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Six postal workers taken ill in Tarbert

A major emergency response was triggered – but what caused the workers to fall ill?

THERE were reports of noxious fumes in Tarbert sorting office early on Tuesday morning as one staff member fainted and five others felt dizzy around the time of a mail delivery.

Amid fears that an unknown substance may have leaked from an item of mail, the emergency services were called and the building evacuated.

After being alerted around 9.20am, Police Scotland set up roadblocks around the Royal Mail office and fire crews from Lochgilphead, Campbeltown and Bishopbriggs joined the Tarbert unit

in response to the incident.

Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics attended, as fire and rescue decontamination and scientific assessment units were also despatched from the central belt to the Argyll fishing village.

Standby

The emergency department in Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead was put on standby as teams on site carried out tests.

After reporting initial breathing difficulties, the six casualties are understood to have recovered later that day after medical treatment.

A Royal Mail spokeswoman said: 'Unfortunately, Royal Mail staff were affected by an incident at Tarbert sorting office on Tuesday morning.

'This led to the office being evacuated after some staff members felt dizzy and one fainted.'

In the end, no obvious source was found for the suspected contamination.

'Specialist resources attended and after technical analysis it was decided that there was no contamination,' explained police sergeant Iain MacNicol from Lochgilphead.

He added: 'This was a



Tarbert sorting office was isolated by police roadblocks while investigations went on. 06_a34Tarbresponse01

tried and tested multi-agency response for suspicious circumstances such as these.'

Royal Mail pointed the finger at Tarbert's drainage system, and the company spokeswoman said: 'It is understood the incident

is linked to something in the drains and not any item of mail. Scottish Water and SEPA are investigating.'

But this view was not shared by Scottish Water, which said in a statement: 'Scottish Water was made aware

of this issue on Tuesday and we carried out checks on our system in the area.

'There was nothing unusual found following these checks and we do not regard this as a Scottish Water issue.'

World champs make a return to the town

WORLD conquerors, Inveraray and District Pipe Band will make a grand return to the town.

On their way back from Cowal Highland Gathering, where they will have competed in the Cowal Pipe Band Championship, the grade one world champions will parade up Inveraray main street before converging to perform a few sets in front of the church.

If all goes to plan, the band will arrive back in Inveraray at roughly 8pm on Saturday night to begin their victory march.

Following their performance, they will then retreat to the George Hotel for a champagne reception, generously hosted by the community council and local businesses.

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Islay stop-off for Queen's Baton Relay

THE BUILD-UP to next year's Commonwealth Games on Australia's Gold Coast continued as the Queen's Baton Relay headed for Islay on Wednesday this week, as part of a five-day tour of Scotland.

After flying into the

island's airport, the baton visited Bowmore and the village primary school, where the school Gaelic choir and Highland dancers performed. The tour also took in the Bowmore distillery and Ionnad Chaluim Chille Ìle – the Columba Centre.



Bowmore Primary School pupils get close to the Queen's baton.
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Two people arrested after Lochgilphead knife assault

TWO PEOPLE were arrested after a man was injured with a knife on a busy shopping street in Lochgilphead.

Police received reports shortly before 5pm on Friday August 18 of people fighting in the town's main

shopping thoroughfare, Argyll Street.

Amid shoppers and people making their way home from work for the weekend, police attended the scene near the junction of Argyll Street and Lorne Street.

A 45-year-old man

and a woman aged 42 were later found and arrested elsewhere in the town.

The man was charged with serious assault and possession of a knife, while the woman was charged with assault. The male victim of the alleged as-

sault received a knife wound, but police confirmed that the injury was not serious or life-threatening.

A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal, and the man and woman charged are due to appear in court at a later date.

POLICE FILES

Vandalism

A GLASS panel in the door at RS McColl's, Lochgilphead was cracked on Wednesday August 16, at around 10.10pm. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Careless driving

ON FRIDAY August 18, on the A83 between Tarbert and Lochilphead, a collision occurred between a black Vauxhall Astra and a silver Citroen Xsara at around 11.50am.

Four people suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospital. The driver of the Citroen, a 42-year-old man, was charged with careless driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Floodlight damaged

AT AROUND 11am on both Saturday August 12 and Sat-

urday August 19, a floodlight at Tarbert Castle was damaged and pulled from the wall.

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

Failure to report

A MALE driver aged 31, in a blue VW Polo, was charged with driving with an expired licence, careless driving and failing to report a collision after crashing off the A83 at Achnaba, Lochgilphead, and colliding with road signs and a tree, on Saturday August 19 at around 12.30am. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

Vehicle seizure

ON THE A83 at Inveraray, at around 12.10am on Sunday August 20, a car was stopped by police for a routine check. Checks revealed that there was no insurance in force for the vehicle and the man, aged 29, was driving when his licence had been revoked.

The man was also found to be in breach of curfew bail conditions imposed by Inverness Court. He was arrested, charged with the offences, held for court and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Something needs to change, say Inveraray retailers

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SHOP owners in Inveraray endure a daily test of their customer service skills as frustrated tourists ask them for change – dozens of times every day.

And retailers warn that visitors will move elsewhere over problems with change for parking meters and the town's toilets.

Argyll and Bute Council's parking meters, which will not accept the new £1 coins, is a well documented issue.

But shop staff are being left to deal with irritated visitors with many, it is claimed, being less than polite in their demands for coins to fill the meters.

'I've been forced to stock up on old pound coins at a time when we're supposed to be taking them out of circulation,' said Inveraray florist Kenny MacLachlan.

'I can get a dozen people a day asking to exchange coins.

'The point is that tourists come here maybe after driving for hours. They might have children with them and they want to park.

'If they can't, they'll go somewhere else. Visitors are our lifeblood in Inveraray, so it's not good enough.'

Near the Inveraray pier area the problem is even greater, according to one shop proprietor.

'We can get up to 50 people a day looking for change for the meters and the toilets,' said Ian Lindsay of the Pier Shop.

'What bugs us is that it costs us money at the bank for change – so we're doing a service for Argyll and Bute Council, getting all the

hassle and it's costing us money as well.'

'Folk will come in, demand change, then walk out without buying a thing.

'And we can't put all these no sales through the till every day or the accountant wonders what's going on.'

The Advertiser spoke to one such visitor as he tried – without success – to feed the parking meter beside the Pier Shop.

Joe Cachia and his wife were on holiday from Valetta in Malta, here for their first trip to these shores.

Less than impressed with the meter, he said: 'The machine has already taken 20p and won't give it back, and I see it doesn't take the pound coins I have in my pocket.'

He added: 'If a local man hadn't pointed out the time to me, and said that we didn't need a ticket at that point in the day, we would have jumped in our car and moved on.'

The old pound coins



Maltese visitor Joe Cachia was on the point of leaving Inveraray after meter frustration.

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Kenny MacLachlan has been forced to get 'old' pound coins from the bank to help visitors.

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will cease to be legal tender from October 15.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'All meters will be compatible with the new £1 coins by the time the old coins are phased

out in October. It should be noted that all machines accept all other coins, including £2, 50p, 20p, 10p and 5p.

'We apologise for any inconvenience caused in the meantime.'

Major roadworks to start on A816

WORK is set to start on a major road improvement project in Lochgilphead.

The £130,000 scheme will see Bishopton Road and part of the A816 Lochgilphead-Oban road, either side of the junction, resurfaced and improvements made to drainage on the A816.

Work is set to start on Monday August 28 and is due to be completed by Tuesday September 5.

The junction on to the A816 from Bishopton Road will be closed on Monday and Thursday August 31, subject to

change. Residents are asked to follow signs and traffic management on the roads.

The council advises that, during the works, Bishopton Road should be used for local access only, as there will be delays to traffic.

The alternative route via the A816, A83 and Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, should be used where possible.

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Unassuming Nancy a winner once more

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THE OVERALL champion at the recent Mid-Argyll show was Woody, a handsome five-year-old golden retriever.

Full of life, his young handler Rory struggled at times to control his enthusiastic winner, but that is all part of Woody's charm.

Slipping in quietly behind Woody, however, was the reserve overall champion dog. So quiet and unassuming was Nancy that you might easily have missed her altogether.

Dog judge Cathy MacLean spotted her, though, and her colourful rosette was well deserved. But the reserve champion has a story



Nancy with her proud owner Jean, and that champion rosette at Mid Argyll Show. 06_a33MA5how33

to tell. For four-year-old greyhound Nancy is a former racer, rescued from a home for retired greyhounds by owner Jean Gilhooly from Whitehouse.

'I've had Nancy for about a year now,' said Jean, 'and she is a lovely girl.'

Until last year Irish-bred Nancy raced un-

der the name Mallaig Lass, winning a number of races before she became spooked by an inebriated intruder on a Brighton racetrack – and that was the end of her 'useful' career.

Jean explained: 'When we first took her home it took a while to get her used to living in a house.

'She had never seen any kind of dog other than greyhounds, so it took a bit to get her socialised.

'But she has a lovely gentle nature and doesn't ever think to bark.

'I am just delighted she came home with us. She's just beautiful.'

Three-year tourism plan cash boost

A THREE-YEAR project to grow tourism in Argyll and the Islands by at least £16million has secured support from an economic development agency.

The plan, by Argyll and the Islands Tourism Co-operative (AITC) will focus on adventure tourism, events and festivals, and food and drink tourism.

AITC brings together the area's destination marketing organisations. It was formed in 2012 as a co-operative of members and now represents around 1,200 tourism interests.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has approved funding of up to £240,000 over the three year period, to cover development costs - with targets and outputs defined by HIE.

This funding follows a three-year investment from Argyll and Bute Council which combines with member subs to cover core funding and marketing, with additional support provided by the partners on the Argyll and The Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership Group.

In 2015 tourism in Argyll employed around 6,500 people. The sector plays a vital role in the economic sustainability and viability of many rural communities, and significant investments by entrepreneurs and companies have created employment.

In addition to working with AITC, the HIE team in Argyll and the Islands works with more than a dozen tourism clients.

Jennifer Nicoll, HIE area manager for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'This ambitious project outlines plans to grow the tourism sector across Argyll and Bute, something that will lead to new jobs, increased turnover and more international trade. These aspirations are aligned with our aims to support the sector's continued growth, thereby supporting business and the rural economy and improving wider community resilience.'

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Don't be shy, give poetry a try

Whether you love to read or listen to poetry, or perhaps dabble at writing the odd stanza yourself – Ardrishaig is the place to be next month.

Mid Argyll Rotary Club is running a Poetry Today event at Ardrishaig Public Hall, where budding poets will have the opportunity to recite their work in aid of charity.

This event, on September 21, could be a chance to let others hear your poems, but submissions must be in by August 31. Email mail@stephengread.co.uk to find out more and to obtain entry forms.

LiveArgyll on track for launch

ON track to go live in early October, a new trust that will deliver leisure and library services for people across Argyll and Bute has been named.

LiveArgyll will be led by a board whose members bring both public and private sector experience to benefit the new organisation.

Argyll and Bute

Council took the decision to develop a trust as part of its work to protect services, as trusts offer many financial and commercial benefits that can help to sustain the future of these services in the face of growing pressure on public spending.

Trade Union

LiveArgyll's board will be made up of

three members of the public, three councillors and a trade union representative.

Andrew Nisbet, chairman of the board, has spent his working life in the design, management and delivery of public services, both as a senior manager for public sector organisations and as a private sector consultant working for and advising lo-

cal authorities.

He is joined by Mairi Coleman and Charles Brody. Originally from Lochgilphead, Mairi is a head of human resources in the banking industry, while Charles is a retired senior banker now living in Scotland, having spent most of his working life in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar.

Councillors Jim Anderson, Graham Hardie and Jim Lynch will represent Argyll and Bute Council, and Mary Watt will provide the trade union contribution.

Develop

The council's policy lead for communities Councillor Robin Currie said: 'Work to develop LiveArgyll is progressing very well. We have a board that

brings together expertise, enthusiasm and energy to make this work for trust employees and for everyone who will use these services.

'The aim of the trust will be to deliver services that improve people's lives, and to do this as a team, by drawing on the views and expertise of employees and with a firm focus on the needs

of customers.

'The trust's name reflects this. We wanted something of course that explains what the leisure trust is about, and is memorable.

'The idea for LiveArgyll came from employees and is about underlining that these services will be here to help young and old live healthy, happy lives.'



The piping competitions at Cowal Gathering will be fierce.

Argyll won't cower from best at Cowal

THE LARGEST and 'most spectacular' Highland games in the world is underway and Argyll competitors are keen to make a lasting impression.

The three-day extravaganza that is Cowal Highland Gathering kicked off yesterday (Thursday August 24) with the Scottish National Highland Dancing Championships, and promises a busy schedule of events right through to the firework finale on Saturday.

