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Shortcut disaster averted as Adam thanks rescuers

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Emergency services were called out when a 14-year-old Mid Argyll boy became lost after taking a shortcut through the woods.

Adam MacFarlane from Furnace headed out on the afternoon of Friday July 20 with pals to explore the Leacainn walk between Furnace and Auchindrain, just as they had many times before.

They knew the area well, and by the time they were heading home Adam challenged the others that he would get home before them by using a shortcut in the Auchindrain area.

Before long Adam became disorientated and lost. He tried the old trick of finding a burn and following it through the trees downhill but it soon split into many parts and was useless as a guide home.

As the evening wore on and realising his predicament, Adam climbed the hill to find a mobile signal. On achieving a few precious bars on his phone, he dialled 999.

By this time his friends were almost home, and they called on Adam's mum Liz to say he had not come back.

A shocked Liz jumped in the car and headed for Auchindrain, to be met with the sight of police vehicles sitting by the roadside.

She joined the search for Adam, and within an hour or so he was found, cold and soaked.

'I got a real fright,' said Liz. He was really lucky because it would soon have been dark, and he would have been in real trouble.'

Adam told the Advertiser about his mother's reaction when she saw him after his adventure.

He said: 'She sort of laughed, because I was so wet and dirty. Except my trainers, which got cleaned by all the burns I went through.'

'Then I got a lecture from her.'

Sergeant Iain MacNicol at Lochgilhead Police Office said that police received the emergency call at 7.26pm on Friday July 20.

He added: 'Lochgilhead

Red Star player Kieran Moore strikes it big



Kieran Moore took the latest step in his footballing career as he signed for Glasgow senior club Queen's Park from Lochgilhead Red Star. Pictured left, Kieran signs on the dotted line watched by Queen's Park manager Gus MacPherson, left, and Kieran's father and Red Star manager Dougie Moore. Full story on pages 8 and 9.

police officers attended in the area to search and the mountain rescue team as well as the Coastguard were informed.

'A Lochgilhead police

officer spoke to Adam on the phone and helped establish where he was, and at 8.45pm, Adam was traced safe and well.'

Adam expressed his grati-

tude to his rescuers. 'Thanks to the police and everyone for coming out, I really appreciate it,' he said.

Now recovered after the stress of the situation, mum

Liz added her own thanks, saying: 'I'm glad they found him before dark and ahead of the rescue helicopters arriving. Thank you to the police for their help.'

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Alesha is laid to rest

The funeral of Alesha MacPhail was attended by hundreds of mourners to remember the six-year-old who was killed while on holiday on the Isle of Bute.

During the service, held near Alesha's home in Coatbridge, mourners – who were asked to wear pink in her honour – heard tributes from people close to Alesha, including an emotional speech from her uncle Calum MacPhail, who described her as 'the brightest thing'.

He said: 'Alesha would rather hurt than you, she had a great amount of love for absolutely everyone.'

A candlelit vigil for Alesha was held in Rothesay earlier this month, below, and an online fundraiser set up to support relatives reached almost £13,000.



Restrictions on sea locks

Sailors from Tarbert to Crinan had to think twice before setting course across the Crinan Canal this week due to restrictions set by Scottish Canals, writes Laura Maxwell.

Due to the continuing dry weather and its impact on reservoir levels, Scottish Canals restricted the operation of the sea locks to within one hour either side of high tide. In addition they restricted passage to vessels with a draught of 1.8m and below.

These restrictions were lifted yesterday (Thursday July 26) having helped preserve the depleting water levels, delaying closure of the canal at this time.

This final measure followed earlier restrictions which were put in place due to the



The Crinan Canal is one of many bodies of water in Argyll with restricted access.

continued dry weather.

Scottish Canals is continuing to monitor the long-term forecast and plans are in place should water levels reduce beyond acceptable levels, and it will provide an update next week.

Scottish Canals is also continuing to implement the minimum two boats per

lock as a way of conserving water. This may cause delays of up to and over one hour.

Scottish Canals said: 'We would appreciate your understanding and patience as we seek to take all steps we can to keep boats moving on the canal.'

Tide times can be found on the Scottish Canal's website.

Roadworks on A83 near Bellochantuy

Motorists can expect delays on the A83 near Campbeltown next week when resurfacing work worth £30,000 takes place.

Work to the A83 just north of Bellochantuy will begin on Thursday August 2 and is expected to take one night to complete. The work will be carried out between 7pm and 7am.

During this period, the road will be closed in both directions to ensure the safety of the workforce and the public.

Operations carried out between 7pm and 9pm will be controlled using a convoy traffic management system and short-duration stop/stop controls. After 9pm traffic will be stacked at either end of the closure and escorted through the work when safe to do so.

BEAR Scotland representative Eddie Ross said: 'These essential resurfacing works



will upgrade the existing road surface, greatly improving the drive quality and safety for road users.

'The traffic management arrangements are necessary to keep roadworkers as well as motorists safe during the improvements, and our teams will work to complete the resurfacing as quickly and safely as possible.'

'We thank motorists for their patience in advance and would also encourage them to plan ahead before setting out by checking the Traffic Scotland website for up-to-date travel information.'

Real-time journey planning information can be obtained by visiting www.trafficscotland.org or Twitter @trafficscotland.

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POLICE FILES

Careless driving

A silver Audi A4 motor car was seen to be driven in a careless manner about 11pm on Monday July 16 on the A83 near Kilmory Industrial Estate. The car was stopped by police and the 34-year-old driver was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three points.

Cash stolen

About 12.30pm on Monday July 23 a sum of cash was stolen from the Cairndow Post Office next to the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar. Police say staff were deliberately distracted by two men while another man stole the cash. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to

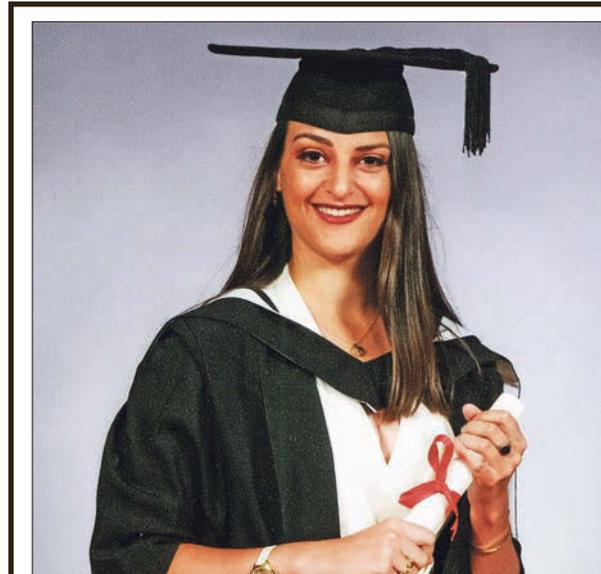
contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Alleged assault

A 30-year-old man allegedly assaulted a police officer and behaved in an abusive manner about midnight on Sunday July 22, in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

The man was arrested and charged, and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

GRADUATION



ZOE CLAYTON

Mr and Mrs Clayton are proud of their daughter, Zoe Clayton, who graduated in June with a 2:1 MA Hons in Anthropology, from the University of Aberdeen. Zoe has successfully secured a full time position in Aberdeen.

Speeding

A motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit on the A83 near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead at about 6pm on Sunday July 22.

The driver, a 46-year-old woman, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Handbag theft

Between 10.30pm and 11pm on Saturday July 21, a handbag containing cash and a mobile phone was stolen from the bar within the Victoria Hotel on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Rock from Rest to be reused in new project

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A new, innovative method to help mitigate against potential landslips is being rolled out in Glen Kinglas near the Rest and Be Thankful.

The ongoing £1.84 million catch-pit works at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful involve digging and constructing three large 'pits' at the bottom of the slope that are designed to collect materials and run-off from a potential slip. The project has produced around 18,000 tonnes of usable rock which has been stored temporarily, and designs have now been completed to reuse this material as additional protection for the A83.

The material will be used in the construction of landslip mitigation bunds above streams along Glen Kinglas, some three to four miles from the Rest and Be Thankful. These bunds will form a constructed embankment of material initially across six individual water channels next to the roadside that geotechnical engineers have assessed to have the potential to deposit debris on to the trunk road should a landslip occur. The bunds will reduce the risk of debris reaching the roadside.

The bunds will be up to 10 metres high in some sections and have the combined capacity to contain more than 1,000 tonnes of debris should a landslip occur.

Teams from BEAR Scotland have been working closely with the landowner and specialist



Roadworks are ongoing at the Rest and Be Thankful.

sub-contractor to develop this sustainable approach to protecting the A83 for the long-term benefit of users of this important route.

This sustainable method allows BEAR Scotland to maximise the benefit of the material being excavated from the Rest and Be Thankful while minimising the overall cost of these works to the public purse via these projects which are being funded by Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government.

As the works are focussed

initially within six watercourse channels there will be short lengths of traffic management for approximately two to four weeks in each location. The A83 will remain open but it will be necessary for temporary traffic signals to be in place for the safety of road workers and road users. The project will move in phases along this stretch of the A83 as the works progress.

Real time journey information is available from Traffic Scotland on their website: trafficscotland.org



The Dochas Centre will put its money to its new extension.

Life is a gas as Dochas Centre wins £5,000 Calor cash

A Mid Argyll charity can create the safe space it wants in a new building after receiving important grant funding.

The Dochas Centre is one of just five UK groups to be awarded cash through the Calor Rural Community Fund.

The £5,000 grant will go towards installing hospital

standard non-slip flooring in an extension currently being added to its Lochgilphead premises.

Success in the Calor programme only came about through the support of the public, who were able to vote for their favourite project.

The top 10 vote-winners were whittled down by an independent panel to reach

the final five successful projects.

Catherine Paterson of the Dochas Centre said: 'Thank you to everyone who voted for us because that is what's helped us get there.'

The Dochas Centre offers help and support to people caring for others and is celebrating its 20th birthday in 2018.

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Final plea to sign petition over Inveraray bank closure

An online petition to keep the Inveraray branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland open has 650 signatures – but it could use more, writes Laura Maxwell.

The Inveraray RBS branch was given a stay of execution earlier this year – but if the figures do not stack up in the eyes of bank bosses by December 2018, the bustling tourist town will be left with no bank to serve residents, businesses or visitors.

The opportunity to have a say is quickly closing, with the petition set to be hand-delivered to representatives of Johnston Carmichael,

the company appointed by RBS to review the proposed closure of this branch.

Handing over the petition will be the person who initially set it up, Mid Argyll writer and journalist Marian Pallister – who this week appealed to locals to take action.

She said: 'Let's make our voices heard. We need this branch to stay open, so we must speak out.'

The list of signatures will be handed over in Inveraray on Wednesday August 8.

To sign online, visit the 38degrees website and search for 'RBS Inveraray'.

United in opposing the RBS closure plans: Marian Pallister, Inveraray businessman Donald Clark, centre, and MP Brendan O'Hara.



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Protests outside the Inveraray RBS branch after the closure plans were announced. 06_a52InverarayRBS02

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Grub's Up is looking to expand network

Grub's Up is looking to create a county-wide community.

In conversations with similar charities in Dunoon, Helensburgh and Oban, Lochgilhead's Grub's Up aims to create a network of charities aiding addiction recovery and mental health.

Gill Hutton said: 'The aim is to raise money so that each locality provides

the necessary support to its community.

'The problem is it's difficult to coordinate because we're all looking for different things, funding, location of premises, etc.'

Grub's Up is currently looking for its own premises. The recovery cafe serves delicious food every Friday at Lochgilhead Parish Hall.



