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## Lochgilphead missing mail probe launched

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched at Lochgilphead sorting office after mail for delivery went missing.

It is understood a member of staff allegedly involved has since left the company.

Customers received letters from Royal Mail early last week apologising for undelivered mail.

The letter stated: 'The cause of the problem has been identified and a report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.'

The letter, signed by investigation manager Kim Riddoch, went on: 'Please accept my apology on behalf of Royal Mail for the obvious concern and inconvenience you have been caused.'

A spokesperson for Royal Mail told the *Advertiser*: 'We take a zero-tolerance approach to any dishonesty by our staff. This stance is shared by the overwhelming majority of postmen and women who work hard to provide a first-class service for our customers. We are currently helping police with their enquiries.'

Lochgilphead-based police Sergeant Iain MacNicol said that while the police were standing by to assist, the matter was being progressed by the Royal Mail investigation team.

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**POLICE FILES****Vehicle damaged**

SOMETIME between 3pm and 4pm on Saturday August 5, near Kilmory beach, Loch Sween, the bodywork of a black Ford Smax car was damaged by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the incident.

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

**Abusive behaviour**

FOLLOWING a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner in a flat in Tarbert, a 31-year-old male was detained at 3.30pm on Friday August 11.

The man was later arrested and charged with abusive behaviour and held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**No insurance**

ON FRIDAY August 11 at 9.40pm, police carried out a routine check on a car parked on Pier Road, Tarbert.

Checks revealed the car wasn't insured so the driver, a 32-year-old man, was charged and the vehicle seized.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Caravan break-in**

AT 12.45AM on Saturday August 12, a caravan at Argyll Caravan Park was broken into.

Several items were stolen and discarded by the offenders, who made off. Police are investigating a positive line of inquiry and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

**Car dented**

A RED Mazda 6 car was damaged in the Co-op car park, Oban Road, Lochgilphead, on Sunday August 13, at 11.30am.

The bodywork of the car was dented by a blue car which failed to stop and report the incident.

Police are investigating and the driver of the blue car is likely to be traced and charged.

**Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

# Thai group set to take over Loch Fyne Hotel

THE OWNER of the Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa in Inveraray is set to be sold to a Thai group for an undisclosed sum.

Crerar Hotels Group Ltd, which runs 12 sites in Scotland and one in Yorkshire, has agreed the sale of its entire portfolio of hotels to the FICO Castle Ltd, a UK subsidiary of Bangkok-headquartered FICO Corporation.

The other hotels included in the sale are Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer; Chevin Country Park Hotel and Spa, Otley; the Craiglynne Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey; the Deeside Inn, Ballater; Eight Acres Hotel and Leisure, Elgin; Glencoe Inn and Gathering, Glencoe; Golf View Hotel and Spa, Nairn; GoGlasgow Urban Hotel, Glasgow; Isle of Mull Hotel and Spa, Craignure; Oban Bay Hotel and Spa, Oban; Scotland's Hotel, Pitlochry; and Thainstone House, Inverurie.

FICO, which runs 29 sites in Britain through Jupiter Hotels, has appointed Jupiter Hotels to manage operations of the soon-to-be acquired hotels. The deal, which is expected to be completed by the end of August, takes FICO's num-



Part of the portfolio: Loch Fyne Hotel will be sold.

ber of Scottish hotels to 19. In addition to the hotels, FICO Castle Ltd is also buying the brand name Crerar Hotels and Crerar's shortbreak company www.easy-breaks.com. A spokesman for Crerar Group said: 'We believe we have found an able and highly motivated new owner to take on and develop what we have started.'

'We feel certain the new owner's

input and fresh global perspective will bring out the best in our soon to be former hotels and associated business interests. In particular, we were impressed about the focus, care and attention they demonstrated when discussing how the people in the organisation will continue to be given every opportunity to flourish. All hotel and www.easy-breaks.com personnel are transferring to the new owners and discussions are under way regarding employees at Crerar Group offices which are also being sold to FICO Castle Ltd.'

Although the price of the sale has not been disclosed, it has been confirmed that half of the net proceeds will be donated to the Crerar Trust charity which gives money to good causes with links to where Crerar hotels have businesses or interests.

## Maintenance work on Erskine Bridge

SCOTLAND TranServ, on behalf of Transport Scotland, has begun routine maintenance work on the Erskine Bridge supporting cables.

The project began on Saturday August 12 and will run at week-

ends for eight weeks until October 8, from 8am to 6pm each Saturday and Sunday. During the work, the fast lane on each side of the bridge will be closed with delays of around 15 minutes as a result.

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The lorry engulfed in flames.

## Lorry fire forces A82 road closure

THE A82 was temporarily closed following a lorry fire on the night of Sunday August 6.

A fuel leak is being blamed after an HGV caught fire in a layby at the southern end of Loch Lomond, near Duck Bay.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'Our teams assisted Police Scotland on Sunday evening at around 9.45pm with an HGV fire on the A82 near Duck Bay.'

'Police Scotland closed the road and a local diversion was put in place for motorists from around 10pm. The road was partially re-opened around 1am then fully re-opened around 2am.'

Two fire engines were

at the scene and a high pressure foam jet was used to control the fire.

A spokesperson for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: 'The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was alerted at 9.24pm on Sunday August 13 to reports of a lorry fire on the A82.'

'Two fire appliances were immediately mobilised to the scene of the incident, at a layby between Balloch and Duck Bay. Firefighters used a high pressure foam jet to extinguish the small fire. Crews left the scene after ensuring the area was safe.'

A spokesperson from Police Scotland said there was 'no mention of injury' to the driver or anyone else.

# Ardrishaig Pier repairs to begin

THREE months after a section of Ardrishaig's stone pier collapsed into the sea, repairs are about to begin.

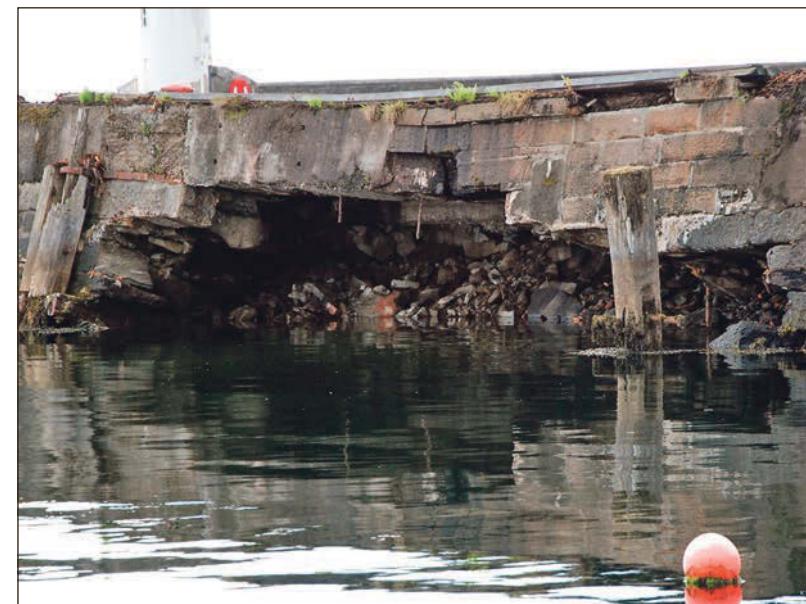
The project will see the damaged section of the 200-year-old pier,

at the mouth of the Crinan Canal, rebuilt and reinforced by pier operator Scottish Canals so that it can be opened up once again for freight use.

Prior to the collapse in May, around 30,000 tonnes of timber freight passed through the harbour each year. The refurbishment project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Construction of the pier first began in 1800, with alterations carried out between 1817 and 1837 under the direction of Scottish engineer Thomas Telford.

The harbour pier was again extended in the mid-19th century to berth the Clyde steamers that transferred passengers to the Crinan Canal. Following the repairs to bring the pier back into use, a further



A section of the stone pier collapsed in May this year. 08\_a20ardrishaigpier03

## Coffee and cake at Lochgilphead Parish Church

BAKING delights and a good blether will be on offer at Lochgilphead Parish Church's coffee morning this weekend.

Taking place in the church hall from 10am until noon, there will also be a sales table and raffle.

Donations for both would be gratefully received.

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# New Oban ferry takes Mid Argyll road trip

A NEW CalMac ferry arrived by road in Argyll this week.

The ferry, for CalMac's new Oban-Kerrera route, was taken from Aberdeen to Argyll on Wednesday August 16 via Perth, Stirling, Balloch, Inveraray, Lochgilphead and from there to Oban. MV Carvorria was recently completed for Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) by Shetland boatbuilder Malakoff Limited of Lerwick.

