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Rugby spearheads ambitious Kilmory sports centre plans



A delighted Dianne receives her trophy from umpire John Graham.

Kilmichael pony wins confined show title

Dianne Smith was shocked to be awarded the confined supreme champion title with Highland pony Corrybrough Fergus at last weekend's successful Mid Argyll Show.

A delighted Dianne, joint owner of the champion with her sister, said: 'I wasn't even going to bring him today, but I'm glad I did.'

Much more on the 2018 Mid Argyll Show inside.

Laura Maxwell
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Mid Argyll's burgeoning young rugby talent may soon have a place to call home, if ambitious plans for a sports centre are successful.

Mid Argyll rugby coach Lee Buckley and Peter Hogbin, of Kilmory Woodlands, are spearheading plans to build a full-sized rugby pitch in Lochgilphead, but they have their eyes on more.

The rugby pitch is the first step in an ambitious vision which could ultimately include a football pitch with running track and spectator terraces alongside a tennis court, archery range and a BMX track.

There are talks about an asset transfer of the land behind Kilmory Castle from Argyll and Bute Council, firstly to develop a rugby pitch, then looking at an archery range and a BMX track.

In the coming months, Kilmory Woodlands will apply for funding through the National Lottery and the Scottish Land Fund to meet the price of the land.

After unveiling the scheme this week at Lochgilphead

Community Council, Lee Buckley said: 'There are no suitable rugby facilities in Mid Argyll. The pitch at the school is too small to host even an under-13 game.'

'For Mid Argyll Rugby Club to grow, it needs to have a home. In recent years, plans to create a rugby facility have always come to nothing.'

'We have a Scottish Schools cup game on Tuesday August 28 and are still looking for a venue. How can we compete with central belt schools, or even our neighbours in Oban, who have facilities provided by the council?'

The club has steadily been developing fresh talent for more than five years, but with nowhere to play it cannot field a first XV despite plenty of willing players.

The pitch project, supported by Scottish Rugby and Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Allan Wright, hopes to be open by autumn 2019.

Another supporter of the project is Councillor Dougie Philand, who said: 'I fully support any plans that would promote a permanent pitch and changing areas, especially now when there is a resurgence in junior rugby.'

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All signs point to The Inveraray Inn

The Inveraray Inn has had permission granted to install new signs, some of them illuminated at its premises.

The Loch Fyne-side hotel, which has 36 bedrooms as well as two bars and a large restaurant, has been given the go-ahead by Argyll and Bute Council to erect eight new signs.

Submitted on June 1, the decision to grant the inn its eight signs was given on August 3 under Listed Building Consent.

Owners cited the importance of passing trade to the hotel's business as a key reason for their application, since the dominant building can often be overlooked coming from Oban.

A supporting statement said: "The owners are aware that visitors arriving from the north via the Dalmally road will pass by the hotel and continue onward without registering the amenities



The front of the Inveraray Inn is easy to spot, but overlooked coming from Dalmally.

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the hotel offers. Despite, or perhaps because of, its size and presence, the north-west facing elevation as seen on the approach from Dalmally does not convey the welcoming comforts within. Consequently, trade is being

lost on this key route. To address this issue, a single sign is proposed.'

This sign will be a timber, 2,430 by 1,500mm black painted field with white painted lettering, appropriate in proportion to the building.

The other seven signs will be used to point out space for parking to the side of the building, which is owned by the hotel. They are also planned to preserve these spaces for use by hotel patrons.

POLICE FILES with Sergeant Iain MacNicol

Reckless conduct

About 9am on Tuesday August 7, at the rear of Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a 50-year-old man behaved in a reckless manner and threw a brick through a window. Police attended and the man attempted to assault an officer, resisted arrest and behaved in an abusive manner. The man was arrested, charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Tachograph offence

Road policing officers stopped a lorry for a routine tachograph check about 11am on Tuesday August 7, on the A83 at Inveraray. The 25-year-old-male driver was charged with not using a tachograph or recording his driving hours. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Struggled with police

About 6pm on Wednesday August 8, in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, an 18-year-old woman behaved in an abusive manner. She was arrested and resisted arrested by struggling with police. She was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal. At the same incident, a 15-year-old boy intervened, behaved in an abusive manner and resisted arrest. He was charged and will be referred for intervention processes.

Abusive behaviour

A 24-year-old woman and 26-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner in Union Street, Lochgilphead, about 9pm on Wednesday August 8. The pair were arrested and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving

On Saturday August 11, about 12.30pm, a blue Audi S1 was seen to be driven in a careless manner while overtaking another vehicle on the A816 near Barbreck, Lochgilphead. The incident was captured on dash camera footage and reported to police.

Inquiries are ongoing and when the driver is traced, they will be charged with careless driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man and woman charged

A 29-year-old man and 47-year-old woman behaved in an abusive manner about 8.30pm on Saturday August 11, in Glen Aray View, Inveraray. The pair were later charged and issued with recorded police warnings.

Careless driving

A blue car was seen to reverse into a wooden fence causing damage in Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig, about 6.30pm on Thursday August 9. The driver also failed to report the collision. Police are investigating the incident.

Theft of bike

A white and black Scott mountain bike was stolen from Pier Road, Tarbert, between 11pm on Saturday August 11 and 5pm on Sunday August 12. Police are investigating the incident.

■ If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Ruaraidh and Camron meet Lord Provost Eva Bolander.



Ruaraidh and Camron in the front row of the band.

Mid Argyll pipers on the march through for mental health

Two Mid Argyll pipers were lucky enough to be in the front row of Piping Live's Big Band 2018 in Glasgow city centre.

Ruaraidh Logan and Camron MacPhail got to play Highland Cathedral for the Lord Provost of Glasgow at the end of the parade.

In aid of Scottish Association for Mental Health, the band started at Blythswood Square at 11.30am and filled the city with music, marching along West George Street and arriving in front of the City Chambers in George Square at approximately 12.30pm for a salute to the chieftain.

Camron's mother Louise MacPhail said: 'It was a great day and we got a wee visit to the council chambers.'



The band get ready for their march.

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Depot cordoned off after gas cylinder scare

A rogue gas cylinder is believed to have been at the root of an emergency response in Lochgilphead.

Police cordoned off a section of road in Lochgilphead on the morning of Wednesday August 15 due to what was described as an 'ongoing police incident' at a depot operated by Argyll and Bute Council.



The council depot at Bishopton Road cordoned off earlier this week.

A road closure was put in place at Bishopton Road between the junction of the A816 Oban road and Monydrain Road in the town while Scottish Fire and Rescue crews dealt with the cylinder, which is understood to have caught fire.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said on Wednesday: 'The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was alerted at 8.36am on Wednesday August 15 to reports of a fire within a non-domestic building in Lochgilphead.'

'Operations control mobilised two appliances to Bishopton Road, where fire-fighters remain in attendance. There are no casualties.'

'Crews will remain at the scene until the area is made safe.'

Argyll and Bute Council declined to comment on the circumstances.



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Cairndow Stagecoach Inn goes up for sale



The Cairndow Stagecoach Inn has been put on the market for £975,000.

The three-star Cairndow Stagecoach Inn has been brought to the market for the first time since 1965.

The current owner Douglas Fraser, whose family has owned the Cairndow Stagecoach for more than 50 years, is planning to retire.

The hotel boasts 19 en suite letting bedrooms, spacious bar area and the Stables Restaurant. Alongside the main property is a separate unit comprising six rooms, which opened in 2008.

Josh Hill, of selling agent Christie & Co, said: 'The Cairndow Stagecoach Inn will appeal to a number of buyers, including first-time buyers and existing hotel operators. The hotel ticks all the boxes, while taking advantage of the breathtaking views – a truly stunning business opportunity.'

The Cairndow Stagecoach Inn is on the market for £975,000 as a freehold going concern.



Dumping your old freezer? Not cool

The depressing sight of a large upright fridge-freezer dumped in a trunk road lay-by greeted travellers earlier this week.

The freezer was accompanied by an unwanted and expensive-looking Baby Merc branded carry cot.

The items were left in a lay-by close to Drishaig, beside the A83 a couple of miles on the Inveraray side of Loch Fyne Oysters.

Information supplied by Argyll and Bute Council reveals it costs £50 to remove fly-tipped rubbish and fines of up to £40,000 can be issued when the culprits are caught.

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Train to become a teacher in Argyll and Bute

An event will be held in Oban next week to enable graduates in Argyll and Bute to find out more about becoming fully qualified secondary school teachers without the need to move away from the area.

Argyll and Bute Council has been working in partnership with the Universities of Dundee and the Highlands and Islands to agree a programme, recently approved by the General Teaching Council of Scotland, which will see student teachers based in local schools for 18 months.

An information evening will take place at the Corran Halls, Oban, on Thursday August 23 from 5-7pm, and can be attended on a drop-in basis for those who are not able to make it for 5pm.

Successful applicants will receive funding provided by the Scottish Government, with students studying locally while spending a substantial

amount of time in class under the guidance of a mentor.

Subjects currently being offered are chemistry, computing, home economics, maths and physics – all subjects experiencing a shortage of qualified teachers across Scotland.

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a Post Graduate Diploma in Education and will be fully registered secondary teachers, able to immediately apply for teaching posts.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'This scheme is a wonderful opportunity for young people in Argyll and Bute to become fully qualified secondary teachers, while staying in the area. It also complements our existing teacher training scheme which saw 13 students gain their diploma in primary

education last year. We want the very best for our young people and we are committed to training, attracting and keeping the highest calibre of teaching staff in Argyll and Bute.

'Teacher training and recruitment is a national programme, so we welcome this exciting initiative to nurture home grown secondary teachers and look forward to being a full partner in the process.'

Applications for the programme are now open, with a closing date of Monday September 3. Interviews will take place on Thursday September 27, with the first intake of students in December this year.

People from other areas of Argyll and Bute who are interested can link in via video conference by prior arrangement. Contact the Oban education office on 01631 569192 for further details.

Scots Guards colours go back to their Argyll roots



The colours of a military regiment with strong connections to Inveraray are to be laid up in the Royal Burgh, writes Colin Cameron.

The Scots Guards can trace their origins back to 1642 when, by order of King Charles I, the regiment was raised by Archibald Campbell, 1st Marquess of Argyll, for service in Ireland and was known as the Marquis of Argyll's Royal Regiment.

Later this month, the old colours of the First Battalion Scots Guards will be laid up in a formal ceremony at Glenarary and Inveraray Parish Church.

The battalion has seen service in all the major conflicts

involving the British army since the Napoleonic Wars and the Scots Guards remain a first line infantry regiment of the British army.

The church will be the home of the colours and parish minister Reverend Dr Roderick Campbell said: 'The laying up of colours happens roughly every 25 years for regiments of the line, but this will be the first time the Scots Guards has laid up old colours in Inveraray.'

It is set to be a colourful occasion, with military top brass expected to join the Duke of Argyll, the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute and other dignitaries for the occasion.

It will all happen at Glenarary and Inveraray Parish Church on Sunday August 26, with the service starting at 11.30am.

The modern Scots Guards.

Photograph: The Scots Guards.



Left: The regiment is famous for its piping and pipe band tradition.

Photograph: The Scots Guards.

MSP voices opposition to Inveraray RBS closure

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell has written to the external consultants considering the future of key Royal Bank of Scotland branches to express his continued opposition to closure of the Inveraray branch.

Along with nine other rural branches, Inveraray was given a stay of execution earlier this year – but if the figures do not stack up by December 2018 the busy tourist town will be left with no bank to serve residents, businesses or visitors.

Mr Russell said: 'I have been against the slew of closures in Argyll and Bute and still am, but all those threatened have now gone with the exception of Inveraray.'