Left to right: Ann-Jane Maconchie, Patrycja Madej and Gill Hutton.

A call for volunteers from Blarbuie Woodland

Blarbuie Woodland is looking for volunteers.

Those with green fingers or an immunity to splinters can find plenty to help with including path maintenance, tree planting, aiding the community garden, carpentry and construction, wood fuel and kindling production as well as the construction of the new picnic and play area. There are also volunteers wanted for assisting with guided walks and recording flora and fauna.

To volunteer would offer the benefits of working in an outdoor environment, such as a healthy mind and body, as well as an enhancement to any CV and the ideal venture for anyone to become more involved with the local community.

For more information contact the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Facebook page or call 01546 810279.

Blarbuie also offers a season-long course on horticulture and is looking for additions to the Men's Shed.



Volunteers are needed to maintain the beautiful woods. 08_a29blarbuiewood01

Policy lead welcomes new Islands (Scotland) Act

Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Islands has spoken about what the recent granting of Royal Assent to the Islands (Scotland) Bill, means for island communities.

Councillor Robin Currie, who is also chairman of the Argyll Islands Strategic Group, said: 'The passing of the Bill paves

the way for more powers to be devolved to our island communities.

'This is a hugely significant moment for all of Argyll and Bute's island communities and will bring about new, stronger partnership arrangements between our islands and the local authority, as well as with the Scottish Government.

'The new Islands (Scotland) Act sets into law, duties and responsibilities for all and will provide opportunities for island-focussed work to be taken forward. This is a historic occasion.'

The bill will 'island-proof' all laws and and public body standards for the likes of transport, economy and health care.

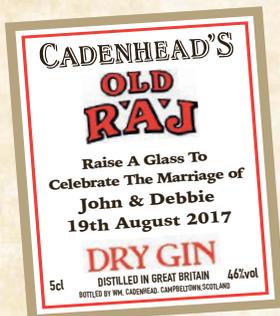
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Campbeltown Town Hall

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Time: 3.15pm – 6.45pm

SSE Generation is holding public exhibition events in relation to the proposed Tangy IV Wind Farm proposals.

We would like to extend an open invitation to these exhibitions to provide local communities and interested parties the opportunity to come along and meet with the project team, learn more about the project and raise any questions or concerns.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Project Liaison Manager:

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A timely reminder of danger in the outdoors

It was a case of 'all's well that ends well' for young Adam in the Furnace hills last week.

Police officers and his mum left him in no doubt of how narrow an escape he had. No matter how experienced you are, it is easy to get caught out in woodland and forestry roads, where landmarks are few and far between.

At the very least plan your route, always let people know where and when you are walking, and give an expected time of return.

Up the Spiders

Well done to Kieran Moore on being snapped up by Queen's Park and Gus MacPherson. We wish him all the best in his career with the Spiders.

Have your RBS say

Don't let the chance slip to sign Marian Pallister's petition against the closure of Inveraray's last remaining bank. Read all about it on page four.

A disgraceful tax

Sir,
As usual with Councillor Redman, he was so desperate to berate the SNP in his letter published in the July 20 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser that he is unable to see the hypocrisy of his own stance.

He talks of 'stealth taxes' hitting 'the most vulnerable people in our society, particularly elderly people living alone'.

His accusation of 'taking their eye off the day job' begs the question as to where he was when the Tory government introduced its bedroom tax – a tax on those who needed an extra room for live-in carers, a tax on grandparents who wanted to have their grandchildren to stay for weekends and at holiday times a tax on widows with sons and daughters in the armed forces expected to sleep on a sofa when home on leave.

A disgraceful tax which the SNP government abolished.

David Hay, Minard

Stop the plastic tide

Sir,
The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is seeking volunteers to clean up Scotland's beaches in the 25th anniversary Great British Beach Clean from September 14-17.

Volunteers also record the litter they find, and this has really helped change policy and behaviours.

Last year 1,588 volunteers in Scotland took part, cleaning 111 beaches in four days. A staggering 491.4 pieces of litter were found for every 100 metres cleaned, a seven per cent rise on the amount recorded during 2016's event.

The fight to stop the plastic tide has only just started and we need everyone to take part now more than ever. We need the evidence from these surveys to highlight the action we all need to take for the sake of Scotland's seas.

To volunteer visit www.mcsuk.org/greatbritishbeachclean or call 01989 566017.

Catherine Gemmell, MCS Scotland
Conservation Officer

Potholes and bed spaces

Sir,
It was superb to once again meet up with locals in Whitehouse and across west Kintyre.

As well as hearing about numerous problems with local road repairs I also listened to concerns about slow internet speed with some areas lagging behind others when it comes to getting access to superfast broadband.

I heard similar concerns when I attended the latest West Kintyre Community Council meeting. As ever, I will be looking into every issue brought to my attention by residents across my council ward.

After travelling back to Islay I checked up on the state of road repairs across the island. Some progress has been made in many areas like the Hospital Road in Bowmore and

Mansefield Road in Port Ellen. The potholes in Port Askaig that I had been telling our roads department about have been filled in.

That said, to give just two examples, Shore Street, Bowmore and roads across the Rinns on Islay are still in desperate need of attention.

After calling and emailing around about the large and dangerous potholes at An Creagan Place in Port Charlotte, I have been informed that the road in this area is not the responsibility of Argyll and Bute Council.

It belongs to ACHA, and since obtaining this information I spoke in person to the very helpful and hard-working staff at the Bowmore ACHA office and asked them to fill in these potholes.

Aside from road concerns on Islay, quite a number of my fellow Ileachs have mentioned lack of bed spaces in Islay's hospital. Being an island community obviously means that transferring more and more patients to the mainland is hardly ideal.

The consensus from my constituents who I have been in contact with is that the number of beds in Islay's hospital is not enough.

I have contacted NHS Highland to voice my constituents' anger about this situation.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Isle of Islay

Tory 'hypocrisy exposed'

Sir,
The Tories' hypocrisy on MoD wages has been exposed – after it was revealed that

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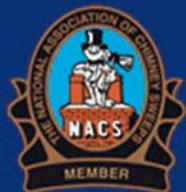
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around 220 staff in Scotland don't receive the Real Living Wage, just days after the Tories topped up the pay of some of the best paid MoD staff.

An MoD Freedom of Information response revealed that 220 staff in Scotland earn below the Real Living Wage of £8.75 an hour – yet they are not in line to receive any pay boost from their employers. The Tories' policy is set to cost around £4 million – yet boosting the wages of those receiving less than the real living wage would cost, at most, under £400,000.

This smacks of utter hypocrisy from the Tories, after their comments of recent days regarding pay for forces personnel.

What the Tories are choosing to overlook is the immense benefits service personnel have living in Scotland, like free prescriptions and university tuition fees for their children. And it's only those earning above £33k who pay a fraction more.

If they are so concerned with equality – why aren't they ensuring that all MoD staff are paid the living wage?

Boosting the incomes of the lowest paid MoD staff could cost the Tories less than a tenth of what they are spending to top up higher incomes – yet once again, for people on lower incomes they are not prepared to lift a finger.

The Tories' double standards know no bounds – it's one rule for the elite and another for the rest.

Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute

YOUR PICTURES



Reader Robin Morton provides this week's photograph, which features a popular subject - the Paps of Jura. This perspective is, however, from Islay. Rather than the sunset seen from the mainland looking west, this picture shows dawn from Bunnahabhain, across the sound of Islay to the famous Jura hills. Send your favourite photos to: editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Goal-hungry Kieran joins



Kieran Moore, right, in a pre-season match for Queen's Park.

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An 18-year-old Lochgilphead footballer has signed for Scotland's oldest senior football club.

Sharpshooter Kieran Moore banged in no fewer than 61 goals for Lochgilphead Red Star in the 2017/18 season, when the club achieved promotion to SAFL Premier 1.

Kieran put pen to paper with Queen's Park Football Club - known as The Spiders - after being invited to Lesser Hampden by manager Gus MacPherson to take part in training and pre-season games for the Glasgow outfit.

Since first breaking into the Red Star senior side in 2015, Kieran has gone from strength to strength, culminating in his big move to senior football.

His football career started at Red Star Soccer Centre aged seven, before moving to Linwood Rangers YFC for two seasons where he was spotted and signed by



Kieran Moore in his new club's strip.

Rangers FC. He played for two seasons at Murray Park, taking part in tournaments at Turin in Italy and in Russia at Shakhtar Donetsk before moving to Ralston, where he signed for St Mirren FC and had an enjoyable two seasons before returning to Lochgilphead Red Star YFC.

Proud dad Dougie also happens to be the Red Star manager, and he said: 'As a manager, it is always sad to lose your best players, but after the team's success last year we had rumblings that

something may happen at the end of the season.

'As a club, we are delighted that one of our players has been given the chance to go and make an impact at senior level and it just goes to show the hard work put in by the volunteers at the soccer centre, youth and amateur teams that there will be chances if players show the right attitude and commitment, whether at our level or at the youths.

'Locally there are a number of youngsters who are with Partick Thistle, Hamilton, Rangers and others, which is great for such a small town like Lochgilphead.'

Taking off his manager's hat, Dougie added: 'As parents, both myself and Fiona are delighted. Kieran has a lot of hard work to do in terms of fitness and strength to get up to speed at that level, but he must go and enjoy and embrace the whole experience.

'He will only get out of it what he puts in in terms of effort.'

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Argyll and Bute Cup set for action

Saturday August 4 will see the return of the Argyll and Bute Cup tournament, hosted by Lochgilphead Red Star.

The competition will feature Group A at the Lochgilphead joint campus 3G astro, comprising Oban Saints, Lochgilphead Red Star, Neilston and Port Glasgow Athletic. Group B games will be played at Ropework Park, with Campbeltown Pupils, Tarbert, Dunoon and Kilsyth.

The tournament, sponsored by MAYDS, ArgyllShare and Café 35, will commence at 10am, with final at the Ropework around 5pm.

As the club prepares for life in Premier 1, Red Star will travel to Gartcosh United for a pre-season friendly tomorrow, Saturday July 28.



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Icon ensures band will travel in style

As they prepared to compete in this weekend's Scottish Pipe Band Championships, members of Mid Argyll Pipe Band took time to acknowledge one of their biggest supporters.

The band is having a strong season so far, winning the British Pipe Band Championships and coming second in the UK and Europeans.

The band wishes to thank Maria at Icon hairdressing in Lochgilphead for generously sponsoring a bus to the Scottish Championships.

Pipe Major Craig Lang added: 'We really appreciate Maria's support. Without this sponsorship, the band would have struggled to finance the journey, as the band always ensures all playing members travel free of charge.'

Mid Argyll Pipe Band will compete at Grade 4B on Saturday July 28 in the Scottish Pipe Band Championships at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton.

More than 120 bands will take part in the event, with 25,000 spectators expected to be there to enjoy the unmistakable sound of the pipes and drums from some of the best pipe bands in the world.



Dropping in to Icon were, left to right, Ali Cupples, Rhian McCuaig, Debbie Lowe of Icon hairdressing, Mary Moir and Pipe Major Craig Lang.