Malakoff confirmed the transport truck left

Aberdeen at 9.30am and headed to Perth for an expected midday arrival, before travelling to Stirling and the A811 to Balloch, up the A82 and Loch Lomond to Tarbet, then continuing on the A83 through Inveraray, passing through Lochgilphead just after 4.30pm, before taking the A816 north to Oban. The 12-metre long MV Carvorria will replace the MV Gylen Lady.

Kevin Hobbs, chief executive of CMAL said: 'The order for the new vessel MV Carvo-

ria comes hot on the heels of the investment in port infrastructure at Kerrera last year.

'The replacement of the mainland slipway at Gallanach was accompanied by a replacement slipway and new breakwater on Kerrera at a cost of nearly £2million.

'We are confident these recent investments will give the lifeline island transport links a boost, improving passenger experience and furthering the resilience of the service.'

## A musical evening with The Easy Club

A LOCHGILPHEAD music club is hosting a summer evening of music.

With songs from Danny Carroll and the Easy Club house band, the Easy Club's August music show is set to be a treat for the ears.

The musically-minded club mem-

bers invite you to join them for this night of free entertainment on Wednesday August 23 at 7pm in Lochgilphead Resource Centre. Any donations for the refreshment break would also be gladly welcomed.

## Creative crafts at weekend MS Centre fayre

THE MS Centre, Lochgilphead, is offering Saturday shoppers an additional place to browse this weekend as it puts on a colourful craft fayre.

Stalls from A Touch of Glass, Fyne Crystals, Highbank Glass and Gifts, Handmade on the Hill, Sue Bland, Donna Kenne-dy and the MS Cent-

tre craft group will offer shoppers the chance to browse unique local gifts and crafts. The fayre takes place on Saturday August 19 from 11am-2pm.

## Women fight for fairness

A GROUP fighting for pension equality for women met in Inveraray last Saturday, with members travelling to the Royal Burgh from all over Argyll.

Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) is a campaign group calling for fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s.

The 1995 Pension Act included plans to increase women's state pension age to 65, in line with the

male retirement age. WASPI fundamentally disagrees with the way in which the changes were implemented.

The group seeks fair transitional arrangements, including a 'bridging' pension to provide an income until state pension age, with compensation for losses for those women who have already reached that stage.

More information about WASPI can be found at [waspi.co.uk](http://waspi.co.uk).

## Police drive home 'morning after' message to motorists

AS POLICE Scotland's week-long summer drink/drug drive campaign draws to a close, police have reminded motorists that abstinence is the best policy.

The campaign combined intelligence-led high visibility patrols and roadside checks, partly to identify early morning motorists who may still be under the influence from the night before.

An earlier campaign in May saw 121 drivers reported for drink or drug driving and Chief Superintendent Andy Edmonston, head of road policing for Police Scotland, said: 'It is disappointing that so many people made the wrong decision earlier this summer and were

prepared to put themselves and every other road user at risk.

'They are now paying the consequences for their actions.'

'I would urge all drivers not to make the same mistake and to remember that while there are many additional opportunities at this time of year to socialise and where alcohol may be available, the fact is that the effects of alcohol do not wear off immediately.'

'Drivers must consider that even if you make alternative arrangements to get home after an event, you could be over the limit the next day.'

'Our message is simple: the best approach is none.'



MacLeod Construction director Kenny MacLeod and colleagues wish John all the best.

## Engineer John bids farewell to working life

AFTER 16 years of service with a Lochgilphead-based construction firm, John McFadden has hung up his hard hat.

Colleagues and friends at

MacLeod Construction Ltd contributed to a retirement collection and gathered recently to bid him a long and happy retirement.

John provided engineering

services to the company after retiring from the council roads department and worked on projects all over Argyll during his time with the firm.

## National park launches grant scheme

COMMUNITIES, businesses and residents in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park could benefit from a grant scheme launched last week.

The National Park Grant Scheme brings together three separate grants that the park authority previously offered into one simple scheme.

The grant scheme aims to support projects that offer multiple benefits for the national park's natural heritage, built heritage and communities.

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## Editorial

### Aray cheer

LAST weekend was a good one for Inveraray.

Both the Royal Burgh's shinty teams managed excellent victories, leaving the second team virtually assured of promotion. The senior team meanwhile revived its chances of figuring in the national league title shakedown come the end of the season.

But the big one for Inveraray was the magnificent achievement by Stuart Liddell and the pipe band. Argyll folk may be low in number in the band's international ranks these days – but make no mistake, this is Inveraray's pipe band.

Congratulations to Stuart, pipe sergeant Alasdair Henderson, originally from Dunoon, that fantastic drummer Stephen McWhirter and to band members past and present. But there is a small band of committee members, sponsors and supporters who have done the donkey work over the years and deserve a massive pat on the back for their efforts.

### Great show

Mid Argyll Show was really fantastic this year. Well done to everyone involved – and we suspect we might not have seen the last of the gin and Prosecco at future shows.

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### Scotland's NHS time bomb

Sir,

After projections recently showed the number of pensioners is set to increase by 28 per cent, it is time the SNP started listening to warnings about an ageing population.

The National Records of Scotland has estimated the hike over the next 25 years, which would unfortunately bring with it a rise in conditions including dementia.

Hospitals across the country are already struggling to cope with increasing numbers of patients, particularly those with diseases linked to living longer.

Shadow health secretary Miles Briggs said the NHS was already struggling as a result of the SNP's failure to plan for an ageing population and he said the problems would only worsen as that demographic increased.

The elderly population has rocketed in the last 10 years north of the border and the growth is even larger in rural constituencies including Argyll and Bute.

By 2039, the number of over 75s will have gone from 430,000 to 800,000.

In contrast, the population of under 15-year-olds will rise by only one per cent.

The Scottish government must act now or the problems for hospital staff and patients are only going to get worse.

There is going to be an increasing elderly population north of the border, who risk being served by an NHS which won't be remotely equipped to provide the help they



Furnace go slow – success or failure? 06\_a35speedlimit01

need and is being centralised to near breaking point by separatists.

Perhaps if the Scottish Government dropped its obsession with both another independence referendum and centralising everything in sight they could concentrate off to steering clear of this iceberg.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay**

### Shame council into action

Sir,

The sorry saga of the childrens' playpark on the front green in Lochgilphead continues (Argyllshire Advertiser front page, August 4).

Due to the playpark being vandalised again, and some of the play equipment being removed due to safety reasons, surely now is the time to sort this problem out before any

new or repaired equipment is installed.

I have written to this paper before suggesting the playpark should be moved next to the police station further along the front green. Using the police station's wall, an area could easily be fenced off to accommodate a new playpark.

If CCTV was also installed and linked into the police station, this would provide better security for the children from potential predators and deter any vandalism, thus saving the council money.

A further adjacent area of land could be set aside to provide, at a future date, an enclosed all-weather soft play area for children.

The metal fencing surrounding the play areas could be softened by a wide flower bed of spiky plants, such as berberis, which would again deter vandalism

to the fence. Regarding the defunct paddling pool, why not convert it into a focal point on the front green?

It could easily be made into a water lily pond, enclosed within a wide stone raised flower bed with sloping flower beds around the stone walls, thus acting as a colourful safety barrier.

I am sure local builders and builders supply depots would freely offer the materials and labour needed to complete this project for the benefit of locals and visitors.

Lastly, let's get The Beechgrove Garden team involved and shame Argyll and Bute Council into action.

Then we can all thank the builders and the like and enjoy a huge street party on the front green.

**Name and address supplied**

LAST week's edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* carried the story that the authorities seem keen on making a temporary extended 40mph speed limit through Furnace a permanent fixture.

On the *Argyllshire Advertiser* Facebook page we asked: Extended 40mph through Furnace to Crarae. Been there a year now. Success or failure?

William McCrae replied: 'Failure, and it has got to be the longest 40mph zone in Argyll and Bute.'

'About as pointless as the 30 limit past the school campus coming out of Lochgilphead – only there to generate revenue,' was the view of Duncan Black.

Jim Stevenson posted: 'It works for me. I just wonder why, when I'm doing 40, there is almost always someone who overtakes me.'

Kirsty Riley responded: 'Failure – painful to stick at 40mph.'

Gordon Stewart replied with another question: 'Is it an accident black spot?'

UK, and three people die from asthma every day, so it is important for parents to spot the signs of an asthma attack early.

You should book an urgent appointment with the GP or asthma nurse if your child is using their reliever inhaler (usually blue) more than three times a week; coughing or wheezing at night; feeling out of breath and struggling to keep up with their friends.