Organisers have promised that 2017 will once again bring a huge range of family attractions, with a mix of Highland dancing, piping, wrestling, children's entertainment, local food and much more.

And with hundreds of the world's best Highland dancers, pipers, heavy athletes and traditional wrestlers prepared to battle it out to be crowned Cowal champion there's sure to be a few Argyll faces in the mix.

More than 700 dancers from



Concentration from dancers.

all corners of the globe are expected to take the stage as the gathering hosts both the Scottish and World Highland Dancing Championships, with classes, qualifiers and finals staggered over the three days.

This year the piping competitions has seen an increase in entrants, with 77 solo pipers signing up, in addition to the many pipe bands. Showing just what Argyll has to offer the piping world on Saturday will be Mid Argyll Pipe Band; Dunoon

Grammar School; Oban High School; Kintyre Schools; Dunoon Argyll; Rothesay and District; Isle of Islay; Oban Pipe Band; and the new grade one champions of the world Inveraray and District, as they all compete throughout the day in the Cowal Pipe Band Championship.

The traditional Highland games disciplines have always formed the cornerstone of the gathering but in recent years there has been so much more to enjoy.

Among other attractions are the Ridgeside Falconry Display team, Scotland's premier cycle stunt team The Clan, a Glasgow Science Centre tent and the event's famous ceilidh tent - this year boasting a line up including Eriskay Lilt, Heron Valley, HO-RO and Manran.

For more information and full event schedules visit the gathering's website at www.cowalgathering.com.

Argyll's retirement-friendly Route 66

INSURANCE company LV= has named the route from Lochgilphead to the Glencoe mountains as the UK's most retirement-friendly road.

Voted for by drivers who are retired, the 66-mile journey - which takes in stretches of the A816 and the A828 - has now been transformed into the UK's very own Route 66.

LV= launched the initiative after learning of

confidence issues affecting older drivers. In research conducted among motorists aged 65 and over, figures revealed that three quarters curtail the amount of driving they do once they hit retirement, with more than a fifth going as far as calling themselves a 'nervous' driver. The respondents cited issues such as overcrowded roads, health-related concerns and the worsening of

their eyesight as the main reasons they felt less confident about driving. The newly-branded Route 66 is designed to provide a welcome antidote to motorists seeking a more relaxing ride.

The scenic drive, which starts in Lochgilphead and ends at Ballachulish, features dramatic scenery, historic castles and a host of other tourist attractions.




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Editorial

Mystery

No chances were being taken by the emergency services after Tuesday's suspected contamination case in Tarbert – quite rightly.

But it is strange that no cause has yet been found to explain the fact that six people, presumably suddenly, felt unwell in the same room at the same time.

There was heavy rain in Tarbert just before the scare happened, and the village's occasionally suspect drains have been under the spotlight as a potential cause of noxious fumes.

Scottish Water has dismissed this theory, so what else might it have been?

All's well that ends well, so there is scope for a wee bit of light-hearted fun. One wag suggested that, since it was Tarbert, it was probably a box of fish in a corner that caused it. Another notion was that someone's Gorgonzola delivery from Amazon that had gone wrong.

Heroes return

Last week's front page was all about Inveraray's world champion pipe band.

Tomorrow night will see the full band play in Inveraray.

This is the chance for Inveraray to show its appreciation, and for the band to reciprocate. Let's make it an evening to remember.

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Working for Argyll

Sir,
I read Councillor Alastair Redman's latest contribution to the letters page in the August 18 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

As usual he spends his time criticising the Scottish Government rather than spending time carrying out the duties for which he is paid.

He has been unable to attend the last council meeting, area committee, business day, two important Trust Housing meetings (on Islay), Islay Community Council or a meeting to discuss the condition of roads on Jura.

I appreciate Councillor Redman has another full-time job, but video conferencing is available to accommodate attendance at meetings.

It will be interesting to see if, sometime soon, Councillor Redman starts working for Argyll and Bute rather than his political party.
Councillor Anne Horn.

Bullying and belligerence

Sir,
The new UK aircraft carrier that is being boasted of has cost, at £3.2 billion, four times as much as it cost to build Glasgow's new hospital and three times as much as the new Queensferry crossing of the Forth.

Aircraft carriers, by their nature, provide no defence for the country and are only utilised to carry planes nearer to some other area to be threatened or attacked.

This – and the other one we apparently are building at the same

cost – represents an obscene amount of money spent in the UK trotting along behind the US at the behest of the US with aircraft dependent on the US and with their only possible use in the pursuit of US bullying and warmongering around the world. And they make very big targets as well.

In Scotland, we are expected to applaud this obscene waste of money on the grounds that it has provided jobs. But we could for instance have built as many homes as we needed to completely solve our housing problem while providing many more jobs with that money or even built a Scottish naval presence to patrol Scottish waters in the same way as Norway does with over 40 naval defence vessels in its waters, all built in Norwegian yards.

There is no way any sensible small country would even countenance this sort of imperial imbecility and the sooner we are out of bonkers UK the better.
Dave McEwan Hill, Sandbank, Argyll.

Fighting bowel cancer

Sir,
Every year, 3,700 people in Scotland are diagnosed with bowel cancer.

Luckily, when my mum was diagnosed with the disease it was spotted early when survival rates are higher and she has now recovered.

Physical activity plays an important part in stacking the odds against a bowel cancer diagnosis and as a keen walker myself, I'm delighted to support Bowel Cancer UK's Walk Together.

Walk Together is a

sponsored five-mile walk to bring people together so that they can show their support for those undergoing treatment, remember loved ones we have lost and raise funds to help stop bowel cancer. It's for people of all ages and abilities.

Sign up to Walk Together in Edinburgh on Saturday September 23, or to receive a fundraising pack with everything you need to hold your own memorable walk, visit bowelcanceruk.org.uk/walktogether

Julia Bradbury, TV presenter and Bowel Cancer UK patron.

Rare butterfly is back

Sir,
A declining butterfly has been discovered in Scotland for the first time in more than a century.

Borders butterfly recorder Iain Cowe spotted the white-letter hairstreak feeding in a field edge near Paxton, Berwickshire, in the Scottish Borders on August 9.

Butterfly Conservation Scotland is now working to find out if the butterfly has established a breeding colony in the area.

Iain's encounter was only the third time the butterfly has been seen on Scotland with the last sighting taking place in 1884.

The white-letter hairstreak suffered its worst year on record in 2016 according to the UK Butterfly Monitoring Survey, and although widespread across England and Wales, has suffered a 72 per cent decline over the last decade.

The butterfly's caterpillars feed on elm and

the white-letter hairstreak declined dramatically in the 1970s as a result of Dutch Elm disease.

The butterfly, which has a distinctive 'W' marking on the underside of its wing, has seen its population slowly spread north in recent years, most likely as a result of the warming climate

There are only two previous records of the butterfly in Scotland, one in 1859 in Dumfries and the other in 1884 in Dunoon.

If a breeding colony is confirmed it would take the total number of resident butterflies in Scotland up to 34.

We don't have many butterfly species in Scotland so one more is very nice to have.

Although Dutch Elm disease occurs in Scotland, we still have a good amount of Wych Elm, so hopefully it will prosper and spread, although its arrival here is almost certainly due to the warming climate.

Any sightings should be reported to the local butterfly recorder, who in Argyll is Dr Scott Shanks - email butterflyrecorder@southwestscotland-butterflies.org.uk

Paul Kirkland, director, Butterfly Conservation Scotland.

Taxing tourists would be mad

Sir,
Here's a question: should a shop sell its wares at an all-inclusive price that covers the cost of the goods, running costs, VAT and profit, or should it display its prices and, below them on the label, add a charge to cover the cost of the customer's feet wear-

ing out the flooring? The answer, of course, is that customers expect to pay all-inclusive prices. They do not expect to have additional charges added.

The same principle applies to the British population when enjoying our leisure time. We visit, we spend money on goods and services, and we leave with happy memories. Local businesses benefit from our expenditure and governments at all levels benefit from the tax revenues that flow from it.

In return, businesses must invest to ensure they best meet the needs of their target markets, and governments must invest in the essential infrastructure necessary to support our visits on things such as roads, car parks and public toilets.

So why, when it already receives funds to cover the maintenance of roads and other essential infrastructure, is Highland Council considering placing a new tax on visitors to the region, ostensibly to pay for the same?

Is it because the council recognises that the recent growth in visitor numbers is placing unusual demands on existing infrastructure and that exceptional measures are called for to meet growing visitors' needs? Or is it about raising money to fill a budget hole, as was the case when it first debated the bedroom tax proposal in 2014?

Tourism has always seen peaks and troughs, and what matters now is that we reap the maximum benefit by growing and sustaining the current upsurge for as long as possible, in particular extending the season at both ends and dispersing visitors

throughout the whole region rather than focusing them on TripAdvisor's top 10 attractions.

This does, of course, mean investing in essential infrastructure, for we must ensure that our visitors have the best possible experiences so that they spend more time and money with us when here, return in future, and recommend us to friends and the wider world through social media.

When things are booming but there are problems looming and councils are strapped for cash, we all have a role to play. It's never easy for governments at any level to find money, and certainly not to put up taxes when votes are at stake, but better that local and national governments sort the funding out between them than we damage the region's most important industry – tourism – by taxing our visitors.

When the government is encouraging our industrial giants to export to China, it doesn't tax the Chinese to help recover the money it spent building roads to Scottish factories, and nor should local government tax visitors for coming here. Taxing our customers is madness.

David Richardson, development manager, Highlands and Islands Federation of Small Businesses.



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TV'S FAVOURITE ANTIQUES EXPERTS RETURN TO SCOTLAND

Two of television's favourite antiques dealers will be returning to Argyll in September and will be paying top prices for antiques, gold and silver.

Simon Schneider and Tim Hogarth regularly appear on television and are highly trusted and respected for their knowledge and expertise. The antiques experts are returning due to popular demand and will be appearing at The Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead on Wednesday 6 September 2017, The Anchor Hotel in Tarbert on Thursday 7 September 2017, at The Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown on Friday 8 September 2017 and The Regent Hotel in Oban on Saturday 9 September 2017.

The dealers are inviting both new and former clients to come along to meet them and cash in on their unwanted antiques and forgotten treasures.

Tim Hogarth said: "Simon and I had a great response last time we visited Scotland and have hundreds of satisfied customers. We are delighted to be returning to Argyll and we hope people will reach their cupboards and bring along some unusual and interesting items."

Simon Schneider added: "The antiques business is very strong at the moment and we will pay top cash prices for gold, silver and quality items similar to those illustrated."

Tim and Simon deal extensively in general antiques and cover all aspects of the antiques business and guarantee to offer the highest prices for those items they wish to purchase.

Tim Hogarth is greatly respected for his expertise and experience appraising and dealing in diamond jewellery and vintage watches and medals.

Tim Hogarth commented: "Diamond jewellery is very much in demand as are period pieces from the 1930s to 1950s and I have strong customers waiting for good examples, regardless of condition.

I am also keen to purchase vintage wrist watches, the big names, Rolex, Cartier and Omega, are all selling well and this is a great time to cash in on these and similar items."

"The market for medals continues to be very good at the moment and some examples, especially from the First World War, are making higher prices than ever."

Simon Schneider is highly trusted and widely acknowledged as an expert in 20th Century decorative antiques and also deals extensively in antique silver.

Simon Schneider said: "Tim and I are both keen to spend, spend, spend! The market for gold and silver is still very strong and we will be offering top prices for items even if broken. Where Tim loves his diamonds, watches and medals, I am very keen to buy quality examples from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods as well as fine period silver. The demand for silver tea sets, trays, trophies snuff boxes and similar items is very strong, particularly for the larger examples."

"I also have strong demand for good quality ceramics. Royal Worcester, Moorcroft, Shelley and Clarice Cliff are all selling well and the interest in Chinese and oriental antiques is huge."

The dealers are looking forward to meeting as many people as possible and will be paying top cash prices. As Simon said: "Between us, Tim and I cover most aspects of the antiques business and we hope to find some good quality examples of all the items we have mentioned."

Tim and Simon guarantee no queues and no appointments are necessary however the dealers are happy to do a home visit if anyone is unable to come along during the day or has something too large to bring in. For more information please contact Simon Schneider on telephone 07801 474331 or email info@simonschneiderantiques.co.uk.

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MAMA
Mid Argyll

MAMA mia, Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMAFest) is just one week away – and organisers are already hinting that this might be the best line-up yet.

In just its fourth year, the festival boasts a programme full of some of Mid Argyll's most popular acts, bands from as far as Glasgow and some new acts who have never performed in public before.

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

MAMAFest organiser Liz Miller said: 'We are all really excited about this year's festival – it's looking pretty awesome. The new venue will allow for a bigger capacity, which is great because the evening events are always so popular.

