir,

According to a report that appeared in your edition of April 27, a traffic accident occurred on the A83 near Lochgair at 2.30pm on Saturday April 21.

It is further reported that the A83 between Lochgilphead and Inveraray was closed to traffic 'while investigations were carried out' – before re-opening 'in the early hours of Sunday April 22'.

Even if the early hours is taken to mean, say, 1am on the Sunday morning, this suggests the principal route for access to and egress from Mid Argyll and Kintyre – as well as the ferries – was arbitrarily closed by police for some 12-and-a-half hours.

I would like Police Scotland to explain why this was necessary.

I well remember a retired police officer telling me that, in the days prior to Argyll entering the stranglehold of Strathclyde Police, the local superintendent would want to know the reason why if the scene of an accident was not reopened to traffic within about 30 minutes.

Police Scotland should understand that (a) the usual excuse (lengthy closures are necessary in order to gather information thought useful in prevention of similar accidents in the future) will not wash; (b) perusal of any half-decent road map will reveal to Police Scotland that, unlike the central belt, Argyll does not have a multiplicity of short alternative routes suitable for use as diversions; and (c) their one-size-fits-all approach is a negation of management.

If Police Scotland is so keen to glean evidence relative to a traffic accident they might also look at actual or potential accidents resulting from these enormous diversions – fatigued drivers, drivers unfamiliar with diverted routes, dif-

iculties finding overnight accommodation, insufficient fuel, appointments missed and so on and so on.

**Eric Box,  
Lochgilphead.**

## It pays to complain

Sir,

You may recall that I incurred a ruined tyre while driving through the roadworks at Strone Point on the A83 back in February.

I claimed for £270 – which was the cost of the rescue and renewing the tyre – against the trunk road maintenance contractor BEAR Scotland, who had let the road deteriorate to such a dreadful state while road improvements were going on.

While they haven't admitted liability or anything as rash as that, they have, on the other hand, offered to pay me £250, most of the expense I incurred.

I have accepted this offer and I thought you might publish this as an encouragement to others who have suffered expense for similar reasons.

It pays to complain.

**Graham Thomas,  
St Catherines.**

## Music group success

Sir,

Having held a successful evening of music at the Argyll Inn in Lochgilphead on Friday April 27, the Easy Club would like to thank a number of people and organisations.

Thanks to the ownership/management/staff of the Argyll Inn and the donors to the prize draw; the Cop, Danny's, Dalriada DIY, the Smiddy, Fyne Living, ABC Bookshop, the Archway and Marmalade Deli.

Also all the helpers and carers, and the many musicians, and the enthusiastic audience who came along to enjoy the evening.

As we start to plan workshops for the coming

months we would be very happy to welcome new participants. Just email hugh.fife@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

**Hugh Fife and the  
Easy Club committee,  
Lochgilphead.**

## Ardrishaig site and birds

Sir,

I am a visiting researcher, being privileged to undertake fieldwork in the Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead areas over the past three years.

I was shocked on arriving at Ardrishaig recently, for 2018 fieldwork, to discover that the former Gleaner oil depot, a known local breeding site for the UK Amber-listed common gull as well as oystercatchers and black guillemots, is undergoing major development, with complete and utter disregard for these breeding birds.

I implore the developer, Scottish Canals, to temporarily postpone this work until the birds have finished breeding for the year and, longer term, to design a mitigation plan for these birds going forward.

Otherwise, Scottish Canals' credibility as an organisation that claims to care about nature will be seriously eroded.

**Andrew Tongue,  
Doctoral Research  
Ornithologist,  
University of  
Birmingham.**

## Get your thinking caps on

Sir,

I would like to call for all Argyll and Bute school-children to put their thinking caps on for Barnardo's Scotland fundraising Hat Day.

We are asking teachers, child carers, parents and pupils throughout Argyll and Bute to sign up for Hat Day and wear a fun hat to raise money to support some of Scotland's

most vulnerable children. Hat Day, celebrated on Friday May 18, encourages children to wear or make a hat signifying who or what they would like to be or do when they grow up.

It could be a firefighter, police officer, chef, astronaut, medic or sportsperson for example. There are no rules or limits to the imagination – they may want to be a wizard or superhero.

If a child does not know what they want to be they can decorate their hat with something they are passionate about such as a sport, graffiti art, dancing shoes, or musical instrument.

The idea behind the fun is to raise money for the UK's leading children's charity to help give thousands of disadvantaged children a better future. When they go into school, nursery or playgroup on May 18, parents and carers can make a voluntary donation of £1 to £2 to Barnardo's Scotland.

Children are full of surprises and this is a fun way of allowing their imaginations to run wild in a way that will be inspiring, educational and raise money to help transform the lives of children who desperately need our support.

It is easy to sign up on our website where you'll find lots of resources and ideas to ensure your fundraising Hat Day will be a huge success and help support the children and young people we support in your local community.

To register, visit [www.barnardos.org.uk/hatday](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/hatday). Here you'll find everything you need to make the event a success at your school, nursery or playgroup.

Our resources section has school posters, sample letters for parents and hat-making guides. Contact regional relationships manager for Scotland, Jennifer Keegan on Jennifer.Keegan@Barnardos.org.uk for further information or assistance.

To help with ideas, Barnardo's is launching a sep-

arate 'Top Hat' competition for teachers/parents for best hat in the run up to Hat Day, with a poll to decide the winner on the Barnardo's Community Fundraising facebook page.

**Martin Crewe,  
director for Barnardo's  
Scotland.**

## Islay ferry disruptions

Sir,

I write concerning the blight of ferry disruptions across my council ward, particularity on the island of Islay.

We cannot allow CalMac's management blunders and lack of funding from the Scottish Government to act as a ball and chain which is holding back my local ward's fast industrial growth.

**Councillor  
Alastair Redman.**

## Nominate a stroke hero

Sir,

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability in the UK. It can strike at any age, and it can be devastating.

The Stroke Association's Life After Stroke Awards celebrate conquering stroke with courage, commitment and determination.

The awards honour extraordinary and selfless people from all walks of life, who have come through the life-changing consequences of stroke.

Nominations for the awards are now open.

If you know somebody who has had a stroke or looked after someone following a stroke and deserves recognition, then please enter them for an award today via the [www.stroke.org.uk/lasa](http://www.stroke.org.uk/lasa) website.

The deadline for the awards is May 31.

**Angela MacLeod,  
communications  
manager,  
the Stroke  
Association  
Scotland.**

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# Lochgilphead police hand over two charity cheques

A HEALTHY fundraising effort has led to charity donations by Police Scotland personnel in Lochgilphead. The cash was raised in January as part of a wellbeing event in Lochgilphead, hosted by Police Scotland and aimed at police officers and staff based in Argyll.



Hazel Hamilton and Jackie Gilmour accept the cheque on behalf of Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland from PC Rusden and Inspector McLeish.

There was fundraising during the day, with prizes very generously donated by the Scottish Police Recreation Association and Portavadie Spa and Leisure, with proceeds to be donated to the British Red Cross and Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland to help with the great work they do.

On Tuesday April 24, PC Michelle Rusden, organiser of the wellbeing event, and Inspector Julie McLeish from Lochgilphead presented a cheque for £120.10 to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.



The cheque is handed over to Margaret MacInnes and Agnes Glencross from the Red Cross Shop.

Accepting the cheque were Hazel Hamilton, stroke co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute, and Jackie Gilmour, cardiovascular

nurse for Mid Argyll and Kintyre. PC Rusden and Inspector McLeish also presented a cheque for the same amount to the

British Red Cross, and Margaret MacInnes and Agnes Glencross from the Red Cross Shop in Lochgilphead received the cheque.

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## Argyll's only boarding school opens doors to interested families



Lomond School is a small, family school for pupils aged three to 18, positioned in the elegant suburbs of the coastal town of Helensburgh, located only 10 minutes from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

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To get a better understanding of what Lomond School can offer your child, please join us for our boarding open morning on Thursday June 7. To book your place or to request further information on boarding at Lomond, please contact our registrar on [admissions@lomondschool.com](mailto:admissions@lomondschool.com) or 01436 672476.

