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# No more Groundhog Day for Inspire Inveraray

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Signs of action are needed if Inspire Inveraray is to truly inspire the people of the Royal Burgh.

This view was expressed by more than one member of the public amid frustration at the community company's third AGM, held in the Nicoll Hall.

Formed as the Inveraray Community Company in October 2014 and now known as Inspire Inveraray, the company was set up to improve facilities for the benefit of the community.

After a series of public engagement gatherings and a community survey, the group has a clearer picture of the activities people in Inveraray see as their priorities - but background work is failing to satisfy many residents, who feel that less talk and more action is needed.

The main focus areas in the first few years have been on improving the disused Inveraray Community Hall; on Inveraray Pier, which remains closed to the public; and wider waterfront access to Loch Fyne.

Chairman Derrick Anstee outlined Inspire Inveraray's activities over the past year.

Work has been done to create a Community Action Plan as the basis of future Inspire Inveraray activities. The Architectural Heritage Fund has also been approached to help with an assessment of the community hall's crumbling structure. And, in a move designed to open up Loch Fyne once again, moorings are to be installed over the next two years.

Helping the group is Inveraray businessman John Sweeney, who explained that discussions with the owner of Inveraray Pier had been making progress. Aside from that, Loch Fyne Oysters has donated two moorings to the waterfront initiative.

He said: 'We hope to have these moorings installed this year, and another two next year. On top of that we're looking at getting landing facilities.

'Once we can prove that the moorings are being used, we'll look at doing something with the Inveraray toilet

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## All smiles as Team Argyll take top spot



Team Argyll: the winners from the Inveraray Highland Games who will represent Argyll and Bute at the Scottish area finals at the Highland the Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban in May 2019. Turn to pages 8-12 for full coverage of this year's games. Photograph: Joanne Simms

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block for showers and other facilities.'

'But we need to prove to funders that we have a plan.'

But, three years on from a community engagement day in the church hall, head teacher Lynn Sinclair expressed exasperation. 'Three years ago people went to the engagement day and gave their ideas. There has been lots of talk since, and things are moving forward legally, but people don't see that.'

The general sense of frustration was summed up by one woman who said: 'Basically,



Discussions continue over the future of the pier.

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save us from Groundhog Day.'

Mr Anstee responded: 'It's almost impossible without

more volunteers on the ground.'

'What you need to do is decide what you [Inspire Inveraray] are wanting to do and tell volunteers what you want from them,' replied Mrs Sinclair.

'Be specific and people will come forward. There has to be some nitty gritty and some focus.'

Mr Anstee went on to say that he was hopeful of achieving some real progress over the next year, based on priorities set out in the community action plan.



The derelict Inveraray Community Hall – funding is being sought to assess its condition. 06\_a28InvCommunityHall06



# Inveraray in frame for TV art show

Mid Argyll appears to be a magnet for film crews at the moment, for hot on the heels of a Hollywood crew filming *Love Me to Death* in Lochgilphead and a production crew working on the latest *Shetland* series in Cairndow, Sky Art's Landscape Artist of the Year set up camp at Inveraray Castle last week.

Filming the semi-final and final episodes of the competition, artists visited on Tuesday July 10 and Wednesday July 11 – in unfortunately dreary weather – to capture the beautiful castle and surrounding structures on canvas.

Local residents also gathered around the castle to paint and put some extra pressure on the finalists.

This season of *Landscape Artist of the Year* will air in October.



Artists on the set as they try to capture the splendour of Inveraray Castle.

## POLICE FILES

### Shoplifting

About 7pm on Monday July 9, two men stole some bottles of alcohol from the Inveraray Co-op. Police are carrying out enquiries to identify the men and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Drunk driver

On the A83 near Cairndow, a car was stopped at around 8pm on Tuesday July 10 and the 70-year-old driver was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. The man had also been driving in a dangerous manner

in Inveraray, colliding with another car. He was charged with the offences and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Abusive behaviour

Police were called to Ardfern at around 8pm on Tuesday July 10 in connection with an incident involving a 43-year-old man, who was allegedly in possession of a knife and behaving in an abusive manner. The man was arrested, charged, and held for court. A report was submitted to the fiscal.

### Assault

In Tarbert on Harbour Street, a 24-year-old man assaulted another man about 9pm

on Saturday July 14. Police attended and arrested the man, he was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Man arrested

About 9.30pm on Saturday July 14, a 42-year-old man allegedly assaulted a youth in Cairnbaan. Police attended and arrested the man. He was later charged and held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drugs

About 2.30pm on Monday July 16, a van was stopped in Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead. A small quantity of cannabis was discovered. A man aged 32 was issued with a warning.

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The two lanes are now open for a smoother drive to Inveraray.

## Strone Point roadworks completed

A £1.6m project to improve road safety on the A83 at Strone Point at Inveraray has been completed.

Around 370m of carriage-way has been realigned and a section of the hillside scaled back, widening the road and improving driver visibility.

Drainage systems have been upgraded to improve resilience in wet conditions, and new safety barriers and bike guards have also been installed.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson said: "The section of the A83 at Strone Point on Loch Fyne is single carriageway with a history of fatal and serious accidents. This project has made it safer by opening up the width of the road and improving driver visibility around the tight bend.

"The work has also allowed us to install new safety barriers and improve drainage, signage and road markings at the same time.

"Over 6,000 tonnes of material has been removed from the nearby slope and specialist mesh and matting installed. This will improve the slope's stability and help to prevent debris falling onto the carriage-way.

"The A83 is the gateway to Argyll and Bute and we recognise its strategic importance. This project is one of a series of ongoing initiatives on the road, underlining the Scottish Government's commitment to maintaining that vital link for local residents and businesses."



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# Cinema paradiso as Screen Machine comes to town

A familiar large blue lorry rolled into Lochgilphead recently, offering the latest movies to the public for two nights.

The Screen Machine parked itself outside Kilmory resource centre for movie buffs to enjoy

on Tuesday July 10 and Wednesday July 11, with screenings of Gnomeo and Juliet sequel, Sherlock Gnomes; superhero epic Avengers: Infinity War Part I; and LGBT rom-com, Love, Simon.

The cinema on wheels has

a busy few weeks ahead. After leaving Lochgilphead the mobile cinema moved to Jura, then Tarbert, and is parking up on Isle of Arran today (July 20).

The Screen Machine will roll back into Lochgilphead in January 2019.



Bigger than most rural cinema, the Screen Machine is a welcome attraction in the town.

## Shetland comes to Cairndow

Film crews were once again spotted in Argyll with the cast of famed BBC series Shetland hot on their heels.

After the excitement of Love Me to Death filming in Inveraray and Lochgilphead last month, Silverprint



Pictures' made its way to Cairndow to film Shetland's fifth series this week.

The series, which has previously aired on BBC 1, is a dramatisation of the murder mystery novels by Ann Cleeves.

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## Improvements to A83 under way at Arrochar

Motorists and pedestrians using the A83 between Tarbet and Arrochar will benefit from improved road drainage and footway upgrades as £140,000 of improvements which got under way on Monday (July 16).

The improvements will involve widening both the footway and carriageway by 30cms, along with upgrades to all existing gullies and pipework over a section of the road almost 500m long between the Slanj Restaurant and the Tarbet Tearooms.

The work is expected to take up to six weeks to complete and will be carried out between 7am-7pm each day, with no works taking place at weekends.

The road will remain open throughout the improvements, however, temporary traffic lights will be in place for safety throughout the project. The project will move in phases along the 500m site as work progresses. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained for the duration of the

works.

To accommodate the footway operations, it will be necessary to close sections of the footway for periods of time for safety reasons. Where possible pedestrian diversions will be put in place, and anywhere a diversion is not possible pedestrians will instead be escorted through site by an operative for safety.

## Tarbert man rescued from Loch Fyne

A Tarbert man was rescued from Loch Fyne last week after getting into difficulty while using a small power boat.

The coastguard rescue helicopter, Tarbert coastguard rescue team and the Tighnabruaich lifeboat assisted in the operation.

A kayaker managed to help the man ashore and he was checked over by the winchman from the helicopter.

He was later treated by an ambulance crew who were in attendance.

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# Argyll author unveils new book

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Argyll author Marian Pallister has launched her new book in Lochgilphead.

At a meet and greet on Saturday July 14, Marian unveiled the latest of her 10 books, *Not a Plack the Richer*, following from the success of *The Crinan Canal* and *Cruachan: The Hollow Mountain*.

*Not a Plack the Richer* focuses on the way that specific industries and the people who have shaped them have changed both lives and landscapes.

Marian tells the story of Argyll's mining past through letters, official records, maps and other documentary material, set beside the personal experiences of those involved at all levels of the industry and the communities it shaped.

Marian said the idea came from researching her previous book, as well as some personal motivation.

'I had a great-great-great-whatever-grandfather who drowned in a mining



Marian Pallister signed copies of her new book, *Not a Plack the Richer*, at an event packed with enthusiasts.



accident in the early 1800s so I wondered what might have happened to the people who worked in mines in Argyll.

'There are stories in all of those mines of accidents - some of them terrible, some of them fatal. I'd got it into my head the fact that this talk of "health and safety gone mad" is just silly. We do actually need these things.

'When you went into the his-

tory of these mines, you could see that we need every safety and health provision in the book because some very nasty things have happened. Even in very small mines, you can get a tunnel that can collapse or a flash flood and that's possibly the end of somebody.'

Marian added: 'The many different mining ventures throughout the West Highlands in the past were

often much more about lining the pockets of speculators than enriching the lives of the local communities. Themes of social justice are most important to me, especially when I can show the parallels between past and present lives.'

Marian was raised in Glasgow but has hopped all across the globe, living in Perthshire, France, Italy, Lanarkshire and, for the past 20 years, Argyll,

contributing with tutoring in English and communications at Argyll College.

Journalism took her around the world, covering the effects of conflict and natural disasters on communities, which is evident in her book covering the effect of an often dangerous industry on a community.

In terms of looking to the future, Marian is keeping coy. 'There's all sorts of ideas

going on and I'm hoping to move on with pretty soon.

'I'm doing creative writing courses for the college and that's actually a great deal of fun because it takes me out of that zone. If you're supporting people as their talents grow, that is superb and we have very talented writers of poetry and fiction in this area so it's great to be able to nurture that.'

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## Family fun in Skipness Village Hall

It's going to be a busy few days in Skipness Village Hall as organisers get ready to host two family-friendly events.

The ever popular family ceilidh takes place tonight (Friday July 20) starting at 8.30pm with music from Ross McPherson's band. Tickets are available at the door at £8 for adults, £2 for children and under-12s going free.

This is followed on Wednesday July 25 by a sale of work. Starting at 3pm, this event, which has run every year since 1910, includes their famous teas together with baking stall, sales tables and indoor and outdoor games.

Both events are raising funds to upgrade the heating system in St Brendan's Church.

