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Stem cell hero to run London marathon

'More awareness is needed for Anthony Nolan, which has saved so many lives'

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A LOCHGILPHEAD firefighter will run the London Marathon to raise money for a blood cancer charity - two years after his stem cells saved a man's life.

Dad-of-two David MacInnes, aged 32, is taking on the gruelling challenge to raise awareness of much-needed stem cell donations.

David, a firefighter based in Oban, put himself on the Anthony Nolan register after one of his friends lost a cousin to leukaemia.

After registering, his DNA was matched with a male adult who had been diagnosed with the devastating blood cancer.

The patient received David's stem cells after suffering a relapse following chemotherapy. He is now believed to be in remission.

David has been in contact with the man who received his donation, however Anthony Nolan charity policy is that all correspondence must remain anonymous for two years.

In a moving letter written to David, the anonymous recipient said: 'I can do most normal things with our children again; kick a ball, take them out, help them with homework - all things that are now so precious to us. I hope one day someone in our family can help someone in need as you have.'

The letter sits on Da-

vid's bedside table as a reminder of his selfless donation, and how it has saved the life of another.

David was called up to donate his stem cells in October 2015.

He recalled: 'When they phoned me up you could tell the urgency behind it.'

'They said to me: 'You are the best match. Can you be in London in two days' time?'

'I am running the marathon for this charity because I think more awareness is needed for Anthony Nolan, which has saved the lives of so many.'

'I am hoping to hold a few fundraisers in Lochgilhead leading up to the marathon in

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A roaring success



Four-year-old Isla Robertson from Inveraray feeling fierce at last weekend's Best of the West festival. Don't miss our photo special on pages, 15, 16 and 17. 06_a37Bow28

Vandals target play parks

ANYONE seeing damage being done to play park equipment is asked to report the culprits to the police.

Argyll and Bute Council issued the appeal as staff repaired damage at Ardrishaig play parks - hot on the heels of similar vandalism on Lochgilhead front green.

It is understood that as many as five swing seats may have been damaged over the last three months at King George V and Bayview parks in Ardrishaig, just weeks after a see-saw in Lochgilhead was pulled from its mountings.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council confirmed: 'Unfortunately damage has been caused to play equipment at Lochgilhead Front Green, and King George V and Bayview parks in Ardrishaig in recent weeks.'

'This is extremely disappointing.'

'We would urge anyone who witnesses vandalism in our parks to contact the police.'

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Plans submitted for Kilberry wind farm

PLANS for a wind farm on the hills of South Knapdale have been submitted to the Scottish Government.

EDF Energy, in association with developer Force 9 Energy, wants to install 14 turbines, producing up to 58.8MW.

If approved, Airigh

Wind Farm, situated on land between Kilberry and West Loch Tarbert, would feature turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 149.5 metres.

Andrew Smith, head of planning and development at Force 9 Energy, said: 'I would

like to thank the local community and all those groups whom we have liaised with over the last year.

'Their feedback, together with significant environmental and technical survey work, has played an important part in shaping and informing the ap-

plication. We will continue to liaise with a wide variety of stakeholders, including local community groups and councillors, during the application process and look forward to delivering the benefits of this project, including the proposed community benefit fund and

separate community ownership opportunity, should the application be approved.'

Plans for Airigh Wind Farm can be viewed at various locations around the region.

See the public notice on page 21 in this edition for more information.

Police target drug crime with series of raids in Ardrishaig

ARDRISHAIG has been the focus of a series of police raids for drugs in recent weeks.

A 39-year-old man was charged with drugs-related offences after police searched a house in Knapdale Terrace, Ardrishaig.

The man was suspected of being in possession of cannabis and cannabis cultivation during the operation on Wednesday September 6. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On the same day

a flat in MacMillan Court, Ardrishaig, was searched, where a 38-year-old man was suspected of being in possession of heroin.

He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Another report is on its way to the fiscal after a man, aged 37, was suspected of being in possession of cocaine at a flat in Tigh na Creige, Ardrishaig, after a search by police, again on Wednesday September 6.

On Monday September 11, at a house in Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, a 20-year-old man was suspected of being in possession of cannabis after a police search. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police files

Failed to leave

ON SATURDAY September 9 on Front Street, Inveraray, a 21-year-old man was arrested after failing to leave licensed premises when asked by staff, verbally abusing them and using abusive language and threats towards police officers who attended to assist.

He was arrested and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Bail breached

AT 5.20AM on Thursday September 7 in Harbour Street, Tarbert, a man aged 55 allegedly breached bail conditions imposed by the court by failing to comply with a curfew.

Police arrested and charged the man, who

was held for court. A report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

A83 road crash

A MOTORBIKE and van collided on the A83 at Strone Point, Inveraray, at 3pm on Saturday September 9.

Police, ambulance and BEAR Scotland personnel attended to help.

A Scottish Ambulance Service helicopter flew a casualty to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow.

It is understood the casualty's injuries are serious but not life-threatening.

Enquiries continue and any witnesses to the incident are asked to call 101 or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Firefighter to run London Marathon

Continued from page 1 April, and there are a number of sponsor sheets dotted around the town.

'In six days I have received more than £300 in donations which is amazing. I am aiming to raise around £2,000

for the charity by March, before I complete the run.'

David is hoping to dispel myths surrounding stem cell donation. He explained: 'Donating stem cells involves being given hormone tablets to increase the

amount of stem cells the body produces.

'Patients are then hooked up to a machine that collects the stem cells from the blood. The blood that has been removed is then pumped back into the body.'

Anthony Nolan is currently fronting a campaign to tackle stigma against donating stem cells. According to the charity, fear prevents one in three

Apart from moderate flu-like symptoms from the hormones he received, he was back at work within a few days.

To donate to David go to justgiving.com/fundraising/david-macinnnes.

There are also sponsorship forms in Lochgilphead's book shop, Fyne Tackle, Marmalade, KC Fashion and the Rumblin' Tum in Ardrishaig.

people from registering for stem cell donation.

'The whole procedure was pretty relaxed to be honest. Doctors encourage you to watch DVDs and to bring an iPad to keep you occupied.'

David's procedure lasted for around four hours.

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David MacInnes will run the London Marathon to raise money for the Anthony Nolan cancer charity.

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BT reconnects Furnace broadband

LAST week the *Advertiser* reported on a Furnace man who was disconnected from broadband for more than a month.

The former engineer has now been reconnected after his letter to the BT chairman about the customer service he received.

Despite calling BT daily, the customer was having no luck in being reconnected, speaking to four different BT representatives in four countries.

He was also having to travel to Lochgilphead to transfer money from different bank accounts as he could not do this online.

Speaking of his ordeal, the man said: 'After a month I have finally been reconnected.'

Lightning strikes across Argyll in the past six weeks have left hundreds disconnected and struggling with the lack of help from BT call centres.

If you have experienced a similar problem, email the *Argyllshire Advertiser* at editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

Music outdoors

AN OUTDOOR chamber music event will take place at Barnluasgan, near Tayvallich, in association with Plantlife, tomorrow, Saturday September 16.

The event includes a walking tour and a performance from a trombone quartet of members from the Scottish Opera Orchestra.

The event is free and open to all ages.

Show must go on for Hò-rò

A CEILIDH band will step back on stage at Tarbert Music Festival after its van was broken into and set on fire.

Hò-rò were playing a gig in Glasgow when equipment worth thousands of pounds was stolen and their van destroyed on Wednesday September 6.

A crowdfunding page has been set up by EPL Events and has already raised £8,000 of its £10,000 target. The band released a statement thanking those who had donated, saying: 'We would like to say such a

massive thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support since the incident on Wednesday.

'From the kind messages we've received to the very generous donations people have been giving, we can't thank you enough. We would also like to thank Ewan at EPL Events for setting up the donations page to help us get back on our feet.'

□ Stephen Campbell, 47, appeared in court on Friday September 8 charged with setting fire to the van that belonged to Hò-rò. He is due to stand trial next month.

Lochgilphead cancer patient features in London art display

A LOCHGILPHEAD blood cancer patient's story will feature in a new London art installation.

Aileen Lamb, 44, originally from Lochgilphead, is one of 104 people with blood cancer in the UK to have their story told in one of the capital's busiest areas, next to St Paul's Cathedral.

Aileen, who is a patient ambassador for Bloodwise, said: 'It's important to find innovative ways to raise awareness and communicate the impact

of the disease. The degree of personalisation means that people learn more about blood cancer and can really engage with the stories of people affected by it.'

Aileen's name is constructed in three dimensions at her exact height, alongside a summary of her blood cancer experience.

Pharmaceutical company Janssen commissioned artist Paul Cocksedge to create the installation, which is open until Saturday September 30.



Aileen Lamb.



Hò-rò performing earlier this year at Loch Fyne food festival. 06_a20foodfair04

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We will be open on the 21st and 22nd October, 11am - 3pm, for pick your own pumpkins and hope to be able to re-open in the future.

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HOME VISITS



Second smash at Strone Point in a week - closures questioned

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BEST of the West was in full swing when the crash happened, closing the main road artery linking the festival's Inveraray venue with Glasgow and the central belt.

The collision, between a van and motorbike, was the second in a week on the A83 at Strone Point, where work to improve the road is severely delayed.

Fortunately neither was fatal, but people were seriously injured in both crashes. And the A83 was closed for hours while investigations were carried out.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell is now looking for an immediate start to work at Strone Point, saying:

'A second accident at the same point emphasises the urgent need for this work to be done without any further delay.

'I am continuing to make the point to the [Transport] Minister and I have made it clear to him there must be action by Transport Scotland now.'

Concern is growing, too, over the way in which diversions have been managed - and the length of time roads are closed for investigation following non-fatal accidents.