Parents who have any concerns about their child's asthma can speak to expert nurses by calling the Asthma UK Helpline on 0300 222 5800 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

They can also find more information on how to protect their child this August by visiting the asthma.org.uk website.

**Sonia Munde, head of helpline and nurse manager, Asthma UK**

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# Council receives cash boost for cycle routes

ARGYLL and Bute Council has been awarded more than £450,000 by Sustrans Scotland to improve the area's walking and cycling active travel infrastructure.

Funding of £396,000 from the national charity's community links programme, provided by Transport Scotland, will see the council construct new walking paths as well as carry out the design and feasibility work for paths identified by local communities, including the first phase of

a walking and cycling shared-use path at Rosneath and progressing the Helensburgh and Lomond Cycleway.

Sustrans has also awarded the council an additional £75,000 from its safer routes to school programme to create and develop safe active travel facilities and deliver training which will allow pupils and staff to walk and cycle to school.

The council will begin work to design safe routes and crossings for pupils, and the local community in Oban

and Taynuilt, and build a cycling and walking link from Tralee Road to Lochnell Primary School in Benderloch.

Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'As a council, we are committed to doing what we can to encourage our communities to live active and healthy lives.'

'This welcome funding from Sustrans means we can undertake projects which will contribute to achieving a smarter, safer, healthier and

greener Argyll and Bute.'

Sustrans Scotland

community links manager Tom Bishop said: 'We hope this funding will encourage more people living in Argyll and Bute to walk

and cycle for more of the journeys they make every day.'

## Tasty treats in spotlight at Tayvallich flower show

A BUSY evening at Tayvallich flower show saw a fine display of horticultural talent from both young and old.

The show, held on Wednesday August 9, was well supported with plenty of entries but it was the baking section that proved particularly popular, with many shortbread and sponge cake entries to be judged.

In the lead up to the show, the committee has been encouraging pupils at the Tayvallich Primary School to develop their gardening skills with classes in growing potatoes, sunflowers and marigolds.



Irene Russell presents the School Cup to the joint winners Lewis Oswald, Molly Lazenbury and Iris MacMillan.

This went some way to ensuring that the children's entries were excellent, making it impossible in the end to separate three joint

winners of the School Trophy.

The auction by Roly MacArthur of donated exhibits at the end of the evening was highly successful, raising £562 with all show profits going to support Tayvallich Village Hall.

Cup winners: flowers and plants – Mary McLaughlan; floral arrangements – Mary McLaughlan; vegetables and fruit – Bob Moyes; baking and preserves – Jane Allan; Baking Salver – Mary McLaughlan; preserves – Jane Allan; Rose Bowl – Lorna MacKellar; Minnie Munro Trophy for Shortbread – Mary McLaughlan; photography – Sorley Self; School Cup joint winners – Iris MacMillan, Molly Lazenbury and Lewis Oswald.



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## Christ Church Lochgilphead strawberry tea hits the spot

CHRIST Church, Lochgilphead, held its annual Transfiguration festival at the start of the month.

On the evening of Friday August 4 the Patronal Festival service was led by Father Simon Mackenzie, assisted by the Rev Amanda Fairclough, who delivered the sermon. Rev Fairclough, the new priest in charge for the Highland region, now lives in Glencoe and this was her first visit to Christ Church.

Local and renowned organist John Marsden accompanied the congregation on the organ and played a beautiful voluntary.

Congregation members and guests then gathered at the end of the service for a glass of wine and canapes.

The Feast of Dedication service on Sunday morning was led by Father Simon with guest preacher, retired minister Ann McIver from the Church of



Ros Box, Father Simon and Rev Amanda Fairclough at Friday evening's service.

Scotland in Campbeltown.

After lunch, it was all hands to the pumps as preparations for the strawberry tea after-

noon event began. Although the inclement weather meant it felt as though hot chocolate and crumpets rather than strawberry scones and tea should have been served, many intrepid visitors braved the rain to support the event.

As well as the usual church stalls and raffle, there was delicate glassware from A Touch of Glass for sale, colourful accessories for children from Little Sew and Sews, and vivid textile homewares from Highland Homewares. And the cream teas went down well and received much praise.

As the day was such a success and so well received, the organisers hope to make it an annual event.

# Dancing Dookers in summer show

LAST WEEK, London's dazzling West End came to Tarbert when some of its youngsters took part in Dancing Dookers' Summer School.

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The classes were led by Rachael MacFarlane, a former pupil of Tarbert Academy who now lives and works in London, teaching and

performing after training in musical theatre at CTA Performing Arts London drama school. She was assisted by Grace Graham, who is currently training in musical theatre at Salem State University in Massachusetts.

Rachael commented: 'When choreographing my routines and planning the classes, I worried that perhaps I'd been a little ambitious with the amount of material I had prepared for them but they all took to it so well and performed brilliantly in their show.'



Grace Graham, left and Rachael MacFarlane, right, with the Dancing Dookers.

'I was beyond impressed that they had pulled it off with such little rehearsal time, true professionals who most certainly acted and looked the part.'

She added: 'I am so pleased with all the positive feedback I have received and I'm just so glad they all enjoyed it and got so much out of it.'

'My main aim is to help build confidence and give them new exciting opportunities so

I hope I managed to achieve that. I'm looking forward to planning the next classes so keep a look out for them on Facebook. Newcomers are all welcome too.'

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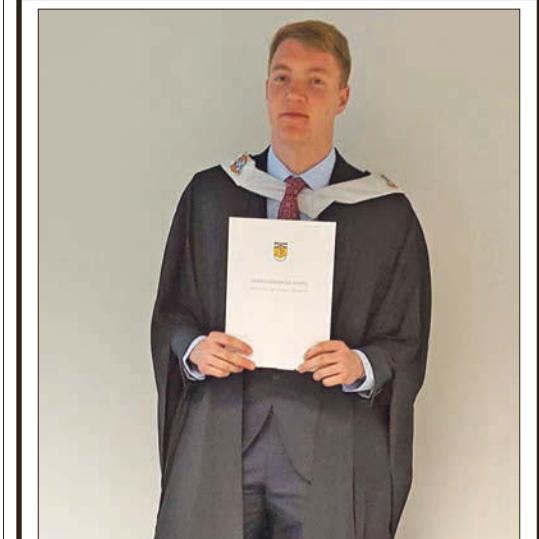


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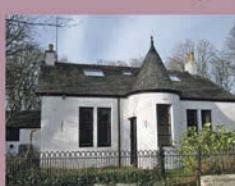
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# Meteoric rise to top of the world

MISMATCHED kilts, borrowed kit and a group of young pipers and drummers nervously marching into a pipe band arena for the first time.

Just 12 years ago at Cowal Highland Gathering, these were the beginnings of Inveraray and District Pipe Band.

Fast forward to 2017 and last Saturday at Glasgow Green, Inveraray and District – albeit with personnel changes along the way – were crowned grade one champions of the world.

Not only that, they



**Stuart Liddell with proud mum Agnes.** 06\_a33IDPBworldchamps02

were the dominant band across the season, winning four of the five majors on offer and winning the champion of champions title for the second year running.

It is a truly remarkable tale of dedication and hard work, with Pipe Major Stuart Liddell and leading drummer Stephen McWhirter leading from the front.

There has been a big cast of supporters behind the scenes keeping the band running throughout their meteoric rise to world supremacy, including the late Robert Stewart and Alasdair Chrystal, but also involving other tutors, committee members and parents over the years.

Speaking last Sunday – the day after winning the world title – as a select few band members marched through Inveraray to play on the front green, Stuart Liddell took time to reflect. ‘It feels great,’ he said. ‘It didn’t seem real yesterday, but now it’s lovely, just a fantastic feeling. The more you dwell on it, the more incredible it seems to be. It’s a bit of relief too, to be honest, now that we’ve broken it. We can move on and continue the journey.

‘It’s a constant pursuit of excellence, so hopefully we can keep improving.’

Looking back to the origins of the band, he explained: ‘We got to grade one in 2010. Prior to that we had a really fast ascent through the grades. In 2007, we won four of the five majors in novice juvenile, and that got us promotion to the juvenile ranks.

‘In 2008, we also won four of the five majors, then we got to a cross-roads. The question arose of whether we wanted to stay as a juvenile band or progress



**Leading drummer Stephen McWhirter was a big part of the band's success.**

even higher up the ladder, but to do that we had to jump across to the adult sections, so they promoted us to grade two in 2009.

‘We won all five of the majors in 2009, but at that time we could actually take in adult players along with the original group to strengthen it up. That was a very successful year for us. At the end of that year we got promotion to grade one, where we’ve spent the past seven years cutting our teeth. This was a hard grade to be in. It’s the cream of the crop.

