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# Young Ardfern baker Ella helps ease refugees' plight

**Laura Maxwell**  
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Moved by a neighbour's efforts to help refugees stranded in Greece, an 11-year-old Ardfern girl got busy baking.

Ella Pollock put together a shindig filled with cupcakes, sponges, biscuits and, of course, tea to raise funds to allow Pam Gregory to fly out to the Greek island of Samos, the site of a huge refugee camp.

Ella's sale attracted many visitors who enjoyed the many delicacies on offer.

Ella said: 'It took a couple of weeks to do all the baking. I had a whole list of cakes and a schedule to keep to, and I did the shopping for the ingredients with my own money.'

This isn't the first time Ella has used her baking skills to help others in the world.

She said: 'I've sold baking at lots of stalls for many causes. I've done it for Mary's Meals and once for Crisis at Christmas. I just like helping people. I really love baking and I'm quite good at it so it's good if I can use something I'm good at to get money for

people. And I think it's really good what Pam's doing.'

Pam has a GoFundMe page asking to help her raise funds for a flight and accommodation to join Samos Volunteers, who provide support to refugees from Turkey, Syria and Africa.

In 2017 alone, Samos gave a temporary home to more than 4,800 arriving refugees. The volunteer group aims to aid these refugees by instilling a sense of normality, tackling boredom and empowering people while they wait for their applications to be processed.

Pam, aged 72, has barely unpacked from her latest trip to Samos and is raring to get back. Pam said: 'It can be lots of fun. Sometimes we shut the gates to the guys and have a girls' night. I'm planning to go back at Christmas when volunteer numbers are low and winter conditions make things desperate.'

Ella's bake sale raised £363.90, pushing Pam over the halfway mark towards her £2,000 goal. To donate, visit [gofundme.com/ctpkp3-help-me-to-help-them](http://gofundme.com/ctpkp3-help-me-to-help-them)



Ella is baking to help refugees in Greece.  
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# Tourist centre to close in October

Tarbert's tourist information centre will close in the autumn – five months earlier than expected.

The doors will close on October 27 this year, rather than in March 2019, as widely expected.

The controversial decision to close a number of iCentres across Argyll, including those in Tarbert, Campbeltown and Inveraray, follows a recorded drop in footfall, according to the country's tourism agency VisitScotland.

Tarbert residents reacted angrily to the news, with one commenting on social media: 'How can our small businesses grow when they are not being promoted?'

Tarbert shop owner Ian MacIntyre agreed, saying the move 'didn't make a lot of sense'.

He added: 'I can't understand why they'd close the centre in Tarbert. Tarbert is



The controversial decision to close the tourist information centre has disturbed the community.

a hub for the ferries to Islay, Jura and Portavadie, not to mention tourists wanting to head down to Campbeltown.'

A VisitScotland spokesperson said: 'As announced in

October 2017, VisitScotland is making necessary changes to its information provision, switching investment to new initiatives to reach more people with personalised

information, so they stay longer, spend more and grow the visitor economy. This is in response to significant changes to the way visitors access information.

'We can now confirm the [Tarbert] centre will cease trading on Saturday October 27, 2018, at the end of what is widely recognised as the traditional tourist season.'

Tourist information is currently being outsourced to partners in local businesses, with more than 130 VisitScotland Information Partners throughout Argyll and Bute, including three in Tarbert.

## Arrochar anger at parking rate hike

Hillwalkers have reacted angrily to a proposed 80 per cent increase in parking charges in Arrochar.

Argyll and Bute Council will increase car parking charges from 30 pence to £1 per hour and from £1 to £9 for a full day.

The car park at Succoth is used by walkers heading for the Cobbler and the rest of the Arrochar Alps.

Davie Black, of Mountaineering Scotland, said: 'We appreciate the financial pressures local authorities are under and that the provision of car parking incurs a cost.'

'Our members are used to seeing daily charges of £3-£4 for parking in popular walking locations, such as at Glen Nevis and at Forest Enterprise sites. We regard this as a reasonable cost to ensure cars are safely parked off the road while walkers enjoy their time in the hills.'

'However, high car parking charges can create

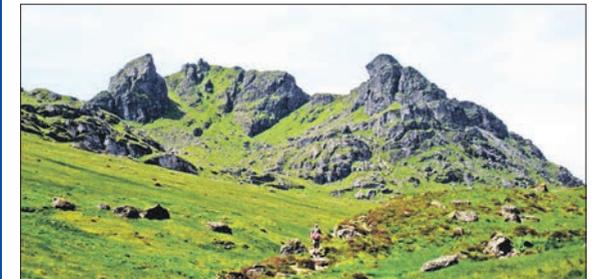
a barrier to those wishing to exercise their right of access to the countryside, particularly those with lower incomes.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We'd like to have maintained the charge at its current very low level but this unfortunately is not an option.'

'Year-on-year cuts to our funding mean that, like all councils, we must make changes to how we work. We have kept charges to a minimum for as long as possible.'

'However, the decision was taken at the council budget in February to increase charges at Arrochar in line with other off-street parking across Argyll and Bute.'

'Charging only applies between 9am and 6pm, which equates to £1 per hour. The money raised will go towards essential council services, including car park maintenance.'



Ben Arthur, better known as the Cobbler, will be potentially more expensive to climb. Photograph: Neil Reid.

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### GRADUATION



**Dr Jennifer Dryden**

Graduated with a PhD for research in Psychology from Strathclyde University. Jenny is the daughter of John and Barbara Dryden, Glasgow and granddaughter of the late Tom and Jean Campbell, Glenramskill, Campbeltown.

### POLICE FILES

#### Theft of engine from shed

An engine was stolen from a shed on Union Street, Lochgilphead, some time between Friday June 29 and Friday July 13.

#### Motorcycle damaged

A motorcycle parked opposite the Starfish Restaurant and Gallery, Castle Street, Tarbert, was damaged some time between 7.30pm and 10.30pm on Thursday July 26.

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

# Crunch meeting on sailing club future



Weed-covered sailing club boats in Ardrishaig last month.

## Weed-covered boats prompt disquiet

A meeting is to be held next month to gauge interest in reviving a Mid Argyll sailing club.

Disquiet has been growing in Ardrishaig while weeds grow up around sailing boats and canoes belonging to Mid Argyll Water Sports Club.

The boats, bought with the help of grant funding from Ardrishaig Community Trust, are lying on the Ardrishaig waterfront, unused in 2018.

The Argyllshire Advertiser spoke to Peter Hogbin, who was involved in the club for many years. He said: 'The club has been struggling for support, partly due to parents

losing interest as their children grow up.'

A safety boat has also been sold, which restricts the services the club can offer.

Mr Hogbin explained: 'Unfortunately, at its last service, the RIB was found to have engine faults that were too expensive to repair.'

He added that proceeds from the sale of the boat will be used to buy another safety vessel. Mr Hogbin continued: 'There is a meeting planned in September to discuss the future of the club.'

The Advertiser understands the date and venue for this meeting have still to be finalised.



Jenny Speirs blowing out her candles.

## Jenny celebrates 90 years

Jenny Speirs of Inveraray recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

She celebrated the milestone in style with a lunch party for family, friends and neighbours including cousins from Australia.

Jenny thanked everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts given to her during the celebrations.

Donations in lieu of presents, at Jenny's request, raised £300 for Cancer Research.

## Plans lodged to upgrade pylon network

A planning application has been drawn up to renew electricity lines and pylons between Inveraray and the Kintyre coast.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), operating as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc under licence, has applied to the Scottish Government to replace the existing 60-year-old cables and pylons.

Since 2014, SSEN has been working with the local community, landowners, statutory authorities and consultants to develop its proposals and consultation events were held in Inveraray,

Ardrishaig, Tarbert, Skipness and Carradale in September last year.

The project involves building a new 275kV overhead line between Inveraray and Crossaig and decommissioning and removing the existing 132kV transmission line.

The existing connection from Port Ann to the new overhead line is to be extended.

As well as securing electricity supplies, the upgrade will help meet an increase in demand for connections to the transmission network with growth in renewable energy developments across

the region. SSEN project manager Ian Clark said: 'As a responsible developer, we believe it is important to seek public opinion on our proposals and take that feedback into consideration when developing our projects.'

'The consultation events last September marked the third round of public engagement events held for this project since October 2014 and I thank everyone who has taken the time to comment so far.'

Further information regarding the Inveraray-Crossaig project can be obtained from [ssen-transmission.co.uk](http://ssen-transmission.co.uk)

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# Argyll bands do well at the Scottish championships in Dumbarton

Inveraray and District Pipe Band followed up their European Championship title success by securing an excellent second place at the fourth 'major' of the season.

The 2018 Scottish Pipe Band Championships took

place on Saturday July 28 at Levensgrove Park in Dumbarton where Argyll and Bute was well represented among the 135 competing bands.

Oban High School won second place in their grade



Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

behind Dollar Academy. They were separated from the rivals only on ensemble preference after their scores were tied at nine apiece.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band won first place in their qualifier

and, led by Pipe Major Craig Lang, the young band came through to win fifth place, just five points behind Bessbrook Crimson Arrow Pipe Band.

Just beating them in fourth place, with one point's

difference was Rothesay and District Pipe Band.

Kintyre Schools and Dunoon Argyll won sixth place in their respective grades, while Kilchoman Islay Pipe Band secured fifth

place in a competitive Grade two competition.

The final major contest will be held in Glasgow Green, when the World Championships take place on August 17.



Kilchoman Distillery Isle of Islay Pipe Band.



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# Food and fun at gala weekend

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Tayvallich was the place to be last weekend when the annual village gala was celebrated in style.

The Tayvallich Weekend is the main fundraiser for Tayvallich Village Hall, which is preparing for a major redevelopment.

The festivities kicked off on Friday evening with a barbecue at the Tayvallich Inn. This was a chance for villagers and visitors to get together to share food and drink, with musical entertainment from Paisley singer/songwriter Alan McKim.

A wet start to Saturday July 28 failed to deter the enthusiasm of the crowds who converged on Tayvallich Village Hall for fun activities such as children's sports, a bouncy castle and a pop-up



Excitement during the dog and handler race.

crazy golf course that kept adults and children amused. The marquees provided shelter from the showers and a chance to browse the stalls.

As well as classics like the bottle stall and guess the weight of the cake, there were representations from local businesses, voluntary

groups and organisations, including the RNLI, Friends of the Sound of Jura, Heart of Argyll Wildlife and the 19th Argyll Scouts.

After a break for lunch of paella, barbecue, sandwiches and home baking, the sun came out in time for the fabulous dog show, which featured novelty classes such as best six legs, fancy dress and the dog and handler race.

Events moved into the hall on Saturday evening for the family ceilidh, where the fantastic Argyll Ceilidh Trail band kept the dancers on their feet into Sunday morning. The morning after, the focus moved to Tayvallich village pontoon for the world crab fishing championship.

There are now 12 months of peace for people, pooches and partan until the next Tayvallich Weekend on July 26-28 next year.



John Lowrie Morrison.

## Jolomo preaches in presence of royalty

Renowned artist John Lowrie Morrison had a special Royal task to perform last weekend.

