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Council 'slams door' amid village road safety concerns

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Community leaders were left disappointed after the 'door was slammed' on their hopes of slowing traffic through their village.

Traffic speeding through the Loch Fyne-side village of Cairndow, which has a speed limit of 30mph, led to the community council asking Argyll and Bute Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph.

The council this week turned down – for the second time – the community's request, following an assessment of traffic speeds through the village.

Cairndow Community Council convener Debbie Donald said: 'Only average speed was considered in the decision making, and this was recorded in a passing place at the Stagecoach Inn, where vehicles slow and stop frequently, distorting the result.'

She added: 'We cannot change the environmental



restrictions and build a pavement, but the speed can be reduced to make it safer for all. Cairndow is a

community that is keen to develop – we are looking to build a pontoon. Making the road 20mph would help

with some of the planning concerns.'

In a letter received by Ms Donald on Wednesday

Debbie Donald has concerns that people, traffic and lack of footpaths requires a lower Cairndow speed limit. a39Cairndow20mph06

September 26, an Argyll and Bute Council official said: 'We have taken cognisance of what you've had to say about pedestrian movements and the businesses operating in Cairndow, but from the factual data available to us there is no greater risk on the Cairndow village road than on many of the roads within Argyll and Bute.'

'All roads are dangerous and should be treated as such, road users have a duty of care to themselves and all other road users.'

'There is no requirement for any measures to be put in place as the current figures, and those at the time of the police survey in 2014, are already below 20mph.'

In an official statement,

an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are watching the progress of the new Restricted Roads (20mph speed limit) (Scotland) Bill, which went before the Scottish Parliament last week.'

'In line with a number of other local authorities, we want to see what the implications are before we start implementing new 20mph zones throughout the area.'

Ms Donald concluded: 'I was told the door was still open, but it has now been slammed closed.'

'The fundamental question is; is it safe to drive at 30mph through Cairndow?'

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Lochgilphead inspector honoured with award

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The Scottish Women's Development Forum (SWDF) has awarded Lochgilphead Police Inspector Julie McLeish its leadership award for 2018.

Inspector McLeish won the award for her exceptional commitment, leadership and support for her colleagues.

The Lochgilphead-based officer said: 'It's a very proud moment in my police career and this award is as much for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands police team as it is for me.'

'Police Scotland continues to give me fantastic opportunities even at 25 years of service.'

The awards were presented by Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor, and also includ-

ed categories for Community Service, Police Officer of the Year, Police Staff Member of the Year and Special Constable of the Year.

DCC Taylor said: 'Congratulations to all recipients, and thank you for your tremendous contribution to Police Scotland.'

The SWDF was established in 2003 as a working group of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland. It has evolved into a group fostering diversity and advising Police Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Government about gender equality within the Scottish police service.

Inspector Julie McLeish, left, receives her award from Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor.



POLICE FILES

■ About 10pm on Friday September 21 on the A83 close to Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow, a 61-year-old man was stopped while driving an HGV lorry. Examination of his tachograph revealed offences of not stopping for the appropriate periods of rest. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ A 31-year-old man was found driving in a dangerous manner and exceeding the speed limit on the A816 near Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool, Lochgilphead, about 9pm on Sunday September 23. He was stopped by police, charged with dangerous driving and a report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ A man, aged 22, was stopped by police at around 10pm on Saturday September 23 on the A83 in Ardrishaig. He was found to be driving a vehicle without a valid insurance policy. The vehicle's owner was also traced and both he and the driver were reported to the procurator fiscal for driving or causing and permitting someone to drive without insurance.

■ About 7pm on Monday September 24, a 61-year-old man was caught exceeding the speed limit and driving without insurance on the A83 near the Lochgilphead Joint Campus. He was stopped by police, charged and a report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal. His vehicle was seized by police until he could prove that a valid policy of insurance had been put in place.

■ Overnight on Monday September 17 to Tuesday September 18 a digger parked near Barn Park, Inveraray had its front windscreen damaged. Constable Scott Trevathen is continuing to investigate.

■ A minor disturbance took place about 3pm on Thursday September 20 in Craobh Haven. The 43-year-old female victim involved was not injured. Constable Stephanie Kirk is continuing to investigate.

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

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Crunch talks on shinty future

A crunch meeting has been organised with shinty's governing body, the Camanachd Association, around the future sustainability of senior, juvenile and primary school shinty in Mid Argyll.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in shinty in Mid Argyll, including players, coaches, club members, supporters, parents and sponsors.

Up for discussion at the

meeting will be topics including participation, fundraising, volunteers, coaching, rules and competitions.

Kilmory senior shinty club and Kilmory/Dunadd junior camanachd supporters are urging people to attend and show support for shinty in Mid Argyll.