'Inveraray is a tourist magnet with a need for services for those who don't live in the area, while tourism and other businesses require banking services.'

'Argyll and Bute Council along with other

agencies are working hard to reverse the depopulation of rural parts of Argyll and Bute and the removal of such a vital service can only work to undermine this.'

Mr Russell added: 'It should be acknowledged that as RBS is state owned, it should have a duty of care to those who rescued it from bankruptcy.'

'Part of that duty of care should recognise the need to provide a public service, especially when the cost of running a bank branch is minuscule when compared to the very large profits of RBS and the very large payments made to its senior executives.'

A spokesperson for the consultants, Johnston Carmichael, said: 'We will be reviewing the use of each branch on its own merits and then providing RBS with a recommendation on whether we consider each branch should remain open or be closed.'

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Mid Argyll Show a proud spectacle

This year's has to go down as one of the best Mid Argyll Shows in recent times.

The weather helped bring out the crowds in big numbers, but the real credit must go to the volunteers who organise the show.

Congratulations for putting on a spectacle for Mid Argyll to be proud of, with something for everyone.

This was a day for the new generation to step forward and the young livestock judges did an excellent job.

The people who support the show by entering everything from carrots to Clydesdale horses also deserve a mention as without exhibitors there would be no show.

Roll on the 122nd Mid Argyll Show.

Rugby club leads the way with pitch plans

There has been talk of a new rugby pitch for a while, but plans presented to community councillors on Monday go further than that.

We hope everyone involved is as enthusiastic as Mid Argyll Rugby Club and more power to their elbow.

Festival hard work

Sir,
I would like to give thanks to Tarbert Festivals Committee for all their hard work in organising the very successful Seafood Festival.

Tarbert Festival Queen 2018 Chloe MacDonald with her Princesses Cara and Kaitlyn were beautiful and a great credit to the festival.

My thanks again to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's festival such an amazing event and to the very many people who visited the village for the occasion.

Councillor Anne Horn, Tarbert.

Editor's note: With apologies to Councillor Horn for the delay in publishing this letter, originally submitted in July.

Reconsider closure plans

Sir,
The closure of the tourist centres at Tarbert and Inveraray is very worrying and I can't understand why VisitScotland, backed by the Scottish Government, came up with such a decision.

Tourism is extremely important to Argyll and Bute, and all agencies should be working together to assist the tourists that come to this area.

Tarbert is in my council ward and I know how valuable the centre there is. The wealth of experience and knowledge of the staff cannot be replaced.

I would certainly support a trust taking over

the service, but firstly I would ask VisitScotland and Scottish Government to reconsider their closure plans.

**Councillor Robin Currie,
Kintyre and the Islands ward.**

Better school governance

Sir,
Deputy First Minister John Swinney is now requiring local authorities to devolve powers and budgets to local schools. If councils do not respond within the next year, he has vowed to legislate for improved school governance.

The fear of making mistakes has led to an unwillingness to experiment and a total absence of diversity to suit individual communities. Local authorities have prevented head teachers and staff from running their schools and classes in their pupils' true interests.

Councils have failed to recognise the very significant contribution which broadly constituted and empowered school councils could make to the overall education system. Schools have had little incentive to cut back wasteful expenditure.

The shortage of resources being allocated to education is, of course, partly to blame for the mess we are in, but it is by no means the whole story.

We now have an ideal opportunity to introduce governance reforms to ensure that policies are shaped to local circumstances; otherwise we could all well end up with more direction from St Andrew's House.

Is it too much to hope that councillors and

education officials in every education authority will now play their part in restoring Scotland's state schools to their once iconic world status?
Angus Tulloch, Longniddry, East Lothian.

George Hotel thanks

Sir,
Through your newspaper I would like to thank the staff Alex, Mark and Alex (number two) from the George Hotel in Inveraray. Two guests staying at my holiday cottage in Cairnbaan lost their car keys while on a day trip to Inveraray. They searched all the places they had visited, including the George, but the keys were not found, so they returned to Cairnbaan by taxi.

Fortunately, the hotel found the keys and managed to make contact with them, and they returned to Inveraray by taxi to collect the keys from the staff who had been kind enough to wait for them.

Once again, I would to thank you for your help in making my guests' stay memorable.

Pauline Houston, Crinan Canal Cottage.

Island issues at show

Sir,
I was very happy to attend this year's Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Show.

It was great to hear about the terrific work being done by the Islay Development Initiative with their Islay Pollinator Initiative, including two modern apprentices in beekeeping.

I spoke to local farmers and I also met with

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the Islay Book Festival team and heard from my constituents from across Islay, Jura and Colonsay about numerous local issues, all of which will be addressed.

A huge thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who helped make this year's show possible.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands ward.**

Bus Samaritan thanks

Sir,
I wanted to thank the folk on last Thursday's 14.45 number 23 bus from Oban. I foolishly stood up too soon approaching the Kilmartin stop and fell forward, landing head to door and feet in the air. Thank you to the doctor who checked me over, and to the driver and passengers who waited until I had been checked.

Janet Jardine, Kilmartin.

Tarbert tourism continuity

Sir,
I am extremely disappointed over the proposed closure of the VisitScotland iCentre in Tarbert.

Michael Russell MSP, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and myself have had frequent discussions regarding the issue and I am hopeful that the interested parties will be able to offer a proposal that ensures continuity in the service, although perhaps in a different form.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
Kintyre and the Islands ward.**

YOUR PICTURES



We take to the skies this week with a photograph taken using an remote-controlled aerial drone. The photograph, by Colin Barr, shows the Sound of Jura from high above Carsaig Bay near Tayvallich. Send your favourite photographs to the Argyllshire Advertiser for publication. Just tell us your name and where you come from along with a few details about the image itself. The address to send your photos to is editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or send them by direct message using the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Villagers take on Hollywood

Movie-making Dalavich residents star in a make their third film

Watch out Hollywood – you have got competition.

While Hollywood is home to A-list celebrities and big film studios, the small Argyll village of Dalavich has movie-makers and budding stars of its own.

The community has already made and screened its first two films – *Angelic Creatures* and *Witches* – and now is working on its third.

Last week villagers, including a retired civil servant and ex-crofter from South Harris, turned film crew to start work on *Something Will Come*.

The four-minute movie about two sisters filming from a window was shot at the home of Gill Stolton, whose granddaughters got the leading roles and came up with most of the script.

Rebecca Auty, who is 11, and her nine-year-old sister, Eleanor, are spending summer with their 'nanny' while their mum and dad have to work back home in Ellesmere Port.

'I told my friends at school I was going to be in a film and they didn't believe me!' said Rebecca.

The girls have also starred in the community's previous two films. *Ghost story Angelic Creatures* received a showing in 2016 at the Phoenix Cinema in Oban and there was standing room only left at the back of the village hall when 120 seats sold out.

Witches had them flying over Loch Awe and spiriting up tricks on the locals.

The man who started Dalavich Films is John Mackinnon, who came from Musselburgh and stumbled upon Dalavich 12 years ago when he was looking for a place to keep his boat.

'I found a place for my boat and for me. I never really went home again,' said Mr Mackinnon, who has a lifelong interest in films after starting out as a teenager getting involved in movie production and festivals helping behind the scenes



Villagers in Dalavich on the set of their next movie *Something Will Come*. Left to right are John Mackinnon, Gordon Watson, Gill Stolton, Rebecca Auty 11, Cath Trinder, Eleanor Auty, nine, and Ronnie McCord.
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and as a screen extra. I got the idea for Dalavich Films because I thought it would be great if we had something that could involve everyone in the village, no matter how old they were. I already had all the equipment, so that was a good start. When we made *Angelic Creatures*, I can't

think of anyone who didn't take part in some way,' added Mr Mackinnon. The informal community company has also made promotional films for local businesses since and received funding to make 'Best of Dalavich' DVDs featuring still photos and short film clips from the area, with

a £5 price tag to boost village development funds.

Something Will Come will be used as a short film to plug the gap between other films made or shown by Dalavich Films and it will get its first screening in the village soon.

Everyone will be there to see it on opening night – except

for the other star of the film – a woodpecker.

'It's a woodpecker that finally turns up for the girls to film from their window. I actually filmed him two years ago in mid-winter so it's a snowy scene – despite us shooting the film in the height of summer,' said Mr Mackinnon.

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a further stage on the ongoing plans for redevelopment of the pool and its commitment to energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources.

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Macmillan has fundraising down to a 'tea'



The Motion family won the superb Scottish hamper at the Macmillan stand.

One of the main attractions at the Mid Argyll Show for many years has been the delicious home-baking and savouries on offer at the tea tent run by Mid Argyll fundraisers for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The tent was buzzing, with volunteers run off their feet during the lunchtime rush – and this after a hectic pre-show period baking and organising the tent, catering and everything else.

A raffle was also on offer, with the main prize a hamper bulging with Scottish produce. The lucky winners were Mr and Mrs Motion.

All the hard work at Mid Argyll Show proved well worth it for Macmillan, as £2,692.34 was raised on the day.



Just some of the hardy volunteers who worked hard feeding the hungry hordes.

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Right: the reason the Macmillan tent was so busy.

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Kathleen Young, of the Macmillan committee, said: 'We thank everyone for supporting us and for donating so generously.'



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Volunteers get stuck into charity sticks

Marie Curie raises £776 at Mid Argyll Show

The Mid Argyll Fundraising group for Marie Curie had a busy day at Mid Argyll Show.

There was great interest in the various fundraising competitions, including the chance to win a load of firewood logs by guessing the number of sticks in a trailer beside the stand.

Men were seen pacing out the trailer, measuring the height and depth and working out the number of sticks per cubic foot.

The challenge of guessing the number of logs, for some of the male fraternity, was scientific and logical, not to say competitive.

In the end, the generous load of firewood from Alan Ryan was, of course, won by a woman.

Jessie Crowe from Benmore, near Dunoon, was the nearest with a guess of 1,584. There were, in fact, 1,571 sticks in the trailer – worth more than £160.

Another competition was to guess the number of daffodils in a jar. The closest answer to



The Marie Curie fundraising team at Mid Argyll Show enjoyed a successful day. From left: Jenny Brolly, Rachel Brolly, Cathie McLeod and Mary Ferguson. 06_a33MAS_MarieCurie01

the correct total of 117 was an estimate of 120 from Scott Cameron of Cairnbaan.

Jenny Brolly, of Mid Argyll Fundraising group for Marie Curie, said: 'We had a great day at the show.

'It was so busy and the trailer of logs competition went down a storm.

'Thanks to everyone who supported us and I'm pleased we raised £776 on the day to help people living with a

terminal illness.' Marie Curie has a vision to help create a better life for people and their families living with a terminal illness.

It has been around since the 1940s and cares for people liv-

ing with any terminal illness including cancer, motor Neurone disease, Parkinson's Disease, dementia, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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help and support, along with volunteers and advisers up and down the country.

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Record-breaking Mid Argyll Show basks in sunshine

The 121st Mid Argyll Show has to go down as one of the best.

The sun shone and organisers reported a record number of people at the event.

The decision to bring the horse show back into the main showfield proved a winner and with great livestock, top dogs, home industry exhibits of the highest calibre, junior rugby, Mid Argyll Pipe Band, Dangerous Steve and much more besides, this was an action-packed day of entertainment.

Announcer Angus MacKay kept up a long day of commentary with his usual wit and panache, keeping the crowds informed and entertained in equal measure.

This was a day for youth, with the livestock judges drawn from young farmers primarily from the Stirling area. And an excellent job they did.

