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Dog owner escapes a fine after sheep worrying horror

The law is in the spotlight after a man whose dogs killed and injured sheep in two horrific Inveraray attacks was sentenced to carry out community service.

Farming union NFU Scotland expressed frustration as it seeks harsher penalties for those who let their dogs attack livestock.

On March 4 this year 56-year-old Nicholas Rowley, of East Princes Street, Rothesay, allowed four dogs he had responsibility for to seriously injure and kill a total of 17 sheep on farmland near Inveraray.

The total damages of the attacks are estimated at £4,100. The injuries inflicted on the sheep during the attack were so severe that photographs taken afterwards were deemed unsuitable for publication.

Rowley previously pleaded guilty to this offence at the Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Section 1 (1) and (6).

On Tuesday September 11,

Sheriff Thomas Ward sentenced Rowley, formerly of Lochgilphead, to an 80-hour community payback order, to be completed within three months.

Sheriff Thomas Ward told the Lochgilphead court he acknowledged that Rowley was in no position to pay either a fine and/or any compensation to the affected farmer.

Mr Ward expressed frustration that under the current legislation he was unable to impose a prison sentence, nor could he disqualify Mr Rowley from keeping dogs.

The owner of the sheep, Brian Walker of Carloanan Farm, was disappointed – but not surprised.

'This incident was particularly stressful,' said Mr Walker. 'Although we took a heavy financial loss, this has not been my focus.'

'These ewe hoggs would have been used on the farm for breeding for years to come.'

'We have done everything by the book since this happened to ensure it was fairly and properly put through



Tarbert was the place to be cracking music and great fun at the weekend for the annual music festival. As usual, fundraiser extraordinaire Margaret Henderson, pictured with friends, was at the centre of things. Don't miss our photo feature on pages 20 to 23.

the justice system. However, even with doing this we have been let down by antiquated legislation.

'The local police and dog warden have been fantastic throughout this, and I really thank them for the time, effort and support they've given.'

'Unfortunately, once these dogs have a taste for it, they are likely to attack again, and I fear the next time it may not be an animal, but someone's child.'

Andrew McCornick, NFU Scotland president added: 'Livestock worrying continues to be a blight on Scottish

agriculture, and greater sanctions and further public awareness are needed so dog owners are fully aware of their responsibilities to keep their animals under control.'

'Despite the dogs in this case being subject to a Dog Control Notice, the individual remains with four of his

dogs in his care – this is a real worry for local farmers.'

Lochgilphead-based Police Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'This was a particularly distressing incident for everyone involved and it is disappointing that despite the high-profile campaign, livestock worrying still occurs.'



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Kilmichael forest site for planned wind farm

An Irish wind farm developer is looking to build a wind farm in the hills around Kilmichael Glen and Ford.

A pre-application was submitted to the Scottish Government by Arcus Consultancy on behalf of Cork-based energy company Enerco on August 13.

The proposed Glasvaar development would involve 38 turbines, constructed close to the site of the existing 21-turbine A'Cruach wind farm in the hills at the back of Lochgair.

As submitted, the Glasvaar wind farm, involving turbines reaching 175 metres to the blade tips, would potentially generate more than 100MW of electricity.

Ancillary work would involve the creation of hard standings for cranes, site access tracks and the construction of an electricity substation.

Arcus Consultancy has begun pre-application consultation as part of the environmental impact assessment process.

Within the application, Arcus Consultancy states: 'The aim of the scoping process is to identify key environmental issues at an early stage, to help determine which elements of the proposal are likely to cause significant environmental effects, and identify issues that can be scoped out for the assessment.'

Lay the window trimmings for Remembrance Sunday



Last year's Remembrance Sunday.

The Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day committee is asking Lochgilphead shop owners to decorate their windows for this year's Poppy Fortnight, in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday on November 11.

This year's event will honour the 100 years since the end of the first World War with a parade that will start at 10.50am at the Lochgilphead Parish Church and finish at the Front Green.

Betty Rhodick of the Community Council said: 'We would like the town to do something special and we felt that decorating of windows would support this.'

'We thank you in advance for your support.'

Refreshments will be offered after the parade, to everyone involved, in Lochgilphead Parish Church.

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POLICE FILES with Sergeant Iain MacNicol

Theft from property

A break-in occurred at Semples Garage in Inveraray and a small amount of money was stolen some time between 8pm on Sunday September 9 and 7am on Monday September 10.

Constable Stephanie Kirk and CID officers are investigating and are keen to speak to any witnesses or to anyone with any information.

Theft from property

Quarry View Garden Centre, Crarae near Minard was the subject of an attempted break-in and as a result a window was damaged some time between 5pm on Sunday September 9 and 8am on Monday September 10. Constable Stuart Charnock and CID officers are investigating and are keen to speak to any witnesses or to anyone with any information.

Theft from property

At some point between 8pm on Wednesday September 12 and 6pm Thursday September 13, the old coastguard store in Inveraray was the subject of a break-in and a number of tools were stolen from inside.

Constable Joanne Graham is investigating and is keen to speak to any potential witnesses or to anyone with any information.

Theft of picture

Some time between 9am on Monday September 10 and 9am on Tuesday

September 11 a picture was stolen from the Grey Gull Hotel, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig. The picture is a print of a map. Police are investigating.

Disturbance

About 1pm on Wednesday September 12 in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead a minor disturbance took place.

No-one was injured. Police were informed and as a result of enquiries three men, aged 58, 42 and 19 were issued with warnings.

Speeding

About 6pm on Wednesday September 12 on the A83 near to Lochgilphead Joint Campus a 51-year-old male motorist was found to be exceeding the speed limit.

He was stopped by police, charged with a speeding offence and a report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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



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Village shop and post office could close

Furnace Village Store and Post Office is set to close at the end of the year unless someone can be found to carry on the business.

The shop, with its three-bedroom bungalow behind, has been owned and managed by Mike and Syb Masters for the past 18 years. With retirement in mind, the business was put on the market nearly three years ago, but to date a buyer has not been found.

With their longed-for retirement date now past, Mike and Syb took the decision to close the shop if a buyer could not be found by the end of the year.

News of the closure was greeted with dismay by the community, many of whom rely heavily on the shop and post office.

Furnace Community SCIO, which manages the village



The Furnace shop and post office could close unless a new tenant can be found.

hall, decided to act to try to save the shop. An application has been lodged with the Scottish Land Fund to try to buy the shop and bungalow for the community and look for a tenant prepared to rent the business and keep this vital community service going.

While early signs are that the application might be

looked on favourably, a tenant urgently needs to be identified if the funding is to be secured.

It is hoped that someone from the surrounding area might be interested in taking on the business and taking it forward in the long term.

Andrea Henderson, who is co-ordinating the community effort to buy the shop, said:

'The loss of our village shop and post office would be a great blow to the community, especially for those without transport who would need to make the 15-mile round trip to the nearest shop in Inveraray.'

'Local businesses also rely on the shop for its post office and wide range of goods on

offer and would be greatly inconvenienced if they had to travel further for supplies.'

'We really hope that our grant will be approved and we can find someone to keep our village shop going.'

Anyone interested in leasing the shop should contact Andrea by email on am.henderson@powdermills.com

Argyll MP meets Holocaust survivor

At the launch of Holocaust Memorial Day 2019, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara listened to Joan Salter MBE, a survivor of the Holocaust, describe how at the age of three she was forced to flee from Europe and travel to America in 1943 without her parents.

Holocaust Memorial Day, the theme for which in 2019 is 'Torn from home', is held on January 27 each year and remembers the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and the millions killed under Nazi persecution. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Surgery closed for public holiday

Lochgilphead Medical Centre will be closed for a public holiday on Monday September 24.

For urgent medical attention, contact NHS 24 on 111. In the event of an emergency please dial 999.

The surgery will reopen on Tuesday September 25 at 8am.

Investigation for Tarbert sewer project

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Scottish Water's plans to improve Tarbert's sewer network and tackle flooding in the area are progressing with investigation works about to begin.

The site investigations will inform the design and implementation of improvements needed to help reduce the risk of flooding in the village's Harbour Street and Barmore Road.

Work will be carried out by contractors on behalf of Scottish Water's alliance partner amey Black and Veatch (aBV), and is expected to take four weeks.

From Monday September 24, investigation work will be phased along Barmore Road from the Victoria Hotel to Harbour Street near to Loch Fyne Gallery.

Full pedestrian access will

be maintained, but temporary traffic lights and parking restrictions will be in place to enable this work to be carried out safely. Details of all restricted areas and associated dates will be displayed in advance.

Paul Milligan, communications manager with aBV, explained: 'We'll be digging trial pits to confirm the location of existing services and ground conditions in the area.'

'This information will then be used to determine the best engineering solutions for the project and so it is really important that these investigations are carried out. Any areas we dig will be reinstated upon completion.'

Ruaridh MacGregor, corporate affairs regional manager at Scottish Water, added: 'We programmed this investigation work to take place at a time when we were able

to avoid any impact on the busy summer tourist season, as well as the Tarbert Music Festival and Tarbert Book Festival.'

'During the four-week period, we'll do all we can to keep disruption in the area to a minimum.'

'We'd also like to remind people that all local businesses will be open as normal during this time, and thank everyone for their patience and understanding.'



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Council slammed as Argyll

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After 18 years of supporting people affected by autism, a group set up by families, for families, voted last week to wind itself up.

The final annual general meeting of Autism Argyll at Arrochar's Three Villages Hall on September 13 was an occasion filled with emotion – and plenty of tears.

Alison Leask and Maureen MacIntosh were founder members of Autism Argyll in 2000, and in her final chairperson's report Alison said: 'This is a bittersweet moment for the organisation, particularly for Maureen and myself.'

There are a number of reasons why Autism Argyll has decided to wind up its operation, said Alison. Having moved to Glasgow, Alison can no longer chair the group as a non-Argyll resident. She added that there was a degree of 'committee fatigue' among the group, while the computer equipment used by Autism Argyll is getting past its sell-by date.

