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## Fyne Bikes

Motorbike fans had plenty to enjoy last week. See page 16



## Restored to health

Rescued surfer leaves hospital. Full story on page 3



## Boudicca

Fred Olsen cruise liner returns to Loch Fyne. See page 7 for details

# Lucky escape for village as forest fire takes hold

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HOMES and residents of Furnace had a close shave at the weekend as a major fire raged in the hills above the village.

It is believed the fire began in the area around South Cralekan, on the slopes of Dun Leacainn which dominates the local landscape. The fire began at some point on Saturday May 6, before quickly spreading west and north through forested land towards the A83 trunk road.

Police Scotland later confirmed that a man had been charged in connection with the incident.

The emergency services were called and fire crews from Minard and Inveraray initially tackled the blaze, which worked its way quickly through a young conifer planta-

tion, reaching the A83 verges in places. Firefighters from Arrochar and Lochgilhead later arrived to join the operation.

A spokesman for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: 'At 3.02pm on Saturday May 6, reports were received of a grass fire north of Furnace near the A83.

'A total of four crews were mobilised to the incident, which at its height had a fire front of approximately one mile.

'Firefighters used beaters and high-powered hoses to prevent the fire from spreading.

'There were no casualties and crews left the scene at 10.04pm after ensuring that the area was made safe.'

Speaking this week, Sergeant Iain MacNicol of Lochgilhead

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## The council has landed

**Depute returning officer Charles Reppke accepts island ballot boxes from helicopter pilot John Fraser McKenzie as counting day begins.**

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WE NOW know the shape of our new Argyll and Bute Council.

Votes cast on Thursday May 4 were counted the following

day - and it's 'as you were' for Mid Argyll, as the three former councillors were re-elected.

There were plenty of chang-

es elsewhere though and the power struggles have already begun.

Full coverage, reaction and analysis on pages 10 and 11.

## Loch jet ski crash death

A JET SKI passenger has died after falling into the water on Loch Lomond. Full story on page 2.

## Alexei sails into Inveraray

A RUSSIAN billionaire's private yacht sailed into Inveraray last week for a visit. Full story on page 3.

## Why I donated

ARTEFACT enthusiast Jan Brown tells why Kilmartin Museum is more than just a building to her. Full story on page 7.

## Fledgling support

MID ARGYLL businesswomen have taken it upon themselves to set up their own business support network.

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## Summer drink driving crackdown

POLICE are beginning their summer campaign to crack down on drink drivers.

With summer sunshine comes an increased likelihood of daytime drinking and already there have been a couple of drink drivers caught in recent weeks.

Police have stepped up their efforts to keep drink drivers off the road during the summer months through an increased presence on the roads.

PC Martin Balkeen, speaking at a recent Lochgilphead Community Council meeting, said: 'The drink driving limit is so low now that its basically a zero tolerance policy – one drink could put you over the limit. It's important to keep in mind that you may be over the limit the morning after a night of drinking as well, so you have to be really careful.'

# Man, 21, dies after Loch Lomond jet ski fall

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A 21-YEAR-OLD man has died after falling off a jet ski on Loch Lomond.

Stuart McLevy, right, from Yoker in Glasgow, was a passenger on the jet ski before he fell into the water just north of Inchmurrin island on Saturday May 6.

A 37-year-old man,

the driver of the jet ski, was also injured as a result of the crash.

Police and emergency services were notified of the incident at around 9.15pm on Saturday evening.

### Hospital

Both men were taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley where Mr McLevy was pronounced dead.

A post-mortem will be conducted to estab-

lish the exact cause of Mr McLevy's death and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police inquiries are ongoing to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident and Inspector John McMillan, based at Dumbarton police station, is appealing for information.

He said: 'We understand Stuart McLevy

fell from the jet ski and entered the water. The 37-year-old man who was driving also entered the water and attempted to assist.

### Aid

'Other individuals who were also on the water on private vessels quickly came to the aid of both men and brought them back to shore at the Duncan Mills Memorial Slipway at Balloch where

paramedics could take over. I am appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident from the shoreline to contact officers at Dumbarton police station via 101.

'Our inquiries are continuing to establish the circumstances surrounding this incident. Any information you have, no matter how small, could greatly assist our inquiry.'



## Chance for groups to win vouchers

GOOD causes, schools and community groups across Argyll and Bute are being offered the chance to win £500 worth of electrical vouchers.

As part of a new campaign designed to pro-

mote responsible recycling, there is a total prize pot of £5,000 up for grabs with entries now being invited.

Argyll and Bute Council and REPIC, the not-for-profit waste electrical and electron-

ic recycling company, are running the initiative which will award £500 of vouchers towards the purchase of new electrical products for selected entries. It is open to all local groups, schools

and good causes such as registered charities and not-for-profit organisations.

Entries should be made online via www.responsible-recycling.co.uk, where entrants will be asked to

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## Police files

### No MoT

A CAR was stopped by police on the A816 at Lochgilphead at 11.45pm on Monday May 1.

Checks revealed the vehicle's MoT had expired. The driver, a 28-year-old man, was issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

### No road tax

POLICE stopped a car at 10.30pm on Tuesday May 2 on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead.

Checks revealed the vehicle's MoT had expired and that it had no road tax. The driver, a 17-year-old man, was issued with a £100 fixed penalty. A report will be submitted to DVLA regarding the road tax offence.

### Air weapon seized

AT 1am on Sunday April 30, at a house in the Loch Awe area, an air weapon was

seized from a 25-year-old man who allegedly does not possess an air weapon certificate.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Kilmartin collision

A COLLISION occurred on the A816 at Carnassarie, Kilmartin, between a Ford car and a Mercedes car at 5.50pm on Wednesday May 3.

A 67-year-old man was subsequently charged with careless driving. No-one was injured and the man was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

### Careless driving

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was charged with careless driving at about 7pm on Wednesday May 3, on the A816 at Lochgilphead.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Fence vandalised

BETWEEN 10.30pm on Wednesday May 3 and 6am on Thursday 4, at Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, a wooden garden fence was damaged by being kicked in several places. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information.

### Wall damaged

ON THE B8024 at Dunmore, Tarbert, a stone wall was damaged by being struck by a large vehicle which failed to stop and report the damage between 10am and noon on Thursday April 27.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information.

### Tyre damaged

A TYRE on a white VW Caddy van was damaged by having a nail inserted in it some time between 2pm on Saturday May 6 and 8.30pm on Sunday 7, Glenfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information.

If you have witnessed any of these incidents or have any information then contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# Rescued surfer leaves hospital after ordeal

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RESCUED surfer Matthew Bryce has been discharged from hospital after making a 'remarkable' recovery having spent more than 32 hours lost at sea.

Matthew, 22, from Airdrie, was treated for hypothermia after he was found drifting on his surfboard in the North Channel on Monday May 1.

He praised the medical care he received at the Ulster Hospital in Dundonald, Belfast, as 'second to none'.

Matthew, who has vowed never to surf

“To each and every one of you - thank you very much”

**Matthew Bryce**

again, was found by a search and rescue helicopter 13 miles from Northern Ireland and 16 miles from Argyll.

Speaking just before he left to trav-

el home to Scotland, Matthew said: '[The staff] have shown me such love, care and support through this particularly traumatic experience. To each and every one of you - thank you very much.'

Matthew's parents, John and Isabella, have over 60 years' experience working in the NHS, so know how busy it can be.

They said: 'The staff here in the Ulster Hospital have been so thoughtful, kind and considerate. They helped turn a negative experience into a positive one.'



Matthew with Dr Padraig Headley and ward sister Rhonda Marks at the Ulster Hospital. Photograph: South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.

## Former MP Alan Reid puts hat in ring

FORMER Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid put his hat in the ring for the upcoming UK general election this week, just four days after he was elected to Argyll and Bute Council.

The Scottish Liberal Democrats announced that Mr Reid - who lost his seat at Westminster to SNP's Brendan O'Hara in 2015 - will be their candidate for Argyll and Bute in the UK Parliament election on June 8. Mr Reid also stood in the Argyll and Bute constituency in the Holyrood election last year, losing out to the SNP's Michael Russell.

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## Doorstep scammers targeted

POLICE in Argyll have renewed efforts to prevent doorstep crime after a recent resurgence of scams.

On April 5 a man was arrested by police for public disorder after cold calling an elderly person and demanding payment for work he had carried out on the spot.

It was a local bank that notified the police to this incident after someone made a withdrawal with another person under suspicious circumstances.

Police have now warned banks in the Mid Argyll area to be aware of any suspicious cash withdrawals, possibly made under duress. Elderly and vulnerable people are urged to be cautious when answering the door to cold callers.



Argyll's beauty is enough to attract the world's wealthiest people. 06\_al9boat-LadyM01

## Luxury £40m yacht *Lady M* basks in Scottish sunshine

MORE akin to Ibiza than Inveraray, Loch Fyne hosted a luxury yacht in brilliant sunshine.

The *Lady M* lay at anchor for three days last week at the mouth of Loch Shira as she spent a few weeks travelling the west coast of Scotland and England.

Reportedly owned by Russian billionaire Alexei Mordashov, the £40 million sports yacht has six luxury bedrooms, a swimming pool, an open entertainment deck and a private sun deck. With a 14-strong

crew to attend to their every whim, guests can even enjoy an on-board jacuzzi.

The *Lady M* had spent time on the River Clyde before sampling the beauty of Argyll, and left Loch Fyne on Saturday night to head for Stranraer, nipping over to Belfast before setting course for Whitehaven on the Cumbrian coast.

By Wednesday this week her zig-zag course had taken the Georgetown-registered *Lady M* to the Isle of Man.

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# Close enough as fire raged

IT WAS from a safe distance, but looking on as Saturday's forest fire raged was a sobering experience.

Lochgilphead coffee mornings and shinty matches were among the Saturday jobs in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* diary, then it was onward to Inveraray to cover a charity fundraiser.

A leisurely motor up Loch Fyne-side was interrupted by the sight of smoke above Furnace that looked like something out of the

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ordinary. Seeking a better vantage point I ventured up a forestry road above the A83 but on the opposite side from the (by now) raging fire coming down from the South Cralekan direction.

The day was bright and sunny, but this was a different, dark place with smoke above and around.

The birds still sang - but my abiding memory is not of smoke but of the sound of the fire,

a roaring hunger. And there was the occasional waft of heat in the air.

Had the wind been blowing stronger or from a different direction, I have little doubt this could have been much more serious than it was.

But my admiration for the firefighters who tackle these fires on behalf of the rest of us is all the greater for seeing the height and ferocity of the flames last Saturday.

A fire can be a mesmerising sight, but - once I had taken my pictures and shot a little video - I decided discretion was the better part of valour, and quickly scarpers before the A83 was closed or the fire jumped the road.

And I'm afraid I never reached the Inveraray fundraiser, for which I apologise.



The view around 3.45pm from Furnace. 06\_a19furnacefire01



You can see a video of the fire on the Argyllshire Advertiser website - [www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

Smoke rises from behind Dun Leacainn, as seen from Strachur, across Loch Fyne. 06\_a19furnacefire04

## Walk strides on through 'inferno'

THE POPULAR Leacainn Walk runs right through the area of hillside affected by last Saturday's blaze - yet it survived almost unscathed.

There were concerns that the six-mile circular walk from Furnace may have been damaged and would have to be closed.