‘At the very top end, with bands like Field Marshal, St Laurence O’Toole and others, there’s really just a cigarette paper between them.’

Asked what made the difference this year, he said: ‘Our drum corps had two excellent runs in the final yesterday. Our ensemble mark also rated first in both circles. In fact, overall as a band over the two days we did really well

getting 12 of the 16 first places.

‘But I think it was the drum corps in the final that really pulled us through. We had seconds and a third with the piping and a first, I think. But it was the drum corps and the ensemble marks that made the difference.’

Paying tribute to his friend and longstanding bandmate Stephen McWhirter, Stuart added: ‘Stephen

and I work really well together musically. We played with Simon Fraser University together and it was there that the idea of playing together first came about. And here we are now.’

He then turned his thoughts to his own family, adding: ‘I’m sure my dad and grandfather Ronnie McCallum would both be very proud, as is my mum Agnes, of course.’



**Inveraray band members marching with the trophy – carried by Stuart Liddell's sister Marie – the day after winning the world title.**

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## How they did it

MORE than 40,000 people turned out to watch 219 bands from Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Canada, England, USA, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Switzerland, Argentina, the Netherlands and Scotland. The bands brought more than 8,000 pipers and drummers to compete for the title of World Champions in their respective grade.

In the premier grade one event, it took Friday and Saturday, two MSR performances, two medley performances and 16 adjudicators to crown Inveraray and District the 2017 world champions. The band received 12 first places, taking a clean sweep in the Friday qualifier. Under leading drummer Steven McWhirter, they also won the overall drumming, placing first in the MSR and second in the medley events.

Field Marshal Montgomery from Northern Ireland; St Laurence O’Toole, Eire; Scottish Power; Simon Fraser University of Canada; and Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia completed the grade one prize list.

## Is this a special enough occasion?



**Kenny pours a well-deserved dram for Stuart Liddell – even at £15 per nip.** 06\_a33IDPBworldchamps05

**IT WAS** with no great confidence Inveraray man Kenny Stark believed the cork would stay in the bottle.

When Inveraray were promoted to grade one in 2010, he made the somewhat rash promise that he would crack open his bottle of 25-year-old Macallan for a special occasion – when Inveraray won

the world title. True to his word, Kenny produced the £600 bottle last Sunday for the band’s triumphant return with the trophy.

‘I said it would be opened for a special occasion, and I think this is it,’ said Kenny, who reckons the drams he was pouring band members would be £15 a nip.

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## Glamping: Camping with added glamour

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Glamping – or glamorous camping – is seeing strong growth in the UK as some holidaymakers stick closer to home for their vacations.

Glamping fascinates more and more people who would otherwise not be interested in camping holidays.

It has become especially popular with families and the over-65s but, more and more, couples and even solos are discovering how fabulous a camping trip can really be. Or maybe you are a holidaymaker who loves nature, but does not want to buy their own camping equipment. Today's glamping accommodations range from luxury bungalows, lodge tents and original sleeping quarters such as tree houses, yurts, circus

wagons, barrel cabins and teepees.

These luxurious forms of accommodation are no less well-appointed than hotels. Whirlpools, double beds, cooking areas and one's own bathroom are just some of the features that make glamping relaxing for newcomers to camping, or those just looking for a better way to enjoy the great outdoors.

So why is glamping often a better option for a holiday than regular camping or even a break at a hotel? There are several reasons. First, it's all about nature.

Glamping sites on the West Coast are located in some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world. Almost nothing stands between you and a mountain view, seaside or verdant glen. Scientific studies have shown time after time that experiencing nature yields measurable mental benefits and may reduce the risk of depression. And children benefit from nature in so many ways, from enhanced cognitive abilities to improved self-discipline. Glamping is a sustainable way to enjoy a holiday, as they are often eco-friendly. Good for you, good for the planet – it's a no brainer.

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After a glamping holiday, you won't have that feeling of needing a vacation from your vacation.

A glamping trip can recharge your soul, soothe your spirit and give you precious memories that will last a lifetime. So if you love nature but hate the idea of roughing it, why not give it a try and join the thousands of Brit-ish holidaymakers who have discovered the future of camping...glamping.



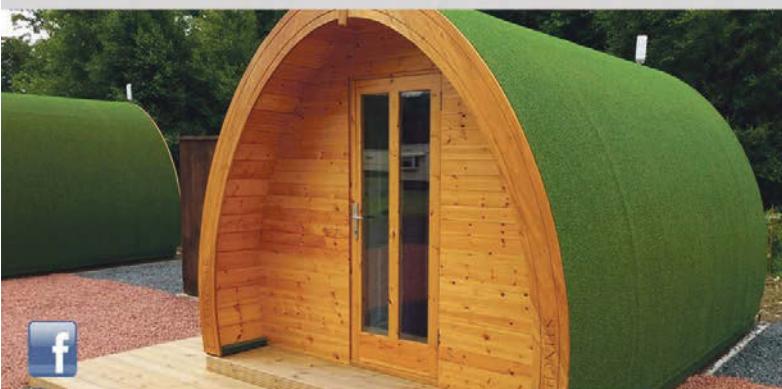
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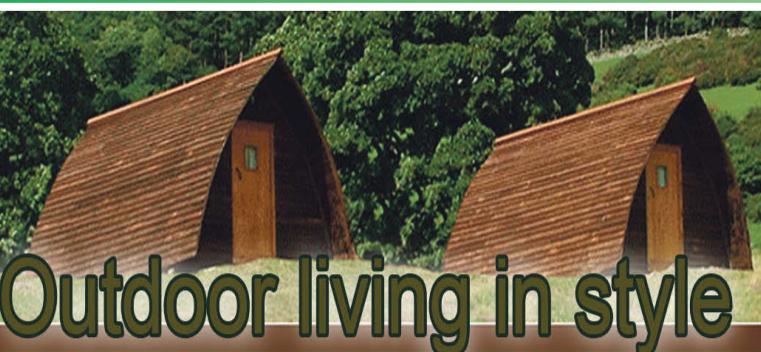
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# Couple still dancing in Skipness after 60 years



The new Mr and Mrs Shaw on their wedding day in 1957, outside Saint Brendan's Church in Skipness. 50\_c32diamond03

A SKIPNESS couple who met at a dance – and spent so long dancing at their wedding reception that people had to remind them to leave – are celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss.

Duncan Shaw first met Jean McLaren in Skipness primary school when Duncan was nine and Jean was eight, but it wasn't until a dance in the 1950s that Duncan, now 85, asked Jean out – 'maybe after a few hints', adds Jean, 84.

The young couple enjoyed going for walks through the glen and it was on one of those strolls in January 1956 that Duncan, a gar-

dener at Skipness Estate all his working life, proposed to Jean.

The following year, on Wednesday July 31, 1957, at 5pm, they became Mr and Mrs Shaw, when they were married in Saint Brendan's Church, Skipness by minister George H Green. Duncan's brother Willie, now living in Campbeltown, was the best man and Jean's sisters Janet and Fiona were bridesmaids alongside her little cousin, Margaret.

Jean, who trained as a nurse before her marriage, said: 'My dress was made by a lady called Mrs Thomson who lived in the village. I got the pattern and chose the material and she did the rest. She was a very talented lady.'

'The only thing I can remember from the wedding was my father having to tell me to slow down when we were going up the aisle.'

The newlyweds held



Duncan and Jean Shaw, with the card they received from the Queen. 50\_c32diamond01

a reception in the village hall after the ceremony. Duncan said: 'We got caterers in from Campbeltown and a band from Tarbert called the Stonefield Band. Everyone in the village was invited to the dance.'

Jean added: 'We enjoyed the dance very much – people had to ask us if it wasn't time we were away yet! We've always loved dancing. There are still dances in Skipness and we still go.'

The new Mr and Mrs Shaw honeymooned in England. 'Jean had

Jean. 'We love our village and our church is very important to us.'

'It's a great place to live,' added Duncan.

The couple, who said it is hard to believe it has been 60 years, received nearly 100 cards from friends and family, and even one from the Queen, to congratulate them on reaching their diamond anniversary.

'We've got very lovely friends here who are very helpful,' Jean added.

Duncan and Jean held two parties at their home for their friends and family, one during the day and one in the evening.

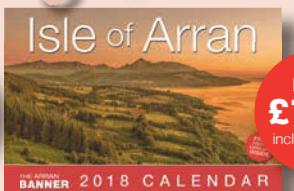
'There must have been about 80 people here altogether,' said Jean. 'We had finger food and drinks, it was a really nice celebration.'

Asked if they would share their secret to a long and happy marriage, Jean said: 'You need to work at it and be tolerant – it's about give and take.'