Many motorists heading for Cowal arrived at Tarbet in the wake of the September 2 accident to be told they must divert round by Dalmally. On arrival at Inveraray they, of course, could not get past the accident



Michael Russell - pressing for action at Strone Point. 06_a18hustings_russell01

site. Frank and Helena Wood were in one of the cars turned back at Tarbet to head for Dal-

mally. They were trying to get to Lochgoilhead, which should have been unaffected by the road closure.

Frank said: 'We took the signed diversion, only to get to Inveraray to be told we had a three-hour wait.

We were going Lochgoilhead, so why such a lack of information at Tarbet? They wouldn't let us pass and there was no information as to where incident was.'

He added: 'As a retired firefighter I totally understand the need for safety for all emergency services concerning and the ongoing accident investigation. But the total lack of information at Tarbet, as to where the accident was, was ridiculous to say the least.

'This needs looking at to stop it happening again.'

Mr Russell said: 'I have been concerned about lengthy closures for some time and have urged the police and others to use new technology such as laser scanning to produce the information they need.

'I have also complained before about vague signs which means people do not



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Michael Russell

know exactly where the road is closed. I shall ask Transport Scotland and the police to look at these matters again and they would also be important topics to have raised at the next A83 Task Force Meeting.'

Cowal councillor Alan Reid is chairman of Cowal Transport Forum.

'There were 'road closed' signs at Tarbet and no Transport Scotland officials or police to tell drivers the

road was open as far as Strone Point,' claimed Mr Reid.

'I will be putting this on the agenda for the next Cowal Transport Forum meeting on October 4.

'At the meeting, Transport Scotland and police representatives will be questioned on their responses to these road closures and asked for assurances that in the future, clear information about where the road is actually closed will be given at both Tarbet and Inveraray.'

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'Our concern lies with those injured and with family and friends at this time.

'As police investigations are ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time, however, we are liaising with Police Scotland to obtain more detailed information on these accidents.'



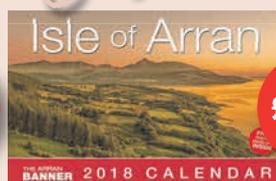
Many revellers at Best of the West found themselves stranded until the road re-opened around 6pm - while others were unable to get there at all. 06_a37Bow29_crowdscene

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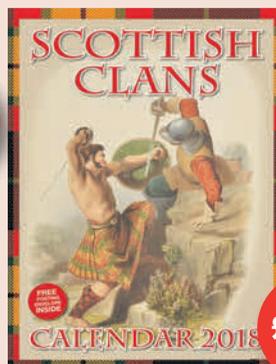
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Fight back against nuisance phone calls

ARGYLL and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has launched a campaign to urge residents to report nuisance calls.

Research has shown that nine out of 10 Scots receive at least one nuisance call per month - more than anywhere else in Europe.

The Scottish CAB service has joined forces with online reviewer Which? to highlight steps that can be taken to avoid nuisance calls.

Gillian McInnes, manager of Argyll and Bute CAB, said: 'Nuisance calls are far too common today and affect huge numbers of people.

'One of our roles is to

protect people's rights as consumers and one of those rights is that you don't need to put up with calls that you don't want.

'Nuisance calls include any kind of unwanted sales or marketing calls. People find these irritating or even distressing.'

Tips to avoid nuisance calls include registering with the Telephone Preference service (TPS) and talking to the phone provider.

More information is available on citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/consumer/phone-internet-downloads-or-tv/stop-getting-nuisance-calls-and-texts/



Some of the children who completed the summer reading challenge.

Children celebrate end of reading challenge

THIRTY-seven school pupils completed the summer reading challenge at Lochgilhead library this year.

The initiative encourages children aged four to 12 years to visit the library throughout the summer and read six

books. The children were encouraged with gifts and stickers and were presented with certificates for completing the challenge.

The library also hosted a range of activities including storytelling and a

learning session about beavers with Heart of Argyll's Oli Hemmings.

Children's yoga teacher Caroline Waterhouse also visited to lead a fun session of 'Jungle Yoga' which the children all enjoyed.



Argyll and Bute Council is preparing for winter.

Ready to keep Argyll moving in winter

ARGYLL and Bute council has revealed plans to keep the area moving throughout winter.

The council is preparing for the cold weather with 38 vehicles available around the clock and 15,000 tonnes of salt at the ready to tackle snow and ice.

Councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'With our winter maintenance plan and a budget of £1.645 million, we're ready to keep people on the move.

'We will be pre-treating more than 30 priority routes when freezing conditions are forecast, which is more

than 750 miles of road, further than the distance from Oban to Brussels.

'The council is responsible for the vast majority of Argyll and Bute's road network so it's vital we're prepared. Only the trunk roads - A82, A85, A828 and A83 - don't

fall to us, with Bear Scotland looking after them on behalf of Transport Scotland.

'We will also treat footpaths when there is heavy snow or persistent freezing conditions where resources allow, with priority given to busy shopping areas.'



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Editorial

Best of the West treat

BEST of the West was another cracker of a weekend.

By all accounts the extra Friday was a success for the audience and organisers, so we may well see this back as a regular feature.

The bands were excellent, the beer and whisky went down a treat and the fantastic food kept body and soul together.

Roll on next year.

Praise for selfless David

EVEN for someone who saves lives for a living as a firefighter, David MacInnes has gone above and beyond in his selfless actions.

He is out to prove there is nothing to fear from stem cell donation, and much, much more to be gained.

We wish David the best with his marathon training and would encourage our readers to support him in his efforts.

Moved by tale of love and war

WE DEFY anyone not to be moved by the tale of First World War sacrifice told on page 20 this week.

Through the unimaginable horror of war, love shone through.

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Health and social care challenges

It is plain for all to see that we in Scotland, and particularly in Argyll and Bute, face growing problems with health and social care.

In fact it is a problem that is raised by my constituents on a regular basis.

Unfortunately the SNP has been less than efficient when implementing changes to our health and social care.

A report by Audit Scotland has stated that while limited progress had been made in implementing self-directed support, there was still much more to be done.

Keep in mind that the decade-long strategy is now in its seventh year, yet many service users were still to experience change.

The self-directed support initiative was launched back in 2010 and was designed, at least in theory, to allow individuals and families, rather than social workers, to make the majority of decisions in relation to their care.

It was argued at the time that this would improve a number of areas, including dignity for service users and the ability to make informed choices.

Age Scotland has also stated that people need more information relating to how they can access that personal support.

It is not clear why, after the Scottish Government made this change in legislation, it has yet to allow many people to have more control over the support.

The Scottish Government is seven years into a 10-year strate-

An open letter to Transport Minister Humza Yousaf regarding the A83 at Strone Point and the Rest and be Thankful

Minister,
Sir,
Yet another accident has happened on the A83 at Strone Point near Inveraray. Luckily no one was killed.

As the administrative nightmare continues regarding this whole issue, I guess I'm asking what it will take for this to be resolved and taken forward.

We have had multiple deaths, multiple accidents and injuries and again another recent crash.

Will it take yet another death before it sinks into those who are digging in their feet the unacceptable time we in Argyll have had to wait for this to be taken forward. More carnage may occur whilst

the people in authority sit in rooms far away from the site.

If this was the Forth road project, would we have had to wait for about a year before we could even start? I don't think so, and all I am requesting is that we in Argyll are treated the same as any county in Scotland.

I do hope you are able to assist with this, as I do have faith in you, given the meetings we have had and, I believe, so do others - but the longer this goes on it does not bode well for the relationships that we require to get the work on the A83 going.

Would it also be possible for an update on the pits that were going to go in at the Rest

and be Thankful? It is fast approaching another winter when the landslides are more prominent, and yet I don't see the work being done.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I will continue to work positively with you but as you may see in this message it is increasingly frustrating to have to write to you when the agreed works should have been completed.

**Councillor
Douglas Philand,
Argyll and Bute First**

Editor's note: Since this letter was written, a further accident has occurred at Strone Point. See page four in this edition for more.

gy, yet it is leaving far too many people behind and taking far too long in ensuring these options are available to everyone.

In future, the Scottish Government needs to do a lot more to support these vulnerable people and do it quicker. With Scotland's demographics changing every year and the elderly population growing - particularly in Argyll and Bute - ignoring this issue is not an option.

**Councillor
Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay**

When will work start?

Sir,
I would like to ask Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) why work to improve drainage along the path at McIntyre Terrace has not yet started.

I was told a price had been agreed for the necessary drainage work.

Weeks later, nothing has happened and

yet residents suffer because they cannot use the path at times.

We were promised the area would also be tidied up but it is a mess, with a fence needing replaced too.

To date there is no sign of any contractor, yet I was assured that people would be on site before the end of August. I've had to chase this matter up for most of this year, with Councillor Douglas Philand also helping, yet still nothing has been done.

I appreciate that ACHA has done a lot to improve the houses in the area but residents have been promised the path would be fixed to stop the flooding. The path has been a problem for years, and ACHA has been aware of this.

Contractors cleared an area nearby last year but this had no effect on the path, which floods easily.

All we want is for the job to be done so we can use the path again and for the area to be

tidied, as promised by ACHA, as it is an eyesore.

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilphead**

Check your eyesight

Sir,
National Eye Health Week runs next week, from September 18 to 24. Diabetes Scotland and RNIB Scotland are joining forces to highlight the single biggest cause of preventable sight loss among working-age people in Scot-

land - diabetic retinopathy.

