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Government slammed over 'unacceptable' A83 delay

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THE SCOTTISH Government still cannot say when a vital road improvement scheme will begin – despite the fact work should have been completed last spring.

Yet another serious accident closed the A83 trunk road for more than six hours at the weekend when a biker was airlifted to hospital.

The crash is just the latest in a series of serious collisions at Strone Point, a notorious shore-side bend, many of which have sadly proved fatal.

In September last year, trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland described planned works to improve the bend as 'long-awaited'.

The £1.16 million

Still no date for vital work on bend

contract was awarded to a Dublin-based firm in early January.

At that point, the work was due to begin in November 2016 and take 24 weeks to complete.

When the *Advertiser* asked in June this year why the project had been delayed, Transport Scotland replied: 'We are working with the contractor to agree an acceptable programme of work that minimises delays for people using the A83 and we expect their revised proposals in the coming weeks.'

Discussions

That was more than two months ago, but when the same question was asked earlier this week, a Transport

Scotland spokesperson said: 'Discussions with the contractor are on-going so that the Strone Point scheme can be carried out without closing the A83 – minimising disruption for road users.'

Update

'We hope to reach an agreement soon and will update the community as soon as this happens.'

This failed to satisfy Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell who said: 'The accident on Saturday emphasises the urgency of getting the reconstruction of the road at Strone Point completed.'

'The current delay is unacceptable and I understand is due to a disagreement that orig-

inates with the contractor. I have already made that point to the Transport Minister and I am now ensuring he is aware action is needed now to get the contractors sorted out and the work done.'

Transport Scotland's spokesperson added: 'We appreciate the local community wants to see this work get under way and we appreciate its patience.'

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand, a member of the A83 taskforce set up to advance improvements to the trunk road, said: 'What needs to happen on this dangerous stretch of road before work gets started?'

'It is clearly not good enough and I will be writing once again to Transport Minister Humza Yousaf and to Michael Russell MSP to push for action.'



Smiles as MAMA Fest returns

A great weekend was had by everyone at last weekend's MAMA Fest, with musicians taking to the stage to showcase the wealth of talent Argyll has to offer. The Mawb are pictured rocking out on Saturday night. Turn to pages 17 to 19 for more. 06_a36MA-

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Law catches up with fine dodger

A LOCHGILPHEAD fine dodger paid up to £300 for penalties he owed after having his bank account frozen.

The unnamed man was originally found guilty of two counts of driving without insurance at Lochgilphead Justice of the Peace Court.

The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) can recover unpaid fines through freezing bank accounts and arresting wages.

Effective

SCTS chief operations officer David Fraser said: 'Fines enforcement teams continue to be highly effective in securing unpaid fines.'

'Failure to pay, or to engage with our officers, will result in sanctions being taken including arrestment of wages, bank accounts, your car being clamped or being arrested when travelling abroad.'



Reverend Hilda Smith celebrates anniversary.

Lochgilphead minister celebrates quarter century

REVEREND Hilda Smith of Lochgilphead Parish Church has celebrated 25 years since her ordination.

The church celebrated the anniversary with a special service of worship on Sunday August 27 led by Reverend Catriona Hood.

This was followed by lunch in the church hall attended by 65 people.

Rev Smith's previous charges included churches in Rothesay, Drumchapel and Yorkhill.

Allan and Lynn go Forth

A COUPLE from Lochgilphead were in the first group to cross the new Queensferry Crossing in Fife last week.

Allan and Lynn Finlay entered the ballot for the pedestrian crossing after seeing it on the news.

Unsuccessful in their first ballot attempt, the couple were awarded and received the once-in-

a-lifetime invitation from the Scottish Government.

With Allan visiting the bridge during its construction in 2015, the pair were delighted to see the completed structure up close.

Charity

He said: 'Everything was so well organised and there was a mix of old people and young. Some were doing the walk for charity and

others just because it was a great thing to do and they wanted to be a part of it.

'When we arrived at the bridge we were in

the first group to cross. We were just happy to be involved in such a historic event and, for once, the weather was fantastic.'



Allan and Lynn Finlay on the new Queensferry crossing in Fife.

POLICE FILES

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a car was reportedly driven at a pedestrian in McInyre Terrace, Lochgilphead, at 3.40pm on Tuesday August 29. Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Assault

AT 10.20pm on Tuesday August 29, a man, aged 18, was arrested in Kilmartin for assaulting another man. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

No road tax

ON THURSDAY August 31 at 7.45pm a car was stopped by police for a routine check on the A83 at Lochgilphead. Enquiries revealed the vehicle did not have a valid road tax licence. The driver, a 28-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the DVLA.

Vehicle seized

ROUTINE checks on a car stopped on the A83 at Lochgair at 8pm on Thursday August 31 revealed the driver had no insurance.

A 21-year-old man was driving on a provisional licence without a supervisor or L plates. The driver was searched and a small amount of cocaine was found. He was charged with a number of offences and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs in van

A VAN was stopped by police at 8.15pm on Thursday August 31.

On searching the vehicle, it was found to contain cannabis. Following this, the male driver's house was searched and was found to contain what appeared to be cannabis cultivation. The man was arrested and charged with the offences and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vandalism

SOMETIME between 8.20pm on Thursday August 31 and 6am on Friday September 1, a glass panel in the door at RS McColl's on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, was damaged. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Caravan find

A CARAVAN near Lochgilphead was searched at 10.50pm on Friday September 1, where a cannabis cultivation and an uncertificated air weapon were found. The occupier of the caravan, a man aged 43, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drunk driver

A VAN was stopped in Furnace on Saturday September 2 at 6pm with the driver, a man aged 57, arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs found

A FLAT in Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, was searched at 3.50am on Monday September 4 and a number of ecstasy tablets along with a small amount of cannabis were found. The occupier of the flat, a man aged 20, will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Crash on A83

POLICE received a report of a crash on the A83 at Strone Point, Inveraray at 2.30pm on Saturday September 2.

Emergency services attended the scene and a motorcyclist was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow with a broken wrist and internal injuries. The road re-opened at 8.45pm.

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Sunny Cairndow for Friends of Argyll

THE FRIENDS of Argyll Papers will visit Ardkinglas House and Kilmorich Church in Cairndow on Saturday September 16.

The group plans to meet at Ardkinglas House at 10am for a tour of the house. Following the tour there will be a history talk at the Stagecoach Inn.

Ardkinglas House was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer for Sir Andrew Noble. Completed in 1907, it incorporates a wealth of state-of-the-art early 20th century technology, from sanitation to electrical lighting and central heating.

After lunch the group will visit Kilmorich Parish Church where Murdo MacDonald will share his knowledge of the church and its history. To find out more call 01499 302698.

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Connection woes continue for Argyll BT customers

FOLLOWING last week's story of an *Advertiser* reader who was without broadband or a landline for five days, another reader from Furnace has contacted the paper with his BT woes.

The customer has now been without broadband since the beginning of August,

with a lightning strike also resulting in a month of being disconnected in May.

The reader, a former BT engineer, said he had contacted BT on several occasions but that his wifi had still not been restored.

The BT customer said: 'I have had to come to Lochgilph-

ad to transfer money from one bank account to another. Because I don't have wifi I have to drive a 30-mile round trip which costs both money and time.

'It seems BT cannot grasp the importance of being connected when you live in a rural area.'

The customer said

four engineers had called at his home since May and he had logged his complaints through four different call centres in four different countries.

A BT spokesman said: 'Following a period of lightning strikes in Argyll, Openreach engineers replaced around 100 metres of

damaged cable and an internal phone socket connecting the customer's line.

'Lightning damage can be difficult to repair as it often requires painstaking work to replace many sections of cable or exchange equipment and the damage can appear after the initial strikes,

often weeks or even months later.

'Engineers are working on a new solution involving changing equipment at the exchange. We are in touch regularly with the customer and we expect to restore his service very soon. We're very sorry for any inconvenience.'



Jilly Wilson of The Square Peg hands over the cheque to Mid Argyll pipe major Craig Lang. 08_a36squarepegbagmoney

Pipe Band delight as it bags cash donation

THE SQUARE Peg owners have announced the lucky winner of an online vote for bag money.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band came out on top with 22 per cent of the vote on The Square Peg's Facebook page to win the £183.25 donation - raised through 5p charges on plastic bags.

Pipe Major Craig Lang said he was delighted the pipe band won the vote.

'We are very honoured to get the money,' he said. 'There were a number of very good charities involved in the vote, so we are absolutely delighted.'

'The money will be going towards uniform for the band.'

'We have a lot of youngsters starting so we need kilts, jackets and equipment.'

The cheque was handed over to Craig by Jilly Wilson of The Square Peg cafe and gift shop in Lochgilphhead on Tuesday September 5 - International Day of Charity.

Jilly said: 'There are so many worthy charities and causes locally it's really difficult to decide. I thought it would be nice to let our customers, fans and local people make the decision for us.'



