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Poppy day support cut 'disrespectful'

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REMEMBRANCE Sunday plans for Lochgilphead are in jeopardy after a last-minute bombshell from the council.

Lochgilphead Community Council last Friday received an email from Argyll and Bute Council with new guidance for those involved in Remembrance Sunday events. The council will no longer help with the organisation of these events, other than to offer pointers on filling in forms and on legal requirements.

The reason for this, according to the council email, is to standardise the level of support given to organ-

isers across Argyll and Bute and 'to take account of reduced staffing levels and reduced budget available'.

The people behind the Lochgilphead commemoration events are unhappy with the notice given – with barely seven weeks to go until Remembrance Sunday on November 12 and a lot to be done before then.

Chairman of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Geordie Rhodick said: 'The way they have done this is disrespectful to the men who gave their lives.'

'I feel very strongly that more notice should have been given.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Events to commemorate the sacri-



A well-attended 2016 Remembrance Sunday observance in Lochgilphead but time is now tight to organise this year's event. 06_a47remembgip11

fy by members of the armed services on the second Sunday in November at a number of locations across Argyll and Bute are organised by the local branches of the Royal British Legion of Scotland, community coun-

cils or other community groups.

'In the past, council staff have assisted the organisers of a small number of events by making bookings for planning meetings or providing stationery. However, most events

are planned entirely without council input.

'This is not about saving money. The document is intended to provide structured support and ensure a clear and consistent approach throughout the area.'

'The document gives advice on the aspects of events which the council will continue to do, such as processing applications for public processions.'

Councillor Dougie Philand is concerned this new policy was

formulated without discussion with those affected by it.

He added: 'If we are to empower communities, we must work closely together and not have policies placed upon volunteer groups which make things very difficult to continue.'

'The decision to remove what must be a small amount of support in each area, for a single annual event, can save very little,' said Councillor Sandy Taylor.

'I am unhappy with this decision, which did not go before local members. For me, the council is a civic leader and should take the lead. If that involves work, then they should undertake that work.'

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The public is being encouraged to get involved in the museum development project and shared its plans at an open day in June. 06_a24KilmartinConsult06

‘Amazing’ support for museum

KILMARTIN Museum has said a big thank you to people in the area for the huge amount of support it has received for its development plans.

Over the summer, museum staff attended local shows and events

to speak to people about the museum and the ambitious plans to enlarge and enhance it – and it seems to have paid dividends.

Meg Haig, Kilmartin Museum redevelopment project officer, said: ‘Kilmartin Muse-

um prides itself on being a fulcrum for community activity. We have an amazing team of local volunteers, who donate their time to everything from gardening to leading our highly-rated guided glen walks. We work closely with local artists and Artmap Argyll to display and sell beautiful artworks.

‘Many members of our Friends of Kilmartin Museum are from Argyll, as are several of the aptly named

Always Argyll, which generously supports our Friends Newsletter.

‘As such, it should come as no surprise that more than £98,000 has been donated to our exciting redevelopment project by people living in Argyll. As a charity, we rely on the kindness of those who donate to our cause to continue providing the service we do.’

Meg continued: ‘The redevelopment project will allow us to offer even more to peo-

ple living our local area in terms of community space, employment and volunteering opportunities and a museum they can be proud to tell family and friends around the world about.

‘Kilmartin Museum is enormously grateful to everyone who has donated so far and want to thank all our supporters, near and far, for their generosity.’

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Careless driving

FOLLOWING inquiries into a road incident involving an overturned lorry on Monday September 18, a 33-year-old man was reported to the procurator fiscal for careless driving. The incident, on the A816 near Ardfern, forced the closure of the Oban to Lochgilphead road for a time.

Damaged vehicle

BETWEEN 4pm on Wednesday September 20 and 9am on Thursday September 21, a black Mercedes car was damaged in Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, while parked in a secure yard. Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable Scott Trevathen at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Dog bites man

AT AROUND 12.15pm on Friday September 22 at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, Cairndow, a man was bitten by a dog and required hospital treatment for a minor injury. Police are following a positive line of enquiry but anyone with information is asked to contact Constable Jack Muir at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Disorderly manner

POLICE were called to reports of a disturbance at Mid Argyll Hospital at 8pm on Friday September 22.

Three police officers attended and a 34-year-old man was arrested for conducting himself in a disorderly manner, assaulting medical staff, resisting arrest and assaulting police officers. No-one was injured. The man was detained in custody pending a court appearance. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drug search

POLICE officers stopped and

searched a vehicle and its two male occupants in Tayvallich at 9.40am on Saturday September 23. A small amount of what is believed to be cocaine was recovered. Two men, aged 38 and 48, have been reported to the procurator fiscal.

No insurance or tax

At 7.35pm on Saturday September 23, police stopped a Volkswagen car in Union Street, Lochgilphead. Inquiries revealed the driver was using the vehicle on the public road without insurance or tax. The vehicle was seized and will be retained by police until a valid policy of insurance is in place. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Distraction theft

AT 9.40PM on Saturday September 23 police were called to the Inveraray Inn after it was reported a significant sum of money had been stolen from the premises.

The thieves are described as male, of Indian or Asian appearance, and possible driving a small white car. Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable Ben Rusden at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Van left road

ON SUNDAY September 24 at 1.15am, police were called to a road accident on the A83 at West Loch Fyne, Tarbert, after a van had left the road and struck a tree. Inquiries resulted in a 34-year-old man being arrested for alleged drink driving.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

No licence

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was charged with driving without a driving licence after being stopped by police at 2pm on Sunday September 24 in Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead. A report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal.



Trust in the future of Argyll acorn businesses

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WHILE the closure of bank branches continues apace and affordable finance becomes ever harder to find for the small business, one Argyll institution is bucking the trend.

But at its recent annual general meeting, trustees and friends of the SJ Noble Trust wrestled with the inescapable fact it must change to meet increasing demand from fledgling businesses in Argyll and Bute.

The trust was set up

in memory of Johnny Noble, chairman and co-founder of Loch Fyne Oysters, who died in 2002. The purpose of the trust is to help promising business 'acorns' and promote rural regeneration. In recent times the trust has moved away

from grants in favour of affordable three-year loans and has helped more than 160 businesses over the past 15 years – helping create an estimated 400 new jobs along the way.

With particular external funding sources

drying up while demand was increasing, trustees last year commissioned a report to assess the financial position.

The prediction was that demand would grow by 25 per cent in coming years and to meet this the trust would need to find additional funding on top of regular loan repayments and existing donations.

With help from the Kilfinan Trust and other supporters, the position has since improved. Now the trust is looking at a new model of funding,

based on wider community buy-in and the coming together of local people.

At the annual general meeting on September 15, trustees heard from Pauline Hinchion of the Scottish Re-investment Trust about a new funding model for rural redevelopment, in which individuals can buy non-tradeable community bonds to support something of value to them.

The SJ Noble Trust is planning ahead, looking to a sustainable future supporting Argyll and Bute entrepreneurs for years to come.

Trust chairwoman Christina Noble said: 'I am proud of what we have been doing. This has been greatly helped by support from Nick and Jane Ferguson, whose Kilfinan Trust has increased its participation in loans another 10 per cent over the past two years.'

'When the concept of the trust was launched in 2002, we never would have imagined we would have assisted 15 businesses a year.'

'I know my brother Johnny, in whose name it was set up, would be surprised and delighted.'



Trustees of the SJ Noble Trust gather for the recent AGM. 08_a38NobleTrust01

Disused Argyll police buildings to be sold

A NUMBER of disused police stations in Argyll will be sold, if plans for a mass disposal of property are given the green light.

Police Scotland is to seek permission from the Scottish Police Authority this week to begin a three-month public engagement exercise over the future of 53 properties across Scotland.

Four police station buildings in Argyll are on the list – Inveraray, Tarbert, Strachur and Taynuilt.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Cowie said: 'Police Scotland inherited a large estate which was based on legacy arrangements.'

'This estate was developed over a significant period of time when demands on policing were very different from current and anticipated future

demands. There are a large number of properties currently empty, or soon to become empty. However, they still have associated running costs.'

'Such a position does not provide best value or help achieve financial sustainability.'

Plans are in place for a consultation period before final decisions are taken.

Future

ACC Cowie continued: 'While we are recommending these properties be disposed of, no decision will be made on the future of any of our police stations until we have carried out this engagement process.'

'This will also allow us to further raise awareness of the Community Empowerment Act and may provide opportunities for viable community groups.'



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Crowdfund site launched in final Cairndow childcare centre push



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THE DREAM of a new purpose-built community childcare centre in Cairndow has moved a step closer to reality with the launch of a crowdfunding campaign.

Cairndow Community Childcare Limited, a not-for-profit community business, has been working for the past five years on ambitious plans for a centre near Clachan, at the head of Loch Fyne.

The centre will provide childcare for up to 24 children and include space for training, parent and child sessions and a separate play area open to the public.

It will be part of a planned development which, in time, will include small business units and housing.

A major milestone was reached earlier this year when funding was approved for 50 per cent of the building costs by the Big Lottery.

The project has also received support from the Scottish Land Fund and donations from local businesses, while applications to other funders are being prepared.

The centre has set its own fundraising target of £50,000 and a crowdfunding website launched today (Friday September 29) to help reach that target.

Childcare has been provided in Cairndow Village Hall since 2004, but the aim was always to relocate to a purpose-built building.

Alison Hutchins, chairman of Cairndow Community Childcare, said: 'We have been

working hard and have had tremendous support from local businesses but we need a final push to get the funding completed so we can go ahead and start building.

'We are pleased to launch the crowdfunding page and would appeal to everyone to visit, donate and pass on. With this help, we are confident we can reach our target and start building in April 2018.

'We will also run various fundraising events, for example Heron Valley will be playing at a ceilidh on October 21 at Cairndow Village Hall.

'The commitment of our staff, the support of our local community and the generosity of local businesses have been key factors in getting this far, so a big thanks to them.'

Alison Hutchins at the planned site for the new childcare centre.

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An architect's impression of the new childcare centre.

Building project goes out to tender

WITH a target start date of April 2018 fast approaching, an invitation to bid for building work on the new Cairndow childcare centre has been issued.

On Monday September 25,

the Public Contracts Scotland website published a pre qualifying questionnaire for construction firms in respect of a 10-month contract worth £1.2 million for the 'construction of childcare facility and asso-

ciated infrastructure' at Cairndow. Contractors bidding for the £1.2 million contract must lodge their interest by Friday October 20, with invitations to tender expected to be issued a month later.