The Tayvallich-based artist, commonly known as Jolomo, is a trained lay reader in the Church of Scotland, and he was invited to preach in Crathie Kirk near Balmoral, in the presence of the Queen and other members of the royal family.

Speaking ahead of the service he said: 'I am extremely honoured to accept this invitation. I enjoy every opportunity to preach, and every congregation is different, but this engagement is a little bit special.'

'My theme will be art, creativity and spirituality, a subject close to my heart.'

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## Big weekend

What a big weekend of Mid Argyll action we have in store. There is the traditional Ardrishaig Gala, run by Mid Argyll Pipe Band, promising some fresh innovations this year.

Then there is Lochgilphead Community Council's Pictish and Celtic Festival. There will be all-action fun on the front green to enjoy.

There is a Lego show to take in on Saturday and Sunday at the Resource Centre in Lochgilphead, just around the corner from Ropework Park where part of the Argyll and Bute football cup is being held. The other half of the games will be played at the joint campus.

There is more going on – but we are fortunate to live in an area with such a vibrant social scene, and where people are still willing to volunteer for the benefit of all.

## Baking a difference

Well done to young Ella Pollock for recognising that she can make a difference.

Something as simple as baking cakes can be all it takes to make another's life a little better. And they taste great, too, making other people smile.

## Beautifully kept forestry

Sir,  
On behalf of local walkers, I would like to thank the Forestry Commission for mowing the path between the Mealdarroch water tank track and the Kintyre Way.

It is a beautiful forest walk and one of the least muddy in the area during the wet weather.

Ann Thomas, Tarbert.

## Tax hikes

Sir,  
Thanks to the separatists' tax hikes, Scotland has seen a 12 per cent rise in personal insolvencies.

There were 3,208 bankruptcies and protected trust deeds from April to June this year, up from 2,869 in the same period last year.

More and more Scots are struggling with debt yet the SNP has chosen to hammer families with higher income tax.

While taxes continue to rise in Scotland, the revenue generated is being wasted. A recent bullying claim probe into a police chief has wasted almost £100,000 of public money. The Scottish Police Authority disclosed the money spent on lawyers during the probe.

Taxpayers have footed the legal fees of investigating the claims against former police chief Phil Gormley, who quit earlier this year amid multiple bullying allegations.

The public were angry enough at how this

case has been handled by the SNP government and the SPA, so it is even more frustrating to find out that tens of thousands were wasted on this fruitless task.

It seems that the separatists' wastefulness and incompetence which we have seen so much of in their mishandling of our economy also extends to their mismanagement of Police Scotland matters.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Isle of Islay.

## Fringe tradition

Sir,  
With the Edinburgh Festivals about to start, can I remind your readers to helpfully inform visitors to our city that, unlike the made-up and damaging 'tradition' of rubbing Greyfriars Bobby's nose, it is a genuine Edinburgh tradition to pause for a moment in the Royal Mile beside St Giles to lick the Heart of Midlothian.

John Hein, Edinburgh.

## World Tea Party

Sir,  
I am writing to invite your readers to join me in hosting a World Tea Party this summer in support of working animal charity SPANA.

Holding a Moroccan, Indian, British, Kenyan or another world-themed party is the perfect way to get together with friends and try out exciting and exotic new recipes, while also raising vital funds to help the world's

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Dame Judi Dench and Joanna Lumley are throwing their support behind this year's event, and we hope your readers will be inspired to take part and help transform the lives of working animals around the world.

The World Tea Party fundraising pack, full of free recipes, is available from [www.spana.org/teaparty](http://www.spana.org/teaparty) or call 020 7831 3999.

Tom Horsfield,  
SPANA World Tea Party host.

## Water smart

Sir,  
It only takes one person to put a stop to the accidental loss of life to drowning.

With recent headlines being filled with tragic stories of people losing their lives to drowning, Lesley Laird, shadow Scottish secretary and the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) urge the public to be that 'one person': take some simple precautions and get 'water smart', before cooling off this summer.

For more information on the issue, the sta-

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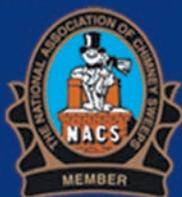
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## Memory of a mouse

Sir,  
Researchers at the University of St Andrews have shown for the first time that some of the standard measures of memory in rodents and humans are likely based on the same cognitive process which could have implications for development of treatments for memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

One of the most widely used memory tests for rodents is the novel object recognition test, in which animals explore two objects, one of which is new, the other they have seen before.

The results of new research showed that their participants object recognition scores were far more associated with their memory abilities than their preferences for newness.

One of the research team, Dr James Ainge, of the School of Psychology and Neuroscience at St Andrews, said: 'This is important as it provides some of the first evidence that the standard memory tests in humans and rats are testing the same cognitive process. If we want to find a treatment or cure for disorders of memory like Alzheimer's disease then we need to have a test of memory in animals that is analogous to human memory tests.'

Steve Bargeton, St Andrews.

## YOUR PICTURES



Reader Fiona McCuish provides this week's photograph, which features the Crinan Basin in colourful glory despite drier, overcast weather. The boats reflected on the water makes for a serene scene. Send your favourite photos to: [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk) or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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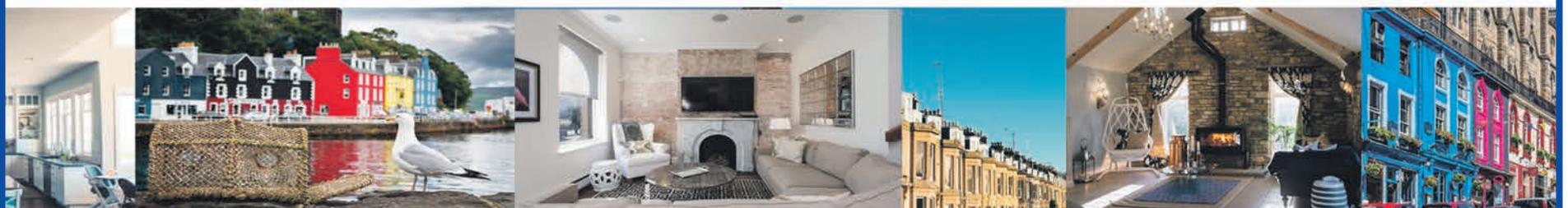
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# Cartoon take on bank closure concern

Ann Thomas' latest cartoon depicts the growing worry over the potential closure of Inveraray's branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

It has been threatened with closure since the end of 2017, prompting protests and petitions.

The status of the branch is still undecided and the bank remains open for now.

The opportunity to have a say is quickly closing, with an online petition set to be hand-delivered by the person who initially set it up, Mid Argyll writer and journalist Marian Pallister.

The petition will be handed over in Inveraray on Wednesday August 8.

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




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# Felling work at arboretum to tackle tree disease

Forest Enterprise Scotland is advising members of the public that closures and temporary diversions are required at Kilmun Arboretum and Corlarach as felling operations are ongoing over the next month.

The emergency felling is required to remove trees infected with *Phytophthora ramorum*, a disease which has recently been detected.

The removal of infected trees and those surrounding them helps to minimise and slow down the spread of the disease.

Due to the location of the larch trees in Kilmun Arboretum, the car park and trails will be closed completely for the duration of the felling and timber extraction from Monday August 6 to August 31.

The Corlarach Loop will be closed from August 13 to August 2019.



The view from Kilmun Arboretum.

The Corlarach route is already diverted due to ongoing harvesting operations and the diversion will remain in

place throughout the new harvesting works. Ardyne car park will remain open and diversions for Chinese

Pond route will be in place. To help prevent the spread of the disease, users are being asked to follow the 'Keep it

Clean' guidelines and wash footwear, bikes, kit and dogs paws before and after visiting. Fraser MacDonald, for the

FES team in Glenbranter, said: "This disease is fatal to larch and we need to remove affected trees, and nearby trees that are potentially already infected, to try and limit the disease spreading even further.

"There will be plenty of advisory signage in place with information on the disease and some of our Keep It Clean biosecurity advice about cleaning boots, walking poles and equipment when visitors leave the site.

"The spores that cause this disease can be carried to new sites in the mud on boots, wheels and paws, so it's imperative that people take the time to Keep It Clean and help us prevent the further spread of this disease."

There will be regular updates on the Argyll Forest Park website and we will advise when the sites are open again.

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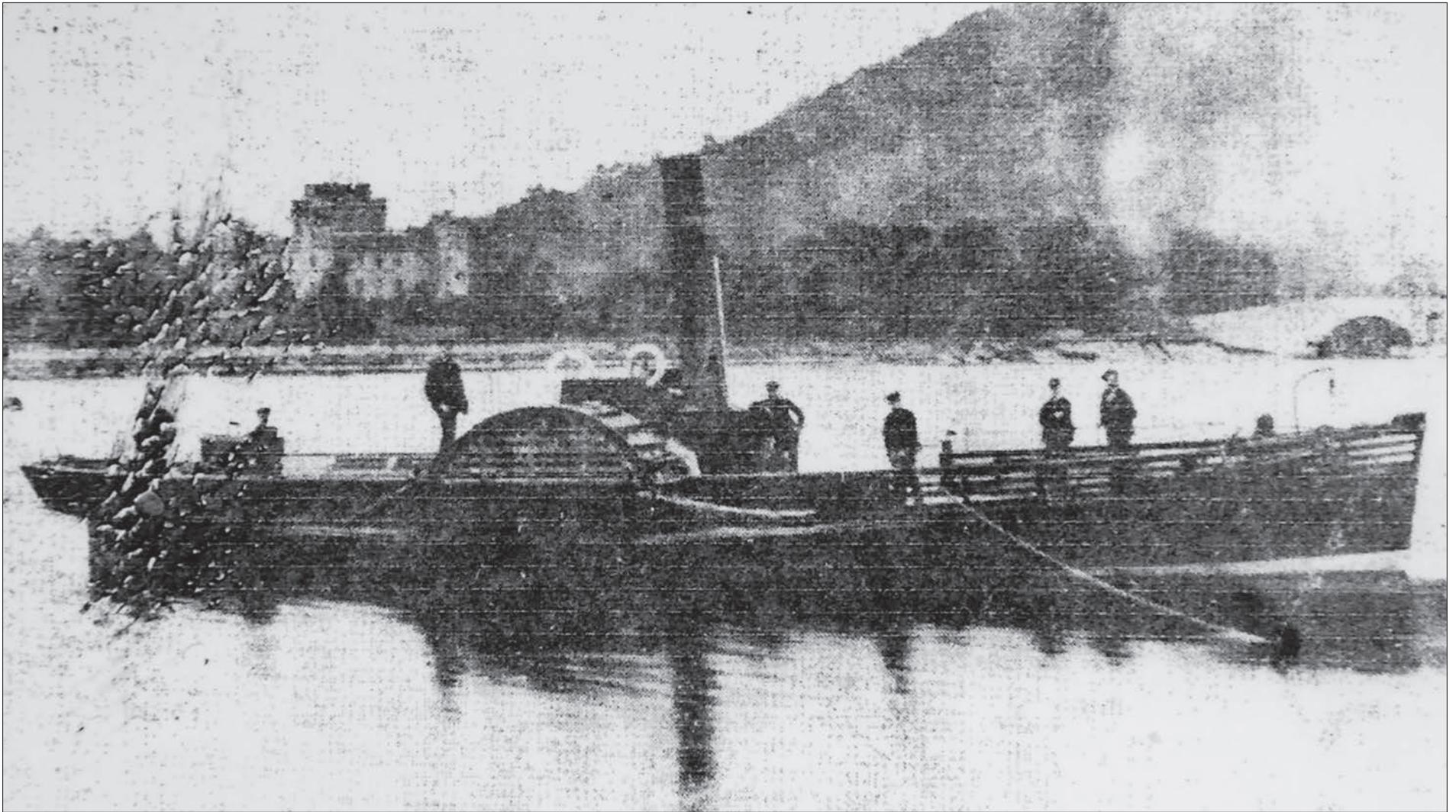
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The Fairy I in Loch Shira, pictured pre-1880, around which time the corner turrets were added to Inveraray Castle. 06\_a31Inv\_MacKechnieBook

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# The sea unites – the story of Inveraray's ferry

Much of the detail in this feature comes from two booklets written by the late Donald MacKechnie, the well-known Inveraray schoolmaster and local historian.