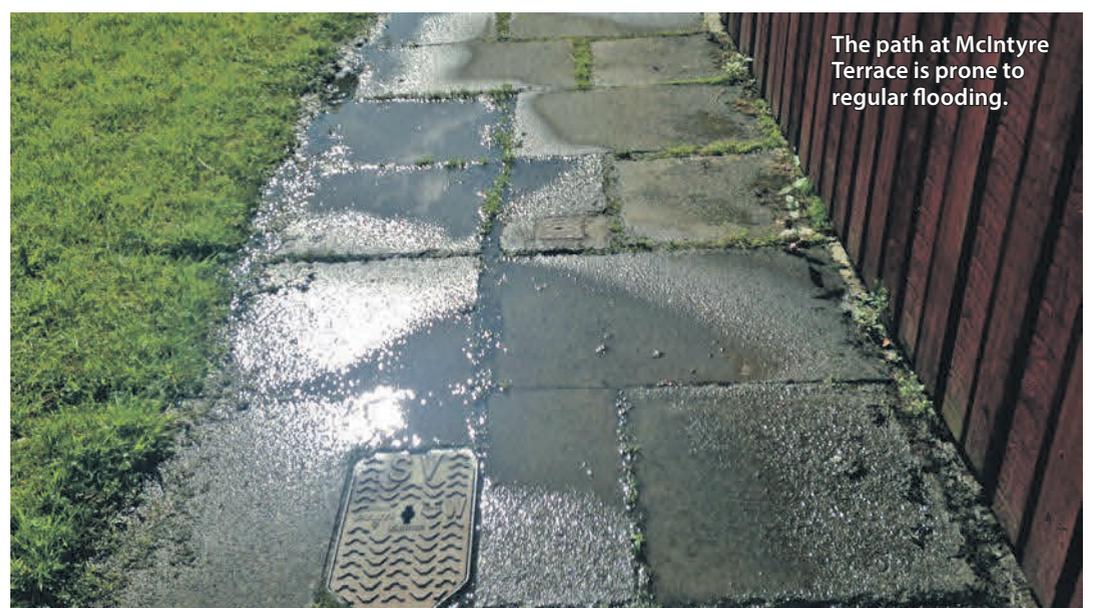
Diabetic retinopathy occurs when blood vessels in the eye leak or become blocked. But if detected in time through diabetic retinopathy screening - which is a special eye exam different to the one you get at your opticians - this condition can be treated to prevent further damage.

There are more than 291,000 people living with diabetes in Scotland. It is vital that people with diabetes understand the importance of getting their eyes examined regularly. Left untreated, retinopathy can lead to permanent visual impairment or even blindness.

If you're living with diabetes, please make sure you attend your retinopathy screening appointment. Neglecting this could cost you your sight. If you have not been invited for screening, you should speak to your GP or healthcare team.

Don't lose sight of what's important.

**Campbell
Chalmers, director,
RNIB Scotland
and Jane-Claire
Judson,
national director,
Diabetes Scotland**



The path at McIntyre Terrace is prone to regular flooding.

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Lochgilphhead Mary's Meals shop manager Marina Campbell accepts the cheque from Argyll Trefoil members.

Argyll Trefoil Guild helps Mary's Meals

AN ARGYLL group of former Girl Guides has handed over a cheque in support of Dalmally-based charity Mary's Meals.

The Argyll Trefoil Guild made the £100 donation as part of its on-going charity work.

The group meets at least three times per year for an outing, group lunch and its annual general meeting.

Other activities include the annual Quaich Challenge competed for, in turn, by Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Last year First Oban Brownies won the quaich for a collage using recycled materials to cel-

Former Girl Guides donate £100 to charity

celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday. This year it will be the turn of the Guides, who will be baking cakes with the theme of the 75th anniversary of Trefoil Guild UK.

Argyll Trefoil Guild currently has 29 members, with the ladies coming from Campbeltown, Cowal, Lorn, Mid Argyll and Islay.

Melfort Ukuleles donate MAMA Fest money

A GROUP which performed at MAMA Fest two weeks ago has donated its earnings from the event to a Mid Argyll good cause.

Melfort Ukuleles donated £75 to Lochgilphhead's recovery cafe Grub's Up after its smash musical Sunday performance at the music and arts festival.

Gill Hutton of the cafe said: 'Grub's Up would like to give a huge big thank you to Melfort Ukuleles for its more than generous donation of £75 from MAMA Fest.

'It is much appreci-

ated and we hope you [Melfort Ukeeles] drop into the cafe for your lunch as our way of saying thanks.'

Melfort Ukuleles is a community ukulele group which meets each week to 'enjoy strumming and singing together'.

Opportunities

Grub's Up recovery cafe is designed to support and provide opportunities to improve the lives of people suffering with mental health or addiction issues through peer support, great food and having a laugh.



A pose from Melfort Ukeeles.



Grub's Up serving food at MAMA Fest 2017.

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Laying your boat up for the winter

BOAT owners are starting to plan their winter lay up now as the 2017 season is coming to a close. Many will be hoping for an Indian summer given the main boating season has been very wet.

With yard space at a premium on the west coast, it pays to book in early for your craft. If not already booked, contact your preferred yard now and work to the haul out timings set by the yard. Usually the yard takes care of everything needed and has various rules re mast removal and storage. Some yards offer undercover facilities

and these also need to be booked early since demand for this is high.

It is also time to think about any work needed on the boat especially if it is to be done by your chosen yard team.

To maintain your craft in a good, seaworthy condition, a good programme of winter lay-up maintenance is essential. Preparation at this stage will pay dividends for speedy fitting out next spring.

Some key areas need to be considered in laying up your boat, some depending on whether it is a sail or motor boat –

- **Keel, hull, topsides, deck, cockpit**
- **Freezing damage prevention**
- **Interior**

- **Sails**
- **Rigging**
- **Engine/Batteries/Electrics**
- **Safety Equipment**

Many owners will carry out most winter lay up tasks themselves so a quick basic check list should be made up and worked through. A general list of equipment should include - roll of duct tape, clean cotton rags, adjustable and plumbing wrenches, full tool set, oil and filters, petroleum jelly, boat wax, polishing machine and boat and equipment manuals.

Keel/hull/topsides/deck/cockpit

Pressure washing the hull on lift out removes fouling and prepares the surface for new anti-fouling in the spring. The yard normally does this on lift out. The cleaned hull can be inspected for any damage and repairs carried out as required depending on weather and temperature conditions.

A first overview is of the general condition of keel/hull/topsides/decks and fittings after the season's wear and tear. Check keelbolts, any play in the rudder/cutlass bearings and the prop-shaft and for any cracks in the hull and keel. A good wash down of the whole boat and a protective wax on the topsides gives protection over the winter and makes fitting out easier in spring. Thoroughly clean cockpit and touch up any paint or woodwork here and on deck if the weather is good. Covering the boat is preferable when stored

outside but make sure covers are well secured, allow for ventilation and watch for chafing at regular intervals. Some yards will shrink wrap. Equally, make sure your cradle, trailer or support legs are secure and the trim of the boat is slightly bow up to make sure water won't run forward and puddle in places it shouldn't. Remove speed transducer impellers before lift out so there will be no damage from hoist straps. Regular inspection over the winter is important in case cockpit drains get blocked by leaves/debris and water builds up.

Prevention of freezing damage – water systems

Work to prevent any freezing damage and the prevention of water damage is essential. Boat manuals should give an idea of pipe work runs. Starting with 'plumbing' systems – anything that holds or carries water ie pipes and tanks, pumps and strainers must be fully drained – pumped dry if necessary. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer first. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate disconnecting hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Drain down any water heaters or calorifiers. Flush seacocks through to remove salt build up and grease. Remove the barrels from traditional style seacocks to prevent them seizing.

Interior

A clean up of the boat's interior is really important for winter lay up. Some owners choose to remove as much equipment as possible and take home and store. Clear plastic stack boxes are good to allow inspection of contents which should all be cleaned before packing – these can easily be brought back

to the boat in the spring. Berth cushions and soft furnishings in particular are susceptible to mould over the winter and will benefit from being cleaned and stored at home. Installing a de-humidifier and heater will also keep the interior warm and dry. Washing the interior thoroughly including lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets with a weak bleach mixture will prevent mould. Always ventilate the boat well and do any touch up work inside when weather permits. Check gas systems on board are up to standard with a gas engineer. Now is a good time to check fire extinguishers and replace as necessary in the spring.

Sails

These are the powerhouse of the sailing craft so keep them in good condition. Check over and seek advice on all aspects of sail maintenance and repair from your local sail loft. If you need new sails this is a good time to place an order. Many lofts offer a discount during September. Sail cleaning is sometimes offered and even storage. Storing at home must be in a dark, warm well-ventilated area away from rodents.

Standing and Running rigging

With rigging and deck equipment under huge loads, it's essential to keep an eye on wear and replace as required. Check sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for corrosion. Wash everything with fresh water. Substitute halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards/sheets before storing in a dry place. With the mast down, check masthead instrumentation and masthead blocks are running freely. Remove anchors and chain and store on a pallet below

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for next season. The RNLI offers a safety check on boats and safety equipment. Clean and repair dinghy tenders, storing partially inflated. Life rafts should be removed and serviced by an authorised centre. Expert advice on any issue with your boat is on hand from your local boat-yard operator, service engineer, chandler or sail-maker if there's anything you're unsure about. These are the experts so don't hesitate to ask if you need to. Once the boat is laid up safely with all maintenance in hand, owners can relax and enjoy planning the boating season for 2018.

the boat washing first with fresh water to remove salt and dirt. Service anchor winches and check over chain links and shackles for wear. If the weather is good this is an ideal time to paint out the anchor locker for the spring.

Engines, Batteries, Electrics

Both inboard and outboard engines need to be prepared for winter with an oil change as standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Boat manuals will help in this regard or get the yard to do this important work.