Keen walker Mike Masters said: 'Imagine the amazement on finding the green path running right through the charred remains of the

young forest plantation. With acres of devastation all around and a reported 6,000 trees destroyed by the inferno, the Leacainn Walk somehow survived with the only damage being a partially melted plastic drainage pipe.

'The scenery may have changed somewhat but the walk remains open and it will be interesting to see how the surrounding forest regenerates over the coming years.'



Relatively unscathed - the Leacainn Walk.

## Lucky escape for village residents

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police officer said: 'Enquiries into the cause have resulted in a man aged 76 being charged with allegedly burning garden waste and failing to ensure the bonfire was properly extinguished. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Furnace residents were shocked at the extent of the fire.

Mike Masters, chairman of Furnace Community Council, said:

'I happened to be walking on the hills above Auchindrain that afternoon and was amazed at the amount of smoke and the extent of it. There appeared to be four or five individual fires, all apparently following the A83. Fortunately, we decided to return to Furnace around the other side of Dun Leacainn or we might have been cut off.'

He continued: 'The police helicopter landed on the football field

to enable an officer to alight with a screen linked to the helicopter's cameras. They set up base in the village hall with the fire officer so that he could see the aerial view of the fire and direct operations.'

The forestry agent managing the fire-affected area, Tom McLellan, was still assessing the damage earlier this week, but confirmed the fire affected an area of 25 hectares (61 acres).

Mr Masters added:

'Furnace folk were shocked at the extent of the fire and very relieved the wind was blowing away from the village or the consequences could have been very serious.'

The A83 was closed by police for a period on Saturday evening as the fire closed in on the trunk road and to assist with tackling the blaze.

A fire appliance returned to the scene on Sunday at 7.45am to re-inspect the area and check for hotspots.



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# Final concert of the season for singers

MARKING the end of their 2016/17 season, Dalriada Singers held a final concert on Saturday April 29.

The theme for the evening performance, held at St Columba's Church, Pottaloch, was Parisians at Prayer and incorporated choral works by Gabriel Fauré and Louis Vierne, interspersed with organ music of a French flavour.

The 20-plus-member choir, conducted by Barbara Stout and accompanied by John Marsden, sang for an appreciative audience and more than £400 was raised for the

Disasters Emergency Committee's East Africa Appeal.

The following evening the choir provided pre-dinner entertainment for some holiday-makers, with an impromptu private performance on choir member Nick Walker's puffer Vic 32. Guests were treated to arrangements of songs of a nautical theme including Skye Boat Song and Tom Bowling.

Dalriada Singers will reconvene again in September and would welcome any new members, especially tenor singers.

Dalriada Singers on board Vic 32 in Ardrishaig.



## Council welcomes rise in population

ACCORDING to latest statistics, the population of Argyll and Bute has increased.

The National Records of Scotland figures show that the area's population grew by 240 people over the year to the end of June 2016 to 87,130 - a 0.3 per cent population increase.

Cleland Sneddon, the area local authority's chief executive, said: 'This is really welcome news. As a council our focus is on creating jobs, opportunities and growing our economy. These figures show that Argyll and Bute is a great place to live, work and invest in.'



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## Editorial

### Striking visitors

TWO STRIKING visitors came to Argyll to take in lovely spring weather and stunning scenery.

It was good to see the yacht belonging to a very rich Russian enjoying our surroundings - and the people on the boat must have appreciated it, since they stayed at anchor off Inveraray for a number of days.

Then we had the cruise ship Boudicca in Loch Fyne briefly on Tuesday. She has become a regular visitor, bringing people and business to the region.

The fly in our ointment, though, is the lack of berthing and landing facilities in this part of Scotland.

The obvious case in point is Inveraray Pier. Why is this being left to decay? The Boudicca turned around as she reached Inveraray and motored back down to Tarbert without so much as a backward glance. Other cruise ships have used floating jetties at Crarae and Strachur to bring passengers ashore. But it would be nice to allow passengers to reach dry land in comfort at Inveraray.

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### Serving the people

Sir,  
I would like to thank everyone who supported me in being elected again to Argyll and Bute Council. This will enable me to continue to serve the needs of constituents in Mid Argyll ward three.

**Councillor Donnie MacMillan,  
Lochgilthead.**

### Empowered decisions

Sir,  
I would like to thank everyone in Kintyre and the Islands who voted for me on the May 4. I am very grateful to have been elected on the first preference vote.

It is time for our communities to be empowered to make the decisions that are best for their own area and I will work hard to make that happen.

**Councillor Anne Horn, Tarbert.**

### A message of thanks

Sir,  
A huge thank you to everyone who voted for me in this local election. Our new intake of members and our veterans were a terrific help during this election as was my local association and family - I could not have done it without you all.

I was told by many separatists that I had no chance of winning and that I was wasting my time. Well I'm proud to have proven them wrong. I will fight hard to see our roads and infrastructure improved across our ward.

Like I said during my campaign, I will strive to serve and rep-

## Poppy's lip-smacking sunshine treat



THREE-year-old labradoodle Poppy enjoyed a treat in gorgeous Inveraray sunshine last Sunday. An unwanted cone found a good home as Poppy's owners Donna Crighton and Robert Martin spent a day in Inveraray during a weekend break at the Forest Holidays site, Ardgartan.

resent all of my council ward not just the people that share my political views. I will continue to be visible, accessible and active in fighting for our local area. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.**

### Children's mental health

Sir,  
This week marks Mental Health Awareness Week, May 8 to 14.

Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, the theme this year is 'surviving or thriving'.

Rather than asking why so many people are living with mental health problems, this week seeks to uncover why too few of us are thriving with good mental health.

It is crucial to remember that three children in every classroom will experience mental health problems by the

time they are 16 and half of adult mental health problems start before the age of 14.

While the Scottish Government and society as a whole has begun to treat mental health and physical health equally, we still have a long way to go.

If we are going to truly develop a mentally healthy society, we must begin with a renewed focus on prevention and early intervention, so that our children and young people get the support they need, where and when they need it.

As such, the Scottish Children's Services Coalition have long campaigned for mental health and well-being education to be expanded in schools, so that we equip our young people with emotional resilience and coping skills required to thrive in the modern world.

Initiatives such as

Mental Health Awareness Week go a long way in moving the national conversation forward, raising awareness of this important issue which affects each and every one of us.

**Tom McGhee, Managing Director, Spark of Genius; Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland; Sophie Pilgrim, Director, Kindred Scotland; Stuart Jacob, Director, Falkland House School; Niall Kelly, Managing Director, Young Foundations; Liz May, National Co-ordinator, Action for Sick Children Scotland.**

### Elderly independence

Sir,  
I'm writing to you and your readers to let you

know about a brand new fundraising campaign that Independent Age, the older people's charity, is launching in May 2017.

The 100in10 challenge invites participants to cover a total of 100km in 10 weeks in any way they choose.

All donations will go towards the charity's work towards helping older people stay independent for as long as possible.

Participants can take part in the challenge either as an individual or a team, and will help raise funds to support older people to live more independently.

Those who take part can walk, run, swim, cycle or be as creative as they like to reach the '100' target in 10 weeks. For those who are less athletically inclined, they could even try baking 100 cookies in 10 weeks instead.

Independent Age is

an older people's charity that provides regular friendly contact, a strong campaigning voice and free, impartial advice on the issues that matter to older people: care and support, money and benefits, health and mobility.

We hope that people get behind our brand new 100in10 fundraising challenge and enjoy taking part.

Every penny raised from this campaign will go towards our advice and friendship services and will help us to speak up for those who are lonely, vulnerable or in need of help, so participants really will be making a big difference to the lives of older people.

Everyone in Scotland can sign up for the 100in10 challenge now at [www.independentage.org/100in10](http://www.independentage.org/100in10).

**Janet Morrison, chief executive of Independent Age.**

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# Museum is 'more than just a building' to donor

WITH a redevelopment project at Kilmartin Museum well under way, museum donor Jan Brown has spoken of why she chose to support the ambitious project.

'I started visiting the museum not long after it opened,' Jan said, 'but have been actively involved in helping run things here for many years now. Starting out in an advisory group I then progressed on to become a trustee, director of the trading company and a member of the fundraising committee.'

Jan's passion for the museum is obvious when she is asked what makes it so special. She describes the museum as 'unique', saying it is 'more than just artefacts in a building'. Although Jan is not an archaeologist, nor does she live in Kilmartin, the boost for Mid Argyll as a whole that the increase in visitors to the museum following its redevelopment will have is one of the

most important reasons she has for supporting the project.

She said: 'The museum's location in Kilmartin Glen means that it is entrenched in the landscape and this gives it an ambience that other museums in cities or those far removed from historical sites just don't seem to have.'

'I also used to run a tourist-based business in nearby Ardfern, and so know how important the museum is at bringing tourists to the area and how much the economy of Mid Argyll relies on these visitors.'

'People will come to see the museum but then stay in local bed and breakfasts or guesthouses, and go out for lunch at local cafés or pubs.'

'There are many aspects of the redevelopment that I am looking forward to and excited to be able to support. Obviously the larger space means that more fascinating artefacts will be displayed and so more people will come and visit, but

the museum also plans to have a large exhibition area where different cultural and artistic events can be held.'

When asked why she thinks others should donate to the redevelopment project and support Kilmartin Museum, Jan explained: 'Firstly, it's a good feeling to be part of what is an exciting project. I believe that the redevelopment team is very strong and really well run. It's an opportunity to see your money go not only to the museum but also back into the local community, with the promise of more tourists to the area that will benefit businesses and people all over Mid Argyll. In this way you would be supporting not only the preservation of Kilmartin's past but also the future of a much wider area.'

If anyone would like to find out more about Kilmartin Museum's redevelopment project contact [redemption@kilmartin.org](mailto:redemption@kilmartin.org).



Jan Brown - a great supporter of Kilmartin Museum.



MV Boudicca anchored off Tarbert. Picture: James Ronald

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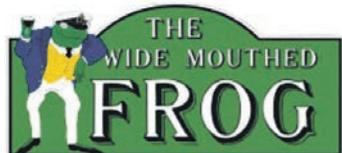
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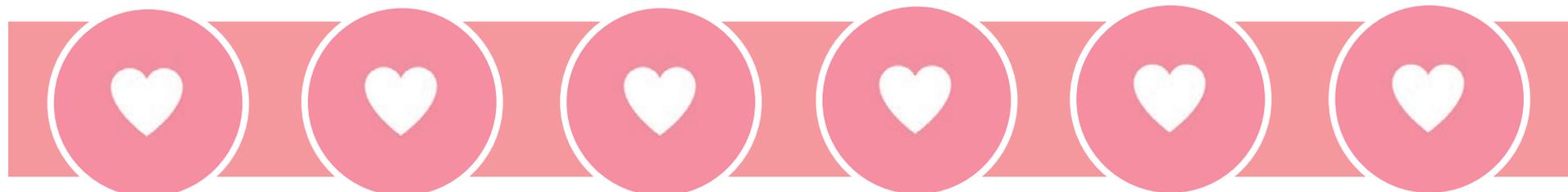
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# SNP gains but air turns just a little more blue at Kilmory

THE SUN shone on Argyll and Bute for the council election on Thursday May 4 – but it was the Scottish Conservatives and SNP with a rosy glow after the votes were tallied.

Mid Argyll was one of just two contested wards where every one of the former councillors was re-elected, based on a turnout of 55 per cent.

In a third, South Kintyre ward, no election was needed as just three candidates – the incumbents – put themselves forward for the three available seats.