LiveArgyll will be responsible for the on-going management and development of the Council's Leisure and Library Services. The service will continue to be delivered as normal utilising the Council's existing Leisure, Library and Hall facilities.

LiveArgyll is committed to enhancing the health and fitness, creativity and personal well-being of the residents and visitors of Argyll and Bute.

As part of our launch programme, on Saturday 7th October we will be offering free access to a number of facilities across Argyll and Bute. The timetable below highlights the local programme on offer:

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Free Access to Facility Including Pool (Except during lessons)	10am-5pm
All Weather Pitch (outwith match time) & Gym (if inducted)	10am-5pm
Aqualibrium Class Programme	
Fatburn Extreme	10am-10.30am
H.I.I.T	11am-11.30am
Powerbar	12pm-12.30pm
Core	1pm-1.30pm
Family Fun Session - 1/2 pool floor raised	1pm-2pm
Zumba	1pm-2pm
Inflatable Fun Run Session (8-15yrs only, competent swimmers)	3pm-3.45pm
Circuits	3pm-3.30pm
Spin Class	4pm-4.30pm
Kayak P6-Adults	4pm-4.45pm

Campbeltown Community Centre Timetable	
Free access to soft play	11am-3pm
Inflatable 'Disco Dome' & 'Juggling Clown Slide'	11am-3pm

Mid Argyll Sport Centre Programme	
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Editorial

Who decided?

IT IS not exactly the end of the world.

But it was pretty thoughtless to land such daunting changes on organisers of Lochgilphead Remembrance Day at reasonably short notice. Things like placing statutory notices in the press, arranging road closures and the like were, we understand, done by the council. Now someone else – perhaps the community council – will need to take this on. Six or seven weeks before the event is cutting it fine if it is the first time an organisation has had to consider arranging these.

And perhaps more pertinently, whose decision was this if Mid Argyll members were not consulted, as asserted by Councillor Taylor? It seems like clumsy work, once again, by management in Kilmory.

Clean sweep

ON THE plus side, we were looking for a photo of litter – yes, the cut and thrust of local journalism – to accompany a story in this week's paper.

After hunting the town centre streets for half an hour, not a decent photo could be found. A discarded packet of Skips had to do the job. Well done to council staff for their hard work.

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Muirburn knowledge

Sir,

A revised Muirburn Code was launched on Friday September 22, aimed at providing up-to-date guidance for the people who manage Scotland's moorlands.

The review was commissioned by the Scottish Government, and the work was undertaken by Scotland's Moorland Forum, made up of stakeholders from across all areas of land management.

There are elements of the updated code which are undoubtedly an improvement.

However, we are disappointed that additions to the document – not discussed by the Moorland Forum partners or working group – were introduced late on, turning what was planned to be a practitioners' guide more into a list of what people should and should not do.

We have heard similar views from other stakeholders who genuinely saw this as an opportunity to get everyone who practices Muirburn as an important management tool to do so to an agreed high standard.

If work on the supplementary material takes greater account of the working knowledge of those who actually practice Muirburn, it may stand a better chance of getting the buy-in it seeks but we cannot be assured this will be the case.

We hope that there will be continuing support from the Scottish Government to continue the work that has been started.

**On behalf of
the Scottish Game-keepers Association**

Helping street kids in Zambia

Sir,

On behalf of ZamScotEd I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our education project in Zambia.

Our September coffee morning raised over £500, which will help us to furnish the second classroom block of our secondary school on the outskirts of Lusaka – known as St Columba's.

I think many are aware that for the past two decades, first as the registered charity Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative and then ZamScotEd – a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation – we have been supporting the education of some of the poorest children in Zambia.

There was no secondary school in the area and we had to send children off to schools all around Zambia. These were the former street children and local orphans cared for by the Mthunzi Children's Programme.

But every year, around 40 children at the local elementary school were qualifying to go to secondary school and their families, often single mums or grannies looking after a clutch of children, couldn't afford to do what we were doing for the kids rescued from the streets.

That's when we decided to build St Columba's – a very scary project to embark on, but somehow we're getting there.

The first classroom block has been up and running since January 2016 and a second block will open in January 2018. That's why we need cash for desks, blackboards, and other

schoolroom essentials, and as always, the people of Mid Argyll are helping us to meet our targets.

We have had funding from organisations such as Mission Scotland and individuals like John Lowrie Morrison, Jolomo, but we couldn't meet our commitments without the generosity of our local community.

Thank you, everyone – please keep coming to drink our coffee, eat our cakes, and give a future to some very bright kids in Zambia.

You can see some of those children and hear their story on Youtube. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7X-3l2ix_4E

**Marian Pallister,
founder and chair,
ZamScotEd**

Royal Mail proposed strike

Sir,

Your readers may have read about a potential strike at Royal Mail by the Communications Workers Union (CWU). Our postmen and women have the best pay – and the best terms and conditions – in our industry. They do an amazing job in all weathers – rain or shine. Average pay is 45-50 per cent above the National Living Wage. None of that is changing. There are just no grounds for a strike.

Previous strikes at Royal Mail meant we let our customers down. Some of our major rivals today were actually established because of those strikes. There really is no point shooting ourselves in the foot.

So, what's at issue? On pay, we have made a very good offer. That follows a 10.8 per cent

pay rise in the four years since privatisation. That compares favourably with the 6.4 per cent UK national average earnings increase over the same period.

On pensions, we know how important pension benefits are to colleagues. Our proposal would be by far the best pension scheme in the industry – and one that benchmarks well to other large employers. Many of our postmen and women are in a Defined Benefit scheme – 63 per cent, in fact, compared to just 6 per cent of workers across the UK private sector.

We do need to change to a different type of Defined Benefit arrangement. That's because – every year – it would cost us at least three times more than the cash we generate just to keep the existing pension open. No business could do that.

Royal Mail is a very good employer. We provide great terms and conditions. We are working hard to keep improving our services to customers in a very competitive industry.

There is no need to strike. We want to work with our postmen and women, our great ambassadors, to keep being the best delivery company in the UK.

**Rob Jenson,
Royal Mail
Scotland
Operation Director,
Edinburgh**

Real untapped talent

Sir,

Disabled young people may be held back from getting on the career ladder, going on to further education or work-based training –

because they fail to get the support or encouragement they need at an early age.

A survey of disabled people in the UK who had their disability at school revealed barriers to gaining employment, education, or training existed even at that age.

The Leonard Cheshire Disability-commissioned survey showed that half of 18-30-year-old adults surveyed said their teachers may have had lower expectations of them because of their disability. Around half also said they were not encouraged to go on to a course or pursue their chosen career.

At the age of 26, disabled people are nearly four times more likely to be unemployed.

Leonard Cheshire Disability is now launching a campaign to ensure all people who want to work have the opportunity to do so. Opportunities to improve confidence, gain workplace skills or get a taste of different types of work appear to have been lacking for many.

Leonard Cheshire Disability's new Untapped Talent campaign is calling on the UK government to provide more support so that disabled people have the same chances to fulfil their potential as everyone else.

The charity believes a government pledge to close the employment gap between disabled people and others of working age is being undermined by a lack of vital help at critical stages in people's lives.

More access to tailored programmes that address the obstacles experienced by disabled people, nurture talent and create new opportunities is desper-

ately needed. The government has pledged to get one million more disabled people into work but progress has been pitifully slow – meaning hundreds of thousands of disabled people who want to work are left on the side lines.

The employment gap between disabled people and the wider population currently stands at around 31 per cent.

Research shows that disabled people struggle to get support at various critical points in their efforts to get a job, access volunteering, or even stay in employment once they beat the odds. Often access to funding for basic provisions such as adapted keyboards or British Sign Language interpreters just isn't there.

With the right support we know that disabled people can thrive in workplaces, bringing a wealth of talent and experience that businesses and other organisations benefit from enormously. Often this only requires relatively small changes to equipment or adaptations, or some support getting to and from work.

Sadly, all too often disabled people are being unnecessarily locked out of opportunities because this is not there or being cut. This is a huge loss to the economy and has massive impact on people's lives.

We urgently need to increase the availability of programmes that can help unlock the potential of disabled people. These need to be flexible enough to support people whether they are just starting out or are affected by disability later on in their lives.

**Neil Heslop,
Leonard Cheshire
Disability CEO**

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Argyll responds to Scottish islands plan

THERE is real local enthusiasm for the creation of a National Islands Plan, according to Argyll and Bute Council.

The local authority's Argyll Islands Strategic Group met earlier in the month to agree a response to Scottish Government's consultation on the Islands (Scotland) Bill.

Argyll and Bute Council last week submitted its consultation

response on the bill, which is designed to empower Scotland's island communities while recognising the needs of residents.

Constructive

Councillor Robin Currie, chairman of the Argyll Islands Strategic Group and Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for islands, said: 'This has been an

extremely constructive exercise to progress a national consulta-

tion in an effective local way. It also ensures the council can properly represent the views of island residents.'

The group agreed this should lead to the creation of an Argyll and Bute Islands Plan which would help island communities overcome the challenges they face and boost local economies.

It was also agreed the proposed reporting mechanism would

make Scottish Government more accountable to island communities, who should have strong and effective input to the development process.

Unique

Councillor Currie added: 'The Islands (Scotland) Bill acknowledges the unique needs of our islands and provides support to facilitate further empowerment and help them prosper and grow.

'I look forward to the bill passing through the Scottish Parliament and for our island communities helping produce the National Islands Plans which will be a major component of the new act.'

Conferences

The group hosted a number of conferences - by telephone and video - with people from a number of island communities, and the submission represented

the views of those who took part.

Argyll and Bute has 23 inhabited islands, each with its own distinct identity.

The council set up the Argyll Islands Strategic Group to take forward initiatives and to work together with other island councils to represent the communities involved.

Submission

The submission can be viewed at - [https://](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s120242/Islands%20Bill%20Consultation%20Response.pdf)



Councillor Robin Currie.

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The Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland interest-free loan is helping homeowners make energy and money saving improvements to their homes.

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The loan can be used for energy efficiency improvements like insulation and replacing single glazing with double glazing, with cashback grants of up to 25 per cent also available for a limited time.

Home renewables systems like biomass and solar photovoltaic are covered as well as connections to an approved district heating scheme powered by renewable energy.

Loans must be used to improve existing residential buildings. New buildings under construction, where the property is already owned by the intended owner occupier, are also eligible for support for renewables systems or district heating connections but not energy efficiency improvements.

Funding is on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to availability.

Cashback grants are not available for renewable technologies like solar PV or for district heating connections.