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### Church hosts coffee morning

The annual Lochgilphead Parish Church guild coffee morning kicked off on Saturday July 14 to great enthusiasm

Goodies in the form of cakes, jams and tea were sold to many sweet-toothed buyers, raising more than £500 for the church.



Clockwise from top left: there was a good turnout; Gracie Shankley helps Ishbel MacArthur; Matt McGinley enjoys a cup of tea; and Nora McArthur and Andrina Mackinnon enjoy their coffee and cakes.



## Get on the water with Argyll College

With a staggering 80 per cent of Argyll's population living within 1km of its 3,700km coastline, and the recent spell of glorious weather, more and more people are queuing up to learn how to get afloat safely.

Argyll College UHI is an approved RYA training centre, and offers a full-time course in Maritime Skills starting in September.

The Maritime Skills course combines SQA and RYA units and gives students a very comprehensive introduction to maritime industries, plus additional internationally recognised certificates. With no formal entry requirements, it is an ideal way to get a range of basic skills to make sure you can enjoy Argyll's coastline in safety. The course is available in Oban, Lochgilphead and Helensburgh.

SAMS UHI student Daniel Haan, undertook the course last year and said: 'It was a very hands-on course. Very early on we were allowed to drive a RIB, which was awesome! After that it got a little more serious with health and safety, first aid, and sea survival. All of the instructors are people who come from the maritime industries so can tell you how all of this applies in real life. It's opened doors for me and I'd definitely recommend it.'

Argyll College maritime tutor Derek Grier was named RYA instructor of the year at their Scottish Annual Awards earlier this year. As well as teaching



Argyll College UHI's Maritime Skills course, Derek also trains around 20-25 candidates a year to Powerboat Level II standard at Oban Sailing Club. While extremely knowledgeable, Derek was initially anxious about teaching. He put in extra time to develop his teaching techniques and in the course of two years he has become an outstanding instructor.

Don Mitchell, head of curriculum at Argyll College UHI, said: 'Derek's enthusiasm and dedication to making the RYA student experience as engaging as possible is evident in all he does. He brings a wealth of maritime knowledge to his training classes and his anecdotes and experiences help students grasp the reality of maritime situations.'

In addition to full-time courses, Argyll College UHI will this year introduce STCW tickets in first aid, personal survival techniques and personal safety and social responsibility.

If you've been inspired to get on the water, why not apply now for Maritime Skills at [www.argyllcollege.ac.uk](http://www.argyllcollege.ac.uk), or call 0345 230 9969 to find out more.



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### Totally inspired by stunning Inveraray

Inveraray has lots going for it but it is not without its problems. Last week's meeting of Inspire Inveraray highlighted the need for communication between local leaders and the community.

Change takes time but it is only through talking to each other and sharing ideas that will allow the community to get behind the changes.

On a more positive note, Inveraray's Highland Games once again provided a day to remember. The crowds were treated to first-class competition with Highland dancers, pipe bands, heavy athletes and others, and blue skies providing a great day out. However, the biggest cheer of the day was reserved for Scott Rider, who reclaimed the World Caber Tossing Champion title having won it in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Inveraray has also been the venue for the popular television programme Landscape Artist of the Year. Inveraray Castle must surely be one of the most inspirational venues for the contestants to visit and we're looking forward to watching when the episode is shown later this year.

With so much to look forward to, it is not difficult to be inspired by Inveraray.

### Tarbert Seafood Festival

On behalf of Duncan, Kerry and myself, we would like to say a huge thank you to each and everyone of you for supporting Tarbert Seafood Festival.

Amazing weather helped the weekend – what a change for Duncan not having to dry off all the gazebos or try to repair the ones that decided to take off in the wind.

Another hugely successful event for our wee village makes me proud to call Tarbert my home. Next year already in the planning.

Thank you all again,

Margaret MacNeill, Tarbert.

### Reducing attainment gap

A newly published study provides compelling evidence of the effectiveness of Sumdog as an intervention targeted at closing the attainment gap.

Directly comparing the performance of a subset of 35 Glasgow schools, the study found that, between August 2017 and April 2018, the gap in attainment between the least and most deprived schools had reduced by 20 per cent.

During that time, all Glasgow pupils from P2 to S3 have had access to Sumdog's digital learning system. Teachers have also been given extensive training on how to make the most of Sumdog.

Sumdog's core mission is to help close the attainment gap between children from the least and most deprived backgrounds. We are proud to share this mission with Glasgow City Council, with local authorities throughout Scotland and

with the Scottish Government. Spurred on by this new research, we look forward to continuing to work closely with schools and local authorities throughout Scotland to dramatically reduce the poverty-related attainment gap.

Andrew Hall, CEO of Sumdog, Edinburgh.

### Free parking

Last Saturday, we visited Forfar for the first time, and found that the town has several car parks, all of which are free.

The car parks were well used but not over-full, the streets were not clogged with parked cars, the town centre was thriving and the buildings could be seen and appreciated.

By contrast, we used to live near a town where parking had been free but the council decided to impose charges in its car parks. Within months, it became a ghost town. Many other places have park and ride facilities, which bring people into town without clogging the streets. Why not Oban?

Michal and Christine Kitchener,  
Lochgilphead.

### Raising taxes by stealth

The SNP is consulting on ending the council tax reduction for single occupants.

Council tax is already a progressive system, and those with low incomes rightly receive discounts.

It is ridiculous to suggest single occupancy use as much water as a fully occupied house.

This is nothing more than an attempt to increase taxes by stealth, and it will hit some of

the most vulnerable people in our society, particularly elderly people living alone.

This is a huge mistake from an SNP obsessed with the constitution.

I am happy we in the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party will oppose this move. This once again demonstrates that as the SNP continue to take their eye off the day job, the only party that will stand up for hard-pressed people across Scotland is the Scottish Conservatives.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Isle of Islay.

### Give with care

The latest report by Charities Aid Foundation shows there has been more than a 50 per cent annual rise in donations to charity with over £1 billion being given in Scotland.

This reflects a trend that we regularly see for wealthy individuals who want to give something back to the community to ensure that their hard work and good fortune can make a positive difference to the lives of others.

When someone is considering a sizeable donation to charity it is important they understand the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, affectionately known as OSCAR (OSCR). In addition to needing to pass OSCAR's 'charities test' to show the organisation will support good causes and provide a benefit to the public, there are ongoing monitoring and compliance duties and it is important to understand these at the outset.

Once OSCAR has approved the formation of the charity, then registration is also required with HMRC in order to ensure it also qualifies for the

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tax reliefs and exemptions available. We are also seeing an increasing trend of charities looking to use their funds in more imaginative ways.

Traditionally, charities would provide funding for projects; however, many charities now prefer to provide loans, seed funding or social impact investment where they think the investment, albeit commercial, may assist in furthering their charitable purposes. This may be the influence of donors who have corporate experience and are commercially sophisticated. It can be a complex area to get right, but where it works it can pay literal and social dividends for the charity.

The fact that Scotland has donated £1 billion in a year is a real credit to the country. In times of austerity, the need out there is great so it is essential to ensure any donations are as tax efficient and as targeted as possible, allowing the funds to make a greater impact at the coalface.

Lianne Lodge, Edinburgh.

### Relative costs

As Catalan President Quim Torra visits Scotland and meets our First Minister, I assume the extent of the Police Scotland operation to assure his personal safety amounts to little more than a couple of constables provided more out of courtesy than as the result of any risk assessment.

What a contrast to the £5 million expense of policing US President Donald Trump's golfing holiday last week which would have bankrupted the force had not the UK government bailed it out.

John Hein, Edinburgh.

## YOUR PICTURES



This week's photograph comes from John Wright of Lochgilphead. It was taken at Killegruer campsite in late June. The foreboding moon on the horizon brings about images of witchcraft and rituals, faeries and broonies, showing the magic of Scotland.

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# Scott wins toss to scoop

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Scott Rider is once again World Caber Champion, after he had to toss for it at Inveraray Games on Tuesday.

The former Commonwealth Games shot-putter and Olympic four-man bobsleigh team member won in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Judges at Winterton Park declared it was too close to call between the Englishman and Peter Bouma from Holland, and it was down to a single toss of the caber each to decide the honour.

The field of 10 was whittled down to a final five, which also included Jamie Gunn from Falkirk, Lukasz Wenta, East Kilbride and Stuart Anderson, Lochearnhead.

The event is sponsored by The George Hotel, Inveraray.

Donald Clark from The George said: 'It's good on games' day to see so many well-kent faces and to see new faces doing well in the games.'

One face missing from the



Inveraray Games welcomed visitors from the German branch of Clan Campbell: Christian D Melich, left, Julie Weale, Rear Admiral John Weale OBE FOSNI, Christel Enders, Stephen King, Michael Enders, Susanne Enders, Bernd Keup, and Dorothea Keup. Photograph: Joanne Simms

games this year was the Duke himself; he and his family are currently in India celebrating his 50th birthday.

The honour of chieftain of the games was given to Rear Admiral John Weale OBE RASM, FOSNI, ACNS (SM) who heads the Royal

Navy in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Among the guests this year was a contingent of members of the German branch of the Clan Campbell Society.

More than 4,000 people attended the games; the numbers held up well against

other years and the visitors were rewarded with fine weather.

They saw two records broken on the track this year: Jax Thoires from Glasgow set a new open ground record for the long jump at 21ft 7ins and Aiden Quinn of Glasgow



Scott Rider shows off his medal after being crowned World Caber Champion for the fourth time. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn

took the open hop, step and jump to 47ft 2½ins.

Numbers entering the solo piping contests were, like many other games, slightly

down. Opinion in piping circles is that resurgence in pipe bands is seeing more pipers choose bands instead of pursuing solo careers.

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# world title at Inveraray



Jax Thoires sets a new games record at Inveraray in the long jump. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



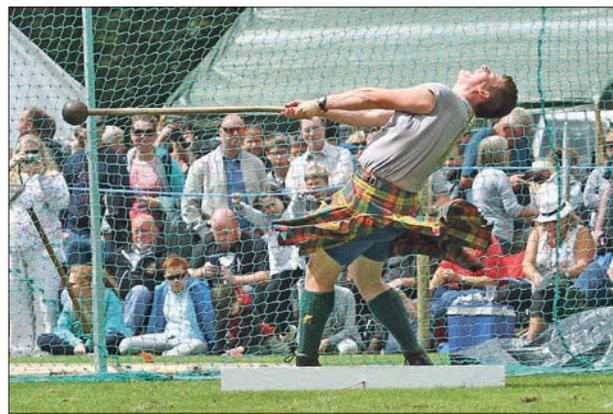
Inveraray and District pipe band march on to the field to start Inveraray Highland Games. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Ben Coates, Kilmore, won the 60m sprint title. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Top triple jumper Aidan Quinn held the record. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Murdo Masterson, Dunbeg, won the light hammer. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Honorary vice president Niall Iain MacLean, who was games convener for many years. Photograph: Joanne Simms



Ross Miller of Linlithgow won the Leslie Craig Commemorative Kilt pin for piobaireachd. Dr Craig's son Alasdair, right, presented the award. Photograph: Joanne Simms

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Iain Campbell and Councillor Donnie MacMillan; Sophie Baker from Islay is congratulated by her mum Julie after winning the Ella Edgar MBE Shield; Alison MacLeod with her Skye Terriers, Lily and pups Dougall and Ziggy; Gregor Macdonald, left, of North Connel, Ross Connor, from Campbeltown, and Thomas Young, from Dunoon, with their piping trophies; Natalie Sharp of Paisley won the women's 1600m; and Donald Clarke of the George Hotel, sponsors of the World Caber Championship, with this year's winner Scott Rider.