The booklets, *Inveraray Notes and Inveraray Tales and Traditions*, were published in the 1980s.

Look out for tales from these fascinating booklets in coming editions of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

As a starter, we turn to links across Loch Fyne, and the Inveraray-St Catherines ferry.

## The Inveraray ferry

Based on information by Donald MacKechnie

From the Middle Ages until 1963, a ferry sailed between Inveraray and St Catherines – one of seven similar services up and down Loch Fyne linking Cowal and Mid Argyll. Before the roads were made these were important links – the sea unites and the land divides.

Arguably the most important ferry followed the Inveraray-St Catherines route, connecting with coach services to Loch Goil and the onward steamer to Greenock or Glasgow.

At one time a large sailing boat carried horses and cattle. A rowing or sailing yawl conveyed pilgrims, pedlars, travellers and soldiers. Pilgrims and blind persons were carried free.

From the 17th century, the ferry and ferryman's house were auctioned annually by Inveraray Town Council to the highest bidder, with the burgh providing the two vessels. The ferryman kept the fares, and part of the deal was that the minister and magistrates would travel free of charge.

When Inveraray new town was built in the 18th century the Ferry Land housed the ferrier, who supplemented his income by running a dram

shop. The Ferry Inn was a popular pub until 1917, when its licence was revoked.

In 1827, David Napier, later a famous shipbuilder, introduced two steamers, the Thalia and Robert Bruce, from Inveraray to St Catherines and other ports on Loch Fyne. In 1836, the Lochgoil and Loch Long Steamboat Company became tenants of the ferry with a small paddle steamer, though the rowing/sailing boats were still available for a lower fare.

From St Catherines, their horse-drawn coach conveyed passengers to Lochgoilhead, from where they joined a steamer to the central belt.

In 1856, the company introduced a new steamer, the Argyle. She was not a success, with author Alexander Smith describing her as 'a small wash-tub of a steamer that carries you across Loch Fyne in an hour'.

In 1865, the Inveraray Ferry and Coach Company took over with their beautiful little steamer, the Fairy.

The route did not pay, however, and in 1892 the town council set up the ferry as a municipal enterprise with Fairy II, a little steel paddle steamer. When the town council gave up running the service in 1909, Mr John Dewar continued until the Fairy II was wrecked in the great storm of November 1912.

Thereafter there were a number of ferriers. James Douglas used a Loch Fyne skiff fitted with a motor and Hope MacArthur operated launches called the Happy Return and the Jean.

The car and bus rendered the sea link unnecessary and the service ended in 1963.

The residential Ferryland area of Inveraray today, almost unchanged since its construction for the ferriers of Loch Fyne.

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A winter trip across Loch Fyne is recorded in the following song, sung to the tune Kitty of Lochgoil. Here are some of the verses:

### The Fairy in the Fog

'Twas in the year of '81  
On Januar' the fourth day  
The steamer Fairy crossed Loch Fyne  
To Sweet St Catherines bay.

Our Captain Bold was Duncan Bell  
Our pilot Donuil Dhu  
The engineer Shon Gillies  
And Dugal Piobair was the crew.

The passengers were soon aboard  
That Coachy Jock had brought  
And then again through blinding fog  
Our homeward way we sought.

The day with fog was thick and dark  
You could neither hear nor see  
But Donuil Dhu just kept her nose  
Straight from St Catherines quay.

The pilot at his stemmy post  
Stood firm as any rock  
The compass true before his eyes  
Just like my grandfather clock  
As we came near the Newtown bay.

Our reckoning scarce could fail  
Said Dugal Piobair to himself  
'I wish we saw the jail'.

The captain stood upon the deck  
A few feet from the funnel  
And to the pilot passed the word  
'Keep clear of Mackenzie's tunnel'.

Already we were sheering off  
Our course we knew quite well  
When through the fog some lengths away there came a dismal yell.

'Now what was that?' the captain cried  
'I ne'er heard the like before'  
Said Dugal Piobair:  
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# 45 years of passion for Argyll arts and crafts



**Colin Cameron**  
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It has been a focal point for Argyll artists and craftspeople for more than four decades, and now there is a changing of the guard at the Tarbert institution.

Anyone visiting the village will no doubt have noticed the small, unassuming building right on the Tarbert harbour front, occupied by Earra Gael.

Its name is closer to the true Gaelic spelling of 'the coast of the Gael' than the modern anglicised 'Argyll' and very much reflects the organisation's purpose – to promote a closer association between craftspeople and artists in southern Argyll, and to provide a retail outlet for them.

Since the very beginning, one of the driving forces behind Earra Gael has been Sarah Coats.

It was at the end of last year that her family suggested that she might think about slowing down – just a little.

She took a little persuasion but, at the age of 81, she reluctantly agreed, but Mrs Coats

has a fascinating tale to tell. The Earra Gael Association began at a meeting of arts and crafts enthusiasts in the Tarbert Hotel in January 1973.

In her records from the time, Mrs Coats records: 'It was the drive and enthusiasm of Tony Newberry of Skipness Woodcraft that actually got it going.'

'It was decided to advertise an open meeting on February 17, and it was there that the association was formally launched under the chairmanship of Tony Newberry.'

'A list of names was suggested and the majority voted for Earra Gael.'

Around 30 members were involved from the beginning, and retail premises were found at the Tarbert weighbridge building, leased from Tarbert Harbour Authority.

Mrs Coats records: 'The shop opened in 1973 with overall sales of £4,457. Wages were 45p/hour and the telephone bill was £32.'

Mrs Coats reflected on those early days. 'I could type, so I was asked to be the association secretary,' she recalled modestly.

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Clockwise from far left: Sarah Coats with her friend, Tarbert artist Ann Thomas, who was one of the original members of the association in 1973 08\_a30GiftShopSarah02; Sarah Coats pictured outside the shop in the 1970s; and members and volunteers at Earra Gael today – from left: Ann Thomas, Heather Brownlie, Flora Shaw, Sarah Coats, Isobel Gray and Wilma MacKenzie. 08\_a30GiftShopSarah11

help of many different volunteers in the shop.

She continued: 'Earra Gael is really a community. We have always had a good team. It was a lot of hard work, but very enjoyable.'

One of the tasks shop staff were required

to perform was to operate the weighbridge – and this continued until 1987.

There was more to running the association that selling pottery and weighing lorries, as Mrs Coats's daughter Amanda remembers.

'There was very little storage in the shop,

so mum stored the stock at home. Mum travelled all over to visit suppliers and she would set off on the bus in the morning and we never knew what she would come back with.'

After running the shop for 20 years, Mrs

Coats is taking a well-earned rest as Tarbert artist Wilma MacKenzie takes over the reins.

Mrs Coats said: 'It's nice to feel it is going to continue, slightly differently perhaps, but it's going to continue.'

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# Mid Argyll Show 2018 - *the*



Horse and pony competitions form a big part of the show.  
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It's so close we can almost smell the freshly-mown grass mingling with a hint of livestock and the tantalising aroma of home baking.

On Saturday August 11, hundreds of exhibitors will take part in the 121st Mid Argyll Show in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and vegetable competitions as well as the ever-popular horse classes, dog show and livestock sections.

Headlining in the main show ring this year is Dangerous Steve, performing hair-raising stunts involving fire and chainsaw juggling. Look out for unicycle and ladder balancing

as well as blindfold motorcycle stunts - and comedy is guaranteed.

There will be mini rugby to enjoy and plenty of entertainment from Loch Fyne Pipe Band and talented young Highland dancers.

The many trade stands give an opportunity to browse and buy everything from crafts, clothing, toys and produce to agricultural machinery and equipment. Childrens competitions plus bouncy castles, trampolines, climbing wall and much more will ensure that families enjoy a great day out.

Other regular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the fun and chaos of the

terrier racing competition - not to be missed.

Also on the day there will be the digger challenge where the winner will receive a cash prize.

After the success of last year's gun dog scurry this competition will once again take place from 11am onwards. Entries taken on the day and open to all breeds.

Organisers report that a good number of entries for the sheep, cattle and poultry classes have been received, while your pet pooch can be entered for the dog show on the day.

Judging to decide the Mid Argyll Show Supreme Champion will take place at around

3pm in the main ring.

Fergus Lyon and Caitriona MacLeod are joint show presidents for 2018, and they are keen to acknowledge the continued support of the event's many sponsors.

Entry to the show will be £7 and £3 for concessions, with under-fives getting in free. Disabled parking is available on site.

As with previous years, parking will be in the joint campus car parks, with a shuttle bus running between the car park and showfield. There will also be a bus pick-up from the Lochgilhead front at 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

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# Hugh Smith

## – an appreciation

In my early years at The Ileach, in days long before email, I had the monthly task of typing Hugh Smith's regular contribution to the paper entitled Criomagan which, I'm reliably informed, is Gaelic for 'Bits and pieces'.

These frequent missives were sent from the depths of Glasgow, detailing happenstances relevant to the substantial Glasgow-Islay community.

I have no Gaelic and typing a whole page of indecipherable (to me, at least) copy was never going to be the easiest thing. But, along with the Gaelic copy, came the English translation (never published), through which I was able to garner some appreciation of the author's personality. I liked Hugh Smith long before I ever met him.

Hugh was born and bred on Islay, spending his early years here, meeting his wife, Netta, on Islay's shores,

but marrying in Glasgow where he worked for the city council.

A past-president of the Glasgow Islay Association, he was also a successful drama competitor in the National Mòd.

Having moved on from council employment some years previously, he eventually retired from his vocation as beadle at Giffnock Parish Church, returning to Islay 13 years ago, one year before he was joined by Netta.

My first meeting with the gent (and he was a true gentleman in every sense of that phrase) was at a Glasgow Islay Association concert in Bowmore Hall, where he was master of ceremonies and I was making a noise with Islay Pipe Band.

It is safe to say that neither of us moved in the same social circles, yet he was one of the most approachable individuals

you could meet, with the same particularly devilish sense of humour previously seen in Criomagan and an admirable ease of manner.