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Barbara MacGilp and Liz Cameron with some bargains they nabbed at the interval. 08_a36Fashionshow02



Kirsty MacCallum from Lochgilphead with her purchases from the fashion show. 08_a36Fashionshow01

Splash of color charity fashion

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A FASHION show at Lochgilphead Joint Campus has raised £1,168 to provide care for terminally ill patients in Argyll.

The fashion show, organised by the Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising group, took place on Monday September 4.

The amount raised is the equivalent to 50 hours of care by Marie Curie nurses for terminally ill patients across Argyll.

Prices of clothes, shoes and bags were slashed by almost half as the packed hall saw models Chloe Hebb and Nicola Meldrum rock the catwalk.

The clothes were provided by Colours Fundraising Fashion Shows, which returned to Mid Argyll with some of the country's favourite brands, such as Marks and Spencers, Topshop and Urban Outfitters.

Designer clothes were also on offer, with shoes by top designer Karen Milen available at a fraction of their retail price.

Organiser Jenny Brolly said fundraising for Marie Curie was vital, especially in Mid Argyll where patients had to travel far to get the care they need.

'The Mid Argyll fundraising group raises money for care by Marie Curie nurses for people in their own homes in the area with terminal illness.

'It gives people the choice of being nursed at home, by Marie Curie's nurses, and that's very important in this area because we are so far away from hospitals that can provide specific care. If patients have to go to Glasgow, it's very far away.

'The group has been growing for almost five years. We are raising the profile of Marie Curie successfully in the area and we are very proud to be able to do that.'



Model Nicola Meldrum struts her stuff on the catwalk.



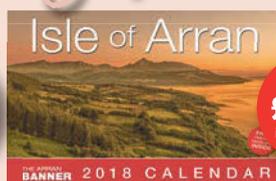
Some of the organisers of this year's charity fashion show. Back row: Christine O'Hare, Jenny Brolly, Sheila Fin Robinson, Cathie MacLeod, Rachel Brolly and Liz Lees. 08_a36fashionshoworganisers02

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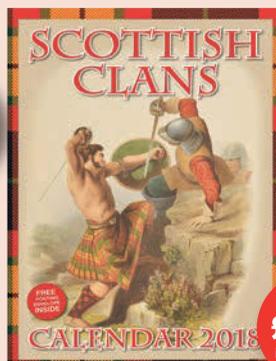
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Make up artist and part time model Chloe Hebb, is all smiles as she shows off a military style red coat. 08_a36Fashionshow04



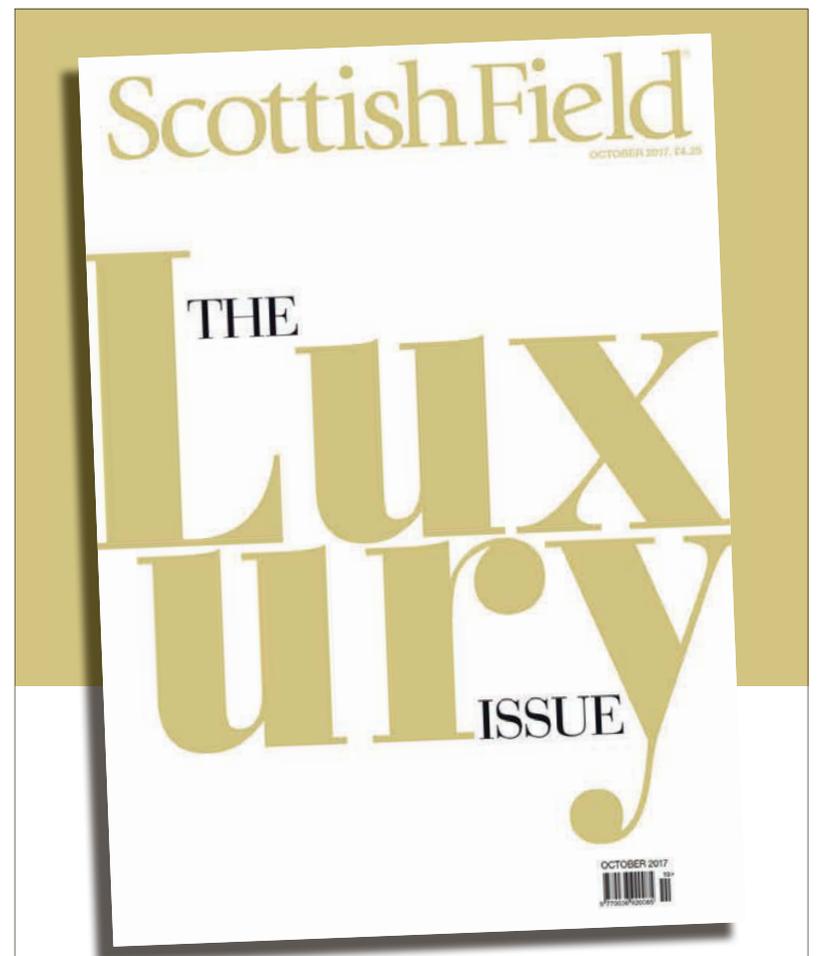
Nicola Meldrum with tailored trousers from M&S. 08_a36Fashionshow05



lay, Marion Richardson and Alison Craig. Front row: Kath



A cold shoulder top is modelled by Chloe Hebb. 08_a36Fashionshow06



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Editorial

Delay danger

THERE is clearly a serious problem between the chosen contractor and Transport Scotland, otherwise we would be driving a pristine new road at Strone Point by now.

As it is, only the potholed nature of the A83 road surface seems to slow certain vehicles enough to safely negotiate the bend.

This is a drum we have beaten plenty over the years at the *Advertiser* – but why can Edinburgh get spectacular bridges and motorways built when we cannot get any kind of substantial road project off the ground in Argyll?

We are still being fobbed off by temporary solutions at the Rest; Strone Point is a danger and a disgrace; The Ardrishaig to Tarbert stretch of the A83 needs big investment. And we could go on.

Where is the political will to push these West Coast Scottish Government investments?

Fantastic

THE ORGANISERS of MAMA Fest are to be congratulated on putting on a real treat for the people of Mid Argyll and beyond.

It was just fantastic, and great value for money. If you thought you would watch the TV instead, you missed great music, delicious grub and fantastic craic.

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How much longer?

Sir,
On Saturday afternoon, September 2, yet another serious accident occurred at Strone Point, near Inveraray.

For some reason, details of any casualties have not been made known, nor has any report been made on television, but it is a fact the road was closed for seven hours, and whatever the circumstances, an rumour had it as a fatal accident.

How much longer must it be before this corner is straightened out? Over the last 30 odd years there may have been many fatalities there and goodness knows how many injuries.

The suffering and anguish of families and friends of the victims must have been enormous, and the inconvenience to hundreds, if not thousands over the years to people re-routed – about 60-70 miles in most instances – who were just heading home or whatever, very considerable indeed.

Please 'powers that be' do what is needed at Strone Point now.

I have said in a previous letter this must be one of the most dangerous corners in Scotland, and it is dangerous not just in the busy season, but all year round, for in the winter months ice affects this road too.

Niall Iain MacLean, Inveraray.

Put it in your diary

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the MAMAFest committee, to thank everyone for their help in making this year's

No-one quite like Norman MacLean

ENTERTAINER Norman MacLean died on Thursday August 31, aged 80.

An announcement on the Uist Facebook page read simply:

Norman Mackinnon Maclean – 26 December 1936-31 August 2017

It is with much sadness, and a deep sense of loss, that we announce the death of our dear friend, Norman Maclean, at the age of eighty years. Norman had become increasingly frail since the beginning of the year, and on the 3rd of August he was admitted to the Uist and Barra Hospital, where he received excellent care and was shown great kindness and tenderness. He passed away peacefully in the hospital at 2.27pm this afternoon.

The Glasgow-born former Oban teacher rose to fame as an entertainer in Gaelic and English in the 1970s.

He was known for his sharply-observed comedy, piping and was a Mòd gold medallist. He also performed over many years at venues



The inimitable Norman MacLean.

across Argyll, where he remained popular throughout his colourful life.

After news of his passing was published by the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, the paper's Facebook page received a large volume of comments expressing sadness – but also recalling the life of this remarkable man.

Liz MacInally wrote: 'I taught with this lovely man briefly at Garthamlock Secondary in Glasgow in the '60s.'

He was funny, articulate, highly talented and a shrewd observer of Scottish life. In particular, he

said no-one ever gave you praise for your achievements until you died. So come on folks, let's hear how great this man was. A fine piper, a Mòd medallist, a Latin and mathematics scholar and a brilliant stand-up comic.'

Sandy Wilson, a colleague of Norman MacLean at Oban High School, wrote: 'Gaeldom at its best! In the '70s in Oban High School we lost both our Gaelic teachers and Norman selflessly rearranged his life and came to our rescue.'

He saw all the Gaelic pupils through their exams while remain-

ing his witty, charming, enigmatic self.'