The meeting will start at 8pm on Monday, October 1, in The Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead.

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Caragh's big charity effort for sick children's hospital



With her dad Robert, Caragh had a great day in Edinburgh.

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Caragh Mackay, aged just seven, decided to take a 'wee wander' around Edinburgh – and raised a lot of money for charity along the way.

She was one of thousands of people taking part in the annual charity Kiltwalk on Sunday September 16 and Caragh, from Lochgilphead, was walking with her dad Robert in the five-mile Wee Wander as part of the event.

Caragh's good cause was the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, chosen because her wee sister Kaida spent five weeks in hospital last year.

Kaida was diagnosed with hydrocephalus and group strep B meningitis. After tests galore and a couple of operations, she now has a shunt in her head which she will live with for the rest of



her life. Thankfully, though, she is now doing well.

'They couldn't have been more helpful,' said Caragh's mum Emma. 'So this is a way to give something back.'

'We got a bit wet at the start of the walk, but it was exciting,' said Caragh, who attends Ardrishaig Primary School.

Thankfully, the rain stopped and Caragh and her dad made it from Leith to Murrayfield Stadium in very good spirits. In all, Caragh raised £1,200 for the charity between online and sponsor sheet donations.

'Thank you to everyone who gave me money for doing my walk,' said Caragh.

Co-op Lochgilphead gets the chills

Lochgilphead's Co-op is recovering after compression failures caused store refrigerators to stop working.

Fresh produce was absent from the shelves last week with no fridges to keep food suitable to eat.

The lack of chillers was apparently due to all four compressors failing at once.

An engineer was called to the store on Saturday September 22 with a temporary fix to the refrigerators until new compressors were delivered by Tuesday September 25.

Chillers were working and refilled by Sunday September 23 with stock left in store but fresh orders were delayed until Tuesday September 25

with increases in orders.

A Facebook post by Co-op Lochgilphead read: 'We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and can assure you that we have been working hard to get these issues resolved as quickly as we could. However, we appreciate they went on for a long period of time.'

Customers were vocal about the disruption to the area.

Joanne Stewart said: 'It may have been helpful to have put out a wee update to customers a week ago when problems arose. Some poor staff have had a mouthful of abuse from some irate customers and that's a bit unfair on the front staff.'

Ricky Holloway said: 'The

shop staff have done really well in dealing with an occurrence which they have no control over and it is also heart-warming to know they can in the future call upon the multitude of refrigeration engineers and experts that we have in this area, and they will be able to call upon their help if the problems occur in the future.'

A spokesperson for the Co-op, said: 'We are sorry the shopping experience over recent days has not been of the high standard our customers expect, we were waiting for a refrigeration contractor to fix an essential part in the equipment which operates a number of fridges. We apologise for any inconvenience.'

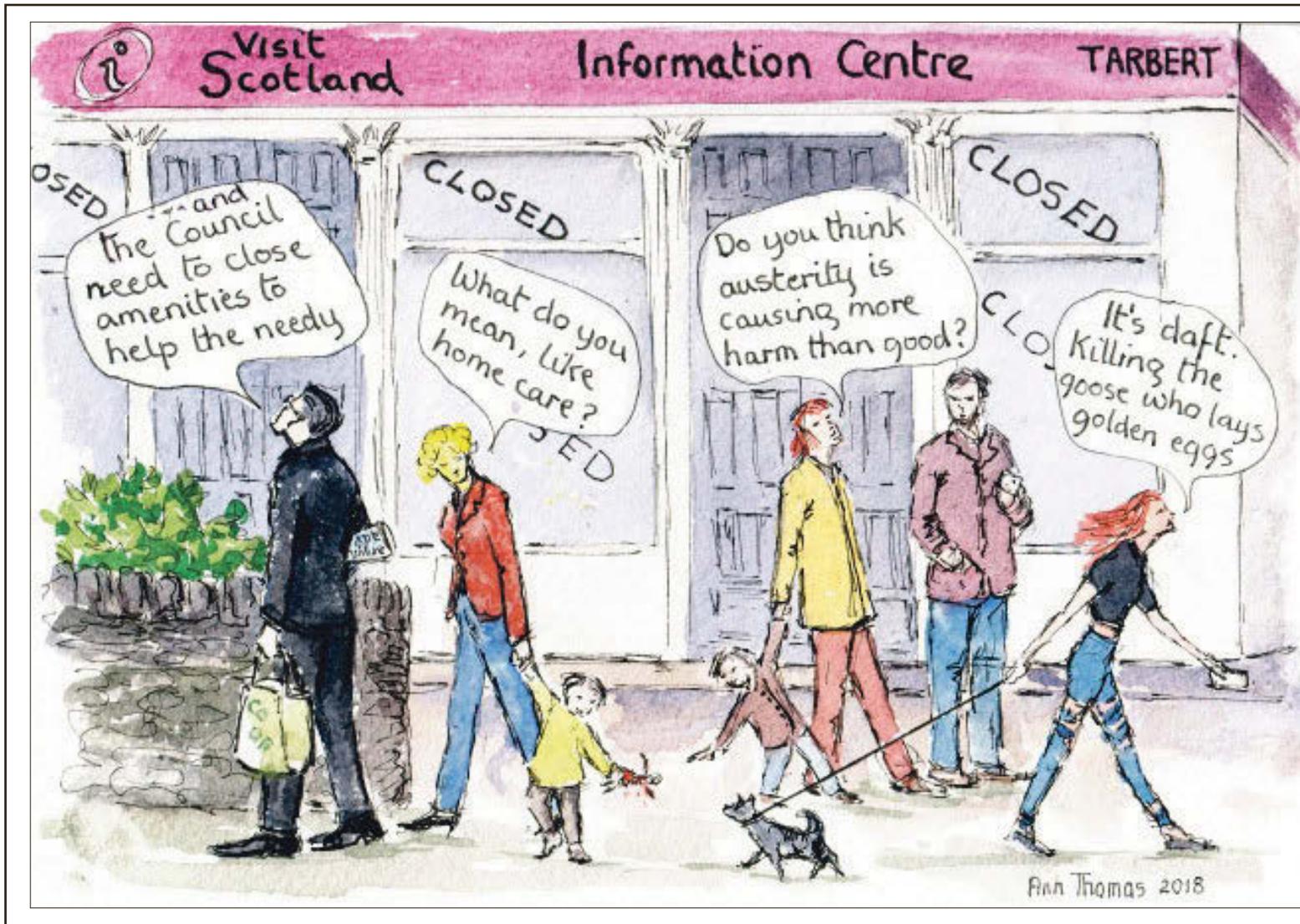
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Saving money – at what cost?