Hugh was more or less press-ganged by the late Jean Hunter into accepting the position of relief editor at The Ileach, during which time I believe we achieved a friendship that it is hard to accept has ended so suddenly.

He held a distinctly healthy attitude towards both his beloved Gaelic and the ministrations of the church, with which he was deeply involved.

Despite my total lack of Gaelic and an absence of similar religious affiliation, we often shared like-minded views on the state of both, during what were often referred to as 'editorial discussions'.

Hugh's ability to employ precisely the correct choice of phrase and an ability to



Hugh Smith.

write favourably on matters that often scarcely deserved such close attention, meant that he was usually on the receiving end of books and compact discs that others found difficult to commend.

Whenever there was need in The Ileach of precise Gaelic spelling or context, Hugh was our first port of call. His expedient abilities in this respect will be sorely missed.

And you can be sure that

whenever one of his concert reviews made reference to setting 'toes-a-tapping', there was every possibility it was said with tongue firmly planted in cheek.

Hugh's grasp of a well-placed ironic cliché was another of his enviable skills.

Even after retiring as one of our relief editors, he still frequented the office for a chat, a coffee, words of wisdom, anecdotes or simply a few

posters for the church coffee mornings.

These few words can but offer scant testament to such a well-liked and well-known figure in the Islay community. If Hugh Smith hadn't existed, it would have been necessary to invent him.

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# Aladdin's cave of treasures at Inveraray church sale



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Just a glimpse of the huge range of items for sale. 06\_a31Inv\_SummerSale01

Inveraray has been abuzz with visitors over the past few weeks, and many of them have dropped in to grab a bargain at the annual church summer sale.

Locals, too, know that the church hall is the place to go for an astonishing variety of second-hand goods.

Every summer until the end of August, the hall is packed with everything from tea sets, ornaments, books, electrical goods, golf clubs, toys, soft furnishings and much more.

The sale forms the major fundraiser during the year for Glenarary and Inveraray Parish Church.

Some of those volunteering at the church sale were (from left) Agnes Liddell with her granddaughter Jodie Lockhart, Eileen Gillespie and Jodie's brother Owen.

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# Local business set to take a bow at Inveraray festival

Six local craft businesses have been named this year's winners of the annual Business Gateway 'Best of the West' competition.

The winners successfully pitched for a chance to win a free trade stand within the craft tent at the festival, a popular pit-stop for those keen to snap up unique designs.

With more than 5,000 visitors descending on Inveraray Castle for the festival, the six businesses have a fantastic opportunity to raise their profile and sell their products.

Now in its fifth year, the Business Gateway Argyll and Bute competition asked business owners to share with the panel of judges why their venture is special and why their products would be a good fit for the festival.

The successful businesses who will showcase their products in the Business Gateway sponsored craft tent this year are Keltic Faerie, Janice

Bracey Designs, Slate Island Seaweed, Alison McIntosh Prentice, Daisy Rocks Design and Cardross Crab Art.

Alison McIntosh Prentice, based in Helensburgh, is an artist who cites the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his wife Margaret as her biggest influence.

Using her worldwide travels as inspiration for her art, Alison has a background in graphic and multimedia design but through the years painted as a hobby.

Mainly self-taught, Alison now focuses on her art full-time and has exhibited in Barcelona, Wales and Glasgow.

Using colours and textures she admired while travelling, Alison's paintings will be on display and available to buy at a stand within the craft tent at the Best of the West festival.

Alison said: 'I've been attracted to the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his



Artist Alison McIntosh Prentice.

wife Margaret for more than 30 years and have further investigated the techniques they used in Gesso artworks which now make up the majority of my work.

'The stand at the Best of the West festival will allow me to showcase my art and, hopefully, sell to those attending.

'It's particularly good timing as I've put my travel adventures behind me for now and I'm focusing on being in Scotland and producing the best artwork I can.'

The judges included festival host the Duchess of Argyll, Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council's head of economic development and strategic transportation, and Councillor Bobby Good, deputy policy lead for economic development.

Councillor Good said: 'It's clear that we have some extremely talented and creative individuals in Argyll and Bute. The standard of entries

was truly exceptional and the judges had a very difficult time narrowing them down.

'However, we got there in the end and six truly deserving winners were selected.

'The Best of the West Festival is a fantastic opportunity for these businesses to promote themselves to a wider audience and really raise their profile.

'I would like to thank everyone who took the time to enter and wish the winners the very best of luck.'

The Best of the West Festival starts on Saturday, September 8 and Sunday 9, with live music on the evening of Friday, September 7.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit: [www.bowfest.co.uk](http://www.bowfest.co.uk).

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call: 01546 808363 or visit: [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute).

## Business Gateway offers training workshops

From marketing to e-commerce and business start-up, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway has a range of workshops to help small business owners boost their skills and expertise.

These include some new digital topics. The workshops are run by skilled trainers and are all free to attend. Most are half a day duration.

Anyone not sure how their business could benefit from using digital platforms should come to the new 'enhance your business with digital' workshop on September 27.

This covers opportunities and risks of using digital and also of not using digital.

It will help overcome some of the fears and perceived barriers to getting involved, along with some simple next steps to take to enter the world of digital.

To improve marketing, attend the 'marketing your business' workshop on September 5.

This will review current activity, better understand markets, customers and competitors, strengthen unique selling points and develop the right marketing mix for specific goals and budgets.

This workshop will be delivered for Business Gateway by consultant Alistair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd. Alistair has 30 years' experience in domestic and export markets.

For anyone wanting to get their business noticed without spending money, the 'get your business noticed - PR on a budget' workshop is on October 1.

It covers how to get a business featured in newspapers, radio and television, understanding the media, finding the stories that journalists

will want to tell and how to contact with them.

For eight years journalist Colin Kelly has run this workshop for Business Gateway.

Colin is best known for presenting programmes at BBC Radio Scotland, STV, Real Radio and Radio Clyde.

He has a journalism degree from Napier University and runs his own media relations consultancy.

Colin works with individuals and businesses, helping them gain free, positive coverage in newspapers and on radio and television.

Oban is the venue for the ever popular one and a half day 'business start-up' workshop on October 3 and 4.

Designed for those moving into self-employment, it helps turn ideas into a practical and effective plan.

It covers three key areas: market-

ing, business planning and finance. The workshop covers understanding competitors, identifying target customers and how to reach them effectively.

Planning is vital and the workshop shows what to think about before going ahead.

Good financial management is essential and the workshop covers managing a profit and loss account, producing a cashflow statement, understanding working capital requirements and identifying sources of finance.

A one-day version of this workshop will take place on Mull on October 18.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email: [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

Businesses have benefited from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway local growth accelerator programme, which provides grants and specialist advice to support business growth.

To benefit from support, businesses must first register for the programme and meet a business adviser to discuss support and agree a growth action plan. The registration form can be downloaded at: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap).

Deadlines for registered businesses are August 31, 2018, for a growth grant, September 30, 2018, for a key sector grant and October 31, 2018, for an application for specialist advice support.

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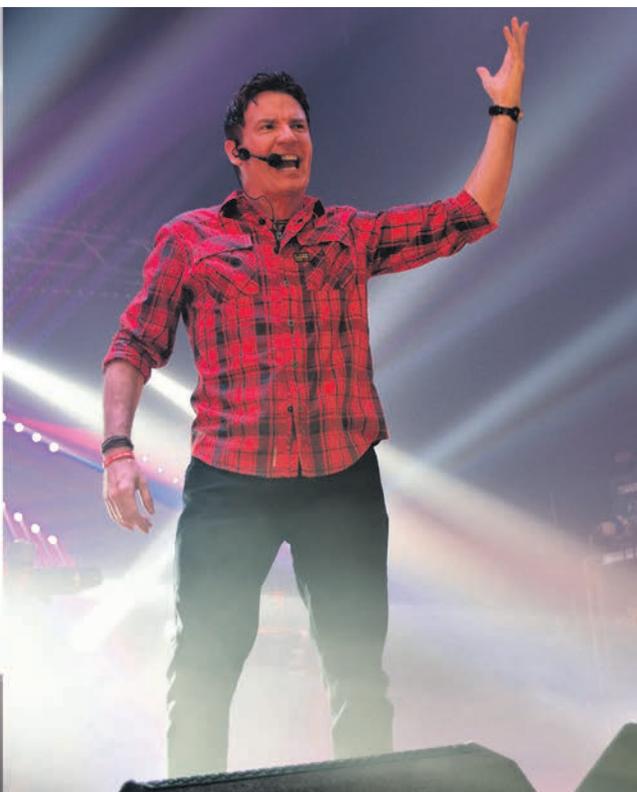
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# MOK Fest celebrates 26 Years with top class line-up



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Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham.

## The Time Frequency.

The 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival from August 8 to 12 promises exciting new events and another great line up with The Time Frequency (TTF), Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, The Grouse Ceilidh Band, Kim Carnie & Innes White, Eddie Seaman & Luc McNally and Slainte Davaar Allstars all headlining concerts this year.

This five day event offers a mixture of ticketed and free concerts that brings international, national and local acts together to perform at various indoor and outdoor venues across Campbeltown.

The two Saturday night concerts on August 11 cater for all ages with rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF), DJ Rankin and Gullion playing at the Victoria Hall.

Earlier that night festival favourites Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham will headline the Traditional Concert in the Heritage Centre supported by Hecla.

The Grouse Ceilidh Band perform this year's ceilidh set at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Friday August 10 in the Victoria Hall, the band is now regarded as one of the Scotland finest ceilidh bands having played at numerous venues across the UK this year.

Local band Rhuvaal will play support featuring its new line-up, this will be its first appearance on the main stage at the event.

The Dalriada Connections Band make a welcome return this year, featuring students and tutors from Campbeltown Grammar School and guest appearances

from many of the artists who appear across the weekend.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band open this hugely popular family event which Davie Robertson will MC.

The Time Frequency have played to capacity crowds across Scotland this year including Braehead Arena in June.

The band have just released a new CD and promise something special for the show in Campbeltown.

Judging by the show two years ago it's not to be missed. Supporting them will be DJ Rankin who is currently on his 'I am a Raver' tour and local band Gullion who have played memorable sets at the Festival.

Saturday night's seated Traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre is now sold out.

The lucky ones with tickets can look forward to fiddle and accordion duo Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham headlining with Hecla supporting. Arthur Johnstone will MC this concert.

The opening event of the festival is the Gaelic Concert at Ceol Campbeltown on August 8 and turns the venue into an old fashioned ceilidh house.

There will be performances from Kim Carnie and Innes White, Iain MacPherson, Callum Ross, Fiona Ross, Raibeart MacCallum, Bethany Kelly, Alec MacKinnon, Christine MacIntyre as Bean an tìghe and Na Smeroraich.

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Also performing are The Gilchristians, Alex and Archie McAllister, we.R.soul and Session A83. Davie Robertson returns to MC a night of old friends, new bands and memorable collaborations.

The Festival also has firm favourite, the Young Folk Night on Thursday August 9 as well as the newly re-branded parade; Carni West followed by Up the Close (formally Doon the Green) at Springbank Distillery with Deep Joy, The Twisted Melons Treble Trouble, Footnotes, Steps and the Funky Chicken on Sat Aug 11.