Flush the outboard through with fresh water. Replace fresh cooling water with antifreeze/water mix. Remove the impeller and plug the air and exhaust outlet with an oil soaked rag. Fill fuel tank to prevent condensation and add a biocide. Change filters as required and bleed system for next season. Change engine and gearbox oil and make a note of the date of change.

Safety Equipment

A complete overhaul of lifejackets, harnesses and safety gear should be carried out replacing anything that looks suspect. Lifejackets can be stored partially inflated over the winter. Check bottles for corrosion and replace as required. Kits are available from chandlers. Flare packs should be kept in a dry area – check for out of date flares and replace



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An octet of the world's best pipers will have tuned up for tomorrow's 18th Springbank Invitational.

At the Kintyre Piping Society (KPS) event, from 10am, in the Seafield hotel, they will be trying to impress the competition's three judges and a Fear-an-Tighe said to be second to none.

The pipers will again be competing for the the McFadyens Transport Limited trophy for 6/8 Mach by local composers.

In his introductory notes KPS president John Lang Brown said: 'We are delighted with the continuing involvement of Springbank distillery, as our main

sponsor and are highly indebted to them and their managing director Hedley Wright.

'Thanks also for the help we receive from all our other sponsors and supporters.

'We are delighted that Mrs McFadyen and distillery manager Findlay Ross will present the prizes at the competition's close.'

Entry into the competition is at the discretion of the KPS committee and each competitor submits six tunes for Pìobaireachd, four tunes, each of their own choice for March, Strathspey and Reel and two tunes for hornpipe and jig and 6/8 March for local composers.

This year's pipers are:



2016 winner Willie McCallum.

William McCallum, Roderick J MacLeod MBE, Angus MacColl, Iain Spiers, Callum Beaumont, Alasdair Henderson, Gordon McCready and Glenn Brown.

They will be judged by: PM Iain Morrison, Iain McFadyen and Commander John Wilson. The Fear-an-Tighe is Alan Forbes.

Willie McCallum has appeared in every Springbank Invitational since its inception and has won the overall prize nine times.

Roddy MacLeod was appointed MBE in 2003 and has won all piping's major prizes.

Angus MacColl was young piper of the year 1986, teaches piping in Oban schools and set up the Oban High School Pipe Band in 2006.

Iain Spiers was taught to play by Jack D. Crichton, his father Tom, himself a gold medalist and his grandfather Jock, pipe major of the London Scot-

tish and Johnnie Walker pipe bands.

Callum Beaumont took up the chanter aged seven. At 12-years-old he joined the Grade one Lothian and Borders police band and has won three world championships.

Alasdair Henderson, from Dunoon, has taught at piping schools across Europe, USA and Canada and is much demand as a recitalist.

Gordon McCready is a Police Scotland detective and was three times winner of the World pipe band championships with the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band.

Piping is in Canadian Glenn Brown's blood and he still lists his mother Gail Brown, who taught him, as one of his favourite pipers. One of his biggest role models is Willie McCallum with whom he has been taking lessons since 2001.

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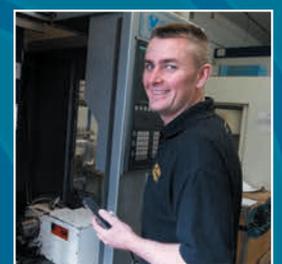
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Councillor leaves Islay post office

COUNCILLOR Alastair Redman is leaving his position as an Islay postmaster to concentrate on ward duties.

The Conservative councillor for Kintyre and the Islands will



Councillor Alastair Redman.

be leaving Portnahaven Post Office on October 5.

He has worked at Portnahaven for 12 years, starting out in the job aged 17, and was believed to be the youngest postmaster in the UK at the time.

Councillor Redman aged 30, said: 'I am leaving the post office to concentrate on being a full time councillor.'

'I would just like to say a huge thanks to all the customers and everyone who has supported me over the years.'

'The post office will still be open through an outreach system and I wish all the best to the new employee who is taking over.'



Lochgilphead volunteer Sandra wins hero award

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman has been named Mid Argyll's Volunteer Hero of the Year 2017.

Sandra Johnston, left, won the award at the ceremony in Oban on Thursday September 7.

The recipient of the award is chosen by Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI) in recognition of contributions made by volunteers within the community.

Sandra said: 'I didn't even know I had been nominated. I did wonder why for me to go to the awards ceremony in Oban. It came as a

lovely surprise when they announced my name.'

Sandra is currently chairwoman of the Mid Argyll community Lunch Bunch, Tarbert Soup Group and Heads Up.

She also serves on Argyll Community Housing Association and PACTMAK committees.

Lynda Syed, Argyll TSI community resilience worker, said: 'We need people like Sandra with her wealth of experience and wise head.'

'She is also a great example of how much older people have to give to their communities.'

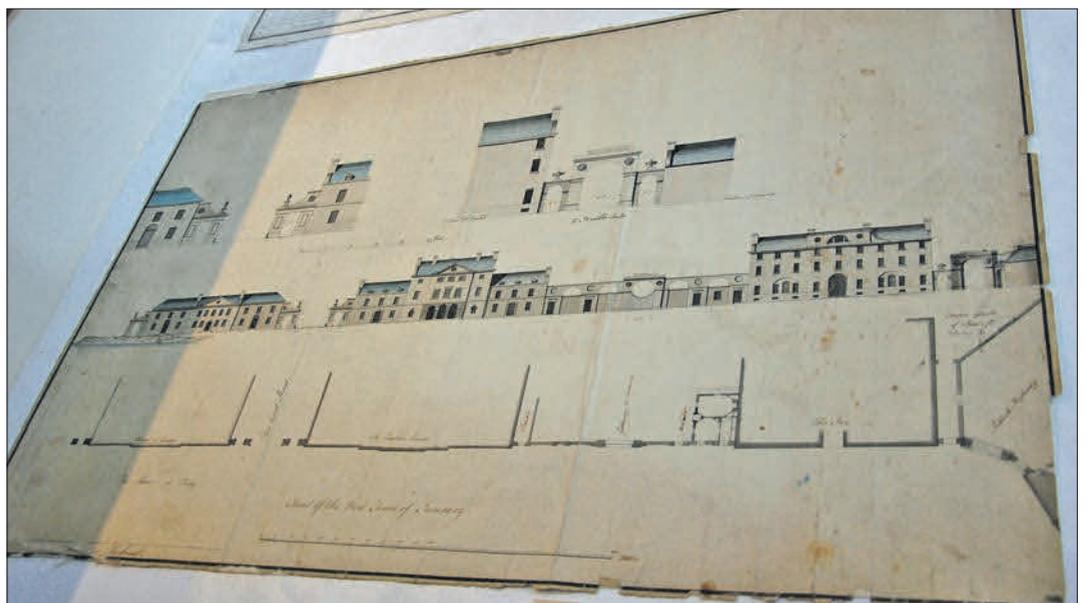
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Doors open to historic Argyll archives

A SELECTION of the Argyll Papers will be on display at Inveraray Castle next week.

The Friends of the Argyll Papers will hold tours of the historic archives on Saturday September 23 as part of the Doors Open Day.

The Argyll Papers are the estate archives of the Campbell family, the Dukes of Argyll. Reputed to be the most important private archives in Brit-

ain, the papers are a rich source of information on British and Scottish history from the 13th to the 21st century.

The archives attract researchers from all over the world, and a selection of the treasures will be on display.

They are housed at Cherry Park, an 18th century farm steading, designed for the 5th Duke of Argyll.

Doors Open Day is an event

where the public may view a number of properties that are usually closed or have restricted access.

Guided tours of the Argyll archives will be taking place at noon and 2pm, with a Scottish handwriting workshop at 3pm.

To book a place on one of the free guided tours of the Argyll archives email archives@inveraray-castle.com or telephone 01499 302698.



Delight as MACPool receives funding boost

MID ARGYLL Community Pool has received £17,000 to replace the pool's chlorine dosing and water monitoring system.

The pool received the funding from the SUEZ Communities Trust allowing it to replace the current chlorine pool water treatment system, improving water quality and bather safety.

Replacing the current system will improve the environmental impact and the overall cost.

MACPool manager Graham Love said: 'Malfunction of the current system has led to temporary closure

of the community pool and interruption to service while emergency repairs take place.

'The replacement plant includes a system for chlorine production, dosing equipment and all necessary pumps and ancillaries to integrate the new equipment with the existing wider pool plant water filtration and treatment system.

'Once installed, the new system will provide the safe production of chlorine for dosing of pool water for years to come.'

SUEZ Communities Trust is an independent funding body set up in 1997 which pro-



MACPool has been given a major cash boost for a new chlorine dosing system.

vides funding through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. To date SUEZ Communities Trust has supported more

than 3,900 projects to a combined value of more than £110 million using tax credits donated by Suez Recycling and Recovery UK, formerly SITA UK.

Dunoon regeneration scheme unveiled

DUNOON Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) will be launched at Dunoon Burgh Hall on Saturday September 16.

The event will take place at midday and run until 4pm.

The project officer from Dunoon CARS will be present to give advice to prospective applicants and the public.

Dunoon CARS is jointly funded by Argyll and Bute council and Historic Environment Scotland. The project will be focused on Argyll Street in Dunoon and the regeneration of specific local buildings.

For more information, contact Feargal de Buitelér at: Feargal.De_Buiteleir@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Authority urges vigilance over child protection

ARGYLL and Bute Council's child protection committee has asked residents to get in contact if they believe a child is in danger.

The child protection campaign aims to inform parents and young people on how to recognise if a child is at risk of sexual exploitation.

Policy lead for health and social care Councillor Kieron Green said: 'Protecting children and young people and keeping them safe is something everyone needs to step up and take responsibility for.'

'We often think we are interfering, or possibly in the wrong, if we suspect something isn't right in our communities. We may not want to

be the one to pick up the phone, or we may assume someone else will.