Only Home Energy Scotland can arrange to have an application form sent out; third parties like installers or letting agents cannot apply on a householder's behalf.

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Once is not enough for Kenny – Tarbert’s serial walking man



Kenny MacNab's latest challenge is in aid of Parkinson's UK.

THE MAN Who Walks is off on his travels again and this time it's there and back again along the Kintyre Way.

Serial walker and former fisherman Kenny MacNab will be leaving Tarbert on Saturday October 7 on his latest challenge in aid of Parkinson's UK.

Kenny's goal is to walk the whole of the Kintyre Way from Tarbert to Southend – and then walk all the way back again as well – a distance of just under 200 miles.

Parkinsons UK is making 2017 a year of mammoth fundraising to help towards finding a cure for this debilitating disease which affects so many people.

Kenny told the *Advertiser*: 'There has already been a great

response on my Just Giving page and on Facebook, and thanks to everyone who has donated so far. Sponsor forms can be found in Tarbert Post Office and the Corner House' Tarbert's reigning

Citizen of the Year added: 'I will be blogging updates as the walk progresses and anyone who feels fit enough to come along and join me for a while at any stage of the walk would be very wel-

come.' Not only will they have the chance to 'walk this way' and enjoy Kintyre at its autumnal best but also be helping a really worthwhile charity.

Kenny's past charity adventures include

walking the Great Wall of China and trekking the Himalayas, among other intrepid exploits.

If you would like to support Kenny's trek or join him along the way, he can be contacted on 07796 262536.

Ullman set to dazzle at Ardrishaig concert

A FABULOUS young musical talent will perform in Mid Argyll on Saturday September 30.

Hot on the heels of the more down-to-earth business of Mid Argyll Arts Association's AGM, a public concert will follow by 26-year-old London-born pianist Alexander Ullman.

Since his time studying at the Purcell School, the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and at the Royal College of Music, Alexander has performed across the world and appeared as a soloist with acclaimed orchestras in

Canada, the USA and Europe as well as performing here in the UK.

After performing at the Royal Concert Hall, the *Nottingham Post* reported: 'Ullman gave a towering performance ... as intelligently aware of the work's intricate architecture as he was dazzling in execution.'

You can hear Alexander Ullman perform a programme including works by Liszt and Beethoven at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday September 30 starting at 7.30pm.

Admission for this priceless performance will be adults £12,

concessions £10 and school students get in free.

The concert is hosted by Mid Argyll Arts As-

sociation in association with Argyll and Bute Concert Tours, supported by Enterprise Music Scotland.



A treat for Ardrishaig – Alexander Ullman.

New pumps for filling station

MOTORISTS are being warned to fuel up driving through Kintyre while a filling station is refurbished.

From Monday October 9 new fuel pumps are being installed at Clachan filling station. The work will be carried out over four days, and things should be back to normal by Friday October 13.

A spokesperson for the filling station operator, D McNair and Son, said: 'These new pumps will add greater reliability and offer more choice to the customer. During this time no fuel will be dispensed from the station.'

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Picking is a winner in Lochgilphead

TIRED of litter in Lochgilphead? Now is your chance to do something about it by joining forces on a litter picking expedition around the town.

Organised by Lochgilphead Community Council, the litter pick will be held on Sunday October 1, starting at 10am.

Hard-pressed council staff do a good job in keeping the town tidy,

but there are spots where litter is a menace, and the focus will be on certain locations around Lochgilphead.

Tools and equipment will be supplied, so all you need to do is get to Lochgilphead Resource Centre, behind the Tesco filling station, in time for the start on Sunday morning.

It might even be good fun.

Victoria joins tourism board

ARGYLL and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) welcomed a new director on to the board – but said goodbye to a longstanding board member.

Victoria Winters will represent the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, covering an area from Tarbert in the south to Loch Craignish in the north, and from Crinan in the west to Inveraray in the east.

Victoria, co-founder of a management consultancy, moved to Mid Argyll with her husband Dr John Hall and cat Aslan in 2013.

One of the deciding factors on moving here was the proximity to water, and Victoria can often be spotted kayaking between Minard

and Lochgair, or on her little motor-sailer.

Victoria is on the committee of the Friends of Crarae and runs a self-catering holiday cottage from her home.

AITC chairman Calum Ross said: 'I am delighted to welcome Victoria to the AITC board at this exceptionally busy time for the organisation.'

Adventures

'Coming with both a business and tourism background, Victoria's knowledge and experience will be a valuable addition to AITC.'

'I'm also looking forward to hearing more about her Wild About Argyll adventures on the water.'

Victoria's appointment follows the resig-

nation of director Andrew Wilson. Andrew, who was one of the original AITC directors, leaves after five years on the board.

Calum paid tribute to Andrew's contribution, saying: 'Andrew has been on the board from early in the life of AITC and has been a great support over the years. He has represented us on the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust and progressed a number of local initiatives. I would like to wish him the best of luck for the future.'

AITC is now gearing up for a very busy autumn and winter period as the team sets to work focusing its attention on adventure tourism, events and



New AITC director, Victoria Winters.

festivals, and food and drink tourism.

The tourism co-operative is running a programme of mini autumn summits, and the team

will all be together in Oban's Argyllshire Gathering on November 7 for tourism day, part of Argyll Enterprise Week.

Argyll's only boarding school opens doors to interested families

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'At all stages of the school, children and young people are highly motivated and actively involved in their learning. They are respectful, hard-working and respond very well to the overall high-quality learning experiences' – said Education Scotland. Argyll's only boarding school is inviting families to come and see for themselves what makes Lomond so unique.

Located in the picturesque coastal town of Helensburgh, with its safe community environment and excellent transport links, Lomond School has a long tradition of boarders from the West Highlands and Islands.

Key facts

- High academic attainment.
- Broad-ranging curriculum.
- Extensive programme of extra-curricular and outdoor learning.
- Strong focus on art, music and drama.
- Purpose-built, modern facilities.
- On demand boarding – eg, weekly boarding.
- Excellent transport links to the West Highlands.

As the top performing school in Argyll, Lomond offers a wide-ranging curriculum, including eight National Fives as S3/S4 and the traditional five Highers in S5.

Extra-curricular activities include hockey, rugby, sailing, skiing and canoeing. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is another significant feature and Lomond has enjoyed great success carrying out expeditions both locally and abroad. In 2015, Lomond was the top performing school in Scotland for the gold award. The school also has a long-standing history of traditional Scottish music.

Boarders at Lomond benefit from excellent facilities with the new Burnbrae boarding house, built in 2003, offering comfortable lounges, a gym and mostly twin en-suite study bedrooms. Lomond also allows male and female siblings the opportunity to live together in the same boarding house. Families are also offered the flexibility of weekly boarding.

Lomond School principal Johanna Urquhart said: 'Here at Lomond we pride ourselves on taking an individual approach to the education and care of each and every pupil. Boarding provides a particularly rewarding experience thanks to our family ethos, excellent facilities and professional, dedicated staff. We are also very proud of our long-standing links to the west of Scotland and would welcome any families interested in boarding to come and see us.'

A parent had this to say: 'We would like to say that it's the individual approach to education that we value the most, along with the breadth of the curriculum from forest school to music that allows all the children an opportunity to excel.'

Families interested in boarding at Lomond can confirm their attendance at the open morning.

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After you enter your pet, look out for our fantastic Pet Idol supplement on 2 and 3 November. This will give you the chance to boast to your friends that your little fur-ball really is the cutest thing in Argyll and the West Highlands!

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Readers will have the important job of voting for their favourite pets in the supplement. We will then break it down to further rounds of top 50, 30, 20 and finally top 10. From the top 10, the pet with the most votes will be crowned our Pet Idol Champion early in 2018. **Good luck!**

The closing date for entries is midnight, Sunday, October 22, 2017.

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Business makes perfect scents

AN award-winning company creating a range of natural room sprays designed with women in mind has discovered that men also love the sensual sprays.

Margaret Morrison-Macleod set up The Divine Hag in January this year after being inspired by Gananan beach near Oban where she spent happy childhood days.

With a workshop in Oban and an office in London, Margaret handcrafts the room sprays using a mix of organic aromatherapy oils. As demand grows, Margaret is soon to release a range of reed diffusers and candles



Margaret is rightly proud of her new business. 06_a37B0w13

with the same signature scents.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Margaret now sells online at www.thedivinehag.co.uk

as well as stockists in Scotland and London.

Trade stand

The Divine Hag was one of six winners of a Business Gateway Ar-

gyll and Bute competition which saw Margaret win a trade stand at the popular Best of the West festival.

Margaret said: 'I was thrilled that my prod-

uct was chosen to represent the Best of the West. I had a wonderful response to my products and to the beautifully crafted Baby Bliss spray which launched on the day. It was wonderful to meet customers and get feedback. As a result, I will be bringing forward the launch of my menopause relief spray as so many women asked if I made a product such as this and it is currently being tested.'

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



Alicia, Claire and Georgina have a clear vision thanks to Business Gateway.

Jura enterprise has spirit to succeed

THREE women who set up their own gin business based on the Isle of Jura are now looking to expand production to cope with demand.

Claire Fletcher, Alicia MacInnes and Georgina Kitching founded Lussa Gin last year, producing the drink from 15 locally grown and gathered botanicals.

So far more than 4,500 bottles of Lussa Gin have been sold online or at one of the 50 retailers across Scotland who stock the unique product.

Lussa Gin has re-

cently been awarded a Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator programme grant, supported by the European Regional Development Fund, which will allow the trio to expand their production capacity.

Lussa Gin, which has been shortlisted for a Scotland Food and Drink award and a Scottish Gin award, is a fresh, zesty and smooth gin with a subtle, aromatic finish. It is made with Jura spring water with all elements of the process including bottling and labelling taking place on the island.

Argyll Enterprise Week 2017 – now open for bookings

ARGYLL Enterprise Week will bring a host of free events to towns across Argyll and Bute in early November.

The event programme has been published and tickets can be booked via argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com.

The week kicks off on November 6 with one of the main issues facing all growing businesses – securing funding for growth. Lochgilphead will host a series of briefings, a networking lunch and a chance to talk directly to funders informally at a funding marketplace.

On Tuesday November 7 in Oban, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative will lead an event focusing on emerging trends and practical advice on achieving growth in the tourism sector. The day will be delivered

by industry leaders and provides a rare opportunity for the industry to meet and share ideas.