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

Running over the weekend from Friday September 1, things will kick off at 8pm that night with a selection of some of Oban's finest acts, including The Signal Fires, Angus Smith and North 56, Hollow Mountain String Band and The Antics.

The family fun day will run from noon to 4pm on the Saturday, with plenty of activities for all. A bouncy castle, face painting and fire engine will be among some of the attractions. And you may have heard of a fire walk but are you brave enough to take on the Lego walk? Grub's Up will also be on hand to stop rumbling tummies from drowning out music from Archie and Alex McAllis-

ter, Matt MacAllister, Crackin' Craic, Dalriada Ceilidh Band and Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

The ever popular Saturday night event will have the crowds on their feet all night long, with performances from The Mawb, Lush Puppies, Sleeping with the Enemy and Lochgilhead's own None the Wiser.

For the Sunday survivors it will all kick off at noon. A MAMAFest coffee afternoon will showcase some Mid Argyll talent, with music from Vinny Hutton, Danny Carroll, Ceilidh's Homet and The Democrats, to name just a few. Children are welcome until 8pm.

Day events are free and tickets for Friday and Saturday night, which are adult only events, can be bought from the Rumblin' Tum, Ardrishaig, Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilhead or online at www.mamafest.co.uk.



Opening act Signal Fires will debut their new EP.

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MAMA Fest

Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival



Oban's own Hollow Mountain String Band will headline Friday night.

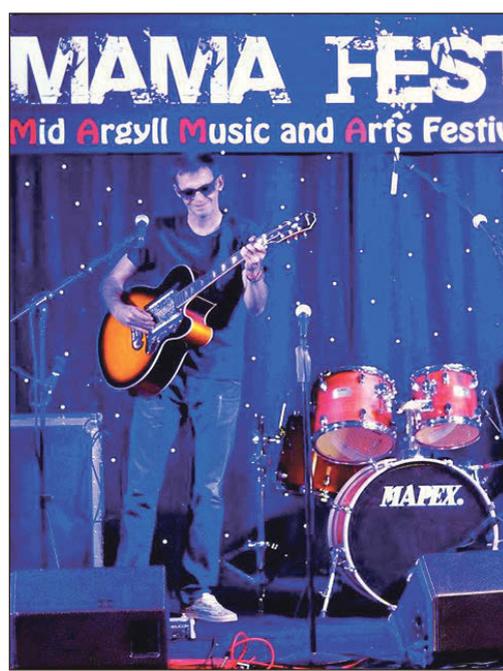
Dalriada ceilidh band will have toes tapping Saturday afternoon.



The always popular None the Wiser are sure to perform some of your favourites.



A double whammy: Archie and Alex McAllister will be performing Saturday and Sunday.



Lochgilhead's own Vinny Hutton will return to the stage on the Sunday.



The Antics will perform on the opening night.

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They almost packed it in – but The Signal Fires are blazing back



The Signal Fires wow the audience at MAMAFest 2015.

THE band set to kick off this year's MAMA-Fest has revealed it almost threw in the towel after a year to forget.

To say the last year has been turbulent for The Signal Fires is an understatement. One of Argyll's most popular cover bands, they were hit with a double whammy last year when drummer Alex moved to Perth to pursue a career in sound engineering and keyboard player and singer Claire was diagnosed with cancer.

This was a huge blow to the band both emotionally and professionally. They were



Andy Bruce with the band's new EP.

on the verge of calling it a day but decided, with Claire's blessing, to pursue writing and recording their own original material whilst taking an extended break from live performances.

Though she has since successfully completed her treatment Claire isn't quite ready to re-

turn to the stage, so it is with an ad hoc band made up of some of Argyll's finest musicians that original members John and Andy return to MAMA-fest.

Two years ago the band headlined MAMAFest and announced the release of their very first single Ignorance is Bliss so it seems fitting they will be using this year's performance to launch a brand new acoustic sessions EP consisting of some acoustic re-workings of their songs as well as some unique content. The five-track EP will have

a limited CD print run and be available to buy on the night.

Andy Bruce of the band said: 'Over the years we have had so much support from Mid Argyll. Some of our favourite gigs have been there and we've made so many great friends along the way.'

'It means a lot for us to get back on the stage again, especially to play our own material and Mamafest is the perfect place to launch our EP.'

The band will be kicking off Mamafest on Friday September 1 at 8.15pm in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

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Cash incentive draws people to Argyll and Bute

Argyll and Bute Council has revealed that 53 new residents and three businesses have relocated to the region under the local authority's Rural Resettlement Fund (RRF) – and been awarded more than £140,000 along the way.

Families who have already set up home in Argyll and Bute have received £126,000 in

personal relocation grants.

The businesses – a fencing contractor on Colonsay, a patisserie on the Isle of Bute and a repair engineer to Dunoon – have also been awarded self-employment relocation grants totalling £15,000 from the fund.

The innovative scheme, which remains open for appli-

cations, was launched in October 2016 to encourage people and businesses to move to Argyll and Bute and is now being advertised on a national jobs and homes search website.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'The £500,000 fund is open to families, individuals and businesses looking for

new opportunities or a new way of life.

'We have just launched a national digital marketing campaign to encourage even more people to apply to the fund and make Argyll and Bute a place to live, work and do business.'

For more information and to apply for funding, visit argyll-bute.gov.uk/rrf.

Sounds great ... but what is it?

SOUNDS great – but what is it?

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Plenty of buyers drawn to opening Dalmally sale

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A catalogued entry of 2,180 lambs and sheep sold to a good ringside of buyers. Lambs levelled out at £52.18 per head or 170.71 pence per kilo against £52.82 per head and 180.2 pence per kilo at the corresponding sale last year. In general, lambs were shown in good bloom.

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CROSS: 180p -
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Tullochcan : 161p -
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Bee stall creates show buzz

AMONG plenty of new attractions at this year's Mid Argyll Show was a section on bees - the busy unsung heroes of food production across the world.

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tribution they make to the pollination of many crop species and to the wider environment.

Scottish Government figures suggest there are around 2,400 hobby beekeepers around the country, along with around 25 commercial bee farmers.

Mid Argyll Agricultural Show this year submitted a community fund application to The Scottish Salmon Company for a grant towards an educational bee stall.

The stall offered information to the public on the importance of

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Cheryl Brown runs Bliss, her own beauty and massage business in Campbeltown. She offers a regular and personal service in people's homes or care homes. She said: 'People who have poor mobility or poor eyesight can feel isolated so I can provide a listening ear to people who need to talk to someone while making them feel and look beautiful.'

Cheryl is also fully qualified in treating people undergoing cancer treatment.

Kintyre Link Club

Most people will feel lonely at some point in their lives. It's a deeply personal experience that in most cases will thankfully pass, but for a growing number of people, particularly those in later life, loneliness can define them and have a significant impact on their wellbeing.

Set up in 1999, the Kintyre Link Club is a mental health club run by members, for members, with the main aim being to promote the welfare of those who suffer or have suffered from mental ill health. It is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm.

Tracy Chambers, the co-ordinator, says the Link Club is a safe place to come and meet other people on an equal basis, learn and share new skills, become more active, gain work experience, be involved in interesting and stimulating activities and the local community and build up confidence, self-esteem and independence.

Arthritis Care Scotland

Sharon McPherson, Development officer from invites you to join your local Health Walking Group in Campbeltown. Stepping out is run in partner-

ship with Paths for All by Arthritis Care Scotland. 'All walks are accessible, low level and reflect individual pace, they are suitable for everyone'. They are Volunteer led by a trained leader to show you the way. Walking has been described by Health professional as the perfect exercise and has many benefits. Why not come and join your local group? Stepping out could be perfect for you if you like getting outdoors, meeting new people so why not give Arthritis Care or Jackie a call and get involved.

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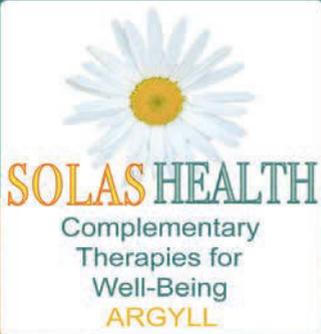
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Here we touch on some of the services that are available to the Kintyre community.

Support Scotland also) She also takes Tai Chi classes. She says of Tai Chi " that it combines deep breathing and relaxation with flowing movements. Originally developed as a martial art in 13th-century China, tai chi is today practised around the world as a health-promoting exercise.

Jackie says that studies have shown that tai chi can help anyone to reduce stress, improve posture, balance and general mobility, and increase muscle strength particularly in the legs. In older people this improved strength and balance can build confidence help to reduce falls. She says that it is commonly performed as a low-impact exercise, which means it won't put much pressure on your bones and joints. Most people should be able to do it. Apart from that it's great fun!"

Slimming World
Rhona Galbraith is consultant for Slimming World in Lochilhead and

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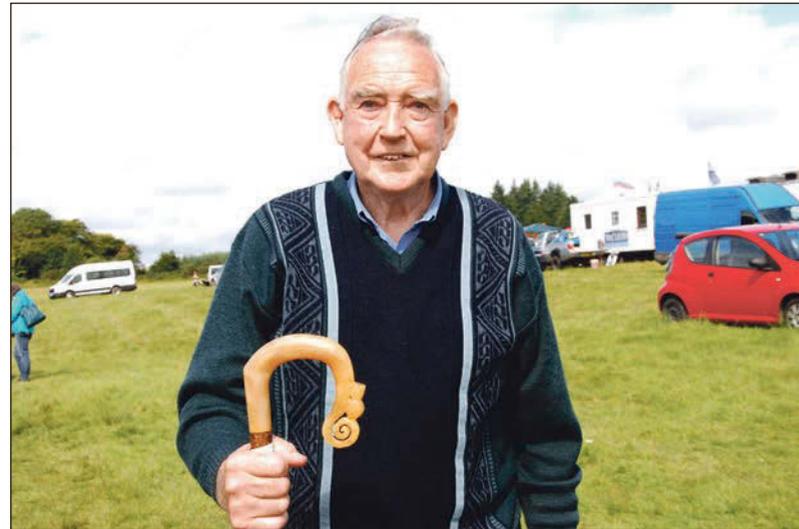
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Judge Matthew Carrick congratulates Callum MacPhail as he wins the Clydesdale championship with Galcalfra Sweet Chloe. 06_a33MAShow39



Winner of the walking stick section, John MacClarty of Kilmichael Glassary. 06_a33MAShow76

Mid Argyll Show

THE FOLLOWING are the results of the various competitions held at the Mid Argyll Show on Saturday August 12, 2017:

First prize-winners shown. Clydesdale Horse Section (Judge: Matthew Carrick): Gelding: M Mayberry. Filly, colt or gelding under three years: D & C MacPhail. Yeld mare or gelding over three years: D & C MacPhail. Horse in harness: M Mayberry.

Champion Clydesdale: D & C MacPhail, Campbeltown. Reserve Champion: D & C MacPhail.

Cattle: Highland Cattle (Judge: Alex Smith): Bull, any age: R & E McMillan. Cow in Calf or with Calf at foot: S & M O'Hara. Suckled Calf: S McKay. Three-year-old Heifer: Cladich fold. Two Year Old Heifer: R D Schuster; One year old heifer: Achna-cloich fold; Highland Cattle Champion: Challenge Cup: S & M O'Hara. Reserve Champion, Mrs Strickland Trophy: R & E McMillan. Best Opposite Sex in Highland Cattle section, and the Cnoc Fold Quach: R and E McMillan. Best Group of Three: Cladich fold.

Any other Pure Breed of Cattle suitable for Breeding (Judge: Robert McAlister): Cow in Calf or in Milk: D Anderson. Heifer Suckled Calf: D Anderson. Open Champion: D Anderson. Reserve Champion: D Anderson.

Cross suckled calves (Judge: Robert McAlister): Bullock calf sired by any other pure breed: Duncan Semple. Heifer calf for beef sired by any other pure breed: Duncan Semple. Bullock calf born after February 1 2017: Douglas MacDonald. Heifer calf born after February 1 2017: J, J & C McCallum. Champion Cross Suckled Calf, Achna-

ba Cup and £40: J, J & C McCallum. Reserve Champion: Douglas MacDonald.

Commercial Beef Cattle (Judge: Robert McAlister): Heifer for beef, one year old and over: H & F MacNicol. Prime Animal Champion: H & F MacNicol.

Unhalted and Naturally Shown: Cow in Calf or in Milk: B Dixon. Cow with own Calf at foot: I Malcolm. Heifer, Yeld suitable for Breeding: B Dixon. Heifer Calf suitable for Breeding: I Malcolm. Bullock Calf: I Malcolm. Heifer Calf for Beef: I Malcolm. Bullock Calf Native Sire: I Malcolm. Heifer Calf Native Sire: Douglas Anderson. Naturally Shown Champion: I Malcolm. Naturally Shown Reserve: B Dixon. Best Crossbred Animal for Breeding: I Malcolm. Best Animal in Commercial Beef: J, J & C McCallum. Best Animal in Commercial Beef, Confined: I Malcolm.