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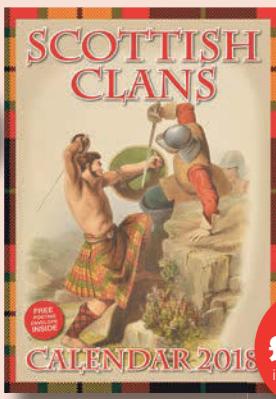
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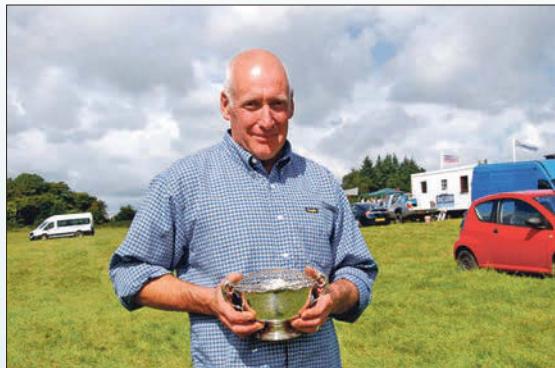
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Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Tracy, only daughter of Christine, to Gavin, only son of Colin and Agnes, on June 1, 2017, at the Horizon Hotel, Ayr. A fantastic day. Special thanks to Evie the flower girl who was gorgeous.

# Mid Argyll Show 2017



An impressive parade of vintage tractors brings back memories for many around the ring. 06\_a33MAShow68



The first male winner of the baking section at Mid Argyll show, Stephen Ryan, with his trophy. 06\_a33MAShow77



Enjoying a picnic with the Walker and Younger families, four-year-old Nelleke Younger chipped in with this cheeky pose. 06\_a33MAShow57



Lochgilphead's Sinead Grey sampling the delights of the gin and Prosecco bar. The drinks were not, apparently, all for her. 06\_a33MAShow66



Here's looking at ewe – judge Robert Cockburn of Hill of Errol on the Carse of Gowrie eyes up the contenders. 06\_a33MAShow25



Ruaridh Shaw as Harry Potter won the mounted fancy dress class. 08\_a33MAShow10



Overall dog champion Woody with his pal Rory O'Neill, all the way from West Kilbride. 06\_a33MAShow20



Champion Clydesdale, the well-known mare Galcalfra Sweet Chloe, with owner Callum McPhail. 06\_a33MAShow40



'The Gorgeous Girls' – Flora Wesley, Tatiana Quick and Rowena Campbell – take the lead in the sack race. 08\_a33MAShow27

**Report and more photographs pages 16 and 17.**



**Three-year-old Hayley Ronald from Oban has fun with her balloon beside the sheep rings.** 06\_a33MAshow21



**Angus MacKay provided lively commentary throughout the day.** 06\_a33MAshow10



**Jack Campbell and Iona Helyer were a force to be reckoned with in the wheel barrow race.** 08\_a33MAshow31

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# Mid Argyll's show day sparkles in the sun

FOR THE first time, showgoers could enjoy a little sparkling Prosecco and flavoured gin while taking in the best the rural scene has to offer.

The gin and Prosecco tent was just one of a number of innovations introduced for the 120th Mid Argyll Agricultural Show – and they went down a storm with the large number of spectators who came along on a dry, warm day.

The headline act, however, was the spectacular arrival of four horse-drawn carriages, organised by ex-Lochgilphead man Ewan MacInnes who runs the Maryculter driving centre in Aberdeenshire. The vehicles set off from Kilmartin to allow lucky passengers to experience a mode of travel last seen at Mid Argyll Show in the 1950s.

Last year's pre-show deluge led to the cancellation of the home industries section due to a leaky tent. To make up for the disappointment, the show committee decided to double the home industries prize money. Whether this had anything to do with it or not, an impressive array of produce and creations had this year's marquee bursting at the seams.

Grabbing the headlines was amateur baker Stephen Ryan, who became the first-ever male winner of the Park Challenge Bowl for the most points for baking. Stephen told the *Advertiser*: 'I'm really pleased and surprised to win, and to hear I'm the first male to do it.'

He added: 'I'm a marine engineer, so maybe the baking is well constructed.'

Young farmers' clubs from around Argyll took part in a slapstick



**Betty and Geordie Rhodick from Lochgilphead won second and first prize respectively for their single rose. Geordie's win was a surprise, as he hadn't realised he'd entered...** 06\_a33MAshow58

series of games to entertain the crowds, including a wheelbarrow race through the show ring mud and a hilarious three-in-a-bag sack race.

Earlier in the day some of the finest breeders of sheep, cattle, horses and poultry showed their finest specimens, while the dog show arena bristled with excitement and canine capers. Dog judge Cathy MacLean from Clachan chose the winner of the gundog category as her champion. Led by young Rory O'Neill from West Kilbride, spirited five-year-old golden retriever Woody stole the show. 'He got a bit excited, but it feels really great to win,' Rory said.

Among the cattle, a cow from the Appin fold of S&M O'Hara was handed the champion's rosette by Alex Smith, who travelled from Blairgowrie to judge the Highlanders.

There was the usual display of excellent equestrian skills by competitors young and not-so-young over jumps and with horses and ponies in hand.

Away from the serious competition, horses and ponies donned costumes in a special mounted fancy dress contest, won by Harry Potter,

sheep, horse and dog champions contested the supreme championship. Judge Alan Telfer was handed the unenviable task of deciding on a supreme open and confined champion. Mr Telfer selected 'Black Betty' as his supreme open champion, a Limousin cross heifer calf bred by JJ & C McCallum, Strathnafanaig, Clachan.

For exhibitors in Mid Argyll, the supreme confined champion was Emma Sandilands' Beltex ewe lamb 'Miss Clara', on a first show outing for the sheep.

Mid Argyll Show president Tim Lister hailed the show a great success, adding: 'I was delighted and the weather helped bring in the crowds.'

'We tried a few new things this year which I thought were a success. I was very pleased with the carriages and the gin and Prosecco tent went down very well. I want to thank our sponsors and everyone who had a stand. Our committee puts in a great shift, so thanks are due to them as always.'



**Maisie and Harry Donaldson from Aberuthven having a dance to the Loch Fyne Pipe Band.** 08\_a33MAshow14



**Tarbert lad Ryan Taylor has fun bodyzorbing.** 06\_a33MAshow42

**Don't miss next week's Argyllshire Advertiser for show results and more photos from the big day**



**Five-year-old Max Tighe from Ardrishaig was chuffed after winning first prize for his cardboard Loch Ness monster.** 06\_a33MAshow51



**Winner of the Highland cattle three-year-old heifer class from the Clachich fold and held by Stuart Campbell, is examined by judge Alex Smith.** 06\_a33MAshow51



**Above:** The majestic carriages enter the Kilmory showfield. 06\_a33MAShow44



**Amanda Duffy of Lochgilphead enjoyed her day in the craft tent at the show.** 06\_a33MAShow50



**Blackface judge Willie Bennie casts his eye over a strong open sookit gimmer class.** 06\_a33MAShow22



**Bruce Dixon fights to keep his fingers during the terrier races.** 08\_a33MAShow37



**Handler Michelle Mayberry from Bellochantuy in the Clydesdale section.** 06\_a33MAShow36



**Ewan MacInnes is all smiles as he returns to his home town with a stunning team of horses and carriage.** 06\_a33MAShow46



**Georgia Foster on DJ won working hunter champion, reserved champion ridden mountain and moorland and champion young handler.** 08\_a33MAShow02



**Enjoying the show was four-month-old Isla, a Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever, there with her owner James Lehmann of Crinan.** 06\_a33MAShow30

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# MAMAFest rocking and rolling into Ardrishaig

JUST two weeks away, Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMAFest) is already creating a buzz in the area as a jam-packed line-up is announced.

In just its fourth year, the festival is boasting a programme full of local acts, bands from as far as Glasgow and some new acts who have never performed in public before.

A change of venue, to Ardrishaig Public Hall has left organisers excited with the scope of what they can do over the three days.

MAMAFest organiser Liz Miller said: 'We are all really excited about this year's festival. The new venue will allow for a bigger capacity, which is great because the

evening events are always so popular. We are working hard to bring it back after last year and to make it an even bigger and better success than ever but we are still needing sponsorship or donations to help with running costs.'

Running over the weekend from Friday September 1, things will kick off that night with a selection of some of Oban's finest acts, including The Signal Fires.