Short term thinking in our public agencies is the target for this week's satirical artwork from Ann Thomas.

Using the closure of Tarbert's tourist information centre as an example, Ann muses over the impact of austerity on society.

As the effects of the prolonged financial recession continue to be felt in national and local government, it is the most vulnerable in society who are most at risk as increasingly desperate measures are taken to save huge sums of money.

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Lochgilphead firm aids Gambian charity

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People in the west African country of Gambia have been helped by a Lochgilphead engineering and building contractor.

When DA MacDonald Contractors Ltd needed new first aid kits, they approached a new operation by the name of Argyll First Aid Supplies – set up to support the activities of Inveraray-based charity First Aid 4 Gambia.

DA MacDonald site manager Iain MacAskill said: 'We were needing to renew our first aid supplies and decided to use a local firm rather than source them online.'

'Argyll First Aid supplies helped with everything we needed and it's good to know we're supporting charity as well.'

Bill Nelson, one of the founders of First Aid 4 Gambia, also operates Argyll



Bill Nelson delivers the first aid supplies to Iain MacAskill of DA MacDonald – with the profits going to support children in Africa. 06_a39FirstAidGambia01

First Aid Supplies. He said: 'All of the profits from Argyll First Aid goes towards the charity, and we appreciate the business from local firms such as DA MacDonald,

which purchased a number of motoring and first aid kits. 'You could say it's a way of doing business in an ethical way.'

Mr Nelson said that First

Aid 4 Gambia was currently providing first aid supplies, training and support for 70 schools and 22,000 children – and more besides – in Gambia.

Living Stones sold to Church of Scotland

After 45 years of service in the area, Living Stones Christian Centre in Kilmartin – formerly The Renewal Fellowship – has been sold to the Church of Scotland.

Many people have voiced their delight that the centre, which was built in 2002, will remain as a place of worship. The building has also been used by a number of community groups in the area, while the car park has been available to visitors outwith normal church times.

The present elders are John Whitefield and Graham McLean.

Mr McLean said: 'We know that Living Stones has been a tool which the Lord has used in fashioning the lives of His people and give thanks to all who have supported them over the years, including visitors from 45 countries.'

'Over the years we have been able to assist other similar Christian bodies, including a 'sister church' – Living Stones Church and school in Okara, Pakistan – which

we have supported since its opening in 2008 with eight members.

'The church has supported Le Rucher Ministries in Switzerland for its remarkable work of reconciliation in many countries, including Africa, and also assisted were Joy and Angus Davidson (Indian Odyssey) for their work among the scavenger people in India.

'Another group supported has been People with a Mission Ministries which has an evangelistic ministry based in Perth, visiting schools all over Scotland, including Lochgilphead last year and also in Oban and Mull this year.'