Confined Champion: I Malcolm. Open Champion: J, J & C McCallum.

Interbreed Beef Cattle Trophies (Judge: Alan Telfer, show umpire): Confined Beef Champion: I Malcolm. Reserve Champion: H & F MacNicol. Open Beef Champion: J, J & C McCallum. Reserve Champion: S & M O'Hara. Best Homebred Beef Animal: J, J & C McCallum. Best Team of Three Breeding Animals: Cladich fold. Bull or cow and two offspring: Cladich fold.

Cattle section, Junior Young Handler: C Harvey, Rothesay.

Sheep: Blackface sheep (Judge: Willie Bennie):

Blackface Ram two years old and over (confined): Tayvallich Estate. Blackface Sheep: Ram, Two years

old and over (open): Messrs McArthur, Arnicle. Shearling Ram (confined): Tayvallich Estate. Shearling Ram (open): F Ronald. Ram Lamb (confined): R & I Shaw. Ram Lamb (open): F Ronald. Ewe, in milk, three years old and upwards: R & I Shaw. Ewe, in Milk, three years old and upwards (open): Messrs McAr-

R Campbell. Confined Group Champion: Ram, Ewe, Gimmer and Ewe Lamb: R & I Shaw. Open Group Champion: Messrs McArthur. Confined Blackface Champion (Mid Argyll Area: R & I Shaw. Reserve Champion: Tayvallich Estate. Overall Blackface Sheep Championship: Messrs McArthur. Reserve Champi-



The supreme confined champion, a Beltex ewe lamb s Sandilands. 08_a33MAShow33

thur. Ewe, in milk, two years old (confined): Tayvallich Estate. Ewe, in milk, two years old (open): Messrs McArthur. Gimmer (confined): C McLean. Gimmer (open): K, A & R Campbell. Ewe Lamb (confined): R & I Shaw. Ewe Lamb (open): Messrs McArthur. Ewe with own Lamb or Lambs at Foot (open): 1 Messrs McArthur.

Sheep with fleece most suitable for manufacturing (open and confined): K, A &

on: K, A & R Campbell. Opposite Sex to Champion: F Ronald. Male Championship: F Ronald. Female Championship: Messrs McArthur. Best Blackface Female Bred by Exhibitor (confined): R & I Shaw. Best Blackface Sheep Bred by Exhibitor: Messrs McArthur. Suffolk sheep (Judge: Tommy MacPherson): Ram Lamb (open): J MacDonald. Ewe (open): Messrs Pirie. Ewe Lamb (open): J MacDonald.

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Winner of the SWRI 75th Anniversary Quach for the best baking exhibit, Ann Wilson from Ardrishaig. 06_a33MAShow80



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ow – the results

Champion Suffolk (open): J MacDonald. Reserve Champion (open): J MacDonald.
Texel Sheep (Judge: Robert Cockburn): Ram, one year and over (open): I S Woodrow. Ram, one year and over (confined): Davie Anderson. Ram Lamb (open): E & L MacGillivray. Ram Lamb (confined): G McLean. Ewe



shown by Emma

(open): S Woodrow. Ewe (confined): Davie Anderson. Gimmer (open): S Woodrow. Gimmer (confined): Davie Anderson. Ewe Lamb (open): R Currie. Ewe Lamb (confined): N McArthur. Champion Texel (open): S Woodrow. Reserve Champion (open): R Currie. Champion Texel (confined): D Anderson. Reserve Champion (confined): G McLean.
Blue Faced Leicester Sheep (open) (Judge: Robert Neil):

Ram, one year and over: J & M Turner. Ram Lamb: J McLachlan. Ewe: K, A & R Campbell. Gimmer: K, A & R Campbell. Ewe Lamb: J & M Turner. Champion Blue Faced Leicester Sheep (open): K, A & R Campbell. Reserve Champion (open): Jean McLachlan

Any other Pure Breed (open) (Judge: Tommy MacPherson): Ram one year and over: R Smith. Ram Lamb: Parkhouse. Ewe: Parkhouse. Gimmer: R Smith. Ewe Lamb: E Sandilands. Champion any other Pure Breeds: E Sandilands. Reserve Champion and special prize: Parkhouse.

Cross Bred Sheep (open) (Judge: Robert Neil): Ewe in Milk: J & M Turner; Gimmer: 1 J & M Turner. Ewe Lamb: J & M Turner. Three Ewe Lambs off any Blackface Ewe: K, A & R Campbell. Cross Bred Sheep Champion: J & M Turner. Reserve Champion: K, A & R Campbell.

Rare and Minority Breeds (open) (Judge: Robert McDougall): Ram, one year and over: D & S Robb. Ram Lamb: M & C Ralston. Ewe: M & C Ralston. Gimmer: D & S Robb. Ewe Lamb: M & C Ralston. Champion Rare and Minority Breeds: M & C Ralston; Reserve Champion: D & S Robb.

Prime Lambs (open) (Judge: Tommy MacPherson): Single Prime Lamb: R Smith. Three Prime Lambs off Any Other Sire: R Smith. Prime Lambs Champion: R Smith. Reserve Champion: R Smith.

Champion Sheep (confined): E Sandilands. Best other than Blackface confined to Mid Argyll: E Sandilands.

Breed other than blackface, group of three: J & M Turner. All Sheep: Overall Champion (Goes forward to Supreme Championship): Messrs

McArthur, Arnicle. Sheep other than Blackface (open): S Woodrow.

Craig Taylor Memorial Cup for Junior Young Handler (Judge: Alan Telfer, show umpire): J Rountree, Isle of Islay.

Poultry Section: (Judge: Robert McDougall)

Large Fowl or Bantam any breed, Male: R Blackwell. Large Fowl or Bantam any breed, Female: L Millar. Bantam any breed, Female: R Blackwell. Bantam any breed, Male: R Blackwell. Waterfowl, any variety, Male: K MacLeod. Waterfowl, any variety, Female: A Millar. Likeliest Laying Fowl: T MacCallum.

Poultry Champion: R Blackwell. Reserve Champion: R Blackwell. Most Points in Poultry Section: R Blackwell.

Dog Section (Judge: Cathy MacLean)

Any Variety Puppy, six to 12 months: Enid McMurchy. Any Variety Gundog: Rory O'Neill, Brackley. Any Variety Terrier: Enid McMurchy. Any Variety Toy or Utility: Richard Schuster. Any Variety Hound or Working: Jean Gilhooly. Best Pedigree Dog: Rory O'Neill. Best Gun Dog: Rory O'Neill. Special Prize of Best Labrador: Josh and Brodie. Most Attractive Puppy under 12 months: Enid McMurchy. Dog in Best Condition: Kayley Kean. Dog and Handler Most Alike: Finn Grey and Belle. Dog with the Waggiest Tail: Liz Fraser and Brodie. Best Veteran Dog, seven years and over: Lucy Henderson and Ghyllie. Best Child Handler: Sofia and Alfie. Oldest Dog and Handler (combined age): Melvin Jackson and Ruby. Best Dressed Dog: Jessica and Emma with Mr Clyde. Best Barker: Catherine MacCallum and Clyde. Supreme Champion of

Show (Judge: Alan Telfer, show umpire): Logan Richmond Cup: J, J & C McCallum, Strathnafanaig. Reserve Supreme Champion: Messrs McArthur, Arnicle.

Supreme Confined Champion of Show: Duisdale Cup: E Sandilands. Reserve Confined Champion: I & R Malcolm.

Home Industries Walking Sticks and Crooks Most points: J MacLarty. Best Exhibit: J MacLarty.

Baking Most Points: Stephen Ryan. Best Exhibit: Ann Wilson.

Dairy and Preserves Most points: Heather Dixon. Flowers

Most points in classes 31 - 40: Shaun Doy. Most points in classes 41 - 47: Corrina Charwood. Most points overall: Shaun Doy.

Handicrafts Most points: Denise MacMahon

Vegetables Most points: Shaun Doy. Best exhibit: Kate and Eilidh MacKay.

Children's Section Age 5-7 most points: Frazer Prentice. Age 8-12 most points: Zoe Prentice.

Please note: We hope to include the horse and pony section results in next week's edition.



Catriona Woodrow with the open champion Texel and reserve overall sheep champion, a home bred gimmer from New Mains, Isle of Islay. 06_a33MAShow27



Zoe and Frazer Prentice, winners in the children's section. 06_a33MAShow78

BLAS festival 2017

September 1-9 Sultain, Lochaber and Argyll Events



Friday 1 September - Dihaoine 1 Sultain - Nevis Centre, Fort William @ 7.30pm
Laoch Loch Abair - Fergie's 80th Birthday Stramash featuring Fergie MacDonald, Gary Innes, Allan Henderson, Iain MacFarlane, Addie Harper, Hugh MacCallum, Colm O' Rua plus Special Guests. A night to be savoured and not missed!

Friday 1 September - Dihaoine 1 Sultain - An Talla, Tiree @ 7.30pm
Donald Black Band | Mary Ann Kennedy & Friends in concert with Fèis Thiriodh

Saturday 2 September - Disathairne 2 Sultain - Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban @ 7.30pm
Angus Nicolson Trio | Mary Catherine MacNeil | Freddie MacKenzie | Fèis Latharna

Saturday 2 September - Disathairne 2 Sultain - Caol Community Centre @ 8pm
Cèilidh celebrating 25 Years of Fèis Lochabair featuring Fras, Aonghas Grant Fiona Cameron, Sarah Jayne Jamieson, Hannah MacRae, Lauren Byrne, Deirdre Beck, Lauren Moir, Fèis Lochabair Cèilidh Trail and other guests

Wednesday 6 September - Diciadain 6 Sultain - Leven Centre, Kinlochleven @ 7.30pm
Glòir nan Caman - Shinty's Heroes presented by Hugh Dan MacLennan featuring Gary Innes Allan Henderson, Iain MacFarlane, Ewan Robertson, Ewen Henderson & Duncan MacGillivray

Thursday 7 September - Diardaoin 7 Sultain - Buessan Hall, Mull at 7.30pm
Dileab Uilleim The Gaelic Song Legacy of the Rev William Matheson presented by **Jo MacDonald Rachel Walker, Robert Robertson, Alasdair Whyte & Ross Wilson**

Saturday 9 September - Disathairne 9 Sultain - Tayvallich Hall @ 8pm
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Mark engineers a good business future

WITH more than 20 years' of experience in steel fabrication, welding and engineering, it was only a matter of time before Mark Johnstone set up his own company.

Based in Achahoish, M J Fabrication offers a range of welding and fabrication services including onsite repairs and working from professional drawings for customers within the marine, agricultural and forestry industries, as well as private domestic clients.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Mark has steadily grown the business since 2012 with a focus on providing training and employment to local people.

Mark said: 'I set up the business in 2012

and since then we've had a great response, both locally and further afield. A number of local businesses supported us from the beginning, which was fantastic and really gave us a boost. This base allowed us to grow and over the years we have expanded into new areas and taken on a steady stream of staff.

'We have also benefited from Business Gateway's support from the very start. Our adviser has given me advice, helped me network and suggested the most relevant workshops I should attend. It's great to know there is someone to answer any queries I have and offer expert advice when it's needed.'

Business Gateway adviser Barbara Hal-



Mark and his team - at your service.

liday said: 'Mark had experience in his field but he had never run his own business before, so came to us for advice. Over the past five years we've helped the company in a number of areas with

Mark taking advantage of our one-to-one advice and fully-funded workshop programme.'

MJ Fabrications works on a variety of jobs, big and small, from garden gates and steel structures, to cars,

large machinery and a range of welding services. Mark and his team also install cutting-edge walkways, barriers and handrails.

Mark added: 'Working across Mid Argyll, we have established a

good reputation with many customers returning to us which is always a main aim of any business. I am really happy with how the past five years have gone and now our plan is to continue to work hard and eventually look to expand the services we offer to meet the growing needs of all our clients.

'I'm also passionate about training the local young workforce and this is an area we will also look to expand in future.'

For more information visit www.mjfabrication.co.uk.

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

Looking to power up your business?

DIGITAL technology is changing how we do business. The DigitalBoost programme, run in conjunction with Business Gateway and partners, offers workshops, advice and support to help businesses make the most of this.

The support is fully funded and includes an online digital health check, local workshops, online tutorials and practical guides. For those with ambitious digital goals for their business, one-to-one expert advice is also available.

The local workshop series includes nine topics to help a business make the most of digital. The next of these is Paid-for Online Advertising, running in Lochgilphead on Tuesday August 29 from 9.30am-12.30pm.

The workshop will help you to increase the effectiveness of your online advertising and explore the different types of paid-for online options available, as well as the mix of social media platforms you can choose from.