He added: 'Norman's admin was as good as his teaching and his reports on pupils were exemplary: accurate, concise, professional and as a Highland gentleman he always said something positive, even though redeeming features were scarce. On one occasion he concluded with: 'He has beautiful teeth.'

Neil Anderson: 'I'll miss Norman. Recall sharing the stage with him in the village hall for the millennium party.'

Also notable for his brilliant Gaelic stand-up and acting performances and for all the people he taught Gaelic, including Karen Matheson and as the voice of Pdraig Phost. Rest in Peace Norman.'

James Brown: 'I remember Norman well. He was part of a gig with Willie John McAulay and Gaberlunzie when they performed at the Covenanters in the early '80s. Liked a dram and a top bloke. Shame.'

Alison MacDonald:

'A very talented man. Heard him on many occasions in the Royal Hotel, Ardrishaig, in the '80s.'

Ian Mc Pherson: 'Lovely man, great fun to be with. Filmed a couple of times at Bowmore Distillery while I was there. Will be sadly missed.'

Gordon Cumming: 'Had the pleasure of meeting Norman and spending some time with him - a scholar and a gentleman, though not given to undue refinement. A loss to his family, friends and the greater community.'

Margaret Shaw: 'Great man. Loved his humour and Gaelic singing.'

'Will be missed by many.'

Rhetta MacLean: 'I don't think anyone will ever be able to take his place.'

Elizabeth Reive: 'A very talented, funny man.'

Jan MacMartin: 'Sad news, a true legend. x'

Flora MacPherson: 'Very clever man and an excellent entertainer.'

Moira McDonald: 'No one like him!'

festival another success. They are: Gary Wilson and Ardrishaig Community Trust whose support was way beyond our expectations; Alan and Andy from Sono Vie who provided professional quality sound and lighting yet again; all the individuals and organisations that donated money and raffle prizes and those who donated cakes for Sunday afternoon, not forgetting the shops

that sold our tickets for us; Grub's Up for providing great food; the many volunteers who manned the door, the bar, the family day stalls and the Sunday Sessions afternoon and those who just came along to help us tidy up; Lochgilphead Post Office; Renewable Parts Ltd; Scottish Canals; Harry Ross and Archie Ferguson; Iain Rodger; Ardrishaig Gala; Scott McPherson; the local fire crew

and the many local bikers and mascot wearers. There are so many people to thank, I apologise if I have missed anyone.

MAMAFest has always been about showcasing and encouraging Argyll talent and we have never been short of amazing musicians to choose from.

The biggest thanks go to the musicians who entertained us with their self-penned songs and popular covers.

Finally, praise has to go to the MAMAFest committee, each and every one of whom work tirelessly all year round to keep the festival going. I am just one member of a hard-working team that loves what they do and do it all in their own time and for no reward other than seeing the pleasure MAMAFest gives those who take the time to come along. We always hold MAMAFest during the

first weekend in September. We would love it if that weekend became a regular booking in everyone's diaries and that they join us and make sure their community festival keeps going.

Moving to Ardrishaig worked really well for both us and the musicians and we look forward to going back there next year.

Liz Miller, chairwoman, MAMAFest committee.

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Housing surgeries on Islay and Jura

WEST Highland Housing Association will officially open 18 new homes in Dail na Mara and Port Ellen, Islay, on Saturday September 9, providing more affordable housing on the island.

The project has been completed by the Ian MacTaggart Trust, Argyll and Bute Council and West Highland Housing Association.

In addition, to celebrate Scottish Housing day, several drop-in sessions are being held in the area. The first events are being held on Islay and Jura on Friday September 8.

The council's policy lead for housing

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'These drop-in events are a great way for people to get information and advice on a wide variety of housing issues.'

'Whether they want to find out how to apply for a house, want to know which grants are available or want to discuss the condition of their existing property, there will be someone on hand who will be happy to help.'

'It's important events like these take place in our communities to ensure people are given the opportunity to raise any issues they may have and to find out how we can help them.'

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Festival organiser Liz gets a sweet surprise

MAMA Fest organiser Liz Miller received a MAMA-themed cake as a 'thank you' for her efforts over the weekend. The cake was created by an old school friend of Liz, Rowan Patterson, who now lives in Glasgow.

Teacher Rowan said: 'I wanted to make a cake with the logo as a thank you to Liz and the team for keeping music live and for giving the community a fine night out.'

Rowan drove from Glasgow especially to deliver the cake to her old school friend. Liz said: 'I haven't seen Rowan for 10 years. It was such a lovely surprise to see her and to receive the cake. It's absolutely beautiful.'

The cake was donated as a gift for the committee and was duly devoured over a cup of coffee on the Sunday of the festival.

For more on MAMA Fest, turn to pages 17 to 19.

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Inveraray piping echoes through the decades

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INVERARAY piping has rarely been far from the headlines over the past decade as the town's pipe band

ascended the rankings at lightning speed.

Prompted by news of the pipe band's success, an *Advertiser* reader was reminded of a photograph lying in a drawer in his Skip-

ness home and handed it into the newspaper office for publication.

Today, Inveraray and District Pipe Band sits at the top of the heap as grade one world champions and over-



Inveraray and District Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Stuart Liddell, leads the parade at the 2017 Inveraray Games. 08_a29invgames02



Piping at Stirling castle - from left: Andrew Short, Kenny Grieve, Peter Aitken, (unknown), James Beaton, Eilidh Keith, PM Ronnie McCallum, Provost Helen Bunting with Inveraray pennant, Laura Stewart, Robin Short, Gillies Fyfe, Colin Clement.

all champion of champions for 2017. And this pursuit of excellence has been led by Inveraray's own Stuart Liddell, ably assisted by others.

Stuart, a top solo pip-

er, has a distinguished piping pedigree and learned the finer points of the instrument from his grandfather, the late Pipe Major Ronnie McCallum MBE, piper to the Duke of Argyll

and a skilled player.

Inveraray was home to Ronnie McCallum and his family for many years, and though there was no pipe band in the town during those years, there were plenty of piping enthusiasts and a number of fine pipers. Pipe Major McCallum is pictured above with some of his young pupils.

Skipness shepherd Kenny Grieve, who handed in the photograph and features in the picture, was one of the young players who came through the

Inveraray piping scene during the 1970s as he grew up in Glen Aray.

Kenny told the *Advertiser*: 'I remembered I had the photo after reading about the Inveraray band's success. Stuart Liddell is the grandson of Ronnie McCallum so I thought it was a nice bit of history.'

He added: 'The photo was taken in 1973 at Stirling Castle. I can't remember exactly what the occasion was, but it was something to do with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.'

Do you remember any more about this photograph? Contact the Argyllshire Advertiser on editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

GRADUATION



DARREN SHANKLY

Graduated from The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen with a BA Honours degree in International Business Management, 2.1. Darren attended Achahoish Primary and Lochgilphead High School and is the youngest son of Christine Shankly.

Army cadet open day

LOCHGILPHEAD and Tarbert army cadets are holding an open day on Wednesday September 13 at 7pm for those interested in joining the Army Cadet Force (ACF).

Those interested in how the group supports the local community and what is taught should call into the Cadet Training Centre at Manse Brae in Lochgilphead any time.

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Ross Barrow of HES said: 'Helping keep people safe in their homes during a power cut seems an obvious and worthwhile additional service for us to promote. From August 21 we've been giving details to those who may be eligible for the priority services register so they can understand more about the benefits and arrange for a specialist SSE advisor to call them back with more information.'

SSE customers can join the priority services register if they are dependent on electricity for home medical care; have a chronic illness or short-term medical needs; are disabled; have special communication needs; are over the age of 60; have a child under the age of five at home or for any other reason feel they may need extra support during a power cut. For more information, visit ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices, or to register call 0800 294 3259 or 0800 316 5457 to register using a text phone.

To speak to a Home Energy Scotland advisor, call free on 0808 808 2282.

Butterflies released to remember lost children

A POIGNANT ceremony to remember children who have passed away saw butterflies released from Kilmory Castle gardens.

The butterfly release on Saturday September 2 was organised by the Lochgilphead support group of the Simpson's Memory Box Appeal.

Youngsters Scott and Deri France, Kenzie Campbell, Zoe Stewart and Phoebe Barkley read a poem prior to the butterflies being released to clarinet music played by Caitlin Campbell.

A buffet lunch at The

Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead followed.

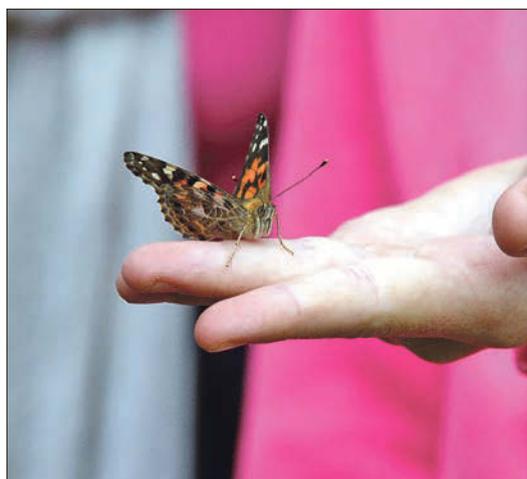
Tracey France of the support group said: 'The butterfly release is to remember the children and babies who have very sadly been lost and who we won't see grow up.'