Food from Argyll takes over, in Inveraray, on Wednesday November 8 to look at how food tourism is playing such an important role in the local economy. Local food producers will hear about new initiatives for distribution, learn about digital marketing and branding and meet new producers and partners.

It will be time to get creative on Thursday November 9 when XpoNorth brings a one-day version of its leading creative festival to Dunoon. It offers the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and put your own questions forward.

There will be events in Oban and Arrochar on Friday November

10. In Arrochar, communities can come together to share ideas and learning and hear the latest news on Right to Buy and community-led housing initiatives.

Businesses can get practical advice on why and how to trade internationally at the Oban event, including market access information and case studies, as well as sources of support and expertise. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how to successfully sell products or services overseas. Everyone attending this event will also receive their own bespoke international toolkit, to support and guide them through their export journey.

Throughout the week, there will be a range of exciting and practical seminars aimed at helping small businesses make the most of digital and social media to

sell their business. From Campbelltown to Oban, and across to Dunoon and Helensburgh, with Lochgilphead in between, experts will be offering targeted tutorials, on a variety of topics, as well as question and answer sessions on getting your business online.

This second Argyll Enterprise Week will be delivered, like the first in 2016, in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), and the business community.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'We have worked with industry partners to target what's most important to them and I hope the series of events on offer tackles the topics that you most want to talk about.'

David Smart, HIE head of special projects in Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Last year more than 400 participants representing at least 150 businesses or organisations took part in events across the week. In feedback, 97 per cent said they had made new connections and 96 per cent said they had been inspired by the event. We want to make sure that our events allow people to continue to make new connections and to be inspired by each other.'

For more information or to book your tickets, go to argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com or phone the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555.

Argyll Enterprise Week 2017 is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020 Structural Funds Programme.

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Farming women gather together in Lochgilphead

IF YOU are a woman in agriculture in the Argyll and the Islands area, an event next week is sure to be of interest.

Women in Agriculture, Argyll and the Islands branch, is hosting a free one-day conference on Wednesday October 4 at Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, from 10am until around 3.30pm.

Guest speaker on the day will be Sutherland sheep farmer Joyce Campbell, winner of

the inaugural AgriScot Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year Award in 2015 and currently joint chairwoman of the Scottish Government's Women in Agriculture task force.

Joyce said: 'I'm really looking forward to hearing from grassroots members about their thoughts and ideas for the Women in Agriculture task force. I want to know what challenges they all face, and what they feel needs to happen to make our Scottish agricultural indus-

try more representative of everyone who's involved in it.'

The conference will be chaired by Sarah Allison, vice-chairwoman of the National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS) New Generation Group and previously chairwoman of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs Agri and Rural Affairs Committee. Sarah also sits on the newly created national council of rural advisers.

Sarah said: 'Wom-



Joyce Campbell.

en can be the under-utilised resource in rural Scotland, at the heart of many of our rural businesses, but all too often missing from crucial decision-making processes, and rural boardrooms.

'It is important that, to develop the rural economy, we empower and encourage our

fellow ladies to share their talents with the wider industry.

'Events like this are important in breaking down the barriers to participation, evaluating how we can do things differently and involve the full scope of skills we have available.

'I am delighted to be

involved in this event, and hope that we can encourage more women get involved in shaping the industry that we work and live in.'

Workshops will be available on maximising your assets, farm diversification, becoming politically active and rural leadership,

rural mental health and wellbeing and young people's skills and education.

Everyone is welcome, but booking is essential. For further information, contact Lucy Sumsion, NFUS regional manager, on 01449 600154 or email lucy.sumsion@nfus.org.uk.

Council backs community environment schemes

COMMUNITY groups across Argyll and Bute are to get a share of a cash pot.

A total of 21 organisations have successfully bid for a slice of Argyll and Bute Council's Sustainable Community Initiatives Fund.

The awards total more than £35,000 and will pay for environmental improvement projects, to be completed by September 2019.

Projects will be match-funded and will attract £80,500 from other sources.

One-off grant

The Sustainable Communities Fund is a one-off grant fund. A total of 48 applications were received, requesting £148,000. With a cash pot of £50,000 available to the council, £35,297 was paid out in grants to 21 schemes –

with the remaining funds to be used to improve local authority civic amenity sites and waste collections.

The council's policy lead for roads and amenity services, Councillor Roddy McCuish, said: 'The variety and creativity of the ideas submitted to us show there's a wealth of talent and creativity in our communities.'

'There were lots of worthwhile projects that we were unfortunately unable to support because of certain criteria, but we can still offer help and advice to organisations.'

In the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles area, Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) will receive £2,143 towards improving a common external area. Tarbert Village Hall is to be granted £1,500 for landscap-

ing and the creation of a dream garden.

On the islands, Islay and Jura Dog Management will get £300 for public education in dog management and South Islay Development Trust is to receive £2,070 to support enhancing a community garden.

Flail mower

The biggest local grant of £3,300 goes to Gigha Heritage Trust to purchase a tractor-mounted flail mower and support training for volunteers.

Among other successful projects, Strachur and District Community Development Company will receive £1,000 for improvements to Heron Park, while £2,000 will be given to Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust for a community garden/growing area.

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The lead price of the day went to Messrs McArthur, Arnicle, for a pen of six at £680 per head.

The sale averages in the various sections were: Cross bred gimmers £96.86 (-£3.01 on year); Blackface gimmers £97.30 (+£0.93); Cross bred ewes £45.84 (-£8.36); Blackface ewes £48.05 (-£5.27); Cross bred ewe lambs £50.05 (-£5.18); Blackface ewe lambs £54.77 (+£8.45).

Principal lots and prices

Ewe lambs:

BF: £300 – Crunachy : £104 – Burnbank : £102 – Ballachlaven : £95 – Crammie : £90 – Tay and Torridon : £90 – Crammie : £85 – Kerrknock : £80 – Crunachy, Invernahyle, Saulmore and Clachan Farms : £78 – Millpark, Burnbank, Invernahyle, Crunachy and Lurignish.

MULE: £75 – Saulmore and Slatich : £70 – Achalic and Duallin. CHEV: £54 – 2 Kiel Crofts.

Gimmers:

BF: £290 – Arnicle : £200 – Succothmore : £190 – Achnamara : £190 – Arnicle : £170 – Lephinchapel : £160 – Tay and Torridon : £150 – Luss Estate, Lephinchapel & Arnicle : £145 – Arnicle & Pole : £130 – Balliemeanoch : £125 – Pole, Balliemeanoch and Lephinchapel.

SWALE: £95 – Duncroisk : £90 – Achalic.

MULE: £140 and £135 – Achalic : £132 – Glenshellach : £118 – Silvercraigs : £115 – Achalic : £100 – Saulmore.

CHEV MULE: £115 – Barguilean. CHEV: £105 & £98 – Brackley : £90 – Garvachy.

Warranted ewes:

BF: £680 – Arnicle : £400 – Pole : £300 and £130 – Arnicle : £120 – Pole : £110 – Tay and Torridon, Arnicle and Balliemeanoch : £82 – Maam : £78 – Littleport and Maam : £75 – Roro-

more : £74 – Littleport : £72 – Corrylorn and Auchnashul : £70 – Acharonich, Luss Estate and Bragleenmore : £69 – Gobagrennan : £66 – Auchnashul : £64 – Eden Taggart : £62 – Luss Estate : 60 – Glenturret, Roromore and Ronachan Farms.

CHEV: £68 – 2 Kiel Crofts : £64 – Glenkiln.

CROSS: £60 – Strathoich.

MULE: £54 – Strathoich.

SWALE: £58 – Strathoich.



All eyes on the sale-topping lot with David and Iain McArthur in the ring.



Women in Agriculture – Argyll & the Islands

One-day Conference

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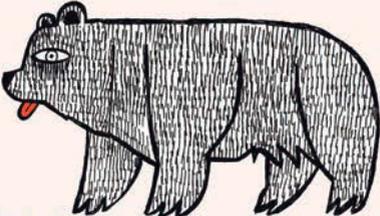
pendent retailers and a feeling of neglect. A combination of factors has created this situation, including competition from out-of-town retail parks, online shopping, supermarket dominance and the recent recession. Lochgilphead has empty shops, of course, but to

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With just 13 weekends to go before the big day now is the time to put party plans in place to ensure the best night out of the season.

From small gatherings of close friends and family to large office or work parties the advice is to book early for the best price and to take the sting out of paying by making a deposit and securing the space you need.

Meals are a good starting point for a night out but if more than one table is needed it is always best to book early to secure the space needed.

One Mid-Argyll restaurant which is getting into the swing and already taking early bookings is the Kilmartin Hotel which is regularly packed for its popular Friday fish nights.

Closer to home the Kintyre Club at the Ugadale is all ready to string up the streamers as the festive season looms in just two months time.

Just across the lawn in Machrihanish staff at the Clubhouse are getting ready for the party season rush and are already taking early bookings.

In town the Royal Hotel's restaurant is a popular venue and can easily accommodate larger parties.

One certain mooring for a perfect Christmas party night will be Tarbert's Anchor Hotel.

The award winning village restaurant at the side of Loch Fyne has five December dates available for special party bookings - 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th and 22nd.

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Fèisean success goes up the scale

TRADITIONAL music workshops are on the up, according to Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

The organisation's annual report, unveiled last week, showed that it engaged with at least 71,000 people in 2016-17. According to a survey conducted by the Traditional Music Forum, the work of the Fèisean now accounts for a third of all traditional music tuition for young people across Scotland.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal chairman Duncan MacQuarrie MBE said: 'This report demonstrates that our year-round programme, agreed with Creative Scotland, HIE and Bòrd na Gàidhlig, was successfully delivered through an impressive body of work during the period.'

'We were pleased to deliver services for The Highland Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Argyll and



Clarsach tuition at last year's inaugural Fèis an Tairbeirt. 06_a39tarbmusic05

Bute Council as well as securing a number of contracts from other local authorities and public bodies, which were delivered through our Fèisgoil service.

'Fèisean nan Gàidheal's priority is to ensure continued support for and development of local Fèisean, and during the year a new Fèis in Tarbert, Loch Fyne, was welcomed.'

He continued: '2017-18 may present challenges, but there will also be opportunities. In my final year as chairman, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Fèisean nan Gàidheal board, to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our staff and all the Fèis volunteers who continue to work so diligently and with great dedication. I wish them, and our member Fèisean, every success in the years to come.'



The exhibition organisers and curators – Beth Qualter Buncall, left, and Holly Smith. Photo: Bill Baillie

Young artists step out of the shadows in Mid Argyll

NO FEWER than 21 young artists were given a fantastic platform for their work at the recent Into the Light art exhibition.