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## Bringing Argyll to the world

Social media campaign aims to showcase Argyll in all its glory



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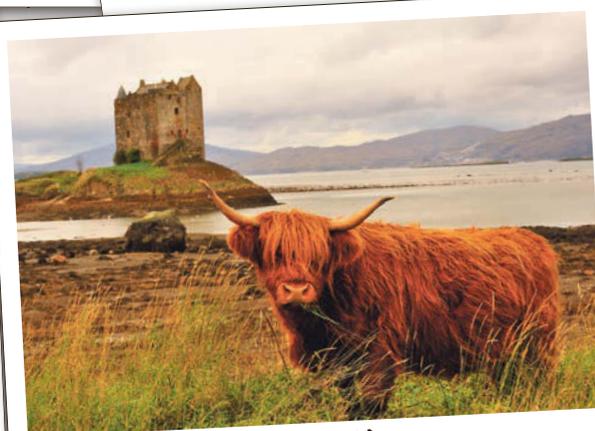
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Castle Stalker

**We all know that Argyll is special don't we? But why? What are the ingredients to the secret sauce that makes Argyll one of the best places to live or visit in Scotland?**

**We want you to show and tell the world**

Today we are launching our #myargyll competition where we want YOU to show us and tell us what Argyll means to you. All you have to do is post photos, videos, poetry or prose on Twitter, YouTube or Instagram and use the hashtag #myargyll and we will display all suitable content on our social wall, which can be found at

[www.myargyll.co.uk](http://www.myargyll.co.uk). Remember to ensure your privacy settings are set to public to enable sharing. We will also be showcasing selected entries in our newspapers, magazines and websites throughout the year. What makes a place special is often the most personal of things. It doesn't have to be sunset over Oban bay – it might be walking your dog on the beach, a plate of langoustines, sipping a cold beer in a country pub or a day out with the family – it is your memory or special moment that counts. Go on, share it with the world. To get your creative juices flowing, we have selected some words and images that



There is a vibrancy about this place.

**Kathie Griffiths**

Senior reporter, The Oban Times

we think showcase Argyll in all its glory. You can see more at [www.myargyll.co.uk](http://www.myargyll.co.uk) #myargyll

**Your chance to win a once in a lifetime prize**

While it is wonderful to show the world why Argyll is THE place to be, wouldn't it be nice if you had the chance to win a fantastic prize? Well, why not take the next step and enter your content into our #myargyll competition? Once you have shared your content via social media, visit [www.myargyll.co.uk/competition](http://www.myargyll.co.uk/competition), follow the instructions and upload your content. All entries will then be judged by an independent panel of experts and a winner will be announced later in the summer. The closing date for entries is Monday June 11, 2018, so don't delay.

# Why I love Argyll



**Kathie Griffiths**  
Senior reporter, The Oban Times

Uprooting to Argyll was a box on my bucket list just waiting to be ticked.

The call of the big sky, open spaces, towering mountains, thick forests and – ah! – the freezing wild sea and lochs that make my teeth chatter. It captivated me.

Whenever I packed up my humble camper to set off back to Yorkshire after a few snatched blissful days here, my heart would break. It always felt as though I'd forgotten something, left something behind. I tell friends and new colleagues it was 'a golden buzzer moment' when I saw The Oban Times job advertised. Tons of glittering confetti fell from the sky, there were no 'what if's', no niggles – it was 100 per cent what I wanted and where I wanted to be. I knew it.



**Calum Ross**  
Chair of AITC, board member of VisitScotland and owner of Loch Melfort Hotel

Having travelled most of the world before settling here I can honestly say it's the most amazing place in the world to live and work. And even if I wasn't doing what I do now, I would still want to live here.

Argyll has so many special places and for me, Mull has to be one of my favourites. We holiday there every year – eight years now and every time we find something new to do or visit. Favourite thing with the family? A long walk through amazing countryside to a stunning, often secluded, white sand beach! Great seafood restaurants and bars to relax in in the evening. What could be better?



**Eve Macfarlane**  
AITC web editor and Westcoasting

Eight years ago I decided to leave my urban ways behind and go in search of something wilder. I'm lucky because my family had a holiday cottage on Loch Fyne, so that's where I went. It was small, damp and run down, but I loved it. Over the years I've renovated the house, built a career in writing and started a family. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. What do I love about Argyll? The raw beauty, the space, the opportunity to get lost, the seasons, the way that the weather shapes life, the battered coastline, the bountiful sea. Argyll has a romantic glint in its eye and, if you're someone who hankers after wild spaces, it's bound to seduce you.

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## Tarbert hosts bank holiday craft fair

IF YOU are looking for something to do this May bank holiday, look no further than the bank holiday craft fair in Tarbert.

You may just find a unique gift – or a treat for yourself – made by local artists and crafters in Argyll.

Stalls include photography, painting, feltwork, needlework, metalwork and locally produced food and, of course, great coffee.

It all happens on Sunday May 6 between 11am and 3pm at Tarbert Village Hall.

And watch this space for more details of a pop-up gallery and workshop next month at Tarbert Marina.

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# The George wins Scots hotel 'Oscar'

INVERARAY'S famous George Hotel has been handed the national award for the 'best town hotel' at the self-styled Scottish hotel Oscars.

The Scottish Hotel Awards recognise hospitality excellence, and the George Hotel was described as offering 'a wonderful array of extremely tasty dishes'.

Describing the hotel, assessors said: 'Hotel-keeping at the George dates back to 1751 and you feel all of that history the minute you walk through the doors.'

'Kris Clark and his team have preserved a little bit of Highland history

for everyone to enjoy. The George is a remarkable step back in time and really allows the guest to escape from the pace and pressure of modern day life. The kitchen brigade, headed up by two Frenchmen, offers a wonderful array of extremely tasty dishes which will not break the bank, by any means.

'In fact, it is fair to say that the George is all about the food and drink.'

The 16th Scottish Hotel Awards took place in Edinburgh on Sunday April 22. The 2018 Scottish Hotel of the Year was named as Trump Turnberry in Ayrshire.



The George Hotel's familiar facade on Inveraray's Main Street.

## Health and social care staff recognised in expanded awards

ARGYLL and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) held its Staff Excellence Awards on Friday April 27 to recognise exceptional health and social staff who have performed over and above expectations.

This is the second year that the partnership has held these awards and once again a wide range of nominations were received from colleagues and members of the public.

Liz Higgins, lead nurse for Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'Health and social care staff across Argyll and Bute are providing a first class service to their communities every day, and we feel it is important that they are recognised for their

hard work and dedication to our patients and service users.

'Our first excellence awards were held last year for nurses and midwives. Because it was so successful, we decided to make the awards an annual event and to expand it so that we could recognise all the staff working for the HSCP.'

'I was again really delighted by the high standard and the number of nominations we received and by the really positive comments that our staff received from the people nominating them.'

'My colleagues and I had the very difficult decision of going through all the nominations and choosing the winners.'

'I would therefore like to con-

gratulate all the winners on their enthusiasm and commitment to the public across Argyll and Bute who are served by the HSCP.'

Award winners: Nurse/Midwife of the Year: Jennifer MacIntyre – Senior Charge Nurse, Ward A, Oban.

Therapist of the Year: Ann Evans – Occupational Therapist, Mull and Iona.

Social Care Worker of the Year: Richard Gault – Mental Health Social Care Worker, Dunoon.

Admin Secretarial Worker of the Year: Caroline Walton – Admin Support Officer, Oban.

Support Worker of the Year: Leanne Wallace – Domestic Assistant, Cowal.

Pat Tyrrell Award for Caring Behaviours: Betty MacIntyre – Midwife, Oban.

Chief Officer's Outstanding Contribution to Health Social Care: Avril Coffield – Health Care Assistant, Campbeltown.

Outstanding Individual: Jane Williams – Local Area Manager, Isle of Bute.

Outstanding Team – Argyll and Bute Radiography.

Patient/Service User Choice Award: Kate Paton, Practice Nurse, Strachur.



The HSCP award winners for 2018.

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### FILM SCREENINGS

#### FRIDAY 11 MAY

**The Man in the White Suit**, U / 3pm

**Walk Like A Panther**, 12A / 9.45pm

Live intro with Actor Dave Johns and Writer/Director Dan Cadan

**The Wind in the Willows**, U

5.30pm / Encore screening, recorded live at the London Palladium

#### SATURDAY 12 MAY

**Singalong Moana**, PG / 12 noon

**Blazing Saddles**, 12A / 12.15pm

**Toni Erdmann**, 15 / 2.30pm

#### SUNDAY 13 MAY

**Hunt for the Wilderpeople**, 12A/1pm

**Divine Order**, 12A / 2pm

Part of Glasgow Film Festival on tour

**That Sinking Feeling**, 12 / 6.45pm

**I, Daniel Blake**, 15 / 6.45pm

**Walk Like A Panther**, 12A/9.30pm

### LIVE EVENTS

#### FRIDAY 11 MAY

**Desert Island Films** / 7.30pm

Dave Johns (star of *I, Daniel Blake*) shares his top movie moments with fellow stand up Vladimir McTavish

**Retro Gaming in Screen 2** / 11pm

Play classic games on the big screen!