There were strong livestock entries in sheep, cattle, horses and poultry, and the largest number of vintage tractors for many years.

A big entry in the home industries section featured a fabulous display of produce alongside a well-attended crafters area – and there are plans to expand this next year.

Trade stands were busy all day and the crowds were kept refreshed with the gin and Prosecco bar and a variety of food stalls – ice creams proving popular in the sunshine. The pets corner and birds of prey added fun to the many children's activities on offer with Beyoncé the pig and her piglets a great hit.

The dog show and gun dog scurry kept the canine contingent occupied well into the afternoon. The main ring provided a variety of entertainment including Highland



Mid Argyll Pipe Band entertain the big crowd at the show. 06_a33MAS_pipeband01

dancing, a mini rugby display, the ever popular terrier racing and Dangerous Steve, who impressed everyone with his daredevil exploits.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band gave great performances with

members also helping with the gate and parking in the morning. As the show drew to a close, the public showcased their skills with the rugby crossbar challenge.

The role of show president

for 2018 was shared between Caitriona MacLeod and Fergus Lyon, and together they told the Advertiser: 'We had a fabulous show this year with record numbers at the gate and glorious weather.

'Our young judges performed their duties with knowledge and confidence. Their professionalism gives hope for the future of farming in Scotland. The umpire had particularly difficult tasks with choosing the winners of the young handlers classes and the confined and open champions.

'We would like to thank our hard-working committee for their effort throughout the year to make the show day special, all of our competitors who have travelled from near and far, exhibitors, trade stands and sponsors and all the helpers who come on the day to assist us. Macmillan nurses did a sterling job serving teas and coffees and delicious home baking. Thanks to everyone. The show would not be possible without them.

'Finally, we would like to thank the public for their continuing support.'



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Don't try this at home folks

Dangerous Steve thrilled the main arena audience at Mid Argyll Show.

A blend of comedy, agility and risky stunts, Dangerous Steve performed a series of

balancing acts and a spectacular fire juggling display.

His grand finale was a simple matter of juggling a chainsaw with the motor running at high revs.

The forestry contractors in the audience drew a sharp intake of breath as the chain whirred close to Steve on each rotation.

Thankfully, he survived to juggle another day – but don't try this at home!



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Steve's grand finale – chainsaw juggling.

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The cute corner

The birds of prey display attracted plenty of attention from eagle-eyed show-goers. Not that it bothered this tawny owl too much.

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Beyoncé and her piglets were a big hit. 06_a33MAS_general05

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Mid Argyll Show – canine capers take centre stage



Baloo, a 16-month-old Airedale terrier owned by Enid McMurchy from Campbeltown, won the Flauden Cup for the best pedigree dog. Enid said: 'I'm in great order winning this. I never thought we'd get a anything this week after winning at Kintyre Show.' 06_a33MAS_OpenChamp03



Winner of the Mid Argyll Agricultural Society Cup and confined champion dog was Fifi, a whippet shown by Angela Spencer from Ardfern. 08_a32MAS_dogs_24



Catriona Oliphant's six-year-old King Charles spaniel Sula, winner of the toy or utility breed class. 08_a32MAS_dogs_20



German shorthaired pointer Lachie, owned by Rhona Barnett, retained the dog scurry title he won in 2017.



The terrier race is always madcap fun, with the odd scrap and nipped finger thrown in. 06_a33MAS_Terriers06

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Mid Argyll Show – a passion for ponies



Kerry Hopes from Campbeltown with Dandy, eight years old and winner of small in-hand mountain and moorland class. Dandy won the championship at Kintyre Show the previous week. 06_a33MAS_horsesanponies03



Julie Donn from Oban with Glenfyne Billicoy, winner of the prize for best horse in show, won by the same animal at the 2017 event. 06_a33MAS_horsesanponies04



Highland Pony Corrybrough Fergus was crowned supreme confined show champion by umpire John Graham. Fergus was also reserve overall champion horse. The seven-year-old is jointly owned by Dianne Smith and her sister Rosslyn from Ballimore Farm, Kilmichael. Dianne said: 'I am extremely happy, very chuffed. I wasn't even going to bring him today, but I'm glad I did.' 06_a33MAS_ConfinedChamp02



Dianne Smith and Corrybrough Fergus in action in Highland Pony class, judged by Lorna Boyd. 08_a32MAS_pony141_01



Beth McEachern and Georgie won the Horse Match judges choice prize for the best matched horse and rider, judged by Julie McMaster from Dalry, pictured left. 08_a32MAS_horse110_05

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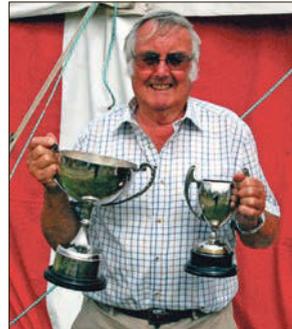
Home industries burst with colour



Janet West secured the most points in the dairy and preserves section, winning the Preserve Quaich. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries24



Frazer Prentice won the MAAS Children's Cup for most points in the age five to seven category, while sister Zoe was awarded the equivalent trophy for children aged eight to 12. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries23



Walking sticks and crooks champion Arthur Dent with the MAAS Cup and Park Championship Cup. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries19



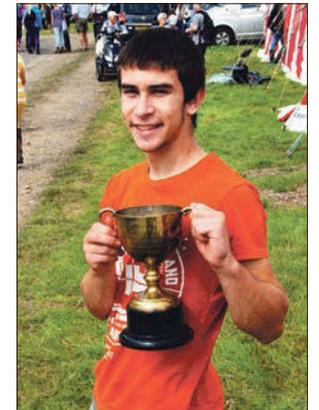
The Park Challenge Bowl for the most points in baking was won by Stephen Ryan. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries21



Helen Hope, winner of the Fyne Flower Cup and Ferguson Cup for floral displays. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries18



Corrina Charlwood won the Jane McKenzie Cup for floral arrangements. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries22



Shaun Doy, a familiar face at the show, won the MAAS Centenary Cup for exhibitors under 25. 08_a32MAS_HomeIndustries20

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Mid Argyll Show – not all about the competition



Cheers! Mid Argyll Pipe Band member Christopher McCartan enjoys a colourful Slush Puppy as he and band-mate Mary Moir have a wander round the show. 06_a33MAS_general09



The poultry champion was a two-year-old call duck known as Apricot and shown by Jennifer and Gillian MacNeil from Bonawe. 06_a33MAS_OpenChamp04



Show announcer Angus MacKay did a great job keeping spectators informed and entertained. 06_a33MAS_general10



Not paying too much attention to the sheep judging going on a few feet away were Neith and Freyja McKellar from Kilmartin with Arthur Handley, Oban, middle. 06_a33MAS_general03



Six-year-old Max Tighe from Ardrishaig won plenty of prizes for his home industries displays. 06_a33MAS_homeindustries03



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Mid Argyll Rugby Club steals show

Mid Argyll Rugby Club got their chance to shine among the furry competitors of Mid Argyll Show.

As part of the RBS Rugby Force Day, the youth team held a friendly match in the main ring to the cheers of spectators, with things getting competitive on the field.

The Rugby Force Day is part of a nationwide initiative to promote the game at a local level. The club received a £250 grant from RBS plus merchandise to help with the day.

As well as the game played between two sets of Mid Argyll players, the club closed the Mid Argyll Show with a crossbar challenge open to anyone in the public with a strong leg. It brought out some fierce competition from ex-players and high-spirited spectators.



Above and right: The action on the field got rough, but was refereed well by Mid Argyll Rugby stalwart Duncan 'Brochan' Aitken.

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Three Mid Argyll RFC under 15 girls helping out in the stall. Left to right: Amber, Wyktoira and Drew.



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Myles takes home the gold

Myles Clark can finally relax having achieved his gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

The 24-year-old from Lochgilphead has worked his way through all three levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's awards, bronze, silver and finally gold.

He has been working to gain

his awards since he started in 2010 as a 14-year-old.

He was presented with his gold award certificate and badge at a ceremony in the grounds of Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh on Thursday July 5, having completed his award over a year previously.

Achieving a gold award is

a significant accomplishment. Over the years, while working towards the awards, Myles has learned to play the accordion and now regularly enjoys playing in a band. He has spent a residential week carrying out an archaeological exploration, and he has taken part in several expedi-

tions to places, including the islands of Arran and Skye. He became involved in numerous other activities over the years.

The award consists of four elements, at each of the three levels – these are physical (some form of sport), skills, volunteering and expedition.

These must be followed for a long enough period of time to show a real commitment to the sport, skill or volunteering choice, and can range from three months at bronze to a year for gold.

Blair Fletcher, who helped Myles on the project, said: 'Congratulations to Myles on having achieved his bronze, silver and now his gold award.'

'It's well known that achieving a gold Duke of Edinburgh's award is a marathon, not a sprint, and requires persistence, commitment and the ability to work within a team.'

Myles has shown, by his efforts, that he possesses all of these qualities and thoroughly deserves his gold award.'



Myles with his grandparents, Colin and Mary Clark.



Myles shows off his gold award.

A Jolly Roger lands in Tarbert

The McDougalls were in Tarbert on Tuesday August 7, looking for treasure.

The award-winning show has been touring the UK, finally appearing to bring fun and songs to Tarbert Village Hall.

With the help of local children and colourful furry friends, the pirates sang their way through the seas to find buried treasure. A lot

of the youngsters joined in the festivities by dressing as pirates, rubber swords in hand.

Formed in August 2014, the company tours engaging and entertaining musical theatre shows and produces 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.

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.

Jean Johnson said: 'The children and adults were all singing and enjoying themselves.'

The show was well-received and locals hope the pirates brave the seven seas to see them again.



The colourful characters took Tarbert children on an adventure.

Feorlin baking for cancer support in memory of Nannie Margaret



Feorlin Renton.

Nine-year-old Feorlin Renton is baking to raise funds for cancer support.

The Inveraray Primary School pupil is hosting a coffee morning in Nicoll Hall in memory of her grandma.

Feorlin said: 'Three years ago my nannie Margaret passed away. She used to bake for Yorkhill Children's Hospital and other charities, so I want to do one for Macmillan Cancer Support.'

The coffee morning will include freshly made cakes, baked by Feorlin, a bottle stall, raffle and, of course, tea and coffee.

Donations of baking and bottles would be appreciated.

The coffee morning will be held in Nicoll Hall, Inveraray, on September 1, from 11am to 2pm.



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Lochgilphead's Slimming World members lost 208 stone from January to July

As soon as a member walks through the doors of any Slimming World group, they can be assured of a warm welcome from their Consultant and fellow members - a group of really friendly people all at various stages of their weight loss journey.

Before they decide whether to join, their Consultant will explain Slimming World's programme and they'll be invited to observe a group session - and join in if they wish. If they decide to join, they'll be weighed and enrolled by the Consultant at the end of the group.

Our group support system combines individual attention and group participation in a carefully structured forum. Group discussions range from practical sharing of tips and ideas to a deeper understanding of each individual's danger zones and slimming pitfalls. On a practical level, there is a strong emphasis on sharing favourite recipe ideas and discussing local stores' and special offers on healthy foods. There is also a focus on basic cooking skills rather than reliance on convenience foods, and general cooking tips are shared. Our advice and literature take cost, cultural preferences, cooking ability and time constraints into consideration.

For those in need of a deeper level of support, our Consultants have a number of methods and tools to help members become aware of individual obstacles and barriers to change and through carefully facilitated



discussion, develop personal strategies to overcome them.