DigitalBoost also offers a range of online tutorials in a number of digital disciplines including email marketing, cyber resilience, producing engaging digital content and developing a digital marketing strategy.

Alternatively, you can use any of the free online guides to help you understand and implement new technologies and online services.

Winners set to showcase at Best of the West Festival

THE SIX winners of the Business Gateway Argyll and Bute competition to win a trade stand for a day at the Best of the West Festival have been announced.

Now in its fourth year, the competition invited local businesses to share what is special about their venture and why their products would be a good fit at the festival.

The businesses selected to showcase their products in the Business Gateway sponsored craft tent this year are: The Puffer Food Company with their range of preserves; The Divine Hag,

offering handcrafted aromatherapy sprays; Mummy's Sew Crafty, with a range of handmade children's clothes and accessories; Sea Harr Houses, which creates unique little houses and figures using driftwood, recycled wood, material and felt; Woolyhatz, with knitted and hand crocheted hats, scarves and gloves; and Annie Pins, with a range of textile quilts, bags, purses and bunting made from Harris tweed, linens and vintage fabrics.

Held at Inveraray Castle on September 9 and 10, the festival is set to attract thou-

sands of visitors and locals. All the winners are delighted to be taking part and are looking forward to a successful event.

One of the winners, artisan food producer The Puffer Food Company, is based on Easdale Island and sells a range of award-winning preserves throughout Scotland.

Founded by Keren Cafferty, its range of jams, chutneys and confectionery is produced from the kitchen of the award winning Puffer Bar and Restaurant.

Keren also sells a range of contemporary hampers

which feature her own products, alongside other Argyll producers. The hampers are available to buy online at www.pufferfoodcompany.co.uk.

Keren said: 'I own an award-winning bar and restaurant on a tiny rural island which, although open all year, is predominantly seasonal trading, so to survive you have to diversify.'

'I believe in locally-sourced produce that is freshly prepared and also supporting the development of this island community by creating employment opportunities. This ethos

led to the development of a range of preserves.

'To be named as a winner and to have our own stand at the Best of the West Festival is fantastic for us. It will allow us to let more people know all about and sample our range and how we create it on our tiny island.'

For more information on the Best of the West Festival and to buy tickets, visit www.bowfest.co.uk.

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Blooming brilliant Ardrishaig Flower Show

THIS summer's poor weather may have been challenging for some green-fingered gardeners, but there was no sign of that at the Ardrishaig Flower Show.

Held on Friday August 18, the 66th annual show saw stunning exhibits from budding new gardeners to the cream of the crop experts, and an array of tasty treats and crafty creations in the baking and craft classes.

Committee member Neil John MacLean commented: 'This year's show really has been excellent. The committee are delighted with the amount of entries and produce on show.'

'The schools have really excelled themselves this year and it is great to have them involved, as they really are the future of shows like this.'

'It has also been brilliant to see the dedication of gardeners, with folk coming from further afield, even as far as Benderloch, to enter.'

Results:

Coronation Cup for the most points in the open section, classes 1-62 – Hugh McLeod.

Coronation Cup for roses, class 63 – Sandra Galbraith.

Thompson Cup for the most points in dahlias, classes 69-79 – J Docherty.

Thompson Cup for the best fuchsia no 95-96, amateur – N J MacLean

Coronation Cup for the most points in the vegetable section, classes 104-130 – N J MacLean.

Coronation Cup for the most points in baking and preserves, classes 131-162 – E Scott;

Anderson Cup for the best sultana cake, class 142 – E Scott.

Crawford Cup for the best exhibit in show – Hugh McLeod.

Presidents Cup for most points in amateur classes, classes 104-130 – N J MacLean.

Alice Wood Memorial Cup for the best exhibit in floral art – I Souden.

Catherine Smith Memorial Trophy – I Souden.

Cup for the most points in floral art, classes 1-6 – I Souden.

Colin Wilson Memorial Quail for carnations, class 9 – N J MacLean.

Ormsary Cup for the most points in baking, classes 131-152 – E Scott.

Cup for the most

points in preserves, classes 153-162 – E Scott.

Crawford Cup for school art – Alysha Johnston for Ardrishaig Primary School.

Shelia MacIntosh Memorial Trophy – I Souden.

Bob Simmers Memorial Trophy, chrysanthemums, class 7 – Hugh McLeod.

MacFarlane Memorial Trophy, sweet peas, class 66 – Helen Hope.

Jeanie MacKenzie Memorial Trophy, classes 173-186 – K Ballantine.

Archie J MacDonald Memorial Trophy, pansies, class 11 – Sandra Galbraith.

Donald Moir Memorial Trophy – A Pearson.

M Reid Memorial Trophy, gladioli, classes 4-5 – Hugh McLeod.

Cup for best fuchsia in the open section, classes 25-26 – N J MacLean.

Millennium Cup for the most points in show – Hugh McLeod.

Tommy Tyson Memorial Cup for best begonia in show – Hugh McLeod.

A K Memorial Cup for the best shallots in show – N J MacLean.

Mervyn Kessell Cup for the most points in photograph section – A Brown.



Hugh McLeod was the star of the show. 08_a34ArdFlowerShow04

Ardrishaig Community Council Cup for best Ardrishaig garden – Jamie O'May.

ACHA Diamond Celebration Cup for best exhibit for amateur classes 131-162 – E Scott.

Balliemore Youth Trophy – S Doy.

Red rosette for best exhibit in horticultural section, classes 1-130 – Hugh McLeod

Red ribbon for second best exhibit in horticultural section, classes 1-130 – N J MacLean

Rosette for best exhibit non horti-

cultural section – A Wilson

Rosette for floral art section – 1 A Pearson; 2 I Souden; 3 I Souden.

Rosette for most points in children's section – G Small.

Rosette for most points in knitting section – K Ballantine.

Garden news top tray class – 1 N J MacLean; 2 S Doy; 3 A MacFarlane.

Garden news top vase – 1 Sandra Galbraith; 2 N J MacLean; 3 S Doy.

Special prizes: Cut flowers – class

21, begonia – Hugh McLeod; Class 67, gladioli – Hugh McLeod; Class 68, single gladioli – Hugh McLeod; Class 82, asters – Fiona MacLachlan; Class 83, antirrhinums – S Doy; Class 85, scotch marigold – D Carrick; Class 87, pansies, 1 board – Helen Hope.

Baking: Class 143, chocolate log – E Scott; Mrs P MacLean, class 144, swiss roll – C Robertson; Class 146, rhubarb tart – E Scott. Vegetable section, amateur: Class 110,

carrot 3 long – Hugh McLeod; Class 128, collection of veg – A MacFarlane.

Vegetable section, open: Class 44, round beetroot – Hugh McLeod.

Handicraft section: Class 179, patchwork – A Wilson; Best vase of herbaceous plants in show – Helen Hope; Best onion in show – Hugh McLeod; Best potatoes in show – Hugh McLeod; Best tomatoes in show – Fiona MacLachlan; Best leeks in show – N J MacLean



Sandra Galbraith from Carradale had a very successful year, taking home three first place prizes. 08_a34ArdFlowerShow03



Jodie Cook was very impressed with grandad Neil John MacLean's entries this year. 08_a34ArdFlowerShow07



Gavin Small, of Lochgilphead scored the most points in the children's section. 08_a34ArdFlowerShow08

Follow red dots to discover Argyll's premier visual arts

RED DOTS are scattered along the Art-map trail, and wherever you find them, you will be assured of a warm welcome and much to look at this weekend.

Over the past 10 years the red dot trail has increased in popularity and has become the premier visual arts event in Argyll's cultural calendar.

Studios and venues across Argyll, from Appin in the north to Campbeltown in the south, are welcoming visitors who not only enjoy the outstanding scenery, but also come for the insights and experiences of seeing the private spaces of artists' studios first hand.

Running from today (August 25) to Sunday August 28, this year 49 artists and venue

members and nearly 30 associate members will take part, displaying a wide range of artistic disciplines.

The venues include The Archway Gallery, Lochgilphead; Auchindrain Museum, near Inveraray; The Dochas Gallery, Lochgilphead; Kilmartin Museum; Loch Melfort Hotel and Arduaine Gardens; Port Appin Studio; SNH Tainish NNR; and the Scottish Sculpture Park, Caol Ruadh.

The 76-page brochures featuring the artists' work, with detailed directions to their studios, are free and can be picked up at any of the artists' studios, venues and at most tourist information centres, hotels and B&Bs in the area. The studios are open between 10am and 5pm.

Dining delights at Ban-Diuc

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IT HAS been quite some time since I was last in the Ban-Diuc Indian Brasserie in Inveraray, so I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived to a bright and open restaurant.

It may have been as simple as removing a partitioning wall that used to be there but the space feels so much bigger and brighter.

On arrival we were warmly welcomed by staff and taken to our table. We were glad we had booked as the restaurant was busy with visiting tourists and there were plenty of customers through the door collecting takeaway orders.

With a menu boasting such a wide selection, it was difficult to make a decision, so when our waiter suggested he pick for us, we were more than happy to let him.



The star of the show: lamb karahi akbori.

The staff at Ban-Diuc clearly know their stuff and, without too much guidance from us, other than preferred type of meat and how hot we could handle, our server made a great, varying selection for us.

Light, crispy poppadoms appeared first, with a selection of four dips – fruity mango chutney, calming mint yoghurt, a delicious red spicy sauce and a refreshing onion and cucumber salad, each dip complementing and contrasting the others and proving to be a promising start

to the meal. A colourful selection of starters were brought over next – tandoori grilled tiger prawns and the vegetarian mixed combo of onion bhaji, mushroom pakora and vegetable pakora. The selection of starters in the mixed combo were all pleasant enough but a little samey, I presume due to having the same batter coating. The batter, however, was crisp and golden and hid fresh, flavoursome vegetables.

As someone who is not the biggest shellfish lover, I did



Delicious starters.

feel a pang of instant regret when I was presented with the prawns – maybe I should have thought to tell the waiter this before we let him put our surprise order in – but nothing ventured, nothing gained was my mentality as I gingerly tried them.

Their bright pink colouring was a little dazzling but it was clearly down to the spicing. The prawns were big and meaty and full of flavour and my fears were put to rest – I would happily have them again.

On to the mains, and out came orange and ginger chicken and lamb karahi akbori, with pilau rice and peshwari naan.

The orange and ginger chicken was a definite hit. Tender chicken in a rich, thick sauce made for a very tasty curry but admittedly the orange and ginger tang I was



A main course feast.

looking forward to was a little lacking in some mouthfuls.

For me, the star of the show was the karahi akbori. The succulent lamb melted in the mouth and the chilli gave it a warming kick but didn't overpower the other more subtle flavours.

The staff were incredibly attentive throughout our meal and showed the same regard to takeaway customers too. The attention to detail, from opening heated wipes for diners after their meal or holding the door open for customers as they left, really added to the experience.

All in all, the meal was delicious. The portions were generous and the staff couldn't have been more pleasant and helpful. I'd gladly make the drive to Inveraray – even just for a takeaway.

Wartime novel author visits Lochgilphead

COFFEE, cake and a book signing are on the agenda for Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead this weekend.

Neal Ascherson will visit the bookshop tomorrow (Saturday August 26) to promote his first work of fiction which was published this month. *The Death of the*

Fronsac is a story of divided loyalties, treachery and exile; about people in flight from the destinies that seemed to be theirs before the war disrupted the world they knew.

This is an unforgettable re-creation of life in wartime and of the tragic fate of Poland

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New festive song for the Dalriada Singers

Whisper it ... but Christmas is not too far away.

The Dalriada Singers are already thinking about the festive season and their Christmas concert.

The choral group head off on a new tack for this year's event in Ardrishaig Parish Church.

Rather than presenting a pot-pourri of carols and readings, the choir will perform a programme of longer works in contrasting styles.

The first will be Ralph Vaughan Williams's richly sonorous *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*, which demonstrates the deep influence of folk music on the composer.

This will be followed by extracts from Benjamin Britten's hauntingly evocative *Ceremony of Carols*, originally composed for three-part boys' choir but here adapted for conventional four-part mixed voices.

The programme will conclude with the unashamedly populist



Dalriada Singers performed on the Vic 32 earlier this year.

Christmas cantata *Night of Miracles* by the American evangelical composer John Willard Peterson.

The Christmas concert will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church at 7.30pm on

Saturday December 16.

The choir will go on to take part in a traditional carol service the following afternoon in St Columba's Church, Poltalloch, and plan to return

there at the end of April for their spring concert, featuring the ever-popular Requiem by Gabriel Fauré and a selection of chansons by the irrepressible Francis Poulenc.

New members are always welcome – and you can hear or join the choir in rehearsal action in Ardrishaig North Hall, on Wednesday evenings from September 6 from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Food and fun in aid of Ford hall

A family fun day is on the cards for tomorrow (Saturday August 26) followed by an evening of dancing at Ford Village Hall.