Look out for the new venue for the Festival Club in Kirk Street Hall featuring Western Sound, Hope Strang a huge music session and guests. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served.

This event and Up the Close are

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Centre on Sunday August 12 features pipes, whistle, vocals and guitar duo Eddie Seaman and Luc McNally.

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Conner.

Look out for the sponsor's miniature on entry to the event.

The legendary Survivors Night on Sunday evening sees the return of Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars and the debut of D.U.G. (Deep under Gullion) a collaboration of Gullion, Deep Joy, Under

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Grouse Ceilidh Band + Rhuvaal  
Dalriada Connections Band  
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band  
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**Saturday 11th August**  
**12.30pm NEW Carni-West**  
1.00pm NEW "Up the Close" Springbank  
Deep Joy, Twisted Melons + Treble Trouble  
Footnotes, Steps, Funky Chicken  
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There will be more on the Saturday afternoon activities in next week's Courier.

Tickets are selling well for this year's events and are on sale from TicketWeb until Saturday August 4 and A.P. Taylors, Main Street Campbeltown.

For more updates go to [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com) or [www.facebook.com/mokfest](http://www.facebook.com/mokfest)

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**Sunday 12th August**  
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**Dalriada Connections Concert**  
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# The McDougalls are hunting for treasure in Tarbert

'Ooo-argh, me hearties!' Clachan Village Hall Development Fund is delighted to announce that award-winning children's show The McDougalls will bring their 2018 production of Treasure Hunt to Tarbert next week.

Currently touring throughout the UK, The McDougalls will be in Tarbert Village Hall

on Tuesday August 7 for a special 2.30pm show.

The McDougalls get up to all sorts of magical, musical adventures, so what sort of hijinks can they get up to in Tarbert?

Formed in August 2014, the company tours engaging and entertaining musical theatre shows and produce CDs and digital music for children. The company tours throughout the year after being formed as a one-off show at Irvine's Harbour Arts Theatre and has since produced four national tours, playing to 20,000 children and parents in the past year alone.

Recently awarded five stars by the UK Theatre Network, the show's energetic performers are guaranteed to create a magical, musical experience for children of all ages - plus the grown-up children too.

The UK Theatre Network said: 'With the colourful sets,

the energetic characters and the wonderful music, this is five-star family fun!'

There will also be fun and games and face painting with Funky Chicken, a raffle and a tuckshop on the day, and you can come dressed as a pirate.

Tickets priced at just £6 each or £20 for a group of four are on sale now at Clachan Filling Station and Kintyre Electrical in Tarbert. Profits from the show go to Clachan Village Hall Development Fund.

It is sure to be a fun afternoon as the school holidays draw to a close.



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# Jewels, toys and art found at Ardrishaig's craft fair

The Ardrishaig craft fair kicked off on Sunday July 29 with a burst of colour and fluff as locals displayed the fruits of their talents.

Customers browsed the jewellery, photography and toys with interest.

Sue Bland was present, selling her fascinating Celtic-themed jewellery, inspired the glens around Loch Awe near her home. Sue's jewellery can be

found at [suesbespokejewels.co.uk](http://suesbespokejewels.co.uk) or the Facebook page @bespokejewelsandgifts

Across the hall, textile artist Cathleen MacDonald was selling her paintings, that on closer inspection aren't paintings. Landscapes made of coloured wool add a new level of texture to her art that paint couldn't create. Cathleen's work can be found on her Facebook page, @woollybobbins

Verina Litster's photography skills, depicting everything from Highland coos to puffins on the shore have expanded to cushions. Verina's items and services can be found at her Facebook page @Verina-Litster-Photography

On top of that crocheted toys by Margaret Davidson could be found as well as sweet treats and teas sold and stalls raising money for charity.



Sue's Bespoke Jewels. 08\_a31craftfair07



Twisted Yarn toys by Margaret Davidson. 08\_a31craftfair02



Textile artist Cathleen MacDonald with her wool-themed artworks. 08\_a31craftfair01



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# Knitters wanted to create poppy display fit for heroes

The plan is to create a striking display of poppies, thousands of them, to commemorate the centenary of the armistice.

Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church will be decorated with woollen versions of the red floral symbols, but more help is needed if the target of 4,000 knitted poppies is to be reached.

The Inveraray pulpit will be draped with poppies and, depending on how many poppies are donated, the rest of the inside of the church will be decorated along with the railings outside the building.

The church has around 1,000 already in the bag, but session clerk Caroline Wood appealed for knitters around the region to help. 'We've been knitting away in Inveraray,' she said, 'and we have spoken to a knitting group in Furnace who are happy to help.'

'But we would appreciate the help of anyone who wants to knit some poppies for us.'

The deadline for submission of poppies is the end of September, to allow time for planning the display – which promises to be a fitting tribute to the memory of the fallen by the time November comes.

To find out more about donating knitted poppies, contact Caroline Wood by email at [sessionclerk@inveraraychurch.org.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@inveraraychurch.org.uk) or call 01499 302121.

**Could you help create a spectacular poppy display in Inveraray church? Caroline wants to hear from you.**

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**Poppy pattern**

To create your own woollen poppy, you will need size eight or nine needles (4mm or 3.75mm).

Colour A – One ball of red yarn (this will make a lot of poppies).

Colour B – Scrap of black yarn or black button.

**Body of poppy**

Using colour, cast on 60 stitches.

Row S1-10: K2, P2 across whole row. For a slightly smaller poppy, do eight rows of rib.

Row 11: Knit two stitches together across the whole row (30 stitches).

Row 12: Slip one stitch, knit two stitches together then pass the slip stitch over. Repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).

Break off yarn with a long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with a mattress stitch.

**Centre of poppy**

Using colour B, cast on 16 stitches. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to centre.

Or use a black button with four holes and sew to centre of poppy.

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# Walking Glen Shira in memory of Jim Martin



Torrential rain showers washed away much of the latter part of the day, but high in the hills above Inveraray, the walkers got fine weather as they set off.

Around 20 hardy folk took on the six-mile-plus sponsored trek from windswept Shira dam to the royal burgh in memory of Jim Martin, former president of Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, who passed away late last year.

Money raised by the event, held on Saturday July 28, will go towards Inveraray legion branch funds.

Shortly before 10am, they set off from the top of the upper Shira dam. As the walkers wended their way down the glen, parish minister and Inveraray legion chaplain Rev Roderick Campbell arrived from a trip to Edinburgh to take part - vowing to catch them up as he set off at an en-



Walkers wind their way down Glen Shira.

The walkers, with Gerry the spaniel, set off on their trek down the glen. 06\_a315ponsoredWalk

thusiastic pace from the top. Refreshments were provided near the half-way point by Inveraray British Legion branch chairman Ian Campbell, his wife Jeanette and Murray Burden. The George Hotel later provided hospitality and refreshments of another sort to a good many of the older walkers.

A refreshment point for weary walkers, manned by (from left) Murray Burden, Jeanette Campbell and Ian Campbell. 06\_a315ponsoredWalk



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# MOJO profile – Liam Somerville

MOJO is fast approaching – 11 weeks and counting. But if all you music makers, shakers and fans cannot wait until the big night, check out the MOJO Facebook page for demos, more information on each of the acts and their individual social media accounts.

If you like them, let them know. It all helps musicians to do what they do.

MOJO Argyll will take place in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, on Saturday October 20.

Here, we profile one of the acts...

## Liam Somerville

Liam hails from Dunoon where he was born and raised in a musical family.

At school, Liam studied drama and as a teenager he started playing guitar and singing, which he has continued to do very happily to the present day. He regularly gigs in his home town.

One of his many influences has been in the music of the classic Bruce Springsteen.

When he performs his acoustic solo act, Liam has a real heavyweight performance spirit about him with his 'full on' guitar style and his lively, earthy vocals.

He has recently gigged in Glasgow and has played at this year's Fyrefest to cheers from large crowds.

He hopes soon to record his music in the studio.

MOJO is especially honoured to have Liam kick-start the event.



Liam Somerville

# The sands of time are running out – and fast

## Science matters

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Ancient sayings relating to sand generally highlight its abundance. In the Bible for example: 'I will...make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' But despite estimates that Earth contains roughly seven quintillion, 500 quadrillion grains of sand, world stocks are running dangerously low.

Chemically, sand is mostly silicon dioxide, and is non-renewable. It is essential for manufacturing bricks, plaster, glass, microchips, and above all concrete; the most popular and versatile modern building material. Concrete accounts for 75% of our demand for sand with around 20 billion tons produced globally each year. Even so, surely there's an almost infinite sand supply from deserts.

Unfortunately not. Sand grains come in different shapes and sizes, and while desert sand has small, smooth grains, concrete requires large, coarse-grained sand. This is generally mined from rivers, beaches and the sea bed. And because international control of sand mining is well-nigh impossi-



ble, sand piracy is rife, causing huge ecological damage.

Recently, 24 Indonesian islands were mined to extinction, with most of the sand used for land reclamation in Singapore, the world's largest sand importer.

Our dependence on concrete is not just for new builds. Concrete's life expectancy is just 50-60 years, after which so-called 'concrete creep' allows water seepage that

corrodes supporting metal structures. So more concrete is required to repair or replace old buildings.

Now engineers are coming up with ingenious ideas for repairing cracked concrete, including using bacteria and fungi that produce calcium carbonate.

This could heal micro-cracks but the process will be years in development while right now the US spend around \$79

billion annually on bridge and highway maintenance and there are an estimated 188 million daily trips across 'at risk' bridges.

Many UK bridges are similarly at risk, so do we have a solution? The short answer is 'no', but right now the race is on to find new, more durable building materials to replace the need for sand and in so-doing preserve marine ecosystems.

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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Mid Argyll's the place for double the weekend fun



The colourful craziness of Ardrishaig Gala. 06\_a30ardgala28

Ardrishaig folk might need to keep an eye open on Saturday, just in case the wild Celts and Picts in Lochgilphead decide to have a wee jaunt down the road to pillage the village.

Or maybe it's the Picts and Celts who need to be careful.

Either way, there is no need to be bored on Saturday August 4 with Ardrishaig Gala and Lochgilphead's

Celtic and Pictish festival to enjoy.

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As well as battle re-enactments and weapons demonstrations there will be living history demonstrations and workshops where adults and children can try their hand

at traditional crafts such as spinning, weaving, stone carving, woodwork, dressing up and blowing a Celtic war horn. And there will be a chance to take part in Lughnasa Games, featuring various tests of Celtic warrior skills.

Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival is run by

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There will be plenty to amuse all the family on Lochgilphead front green.



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Lochgilhead Community Council and is free. It begins with a parade at 10.45am and finishes in a crowd charge around 4pm. It promises to be a great day out and will offer double the fun this year alongside Ardrishaig Gala.

The action in Ardrishaig kicks off at 1.15pm from the pier, with a grand procession of colourful floats, rally cars and fancy dress characters headed by Mid Argyll Pipe Band. Tamara Johnston has been chosen as this year's Gala Queen, with the Gala Princess and Prince to be chosen at a junior disco today (Friday August 3).