A new group, Dunadd Community Enterprise, has been set up to help secure the future of the Kilmartin Parish Church building as a focal point in the community.

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Fast forward

Cairndow has big plans.

Eager to reconnect with Loch Fyne, the community hopes to install a pontoon. Then there are footpaths, a new childcare centre and more besides in the pipeline.

Residents have approached Argyll and Bute Council saying they want a way to slow traffic through the village, given the pontoon project and proximity to houses along the roadside.

Surely there are sufficient grounds to go along with the community council's wishes. What's the problem?

Great achievements

Congratulations to two remarkable ladies featured in this week's paper.

Inspector Julie McLeish was recognised by her peers for her leadership qualities, which must be fully tested in these financially straitened times.

Then there is young Caragh MacKay, who raised money by walking for five miles, which sounds plenty for seven-year-old legs. Her fundraising was for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, a very good cause indeed.

Well done to both ladies.

Tides and Loch Gilp

Sir,

I was delighted to read Stuart White's letter in the September 21 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, and I could not agree with him more. It is certainly more than time we shook off – or at least drastically reduced – the inefficient and over-subsidised wind farming. As he says, it is far too dependent on the vagaries of the weather.

Tidal power can never fail and here in Mid Argyll we have potentially the most efficient and cost-effective tidal system under our noses. This, in turn, would open up additional tourist and recreational facilities at virtually no extra cost. This would be a win-win situation, but without, I suspect, sufficient profit to satisfy the usual parasitic financial interests.

What is this simple and relatively inexpensive answer? Simply build a sea wall or dam, call it what you will, across the relatively narrow entrance of Loch Gilp from the Lingerton promontory towards Ardrishaig via the rocky skerries, which would reduce the cost, and finish short of the Ardrishaig lighthouse/harbour wall, thus funneling all the tides through a very narrow area.

Then simply incorporate as many sea locks and gates as needed to allow passage of boats in and out of the harbour and the Crinan Canal. The additional locks would be used for either lower-able turbines or permanently submerged tidal units such as in the Pentland Firth. This would be simple and cost-effective,

as the generating turbines catch the tides both in and out. After all, the Romans were using tide mills 2,000 years ago, so the idea is nothing new.

In addition to this, Ardrishaig would finish up with an enhanced harbour and marina and, with a few rocks removed from the beach, the wide open area at low tide back to Lochgilphead – now wasted – would make a splendid international course for activities such as land yacht racing.

The other deceitful cuckoo that we should consider debunking is the very misleading fallacy that electric cars are helping to save the planet. Yes, it is ideal and justified for town or city use to keep the fume level down in densely built up areas where fresh air is in short supply among high buildings. But generally their use is unjustifiable because pollution would actually increase considerably overall because to generate every single power unit of electricity it takes roughly two polluting units of other fuels such as coal, oil or even gas to produce that single electrical unit.

So, unless the electricity is always generated from renewable systems such as hydro, tidal, solar or wind, then total pollution would go up, not down. One more cuckoo destined to be the sham of another expensive white elephant.

Bob Henderson, Lochgilphead

Tarbert in harmony

Sir,

We would like to say a huge thanks to all

the bands, who played on the Sunday of this year's Tarbert Music Festival, for making it a successful afternoon after the event had to be moved from the quay to the village hall – this has to be our most stressful decision.

Thanks to all the hotels and pubs for organising the great music for the weekend.

We raised just more than £700 at the coffee morning, so thanks to everyone who baked or donated and also to all the helpers - Anne, Gail, Jane, Allie, Nina and Zena.

Many thanks also to the award-winning Mid Argyll Pipe Band, who entertained a huge crowd in the pouring rain and also the Loch Fyne Pipe Band who played to the Sunday survivors.

To Mrs Brown, our very own collector extraordinaire, her wee buckets totalled £915.

Finally, and most importantly, thanks to visitors and locals for turning out to support our music festival. Thank you all.

Margaret, Duncan, Barbara and Kirsten of Tarbert Music Festival

Autism excellence

Sir,

The National Autistic Society is looking for people and organisations who have done something amazing for autistic children, adults, or their families.

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Simon Gillespie, chief executive, BHF

YOUR PICTURES



Cheryl Ratcliffe Nye receives another crack of the whip this week with this photograph of a glorious rainbow over Ardrishaig. Showery weather interspersed with sunshine in recent weeks has meant plenty of rainbows, and Cheryl took her opportunity to snap this lovely photo looking out over Loch Gilp. Send your pictures to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Council 'lack of help' after lifeline peril

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Storm Ali may not have brought the devastation predicted in some quarters, but it did bring down some trees and branches around Mid Argyll.

And it left one elderly Lochgilphead couple perilously close to having their lifeline telecare service cut off on the morning of Wednesday September 19.