The Lochgilphead group supports parents who have lost children through miscarriage or still birth and meets on the last Thursday of every month between 7pm and 9pm at the Stag Hotel.

For more information on the group, email lochgilpheadsimbacharity@gmail.com.



The Lochgilphead support group at Kilmory gardens.



A butterfly rests prior to its release.



The butterfly release is to remember the children and babies who have been lost

Tracey France

Lochgilphead SiMBA support group

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COUSINS GRADUATE



LINDSEY ALISON CAMPBELL

Recently graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a BA (Hons) in Spanish and French. A former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School, Lindsey is the younger daughter of Stuart and Mairi Campbell, Drumore Villa East, and granddaughter of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Lilian and the late Alex Campbell, Campbeltown.



ROSS COLVILLE

Recently graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a BSc Honours in Sports Coaching. A former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School, he is the second son of James and Annie Colville and grandson of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Robert and Ella Young, Campbeltown.



EILIDH MARGARET RONALD

Recently graduated from Glasgow University with a BSc Honours in Geography. A former pupil of Stirling High School, Eilidh is the daughter of Neil and Elaine Ronald and granddaughter of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Betty Ronald and the late Archie, Campbeltown.

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Ardanaiseig, a 20-minute drive from the main road between Glasgow and Oban (gateway to the Hebridean islands), is a listed Grade 2 building which showcases oil paintings and quirky antique furnishings. It was named by the editors of the 2017 edition of the UK Good Hotel Guide as Scotland's best romantic and country house hotel.

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'The couples who entrust us with their special occasions always remark on how warm, friendly and helpful our registrars are', Councillor Scoullar said. 'Their dedication and commitment, combined with the plethora of perfect locations available, makes for a truly memorable day. Argyll and Bute really can offer it all – come and visit us, and see for yourself.'

On the beautiful west coast of Scotland, couples are spoiled for choice when it comes to fabulous autumn wedding venues. Each year, more than 1,000 lucky couples choose the west coast for their special day, and since there are no residential qualifications for getting married in Scotland, it is a popular wedding destination for people from all over the world.

According to Provost of Argyll and Bute Councillor Len Scoullar anyone choosing to have their wedding here is assured of the warmest of welcomes. 'Whether you already stay in the area or are thinking about coming here for your big day, you can rest assured that you will find the ideal location for your ceremony', he said. 'We have romantic old castles, breathtaking

Many venues, whether a hotel, castle or garden, usually offer total wedding packages, so can be an excellent choice for couples who prefer to have all the details taken care of by a knowledgeable and professional staff. In addition, there are many experienced florists, jewellers, outfitters and caterers in the area that can take care of everything you need. In addition, ceremonies can take place at any registrar's office.

Engaged couples can find out more on Argyll and Bute Council's website at argyll-bute.gov.uk, or contact the register directly at registrars@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Check out their online Civil Ceremonies guide, which is packed with information, venues and ideas for the perfect wedding day.

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All independent schools in Scotland have their own unique ethos and values, but they share a common goal of encouraging each individual pupil to be all that they can be, and to make the most of their time at school. Independent schools enjoy a reputation for excellence, providing a broad curriculum, consistently good exam results, a positive learning environment and a wealth of co-curricular

activities. Being independent gives each school the freedom to provide the best possible education for the benefit of its pupils. Consequently, many schools have developed individual strengths that complement the excellence that is the hallmark of the sector. The choice of mainstream schools is wide and there are also special schools that provide care and education for children with additional support needs.

The statistics are compelling – Scottish Council of Independent schools provide at least £47 million annually in fee assistance, with 26.4 per cent of all pupils receiving some form of assistance. Eighty-eight per cent of SCIS pupils go on to Higher Education, with 25 per cent continuing their studies outside Scotland. According to numbers from SCIS and

the Scottish government, there is one teacher for every 8.7 pupils in SCIS schools, compared to one to 13.7 in state-funded schools. SCIS schools educate more than 31,000 children of mixed abilities from diverse backgrounds. The focus of independent schools has always been, and remains, delivering individual educational outcomes for pupils of all abilities.



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Dollar provides a stimulating and friendly environment for learning, where children are happy and excel. This warmth of community makes boarding a home-from-home experience. As the school prepares to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2018, it remains a popular choice for Scottish families.

Visit the Dollar Academy Open Day on Saturday September 9, see the school for yourself and talk to the people who know it best, the staff and pupils.

**Dollar Academy Open Day,
Saturday September 9 2017 from 10am to 1pm.**



Glenalmond College

Glenalmond set for a bright future

As stated in the recent Good Schools Guide review, 'Glenalmond is set for a cracking future'. This year has seen the start of an exciting new phase for the school, with two new houses opening this September.

Cairnies, Glenalmond's new Junior House, provides the perfect transition to senior school, giving boarding and day boys aged 12 to 14 a level of pastoral support specifically suited to younger pupils. Close to the outdoor classroom, the woods, Glenalmond's golf course and with its own playing fields, Cairnies provides an excellent base for junior year groups.

The new girls' house, Goodacre's, has also opened this September, and is home to girls aged 12 to 18. This house is in the very heart of the school and has enabled Glenalmond

to expand its girls' boarding and day provision to meet increasing demand. New curriculum developments include the addition of Highers as an alternative to A Levels for Sixth Form pupils who prefer a broader subject range. Mandarin is now taught at Glenalmond, and other new subjects include Computer Science and Dance. The school's Open Day on Saturday September 16 provides the ideal opportunity for families to visit Glenalmond and find out more about these developments. To register for the Open Day, visit www.glenalmondcollege.co.uk/OpenDay



Glenalmond College

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Where everyone's involved in the life of the school

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Lomond School

We are holding our open morning on Saturday September 30 from 10am until 1pm. The open morning is an opportunity for families to join us for a tour of the school and to look around the facilities. There is also the opportunity to meet our principal, Johanna Urquhart, talk to staff and pupils and get a flavour of what life is like here at Lomond. Our open morning is designed to give the whole family the chance to find out about all aspects of the school.

If anyone is interested in attending, they should email admissions@lomondschoo.com or alternatively telephone 01436 672 476.

Additional information

Education at Lomond School is personalised in that it provides each pupil with a tailored curriculum designed

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Open Morning 30 September 2017

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fish quay concert from 2pm to 6pm. The 2017 musical line up will welcome Hò-rò in their debut appearance at the festival alongside Heron Valley and Treble Trouble. There is also an opportunity for budding musicians to join in with organisers encouraging local talent to come along with their instruments and for impromptu performances in local bars. For more information, go to facebook.com/TarbertMusicFestival.



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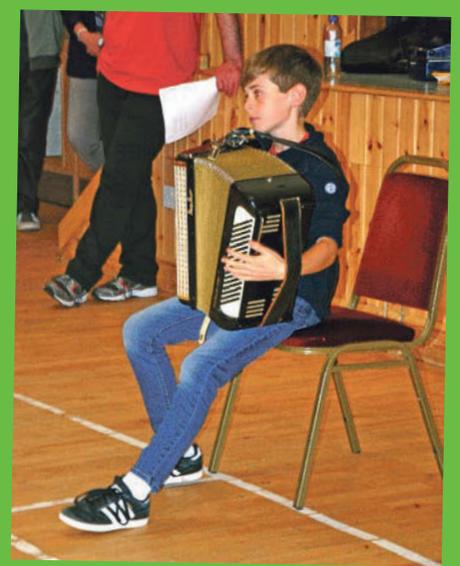
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Mid Argyll's friendly festival rocks

MAMA Fest blew the socks off Mid Argyll in a fun-packed weekend of cracking music, great food and family fun.

The Signal Fires got it all off to a rip-roaring start with a blistering cover of The Foo Fighters' Times Like These.

The Oban outfit had Ardrishaig Public Hall jumping on Friday night as they treated the audience to a sneaky peak of some of the tracks from their new acoustic EP.

The Hollow Mountain String Band, Angus Smith and North 56, and The Antics completed a fantastic opening night line-up.

Saturday's family fun day was blessed by lovely sunshine, bringing people out in droves to enjoy the entertainment. With fantastic musicality and a true west coast sound, Campbeltown brothers Archie and Alex McAllister entertained on the fiddle and accordion while Peppa Pig danced alongside to the delight of kids of all ages.

Home favourites Mid Argyll Pipe Band stirred the blood with some tunes in the sunshine. Rising Kintyre star Matt MacAllister proved why he is such hot property with a selection of self-penned songs and covers.

Lads and lassies from Mid Argyll's very own recovery cafe, Grub's Up, were on hand to dish out hundreds of burgers and hot dogs to the hungry hordes as they listened to Crackin' Craic and the Dalriada Ceilidh Band - completing the Saturday afternoon line-up.