In Kintyre and the Islands, where 54 per cent of voters turned out, Anne Horn and Robin Currie successfully defended their seats, but the third was taken by Conservative Alastair Redman in place of independent candidate John McAlpine.

Along with the LibDems, the Tories and



Alastair Redman.

SNP increased their numbers around the council chamber.

After a day of counting at Lochgilhead Joint Campus, the overall make-up of Argyll and Bute Council is now – with numbers in the previous council in brackets – SNP: 11 (eight), Independents: 10 (18), Scottish Conservatives: nine (four), and LibDems: six (four).

Not only did it achieve the largest number of members, the SNP now has a councillor in every ward.

The electorate de-

ecided that a few well-known faces would no longer serve as councillors after many years of service, including John McAlpine, Alex McNaughton in Cowal and Bute's Robert MacIntyre.

But there are plenty of new faces and among that number a few with a strangely familiar look.

Former Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid was elected to serve as a councillor in the Cowal ward – only to announce his Westminster candidacy just four days later.

Another familiar face around the joint campus during Friday's count was Jamie McGrigor, previously a Highlands and Islands MSP, who retired from politics ahead of last year's Scottish elections. He is now a councillor for Oban South and the Isles ward.



Returning officer Cleland Sneddon announces the results in the Mid Argyll ward, left, and anxious faces as the

# Familiar allies re-form administration

Colin Cameron  
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SO WHERE does the power lie in the new Argyll and Bute Council?

Even as the votes were being tallied last Friday, hushed conversations and strategic handshakes suggested that early moves towards the formation of alliances were being made.

Without wishing to stray into Donald Rumsfeld territory - let's start with what we (think we) know. The SNP will not, apparently, have any truck with the Tories, and we understand the feeling is mutual.

But first taxi off the rank was the SNP group, which has the greatest number of councillors - 11 - to barter with. As

the new council met on Monday, the nationalists issued a press statement inviting the 10-strong group of independent councillors and the group of six LibDems to join them in a new administration. In other words, everyone but the Tories.

SNP group leader Sandy Taylor said: 'The SNP as the largest polit-

ical group on the council, is currently engaging others to form a new council administration.

'The former administration was founded on a strongly bound Conservative/Liberal Democrat/independent coalition working to a Tory-led agenda.

'This has obviously been strengthened by the election result. We



Robin Currie.



Anne Horn.



Kintyre and Islands ward results are announced.

# The election results in full from

## Ward 1 – South Kintyre

Voting in ward 1 was not required as the number of candidates matched the number of vacancies. Councillors are: John Armour, Scottish National Party (SNP); Rory Colville, Scottish Liberal Democrats; and Donald Kelly, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.

## Ward 2 – Kintyre and

## the Islands

Councillors elected: Robin Currie, Scottish Liberal Democrats; Anne Horn, Scottish National Party (SNP) and Alastair Redman, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.

## Ward 3 – Mid Argyll

Councillors elected: Donnie MacMillan, Independent; Douglas Trevor Philand, Independent; and Sandy

Taylor, Scottish National Party (SNP).

## Ward 4 – Oban South and the Isles

Mary-Jean Devon, Independent; Jim Lynch, Scottish National Party (SNP); Roddy McCuish, Independent; Jamie McGrigor, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.

## Ward 5 – Oban North and Lorn

Kieron Green, Inde-

pendent; Julie McKenzie, Scottish National Party (SNP); Elaine Robertson, Independent; and Andrew Venward, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.

## Ward 6 – Cowal

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# move to istration

are now looking to the Liberal Democrat and independent councillors to partner the SNP for the good of the future of Argyll and Bute.’  
The nationalists’ appeal to the independents was addressed to ‘group leader’ Roddy McCuish, but he told the *Advertiser*: ‘I am not the leader of any group, and if the independents do de-

side form a group I will join it. I am sure the appropriate group leaders will let you know in due course when there is something to say.’  
Also on Monday, however, there was a meeting between Tories, Lib-Dems and independent councillors from the former administration alliance with a view to resurrecting the old coalition.

More than one seasoned council insider told the *Advertiser* that a recreated independent/Tory/ LibDem coalition would most likely make a grab for the reins of power at Kilmory.  
This scenario would leave the administration with a potential voting strength of 25 as opposed to 11 within the SNP ranks.



Sandy Taylor.



Douglas Philand.



Donnie MacMillan.

## across Argyll and Bute

**Ward 7 – Dunoon**  
Jim Anderson, Independent; Audrey E Forrest, Scottish National Party (SNP); and Bobby Good, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.  
**Ward 8 – Isle of Bute**  
Jim Findlay, Scottish National Party (SNP); Jean Murray Moffat, Independent; and Len Scoullar, Independent.  
**Ward 9 – Lomond North**

George Freeman, Independent; Barbara Morgan, Scottish Conservative and Unionist; and Iain Shonny Pater-son, Scottish National Party (SNP).  
**Ward 10 – Helensburgh Central**  
Lorna Douglas, Scottish National Party (SNP); Graham Archibald  
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Morton, Scottish Liberal Democrats; and Gary Mulvaney, Scottish Conservative and Unionist.  
**Ward 11 – Helensburgh and Lomond South**  
David Kinniburgh, Scottish Conservative and Unionist; Eilen Morton, Scottish Liberal Democrats; and Richard Trail, Scottish National Party (SNP).

## The new councillors – what they said

### Mid Argyll

**Sandy Taylor:** ‘Being elected for a second time is no less exciting than the first. It’s a real privilege to have people put their trust in you.’  
**Donnie MacMillan:** ‘I’m delighted to get in again. I’d like to thank all the many peo-

ple who assisted me in achieving this. In terms of age and time served on the council, no-one can beat me.’  
**Douglas Philand:** ‘I am delighted to have been re-elected and look forward to serving the public for another term in office. I would like to thank all

those who placed their confidence in me.’  
**Kintyre and the Islands**  
**Anne Horn:** ‘I’m very happy to be back and to serve my constituents again – there’s still lots to do.’  
**Alastair Redman:** ‘I’m delighted. A huge thanks to the peo-

ple who voted for me, my team for running a great campaign and my family.’  
**Robin Currie:** ‘The campaign went very well and I’m delighted people have put their trust in me. I will represent all, throughout Kintyre and the Islands.’

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‘I’m now selling to local livery yards and farms as it’s not only a cheaper alternative, but is an easy to maintain, absorbent and all weather surface.’

‘My Business Gateway adviser has been great asking me the questions that I had to think about before I could create an effective business plan that would guide me as I developed the business.’



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David Ralston,  
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# It's show time

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 SHOWS

### WEST ARDNAMURCHAN SHOW

Kilchoan  
Friday, July 21

### TIREE SHOW

Rural Centre, Crossapol  
Friday, July 21

### KINTYRE SHOW

Anderston Park, Campbeltown  
Friday, August 4

### BUNESSAN SHOW

Bunessan School Ground, Mull  
Friday, August 4

### LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Tralee Beach, Benderloch  
Saturday, August 5

### SALEN SHOW

Glenaros Showfield, Mull  
Thursday, August 10

### ISLAY, JURA & COLONSAY SHOW

Bridgend, Islay  
Thursday, August 10

### MID-ARGYLL SHOW

Kilmory, Lochgilphead  
Saturday, August 12

### SUNART SHOW

Strontian Showfield  
Saturday, August 12

### APPIN SHOW

Tynribbie Croft, Appin  
Saturday, August 19

### DALMALLY SHOW

Mart Park, Dalmally  
Saturday, September 2

# It's Show Time



## 2017 is shaping up to be fantastic year for agricultural shows

With its long, curved horns and tousled auburn coat adorning many a shortbread tin, the hairy Highland cow is one of the most distinctive and enduring symbols of rural Scotland, and amid all today's talk of wilderness, it is an apt reminder that this is also proud farming country, a fact that villages and towns throughout the region celebrate with a summer fixture, the agricultural show.

These events are the much-anticipated forum for serious farmers to show off their carefully-bred and -reared livestock, from those Highland bulls and heifers, to sheep, poultry, and even llamas, in the hope of winning prizes that are far more about reputation than reward. They are also a much anticipated social occasion, bringing together visitors and residents of all ages.

Most shows include competitions in trade and craft categories, from making jam and knitting, to carving sticks and growing vegetables, with the work submitted on display for the public to browse throughout the day. They are lively, good-natured events, but the competition is tough.

Agricultural shows are a highlight of the West Coast's social calendar. These events are important for the farming community, but they are also an entertaining day out for the family. They celebrate everything to do with agriculture and the countryside, and feature the usual demonstrations and judging of

farm animals, as well as parades, music, arts, crafts, food and fun activities. Stalls offer local fare, pipe bands provide the soundtrack and the atmosphere is always festive.

As well as being a chance to socialise with like-minded folk, exchange views and news and maybe partake of a dram or two, these shows have a serious side to them. They are an opportunity to showcase stock, add to their value if rosettes come their way and assess the competition.

Some shows are known for their sheep stock judging, where the animals are brought off the hills, cleaned up and inspected, talked over and examined with great detail.

Fleeces are brushed and fluffed, horns are polished and hooves cleaned before they are turned into the ring where they are scrutinised by not only the judges, but neighbouring farmers and shepherds.

Other shows are known for their cattle, such as Dalmally, where Highland cattle from folds all over the country are brought for judging in the hopes of taking away the supreme champion title, or Kintyre, where dairy farming is so important to the community.

Other shows are smaller, but no less important to their communities, affording a way to gather, showcase crafts, home produce, baking and let off steam after a long winter.

**West Ardnamurchan  
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Friday 21st July 2017**

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More information online at <http://westardnamurchannews.blogspot.com>

**Tiree Show**

**Friday 21st July 2017**

Rural Centre, Crossapol, Isle of Tiree

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Friday 4th August 2017

Anderston Park,  
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Gates Open 8am



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Attractions include an all-day barbecue and bar, the senior and junior heavy events, junior sports, children's amusements from 11.30am, the pet parade and races, tug-o-war, stalls, baking and horticulture competitions, senior and junior road races, and the show dance which is on from 9pm until 1am with entertainment from the Dunmore Ceilidh Band.

For more information, go to at <http://westardnamurchannews.blogspot.com>.

**Kintyre Agricultural Show**

Friday August 4

Kintyre Agricultural Society runs the annual Kintyre Agricultural Show on August 4, which has been going strong for more than 100 years. Being a strong dairy farming community in Kintyre, this is one of the few shows in the area to have a strong dairy cattle competition.

Held at Anderston Park in Campbeltown, the day includes a pipe band, sheep, cattle and rare breeds judging, tug-o-war and a dog show.

**Bunessan Show**

Friday August 4

The Bunessan Agricultural Show on the Ross of Mull on August 4 is one of two agricultural shows on the island. And, while it may be smaller scale than some of the mainland shows, it is no less busy or entertaining, with a wide range of competitions to cover all interests.

Held at Bunessan school, there is stock judging, as well as a full competition list for those with other interests, including home-baking, handicrafts, gardening, preserves and a children's section.

**Lorn Agricultural Show**

Saturday August 5

The Lorn Show will be held August 5, and has gone from strength to strength following a move in 2012 from Dunstaffnage back to Tralee beach, where common grazing land is used to host the show looking over the magnificent Tralee Bay.

Open from 10am to 5pm, this is a popular show with both the farming community and the surrounding villages and the entries into everything from the horsemanship competitions to the dog show reflect that.