Saturday, during the day will see plenty for all the family, including food from Grub's Up, face painting, a bouncy castle and, if you're feeling really brave a Lego walk. There will also be music from Matt McAllis-



A few friendly faces are likely to make an appearance at the family funday. 08\_a37mama11



The Signal Fires will make a return to this year's MAMAFest. 08\_a37mama25

ter, Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Alex and Archie McAllister and more, all before another night of exciting live music in the hall.

There will be a MAMAFest coffee afternoon with acoustic live music on the Sunday, with all funds being raised going towards MAMAFest.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday night can be bought from the Rumblin' Tum, Ardrishaig, Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, or online at [www.mamafest.co.uk](http://www.mamafest.co.uk) and day events are free.



2015's production of *Calamity Jane* was hailed by some as MAMSoc's best. 08\_a49calam04

## Musical society seek Cockneys and Gentry

FANCY struttin' your stuff in the Lambeth Walk or maybe being one of the rather posh people who spend their summer at the country seats of the landed gentry? Well now's your chance.

Mid Argyll Musical Society are taking on *Me and My Girl* for its annual show and are seeking enthusiastic cast members to join in the fun.

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on a spotlight role, there are plenty of ways to get involved with this fun group. No experience is necessary and there are no auditions for chorus members.

Rehearsals will be starting on Thursday August 17 and will continue on Thursday evenings from 7pm and on Sunday afternoons in Ardrishaig hall.

All are welcome to come along and find out more.



Ann McMillan put on a convincing act as Calamity Jane in 2015. 08\_a49calam03

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## Black Betty takes Mid Argyll honours

THE MCCALLUM family took home the supreme open champion trophy from Mid Argyll Show – the first time they have achieved this accolade.

Against high quality breed champions from across the cattle, sheep and dog classes, show umpire Alan Telfer gave the nod to a spring-born calf exhibited by JJ&C McCallum, Strathnafan-aig, Clachan.

Otherwise known as 'Team Stranny', the calf was brought out by dad Colin McCallum and sons John and Alasdair. The heifer calf, 'Black Betty' – by a Belgian Blue sire out of a Limousin cross cow – had earlier won the Achnaba Cup for the champion cross-suckled calf.

Black Betty had taken the overall beef champion rosette a week earlier at Kintyre show and Colin McCallum said: 'We're really pleased to have won at Campbeltown and now Mid Argyll.'

'We've had reserve champion at Mid Argyll three times before, but never won the sup-



**Mid Argyll Show supreme open champion Black Betty, handled by John McCallum.** 08\_a33MAShow36

reme championship, so we're happy.'

The calf is in line to be sold at Caledonian Marts' September premier show and sale.

The reserve open champion ticket was awarded to a two-year-old ewe in milk shown by Messrs McArthur, Arnicle, Glenbarr.

In the confined section it was a Beltex ewe lamb 'Miss Clara' by Emma Sandilands that took the supreme show title.

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1,000 Voices works mainly with older people to create opportunities for socialising, meeting new people and learning new skills; keeping well both physically and mentally and pass-

ing on their own skills to others.

The event, which took place in Helensburgh last week, was the first time groups from Oban, Dunoon, Kintyre, Helensburgh and Mid Argyll had come together, and what a turnout there was.

Sandra Johnston, chairwoman of the Mid Argyll Community Lunch Bunch, said: 'It was amazing to see

so many people. There were 1,000 paper dolls strung up, all with comments on them from people who have benefited from the project.

'There was music from Helensburgh community choir, Local Vocals – the highlight of which was a gentleman in his 80s giving a fine rendering of *Danny Boy*.

'We all joined in with a lot of the singing, with



Members of the Mid Argyll Community Lunch Bunch.

songs ranging from old Scottish folk songs, through film music to more contemporary tunes like the Beatles' *When I'm Sixty-Four*.

She continued: 'All the groups made a contribution to the food, the entertainment and the stalls. Our own Robbie Bell made a chicken and leek pie, which proved very

popular, and there was lots of cake. It really was a great afternoon.'

The event was opened by Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara and was attended by representatives of funding organisations, including the Lottery, whose representative Lesley Galbraith remarked: 'It was great to see the extent and range of what you [1,000 Voices pro-

ject] do in the flesh and to meet more of the people involved.'

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Known as the red dot trail, visitors are guided to visit the artists' in their studios, from Appin in the north to Campbeltown in the south, by a network of numbered red dots and direction arrows.

The four-day event is an opportunity to visit artists' studios without any pressure to buy work – although if anyone does fall in love with a piece, they then have the joy of meeting the artist and seeing how the work is made.

The venues included this year are: The Archway Gallery, Lochgilphead; Auchindrain Museum, near Inveraray; The Dochas Gallery, Lochgilphead; Kilmartin Museum; Loch Melvane Hotel and Arduaine Gardens; Port Appin Studio; SNH Taynish NNR; and the Scottish Sculpture Park, Caol Ruadh.

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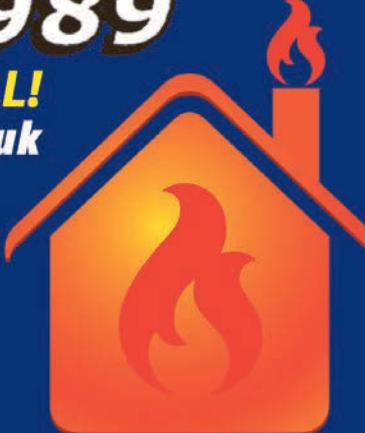
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## Dunoon gears up to welcome gathering crowds

COWAL Highland Gathering organisers are getting ready to welcome thousands of competitors and spectators to one of the country's most exciting and fun-filled annual events.

Final preparations are being made to ensure the three-day extravaganza, which begins on Thursday August 24, lives up to its billing as one of Scotland's biggest and best family days out.

Each year, hundreds of the world's best Highland dancers, pipers, heavy athletes and traditional wrestlers

converge on this corner of Scotland to battle it out to be crowned Cowal champion.

Among other attractions are the spectacular Ridgeside Falconry Display team. For many years Ridgeside have trained their collection of birds of prey to give exciting and humorous displays to the public and it is definitely a hands-on – or talons-on – audience experience.

Also on hand to wow the crowds will be Scotland's premier cycle stunt team The Clan, back by popular demand after knockout



2015's World Highland dancing champions.

performances at last year's gathering.

All this, of course, takes place to the soundtrack of the

event's famous ceilidh tent boasting a line-up, including Eriskay Lilt, Heron Valley, HO-RO and Manran.

For more information and tickets, visit the gathering's website: [www.cowalgathering.com](http://www.cowalgathering.com).

## Fèis bookings off to a flyer

### TARBERT

BOOKINGS for Fèis an Tairbeirt's September festival day are off to a flying start with some workshops already fully booked.

Taking place on Saturday September 16, during Tarbert Music Festival, classes for eight- to 18-year-olds will be run in various venues in the village.

There are workshops for complete beginners to more advanced players in song, dance, drama and traditional music.

For the first time this year, a special workshop for seven-year-olds will be run alongside the main Fèis. Just like the older group, the Meabh Fèis (transition Fèis) group will have four workshops with the same tutors.

But the group will follow a fixed programme and the tutors will come to them in one location.

For younger chil-

dren, aged four to six, Fèis Bheag (little Fèis) will run in the morning, giving the youngsters an introduction to Gaelic music and rhythms.

If you are over 18 and don't want to miss out, the tutors will return on Sunday September 17 to run a class for adults of all abilities.

For more information or to book a place, visit Fèis an Tairbeirt's website: [www.feisan-tairbeirt.moonfruit.com](http://www.feisan-tairbeirt.moonfruit.com).

## Family fun in Ford

FINAL preparations are under way for the popular Ford family fun day.

Coinciding with Artmap Argyll open studios weekend, Ford is expected to be a busy hub of entertainment, with several venues around the village.

The fun day starts at noon in the village hall, where there will be a barbecue, craft stalls, home baking, a tombola and children's tent. Stepping out in style and performing a new routine will be the Ford Line Dancers at 3pm. The hall will undergo a transformation for the evening event, as the pop-up pub opens at 7.30pm. On sale will be Fyne Ales and a selection of wines and spirits and curries and chilli for those who get a little peckish. All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the refurbishment of the hall.

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12 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheden



I LOVE to hear of a dog finding a good home and so enjoyed the story of Whisper.

Whisper's owner had died and he needed someone to continue to love him and care for him.

He is no pup himself so he wants someone who understands the needs of an older dog.

Whisper is a Corgi and was fortunate to already know someone who adores the breed.

It is no secret that the Queen has a real love for this breed and many have been her friends throughout different stages of her life.

Whisper's owner had been a groundskeeper for the royal household and, when he died, the Queen just couldn't resist the little dog.