'However, doing nothing is not an option.

'The safety of our youngest residents is paramount. We need you to act quickly and pass on your concerns.'

The campaign was launched following more awareness of child exploitation in the wake of high-profile cases in Newcastle and Rotherham.

Chairwoman of the child protection committee Moira McKinnon said: 'Every day local residents contact us and tell us about members of our community who may be at risk of harm.'

'That's how we can work together to support and protect them.

'Please make sure you do the same. We need your help to help our most vulnerable.'

Further guidance is now available on the council website and in leaflets.

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Wood family to Inveraray's rescue – 40 years ago



Brothers David, left, and Benny Wood beside their ambulance.

EARLIER this week the *Argyllshire Advertiser* was sent a tattered, yellowing copy of our newspaper from 40 years ago – and it contains some rare gems.

The reason for receiving the paper is revealed on page 31, but there were a number of items which caught our eye in that week's edition, dated October 21 1977.

The main front page photograph features two strapping young ambulancemen, newly arrived in Inveraray.

The arrival of brothers David and Benny Wood was a big boost to the area.

When the previous ambulanceman – as they were then known – left, there was no

How two brothers helped the town in 1977

available housing for his replacement.

Since May 1977 the Inveraray depot had been covered by units from Dalmally, Lochgilphead and Vale of Leven. Then Argyll and Bute District Council allocated a vacant home to Benny, his wife and three children.

David then moved into digs with Benny and the family – which meant, however, that

he only got to see his own wife and children every second weekend as they were still in his former home.

David told the *Advertiser* at the time that the council had promised to classify him as a key worker and he was hopeful a house would come up soon.

Look out for some other wee gems from 1977 in future editions of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

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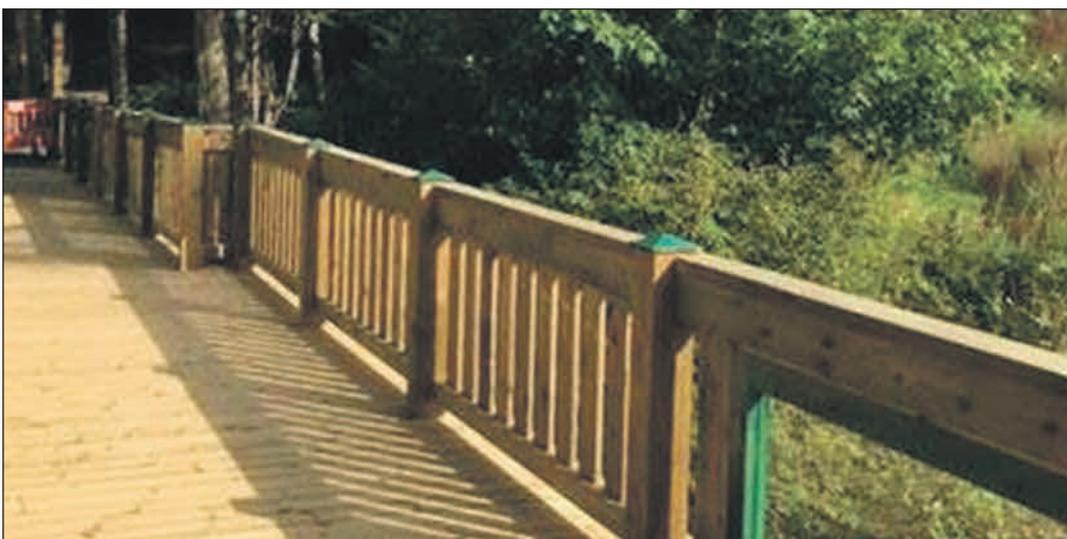
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New Blarbuie walkway to open

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way, in the community wood, with activities for all ages.

Sale

Following the opening at 10am, there will be trees, shrubs and herbs for sale as

well as seed saving and vegetable harvesting.

The Lochgilphead men's shed will be open to fix items that need mended and there will be a tool sale.

Top marks for Little Treasures Day Care

A MID Argyll childminding business has passed an official inspection with flying colours.

Little Treasures Day Care in Kilmichael Glassary, run by

registered childminder Pamela Bell, was given top marks across the board after an unannounced Care Inspectorate visit in late July. The examination

covered the quality of care and support; environment and management and leadership. The service received five points, or very good, in each category.

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Skipinnish performing on the Campbell stage on Friday night. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Inveraray takes a BoW with a superb festival to remember

ONE OF Argyll's favourite festivals returned this year with an extra evening - much to the delight of loyal fans.

Music lovers from across the country flocked to the town of Inveraray to witness some of the best acts Scotland has to offer - with headlining acts such as Skipinnish, Tide Lines, and Eddi Reader.

Hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the intimate festival has the magnificent backdrop of the historic Inveraray Castle, and celebrates all things traditional - from unique Scottish music to haggis pizza.

The event kicked off with a bang on Friday evening, with revellers ignoring the rain to enjoy a range of acts. Cowal-based band Heron Valley and Tiree's Skipinnish headlined, with the latter rivalling Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran in the UK charts.

Long-established Skipinnish delighted fans with traditional performances of their hits including Harvest of the Homeland.

Sold-out Saturday began the opposite of Friday, with the grounds of Inveraray Castle basking in sunshine.

Fans enjoyed a late lunch and a few refreshments

outdoors, with plenty taking the opportunity to enjoy face painting and fairground rides.

Rock four-piece Hunter and the Bear packed the main tent, performing hits such as Paper Heart and Hologram. Front man Will Irvine gave the crowd exactly what they were looking for, interacting with fans encouraging enthusiastic singalongs.

The rain returned on Sunday, but spectators refused to let the rain dampen their spirits. A packed house awaited the popular four piece Tide Lines, who did not disappoint, delighting their

young fans with an encore of Far Side of the World.

Vocalist Robert Robertson, who was inundated with picture and autograph requests from young fans following his performance, said Best of the West was one of the highlights of their tour.

He continued: 'I've been to Best of the West a number of times over the years. It's always just a really nice atmosphere with the food, the beer and the music.'

The band's album recently hit the UK charts at number 14, and they have performed across the UK and in France.

A regular highlight at Best

of the West is the glittering array of local talent, and this year Holly Renton and Teigan Holroyd delighted the main stage audience with a selection of Gaelic and modern songs.

Mid Argyll's Bar None Community Choir sang beautifully, while Inveraray band The Camans had the fans jumping with crowd-pleasing covers.

A hugely enjoyable festival went out with a bang as Scots superstar Eddi Reader took to the Sunday evening stage to close the show in true style in front of a packed audience of festival-goers.



Eddi Reader delighted festival goers as Sunday's headlining act. 08_a37Bow28



The Duke and Duchess of Argyll take time out to meet Bonnie the seal pup and Bruce the beaver, who were there representing Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative. 06_a37Bow08

Best of the West con



The Hur gave an energetic performance on Saturday. 06_a37Bow09



Double bass player Hazel Finlay of The Daddy Naggins. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Blazin' Fiddles lit up the main stage on Saturday night



Aidan Moodie on the guitar and Gregor Kincaid, of Glasgow-based trad band Gnoss, enjoying a moment. 06_a37Bow11



Robert Robertson of Tide Lines delighted fans with his band's top hits. 08_a37Bow17



Mid Argyll's Holly and Teigan performing on Saturday night. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Susan Berry from Tayvallich with some of the art she had on display at the festival. 08_a37Bow09

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Will Irvine of Hunter and the Bear takes to the stage on Saturday evening. 08_a37Bow04



Toby Corner from Lochgilphead dresses up while serving beer, wine and more to the crowds. 08_a37Bow24



Alasdair Turner and Ross Williams with fans. 08_a37Bow26

Chris Olivarius, originally from Lochgilphead, was serving pizza with wife Louise, pictured, and their Nomad wood fired pizza business.

06_a37Bow22

mes to Inveraray



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Craig MacIntyre of The Camans gives it his usual laldy on stage. 06_a37Bow19



Ola MacRae, John Armstrong, Brian MacRae and Wendy Kelly brought a bit of colour to the weekend. 08_a37Bow14



Roz Hunter, left, and Elaine Morgan from Gourrock travelled to Inveraray for their first trip to festival, while staying at Hunter's Quay Holiday Village. 06_a37Bow26



Young members of the Argyll Ceilidh Trail performing on the LFW stage. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Peggy MacIntyre and Maggie Hamilton enjoying a sunny Saturday afternoon at the festival. 08_a37Bow16



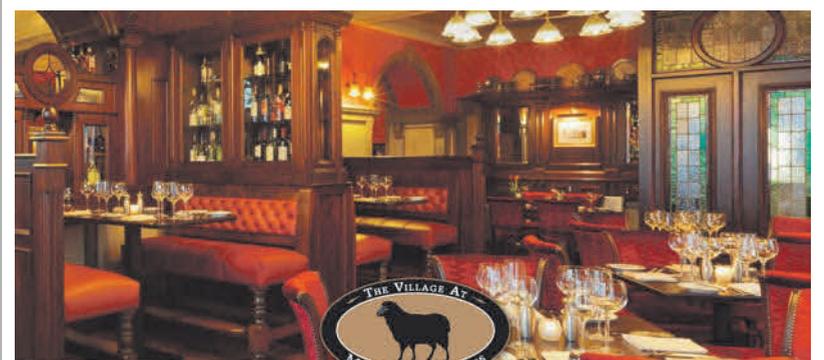
Bar None Community Choir, which is based in Lochgilhead, was the first act on the LFW stage on Saturday. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



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The Best of the West crowd lit up the room during a performance in the main tent. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



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The classes are described as fun, sociable and great exercise.

Beginners are encouraged to come along and give it a try, with the first lesson free.