But the most significant factor in ending Autism Argyll, said Alison, was a lack of support from senior management at Argyll and Bute



Committee members past and present gather for the last-ever Autism Argyll AGM. 06_a38Autism-Argyll03

Council over many years.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute has an agreed and published Autism Strategy, which the authority commissioned Scottish Autism to produce. There is also an implementation plan. However, neither

is promoted and both are largely ignored.

'The only time senior management appear to take any interest in those individuals and families living with autism is if it they think it is going to cost the authority money.

'At senior manager level, Argyll and Bute Council has rejected our knowledge, rebuffed our experiences, frustrated our efforts, sapped our enthusiasm, drained our goodwill and defeated us.'

There is good news, however.

Operating in Argyll and Bute with the support of Scottish Autism, the Get Set 4 Autism project provides online resources for professionals dealing with autism.

Parents of recently diagnosed children also have access to an autism advisor and the Right Click online programme, helping to provide clear, timely and sensible information and support.

Alison continued: 'Autism Argyll has raised awareness, improved knowledge and understanding, and forged partnerships with individuals and organisations such as Scottish Autism. We should be proud of our achievements.'

Responding to the criticism, an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are saddened that Autism Argyll has been dissolved and we thank the organisation for its work down the years to educate the wider community on autism and to support people living with the condition.'

'We are working with our partners, including Cornerstone and Scottish

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autism group is wound up



Back to the beginning – Autism Argyll is formed in 2000.

Autism, on the development of residential resources in Garelochhead and Helensburgh, and also to improve services for people with autism across Argyll and Bute by way

of introducing and implementing the Autism Toolbox. 'Additionally, we have engaged with Autism Network Scotland for its assistance in further implement-

ing our autism strategy, and these meetings will continue.' Responsibility for autism support also falls under the remit of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care



It was an emotional occasion for founder members Maureen MacIntosh, left, and chairwoman Alison Leask. 06_a38AutismArgyll02

Partnership, and a spokesman confirmed that it had advertised for a new autism practitioner. He added: 'We have been working closely with our partners to support

those individuals living in Argyll and Bute with autism and we have been exploring how we can build on the current services that are available.'



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Sheep worrying sanctions

The photographs of the sheep left dead and maimed by dogs back in March were genuinely horrific.

Without going into detail, there were survivors which simply would not have lived and had to be humanely destroyed after the attack.

It was a shock to the farmer and a financial loss to his business, yet the law simply is not up to the job of punishing the owner of these dogs proportionately.

The worry is that the dogs may have a taste for this kind of thing - and the next object of their fun may be a child rather than a ewe hogg.

If dog owners will not control them, the law will have to rapidly catch up and apply proportionate sanctions.

Autism criticism

The chair of Autism Argyll did not miss the council and hit the wall.

Whatever the rights and wrongs, it is sad - and worrying - that public officials are viewed in this light by people genuinely trying to advance the cause of autism awareness in Argyll and Bute.

Wind energy cuckoo

As I predicted in my letter of August 31, there would be howls of anguish from the wind farm industry, addicted as they are to a steady flow of cash from the public, at the merest mention that tidal power would be preferable to wind regarding the provision of a dependable and predictable electricity supply.

What I did not predict was that the only response would come from someone who mistook the electric eel and the ray depicted in Ann Thomas's cartoon, eagerly dining on 'free' electricity, for an attack on the fish farming industry.

Fish generate their own electricity by biological means, you see, and so have no need for charging points.

Perhaps I shouldn't even try to explain the joke to Mr Lithgow.

I had hoped for a more cogent critique of the points I made, rather than the amateurish attempt to cover his lack of reasoning by smearing my origins and character, or what he erroneously imagines them to be, and by repeating the endless waffle of the wind industry's PR department.

One example: whenever a new wind farm is proposed there is a claim that it will provide electricity for a certain number of homes, say 10,000.

What is not mentioned, however, except in very fine print at the bottom of the page, is that these figures are only achievable under perfect wind conditions, which rarely occur,

and that the real output of usable electricity is a small fraction of the headline figure.

What is also not mentioned is who is going to pay for the decommissioning costs when the wind farms inevitably turn into junk. Somehow, I don't think it will be those who benefited financially.

More likely, it will be us, the public, already being fleeced by inflated electricity bills, who will have to pay to haul thousands of tons of unrecyclable trash from our mountains or live forever with enormous eyesores.

Let me restate the case for tidal power. The tides are generated by the moon as it orbits the Earth which creates gravitational pull on the oceans.

These tides are predictable, both in power and timing, for centuries in advance, and will carry on being so until the moon eventually flies off into space some billions of years hence.

There are two incoming tides and two outgoing every day, a total of four, each one involving an enormous quantity of moving water and thereby presenting the opportunity to generate electricity, totally free of carbon dioxide emissions.

The UK, and especially Scotland, has an enormous length of coastline. Scotland's coast is about 18,500 kilometres, and Argyll accounts for a very high proportion of this because of the legacy of the last ice age which left us with such a convoluted coastline.

So we have plenty of scope to exploit this resource.

And we are doubly blessed because the

complexity of our coastline results in the tides reaching different points at different times of the day.

Therefore, by using several different sites, we could have an even amount of electricity always on tap.

Wind and solar power cannot match this, either in quantity of power or dependability. They require a duplicate system of nuclear, coal, gas, and oil-fired generators always fired up and ready to kick in when the wind and sun refuse to co-operate - an enormously expensive system both in money and CO2 emissions.

There is a case for subsidies during the infancy of any industry to get it started off.

But the wind farm industry is not an infant - it is now a fully grown cuckoo. It has never earned its keep and never will so it is time to chuck it out of the nest.

Stuart White,
Minard.

Dementia support

Friday September 21 is World Alzheimer's Day.

There are 90,000 people with dementia in Scotland and 1,982 people with dementia across Argyll and Bute.

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Enough is enough

A devastated widower said this week that it had been a last resort to approach the Courier in an attempt to get a collapsed wall at Kilkerran Cemetery repaired.

It is not only upsetting for the families of the deceased to see the wall on which memorials are placed destroyed and lying broken for months, but it is also dangerous.

A cordon has now gone up around the wall in question but the remaining section looks like it could fall at any moment.

It is interesting that an Argyll and Bute Council report has revealed that headstones which have not been maintained by relatives will be laid flat, yet the council is taking so long to repair its own dangerous structure.

It is a relief to hear that work to rebuild the wall is scheduled to start next week, so perhaps deaths like that of little Ciaran Williamson, aged eight, who died when a headstone fell on him in a Glasgow cemetery, can be avoided in the future.



Join stroke awareness campaign and get baking

Sir,
I'm calling on budding bakers to get involved in the Stroke Association's Give A Hand and Bake Week running from October 22 to 28, 2018.

The purpose of the month is to encourage people to get out their rolling pins, make their favourite cakes and hold bake sales to raise awareness of stroke, raise funds to prevent stroke and support those who have had a stroke.

I've joined the charity to invite local residents to host their own.

I discovered I had high blood pressure and that I have a very high risk of having a stroke. Since then I've done all I can to change my lifestyle, and make sure I check my blood pressure regularly.

I also recently discovered the fantastic work

that the Stroke Association does supporting stroke survivors and their families and that's why I'm asking you to join us this autumn and get stuck in with Give a Hand and Bake.

This fabulous charity fundraiser is the perfect excuse to get creative in the kitchen.

Visit stroke.org.uk/GAH to sign up for a Give a Hand and Bake fundraising pack and to find out more about My Stroke Guide and other support offered by the Stroke Association.

Nick Nairn, celebrity Scottish chef.

Parking problem in Campbeltown?

Sir,

As someone who regularly has to park in or around the town centre of Campbeltown, it is most frustrating to see so many spaces allocated to taxis, and very often not occupied.

It would surely make much more sense to change the spaces beside and behind The Original Factory Shop back to regular parking spaces, especially as they were previously spaces which did not have the one-hour time limit on them.

I expect most people think of the taxi rank as being at the town hall, hence that being where most of the taxi drivers seem to wait for hires.

They have space right up to the Argyll Hotel and it is rare to ever see them using it all.

People do seem to have started parking

behind the Factory Shop, probably purely out of desperation, and quite rightly so, seeing as I have literally never seen a taxi wait there since the rank was reinstated at the town hall.

Surely common sense should prevail and the many, many people who struggle to find a parking space on a daily basis should get their parking spaces back.

Name and address supplied.

Only one Union flag is to be seen flying on Gigha

Sir,

In a recent edition of the Courier, I took particular heed to a letter from Alastair Redman, Portnahaven, Islay, stating that on a visit to Gigha he was heartened by the number of so-called Union flags.

Well, in the past few weeks, I have discovered but one.

It is on a flagpole next to Gigha Hotel.

It is one of three flags; the others being the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust flag and the Saltire, reminding us of our patron saint.

Is it possible that, since Mr Redman's visit, an easterly gale has blown all the other Union flags over to Islay, where there is perhaps a shortage?

Do not forget, Mr Redman, thanks to the Scottish Government, eye tests are free.

John Martin,
Grianan,
Isle of Gigha.

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ROLL UP, ROLL UP!



A troupe of circus gymnasts flipped, somersaulted and quipped their way into Tayvallich last week.

Kate McWilliam, Lisa Chudalla, Michelle Ross, Camille Toyer and Alice Gilmartin performed to an awed Tayvallich hall filled with kids of all ages, giving a stunning performance with an empowering message and some humour.

No Show opens with five strong, glamorous circus artists showcasing their spellbinding acrobatics and

flexibility – the perfect ‘show’.

But, after this opening number, the show starts to break down and No Show begins to unveil attempts and failures, revealing frustrations and how artists are pitted against each other.

The audience learns of everything that could go wrong from finger crushing to concussion and shoulder dislocation in a Cyr Wheel act.

The show was a hilarious glance behind the curtain.

A particularly absurdist

moment happens at the end of the second act when the girls suddenly sit down to enjoy a jam doughnut.