#### SATURDAY 12 MAY

**FREE WORKSHOPS** - book in advance

Animation for All / 10am, Comedy / 4.30pm

**Bunkered! Big Screen Comedy from the Archives** / 3pm

Vintage films featuring our best-loved Scottish comedians with live music and performance from Jamie MacDougall (BBC) and Derek Clark (Scottish Opera)

**I, Fillum Star** - Dave Johns / 8pm

Live comedy, award-winning film star returns to his stand up roots in this hit one man show

#### SUNDAY 13 MAY

**Spontaneous Potter** / 4.30pm

A brand new Harry Potter adventure will be improvised live on stage

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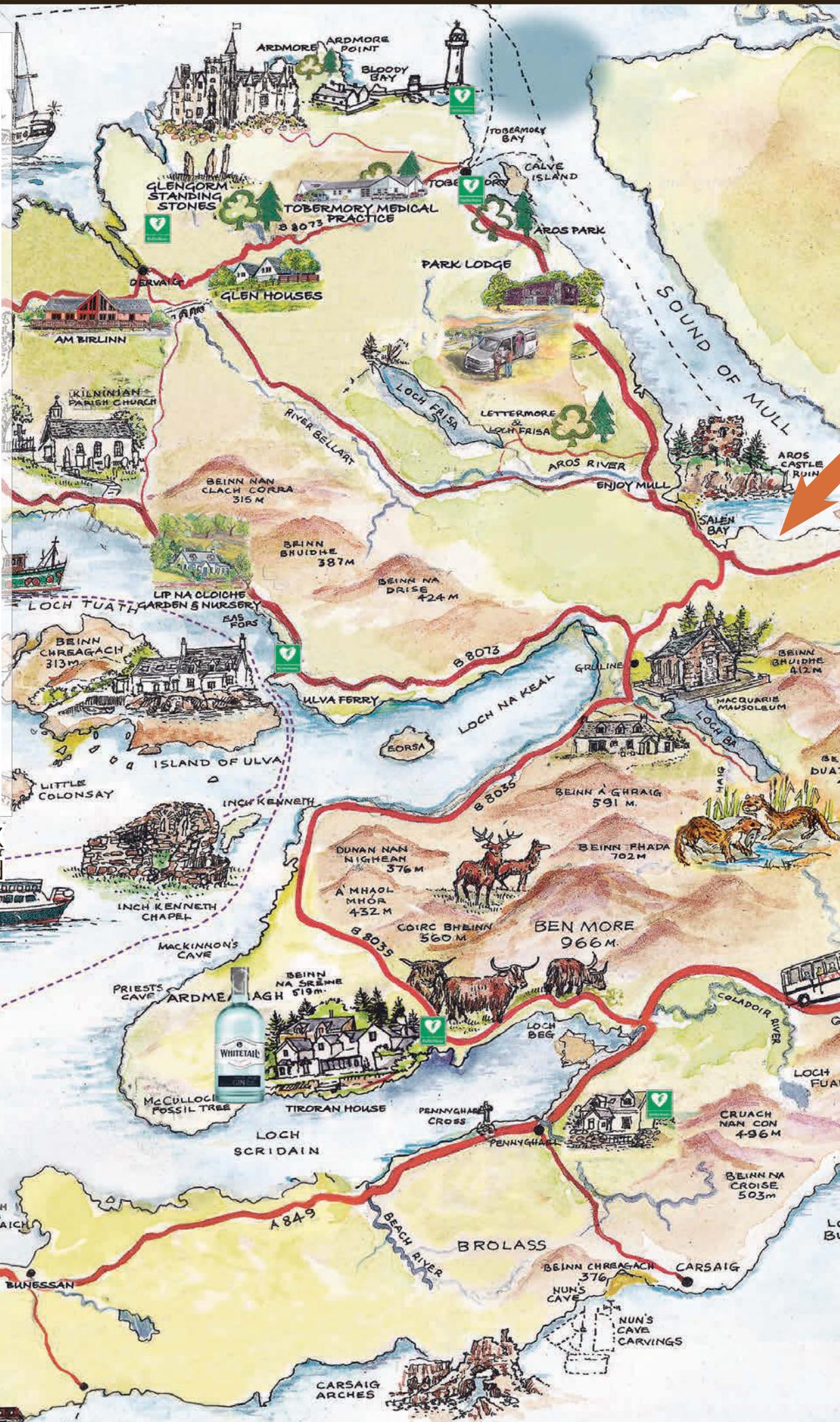
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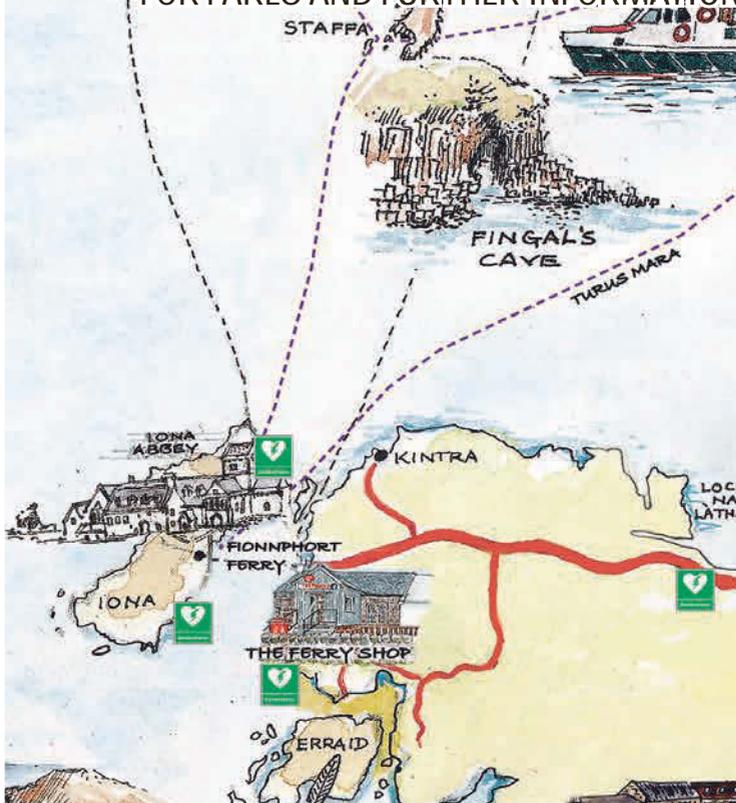
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**Hopscotch:** this is the start of the adventure: ferries to Mull, Coll, Tiree, Islay, Colonsay, Lismore and crossing The Minch to the Outer Hebrides.

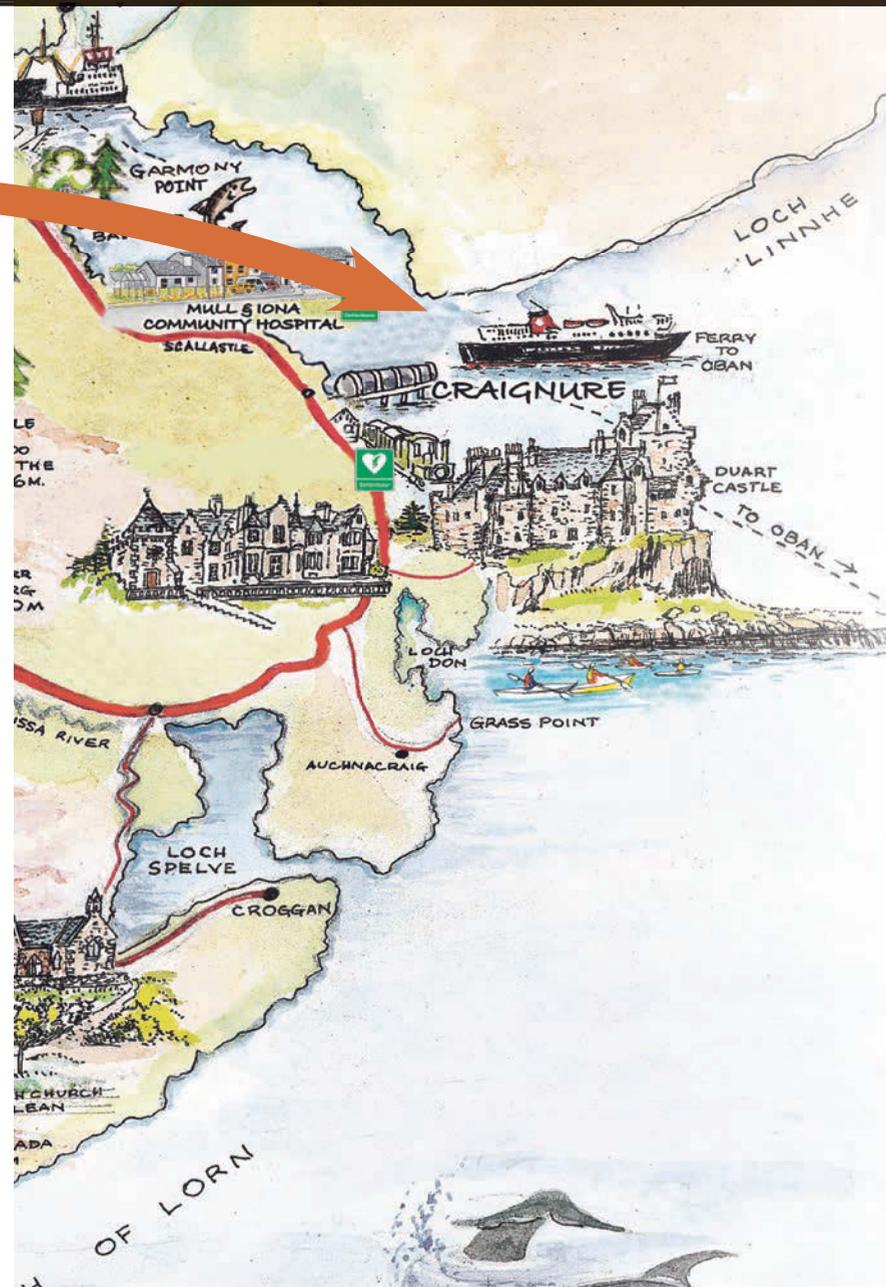
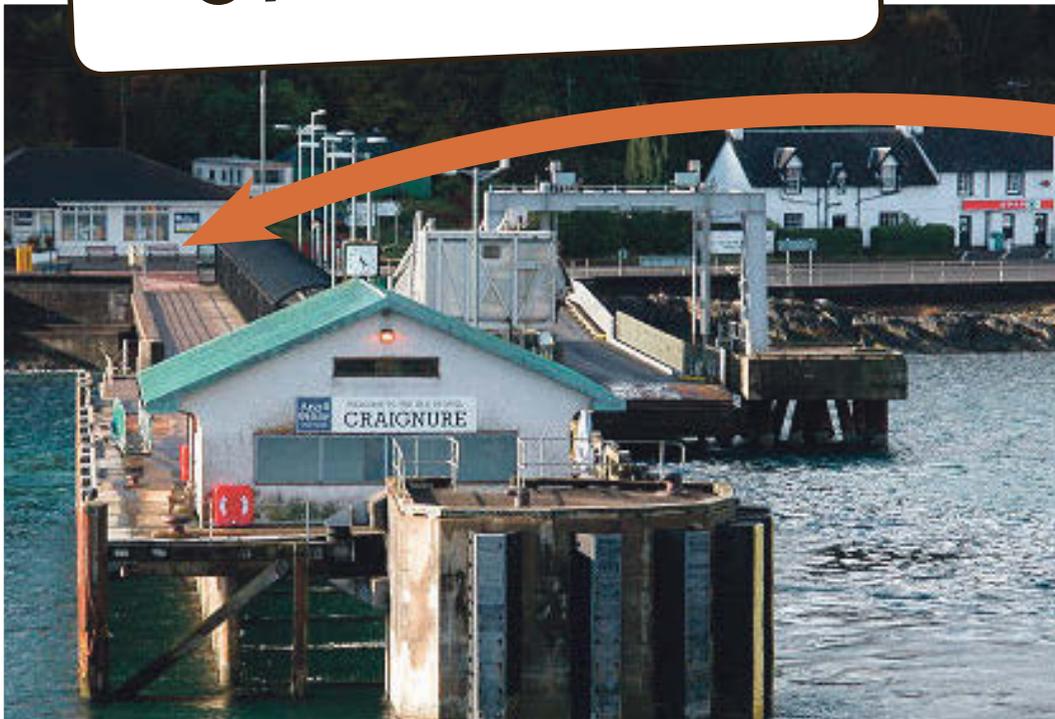
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Will you turn left or right?