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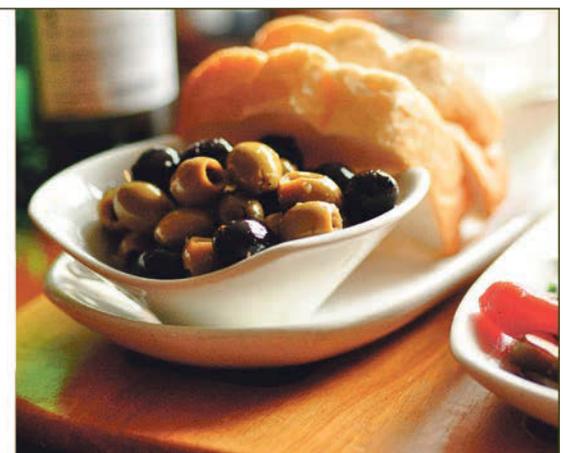
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Argyll and Norwegian Scouts enjoy a week in the sun

Twenty-two members of the 19th Argyll Scout Group spent a fantastic week camping with 37 of their old friends from the 3 Drammen Group in Norway on July 4 to 11 at the Barrwood Campsite near Stirling.

This was the second year that the groups had met up. Last year members of the 19th Argyll travelled to Bodo in the Arctic Circle to attend the Norwegian Scout Jamboree. It was here that the two groups met and friendships were made.

David Smart, Argyll scout leader, said: 'We were overwhelmed by the help and hospitality we received from the 3 Drammen Group. As soon as we were on our way back last year we began planning how we could run a camp for the two groups this summer.

'With nearly 60 of us at camp this has been the biggest and most complex event we have ever organised.

'We are delighted that the event was a success and I am sure we will do other events with 3 Drammen in the future.'

For most of the visitors it was their first time in Scotland. The outstandingly good weather coupled with an exciting programme of events



Lochgilphead and Norwegian Scouts enjoyed their time in Stirling.

made this a trip they will never forget. During the week the groups undertook a host of activities including visits to Edinburgh and Stirling, two 23-mile challenge hikes, team building games, and a 'Year

in a Day' where members from Scotland and Norway tried their hand at a number of activities from each others' cultures including ceilidh dancing, dooking for apples, reindeer lassoing and a

Norwegian National Day parade. Lars Erik Moen, the 3 Drammen scout leader said: 'Our young people have been excited all year about the thought of meeting up with our friends from 19th Argyll.'

The 19th Argyll Scout Group meets in term time in the Lochgilphead Community Centre.

For more details please contact David Smart at 19thargyllscouts@gmail.com

Fabulous food and fun at Tayvallich Weekend

The Tayvallich Weekend 2018 kicks off today (Friday July 27) with a barbecue at 6.30pm, following on the Saturday with a day full of activities such as games, stalls and bouncy castles.

For those looking to relax there will be tea, coffee and homebaking as well as paella and barbecue food available. To top it off there will be the Fabulous Family Dog Show at 2pm.

In the evening, the Tayvallich Village Hall will open its doors at 7pm for the family ceilidh featuring the live music of the Argyll Celidh Trail.

Stop by Tayvallich Village Hall to join the fun.

Mid Argyll Art Society exhibition in Lochgilphead

The Mid Argyll Art Society is having an art exhibition and sale.

Open for a week starting Monday August 6 and featuring exhibits by the Mid Argyll Camera Club, the exhibition is open to all local artists, with more information available on the Mid Argyll Art Society Facebook page.

The exhibition is open until Saturday August 11 at the Drill Hall in Lochgilphead.

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Balter played a belter of a gig in Tayvallich

Tayvallich Village Hall played host to a belter of a gig last Thursday from contemporary folk band Balter.

Playing music from Shetland, the Borders, the Western Isles and Ireland, from foot-stomping jigs and reels to soulful Gaelic melodies, the Newcastle-based foursome kept an enthusiastic audience enthralled.

Their set list included songs from the folk canon and self-penned melodies such as the captivating ebb and flow of 'Tide'.

Singer and fiddle player Imogen Bose-Ward entertained the crowd with amusing banter and stories of the inspiration behind the songs, including one that was written as revenge for a message about her that she read scratched on the glass of a bus shelter.

Accordion player Heather Ferrier proved her versatility when she swapped her shiny trainers for a pair of dance clogs and wowed the audience with her step dancing.

With the equally impressive talents of Janice Burns on mandolin and Anna Hughes on fiddle, the quartet had the audience calling for more.



Balter had everyone on their feet.

Carsaig Pier in the frame for #myargyll

A photography competition capturing #myargyll has been won by Teenie Wilson, an amateur photographer from the Isle of Lismore, who took her stunning image before an evening's fishing at Port Ramsay, as the sun set over Glensanda quarry in Morvern.

The competition, run in association with Wyvex Media and Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, sought to discover why you think our region is such a fantastic place to live, work and visit through photography, video and prose.

The runner-up was Alan Frew from Helensburgh. His stunning picture, below, was taken at Carsaig jetty, near Tayvallich.

He said: 'My son Aidan is an avid BMXer and wanted a picture of himself jumping. The photograph was taken at sunset with flash.'

For more on this story visit, www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk and to view all entries, visit #myargyll





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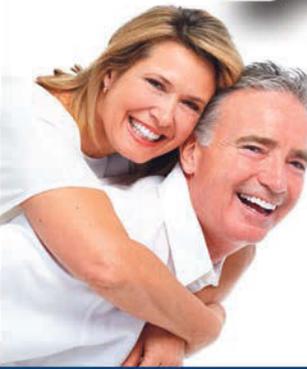
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The troupe will swing into town in September. Photo by Chris Reynolds.

Circus acrobats swinging into town

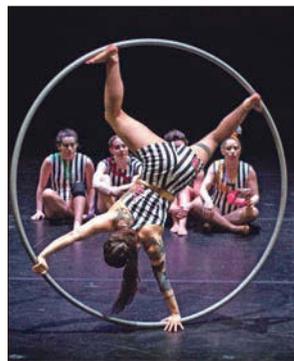
The circus is coming home to Tayvallich.

Ellie Dubois' No Show took the Edinburgh Fringe by storm in 2017, winning a prestigious Herald Angel award, and putting female strength, skill and power centre stage.

The production joyously and heartbreakingly reveals what lies hidden beneath the showmanship of circus. What do you expect when you go to the circus? The greatest show on earth?

No Show opens with five strong, glamorous circus artists showcasing their spellbinding acrobatics and flexibility – the perfect 'show girls'. But, after this opening

number, the show starts to break down and No Show begins to unveil attempts and failures, revealing frustra-



No Show reveals what lies beneath the showmanship of circus.

tions and how artists are pitted against each other. The audience learn of everything that could go wrong from finger crushing to concussion and shoulder dislocation in a Cyr Wheel act.

In this production, the audience is allowed the opportunity to see behind the flawless smiles and perfect execution of traditional circus performance – to see the wobbles, the pain and the real cost of aiming for perfection.

This is a show for anyone who has tried, failed and failed better. No Show deconstructs superhuman circus performers and shows them as vulnerable and human.

Ellie Dubois said: 'Touring is the lifeblood of theatre and part of the circus tradition, so it is super exciting to be taking No Show across the UK and bringing contemporary circus to many different communities in diverse venues from theatres to village halls.'

'At a time when sexual politics are being exposed in film, theatre and other art forms, it seems especially important that circus is also exploring its gender politics.'

No Show will arrive in Tayvallich Village Hall on September 12 and 13. Box office tickets are available from the individual theatre box offices.

Hush: Jane Hunter's textile exhibit opens in Tighnabruaich Gallery

A completely new body of work by renowned Scottish textile artist Jane Hunter will go on show at Tighnabruaich Gallery on Saturday July 28. The exhibition is inspired by the geology, landscape and seascape of Argyll's Secret Coast, where the gallery is located.

Jane Hunter is a Scottish textile artist, inspired by landscape, geology, maps and data.

Techniques

She predominantly works with cloth and threads, along with techniques of appliqué and embroidery, to create artworks which present the physical, human and political landscape from a completely new perspective.

In 2017 Tighnabruaich Gallery invited Jane to spend time on Argyll's Secret Coast to research the landscape and coastline in order to create a completely new body of work. Hush is the beautiful and visually stunning outcome of that year's work.

Jane said: 'With Hush my intention was to explore how

aspects of the landscape had been formed.

'From ancient earth movements and the geological building blocks, to the sculpting of the rocks by water, wind and ice. How has this resulted in, or dictated, the land being used? What are the human forces that are changing or conserving aspects of the place?'

'I hope Hush encourages the audience to connect with the physical place, and, ultimately, feel a deeper understanding and connection with this breath-taking landscape.'

Hush: A Quiet Exploration of the Cowal Peninsula, in Textiles will run in the Tighnabruaich Gallery from Saturday July 28 to Sunday September 2.



The Kyles of Bute, an example of Jane's work.



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Jean McLachlan's gimmer, shown by her husband John, was the judges' choice for the top accolade at the 151st annual show last year. John and Jean McLachlan are pictured with their three-year-old grandson Joshua and the prize-winner.

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Kintyre Show

Dangerous Steve's thrilling

Clearly 'Dangerous Steve', who headlines this year's Kintyre Show, did not listen when his parents said: 'Don't play with fire.'

Next Friday August 3 in the Anderston Park main arena Steve's act will combine chainsaw and fire juggling with finely tuned feats of

balance.

Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary John Armour said: 'We saw Steve perform at last year's Islay Show and it is a



The Clydesdales at last year's Kintyre Show. 50_c32kintyreshow01_clydesdales



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Steve is not the only newcomer, as StockRight's Billy Glazebrook will sponsor the Champion of Champions competition which will be judged at 2.30pm in the main arena.

There will also be a produce show this year coordinated

by its show secretary Valerie Nimmo and its display will be in the same shed as the SWI. It will be possible to enter this section on the day.

In addition Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will perform along with Campbeltown Brass.

Among many side stalls this year as well as Kintyre Gin, returning for its second year, Springbank will have a dedicated stand.

Competitions commence with the horse and pony classes

at 9am, the sheep at 10am and cattle 10.30am.

The parade of restored tractors will be in the main arena at 12.30pm including ex-West Coast Motors driver Jackie Morrison, who is certain to have his family in tow.

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Tarbert's Viking ship, Freydis was also part of this year's festival.

Barrage of boats take over Tarbert

Boats from across Scotland and as far afield as the Isle of Man headed to Tarbert last weekend for the seventh Traditional Boat Festival.

With boats arriving into Tarbert from Friday evening, the harbour area took on a gala feel with craft of all shapes and sizes displaying flags and bunting.

Friday evening's celebrations opened with local musicians performing in the marquee before participating vessels prepared for Saturday's main day of celebrations. Boat owners welcomed visitors to talk about their vessels and their history.

Jill and Warren Scott were among the owners who took part in this year's festival.

The couple moved to the area seven years ago with their former St David's RNLI lifeboat Swn Y Mor, which has a fascinating story. On

November 8 1956, it was returning from rescuing eight men from the French trawler Nortre Dame De Fatima when it was overwhelmed by huge seas. Crew member Ieuan Bateman drowned and Swn Y Mor was dedicated to his memory.

That's not the end of its adventures. Under the ownership of Jill and Warren, Swn Y Mor circumnavigated the world, a journey which lasted from 1984 to 1993 covering 84,000 nautical miles. They sailed around the world and the couple chose Tarbert to settle down.

Eileen Godfrey, together with husband Roger, are the latest permanent members of Tarbert's floating community 'barging' into the harbour around three months ago.

Their barge is one of the more unusual craft, which has made Tarbert its home.

The couple moved from

York, where they lived onboard the barge for eight years, to the west coast and are enjoying village life.

One of the festival organisers, Phil Robertson, who lives aboard former fishing vessel St Clair was delighted with the turnout for this year's event. Phil, who turns 60 this week, couldn't keep his big day under wraps with crews, friends and family surprising him with a birthday cake and chorus of Happy Birthday.