Director of the show and Tayvallich’s Ellie Dubois said: ‘Touring is the lifeblood of theatre and part of the circus tradition, so it is super exciting to be taking No Show across the UK and bringing contemporary circus to many different communities in diverse venues from theatres to village halls.’

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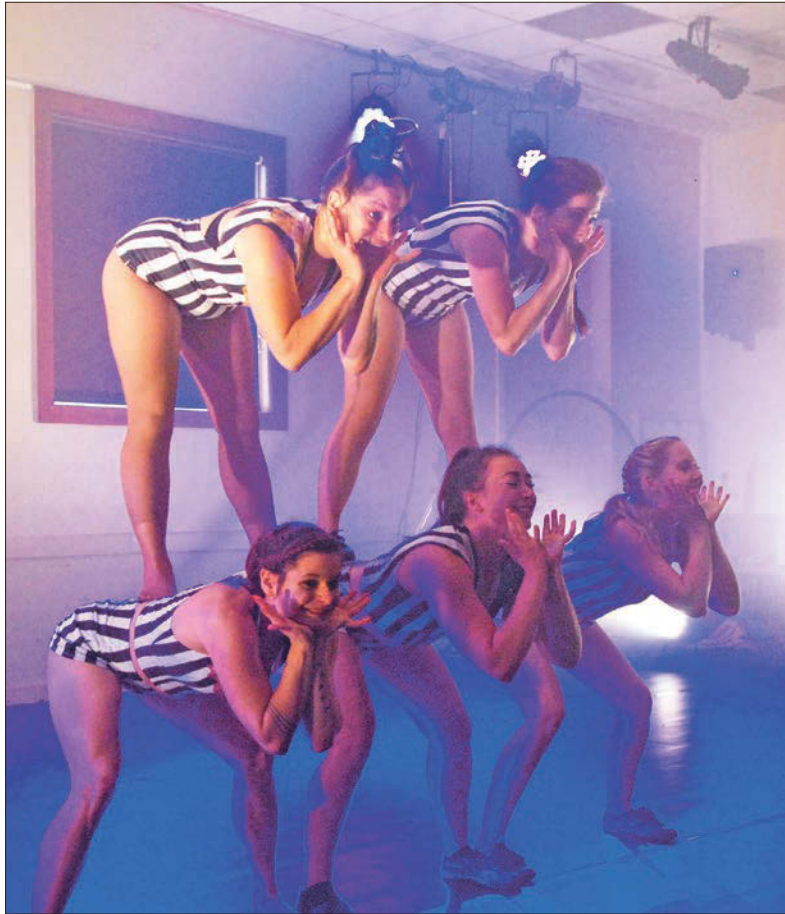
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More support is needed to buy Kilmartin Church

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Dunadd Community Enterprise is rallying support in order to buy Kilmartin kirk from the Church of Scotland.

With the Church of Scotland on the brink of taking ownership of the Living Stones Centre in Kilmartin as its new place of worship, Dunadd Community Enterprise was created to buy Kilmartin Church for the community.

A feasibility study, survey and business plan will be necessary to make sure that it makes the most of the opportunities that the building offers and that funding can be secured.

Working in partnership with other organisations in the local area will be vital

to the success of the project.

Many in the community have already said what they would like to see in the area.

This includes a community shop and post office, music and drama rehearsal and performance space, art and crafts exhibition space, and a place where people can meet.

The community enterprise is keen to do all it can to help retain this iconic building that lies in the heart of Kilmartin village and glen.

Its first project, the monthly book swap in Ford, Kilmartin and Kilmichael, has been a great success with more than 60 people attending on a regular basis.

Many have said how good it was to have a chance to catch up with some folk that they hadn't seen for a while

and to meet new people. The books and cake have been appreciated too.

The community enterprise has been busy over the summer and now has more than 100 members.

It is keen that as many people as possible join so that the organisation is truly owned and directed by the community.

The Dunadd Community Enterprise's inaugural meeting is planned for October 23 at 7.30pm in Living Stones when its first board of directors will be elected from its members.

Go to dunadd.scot to register support for the community purchase of Kilmartin Church or to find out how to become a member or director of Dunadd Community Enterprise.



A community enterprise group wants to buy Kilmartin Church.

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The World cruise ship as it neared Port Ellen. Photo: Duncan MacNeill.

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Anchoring off Port Ellen, the residents left their luxury accommodation to call on a number of Islay's attractions on Sunday September 16, including, of course, a taste of the island's most famous product, whisky.

The World was making her way from Norway to Spain, passing Scotland's stunning west coast on the way.



Four-year-old Lily with baby Natalie and mum Annie Galloway from Lochgilhead enjoying a cuppa and a cake (06_a38ZamScotEd01) and, below, Denise MacLean, left, and Marian Pallister among the workers at the coffee morning. (06_a38ZamScotEd02)

Sweet way to raise Zambian money



The coffers of a Mid Argyll charity were boosted by the aroma of fresh coffee and lemon drizzle cake.

People were drawn to Lochgilhead Parish Church Hall on Saturday September 15 for a fundraising coffee morning with plenty of home baking.

The two-hour event raised £335, which will help ZamScotEd with its work in Zambia, where it is completing a secondary school in the Lusaka area.

The charity's founder, Marian Pallister, said: 'Thanks to everyone who helped us achieve this fantastic sum of money.'

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Storm Ali arrives in Mid Argyll

The much-heralded Storm Ali arrived on Wednesday September 19.

The Met Office reported Storm Ali bringing 80mph winds and heavy showers in from Ireland.

In wake of recent hurricane news, communities were bracing themselves for catastrophic weather but, in Lochgilphead at least, we seemed to be sheltered from it.

Aside from a few thunder storms through the evening of Tuesday September 18, the wind stayed forceful but tolerable and the rain was no more than we are used to.

The lightning made for some amazing photographs and the thunder may have shaken our core, but thunder does not destroy homes.

At 10.30am all ferries to and from Portavadie were cancelled, as were ferries to Tiree from Oban. Islay's bins were abandoned with no one able to catch a ferry to retrieve them, but no roads were closed, despite the rumours, as the only fallen branches were quickly cleared.

Storm Ali is only the first of the season, however, and there may be more before long.



James MacLachlan captured Tuesday night's storm outside his home in Ardrishaig.

66 Day Challenge tackles smoking

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Linda Tough from Adult Learning, Argyll and Bute Council; Antonia Baird, Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing Network Co-ordinator, also from the council; and Claire Cameron, MS Centre Mid Argyll – all hard at work planning to help people change their lives through the challenge. no_a36Advertorial_66Days01

As part of the 66 Day Challenge, Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Network is hosting Stop Smoking.

The event, to be held on Wednesday October 17 at the

Lochgilphead Community Centre from 10am to 4pm, aims to make smoking easier with numbers.

In just a few days, giving up smoking can lead to noticeable improvements to

breathing and physical activity feeling less strenuous. The aim is to gain huge improvements in 66 days.

Many people can quit on their own but there is much evidence to show that quit-

ting with help is four times more successful and that they are much more likely to stay smoke free. Pharmacies will provide support designed specifically to support anyone trying to stop.



texts to help people stay on track and motivated.

Smoking is a real financial commitment. The average smoker spends more than £1,500 a year on cigarettes. Anyone who smokes a pack a day, can run to more than £3,000 a year. That money could net a family holiday, a new kitchen or bathroom, or even a car.

Laura Stephenson of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care partnership is delighted to be involved in Mid Argyll's 66 Day Event.

Laura said: 'Getting support from friends, services and your community can really help people get over an ingrained habit. Make October 17 your day and pop in to get your carbon monoxide reading.'

Visit a pharmacy to get support. Additionally, get telephone or webchat support from trained supervisors from the national Quit Your Way service, open Monday until Friday 8am-10pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm, telephone 0800 848484 or visit www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/quit-your-way-scotland or visit www.smokefreehighland.co.uk

Specialist services are there to help, encourage and offer support every step the way.

The network will tailor a unique programme for smokers, and if they don't succeed at first they won't be judged or criticised. Every quit attempt is a step closer to stopping for good.

'We will help you to review what you have achieved and continue to work with you until you succeed,' said a spokesperson.

Pharmacists can also use a new service called Flo. Flo is NHS owned and aims to help people achieve their health goals.

Named after the pioneering nurse Florence Nightingale, Flo is a text messaging service that can send and receive

Prodigy pianist Anna Fedorova in Ardrishaig

One of the world's premier young pianists, Anna Fedorova, is coming to Ardrishaig.

The Ukrainian pianist is visiting Ardrishaig Public Hall for a much-anticipated soloist concert this Saturday September 22 at 7.30pm.

The Mid Argyll Arts Association and Argyll and Bute Concert Tours secured the YouTube prodigy for a one-off concert in Argyll, bringing her mastery of a formidable concerto repertoire.

Anna Fedorova's website said: 'Her international

concert career took off while she was only a child, and audiences around the world were stunned by the depth and power of her musical expression.'

Tickets are £12 and £10 concessions, but free for children and students.

Anna Fedorova.

Photograph: Marco Borggreve.



Inveraray and District Pipe Band marches through Inveraray. 08_a38inveraraypipeband01

Cast your vote for The Big Rab pipe band awards

Pipe bands across Mid Argyll are looking for votes.

The Big Rab Show of Fuse FM Ballymoney on 107.5FM is asking for opinions on the best pipe bands in the country, with bands such as Inveraray and District Pipe Band, Isle of Islay and Mid Argyll pipe bands nominated in certain categories. The Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Isle of Islay are both looking for support to

win Most Improved Band of 2018. Inveraray and District Pipe Band has a list of nominations, including Best Flourishing of 2018, Coolest Bass Drum of 2018, Best Concert/Live Performance of 2018 and Coolest Beard nominee going to Gus Sicard.

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Love and Fyne oysters as Cairndow meets China

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All they knew of Scotland was the blockbuster – if not entirely historically accurate – movie Braveheart.

Oh...and Scottie dogs.