The exhibition, held in the beautiful barn at Achabreck Farmhouse, was organised and curated by 17-year-old Beth Qualter Buncall and Holly Smith, aged 16. Its intention was 'to illuminate the fantastic artistic talent of the up-and-coming local young artists in our region.'

The exhibition was organised along professional guidelines, with a selection procedure which enabled artists under the age of 25 to show their work, many for the first time outside of school shows.

The young people experienced how an exhibition is run, from application, adhering to deadlines, providing biographies, to assisting with hanging and final details before opening.

Many pieces of art were for sale to the public and the sold labels soon covered the walls.

Some of the pieces in the exhibition highlighted work produced by young people, as a result of workshops and mentoring by es-

tablished artists. Beth and Holly decided to turn the tables this time and offer workshops themselves, to the pupils of local primary schools. These sessions allowed the primary children to learn new techniques to express their artistic talents and wonderful artworks were created which were displayed creatively as the nursery work was displayed beautifully on a washing line – at a nursery pupil's eye level – as part of the exhibition.

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The girls demonstrated their belief that art is not restricted to 2D work, and on the preview evening guests were astounded by a programme of music which ran alongside the exhibition.

James Urquhart astonished the audience on piano, David Hubbard sang his heart out and Eve Maxwell left the audience in tears with her opera singing.

During the lead up to the exhibition, many local established artists and young artists showed their support for the project by kindly donating postcard-sized pieces of original work.

An 'art lucky dip' was a huge hit alongside

the main event, generating lots of excitement throughout the show, and more than two thirds of the pieces had been claimed by the end of the preview evening.

The exhibition which was open to the public during Saturday September 16 and Sunday 17, was supported by Lochgilphead High School, the high school art and music department, Achabreck Farmhouse, Craignish Community Centre, the Archway Gallery and Mid Argyll Youth Development Services.

The exhibition was exceptional, with visitors coming from as far away as London to witness the next generation of artists within Mid Argyll.

Comments in the visitors' book sum up the enthusiasm and support for this event: 'Congratulations for your immense energy, vision and commitment for this great show of youth arts! Very well done team' – Hannah Tofts, artist.

'You deserve a huge congratulation from everyone. I really am impressed and wish you all success for the future. So much talent MUST be encouraged and taken further' – Faith Shannon, artist.

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Time to get your MOJO working

ATTENTION all musicians and lovers of music that is original, local and live.

Look out for the launch of MOJO – a live music event where original Argyll acts will perform in a local setting.

MOJO is a one-night-only showcase of some of the very most talented, fresh,

stand-out musicians from all over Argyll.

Created in the afterglow of an amazingly successful MAMA Fest earlier this month, the event started out last year as O'MAMA by Dan Sloan-Griffiths and Jamie Salmon.

Now it's back, re-invented and re-energised as MOJO, ready

to spread its wings and go it alone in the pioneering world of new music.

Passion

Jamie and Dan each have a particular passion for original sounds, and the purpose of MOJO will be to give originality an extra airing, to support the bands and to inspire others.

'MOJO is a word that we think best encapsulates the musician when in their own element,' said Dan.

'It's hard, especially in an area like Argyll, to get music of your own heard. MAMA Fest and other festivals have always been great for artists in general, but we hope to add to their great

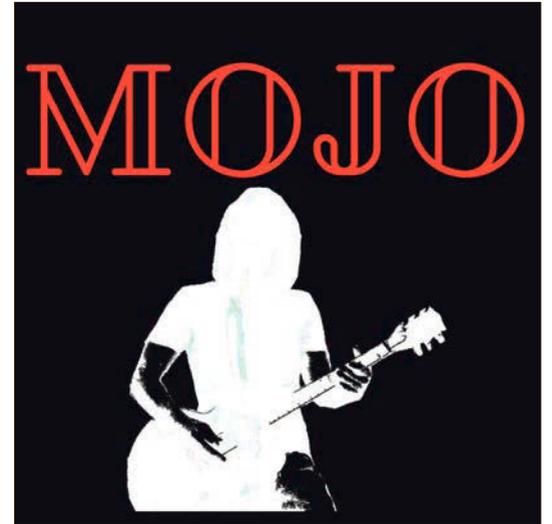
work by spotlighting the original contribution of sound.'

The lads' plan is to select an area of Argyll, team up with people in that community and select a couple of bands they think would best connect with people. Added to that would then be a set of that community's own musicians. The heart of these events would be the village hall or whatever local venue is chosen.

'We hope to give the locals a great night of music and a boost to their part of the world. Local musicians will get the chance to show their talent and connect with other musicians from outwith their area.'

The first MOJO will be held in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, on Saturday October 21.

As well as an Ardfern 'talent spot', the event



How's your musical MOJO?

will feature well known Ardrishaig singer/songwriter Danny Carroll – known for his energetic acoustic rock – followed by MOJO headliners Citizen 9, an awesome rock band from Oban. Dan continued: 'This is a punt for us, but a worthwhile one. Even though we don't have any financial support we hope that ticket sales will cover costs. 'Any money we make will go directly to the running of the event, including a share to the bands. Any surplus

will be kept for any future MOJO events.'

Dan then issued a rallying call for any musicians who would be keen to play at the first MOJO in Ardfern, or in any future events.

'If successful, the plan is to target all areas of Argyll for an annual MOJO, so watch this space to find out more,' he concluded.

Tickets are being printed and posters will soon be out there, so keep an eye open.

And look out for more updates in your *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



MOJO is held in the afterglow of a fantastic MAMA Fest earlier this month. Pictured are the Lush Puppies at the festival. 06_a36MAMA_Lush02

Ewan wins Legion bake-off

THERE was a quacking theme for this year's Inveraray children's bake-off.

With echoes of another big fundraising day for Inveraray and District branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, the children had to bake their creations with the theme of 'duck race'.

At Inveraray Parish Church Hall, the judges decided that the overall winner was Ewan Donnan.

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Overall winner Ewan Donnan.

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Superb poetry from Mid Argyll pupils at Rotary event

MID ARGYLL Primary School pupils came together at Ardrishaig Public Hall to recite poems written in class.

The event, organised by Mid Argyll Rotary Club, saw school children from Lochgilhead and Tayvallich primary schools performing poems inspired by the local area.

Mid Argyll Rotary president Pamela Hamilton said: 'This was our first venture into an event like this. We were overwhelmed by the quality of the poetry and the amount of work and attention to detail.'

'The pupils were fantastic, all getting up there to recite their poetry. I actually thought

they'd had help from parents with some of the poems, but the teachers told me it was all done in class. It was superb.'

Enjoy
The event took place on Thursday September 21. Poetry fans can now enjoy the work produced by the pupils, with the poems on display in Ardrishaig hall.



Tayvallich primary one to primary seven enjoyed attending the Rotary Club's poetry event with their teachers Mrs Condie and Miss Roxburgh on Thursday.



Left to right: Nicole Townsley, 9, Euan McCartan, 9, Betsy Jeffrey, 10, Charlotte Devitt Nevin, 9, Louise Pendreigh, 10, and Sophie Balkeen, 9, from Lochgilhead Primary School with organisers Jane MacArthur, Pamela Hamilton and Stephen Read of Mid Argyll Rotary. 08_a39ardrishaigpoetry



Right: A few of the poems written by Tayvallich and Lochgilhead primary schools on display in Ardrishaig hall. 08_a39ardrishaigpoetry2

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Autumn Property REVIEW

AUTUMN is not traditionally the time of year perceived to be the season for buying and selling property.

However, it is generally agreed among estate agents that the lines are being continually blurred between the 'seasons' for sales and purchases, particularly homes – except December when the property market practically slows to a halt.

So, if you are in the process of deciding whether to sell your property or invest in a new one before the turn of the year, now is a good time to start making that move.

Finding out what is happening on the property market has moved on from the days of standing outside an estate agent peering in through the window – although there is nothing quite like getting to know the estate agents for the area you wish to move to.

They usually have expert knowledge of what is happening in their local market, including properties potentially about to come up for sale.

Failing that, all good estate agents will have a website and many are linked into the big online agencies such as Rightmove and Zoopla.

If you wish to look at how much similar properties were sold for or what average houses prices are within a street over the past few months, year or even 10 years, or if you wish to see how much a property has sold for in the past or which streets in a particular town have the highest value or turnover, then these websites present this kind of data, gleaned from the Registers of Scotland, in a variety of formats.

According to the Registers of Scotland, property prices on average across the country have been increasing year-on-year since March 2015.

In July this year, there was an increase of 4.8 per cent to £149,185 in the average price in Scotland compared to July 2016 – the UK average was £226,185, an increase of 5.1 per cent on the previous year.

In Argyll and Bute, the increase was just 0.7 per cent to £133,188, while in the Highlands the average property price was £157,643, an increase of 3.8 per cent on July 2016.

Na h-Eileanan Siar (Western Isles) saw its average property prices fall from £104,421 in July 2016 to £99,628 in July 2017, a decrease of 4.6 per cent.