The grand parade will stop at the Ardrishaig car park where stalls and attractions will be available to enjoy. There will be a flavour of the fair with rides from Stewart's amusements, plus 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.

Ardrishaig Gala Day is organised by Mid Argyll Pipe Band on behalf of the community.

## Fèis an Tairbeirt gives musicians a professional edge



The workshop taught the technical side to music production. Photograph: West Loch Graphics Tarbert

A Fèis an Tairbeirt workshop in music production, backed by Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund, has been voted a success.

Students recorded and produced their own tracks, created soundscapes with pre-recorded sounds, composed soundtracks and provided voiceovers for pieces of film and media during the three-day event.

The chance to develop these skills is not usually offered outside of higher education but thanks to the knowledge and experience of tutor Luke Schofield, Fèis an Tairbeirt was able to offer this unique opportunity to local young adults.

Another course has been arranged for September 15 and 16 and is limited to six places.

The course is free but anyone interested should email feisantairbeirt@gmail.com to book a place. No previous experience is necessary and the course is open to students from S1 to under 25-years-old.

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The event known previously as 'Doon the Green' is on the move to a new location at Springbank Distillery, Well Close, Longrow, Campbeltown, and, will be held on **Saturday 11th August 2018** from **1pm to 5pm**. For obvious reasons the event has also changed its name and from now on will be known and advertised as 'Up the Close.'

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Hilary Bridge and Mary Kendry were kept busy at the home baking and jams table. 50\_c31skipnessale06



Ailsa Wilson, Muasdale; Judith Marsden, on holiday from Yorkshire; Betty Rintoul, Tarbert; Marion McNichol, Lochgilphead; Annie McCune and Megan Reiniger from USA. 50\_c31skipnessale01



Philip James sold squares for the hamper. 50\_c31skipnessale11

# Whole salmon in Skipness sale of work success

**Words and pictures**  
**Joan Crooks**  
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Just like January sale stalwarts of old, a group of 'early birds' eagerly awaited the opening of Skipness's sale of work.

Residents held the annual sale at the village hall on Wednesday of last week.

Knowing from past experience and word of mouth that the fine produce would sell quickly, the early birds waited patiently in the glorious sunshine for the sale to be declared open.

Gwyn Abernethy, the sale's chief organiser, welcomed everyone to the event which she explained 'involved the whole community.'

Mrs Abernethy invited Duncan Shaw to officially declare the sale open at 3pm precisely, as he and Mrs Shaw had been associated with the annual sale of work for almost 80 years.

Duncan completed his official task before moving back outside to where his wife was on door duty and his nephew's wife, Lesley Griffiths, was helping to sell his plants and garden produce.

The village hall was quickly filled as the eager shoppers moved around the stalls viewing the vast array of products featuring 'all kinds of everything'.

Items to be bought or won included a whole fresh salmon, food hamper, hand-

made bracelets, knitting and crochet, books and bric-a-brac, and mouth-watering cakes and pastries. Afternoon teas with dainty sandwiches, scones and cakes were also served throughout the sale.

The sale attracted visitors from near and far with

some from Glasgow, Devon, Yorkshire, Colorado Springs and Maine, USA.

Judging by the happy smiles on faces on both sides of the tables, the annual Skipness sale has again been a very pleasant and enjoyable day for all.



Prize salmon. 50\_c31skipnessale12

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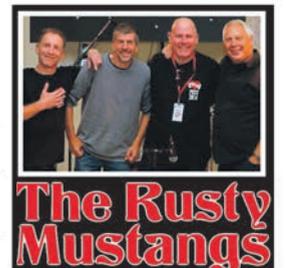
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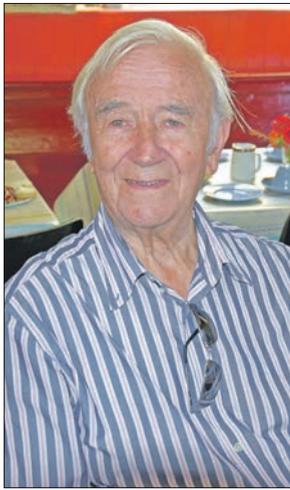
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Fiona Cameron from Skipness guessing the weight of the cake. 50\_c31skipnessale05



David Bridge, Skipness, sold squares for the prize of a whole salmon. 50\_c31skipnessale03



Duncan Shaw, who opened the sale, and Gwyn Abernethy, chief organiser. 50\_c31skipnessale04



Robyn Macfie, 10, and Eleni Pistolas, 10, sold Eleni's handmade bracelets. 50\_c31skipnessale13



Joan McHugh and Jackie Lamond manned the bric-a-brac table. 50\_c31skipnessale07



Big smiles from Mathilda Moller, 10, while she browsed the stalls. 50\_c31skipnessale02



Wendy Steadman and Ailsa Jensen staffed the bookstall. 50\_c31skipnessale15

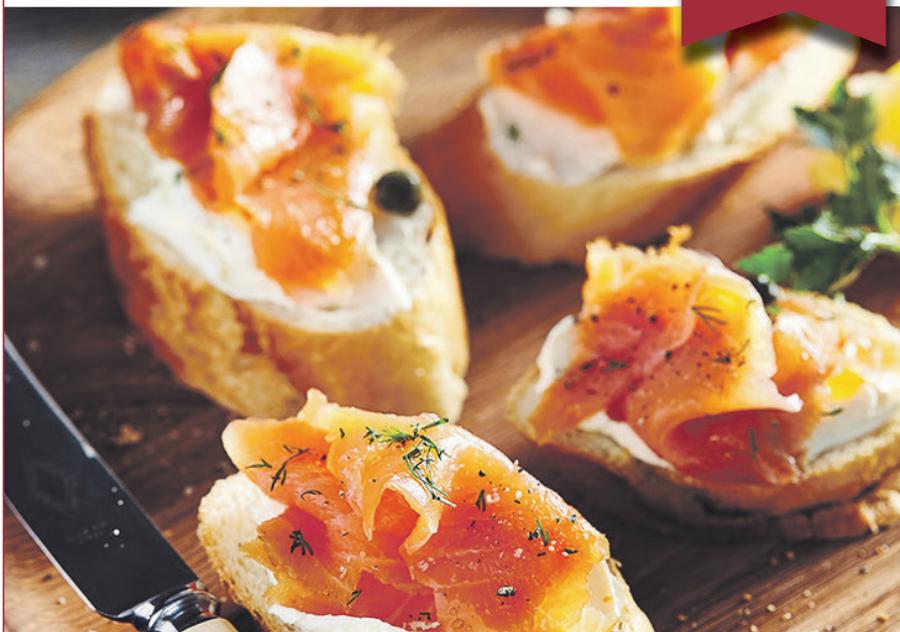


Mary MacDonald, Anne Hunter, Sheena Henderson and Maud McKinley manned the bottle stall and sold woollen crafts and bits and bobs. 50\_c31skipnessale09

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# Sheep and showers in high

Ring steward John McNaughton, with his son Archie, from Colintrave, kept things moving in the changeable weather.

06\_a31SheepShow02



**Colin Cameron**  
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A high quality show of sheep was held at Cairndow amid heavy showers interrupted by fiery sunshine.

The annual Cowal Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association show at Clachan - beside the Loch Fyne Oysters complex - drew curious (if slightly bemused) tourists and seasoned hill shepherds in almost equal measure.

The sheep show has, in recent years, been supported by a display of vintage tractors and other machinery, and this year Cowal Vintage Transport Club and Bute Vintage Club provided the gleaming hardware for visitors to enjoy.

You can find pictures of the vintage machinery show on page 34.

In the show ring, the overall champion came from Dyke Farm, Milton of Campsie, with a young ewe by £24,000 Elmscleugh out of a ewe by a son of Travis.

The reserve overall was a ewe by Buffalo out of a dam by a £4,000 Midlock from Messrs MacPherson, Balliemanoach, Loch Awe.

In the section confined to the district of Cowal, the champion was from Pole Farm, Lochgoilhead, with a

gimmer by Spectre out of a ewe by a £5,200 Allanfauld sire.

The confined reserve champion - and best sheep of the opposite sex to the overall champion - was from Messrs Campbell, Drimsynie, Lochgoilhead, with a shearling tup by Allanfauld Pogba out of ewe by a 40k Nunnerie sire. This ewe was a previous champion at Cowal show.

In a strong show of the blackface breed, the man making the tough decisions was show judge Brendan McAllister from Northern Ireland.

Results

Confined section

Old tup: 1 Campbell, Drimsynie, Lochgoilhead; 2 Archie McNaughton, Colintrave.

Shearling: 1 Campbell, Drimsynie; 2 Jackson, Pole, Lochgoilhead; 3 Campbell, Drimsynie; Jackson, Pole.

Tup lamb: 1 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel, Strathlachlan; 2 Jackson, Pole; 3 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel; 4 Jackson, Pole; 4 Campbell, Succothmore, Strachur.

Aged ewe: 1 Chris Toner, Lochgoilhead; 2 Jackson, Pole; 3 Chris Toner.

Young ewe: 1 Campbell, Drimsynie; 2 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel; 3 Campbell, Drimsynie.

Gimmer: 1 Jackson, Pole; 2 Jackson, Pole; 3 Campbell, Drimsynie; 4 Campbell,



Ryan and Kayleigh Jackson of Pole Farm were delighted to win the Young Farmers ewe lamb prize, as dad Jock and grandpa Davy Jackson lend a hand.

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# quality show of blackfaces

Drimsynie; 5 Campbell, Drimsynie.  
 Ewe lamb: 1 Jackson, Pole; 2 Jackson, Pole; 3 Jackson, Pole; 4 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel; 5 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel.  
 Young Farmers tup lamb: Roan and Luke Mcvicar, Lephinchapel.  
 Young Farmers ewe lamb: Ryan and Kayleigh Jackson, Pole.  
 Confined group: Campbell, Drimsynie.  
 Confined champion: Jackson, Pole with a gimmer by Spectre out a ewe by a £5,200 Allanfauld.  
 Confined reserve champion: Campbell, Drimsynie with a shearling by Allanfauld Pogba out a ewe by £40,000 Nunnerie.  
 Open section  
 Old tup: 1 Campbell, Drimsynie; 2, Macpherson, Balliemeanoch; 3 Archie Mcnaughton; 4 Ronald, Saulmore.  
 Shearling: 1 Campbell, Drimsynie; 2 Macpherson, Balliemeanoch, Loch Awe; 3 Jackson, Pole; 4 Fletcher, Laigh Hatton, Bishopton; 5 Hamilton, Balernock, Garelochhead.  
 Tup lamb: 1 Mcvicar,

Lephinchapel; 2 Mcarthur, Arnicle, Glenbarr; 3 Macpherson, Balliemeanoch; 4 Jackson, Pole; 5 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel.  
 Aged ewe: 1 Macpherson, Balliemeanoch; 2 Mclean, Ardfern; 3 Campbell, Drimsynie; 4 Jackson, Pole; 5 Bowman, Upper Cragabus, Isle of Islay.  
 Young ewe: 1 Macgregor, Dyke, Milton of Campsie; 2 Campbell, Drimsynie; 3 Gordon Currie, Isle of Islay; 4 Mcarthur, Arnicle; 5 Mcvicar, Lephinchapel  
 Gimmer: 1 Jackson, Pole; 2 Macgregor, Dyke; 3 Macgregor, Dyke; 4 Mcarthur, Arnicle; 5 Jackson, Pole.  
 Ewe lamb: 1 Jackson, Pole; 2 Macgregor, Dyke; 3 Jackson, Pole; 4 Jackson, Pole; 5 Macgregor, Dyke.  
 Open group: Campbell, Drimsynie.  
 Open champion: Macgregor, Dyke with young ewe by £24,000 Elmscleugh out a ewe by a son of Travis.  
 Open reserve champion: Macpherson, Balliemeanoch with an aged ewe by Buffalo out of a ewe by a £4,000 Midlock sire.