Beyond that, fashion blogger Qui Qui (approximately pronounced 'achoo') and Ya Shu, who runs a popular lifestyle blog, were completely in the dark about this country.

But it is fair to say that they were mightily impressed with what they saw, smelled and tasted while in Argyll recently.

As part of a trip organised by Visit Britain, the pair, accompanied by their photographer Wu Yu Lin and guided by Edinburgh-based driver and interpreter Daniel Ho, called on Loch Fyne Oysters at Cairndow to sample its wares.



Showing the bloggers round Loch Fyne Oysters was Richard Hunt-Smith, the company's e-commerce and sales support manager.

The Shanghai visitors were enthralled by the salmon cutting, curing and smoking process, every step seemingly captured on film – except,

of course, the mixing of the company's secret salmon curing recipe. 'It's based on salt and sugar' was as much as Richard would reveal.

Pictured on the Loch Fyne shore at the oyster farm are, from left, Wu Yu Lin, Ya Shu, Richard Hunt-Smith, Qui Qui and Daniel Ho.

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There was a little puzzlement at the oyster sheds when it was explained that the variety cultivated are from the Pacific, but the sheer scale and emphasis on quality impressed them hugely. And the method of knocking oyster shells together to check for freshness is one that is certain to be deployed in the Shanghai fish markets.

Lifestyle guru Ya Shu said: 'The system here is incredible. I have never seen anything like it.'

It was back across to the restaurant to sample a mouth-watering selection of seafood dishes prepared by a team led by Calum Hall, Loch

Fyne Oysters' head chef.

Before any food could be sampled, it had to be photographed. And filmed by mobile phone. And photographed some more.

Plate after plate of food was served – from langoustines to chilli and cheddar oysters, and from scallops to whisky-infused smoked salmon.

The visitors thoroughly enjoyed it. 'The food is very different from what we are used to,' said Qui Qui. 'But it is very good.'

Ya Shu went from oyster sceptic in Shanghai to Loch Fyne Oyster lover. 'I had a plate full of oysters, which I never liked before coming here,' he said.

'I also liked very much the smoked salmon, langoustines and scallops.'

Well fed and watered, the group left Cairndow bound for Edinburgh on the next leg

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Qui Qui with a tempting platter of oysters. 06_a38LFO_Chinese31

of their 10-day UK tour, six of which were spent in Scotland and the rest in London.

Chinese followers of fashion clearly like what Qui Qui does. A following of 566,000 people testifies to her popularity.

And with his words of wisdom on areas such as food, drink (he loves malt whisky) and world travel, Ya Shu attracts no fewer than three quarters of a million followers to his blog.

If just a fraction of these 1.3 million blog fans are intrigued enough to visit the UK, it will be money well spent for Visit Britain.

These Chinese visitors fell in love with Scotland – and not a blue-painted Australian in sight.



This is the lifestyle – Ya Shu enjoys his seafood selection. 06_a38LFO_Chinese33



Richard Hunt-Smith, right, explains the salmon curing process. 06_a38LFO_Chinese04



Watching intently as the purified oysters are checked and packed for despatch. 06_a38LFO_Chinese27

Below left: The end result - delicious seafood from Loch Fyne Oysters. 06_a38LFO_Chinese30

Below right: Photographer Wu Yu Lin captures the action as salmon are prepared for smoking. 06_a38LFO_Chinese03



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After a great summer - get set to 'lay-up' your boat for the winter



It has been one of the best summers we can remember for being on the water, albeit at times in the brilliant sunshine there was not a lot of wind for the sailors.

However, as autumn begins, it's time once again to plan for winter lay-up as the 2018 season comes to a close. Most boat owners have already booked space in their boat yard of preference or other storage space for the winter. If this hasn't been done it's important to do so now since many yards are already at capacity.

Yards offer choices in winter lay-up with options of mast removal and stowage, winter work requirements and undercover needs where available. Be prepared to work to the yard time-line, particularly for haul-out timings. If the hull can be pressure washed immediately on lifting out this will remove most of the fouling and giving a better preparation surface for next year so check this is offered.

To maintain your craft in a good, seaworthy condition, maintenance is essential so a planned programme of winter lay-up work will make sure all is good for the next season. If not carrying out this work yourself, or getting the boat yard to undertake, book in with the relevant independent marine services to make sure work is done.



Winterising is essential to good engine maintenance and both inboard and outboard engines need this done. An oil change is standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Yard or independent engineers will do this for you if you lack time or confidence to carry out yourself.

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Depending on whether your craft is sail or motor, some key areas need considered in your laying up work plan -

- Keel, hull, topsides, deck, cockpit
- Frost damage prevention
- Interior
- Sails
- Rigging
- Engine/batteries/blectrics
- Safety equipment

A lot of owners are fully competent to carry out most winter lay-up tasks themselves. It's always helpful to compile a basic check list to work though and have a list of equipment needed to carry out the tasks.

Keel/hull/topsides/deck/cockpit: Pressure washing removes a lot of fouling/eroding anti-fouling on lift-out. This gives a good preparatory surface for new anti-fouling in the spring. Remember to remove speed, transducer impellers before lift-out so there will be no damage from hoist strops. With the boat ashore it's time to look for any damage to hull, keel, skeg or rudder and try to get repairs carried out whilst the weather and temperature conditions remain high. Check keelbolts, any play in the rudder/cutlass bearings and the prop-shaft.

Although our rainfall is abundant, it's a good idea to wash down the whole boat and apply a protective wax on the topsides. Not only does this protect from winter dirt but it makes polishing a lot easier in the spring. The cockpit should be cleaned thoroughly since it will invariably be the dirtiest being the most used. If any paint or woodwork here and on deck needs touched up, it's as well to do now if conditions allow. Many people then cover their boat which can also keep the vessel in good condition.

However, make sure covers are well

secured and allow for ventilation and look out for any chafing at regular intervals. Some yards will shrink wrap but allow an area of access so you can continue to work inside.

Ensure the 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 the cockpit. Regular inspection over the winter is important in case cockpit drains get blocked by leaves/debris and water builds up.

Water systems and prevention of freezing damage:

Last year was a very cold winter for the west coast so prevention of freezing damage is essential. Anything that holds or carries water - ie pipes and tanks, pumps and strainers must be fully drained. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer first. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate disconnecting hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Pump dry if necessary. 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. If in any doubt as to how to do these safely, get the yard or an independent operator to help.

Interior:

With boats increasing in size and sophistication the interior is increasingly used and needs to be kept clean and pristine. Installing a de-humidifier and heater will keep the interior warm and dry. Some owners choose to remove as much equipment as possible and take home and store. This has the benefit of seeing if equipment needs cleaned or replaced. Clear plastic stack boxes are good to allow inspection of contents which should all be cleaned before packing - boxes can be easily brought back to the boat in the spring. Berth cushions and soft furnishings in particular are



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suspect to mould over the winter and will benefit from a freshen up and storage at home. Some owners like to stay on the boat during the winter so need to keep the interior fitted out.

Lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets should all be washed down – some people advise a weak bleach mixture to prevent mould. There are a number of good items available for this purpose from your chandler. Always ventilate the boat well and do any touch up work inside when weather permits. List any items required for the 2019 season or you will forget.

Check gas systems on board are up to standard with a qualified gas engineer. Now is a good time to check fire extinguishers and replace as necessary to keep up to safety specifications.

Sails:

Check over all your sails and seek advice from your local sail loft on any that look suspect. Sail cleaning is offered and even storage but if taking home make sure they are kept in a dark, warm, well-ventilated area away from rodents.

And, if you need new sails have a chat with your local sail-maker and get your order in quickly. There's often a discount period at this time of year.

Rigging:

It's essential to keep an eye on wear in both standing and running rigging and deck gear overall and replace as required. Check sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for any corrosion and replace if suspect. 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. If the mast is stored off the boat it's easier to check masthead instrumentation and that rigging blocks are running freely. Grease to prevent water ingress. It's always a good idea to remove anchors and chain to look for any damage or wear – these can be stored on a pallet below 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:

Winterising is essential to good engine maintenance and both inboard and outboard engines need this done. An oil change is standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Yard or independent engineers will do this for you if you lack time or confidence to carry out yourself.


The outboard should be flushed through with fresh cooling water and antifreeze/water mix. Remove the impeller and plug the air and exhaust outlet with an oil soaked rag. Fill fuel tanks 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. Minimise condensation by spraying the engine with a moisture repellent like WD40 and cover with a cloth. Put batteries on a trickle charge and if not needed onboard, take home and sit in a place that won't freeze. Electrics/instrumentation on board should be looked over and any problems checked out by an electronics engineer and repaired or renewed.

Safety equipment:

Given the importance of all safety gear, it's imperative to overhaul everything. Inspect lifejackets, harnesses and safety gear replacing anything that looks suspect. It's advisable to store lifejackets partially inflated over the winter – that way any leaks can be detected and the outer covering won't deteriorate. Check jacket bottles for corrosion and replace as required – kits are available from chandlers. See your flares are in date and replace for next season if required. Store flare packs in a dry area and dispose of old flares through official collection depots. Life rafts should be removed and serviced by an authorised centre on their due date. Clean and repair dinghy tenders, storing partially inflated.

Seasoned boat owners will go through all the above as routine but for those new to the sector it is re-assuring to know there is plenty of help and advice on hand from a range of sources – boat-yard operators, service engineers, boat builders, chandlers and sail-makers. If there is anything you're unsure about these are the experts so don't hesitate to ask if you need to.

And once your boat is laid up safely with all maintenance in hand, you can relax and make plans for the boating season in 2019 and hope the weather will be as good as this year.



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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

Tarbert draws the crowds for music festival



Fantastic fun from Fyne Fusion in the Islay Frigate. 06_a38TarbMusFest03_FyneFusion

A late change in venue for the grand finale did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of Tarbert festival-goers.

Rain loomed large in the weather forecasts, so organisers made the decision to move the Tarbert Music Festival Sunday concert on the quay to the drier surroundings of the village hall. With the building still filling with people, Treble Trouble got the audience warmed up with a cracking set of covers, before up-and-coming Argyll trad starlets Rhuvaal really got the party started.