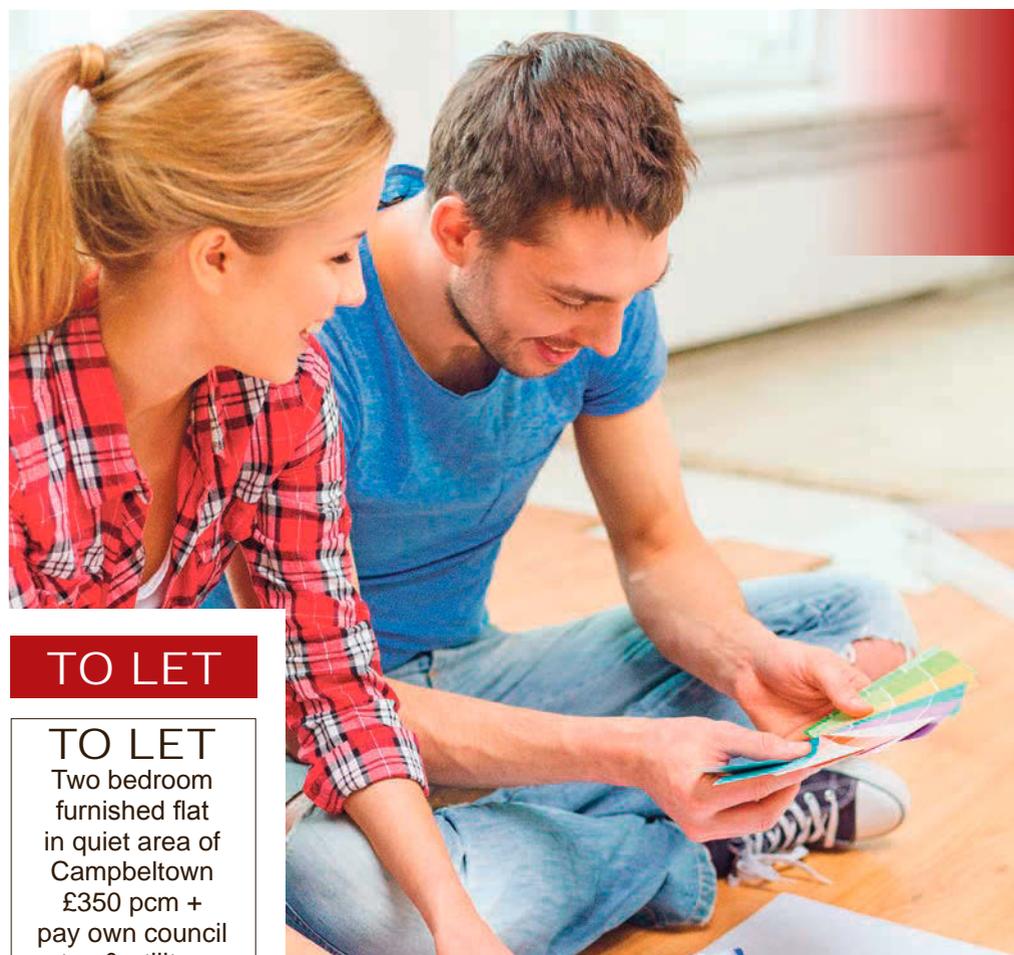
Although the volume of sales for the past three months is not yet available from the Registers of Scotland, sales for May, year-on-year, show a more than 20 per cent increase for Argyll and Bute and the Highlands.

However, Na h-Eileanan Siar suffered from a 26 per cent reduction in sales in May

2017, compared to May 2016, although it should be noted that a low volume of sales overall can have a significant impact on the percentage increase or decrease.

Registers of Scotland business development and information director Kenny Crawford said: 'While average prices have been steadily increasing each month since March 2016, when compared with the same month of the previous year, sales volumes figures have been more changeable over the 12 months to May.'

'May 2017 showed an increase in sales volumes in Scotland of 13.7 per cent when compared with May 2016; however, volumes in May 2016 were lower than usual, a possible effect of the introduction of changes to the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax that came into effect on April 1, 2016.'



Renovating

Whether you are selling now or maintaining your home to sell in the future, there are many small home improvements you can address to add value and keep your property in best shape for when the time comes to sell-up.

space is not only trendy, but more useful.

Makeover the kitchen

An attractive, hygienic and fresh looking kitchen is essential. Start by painting the cabinets to give a fresh look and replace doors and handles if needed. Make sure there is adequate lighting as well, it's very easy and cost effective to install under unit lighting. Finally, ensure that any floor tiles are well fitted and a colour that is easy to maintain and keep clean.



Opening up space

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Kitchens, bedrooms

Kitchens

Homeowners today want an open and thoughtfully designed kitchen that blends seamlessly with the rest of the home's design aesthetic. From hidden appliances and bins to beautifully painted cabinets in complementing colours, homeowners want their kitchen to be stylish enough for entertaining, yet welcoming and functional for everyday use.

Clean lines

Cabinetry with clean lines and built-in styles are popular. More homeowners might be willing to go with a more modern look because of the new technologies being introduced in kitchens.

Two tone

White and grey are still the go-to colours for many. Two-tone kitchens are also trending. Wood cabinets still dominate the kitchen, but metal cabinets (such as stainless steel, gold, and black) could be on the rise. Quartz is the top countertop choice.

Long-term investment

Accessible and universal design features are trending as homeowners are choosing to age in place and more households are multi-generational. Technology

is on the rise with internet-connected appliances making their way into the kitchen as well as induction cook tops and steam ovens.

Bin it

Integrated kitchen bins, which feature multiple compartments, allow you to make the most of unused kitchen cupboard or drawer space.

Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look, just as they do in the kitchen and the bathroom. The range of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice than ever.

Luxury and comfort

Jonathan Warren, director at bed and sleep specialist Time 4 Sleep, thinks we should add an element of luxury to our homes this year. He says: 'Autumn is all about feeling cosy your home. Indulge in beautiful furnishings to create a charming, boutique-style room. Your bedroom should be a haven of relaxation at the end of a long day so choose furniture that will make you feel calm and content. Opt for a plush, upholstered headboard to add a luxurious touch

to your bedroom. Team this with an excellent quality mattress for the perfect combination of comfort and style.'

More options than ever

Recent developments have seen an explosion of not just colours, textures and styles but a totally new approach that coordinates bedside tables, beds and occasional furniture. More sophisticated hidden storage options and lighting allows consumers to personalise their bedroom design like never before.

Technology with a vintage feel

Current stand out trends in bedrooms include the growth in synchronised MFC finishes. Modern technology has enabled the production of beautiful wood grained finishes with texture and variety that are much closer to the real thing, making these very popular.

Sleek solutions

In terms of products, sliders are surging in popularity. There is a growing demand for sliding wardrobes because they present a sleek solution to bedroom storage and are available in a wide range of colours and finishes.

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and bathrooms

Bathrooms

From Nordic to coolness and vintage, stylish design is in demand for bathrooms in 2017.

Urban coolness

Black, metal and concrete are hot for the coolest of looks. Characterised by clear, strong lines, sharp edges and complete avoidance of embellishments, the urban coolness interior trend is all

about purist minimalism in its most pared-down form. This style is also ringing the changes in the bathroom, with black and white replacing bright colours, single shades instead of patterns, stainless steel rather than brass and raw concrete in place of warm plaster.

Vintage style

Retro and vintage styles are still key trends, enhanced in

some cases with a modern note. Familiar items are being rediscovered and revealed in new interpretations, inspired by style influences, but avoiding direct replication. And no one wants to sacrifice modern technology and contemporary comforts, especially in the bathroom. Quite the re-verse, functionality is taken for granted, exclusive luxury is a must.

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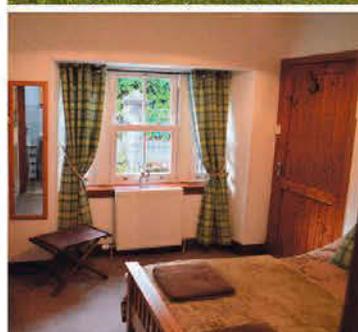
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Both events run from 19:30 – 21:00, doors will open at approximately 19:00.

Scottish Government officials will deliver a presentation on the purpose of the consultation, an explanation of the options for changing legislation, and an overview on to respond to the consultation. There will be the opportunity to discuss the options available and to raise questions relating to the consultation.

This is a free event, tea and coffee will be made available. A limited number of paper copies of the consultation will be available on the night, additional copies can be arranged to be posted if required. The Consultation can be completed and related documents can be viewed on the Citizen Space website at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/> using the search term “crofting”. Additional public meeting information can be obtained from the EventBrite website at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> using the search term “crofting”. Enquires relating to the consultation can be e-mailed to croftingconsultation@gov.scot or submitted in writing to the address below.

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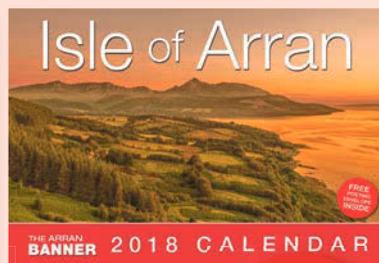
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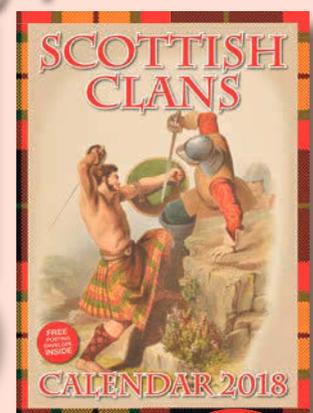
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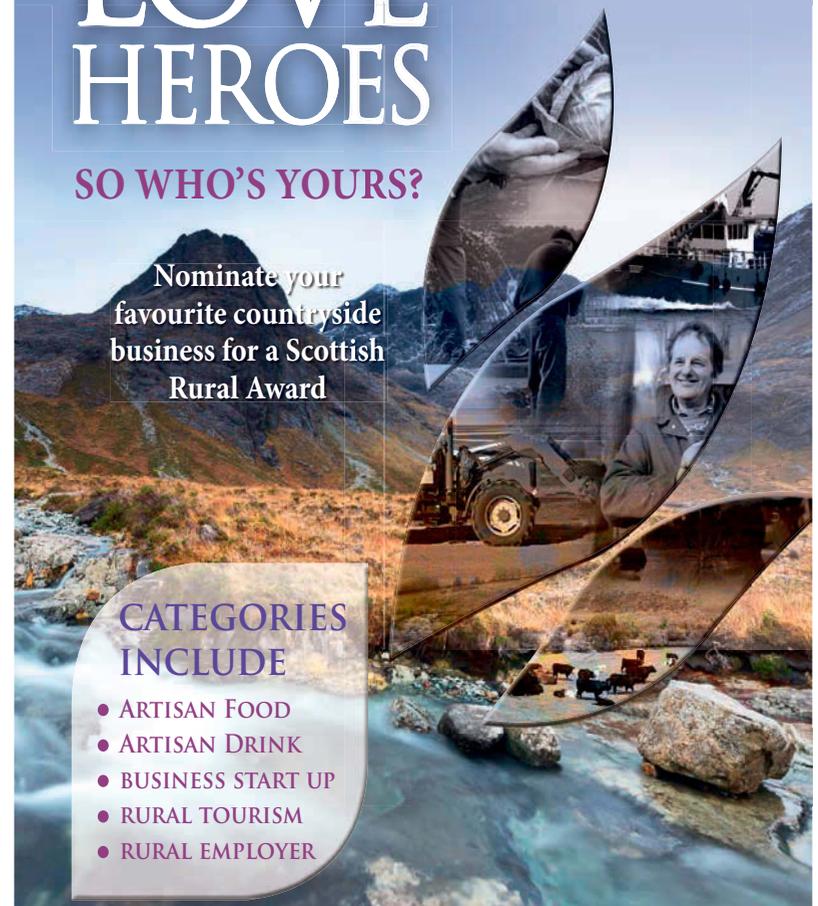
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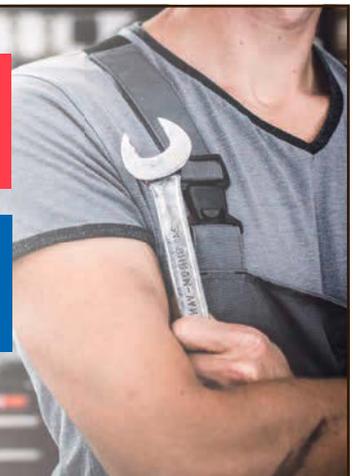
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Lots of love,
Jane, John & Siobhan, Ali, Lorna & Graeme
xxx



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Heather
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Stewart, Kerry,
Louise, Peter,
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FORD

SWI gets in a spin

THE FIRST meeting of the season of the Ford branch of the Scottish Women's Institute welcomed Vivien Little, who gave a fascinating insight into the art of spinning.