All sessions last for around 1hr 30mins, with additional support provided between groups in the form of a series of 'lifelines':

- Telephone, email and text support from the Consultant and other group members
- Free online support from the Slimming World member website
- Slimming World magazine and recipe books

case studies

Jenna Campbell, joined July 2017, lost over 5 stone

Jenna enjoys Slimming World as she loves the huge support received at each class from Rhona and the class members. Taster days are one of Jenna's favourites as she gets to try new recipes which she goes on to try at home. Since losing 5 stone, Jenna has much more energy and feels great - thanks to Slimming World!



Iain McKerral joined Jan 2016 lost 7st

In January 2016 I joined Rhona's lunchtime group in Campbeltown. I had been very overweight for many years, had developed type 2 diabetes and needed a hip replacement. I couldn't have surgery for my hip until I had a significant weight loss. Anyway, I followed the plan and the weight just started shifting. Within a couple of months my weight loss led to me coming off my diabetes medication completely, eventually reversing the condition. By October that year I had lost a massive 6 stone and had my hip surgery. I lost 7 stone in total but gained a few pounds to keep me in a range I felt was more sustainable. Slimming World is a great plan to help you lose weight by changing how you look at food, separating foods into three simple food groups, with no calorie counting or forbidden foods. The group is a great support network to help you on your journey. It really has changed my life.



Phill Dexter joined June 2017 lost 4st 8

Since joining Slimming World my eating habits have changed completely as everything I eat is so much healthier but still as tasty. There are so many recipes of favourite traditional dishes from all over the world that you just have to make a few changes to so that they fit in with this brilliant food optimising plan. Joining any new group is scary especially a group focused around losing weight and joining this as a man is even scarier but you are made to feel so welcome by everybody in group. Joining Slimming World has changed my life and I have met many new friends that have also become like family as part of my journey.



MEET THE TEAM



**Rhona Galbraith
Consultant**

Hi, I'm Rhona and have been a SW consultant, for six years. I cover Lochgilphead/Campbeltown and absolutely love my job. Running between five classes then offering driving lessons in between keeps me on my toes but I love to help people achieve their goals. Announcing the weeks weight loss gives the members a real boost and makes it all worth while so come along to one of our classes and meet our friendly groups. We cant wait to see you!

A healthy, satisfying eating plan

Food Optimising is Slimming World's healthy eating plan. Based on the principles of energy density and satiety, Food Optimising empowers members to make healthier food choices, satisfy their appetites and lose weight - without calorie counting or obsessive weighing and measuring.

Food Optimising is easy to follow, focusing on three main components:

1. The concept of Free Foods promotes consumption of plenty of low energy dense and highly satiating foods, eg poultry, fish, lean meat, pasta, grains, vegetables and fruit.
2. Healthy Extras help provide a good overall balance of nutrients in addition to those obtained from Free Foods, with particular emphasis on calcium and fibre-rich foods, eg milk, cheese, cereals, wholemeal bread, nuts and seeds.
3. The synergy between Free Foods, Healthy Extras and Syns make Food Optimising effective and easy to live with long term. Syns are the way members can enjoy the foods that many diets ban - without a shred of guilt!



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Your future is in your hands

So grab it with both of them and make sure you have the best possible outcome

By now everyone – from your granny to next door's cat – will know how well you did when the exam results came out on August 7 and there might be a few wee anxious moments here and there if you didn't.

Don't worry, everyone is on your side, come what may, to make sure you get the best possible outcome – no matter what.

This year, across Scotland, there were 147,000 Higher passes with a pass rate of 76.8 per cent, a slight drop compared with 77.0 per cent last year.

There was a record number of entries for Advanced Higher (24,331) since changes to the qualification were made in the 2015-16 academic year; with attainment rates remaining high at 80.5 per cent.

UCAS, Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, says 23.3 per cent of all 18-year-olds in Scotland will be starting university this year – a record high with a five per cent increase in students from outside the EU being accepted to study in Scotland.



Joanna Murphy: 'It's not just about exam results'

Joanna Murphy who chairs the National Parent Forum of Scotland said: 'Each year at this time I remind parents that it's not just about exam results. We must recognise and celebrate the breadth of young people's achievements today and every day.'

'Our young people need to feel supported on their journey to the next stage, exploring the many pathways, in education or elsewhere, that are available.'

'The days before the exam results are revealed can be very stressful for young people and their parents. Now they have arrived, take time to reflect on the best course of action, considering all options carefully.'

'There are plenty of helpful resources available for parents and their children. Have a look on our website for helpful links www.parentforumscotland.org.uk. Speaking from experience, I know that the Skills Development Scotland Exam Results Helpline offers young people and their parents and carers the chance to talk to someone who is impartial, which helps you to step back and take stock at what can be a stressful time.'

'If your results weren't as expected, or you just want to talk over your choices, SDS advisers can talk you through the wide range of options available to you and reminds young people no matter what results they achieve, there is always a way forward.'

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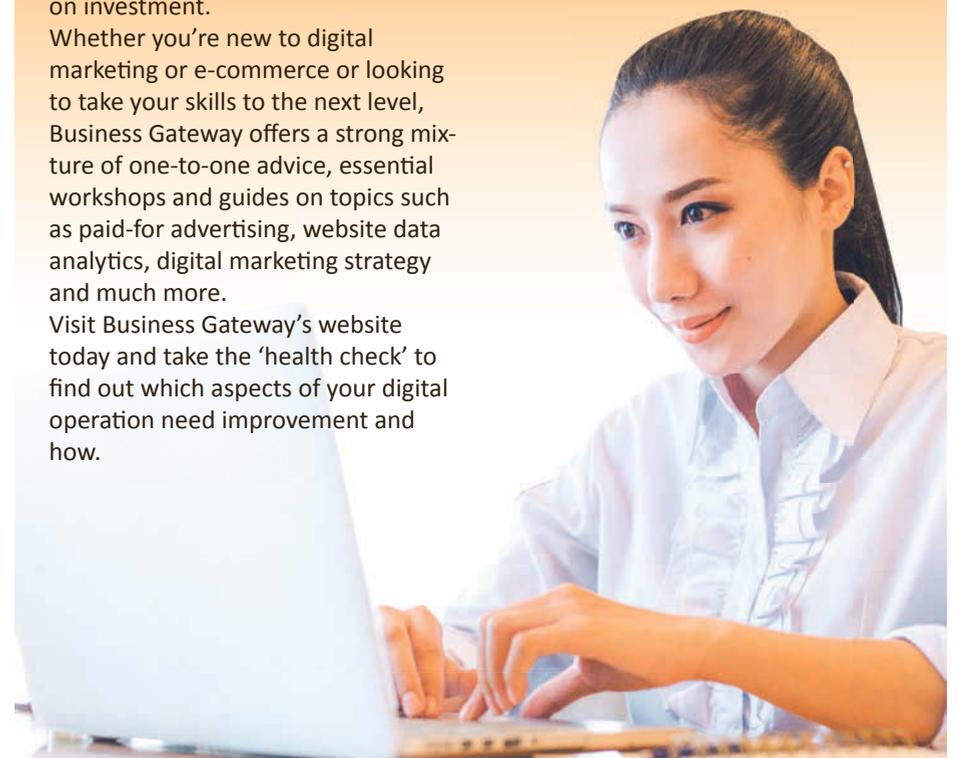
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A good year for results

A snapshot of the results for Argyll and Bute Council shows that every child who sat National 3 and 4 exams in 2018 passed, while 81.9 per cent of pupils sitting Advanced Highers achieved a pass, up 4.92 per cent on 2017, showing that overall attainment is rising.

National 5 pass results decreased slightly by 1.24 per cent, to 79.86 per cent; but there was a rise in the number of Higher pupils passing their exams – 78.79 per cent, up 2.9 per cent on last year.

And figures from the SQA also show that Argyll and Bute's 2018 pass rate is better than the national average for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, lead councillor for education said: 'Pupils and teachers can be proud of their efforts, with their success reflected in the results. I would like to pass on my congratulations to them all and to thank them for all of their hard work.'

All that hard work by pupils across the West Highlands and islands has paid off

We are determined to do everything we can to ensure that our young people are given every chance to achieve success in their lives.

'For those pupils who maybe didn't get the exam results they hoped for, it's important to remember that help is on hand. They should contact their school for support and advice.'

At The Highland Council, in S4, the percentage of pupils who achieved five-plus qualifications at National 5 grades A to D has increased by 1.5 per cent from last year. The percentage of pupils who achieved five qualifications at National 4 has

decreased by less than one per cent.

In S5, 13 per cent of pupils achieved five Highers in grades A to C, 29 per cent of pupils achieved three Highers in grades A to C and 49 per cent of pupils achieved one Higher in grades A to C.

In S6, 527 pupils achieved grades A to D in Advanced Higher qualification. This is an increase of two per cent on last year.

Sixty-six pupils achieved five Highers qualifications at grade A.

Councillor Andrew Baxter, who chairs The Highland Council's care, learning and housing com-



Councillor Andrew Baxter:
'Congratulations to them all.'



Councillor Yvonne McNeilly:
'Pupils can be proud.'

mittee, said: 'I am pleased that the hard work of the students, their families and teachers has delivered positive results for the Highlands. Congratulations to them all.'

Per centages in Eilean Siar achieving National 5 are higher than the national figure; 83.39 per cent achieved National 5, whereas the national pass rate was 77.40 per cent. This also represents an improvement of one per cent in pass rates in Eilean Siar compared to 2017.

Passes at Higher are in line with the national pass rate. 76.23 per cent in Eilean Siar achieved an A-C pass.

Advanced Higher (SCQF level 7) results show percentage passes in Eilean Siar have increased by 5.5 per cent compared to 2017. The Eilean Siar pass rate of 81.7 per cent is higher than the national pass rate of 80.5 per cent.

Figures do not include attainment in vocational courses.

National data published in March 2018, indicates that 35.1 per cent of learners in Eilean Siar achieved one or more vocational qualifications at SCQF level 5 or above, representing the highest level in Scotland.

This represents an increase of 3.9 per cent over the previous year.

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- **Leadership and Management for Care Services at SCQF Level 10**
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- **PDA Health and Social Care: Administration of Medication at SCQF Level 7**
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- **Assess Workplace Competence Using Direct and Indirect Methods (L&D9DI)**
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Modern Apprenticeship Training

Thinking of employing a Modern Apprentice? Your training provider could be based within Argyll.

Argyll and Bute Council Training Centre has a contract to deliver modern apprenticeship training in Business and Administration, Social Services and Health Care and Social Services (Children and Young People)

Contact us to find out how we could support your workforce for the future.