The morning is given over to the serious business of stock-judging and the afternoon sees everyone let their hair down a little, with stalls, light-hearted competitions, children's activities, dancing and a pipe band providing entertainment.

**Salen Agricultural Show**

Thursday August 10

Held August 10, the Salen show is Mull's second agricultural show of the year, this time at Salen showground at Aros and is one of the highlights of the farming year.

Alongside the stock judging, horse show, food and craft stalls, and dog show is the popular terrier racing and horticultural and produce tent showcasing the island's talent. Visitors and locals alike look forward to this fun day out for the entire family.

**Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Show**

Thursday August 10

As the name suggest, this show draws competitors and visitors from the three islands to Bridgend on Islay.

This year's show is held August 10, and alongside the stock judging of sheep, pigs, cattle and horses, there is also a gymkhana, side stalls of food, crafts and other goods, a pipe band, dog show and plenty to keep the children occupied. The céilidh dance in the evening is always a popular way to wind down after the day's events and usually goes on into the wee hours.

**Islay, Jura & Colonsay Agricultural Show**

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Leanne Muldowney has a go on a Ducati 959 Panigale superbike, as Kerrie Shimmans keeps an eye on the budding biker. 06\_a19bikifyne03

# Superbikes and safety at sunny Cairndow

ROAD safety on the A83 was the subject of a record-breaking Bike Fyne near Cairndow.

Organiser Leanne Muldowney, marketing manager at Loch Fyne Oysters, said: 'This is our third year holding Bike Fyne, and it started because of the high number of accidents involving motorbikes on the A83.'

'As a prominent local business we felt the

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need to do something to help, and we organised this with the help of MotoScotland in Inveraray.'

Basking in sunshine at last Sunday's event, Leanne added: 'The turnout has been fantastic and this is the best year yet. The weather helps a lot.'

No doubt drawn in by

crowds of fellow bikers visible at the Loch Fyne Oysters site beside the main road, a steady stream of leather-clad riders growled in and out throughout the day.

Kerrie Shimmans of sponsor Ducati Glasgow said: 'We are delighted to be here and support Bike Fyne. A big part of what we do is encouraging people to ride sensibly and be

courteous on the road.'

Visitors had the opportunity to take part in free emergency care training sessions offered by BikerDown, while the Institute of Advanced Motorists provided observed rides on the road. Also with a presence at Bike Fyne were the British Horse Society, Scotservs, MARTYS and the Scottish Air Ambulance.



Police demonstrate a speed camera to interested bikers. 08\_a18inverarayridein02



Dozens of bikes parked up in Inveraray for the Ride In. 08\_a18inverarayridein01

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## Easy riders revel at Inveraray Ride In

SUNSHINE and blue skies welcomed hordes of motorbikes to Inveraray for the annual Ride In day.

Scottish Biker Magazine hosted the event on Sunday April 30, focused on road safety with experts and campaigners in attendance such as MotoScotland, Police Scotland motorcyclists and Argyll and Bute Council's road safety team.

Plenty of display bikes were on show for bike enthusiasts

to marvel at as exhibitors, such as Saltire, Cupar and Glasgow Triumph Motorcycles also made the trip to the Ride In.

Scottish Biker Magazine editor Ian Stavert said: 'We had a hugely successful day. We had far more motorcyclists than we did in 2016.'

### Road safety

'We hope the event was as good for the town as it was for those passing on the messages of road safety awareness.'

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# Golf club's afternoon of sparkling fun



First of the day - party girls get ready for the fun and fund-raising. 06\_a19golfprosecco01



Bracing themselves to serve the thirsty throng are Ryan McGlynn (left) and Jim Hunter. 06\_a19golfprosecco02

A SPARKLING afternoon of fun suited revellers to a tee at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

A tea party with a sparkling

twist - prosecco style - attracted a full house to the club last Saturday, with plenty of tea, cakes and sweet

bubbly to enjoy. The event was held to raise money for the club's defibrillator fund. The afternoon was greatly

enjoyed - but rumour has it that the afternoon may have turned into a bit of an evening for a few hardy pro-

secco lovers. Lochgilphead Golf Club thanked everyone who helped to organise and support the fundraiser.

## Calling all poets who might know it

THE BEAUTY of summer on the west coast has been the inspiration for a new poetry festival - coming soon.

Mid Argyll Rotary Club has come up with the idea to hold a one-day festival in September, based in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

People of all ages are welcome to submit their work for recitation, and it will all take place in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Poems may be haiku, rhyming stanzas or narrative verse - but any form of poem is welcome.

Suggested themes are the beauty of people/animals/the sea/space/and of boats and aeroplanes. Again there are no hard and fast rules and the choice of subject matter is up to each individual. Anyone who is interested in submitting their work, should email their poem to mail@stephengread.co.uk by August 31.

## Loch Fyne Food Fair celebrates the best of west coast produce



Above: The atmosphere is always fantastic at the bustling Loch Fyne Food Fair. 06\_a21foodfair01



Left: There will be plenty of fresh local seafood at the top of Loch Fyne this weekend.

A FEAST of west coast delicacies will be found at the Loch Fyne Food Fair this weekend.

Taking place at the head of Loch Fyne on this Saturday and Sunday, the food fair offers the chance to enjoy fresh local produce against a backdrop of stunning views and live music.

At the heart of the festival is the bustling food tent, where seafood fanatics will be squeezing on to tables to enjoy the local produce.

Expect oysters, mussels and salmon from the nearby loch, Scottish langoustines, venison and game from the surrounding glens and plenty of local ales.

Food stands will include Loch Fyne Oysters and Smokehouse, Makar Gin, Mhor Bakery, Great Glen Charcuterie, Isle of Skye Bakery, Gigha Halibut, Oban Chocolates and many more.

Fyne Ales will also be on

hand to pour pints of beer made just along the road, while a wine and champagne bar will help wash down all the food on offer.

There will be food and drink workshops that people of all ages can join in and get to grips with processes behind making all the great food at the fair. If oysters and langoustines don't pique youngsters' interest then there will be plenty of children's entertainment such as a climbing wall, bouncy castle and face painting.

Live music from Heron Valley, Ho Ro, Black Eyed Suzies and Dunoon Grammar School and Mid Argyll pipe bands will provide ample entertainment over the two days. Admission is free, although there will be a £3 parking charge which will go to local charities.

Visit [www.lochfyne.com](http://www.lochfyne.com) for more information.

## Charity run fun

A CHARITY run is to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Taynish Run will be held at Tayvallich tomorrow, Saturday May 13.

It will start and finish at Tayvallich village hall. Two route options are available - a cross country trail and a separate 10k. Both start at noon and will take the runners into Taynish National Nature Reserve.

In conjunction with the Taynish Run, Macmillan Cancer Support volunteers will hold a coffee morning between 10am and noon at Tayvallich village hall, and support for the runners as they set off would be much appreciated.

## Cakes and coffee

AN INVITATION has been extended to people to enjoy a tea, coffee and cakes at the ZamScotEd coffee morning.

The charity, which supports the education of some of Zambia's most vulnerable children, will host the coffee morning tomorrow, Saturday May 13, between 10am and noon at Lochgilhead Parish Church Hall.

ZamScotEd believes in education in the widest sense, so music and drama, exchange visits, and emotional literacy are all part of the project's aims.

# Interest grows in Blarbuie Community Woodland

INTEREST is growing as quickly as the freshly planted vegetables at Blarbuie community garden.

The May Day open event attracted good numbers of visitors as word spreads about this worthwhile scheme - right in Lochgilhead's backyard.

Raised beds are available for hire, with an option of beds both outside and inside the polytunnel.

Green and not-so-green fingered visitors at the

garden open day discovered what services are on offer, and a number of raised beds have already been booked. Seedling lettuces, herbs and other greenery sold well, and there are still picnic benches - made with Blarbuie's home-grown and milled timber - available to buy.

Look out for more great events for all the family coming up at Blarbuie.

For information on the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, visit [blarbuiewoodland.org](http://blarbuiewoodland.org).



**Above: Hard at work on May Day - from left, Sally Wilkin, Jess Grant and Grace MacLeod.**



**Left: Some of the seedling lettuce plants prepared by the ladies.**

**Right: Rory seems less than impressed as he waits for scraps from the food prepared for the Blarbuie May open day.**



## Passionate about plants? Go to M&M Nursery's Open Day

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# Red Cross fundraiser draws the crowds



The hard-working Red Cross volunteers who organised a coffee morning in the Red Cross Hall. 06\_a19redcross02

CAKE bakers of Mid Argyll came good for great causes last weekend.

With a number of charity fundraisers to supply, the home bakers of the region worked hard to keep them stocked with goodies.

Saturday's annual Red Cross Week coffee morning - in support of the charity's vitally important patient transport service - was one

of the events benefiting from this local culinary dedication. A sales table groaning with cakes along with a well-supplied raffle helped take the cash raised to £380.

Lochgilphhead Red Cross supporters would like to thank the bakers for rallying round, as well as everyone who came along and supported a very busy morning at the Red Cross Hall.



The Red Cross fundraiser attracted the generations - enjoying the day are Fiona Crawford, left, with daughter Amanda O'May and 17-month-old granddaughter Oran. 06\_a19redcross01

# Argyll author takes a stab at book tour



Argyll Book Store staff made a fantastic cake, which Denzil Meyrick cut in true crime fiction style. 06\_a19booksigning01

ARGYLL writer Denzil Meyrick, author of the bestselling DCI Daley series, met his fans in Tarbert and Lochgilphhead last weekend.

After visiting Loch Fyne Gallery in Tarbert, he moved on to Lochgilphhead's Argyll Book Centre for a book signing session on Saturday.

### Murder

His latest book, *Well of the Winds*, is centred around a murder in Kinloch, based on his home town of Campbeltown, which echoes down the years to events on the fictional island of Gairsay - a place similar to Gigha.

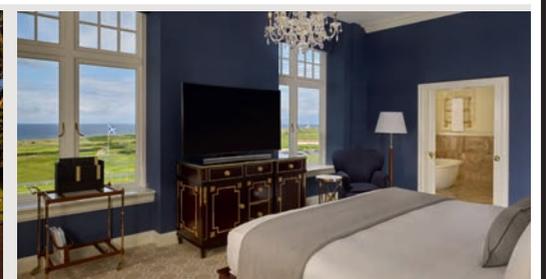
After a short break for the author, he's off again to Germany on a promotional tour.

He added: 'Thanks to my wife for supporting me, along with my publisher Polygon and all the bookshops around the country!'

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# Trident play opens Craignish arts season

A CRITICALLY-acclaimed stage production examining the Faslane nuclear deterrent site will be staged in Craignish Village Hall next week.

The arts team at the hall are delighted to welcome the award-winning documentary stage production to Ardfern next Saturday, May 20, as the opening show of the 2017/18 arts programme.

The play, which focuses on the UK's nuclear deterrent, sees director and playwright Jenna Watt discover what happens when the personal and political collide.

With family having lived and worked on the Faslane naval base her whole life and with friends protesting at the gates, Watt charts a two-year journey to make up her own mind about this most divisive of issues. Drawing upon interviews with individuals at the front line of the nuclear debate, including activists and Ministry of Defence personnel, Jenna navigates through the politics, the protests, the peace camps and freedom of information requests to find answers to the

questions many are asking about the UK's nuclear deterrent.