Mull's main ferry terminal where buses and coaches await. The A849 goes from one end of the island to the other: turn left to the Ross of Mull and Iona; turn right to Tobermory, the island's capital.

**Check out:** sea eagles, birds of prey, whales and dolphins; deer, pine marten, otters and more, plus expert-led tours. Excellent seafood, local produce and innovative restaurants and accommodation abound.

Don't miss Tobermory's colourful seafront – the Explore Mull Visitor and Information Centre to plan your stay.

**Journey:** B8035 and B8073 loop round the A849 taking you to Devaig, Calgary, Ballygowan, Lagganulva, Gruline, Salen – where Highland cattle think they own the road and the sea views are staggering.

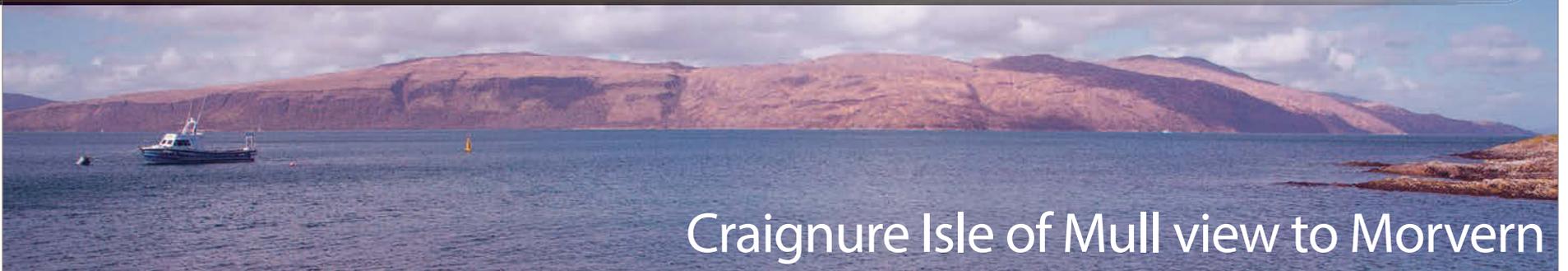
**Hopscotch:** Tobermory for Kilchoan – explore Ardnamurchan; Fishnish to Lochaline – take the long way to Fort William or Oban; Fionnphort for Iona – the majesty and history of St Columba and the abbey.

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# Clare enchants with beautiful pictures in sound

**Review: Robert Lacey** ARDRISHAIG Public Hall was filled with pictures in sound on Saturday April 28 at the final Mid Argyll Arts Association concert of the season.

From the depiction of a rural domestic drama involving a lost cat to the images of surging ocean waves, pianist Clare Hammond brought these musical pictures to life. Her carefully constructed programme comprised works by Haydn, Szymanowski, Schubert, Malcolm Hayes and Chopin.

The concert began with Haydn's 1789 Fantasia in C based on an Austrian folk song, The Farmer's Wife Has Lost Her Cat. With an ingenuity and freedom

akin to the programme music of the late 19th century, Haydn politely escapes the formalities of the classical era and with great wit and humour describes the mayhem of the chase. Clare told this musical story with verve and imagination, making light of its significant technical challenges.

As her next piece Clare played two of Szymanowski's four Metopes completed in 1915. This work describes the voyages of Odysseus as he escapes the clutches of several exotic femmes fatale. Clare played Schubert's Calypso followed by the Isle of Sirens.

An intriguing work in a style reminiscent of Debussy and Ravel, these pieces were



Clare Hammond gave a virtuoso performance in Ardrishaig.

well chosen as preparation for the 21st century work that was to be heard later in the programme.

Schubert's four impromptus D.899 concluded the first part of the concert. These pieces require delicate finger work and an understanding of Schubert's raw musical tal-

ent. Clare performed these with insight and a magical dexterity. Amateur players in the audience were no doubt made envious as the scale-like theme of the impromptu in E flat and the arpeggios of the A flat, effortlessly filled the concert room.

Among her many other talents as musical scholar, impresario and sometime television actress, Clare Hammond is a champion of works by living composers. Indeed, the penultimate piece, Purgatorio written by Malcolm Hayes in 2007, was given its debut performance by Clare herself earlier this month. Malcolm Hayes, a composer who spent a great deal of his working life in the Scottish islands,

based this composition on Dante's poem Purgatorio. The audience could not have had a better performer to introduce them to this dramatic and groundbreaking work.

Chopin's Etudes, op 25 concluded a wonderful concert. Each of these 12 virtuosic studies was so popular with audiences that they have all acquired nicknames. And so once again pictures in sound filled the hall. From Etude no 1, The Aeolian Harp, to no 9 The Butterfly, to number 11, Winter Wind, and lastly, no 12 The Ocean Study, with its expansively arching double-handed arpeggios, the concert was provided with a resounding finale.



Poor Yasmine Bowden, all this Lego and no one to help her sort it out.

## Builders wanted for Mid Argyll Lego show

EXCITEMENT is building at a Lochgilhead youth group.

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# When ocean giants were landed in Ardrishaig

THE photographs published here were kindly handed to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* by sisters Mary MacDonald and Alma McGuinness, who were born and bred in Ardrishaig.

Taken from a family photograph album that once belonged to their grandmother, Catherine MacKinnon, the photographs appear to depict basking sharks landed at Ardrishaig.

Mary and Alma believe their father might be in the larger group beside the two sharks, which appears to have been taken at the slip.

Looking at the other photograph, the ladies also told us they believe that the bigger boy pictured beside the shark is well-known local man Peter Ciarella, who recently retired from Burgh Electrics in Lochgilphead.

They think it was taken in Ardrishaig, but where?

Does anyone out there have more information on these photographs and the people in them?

We suspect they may have been taken in the



A group of men and boys with two large basking sharks near Ardrishaig slipway.

1930s, and the building in the group shot looks like the Egg Shed which is currently part of a renovation project being undertaken by Scottish Canals.

**Information**

And can anyone tell us whether these sharks were deliberately

hunted or caught accidentally by fishermen? If you have any information, send us the details by emailing editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk, calling 01546 602345 or by messaging the *Argyllshire Advertiser* Facebook page.

Another basking shark at Ardrishaig, with Peter Ciarella, believed to be the taller of the two youngsters beside the animal.