The Queen had said that she wouldn't take in any more pups for, like many dog owners, she said she would worry about what would happen if they outlived her.

But she just couldn't resist this older dog.

However, it's interesting to think that Whisper doesn't know that he will live in a palace and be looked after by a monarch.

He doesn't have any concept of his surroundings or the status of his owner.

Whisper will just know that he is loved, and that's really all that matters. Is it not?

Love knows no difference between rich and poor, has no hierarchy, has no boundaries.

Love is love, and has no concept of class or status.

So I hope Whisper will settle happily into his new home, and we know that the Queen will love him just because she does.

He has found a good home and actually the fact that it is in a palace is incidental – for it is the love that counts.

It always is.



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## TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'When I said, "My foot is slipping", your love, O Lord, supported me.' (Psalm 94:18).

### DEATHS

**BLACK** - Peacefully at his home, after a long battle with dementia, borne bravely, on August 15, 2017, Gilbert Black, aged 85 years, of Torbhlaren Farm, Kilmichael Glassary, beloved and loving husband of Jean Grant, much loved dad of Janice and Gillian, adored papa to Douglas, Donald and Gordon and a much respected father-in-law. A good neighbour, dear friend to many, and a popular work colleague to many in the local farming community. Funeral service will be held in Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

**DUNCAN** - Suddenly but peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on August 11, 2017, Maurice McMillan, best friend and dearly loved and loving husband of Jeanmarie McLellan. Loved and loving father of Scott, Andrew and Ruairidh and loving Grumpy to Heather and Aria.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on August 8, 2017, Mrs Catherine MacDonald, aged 88 years, of The Old Stables, Tayness, Kilmartin, (ex Forestry Commission), beloved wife of the late John MacDonald, loving daughter of the late William and Christine MacNicol, and dear sister of Janet (Netta) MacNicol. Funeral service was held at Kilmartin Parish Church, on Thursday, August 17, 2017, followed by interment at Kilmartin Cemetery. Sadly missed.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MCGRORY** - The family of the late Sean McGrory would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and parishioners for the overwhelming love, support and caring shown to them in the loss of their beloved Sean. Special thanks to Fr Tony and Fr David for the beautiful and uplifting service, to Catherine Black for music and to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the funeral arrangements, carried out with respect and dignity. Thanks to

all who sent flowers, cards, food baskets etc, and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Last, but by no means least, to the hundreds of friends and family, who came from far and wide to gather at the church and graveside, to give Sean an amazing send-off, love and thanks to you all. Special thanks to Ali, David, Allen and Iain (Soda), his good friends. The warmth and love you have shown will help give us the strength to go forward in the days ahead, God Bless you all. Money collected will be divided between the National Deaf Children's Society and Diabetes UK (Kintyre Locality).

**MILLAR** - Irene, Carolyn, Alison and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss of Bobby. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkieson, Campbeltown Community Nurses and Carr Gomm for their exceptional care and compassion, which enabled Bobby to remain at home. Grateful thanks to Dr Norrie, Dr Lazarus and the staff of Campbeltown Hospital and Health Centre for their excellent care and

attention to Bobby during his illness. Thanks to Rev Phillip Wallace for a very fitting service, to David McEwan for playing a selection of Bobby's favourite music, to Kenny, Rhys and David Blair for caring and professional services, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. Thanks to all who came from near and far to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £3,200 for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Community Nurses, Campbeltown.

### IN MEMORIAMS

**MACGILLIVRAY** - In loving memory of my wife, Jessie (née Girvan), who died August 21, 2007. No longer in my life, but always in my heart. - Ian.

**MACLENNAN** - In memory of my beloved sister and aunt, Elizabeth, died August 12, 1985, my brother-in-law, Murdo, died September 1, 2013, and my nephew, Kevin, died June 21, 2010. Sadly missed.

- Rachael, John and family.

**MCCALLUM** - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and grandpa, Colin, who died on August 22, 2011.

We love and miss you everyday, In our hearts you will always stay.

- Love, Amy, Colin, Edward, Katie and grandchildren.

**MCGOUGAN** - Cherished memories of my husband and our dad, Meiky, died August 14, 2016.

It is sad to walk the road alone, instead of side by side,

But to all there comes a time, when the ways of life divide,

And although you can't be here with us, we are truly not apart,

Until the final breath we take, you will be living in our hearts.

- Elma and family xx.

**MCKERRAL** - In loving memory of Martha, died August 20, 2016.

Safe in the arms of Jesus.

- Mc Kerral/Hadley families.

**WAGGETT** - Raymond, five years since you left me. Loved you then Love you now Love you forever and a day Miss you always. - Jenny xx.

**WOODROW** - Treasured memories of Donnie, much loved and fondly missed.

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# Good Saturday for Inveraray shinty

## Marine Harvest National Division

### Inveraray 2 Caberfeidh 0

Inveraray boosted their promotion chances with a 2-0 win over Caberfeidh at the Winterton.

Lewis MacNicol opened the scoring on 33 minutes and Inveraray took their single-goal advantage into the break.

To the delight of the home support, Lewis MacNicol got his second to make it 2-0 on 73 minutes and the victory now leaves Inveraray five points off a promotion place but they have two games in hand over second-placed Caberfeidh.

Caberfeidh now trail league leaders Skye by three points and Caberfeidh and Inveraray are scheduled to meet in the league at Castle Leod this coming Saturday.

## Marine Harvest South Division 1

### Lochside Rovers 6 Kilmory 0

Lochside Rovers and Kilmory agreed to schedule their league meeting for Wednesday evening at Ganavan.

Craig MacDougall got Lochside off to a great start when he scored at the second attempt on five minutes.

Lochside keeper Cameron Sutherland was called into action, making a good save from a looping Alex Cunningham shot which would have dropped into the top corner of the net.

A good ball from Craig MacMillan picked out a darting Craig MacDougall run on 12 minutes and MacDougall notched his second goal of the game with a low finish.

Lochside raced out of sight after scoring four times during a five-minute period either side of the half-time interval.

Evan MacLellan grabbed a goal on 43 minutes when his 40-yard lob on goal dipped just under the crossbar.

Daniel Sloss made it 4-0 on 44 minutes. Mark MacQueen's turn and shot forced a save from Kilmory keeper Ally MacLennan but Sloss was on hand to score from the rebound.

Lewis Buchanan added a fifth a minute after the restart. A half swing from Chrissie MacMillan brought another MacLennan save but Buchanan flicked the rebound home.



Inveraray veteran Ruaraidh Graham gets the better of Caberfeidh's Ryan MacKay. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

Craig MacDougall completed his hat-trick on 48 minutes when his neat shot from just outside the D sent the ball low into the corner of the net.

Lochside were playing well but the six-goal margin was harsh on a determined Kilmory side.

Ahead of the August 19 fixtures, the win left Lochside a point clear at the top of the table with two games in hand.

## Marine Harvest South Division 2

### Strachur 0 Inveraray 4

The match of the day in Marine Harvest South Division 1 was league leaders Inveraray's trip to play Strachur – the second meeting between the sides on successive Saturdays following the previous week's Bullough Cup final.

Strachur made the better beginning to the game and Inveraray player/manager Graham MacPherson again proved his worth in the Inveraray goal.

Inveraray changed things when David Robertson arrived, and one of his first acts was to set up Campbell Watt for the opening goal on 19 minutes.

Campbell Watt got his second on 35 minutes to make it 2-0 at the break.

David Robertson made it 3-0 on 64 minutes and Campbell Watt completed a well taken hat-trick a minute later.

One point from their final two games – at home to the Glasgow Mid Argyll and away to Dunoon – will confirm Inveraray as champions.

# Red Star dominate opening day derby against Tarbert

### SAFL Premier Two

<b>Tarbert</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Lochgilphead Red Star</b>	<b>5</b>

RED STAR made the short journey south to play local rivals Tarbert AFC last Saturday in the opening match of the new amateur league season, returning with all three points after a good second half performance.

The early stages were quite scrappy with both sides looking to win the midfield battle but Star

were soon able to get on top, forcing a number of good saves from Tarbert's keeper Duncan MacDougall.

Neil Russell saw a couple of efforts saved and Keiran Moore saw a long distance strike tipped over before Star eventually got the breakthrough on the stroke of half time.

A corner was cleared as far as Ben Forbes who met the ball twenty yards out and his powerful effort

with a slight deflection nestled in the corner for 0-1 at half time.

Red Star set about putting the game to bed in the second half and a couple of quick goals soon ended the match as a contest.

Ciaran McPhie managed to break clear on the left and after playing a neat one-two with Neil Russell, he found the bottom corner to double Star's lead.