Described by British Theatre Guide as 'an extraordinary piece of documentary theatre', Faslane will not only bring the highest quality theatre to Ardfern but engage the audience in one of the most controversial debates in the 21st century.

Arts programme manager John Saich said: 'Faslane is award-winning independent theatre at its best and we couldn't have asked for a better start to our new arts programme.'

'Our thanks go to Jenna and to Showroom for making this possible and we are delighted to be a part of the Faslane tour.'

The Craignish Village Hall arts programme is supported by Creative Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council supporting communities fund and The Craignish Trust. For more information, including ticket information for Faslane, visit [www.craignish.org.uk](http://www.craignish.org.uk) or email [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com)



'Faslane', which focuses on the UK's nuclear deterrent, is being staged in Craignish Village Hall.

# Inveraray Castle a hit with satisfied visitors



Jane Young collecting the award from CIE Tours. [a18inveraraycastlejane18](http://a18inveraraycastlejane18)

## Attraction wins Award of Excellence for fifth year in a row

INVERARAY Castle has earned an Award of Excellence based on customer satisfaction feedback.

The award was given by Irish coach tour operator, CIE Tours International, which recognises the quality of the UK's hotels and visitor attractions

by awarding a merit award to those who have received a greater than 90 per cent customer satisfaction rating from their visitors.

The castle is one of several famous Scottish landmarks to scoop the prize, proving the quality of

tourist attractions in the country.

This is the fifth year in a row that Inveraray Castle has earned an Award of Excellence, which this year was based on the feedback of 14,000 North American visitors who came to the UK in 2016.

Jane Young, manager

at the castle, attended the glitzy award ceremony at Hotel du Vin in Glasgow on Tuesday April 25.

### Thrilled

Jane said: 'We are all thrilled to win yet again, for the fifth year running, the prestigious CIE Award of Excellence. This

is all credit to all the wonderful and professional staff here at Inveraray Castle who look after our visitors so well.

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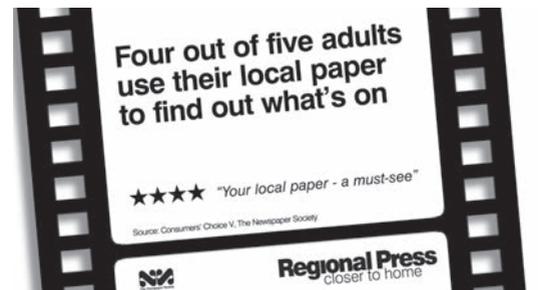
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# Wrens take off in Mid Argyll

EIGHT Mid Argyll businesswomen met last Monday night, May 1, for the launch of a fledgling business networking group.

Wrens – Women's Rural Enterprise Network Scotland – is a new initiative for local business women to work together and support one another. Kate MacDonald, a self-employed artist and textile crafts tutor, set up the group after hearing how fellow businesswomen could do with extra support in running a rural business.

Kate explained: 'Wrens came about because however much we love what we do, sometimes you need another eye to look something over or to bounce an idea past.'

'We felt it would be useful to share the strains and the successes and get general support and advice from like-minded women. It can be isolating working for yourself, especially if you live in a remote area.'

At the meet-up last week, after gener-



Wrens, from left to right, Corrina Charlwood of the Flower Shop; Tara Coggins of Wire and Willow Sculptor; Carole Fitzgerald of Lazy Sunday wedding catering; Alicia Chapple of Wild Mountain Heather Music; Jennifer Jaime of Marmalade Deli; Jan Williams of JW Accountancy Services; and Christine Irvine of Christine Irvine Pet Portraits. Kate MacDonald of Needlesmiths is behind the camera.

al introductions were out the way, the eight women shared in the stresses and successes of running a business and began to build a sense of camaraderie.

The next event takes place in June and already the group is looking forward to meeting again.

Kate continued: 'Social media platforms make it is easier than ever to belong to a

focused group but sometimes it's a face-to-face interaction that's needed.'

When asked about the name of the group Kate explained that it suddenly came to her in the shower. She said: 'I wanted to create a name that would describe what the group was – female-led, business orientated and rural – but wanted an acronym that could be

easily remembered. I know the Scotland on the end sounds a bit grand and nationwide but I couldn't think of another useful S word.'

Wrens will be meeting on the first Mondays of each month at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Campbeltown road, Lochgilhead, and is open to all women running their own businesses.

## Knock Cottage in bloom for open days

SIX ACRES of vibrant woodland garden will be open to the public this weekend. Knock Cottage at Lochgair is opening its doors to visitors on Saturday and Sunday May 13-14 as part of the Scotland's Gardens national scheme.

The garden - which centres around a small waterfall, an 80-metre lochan and a lily pond – will be in full bloom after a tremendous fortnight of sunshine.

There are more than 80 species of rhododendron and hybrids in the grounds of the cottage and among the mature and young trees there are cut leaf oak and alder, specimen conifers, eucalyptus, acers, prunus and beech.



Since the 1960s, there has been constant planting at the garden, however, the storms of 2011/12 caused great damage to trees and bushes which called for a replanting phase of azaleas, rhododen-

dron, camellias and other shrubs.

The garden open day is part of a national scheme to promote horticulture in Scotland while raising funds for important causes, with some

200 charities, both large and small, benefiting annually from the scheme.

The proceeds of Knock Cottage's open day this weekend are Christchurch Episcopal Church, Marie Curie and Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries.

Knock Cottage garden will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm on both days. A similar open day will be taking place on June 3 and 4.

Admission is £4 which goes to the garden's beneficiaries.

Parking will be limited and visitors are encouraged to bring waterproof footwear. Teas will be available.

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Come and enjoy - Highland Dancing demonstrations, Piping, Junior and Senior sports with all the traditional track and field events. Full Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. Beat the goalie. Kite Making and Balloon Tying. Other Novelty Events.

Licensed bar for over 18's with separate soft drinks bar.  
Burgers, ice-cream etc available on field.

**NOVELTY EVENT - TOSSING THE TYRE** (open to all competitors over 16)  
There is room for more stalls on the field. Please contact John Galbraith on 830235 or email [polliwilline@btconnect.com](mailto:polliwilline@btconnect.com)

ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OWN INSURANCE.

## CAMPBELTOWN HIGHLAND GAMES 2017

**Saturday 13th May 11am onwards**

There will be lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Entry fee: Adult: £5.00, Child: £3.00

If you wish to take part in any of the activities, please go to the secretary's tent. This will be free of charge.



## TAYNUILT HIGHLAND GAMES

**Saturday**  
**22nd July 2017**  
**from 11am**

1pm march from Taynuilt Hotel to the sports field led by Oban Pipe Band

Highland Dancing, Piping, Heavy Events, Athletics and Junior events, Hill Race

### Kenmore Highland Games

Kenmore Sports Field  
5 July 2017 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
Heavy Events, Track Events, Highland Dancing, Hill Race, Children's Races

Contact: Sarah Kelly  
Tel: 01887 830281 or mobile 07754 497889



## 70th Anniversary Bute HIGHLAND GAMES



**Saturday 19th August 2017**  
Public Stadium • Rothesay • Isle of Bute

Pipe Bands & Drum Majors  
Highland Dancing • Heavy Events  
Athletic Events • Wrestling  
10k Road Race • Junior Shinty

**A Great Day Out**

[www.butehighlandgames.org](http://www.butehighlandgames.org)  
[info@butehighlandgames.org](mailto:info@butehighlandgames.org)



## "The Friendly Games" Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games

**Saturday 3rd June 2017**

Rugby Grounds, Rhu Road Higher, Helensburgh G84 8JZ - 10:00am  
Novice Heavyweights & Highland Dancing - 12 Noon  
Opening Parade & Ceremony by Games Chieftain  
Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss, Bt & Hector MacAulay Chief of Clan MacAulay - 12:30 pm

Open Heavyweights, Senior and Youth Foot Races, Highland Dancing, Scottish Wrestling, Hill Race included are – Scottish 22lb Shot Put, British 90m and Scottish 200m foot races.

Over £7000 prize money Many family attractions, Trade / food stalls – Beer tent  
Free shuttle bus service from Pier car park to Games



## Cowal 2017

Don't miss the most spectacular, Highland Games in the WORLD!



**Fantastic Family Fun**

Dunoon, 24th - 26th August, 2017

Gig at the Gathering, Friday 25th August, 7pm.  
Tickets on sale but hurry!

[www.cowalgathering.com](http://www.cowalgathering.com)

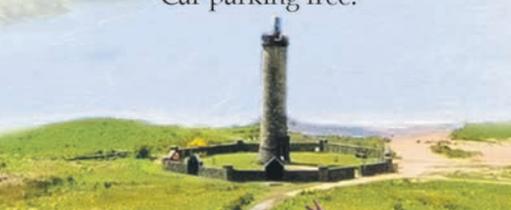


## Glenfinnan Gathering & Highland Games

Annual games held in the shadow of the Glenfinnan Jacobite Monument.

**Saturday 19 August 2017**

Adults £7; children & concessions £3  
Car parking free.

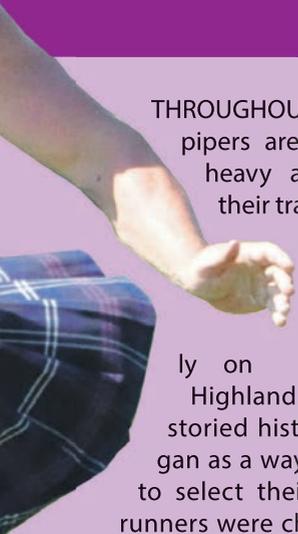


**DONT FORGET  
TO COME ALONG  
SATURDAY 19TH**

Gate open 11 am. March 12.30pm  
Piping, dancing and athletics events thereafter.



# AND GAMES CALENDAR 2017



THROUGHOUT the land, dancers and pipers are rehearsing, athletes and heavy athletes are stepping up their training and Highland games committees are holding meeting after meeting to make sure that everything runs smoothly on their big day.

Highland games have a long and storied history in Scotland. They began as a way for kings and clan chiefs to select their entourage. The fastest runners were chosen to deliver orders or messages and rally the clans, while the strongest men became personal bodyguards. The hammer throw and the shot putt started as Highland sports, and are now part and parcel of the international sporting circuit. The best dancers and pipers were employed to entertain in the chief's household and compose tunes and dances that exalted the virtues and war victories of the clan.

When not at war, the clans would hold competitions between their athletes,

dancers and pipers, who could garner great honours for the clan through their feats. Eventually, whenever there was any large gathering, horse fair or market, games might be held as part of the overall festivities.

After the 1745 Rebellion, Highland sport, dress and music were banned, but by the 1820s, games began to creep in once again. Under Queen Victoria, tartan made an official comeback and the modern Highland games began to evolve.

Highland games are now celebrated all over the world as those of Scots descent and those who just love the Scottish spirit take up the hammer and caber and proudly wear tartan. In fact, the biggest games in the world are held in Highland, North Carolina, in the United States.

But for the authentic experience, visitors won't want to miss true Highland games. Dancing, piping, track and field, and races are exciting to watch and hear. Participants can even join in, as many games feature foot races or other events for audience members.

## THE LORNE HIGHLAND GAMES

### MOSSFIELD PARK, OBAN

**Sunday 25th June from 11am**  
Heavy events, track and field, Highland Dancing, Piping, Dog Show, Craft & Produce Tent, fun events and much more.