Foundation Apprenticeships—Early Learning and Childcare

Argyll and Bute Council Training Centre, in collaboration with Argyll and Bute Council Education Team, is able to offer young people the opportunity to undertake a qualification while gaining hands-on work experience within the Early Learning and



Childcare sector while still in school. This course takes school pupils out of the classroom and into the work environment so they are gaining experience as well as an industry recognised qualification. Please contact us to find out more, trainingcentre@argyll-bute.gov.uk



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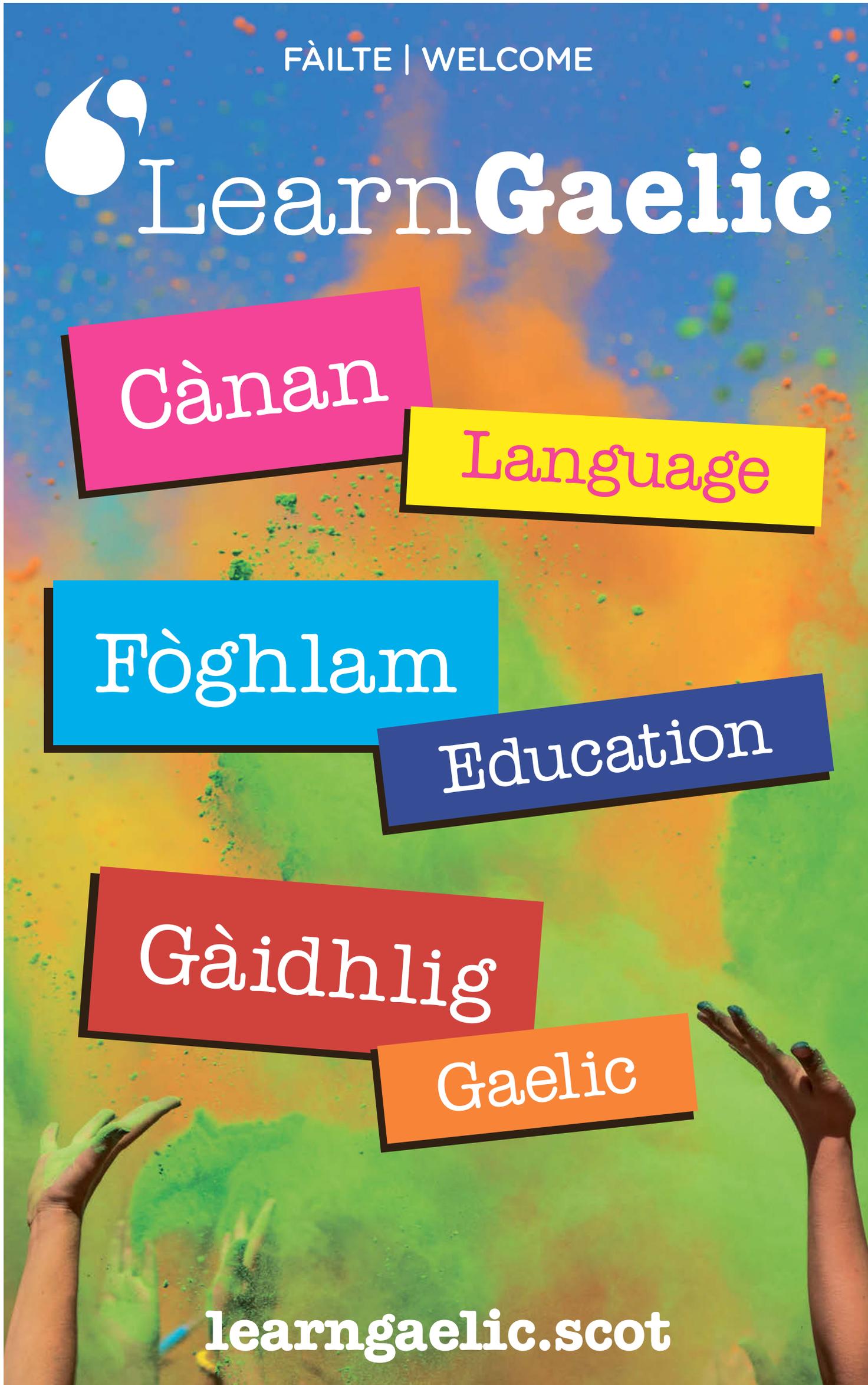
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It's the right time to be studying Gaelic

The five-year National Gaelic Language Plan will increase demand – so be part of it

In the spring of this year the Scottish Parliament launched the new National Gaelic Language Plan, which covers the next five years, to help Gaelic grow.

The plan aims to get people using the language more often and increase the number of learners and its everyday use.

This is good news for all students wanting to pursue Gaelic courses: you are going to be in great demand once you qualify.

Vacancies for Gaelic-speakers are growing through government and local authority jobs, NGOs and the entertainment and creative sector are major

employers and earners both at home and overseas.

It is calculated that more than £150million a year comes into the Scottish economy thanks to the Gaelic language – and that means a significant number of jobs, especially here in the Gàidhealtachd, the heartland of the language in the Highlands and Islands.

Allan MacDonald, who chairs Bòrd na Gàidhlig, which compiled the report, said: 'The opportunities for Gaelic to contribute to Scotland's economic growth through business, education, publishing, arts, literature, drama, media and

music will be pursued. This includes developing Gaelic medium workforce recruitment, retention, training and supply increasing the demand and provision for Gaelic education.'

Gaelic, or an awareness of the language and culture, is often seen as a valued asset in an employees' CV in many tourism and hospitality jobs in the Highlands.

Research by Highlands and Island Enterprise shows that employment in the creative industries, heritage, tourism and food and drink sectors, as well as the more obvious sectors like education are all positively influenced by Gaelic.

'Considerable opportunities are arising from the language's potential contribution in helping to drive economic growth in the region,' said Charlotte Wright, chief executive officer of HIE.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal's chief officer, the musician Arthur



Cormack agrees that the arts are also important in terms of Gaelic's economic impact with many people earning a living through the creative industries.

'The arts raise awareness of the language and give some people confidence to learn Gaelic,' he added.

Allan MacDonald, who chairs Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, launching the National Gaelic Language Plan.



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 - Improves prospects with overseas employers



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Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

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Oban as a University Town



Think of Oban, and what springs to mind? Perhaps it's the seafood, ferry links to the islands, or a tourist hot-spot. But what about a University Town?

2017-2018 figures showed that students made up as much as 10 per cent of the Oban population, so it is fair to say that Oban is already a University Town. A significant proportion of these students were registered with the University of the Highlands and Islands, studying at Argyll College UHI or SAMS UHI. Additionally, Ballet West offer degree courses accredited by The Open University, and there are students based at the hospital, in surgeries, at SAMS and other organisations in and around Oban who are registered at other universities. It is also important to consider the hundreds of pupils in their final years at Oban High School, who may become the next generation of employees for the region. Conservative estimates suggest that there are likely 1,000 students in Oban already once all of these are factored in.

The 'Oban: A University Town' project was launched in spring 2018 by a partnership of 10 established organisations. The project is focused on developing the distinctive assets of the town and business needs/employment opportunities in the area. It aims to provide an outstanding experience for students and staff in terms of teaching, practical work, enterprise, leisure and culture activities and community engagement.

The project currently explores how to develop the training opportunities and academic offers available, so that they match the economic priorities and employer needs in the area. We are also reviewing the infrastructure requirements including accommodation and transport; the social and cultural scene in Oban; and of course, working to ensure that the local community and businesses are engaged in the initiative.

It is well documented that we face serious challenges throughout Argyll and Bute regarding population numbers and demographics, in particular we are short of skilled working-age people. By creating a University Town in Oban, we are working to counter this shift and encourage more young people to stay here after school, or to move to the region and, importantly, to stay and develop a career here when their studies are complete.

What's in it for me?

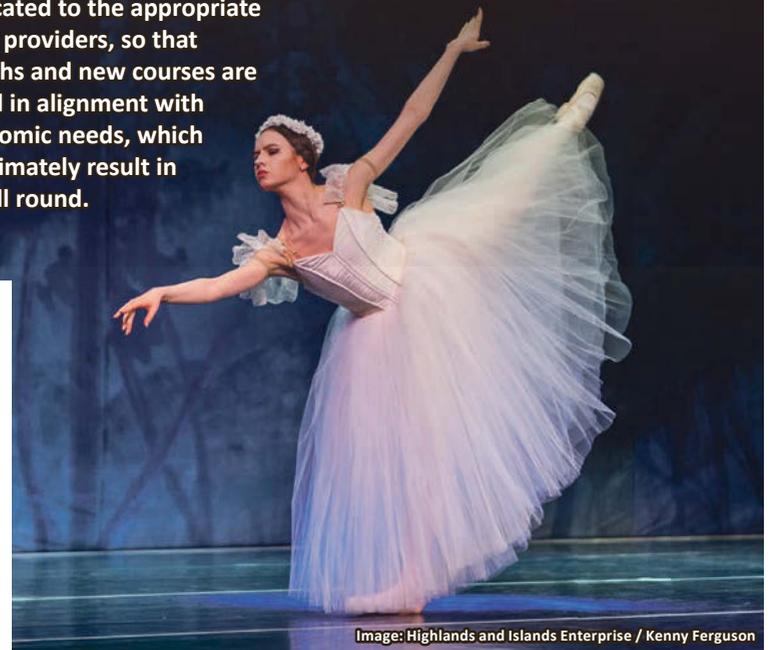
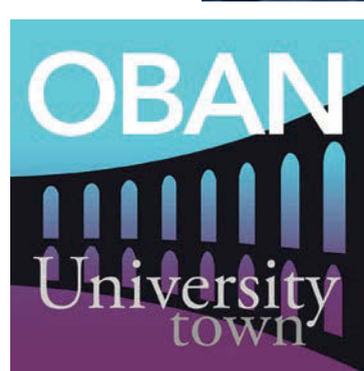
We really believe the answer to this question is "a lot"! Growing the number of students with associated improvements in student engagement and contribution to the local economy, will have significant benefits for Oban in the long term. Some key benefits are outlined here:

What's in it for...

- **Businesses:** More students will mean more potential customers and clients; more part-time employees; increased student-focused business opportunities and, perhaps most importantly, a greater number of qualified individuals as future employees.

We are keen to see the needs of local business being identified and communicated to the appropriate education providers, so that career paths and new courses are developed in alignment with local economic needs, which should ultimately result in benefits all round.

- **The community:** The wider community can benefit from increased students with reducing seasonal impacts of tourism as Oban's primary economic driver; increased business opportunities; changed demographics to the region and more young people staying in the area.
- **Students:** The project not only aims to get more students into Oban, but wants to improve the student experience for those who are here, with a particular focus on accommodation needs and the social scene, including a student discount initiative. We have had student meetings and opportunities to get involved, but we are always keen to have more, so get in touch if these and other issues are important to you.



Obanite climbs to success

Kirsty Pallas is a fantastic example of how a young person in Oban can progress through their training and develop a career that they love, without having to leave the area. Kirsty did her work experience at Kilbowie Outdoor Centre, when she realised there could be a career opportunity in outdoor education, as well as being a hobby she was passionate about.

"Starting with work experience locally with Kilbowie made me realise that not only was outdoor instructing a great job choice, but also how suited Oban was to developing my career. With mountains, rivers and sea all within less than an hour's reach, it's the perfect location for me to work."

She then completed a Modern Apprenticeship with Stramash and got her SVQ Level 3 in Outdoor Education through Glencoe Outdoor Centre.

After working as a freelance instructor for a while, Kirsty got a full-time job with Hebridean Pursuits in Oban as an outdoor instructor. While there, she provided administrative support and had the enviable job of taking people out coastering, canyoning, climbing, hill walking and on team activities.

To top it off, Kirsty is now also a tutor for the Outdoor Adventure Sports course being delivered by Argyll College UHI in Oban, so she really has come full circle without ever having to leave Oban!



"Being employed by a local company has given me so many opportunities to develop in my different sports and work through my qualifications. From working with local kids in the summer to directing week long residential for young people from across the UK to tutoring college students in a variety of activities to help them start on their journeys to becoming instructors."

Kirsty's career story thus far shows how a young person in Oban can undertake training, work with a local business and then end up delivering training to future generations of employees, something which we hope to see happening more and more in future!

Get involved For more information about the project and to get involved, see www.obanunitown.org – We look forward to hearing from you!



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Tutor Sophie Hall said the SAMS UHI link means not only that students have world class science facilities at their disposal, but also that they get a valuable taste of what University life is like.

"This is the perfect course for anyone who is interested in science but not sure what particular area they might like to concentrate on in terms of further study



or employment," Sophie said.