The ever-popular Saturday night MAMA Fest night had a busy Ardrishaig Hall on its feet. Any remaining cobwebs from the previous evening were blown away, well and truly, by Campbeltown band Sleeping with the Enemy.

Up next were the Lush Puppies striking a more melodic tone followed by the full-on energy of Jo Smith and Mid Argyll's own None the Wiser.



A heartfelt performance from the Mawb and vocalist Rory Malcolm. 06_a36MAMA_Mawb10

Glasgow-based The Mawb impressed with their easy confidence, blasting out heavy rock numbers with gusto. For the Sunday survivors, it kicked off in the rain at midday.

A MAMAFest coffee afternoon showcased Mid Argyll talent, with fantastic music from Vinny Hutton, the Brambelles, the Rusty Mustangs, Danny Carroll, Ceilidh's

Homet and The Democrats. The grand fundraising raffle, drawn on Sunday, was won by Alison MacAlpine of Ardrishaig, who scooped the £100 cash prize. In just its fourth year, this year's MAMA Fest in a new venue proved a big success. The festival included Mid Argyll's most popular acts, bands from as far as Glasgow and some

new acts who have never performed in public before. Andy Bruce, of festival openers The Signal Fires, was delighted with the festival and complimented committee members on their hard work. He added: 'We've played MAMA Fest nearly every year since its inception and have had numerous slots, from headline on the Saturday night

to closing act on the Sunday. 'The sound crew were excellent as always and we were happy with our performance on the evening.' Organiser Liz Miller said: 'This year's festival was fantastic. Our new venue in Ardrishaig proved to be a huge success, and Ardrishaig Community Trust has bent over backwards to help us. I want to thank

all the musicians who took part - they were all just outstanding and they continue to amaze us year after year. And the family day was a resounding success, helped a wee bit by the weather.' Liz added: 'We haven't thought too much about the plans yet, but we would be very happy to be back in Ardrishaig for MAMA Fest 2018.'



What a start to MAMA Fest, courtesy of The Signal Fires (not the Antics, despite the drum kit). 08_a36MAMAFri03



Liz Miller announces None the Wiser with her usual infectious enthusiasm. 06_a36MAMA_05



Angus Smith and North 56 give their Friday night performance. 08_a36MAMAFri18

MAMA Fest - a fun-packed evening of cracking music, great



Ali Barrow of the Lush Puppies performs on Saturday. 06_a36MAMA05



None the Wiser's Jo Smith takes to the dance floor with her wireless microphone. 06_a36MAMA_NoneWiser03



Jack MacGregor and James Gray are framed ahead of their Friday slot as part of The Antics. 08_a36MAMAFri06



Sleeping With the Enemy certainly woke up the audience. 06_a36MAMA_Sleeping02



Mid Argyll Pipe Band play on Saturday afternoon. 08_a36MAMAFunday15



Hannah and Shirley Nicolson man a stall selling art and crafts made from driftwood. 08_a36MAMAFunday16



Jamie and Betsy Jeffrey had a great time at the Saturday afternoon family fun day. 08_a36MAMAFunday01

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Aileen Magowan and Elaine Kennedy with Sydney the dog. 08_a36MAMAFunday17



Crew members from Lochgilhead fire station looking well turned out for MAMA Fest on Saturday afternoon. 08_a36MAMAFunday19

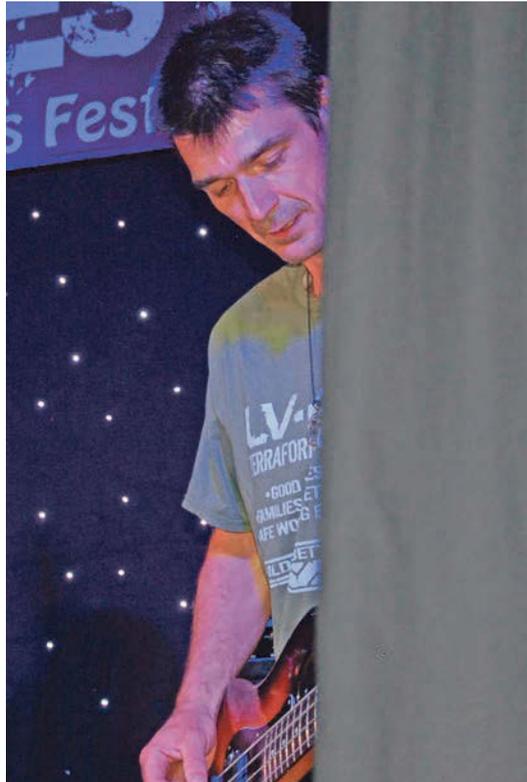
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ience as Saturday evening's opening act.



Bass player Dan 'the man' Griffiths quietly keeps the funk in the Lush Puppies sound.
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The McAllisters play in the Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig - Alex on accordion and Archie playing the fiddle. 06_a36MAMA_McAllister02



Jo Smith gives her usual laldy as part of None the Wiser.
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Kasper Stewart in the frame with Peppa Pig.
08_a36MAMAFunday05



Eilidh McCabe and The Mawb front man Ewan McCulloch. 08_a36MAMAFri01



Grub's Up recovery cafe kept the crowds supplied with tasty food on Saturday afternoon.



Lynne Girdwood at her Fyne Silver stand. 08_a36MAMAFunday18



Peppa Pig gets a cuddle from wee Lily Galloway.
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West coast set to shine at Best of the West Festival

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In its seventh year, the festival has been described as Scotland's finest boutique festival, with visitors coming from all over to celebrate the best music, food and drink in the country.

With a line-up of 21 different musical acts, the event has been extended to three days and also finishes later in the evening due to high demand.

The festival will see Tiriee band Skipinnish headlining on Friday, a six-piece musical act whose claim to fame is overtaking Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran in the

UK charts. Supporting Skipinnish on Friday are Cowal band Heron Valley who have played all seven BoW festivals, climbing up the play list to become this year's supporting headliners.

Saturday's headliners Skerryvore also hail from Tiriee. Formed in 2005, they were voted Live Act of the Year at last year's Scottish Traditional Music Awards. With six albums released since their formation, the band have a host of songs ready for the crowd at Best of the West.

Supporting Skerryvore on Saturday night are Blazin' Fiddles, from the Highlands and islands, complete with fiddlers and accordion players

for a unique style. Eddi Reader takes to the stage as Sunday's headliner. Her mix of contemporary and traditional is sure to rock the festival.

Supporting Eddi is the Highland and islands four-piece band Tide Lines, who overtook both Beyonce and Coldplay with their single 'Far Side of the World'.

The festival also aims to showcase Argyll's wealth of produce to the world, with several renowned food and drink stalls.

There is lots of choice at BoW; from Loch Fyne Oyster Bar to Aye Love Scotch Eggs, there will be something for everyone.

Some of Argyll's very own celebrity chefs will also be cooking up a



Gary Innes of last year's headliners Manran.

storm, producing their signature dishes on Saturday and Sunday.

A new prize is also available for the best stand, supported by

property consultants on the festival and to Bidwells. purchase tickets, visit For more information www.bowfest.co.uk.



Edinburgh Fringe comic comes to Smiddy

EDINBURGH Fringe comic Bruce Fummey is coming to Lochgilphead later this month.

The Perthshire comedian is bringing his renowned show 'Macbeth... Without the Shakespeare Bol****s' to the Smiddy on Wednesday September 13.

His performance in Argyll follows sell-out shows at the Fringe over the past 10 years.

The event begins at 7.30pm and will follow a light buffet. Tickets cost £15 and are available at the Smiddy in the town.

Perthshire comedian Bruce Fummey

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THE LAST and possibly the largest show of the summer calendar took place on Saturday – Dalmally Agricultural Show.

The field was packed with people and even the sun managed to make an appearance.

Spectators were spoiled for choice – whether it was the judging of the com-

mercial cattle, Highland cattle, Blackface sheep in the mart, the pipe band playing, shinty games, bird shows, wood working or the famous terrier race. Children had plenty to choose from as bouncy castles and fun-fair styled stalls surrounded the field.

Show organisers said: 'A huge thank you to all

our volunteers, competitors, sponsors, stall-holders, and to everyone who came along to support this year's Dalmally Show – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.'

The overall cattle champion belonged to Douglas MacDonald of Tyree, Benderloch. He said: 'It's not easy doing it, so [the win] is very nice and it's good to keep the young ones interested.'

The over-all winner in the native or continental sheep category was won by a Cheviot tup owned by Iain MacKay from Luss and the champion Blackface sheep was won by Sandy Patterson from Auchloy near Crieff.

Another star of the show belonged to Iain McKay, Appin. His one-year-old terrier was crowned best in show.

When asked how he felt afterwards, he said: 'Brilliant. The wife will be happy.'

Oban and District Classic Car Club had 14 cars on show. 'We managed to re-

cruit two new members,' said Kevin Devine club chairman.