## James not a member – yet

IN A RECENT edition we reported that James Peterson was the winning bidder in an auction for a canvas featuring Greig Laidlaw playing for Scotland in the 2015 World Cup.

The event was in aid of Mid Argyll Pipe Band funds, and in the article we wrongly described James as a band member rather than supporter.

Explaining this point to the *Advertiser*, a spokesperson for the band did, however, say: 'James is not a member of the band, but we hear he has musical talents and we might just be looking for a moothie section to give us the edge in competition.'

The auction raised £125 towards band funds.

## Academy hosts parent council meeting

THE NEXT Tarbert Academy parent council meeting will take place on Wednesday May 2 at the school at 7pm.

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# A pound per mile – from Inveraray to the Gambia

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WE TAKE for granted in Scotland that trained emergency paramedics will come to our aid should the need ever arise.

Things, however, are very different in the west African country of the Gambia. Anyone involved in a road accident, for example, might be transported by ambulance for treatment. But transport is all that will be offered – as the crew is unlikely to be trained to administer medical assistance.

With a group of fellow enthusiasts, Argyll woman Fiona Nelson has decided to help – by purchasing an emergency vehicle and driv-

ing it all the way to the Gambia from Inveraray.

Fiona explained: 'I and a merry gang of approximately 10 people are driving 4,000 miles from Inveraray to Serrekunda Fire Station in the Gambia.

'To cut a long story short, there are too many crashes and fatalities on the roads in Gambia, and the Gambian fire and rescue service does not have an appropriate road rescue vehicle.

'We are planning on buying a fire and road rescue unit, fully kitted with emergency trauma kit.'

Fiona and the team will drive five vehicles on the journey, which is due to set off at the



You can help reduce the number of needless road casualties in the Gambia by helping Challenge 4,000 to buy emergency vehicles.

end of next year. The project itself has been dubbed the 'Challenge 4,000'.

The aim is to set off on December 16, 2019, and sail from Portsmouth the following day before arriving in

the Gambia around January 3, 2020.

The route will take the team through Scotland, England, Spain, Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and the Gambia.

Fiona continued: 'We

will also deliver training for the ongoing success of the road rescue unit.'

As well as the road rescue vehicle, there will be a large passenger-carrying van, which will be used as a

'gilli gilli' (local transport) in the Foni and Jarrol area.

'The other vehicles have not been decided yet, but one will be a Robin Rialto, and though it does not have any use as a rescue vehicle, is in the team to create some good PR and, hopefully, a few smiles along the way,' Fiona added.

The big focus at the moment is on raising money to purchase the vehicles and fund the trip.

The Challenge 4,000 fundraiser is encouraging people to do a sponsored walk, swim, jog, cycle to collectively reach the 4,000-mile mark.

'If we can raise one pound for every mile,

we can buy the vehicle,' Fiona explained.

'We will also be looking for sponsors for each vehicle to get them there, but we are hoping to raise some company sponsorship for this area. But for now let's get the rescue unit bought.'

If you want to challenge yourself with a Challenge 4,000 fundraiser, contact the team via the challenge4000.co.uk website by August 31, 2018.

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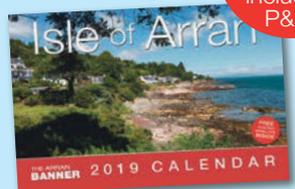
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## A Fyne display of art in Minard

MINARD Village Hall is set to host a fabulous two days of art.

Over the weekend of Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 13, an exhibition will showcase the work of members of the Argyll Fyne Art Group.

The group was delighted to receive a micro grant from the A' Chruach Community Fund earlier this year in the sum of £500.

The grant funded three tutor-led sessions, including hall hire. This two-day exhibition is being held in appreciation of the grant and in support of the village hall.

Argyll Fyne Art Group meets every second Wednesday from 10am to 4pm to practice a variety of media and techniques.

The group invites a variety of tutors to give expert advice during each season. Newcomers, with or without



Argyll Fyne Art Group is a friendly collective of art enthusiasts.

previous experience, are welcome to join members, who work in watercolour, acrylic, pastel, pen and ink, and coloured pencils and in a variety of styles, including landscape, abstract, still-life and portraiture.

If you are interested in joining this small friendly group, please contact Ann Dodd on 01546 886680.

### Encourage

A spokesperson for the Community Trust Fund said: 'We are very keen to encourage

more activities in our area, and Minard Village Hall offers good facilities and parking at a very reasonable cost.'

Admission to the exhibition is free, and it will be open between 10am and 4pm both days.



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## Creamery workers deserve answers, says MSP Cameron

WORKERS at a Campbeltown creamery deserve answers from bosses of a dairy firm which is selling up, says local MSP Donald Cameron.

The Highlands and Islands MSP is worried about what will happen to First Milk workers if a buyer is not found.

The firm, one of the UK's largest dairy co-operatives, also plans to sell its creamery on Arran so it can focus on developing its creameries in the Lake District and in Haverfordwest instead.

Mr Cameron has written to First Milk's chief executive, Shelagh Hancock, to raise concerns. He also wants to know why First Milk has decided not to invest in the two sites any longer, if bosses believe the businesses could still prosper under new ownership.

The MSP has also asked the firm's boss if setting up a partnership between several key stakeholders instead, including public sector involvement, has been considered.

'While this news is clearly unwelcome for the local dairy sector in

Argyll, and especially in Kintyre, it will not come as a surprise to those who have dealt with First Milk over several years,' he said.

He added: 'I have written to First Milk to ask them what the specific reasons are for this announcement and why it feels that even though there is clear demand for the goods produced in this area, it does not see this as viable for its business. In any case, workers deserve clear answers from First Milk.'

Ms Hancock said a review had identified there was a market for the premium Mull of Kintyre and Isle of Arran brands but capturing the opportunities would require significant investment. 'We are confident that with the right focus and investment under new ownership, the businesses would prosper,' she said.

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

# Farming enterprise in 20th century Glassary

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TO READ this book is akin to opening up a time capsule.

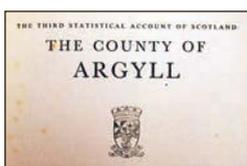
Running to 396 pages, the Argyll volume of the Third Statistical Account of Scotland, published in 1961, is no lightweight. But the world revealed within this time-yellowed volume is fascinating. So recent, yet another world away.

Compiled by 'Scotland's four universities' on behalf of the Scottish Council for Social Service, the Third Statistical Account of Scotland contains a wealth of information about the nation as it was in the mid-20th century.

The Argyll volume covers the entire county parish by parish, from Kintyre to Ardnamurchan and the islands.

On page 227, there is a section on the Mid Argyll parish of Glassary, written in 1955 by JG Mathieson.

Agriculture is described as the 'chief industry' in Glassary parish and the main



A real time capsule of a book. 06\_a18ArgyllBook01

employer, based on 'the rearing of black-faced sheep of high quality'.

Until the Second World War, writes Mr Mathieson, sheep were sold at Lochgilphead, Oban or Glasgow and were subject to price fluctuations. Early in the war, however, a centre was set up in Lochgilphead where livestock fit for slaughter were graded, weighed and paid for at fixed prices – a system which proved 'generally acceptable'.

The chapter pays tribute to the farmers producing a high quality of beef cattle in Glassary parish, stating: 'It is a great tribute to the enterprise and skill of these men that they are able, often on land of an inferior nature, to bring out such fine stock.'

On the dairy side, the book refers to there be-

ing several 'excellent' herds of Ayrshire cattle. Milk was taken to Oban for distribution. Some years before, a creamery operated in Lochgilphead but 'because of a pressing demand for beef' the milk supply was reduced to the extent that it did not meet the creamery demands and it closed.

The general prosperity of farms is largely put down to the enthusiasm and energy of farmers, but government support also helped.

Mr Mathieson refers to subsidies for hill cattle, dairy-attested stocks, for calves, sheep and ploughing all helping farmers to survive and keep food prices reasonable.

Farm workers are described as 'a steady, hard-working body of men ... loyal to their employers, with whom there is a certain amount of give and take, and a good proportion of them have been on the same farms for years – surely a tribute to both masters and men'.

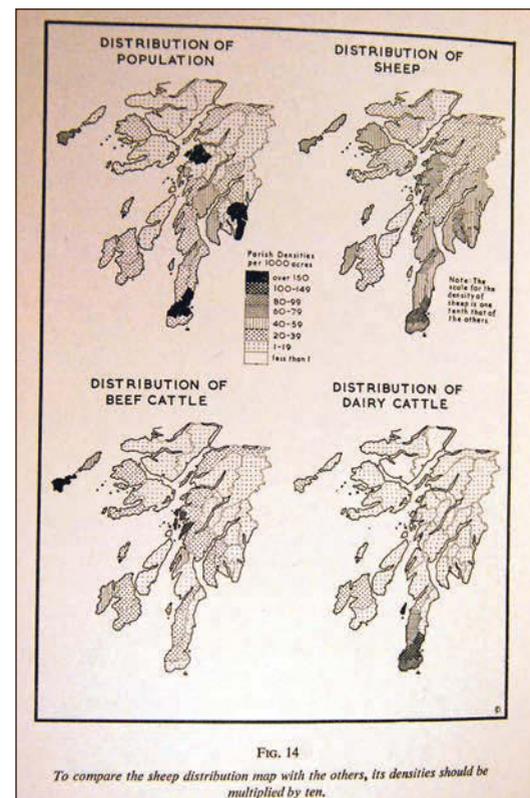
The march of Sitka

spruce across Argyll gets a mention.