For more information contact Margaret Allan on 01546 510316.

Lochgilphead SWI returns

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Scottish Women's Institute will be holding its first meeting at the community centre on Tuesday September 19.

Taking place at 7.15pm, the opening meeting will include bingo and a chance for new members to get to know everyone.

The group have planned a varied programme for the months ahead, including flower arranging and a bowls night.

For further information contact the group's president, Mrs Jean Smith, on 01546 886328.



Get into the groove in Tarbert this weekend. 08_a39Tarbert09

Music all the way in Tarbert

TARBERT Music Festival returns this weekend running from Friday September 15 to Sunday September 17.

The festival will see the summer music scene end with a bang with acts such as The Camans, Dr Hip and The

Blues Operation and Heron Valley, fresh from stellar performances at Inveraray's Best of the West.

The festival, which has been running since 1988, will offer the chance to see bands playing in a variety of locations

across the village. There is also an open air performance at Tarbert harbour from 2-6pm, with a debut festival performance from Hò-rò alongside Treble Trouble.

Budding musicians will also have the opportunity to join

in the fun, with organisers encouraging local talent to perform in bars over the weekend.

Running alongside the festival is Fèis an Tairbeirt, an organisation that offers drama and music lessons to

people of all ages. On Sunday September 17 there will be an adult music workshop. Lessons are £15 per person and instruments are provided.

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Union hosts talks with Argyll politicians

THE CONTINUING need to support active farming in Argyll in the wake of Brexit was just one of the points hammered home in a busy meeting between Scotland's farming union and Argyll politicians.

Dalmally Community Hall was the venue on Monday September 4 for the discussion between National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) Argyll and the Islands regional board members and MSPs Donald Cameron, John Finnie and

Michael Russell along with Brendan O'Hara MP.

Each of the politicians opened by setting out their views on issues relating to agriculture and Brexit.

Negotiating trade deals that support Scottish produce was going to be crucial, said union representatives, particularly for the vulnerable sheep and beef sectors in Argyll.

The overriding message was that an area like Argyll will continue to need support payments in order

to ensure that active farmers and crofters continue to deliver a wide range of public benefits.

The union raised the issue of the cost of transporting milk off the Isle of Bute and the lack of ferry fare concessions for milk tankers, similar to that already given for transportation of livestock, hay and straw and live shellfish.

Union members also expressed 'disappointment' that the Scottish Government did not

accept the 'cost-neu-

tral' changes proposed by NFUS to the Scottish Upland Sheep Support Scheme (SUSSS).

After a recent spell of bad weather, hill farmers are significantly behind with silage making and gathering hill flocks in for weaning lambs.

NFUS members asked for the politicians' support in their call for an extension to the SUSSS application period for this year beyond the current deadline of October 16.

The growing numbers of wild geese across the

region were also under the spotlight. For areas like Islay and Tiree with significant populations of barnacle geese, crofters and farmers need a goose policy that continues to support their livelihoods when the impacts of geese are significant, according to the union.

Across both island and mainland areas of Argyll, greylag geese are also increasing in number, and NFUS would like to see this species added to the general licence for the control of birds.

Kintyre Soil and Nutrient Network



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Beyond Passchendaele

- granddad's voice echoes down century

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ON WEDNESDAY September 20, 2017 it will be 100 years since Margaret Powell's grandfather was killed, leaving behind a wife and baby.

Gordon Highlander James Campbell, from Lochgilphead, died at the height of the Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres.

The impact of his death has echoed down the years in the family, and it is an event that Margaret was always told about as a child by her father.

Now aged 68 and living in Bishopbriggs, Margaret has recently taken time since her retirement to research her family history, uncovering a remarkable story.

Born on the Isle of

Bute, James Campbell came to work as a slater in the Lochgilphead area. He met and fell in love with local lass Phemie Lang, and one of their wedding gifts, on December 27, 1911, was a beautiful clock from the Kilmartin Football Team, for whom James played in goal.

Like many other couples on a Saturday evening, James and Phemie would walk along the shore road to the tree that once stood at the crossroads at the Corran. Folk from Ardrishaig would also be there, listening and dancing to the fiddle music.

James had already served with the Gordon Highlanders in the Boer War between 1899 and 1902, and was kept on the army reserve list until 1913. He had one year of freedom until it all began again.

He managed to get leave to go home from the front, and so in 1916 his only son Hugh was born.

In his last letter home James talked lovingly about his wee boy getting on so well, and in the same letter he told Phemie not to worry as he would be home soon, and all would be well. But it was not to be.

Margaret explained: 'By September, the Third Battle of Ypres was not going well. It had been the worst summer in Belgium for decades, and troops were bogged down in the horrendous sea of mud.'

'The generals insisted on throwing everything they had into the assault, and the Gordon Highlander regiments were part of the Passchendaele sacrifice.'

Phemie received the dreaded chaplain's let-

ter dated September 25. It read that her husband was 'killed in action on the 20th of this month. He took part in the big advancement that day and in helping to win victory he laid down his life'.

Margaret believes James's own loving letter, with its kisses and cheerful reassurances, would have reached Phemie after the death notice.

With young son Hugh to support on her own, Phemie worked at all sorts of jobs, and saved enough to open a shop selling newspapers and paraffin. She graduated to a tobacconist's on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead, now the Fyne Living premises, and then to a well-known wooden sweetie shop opposite the Empire Cinema on Union Street during the 1950s and 60s.

Holiday

Hugh moved to Glasgow, and raised his own family there. Over the years, the lure of Argyll has, however, drawn them back regularly to visit cousins, and to holiday in and around the Lochgilphead area.

'Granny had a lovely house opposite the Empire Cinema and we visited every Easter and summer, and have visited Lochgilphead since I was six months,' Margaret recalls.

'Being the oldest, I got to help in the shop, selling the penny sweets and halfpenny caramels. Granny had a lovely photo of granddad in her house. One of those big old brown framed ones. I still have it in our loft.'

'My dad talked to us about the battle of Passchendaele from an early age. So we have always known about



James Campbell in full Gordon Highlander regalia.

him. When I retired, I did one of those genealogy classes and chose granddad as my focus. We didn't know about the letter until 1997, the 80th anniversary, when dad showed it to us. Maybe he thought we wouldn't be interested.

'The letter was so poignant because granddad was upbeat, and hopeful and it was amazing to hear his own 'voice'. He sounded like a lovely man. Just the sort of granddad you'd want to have.'

Because James was missing in action, he does not have a grave for the family to visit, but his name is on Phemie's headstone in Achabreac Cemetery, on the war memorial in Lochgilphead, list-

ed with the fallen in Belgium's Tyne Cot Cemetery, and in the booklet recently produced by the Mid Argyll Youth Forum.

This year, on Remembrance Sunday,

James's four grandchildren will bring their own families to take part in the laying of a wreath, in honour of a brave great, great grandfather, still remembered.



Phemie standing in the doorway of her shop on Argyll St, now 'Fyne Living' with son Hugh.



James's granddaughter, Margaret Powell.



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17/02254/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 17 metres high lattice tower and associated works	Land North Of Drimlee Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XG	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/02262/PP	Installation of deer fence (107 metres in length)	Land South Of Access To Duncholgan Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/02126/LIB	Renovation of derelict former dairy/gunroom and privy to form dwellinghouse	Taynish House Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PW	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/02179/PP	Alterations to roof height, re-roofing and installation of replacement windows to front and gable elevations	Battery Cottage Pier Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UF	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
17/02322/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North West Of Auchencorvie Cottages (Plot 1) Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/02323/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North West Of Auchencorvie Cottages (Plot 2) Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/02249/PP	Change of use of hairdresser (class 1) to cafe (class 3)	53 Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JL	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/02332/LIB	Installation of communal satellite dish on gable end	12 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/02333/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land North Of North Craigradh Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
17/02134/PP	Refurbishment and change of use of derelict former dairy/gunroom to form dwellinghouse	Taynish House Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PW	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/02155/LIB	Installation of 4no conservation style roof lights	15 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/02136/PP	Installation of replacement first floor amenity deck, removal and re-installation of access balconies and fabric repair works	22 - 26 Main Street And 2 - 8 Longrow South Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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First-time buyers borrowed £1.1bn, up 29 per cent on the first quarter and 17 per cent on the second quarter last year. This totalled 9,500 loans, up 25 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 15 per cent year-on-year.

Home movers borrowed £1.5bn, up 39 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 20 per cent compared to a year ago. This totalled 9,300 loans, up 37 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 16 per cent compared to the same quarter in 2016.

Remortgage activity totalled £900m, down seven per cent on the first quarter but up seven per cent on the same quarter last year. This came to 7,300 loans, down 10 per cent quarter-on-quarter but up four per cent compared to a year ago.

Carol Anderson, chairwoman UK Finance Scotland Mortgage Committee, said: 'There were more home buyers in Scotland in the second quarter of 2017 than any other quarter since 2007. First-time buyers have been a key driver of this, with two years of year-on-year growth.'

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Home movers borrowed an average of £141,100 this quarter (£178,200 in the UK overall), up from £139,500 the previous quarter. The average household income of a home mover was £51,000 (£55,100 in the UK overall), up from £50,000. This meant the typical home mover income multiple in Scotland was 2.84, up from 2.83 the previous quarter and the UK average of 3.37.