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

The fun begins at noon with a barbecue, tea and coffee, and plenty to keep the young ones entertained. There will be craft stalls, home-baking, a tombola and much more.

At 3pm, stepping out in style with a new routine will be the Ford Line Dancers.

The hall will then be transformed into a pop-up pub, serving real ales, wines, spirits and soft drinks for the evening event at 7.30pm. Curries and chilli will also be served for those who are feeling a little peckish from all the dancing.

All proceeds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the hall.



Ford line dancers will debut a new routine this year. 06_a35fordfun05

Glitz and glam all for a good cause

FOLLOWING on from last year's success, Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising group is set to stage another ladies' fashion show.

The chic event will also feature a charity raffle with fabulous prizes and a pop-up shop to buy some of the items displayed.

There will be the chance to try on and buy all of the clothes – from sizes six to 22.

All funds raised will go to Marie Curie, which provides care and support for people living with



The event was a huge success last year.

terminal illness. This spectacular evening of fashion will be held on Monday September 4 at Lochgilhead High

School – doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available from Lochgilhead's Icon Hairdressing,

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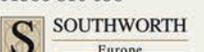


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Some of the crafters included, back row: Jacob Bland and Christine Doogan; front row: Donna Kennedy, Sue Bland, Morag MacDonald, Selene McArthur and Kirsty Brady. 08_a34MSCraft03

Creative crafters raise funds for MS Centre

IT WAS far from dreich inside the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Lochgilphead as it held its colourful craft fair.

down on Saturday August 19, the MS Centre proved a safe haven for brave shoppers looking for a unique bargain.

As the rain poured Stalls from the MS Centre craft group, A Touch of Glass, Fyne Crystals, Handmade on the Hill, Sue Bland, cards by Donna Kennedy, painted rocks and knitted toys

by Phyllis Cameron, Enchanted Roses by Catherine Kennedy, cakes and candy by Catherine Doogan, and frames, clocks and jewellery by Morag MacDonald and Hazel Selfridge offered shoppers a wide range of products to peruse.

Organiser Sue Bland said: 'It's been a steady morning for us, which is great since we're raising funds for the centre.'

'It all came about during a conversation about there being few craft fairs for local crafters and how the centre is trying to raise funds, so we thought why not make it a joint project.'

'It's also been a great way to show off what the centre's craft group has been getting up to. And we're hoping to do something similar nearer Christmas.'

In total £170 was raised on the day.



MS Centre volunteer Donna Shepherd kept on top of the tea and coffee orders. 08_a34MSCraft01

Biscuits and beauty at Lochgilphead coffee morning

ON SUCH a miserable day last Saturday, there was no better place to be than a warm Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

tasty morsels, it wasn't surprising that the coffee morning was busy from start to finish. The 'guess the lucky square' raffle proved almost as popular as the delicious home baking

that was on offer, with the grand prize of a £25 voucher for Breaigha Therapy and Beauty Room up for grabs. All proceeds raised will go towards the church fund.



Linda Tighe and Isabella Souden enjoy a cuppa. 08_a34GilpParishCoffee01



Pat McGinley was glad to get out of the rain for a piece of cake. 08_a34GilpParishCoffee02

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c) helping to reduce the production of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

d) creating new jobs in renewable energy industries.

e) reducing your energy bills. In some cases you can generate income by selling your surplus energy back to your energy provider.

There are a variety of products on the market that can help you save money.

Electricity – solar panels, wind turbines, hydro. Heat – biomass, ground source heat pumps, air source heat pumps, solar water

heating, thermal stores. Be clear on what you want to achieve with your renewable technology. This will influence which technology is most appropriate for you. Many people want to save money and reduce their emissions, and it is becoming more possible to achieve both. Other factors can have an impact, for example:

If you need to replace your boiler or central heating system, installing a new biomass boiler or heat pump becomes more cost-effective. If your priority is to save carbon dioxide, consider wood-fuelled heating, a large wind turbine or a large solar PV system. If you want to do your bit for the environment but have limited funds, think about a cheaper option such as solar water heating. If you live in an isolated rural property with no mains electricity, you may get the most reliable off-grid supply from

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Insulation

Making sure your home is well insulated can significantly reduce unnecessary heat loss, leading to lower energy bills and a more comfortable home. There are many simple yet effective ways to insulate your home, which can significantly reduce heat loss while lowering your heating bills.

Roof and loft insulation. A quarter of heat is lost through the roof in an uninsulated home. Insulating your loft, attic or flat roof is a simple and effective way to reduce heat loss and reduce your heating bills. Loft insulation is effective for at least 40 years and it should pay for itself many times over. Choosing loft insulation.

If your loft is easy to access and has no damp or condensation problems, it should be easy to insu-

late. It is possible to do it yourself. If access is easy and your loft joists are regular, you can use rolls of mineral wool insulation. The first layer is laid between the joists – the horizontal beams that make up the floor of the loft – then another layer is laid at right angles to cover the joists and make the insulation up to the required depth. This can be done by someone competent in DIY or a professional installer.

About a third of all the heat lost in an uninsulated home escapes through the walls. Heat will always flow from a warm area to a cold one. In winter, the colder it is outside, the faster heat from your home will escape into the surrounding air.

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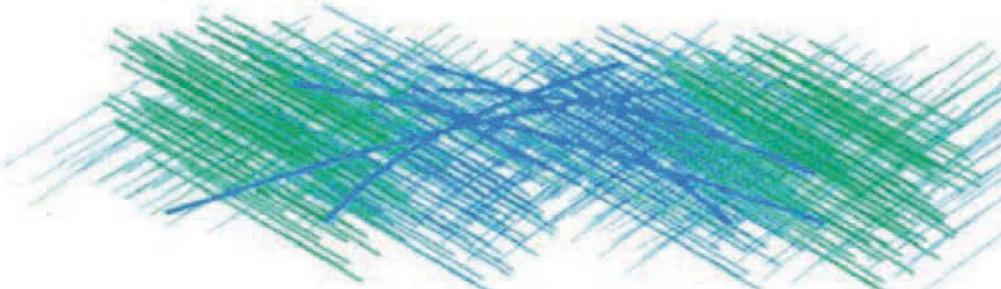



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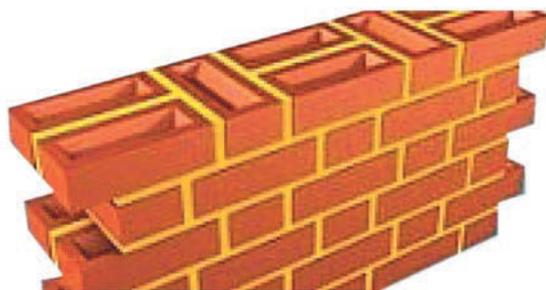
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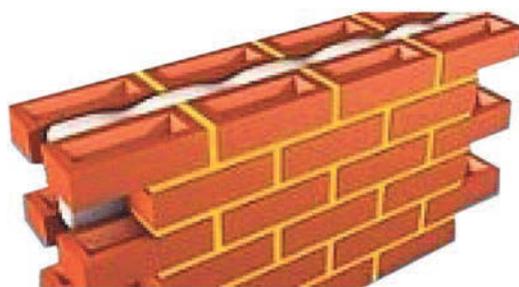
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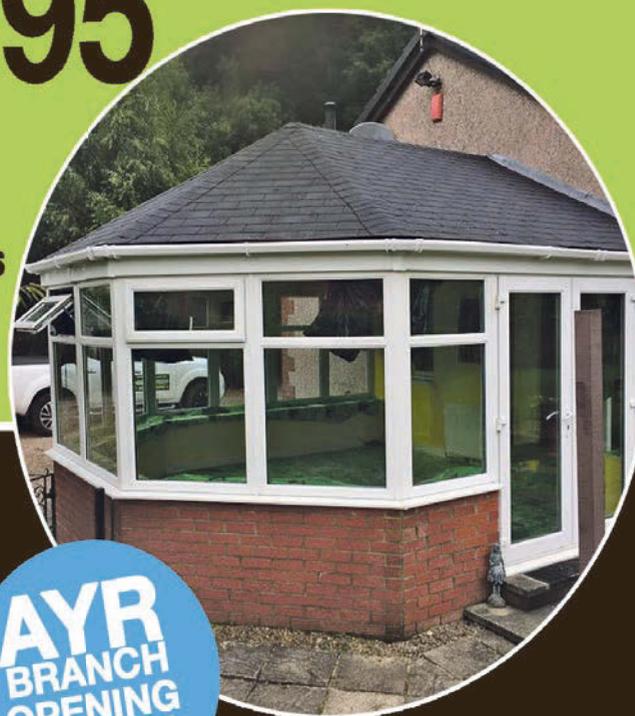
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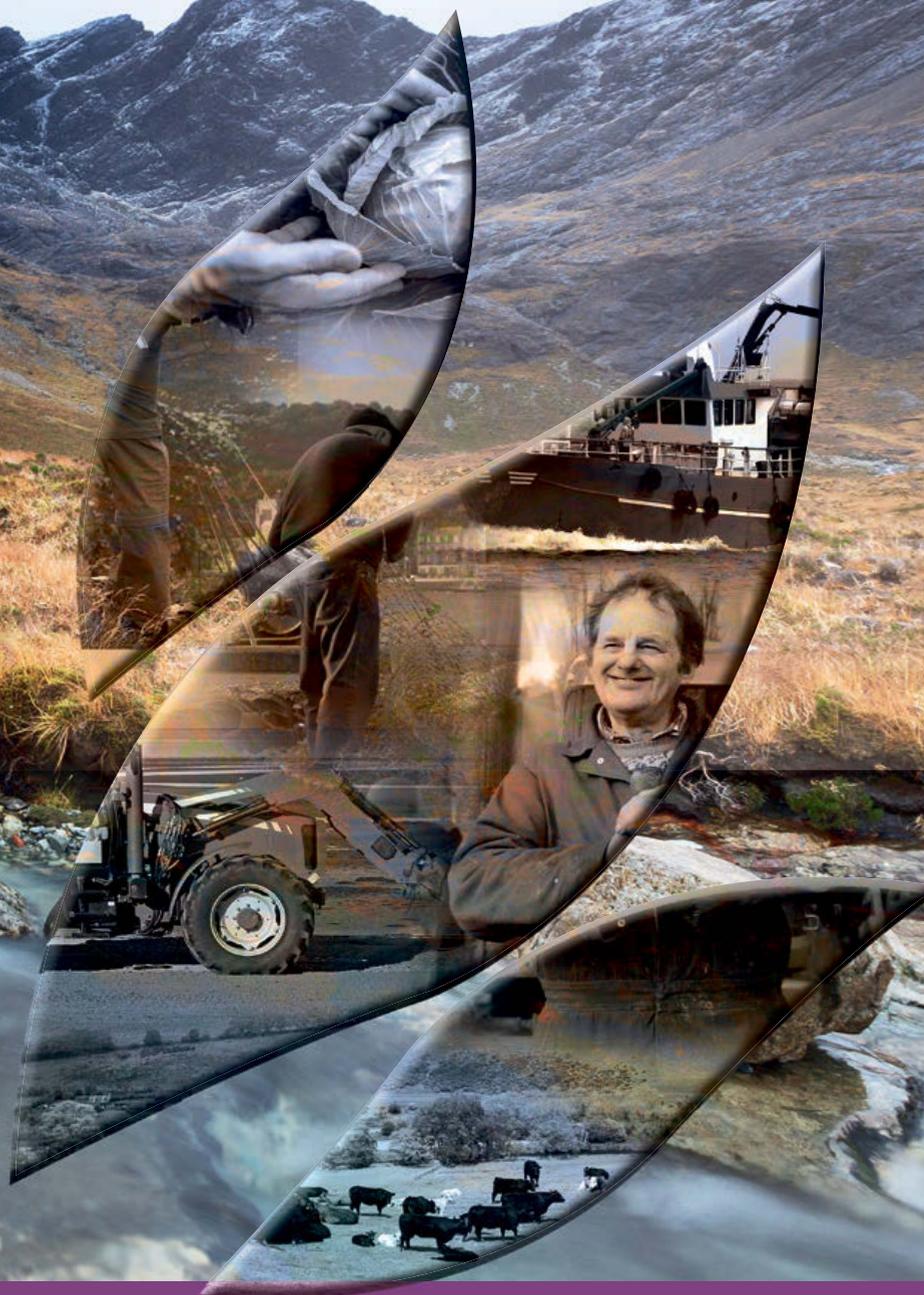
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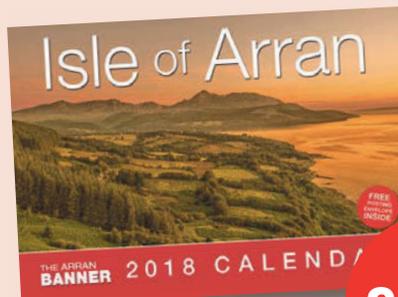
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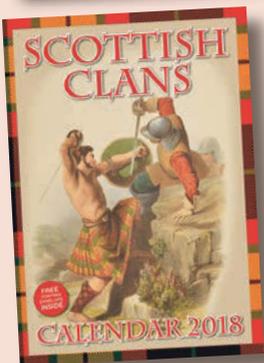
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/02097/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 14/02240/PPP (site for the erection of dwellinghouse)	Land To The North Of Kennacraig Farm Kennacraig By Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