In Glassary, planting was in full swing on 'large tracts of land' bought by the Forestry Commission. Mr Mathieson describes the loss of sheep from the hills as a 'disturbing feature'.

An argument in favour of tree planting

was that it would result in an increase in employment in comparison with sheep farming. Looking back from today's standpoint, mechanisation and automation have replaced workers to a large extent in farming and forestry. Livestock has long left the hills, but the trees remain.



Things have changed in many respects since these maps were drawn in the late 1950s.

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## NFUS issues statement on supermarket merger

NFU SCOTLAND has outlined its position in regard to the proposed merger of Asda and Sainsbury's.

NFUS chief executive Scott Walker said: 'If allowed to proceed, this merger will concentrate a lot of retailer power into the hands of one company.'

'In a statement from the retailers on the merger, it was made clear a primary objective will be to lower prices by "around 10 per cent on many of the products customers buy regularly". That

will set alarm bells ringing, not just for primary producers, but for other parts of the supply chain.

'If the merger goes ahead, there is an opportunity here for potentially the biggest player in the UK's retail sector to put in place a system of responsible sourcing and to end the spectre of unfair trading practices (UTPs) by supermarkets that blights the sector by delivering a fair share of risk and reward back to the farm gate.

'If it goes ahead, farmers and shoppers will also want to see the strongest commitment from the new retailer to sourcing more Scottish and UK produced food than they currently do.

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far away as Southend. Hugh Fife, an Easy Club member, thanked all those who made the night a success.

He said: 'It was a most successful night with a great atmosphere thanks to a number of different performers.'

'I'd like to think the management at the Argyll Inn, and the donors in the prize draw, which included a host of local business such as the Co-op, Danny's, Dalriada DIY, the Smiddy, Fyne Living,

ABC Bookshop, the Archway and Marmalade Deli.

'The club would also like to thank all the helpers and carers, and the many musicians, and the enthusiastic audience.'

'As we start to plan workshops for the coming months we would be very happy to welcome new participants.'

To find out more about the Easy Club and how you can join, email Hugh on hugh.fife@yahoo.co.uk.



Stephen Hunter of Dalriada Ceilidh Band on the bass. 08\_a18easyclub03



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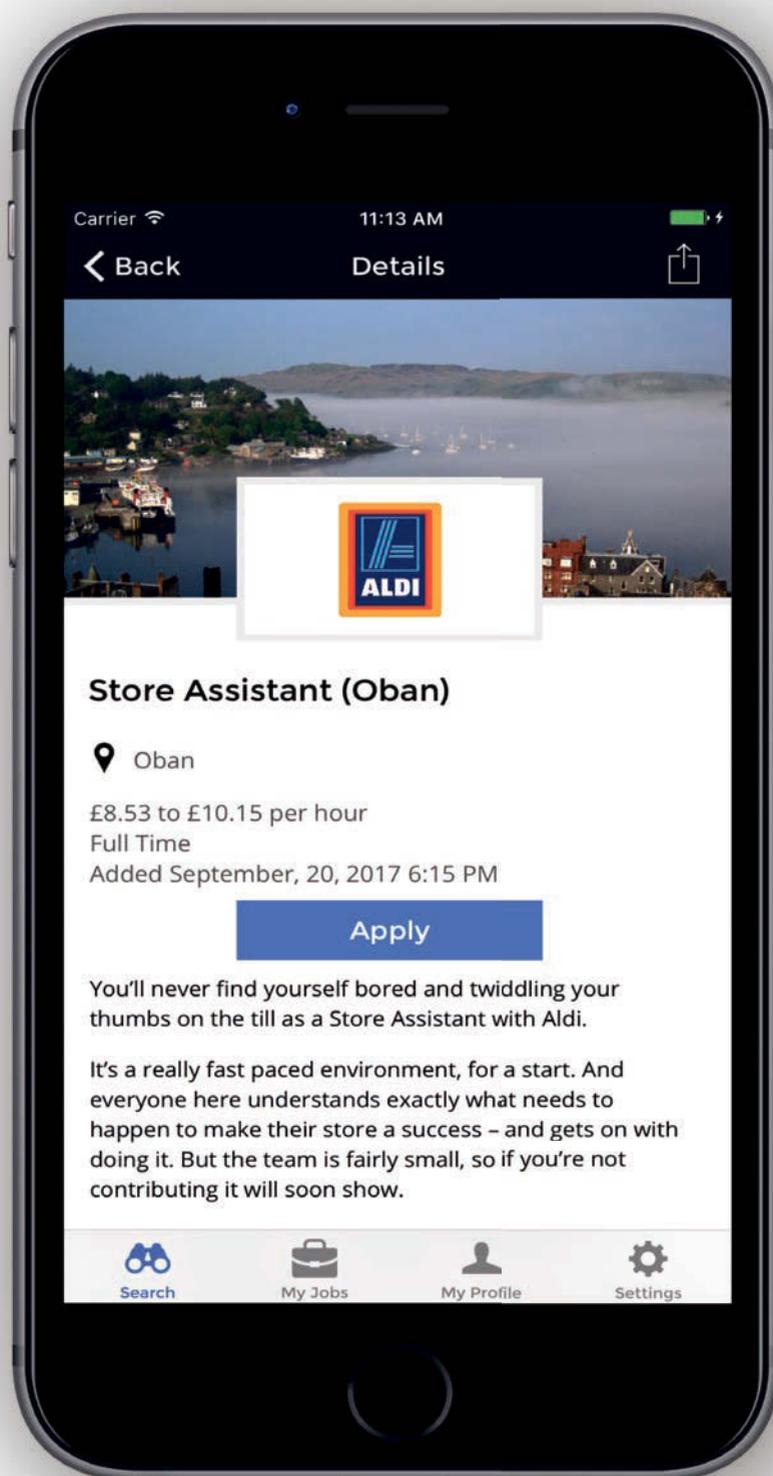


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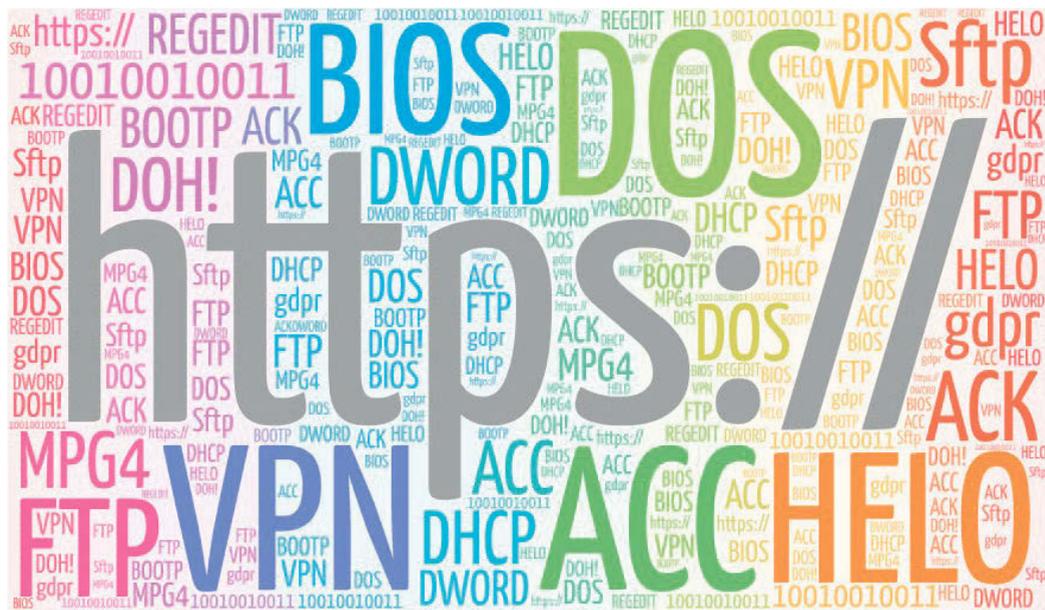
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
18/00982/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage and formation of vehicular access	Garden Ground Of Achnandarrach Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00966/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 15/00087/PP (Erection of building to facilitate a farm shop, cafe and sheepskin sale centre, external decking area, associated new access and parking area)	Land West Of South Lodge Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
18/00798/PP	Installation of 2no replacement timber footbridges	Land Adjacent To Car Park Lady Glassary Wood Kilmartin Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00816/PP	Erection of sunroom and porch extensions, installation of external insulated cladding and re-roofing from slate, profiled steel and bitumen covering to Spanish slate tiles	Alma Cottage Big Brae Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UQ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
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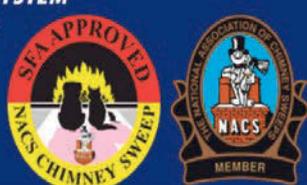
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**CLACHAN**

**Clachan Primary are Sumdog spring maths champions**

CLACHAN Primary School delivered a strong win in the 2018 Argyll and Bute spring maths contest, organised by Edinburgh-based education technology company Sumdog.