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There were lots of keen, young dancers at the games; Ryan and Ruaraidh Logan headed home to Ardrishaig with medals for their piping; Ruaraidh, 14, for his Strathspey and Reel and Ryan, 12, won his for chanter playing; Robert Irons of Inveraray Jail; members of the track committee: Donald Campbell, Richard Arnot, Bill MacCallum and Robbie MacRobbie; Graham Thomson was commentator at the games for the third year running; Members of Inveraray Pipe Band waiting outside the clairvoyant's caravan to have their fortunes told. Does the future include another win at the World Pipe Band Championships? More photographs online, visit [www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk) All Photographs on these pages: Joanne Simms

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# Kilmartin pupils granted a once-in-a-lifetime trip

Pupils at Kilmartin Primary School have just returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Benmore Centre, after an ambitious fundraising campaign which received a £500 boost from Argyll-based fish farm company Dawnfresh.

Primary 6 and 7 classes from across Argyll and Bute travelled to The Benmore Centre near Dunoon at the end of June where they enjoyed an outdoors adventure week. The trip happens every two years and aims to help ease the transition between primary and secondary by allowing pupils from smaller schools to meet their future classmates and take part in a variety of activities.

As part of the curriculum, the pupils at Kilmartin Primary School had been challenged to raise funds

for the trip themselves. The pupils led the campaign organising various fundraising activities, including a Christmas stall and writing to local companies selected by class members. Camron MacPhail from the P7 class was elected to write to Dawnfresh, where his dad Greig works as a seawater production manager.

Farming director Alison Hutchins read the letter and called back to offer £500 towards the class trip. She commented: 'I received a lovely letter from Camron and his classmates explaining why the trip was important to him and the rest of the P6 and P7 class. I was struck by the entrepreneurial spirit of the pupils and how they had already managed to raise funds through various events. 'At Dawnfresh, we consider

ourselves to be a real part of the communities that we live and work in. Most of us either live locally or grew up in rural communities and can sympathise with how daunting the move from a small primary to a huge secondary school class can be. I was thrilled that Greig's son thought to write to Dawnfresh and we were more than happy to donate £500 towards the trip.'

Rose MacCallum, a P7 pupil at Kilmartin Primary said: 'We all worked really hard to raise money for the trip to Benmore, where we got to take part in lots of exciting outdoor activities. It was a great way for us to meet new people and make friends before we go to high school.

'With the money from Dawnfresh, we managed to reach our target of £2,000 in time for the trip.'

During their stay at Benmore, the Kilmartin Primary School pupils enjoyed a number of outdoor team-building activities with their future classmates including caving, gorge walking and high ropes. The end of their stay was marked with a disco, giving them the opportunity to dance and have fun with their new friends.



Dawnfresh visited Kilmartin Primary School to hand over a cheque for £500 and teach the pupils about fish farming.



Kilmartin Primary School pupils took part in outdoor activities at The Benmore Centre including gorge walking.



Group shot of the pupils taken on the last day of their trip to the Benmore Centre.

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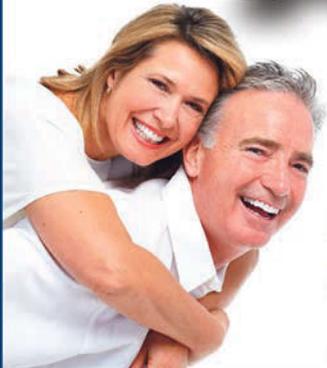
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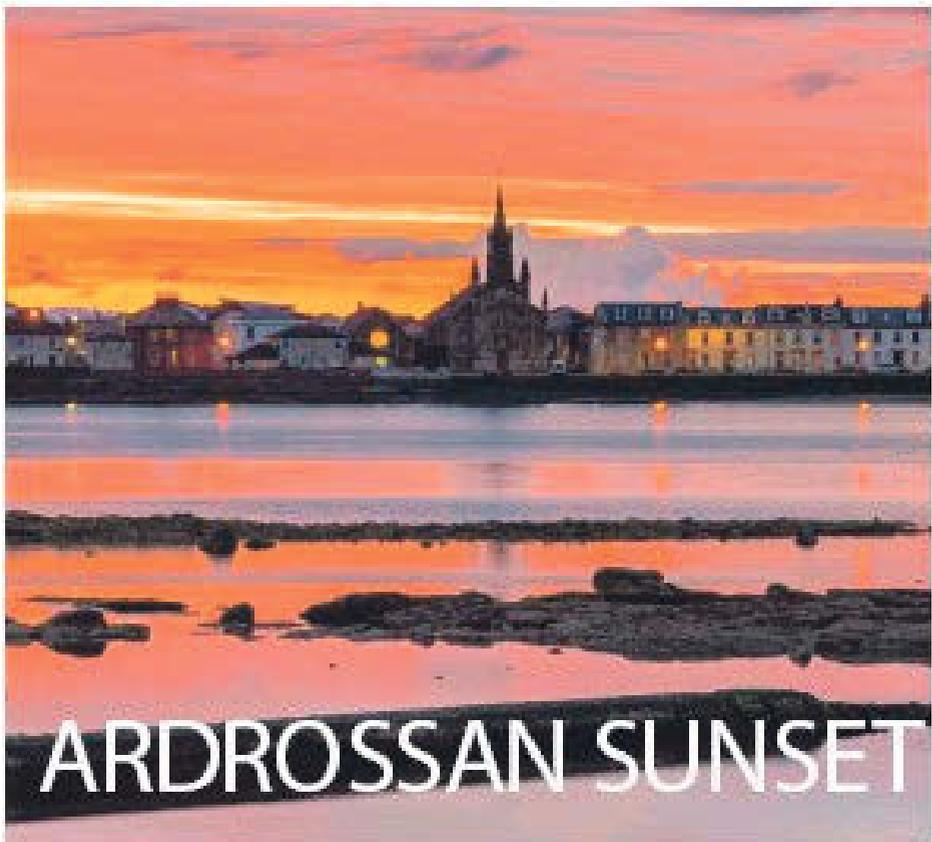


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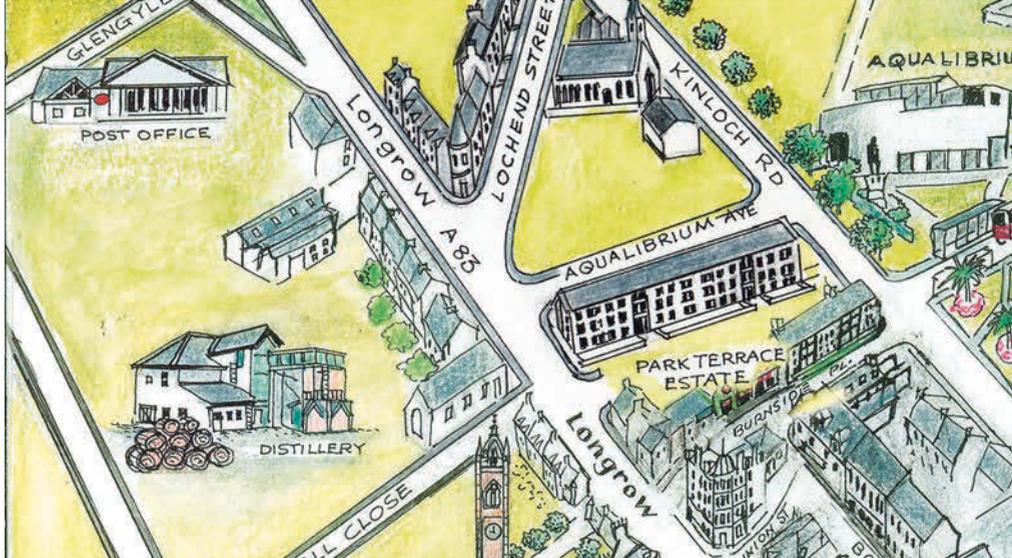
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# Oban is centre of universe for MacIntyres' gathering

by Kathie Griffiths  
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Aussie Alison Macintyre has flown more than 10,000 miles to bring hundreds of her clansfolk together in Oban.

The third-generation Australian, whose great-grandfather came from Kilchrenan, came to the previous clan gathering in 2008 and became hooked.

What started out of intellectual curiosity to see where her DNA was rooted ended with her helping organise the 2018 World MacIntyre Gathering from afar in Brisbane.

More than 250 MacIntyres, with lots of different spellings, are expected to descend on Oban for a week-long celebration.

'Technology is a wonderful thing,' said Alison, who has



given herself three weeks off work as an economics consultant to make the most of the homeland celebration and meet up with other MacIntyres coming from all over the world – and Scotland, of course.

'I was surprised, even shocked, by the feeling I had when I was here 10 years ago. I know there are specific Gaelic words that explain it. Dualchas and dùthchas – the feelings of connectedness and familiarity with the land-

scape, of feeling at home with the ancestors, the language, the culture, the history – it's amazing,' added Alison, who is being helped locally during the event week by fellow clansman Tim McIntyre and also by Claire Purdie, who works at SAMS.

'We're still looking for volunteers to help out at all our events, directing people and ticking people off the registration. It would be great to see young people get involved,' said Alison, who has already signed up for one of two local tours being led by Brigadier John MacFarlane from

Taynuilt – one of which will be accompanied by playlets from the Three Wee Crows theatre company.

The MacIntyres will be taking over the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Breadalbane Street, Oban, which will become the clan's base-camp and venue for the welcome reception and big banquet.

Adhamh Obroin, Gaelic consultant to TV hit show *Outlander*, will also be joining some of the events. There will be Gaelic lessons for the public and a MacIntyre procession on to the field at the Taynuilt Games on Saturday July 21 – where they might even enter a tug-o-war team.

On Sunday July 22, the gathering will make a trip to their ancestral land of Glen Noe, taking boats up the loch

from Taynuilt for a hog-roast picnic and a special ceremony – involving the faery pipes.

It will only be the third time in 200 years that the pipes, which can only be played by a MacIntyre and will be out on loan from the West Highland Museum in Fort William, will have been played.

Alison will also be meeting more family as a DNA project, part of this year's gathering, has matched her up with a couple of American women and another from Edinburgh who is on the organising committee.