Organiser and birthday surprise planner Hans Kok, who owns Mallekok, a 25m, two-masted gaff rig cutter, which dates from 1903 and operated as an icebreaker for the Royal Dutch Navy from 1935, also enjoyed this year's festival. After an evening's entertainment in a marquee, crews joined together on Sunday morning for their traditional breakfast, the official end of the 2018 Traditional Boat Festival.



Locals and visitors enjoyed looking round the boats



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Swn Y Mor and barge from the harbour.



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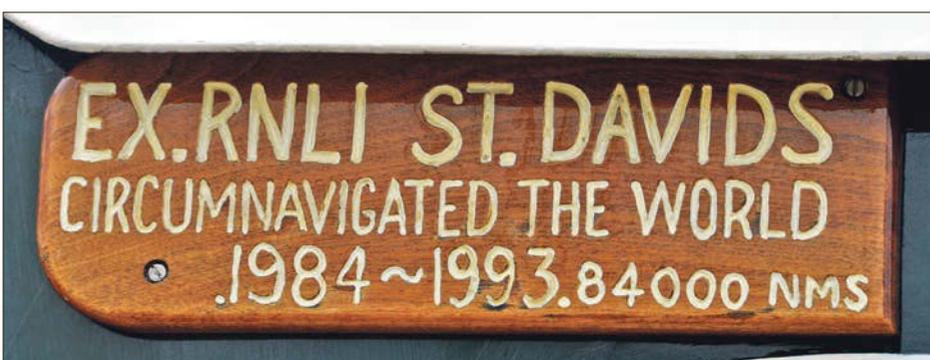
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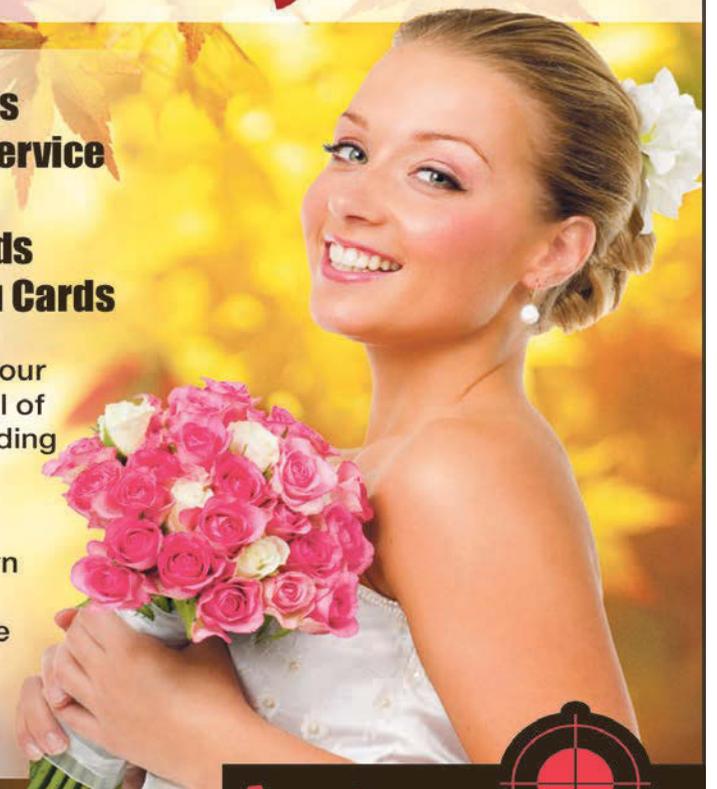
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Summer Homes

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Summer is generally a good time to sell your house – and more often than not, it is looking its best with the flowers in bloom and light flooding through. However, the market is fairly tricky right now, so take some positive action to help warm up your chances of selling

1 The grass is greener...

Summer-dried brown patches on lawns ruin the effect of a pretty garden, so keep grass as green as possible. If potential buyers are about to march up the drive and you are stuck with a brown patch, strategically place some garden furniture on top of it.

2 Get airy

Musty-smelling rooms are off-putting and make people want to get out before they have even noticed the stunning ceiling rose. Freshen up with a summer fragrance.

3 Lighten up

If you have a dark room, add a table lamp, but don't go over the top and put every light on in the house unnecessarily. And while we are on lights, one of the details vendors often don't notice but buyers do is grimy light switches.

4 De-clutter

Make the entrance hall enticing, so potential buyers want to see more of your home. If it's cluttered, the first impression of the house is that it's cramped, rather than open and spacious. Move unnecessary items such as an excessive number of coats hanging up and muddy shoes.

5 Window dressing

People are always drawn towards windows – a plus in the height of summer when they can look out onto your carefully tended garden, so make them a real focal point. Apart from sparkling windows (well worth paying a window cleaner), clear junk off window sills and keep curtains pulled well back to make rooms seem lighter and bigger.

6 Floor space

The tidier the better – it's particularly important to take everything off the floor as carpet clutter is the quickest way to make a room look smaller.

7 Pet hates

Your puppy may be the cutest ever, but dishes of pet food in the kitchen, especially in warm weather, are a complete turn-off, as are little accidents left on the lawn.

8: Fit for purpose

It is best to ensure the rooms are furnished in the way they were intended. Put a table in the dining room and get rid of the office furniture and clear junk out of the spare room. Both things are a bit of a turn off!

9: Spruce up

If the outside of the house needs a lick of paint to cover rust or dirt marks, do it as it will make all the difference to the first impression.

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First-time mortgages down, re-mortgaging up

The average Scottish home mover is 39 and has a gross household income of £51,000' – UK Finance

There were 6,900 new first-time buyer mortgages completed in Scotland in the first quarter of 2018 – down 9.2 per cent from same quarter of 2017.

The £0.8bn of new lending was 2.4 per cent down year on year. The average Scottish

first-time buyer is 29 and has a gross household income of £35,000. The figures come from UK Finance, the banking and finance industry body.

There were 6,600 new home mover mortgages completed in Scotland in the first three months of 2018, 2.9 per cent fewer than in 2017.

The £1.05bn of new lending in the quarter was one per cent more year on year. The average Scottish home mover is 39 and has a gross household income of £51,000.

There were 8,700 new Scottish homeowner remortgages completed in the first quarter, some 6.1 per cent more than in the same period a year earlier. The £1.07bn of remortgaging in the first

quarter was 9.2 per cent more year on year.

'This is the highest level of remortgaging we have seen since the end of 2011,' said Douglas Cochrane, who chairs UK Finance's Scotland Mortgage Committee.

'Competitive mortgage rates and speculation of a Bank of England rate rise are likely to have spurred homeowners in Scotland to lock in to advantageous deals.'

'While we have seen a fall in completions for first-time buyers over this period, the announcement in April to extend the Help to Buy scheme in Scotland until March 2021 should help encourage more people to take their first step on to the property ladder.'

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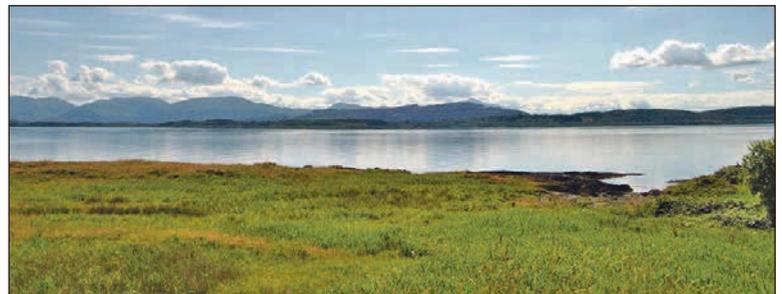
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- Double Glazing
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The village of Kinlochleven is set at the head of Loch Leven, some 7 miles from Glencoe and 21 miles from Fort William, and offers a range of amenities including the development of a fantastic new primary/secondary school, post office, hotels, shops and doctor's surgery and the Ice Factor - the biggest indoor ice climbing wall in the world.

- Desirable Semi-Detached Dwellinghouse
- Convenient Village Location
- In Excellent Order
- Lounge with Open Fire
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Entrance Sunroom
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Spacious, Mature Garden Grounds
- Off-Street Parking
- EPC Rating: E 42

Reduced Guide Price: £179,000 (£16,000 BELOW HOME REPORT VALUATION)

Taigh A Luana, Loch Avich, By Taynuilt, PA35 1HJ

Situated on around 100 acres of rural, private grounds, currently held as a nature reserve, the sale of Taigh a Luana offers a rare opportunity to purchase an exceptional, small country estate on the banks of Loch Avich. The property itself has been designed and built to compliment the extensive surrounding grounds and has arguably, some of the most outstanding views on the West coast of Scotland. Designed and completed in 2007, this log-profile property has blended seamlessly into its surroundings and enjoys stunning uninterrupted panoramic views over the loch and countryside. Offering bright, well-proportioned rooms, the property boasts many superb features, including engineered oak flooring through much of the ground floor, an impressive multi-fuel stove, Cathedral-style windows, vaulted ceilings, a German Pronorm kitchen with Iroko work surfaces and integrated appliances, Douglas Pine wood panelling and modern bathroom suites to name but a few. Taigh a Luana's flexible and well-presented accommodation is split over two levels and provides superb views of the grounds from most rooms.



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Guide Price: £498,000

Villa One, Tower Ridge Courtyard, Torlundy, Fort William, PH33 6SW

Located within an exclusive private development and enjoying stunning views to the surrounding countryside, the sale of this striking end-terrace property offers an excellent opportunity to purchase a newly built villa. Completed to a very high standard, the property boasts an air source heating system, solid oak internal joinery, LED lighting and high-quality bathrooms and kitchen, and has been interior-designed internally, with all the furniture and fittings included in the sale. The main open-plan lounge, kitchen and dining area, plus the master bedroom with vaulted ceiling and balcony are most attractive features.

The property would make a fantastic family home, or due to its location, and the high demand, a superb rental or holiday letting opportunity.

Situated in the desirable area of Torlundy, the property enjoys the feeling of a rural location but is situated just 3.4 miles from the popular town of Fort William. This unique and idyllic setting, within the heart of spectacular Highland scenery, means that it is well placed to take advantage of the amenities and numerous leisure and pleasure activities which the area has to offer. With Fort William now recognised as the 'Outdoor Capital of the UK', the area benefits from year round visitors enjoying excellent outdoor pursuits such as walking, mountain biking, mountaineering, skiing, sailing, fishing, golf and sight-seeing to name a few. Several primary schools and Lochaber High School are also in close proximity.

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It cannot be the end of July already! Where did the summer go?

Before we know it, the children will all be going back to school, the shops will be full of Halloween pumpkins jostling for space with Bonfire Night – and the first Christmas catalogues will be dropping through letter boxes.

It is time to start putting away all those bright, light and summery throws and cushions; to swap flowery-scented candles for spicy ones and for getting the extra quilts and throws out of storage.

The change of seasons can be great time for a quick revamp – to carry out an inventory of what works and what doesn't with your interior design and furnishings.

Is it time to say goodbye and recycle a few well-worn favourites that have worked so hard, for so long, and replace them with new?