Taking place on Friday March 16, the week-long contest saw 2,107 pupils from 110 classes at 51 schools in Argyll and Bute competing to win a coveted trophy and the title of Argyll and Bute Sumdog spring maths champions for 2018.

The pupils worked individually in their class groups to answer up to 1,000 maths questions each over the duration of the contest using Sumdog's innovative online learning system.

Clachan Primary School emerged as champions with a winning score of 841 correct answers.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead

for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'What a great achievement. These talented youngsters have fought off stiff competition from 50 other schools across Argyll and Bute to win this prestigious maths award.'

'Clachan Primary School might only have eight pupils but what it might lack in size, it certainly makes up for in brains. Well done to everyone involved.'

Sumdog, a highly-engaging learning and intervention numeracy platform which aims to close the poverty related attainment gap, is now used in 70 per cent of all schools in Scotland.

Sumdog CEO Andrew Hall said: 'We're delighted to have had so many schools from across Argyll and Bute compete in the contest.'

'On behalf of everyone at Sumdog, I'd like to express my huge congratulations to all pupils at Clachan School on becoming the Argyll and Bute spring maths contest champions.'

**TARBERT**



Tarbert Castle. 08\_a18tarbertcastle

**'Our Castle of Kings' archaeological dig**

THE TARBERT Castle Community Archaeology project is moving forward with the project design completed by Roddy Reagan, an archaeologist from Kilmartin.

The 'Our Castle of Kings' archaeological dig will take place in May

2019 with details still to be confirmed.

If you would like to donate towards the dig, text the project code (TARB55) plus an amount to 70070 – for example: 'TARB55 £5' to donate £5.

**DUNOON**

**Digital Hub produces replica of Burgh Hall**

YOUNG people from Dunoon's Digital Hub have produced a detailed replica of the town's Burgh Hall using the education version of Minecraft.

**Creativity**

Minecraft promotes creativity among young people and helps with problem solving.

The app is regularly

used at the Digital Hub and it was during an after school session that the young people who attend came up with the idea of recreating the Burgh Hall in a digital form.

Gary Clark, the council's acting education support officer, said: 'We know that children and young people love

to use Minecraft and recently we have been thinking about the relevance in an education context.'

**Enthusiasm**

'This project was about recognising young people's enthusiasm towards Minecraft and focusing it into a real world context.'

**Thought for the week**

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a great atmosphere on the bus to Glasgow as passengers greeted each other in the warmth of a beautiful Argyll morning.

We chatted with Nancy and Davy and Gordon, and enjoyed the brief conversations with others we knew.

The journey went quickly as we enjoyed the magnificent scenery.

The trees are really greening up due the most welcome sunshine and the blossom trees are daring to show a bit of colour.

We all dispersed at Glasgow and went our separate ways, each to deal with our own business.

The day went well and it was a great novelty to eat outside in the April sunshine and enjoy a glass of wine, as we didn't need to worry about driving home.

At the bus station, we met up again with Gordon and Davy and exchanged the stories of our city break.

Alison and Neil were seeing off a friend and realised they knew half the people on the bus, so the farewells became a bit of fun for us all.

The banter with Charlie the driver made the journey go quickly and soon we were coming over the brae at Ronachan. That's when I feel I'm 'home'.

The sun was setting over the paps of Jura and bathed all of Kintyre in a beautiful rosy glow as the sea birds drifted homeward lazily to find their rest.

I thought of my home town, which I love dearly and am always glad to visit, but as we left the crowds and the noise and the traffic, I felt again a deep sense of something beyond myself in Argyll.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**GILMOUR**

Calum and Sarah are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Evie Grace, on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. First granddaughter for Robert and Josie Shaw, and Christine and Angus Gilmour.

**DEATHS**

**MCMILLAN** - On April 27, 2018, suddenly at home, Archie McMillan, in his 72nd year, beloved son of the late Archie and Annie McMillan, much loved father of Fergus, dearly loved brother of Flora and Anne Marie, and a dear uncle of Catriona and great uncle of Cleo. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Wednesday, May 9 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Fishermen's Mission.

**ROSS** - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on April 24, 2018, with her family by her side, Jean Ross, in her 86th year, of Vailla, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig and formerly of Stonefield, Tarbert, loving wife of the late Leonard Ross and much loved mother of Kenneth and James. Also a dearly loved sister and mother-in-law. A private service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BENNETT** - The family of the late Richard Bennett (Mucker Roy) would like to thank the countless people for the support, cards and flowers received following the sudden death of Roy. Special thanks to James Stevenson and Mark Wasson (paramedics), to Dr Lazarus and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, to Rhys and Kenneth Blair for doing everything they could to support the family and giving Roy the send-off he received. Thanks also to the Argyll Hotel for the tea, to Mr Willie Crossan

for such a warm service, to Archie Mathieson and drivers for the use of the taxis, and to Campbeltown police officers for stopping the traffic, with heartfelt thanks to the officers for blue-lighting Roy up Longrow. The retiral collection raised £1,381.50 for the Fishermen's Mission and Children's Cancer Trust (Brain Tumour).

**CARMICHAEL** - Donald, Bruce and Morven would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the very sad loss of Christina. Grateful thanks to all staff at the Macmillan Ward, Oban and Lochgilphead hospitals, and also to Collette Morgan, for their care and kindness to Christina. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Cliff Acklam and John L Morrison OBE for a personal and comforting service, and to Roddy, Fiona, Cammy and Neil of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for

a caring and efficient service. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside and who joined the family back at Tayvallich Village Hall to pay their respects and celebrate Christina's life, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection raised over £1,800, which will be split between Marie Curie, Macmillan Nurses, and Oban and Lochgilphead hospitals.

**MACLEOD** - The family of the late Renee Macleod would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital, community nurses, Carr Gomm carers and Vicky and Isobel. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for his comforting service, to David Gardiner for organ music, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services, and to the Ardsheil Hotel for catering. Finally, sincere thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MACMILLAN** - Precious memories of Jenny, who passed away on May 2, 2017.

In our heart you will always stay.  
- Don and Shona, and all the family.

**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012. Also our beautiful granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, April 8 - May 5, 2010; and a loving son, brother and uncle, Robert, tragically killed June 1, 1987, aged 16.

Our loved ones may be out of sight,

But they're never out of mind,  
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Of the ones they left behind.

- From all the family, at home and away.

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Mr Jim Malcolm

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Inveraray Church 11.30am

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**Wednesday 9th May**

12.00 noon

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2.00pm - 4.00pm

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# Rosie pushes to the limit in ultra marathon



Rosie with her ultra marathon medal after completing the tough race.

A WOMAN from Ardrishaig completed a gruelling ultra marathon last weekend, finishing 10th in her category.

Rosie Doull, who now lives in Dundee, took part in the Highland Fling 53-mile ultra marathon at the Scottish Ultra Marathon Championships on Saturday April 28.

The route took Rosie from Milngavie to Tyndrum, following the West Highland Way across Loch

Lomond and over the Conic Hill.

The race was a huge jump in distance for the keen runner, who previously ran the 37-mile Speyside Way Ultra Marathon in August 2017.

Rosie, who has been training for several months for the event, said: 'After a 6am start, I was feeling strong and on track for my goal time, until about 30 miles in when things went a bit pear-shaped. The terrain got

very technical, quite rocky with lots of tree routes, and I struggled and slowed dramatically. I'd also had an upset stomach from early on in the race, so I was feeling pretty low at this point.

'I could have easily given up at the next aid station, but there was no way I was giving up, especially not after the months and months of training I'd put into it. I was going to finish this race, even if I had to crawl.

'I just pulled myself together, looked up and appreciated the beautiful trails, the gorgeous lochside scenery and reminded myself of why I was doing this; because I love running and because I wanted to push myself further than I ever have before.'

Despite having a few rocky moments earlier on in the race, Rosie managed to sprint down the red carpet with the crowd cheering her on.

She continued: 'It was hands down the best race I've ever experienced. I had an amazing day.'

'It was a great experience, with great weather, great volunteers, great organisation and, all in all, a great race.'

Rosie finished 16th lady overall and 10th lady in the female senior category. She is now motivated to take on the Devil 'O The Highlands Ultra Marathon, which takes place in August.

## ArgyllSHARE are proud to sponsor Lochgilphead Red Star

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star were resplendent in new strips as they clinched promotion in fine style on April 28 – read all about it elsewhere in this edition.

The club's home shirts have been sponsored by ArgyllSHARE, a social project aimed at tackling rural and hidden homelessness in our communities.

Co-founded in 2015 by Sharon Wilkie-Jones, SHARE began life as a social project at Bolton Sixth Form College.