**CASH PRIZES**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GAMES**

**ADMISSION:**  
Adults £6 - Child £3 - Family £16  
[www.lorne-highland-games.org.uk](http://www.lorne-highland-games.org.uk)

140th YEAR

## THE ISLE OF SKYE HIGHLAND GAMES

Wednesday 9th August 2017  
@ The Lump, Portree

Admission: Adults £10 / Children £4

Piping Competitions  
Begin Tuesday 8th August 2017

Sailing / Rowing Competitions  
Admirals Cup Tuesday 8th August 2017  
Rowing Races Wednesday 9th August 2017  
(All sailing is weather permitting)

[www.skye-highland-games.co.uk](http://www.skye-highland-games.co.uk)

**Mull Highland Games**  
Thursday 20th July 2017 10.30am  
Erray Park, Tobermory

- Solo Piping - Highland Dancing - Heavy and Light Track and Field Events  
Scottish Light Field Jumps Championship

A great day out for all the family  
Refreshments available on the field.

Contact: Florence Kirsop  
Tel: 01688 302001



**Inveraray Highland Games**  
Winterton Park, Castle Grounds  
Tuesday 18th July 2017  
Local and Open Events from 9.00 am

**SOLO PIPING** (Local and Open)  
**HIGHLAND DANCING** (Local and Open)  
**HEAVY, FIELD & TRACK EVENTS** (Local and Open)

incl. **WORLD CABER CHAMPIONSHIP**  
CYCLING, WRESTLING

**INVERARAY & DISTRICT PIPE BAND (Grade 1)**  
will parade from Church Square to the Games Field led by His Grace The Duke of Argyll at 10.45am

Full Catering Facilities on Field  
Trade Stands; Side Shows, Children's Entertainment

**ADMISSION:** Adults £8.00: Seniors £5.00  
Children £3.00: Family Ticket £18.00

**FREE PARKING**  
For further info – tel: 01499 302458  
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The Argyllshire Gathering

## OBAN GAMES

**Mossfield Park, Oban. THURSDAY 24th AUGUST 2017**

March to Games Field leaves Station Square at 10.30am

**Oban High School Pipe Band 12pm from Station Square**

**HIGHLAND DANCING – TRACK & FIELD EVENTS – TRADITIONAL HEAVY EVENTS – PIPING**

Tug O' War – Fun Races – Heritage Tent  
Trade Stands & Food Stands

**PREMIER PIPING COMPETITIONS AT VENUES ACROSS OBAN**  
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2017

PIOBAlREACHD Gold Medal  
MacGregor Memorial Competition Senior Piobaireachd  
LIGHT MUSIC: March, Strathspey & Reel (Former Winners)

Admission £12 Child (under 14) £6  
Family Ticket £30  
Tickets available at park & Oban Tourist Centre

# New season lamb starts to reach market

WE ARE at the tail end of lambing in the hills of Argyll, but new season lambs from the south of Scotland and England are starting to appear on the market.

Old season lambs still make up the majority of prime sheep on the market with new season lambs only representing one per cent of auction markets sales in Scotland and 14 per cent in England and Wales in the past week. 'While new season lamb volumes are lower than this time last year, total auction

throughputs of prime sheep are continuing to run higher than last year, suggesting that there is still a tail of old season lambs to reach the market,' said Stuart Ashworth, Quality Meat Scotland's head of economics services.

'Despite a larger 2016 lamb crop the actual number of prime sheep slaughtered between June and the end of March was lower than last year, supporting the prospect of a higher volume of old season lambs to come onto the market through April

and May,' observed Mr Ashworth.

While there was an increase in the volume marketed in early April in the run-up to Easter, post-Easter auction sales have still had higher volumes of old season lambs than last year up to the most recent sales, with around 40 per cent of these animals being heavier than 45kg lwt.

Mr Ashworth explained: 'The challenge is that export activity in late April and May is often subdued as Easter demand has

passed and the arrival of new season lamb from Ireland takes some market share from old season lamb from the UK.'

However, while new season lamb numbers are climbing quickly in Ireland, they are currently trailing last year's volumes. Mirroring the UK, total Irish prime sheep slaughter numbers are running higher than year earlier levels in 2017 to date.

Likewise, although the all-lamb average price in Ireland is



Livestock economist Stuart Ashworth.

slightly higher than last year, old season lambs are trading at a discount, and new season

lambs are trading at a premium on last year. 'In both the UK and Ireland then new sea-

son lamb values have started on a firm footing and it is likely that demand will be generated by the Muslim festival of Ramadan - which this year runs from sunset on May 26 to June 25,' added Mr Ashworth.

'These dates, however, are very early in the sheep marketing year and prime lamb availability may be limited. As a result the festival may offer temporary support to both the prime and cull stock market rather than the main lamb market.'

**Scottish Field** MAY 2017, £4.25

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[www.scottishfield.co.uk](http://www.scottishfield.co.uk)



## Buyers and sellers descend on Dalmally - prices up on year

UNITED Auctions held its annual May sale at Dalmally Auction Mart.

A catalogued entry of 447 cattle and 238 sheep from all over Argyll and Bute sold to a packed ringside of buyers from throughout the country on Saturday May 6.

Bullocks sold to an average of £825.10 per head or 271.62 pence per kilo against £802.77 or 250.93 pence per kilo at the corresponding sale last year.

Heifers sold to an average of £757.16 per head or 252.02 pence per kilo against £689.08 per head or 229.31 pence per kilo last year.

The top price for bullocks was £1,070 per head from Achnacreebeag and 329.3 per kilo from Knockderry. Heifers sold to £990 from Craig Farm whilst Kilvaree led the kilo prices in this section at 342.9 pence.

Breeding cattle from Balantyre sold to £1,070. Blackface hoggets from Woodside Croft, Mull sold to £70. Ewes with lamb at foot sold to £74 from Alavahl.

Principal lots and prices: Top prices per head: Bullocks - AAx: £930 (4) and £810 (2) - Ardnacross, Mull: £890 (2) and £850 - Ardachy: £850 (2) and £800 (2) - Barnakill.

BLONDEx: £910 - Ardmaleish. CHARx: £1,040 and £900 (3) - Barnakill: £940 (8)

- Auchlyne: £910 (5) and £890 (7) - Ardmaleish: £860 (3) - Tom A Bhioran.

LIMx: £1,070 (2) - Achnacreebeag: £1,050 (3) - Croftintygan: £1,050, £900 and £880 (2) - Ardachy: £1,010 (6), £1,000 (6) and £930 (8) - Tirraghoil: £1,000 - Duallin: £950 - Auchgoyle: £910 - Craignafeoch: £880 (2) - Barbreck: £870 (2) - Ardentraive.

SHx: £860 and £800 (4) - Barnakill: £800 - Cruachan.

SIMx: £1,000, £920 - Tirraghoil: £930 (3), £880 (6) - Keilator: £880 - Ardnacross: £880 (3) - Craig Farm: £860 - Ardmaleish: £860 (5) - Ellary: £860 - Tom A Bhioran.

Heifers - AAx: £720 (2) - Ardnacross. CHARx: £910 (9) - Auchlyne: £890 and £820 - Tirraghoil: £840 (2) - Barnakill. LIMx: £990 and £850 - Craig Farm: £920 - 14 West Gerinish, Uist: £920, £880 (10) and £860 (4) - Tirraghoil: £920 (5) and £890 (3) - Croftintygan: £880 (2) - Ardmaleish: £850 - Craignafeoch.

LINCx: £900 (2) - Sithean, Mull: SIMx: £930 & £840 - Keilator: £800 (2) - Dunans: £790 (2) - Tirraghoil: £790 - Duallin.

Top prices per kilo, Bullocks - AAx: 298.4 and 262.3 - Barnakill: 285.2 and 260.5 - Ardnacross: 260.7 - Ardachy. SHx: 329.3, 319.2 - Knock-

derry. BLONDEx: 285.3 - Ardmaleish: CHARx: 307.7, 287.5, 274.7 and 262.3 - Barnakill: 300.4 and 261.1 - Tullochmhor: 285.3, 282.5 - Ardmaleish: LIMx: 326, 324.7, 295 and 282 - Barbreck: 311.4 - No10 Eoligarry, Barra: 309.2 and 308.5 - No2 Kiel Crofts: 307.3 and 285.7 - Kilvaree: 307.1, 293.6 and 281.3 - Aird Farm: 304.5, 303.5 and 296.1 - Ardachy: 294.1 - Innisaig: 293.1 - Ellary. LUINGx: 329.3 - Knockderry: SHx: 313.4, 298.4, & 274.7 - Barnakill: 280.2 - Ardnacross: 274.1 - Ellary. SIMx: 324.1 and 299.1 - Aird: 319.2 - Knockderry: 309.5, 297.3 and 284 - Ardnacross: 309.2 and 282.2 - Tirraghoil: 288.1 - Inverfolla: 286.2 - Keilator: 280.3 - Ellary. Heifers - AAx: 252.6 - Ardnacross. CHARx: 278, 277.2 and 259, - Ardmaleish: 270.5 and 261.7 - Barnakill: 253.6 - Tullochmhor. LIMx: 304.2, 289.8 and 271.1 - Barbreck: 302.3 and 278.9 - Aird: 290 and 282.8 - No10 Eoligarry: 279.2 Innisaig: 274.8 - Achnacreebeag: 273 - Auchgoyle. LINCx: 262.4 - Sithean. SIMx: 342.9 and 313.3 - Kilvaree: 331.3 and 303.9 - Knockderry: 289 - Blarghour: 289 and 287.1 - Ardnacross: 286 and 275.4 - Keilator: 278.9 - Aird Farm: 268.3 - Blairmore.

# West Coast PROPERTY GUIDE

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## NEW LUXURY LODGE FOR SALE

**£110,000 WITH 12 MONTH LICENCE**

New Victory Monaco duo, 40x20 built to the very highest specification with fully furnished lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms both ensuite. This lodge is sited at the idyllic Castle Sween holiday park and has fantastic views of Loch Sween and the surrounding hills.



is sited at the idyllic Castle Sween holiday park and has fantastic views of Loch Sween and the surrounding hills.

Please call Eddy on 01546 850223 for further detail

## TO LET

Two Bedroom  
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Country Cottage  
Near Lochgilphead  
EPC rating D  
£400 pcm  
Tel 01546 605316

Landlord Reg.  
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## KILMARTIN For Rent

One Bedroomed flat ground floor, unfurnished white goods included garden and lovely views

**EPC Grade C**  
Tel 01852 500577  
Landlord Reg.  
46625/130/26470



## Commercial unit to let on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig

Closing date 30th May at 3.00pm

**LOCATION** – The subject property is a commercial yard & garage, situated on a busy main road in an excellent location and lies approximately 1 mile South of Ardrishaig town centre.

**DESCRIPTION** – The subjects comprise a single-storey unit of stone construction with a single pitched roof of approximately 80 sq.mts. The enclosed yard is approximately 200sq.mts. Site of the former Basin Garage. Has been previously used as a motor vehicle repair shop.

**RATEABLE VALUE** – Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board have a rateable value of £1,950 per annum against this property. Further details can be obtained from the Assessor on 0141 562 1200 or alternatively [www.saa.gov.uk](http://www.saa.gov.uk).

**TERMS** – The accommodation is offered on a full repairing and insuring basis (FRI) for a negotiable period of time. Scottish Canals will insure the building and the premium will be recoverable from the Tenant.

**SERVICES** – Mains electricity and water installed and all charges for such services will be the responsibility of the Tenant.