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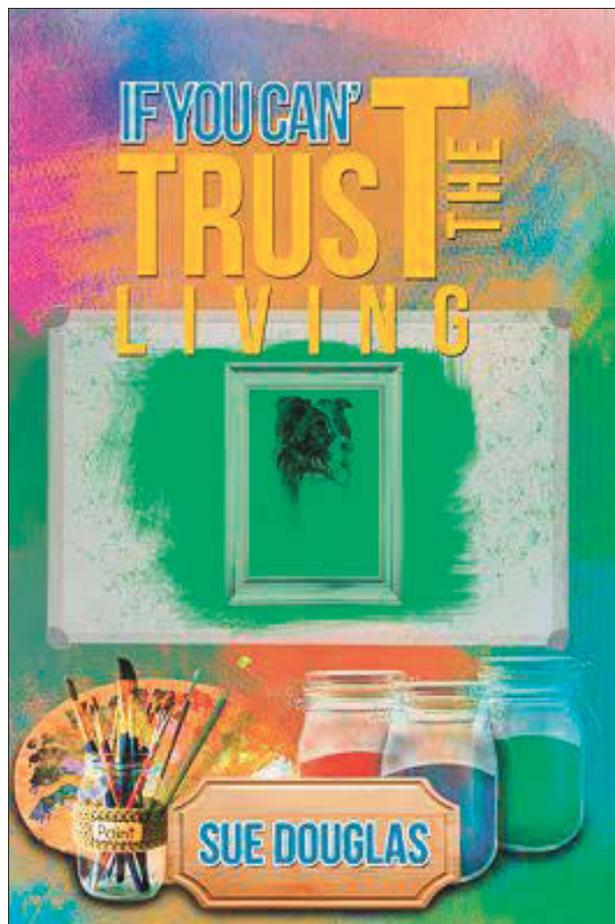


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Sue Douglas' *If You Can't Trust the Living*.

Two Argyll authors have released new books.

Sue Douglas of Taynuilt and Jennifer Campbell from Lochgilphead have shared their talents with the world, with the release of a book each this week.

Career author Sue Douglas' contemporary romance *If You Can't Trust the Living* and novice Jennifer Campbell's children's story are both available on Amazon and other retailers across the country.

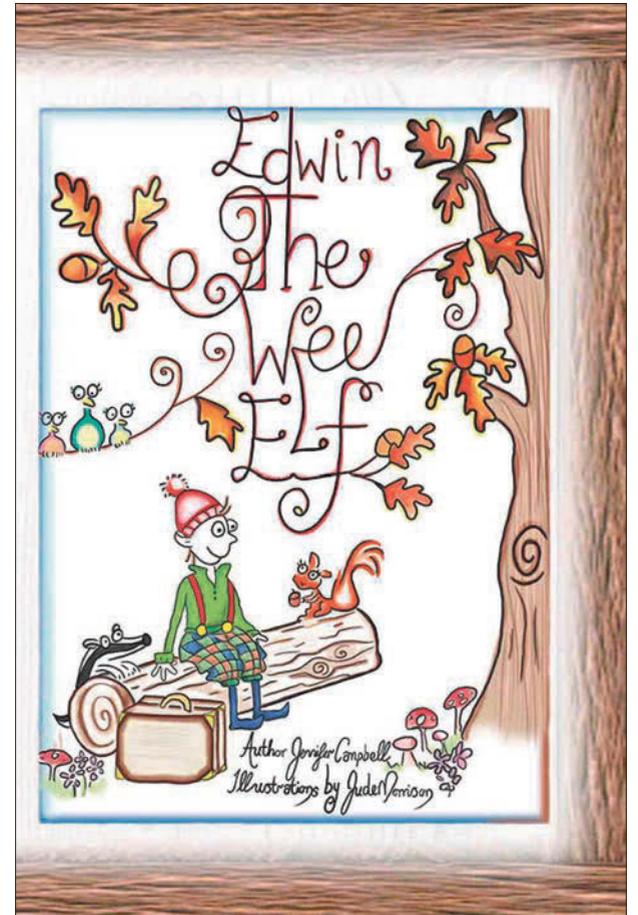
If You Can't Trust the Living

To escape unwarranted and adverse media attention, Robin Tyler rents a house in Cushlow Close, a family-owned development of four properties in a remote location.

The striking-looking but mild-mannered Robin had enjoyed a charmed life in the city but is totally unprepared for country living. His new neighbour, artist Kodi Bates, helps him to adjust but their friendship quickly disrupts the lives of other residents in the close. Suffering the most serious disruption is her twin brother Aran Cushlow's family.

Widower Aran is about to remarry but, convinced she has seen her mother in a nearby town, Aran's daughter Lisa attempts to scupper his plans. When Lisa's sighting is dismissed as wishful thinking by both her family and the police, impulsive actions by the teenager backfire in a way the girl could never have anticipated, leaving everyone in Cushlow Close with decisions to make.

Taynuilt's Sue Douglas enjoys comedy shows and listening to rock music when not writing and *If You Can't Trust the Living* is her 10th novel. Like her latest heroine, she is hoping to move to a new house soon but does not expect fact to follow fiction.

Jennifer Campbell's *Edwin the Wee Elf*.

Edwin the Wee Elf

Edwin lives in a little house in the woods. One night, his home is flooded during a terrible storm. Join Edwin as he explores the forest and finds somewhere new to live.

One five star review said: 'This is a great story and a great story line for children of any age. Was an all-around good book to read. Child enjoyed it.'

Author Jennifer Campbell has a BA in Childhood Practice from the University of Glasgow. She has been running her own private children's nursery for the last 10 years. Jennifer has only recently taken up writing short stories for children. Running her own nursery and raising three sons has kept Jennifer busy, but her passion for writing is something she is delighted to now have time to develop.

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Join the Artmap trail across Argyll

Argyll is an amazingly inspiring area full of interesting, creative and very skilled artists and crafts people.

This is the 11th year that artists are opening their studios to art lovers.

The locations of the studios stretches from spectacular Glencoe in the north to Campbeltown at the foot of Kintyre peninsular in the south, Inveraray and its castle in the east to the pretty coastal villages of Tayvallich and Crinan on the west coast.

A surprise awaits around every corner on a tour of the red dots signposting each studio.

The route between studios is unbelievably beautiful and participants will be taken to new and undiscovered places off the main road.

The tour offers two four-star hotels with art galleries

and a selection of fine cafés, restaurants and a pub, all with great art on display.

There is also a museum shop, cultural and educational centres and other interesting shops and galleries.

Scottish Natural Heritage in partnership with Artmap Argyll is also holding its Art

woodworking – the list is endless. Many of the studios are situated in stunning locations, imaginative spaces and unusual buildings, from antique shops to bothies all linked by spectacular views.

This year the Dochas Gallery in Lochgilphead is displaying the work of the

20 associate members with ceramics, basket-making, architectural glass, fashion design and felting, jewellery, illustration, digital interactive media and 3D design.

Many artists showing this year are giving demonstrations and also offer courses from one day to one week.

Most of the studios are open all year round and will arrange a private viewing.

All the contact numbers and addresses with directions are on the website or in the brochure.

Artmap Argyll

Trail at the Mill in Taynish Nature Reserve for the fourth year, with artwork displayed against a wild backdrop from Frances Drewery, Simon Kennedy, Bill Williamson and Andy Macclintoch.

The exhibiting artists display many disciplines including weaving, print-making, design, sculpting, textile and glass artists and

Seal Alex is rescued at Tayvallich

The Scottish SPCA is currently caring for a young seal pup which was rescued on the shore of Tayvallich on Thursday July 12.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted to the seal after a concerned member of the public spotted him while out on a walk.

The seal, given the name Alex by their wildlife team, is currently being cared for at their National Wildlife Rescue Centre near Alloa.

SSPCA inspector Yvonne Inglis said: 'Every year we care for more than 100 seal pups rescued from all over Scotland.'

'Seal rescues this far north can be particularly difficult

as so many factors come into play, including securing transport.

'I was exceptionally grateful to receive support from Mark from Marine Concern, and his daughter Tierney, who helped me ensure Alex had enough fluids before taking on the journey to our centre.'

Centre manager Colin Seddon added: 'Alex is currently doing well and is being fed on a diet of liquidised fish, which is being fed by syringe and tube.'

'We'll move him on to solid fish once he's a bit older and will continue to monitor his weight before releasing him back into the wild at a carefully chosen site.'



Alex is safely prepared for transport by Mark, Tierney and Yvonne.

Mark Carter from Marine Concern added: 'Thanks to the folk in Tayvallich who took the correct action when finding a potentially stranded or abandoned seal. They tracked down help, kept away and observed.'

'Seals can bite and they can carry pathogens, which may

adversely affect dogs and humans.'

'The sub-species of common seal found in Scottish waters is the European harbour seal, along with the other resident, the Atlantic/grey seal. They are under increasing pressure from a variety of different problems, man-made and

natural, with many seal pups failing to reach adulthood.'

'Scottish seals account for a large proportion of the global numbers for these two species. We have an obligation to safeguard them and they are protected under the European Habitats Directive. 'As top-end predators, they

are great ecosystem indicators, meaning if the seals are doing well then usually the marine ecosystem in that area is doing well.'

Anyone who discovers an injured or distressed wild animal should call the Scottish SPCA animal helpline on 03000 999 999.

Historic house on Loch Lomond is now worth its weight in gold

A 19th-century house at the heart of Loch Lomond has been awarded four-star gold status by VisitScotland.

Ashfield House B&B, situated in the village of Arrochar, was upgraded to gold status by the national tourism organisation's Quality Assurance (QA) scheme in recognition of its excellent standards and outstanding customer service.

The gold star award highlights establishments within the QA scheme that strive to exceed customer expectations on an ongoing basis, while taking an innovative and proactive approach to customer care.

Cristina Sanchez-Navarro, the woman who runs the accommodation by herself, moved to the UK from New Orleans 15 years ago and was always drawn to Scotland.

In 2015, she and her husband decided to leave their jobs and home in London so she could begin their new adventure of operating a bed and breakfast in Argyll.

Blending the warm Scottish welcome with Southern American charm, Cristina prides herself in offering a



Cristina Sanchez-Navarro, owner of Ashfield House, and David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director.

unique service in a beautiful wild environment.

Determined to ensure her guests have the best experience possible, she has also joined the VisitScotland Information Partner (VIP) programme, committing to providing her local knowledge to visitors.

This includes providing useful information packs with local restaurants and the best things to see and do in the area.

Guests can also enjoy a traditional Scottish breakfast, with the extra treat of New Orleans-style pancakes. Due to its use of local produce,

Ashfield House has received VisitScotland's Taste Our Best accreditation.

The B&B is also a member of the national tourism organisation's Walkers and Cyclists Welcome Schemes and Cristina even provides bicycles for guests who are unable to bring their own.

Cristina said: 'I am thrilled to receive this award. Hospitality is in my blood and I've always strived to give guests the best experience possible. I've been determined to achieve the Gold award since my first assessment so it's wonderful to get this recognition.'

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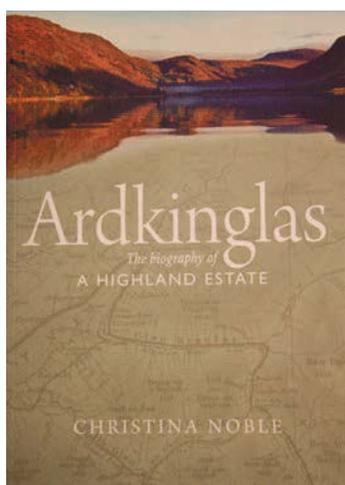
NB: Competition closes 31 July. Camping equipment will not be supplied. Prize is for two adults. There is no cash alternative.

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Her heart is in the Highlands



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There is real passion in this book. The author clearly loves Cairndow, its people and Ardkinglas Estate.

Ardkinglas is a 45,000-acre estate around Cairndow, a beautiful area of the Highlands at the head of Loch Fyne.

Sir Andrew Noble, Christina Noble's great-grandfather, bought the estate in 1905 and his family have run it ever since.

The estate has become famous throughout Scotland and beyond for the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, founded by Christina's brother, Johnny. This book is not just about the Nobles but the community Ardkinglas has become, the people



The author, Christina Noble, at home on the hills of Ardkinglas Estate. 06_a30ChristinaNobleBook02

who make it and have made it, and the story of how they have lived and worked.