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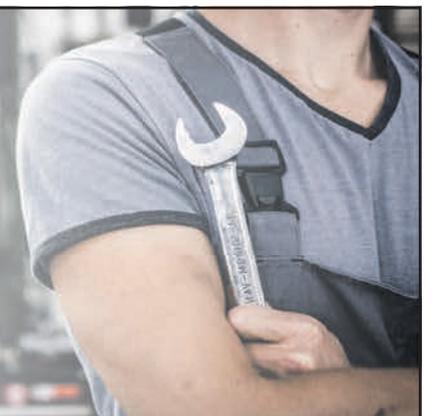
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PERSONAL NOTICES

Happy 18th Birthday
Kieran X

Side by side or miles apart... you are my twin and always in my heart

Happy 40th Birthday Lindsay Have a smashing day Lots of love, Jennifer xx

EVA MACDONALD MBE

I would like to send love and gratitude to my daughter Christine, and grandson Christopher for secretly organising such a wonderful party to celebrate my "milestone" birthday. Many special people were present from my church, together with people I have met and forged friendships with during my many years of volunteering, also personal friends. Special thanks go to Andrew and Elaine Hemmings for assisting Christine from afar, and presenting a lovely birthday cake. Thanks also to Pipe Major John McGeachy for performing and to Lorraine Griffiths, Royal Hotel for the lovely buffet.

Thank you all for lovely cards, gifts and flowers received from my church, Shopper-Aide, RNLI Shop, Victim Support, Advocacy Service, and Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel. Sorry some guests had to depart early and missed the photo! Thank you Hazel for attending.

I feel truly blessed to have such wonderful friends.

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KILMARTIN

Glen walk in Kilmartin

A GUIDED glen walk will take place in Kilmartin on Wednesday September 13.

The walk is in Kilmartin Glen and will be led by volunteer guides. Around two and a half hours long, the easy grade trek is free. To sign up go to Kilmartin Museum on the day.

The group is meeting at the museum at 1.30pm. Waterproofs and boots are recommended.

COWAL

Open studios

PAINTERS, jewelers, photographers and all sorts of artists who work on the Cowal peninsula will be displaying their work between September 22-25.

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Studios are open in Cairndow, Dunoon, Strachur, Tighnabruach and more. For more information, email info@cowalstudios.co.uk

EASDALE



Action from last year's championships

World Stone Skimming Championships

THE ISLAND of Easdale is preparing to welcome 350 competitors in the annual World Stone Skimming championships.

The championships take place

on Sunday September 24 at midday.

Fun for all ages

There will be a barbecue, children's entertainment and bands at the event, which promises

fun for all ages.

Registration is on the day from 11am at Easdale Island Community Hall.

To find out more, email contact@stoneskimming.com.

HELENSBURGH

Walk for Alzheimer Scotland

A MEMORY walk will be held in Helensburgh on Saturday September 23 to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer Scotland.

The walk will be along the sea front visiting Kidston Park and finishing at the Dementia Resource Centre and community cafe.

Registration costs £10 for adults, £5 for 12-16 years and under 12s go free.

For more information, telephone: 01436 678050.

ARDRISHAIG

Rotary hosts poetry event

WHETHER you love to read or listen to poetry, or perhaps dabble at writing the odd stanza yourself, Ardrishaig is the place to be later this month.

Mid Argyll Rotary Club is holding a Poetry Today event at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Thursday September 21.

Budding poets are invited to recite their work in the aid of charity.

Email mail@stephengread.co.uk to find out more about the event.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE CAR was absolutely filthy. With all the rain and muddy tracks making it even worse, it was going to take a marathon effort to clean it.

I was recommended a manual car wash at Dumbarton, and so on the road to Glasgow we stopped there.

It was brilliant. Four men sprayed, washed, scrubbed and power washed the car. Every part of it was cleaned until it was gleaming.

However I noticed that a little strand of a spider's web still clung tenaciously to the wing mirror.

I couldn't believe that such a fragile thing had such strength.

Despite the Argyll weather and the best efforts of the car washers, this little strand survived.

Many things have been written about the strength of the spider's silk weaving. It has even been said that it is as strong as steel.

This might not be quite accurate, but given that spider silk is a much less dense material, a given weight of spider silk is five times as strong as the same weight of steel.

George Macleod of the Iona Community said that there is simply a gossamer thread between earth and Heaven.

How flimsy that sounds, yet what strength is there.

Sometimes we feel that our faith is challenged by the many awful tragedies that surround us, both personal and national.

We may feel that we are 'clinging on by a thread'.

Well, if it is as strong as a spider's thread or a gossamer thread, we will survive.

I think God's love is like that spider's thread. It is as gentle and soft as silk, but has a strength which will never be destroyed.

Hold tight to that thread for it will never break.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God ...' (Exodus 20:7).

BIRTHS

TENNANT - To Richard and Rachel (née Wareham), on August 26, 2017, a son, Lucas Alexander. Both well.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



CAMPBELL - MCMILLAN

Dougie Campbell and Jean (née McMillan), on September 15, 1967 at the Highland Parish Church, by Rev C Henderson. Present address, 16 Tormhor, Carradale.

DEATHS

BLACK - Peacefully, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on September 12, 2017, Dugald Carmichael Black, in his 89th year, 41 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, formerly of Whitestone Farm, Saddell, dearly beloved husband of Annie MacAlister, much loved dad of Sandra and father-in-law of Paul. Service will take place in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 7, 2017, Moira Kershaw, in her 62nd year, 6 Front Row, Drumlemble, dearly beloved wife of the late Andy Crawford.

CUNNINGHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 11, 2017,

Charles Patrick Cunningham, in his 79th year, 4 Pensioners Row, Campbeltown, much loved father of Catherine, Tracy, Ian and Anthony and a loving grandfather. Service in St Kieran's RC Church, on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

KING - Peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on September 2, 2017, Mary King, née MacNeill, in her 88th year, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, dearly beloved wife of the late John Vincent King, much loved mother of David, Malcolm and Andrew and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service in Gigha Church, on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keill Cemetery, Isle of Gigha. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

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MACPHAIL - Mary. Peacefully, at Beechgrove Care Home, Lanark, on September 7, 2017, Mary MacPhail, aged 95, of 3 Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilphead, sister of William and the late Angus and Alice MacPhail, mother of Douglas and the late June Elizabeth, and aunt of the late Edith, Helen and Alice. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church, on Thursday, September 14, 2017, followed by interment at Ach-na-breac Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - In remembrance of our grandfather, James, of the Gordon Highlanders, killed in action at Passchendaele, during the Third Battle of Ypres, on September 20, 1917. Never forgotten.

- Margaret, James, Rosemary, Hugh, Kate, Lauren, Campbell, Chloe, Emily and Sophie.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of a dear mother, granny and great granny, "Dolly", passed away September 19, 2009. Of all the many blessings, However great or small, To have had you as my mother, Was the greatest one of all.

- John, Sheena and family.
MCSPORRAN - Alastair, dearly beloved husband of Christine, brother-in-law of Hilda, uncle and great uncle, who died September 18, 2013.

Always in our hearts.
- Christine.

SARGENT - In loving memory of my darling wife, Senga, died September 18, 2014.

Although we're not together, We will never be apart, Because you have that special place, Right here within my heart.

Always and forever.
- Your loving husband, Roger.

SARGENT - Treasured memories of our mum, Senga, died September 18, 2014.

Mum, three years have passed since you went away,

You fought so hard and tried to stay, We knew you needed rest, When God took you he took the very best.

A daily wish that you were here, We wipe away a silent tear.

We think about you every day, In our hearts you will always stay.

- Senga, Billy and family, and Roger, Heather and family.

SARGENT - Precious memories of a loving sister and auntie, Senga, taken from us on September 18, 2014.

We know that you are far away Senga, you are loved and remembered every day.

- Sister Sandra, Andy, nieces and nephews, and sister Margaret and family.

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Sunday Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Wednesday Mid-Week Pause in Ardrishaig Church - a time for personal reflection from 12noon till 2:pm with a short, corporate act of worship from 12:45pm

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Sunday 17th September Skipness Service 10am Tarbert Service 11.30am

Mr Tom McKay For all church enquiries and pastoral care Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735 Everyone very welcome Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622 Skipness SCO04280



Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277 Sunday 17th September Pentecost 15 Holy Communion 10.45am Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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Sunday 17th September Cumlodden

Lochfyneside and Lochgair Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray at 11.30am Charity No. SC016665 Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell ALL WELCOME



George Street, Campbeltown Sunday 17th September 11.15am Worship Service Rev Ruairidh MacLean Wednesday 20th September 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer 2.00pm Water of Life Café All Welcome www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493 Sunday 17th September The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be in the church at 11.15am All Welcome

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Sunday Service 17th September 2017 11.00 am Visiting Speakers Nigel Johns Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers Association with Sunday School followed by refreshments Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm Every Sunday (term time only) Mainly Music 10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (term time only) Registration required Pastor Chris Holden We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



17th September 2017 Sunday Worship Ford 11.45am Rev. C. R. Acklam All welcome SC0 02121

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Thursday 20th September Choir

Friday 21st September Lunch Club 12 noon New Hall



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75 Longrow, Campbeltown Sunday 17th September Family Communion Service at 11.00am Pastor Steve Davies. All welcome

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Veterans put on a show for James Johnson Cup

GOLF

BEAUTIFUL over-head conditions greeted golfers competing for the James Johnson Cup at Glenralloch on Saturday September 9.

James was a member at Tarbert Golf Club many years ago before emigrating to Australia, where he continued to play golf and meet regularly with fellow Tarbert men and women.

After James's death, his brother Dan put up the James Johnson Cup, to be played for by the over 50s of the club.

This year's winner was Steve Bleasby, who has been in good form of late, with a score of 76-14, for a net 62. Steve was out in 40 but played much steadier on the back nine. Despite having a six on the 18th, he won by two shots.

In second place was Bruce MacNab who had a gross 69-5 for a net 64 with Iain Macalister third on net 65. Iain had a total of eight threes in his round of 70.

This weekend sees the Dodie's Cup take place with all the usual ballot times available.