Tense moments as the overall championships are decided. 06\_a31SheepShow07



Judge Brendan McAllister casts his eye over a ewe lamb class. 06\_a31SheepShow04



The open champion, a powerful ewe from Messrs MacGregor, Dyke, Milton of Campsie. 06\_a31SheepShow09



There was keen competition for the rosettes among the sheep. 06\_a31SheepShow21

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# Tractors support sheep show

Cowal blackface breeders' sheep show at Cairndow was supported by a fine display of vintage tractors and other machinery provided by Cowal Vintage Transport Club and Bute Vintage Club.

The elderly retired machines were supported by some exhibits which are still hard at work in the form of tractor and wood chipping equipment from Cairndow's community company Our Power.

The oldest piece of hardware on show belonged to Robert Halley from Otter Ferry, who was there with his four cylinder petrol-paraffin tracked machine. He bought the tractor from an Ayrshire farmer and believes it dates back to 1941/42 when the government leased them to boost agricultural production.

Robert said: 'This is her in original condition. I kept her like that because it's more authentic.'

He added: 'This is the first time I've had her out at a show like this, so it's good she's running well.'



This gleaming 1970s Ford 3000, all 47 horsepower of her, belongs to Strachur man Alistair Fraser. 06\_a31SheepShow14



Robert Halley has a run in his tractor. 06\_a31SheepShow18



Right: A 1940s tracked machine belonging to Robert Halley, complete with original government serial number. 06\_a31SheepShow16



Above: Joe Johnstone from Rothesay beside his Massey Ferguson 35, dating from 1962, with his 1964 Massey Ferguson 65 on the left. 06\_a31SheepShow13

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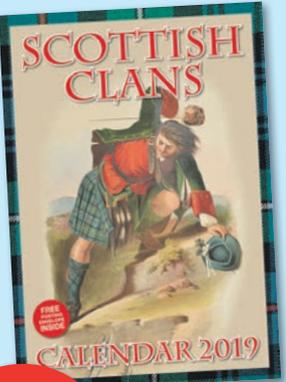
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## Dippen takes honours at Dalmally annual fair day show and sale

In spite of recent dry weather, the lack of grass and shortage of winter feed, all classes of cattle sold well at Dalmally during the annual fair day show and sale.

United Auctions sold 361 head of cattle at the auction, held on Friday July 27.

Show judge was William Cameron, Burnside, Keith.

Bullocks (210) averaged 228.2ppk selling to 266.4ppk for a BBX from Killoccraw and to £1260 for a AAX from Baleggregan.

Heifers (130) averaged 213.9ppk selling to 291p for a LimX from Uigle and to £1290 for a LimX from Dippen.

Top prices

Bullocks (£ph): Baleggregan (AAX) £1,260; (AAX) £1,240; (AAX) £1,190; (CharX) £1,240; (CharX and SimX) £1,200; (CharX) £1180. Dippen (LimX and BBX) £1,220.

Bullocks (ppk): Killoccraw (BBX) 266.4p; Achnaba (LimX) 264.4p; East Laggan (CharX) 264.3p; Poltalloch (AAX) 237.8p; Duallin (SimX) 217.5p

Heifers (£ph): Dippen (LimX) £1,290; Baleggregan (CharX) £1,210; Killoccraw (BBX) £1,200; Baleggregan (AAX) £1,080 & (SimX) £1,060

Heifers (ppk): Uigle (LimX) 291p; Killoccraw 277.3p; East

Laggan (CharX) 240.3p; Duallin (SimX) 220.5p; Baleggregan (AAX) 197.3p

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## Nominations open for Scottish livestock farming awards

The search is on to find Scottish beef and sheep farms worthy of receiving high profile awards.

The AgriScot Scotch Beef Farm of the Year and AgriScot Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year awards, sponsored by Thorntons Solicitors and supported by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), aim to identify the best in beef cattle and sheep production.

Award organisers are encouraging livestock farmers and others involved in the industry to nominate farms they feel are worthy of receiving this year's accolades.

The winners will receive £500 plus a £250 voucher to celebrate their success at a restaurant in the Scotch Beef Club – the club run by QMS and serving top quality Scotch beef. The awards will be presented at AgriScot at Ingliston on November 21.

Charley and Andrea Walker from Barnside Farm, near Duns, won the AgriScot Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year in November 2017.

'Getting the award was an unexpected surprise,' said Mr Walker. 'To



Robert Fleming from Castle Sinniness won the AgriScot Scotch Beef Farm of the Year in 2017.

receive such a prestigious award was a great way to round off the farming year. In an industry like farming, where we can often work alone for large parts of the year, being recognised by others as doing a good job is a huge boost.'

Robert Fleming runs Castle Sinniness Farm near Glenluce, which was announced as AgriScot Scotch Beef Farm of the Year in 2017. The farm runs a low-input grass and forage-based paddock grazed system

which supports the main herd of 220 Aberdeen Angus and Angus cross suckler cows plus a further 600 growing cattle under contract.

'It was great honour to receive an award like AgriScot Scotch Beef Farm of the Year,' said Mr Fleming, who farms in partnership with his father John and mother Rachael.

'It's really encouraging to know what you do is appreciated and that people think you have done a good job.'

Farmers can either apply themselves or nominate, in confidence, other beef or sheep producers.

Those who supply services or products to the industry, from vets to feed manufacturers, as well as the others involved in the production chain such as processors, hauliers and auction markets are also encouraged to nominate livestock farms which are examples of excellence.

To nominate a farm, email its details to [info@qmscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@qmscotland.co.uk). Applications forms are also available to download at [www.qmscotland.co.uk](http://www.qmscotland.co.uk).

## Suckler herd under threat, say industry leaders

Beef industry representatives have written jointly to Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy, Fergus Ewing, raising concerns about the prospects for the Scottish suckler beef herd.

With cattle numbers falling over the past decade, NFU Scotland, the Scottish Beef Association (SBA) and the Scottish Association of Meat Wholesalers (SAMW) met in Stirling to discuss the issue.

The number of finished cattle passing through Scottish abattoirs has declined from more than 520,000 cattle in 2005 to under 400,000 in 2017, as part of a longer term trend. The major factor in this reduction has been the challenge of the ongoing viability of beef production.

Speaking after the meeting, NFU Scotland livestock committee chairman Charlie Adam, a beef producer from Aberdeenshire, said:

'All three organisations welcome the fact the Scottish Government has now produced its post-Brexit proposals in the form of the Stability and Simplicity consultation. Importantly, that allows for a rural funding transition period and we will submit our full responses in due course.'

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'With limited market returns, it is vital any future support for the sector is developed in a way which enhances production levels of Scotch beef.'

SBA president Neil McCorkindale added: 'Many livestock farmers and crofters

are managing to maintain stock numbers only by squeezing the life out of existing assets, leaving them unable to make much-needed investment in new machinery and equipment. This situation has led to levels of inertia in the sector that discourage young people and which stand in the way of production and progress.'

SAMW president Frank

Clark said: 'While our members are currently investing in their plants and have additional future investments in mind to ensure processing facilities in Scotland remain of the highest standard, we need an increase in raw material supplies.'

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Judge Bill Cameron, left, with the breeder of the champion, Duncan Semple, Dippen Farm, Carradale.

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**Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence**

Donald James McLean trading as Donald McLean Contractors of Tangytavil Farm, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6QE is applying for a licence to use Tangytavil Farm, Campbeltown, PA28 6QE as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 1 trailer. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/01514/PP	Installation of 2 condensers on a concrete base.	Factory East Pier Pier Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UF
18/01561/MFF	Relocation and enlargement of existing marine fish farm (currently comprising; 12 No. 80 metre circumference cages and feed barge) by re-equipment with 12 No. 120 metre circumference cages and feed barge (Increase in biomass from 600 Tonnes to 2500 Tonnes of Atlantic salmon).	East Tarbert Bay Isle Of Gigha Argyll And Bute
17/03078/PP	Change of use of Class 4 office to Class 2 physiotherapy/podiatry clinic (retrospective)	Body And Sole Bayview Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UD
18/01563/PP	Change of use of outbuildings to form residential annexe	Lephenstrath Farmhouse Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RU

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 21**

Planning Application Reference Number: 18/01561/MFF Proposed development at: East Tarbert Bay, Isle of Gigha Argyll and Bute  
Notice is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Scottish Salmon Company relating to the planning application in respect of Relocation and enlargement of existing marine fish farm (currently comprising; 12 No. 80 metre circumference cages and feed barge) by re-equipment with 12 No. 120 metre circumference cages and feed barge (Increase in biomass from 600 Tonnes to 2500 Tonnes of Atlantic salmon). A copy of the EIA Report and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD or by logging on to the Council's Website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the Planning Application information system during the period of 30 days beginning with the date of this notice. Copies of the EIA Report may be purchased from: Penny Hawdon, Site Development Manager, Scottish Salmon Company, Ardinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH at a cost of £80.00 for paper copies and £5.00 for cd rom.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the Environmental Impact Assessment Report should make them in writing within that period to - Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

24 July 2018  
Sandra Davies, Senior Planning Officer Publication Date: 03.08.2018  
Closing Date: 02.09.2018

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**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010  
SEACROFT OYSTER SITE, TRAIHG  
BHAN, CLACHAN, ARGYLL**

Notice is hereby given that Labbett Family Farms Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of a shellfish farm at:

Cost	<b>£2,495</b>	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Seacroft	55° 49.771' N	005° 28.566' W
Oyster Site,	55° 49.767' N	005° 28.514' W
Traigh Bhan,	55° 50.058' N	005° 28.465' W
Clachan, Argyll	55° 50.056' N	005° 28.417' W
	55° 50.168' N	005° 28.370' W
	55° 50.158' N	005° 28.345' W
	55° 50.194' N	005° 28.199' W
	55° 50.161' N	005° 28.201' W
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Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at TARBERT LIBRARY, HARBOUR STREET, TARBERT PA29 6UA.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot), quoting reference: 06674 and Labbett Family Farms Ltd Fair Processing Notice

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC  
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND)  
ACT 1997 (as amended)  
THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR  
CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990  
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact  
Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

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 the Kelly Scott, Community Liaison Manager, by phone +44(0)7443 772 946/email [kelly.scott@sse.com](mailto: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](http://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx); by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [representations@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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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The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the help page at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email us at: [Econsents\\_admin@gov.scot](mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot) or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.