The hall was jumping by the time Dunoon band Soap and Red Pine Timber Company from Perth came on stage.

Around 15 bands performed over the festival, held between September 14 to 16, as pubs and

hotels provided intimate venues for gigs around the village.

Recently-formed Loch Fyne Pipe Band entertained on the Sunday evening, while Saturday night saw champion of champions Mid Argyll Pipe Band perform a stirring set on the harbour.

Then there were the 'fringe' events'. A well-attended coffee morning in the Templars Hall, complete with delicious home baking, raffle and bottle stall, raised more than £700 for Tarbert Music Festival.

Across the harbour to the pontoons, the marquee was packed with exhibitors from across Argyll for a craft fair.

Visitors travelled from near and far to enjoy the Tarbert craic – and they were not disappointed.

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Margaret MacNeill (facing camera) and Margaret Henderson get the dancing started on Sunday. 06_a38TarbMusFest15



The coffee morning was a pleasant discovery for holidaymakers Peter and Freda Johns from Devon in the foreground, with Peter and Catherine Guy from Blackpool - and, of course, six-year-old pointer Buddy. 06_a38TarbertCoffeeMorning03



Fundraiser supreme Margaret Henderson was in full Mrs Brown character. 06_a38TarbMusFest22



Trying their tombola luck at the Tarbert Music Festival coffee morning were Kaiyah, Callie and Connor Hill. 06_a38TarbertCoffeeMorning02



Enjoying food from Argyll Hog Roasts were Andrew McMillan, Margot Jenkins, Chas Cunningham and Barbel Cunningham. Andrew and Chas are members of The Skunnered, who were live at the Tarbert Hotel on Sunday evening. 06_a38TarbMusFest24



Thunder Road performing at the Tarbert Hotel. 06_a38TarbMusFest01



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Tarbert Village Hall was the venue for Treble Trouble. 06_a38TarbMusFest05



The Corner House was packed for Kenny and Wallace. 06_a38TarbMusFest02



Dancing the afternoon away to Rhuvaal in the village hall. 06_a38TarbMusFest18



Youthful fans wait patiently for Rhuvaal to begin their set. 06_a38TarbMusFest07

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Enjoying festival Sunday were Elaine MacCallum, Margaret MacCallum and Bruce Cowan. 06_a38TarbMusFest06



Rhuvaal get into full swing in the hall. 06_a38TarbMusFest23



Sandra Spence of Campbeltown with her tempting Scottish Tablet Company products. 06_a38TarbertCraftShow07



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Tarbert woman Jean Johnston was exhibiting her colourful knitwear at the craft fair. 06_a38TarbertCraftShow04

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Festivities

New tutors such as RURA band member, David Foley, joined the festivities this year, teaching young music enthusiasts the way of the bodhran. Anna Garvin, who is studying piano at RSC and is working on her Duke of Edinburgh award with Fèis an Tairbeirt, taught keyboards.

Keep a look out for more Fèis an Tairbeirt events and workshops throughout the year on their Facebook page: @Fèis-an-Tairbeirt



Keyboard and fiddle tutor Anna Garvin and Tarbert Academy pupil Morven Paisley. Also, Ailsa Johnson, Codi MacDougall, Lexie Munro and Daisy Brown.



Sheila Campbell and Maureen Brankin as part of the fiddle section in the afternoon group work session.



Gaelic song tutor Joy Dunlop from Connell with afternoon adult singing participants Lucy Blake and Shona Marshall.



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MOJO festival fever is heating up

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Craignish Village Hall will soon be filled with the sounds of The Hollow Mountain String Band, Citizen 9, 4Below, Liam Sommerville, Stephen Skinn and The Brambelles. So dig out that Nirvana t-shirt

and stretch your neck for some heed-bangin' tunes. Check out the MOJO Facebook page for demos, more information on each of the acts and their individual social media accounts.

MOJO kicks off on Saturday October 20 with tickets now available from Argyll Book Centre, Oban Music and Ardfern stores for £8 or £10 at the door.

Tarbert Garden competition results

Tarbert Horticultural Society unfortunately had to discontinue its annual flower show, but has kept the gardens competition alive.

The Tarbert gardens have now been judged, and appropriate trophies awarded as follows:

The Harvey Bowl for the best over-all garden was awarded to Hilary Sinclair, Four

Winds, who had a fine display of both vegetables and flowers.

The Argyll and Bute Trophy for the best housing scheme garden goes to Dugald Black, whose display of roses in Church Terrace was exceptional during this year's long warm summer.

The Flora McColl Cup for the best small garden has been won by Elma

MacDonald, who has created a niche corner at the entrance to her house at the Old Police Station, which brightens that part of the village.

The many hanging baskets, noted at various points around Tarbert, also came in for favourable comment.

Thanks are due to Ian McLachlan for organising this year's judging.

You are invited to hear about the beavers

The Scottish Wildlife Trust and Royal Zoological Society of Scotland are hosting a public event in Tayvallich Village Hall at 6pm on Tuesday September 25 to give an update on the Scottish Beavers Reinforcement Project.

People will be able to meet project staff, find out more about the first year of work to reinforce beaver numbers in Mid Argyll, and have their questions answered by the team. Light refreshments will be provided.

Over the past 12 months, the project has released six adult beavers into Knapdale Forest to bolster the population released during the Scottish Beaver Trial. All animals were screened by qualified vets prior to release to ensure that they were healthy and disease-free.

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New participatory budget meeting trial was a success



Claire Cameron, David Hewitt, Karen McCurry and Ros Duthie accepted the cheque for the MS Centre.



Dochas Centre's Doris Linstead, Catherine Paterson, and Craig Butler.

Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Network held an open participatory budget meeting on Friday September 14 to decide who should get a share of the £5,000 pot.

Grants of up to £2,000 were applied for to support health and well-being activities in communities.

In a new twist, speakers for various organisations gave their case for why they should get a share of the budget, with the rest of the room using their vote to make the final decision.

Antonia Baird spoke for the Argyll Pharmacy, asking for quality pedometers to rent out, encouraging people to walk more and see how far they've come.

Colin Ferguson asked for £1,000 for Head's Up to gain exercise classes and equipment so that it can expand beyond mental health support into physical health,

aiding mental health in the process.

The Dochas Centre's Doris Linstead and Craig Butler laid out all the mental and physical benefits of karaoke, including physicality of dancing, the mental benefits of singing and the community spirit of singing in a group, in order to gain £900.

David Smart, leader for the 19th Argyll Scouts asked for £1,000 to take all the Scouts to Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre, free of charge.

Raymond Deans asked for £400 for the NHS Chaplaincy to start exercise classes in the Succoth ward to keep patients' mood and health good.

David Hewitt and Ros Duthie danced their way to £700 for tango lessons at the MS Centre.

Alison McGrory hands out a certificate to Raymond Deans for NHS Chaplaincy.



Head's Up Mid Argyll was given £1,000 for exercise equipment.



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Eilidh's foodie venture fills a gap in Lochgilphead

An experienced hospitality worker has fulfilled her dream of opening her own café.

Eilidh Thomsen has 12 years of service in the sector – from waitressing and managing hotels to gaining culinary skills to become a cook.

Last year, however, she decided to take the leap and open her own café.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Eilidh launched Salty Dog Café in Lochgilphead, which caters for everyone and offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Eilidh said: 'Last year I needed to make a change and give myself a challenge so I took the steps needed to open a café in August. I knew that there was a gap in the market for a café in the town and I had the confidence to believe I could make it work. After planning applications and working out costs we opened in December which was a very proud day. The

local response I've had since then has been fantastic. My customers feel that our café is a real asset to the town and was much needed.

'The support I had from Business Gateway was great. I had one-to-one advice and went along to workshops that helped me with my book-keeping which ultimately gave me the confidence to do my own books.'

Salty Dog Café offers a range of homemade food, snacks and drinks that cater for various dietary needs including gluten and lactose-free. Eilidh has also turned the wall space into a gallery for her father's paintings.

Eilidh added: 'My first hospitality job was waitressing in a vegetarian restaurant and then I began working at the Cairnbaan Hotel. Eventually I became duty manager but I was always keen to learn new things and gain different experiences so I left and became a deputy



Eilidh Thomsen in the Salty Dog Café.

cook in a very tourist orientated location. After 12 years in the business I amassed various skills and I knew then that I wanted my own business as I enjoyed cooking, baking and knowing people enjoyed my food.

'I'm loving running the café and it's been fantastic getting to know all my customers in person and on Facebook. My dad is a talented artist and showcasing his paintings on our walls was the perfect finishing touch to the café.'

Donald Melville of Business Gateway Argyll and Bute said: 'Eilidh used our services to learn more about how to successfully set up a business. Through our advisory support and workshops, she learned vital skills that allowed her to confidently launch Salty Dog Café.'

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

Business Gateway - exceeding customer expectations

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The service offers advice through experienced business advisers, business skills workshops, information, guides, templates for key documents, networking and can signpost available funding.

Since its launch in Argyll and Bute in 2009, Business Gateway has provided support to hundreds of local businesses, helping them to start up, survive or grow. Last year more than 100 new start-up businesses in Argyll and Bute and more than 250 existing businesses were supported by the team.

Business Gateway Argyll and

Bute achieved top ranking for meeting customer expectations last year, according to an independent customer satisfaction survey, with 94 per cent of respondents saying that their expectations were met as well as 93 per cent saying that their business would benefit from the support provided. Overall customer satisfaction is consistently above the national average for Scotland.

In the last quarter, 100 per cent of respondents said that they had got what they wanted from an adviser. More than 300 meetings with local business advisers have been completed in the first six months of this year and the team is keen to hear from anyone looking for help to start or grow a business here in Argyll.