Dougie MacDonald shows off the overall cattle champion, owned by his dad Douglas MacDonald.
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The overall champion Blackface champion gimmer from Sandy Patterson. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn;



Champion in the Native/ Continental Breeds of Sheep Cheviot tup owned by Iain MacKay and brought out by Claire Suzette Simonetta.
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Public urged to support Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight this month



Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is a nationwide event which supports and promotes Scotland's produce and the people who grow, make, cook and sell it. Once again, the fortnight is encouraging the great Scottish public to take part by changing just one thing (#onethingfortnight)

about how much Scottish food and drink they buy and eat. This year's celebration will take place between Saturday September 2 and Sunday September 17 inclusive, and we would love everyone across Scotland, of all ages, to join in to champion Scotland's delicious larder

and change one thing (#onethingfortnight) for 2017. Tying in with the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is profiling the following daily food themes and asking everyone, to simply change one thing (#onethingfortnight):

Fiona Richmond, Head of Regional Food, said: 'Using the daily themes as inspiration, we are searching the archives for historical recipes and asking chefs to provide us with recipes that offer their own modern take on a theme. We will be sharing these recipes, old and new, with the public, alongside other fascinating and delicious hints, tips and facts about Scottish food and drink. 'All the while, we'll asking people to make use of these ideas to change

'#onethingfortnight' about the way in which they interact with Scottish produce. For example, an office worker may switch to Scotch Beef or Scottish Salmon in their daily sandwich; families may seek out Scottish labels on food and drink at the supermarket or visit their local butcher or baker – the possibilities are endless. 'Just one change can make a huge difference.' Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight 2017 officially launched at the start of September.

Sat 2nd Sept	Picnic	Sun 10th Sept	Weekend lunch
Sun 3rd Sept	Afternoon tea	Mon 11th Sept	Coffee break
Mon 4th Sept	Office meeting	Tues 12th Sept	Breakfast
Tues 5th Sept	Packed lunch	Wed 13th Sept	Family meal
Wed 6th Sept	TV dinner	Thurs 14th Sept	Street food
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Enjoying a pint at the Stag Hotel are David Rogers, Dave Mercer, David Ollier, Keith Campbell, Harry Oram, Ian Richardson, Bob Culley and Pat Smith. 06_a36Foresters01

Foresters return to Argyll after 50 years

EIGHT former forestry workers returned to Lochgilphead on Tuesday September 5 - almost 50 years since they worked to clear the after-effects of the 1968 hurricane.

At the time, most were student foresters with the Forestry Commission working mostly in English forest districts.

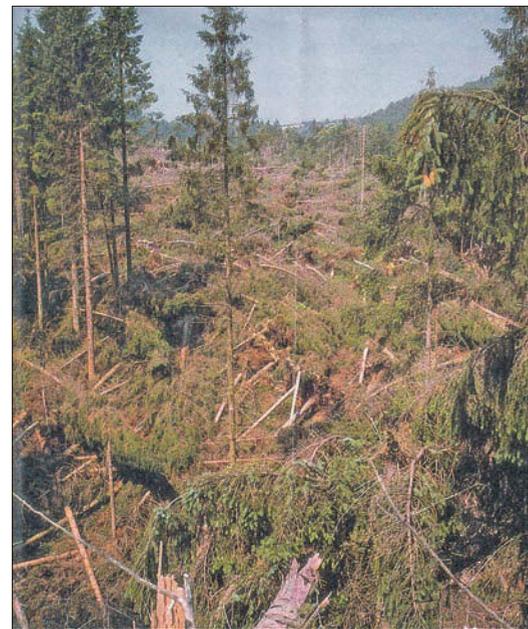
When the storm struck the west of Scotland on January 15 1968, the lads either volunteered or were, in their words 'press ganged' to travel north to help clear damage.

One of the students was Harry Oram, who helped to organise the week-long Scottish trip. He recalled where he was when he got the 1968 call: 'I was at Bramshall Estate in Hampshire quietly snedding away with an axe trying to keep up with the Polish lads, who were the best.'

'Some lads had cars and the rest of us were given travel warrants to Glasgow and booked into the YMCA.'

At a briefing the following day, the young foresters learned their fate. They were posted to darkest Argyll.

Harry continued:



The devastation faced by the young foresters almost half a century ago.

'Knapdale had an estimated 70,000 cubic metres (approximately equivalent to tons) of wind blown trees, while Inverliewer around 80,000 cubic metres.'

'I was sent to Achnamara with 11 others and the remaining boys were sent to Inverliewer and Ardentenny, with some later moving to Glenbranter. There was no limit on earnings as there had been in England, where the maximum on piecework was 50 per cent above day rate.'

Working through the hot summers of 1968 and 1969, the men were ravaged by midges, only gaining relief through the occasional breeze and by putting extra oil in the fuel mix.

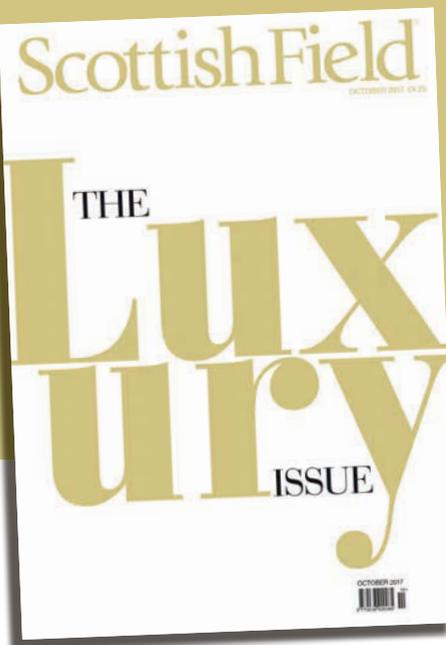
Harry remembers the commission looked after them well. 'We had evening botany lectures in Lochgilphead,' he said, 'as well as educational tours to pulp and sawmills, to see helicopter spraying in Glen Orchy and to James Jones and Sons to see Unimogs.'

'Some of the lads progressed on to winch tractors to extract the timber and I was chokerman for Derry MacGregor of Lochgilphead for a while.'

But there was more than one kind of 'winching' going on, if the lads are to be believed. Harry explained: 'The social life was fun with dances at Inveraray Castle and at the dance hall in Ardrishaig. We drank a few pints of heavy at the Stag and Argyll in Lochgilphead. Local folk made us feel welcome, although some found it difficult to understand why we had come all the way up from the south of England to cut Sitka.'

Following the summer of 1969, the boys were sent to the FC Forester Training School at Faskally and the forest of Dean.

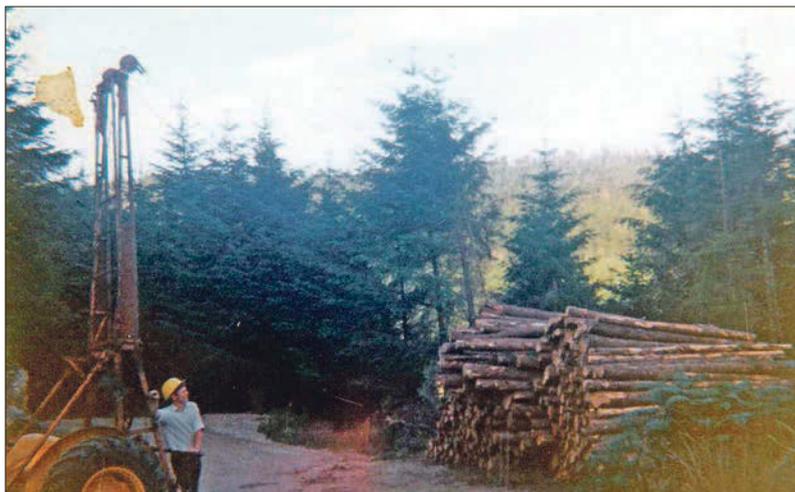
For the next four decades, each of the former students stayed in the forestry industry and Harry worked with the Forestry Commission until retiring a few years back. He concluded: 'We all have fond memories of our time in Argyll and have been looking forward to visiting old haunts.'



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Prior to preparing a consent application to the Scottish Government in early 2018, we are hosting open-door consultation events where members of the public will be able to view and comment on the preferred route alignment.

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 Tel: **07500 912506**
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www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig

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17/01789/PP	Construction of hydropower scheme comprising dam and reservoir, burn intake, buried pipeline and powerhouse	Land North East Of Garraron Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QP	Sub Post Office Ardfern
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Open day at Kilfinan Community Forest

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The event included a barbecue masterclass by Bob Brady of KAG, as well as a champagne

reception.

Music was provided by Grouchos and Junkman's Choir, while Patrick Krause of the Scottish Crofting Federation made a speech to mark the registration of three woodland crofts.

STRACHUR

Piping hot in Cowal

STRACHUR and District Piping Association annual piping competition will be held on Saturday October 7. The competition will take place at Stra-

chur Primary School, starting at 10am.