**RENT** – Offers in excess of £2,500 per annum (exclusive of VAT and rates) are invited.

Additional information, including EPC, available on request.

Please contact [property@scottishcanals.co.uk](mailto:property@scottishcanals.co.uk) to submit your best bid.

All offers must be received by email on Tuesday 30th May, no later than 3.00pm.

Scottish Canals will not accept late offers under any circumstances



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## Flat to Let, Campbeltown.

Bright and spacious one bed flat, remodelled with focus on contemporary design at an affordable price. Victorian features enhance recent upgrading including new kitchen appliances. Sorry, no smokers, pets or DSS. Two references essential.

**£275 per month.**

Council Tax Band A, EPC Rating D  
Landlord Reg 245666/130/03211.

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## Flat To Let, Tarbert.

Bright and spacious one bed flat near waterfront, refurbished and upgraded with focus on contemporary design. Quality furnishings and exceptional kitchen and shower room.

**Rent discounted at £320 per month.**

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# public notices

## Argyll and Bute Council

### PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/00750/PP	Change of use of printing shop (Class 2) to small business enterprise facility (sui generis)	Krisp Printing And Stationery Co Burnbank Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6JD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/01157/PP	Installation of replacement windows	Flat 1/1 3 Longrow South Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/01191/LIB	Installation of replacement windows	Flat 1/1 3 Longrow South Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at:

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Comhairle Earra - Ghàidheal agus Bhòid



## GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

B Mundell Limited of Bardaravine, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6YF is applying to change an existing licence as follows, to keep an extra 8 trailers at the operating centre at Bardaravine, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6YF.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

## TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

Applications are invited for funding for the disbursement of community benefit from the above trust.

Grants may be available for constituted organisations and groups within the Tarbert and Skipness Community Council area.

Application forms and guidance can be found on the website [www.tsct.org.uk](http://www.tsct.org.uk) to be returned to [info@tsct.org.uk](mailto:info@tsct.org.uk) or to the company office:

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust,  
William Duncan & Co, Barmore Road, Tarbert, PA29 6TW.

**Closing date for applications:  
Wednesday 31st May 2017.**



## Lussa & Dalbuie Forests

### Land Management Plan Consultation

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Campbeltown Town Hall, 1-7pm

West Argyll Forest District is currently reviewing the Land Management Plans for Lussa & Dalbuie Forests. A drop-in public consultation is taking place and we would welcome your input on the draft plans for the forests.



# West Coast **MOTORING TIMES**

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Kevin 07468 488860 or 01880 820177

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## FORDSON MAJOR



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The local company that employs 29 staff at its two sites in Helensburgh and has consistently topped the customer care league in Scotland was honoured to receive the long-service award.

The company represents the Toyota brand in Helensburgh, Dumbarton, Clydebank and rural Argyll.

In a ceremony at Toyota's national conference, the local dealer were presented with their award from Toyota president Paul Van der Burgh.

On collecting the award, Gary Mulvaney, managing director said: 'We have a great team, most of

whom have been here for many years.

'That team are the reason our customers come back and recommend us to their friends and family.

'Last year was a special year for us. We collected our first European award for customer care, the Ichiban award; we finished as Scotland's number one Toyota dealer for customer care again – a position we have held for eight years; and in January we were ranked number one in the UK, out of nearly 200 dealers.

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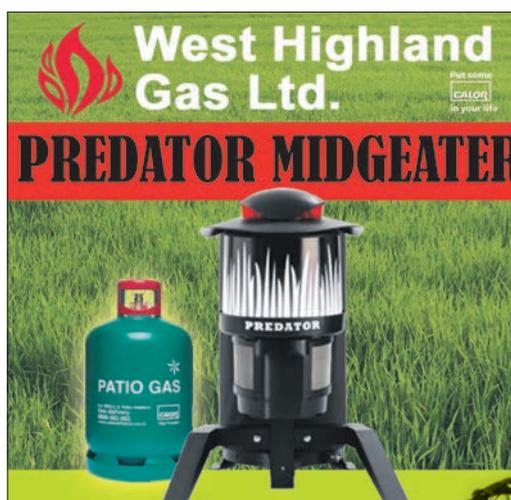


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**STRACHUR**  
**Drama club stages Lauder tribute**

MUSIC Hall superstar Sir Harry Lauder once owned an estate in Argyll and a celebration of that time is to be held in Strachur.

The Lauder Event marks his life but also commemorates the death in the Great War, 100 years ago, of Captain John Lauder, the only son of Sir Harry and his wife Ann Valance.

Sir Harry - before the 'Sir' was added to his name - bought Glenbranter Estate near Strachur, and it was on a prominent knoll there that his beloved John was laid to rest.

Tonight, Friday May 12, Strachur Memorial Hall will be filled with music, film, a little history and story telling as the village youth drama club performs a play of its own creation, full of imagination. The Lauder Event will start at 6.30pm.

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**Islay B&B wins friendly award**

AN ISLE of Islay bed and breakfast has been named the AA's friendliest in 2017.

Graeme and Emma Clark from Glenegedale House collected their award on May 8 at the AA Bed and Breakfast Awards in London.

The Clarks triumphed over the 23 other finalists to win the coveted title.

All the winners were nominated by AA inspectors who rate more than 2,000 places throughout the United



Andrew Oxley, AA Hotel Services, Ian Hardwick from sponsors eviivo, Emma Clark from Glenegedale House and Giovanna Grossi, AA hotel services.

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The winners received their award certificate together with an engraved Villeroy and Boch decanter for all their guests to see.

Mrs Clark said: 'We are thrilled and honoured to have our commitment to the service of our guests recognised by such a prestigious award ceremony.'

**Uniform recycling at Ardrishaig school**

RECYCLING is a big thing at Ardrishaig Primary and Early Learning Centre.

Staff, parents and pupils are always keen to reduce, reuse and

**ARDRISHAIG** recycle - and a uniform recycling event is planned for the school sports day on Thursday May 18. The par-

ent council is looking for any school uniform or PE items in good condition that children may have outgrown, with all items to be handed in to the school

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**Bute celebrates gin, beer, music and food**

FOUR bars on the Isle of Bute will be joining in a celebration of gin, beer, food and music.

The Bute Gin and Beer Festival will take place on the last weekend of the month, May 26 to 28, across a variety of venues. Bute

Brew Co is taking the lead on the weekend's proceedings, hosting music three nights in a row as well as offering brewery tours and gin tasting sessions throughout Saturday afternoon. Black Bull, the Golfers' Bar and

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To make it even more attractive, organisers are giving revellers the chance to win a prize of ferry vouchers, tick-

ets and food, all worth £90.

To enter the competition, go to [www.visitbute.com](http://www.visitbute.com) and complete the form. For tickets and information, visit the Bute Brew Co Facebook page or [www.visitbute.com](http://www.visitbute.com).

**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden



WE HADN'T been on Islay for about 20 years.

It had been a memorable weekend with incessant rain, relentless winds, thick swirling mist and a chill which defeated the warmest of fleeces. It was the middle of June and we were miserable.

Last weekend, I had the privilege of leading worship at the Round Church, Bowmore and St John's Church, Port Ellen.

The weather was indescribably beautiful. The sun shone from dawn till dusk and embraced the island with light which transformed everything.

What a difference the sun makes. The gorse was iridescent, the hills were a blur of bluebells, skylarks filled the air and lambs leapt in joyful harmony. It was absolute perfection.

The sea shimmered in shades of blue and turquoise as it caressed beaches of pure white sand. What a difference the sun makes.

The Ileachs rejoiced in the pleasure their island gave her visitors, and their welcome was as warm as the sun.

What a contrast to our first visit and what a difference the sun makes. The sun has transforming power and lifts our tired souls.

I thought about the contrast between our visits and how the sun transformed the gloom and the darkness.

I thought too how fortunate we are to also know God's Son who will transform our spiritual darkness and refresh our tired souls.

What a difference the Son makes.

As the Finlaggan sailed into the beauty of the afternoon sun, I reflected on the wonderful couple of days where we were shown kindness and hospitality.

The sun shone for us, and the love of the Son shone on us, in the people we met and the kindness shown.

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'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1).

**BIRTHS**



**GILLIES**

Ross and Kristin (née Harrow) are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Rosie Belle, on May 2, 2017. Emily and Lachaidh are over the moon with their baby sister.

**DEATHS**

**CLEMENTS**

Peacefully at home, 77 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, on May 9, 2017, Catherine Mary Thompson, in her 68th year, much loved mum of Paul, Vicky and William, loving granny of Conor, Sam, Ashleigh, Niamh, Isla and Keira and beloved daughter of Annie and the late Reid Thompson.

**GREIG** - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 4, 2017, Kenneth Bayne Greig (Ken), in his 72nd year, 31a Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of

Violet, much loved dad of Susan and Douglas, father-in-law of Graeme and Ann and loving grandad of Rebecca, Andrew and Emma. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, May 12, at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

**MACNEILL** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 6, 2017, Iona Mary Russell Pursell, in her 91st year, Narvik, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Hector MacNeill and a much loved mother of Niall, Caitriona and Fiona. Funeral private.

**WHITEHEAD** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 6, 2017, Hazel Ruth Milner, in her 89th year, 9 Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Alan John Whitehead, much loved mum of David, Ruth and the late Martin and mother-in-law of Pamela, Jeff and Catherine. Service in St Kieran's Episcopal Church, on Friday, May 19 at 1.00pm, funeral

thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MCCORKINDALE** - The family of the late Thomas Buchanan McCorkindale would like to thank all for their kind messages and cards after their recent loss of Tom. Grateful thanks to all doctors and nurses on the Acute Ward, and to carers and support staff who helped immensely over the last few months. We would also like to thank Rev William Crossan for a very appropriate service, David McEwan for the music, Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professionalism and guidance and all at the Ardshiel for an excellent purvey. Finally, much appreciation to all who gave generously to the collection for the Highland Parish Church.

**MUNRO** - The family of the late Frances Munro would like to say thank you to family, friends and neighbours for letters, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and home baking following their recent sad loss. They would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and all staff in Ward B of Lorn and the Islands Hospital for their dedication in caring for Mum and the kindness shown to the family;

Jennifer Foote and her staff at the Lynne of Lorne for looking after Mum so well in her short time with them; Reverend Roderick Campbell for an uplifting service; Ethel McCallum for the music, Gordon Shaw for piping, Scottish Heather Shop for lovely floral tributes, George Hotel for the excellent purvey, and Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their sensitive handling of the funeral arrangements and their help and guidance. Lastly to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The amount of £650 was collected and will be divided between the church and the Macmillan Unit at Oban Hospital.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**MCCORMICK** - Betty (Tayinloan). Always in our thoughts. - Leslie, Ishbel and families.

**SLOSS** - In memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- Mum, sister Pamela, brother Daniel, Gran and Granda.