Kyles' premiership title hopes dented

Marine Harvest Premiership

Lovat	2
Kyles Athletic	1

SHINTY

KYLES Athletic's title chances suffered a blow when they lost 2-1 to Lovat at Balgate.

Lovat defended deep making it difficult for Kyles to create chances and Stuart MacDonald in the home goal was untested during the opening 45 minutes.

Kyles took the lead on 51 minutes. A shy from the right fell to Roddy MacDonald who he found enough space to strike the ball low into the net from just behind the penalty spot.

Lovat's leveller five minutes later came from a corner on the right. Greg Matheson controlled the ball and held off a couple of challenges before scoring from the edge of the box.

Two minutes then defined the outcome of the match, and maybe even the title race. On 62 minutes Stuart MacDonald produced a miraculous save from



Kyles' Cammy Keith keeps the ball from Greg Matheson, Lovat. Photograph: Neil Paterson.

Roddy MacDonald, throwing himself full length towards his goal but instead were level and a man down.

The Kyles players responded positively to the situation and showed great fight in an attempt to win the game. Grant Irvine and Dunkie Kerr were linking up well but they couldn't get their team

In the space of 120

seconds, Kyles could have been leading 2-1 but instead were level and a man down.

The Kyles players responded positively to the situation and showed great fight in an attempt to win the game. Grant Irvine and Dunkie Kerr were linking up well but they couldn't get their team

in front. After a Marc MacLachlan shot was well saved with his feet by John Whyte, the winning Lovat goal came on 83 minutes when Greg Matheson produced a composed finish to make it 2-1.

This was a match with both defences on top, with few efforts on goal over the course

of the 90 minutes. Kyles may have fallen a point behind in the title race but they know three wins from their final three matches, including against Kinlochshiel at Kirkton,

will make them champions. The task, though, will be all the more difficult for Roddy MacDonald's absence due to suspension in two of these games.

League win for Kilmory

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Kilmory	5
Ballachulish	3

KILMORY ran out 5-3 winners against Ballachulish at MacRae Park on Saturday September 9.

Ballachulish, who travelled with just 11 players, went in front through Pat MacLean on 16 minutes.

Hal Jones equalised on 19 minutes and Rhys Williams put the

hosts 2-1 ahead a couple of minutes later.

Duncan MacBrayne made it 3-1 three minutes into the second half and Hal Jones got his second to make it 4-1 on the hour.

Ballachulish fought back though with a second from Pat MacLean on 67 minutes and Conor MacGregor four minutes later made it 4-3.

Kilmory sealed the win through Alex Cunningham with 15 minutes remaining.

'Aray still a point away

Marine Harvest South Division 2

INVERARAY'S second team will have to wait to try and secure the point they need to clinch the South Division 2 title and a quick return to Marine Har-

vest South Division 1 following their relegation at the end of the 2016 shinty season.

Their game against Dunoon Camanachd was postponed on Friday evening as the Dunoon Stadium pitch was unplayable.

Appeal for more volunteers ahead of Mid Argyll Athletic Club's AGM

THERE is potential – but only if people get involved in athletics.

There is huge potential for athletics in Mid Argyll – but only if people get involved in running the sport in the region.

That is the clear message from one of the sport's prime movers ahead of Mid Argyll Athletic Club's annual

general meeting on Wednesday September 20.

The athletic club was formed in August 1984 and presently has a large junior membership of boys and girls.

Mid Argyll athletics coach and the man behind many of the region's successful athletes over the years Bill MacCallum said:

'There is potential for future growth providing more parents of the junior members contribute.

'The provision of the all-weather jumps facility at Lochgilphead Joint Campus in June 2015 has been of enormous benefit for the further development of the club.'

For the last 22 years

the athletic club has promoted Sportshall Athletics in several locations in Argyll over the winter and it is hoped this project will continue over the winter of 2017/2018 with a series of local competitions leading to an Argyll final in Oban in late February or early March.

Mr MacCallum con-

tinued: 'The present committee is hoping for a good attendance at the annual general meeting next week. Anyone with an interest in athletics is welcome to attend, especially parents of junior members.'

The athletics club meets on Monday nights, excluding school holidays,

at Lochgilphead Joint Campus with primary school ages from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and high school ages from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. New members always welcome.

The annual general meeting will be held at 7.30pm on September 20 in the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead.

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Mystery of football cup winners - 116 years on

IT WAS wrapped for safe keeping in a faded, torn copy of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and only came to light by accident.

Clearing out the loft at their home in East Lothian, Bill and Christine Young stumbled across the edition dated Friday October 21, 1977. On the front page of the newspaper

per is an article asking 'Can you remember the Kharki Rangers?' with a photograph of the team.

The newspaper was wrapped around the original cup-winning team photograph of Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers, taken by DL Howie of Rothesay and Dunoon and dated 1901.

The 1977 article asked for information on the photo, which was handed to the paper by Mr H Bruce of Brenfield.

Bill and Christine kindly sent the original image, plus the tattered newspaper, to the Advertiser offices.

Owner

In a note with the package, they wrote: 'This was obviously left by the previous owner of our house who has since passed away.'

'We hope you may find out a story about the football team. Unfortunately all the people who may have known about it here in East Lothian have all passed away. Good luck and best wishes.'

It is a long shot - but can any of our readers



Complete with medals and trophy - Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers, 1901.



The tattered edition from October 1977.

today name anyone in the photograph or provide background information to the photo or this successful team? Contact the paper by calling 01546 602345, email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or call into the office if you have any information.

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SPORT



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Lachie gets the big one

A MID Argyll man is to referee shinty's blue riband final.

The Camanachd Association has selected Lachie Wood from Lochgilphead to officiate at the 2017 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup final between Lovat and Newtonmore.

In his playing days, Lachie turned out for Kilmory, Glasgow Mid Argyll and Oban Celtic. Following a spell as coach/manager of Kilmory, Lachie took up refereeing in 2012, and has steadily progressed through the grades - officiating at Grade One level for the past three years.

Lachie, who is married with two sons, is employed by Argyll Community Housing Association as a planned maintenance manager.

Taken charge

Since taking up refereeing, Lachie has taken charge of the Bullough Cup Final in 2013, the Balliemore and Valerie Fraser Cup Finals in 2014 as well as the 2015 Macaulay Cup Final. He refereed the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final in 2014 and 2017.

Angus MacVicar, Camanachd Association officials director, said:

'Lachie's approach to the game has gained him respect from players, coaches, spectators and fellow officials.

'His tight control of players during matches makes him an ideal candidate for taking charge of shinty's most prestigious final and I wish him all the best.'

Great honour

'I am delighted to be chosen to referee the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup final,' said Lachie. 'It is a great honour and I am very much looking forward to what should be a great match.'

Supporting Lachie on the big day will be John Angus Gillies as fourth official, Willie MacDonald and Calum Girvan as goal judges and Brian MacKay, Andy MacLean, Martin MacLean and Scott McNeil as linesmen.

The Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup final will be played on Saturday September 30 at the Bught Park in Inverness.



Camanachd Cup final referee Lachie Wood.

Red Star keep up unbeaten run

SAFL Premier Two

Houston	1
Red Star	5

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star maintained their 100 per cent start to the season with an excellent away win against a Houston United side which had held Star to a draw in both league matches last season.

Star made the long trip to Beith in North Ayrshire for the league clash and started the brighter of the sides, with Rab Docherty seeing his effort saved by the keeper after he had beaten the Houston defender.

Red Star continued on the front foot and strikers Ciaran McPhie and Kieran Moore both saw shots saved by the

'keeper as they pressed for the opener.

The visitors deservedly took the lead but with a hint of good fortune as a spinning ball landed awkwardly on the ground as the goalkeeper went to collect and fell kindly to the advancing Lee MacLean. He had the simple task of tapping the ball into an empty net to put his side 0-1 up.

The home side, to their credit, managed to force their way back into the game when a cross from the right hand side was headed past Luke Kalache in goal with the 'keeper having no chance.

Red Star upped the pace and were keen to get back on the front foot and succeeded when some lovely link

up play down the right hand side released Rab Docherty, who cut the ball back to Ciaran McPhie who found the bottom corner with a first time finish.

The Red Star midfield trio of Ben Forbes, Lee MacLean and Aaron Moore were now in charge, with Moore dominant in the air. It was no surprise when Star extended their lead when a looping ball over the top saw Ciaran McPhie beat the offside trap before coolly slotting home past the 'keeper to give Star a 1-3 lead at half time.

Houston came out and had a go early in the second half but were finding the settled opposition defence of Andy Weir, Luke Nais-

by and Kyle Selfridge tough to breach. They had a shout for a penalty when Luke Naisby challenged the forward but the referee saw the Star man get a good touch on the ball.

Red Star were still causing all sorts of problems on the break, with the link-up play between Kieran Moore and Ciaran McPhie excellent to watch at times.

The match was made safe with 20 minutes remaining when substitute Andy Moore set up Ciaran McPhie in the corner and the young forward turned and fired his shot into the bottom corner to round off another hat-trick.

Star weren't finished there and add-

ed a fifth goal late on when Kevin Keen's cross was met by Kieran Moore, who headed into the top corner to pick up a goal that his play deserved and seal a 1-5 win.

At the other end Luke Kalache was on hand to turn away a couple of powerful efforts as Houston went in search of a consolation, but Star ran out convincing winners to make it five wins from five in the league.

Tomorrow Red Star welcome Maryhill Thistle to Lochgilphead in the West of Scotland Cup second round. The match will take place at the Rope-work or Joint Campus 3G, weather permitting, and will be played to a finish on the day.

Mid Argyll sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday September 11, the winning numbers in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 6, 9 and 16. There were no winning tickets so a £1,000 jackpot is up for grabs next week.

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

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



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