There is a host of categories for young players of all ages, from under 12 years to 17 years.

Entries for the competition should be submitted by Friday September 22 - contact 01369 860744 to find out more.

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Marmalade Deli owner Jenn Jaime, flanked by Sally Parsons on the left and Rachel Bolwell. 08_a36MarmaladeDeli01

Marmalade Deli reopens

THE MARMALADE Deli has reopened following five weeks of renovations.

The deli reopened on Monday September 9, complete with a new

floor and kitchen units. Despite the revamp taking longer than expected, the shop in the centre of Lochgilphead on Argyll Street is now open for business as usual.

TAYNISH

Walking with wildlife

TAYNISH National Nature Reserve (NNR) will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this month with a host of free events.

Kicking off on Fri-

day September 22 at Taynish Mill, there will be demonstrations, guided walks and geocaching. On Saturday September 23 there will be a morning wild-

life walk beginning at 7.30am for those who are early risers.

A former artist for Taynish NNR will also be giving talks about wildlife film making.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



LIKE many people, I have been greatly concerned by the bellicose rhetoric that is banded about from some of the most powerful leaders in our world today.

We hear of nuclear prowess from Kim Jong-un, the leader of North Korea, as he boasts of missiles that can now reach the United States of America.

President Donald Trump retaliates with even more pugilistic tones when he says that the time for talking is over, and that North Korea will feel the force of power previously unleashed until now.

We could be on the brink of something very sinister and extremely dangerous.

Albert Camus once said: 'Peace is the only battle worth waging.'

Desmond Tutu said: 'If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends, you talk to your enemies.'

How do we make peace in a world that is so filled with war and fighting and hate?

We may not have an answer, but we do have to keep asking the question.

We have to strive for peace in the present or there won't be a future.

Weapons have become so sophisticated that the world could be blown apart at the click of a button.

We remember the words: 'the pen is mightier than the sword', but what of the unleashing of nuclear weapons?

What on earth could stop the devastation that would cause? In scripture we hear the call for people 'to beat their swords into plowshares till there is war no more'.

This call for peace has echoed throughout time for centuries and we are still calling for peace. Time is running out if we are to save this planet from nuclear oblivion.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DUNCAN - Jeanmarie, Scott, Andrew, Ruaridh and family would like to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy, by cards, letters, phone calls and visits, following the sudden passing of Maurice. Thank you to everyone who attended the service at the parish church and graveside. Thanks to members of Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society for beautiful music at the service. Also to Archie McAllister for his playing, and to Donnie Files for his playing at the graveside. The retiral collection for Stroke Association raised the magnificent sum of £599.55. Thank you everyone.

MACMILLAN - Katrina, Sharon, Lorraine and families would like to thank relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss of David. Special thanks to nursing staff at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for a very fitting service, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for caring and professional services, to the Stronvaar Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for excellent catering, and to all who came from near and far to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality, raised £195.

MCMILLAN - Elizabeth, Matthew, Elizabeth Ann, John and families would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind support and for the cards and flowers received following Elizabeth's recent passing and also to thank everyone who attended the funeral service. Special thanks to all the staff at Ward 8B, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Dr Elder. Thank you to Matthew Ramsay for the comforting and personal service, to Kenny Blair for his support and compassion and to The Glen for the catering.

MITCHELL - Vera and family (Macduff) wish to thank all those who have sent kind expressions of sympathy and acts of support following the sad loss of Alexander (Sandy), a beloved husband of Vera. They have been very much appreciated. Thanks to Robin Wiseman for a lovely service, and to everyone for the kind donations of £122.30, for the British Heart Foundation.

IN MEMORIAMs

CAREY - In loving memory of a very special Auntie Patsy. Those we hold so dear never truly leave us, They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives. Forever in our hearts. - Love you always, Annamarie, Allan, John, Jacqueline and Linda xx. Our memories are a keepsake, of times that live forever in our hearts. Love you always Auntie Patsy.

CUNNINGHAM - Neil Blair, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away September 14, 2012. Loved and remembered every day. - Christine and all the family.

GODDARD - Agnes, died September 6, 1999. Miss and love you always. - Mum, Sandra, Ali and family. Love and miss you very much. - Twinkle.

GODDARD - Beautiful memories of our darling niece and cousin, Agnes (Robertson), who was taken from us on September 6, 1999. Agnes, if we could build a stairway We would build it with loving chains We would build that stair to heaven And bring you home again. - Auntie Sandra, Uncle Andy and Harrison cousins xxxxxxxx.

MCGOUGAN - In loving memory of my dad, Donald, passed away September 8, 2015. Forever in my thoughts. - Love, Nan.

MCMURCHY - In memory of Archie, died September 14, 1994. You left us quickly, Thoughts unknown, But you left a memory, We are proud to own. - Your loving wife, Janet.

STIMSON - In loving memory of our mum, Gillian, died one year ago today. We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence,

We often speak your name, All we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part, It has been a year now, Forever in our hearts. - Your loving sons, Craig and Rory.

STIMSON - In loving memory of our dear sister and auntie, Gillian, sadly taken on September 8, 2016. It broke my heart to lose you, Gill But to stay just brought you pain Love alone could not save you But I know we'll meet again. - Love forever, Katie and Alan xx. Of all the many blessings However great or small, To have had you as my auntie, Was the greatest one of all. - Love always, Kelly xx.

STIMSON - Treasured memories of our dear friend, Gillian, who passed away September 8, 2016. Goodbye my friend, I know I'll never see you again, But the time together, through all the years, Will take away these tears. You will always be with us. - Catherine and Arthur. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Kerri-Ann and Chloe.

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Glenaray and Inveraray at 11.30 am
Gaelic Service
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Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
ALL WELCOME

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Sunday 10th September
Service at 11 a.m
Speaker this week - Graham McLean
'How much more'
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Mid Argyll competitors hit all the right notes at Islay Mòd

THE SUN was shining on the beautiful Isle of Islay for the 2017 provincial Mòd.

There was plenty of Mid Argyll interest across the classes at the festival of Gaelic culture on Saturday September 2.

Eilidh Graham of Lochgilphead won the Bank of Scotland Cup and a gold badge for solo singing, girls 13-15 years. She also received a silver badge for second place in 18 years-and-under solo singing of a prescribed song.

Alasdair MacLean secured a first in vocal and piping competitions, while Angus MacLean also won first place in the boys 13-15 years class.

The adjudicators could not choose between Tiegán Holroyd and Holly Renton and Abbie Morris and Elizabeth MacMillan-Curie in the duet singing for boys and girls category, awarding the Mod Ile Cup to both pairs as first equal.

Class 27, solo singing for girls aged 16-18 years, was made up solely of three Mid Argyll competitors and friends.

Tiegán Holroyd took the gold badge, Holly

Renton the silver and Abbie Williams the bronze.

Abbie also won third place in the 18-years-and-under former winners' class for solo singing as well as a first place in duet with Shona Keith of Lochgair.

Shona won a host of silverware in adult competitions throughout the day, including the District Cup for the highest aggregate mark in Gaelic and music.

Ella Fyfe may have been the only entrant, but she sang beautifully and was delighted to attain the boys and girls 5-6 years gold badge.

Feorlin Renton won the bronze badge in the boys and girls solo singing class for 7-9 years. Fellow soloists Rosie Blyth of Inveraray and Millie Fyfe of Lochgilphead delighted with beautiful performances of their own choice songs in what was a very competitive class.

Coisir Og Dhailriata enjoyed first place success in the afternoon choir competitions, led by conductor Christine Johnston. The children are now looking forward to Mull Provincial Mòd this Friday.



Coisir Og Dhailriata, all set to perform. Photo: Ben Shakespeare Photography.



Coisir Og Dhailriata members are put through their paces by Christine Johnston on the ferry to Islay.

Results

Chanter 12 years and under – Annette Sinclair Trophy: Liam Gray.

Competition 5 – Bible Reading – Willie Christy Trophy: Lauren Morris.

Reciting from Memory, Learners 7-9 years – Archibald Fletcher Cup: Charlet Munro.

Reciting from Memory, Learners 9-10 years – Mod Ile Tray: Lauren Morris.

Reciting from Memory, Learners 11-12 years – Islay Lions Cup: Emily Gray.

Reciting from Memo-

ry, Learners 13-15 years – Mod Ile Shield: Elizabeth MacMillan-Curie.

Conversation in Gaelic, Fluent Primary – Diageo Shield: First equal, Diura Paterson and Iseabail Oliver.

Solo Singing – Boys and Girls 5-6 years – Mod Ile Cup: Ella Fyfe

Solo Singing – Boys and Girls 7-9 years – Lily MacLean Trophy: Liam Gray.

Solo Singing – Girls

13-15 years – Bank of Scotland Cup: Eilidh Graham.

Solo Singing—Boys 13—15 years—Mod Ile Tray: Angus MacLean.

Duet Singing – Boys and Girls Primary—George and Christine MacDermott Cup: Rebecca and Rowan Morris. Solo Singing, Former Winners – Boys and Girls under 18 years – Jubilee Cup: Ryan Johnston.