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- Ruth Paterson



Study marine science – there’s so much still to discover



Jamie Rodgers, who is currently studying a PhD with SAMS UHI

Images of entire towns submerged in floodwater, Arctic sea ice habitats melting away and sea creatures tangled in plastic waste have created an urgent demand for more information about our oceans.

Some of the people tasked with providing these answers live locally and work and study at SAMS, where today’s students can become tomorrow’s leading ocean investigators.

It is no exaggeration to say that more is known about space than our own ocean and that is one reason Jamie Rodgers decided to venture into marine science.

The 23-year-old from Aberdeenshire has a five-year affiliation with SAMS UHI; he graduated with a BSc Hons in Marine Science and this year started a PhD at the Dunstaffnage institute.

“After school I knew I wanted to study marine science,” said Jamie. “I really enjoyed science, particularly physics, and I had a particular interest in the Arctic, which is undergoing huge changes.



“Marine science research is at a really interesting stage. There are still lots of key elements to discover and we now have many of the tools we need to make these discoveries. There’s something pioneering about marine science, as there’s so much we don’t know.

“I started looking at marine science degrees but a lot of the courses were heavily focused on marine biology. The SAMS UHI course was the only one I found that offered a more general marine science option. There is marine biology, of course, but the variety of topics here is so diverse. In the end it was the only place I applied to.”

During his four years as an undergraduate, Jamie

experienced a range of fieldwork at sea and by the shore, and studied in the Arctic at the

Current undergraduate student, Lea Riehn, from Germany, said: “SAMS is a wonderful small place to study, where the lecturers’ office doors are always open. Throughout the years we’ve been given the opportunity to do lots of field work and time in the lab. I’m about to study in the Arctic for a semester which is one of the reasons I applied at SAMS in the first place. I’ve never regretted my decision to come to SAMS and would recommend it to anyone interested in science and the sea.”

University in Svalbard (UNIS) for a year.

A keen sailor, he became a member of the university’s Wind and Wave Club and in pursuing his passion for the outdoors, soon found like-minded adventurers among the close-knit student community.

Jamie explained: “Because the student numbers here are relatively low, there is much more interaction between the students and lecturers, compared with other universities. There is more of a connection between staff and students and between undergraduate and postgraduate.”

As part of his PhD, Jamie will investigate how the mixing of warm and cold Arctic water affects the melting sea ice in the region. His studies have already taken him on a research ship to the Barents Sea.

“My interest in environmental issues was a massive part of coming to SAMS UHI and I’d like to think I have a more educated and nuanced view of these issues now,” he said. “Global warming and climate change are such huge topics, so I’m now just trying to play my part in finding out more about a particular aspect of that change. There’s a lot still to do, but I’m thoroughly enjoying it!”





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Jolomo exhibition at Archway Gallery



Lochgilhead's Archway Gallery opened a new exhibition on Saturday August 11 featuring the work of John Lowrie Morrison, who is mostly known by his alias, Jolomo.

The exhibition, name *Toward the Light*, features the familiar Arran and Kintyre seen in an unfamiliar view.

It is described on the Jolomo Facebook page as: 'Showing on home turf, John revisits some favourite places, but reveals them in a new light.'

The exhibition was opened by MSP Michael Russell to an appreciative crowd who listened as John told tales of his artwork giving his own perception some light.

Mr Russell said: 'I was very honoured to be asked to open it and as ever bowled over by John's artistry and his ability to express not just what he sees but what he feels.'

'I also like the slightly darker themes John has chosen this year - much more of sunsets and the ever-changing light in the Kilbrannon Sound.'

One visitor to the exhibition said: 'It's was amazing. The colours were stunning and I particularly liked the *Eveninglight Rough Seas*, *Mull of Kintyre*. Walking into the exhibition felt like an explosion of colours to my eyes and my mind.'

Toward the Light will run until Saturday September 1.

MSP Mike Russell and Jolomo admire the exhibition.

MOJO – Stephen Skinn

MOJO 2018 is fast approaching - with 10 weeks to go until the gig in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern.

If all you music makers, shakers and fans cannot wait until Saturday October 20, check out the MOJO Facebook page for demos, more information on each of the acts and their individual social media accounts.

Stephen Skinn from Lochawe village first joined the live music world in 2012 with some of his own songs performed in the Corran Halls, Oban, to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Since then, he has continued writing and recording to produce his first album, *Living Off Dreams*, which is currently available from the Oban music shop.

Stephen encompasses music styles from folk, pop to alternative rock where his cool, inviting vocals always leave you feeling upbeat.

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More than £1,100 is raised at Tayvallich Flower Show

The annual Tayvallich Flower Show brought in a great crowd of local residents and visitors to the village hall on Wednesday August 8.

Visitors saw the exhibits, watched the prize-giving by Ted Self and spent outrageous sums at the auction conducted by Roly MacArthur, who

charmed everybody and anybody out of their cash.

Lorna McKellar won the Challenge Cup and the Rose Bowl but the special prize for outstanding exhibit went to Arlene Green for her beautiful gladioli. Libby MacDonald took the Barrie Carmichael Trophy and the

special prize in the floral arrangement classes.

Bob Moyes retained the MacDonald Challenge Cup for the vegetable and fruit classes and also took the special prize with his shallots. Jane Allan of Achnamara won the Challenge Cup for Baking and Preserves and the Tayvallich Millennium Salver for Baking.

The special prize for most outstanding exhibit in the baking went to Helen Crabtree for her dish of smoked salmon pate.

In the preserves section Libby MacDonald took the Weir Trophy for the most points and the special prize for her fruit jelly.

The Minnie Munro Memorial Challenge Trophy for shortbread is always a hard-fought competition and this year was won by Mo McLaurin.

The Tayvallich Photography

Cup went to Morag Rea for her evocative study of trees and water. The biggest cheer of the night was for the winner of Tayvallich School Cup, Mina Ritchie, who was also presented with a miniature cup to retain as a memento. The School Cup covers a number of classes, including the tallest sunflower, a heaviest crop of potatoes grown from a single seed potato, marigolds, decorated cup cakes, shortbread biscuits, photography and art work and pupils must show a wide variety of skills to achieve success and Mina was outstanding.

After the prize-giving, Roly MacArthur conducted the auction of the remaining exhibits persuading people to buy chocolate sponges for over £25. He also auctioned a Christmas cake donated for the auction by Helen Crabtree.

The final lot was two jars



Mina Ritchie receives her miniature trophy from show chairman Norman Rea after presentation of the School Trophy by Ted Self, centre.



Roly MacArthur conducts the auction.

of preserves which were eventually knocked down for £31, raising an astonishing £881.50 of a total of £1,101 which was record for the show. All profits from the flower show support the village hall.

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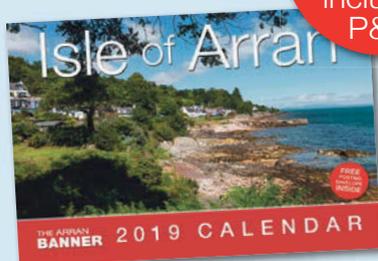
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Inveraray's 700-year-old cross of the noble men



It stands sentinel at the foot of Inveraray's Main Street looking across Loch Shira, and for all the world it appears like it has been there forever.

A prominent landmark, the cross at Inveraray is now a magnet for selfie-seeking tourists and a popular perch for the seagull community. But it has an interesting tale to tell, and we turn once again to the writings of former Inveraray schoolmaster Donald MacKechnie for some of the details.

In his book *Inveraray Notes*, Mr MacKechnie describes the cross as 'a fine example of the stone carver's art', with an intricate pattern on the back and a pair of crossed tri-lobed leaves.

The stone is similar to the

Standing guard at the foot of Inveraray's Main Street.

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Campbeltown cross and carved in the style of the Iona school - which does not mean it came from Iona.

The stone is believed to have been a memorial, and a Latin inscription in Lombardic capitals, which runs down the edge of the shaft and continuing on the base, reads: 'THIS IS THE CROSS OF THE NOBLE MEN NAMED DUNCAN MACCOWAN, PATRICK HIS SON AND MAELMOIRE, SON OF PATRICK WHO CAUSED THIS CROSS TO BE MADE.'

The *Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Argyllshire of 1841* describes the decoration as follows: 'The upper part of the south side is overrun with foliage, moving in very capricious lines and passing below into a trefoiled arch, which seems to have been meant for a figure or inscription.'

'Below this is a complicated arrangement of similar foli-

age, falling into two divisions, the stems of which become the tails of two fantastic animals. Under these animals are four others, on one side apparently a larger and a smaller monkey. Under them again is a horseman; and at the base of all a rectangular space inclosing the end of the inscription, which with its earlier portion covers the west side of the cross.'

According to Mr MacKechnie, experts believe the cross may have been defaced at some point. The niche on the upper part of the shaft may have contained an image of Duncan, which has been chiselled away.

It is believed the cross, commemorating Duncan and his son and grandson, originally stood in the old burial ground of Kilmalieu. From there it may have been removed to the old town and set up as a

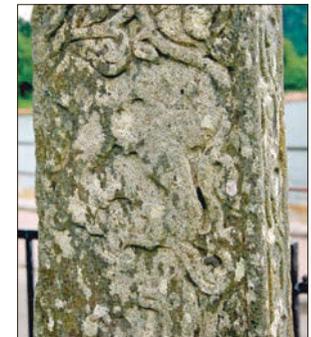
market cross when Inveraray became a burgh of barony in 1473.

An 18th-century drawing of Inveraray by Paul Sandby shows the cross in a pulpit near the kirk.

After the old town was demolished the location of the cross is not known, but it was re-erected in the 1830s close to the shore on its present site - at a time before the reclaimed front green existed - and a protective railing was built around it in 1899.



A plate showing the Inveraray cross from the 1841 Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Argyllshire.



A lichen-covered carved creature on the stone shaft.

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ning place that will appeal to someone with a desire to fully immerse themselves in island life.

Jo Bennett, clerk of the congregation's Nominating Committee, said: 'A minister here has the chance to see the impact of the work they do and be the focal point for the community.' Mr Bennett said the successful applicant would have a real opportunity to share the 'good news of Jesus'.

'In the summer, we get visitors from around the world but in winter it may be much smaller,' he added. 'It's always a mixture of people who visit regularly and people visiting for the first time.'

The manse is situated outside the village of Scarinish, just yards from the sea and with views to the Treshnish Isles, Mull and Iona across the passage of Tiree.

Although the church building only dates to 1902, Tiree



The idyllic Isle of Tiree.

has a long Christian tradition going back to St Columba and his companion Beithene, who was the abbot on the island in the 6th century AD.

The local population is around 650 and boasts the highest proportion of Gaelic speakers in the Inner Hebrides.

Aside from supporting the

congregation, historically the minister at the church has also been a chaplain at Tiree High School.

An advert for the position states: 'We seek a minister who finds that their heart resonates with this island and this community; who can meet us where we are and

help guide us towards where we should be; who can "be Christ" in this place to people who need His love.

'Tiree is not a place that allows for anything other than going all in. People will know when you leave the manse; they'll know where you've been visiting; what

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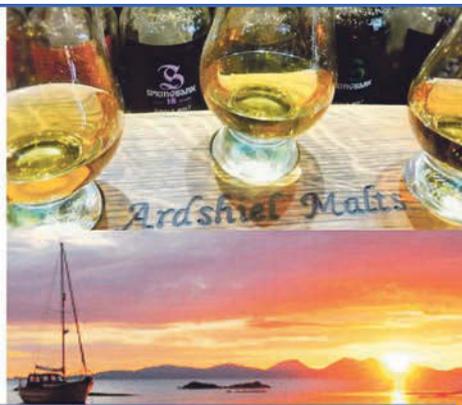
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The young troops are hustling to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in July next year, as well as saving for a trip to Malaysia.