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(WGS84)

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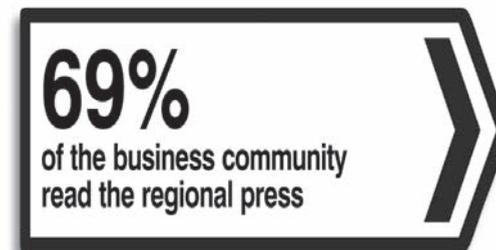
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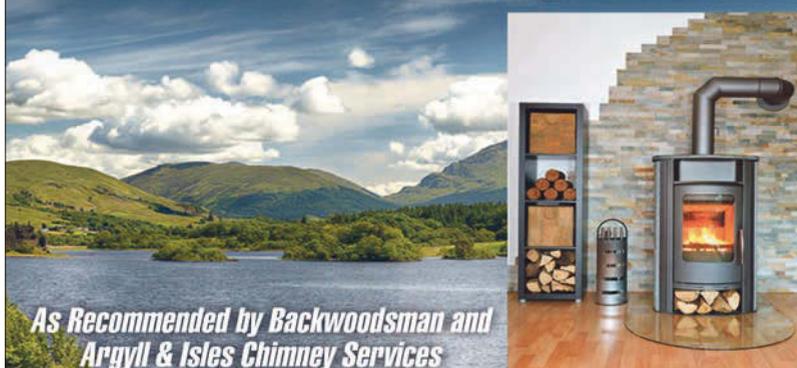


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TARBERT

All go at Tarbert Soccer Centre

THE NEW season at Tarbert Soccer Centre kicked off last Thursday. The 2012s and 2011s session at the Astro is held from 6pm to 6.45pm, while the 2010s to 2009s session is at the Astro from 6.45pm to 7.30pm. Following on from last year's successful charity match to raise funds for Tarbert Soccer Centre, it is all set to happen again this year. The charity match will take place on Sunday September 17 at Cil Andreis, with a 12.30pm kick off. Organisers are looking for people to bid on their preferred number in either Tarbert Reds and Tarbert Blues, with a starting bid of £20. In a change from last year, James Prentice will lead the reds and Duncan MacDougall the blues. Bidding will close on Sunday August 27 at 9pm. Contact Dawn MacDougall for more information.

REST AND BETHANKFUL



Under starter's orders – the Cobra hill run.

Climb every mountain in a Cobra

THE COBRA Drivers' Club will hold its fifth annual rally and hill climb this weekend. This event, on Sunday August 27, is open to all owners of original, continuation and recreation Cobra 260, 289, 427 and Daytona Coupe, Sunbeam Tiger 260, 289 and Le Mans, Mustang 289, 350 and 500 and all models of the GT40 and Ford GT. Proceedings will start with breakfast at Deanston Distillery in Doune, after which there will be a 65-mile tour via the Duke's Pass, to Glen Croe and the Rest and Be Thankful. After taking on the hill climb course, starting at around 11.30am on Sunday, the cars will head for Inveraray Castle for a late lunch.

STRACHUR

Then and now, through the lens

STRACHUR and District Local History Society will host a new exhibition of photographs on Saturday September 2. The images reflect changes to the landscape of Strachur and district over the past 100 years or so. Old photographs are shown alongside new shots of the same scene taken by local photographer David Fiddes. The high quality images will, according to organisers, intrigue and perhaps surprise. The exhibition opens at 2pm in Strachur Memorial Hall.

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



IT HAS been said to have been the most viewed and photographed eclipse in history, as well as being the first time that such an event was visible across the US for 99 years. Everyone in the US was told they would be able to see it, with some people having the sun blocked out entirely. People were told: 'The sun is about to disappear.' Cynically we might say in Scotland: 'And your point is?' Sometimes I feel as if the sun has been eclipsed in Argyll for most of this summer. It disappears with monotonous regularity, it would seem. However, we know that this total eclipse in America is quite remarkable and totally awesome. Millions of people flocked to a little known place called Carbondale to see this amazing wonder.

As anticipated, Carbondale proved to be a huge magnet for skywatchers who made good use of the extra 60,000 parking places organised for the day. Carbondale was billed as the 'eclipse crossroads of America', because it would enjoy totality both on Monday and when the next US eclipse occurs in 2024. The area also had the privilege of enjoying the longest period of darkness anywhere in the country at just over two minutes and 40 seconds. Interesting that most of us had never heard of Carbondale before, until this unknown out-of-the-way place became famous for the total eclipse of light. Interesting that many had not heard of Bethlehem before, also an unknown out-of-the-way place, but in contrast it is famous for the total eclipse of darkness. Bethlehem witnessed the birth of the Light of the World and the people who walked in darkness arrived at a very different crossroads.

INVERARAY

Macmillan Cancer charity event in Inveraray

THE WORLD'S Biggest Coffee Morning Inveraray. Skippers Bistro at Argyll Caravan Park, just south of Inveraray, will host a fundraising coffee event happening near morning for Macmillan tomorrow (Saturday August 26) between 11am and 1pm. All are welcome to come along to enjoy a cuppa.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever' (Psalm 107:1).

ENGAGEMENT

RALSTON - ARMOUR - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Thomas Neil Cameron, son of John and Anne, Kilkivan, to Lorna Currie, elder daughter of Willie and Isy, West Trodgal.

MARRIAGE



MCFLYNN - MACGREGOR

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Eilidh, daughter of Norma MacKenzie, Tarbert and Peter McFlynn, Glasgow, to Jamie, son of Gordon and the late Lesley MacGregor at Mar Hall, Bishopton, on August 12, 2017. A fabulous day shared with family and friends.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Peacefully at Craigholm, Southend on August 16, 2017, Martha Ferguson Cameron, née Armour, aged 93 years. Dearly beloved wife of the late Archie Cameron and loving mother, granny and great granny. Funeral to be arranged at a later date.

KENNEDY - Daniel, Glenview Cottage, Kilmichael, former Waterways manager Crinan and Caledonian Canals died on Thursday August 17, 2017 at RAH, Paisley aged 68 with his family by his side. Private woodland burial. "A man's a man for a' that."

MACMILLAN - Peacefully, in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on August 15, 2017, David Ross MacMillan, in his 74th year, 17 Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Katrina, loving father of Sharon and Lorraine, father-in-law of Robert and Jason and a devoted papa and great papa.

MILLS - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on August 22, 2017, Mary Jessica Mills, in her 99th year, formerly of Auchinlee Residential

Home, Campbeltown and Kilmichael Glen, much loved and loving wife of the late Albert Henry Mills, dearly loved mother of Ron and David, and mother-in-law of Corinne and Sally, loving grandmother of Jonathan, Anna, Rosemary and Robert and great grandmother to Isobel, Joseph, Thomas, Emily, Dillon and Finley. A Cremation Service will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Friday September 1, 2017 at 2.15pm. To which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Red Cross.

NASH - A graveside service and interment of ashes will take place at Achabreac Cemetery, Lochgilphead, on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 11.00am, for the late Mairi Nash, née Archibald, formerly of Calman Villa, Ardrishaig. All friends are respectfully invited.

PATERSON - Peacefully at Wynford Locks Care Home, Glasgow, on August 22, 2017, Marion Semple Paterson, in her 91st year, formerly of Pier Road, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late Dugald Paterson, much loved mum of Robert, Catherine and Lachlan and loving granny to Kim and Kle. Service will take place in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on Friday August 25, 2017 at 12.00 noon. Funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SMITH - On August 18, 2017, peacefully at Ayrshire Central Hospital, Georgetta Work Smith, née Kirkpatrick, formerly of Glenfield, Tarbert, in her 97th year, beloved wife of the late John Smith and much loved mother of Elizabeth and Iain, a dearly loved granny and great granny. A graveside service will take place at Tarbert Cemetery on Wednesday August 30, at 12 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

WATERS - Suddenly at the R.A.H. Paisley on August 20, 2017, William, dearly beloved husband of Julia, loving father to Stewart and granda to Conner and Stewart. Sadly missed.

YATES - At her home, Taigh Mhor, Creaganterve Mhor, by Kilmartin on August 9, 2017, Phyllis Anne Yates, née Falconer,

aged 62 years. Mother to Alistair, Stuart and Karen, dear partner of Paul. Funeral Service will be held today, Friday August 25, 2017, at Kilmartin Parish Church at 12 noon. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRAIG - Alasdair, Diane and Andrea, the family of the late Dr Ann Craig, would like to thank everyone, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Thanks to all doctors and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for the kind care and attention received, also to Roddy and Jean MacLeod for their kindness and for being such good neighbours to mother. Thanks also to Rev Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Colin Stevenson for his renderings on the pipes, George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £507 was raised for the church.

MACEACHERN - Isobel, Donald, David and families would like to thank everyone for cards, letters, telephone calls and flowers following the sad loss of Donnie. Sincere thanks to nursing staff and Dr Romans at A&E Department, Lochgilphead for sympathetic care and attention; to the dedicated nurses and doctors in Ward B, Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, to Rev David Carruthers for such a personal and fitting service; to Bruce Weir for uplifting organ music; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all their help and guidance; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes; to Crear Catering for a lovely light lunch; and to all who attended at church, graveside and Ormsary Community Centre. The retiral collection, in aid of MacMillan Nurses, Mid Argyll and M S Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead, raised £715. Thank you all.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMERON - Treasured memories of Gregor, a much loved husband, who passed away one year ago today.

Our hearts are full of memories With pride we speak your name Our lives go on without you But nothing is the same We talk about you often Of things you would say and do

We have many loving memories But we wish we still had you. - Mary xx.

CAMERON - Treasured memories of Gregor, a dear dad and papa, taken from us one year ago today. Many a day his name is spoken And many an hour he is in our thoughts He may have gone from our lives But never from our hearts. Missed every day, loved always.

- Nicola, Finlay, Gregor, Daniel and families. **GARDNER** - Edwin Paul, born October 24, 1937, died August 23, 2015. Always loved, always remembered. Treasured and cherished memories - Christine, Jamie, Angie and family.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Alastair who died in Sri Lanka on August 24, 2013. A dearly loved son and brother, remembered every day. - Mum and Malcolm xx Treasured memories of all our loved ones gone before. Forever in our thoughts.

MACKAY - Fond memories of Anne, a dear mother, sister and aunt and friend of many who passed away on August 22, 2016.



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MCKERRAL - Neil, a loving and much loved son, brother and uncle, who died August 28, 2008. Missed every day. - Mum, Iain, Marie and Phil. Miss you lots, Uncle Neil xx. - Hannah and Liam.

MCNEILL - Treasured memories of treasured times of my beloved wife May, who passed away on August 24, 2012. Always in my heart. -Don x

ORR - In loving memory of Uncle Archie, who died August 26, 2003. Remembered with love, from all the family.

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CHURCH NOTICES



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
27th August 2017
Sunday Worship
Ford 11.45am
Rev. C. R. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
SUNDAY 27th AUGUST
Service at 11 a.m
Speaker this week - Graham McLean
'A heritage of the Lord'
Followed by a light lunch
ALL WELCOME

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 27th August
Skipness Service 10am
Marilyn Sheddin
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Angela Stather
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 27th August
Pentecost 12
Holy Communion & Baptism 10.45am
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3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 27 August
Tayvallich Church 10am
Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 26 August
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Café Connect
Monday 28 August
Tayvallich Church 10.30am
Prayer Time
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George Street, Campbeltown
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11.15am Worship Service
Rev Iain McDonald followed by Congregational Meeting
4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 30th August
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Saturday 2nd September
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday 6th September
2.00pm Water of Life Café
Saturday 9th September
7.30pm Alex MacDonald in concert
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
meeting to be held on Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Pastor Iain McCallum, Cartbridge Evangelical Church, Glasgow
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 27th August 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray at 11.30 am
Charity No. SC016665
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 27th August 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be in church at 11.15am
All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 27th August
11.15am Traditional Service
Creche - Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 29th August
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

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Thursday
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All welcome

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 27 August
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome
Wednesday 30 August
Bible Study and Prayer
12.30pm at the Free Church and 7.30pm at Springbank
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Sunday 11.00 am
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Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
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Holy Mass every Sunday 10am
All Welcome (SC002876)

Red Star triumph to crush Cardross

SAFL Premier Two

**Lochgilphead Red Star 9
Cardross AFC 1**

RED STAR continued their good start to the season last Saturday as they welcomed Cardross AFC to a wet and windy Joint Campus 3G.