To find out more, visit [macintyregathering.com/home](http://macintyregathering.com/home) or check it out on Clan MacIntyre Trust's Facebook page. Any volunteers willing to help, should contact [admin@macintyregathering.com](mailto:admin@macintyregathering.com)

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**Lochgilphead Primary Gaelic Choir who came fourth in their competition**  
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**Members of Lochfyneside Junior Gaelic Choir**  
98/Mod/14/18





## Third time lucky!

IT WAS a case of 'third time lucky' for the Lochfyneside Junior Gaelic Choir at the Royal National Mod last week on the Isle of Skye.

They gained the top music mark in their unison singing competition but lost out by one point to a local Skye choir in the Gaelic marks.

They came third in the puirt-a-beul competition

choir's excellence in musical dynamics and their total unison.

They also competed on the Tuesday, a day reserved for fluent speakers although some competitions are open to the learners.

**Fourth**

The choir also achieved fourth place in the drama and folk singing sections

school.

Laura Young, aged ten, was competing in her first national Mod. She gained fourth place thanks to a very promising performance of 'Linn an Aigh'.

**High standards**

The five soloists - Kathleen Baird, Elidh Paterson, Cheryl Wood, Cara McNeill and Stewart MacCh...

total of 80 competitors.

Cara, a pupil of Christine Johnston, was teamed with Ross MacDonald for the duet competition.

This was a very successful partnership which won the Angus MacTavish Memorial Trophy.

The group bought two French snails at Serpant World on the island...

## A look at the Advertiser of yesteryear

With the success of the Islay Mòd still fresh in our minds, it is clear that taking part in regional and the national Mòd is a long-standing tradition for Mid Argyll youngsters.

For more than 20 years Mid Argyll students have done us proud at the Gaelic singing competitions, as seen here in our edition from 1998, when singers from all over Argyll made their way to the Royal National Mòd on the Isle of Skye.

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The finalists have been selected across nine individual award categories which aim to recognise the different ways organisations are implementing environmental best practice in their daily activity. This could range from reducing the use of plastic or developing a new product or service, to encouraging cycle to work schemes or replacing company vehicles for electric

cars. Sustainable best practice isn't just good for the environment but is also beneficial for business performance, with many of this year's entries reporting associated benefits including; enhanced competitiveness, a positive working culture and both environmental and financial savings.

Commenting, Bob Downes, chairman of SEPA and head of the VIBES judging panel, said: 'The awards celebrate businesses which are already stepping up to the challenge and are leading by example. The awards are an excellent opportunity to recognise and reward these companies for going beyond 'business as usual' and driving sustainable growth through innovation.'

'It is very encouraging to see so many of Scotland's businesses leading the way and making a difference which will not only support the environment but also protect their bottom line.'

'I would like to congratulate each of this year's finalists and wish them luck for November's ceremony.'

# What made

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It has all the hallmarks of a detective novel, with mysterious deaths abroad, a lost family and a man who escapes his past by emigrating to America, all set against a post-First World War backdrop. It is also the story of a family trying to reunite cousins on both sides of the Atlantic.

Except this is not fiction. This is the mysterious story of James Campbell Hay Robertson, known as Jim, who was born and raised in Lochgilphead, and who was so determined to make a fresh start in America that he never saw or spoke to his Scottish family again.

Why Jim would cut himself off from his family is something his granddaughter Morgan has been trying to find out and she has asked the Argyllshire Advertiser to help solve this mystery.

James Campbell Hay Robertson was born in Lochgilphead and lived in Calman Villa in Ardrishaig. He was the son of the schoolmaster, a noted talent on the Lochgilphead football team and an aspiring doctor. Born in 1896, he had just turned 18 when the Great War began. He enlisted and, when the call for new officer candidates came, he signed up, becoming a 'temporary gentleman' rising



to the rank of acting captain in charge of a battery of 4.5-inch Howitzers at the Ypres front. When the war ended, he spent six months in the army occupying Germany near Bonn.

Jim was a smart boy, who loved his parents, and he was especially fond of his older sister Alexandria – a very talented pianist. She is often mentioned in the Advertiser as leading musical events in

Lochgilphead, and was known as 'Miss Lala Robertson'. According to Jim, she went off to study piano around 1910 in London or Edinburgh, but returned to Lochgilphead by the time the Great War broke out.

After the war, Jim left for America and banished all of them from his life. It is here the mystery begins: what caused Jim to turn his back on his family and keep their

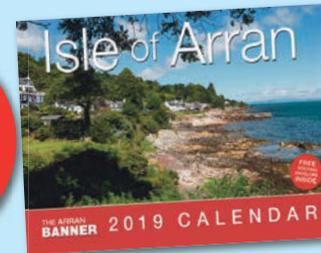
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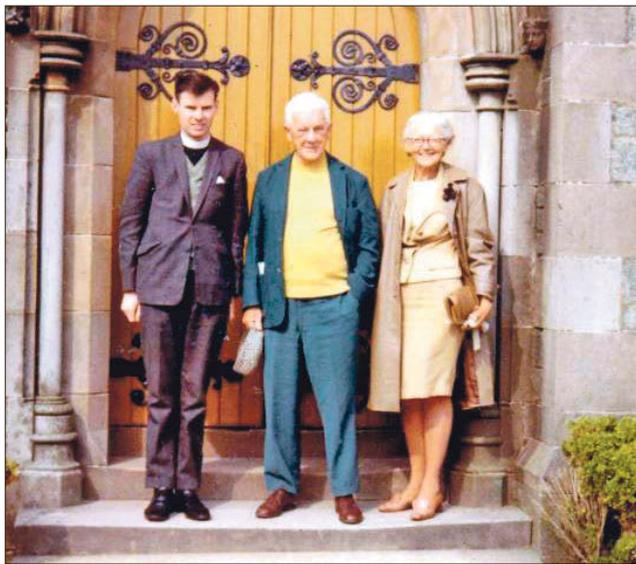
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# Jim desert his family?



Clockwise from left: James Robertson as a young forester in the US, 1926; James and Ruth Robertson at the parish church in Lochgilhead on his only return visit in May 1971; 2nd Lieut. James Robertson on demobbing, 1919; Dr James Robertson with a forestry student in the 1950s.



in Scotland, which is not true. On a visit to Lochgilhead, Morgan found cousins in Furnace.

Jim did share some clues about his family, but they were not all they seemed. He said his older brother William was in the Navy during the Great War, but had become an alcoholic, fallen overboard and drowned.

This was not true. William's signature was on their mother's death certificate, signed in Aberdeen in 1943. William clearly lived a long life after Jim left Scotland and perhaps had his own family, themselves unaware of their American relatives.

Jim's telling of Alexandra's story is even more tragic, saying she volunteered as a nurse in the war, fell in love with a South African soldier and left for Cape Town, only to die of food poisoning six months after arriving. This too was false, as the Advertiser's obituary for their father in 1926 stated he 'is survived by three children', including

Alexandra. Part of the story was true, however, as the Advertiser noted in 1920 that she married Henry Beck of Cape Town, in Dorset.

Why Jim wanted to make a clean break with his family to such a degree he pretended his brother and sister had died will never be known. But it is possible his brother and sister lived long lives and had large families.

Jim's family in the United States now amounts to three surviving children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jim's father, William Robertson, came from a family of printers and dyers in Bonhill, Vale of Leven, and served as a schoolmaster from 1883 to 1920. He died in 1926, possibly in Kilmun, and, according to family records, was 'buried in Dunoon', but this may be another red herring from Jim.

His mother, Wilhelmina, came from a farming family in Aberdeenshire. She moved to Lochgilhead in 1874 when

she was 14, to live with her uncle, Alexander Cameron Robertson, the new minister of Lochgilhead Parish Church, a position he held for more than 50 years, from 1876-1933.

There is one picture which could help crack part of the mystery. It shows Jim's mother with two girls and appears to have been sent to him after his move to America.

Part of the handwriting on the back is obscured but reads: 'Hannan's daughter, mom and myself taken last summer.'

'Mom' would refer to Jim's mum, 'myself' the teenage girl whose age meant she could not be the daughter of Wilhelmina or the sister of Jim. Who was she and was she part of the story which caused Jim to cut himself off from his Scottish roots?

If you have any information which could help solve this mystery please email the Argyllshire Advertiser editorial team at editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

existence hidden, from leaving Scotland in 1921 until his death in 1995 at the age of 99?

Jim had a long and happy marriage and he and his wife Ruth had four boys who have

grown up without extended family and under the impression that no relations existed

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# US family finally find their father

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An American family finally found the site where their father died in a plane crash near Dalmally almost 60 years ago ... thanks to a walker passing the time while his daughter was dancing.

Gary Nelson, from near Newcastle, travels with his wife Donna around the UK taking their daughter Heather to Highland dancing competitions.

To pass the time, he started walking up nearby hills looking for plane crash sites, and began a blog called 'What to do while Highland dancing'.

Gary said: 'I have now visited more than 150 crash sites. I am making people aware of them.'

Last August, on the weekend of the 2017 World Highland Dancing Championships at Cowal, Gary visited the crash site of a North American F100 Super Sabre 55-3671 on Beinn Donachain, a 650m Graham near Dalmally.

'This crash site was easy to spot even with a careful of midges,' Gary wrote, 'as a piece of stainless steel was sticking up above the heather and glistening in the sun. All that was left is what looks like the very tail-end of the jet with the remains of the tailplane still attached.'

Then in November Gary received a surprising message from Jim Kesson in Portland,



Jim and Kat with the plaque and cairn at the crash site where their father Richard Warren Kesson, below, died.



Oregon, saying: 'I want to thank you so much for posting these pictures of the F100 Super Sabre. My father was 1st Lt Richard Warren Kesson, who I believe was the pilot of this plane. He crashed in 1960 when I was two years

old. I have been looking on-line for evidence of where he crashed for a long time. Now I know where his plane is I am going to go there with my sister. My mother is 83 and too old to make the trip.'

Last Sunday, the siblings finally made the trip.

Jim said: 'We hiked about a half mile straight up. Gary guided us right to the top of the mountain.'

'We found my dad's plane. We had a moment of silence, my sister and I. We made a cairn in front of the wreckage. We placed a monument made of granite on the rock. We said goodbye to our dad, and honoured him. Then we came down.'

'It was definitely closure after a lifetime of searching.'



Sharon Wilkie-Jones wants to highlight the problems of homelessness.

## ArgyllSHARE wants new writers

An Argyll homeless project is seeking prose and poetry contributions for a new anthology.

ArgyllSHARE (Students' Homelessness Awareness Raising Enterprise) is a not-for-profit project based in Mid Argyll which aims to raise awareness about the issues that affect people who experience homelessness in a rural setting.

It is looking for budding writers to send in submissions for its 39 Steps initiative.