Recent comments from businesses

supported by a business adviser include:

● 'Very helpful as my situation was quite tricky to explain and the adviser was able to tell me what I needed to do'

● 'The adviser dealing with my plan was very helpful, always smiling and cheery. They led me in a good direction to get started with my plans'

● 'Very knowledgeable about businesses. Made great suggestions and guided us to relevant information and contacts'

● 'Really helpful, realistic, honest and gave clear advice on next steps. It was a very new idea and they took it seriously'

The business adviser for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area is Donald Melville.

Donald joined the Business Gateway team in 2013, having previously worked for Highlands and Islands Enterprise to support business start-ups and community groups. He holds the Premier Adviser qualification and in 2000 was recognised as Business Adviser of the Year for the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust. To book an appointment with Donald please call 01546 604555.

Business Gateway also offers a wide range of free to attend workshops, covering 25 topics including marketing, PR, HR, customer service, book-keeping, business start-up, as well as workshops on 13 digital topics ranging from Twitter to data analytics to creating video content for social media. So far this year 33 workshops have been held

across Argyll and Bute, with well over 300 attendees.

Spaces are still available at Lochgilphead workshops coming up soon, including Better Business Websites on October 4, Practical Basic Book-keeping on November 1, Build Your Own Business Website on November 20 and Paid-for Advertising on November 28. Book now with the local team or online at www.bgateway.com/events.

As well as assisting small businesses, Business Gateway works with both Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise to identify companies with high growth potential and support them through a growth pipeline.

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buildings. Identify buildings that may be vulnerable to snow or storm damage and repair or upgrade these before winter.

Repairs and renovations can be challenging, so be confident you have the right contractor to meet your needs. Using a tried and trusted firm can give you peace of mind.

Have you made provision for fuel and heating oil going into winter, and how is your storage? Farm thefts are a problem, so make sure your fuel tanks and stores are secure. And it is handy to have an emergency generator in reserve.

Another consideration must be feed and bedding supplies to see livestock through the winter - no matter how expensive these are after such a dry summer in many parts.

Have a think as well about how you will get feed to animals in bad weather. It might be worth considering accessible areas to which isolated stock may be moved in poor conditions.

Machinery maintenance is essential, so create inventories for machinery and equipment and prioritise what needs to be done and when, then keep equipment inside, away from frost.

A bit of preparation to ensure water supplies to stock are reliable in the event of hard frost could prevent big problems. Think about contingency arrangements such as water bowsers.

How are you going to ensure access and exit points are open in bad weather? Establish early on how snow can be cleared, either with your own equipment or nearby machinery - and have sufficient stocks of salt/grit.

These days rain is more likely than snow, so have you ensured no surface water is entering slurry stores? Where possible, empty slurry stores in preparation for winter in order to avoid the need to spread during unsuitable conditions.

Another important consideration is insurance. Have you reviewed your insurance, and does the policy include a cover for severe weather or storm damage?

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British Wool shearing boss retires after 20 years

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Lochearnhead farmer Colin MacGregor is stepping down from his national role with British Wool.

British Wool, the body which represents the interests of the UK's wool industry, announced Colin's retirement.

A former world-renowned Scottish shearing champion, Colin has not only played a major role in British Wool, he has made a key contribution to the progression and standard of shearing across the UK.

Colin sheared his first sheep with hand shears at the age of just 10, at his home in Lochearnhead. He started out as a British Wool shearing instructor before taking up his role as senior instructor.

During his career, Colin has instructed thousands of shearers across the UK and Europe.

When he started with British Wool as senior instructor for Northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, there was only one course available: the advanced shearing course. Today, British Wool offers hundreds of courses, at all



Colin MacGregor with a newly sheared fleece.

levels every year.

Colin's philosophy has always been to set the proper foundation, so every young person wishing to learn to shear gets taught correctly. 'This is the vital first rung of the ladder of a shearing career. Thereafter they can build whatever they wish to achieve on top of this.'

'When setting up 20 years ago, we benefited from European funding, which enabled us to train and mentor instructors. The legacy today is a UK-wide framework of highly skilled shearing instructors.'

Colin said: 'I am most proud of the quality of shearers and the standard of shearing we have here in the UK today. This is, without a doubt, as a result of the tremendous team of instructors and mentors we have put together.'

Colin became Scottish champion twice in the 1980s, and represented Scotland on the international stage. Colin himself has taught many shearing stars, including former world champion Gavin Mutch.

Colin added: 'You can earn a good living out of shearing, and at the moment the oppor-

tunities for young shearers are great as there is a shortage in Australia and New Zealand. So, my advice would be to spread your wings and enjoy the associated travel.'

Joe Farren, chief executive of British Wool, said: 'Colin has been instrumental in establishing a training programme that underpins shearing and effective wool production. Without the courses he has developed, wool production would be uncompetitive, and the wool we receive would be of much poorer quality.'

'The quantity and quality of shearers in the UK is something British Wool is very proud of.'

'The positive progress made during Colin's 20 years is also demonstrated by the way competitive shearing and wool handling has developed, with UK-based competitors achieving global success and recognition.'

Asked what is next for him, Colin said: 'I want to spend time at home in Lochearnhead getting to know my farm again. Getting it into shape is something I have not had time to do for the past 20 years.'

Around the markets

Dalmally – United Auctions sold 2,797 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart. Lambs levelled out at £38.57 recording a rise of £2.38 on the year. Lambs consisted of second and third draws and sold to a good ringside of buyers.
Principal lots and prices:
Lambs:
SUFFx: £64.50 – Auchnasaul.
TEXx: £66.50 – Stonefield Farms: £58.50 – Barguillan.
CHEV: £56.50 – 83 Borve: £56 – Balnaha: £53.50 – 15 Ardmhor, Barra: £52.50 – Stonefield Farms.
CROSS: £62.50 – Stonefield Farms: £59 – Keppochan.

MULE: £58 – Achalic.
BF: £50.00 – Littleport: £46.50 – 83 Borve: £45 – Littleport: £44 – Achnaba: £43.50 – Blarmafoldach: £43 – Barachander: £43 – Castles Estate: £42.50 – Ardchnonnell, Connel: £42 – Achalic.
Ewes:
TEXx: £49 – Stonefield Farms.
CHEV: £44.50 – Stonefield Farms: £43.50 – Rhynachulaig.
MULE: £49 – Stonefield Farms.
HAMP: £49 – Hill Cottage, Colonsay.
BF: £39 – Castles Estate: £39 – Stroneskar: £37.50 – Brenchoille: £37 –

Glenmassaon: £37 – Cluaran: £36 – Blairmore.
Rams:
BF: £550, £380(2) and £300 – Castles Estate.
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Lambs:
SUFFx: 176p – Balnahard, Colonsay.
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CHEV: 186p – 83 Borve: 178p – Keppochan: 176p – Castles Estate: 174p – Balnaha and Castles Estate: 171p – Balnaha: 170p – 83 Borve, Barra.

CROSS: 171p – Rhynachulaig and Blarachourinn Estate.
MULE: 170p – Achalic: 163p – Stonefield Farms.
BF: 160p and 153p – Littleport: 148p – Achnaba: 146p – Castles Estate: 144p – Blarmafoldach: 143p – 83 Borve: 141p – Meallagie and Benmore Farm: 140p – Bragleenbeg.
Oban – United Auctions sold 3,199 lambs and sheep at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday September 18. A mixed show of smaller lambs were on offer and sold to level out at £33.29 recording a rise of £2.73 on the year. Lambs

from Killiechronan, Mull, sold to £64 whilst ewes from Drumfingal, Mull sold to £62. A small show of cattle was led by Simmental Bulls from Sorrisdale, Coll realising £915 per head.
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CHEV: £55.00 – Rhu-Ard: £52.50 – Croig.
CROSS: £50.00 – Strongorm.
MULE: £52.50 – Balnagown.

BF: £39.50 – Ardnamurchan Estate: £36.00 – Ardachy: £35.00 – Tyree: £35.00 – Achinduinn.
Ewes
TEXx: £60.00 – Balnagown: £54.00 – Achnabreac.
CHEV: £62.00 – Drumfingal.
CROSS: £55.00 – Ricruin: £50.00 – Baligrundle 2: £50.00 – Frackersaig.
BF: £54.00 – Glenmore: £41.00 – Blarachourinn.
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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) (NO. 2) ORDER 2018

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(b) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from the junction with the Machrihanish Airfield access road in a southeastwards direction along the A83 Trunk Road and Tarbert Road, Campbeltown then southwards along Millknowe Road, then eastwards along Aqualibrium Avenue, then southeastwards along Kinloch Road and Old Quay Street roundabout to its junction with the southeastbound carriageway of Hall Street, then southeastwards along Hall Street to its junction with New Quay Roundabout, Campbeltown, a distance of 5.2 kilometres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate the movement of large vehicles, will be in operation from 26th September until 25th December 2018. The prohibition on use will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as indicated by appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes; or any vehicle travelling under police escort or any vehicle being used to provide such an escort.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

An alternative route for traffic during the prohibition is not required. A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

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THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that **SSE Generation Limited**, (Company Number: 02310571) having their registered office at No.1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, United Kingdom, RG1 3JH) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a Wind Farm at Tangy Wind Farm and Land North of Kilchenzie, Kintyre Peninsula, Argyll and Bute, Scotland (Central Grid Reference [168215, 629050]). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be in excess of 50 MW comprising 16 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been produced.

SSE Generation Limited, has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the **EIA report** discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Argyll and Bute Council, Customer Service Point	Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm	1A Manse Brae, Lochgilthead, PA31 8RD
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The **EIA report** can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at www.sse.com/tangy-repower; or at www.energyconsents.scot.