This is not a nostalgic memoir of the Noble family, a Downton Abbey saga of life in 'The Big House'. Rather, Christina Noble's aim is to try to capture the feeling of what it was like for all of the community, employers and employees, to live

on a classic Highland estate during the 20th century.

It is a vivid tale, built up from letters and household diaries covering some periods and estate journals covering others. More recent decades are coloured by the personal memories of the author and many others who lived there, whose voices have been carefully

recorded for this book. Ardkinglas: The Biography of a Highland Estate is illustrated throughout with pictures of the people who called Ardkinglas home, the places they knew and the activities which occupied them.

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it for? What keeps it going? Who gets the benefit?

Published in July 2018 by Birlinn, Ardkinglas: The Biography of a Highland Estate can be purchased at the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead or from the Here We Are centre next to Loch Fyne Oysters. The volume is also available as an eBook.

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Nevis Ensemble to hit musical heights in Argyll

This summer Scotland's newest street orchestra, Nevis Ensemble, will take on a breathtaking tour around Scotland.

The journey will involve 70 performances in community and public venues across the country, supported by Festival 2018, the cultural programme of the Glasgow 2018 European Championship.

On Sunday August 5, the day prior to a performance at the summit of Ben Nevis, the ensemble will perform at two venues in Mid Argyll - Auchindrain Township near Inveraray at 3.30pm and Craignish Village Hall in Ardfern at 6.30pm. Both performances are free.

John Saich, arts programme manager for Craignish Village Hall, said: 'We are



delighted to be part of this amazing tour and to have the opportunity not only to be connected to a such

a world-class cultural programme but also, along with Auchindrain, to showcase the diversity of cultural expe-

rience to be found in Argyll.' Conducted by Holly Mathieson (RSNO, NYOS) and Jon Hargreaves

(Octandre Ensemble, Online Orchestra), each hour-long programme includes the world premiere of a new

Nevis Ensemble will play two concerts - one at Auchindrain and the other at Ardfern - on August 5.

commission from 2018 New Music Scotland award winner Matthew Grouse of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, as well as music by Beethoven, Stravinsky and Debussy, mixed in with some pop songs, jazz tunes and some good Scottish favourites - with a salsa twist.

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Festivals celebrate tourism funding boost

Two music festivals in Argyll and Bute are hoping for bumper years this September with the support of VisitScotland.

BOWFest and Jura Music Festival are two of 13 events across Scotland to be awarded a share of £133,030 from EventScotland, part of the national tourism organisation's Events Directorate, in Round 38 of the National Programme Fund.

Best of the West, taking place at Inveraray Castle September 7 to 9, has received £6,000 for the purpose of additional infrastructure to increase the event's capacity.

Now in its eighth year, this is the second year the festival has received EventScotland funding as it showcases the produce, music and artistry of the west coast to a national and international audience of all ages.

Jura Music Festival, celebrating its 25th anniversary,

has been awarded £8,000 for the installation of new infrastructure, improved transport provision and marketing. Taking place September 21 to 23, this traditional music festival is run by a group of community volunteers who aim to bring well-established bands to the area and showcase emerging talent.

With both festivals featuring the talents of young people, their funding boosts are particularly apt to celebrate the Year of Young People 2018. The latest in the Scottish Government's series of themed years, it inspires Scotland through its young people aged eight to 26, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contributions to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

EventScotland's National Programme Fund supports

the strategic development of events which occur outside of Edinburgh and Glasgow, with the aim of driving domestic tourism, delivering economic impact for local communities and generating media profile for Scotland.

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'BOWFest and Jura Music Festival are world-renowned events which highlight the wonderful cultural offering in Argyll and the isles. I am delighted to hear they have received funding from EventScotland's National Programme Fund so they can continue to showcase why this region, and Scotland, is the perfect stage for events.'

John Patrick, BOWFest, said: 'It's great to receive this support from EventScotland. Best of the West is all about showcasing west coast food, drink, music and crafts to people from all over the world



Tide Lines closed another successful Jura Music Festival last year.

and this vital funding will help us make this the biggest festival yet.'

Joan Moran, chairwoman of the Jura Music Festival, said: 'We are delighted to have received an award to assist our continued staging of Jura Music Festival. The award has helped us enhance

the infrastructure for the festival. We are proud to say the festival has now reached 25 years of encouraging and showcasing established and up-and-coming young traditional musicians.'

The deadline for the next round of the National Programme is October 5 and

this applies to eligible events taking place from May 2019 onwards. Guidelines for entry are available on www.eventscotland.org

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Tamara will be crowned Ardrishaig Gala Queen



After a strong entry of candidates, this year's Ardrishaig Gala Queen will be Tamara Johnston.

From a list of names proposed by public ballot, 19-year-old Tamara came out on top to receive the honour.

Ahead of her coronation, though, there are other royal titles to be bestowed.

The Gala Princess and Prince will be chosen at the junior disco on Friday August 3 by Councillor Dougie Philand and his wife Libby.

Tamara told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I was shocked when I found out I had been picked to be Gala Queen, but now I'm really looking forward to it.'

The royal party will lead a grand procession on gala day, Saturday August 4, starting at 1.15pm from Pier Square in Ardrishaig to the north car park.

In the parade will be Mid

Argyll pipe band at the front followed by colourful floats, rally cars and all sorts of fancy dress characters.

Around the car park, a wide variety of stalls and attractions will be available to enjoy.

There will be a flavour of the fair with rides from Stewart's amusements, plus a whole lot of fun, games and a tug of war.

A new attraction this year is sure to be a big hit as a cocktail bar on the green adds a little sparkle to the occasion.

After a fantastic day of fun, the night can be spent dancing to the brilliant Crackin' Craic at the gala dance.

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Tamara will be Ardrishaig's Gala Queen. 06_a30GalaQueen



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MOJO line-up announced

After a meeting recently to choose all their acts, the MOJO crew would like to say thanks for all the interest shown.

They didn't have it easy deciding the final line-up as the response resulted in a very large and varied selection to

choose from. Everyone was a possibility as there was so much talent. MOJO also had to select its acts carefully to put forward the best mix on the night.

There are more acts selected this year to help hear as many as possible, including an act from last year with

hot new material.

Those not playing live needn't worry. Some of the musicians who didn't make it on the list can be heard through their demo tracks playing between acts and are still in sight to be included in future shows.

MOJO is happy to have selected the following original and live Argyll artists for Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern on Saturday October 20 2018.

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West coast auctioneer to step down after 45 years

by David McPhee
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One of Scotland's longest-serving auctioneers is to hand over the reins and step away from the rostrum this autumn.

Donald Morrison of United Auctions will relinquish the selling aspect of his role serving the west coast of Scotland, almost 45 years to the day since he started aged 17.

His last sale will take place on Friday September 28 on Islay.

However, crofters and farmers on the islands, and at Dalmally and Oban markets will be pleased to know that Donald will be continuing with all his other roles and will still be their main operational contact for west coast sales.

Donald, who has not yet



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reached retirement age, said: 'The milestone of 45 years seems like a good time to hang up the gavel and step out of the box to let the next generation in.'

'The team has been working together for a while now

as part of the company's succession planning, so it will essentially be business as usual for our customers at the sales.'

He added: 'I'm often asked how long it takes to train as an auctioneer and the

answer is: a lifetime. You're never fully-fledged; there's something new to learn every day because, as farming changes, we also have to change and adapt.'

'I don't think you can ever know it all. That's why I'm

looking forward to still being involved with the sales without being the man in the box, so I can, probably, enjoy it more – and keep learning.'

George Purves, managing director of United Auctions, said: 'Donald has worked tirelessly for nearly half a century on behalf of the crofters and farmers in the west coast of Scotland.'

'As an islander himself, he inherently understands the needs of the community, how the area works and will continue to add to his impressive legacy.'

Born the son of a crofter in West Gerenish, South Uist, Donald joined the company, known then as Thomas Corson and Co, at Oban's then-named West Highland Auction Mart on September 25, 1973, making £15 a week. He worked alongside his

idol and well-known auctioneer, Neil Jackson. After securing the job, Donald left the island for the first time, and saw his first tree.

'It was actually lonely and hard going for me at the start, being away from Uist. In fact, I almost gave it up when my father suddenly dropped dead just a few months after I started and I returned to the island for his funeral.'

'I was then thrown in at the deep end selling cattle on my home island and now here I am 45 years later.'

'It still makes me sad that my father never saw me sell anything, but that hard start left me determined to be a success.'

Donald added: 'You've got to have motivation, dedication and determination to be an auctioneer. It's not a nine-to-five job.'

Act now to prevent drought problems later

Livestock farmers are being urged to take steps now to make the most of feed stocks and limit the effects of exceptionally dry conditions in recent months.

The topic has come up at a number of recent Monitor Farm Scotland meetings around the country.

Farm consultant Rhidian Jones said: 'The current dry spell we are experiencing is unprecedented in recent years and follows a late spring where silage stocks were used up and more concentrate feeding was required.'

'It is inevitable that it will be a costly year for livestock farmers, but there are some basic steps that can be taken to alleviate the situation. The key is for farmers to do these things now and not wait until they are forced into actions when they have no choice.'

He suggested that farmers establish a feed budget as a useful first step to work out what feeds are currently

available and how much livestock can be carried with that feed. He also highlights several things that farmers could consider to try and increase the supply of forage on their farm.

Applying nitrogen in small quantities (20-30kgN/ha) where there may be heavy dew in the mornings or rain forecast will help boost grass growth.

Alternative feed sources should also be explored – hay, straw, moist feed, by-products or waste vegetables – and in some areas it might be feasible to cut poorer cereals for whole crop.

As well as trying to identify ways to increase the feed supply Mr Jones suggested ways to reduce feed demand.

Mr Jones said: 'Consider weaning lambs once they are 12 weeks of age.'

'From eight weeks they will be deriving more nutrition from grass than milk and will be directly competing with ewes for valuable grass. The ewes' DM requirements will be more than

halved and they can be dried off on very little grass.'

Another suggestion was to consider selling cull ewes earlier to reduce demand on grazing, and selling store lambs earlier in the year if they can.

Cattle farmers may also wish to scan their cows earlier and sell any barren cows at the earliest opportunity. They may also benefit from weaning autumn born calves as soon as they can, and wean spring born calves at 250kg or five to six months of age. This will leave some body condition on the cows and save feed in the winter.

'Creep feeding calves earlier will boost calf growth rates and help take pressure off the cows and grassland,' said Mr Jones. 'It may also help conception rates of the cows depending on when the bulls are put in,' he added.

Mr Jones stressed there may be other options, but the key is to take action now before the situation worsens.

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- Renault UK EV expert supports launch of electric vehicle roll-out
- Scottish Natural Heritage expects to have 100 per cent EV fleet by 2026

Renault UK is supplying Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) with its first electric cars as SNH begins its move towards a fully electric car pool fleet as a way to reduce its emissions. SNH has purchased five 100 per cent electric Renault ZOE, and Renault UK Regional EV expert Matt Kiziuk is going the extra (zero emission) mile by presenting EV best practice at three sites that the vehicles will be used from.

SNH, whose board is appointed directly by the Scottish Government, promotes, cares for and improves Scotland's natural heritage. It advises the government on Scottish nature, habitats and wildlife, working to connect people with nature and encourage them to enjoy nature responsibly. Looking to the future, it promotes the sustainable use of natural assets and eco-friendly solutions to the current climate challenges to safeguard the environment for future generations. This is why SNH has chosen Renault, with a

range of ZE (zero emission) vehicles available, and, in particular, the Renault ZOE, which provides the optimum balance of range and cost-effectiveness. The organisation has purchased five Renault ZOE to be used as part of its car pool fleets in Edinburgh, Inverness, Perth and Golspie.