The 39 Steps idea is a creative writing

plan to raise awareness of rough sleeping in Scotland, and is so called because 39 is the average life expectancy of people sleeping rough. To be in keeping with the idea, the contributions should be 39 words in length and will be published in an anthology which will be launched at Hope Kitchen in Oban on October 10, so submissions need to be in by September 10.

Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact Sharon Wilkie-Jones at sharon@argyllshare.co.uk

## Seafarers are being sought for college's reunion dinner

Coastal and seafarers are being asked to help find former students and staff of Leith Nautical College for a reunion.

Everyone connected to the

former maritime training centre is invited to a weekend of activities in Edinburgh on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30. Tickets

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## Thousands descend on Tiree

Tiree Music Festival began in spectacular style with a sunshine-filled day of music and fun.

Thousands of festival goers descended on the island for what was a fantastic weekend of live music, amazing food and fringe activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The Paul McKenna Band opened the main arena of the festival, with other headliners across the weekend including Scottish singer-songwriter Be Charlotte, pop and rock band The Hoosiers, Wolfstone, Ho-ro, Trail West, Skipinnish, Rura, Elephant Sessions and Skerryvore.

Tiree Music Festival prides itself on being a family friendly festival and TMF 2018 introduced a new creative programme entitled Elements. This strand explored the four core elements that are a key part of life on Tiree: sun, sand,



wind and water. Also new to TMF 2018 was the Elevate stage, an outdoor platform supported by the Year of Young People 2018 fund showcasing the best talent on the Scottish music scene with its line-up over the weekend focusing on up-and-coming Scottish artists.

As well as opportunities for young musicians performing

on the stage, the festival also appointed a youth artistic programmer, Jamie MacDonald, who is from Tiree.

Daniel Gillespie, festival director of Tiree Music Festival, said at the weekend: "The gates are open and the sun is shining. It's been brilliant to see all of the visitors arriving on the island ready for a weekend of great fun and good

music. The campsites were the fullest they've ever been and all of the festival goers were getting to see the island in all its glory – it really lived up to its appellation as the "Hawaii of the North".

Follow all the highlights of TMF 2018 on Facebook @ TireeMusicFestival, Twitter @ TireeMusicFest, Instagram @ TireeMusicFestival.



A flashdance mob, top left, along with PC Graeme Greenlaw (photograph: Alan Peebles); fire dancers entertained; and smiles from Rosie Davidson, Amina Davidson, Orla MacLennan and Callum MacKinnon.

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# It's a fair cop as Margaret nets Tarbert festival funds

While many people raise money for good causes, Tarbert's Margaret Henderson has taken it to a whole new level.

A stalwart of Tarbert Seafood Festival, she is regularly seen with her collecting bucket appearing as her alter egos Super Cop or Mrs Brown and has become an integral part of Sunday's Beer on the Pier. This year Mrs Brown, sorry Margaret,

raised £945.76 in her bucket. This will go towards next year's event, which is rapidly becoming one of the village's top festival weekends.

Tarbert Seafood Festival organiser Margaret MacNeill said Margaret's collecting skills were 'legendary' adding: 'We are incredibly lucky to have someone like Margaret who puts her heart and soul into raising money for the community.'

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## Join the dots on the Artmap trail

Artists from across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Lorn are preparing to throw open their studio doors for this year's Artmap Argyll open studio event with the launch of the Artmap Studio directory 11.

This is the 11th year of the Red Dot Trail, but for the first time the event will be held over two consecutive weekends. Traditionally taking place over the August bank holiday weekend, which this year runs from Friday August 24-Monday August 27, some artist studios will also open the following Saturday and Sunday - September 1-2.

Known locally as the Red Dot Trail, due to participating artists displaying a red dot and number outside their studio, this open weekend gives visitors the opportunity to visit artists in their studios and see how they work.

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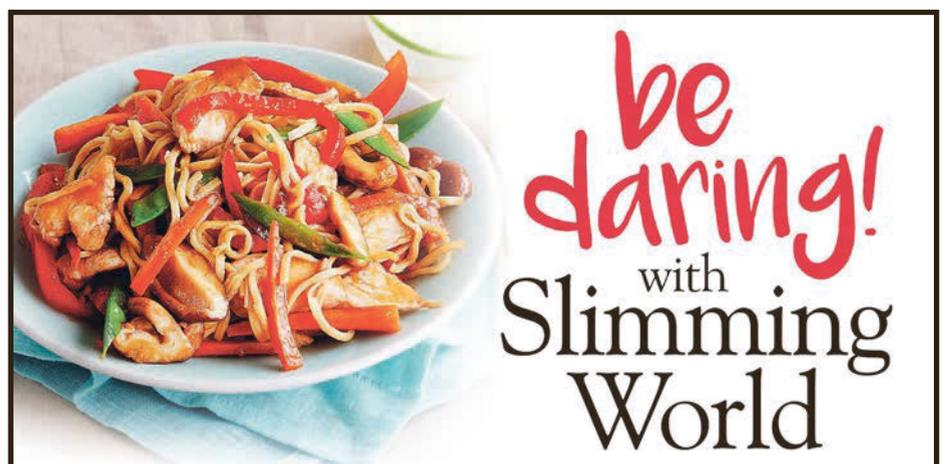
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# We're all going on a bug hunt

The kids of Lochgilhead were off on an adventure on Tuesday, July 10. They were hunting for the creepy-crawlies that live in Blarbuie woods.

The hunt stretched as far as the wood boundaries with the kids and parents needing to combine teamwork, brainpower and leg power to find all their markers.

The hunt began at the Octagon, where there were many more activities beyond the bug hunt. For those feeling crafty, there was a table for making dreamcatchers out of sticks, twine and wool and for kids wanting to know more about the six-legged creatures, there was a table of fun facts and boxes of live bugs to nose at, as well as ring-tossing and refreshments.



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The kids were given a checklist of creatures to find.  
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Until today (Friday July 20) case studies are being issued surrounding safety on Scotland's farms and crofts where people tell of their accidents, but also what they have now changed as a result of mishaps. Injuries caused by livestock continue to remain as one of the



Ian Pirie was injured when he was kicked by cattle.

main causes of accidents on Scotland's farms and crofts.

Ian Pirie, a cattle and sheep farmer from Maud, Aberdeenshire, this week spoke about an accident that left him unable to work at one of the busiest times of the year.

Ian, his wife and eldest son farm near Peterhead where he finishes around 1,000 head of cattle and have 200 breeding ewes.

Although many know the dangers of working with cattle, and farmers and crofters know their herds better than anyone, the animals can be unpredictable.

Ian said that earlier this year he was sorting through a pen of cattle, and one came from behind him, kicking him with its hind legs. Ian explained: 'It happened so quickly. I've had plenty of

kicks by cattle over the past 50 years, so I didn't think much of it.'

Unfortunately, this kick was not the same as any other. Ian was left with little to no power and control going through his leg and, after leaving it for the night to see if it would improve, he telephoned the doctor the next morning.

'I went to A&E at Peterhead and had it X-rayed,' said Ian. 'It showed that there was a slight chip to my knee, but thankfully it wasn't broken. I was referred to a consultant and surgeon in Aberdeen who, after further investigation, realised the tendons were all severed above my knee. They operated the next day.'

'If the surgery hadn't been carried out at that stage my knee wouldn't have

worked properly again. It's like broken cables, it's not something that reconnects over time.'

The injury caused Ian to be housebound during one of the busiest times of the year for the farm but thankfully his family helped out.

Looking back on the accident, Ian doesn't believe there is anything he could have done differently. Working with livestock always has its dangers.

However, Ian is now reviewing and updating the cattle-handling systems on the farm, some of which have not changed for many years.

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## UK housing sales remain subdued as rent expectations continue to heat up



*Sales activity in the UK housing market remained subdued, according to the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey.*

### Newly agreed sales keep on falling

Significantly, over the month, newly agreed sales have recorded the 16th successive month of continued decline, with 7% more respondents reporting a fall in agreed sales. The RICS series is a good lead indicator by around two quarters of the HMRC and Land Registry transactions data, and this continued decline in newly agreed sales suggests that the softer trend in sales volumes will not improve over the coming months.

### Have people given up on owning a home?

Following on from that, the New Buyer Enquiries series which provides a gauge as to the appetite to acquire property (this series is well correlated with data on mortgage approvals), is showing little reason to expect any uplift. The number of people looking to buy remained flat in June, prolonging the trend which dates back to late 2016. This is likely to persist through the second half of the year with the time taken to complete a sale edging up from around sixteen weeks (Spring 2017) to around 18 weeks at present.

For the second month in a row, new instructions have risen, with 10% more respondents seeing an increase in the flow of properties being put up for sale. However, with average stocks remaining close to historic lows at 43 it would be too early to suggest that this issue is lessening as an obstacle.

### What will the coming year bring?

The survey has in the past highlighted a lack of available second-hand stock as a key impediment to the efficient functioning of the market, and the pipeline looks unlikely to improve with new appraisals of prop-

erty by valuers down on the same period last year. Looking ahead, sales expectations are mildly positive for the coming three months, but at the twelve month point chartered surveyors are more cautious, with the net balance slipping to zero for the first time since last October.

The lack of activity on the sales side also continues to impact prices. At the headline level they remain flat in June, and it is the 13th consecutive month that chartered surveyors have reported a sluggish picture, with respondents not anticipating much change in the coming three months either.

### Not enough rental properties are driving up rents

Looking at the lettings data, new instructions coming through to agents has dropped again (a net balance reading of -22%). This is the 21st consecutive month in which the feedback has pointed to lower supply of rental properties coming to market. Anecdotal remarks, unsurprisingly, draw attention to role the change in tax treatment on investment property has played in driving this trend. The Rent Expectations series is pointing to a cumulative average rise of around 15% over the course of the next five years.

Simon Rubinsohn, RICS Chief Economist said: 'It is hard to see what is going to provide much impetus for activity in the housing market in the near term. Meanwhile the on-going challenges around lifting the delivery pipeline, reflected in last week's disappointing data on housing starts, is captured in the suspicion in the survey that prices are likely to resume an upward course over the coming year. The challenge is also visible in the response of the private lettings market to change to the tax treatment on investment properties. While it is understandable that the government wanted to provide a lift for first time buyers, this may well come at the cost of higher rents as the appeal of buy to let diminishes.'

## Construction industry needs clarity about post-Brexit visa rules

Responding to the release of the Government's Brexit White Paper, the FMB has stressed the need for certainty and stability, and called on the Government to clarify its approach to migrant workers as soon as possible.

Brian Berry, Chief Executive of the FMB, said: 'Despite some pessimistic predictions, we've yet to see any sign of the Brexit process having a seriously negative impact on the wider economy. However, for this to continue as we approach this critical phase of the process, we now need to minimise the risk of uncertainty clouding people's decision-making and spending plans and starting to feed through into the real economy. For most businesses, the Government's White Paper will be judged on whether it manages to achieve this. One area in which we now need greater clarity is over the shape of post-Brexit migration policy.'