The third goal came from a Robert Docherty cross

which was turned into his own net by an unfortunate Tarbert defender.

Star's tails were up now and they had several chances to add to the scoring, with Ciaran McPhie and Kieran Moore combining well in attack.

The pair exchanged passes once more as McPhie added to his tally to make it 0-4 to Red Star. McPhie rounded off his and Red Star's afternoon in fine style as he completed a hat

## Gilp golfers tee off for fundraising comp

LAST weekend at Lochgilphead Golf Club there was fierce competition in the MacAulay Fundraising Competitions.

While the gents played for the MacAulay Cup, the ladies battled it out for the MacAulay Rosebowl. Both trophies were donated many years ago by Alex and Jenny MacAulay and members play for these, giving a donation as an entry fee, which is passed on to Robin House in Balloch, operated by CHAS.

There was a great turnout and the gents' competition winner was David MacKinnon, beating Ryan McGlynn by two points to win with a superb 38 points.

The ladies had a lovely afternoon and Ele Hunter was the delighted winner, beating Donna McKellar by one stroke to win with 67 strokes.

The junior championship was scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of this week but unfortunately, due to the torrential rain on Monday, it had to be changed to a one-round competition on Tuesday only.

Despite this, there was a good turn-out of juniors



Gregor McGeachy, the new Lochgilphead junior champion, and winner of the stableford trophy, Harry Turner.

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ready to brave the soggy conditions and the standard of play was excellent.

The new Lochgilphead junior champion is Gregor McGeachy, who won the scratch trophy with 76 strokes, beating Henry Palmer by three shots. And the winner of the stableford trophy with 43 points was Harry Turner.

This weekend the club is hosting the TW Scaffold tri-am and there are limited tee times available so if you want to play pop in to the clubhouse without delay.



Tuesday's junior competitors. Back row: Gregor McGeachy, Henry Palmer and Ali Cupples. Front row: Harry Turner, Kern McKellar, Ruan McKellar, Murray McDonald and Maddie Brown. 08\_a33GilpGolfJun01

the season as they take on Cardross AFC. The game kicks off at the Ropework at 2.00pm.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Hillington 2, Oban Saints 0. Premier One - Campbeltown Pupils 6, Dunoon 2. Premier Division Two - Tarbert 0, Lochgilphead Red Star 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Motherwell Thistle. Premier One - Campbeltown Pupils no game. Premier Two - Duncanrig v Tarbert; Lochgilphead Red Star v Cardross.

# Soccer centre celebrates



The oldest soccer centre group got dressed up for the occasion.



Bruce West, chairman of LSC, left, and Ben Tustin, vice-chairman, right, presented the proud 2009 trio with their awards.



Medals for all the 2007 group.

COACHES, players and families turned out to celebrate another successful season of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre (LSC) before commencing the new season.

Thanks to support from Argyll Roofing Company and other local businesses, the soccer centre enjoyed a fabulous evening at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, with many of the players joined by family.

Last year saw a radically revised and expanded awards ceremony to create a more exciting event and, for this year, the format was improved further to display images of all the age groups in their football competitions over the year.

The evening finished with a victory parade from Lochgilphead Red Star 2004s, who showed off the well-deserved league cup the team won in a stunning end-of-season finale

in June. The LSC has been coaching many of the youngsters on this team since 2010 so it is a testament to the work of the soccer centre.

With the summer recess now over, training returns today (Friday August 18) and is open for all children from P1 to S2, with a special welcome for all new children including the new P1 pupils. Children are welcome

to come along for a taster session and try it out with P1s starting at 6.15pm on the Astroturf outside at Lochgilphead Sports Centre.

Signing up for the new season allows children to take advantage of the soccer centre's one-year partnership with Coerver, a global leading youth development organisation who will be coming back to take further specialist training sessions with children of all ages. This partnership is supported by community funding

from the Co-operative. Access to the Coerver sessions is free for all children registered with LSC.

The LSC is always looking for volunteers and not just for football coaching. Anyone interested should send an email to [lochgilpheadsoccercentre@gmail.com](mailto:lochgilpheadsoccercentre@gmail.com) and you can also visit the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Facebook page.

Award winners and age groups: Fair Play Award – Zander Stewart (2008); Euan MacCartan (2007 Dynamo); Harry Turner (2007 Athletico); Gregor Brown (2004).

Most Improved Player – Georgie Todd (2008); Gavin Small (2007 Dynamo); Logan Philips (2007 Athletico); Jasmine McPhie (2004).

Player of the Season – Jade Butler (2008); Jamie Jeffrey (2007 Dynamo); Callum Green (2007 Athletic); Carla Todd (2004).

Players' Player First of the Season – Tyler Bowness (2008); Rhys Coffield (2007 Dynamo); Ryan Gibson (2007 Athletico); Kieran Caskie (2004).



Smiles all round for the 2008 group.



Lochgilphead Soccer Centre 2010 group were delighted with their medals.



The youngest Lochgilphead Soccer Centre members show off their awards.

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Good Saturday for  
Inveraray shinty

## Trio take the lead in first round of A MacNab Memorial Cup

THREE players share the lead after the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup, which is played for on a stableford basis.

Vice-captain Chris Smyth took the early clubhouse lead with 37 points, with halves of 18 and 19 respectively. Bruce MacNab matched Chris with his gross 71 giving him the same 37 points.

Iain MacArthur teed up in the early evening and had a great front nine securing 21 points before fading slightly over the last few holes, adding 16 points for his second nine.

Gordon McCaffery lies a further shot back on 36 points and Calum McLean secured the only magic two of the day at the 17th.

The second round takes place this weekend.

On Saturday August 26, Tarbert Golf Club will hold their annual Am-Am (three per team) with plenty of ballot times still available. The competition is open to both ladies and men and anyone looking for a tee time should call the clubhouse on 01880 820565.

## Football fixtures

SATURDAY'S fixtures: Premier Division – Oban Saints v Motherwell Thistle. Premier One – Campbeltown Pupils, no game. Premier Two – Duncanrig v Tarbert; Lochgilphead Red Star v Cardross.



Sunday's competitors. Photos: Stephen Lawson.

# Six-a-side success at shinty club open day

A BUSY day at Inveraray Shinty Club open day saw a fine display of healthy competition as teams competed in a six-a-side competition.

Held on Sunday August 13 at the Winterton pitch, this was the second year the club has run this event. The funds raised from the day will be used towards the running of the club, with a sum of the proceeds being donated to the community council as they try to raise enough funds for a community minibus.

Although raising funds was an important part of the day, more importantly was engaging with the community in the hope of increasing volunteer numbers and appointing a new treasurer.

The day started at 10am with youth coaches Ross Griffin, Andrew Stewart, Gordon Pirie and Scott Roberston putting the primary-aged players through some fun skill testing.

At the end of the session each young play-

er was awarded a backpack with the club crest, water bottle and a certificate.

As with last year, the 'older' generation then got in on the act with six teams competing for the Peter MacCallum memorial quaich.

Local sponsors WD Semple, B&M Centre, the Inveraray Inn, Brambles, Ross Griffin Landscaping and CR Construction backed a team each throughout the group stage of the round robin tournament.

In the end, it was the Ross Griffin Landscaping and WD Semple teams which made it through to contest the final, with Ross Griffin Landscaping taking the win.

At the end of the tournament the trophies, kindly supplied by Midton Acrylics, were given to the winners and runners-up, with the winning captain proudly receiving the Peter MacCallum Quaich.

Inveraray chairman Euan McMurdo said he was delighted with how the day had turned out and that it was great to have so many of the club, young and old, there throughout the day.

He also expressed his optimism at engaging with new members to fill roles to help Inveraray Shinty Club become a stronger, more organised community club.



The Ross Griffin landscaping sponsored winning team.



Euan McMurdo presents the quaich to the winning captain.

## Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday August 14, the winning numbers in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 6, 9 and 16. There were no winning tickets so a £1,000 jackpot is up for grabs next week.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw, the numbers were 10, 17 and 18. No winning tickets means £300 is up for grabs in next week's draw.

Winning numbers in the Kilmory Camanachd Club draw were 3, 16 and 18. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £500.

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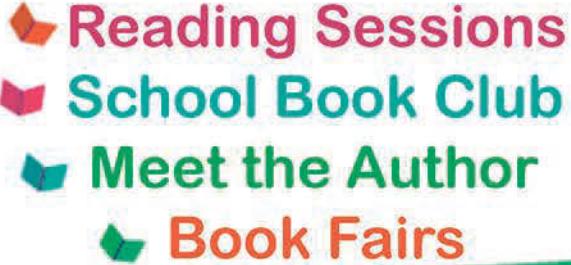
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