Ever one to use the most of what they've got, the Scouts also served toasted marshmallows and set up a mini archery course nearby and were seen teaching potential Scouts how to shoot a rubber arrow.



Above: Martha Payne cooking up crepes for the craving customers 08_a32MAS_scouts_01; above right: the Scouts hoping to go off on an adventure abroad 08_a32MAS_scouts_02; right: the Scouts worked hard to raise money for their trips.



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Donald's drive to Solway trophy inspired by gran

Rally driver encouraged by family to compete in event

Some of Argyll's rally crews travelled to the Solway Coast near Dumfries for the next round of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship (STRC) on Saturday August 4.

Again the crews were blessed with decent weather at the Dundrennan training camp for the eight stages. Local crews taking part were Willie and Steven Beattie in their mark two Ford Escort and Donald Bowness with Paul Gribben from Annan in the Vauxhall Nova.

Both crews completed all eight stages, with Willie and Steven finishing 27th overall and Donald and Paul finishing 12th overall and second in class two.

At the start of stage one,

Donald received the news that his grandmother had died suddenly, but with encouragement from his grandfather on the phone and support from his navigator, he decided to carry on with the rally as this would have most certainly been his grandmother's wishes.

With Donald's aim to get a trophy finish in her memory and do her proud, he came home with second in his class.

Following on from the Solway, Willie and Steven headed to the next round of the STRC the following day at the Tyneside stages. The next round of the STRC is the Pendragon at Warcop on Sunday August 26.



Donald Bowness with navigator Paul Gribben after the Solway rally. Inset: Take-off for Donald and Paul in their Vauxhall Nova.

Funbox are rocking into Campbeltown

Family favourites; FUNBOX are heading back to The Victoria Hall in Campbeltown this August with their amazing new show ROCKING ALL OVER THE WORLD - so get ready to strut your funky stuff and turn it up to 11 with Pop Princess Anya, Rock Star Kevin, Punk Rocker Gary and Hip-Hop Bonzo (formerly of The Singing Kettle) as they embark on a musical odyssey around the globe in search of music and songs.

"Campbeltown is one of our

favourite places to visit", says Funboxer Kevin, "the kids really get involved and love to have a chat with you during the show. It's a really exciting atmosphere".

Join the gang as they travel around the world in 80 minutes creating musical mayhem wherever they go while finding their elusive keys. You're all invited to join their band for singalong silliness - and you might even get to help on stage!

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The five-month-old animal is by Lodge Hamlet out of a home-bred Belgian Blue cross cow. Known as 'the Captain' the calf was on its

first show outing. Narrowly pipped for the overall show championship was a classy Clydesdale foal from Callum MacPhail, Gargalfra Sweet Iona. Daughter of past Mid Argyll champion Sweet Chloe, the February-born foal was a champion at the previous week's Kintyre Show and a winner at the Royal Highland Show in June.

Highland cattle champion and reserve overall cattle champion was a two-year-old heifer from the Cladich fold, shown by Stuart Campbell. She was champion at Lorn Show and third at this year's Royal Highland Show.

The overall confined cattle champion award went to a

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The supreme open show champion, a Limousin cross calf called 'the Captain' from Euan MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm. 06_a33MAS_OpenChamp02



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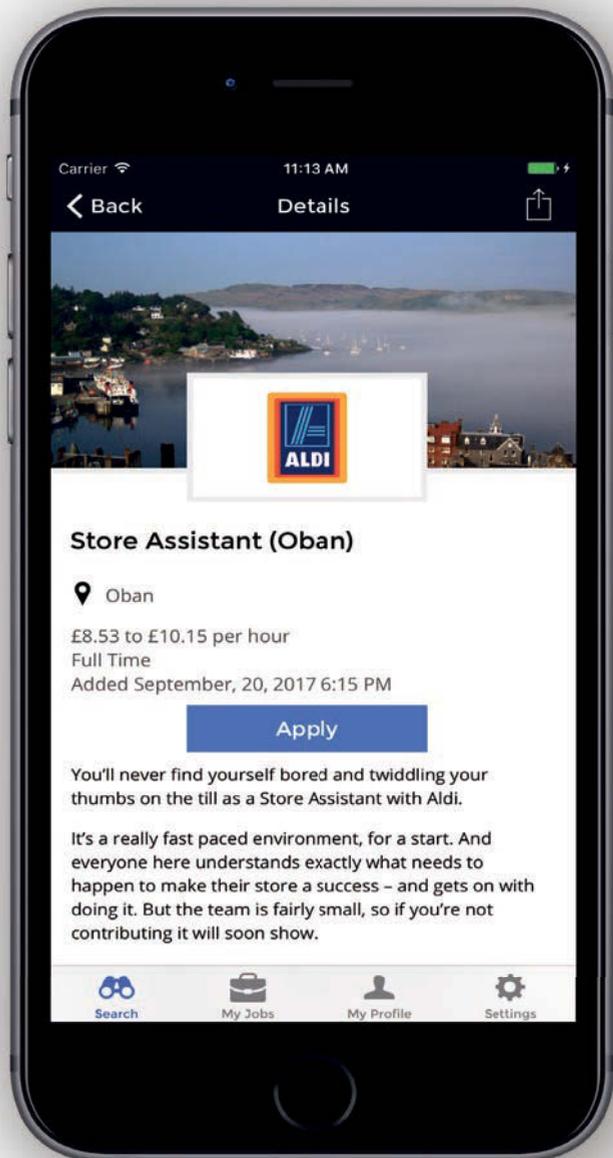
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LINDSAY GRACE JOHNSON

Lindsay Grace Johnson recently graduated with a BMus honours (2:1) from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Lindsay is the daughter of Fiona Johnson and the Goddaughter of Bill and Pat Cairns, Lochgilhead. A former pupil of Kilmartin Primary School, Lindsay is continuing her studies as a Classical Mezzo Soprano with a Masters scholarship place at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland this September.



JODIE GILLIES HANNAH

Graduated from Heriot-Watt University with a First Class Master of Engineering in Structural Engineering. Jodie is the daughter of Janette Hannah and Malcolm Hannah, Campbeltown. Jodie is taking up a position with Ramboll (UK) Ltd, London in September

CAMPBELTOWN

Live from the Picture House

NT Live is broadcasting another live production in the Campbeltown Picture House.

On September 6 at 7pm the audience will be treated to a new version of August Strinberg's play *Miss Julie*, written by Polly Stenham, which remains shocking and fiercely relevant in its new setting of contemporary London.

Wild and newly single, Julie (Vanessa Kirby of *The Crown*) throws a late-night party. In the kitchen, Jean and Kristina clean up as the celebration heaves above them. Crossing the threshold, Julie initiates a power game with Jean - which rapidly descends into a savage fight for survival.

KINTYRE

Another successful MOKFest

The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival opened on Wednesday August 8 in Campbeltown with the Gaelic night featuring music from Kim Carnie, Innes White and friends.

Following on from that the Young Folk Night saw some of the best young musicians in Kintyre. This popular addition has become a great showcase for young musicians and performers over the years.

The festival continued with the Festival Ceilidh Night with The Grouse Ceilidh Band, Rhuvaal, Dalriada Connections Band and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, followed by the Festival Traditional Night on August 11 featuring Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham and closed on August 12 with the Dalradia Connections Concert.

The festival attracted music-lovers from all over for a riotous week of classic and modern tunes.



The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival was a roaring success.

LOCH AWE



Martyn Webster tackling Loch Awe. Inset: Martyn gets ready to start his swim.

Martyn Webster travelled from Switzerland to swim Loch Awe, Scotland's longest freshwater loch, on July 9.

He completed the swim in a provisional record time (pending validation by the British Long Distance Swimming Association) of

13hrs 30mins 37secs. He swam from Torran Bay, Ford, and finished at the Kilchurn rail bridge, a distance of 38.4km (23.9 miles).

Martyn is an experienced long-distance swimmer and has completed swims around Manhattan Island, across the

Straits of Gibraltar, and found this swim 'tougher than the English Channel' and described the Pass of Brander as 'like swimming in a washing machine'.

The support boat was hired from Cliff and Janet at Loch Awe Boats, Ardbrecknish.

BUTE

Bute Highland Games

The Bute Highland Games kicked off on Saturday August 11 with the wonderful and haunting music of pipe bands, the supreme expertise and skill of highland dancers, the prowess and strength of heavy event athletes and wrestlers, the enthusiasm and energy of track runners, the sheer endurance of road race competitors and an opportunity to see just what shinty is all about.

KILMARTIN

Portable skate park

The Mid Argyll Youth Development Service will be in Kilmartin this Sunday with its portable skate park.

From 1pm onwards fans will be able to kickflip around a course, showing off their Tony Hawk talents. Equipment will be available for those who need it: bikes, skateboards, scooters, and so on. The skate park will also be in Furnace from 12.30pm to 4pm on Saturday.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I hadn't heard this hymn in many years, but so many memories came flooding back when I heard it on Songs of Praise on Sunday night.

I love this verse particularly:
'I watch the sunset, fading away,
Lighting the clouds and sea.
And as the evening, closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.
Yes, you are always close to me
following all my ways.
May I be always close to you,
following all your ways Lord.'

Maybe it is particularly poignant because of where we live. We watch the sunset every night and each one is different.

As we look across to Islay and Jura, Gigha and Cara, the sky is transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour.

There is a feeling of tangible peace and mystery as the sun sinks below the horizon on a journey to wake our sisters and brothers under a sky on the other side of the planet.

The best time for the drama of the sunset is not as the sun sinks below the sky. It is some time after it has gone down that the myriad of colours appears to enchant us. It is then that the sky is lit up and the sea mirrors all its glorious colours, just as the 'evening closes its eyes'.

For some of us, God is especially close at these 'edges' of the day at sunrise and sunset. He is there at all our beginnings and endings, and all the time in between.

So, as this evening, and every evening, closes its eyes, may you feel wrapped in the warmth of God's love as he holds you until the first rays of dawn and beyond.

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REID

Alan and Helen are delighted to announce the birth of Sophie Ava, on July 30, 2018, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. Third grandchild for Pam and John Reid, and first grandchild for Steve and Joan Thompson.

MARRIAGES



MCKINLAY - KELLY

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Rebecca, only daughter of John and Eileen, to Darren, youngest son of Donald and Rhona, at Trump Turnberry, Ayrshire, on Saturday, August 4, 2018. A perfect day shared with family and friends.

DEATHS

BRYCE - Peacefully, at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, on Saturday, August 11, 2018, George, beloved husband of Flora (née Allan), a much loved dad of Allan and Louise, and adored grandad of Emma and Fergus. A dear brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law and uncle to his family. A funeral service will take place at Greenock Crematorium, on Friday, August 24, 2018 at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

HAWKINS - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on August 2, 2018, Alan John Hawkins, aged 76 years, of 32 Barr Mor View, Kilmartin (formerly of

Burndale, Kilmartin), dearly loved brother and uncle to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 11.30am, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers and Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support. Black ties not necessary, colours preferred. All are welcome.