In order to support the roll-out of the electric vehicle carpool, Renault UK ZE expert Matt Kiziuk has presented best practice use as well as hints and tips to extend and maximise the range of electric vehicles. In 2017, Renault UK appointed a ZE expert team to cover the UK.

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Vincent Tourette, managing director, Groupe Renault UK said: 'Being able to support Scottish Natural Heritage with the roll-out of their electric vehicle pool cars is something we are very proud of. We listened to our fleet customers and introduced Fleet ZE experts in order to support fleets in understanding the benefits and opportunities Renault ZE models can offer.

'It's great to see that this initiative is proving to be successful.'

Sigmund Craig-Gould, Scottish Natural Heritage fleet manager, said: 'Climate change is a global concern, and we are trying to do our part to tackle its effects by reducing our carbon emissions. These zero emission electric vehicles will help us

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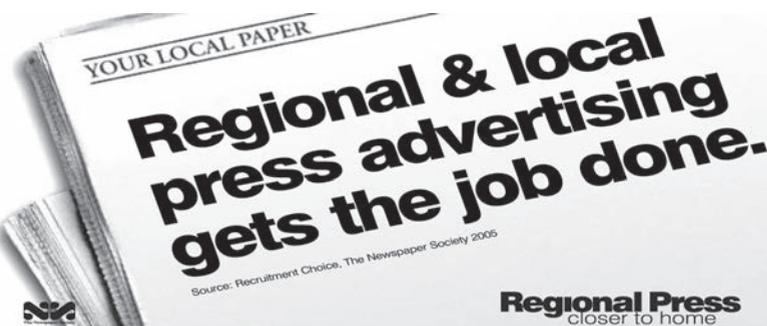
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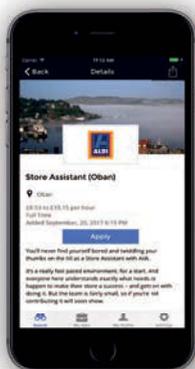
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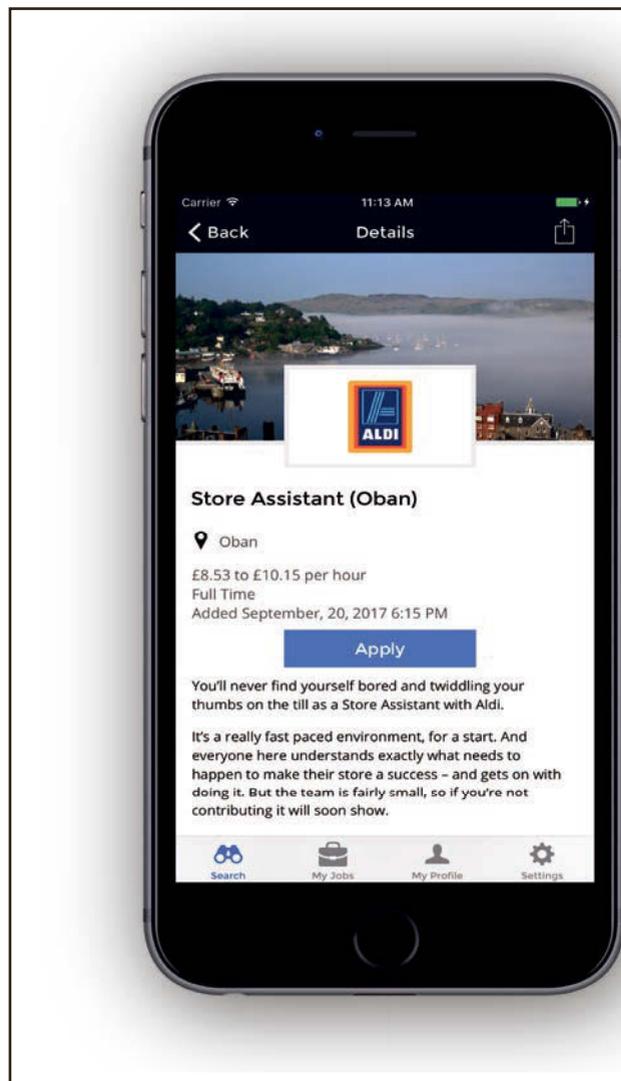
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Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, (company registration number SC213461 and whose registered office is situated at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 37 of The Electricity Act 1989, to install a 275 kV overhead line (to be initially operated at 132 kV) between Inveraray substation and Crossaig substation. The total length of the line will be approximately 81 km. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been produced.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc has also applied for planning permission to be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal opening hours at:

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The EIA Report can also be viewed at The Scottish Government Library, at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig/> or through the Scottish Government portal <http://www.energyconsents.scot/>

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc by contacting Kelly Scott, Community Liaison Manager, by phone +44(0)7443 772 946/email kelly.scott@sse.com at a charge of £10 per USB flash drive. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot or by post, to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than Sunday 02 September 2018 although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, receipt of all views and representations, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/01476/PP	Alterations and change of use of bothy to form residential annexe and installation of septic tank.	Glen House Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6GT
18/01562/PP	Variation to planning condition 23 of planning permission 02/00685/MIN (Application for determination of conditions - The Environment Act 1995 - Review of Old Mineral Permissions). Phased restoration and partial discharge of planning condition 23 in relation to phase 1A progressive restoration works strategy.	Furnace Quarry Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN
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18/01342/PP	Use of land to form extension to council depot for the purpose of vehicle/plant storage and maintenance including removal of protected trees and formation of landscaped bund (part retrospective) - amended proposal to planning permission 18/00343/PP.	Site 5 Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RR

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"WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION

NORTH KILBRANNAN MARINE CAGE FISH FARM, KILBRANNAN SOUND, ARGYLL

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd. for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with North Kilbrannan marine cage fish farm, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Discharge of trade effluent arising from the production of salmon at a new cage fish farm	Kilbrannan Sound, Kintyre	NR 83742 49765

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have a significant adverse impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays). Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: <http://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/consultations/advised-applications-under-car/>

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Registry Department, SEPA, Dingwall office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

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- consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
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LOCHGILPHEAD

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Her garden is a pleasant place to sit and have a cup of tea, a cake and a chatter and to meet the four donkeys in the paddock over the fence. You can also visit the 'stump' area where the children from the nursery meet for forest schools.

Go along a show your support. Entry by donation.

Lego show

The Lochgilphead Lego show is coming on Saturday August 4 and Sunday August 5 to the Lochgilphead Community Centre. From 11am to 4pm, you can enter the Design Your Own Mini Figure competition, enter the raffle or even dare to walk the Lego fire walk.

Entry is £3 including a lucky dip ticket.

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Royal Assent for the Islands

Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Islands has spoken about what the recent granting of Royal Assent to the Islands (Scotland) Bill, means for the island communities.

Councillor Robin Currie, who is also chairman of the Argyll Islands Strategic Group, said: 'The passing of the Bill paves the way for more powers to be devolved to our island communities.'

'This is a hugely significant moment for all of Argyll and Bute's island communities and will bring about new, stronger partnership arrangements between our islands and the local authority, as well as with the Scottish Government.'

'The new Islands (Scotland) Act sets into law, duties and responsibilities for all and will provide opportunities for island focused work to

be taken forward. This is a historic occasion.'

For further information telephone 01546 604 171, or email press@argyll-bute.gov.uk

TIGHNABRUAICH

Bothy on the market

A former bothy with 20 acres of land near Tighnabruaich, is currently on the market.

Colachla is a former bothy accompanied by an area of agricultural land and amenity woodland extending to 8.10 Ha (20.10 acres). Situated near the picturesque coastal town of Tighnabruaich on the Cowal Peninsula, Colachla offers an excellent development opportunity to create a smallholding within a popular coastal location.

According to the agent, Galbraith, the bothy is now in a ruinous state and requires total redevelopment, however subject to planning permission could form an additional private dwelling or holiday house.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Twice since we have been here, we have run out of oil, and felt very foolish indeed.

So we now have a monitor which sends a message from the oil tank to an indicator in the kitchen which informs us if our oil is getting low.

However, we were quite concerned that a warning triangle appeared on the monitor this week indicating that immediate attention was required.

We were somewhat surprised at this as the weather has been so good, we have not been using the heating at all, and so could not understand why we could have used so much oil.

Usually three bars appear, then two, then one thus indicating the state of the level.

However, we have never had this warning triangle before.

It transpires that the area between the tank and the kitchen has been blocked by the rapid growth of a fuchsia bush outside the kitchen window.

Thus the monitor cannot give an accurate reading and so alerts us to do something.

I thought of this a wee bit like prayer. Sometimes we just run out of prayer and realise that our reserves are low.

Maybe this comes when we least expect it - when we think our tank is full and then we get a warning that we're running on empty.

What is in the way of our communion with God?

Are we too busy to stop and listen? Are we too busy to stop and pray?

Is there something in the way?

Maybe we sometimes need a spiritual monitor to let us know when we need to refuel and let God fill us with his Spirit. Don't wait till your tank is empty.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...'
(James 1:5).

BIRTHS



AGNEW

On July 3, 2018, in Aberdeen, to Kirsten (née Millar) and Alistair, a son, Rory Ian. A brother for Lawrie. Both well

GOLDEN WEDDING

HOWARTH - At Linnvale Parish Church on July 31, 1968 by Rev Archie Doig, Leslie to Sheena.

DEATHS

BEGG - Peacefully at a Care Home in Forfar, Hamish Begg, aged 90 years, late of Kilmartin. Much loved husband of the late Jessie, devoted dad to Hamish, Iona, Morven and the late Shona and much loved brother of Jenny, Ena and the late Allan.

LEWIS - Suddenly at home, 3 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, on July 23, 2018, Robert James Lewis, aged 76 years. Formerly of 4 Rannoch Drive, Wishaw. Beloved husband of the late Marlene Skinner. Much loved and loving dad of Lorraine, Diane and Robert. Funeral service will be held at Co-op Funeral Care, Funeral Parlour, Hill Street, Wishaw, on Tuesday July 31, 2018, at 12.30pm, thereafter to Airbles Cemetery, Motherwell. Enquiries to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, 01546 602226.

MACLELLAN - At the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow on July 18, 2018. Marion, of Saddell Street, Campbeltown, aged 90 years, devoted widow of the late Neil. Loving mother of John and daughter-in-law to Marina, and a dedicated gran to Mark, Scott and Astrid. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACLEAN - The family of the late Mary MacLean would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all at Ardfenaig Residential Home, for their care and attention to Mary

over the last 5 years. Grateful thanks to Rev. Hilda Smith for a comforting and uplifting service; to all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and sympathetic arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to the Stag Hotel for catering. Finally our thanks to all who attended at the funeral service and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £175 for Ardfenaig Home Comfort Fund.

MILLOY - Donald, Donna and Gary would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the lovely flowers, cards, telephone calls, expressions of sympathy and support received following the sad loss of Margaret. The family would like to thank Dr Lazarus, Dr Toledo and community nurses for their care and kindness, which was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Macmillan Nurse, Maggie Wilkinson and Liz Collett at Carrigomm and her very professional team of carers. Sincere thanks to Rev Anne McIvor for a comforting service, organist Catriona Hood for beautiful music, T A Blair, funeral directors for their professional and caring arrangements and The Argyll Hotel for a lovely purvey. Finally, sincere thanks to everyone who attended the church and graveside and gave generously to the retiral collection which raised £2050.77 for church funds.