Since moving to Argyll with husband Sandy, ArgyllSHARE has been set up as a focus for using creative arts to challenge and change perceptions about homelessness.

'ArgyllSHARE is

proud to sponsor the shirts of Lochgilphead Red Star AFC and give practical support to our local grassroots football team,' said Sharon.

'We are committed to making a positive long-term difference to life in Argyll and remain committed to our aims of being not-for-profit, inclusive, welcoming and non-judgemental.'



Red Star are resplendent in their ArgyllSHARE-sponsored strips. Sharon Wilkie-Jones is pictured right, with husband Sandy on the left. 06\_a18RedStar



Fort William's Sean Cameron and John Kennedy of Inveraray do battle in the Balliemore Cup tie in Lochaber.

## Balliemore agony as Inveraray exit on penalties

Liberty British Aluminium  
Balliemore Cup – First Round

Fort William 2  
Inveraray 2  
(aet – Fort William won 4-2 on penalties)

THE PICK of the Liberty British Aluminium-sponsored Balliemore Cup first round ties was between Fort William and Inveraray at An Aird.

The sides couldn't be separated after two hours of shinty and Fort William eventually ran out 4-2 winners following a penalty shoot-out.

Fort William took the lead on 17 minutes. Referee Martin MacLean awarded the hosts a penalty and Victor Smith stepped up to score from the spot.

Inveraray levelled on 58 minutes with Allan MacDonald scoring and they took the lead on 72 minutes with Craig Taylor netting.

However, they only stayed in front for a couple of minutes. Jack Fraser got on the end of a ball from midfield and touched the ball over the fullback

and past the keeper before scoring. It remained 2-2 until the end of the 90 minutes and, with no goals during the extra-time period, the contest was decided by a penalty shoot-out. Sean Cruickshank, Victor Smith, Jack Fraser and Lachie Shaw all converted from the spot to put Fort William through to the next round.

Marine Harvest South Division 1  
Kyles Athletic 7  
Inveraray 0

THE DERBY between the Inveraray and Kyles Athletic juniors was moved from the Winterton to Glendaruel.

A devastating first-half performance saw Kyles run out 7-0 winners.

Ross MacRae opened the scoring on nine minutes and Scott MacDonald added a second just four minutes later.

Luke Thornton scored on 18 and 26 minutes, either side of a 22nd-minute Brandon Wilson strike to make it 5-0.

Brandon Wilson got his second on the half-hour mark and, if that wasn't

enough, Innes MacDonald added a seventh on 35 minutes.

Kenny Wotherspoon named south under-21 boss

OBAN Celtic first team manager Kenny Wotherspoon will manage the South U21 squad in this year's Caol Cup match against the North U21.

The match is always of interest to the Scotland U21 coaching staff ahead of the international matches.

Wotherspoon will be assisted in his South U21 role by Les Kinvig.

Glasgow Celtic Society Cup sponsor

THE GLASGOW Celtic Society has announced that Scottish Sea Farms will sponsor the 2018 Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final.

First played in 1879, the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup is one of shinty's oldest trophies and this year's final will be hosted by Taynult on Saturday 30 June and will be broadcast live on BBC Alba.

### Tarbert to host open in aid of Nancy Glen families

ON SATURDAY May 5, Tarbert Golf Club will host the TT100 Nancy Glen Open competition, which will be open to ladies and gents with a £12 entry fee.

At the time of going to press, the club were able to confirm 72 entries for the open with only a further 12 spaces available.

A club spokesman said: 'Tarbert Golf Club are delighted with the response from the golfing public and we look forward to a successful day. Even if you are not a golfer, the club would be delighted to see you for some tea and cake. Raffle tickets will be available all day and it is still not too late to bid for some of the fantastic courses available at the auction.'

For more information on the event, visit the club's Facebook page.

# Crowning glory for Donna and Ele

THE LADIES' section at Lochgilphead Golf Club were rewarded at the weekend for their hard work at recruiting new members, with 12 ladies coming out to compete in the Coronation Foursomes on Sunday April 29.

The competition was resurrected last year after many years of absence, and Donna McKellar and Ele Hunter, who were last year's winners, were pleased to defend their title and win again this year with 36 points.

The enjoyable day was followed up by some sociable drinks in the clubhouse thanks to Anka and Hans.

The gents also had their turn, competing in the Dunlop Stableford across the weekend.

Saturday April 28 saw

a close finish with Steven Colligan returning a card with a fantastic 42 points beating Liam Scott by one point.

Unfortunately, Steven didn't play on Sunday and Liam was overtaken by Robbie Wilson, who returned a combined score of 74 points over the two days to become this year's winner, beating Liam by one point.

#### Enough points

Jim Hunter also played well on day two, returning a score of 35 points. Unfortunately, he didn't have enough points from day one to join this score.

The juniors played for the Wilson Cup and the Easter trophy with Andrew Innis scoring 18 points in the nine-hole Easter Trophy, and 39 points in



Lochgilphead ladies before the Coronation Foursomes on Sunday April 29.

the Wilson Cup to bag both titles. Kern McKellar followed closely in both competitions with a score of 16 in the Easter Trophy and

38 in the Wilson Cup. This week there will be another two-round competition with the gents playing for the Ann Williams Trophy.

The ladies will compete for the Centenary Cup on Saturday May 5, and the juniors play for the May medal on Friday May 4.

### Get your karate on in Lochgilphead

FANCY getting to know a bit more about martial arts but aren't sure where to start? Look no further than Mid Argyll Sports Centre, where there are classes for adults and children aged eight and above.

Classes take place on Wednesdays at the sports centre from 6.30pm for children over eight and at 7.30pm for adults.

There are 'pad session' classes on Monday evenings at 7pm for over-14s and adults, where learners focus on strikes and combinations with shields and pads.

The classes are organised by Iain Rodger, 6th dan Kyokushinkai Karate.

For more information on karate in Mid Argyll, email Iain on iain@ikku.co.uk.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Crowning glory for  
Donna and Ele

# Star win promotion with impressive home victory

SAFL Premier 2

**Lochgilphead Red Star 6  
Duncanrig 1**

SHARE Argyll-sponsored Red Star welcomed Duncanrig to Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Saturday April 28, knowing that a win would secure the club promotion to SAFL Premier 1 for the new season.

With that incentive in mind, Star came flying out of the traps and could have been ahead inside two minutes, when Aaron Moore burst through the midfield. He managed to run straight through the Duncanrig defence though the Star captain's effort went just past the post.

The scoreline didn't stay blank for long as Star continued to put their visitors under pressure, as Kyle Selfridge opened the scoring with a surging run from his defensive position, latching onto a

through ball and slotting past the Duncanrig keeper to put Star ahead after eight minutes.

Lee MacLean was on hand to double Star's lead soon after when he finished with his usual composure after an excellent team passing move.

Red Star were three up inside half an hour when Kieran Moore beat the Duncanrig defence for pace before finishing low into the bottom corner.

Star were in no mood to be complacent and added to their tally with Kieran Moore doubling his account for the day with another excellent finish to put the home side 4-0 up at half-time.

Into the second half and Gregor Peacock scored with an excellent shot from outside the box when curled past the despairing goalkeeper as he picked up a goal which

he thoroughly deserved for another energetic performance on the wing.

Star were able to give all their substitutes a good run out for the rest of the game as they looked to keep the intensity going for the full 90 minutes. Star added their sixth of the game with 20 minutes to go when Kyle Selfridge played in Colin Weir, whose square ball was met by Kieran Moore, and he was happy to convert for yet another hat-trick as Star went 6-0 up.

To their credit, Duncanrig never stopped trying to play and they capitalised on a rare defensive slip from Star and their striker's effort beat Ben Pollock, who was disappointed not to keep the effort out to make it 6-1.

The home side were happy to maintain possession for the majority of the second half, gaining promotion to



Kieran Moore, who scored a hat-trick, moves the ball away from a Duncanrig defender. 08\_a18redstar11

Premier 1 with a stylish victory. With the season's main objective secured, Star will now be looking to securing the league title knowing that two wins from their remaining four matches will be enough.

## Rugby girls given chance to BeTheBest



LOCHGILPHEAD High School and Tarbert Academy took part in Scottish Rugby's #BeTheBestYou campaign, which encourages girls aged 12-17 to take part in the sport.

Development officers from Scottish Rugby arrived in Argyll on Tuesday April 24 where S1-S3 girls enjoyed a taster session.

The session was led by women's and girls' development officer Jen Miller and partnerships and projects officer Caitlyn Haldane from Scottish Rugby.

Stage two of the campaign will take place in June, which will involve a development day hosted in Lochgilphead for all the schools taking part.

Tarbert Academy girls with Scottish Rugby's women's and girls' development officer Jen Miller and partnerships and projects officer Caitlyn Haldane.

### Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday April 30, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw numbers were 4, 8 and 9.

The £200 jackpot wasn't won, so next week's prize will be £300.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers this week were 2, 12 and 18. The lucky winner of the £100 jackpot was Lesley Clark. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

The lucky numbers in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 6, 18 and 19. There were no winners, with next week's jackpot £500.

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