Copies of the EIA report may be obtained from SSE Generation Limited (telephone 0141 224 7337 / email to Karen.anderson@sse.com) at a charge of £450 hard copy and £10 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 26 October 2018, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
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Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. When making an email or paper representation you will automatically be opted in to its publication unless you choose to mark it as confidential. We may share your personal data with DPEA and local Planning Authorities but will not publish your personal data (e.g. your name and address) as this is removed beforehand in compliance with the Data Protection Act. Should you choose not to provide your personal data then your representation will only be considered by Scottish Ministers and not be shared for consideration with any other party. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email us at: Econsents_admin@gov.scot or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU

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PLANNING

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/01765/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 15/01863/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and associated works)	Plot 5 Lower Auchans Dunmore Nr Tarbert Argyll And Bute
18/01956/LIB	Installation of internal wall insulation	Upper Floor Flat 75 Argyll Street Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NE
18/01580/PP	Change of use of former church to residential dwelling to include installation of septic tank, erection of outbuildings, minor internal alterations and refurbishment.	Fyne Cabin Minard Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YB
18/01945/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 15/02404/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse)	Land South Of High Loup Clachan Argyll And Bute
18/01946/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 15/02360/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse)	Land South West Of Achavraid Clachan Argyll And Bute
18/01848/PP	Installation of replacement roof covering	8 Poltalloch Street Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LP
18/01888/PP	Installation of fence	Rosecroft Bellanoch Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SN
18/01818/PP	Change of use from (Class 2) financial, professional and other services to mixed-use comprising cafe, therapy rooms and children's play area	Citizen Advice Bureau Oban Road Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NG

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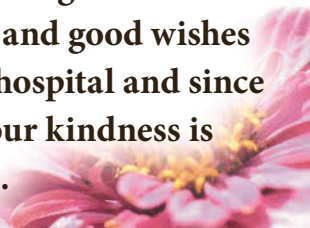
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Love, Janice and Jim.

THANK YOU

Emily McDonald would like to thank friends and neighbours for the flowers, cards and good wishes received while in hospital and since coming home. Your kindness is much appreciated.



THANK YOU

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness, hard work and determination shown by the very many people who helped us last week when wee Stella went missing. To each and every one of you who came out to help in the search, brought their dogs, provided torches, shared on Facebook and offered messages of support a massive, massive thank you to you all. Stella was found safe and well and was straight back to her happy, cheeky self!

Very many thanks again from all of us. Morag, Scott, kids and all the family.

LOCHGOILHEAD

Loch Goil Autumn Fayre

Save the date because The Loch Goil Autumn Fayre starts on Saturday October 6.

The tasty gathering starts at 11am in Lochgoilhead Village Hall featuring a shared pot luck lunch, a 'bake off' of sweet and savoury cake, workshops and a live performance by Creative Electric.

There is also a chance to show off homegrown fruit, vegetables, flowers, also homemade baking and preserves.

'Let's celebrate Loch Goil's people and produce,' said a spokesperson.

BUTE

Art exhibition in Rothesay

The Bute Gallery opened an exhibition featuring the work of Argyll landscape artist Emma S Davis and her father, James S Davis.

The exhibition opened on Friday August 31 and will stay open throughout September, showcasing Emma and her father's stylised and colourful view of the Isle of Bute.

On her Facebook page Emma said: 'Fab opening. Even the kids lasted dancing in the street.'

LOCHGILPHEAD

Walking workshop

Past-Tracks Walking is holding a workshop on ChiWalking Essentials and Hill Skills in Barbuie Woodlands, Lochgilphead.

On Monday November 17 at 10am, the three-hour long workshop will focus on the essentials of ChiWalking: posture, alignment, relaxation, stride length, using arms and listening to bodies, which should all work towards reducing muscle fatigue and increasing pain-free movement.

Tickets are available at entrycentral.com/ChiWalkingNovember2018

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TARBERT



Fèis an Tairbeirt receives a new clarsach.

New clarsach for Fèis an Tairbeirt

Fèis an Tairbeirt received its first clarsach purchased from funding through Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Community Benefit fund and Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund in August.

On its Facebook page a representative said: 'We are very grateful to our funders

for making this purchase possible. At more than £2,000 each these instruments are out of financial reach of most beginners but now we will be able to hire out our new instruments to players to practise on as well as encourage new players at our regular workshops and classes. The clarsach is a beautiful instru-

ment to learn and can create a sense of calm and relaxation. We also have players of all ages who come to our classes so it's an instrument with real appeal for everyone.'

For more information on future classes see www.feisantairbeirt.co.uk or send us an email feisantairbeirt@gmail.com

Mull Little Theatre performs TWO in Tarbert Village Hall

Mull Theatre will be in Tarbert on Monday September 24 with its production TWO.

Featuring Fletcher Mathers and Alasdair McCrone playing all 14 characters, the fast-paced comedy, filled with twists and turns, comes from award-winning playwright Jim Cartwright (The Rise and Fall of Little Voice).

Taking place over the course of one evening, the play highlights the rocky relationship of the landlord and landlady of a busy, typical 'local' pub, as the colourful regulars pull up a stool and let everyone into their lives and loves, their triumphs and their tragedies.

The touring show arrives in Tarbert Village Hall at 7.30pm on September 24.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

This 'Thought' is unashamedly for a very special person.

I know that throughout our community people are praying for Catriona Hood.

Catriona became seriously ill just over a week ago, and as I write this, her life hangs in the balance.

We have sat daily by her bedside in intensive care at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow and watched through the tears as Catriona has struggled with so many problems.

Unable to speak because of tubes and wires everywhere, Catriona communicates with that wonderful smile.

Despite the difficulties as she struggles, Catriona remains her usual gentle self.

Prayers surround her from all who love her and as we relay the names, she smiles that lovely smile.

The waiting time is surreal and our hearts go out to her sister and family as they wait and watch and weep too.

The care is wonderful as nurses give us comfort and we feel our dear friend is in safe hands.

Yet where is Catriona in this world of uncertainty? Her faith is strong and resolute even in the shadows.

It is strange to come from the beauty and peace of Argyll to the madness of the city with all its busyness.

Of course there is care and concern there too, but there is something special about a small community 'cooing' in together for one of their own.


I hope and pray that as you read this, Catriona has turned the corner on that bumpy road to recovery. There are not many people who make such an impact in their life and their love for others as Catriona does.

She touches everyone she meets in a very special way and leaves a memory to treasure.

May God bless us by restoring our friend to health.

We are greatly blessed in our little communities as we feel our identity and know that we matter to God and to each other.

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FOR THE WEEK**

'I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy' (Psalm 142:1).

BIRTHS



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Gary and Lynsey are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, India Faith, on September 6, 2018, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. A granddaughter for Brian and Janice, Zena and John, and Archie.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCGOUGAN - STEWART - On September 20, 1968, at Castlehill Church, Campbeltown, by Rev John RH Cormack, Johnny to Catherine. Present address, Meall Mhor, 4 Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

GILLESPIE - Suddenly at home, 18 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, on September 14, 2018, Marion McGown Gillespie, in her 76th year, dearly beloved daughter of the late William and Ina Gillespie, and a much loved sister and aunt.

MURPHY - At Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 12, 2018, with her daughters by her side, Auriol Margaret, beloved wife of the late John, loving and cherished mother of Karen, Auriol and Elaine, mother-in-law of David, Ramon and Joe, and a devoted and much loved grandmother and great grandmother (GG) to Lilly, Georgia, Archie, Lomond, Millie and Robbie. Funeral mass, today Friday, September 21, 2018, at 11.30am, in St John Vianney RC Church, Edinburgh, thereafter to Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery. Rest in peace.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COATS - Amanda, Fiona and Annie would like to thank family and friends for their letters, cards, phone calls, flowers and messages of support following the sad loss of their mother, Sarah Coats. Special thanks to Sarah and all the dedicated nursing staff who cared so wonderfully for Mum and to Dr Spink and Dr Ramsay for their unfailing support and help. We will be forever grateful to Jane, Isobel, Lois, Jana and Colette - thank you. Special thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for comforting us through the days and leading two wonderful services, and to Stan Lupton for his professional supervision. A huge thank you to Myra and Meg and all those who baked, Morna and Ileene who filled the church with beautiful flowers, Stephen and Donald, Marjorie for her uplifting music and to everyone who came to say goodbye. Finally, a special thanks to John who piped us down to the shore so that we could say our final farewell.

KENDRICK - Karen and Ian would like to thank all who attended Florrie's funeral. In particular, we would like to thank Rev Roger Crooks, and Calum and Lizzie from the Water of Life Cafe. We would like to thank all the doctors, district nurses, home care team, and staff at Muasdale Surgery for all their care over the last few weeks. Special thanks to the Elderberries group for the fun over the last four years. We would like to thank all the family and friends who attended from far and wide, particularly Christine and James for all their support. Finally, a thank you to T A Blair for their services and support during these difficult times.

IN MEMORIAMS

DEWAR - Janet (Netta), September 25, 1955. Remembered forever.
- Love, Amy, Jan and Edna.

GILLESPIE - In loving memory of my sister, Marion, who passed away September 14, 2018. It is tinged with a sadness I have to accept

That our good Lord decided to take you
For as sisters together I do recollect
That no hardship ever could break you
The spirit inside you could not be contained
In a mere body of mortal confines
So our Heavenly Father so more could be gained
And for you had grander designs
Now you sit right under his wing
And we seem further apart
But I can still hear you sing
For you'll always be here in my heart.
- R M Gilleasbuig.

GILLESPIE - In loving memory of my aunt Marion, who passed away September 14, 2018. Goodbye to you my beloved aunt, Who said there's no such word as can't
For if your spirit is strong
You can sing a new song
And a new order help to transplant
For you were needed above
To spread peace and love
And lay a foundation anew
Preparing the way and awaiting the day
To greet brothers and sisters so true.
- R B Hyslop.

GILLIES - Cherished memories of Mar, dearly loved sister-in-law and auntie, died September 21, 2017. Forever in our thoughts.
- Annie, Marion, Laura and Christine xxxx.

MACKINNON - Treasured memories of Peggy, who passed away on September 20, 1994. Much loved granny. Always in our thoughts.
- Annamarie and Allan.

MCNEIL - Remembering Graham, twenty year gone, but not forgotten.
- Alec, Nat and Francis.