The home side welcomed back Aaron Moore from injury and suspension, and it took the Star captain less than a minute to put his side in front, after he latched on to a through ball from Kieran Moore for 1-0.

Star were in no mood to allow their opponents back into the match and raced into a 4-0 lead at the break thanks to further goals from Kieran Moore with a double and Ciaran McPhie.

At the other end, the Red Star back three of Luke Naisby, Kyle Selfridge and Lucas Alderson were coping well with the aerial threat posed by a physical Cardross attack.

With the wind at their backs going into the second half, Red Star looked to add to their tally and did so with Rab Docherty cutting in from the right flank

and drilling a shot past the keeper to put his side 5-0 up.

Star were disappointed to concede soon after, however, when Cardross managed to bundle home a corner to get on the scoresheet.

But this was as good as it got for the visitors as Star added further goals with Kieran Moore scoring another two to put him on four goals for the afternoon and McPhie also adding to his tally, making it a good day for Red Star's young strikers.

Aaron Moore also added to his tally to give Star a convincing 9-1 win against the league newcomers.

The Lochgilphead side will be expecting a much tougher test tomorrow when they take on a rejuvenated Busby AFC. The game is due to be played at the Ropework and kicks off at 2pm.

In the draw for the West of Scotland Cup first round, Red Star were handed a very difficult home tie against Maryhill Thistle with the match due to be played on Saturday December 16.



Clockwise from left: Donald Bowness and co-driver Robin Nicolson get airborne; Jamie Miller and Ian McCulloch have no time to enjoy the view; while Innes Mochrie and Paul Hunter kick up some dust.

Photographs: Gavin Brown, West Coast Photos.

Lochgilphead racers rally on Solway Coast

THREE local rally crews recently raced for the win in the Solway Coast Rally.

The rally, held on Saturday August 5 in Dundrennan army ranges, was another round of the Scot-

tish Tarmac Rally. Donald Bowness and co-driver Robin Nicolson in a borrowed Vauxhall Corsa, Innes Mochrie and Paul Hunter in a Metro, and Jamie Miller and Ian Mc-

Culloch in a Nova all battled it out for honours in the 1400 class.

The result was to end the same as Mach 1, with Bowness and Nicolson taking the class win by two min-

utes and 10 seconds, finishing first in class and 25th overall.

To make it a full local class honours, Mochrie and Hunter took second in the class and 32nd overall, while Miller and

McCulloch took third in class and 38th overall.

All crews head to the Pendragon stages at Warcop army camp, Penrith, this Sunday (August 27) for the next round.

Kyles' magnificent dozen sees 'More crumble

Artemis Macaulay Cup Final

Kyles Athletic 7 Newtonmore 4

KYLES ATHLETIC added the Artemis Macaulay Cup to the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup won earlier in the season after beating Newtonmore at Mossfield.

Despite heavy rain in Oban during the week, Mossfield groundsman Iain Hay and his team had the field in good condition.

Three goals in the opening 12 minutes were a sign of what was to come.

Colin MacDonald gave Kyles the lead after just three minutes, his shot bobbling low into the corner of the net past keeper Norman Campbell.

Newtonmore levelled on eight minutes when Glen MacKintosh was rewarded for anticipation as he gleefully rolled the ball into

the unguarded goal. Kyles regained the lead four minutes later. Colin MacDonald saw an initial effort blocked by Norman Campbell before he volleyed the rebound into the net from inside the box.

Under pressure for most of the first half, Newtonmore finished with a flourish and, with just 60 seconds before ref Robert Baxter blew for half-time, Fraser MacKintosh blasted a powerful shot just under the bar to level the scores.

The second half was just 23 seconds old when Sandy MacKenzie directed a shot which went through the legs of both defender Michael Russell and keeper Norman Campbell to put Kyles in front for a third time.

Just after the hour mark, Roddy MacDonald rattled in a superb goal from an angle and it was 4-2

to the Cowal side. Kyles took a grip of the match – and Roddy MacDonald got his second on 67 minutes.

Newtonmore's Glen MacKintosh made it 5-3 with less than 20 minutes left, but there was to be no comeback.

MacDonald completed his hat-trick a couple of minutes later when he slotted the ball low into the net despite offside appeals from the Badenoch side.

Kyles scored the goal of the match on 78 minutes. Ross MacRae started the move and he picked out Grant Irvine, whose first time pass found Dunkie Kerr. Scott MacDonald ran forward and stretched to pull Kerr's ball forward across goal and MacDonald nipped in to sweep the ball into the net.

Glen MacKintosh completed his hat-trick on 79 minutes as he

sent a dipping 22 yard shot which caught out keeper Whyte at his left post to make it 7-4 – and that was that.

The Artemis Macaulay Cup returned to Tighnabruach for the first time since 2013 and the 12th time overall.

Thomas Whyte of Kyles was the sponsor's choice as man of the match.

Marine Harvest National Division

Caberfeidh 5 Inveraray 2

SECOND placed Caberfeidh and third placed Inveraray met for the second successive Saturday, this time at Castle Leod.

Inveraray were 2-0 winners at the Winterton seven days earlier but there was to be no repeat for the men in yellow and black.

Caberfeidh took the lead short-

ly after the throw up when Kevin Bartlett sent the ball through to Colin MacLennan who drove the it home.

Inveraray fought back, and levelled on 15 minutes with a Fraser Watt penalty.

Craig Morrison put the hosts back in front on 40 minutes, before Kevin Bartlett did well to turn his man at the edge of the D and scored to make it 3-1.

Referee Innes Wood awarded Inveraray a second penalty almost straight from the restart. Inveraray won the centre and Fraser Watt played a one-two with Allan MacDonald, and as Watt was about to shoot he was taken down from behind. Watt picked himself up to score his second spot-hit of the afternoon.

Two further Caberfeidh goals secured a valuable win for the home side.

Rain fails to ruin golf club's spirit

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club got in the swing of things last weekend as they donned their golf-themed fancy dress.

The T&W Scaffolding Tri Am, sponsored by Simon Taylor and Mitchell Wishart of Taylor and Wishart Scaffolding, is a fun day competition that ends with an evening dance.

Despite being one of the wettest days anyone has played on Lochgilphead golf course, 19 teams of three competed. But not all could face the weather

to complete their round. With a net 46, it was the ladies' team, The Birdies, who persevered through the wind and the rain to claim the £300 cash prize.

Dannies Trannies were not far behind with a net 49, taking the £200 second place prize, and Three Dram Eagles came in hot on their heels with a net 50 to take third place and £100.

The best dressed and best named teams both received £60 for their efforts and the players who came nearest to the pin

and had the longest drive won £30 each.

Members of the club would like to thank everyone for coming and special thanks to T&W Scaffolding for hosting the event and Tamsin and Simon Taylor's family for assisting.

Results: 1 The Birdies – Donna McKellar, Fiona McLeod and Ele Hunter; 2 Dannies Trannies – Roddy McDonald, Adrian Angus and Ross Sinclair; 3 Three Dram Eagles – Kenny Crawford, Brian Crawford and Mick Battle. Nearest the pin – W Dougall; Longest drive – Ryan McGlynn; Best dressed team – Team Francis; Best name – Drawshank Redemption.



The Birdies – Donna McKellar, Fiona McLeod and Ele Hunter – were victorious. 08_a34GilpGolf05



Peter Sinclair tees off as his team-mates look on. 08_a34GilpGolf03



Simon Taylor, of Taylor and Wishart Scaffolding, takes a practice swing. 08_a34GilpGolf08



Braving the weather were Frances Curran, Simon Taylor and Alastair O'May as they set off on their round. 08_a34GilpGolf06

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £650

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

C Mead
Burnside Cottages
Stewarton

W Park
Meadow Park
Campbeltown

All you have to do
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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Rain fails to ruin
golf club's spirit

Boccia athletes are pride of town

'LET ME win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.'

The Boccia team representing Scotland West certainly did that last week when they produced their best shots in the Ponds Forge Arena.

More than 1,200 athletes from Scotland, England and Wales participated in a series of hard-fought but friendly competitions in 20 sports at the Special Olympics in Sheffield.

The team from Lochgilphead, made up by Flora Currie, Campbell Ferguson and Iain Macdougall, alongside teams from Glasgow and Paisley made up the Scotland West Boccia Squad. And under the guidance of head coach John Gillies, ably assisted by



Flora Currie with her bronze medal, Iain Macdougall was delighted with his gold, and Campbell Ferguson with his silver medal and now traditional salute.



coaches Mary Gillies and Karyn Mitchell from Paisley, they put on a show worthy of the Olympic ideal and standards expected at this level.

Tuesday August 8 and Wednesday August 9 saw the team compete in five different competitions where they all exceeded ex-

pectations, producing their best form at just the right time.

Wednesday night saw them through to the medal ceremony where Iain Macdougall won gold and Flora Currie won the bronze in their competition, and Campbell Ferguson took silver in his competition.

The other members from Glasgow and Paisley, who also had several joint training sessions with the Lochgilphead group, also achieved one silver, one bronze, a fourth and two fifths.

It was on Friday, however, at the end of a truly hard week, that the squad showed their

skill, concentration and perseverance to pit their strengths against the best teams from Tayside, Dumfries, Yorkshire and Humberside, South East England, Northern Region, Greater London and the Midlands.

They held their nerve to get the highest squad medal tally of the day.

The three teams from the squad each competed in different competitions, coming away with the team gold, team silver and a very close team fourth narrowly missing out on the team bronze.

With a beaming smile Flora Currie summed it up for all the athletes when asked during an interview at the games what she liked best, her response was: 'Absolutely everything.'

Tarbert golf club pretty in pink

A BUSY weekend at Glenralloch kicked off last Saturday with the second round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup.

A tightly bunched group of five players all had a chance to win this sought-after trophy and, despite the horrendous conditions, with continuous rain and wind, they battled it out.

Gordon McCaffery scored well to finish in third place on 71 points, while vice-president Chris Smyth took second place with 72 points, having played particularly well on the back nine.

The overall winner was Bruce MacNab, who shot a 70 for 37 points on the day and a total of 74. Iain Macalister who was unable to play in the first round, had the second best score on the day with 36 points but took the magic two pot with chip-in birdies at both the

third and eighth holes. Vice-president Smyth presented the trophy to a delighted Bruce, who thanked the hard-core members for turning out on such a horrible day.

On Sunday, the ladies section ran the mixed doubles breast cancer awareness open with a healthy number of teams taking part and raising a fantastic £406 in the process. Lochgilphead husband and wife team Jim and Ele Hunter took first prize with a net score of 61.5 followed by Bill and Rona Young on net 64. Coming in third was Ryan McGlynn and Donna McKellar on 68.5.

Lady captain Rae Bleasby thanked all who took part and was grateful for all the donations and prizes received.

This Saturday the Tarbert Golf Club Am Am takes place with tee times currently still available.

Cowal and Bute are junior cup winners

PRIOR to shinty's senior Macaulay Cup final last Saturday (August 19), three area teams representing Oban and Ballachulish, Mid Argyll, and Cowal and Bute contested a round robin tournament at Glencruitten Park.

The tournament showcases the best talent across the south area at S1 level in the hope that it will promote an increase in participation at this age group.

With three teams competing, each team played each other twice and the winner was decided by who topped the group at the end of the league games. Mid



The victorious Cowal and Bute team.

Argyll were up first against the Oban area team. From the start Oban put pressure on the lesser experienced Mid Argyll side and at the end of the 16-minute game had managed to win by three goals to nil.

Mid Argyll then faced Cowal and Bute and the Cowal area team

put the same score-line past the Mid Argyll side.

It was clear that the next game would be close and it was won by a goal to nil against the Oban area team which proved decisive in the end.

The next round of games took place and the younger Mid Ar-

gyll side, although still losing both games, showed a vast improvement, getting used to the bigger pitch and playing 12-a-side.

The final game would be a decider between Cowal and Bute and Oban and Ballachulish.

As with the first game, it was an excellent match with excel-

lent skills and tactical awareness demonstrated. Despite some clear chances for both teams no goals were scored and the Cowal and Bute team won by virtue of their earlier defeat of Oban and Ballachulish.

The victorious team were presented their medals and trophy by Camanachd Association president Jim Barr and thanks must also go to the Macaulay Association and Artemis who kindly sponsored the event this year.

Sports club lottery draws

AT THIS week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw the winning numbers were 6, 17 and 18. There were no winners so next week £400 will be up for grabs.

The winning numbers drawn on Monday night in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery

were 1, 15 and 20. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £1,100.

In the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery, the numbers drawn were 7, 14 and 16. As there were no winning tickets next week's jackpot will be £600.

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