Members were shown examples of different wools which varied in texture according to the breed of animal and Vivien explained the process from fleece to knitted garment.

Members were encouraged to try carding, spinning and plying.

The skill required to master the spinning wheel was an artform in itself.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and something of a history lesson knowing that for predecessors this would be a way of life and, indeed, a necessity to survive.

The next meeting of Ford SWI will be on Tuesday October 3 when there will be a presentation by a wild-life officer.



MV Isle of Cumbrae. Photo: Ships of CalMac.

Geared up for Loch Fyne disruption

THE FERRY service crossing Loch Fyne was suspended earlier this week after the MV Isle of Cumbrae developed a gearbox problem.

Operator CalMac was forced to suspend the service on Tues-

TARBERT

day September 26 following a fog-interrupted Monday.

A replacement vessel was sent to take over the Tarbert-

Portavadie route until the Isle of Cumbrae is repaired.

A company spokesman said on Tuesday: 'CalMac apologises for any inconvenience this technical breakdown will cause.'

ARDFERN

School's key strengths

AN INSPECTION of Craignish Primary School and nursery class has identified strong leadership and community links as key strengths.

Education Scotland inspectors wrote: 'Children across the school are creative and confident and enjoy their learning both in the school and nursery.' Identifying no significant areas for improvement, the assessors noted: 'We are confident the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection.'

COWAL

Money for memories

COWAL Fiddle Workshop, based in Dunoon, has been awarded £2,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland.

The money will be used to arrange community concerts, including performances in local care homes.

Bill Carlow, Cowal Fiddle Workshop's chairman, said: 'Music is a great awakener of past memories and many can recognise and enjoy the music of their youth even when other memories are fading.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ON SUNDAY I had the privilege of representing the Presbytery of Argyll at the service of celebration of the union of Strone and Ardentenny congregation with Kilmun.

They look forward with a new vision for the future as they become the Shore Kirk.

David, their minister, had invited me to preach the sermon and it was a great honour to do so. Maggie and I were kindly invited to stay at the manse with David and Evelyn on Saturday night to avoid worry about ferry disruptions and any other problems which might occur.

We were pleased to do so and thanked our hosts for this kind offer.

Little did we know what hospitality lay before us. Hospitality is defined as: 'The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers.'

Well, from the moment we arrived at the manse, we knew we certainly weren't strangers. We were welcomed with love and hospitality, with friendship and kindness, with laughter and acceptance, and much 'generous reception'.

David's ministry calls him to bring this union together.

I thought again about this wonderful concept of hospitality. It is one of the things emphasised in the New Testament, which reminds us that we are all called to offer hospitality to friend and stranger alike.

Hospitality is more than providing food and a bed - it is about providing a space in which we can talk and in which, in an atmosphere of trust, we can share who we are.

At the manse we enjoyed laughter and stories, sharing and caring and I felt that it was a foretaste of what the Kingdom could be like.

Jesus told us to welcome each other, and what a blessing it is to be welcomed.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Give everyone what you owe him ...' (Romans 13:7).

DEATHS

BLAIR - On September 23, 2017, peacefully at home, Anne Blair, née Boyd, in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late Archie Blair, much loved mother of Duncan, Richard, Archie, David, Janette, Libbie, Gordon, Keith and the late Anne, dearly loved gran of Susie, Marc, Kris, April, Jamie, Danielle, Gary, Lisa, Alasdair, Andrew, Keira, Lynsey, Kirsty, Keiran and Eva. Sadly missed by all. Funeral service will be held at Tarbert Free Church, on September 28, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

FINN - Peacefully at home, Markland, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on September 26, 2017, Jamesina Hughes Finn (Shirley), in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Cecil Finn, much loved mum of Tommy and Maureen, mother-in-law of Elizabeth and Andrew and loving granny of Tommy, Amy, Liam, Jack, Ross and Matthew. Service will take place in St Kieran's RC Church, on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

GILLIES - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 21, 2017, after an illness borne bravely, Marion (Mar) Eileen Topping Gillies, née Stewart, aged 70 years, of 2 Nursery Cottages, Ford, beloved wife of Robert Gillies, loving mum of Aileen and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, today Friday, September 29, 2017 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to the Macmillan Day Unit and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

LANG - Suddenly, on September 20, 2017, Margaret Cruikshank McCallum, in her 74th year, 3 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Colin Lang, much loved mum of Kenneth, Stephen and Derrick, mother-in-law of Sharon, Aileen and Sara and a loving nannie.

MCSPORRAN

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLACK - Annie and Sandra would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their support, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Dougie, and also to thank everyone who came to the funeral to pay their respects. Thanks to Rev Fulcher for a comforting service, to T A Blair Ltd for their caring and professional services and to the Glen Restaurant for the excellent catering.

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Forever in our thoughts.

- Love always, Mary and family xxx.

MCCONNACHIE - Treasured memories of Dolly, much loved and missed mother, mother-in-law and granny, who died September 30, 2016.

Always in our thoughts.

- Douglas, Catriona, Steven and David.

PARK - In loving memory of Ina, who passed away September 30, 2016, a very special sister, aunty and great auntie.

Precious memories.

- Margaret, John and family.

SOU DEN - In loving memory of a dear mother, Betty, who died October 2, 1975.

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Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers – an epic tale

QUITE how it came to be stored in the loft of a house in East Lothian is not yet known – but the mystery of a fantastic old football photo has been solved.

Thanks to readers of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, the story can now be revealed of the Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers and their unknown 1901 trophy.

As reported in the September 15 edition of the *Advertiser*, it was Bill and Christine Young who found the photo while clearing out their loft in East Lothian and sent it to the paper.

The original photo had been kept in good condition by being wrapped inside a tattered 1977 edition of the *Advertiser*, which also featured an article requesting information on that self-same photo.

Reading the story in our recent edition, Ardrishaig woman Grace Clifford approached the paper with the full

story. Her mother, Margaret S Annan, had kept a newspaper cutting from the time in which players and officials are named.

The 1977 information came from reader Mr Robert Bruce of Ardrishaig. He provided the paper not only with the names, but a bit of detail about the trophy and the match in which it was won in 1901.

The trophy was the Nicol Challenge Cup, presented to the Mid Argyll Football Association at the turn of the century.

During the first five years of its existence, it was won by the Kharki Rangers in 1901, 1902 and 1905. Tarbert were the winners in 1903 and 1904.

Mr Bruce also recalled that it was not easy to assemble a team around the turn of the 20th century. The two Law cousins, for example, were fishermen and walked from Lochgair to Ardrishaig to meet up with

team-mates for that 1901 Nicol Challenge Cup final, which was played in Tarbert.

His own father, said Mr Bruce, cycled from his job as a gardener at Arduaine for the game.

After the match, which Kharki Rangers won 1-0, the players were so dirty that they ran to the sea and jumped in. No showers in those days.

Mr Bruce also remembered Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers reaching another, very different, final. The lads were beaten by a mining team in the final of the Scottish tug-of-war championships.

The trophy was still around in 1977, at the home of Miss Flora Law in Glen Fyne Park, Ardrishaig. It would be fascinating to know whether the Nicol Challenge Cup is still in Mid Argyll today.

The cup run was famous enough to have a poem written about it, according to Grace



Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers, Nicol Challenge Cup winners 1901 – as named by Robert Bruce in 1977. From left: Duncan McCallum, Jock Dewar, William McPhail, James McVean, A McTavish, Robert Bruce (Mr Bruce's uncle), Jock MacVicar, A MacGregor (trainer), cousins Angus and Dougal Law, John Hamilton, D Campbell, Walter McEwan and, sitting to the right of the cup, John Bruce, who was Mr Bruce's father.

Clifford, who was kind enough to hand in a copy of it to the paper.

The teams involved in the match described in verse were Ardrishaig Kharki (or 'Khaki'

in the poem) Rangers and Lochgilphead.

The epic was kept by her mother, and Grace said: 'The poem is by JE Scott, and many of the players, both in the

Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead teams, are named and – as was the custom in those days – mostly referred to by their nicknames.'

Grace added: 'I won-

der who JE Scott was. Obviously he was an educated man who could rhyme and scan competently. Is there anyone able to tell us who he was?'

The Nicol Challenge Cup 1901 – The Kharki Rangers by J E Scott

TOWSER'S GOAL

Sit doon an' I'll tell ye a story
It wasna a great big catch
It wasna a fight at the fit o' the lane
It was only a fitba' match.

But Scotland rang wi' the story
(Machkar will tell ye it's true)
When the Point boys won by the only goal
Scored as the whistle blew.

The Bank Park, boys, was crowded
There were fifteen hundred there!
Harvey sent six reporters
An' the Oban Times had a pair.

Man, it was great, a' vallich!
Man it was simply great,
An' the Khakis swore they'd die before
They'd let themselves be bate.

Dugal kicked off for Ardrishaig
An' Fettle and Geerach began
Doon the wing like electric eels
They passed, an' dribbled an' ran.

The ba' went across tae Connie
Who sent her back to Cock Bruce
An' Cock let drive, but Carswell saved
A could greet – but what's the use.

It was then Hughie Vean got excited
'Huyg', the Lochgilliper's pet,
An' he off doon the field, with the ball at his toe,
Till John Hamilton laid him flet.

But Jockie got haud o' the ba'
A dangerous man was he
Till Sultan cut over an' cleared
An' that was a sight tae see!

Did I mention that I was playing?
I was one o' the backs no less
An' Bowsie and me were as steady as rocks
An' sharp as a piece o' gless.

An' we needed to be a' vallich
(There's Machkar'll tell you it's true)
For Lochgilphead were pressing us hard at times,
An' twice they were nearly through.