HUNTER - Peacefully in Ballachulish, after a short illness, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, August 12, 2018, Norman George Hunter, in his 81st year, husband of the late Agnes MacCallum, loving partner of Margaret Harrison, much loved dad of Norma, Michelle and Alistair, and loving granda and papa of Greg, Rhona, Cian, Aela, Emily, Freya and Evan. Father-in-law of Ricky, David and Laura, much loved brother of Elizabeth and brother-in-law of Billy. At Norman's request, a graveside service will take place at Beoraid Cemetery, Morar, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to the Marine Hotel, Mallaig. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Fishermen's Mission. Please meet at the cemetery gates at 12.50pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCCALLUM - The family of the late Betty McCallum (Vernall) would like to thank all family and friends for all the beautiful flowers, cards, support and expressions of sympathy received at this sad time. Special thanks to all NHS staff at Campbeltown Hospital and the community nursing team for their care, especially Macmillan nurse, Maggie Wilkieson. Thanks also to all staff at Kintyre Nursing Home and to Carers Direct for looking after Betty during her period of illness. Sincere thanks to Rev William Crossan for a lovely

service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music, to T A Blair funeral directors for their thoroughly professional arrangements, and to the Argyll Arms Hotel for the great hospitality. Finally, sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. A retiral collection raised £2,338.64, to be divided between the Marie Curie Fund and RNIB.

IN MEMORIAM

BLACK - Treasured memories of Gilbert, our dearly loved husband, father and papa, passed away August 15, 2017. Remembered with a song in our hearts.

- Jean and family.

LIDDELL - Precious memories of our dear dad, Robert, died August 9, 2004. Sad are our hearts without you,

Silent tears still fall, But living our lives without you, Is the hardest part of all. Forever in our thoughts. - Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my wife Jessie (née Girvan), who died August 21, 2007. In my heart you will always stay,

Loved and remembered every day. - Ian.

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

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SCOTT - In loving memory of Donald, who passed away August 15, 2011. Loved and remembered every day.

- Mum, Archie, Fiona, Calum and families.

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Red Star Youths set for new season

Saturday June 23 saw Lochgilhead Red Star 2004s wind up their fantastic season with a very competitive parents v children game.

Looking splendid in extra tight fit kits demonstrating the power of elastic, most of the parents took a while to get going, and some didn't get going at all. This shock tactic initially bemused the children but they eventually overcame their embarrassment to race into a lead.

The second half saw the parents mount an incredible comeback, turning back the years (decades really) with a display of attacking (desperate) football.

Pressing high up the pitch (really because they were too knackered to chase back), the parents often found their way into the box with referee Aitken happy to point to the spot and allow multiple retakes. The game finished a draw (allegedly) at least in number of players with both teams having about 15 on the pitch.

Following the game, the parents

and children enjoyed an evening get together with refreshments and buffet courtesy of the Stag Hotel.

A few awards were handed out with Iain 'Courtois' MacInnes catching the man of the match award for an outstanding display in goal for the parents. Referee Archie 'Collina' Aitken picked up the cheat of the day award.

The children finished the night looking forward to the demonstrating their superiority in next season's return game while the parents were looking forward to painkillers and a bath.

After two successful seasons in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League, the Red Star 2004s are continuing their football journey in the Glasgow and District Youth Football League. Their campaign kicks off on Sunday August 19 with a home game at the Astro in the league cup against old friends Dumbarton United. The boys are looking forward to the challenge of competing in a new league and have been back in training for a few weeks.



The children vs parents teams made for a bemusing match.

Pre-season games started with a competitive match against Dunoon 2003 in which, although the boys lost 1-2, they played some good football and showed a good level of fitness for their first game back after a couple of months off.

On Sunday August 12 the boys

travelled to Oban to take part in the Oban Invitational Tournament for 2004 and 2005 teams.

Red Star, in their new strips sponsored by Ardrishaig Community Trust, played five games against teams from Oban, Hamilton, Dunoon and Inverness, winning

them all and conceding only one goal to win the tournament and bring home the cup, with captain Keiran Caskie picking up player of the tournament. The final pre-season game was against Campbeltown 2005s on Wednesday August 15.

Cyclists go loopy for the Kilberry Sportive

The inaugural Kilberry Loop Sportive, organised by the Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club, was



Alastair Campbell.

held on Saturday August 11, with an amazing 86 cyclists participating.

The route was promoted as a non-competitive, all inclusive, event and it was certainly that with a variety of bikes and abilities on the start line.

Stephen Whiston, one of the cyclists, said: 'The Kilberry Loop Sportive delivered and then some. The venue at The Isthmus in Tarbert, the great organisation and marshalling, provided the perfect event for cyclists to really embrace the sportive ethos. This is not a race but all about your own personal challenge and performance and the camaraderie of cyclists experiencing new routes - but Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club had to cross the line first for bragging rights alone.'

The route is 40-mile loop, heading north out of Tarbert, then over to Ormsary and Kilberry and returning to Tarbert. The cyclists were faced with 2,500 feet of climbing, and descending, with flat fast sections and breathtaking scenery.

Stephen added: 'I particularly enjoyed us chasing and catching the postman in his van on his rural round.'

Sixteen-year-old Ethan Gascoigne said: 'I really enjoyed the tough route. I was glad the age limit had been lowered since I could enjoy the race with my dad.'

John Hardie, the event organiser, said: 'With the guidance of British Cycling, we managed to stage our event. As usual, the support from



Carol Lawson.

the people and businesses of Tarbert has been exemplary.

'We wanted cyclists of all levels to enjoy the glorious cycle route 78, better known as the Kilberry Loop. It is a 40-mile cycle, not long for a sportive, but it is within the capability of most cyclists. Stuart Ashley shot round in an astonishing one hour, 48 minutes.'

'We will definitely be organising it again next year, so look out for its launch and get pedalling.'

Red Star finish pre-season with spectacular win

Lochgilhead Red Star	7
Helensburgh	2
Pre-season friendly	

Share Argyll-sponsored Red Star rounded off their pre-season preparations with a 7-2 victory over Helensburgh in an entertaining contest at the Ropework.

Helensburgh took the lead after some slack marking from a free kick saw their midfielder hammer a shot past Luke Naisby, who deputised for the injured Kalache in goal.

Star upped the tempo for the remainder of the half and managed to score three good goals of their own thanks to Ian McGuinness, who netted a deflected effort, and Ben Forbes with another excellent curling shot from just outside the box. Gregor Peacock also scored after going close with a couple of earlier attempts.

Ian McGuinness doubled his tally early in the second half from close range before Helensburgh scored a penalty to bring themselves back into the match at 4-2.

Star were getting a little frustrated with themselves at times. However, they proved to be clinical in front of goal with Ryan Caskie, Rab

Docherty and Martin Bonar all adding to the tally to give Star a 7-2 win.

Unfortunately, there were a couple of knocks picked up by Gregor Peacock and Martin Bonar late on to add to a long injury list that has grown throughout pre-season.

On Saturday August 18, Red Star play host to Ferguslie Star in their opening match of their Premier One campaign.

This should prove a stern test against a side that have competed well at the top end of the table in recent years. The match will take place at the Ropework with a 2pm kick-off.



Ben Forbes.

Lochgilphead preps for their open sports day

Mid Argyll Athletic Club will host its annual open sports day on Sunday August 26 at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The running events will be held on the Astroturf and the jumps and throwing events will take place on the new all-weather jumps area and adjacent grass area. The new jumps facility was installed in 2016 and was the first of its kind in Argyll and has been a great asset for the local club as well as the schools at the joint campus.

Sports day will start at noon with all entries on the day from 11.30am. There will be running, jumping and

throwing events for six age categories starting at under seven and up to under 17.

The Scottish athletics age qualification date of September 1 will apply to all age groups except the under sevens where it will be age on the day. The young athletes will be allowed to compete in a maximum of five events and an entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied.

All competitors will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall in each age group. Entries are welcome from all over Argyll and beyond including visitors to the area.



There will be running, throwing and jumping at the Mid Argyll Athletics Club sports day.

Tarbert Golf Club kick off the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup

Absolutely perfect golfing conditions greeted the competitors on Saturday August 11 for the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup, which is played in a Stableford format.

Club champion John MacNab set the early pace with a two over par 68 which gave him 41 Stableford points. Back to back birdies for John at holes nine and 10 boosted his score and resulted in a handicap reduction to six.

Iain Macalister is the closest challenger to John with 40 points, Iain had a storming back nine of 31 shots for 23 points to add to his first round of 17, birdies on the first, 15th and 17th helping Iain's score.

Iain Johnstone jnr, a mighty hitter

of the golf ball, is in third place on 38 points with Malcolm McAlpine a further shot back on 37. So it's all to play for this weekend for the final round.

On Sunday August 12 the ladies' club championship first round took place in rainy conditions but this did not deter Heather Brownlie, who was in top form, her 81 giving a commanding lead over the rest of the field. The second round takes place this weekend.

The club is hosting its annual Am-Am on Saturday August 25. The event is open to both ladies and men and is made of three-person teams. Entry is £30 per team, please call the clubhouse on 01880 820565 to secure your preferred tee-off time.

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Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday July 16, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 3, 6 and 16.

There were no winners, so next week's prize will be £800.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 3, 17, and 19.

P Angus won the £100 jackpot so next week's jackpot will be £100.

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Fun for all ages as Inveraray Shinty Club holds open day

Inveraray Shinty Club hosted its annual open day at the Winterton Pitch Sunday August 12.

The day started at 10am with the club's youth

coaches putting the primary aged players through their paces with some fun skill-testing. As part of the day, each member received some training gear

kindly sponsored by Cooke Aquaculture Scotland, who also paid for a new set of children's strips.

As with last year, the older generation then got in on the act with five teams competing for the six-a-side Peter MacCallum Memorial Quaich. WD Semple, the Inveraray Inn, the George Hotel and Londis Inveraray sponsored a team each throughout the group stage of the round robin tournament.

In the end, though, it was the George Hotel and Londis teams which won through to contest the final, with the George Hotel winning on penalties.

At the end of the tournament, trophies, kindly supplied by Midton Acrylics,



John MacKenzie in purple and Nicholas Crawford in red.



A special award was presented to 1968 winners of the Celtic Society Cup. From left: Roddy McDiarmid; Alec Blyth; Billy MacPherson; John MacDonald and Jake McKay. Photos: Stephen Lawson



Winners Andrew Innis and Ruan McKellar.

Junior championship at Lochgilphead

The juniors took to the course last Thursday and Friday August 9 and 10 to compete for the coveted title of Junior Champion for 2018.

Day one saw Ruan McKellar finish with a fantastic gross 92 giving him an eight-shot lead over his brother Kern.

Day two saw Andrew Innis play his best round of golf ever at the course to score a gross 82 but Ruan was determined to retain his lead and a gross 95 on day two gave him an overall gross score of 187 to win him the title of Junior Champion 2018.

Second place and leading in the Stableford competition was Andrew Innis with a gross 192 over the two days and an unbelievable score of 87 Stableford points, making him the Stableford winner for 2018.

In the other sections, the ladies played for their monthly medal which was won by Ele Hunter with a superb net 60.

The gents played for the Tennent's Trophy on Saturday August 11. Winning this on a net 62 and on a countback was Steven

Gilmour, with Drew Swan in second place also with a net 62.

The Sunday August 12 competition was the Macaulay Cup and, true to form, Alex MacAulay won this with a very respectable 40 points, beating Ally Provan by one point.

The ladies are currently well under way with the planning of their Ladies' Open on Sunday August 26.

There are a few tee times still available, so if you wish to play, contact Donna McKellar on 07919242053.

were given to the winners and runners-up and the Peter MacCallum Quaich was handed over to the winning captain.

In addition, the club remembered the feats of the 1968 Inveraray team which won the Celtic Society Cup by presenting them to the attending finalists on the day. Again these trophies were provided by Midton Acrylics. Thanks were also given to all those who helped support the club in what has become a special day in the club's year.

Inveraray chairman Euan McMurdo said: 'I am delighted with how the day turned out and that it was

great to have so many of the club from young to old there throughout the day.'

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

At the end of the day's counting, the club raised approximately £1,000 which will go towards the running of the club and upcoming projects.



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