When a small tree fell from neighbouring land into the garden of Noreen Harvey, it was left resting on the phone line into her home – which itself was supported by her washing line held up by a

clothes pole. Afraid the line would break, 80-year-old Mrs Harvey called Argyll and Bute Council for help shortly after 9am the same day.

It wasn't until the next day (Thursday), when she called the council again, that she says she was told someone had been out to have a look and it was deemed that the tree had been growing in a private garden, so was nothing to do with the council.

Mrs Harvey was left angry at the treatment she received from the council.

'The phone line is very important for me and my husband, who is 84, and we rely on it,' she said.

'And the tree wasn't in a

private garden, it was growing in housing association land at the back of my house. I could have told them that if they had come to the door and asked.

'I just wanted help, and thought that a public body like the council would sort things out in a few hours.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'When storm Ali raged throughout the area last Wednesday, our operations workers were at full capacity dealing with the damage caused.

'When our inspector went out to check the situation, he noted that the tree was on land owned by ACHA and we would be unable to



The tree in Mr and Mrs Harvey's garden, showing the clothes line propping things up.
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do anything about it without permission.

'However, we should have told Mr and Mrs Harvey this as soon as possible and we apologise that we didn't

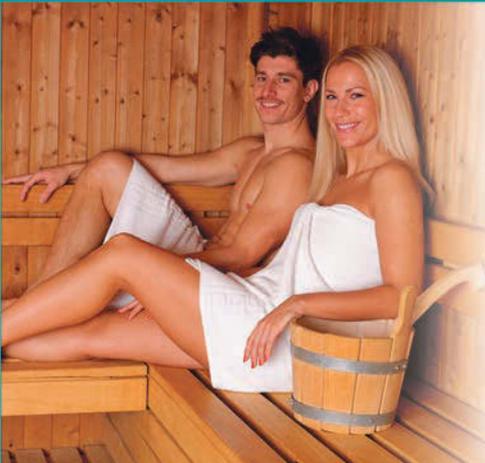
do so. This was an oversight because of demands on the service on the day.'

Mrs Harvey added: 'The council needs to know that people won't take this kind of

poor service lying down.'

The tree was cut from the base by ACHA the day after the storm and later removed by Mr and Mrs Harvey's family.

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Cumlodden Guild signs up to loneliness campaign

Cumlodden Church Guild came together recently to reach out and raise awareness of two major health and social issues – loneliness and isolation.

The guild heard from Alison McGrory of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership about how loneliness contributes to making people ill and even causes premature deaths.

Members heard there was a stigma associated with talking about loneliness and isolation but people of all ages were at risk of being lonely. It often occurs at times of change in people's lives such as leaving home, starting a family, retirement or bereavement.

A recent survey over the whole of NHS Highland, including Mid Argyll, found that 67 per cent of older people sometimes feel lonely and for eight per cent of respondents this increased to often

Members have reached out to anyone suffering from loneliness or isolation.



feeling extremely lonely.

Cumlodden Guild signed up to NHS Highland's campaign called Reach Out – make a difference to someone who's lonely, making a pledge to raise awareness in the church congregation and to talk

about loneliness and isolation in their communities.

Ms McGrory said: 'My job is about preventing health problems before they arise and enabling people to lead as healthy a life as possible. Loneliness is a bigger public

health risk than physical activity or weight management and causes as many premature deaths as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. This is a compelling reason to take action.

'NHS Highland's Reach Out

campaign has been developed to encourage more people to think about the part they can play in reducing loneliness.

'It costs nothing to reach out a hand of kindness and say hello to someone in the street or knock on a neighbour's door to check they are OK. You can sign up to the Reach Out campaign on Facebook at NHS Highland Reach Out.'

Sue Campbell of Cumlodden Church Guild said: 'Cumlodden Church Guild is delighted to sign up to the Reach Out campaign. We are aware that isolation is an issue throughout Mid Argyll – some people live alone and others live in remote areas and find it difficult to get out and about. We are all now much more aware of the health issues associated with loneliness and are going to spread the word amongst our wider congregation and with our friends and neighbours.'

Parish church coffee morning

Lochgilphead Parish Church is hosting a coffee morning on Saturday September 29.

From 10am on Saturday, the doors to the church hall will be open to those looking for home baking, a sales table, a raffle opportunity or just some lively conversation.

Donations for the sales and raffle would be gratefully received.

All proceeds go to the church funds.

Ardrishaig annual sale

Ardrishaig Parish Church is holding its annual sale of work on Saturday September 29.

Starting at 2pm, the market in Ardrishaig Public Hall will be filled with home baking, books, bric-a-brac and loads more. There will be something to find for everyone. Tea and coffee will also be served in the North Hall across the road.