IN MEMORIAM

DICKSON - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole who fell asleep July 30, 2010.

In life all we truly have are memories, We love them, kiss them and hug them, For all they are worth, To us those memories are life, Our life together. xx
- Love and miss you forever, Mum, Dad, Alex, Keith and Heather xxxxx
Mummy, my forever angel, Love you to the moon and back.

- Love Thomas xxxxx

DICKSON - Sleep tight Auntie Carole.
- Lots of love, Conor, Mirren and Luke. xx
I look up to the sky and talk to you, What I wouldn't give to hear you talk back, I miss your voice, I miss your laugh, I miss everything about you.
- Lots of love, William and Gemma. x

JOHNSTON - In memory of Ian (Chick) who died on July 25, 2008, aged 68.
- Hamish and Kenneth

LIPPE - Precious memories of Louise Iona, died July 28, 1994 aged 2 years.

- Love and miss you. Granny, Grampa, Uncle John, Auntie Iona, Uncle Paul and Feuna.
- Loved always sister. Peter John xx.

MACGILP - In loving memory of my dear husband, Alasdair, who passed away on July 24, 2017.

Every day in some small way, I miss you more than words can say, In my heart you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Love Sina xxx.

MACGILP - In loving memory of our dear dad and papa, Alasdair, who passed away on July 24, 2017.

Memories are a gift to treasure, Ours of you will last forever.
- Love Shendl, Natasha, Kari, Billy, Keri and Karli.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 29th July 2018
Cumlodden
Lochfyneside and
Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Lochgair 10.00am
Preacher: Margaret Sinclair
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Minister:
Dr Reverend Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 29th July 2018
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11:30am
Rev Catriona Hood
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Skipness SC004280

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Sunday 29 July
11.30am Inverlussa Church
Rev C Acklam
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CHURCH NOTICES



Sunday 29th July
11.00am FAMILY SERVICE
Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin
Refreshments after the service
The Ark & Sunday school
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11.15am Worship Service
5.00pm Free @ Five
Rev Rodger Crooks
30th July to 3rd August
10.30am - 12.30pm
Children's Holiday Club
Registration: 1.30-2.30pm
on Sunday 29th
or from 10am
on Monday 30th
Sunday 5th August
11.15am Family Service
led by Calum Cameron
followed by Barbecue
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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Sunday 29th of July
10am Ford Church
Rev C Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

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SC002493

Sunday 29th July 2018
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 29th July
10.00am Informal Service in New Hall
11.15am Traditional Service in church
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Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 31st July
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall



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COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MACH 1 gets a local spin

As reported in the July 20 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, rally crews headed to Kintyre a week earlier to take part in the annual Mach 1 stages rally, organised by Dunfermline Car Club at Machrihanish airbase.

Local crews to take part this year included Kilmartin's William Beattie and also Willie Beattie junior in their mk2 Escorts, who battled it out in class three. Sadly the rally was over for both crews after stage four due to electrical problems and other issues.

Donald Bowness battled it out in the usual competitive class two with his Vauxhall Nova with Andrew Blackwood on the notes. Bowness enjoyed the battle with Michael Harbour during a Saturday which saw crews struggle to keep cars cool

while speculators looked on in glorious sunshine. Rally journalist John Fife was prompted to comment: 'It's like watching two spoilt weans scrapping over one tube of smarties.'

Sunday saw a complete change in the weather and crews continued to battle it out in some very wet and slippery stages. Donald Bowness finished 11th overall and first in class two, followed by Michael Harbour in second. Another local man, Jamie Miller, finished an impressive third in the class on what was his first time out in his new car – without so much as a test drive in his Citroen C2R2 Max.

Class one saw Innes Mochrie and Paul Hunter battle it out in Innes' newly built Rover Metro, with another excellent drive from the pair, who also finished the rally with a



Willie Beattie jnr takes a corner at speed in his mk2 Escort.



In their Vauxhall Nova, Donald Bowness and Andrew Blackwood finished first in their class.

trophy win, coming third in their class. Alan 'Goldie' Ross decided not to enter this year as he is selling his Citroen Saxo rally car and instead enjoyed the rally from the spectating areas.

The overall winners of the 2018 Mach 1 stages were Bruce Edwards and Jim Smith in the Darrian

followed by Gordon Morrison and Calum Macpherson in their Subaru Impreza and third place went to Ian Paterson and Callum Shanks also in a Subaru Impreza.

All the local drivers appreciate the efforts of Davie Hatrick and the team behind the scenes of DCC, who put so much time and effort to

bring this fantastic rally to Argyll each year.

The rally is always on the lookout for new volunteers to marshal at the event. This is a great opportunity to get up close to the action and learn more about the sport.

Photographs courtesy of Victoria Davidson-Kinghorn

Young sailors on course after cash boost



Young sailors will benefit from a new dinghy after the Calor funding.

A club that has been teaching children on the water for four decades has the wind in its sails after winning grant funding.

Tarbert Toppers Junior Sailing Club secured £1,000 from the Calor Rural Community Fund.

The cash will be used to buy a new SailQube dinghy to provide sailing lessons for the kids in the north Kintyre area for years to come.

Tarbert Toppers is run by volunteers, and the club has been actively fundraising towards the purchase of two SailQube dinghies – each of which costs around £1,200 before delivery.

More than 20 young people are regularly involved in the club – though as many as 50 children from the area might participate during the sailing season, on top of occasional visitors to the area.

Emma Peden, parent volunteer with Tarbert Toppers Junior Sailing Club, said: 'We have a lot of very keen younger sailors, so we asked for the money for a new SailQube Optimist.'

'We are delighted to receive this funding from Calor.'



In his first run out in the Citroen C2R2 Max, Jamie Miller achieved third in his class.



Innes Mochrie flying in his new Metro.



William Mackinnon, Callum Grover, Alistair Abbott and Calum Mackay.

Shinty camp was a smashing success

From Sunday July 15 until Thursday July 19, 74 of the country's brightest young shinty prospects descended upon Strathallan School in Forgardenny, Perthshire for the 2018 National Player Development Camp.

Each player, aged between 14 and 17, had been nominated by their youth or senior club to take part in the camp, designed to offer the very best in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of the game.

Throughout the week, the young players received specialist training from Camanachd Association coaches based around all the key skills, techniques and tactics of the game. Pam Paul, a dietitian at Celtic FC was on hand to deliver a lecture, to all the players and coaches on eating and drinking for best performance and Kieran Achara, club service manager with Basketball Scotland, delivered a fascinating motivational talk to all the players.

Also on hand was ex-Scotland player Fraser Inglis who spoke to the budding shinty stars on the tactical side of the game.

A number of awards were presented at the end of Thursday's session. The award winners were:

Player of the camp: William Mackinnon of Skye;

Most improved player: Callum Grover of Newtonmore;

Most committed player: Alistair Abbott of Aberdour.

Camp organiser Ronald Ross commented: "The National Player Development Camp has once again proved a great success.

"Since its inception more than 25 years ago, the camp has helped hundreds of young players from across the country to improve all aspects of their game from the technical to the physical elements of the sport. The camps are also a great way for the participants to meet other aspiring shinty players, forging ties and friendships throughout the sport."

Impressive win for Oban Saints

Oban Saints continued their pre-season programme with an impressive 3-1 win over Scottish junior side Vale of Leven.

The visitors took the lead through Scott Gallagher but goals from James Ford and Fraser MacFarlane gave the Oban side a 2-1 lead at the interval.

A penalty from Lewis Cameron in the second half put the icing on the cake in a well-deserved victory for Saints.



Saints' Scott Maitland, in red, and Benjamin Craig tussle for the ball in midfield.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
MACH 1 gets a local spin

Wind and rain ... just a typical day at sea!

Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club

It was blowing a hoolie and pouring with rain for day one of our annual league outing to Stornoway...just another typical day for us, writes Nikki Thomson.

We set off from Carloway on board the SYSAC II to pick up some mackerel, then, with any thoughts of fishing the deep water quickly dispelled due to rough seas and windy conditions, we found ourselves destined for inshore waters and a day on the flats.

Our skipper, Robbie Bell, never failed to put us on the fish, but it was a challenging day with the strong wind speeding up the drifts. It was difficult to hold the bottom at times, however, we managed to hook into dab, plaice, grey gurnard, haddock and a good haul of thornback rays to bring our species tally for the day to five.

All in all a decent day's fishing given the rough conditions. We returned to harbour a tad battered and soaking wet.

Day two was almost as windy as the first day, however, the rain kept away which was a bonus.

Conditions were still far too rough for fishing the deep so we started off on the soft ground for flats but the spurdogs had other ideas. Everywhere we went - singles, doubles, trebles - there was just no getting away from



Clockwise from above, spurry for John Taxi; Nikki Thomson with a thornback Ray: a nice red gurnard.



them despite Robbie's best efforts. I have never seen so many chunky spurs, with the best of the day tipping the scales at 14lbs 8oz.

Needless to say a fair number of rigs were wrecked, leads snagged and lost on the rough ground, and quite a few fish dropped. On the plus side there were a few PBs and a couple of new club records set.

In between the spur attacks, we picked up a few decent dab, plaice, cod, grey gurnard, red gurnard and coalfish (coalies) to take our species count for the day to eight.

Despite the rough and tumble we enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to catch

some decent fish. Hopefully the weather will be kinder next year and we'll get to drop a line out in the deep water marks which hold so many more species.

The combined scores over two days:

- Nikki Thompson 185%
- Robert MacBrayne 184%
- Jim Smith 91%
- Steven MacBrayne 62%

■ It was no surprise to find ourselves fishing in the pouring rain yet again. We don't seem to have much luck weatherwise, but at least it was relatively calm out of Oban with only the slightest breeze.

We headed out on board the Laura Dawn in search of fresh

bait but despite several drifts the mackerel eluded us.

With the big tides, skipper Ronnie Campbell suggested we fish the rough ground and reefs for pollack and coalies.

The plan was to play around here until the tide eased off enough to drop the anchor.

It was pretty desperate though with only a few miniscule whiting to show for our efforts. The incredibly rough ground and fast drift were challenging to say the least and most of us left a fair amount of tackle and lead stuck fast to the seabed.

Enough was enough, so we decided to head for deeper water and anchor up even though the tide was still pret-

ty strong, resulting in some horrendous tangles.

It proved to be a sensible move from a fishing point of view though, with reasonable sized spurs hooked on the very first drop. More spurs, spotty dogs and a couple of bonus thornbacks were taken throughout the afternoon.

It was nip and tuck right to the end with just one fish separating the top three placing.

Final scores:

- Andrew Jamieson 100%
- Willie Shaw 89%
- Nikki Thompson 86%
- Steven MacBrayne 75%
- Jim Smith 36%
- John Byrne 36%
- Ronnie McGinty 24%
- Gary Sinclair 0.9%



Left to right: Front, Georgie Dickson, Gary Ferguson, and Sheena Ferguson. Back, Kenny MacNab, Seona Martin, and Iain MacArthur.

Tarbert golfers win big for charity

On Saturday July 21, Tarbert Golf Club played host to its annual charity mixed open, to raise money for cancer research.

The course was in great condition thanks to the work of Graham the greenkeeper, ably supported by Captain Chris and his work party participants.

The competition attracted a number of visitors, including a couple from Stockholm who were on a golf tour of Scotland. However, local knowledge came to the fore, with Tarbert members Georgie Dickson and Gary Ferguson taking advantage of the great conditions which resulted in a winning score of 43 Stableford points, nine ahead of their closest rivals Sheena Ferguson and Iain MacArthur.

The open raised £500 for cancer research, and the club would like to thank everyone who contributed to a very enjoyable day.



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