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Ardrihaig at 11:00am
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and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

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Rev C Acklam
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 23rd September
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MORNING SERVICE
Cumlodden
10.00am Preacher:
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Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
MORNING SERVICE
Inveraray Church
11.30am Preacher:
Margaret Sinclair
ALL WELCOME

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

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All Saints, Inveraray
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Charity Number SC001002
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Rev C Acklam
7-9pm Achnamara Hall
Alpha - Try before you Buy
Saturday 22 September
Achnamara Hall
10.30am-12.30pm Cafe Connect
12.30-2.30pm - Alpha
'Try before you Buy'
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12.30 - 2.30pm The Manse
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3rd Sunday of the month
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Wednesday
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Rev W Crossan
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New Hall
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Company Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Wednesday 26th September
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7.00pm Session Room
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7.30pm
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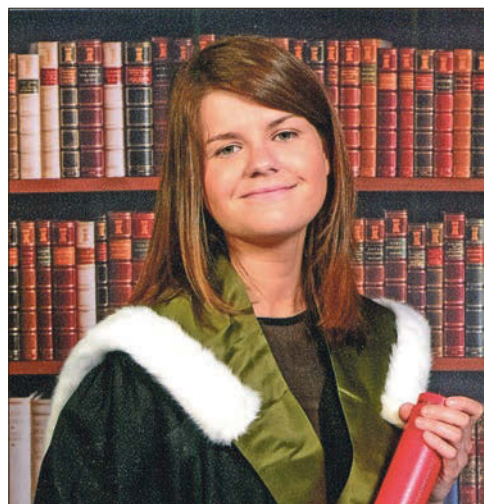
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GRADUATIONS



LAURA M MCKELLAR

Graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Geography. Laura is the daughter of Campbell and Linda, Campbeltown.



All the teams from the 2007s nine-a-side festival from Campbeltown, Fort William and Oban.

Red Star 2007s conquer 9-a-side festival

Lochgilhead Red Star 2007s and 2004s were both in action on Sunday September 16.

The 2007s, to help with their step up to 11-a-side in August 2019, had arranged a nine-a-side festival with Campbeltown, Fort William and Oban.

Showing great attitude and effort and demonstrating real progress, the team from

Lochgilhead won all three of their games beating Fort William, Campbeltown and Oban in a fantastic morning of football.

Appreciated

Great displays all round from the Lochgilhead boys and a great effort from the other teams was much appreciated.

The Red Star 2004s welcomed Ferguslie Star

Youths to the astro and ran out convincing winners to book a place in the second round of the Scottish Cup.

Nice football

In the first half some nice football had Star leading 3-0 at half time with goals from McMurphy, Cameron and McLean.

Further goals followed in the second half

with Harris, Caskie, McMurphy and Green adding to the score.

Ferguslie Star never gave up and pulled back two goals with the game ending 7-2 for the Lochgilhead youngsters.

Renfrew FC Blues will be their opponents in the second round which will take place on Sunday September 30.

Newtonmore win Camanachd Cup

Newtonmore	3
Lovat	0
Camanachd Cup Final	

Saturday September 15 saw the enthralling final of the Camanachd Cup.

A re-match of the 2017 final, which saw Newtonmore carry home the cup as victors, it was Newtonmore again who secured their third Camanachd Cup on the trot (33 in total) with a hard earned 3 - 0 victory over Lovat.

After a battling start the first chance dropped to Newtonmore with Mike Russell gaining a yard to hit a bullet of a strike towards goal only for the Lovat goalkeeper, Stuart Macdonald to stretch an arm out to tip the ball over the top in a stunning save. This was the first of

two stunning first half saves from Macdonald but Newtonmore kept on coming and eventually broke down a stubborn Lovat defence to score not one but three goals before half time with two goals from man-of-the-match Evan Menzies and a Glen MacKintosh strike in between.

These are familiar names on the Newtonmore score sheet but many others delivered performances that made it difficult for Lovat including Rory Kennedy, who made a last-ditch tackle early in the second half to prevent Lovat talisman Greg Matheson from getting a shot off just yards from the Newtonmore goal.

In the end Newtonmore were worthy winners with a convincing second-half display that led to captain Andrew Mackintosh being presented the trophy by Tulloch Homes CEO and former Newtonmore player George Fraser



Newtonmore celebrating their win in the Camanachd cup final.



T&W Trophy winners Ross Sinclair, Adrian Angus and Roddy MacDonald.

Glorious golf on display at the T&W Open

Saturday September 15 saw more than 50 golfers take part in the T&W Open at Lochgilhead Golf Club.

The popular team event teed off at 8.40am with the final putt of the day being holed at just after 5pm.

Many of the big names of Lochgilhead golf took to the course and the morning pace was set by Adrian Angus, who played some sparkling golf alongside his teammates Ross Sinclair and Roddy MacDonald.

Stuart MacKenzie made his long-awaited return to competitive golf and chipped in

for an eagle two at the fourth as the field battled to stay in contention. Mackenzie's early inspiration wasn't enough to seal a top three finish but teammate Sandy Crawford won nearest the pin at the 18th. The tension was building as the afternoon starters headed out onto the course. The pre-tournament favourites Alasdair Provan, Jamie O'May and Stephen Colligan mounted a charge with a series of birdies. They fell short by one shot but claimed a creditable third place.

Next to challenge were Maggies Caddies, a team comprising Margaret MacKinnon, David

MacKinnon and Ian Phillips. They matched the early pace setters but had to settle for second place as Angus, Sinclair and MacDonald held on to win the prestigious T&W trophy.

Robbie Wilson won the nearest the pin at the ninth which was a deserved reward for the club's hard working greens convenor. Hal Jones from Tarbert captured the longest drive at the second after this accolade had been held by Alastair MacVicar for most of the day.

Simon Taylor's sponsors' speech was drowned out by a boisterous crowd who had gathered in the

clubhouse for the prize giving but club captain David Sinclair was able to restore order and present the prizes.

Adrian Angus capped off a fine day by winning the raffle prize of a four-ball and overnight stay at the Machrie Hotel, kindly donated by the Machrie Hotel and Links, Islay.

As the team of volunteers, who had been at the club since 6.45am, continued to provide top class hospitality to the competitors and their families the evening entertainment started, which was provided by local band None The Wiser.



Jimmy MacCallum presents the trophy to the Inveraray winning team of Iain Campbell, Robert Scott and Duncan Crawford.

Tarbert Gun Club starts season with a bang

The Masonic Lodges of Argyll held their annual shoot in Tarbert on Saturday September 15.

Twelve teams from across Argyll ascended in the shooting ground in Tarbert. It was a good day for it, with the weather being kind to competitors.

Five shooters shot off on high gun, with Iain Campbell winning top gun, retaining Inveraray's title and taking home three bottles of whisky from the shoot and the raffle.

The winners were Iain Campbell, Robert Scott and Duncan Crawford with the prizes presented by Jimmy MacCallum.

The team included two shooters from Tarbert, Andy Peden and Jamie Alexander, Archie McCulluch from Oban, Iain Campbell from Lochgilphead and Stephen MacSporran from Campbeltown.



Jimmy MacCallum, Stephen MacSporran, Donnie Lawson and Hugh Wilson.

Cairndow Gun Club shoot results

Thanks were given to the 42 guns that took part in the shoot on Saturday September 15 and especially all the teams that took part in the competition for the Argyll and non-Argyll Team trophies.

Six teams competed for the Argyll trophy which was won by Team Hopeful, made up of N McFarlane, G Shankland, J Gilchrist, J Weir and R Jenkins on a score of 563.

The runners up were: The Glen: 556; Team Lorn: 542; The Intimidators: 541; Bute/Colintraive: 516; Team Tarbet: 475; Watt's Wonders, including B

Watt, B Hutchison, A McGarva, S MacDonough and I Dawson, won the Non-Argyll trophy on a score of 544 with Team Cairndow coming second on 462.

High Gun of the day was John Gilchrist on a score of 149/150; 2 Ross Speirs - 148; 3 Andy MacDonald and Colin Rowan - 146; 5 Bryan Hutchison 145; 6 Gordon Shankland & Derek Street - 141; 8 Donnie MacPhail - 140; 9 Nick McFarlane, Richard Deane, Gordon Griffiths - 139. The next shoot on Saturday October 20 is the re-scheduled Annual Trophy Shoot.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Tarbert Gun Club starts season with a bang



The 10K starts with first place and second place winners Kristian Watson (28) and David Savage (35) in front. Photo: Kathryn Polley.

Take the high road with Arrochar 10K

The Arrochar 10K kicked off on Saturday September 15 with great enthusiasm.

Hosted by Arrochar Running Club, more than 130 runners signed up for the marathon which saw them dash from Succoth, through the hills off-

road and back up the A83 to Succoth again.

The first place winners were Kristian Watson for the men with a time of 36 minutes and six seconds, and Chloe Murphy for the women with a time of 45 minutes and 45 seconds.

Hot on their tails were, for the men, David Savage with 36 minutes and 53 seconds and Marc Bromwich in third with a time of 37 minutes and 22 seconds. Second placed woman was Laura Gray with a time of 45 minutes and 59 seconds and in third

was Kirsty McLeish at 46 minutes and 37 seconds.

The finishers were met with well-served pats on the back as well as goody bags and refreshments from Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Network.

Kilmory defeated

The Kilmory Camanachd shinty team travelled to Fife on Saturday September 8 to play in a league match against Aberdour.

Despite losing 4-0 the players that travelled did not let themselves down.

On Saturday September 22, Kilmory are away again on league duty against Col Glen at Glendaruel. This will be a difficult fixture for Kilmory and a strong squad will be required if any points are to be taken.

Club lotteries

Drawn on Monday September 3, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 7, 17 and 19.

There were no winners this week, so next week's prize will be £200.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 5, 17 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £600.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 5, 13 and 19. With no winners, next week's jackpot will be £400.

Football results

West of Scotland Cup – Lochgilphead Red Star 0, Uddingston 3; Premier Division – Oban Saints 2, Barrhead Arky 1; Premier Division 1 – Ferguslie Star 2, Campbeltown Pupils 2

Saturday's fixture: Premier Division – Oban Saints v Motherwell Thistle;

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