'For the many construction SMEs who are currently facing severe skills shortages, the certainty they need is that access to skilled EU workers will

not be drastically cut-off. We hope this will follow closely after the publication of the Migration Advisory Committee report in September.'

Berry concluded: 'The UK construction sector is more reliant than average on migrant workers from Europe - at present, 9% of our construction workers are from the EU. In London, this rises for nearly one third. Already, even with access to EU labour, the industry is facing an acute skills crisis. Nearly 60% of firms are struggling to hire bricklayers and nearly as many are facing difficulties finding carpenters. The shortage of skilled workers is fast rising up the list of barriers to SME builders in their quest to grow and build more of the homes the UK so desperately needs. Without access to EU workers, there is a real possibility that skills shortages will further intensify. This will threaten the delivery of new housing and have a knock-on effect on growth across the wider economy.'



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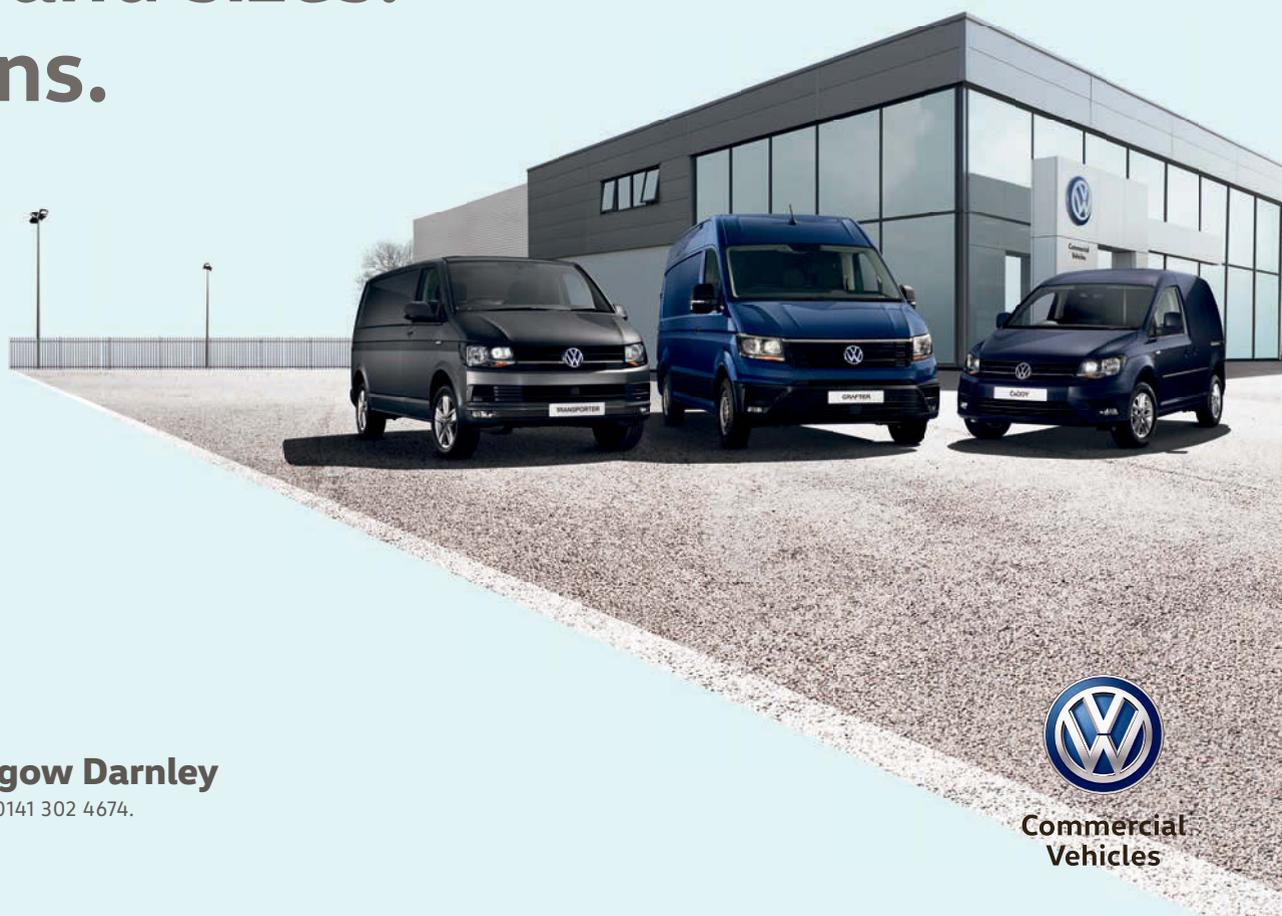
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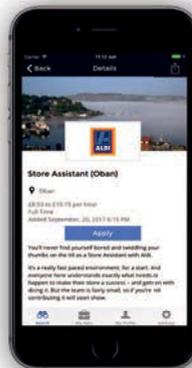
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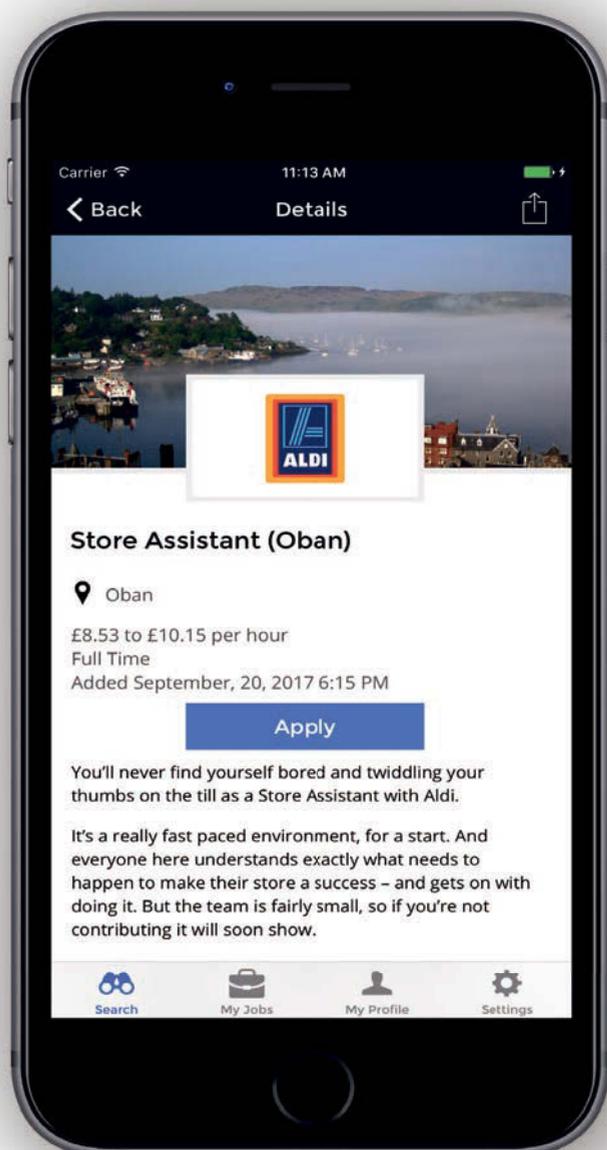
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY 70TH & 16TH BIRTHDAY ARCHIE & KATRINA WITH LOVE FROM ALL THE FAMILY XX

## MID ARGYLL

The Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation (HAWO) is offering beaver walks from 6pm every Wednesday until September 5 at the HAWO Wildlife Centre.

## OBAN

■ A group that helps people living with chronic pain will hold its monthly meeting on Monday July 30 in the Oban Bay Hotel. Run by the Pain Association Scotland, the gathering will run from 1pm to 3pm.

■ An open day has been organised by the Oban and Lorn Riding For The Disabled group. The event takes place on Friday July 20 from 11am until 3pm at Achnalrig Stables. Attractions include a raffle, home-baking, burgers, refreshments, pony rides and a table top sale.

## INVERARAY

Bessie the Play Talk Read Bus will be in Inveraray's Co-op car park on July 26 from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3pm. To find out more, visit [www.playtalkread.scot](http://www.playtalkread.scot)

## CLACHAN

Clachan Village Hall is hosting a jumble sale on Wednesday July 11. At 7.30pm teas, baking, produce and bric-a-brac will be on display for sale with the chance to win with competitions throughout the evening. Proceeds go to Kilcalmonell Church.

## DUNOON

The Alistair McCulloch Trio will be playing live at the newly-refurbished Burgh Hall, Dunoon on Saturday July 14 at 8pm.

Folk singer Lizabett Russo will take the stage on Friday July 31. Her bluesy sound will combine with world music to create something unique for her audience. The event begins at 8pm.

Amythyst Kiah and Meaghan Blanchard are on the bill on Tuesday July 31. The Tennessee country singer will pair up with the ECMA Canadian guitarist for a night – surely not to be missed.



Iceland's Heisi Girmundsson will compete at this year's Cowal Highland Gathering.

## DUNOON

One of Cowal Highland Gathering's (CHG) most fiercely contested competitions will this year welcome a fourth international team, as Austria joins the athletes battling to be crowned Cowal International Heavy Athletics Champions.

Introduced to the gathering in 2016, the event is the only international heavy athletics event to be held in Scotland.

Having attracted teams from Scotland, Germany and Iceland for the past three years, CHG organisers are delighted a team from Austria will join the 2018 competition.

Teams consist of four athletes – three men and one woman – all of whom take part in the gathering's individual contests. The points scored by each person go towards the team total and at the end of the gathering the team with the highest total will be crowned champions.

CHG chairman Ronnie Cairns said: 'This is the first time we've had a team from Austria competing at the Gathering and I'm sure this will add extra spice to what is already an extremely tough competition.'

CHG's main sponsor again this year is the

Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which also sponsors the heavy athletics competitions.

Craig Anderson, chief executive of SSC, said: 'We are proud to support to the Cowal Highland Gathering for the fifth year.'

'The Gathering is famous across the world as a celebration of Scotland's finest traditions with warm hospitality and fantastic entertainment.'

The annual heavy athletics event is something we always look forward to and we wish all competitors from near and far the best of luck.'

This year's Cowal Highland Gathering runs from Thursday to Saturday, August 23 to 25, and is supported by EventScotland's Beacon Funding Programme.

## LERAGS

The Kilbride Family Open Day takes place in Lerags on Saturday July 21. Attractions include traditional archery with Lorn Longbows, birds of prey by Finn Falconry, children's activities and refreshments. The event starts at 2pm at Kilbride Kirk.

For more information on the event, visit [www.FriendsofKilbride.scot](http://www.FriendsofKilbride.scot)

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Step into a place which will enchant and delight you.

The Mairi Semple flower festival in the church at A'Chleit is a feast for all the senses.

The flower displays are wonderful, the homebaking is tantalisingly delicious.

I never cease to be amazed by the imagination and creativity of the floral artists.

The theme this year is Enjoy and there is much for us all to enjoy in so many ways, and to make us think.