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That's nice – Mrs Brown raises funny money

Tarbert's thriving social scene would not be the same without Margaret Henderson, writes Colin Cameron.

Rarely appearing as herself, she deftly wields her collecting bucket at Tarbert events, occasionally in the guise of Wonder Woman, sometimes as Supercop – but more regularly disguised as her alter ego Mrs Brown, pictured right.

Collecting during Tarbert Music Festival in mid September, Margaret – sorry, Mrs Brown – managed to collect £915 towards event funds.

Tarbert Music Festival joint organiser Margaret MacNeill said: 'Once again Margaret has raised a fantastic sum of money and we would like to thank her and Mrs Brown for their hard work.'



New kit for dapper Dookers

Tarbert AFC, better known as the Dookers, have been presented with some new kit to help them in the season ahead. Loch Fyne Seafarms Ltd

provided new football training tops. To go with the snazzy tops, smart kit bags were sponsored by Argyll Window Repairs. The club thanked

both firms for their sponsorship and would like to acknowledge the continued support of J&C Prentice Shellfish Ltd.



Players, above, and coaches from Tarbert AFC show off their new gear.



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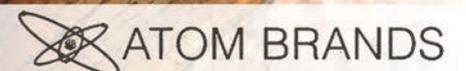
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A positive look at autism

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With no condescension intended, it was impossible not to admire Londoner Dean Beadle as he stood before members of Autism Argyll at its last-ever AGM.

The reasons behind Autism Argyll's demise were covered in a previous edition of this newspaper, but there was optimism among the sadness.

Anyone who has stood before an audience of strangers to deliver a talk will recognise the knot in the stomach, those nerves.

For someone with autism it must surely engender anxiety beyond anything others could imagine.

Dean's presentation at Arrochar's Three Villages Hall was entitled 'Aspergers, anxiety and me'. And it was all about being positive while living with autism.

He makes a living touring the world talking about and spreading understanding of autism, but opened in Arrochar by making it clear that he does not claim to represent every autistic person.

His attitude is: 'I'm going to be autistic until my dying breath, so I'm going to be positive.'

Dean went on: 'We need to identify the challenges and put support in place, but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate the differences - the skills, the talents and personalities of our



Dean Beadle with Autism Argyll founder members Maureen MacIntosh, left, and Alison Leask.

fabulous autistic people.'

This year is the 20th anniversary of Dean's diagnosis of autism and at the beginning, by his own admission, he did not take it well.

'I thought friendships, a career, relationships were all out of reach for me because I was on the autistic spectrum.'

There followed a gradual

acceptance of his condition - helped, he joked, by online dating ('I thought I had problems...') and a realisation that autism is something to be celebrated.

Anxiety, though, is ever-present for Dean.

'Research tells us that anxiety is much more of an issue for autistics than the general

population,' he said.

Offering some personal tips, he suggested 'saying less, but with maximum meaning' to an autistic person experiencing anxiety. And to stay calm.

There are bonuses to being autistic, as Dean outlined.

'Nobody experiences joy like an autistic. Most people will never get to that level of

happiness and well-being.'

He ended with a tale from his past.

'At the age of seven I was told that by the age of 30 I'd be in prison.

I was suspended more times than you could count.

I was made to feel I would need to work to overcome autism.

'In the second half of my life, so far I have done lecturing, spoken all over the world, I'm a singer, I do a lot of things. And I came to realise that this was not despite being autistic - it was because of it.

He concluded: 'Autism is not about a list of deficits or deficiencies - it's a list of differences, and difference is good.'

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POW! MCM COMIC CON SWINGS INTO GLASGOW



Holly and Scott came from Edinburgh but have to be back by midnight. 08_a39MCM13

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Nerds rejoiced as the doors to the SEC opened once again to swarms of superheroes, anime characters, gamers, and loads more.

It just makes sense that the biggest Comic Con in Scotland returns to Glasgow every year, since the first comic ever published was printed in Glasgow: The Glasgow Looking Glass.

Though it's not obvious whether anyone in their costumes browsing the merchandise is aware of this as they hunt for the latest X-Men.

Comic Con, held on Saturday September 22 and Sunday September 23, has definitely expanded beyond comics to cater something for everyone. There was something for that Orange is the New Black fan, some

Riverdale-style Serpent jackets spotted, and the '80s horror genre is still alive and well, ironically.

This year's convention featured a lot of zombies in costume and in the events. A panel of The Walking Dead stars was made up of Jayson Warner Smith, Lew Temple and Joshua Mikel to chat about the show as well as Aaron (Ross Marquand) and Ezekiel (Khary Payton).