Solo Singing – Girls 16-18 years – Royal Bank of Scotland Cup: Tiegán Holroyd.

Solo Singing – Boys 16-18 years – Mod Ile Cup: Lewis Davey.

Unison Singing of a Psalm – Alasdair MacEachern Cup: Caridean Ciuil Ile.

Unison Singing – Primary – Glasgow Islay Association Cup: Port Ellen Primary Gaelic Choir.

Choral Singing – under 19 years – Morrison Challenge Cup: Coisir Og Dhailriata.

Puirt a Beul – under 19 years – Tom Crawford Memorial Quai-

Choir. Solo Singing – Seniors - Mod Ile Shield: Hannah Gillies.

Solo Singing – Duncan Johnston – Iain Johnston Memorial Quai-

Solo Singing – Puirt a Beul – Ina MacDonald Quai-

Duet Singing – Ina MacDonald and Family Quai-

Choral Singing – Female Voice Choir: Coi-

sir Ghàidhlig Ìle. Choral Singing – Morrison Challenge Cup: Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle.

Choral Singing of a Puirt a Beul: Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle.

Fiddle – 12 years and under - Mod Ile Tray: Emily Gray.

Fiddle – 13 years and over - Mod Ile Tray: Abbie Morria.

Solo Singing – own choice – Mod Ile Cup: Alasdair MacLean.

Piping – Bobby Hammond Trophy: Alistair MacLean.

Solo Singing, Former Winners – Seniors - Geoff Colmar Memorial Trophy: Lynn MacDonald.

Sincerity of expression -Jean Carmichael Rosebowl: Lynn MacDonald.

Accordion – 12 years and under - Mod Ile Cup: Rowan Morris.

Accordion - 13 years and over - Mod Ile Tray: Elizabeth MacMillan-Curie.

Piano - 12 years and under - Mod Ile Tray: Natalie Logan.

Piano - 13 years and over - Mod Ile Cup: Emily Logan.

Tin Whistle – 13 years and over - Mod Ile Cup: Isobel Ferguson.

Solo Singing - Seniors- Robert Forrest Memorial Quai-

Duet Singing - Sec-

ondary - Mod Ile Cup: First equal: Abbie Morris and Elizabeth MacMillan-Curie; Holly Renton and Tiegán Holroyd.

Solo Singing - Prescribed Islay Song - Donald MacLeod Trophy: Hannah Gillies.

Solo Singing - Prescribed Islay Song – under 18 years – Donald MacLeod Junior Trophy: Ryan Johnston.

Fiona Rountree Cup – Highest Mark In Music – under 10 years: Liam Gray.

Schroder Cup – Highest Aggregate in Gaelic - 13-18 years: Ryan Johnston.

Joan Campbell Cup – Highest Mark in Gaelic – under 18 years: Liam Gray

Joan Ferguson Trophy – Highest aggregate in Gaelic – under 13 years: Lauren Morris

Campbell Tray -Highest aggregate in Gaelic – Ladies: Shona Keith.

District Cup - Highest aggregate in Gaelic and Music – Seniors: Shona Keith.

Margaret Duncan Shield – Highest Aggregate in Music – Senior Choirs: Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle.

Robert Forrest Shield -Presented by Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle- Endeavour in Gaelic: Lewis Davey.

Cup victory for Oban U17s

MacQuisten under-17 Cup Final
Oban Camanachd 3
Col Glen 0
OBAN Camanachd under-17 shinty team retained the MacQuisten Cup against a well-drilled Col Glen side. The more experienced Camanachd team started the match on Sunday September 3 as favourites and attacked from the off.

With conditions heavy on Inveraray's Winterton pitch, it was never going to be an easy day for the forwards and this, coupled with wayward shooting, meant most of the Camanachd attacks came to nothing.

It was a speculative effort that broke the deadlock when a high, floated ball was not dealt with by the Cowal side's defence and the goalkeeper turned it into his own net. Col Glen's attacks were few, but when the ball did go forward they

tried to move the defence using pace. A lack of physical presence allowed Camanachd to deal with the threat fairly comfortably.

The Oban side's lead would have been doubled before half time were it not for a good save by the Col Glen keeper, who expertly palmed down a raking shot and turned it behind for a corner.

Col Glen put more pressure on Oban Camanachd in the second half but it always looked like the red and blacks were the favourites to score and they did when Lennon Campbell turned the ball into the Col Glen net 10 minutes into the second half. The Col Glen side kept pressing, but it was youngster Blair MacFarlane who put the tie beyond reach as he reacted to a rebound to seal the MacQuisten Cup win for Oban Camanachd.

Credit has to go to both teams for producing an exciting and competitive match on a soft pitch. Referee Des McNulty controlled the match well in trying conditions and Camanachd Association director Colin Cameron presented the medals and trophy to the winning captain Craig Easton.

Right: The victorious Oban Camanachd side celebrates.



Curly and Eileen with representatives from sponsors Stuart and Connor Crawford Joiners & Builders.

Curly and Eileen lift open pairs title at Lochgilphead club

WINNERS of this year's McKerrlie Open Pairs bowling competition were Curly Black and Eileen Brand from Colintrave.

The pair were unbeaten in the event which was sponsored by Stuart and Connor Crawford Joiners & Builders.

The competition saw 18 pairs battle it out at Lochgilphead Bowling Club.

Brothers Mack and Jim Hatton,

Alan Guy and Donald Crawford and Eileen Brand and Curly Black won their groups.

The final was a closely-fought match with Eileen and Curly taking the trophy home.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club thanks Tommy and Phyllis Angus for supporting the club over the years and everyone who donated to a collection, raising £100 for Macmillan nurses.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Cup victory for
Oban U17s

Early pace-setters Red Star win 10-goal league thriller



Col Glen youngster Kyle Kerr, left, battles with Daniel MacCuish of Oban Camanachd.

Youth shinty players do Inveraray battle

The south area under-17 MacQuisten Cup was contested in an exciting final at the Winterton between Oban Camanachd and Cowal side Col Glen. Full report on page 35.

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RED STAR continued their good goal scoring form at Battery Park, Gourock, last Saturday but were forced to work hard for their three points.

The match started positively for the Lochgilphead outfit when Kieran Moore broke clear of the defence before crossing to strike partner Ciaran McPhie, who nodded Star in front with a header from eight yards. East End got themselves level from a set piece on 38 minutes when their number eight peeled off to nod the ball back across goal and into the path of the striker who finished well from close range.

Star immediately set about restoring their lead with an excellent

passing move, which had proved rare in the first half. This time it was Rab Docherty who found space on the right and cut the ball into the path of Ciaran McPhie who finished into the bottom corner to put Star 1-2 up at the interval.

Star didn't get off to the best of starts in the second period. East End levelled when Kyle Selfridge was dispossessed inside his own half, and an East End forward powered clear and beat Ben Pollock in goals.

Star got themselves back ahead thanks to an own goal from a Kieran Moore free kick before East End equalised again on the hour when a shot from the edge of the area squirmed through Ben Pollock's gloves. 3-3.

The visitors forced their way ahead for the fourth time when Kyle Selfridge made

amends for his earlier mistake, sliding a neat through ball into the path of Martin Bonar, who hammered home from just inside the box for 3-4.

Bonar added to his tally when he burst through from midfield again, this time finding the bottom corner to make it 3-5.

The fitness of the away side was beginning to show as they created numerous chances towards the end of the contest and it was no surprise when Kieran Moore got on the score sheet with an excellent effort from 20 yards. The scoring was complete with five minutes left when Kieran Moore tapped in from close range.

This Saturday Red Star travel to take on Houston United as they look to continue their good start to the season and maintain their spot as early pace setters.

Sports club lottery draws

DRAWN on Monday September 4, the winning numbers in the Kilmory Camanachd Club draw were 1, 4 and 3. There was no winner this week, so next week's jackpot will be £200.

The winning numbers in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery were 9, 13 and

14. There were no winning tickets and next week's jackpot will be £200.

Tarbert Football Club lottery, drawn on Monday September 4, had no winners this week. The numbers were 1, 7 and 15. Next week £600 will be up for grabs.



Wolfgang 'The Regulator'. Photo: WWE.com.

WWE star Wolfgang slams into Tarbert

A WRESTLING star is to appear at Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday October 7.

Glaswegian 'The Regulator' Wolfgang will make his appearance in Mid Argyll following a UK tour and appearances in Wrestlemania and Summerslam events.

In February the six-foot-four-

inch wrestler impressed in the UK championship tournament reaching the semi-final, only losing out to eventual winner Tyler Bate.

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It is the first time a wrestler signed by WWE has made an appearance in Tarbert.

Tickets are £10 for adults and

£8 for under 16s and they are available at Clachan Filling Station and Kintyre Electrical in Tarbert.

There are also a limited number of VIP tickets available at £12.

These include a meet-and-greet session, front row seats and an event poster.

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