Flowers play a big part in our lives. We use them to send messages at times when we just don't know what to say.

They are used as tokens of love, of friendship, of sympathy and much more.

Many of us spend time in our gardens, cultivating flowers and taking time to enjoy their beauty and fragrance.

In the Bible, life begins in a garden and human beings are given the responsibility of looking after this garden which is our planet.

Sadly we know that we have failed miserably in this stewardship and despoiled what God had intended to be perfect.

Time is running out for many of the creatures we share life with on earth, and even more sadly, many people just don't care.

Moreover, if we continue to exploit the resources we have at our disposal, we too will be threatened with extinction.

Now is the time to take stock of what we have.

Now is the time to protect the animals under threat and now is the time to fulfill our obligation as stewards and caretakers.

As one of the displays says: 'Enjoy your planet while you can.'

Let us not just enjoy it, but protect it.

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## TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father ... lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13).

## BIRTHS



### LIVINGSTONE

William and Laura (née Dodd) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, William John, on July 12, 2018 at Campbeltown Hospital. First grandson for William, Margaret, John and Margaret.

## DEATHS

**MORRISON** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on July 17, 2018, John Sym Morrison, in his 86th year, 5 Ciaran Court, formerly of Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Georgina MacIntyre, much loved dad of John, Michael and the late Derek, father-in-law of Nahm and Michelle, loving granda of Ashley, Kaitlin and Liam, and great granda of Aiden. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, July 20, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

**WEIR** - At the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on July 11, 2018, George Weir, aged 83 years, of Tigh Na Creag, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, loved and loving husband of the late Ina, beloved father of Walter and Douglas and adored grandfather. Private funeral by request.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BLACK** - Mary and family would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Jenny. Special thanks to all doctors, nurses and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care over the past few months, to Carr Gomm carers for their kindness and friendship shown to Jenny, to the community nurses for their care and attention, and

to Maggie Wilkieson and the Marie Curie nurse for their support. Grateful thanks to Rev William Crossan for a very comforting and personal service, to Mr D Gardner for lovely music, to Rhys Blair for his very caring and professional services, and to the Argyll Hotel for a lovely tea. Special thanks to Jenny's friends for their visits, which she enjoyed. Finally, sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. A retiral collection raised £561.45, to be divided between Macmillan nurses, Kintyre Locality and Marie Curie nurses.

**HARRISON** - Andy and family would like to thank friends, family and neighbours for the kindness, love, phone calls, cards and flowers after the sad passing of Sandra. This has been a comfort to the family. Thank you to everyone who showed kindness and support to Sandra when she was out shopping. Thank you for the ongoing support from the medical team at health centre, with special mention to nurses, Louise and Kate, paramedics and Dr McGovern. Thanks also to Dr Alba ad Dr Alex for the care and support given to Sandra. Our thanks to Reverend Crossan for a very personal service and a send-off Sandra would have approved of, to the Blair family for their sensitivity and personal handling of arrangements, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. To all who attended the service in celebration of Sandra's life and attended the graveside, we would like to thank you all for attending, and for the generosity in the retiring collection for church funds which raised £1,328.05.

**MACNICOL** - Anne and all the family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and generosity shown to them following the sad loss of Iain. Special thanks to those on the hill with Iain; air ambulance crew; Belinda Braithwaite for her very fitting tribute; all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors; Anne and her team from the Rumblin' Tum and all those who helped facilitate the private burial. Thanks also to all those who travelled from near and far to pay their respects and gave so generously the sum of £1,520, which will be split between Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance and Bloodwise.

## IN MEMORIAM

**WHELTON** - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996. Along the road of memories That leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed. - Johnnie.

**WILSON** - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampa, Davie, July 23, 2007. You're not forgotten, Father, dear Nor every shall you be; As long as life and memory last We shall remember thee. - Gordon, Heather, Stewart, Kerry, Louise and Harvey.



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Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 22 July**  
11.30am Tayvallich Church  
Mr David Logue  
**Saturday 21 July**  
10.30am Tayvallich Hall  
Coffee Morning  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

### ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)

"One Sabbath Jesus ..."

### Sunday Services

Services in  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
and in  
Achahoish at 6:30pm  
(Hymns for a Summer's Evening)



### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

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Rev C Acklam  
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### SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
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Mrs Marion MacDonald Tarbert Service 11:30am  
Rev Stewart Birse  
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**Sunday 22nd July 2018**  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service  
Cumlodden 10.00am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
**Morning service**  
Inveraray Church 11.30am  
Minister:  
Dr Reverend Roderick Campbell  
ALL WELCOME



George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 22nd July**  
11.15am Worship Service  
5.00pm Free @ Five  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
**Wednesday 25th July**  
12 noon Bible Study  
& Prayer Meeting  
**30th July to 3rd August**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
Children's Holiday Club

### All Welcome

All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:  
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**Sunday 22nd July**  
11.00am FAMILY SERVICE  
Visiting Speaker - Chris Demetriou  
Refreshments after the service  
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Both the Ark and Sunday school will resume after the summer holidays.  
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**All Saints, Inveraray**  
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6.30pm Evening Worship  
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell  
All welcome

### Highland Parish Church



SC002493

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The service will be conducted by Elizabeth Kennedy and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
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11.15am Traditional Service in church  
Creche  
Rev W Crossan  
**Tuesday 24th July**  
9.45am Tiny Tots  
New Hall

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## Graham Love is leaving MacPool

Graham Love is moving on from Lochgilhead's MacPool at the end of July.

MacPool will be looking to recruit a new pool manager after the summer. In the meantime, Kirsty Young will be taking over as acting manager.

Kim Ritchie said: 'Graham has done a fantastic amount for the pool over the three years we have known him.'

'We're sorry that he is not going to be with us on our exciting redevelopment project, but we wish him all the best for the future.'

The MacPool redevelopment project is currently underway, led by Andy Knox, technical director of MACEL (Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd).

More news on the project to follow soon.

# Records shattered at The Cowal Way Chase

Saturday saw the return of the Cowal Way Chase for its second year.

The route was chosen to incorporate the Strachur to Lochgoilhead section of the Cowal Way, one of Argyll's scenic long-distance routes.

True to its word No Fuss Events promised better weather and athletes were treated to almost perfect conditions, overcast, not too warm, with a slight breeze keeping the midges at bay.

Shortly after the event briefing, the race kicked off at 10am with runners being given a 15-minute head start before the cyclists followed in hot pursuit. There were some minor changes to the original route – early sign-ups expected gravel, hard mud and stone path all the way.

Nearly £750,000 has been spent upgrading the path, however, the section at Curra Lochain was not completed in time for the race. Thankfully the recent hot spell dried up this usually boggy section helping to make it a real adventure for the cyclists.

Cowal Mountain Bike Club's Maxx MT, returning after injury, damaged her wheel on this section



but still finished in a very respectable 5hr 18mins for the full course.

The grass track rejoined the forestry road loop around Beinn Lagan, depending on the race category participants entered, with riders deciding the number of loops, which included a 1,000m of ascent, before making their way back to

Lochgoilhead and a well-earned descent and rest.

Between all the different categories, the field of 80 participants reported a great experience on the Cowal Way.

### Results

Chase men: 1 Jon Shutt 3:15:04; 2 Stewart McNee 3:36:05; 3 Neill

Kinmonth 3:39:16.

Chase woman: 1 Helen Docherty: 4:40:08; 2 Michelle Green: 4:48:14; 3 Lydia Davis: 5:04:50.

Trail: 1 Scott Brown 2:39:13; 2 Rodger Stewart 3:02:20; 3 Stephen McKeown 3:03:20.

Ultra: 1 Lee Muir 3:26:51; 2 Callum Elder: 4:00:01; 3 Ricky Reid: 4:07:36.

## Kyles Athletic win against Caberfeidh

### Marine Harvest Premiership Kyles Athletic 5 Caberfeidh 1

Kyles Athletic returned to Tighnabraich for the first time this season and they marked the occasion with a 5-1 win over Caberfeidh.

Kyles Athletic boss James Perlich was still without the injured Roddy MacDonald, while Andrew King completed a two-match suspension. His problems did not end there, though, as injury also ruled out Gordon Whyte, Thomas Whyte and Dunky Kerr; although the latter was stripped as Kyles only substitute, while Robbie MacLeod was unavailable.

Caberfeidh manager Jodi Gorski had Ally MacLennan back but he was also short of players, with Jamie Matheson and Colin MacLennan among his absentees and they lined-up with the Cabers with the second team.

Kyles settled into the game with a goal on four minutes. There was a scramble in the goal area where Colin MacDonald fought for possession with Caberfeidh keeper Ewen Pilcher and defender Blair Morrison, and it was actually Luke Thornton who got the final touch to put the hosts ahead.

Luke Thornton got Kyles and his second on eight minutes. Sandy MacKenzie played the ball across from the left wing forward position



to Luke Thornton who smashed a shoulder-high volley past the Cabers keeper from 15 yards.

Kevin Bartlett made it 2-1 on 13 minutes when he latched on to a loose ball in defence and carried the ball forward before thumping it past John Whyte from a central position.

However, Kyles restored their two-goal cushion on 42 minutes to make it 3-1 at the break. Former Skye Camanachd player Neil MacVicar, playing in attack, switched play from right wing forward to Sandy MacKenzie at left wing forward and he rifled the ball past keeper Pilcher from 18 yards.

Grant Irvine got in on the act on 55 minutes. A ball forward from midfield was brought out of the air by Colin MacDonald, who slipped it out to the right wing forward position to the on-rushing Grant Irvine, who swept the ball across the keeper

into the right-hand side of the net.

Sandy MacKenzie put gloss on the win with a rather fortuitous effort on 62 minutes. MacKenzie turned full back Blair Morrison and as keeper Pilcher came out to clear the ball, it rebounded off MacKenzie into the net.

Donald Irvine was superb for Kyles, while Grant Irvine was an instrumental figure at full centre.

Caberfeidh did not perform at the levels seen when they took shinty's top flight by surprise in the earlier part of this season.

## Kyles seconds beat Ballachulish

### Marine Harvest South Division 1 Ballachulish 0 Kyles Athletic 1

Title hopefuls Kyles Athletic second team march on, beating Ballachulish

### Duncan MacBrayne (Kilmory) and Neil Campbell (Inveraray). Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

1-0 at the Jubilee Park.

Balla's Cain MacPhee was free of a one-match ban, while Kyles were without Luke Thornton, who was on first team duty.

The only goal of the game came on 19 minutes and it was a superb strike from Martin MacFadyen whose 25 yard pile-driver from the middle of the park gave the keeper no chance.

Balla had the chance to level on 35 minutes when referee Callum Duff awarded them a penalty, penalising a 'kick' inside the D.

Lorne Brown took the penalty and he struck the ball well enough but his effort was superbly saved by Kyles keeper Douglas Nicolson. It was one of a number of great stops by the Kyles custodian.