There was a panel made up of Walking Dead's Khary Payton, Adventure Time's Jeremy Shada, Animaniac's Jess Harnell, The Last of Us's Troy Baker, Uncharted's Nolan North and Bravelheart's Angus MacFadyen reading Bravelheart's script in whatever whacky toon voice they could muster.

Gaming and Batman voice actor Troy Baker expressed a

little-known talent when he came on stage with a guitar.

And then there were the rows after rows of artists, writers, crafters, and others.

Want a cupcake that looks like Cookie Monster? An original graphic novel? A Spider-Man bathbomb? You'll find it.

The passion for the arts is the main draw though. Whether taking the inspiration past comic cons and culture has given to make that perfect costume, a new novel, or a piece of memorabilia, the dedication and passion shines through as much as in Van Gogh's Starry Night.



This is a new evil twist on the Bat-family. 08_a39MCM06

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66 Day Challenge looks at alcohol

If you are fond of good company and lively events but a bit worried about the amount of alcohol you find yourself drinking, there are some great tips to help you control your alcohol intake without making you feel like a party-pooper.

Each one of these 66 day ideas will help you to stay within safe drinking guidelines and you could save money and lose weight into the bargain.

Every little decrease in alcohol consumption will have a good effect on your overall health so it's worth thinking a bit about your strategy before you start your 66 day challenge.

For 66 days you could:

- Stick to your 14 units a week – this is the recommended amount for everyone. You should aim for a minimum of two alcohol free days a week and spread your 14 units over several days – not all in the one night.
- You could change your usual drink for one with less alcohol by volume. Over a couple of rounds with friends it could



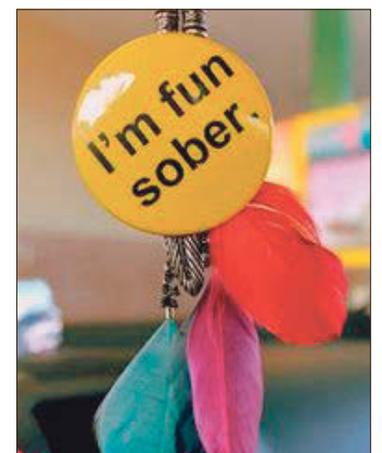
make quite a difference. For example if you had a large glass of wine at 250ml (three units) and swapped it for a gin and tonic (one unit) you could save six units over three rounds.

- Alternate a soft drink with an alcoholic one.

- Decide how much you want to have before you go out – and stick to it. Count the lemons.
- Above all, don't 'pre-load'. This is the single most important message to help improve safe consumption.

Of course you can also choose to avoid alcohol entirely for the 66 days and Go Sober for October at gosober.org.uk and raise money for Macmillan at the same time.

If you or a family member are, however, struggling with alcohol usage you can get support from Addaction on tel: **0800 2061460** or **01496 301455** or visit addaction.org.uk/help-and-support



Would you lower your alcohol for your health?



Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing are organising the 66 Day Challenge.



Daniel needs to work on dancing like Starlord. 08_a39MCM09



Louise and James as DC's Raven and Hiro of Big Hero 6. 08_a39MCM11



Barry Jazz Finnegan started this photo-realistic Hellboy portrait when he arrived, and completed it by the end of the day. @barryjazzfinnegan 08_a39MCM17

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Regular eye tests more vital than ever with ageing workforce

WITH an ageing population and record number of older people in work, Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) are reminding people of the importance of regular eye tests to maintain and protect their sight.

There are now more than 1.2 million Brits aged over 65 working as people continue to live longer and healthier lives. Yet research* has revealed that 250 people start losing their sight every day even though at least half of all sight loss is avoidable. Early detection is vital in the management and successful treatment of many conditions, with regular eye tests being key. But despite that, one in four people are not having an eye test every two years as recommended.

Hairy Bikers star Dave Myers has teamed up with Specsavers and RNIB this National Eye Health Week (24-30 September) to help raise awareness of the importance of eye tests. The 61-year-old was diagnosed with glaucoma seven years ago following a routine visit to the opticians. It could have affected his career, but swift detection has protected the chef's sight by enabling him to successfully manage the condition with daily eye drops.

'I was shocked because I had no symptoms, but if it had gone unnoticed, I could have gone blind. Like so many people, my career is my passion and it's so hard to imagine doing all the things I love if I couldn't see.'

RNIB interim CEO Eliot Lyne added: 'Research shows that the older you are, the greater your chances of developing an eye condition, so it is very important that people book themselves in for an eye test every two years.'



'With the right support, people with sight loss can continue working, and if you are an employer, RNIB and other organisations can help you to properly support a member of staff who is losing their sight.'

'Advances in technology mean that blind and partially sighted people can now overcome many of the barriers to work that they faced in the past, and government schemes like Access to Work mean that many of the costs can be met.'