But they never got time to aim at goal
An' the same at the other end
Where Fettle himsel' could do nothing
So strong did McKirdy defend.

So half time came wi' never a goal
But man, the play was a trate
An' the Khakis swore they'd die before
They'd let themselves be bate.

The second half was a scorcher
Man, but the play was fast
An' the Khakis had a' the best of it
Till we thought we would score at last.

But Carswell was playing champion
Ah must give Carswell his due
For the shots went in like bullets
An' never a one he let through.

Connie an' Cock an' Geerach,
Fettle an' Dugal Law
Shot like a dozen Maxims
Till they nearly burst the ba'

The crood was mad wi' excitement
(Did a' tell ye that afore?)
It was only a minute from time, ma boy
An' still there was time to score.

Ah spat on ma hands a' vallich
On these two hands you see!
Says I to maself, there'll never be a goal
Unless it's scored by me!

An' just as a spoke, the ball came up
An' right to ma feet it came
For the half o' a half o' a second
Ah saw a bit of red flame.

An' then a' up an' started
(Machkar'll tell you it's true)
I had less than a meenite to do it in
An' the deed I meant to do.

As I ran the length o' the field
I deeded a dozen men
I was thirty yards from Carswell
An' then - an' then - an' then

I shot, and no man living
Could have seen the ball as it flew
Into the net like a cannon ball
A goal! Hurray! Harroo!

Half a second afore time up
Man, if ye heard the crood!
If Carswell had tried to stop that shot
He'd be stiffened where he stood!

Wha was Quinn o' the Celtic?
Wha was McColl o' the Queens?
Whoot is he – Reid o' the Rangers?
There's nane o' them worth twa peens!

There's nane o' them ever could shoot a goal
Like the goal that I put through
When the Khakis won by the only goal
Just as the whistle blew!



Advantage Kinlochshiel

Marine Harvest Premiership

Kinlochshiel 4
Kyles Athletic 0

SHINTY'S match of the day was the meeting between the Premiership's top two teams – Kinlochshiel and Kyles Athletic at Kirkton.

With just one more league match each remaining after this encounter, the sides were level on points, with Kyles just in front courtesy of a goal differential of five.

Kinlochshiel quickly settled into the game and took the lead on four minutes following a brilliant passing move before Keith MacRae drove the ball past Kyles Athletic keeper John Whyte.

Oliver MacRae made it two on 12 minutes – the Kinlochshiel man quickest on to a rebound off the Kyles' goalie.

The next goal came

Kyles suffer heavy defeat as top two battle it out for shinty honours

from the hosts, four minutes into the second half, when John MacRae saw an initial effort blocked before he wriggled forward past a couple of defenders and showed great perseverance to slot the ball into the net from close range.

Kyles had their chances in this game, but the Kinlochshiel defence were excellent, with Mark MacDonald outstanding.

Whenever the Tighnabruaich men got a sight of goal, they found keeper Scott Kennedy in no mood to give anything away and one flying first half save, diving to his right to deny Grant Irvine, was special.

Kyles threw Dunkie Kerr on in midfield and Callum Miller and Innes MacDonald up front, but it was Jordan Fraser who put the icing on the cake, scoring for the hosts with five minutes remaining.

Kinlochshiel deserved the win, although the four-goal winning margin was harsh on Kyles who missed Callum Miller at the back and Roddy MacDonald up front.

Kinlochshiel finish the season against Oban Camanachd at Mossfield on Saturday October 7, knowing that a point is enough for a first Marine Harvest Premiership success.

Kyles Athletic are scheduled to complete their league programme against Glasgow Mid Argyll at Tighnabruaich the same day.

Marine Harvest National Division

Inveraray 1
Oban Celtic 2

OBAN Celtic recorded a good win, beating Inveraray 2-1 in their 3pm throw-up at Winterton.

The pitch passed a Saturday morning inspection, though the surface was difficult for both sides.

Oban Celtic got themselves in front on seven minutes when makeshift full forward Andy MacDonald scored, with the help of a deflection.

The visitors suffered a blow on 12 minutes when experienced defender David MacInnes was sent off by referee Ross Brown for



Kyles defender Donald Irvine, left, challenges Keith Macrae in what might be a title decider. Photograph: Neil Paterson.

retaliation following an off-the-ball incident.

Inveraray pressed hard from the start of the second half, but Oban Celtic had the chance to double their lead six minutes after the restart when they were awarded a penalty.

David Hill's clearance found Neil Carmichael and he picked out Dan-

iel Madej who lost his marker and made for goal only to be brought down inside the box. David Hill sent the penalty low and hard to the keeper's right.

Oban Celtic now led 2-0 with the goal coming against the run of play.

Iain MacFarlane continued to deny Inveraray, turning in an

outstanding performance between the posts. Garry MacPherson made it 2-1 with a rocket shot on 79 minutes but despite intense pressure, Oban Celtic held out to move up to sixth place in the division, just two points behind fifth-placed Inveraray, with what was their fourth league win of the season.

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SPORT



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Wrestling fun in Tarbert

GLASGOW Pro Wrestling Asylum will rumble into Tarbert on Saturday October 7 with a star-studded line-up of male and female wrestlers.

On the night there will be seven thrilling matches to enjoy, including tag team action, all in aid of Clachan Village Hall funds.

Northern Ireland's Kasey Owens, holder of the ICW and British Empire Women's Championship belts, will be there. Kasey joins fabulous rising star Jamie Winters, WWE/NXT star Wolfgang, BBC star Jack Jester, ICW Zero-G/BCW/PBW Champ BT Gunn, Scottish legend Lionheart and YouTube sensation Ravie Davie and a host of other top names.

Tickets are still available at Clachan filling station, Kintyre Electrical in Tarbert and D McNair and Son, Campbeltown.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for under-16s and £30 for families of four.

Sports club lottery results

DRAWN on Monday September 25, the winning numbers in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery were 3, 6 and 11. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £500.

In the Tarbert Football Club draw, the numbers were 5, 19 and 20. There were no winning tickets so next week's jackpot rises to £900.

The winning numbers in the Kilmory Shinty Club lottery were 2, 5 and 7. As there were no winners there will be a £500 jackpot up for grabs next week.

Dom dominates competitive but wet Mid Argyll Triathlon

THE WEATHER may have put paid to the Ayr Gold Cup, but it did not stop 112 triathletes and 14 teams taking on the MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon.

Torrential rain meant it was not a day for personal bests, but athletes were spurred on by tremendous support from friends, families and clubmates.

Among a large field of 147, there were 43 competitors from Glasgow Tri Club, while Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club fielded 15 entrants for this sprint distance triathlon, comprising a 500m swim, 20km bike and 6.5km run.

There were some great individual performances, including Doug Wood in the super vintage 70+ age group and Mid Argyll Triathlon Club's Sue Allen and Richard Sloan in the vintage



Running man – overall winner Dom Sharkey in full flow.

60+ categories – all putting in strong performances to win their respective categories.

The stand-out performance was by Mid Argyll Triathlon Club's Dom Sharkey, overall winner in the male race and first senior. Dom was third fastest in the swim, but then put in the fastest cycle of the day to take a lead of one minute 40 into the run over Angus Peden

from Ayrodynamics Triathlon Club. Dom then backed it up with the fastest run in 26.29 for the four miles.

The fastest lady and first senior was Ciara Largey, Omagh Tri Club. Ciara is currently working in Oban as a GP and is showing consistent form.

Lorne Barrie from Lochgilphead retained his junior male category title.

The female vintage (60+) category saw Sue Allen of Mid Argyll retain her title with a dominant display, with Julie MacNaughton on second.

The local categories are always a bit of fun – with local Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club members battling for bragging rights.

The first local male home was Stephen Whiston 1:12:29, ahead of Iain MacNiccol on 1:20:06 with a fast finishing Colin MacVicar in third.

Sarah Griffin achieved 1:19:20 to win the local female title. In second place was Rebecca Helliwell on 1:25:14, with Melanie Peacock-Chmielewska



The 2017 MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon trophy winners celebrate their success.

third. This year there were 14 teams battling for the podium and there was some priceless banter between the relay team members.

Glasgow Tri Club came with intent and Gorman Tri Champs GTC team soon hit the front. Cyclist Ian Ramage built a one-minute lead for his team into the run, where Mike Donaldson brought them home for the win by four minutes.

And, amid all the hurly burly, 19th Mid Argyll Scouts provided fantastic soup, sandwiches and home baking for the competitors and spectators – raising £759 for Scout funds.

Colin MacFarlane, chairman of the tri club, said: 'The continued support of MacQueen Bros is greatly appreciated.'

'On behalf of the Mid Argyll Triathlon committee, I also want to thank Triathlon Scotland and all the other sponsors and supporters of the triathlon without whose support the event could not go ahead.'

Individual winners
Male senior (first

male) – Dominic Sharkey, Mid Argyll Tri Club: 1:06:15

Female senior (first female) – Ciara Largey, Omagh Triathlon club 1:16:15

Female veteran – Louise Ross, Glasgow Tri Club 1:18:27

Male veteran – Angus Peden, Ayrodynamics Tri Club 1:09:42

Male super vet – Stephen Whiston, Mid Argyll Triathlon club 1:12:29

Female super vet – Maria Dye, Helensburgh AAC 1:21:29

Female vintage – Sue Allen, Mid Argyll Tri Club 1:39:46

Male vintage – Richard Sloan, York 1:27:40

Male super vintage (70+) – Doug-



Junior winner Lorne Barrie receives his trophy.

las Wood, Stirling Tri Club 1:27:54

Male junior – Lorne Barrie, Lochgilphead 1:25:21

First Mid Argyll female – Sarah Griffin, Ardrishaig 1:19:20

First Mid Argyll male – Stephen Whiston, Ardrishaig 1:12:29

Team winners

First adult team – GTC (Gormans Tri Champs) 1:12:15

Inveraray's Lesley wins once again

INVERARAY has another champion to celebrate after last weekend's Baxter's Loch Ness Marathon.

Alongside the town's world champion pipe band, congratulations are due to athlete Lesley Pirie, who was first woman across the line in the Loch Ness-side event, winning in a time of 2:48:10.

A member of Victoria Park Glasgow AC, the 36-year-old also took victory in May's Stirling marathon.

Mum-of-two Lesley told the Advertiser: 'It



Lesley with her trophy.

felt great to cross the line on Sunday. I found it a tough course. I've never run it before so it was great to give it a go. My aim was to come in under three hours, so I was delighted with the result.'

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