**WATSON** - Remembering our dear friend, Norman, who lost his battle May 8, 2015. Sorely missed.

- Ali, Carol, Colin, Siobhan and Rebecca xxxxxx

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Sunday 14th May 2017  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Gaelic Service  
in Lochgair Church at 3 pm.  
All welcome

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"  
Services in  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church**  
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Sunday 11.00am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
St Columba's, Poyntonloch (SC031391)  
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3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
14th May 2017  
Worship Service  
Ford 11.45am  
Rev. C R Acklam  
Messy Church  
Thurs 18th May  
4pm - 6pm Living Stones Hall, Kilmartin  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 14 May  
Inverlussa Church 10 am  
Morning Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Tayvallich Church 6.30pm  
Informal Communion  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Saturday 13 May  
Achnamara Hall  
Cafe Connect 10:30  
Monday 15 May  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer Time 10.30am  
Thursday 18 May  
Messy Church  
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Mr Tom McKay  
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SC001752

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SC002493  
Sunday 14th May 2017  
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
Saturday 13th May  
Coffee Morning in Kirk Street Hall from 10am - 12 noon  
Come along for a 'cuppa and a blether'  
All Welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday 14th May  
Morning Service 11.15am  
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Rev P Wallace  
Monday 15th May  
Congregational Board Meeting  
New Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 16th May  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
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Junior Section 7.15  
Church Hall  
Friday 19th May  
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New Hall 11.00am

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Wednesday  
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7.00pm Make 'n' Munch  
Craft Group  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 14th May  
Family Communion Service at 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies.  
All welcome  
Wednesday 17th May  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
Wednesday, 17th May  
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# Kilmory power past Taynuilt in Camanachd Cup clash

## Camanachd Cup Kilmory 6 Taynuilt 0

THE SUN was beating down on MacRae Park in Lochgilphead on Saturday for Kilmory's home Camanachd Cup tie against Taynuilt.

A bumper crowd basked in the sunshine to watch what was expected to be an even match since their last two meetings ended with each team getting a 4-1 win. On the day, however, Kilmory were too strong for Taynuilt, running out 6-0 winners.

Alex Cunningham scored twice to put Kilmory ahead and his younger brother Andrew made it 3-0 before the interval.

The hard, dry surface made for a quick game and players tired under the heat. Kilmory's dominance, and clinical finishing continued as Hal Jones scored twice early in the second half with Alex Cunningham completing his hat-trick not long after.

Alex Cunningham's second strike was the pick of the afternoon's goals. Hal Jones ran out to get on the end of a long hit towards the corner flag. Jones

crossed the ball hard and low towards the penalty spot where Alex Cunningham lost his marker and he showed good control before driving a shot home sending the ball just inside the post.

The emphatic victory sees Kilmory progress to the second round of the national cup, where they will face either Strathglass or Ballachulish.

The Lochgilphead side have a free Saturday this weekend with their next match taking place on May 20 at home to SCOTS Camanachd in the Bullough Cup.

## Premiership Kyles Athletic 5 Lovat 0

THE TOP of the Premiership remains tight as Kinlochshiel's win over Newtonmore keeps the pressure on league leaders Kyles, who also won at the weekend.

Kyles stay two points clear at the top of the table after they beat Lovat 5-0 at Tighnabraich, although Kinlochshiel have a game in hand.

Callum Miller and Grant Irvine were back in the Kyles squad, with the latter

making an appearance from the bench. Lovat played well in the first half but they had nothing to show for their efforts.

Kyles upped the pace after the restart and three quick goals early in the second period put them in control.

Sandy MacKenzie opened the scoring on 48 and Roddy MacDonald made it 2-0 just three minutes later.

Sandy MacKenzie got his second on 53 minutes to complete the early second half blitz.

The goals seemed to knock Lovat's confidence and Kyles, full of confidence, never looked like losing the lead.

Two late goals put gloss on the win as Grant Irvine netted on 77 minutes and Sandy MacKenzie grabbed a hat-trick goal just six minutes from time.

Kyles turned in a fine performance and keep up the momentum for their title push.

## South Division 2 Inveraray 5 Bute 0

INVERARAY reserves are now three points clear at the top of South Division 2



Hal Jones scoring Kilmory's fifth goal. 06\_a19kilmory03

after they defeated Bute reserves 5-0 at a baking hot Winterton. The home side started with U18 quartet Robert Wood, Alan Cameron, Andrew Fraser and Lewis Cameron in defence and they did well to limit Bute, who had absentees as their first team were short.

Bute found it difficult to handle the movement of In-

veraray U14 forwards Coll MacKay and Campbell Watt, helped by the experienced David Robertson and Garry MacPherson

Their play produced three first half goals with Garry MacPherson netting on 16 and 44 minutes; either side of a 27-minute Campbell Watt strike. Some remarkable goal-keeping from John

Whitelaw helped to keep the score-line down.

However, Inveraray did score twice more through David Robertson on 57 and 60 minutes to make it 5-0.

Inveraray seconds now have a two-week break but the first team are back in action this Saturday, at home to Oban Camanachd in the Celtic Cup.



Runners break loose on the sound of the starting gun.

## Let loose in Royal Burgh - runners gear up for annual Inveraray Jail Break

DOZENS of runners will be set loose in Inveraray as the annual Jail Break race returns this weekend.

Starting at Inveraray Jail, the runners will climb 250 metres up Dun Na Cuaiche before returning to the finishing line at the jail.

The starting gun is set to go off at 11am on Sunday May 14 and runners are encouraged to get down to the jail in plenty of time for registration and a warm-up.

Argyll Estates is kindly allowing competitors for the Jail Break to park in the Inveraray Cas-

tle car park free of charge on race day, with a permit.

To obtain a permit, email [jailbreak@inverarayjogscotland.org.uk](mailto:jailbreak@inverarayjogscotland.org.uk)

Race registration will take place at the jail in Inveraray.

## Sports club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 2, 10 and 11. Iain MacAlister won the jackpot this week.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery numbers were 7, 14, and 18. There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £700.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 4, 6 and 11. Moira Bernard had the only winning ticket so took home the £400 jackpot.

## Lochgilthead youth on form

RED STAR 2004s had a successful April with three wins out of three.

On Sunday April 9 the youngsters were at home against then league leaders Drumchapel Amateurs. The visitors played good football and pushed the Lochgilthead youngsters all the way. After a close first half, Red Star stepped things up and took the lead before adding a fourth goal to win 4-2.

The young team's next home game against Glasgow Red Star two weeks later was a more comfortable affair with the Lochgilthead side running out convincing winners, keeping a clean sheet as a bonus.

April's final game was against Oban Saints in Oban which Red Star won 6-4.

This leaves the youngsters in second place in the league with four games to go including a home tie against current league leaders Renton Craighandro.



Mid Argyll Shooting Club, left to right: Graham Love, Laura Cutler, Ewan McIlwraith, Graham Larkin and Sean O'Ryan. 08\_a19shootingclub05



Graham Larkin and Ewan McIlwraith take aim under the guidance of Graham Love and Sean O'Ryan. 08\_a19shootingclub01

# Shooting club aims for new members

CONCENTRATION, composure and a steady hand is what is needed to be a top marksman at the Mid Argyll Shooting Club. The club is looking to get more people involved in shooting in the area, especially now it has found a new home at the army drill hall in Lochgilthead.

Focusing on 10m air rifle target shooting, the club offers newcomers an opportunity to try their hand at shooting in a controlled and friendly environment.

The shooting club is fully certified, affiliated with the National Small-bore Rifle Association and has qualified instructors on hand

to ensure shooting is safe and beginners are properly trained.

The aim is to build a club that is accessible to anyone interested in shooting and to teach people about the safe use of air weapons.

### Certified

Graham Love, who runs the shooting club, said: 'The club is certified under Police Scotland legislation which makes it easy for anyone to come along and not have to worry about personal licences or anything.'

Graham - who has more than 40 years' experience of shooting and has been capped by Scotland twice - is the qualified range conducting officer at

the Mid Argyll club.

Talking about the sport of air rifle shooting itself, he said: 'It's all about concentration and controlling your breathing and heart rate.'

'It's not about speed or movement.'

'The thing that's great is that it's a sport that men and women of all ages can compete in alongside each other.'

The Mid Argyll Shooting Club is looking for new members and is open to everyone over 18 years; no prior experience is necessary.

The club meets at the drill hall in Lochgilthead on Tuesday nights between 7pm and 10pm.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Shooting club aims for new members

## Promotion dream over for Red Star

**Houston United 2  
Lochgilphead  
Red Star 2  
SAFL Premier 2A**

HOPES of playing in Premier 1 next season were dashed for Lochgilphead Red Star on Saturday.

In a potential promotion decider, both Red Star and Houston United were left disappointed after their 2-2 draw meant East Kilbride YM won promotion to Premier 1 alongside league champions Rossvale Amateurs.

Unlike the last weekend's meeting between the sides, Star struggled in the first half and found themselves 2-0 down at half time.

This gave the team a mountain to climb as promotion ambitions were beginning to fade.

The Lochgilphead side fared much better in the second half, however, as they fought back to level the match with goals coming from Rab Docherty and Innes Meikle.

Star continued to press until the end but found the Houston keeper to be in great form.

The winner didn't materialise meaning both sides had to settle for a point which didn't suit either team, consigning them both to Premier 2A football next season.

Red Star have one remaining league match to play but tomorrow (May 13) attention turns to the Hall Cup where they look to keep the season alive with a tough looking fixture away to East Kilbride YM in the quarter finals.

## Football festival showcases Argyll talent



The Lochgilphead team with councillor Roddy McCuish.

## Lochgilphead team competes in Oban

SQUADS of young footballers from around the west of Scotland descended on Oban last month as Oban and district primary football league hosted its annual football festival.

Fifty-seven teams took part in the festival, on Saturday April 29, which was another great advert for youth football in Argyll.

A large crowd of spectators at Mossfield and the rugby pitch were treated to some fantastic entertainment, with around 500 children from the 2005 to 2011 age group showing off their football skills.

Oban youngsters were joined by teams from Lochnell FC and a number of travelling teams from Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Glasgow,

Dumbarton, Paisley and Fort William. In the 2005 age group the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund trophy was won by Oban Spartak, beating Giffnock in a tense penalty shoot-out in the final.

The organising committee would like to thank the large number of volunteers who helped to make the day a huge success as well as those who kindly provided event sponsorship: Calum MacLeod Building Contractor, SEC Joiners and Builders, Tommy's Hairdressers, RA Clement Associates Chartered Accountants, Aldi, the Oban Inn and Fiu-ran Property.

The league thanks councillor Roddy McCuish for presenting all the players with their medals.

## Good turnout for last contest of season



Overall winner Bobby McColl in action.

THE LAST competition of the season has been held at Barmore for Tarbert Gun Club.

Archie's shoot, held in support of the MS centre in Lochgilphead, saw a good turnout in glorious weather.

The club was delighted to have sponsorship on the main shooting stands. Every stand required a shoot-out for the top prizes, and only the aggregate was won outright.

Fyne Tackle generously donated £100 as Steve Sloan went home a very happy man. John Weir went home once

again with the side of smoked salmon.

Tarbert Gun Club thanks all of the sponsors for the charity shoot along with the many people who donated and, of course, Archie Currie.

There were four shooting stands, sponsored as follows: Fyne Tackle (£100) - first place Steve Sloan, after a shoot-out with Billy Bergant, Roy Laird and John Weir.

Murray's Smokehouse (side of smoked salmon) - first place John Weir, after a shoot-out with Bil-

ly Bergant, Roy Laird, Archie MacGilp and Bobby McColl.

Shanks Waste Management (Islay malt) - first place Brian Baird, after a shoot-out with Billy Bergant.

Dochas Centre (spe-

cial prize) - first place John Weir after a shoot-out with Archie Currie, Ian Currie, Scott MacAllister and Bobby McColl. Overall winner, Springbank Special and Crossaig Cup, Bobby McColl.

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