Kyles have a five-point lead on second place Bute although they have played a game more.

## Three of the best see Bute lead the field

### Bute 4 Aberdour 1

Bute scored three times in the final third of the game to defeat Aberdour 4-1 in their 12.30pm throw up at The Meadows.

Bute's Craig MacKay was unavailable as he served the second game of a two-match suspension.

Aberdour travelled without Cameron McCue and David McDougal.

James Craig gave Bute the lead after just five minutes and that proved to be the only goal of a tight first 45 minutes during which Bute

goalie Kevin Queen saved well from David MacKenzie, tipping his effort over the bar.

Referee Robert Baxter pointed to the penalty spot when Ruairidh Reid was wiped out inside the D, taking a stick across the knees, when he looked set to equalise. Angus Thorburn struck the penalty well but Kevin Queen made a brilliant save to keep his side in front.

The visitors were awarded a second penalty shortly after when Roddy MacColl was felled inside the box. Angus Thorburn stepped up again but this time he did not catch the ball as he would have liked and his effort went past the post.

The penalty misses were a blow for Aberdour and Bute took advantage and, with some good running and quick passing, they went on to score three more times.

Robert Walker made it 2-0 on 65 minutes and Iain McDonald added a third with 15 minutes remaining.

Chris Lawrence made it 4-0 on 80 minutes, although there was some consolation for Aberdour when Ruairidh Reid finished well a couple of minutes later. Angus Thorburn battled to get the ball to Reid and his powerful strike from just outside the D gave the keeper no chance.

Bute were sharper on the day and they deserved the win but the final scoreline was a little harsh on Aberdour in what was only their second league defeat of the season.

Bute now leap-frog Aberdour into second place in the league on goal difference and the islanders have a game in hand.

# Edwards wins fifth Mach 1 Rally

The fifth Mach 1 Rally took place in very mixed weather conditions but provided possibly the best event yet, in a weekend which saw spins, stalls and the first ever trackside proposal.

It was not just the 3,500 crowd who said 'I do' to the Mach 1 as Subaru Impreza driver Scott McMinn went down on one knee to propose to his co-driver Mary Pierotti during the halfway stage. Mary said 'yes' with the team going on to finish the rally in 16th place.

Winners Bruce Edwards and co-driver Jim Smith, in 105.18 minutes, virtually destroyed their car's bodywork as they battled round the 12 stages marked by surprisingly solid hay bales.

Mid Argyll's Jamie Miller finished a credible 19th overall and third in Class 2 in his Citroen C2 in its first event.

On his Facebook page Jamie wrote: 'First time driving the car, came away with a very surprising 19th overall, third in class 2 after two days of rallying in very different conditions. What a crackin' little car! Thanks to all the sponsors, it's greatly appreciated.'

As he held the winner's cup, Edwards added: 'I have waited a long time to get my hands on one of these



**Winners Bruce Edwards, and co-driver Jim Smith are presented with their trophy by secretary of the meeting Trix Grant.** 25\_c29ma-chone01

trophies. It has been a great weekend, we all need to thank Dunfermline Car Club and its team, all the officials really deserve our appreciation.

'Machrihanish airbase is a great venue and especially challenging in the wet. I'd also like to thank Gordon Morrison and Calum Macpherson and Ian Paterson and Callum Shanks for chasing us throughout.'

Morrison and Macpherson were second in 105.34, followed by the third placed Paterson and Shanks in 106.30.

Chief marshal Keith Cowan added his praise for the event and said: 'It is a superb event, we love coming here and it is a terrific venue.'

## Inveraray score first league win

### Kilmory 1 Inveraray 4

MacRae Park was in perfect condition to host the local derby between Kilmory and the Inveraray second team.

A large crowd gathered to watch two teams filled with youth and experience.

Kilmory started with top scorer Alister MacArthur in defence and they had young Andrew Innes up-front, supported by the more experienced Hal Jones.

Inveraray went with a mature forward line which included Euan McMurdo, John MacKenzie and Neil Campbell but their back five were all aged under 18.

But it was across the centre line where all the action happened in the first half.

Referee Alex MacVicar had a busy afternoon and David Macpherson was first into the book for a cynical challenge on Sandy Leiper.

It wasn't long before Leiper joined him, yellow carded for a late swing on his fellow winger, young Ruaraidh Graham.

Duncan MacBrayne was next to fall foul of the official for persistent fouling.

In-between all the yellow cards, Alister MacArthur was dictating the play from the Kilmory defence, with young Hamish MacLennan doing the same for Inveraray and the first half ended scoreless.

Inveraray came out the traps the quickest in the second half. A long range effort from David Macpherson was easily saved by the Kilmory keeper, but Neil Campbell was quickest to react and slot the rebound home to open the scoring on 48 minutes.

Inveraray added a quick second following a well-worked set-piece routine on 56 minutes. Euan McMurdo's free-hit found Campbell Watt, whose movement caused the Kilmory defence problems all afternoon, and he made 2-0 with fine finish.

The goal sparked life into Kilmory who pulled one back on 65 minutes when Hal Jones blasted home an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area to make it 2-1 and it was game on.

After getting themselves back in the game, Kilmory's discipline let them down soon after, with both Duncan MacBrayne and Sandy Leiper receiving their marching orders from referee MacVicar within minutes of one another.

Inveraray capitalised on their two-man advantage and former Kilmory player David MacAllister scored his first goal for his new club on 69 minutes to make it 3-1.

Euan McMurdo finished the day's scoring off with a well-constructed goal to make it 4-1 with 15 minutes remaining.

Inveraray will be happy with their league first win of the season, while Kilmory will be disappointed with the result and the fact that they will be missing two influential players over the weeks to come.

# SPOT THE BALL

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
 Edwards wins fifth Mach 1 Rally

# Kilberry Loop sportive under starter's orders

Cycling enthusiasts are gearing up for the first cycling sportive based in Mid Argyll.

There is just one month to go until the start of the inaugural Kilberry Loop Cycle, which will take place on August 11.

Organiser of the non-competitive event are the Mid Argyll Tri & Cycle Club.

A spokesperson for the club told the Argyllshire Advertiser this week: 'We wish to promote fun, fellowship and friendship with a dash of competition.'

'The Kilberry Loop is a favourite route of the members. It is widely recognised as one of the most complete cycles in Argyll and we wish to introduce this gem to the



Ethan Gascoigne with his dad, Julian, who are keen to take part in the Kilberry sportive.

wider cycling community and remind the people of Kintyre that this wondrous route is within their midst.'

Registration for the event will open at 7.30am, with the cycle starting from the Isthmus, Tarbert. Entrants

will then head east towards the village and then north on the A83 before turning onto a single-track road at the junction with the B8024.

This is where the fun begins, with a steady climb for about 2kms before the fast descent into Achahoish and the beginning of wonderful scenery along the shores of Loch Caolisport.

The breathtaking views to Jura, Islay and Gigha demand a quick stop for a photograph. There will be a feed station at about the half way mark.

The route continues through Kilberry, with some short sharp climbs and sweeping descents, before following the coast of West Loch Tarbert, passed the Tarbert Golf Club,

before getting back to the A83, Tarbert and the finish.

The loop is suitable for road bikes – the road surface is variable but generally reasonable – and there are a few steep descents, so some caution is required.

The club spokesperson continued: 'We are hopeful we'll get more than 50 entrants on the start line, so please sign up. There's almost enough time to start putting in some training.'

'The minimum age for our entrants is 16 on the day of the event, with a parent or guardian accompanying them during the cycle.'

'So come along and take up the challenge, have some fun and improve your fitness.'

## Duo scoop Inveraray's golf win

The Fraser Quach's pairs competition was won by John Smylie and Derek McCulloch.

John and Derek shot a combined score of 69 to win by four shots from Don Aitchison and D J MacDonald, who finished on 73.

The Inveraray Golf Club gents' open is set for Saturday July 28. Entry price is £10 with first, second and third place prizes at £75, £50 and £25 respectively. Sponsored by The George Hotel, there are prizes for nearest the pin, longest drive and a raffle.

Tee times available are 7.30am to 8.30am, 10.30am to noon, and 2pm to 3.30pm. To book call or text 07527 929843 or email IGC. matchsecretary@hotmail.co.uk

## Lotteries

Drawn on Monday July 16, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 12, 15 and 17. There were no winners, so next week's prize will be £400.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 1, 6, and 8. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £400.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 3, 6 and 18. There were no winners this week, so next week's prize will be £900.

# MacNab wins Tarbert championship for first time

The final two rounds of the club championship took place over the weekend in contrasting weather conditions: Saturday in glorious sunshine and Sunday very wet but humid conditions.

Iain Macalister started the day one shot ahead of John MacNab, however, this changed during the first nine with John taking a six-shot lead at the turn.

Iain battled back and his one over par 34 saw the deficit reduce to three shots with 18 holes left. John's 72 was the best gross score on the day, with Peter Mclean Jnr moving into third place when he



Duncan Johnstone, club champion John MacNab and David Ronald.

recovered from a horror start to post a 76.

The handicap trophy was another tight affair with Jimmy MacNab showing the

youngsters how it is done with a superb net 64, taking a one shot lead over David Ronald and a two-shot lead over James Smyth.

The John Reid Quach which is played as part of the championship was won by Duncan Johnstone on 134, edging out Iain Macalister by one shot.

Despite the weather conditions, the members gathered in good spirits for the final round of the championship, a day that everyone looks forward to and with all competitions very close an interesting day's play lay ahead.

In the leading group, play

was a bit nervy and neither player was at their best on the front nine, with Iain reducing the deficit to one shot with eight holes left to play. John got one back at the 11th and then another two at the 12th before a birdie at the 14th pretty much saw him home and dry. In the end John's inward nine of 35 and a final round of 74 saw him win by six shots.

In the nett trophy 83-year-old Jimmy MacNab and David Ronald tied on 266 after scores of 69 and 68 respectively, David enjoying three birdies in a row at six, seven and eight. Competition rules dictate that in the event

of a tie the lowest last 18 holes wins the trophy.

Best gross scores on the day were Duncan Johnstone on 72 and Bruce MacNab on 73, best nett were Iain MacArthur on 63 and Kenny MacFarlane on 66.

A delighted John MacNab received the Sam Andrews trophy from president Chris Smyth. He said that he was delighted to eventually get his hands on this coveted trophy after many years of trying and a few close misses. He congratulated the other winners, members and Graham Prentice for the presentation of the course.



**SOUTHEND**  
**HIGHLAND GAMES**  
 Saturday 21st July 2018  
 5.30pm for 6.00pm  
 ENTRY £3 adults £1 children  
 Southend Playing Field  
 Under 16 half mile race.

Come and enjoy - traditional highland dancing competitions, Piping, Junior and Senior sports with all the traditional heavyweight games. Full Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will play at 5.45pm and again during the evening. Beat the goalie. Other Novelty Events and craft stalls. 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)

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