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If you have spare time and are interested in meeting up with like-minded guys to share skills and each other's company, why not visit the Men's Shed in Blarbuie Woodland? We have been trying out woodturning and carpentry to make bird and squirrel boxes, shelves, spoons, axe handles and small repairs.

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We're here Monday to Wednesday 10am-3pm. For more information contact Terry on 07903 872208

Club Night

The Argyll Inn is hosting a club night, featuring the music of James Murphy.

Tonight, Friday August 3, James Murphy will bring a blend of 90snoughties chart remixes, house and EDM to a night that will surely get the room jumping.

Doors open at 9.30pm and last calls are extended to 1am.

CAMPBELTOWN

Pop-up shop comes to town

Liz Miller is taking her pop-up shop to Campbeltown.

On Saturday August 11, between 10am and 3pm, Liz will be in the town hall and available to chat about what you want to sell.

After the success of the Miller's Online Market pop-up shop in Lochgilphead, Liz is taking her shop all over Argyll, selling pre-loved clothes in sizes six to 32.

More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/millersonlinemarket/](http://www.facebook.com/millersonlinemarket/)

ARDRISHAIG

Gala Day

Ardrishaig's Gala Day will end on a spectacular high with the Crackin' Craic dance in Ardrishaig public hall tomorrow, August 4. The doors to the licensed bar open at 8.30pm and tickets are available from 'The Rumblin' Tum and Ferguson Butchers for £5.

LOCHGOILHEAD



The Flying Dutchman floating in the Lochgoilhead raft race.

Dancing the night away at Lochgoilhead annual gala

Lochgoilhead's annual gala kicked off on Saturday July 28.

Stalls sold everything from hats to food while rafters competed in the much-loved raft race. Ingenious rafts could be seen floating

down the loch, perplexing passers.

The gala then ended with a bang at the closing ceilidh as friends and family danced the night away in the village hall to the live music of band Canned Haggis.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Freddie Mercury at Kames Village Hall

Freddie Mercury is alive and is making his way to Kames Village Hall. With support from The Jammy Beggars, Queen tribute band Queenesque will play a live gig on Monday, August 6.

With an advanced ticket, priced £10, which can be bought from Kyles Premier Store, you can break free for a drink and killer queen tracks, and have yourself a real good time until someone bites the dust.

They will, they will rock you.

INVERARAY

Summer disco

The Inveraray Inn is hosting its summer disco tomorrow, Saturday August 4.

Doors open at 8.30pm for a night of dancing to the latest tunes.

Tickets can be bought at the Inveraray Inn or from an Inveraray Golf Club member in advance for £8, or £10 at the door.



Thought for the Week  
with Marilyn Shedden

It was so good we went to see it twice in four days.

Mamma Mia! Here We go again was a musical feast and great entertainment.

The same week we also watched Paddington 2, for the third time on DVD, and felt transported with both these events into a world of feel-good factor.

Sometimes a bit of escapism from all the horrors that take place across our world is good for us.

However, there was a theme that appeared in both Mamma Mia! and Paddington 2 that caught my attention.

In the song I Have a Dream, the words resonate ... I believe in angels, something good in everything I see.

In Paddington 2, towards the end, when life is just not the same for his neighbourhood without the little bear, Mr Brown says, 'Paddington looks for the good in everyone'.

In a world where there are so many things that upset us, devastate us and challenge us, it is appropriate to be reminded to look for the good in the world and in people.

While only fiction, Paddington 2 sent a message by bringing out the good in people - by showing kindness and respect to all, with maybe the occasional Aunt Lucy 'hard stare' for those who had forgotten their manners.

I believe that people are inherently good and if we look for that good, we should find it, even if it is deeply hidden.

Maybe if we could be more like Paddington, the world could be a better place. Who would have thought a little bear could have such a big message?

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# Ardrishaig Trust supports Lochgilphead Soccer Centre

In a fantastic boost for youth football in Mid Argyll, the Ardrishaig Community Trust and Lochgilphead Soccer Centre have jointly announce that Ardrishaig Community Trust will be the main sponsor of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre for the next three years.

The funding package, worth £5,000 for each of the next three years, will make a huge contribution to the centre's ambitious development plans – it already has more than 120 members, including around 40 from Ardrishaig.

The development plan will see the Soccer Centre invest in new equipment, quality coaching to help the youngsters develop their football skills, participation in football festivals, and attend Scotland games, among other things.

The funding will meet the cost of around 100 new football strips, all branded with Ardrishaig Community Trust, and will help ensure all Lochgilphead Red Star YFC teams are kitted out the same, from primary one to sevens (including the girls' teams).

The cost of kit to keep the coaches – who contribute the equivalent of around £15,000 a year in time – warm and dry throughout the year, will be part funded by the

sponsorship. The coach kit will also bear Ardrishaig Community Trust's logo.

The funding will also see more than £2,000 per annum set aside to allow teams to take part in football festivals throughout Argyll and further afield, and also to pay for festivals to be held locally.

This will allow local youngsters to benefit from the experience of playing in festivals against a wide range of teams from all over Scotland, and help to tackle remoteness and exclusion.

As part of the funding agreement, the Soccer Centre will display a banner recognising the role of Ardrishaig Community Trust as its main sponsor.

The player of the year award for each age group at the annual awards evening will be dedicated to the Ardrishaig Community Trust.

And, finally, the Soccer Centre will look to encourage, support and participate in the work of Ardrishaig Community Trust. In the first instance this will involve running a number of football-related activities at Ardrishaig Gala Day.

Hamish Nicol, chairman of the Ardrishaig Community Trust said:



'In the official year of young people we are a delighted to support an organisation who match our ambitions to create a better tomorrow for our young people.'

'The trust has been very active behind the scenes over the last few years and this three year programme of support allows us to raise our profile.'

The Ardrishaig Community Trust logo will be printed on the new football strips.



Winners Neil Armour and David Robertson.

## Inveraray Golf Club hold gents open

The 2018 Gents Open was held on Saturday July 28. Despite the heavy overnight rain the course held up well and was in great condition for the players. The competition was well contested in both the scratch and net categories.

The net competition was won by Neil Armour with an impressive 71. Duncan Robertson was second with a 74, just edging out Donald Aitchison who also shot 74.

The scratch competition was won by David Robertson with an 83, Jimmy Kerr was second on 85 and Derek Robertson third with an 87.

Longest drive was won by Derek Robertson and Neil Armour picked up the bottle for the nearest the pin.

The club would like to thank the players from other courses of Dalmally Golf Club, Torrance House, Clober, Hilton Park and Cardross for coming along and supporting the competition.

The club would also like to thank the many local businesses and community groups who sponsored the event and ensured it was a success.

## Tarbert golfers gear up for the James Mundell memorial open

Tarbert golfers have been enjoying some success away from Glenralloch, with Iain Macalister taking first gross prize at the recent Dunaverty Seniors Gents Open.

Peter McLean Jnr was in the net prizes at the Dunaverty Holiday Open last Saturday and Keith Blair took the honours in the July medal at Machrihanish Dunes.

With the season now in full swing at Glenralloch, Tarbert golfers are looking forward to the James Mundell Memorial open which takes place on Sunday, August 5.

A strong field is expected for this coveted event and with the course in great condition members and visitors can look forward to enjoying a good day's golf.

Anyone who has not booked a tee-off time yet can do so by calling the clubhouse on 01880 820565.



Tarbert golf course.

## Mid Argyll sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday July 16, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 13, 14 and 17. There were no winners, so next week's prize will be £600.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers

were 9, 16, and 17. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £600.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 1, 15 and 18. There were no winners this week, so next week's prize will be £1,100.



Olivia Veitch.

## Lochgilphead dancer wins big at Southend Games

Ten-year-old Olivia Veitch was celebrating with her family after an amazing performance at Southend Games.

The Highland dancer won first place in Highland Laddie, Barracks Johnnie and Reel of Tullochs and

second place in Seann Triubhas and Fling, also winning the overall intermediate section.

The talented dancer from Lochgilphead is a member of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing in Campbeltown.

## Cairndow Clay Target Club practice and shoots

Cairndow Clay Target Club's next practice evening will be on Wednesday August 15 from 6pm until 8pm.

The shoot scheduled for Saturday

August 18 will now be an open 50DTL competition.

The annual trophy event has been moved to the scheduled October 20 shoot.

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
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# Inveraray on the rise after win

## Marine Harvest National Division

**Inveraray 4  
 Inverness 1**  
 Third-placed Inveraray are just two points off the top of the table after they beat Inverness 4-1 at the Winterton.

Fraser Watt gave Inveraray the lead on 17 minutes and Lewis Montgomery added a second on 33 minutes. A second from Fraser Watt five minutes later made it 3-0 at the break.

James Cameron pulled a goal back for Inverness on 54 minutes but most of the pressure was around the Inverness goal. Inveraray had plenty shots but didn't hit the target.

They got a fourth goal though when Allan MacDonald scored on 64 minutes.

## Marine Harvest South Division 1

**Bute 5  
 Kilmory 0**  
 Bute stay in the title race after they beat Kilmory 5-0 on the island. Bute attacked from the start and a combination of dogged Kilmory defending and wastefulness in front of goal meant the hosts only had a good Steven Dunn finish on 30 minutes to show for their first-half efforts.

When referee Des McNulty pointed to the penalty spot on 54 minutes, Iain McDonald stepped up to slam the ball home.

Robert Walker scored on 63 and 85 minutes, either side of a 70th-minute Craig MacKay goal, to complete the 5-0 victory.

## SHINTY

**Aberdour 0  
 Inveraray 1**  
 Inveraray's second team moved off the bottom of the table after a 'smash and grab' job on fourth-placed Aberdour.

The royal burgh side travelled with only 12 players. Despite having a hand injury, 16-year-old Gregor Mather returned between the sticks after missing the previous week's defeat to Col Glen and he would go on to turn in a man-of-the-match performance. Coll Mackay and Calum MacDonald, both aged 15, started up front.

Aberdour started the brighter, but a combination of wasteful shooting and superb goalkeeping prevented Lisa MacColl's side taking the lead.

Inveraray's centre line grabbed hold of the game towards the end of the first half, with wingers Campbell Watt and Steven Cameron adapting well to their uncustomed roles.

Aberdour dominated large chunks of the second half but struggled to break down the visitors. Inveraray, though, have Gregor Mather to thank for keeping the scoreline blank. Aberdour goalkeeper Tom Bowerman had a quiet afternoon until 89 minutes when he picked the ball out of the net. Young Calum MacDonald ran through several challenges to push the ball into the back of the net and give Inveraray the lead. There wasn't much time for referee David Mitchell to add and his final whistle signalled an Inveraray victory.



## Argyll and Bute Cup tournament returns

Saturday August 4 sees the return of the Argyll and Bute Cup football 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 Amateurs and Kilsyth.

The tournament, sponsored by MAYDS, ArgyllShare and Café 35, starts at 10am, with final at the Ropework scheduled to start around 5pm.

Ewan Neilson of Inverness and Inveraray's Craig Taylor compete for the ball.

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