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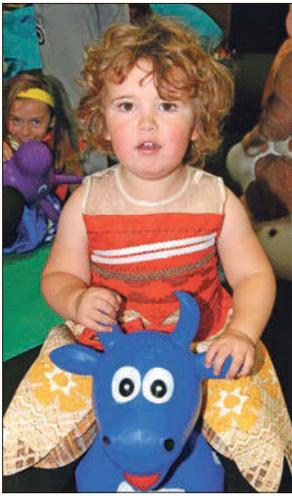
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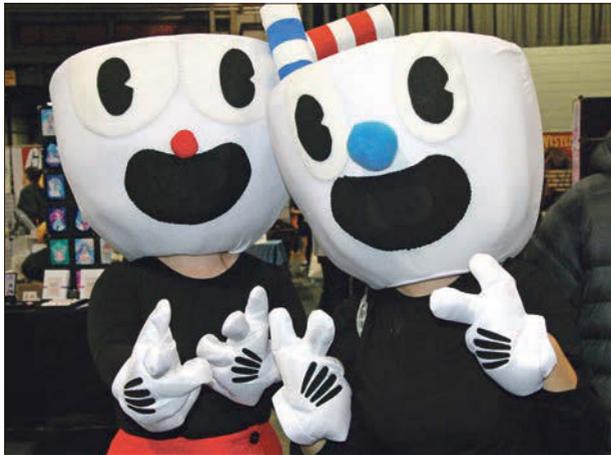
Two and a half year old Mollie is Dumbarton's Moana. 08_a39MCM04



Harry, 4, is the Sinestro of Girvan. 08_a39MCM07



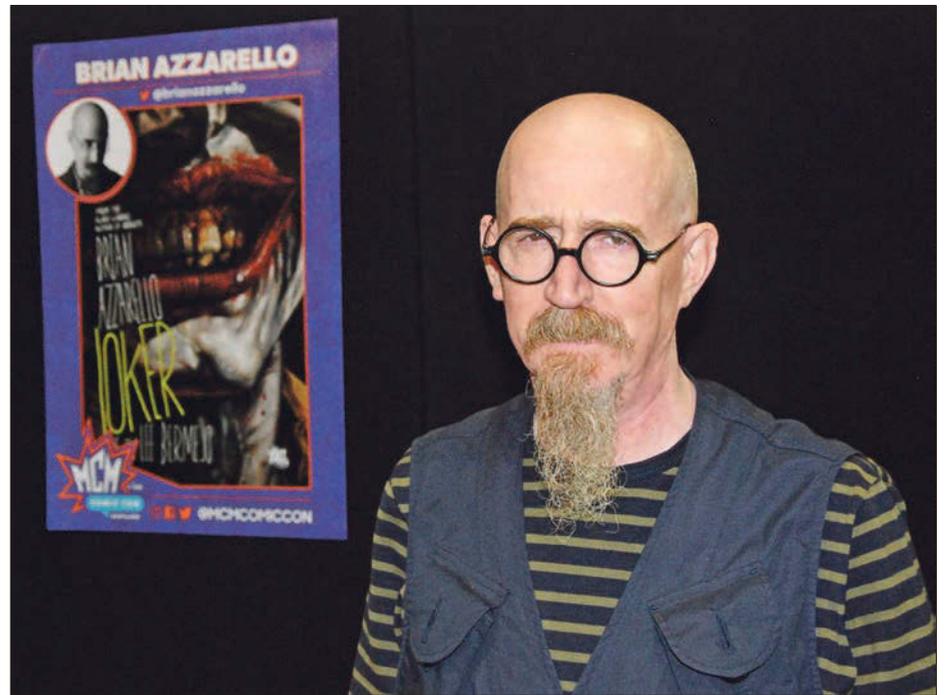
Marc and Travis, 8, stop back in Stirling after hunting for Szechuan Sauce. 08_a39MCM10



Boston and Kaja came as gaming's most infuriating but loveable characters: Cuphead. 08_a39MCM18



Craig Paton releases Killtopia: Blade Runner meets Ghost in the Shell. @craigpatonillustration 08_a39MCM34



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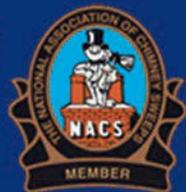
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Artist Lesley Banks brings Crinan exhibition to town

Glasgow School of Art graduate Lesley Banks was honoured at the Archway Gallery in Lochgilphead on Friday September 21, with an exhibition and sale of her work.

Banks' work in this exhibition mainly focuses on the Crinan Canal, painted over this past summer spent in Mid Argyll, walking from one end of the canal to the other, admiring the water.

Lesley said: 'Water has always intrigued me as a painter. From an early traveling scholarship to Amsterdam to more recent trips to Venice, canals have long had a presence in my work. My attention has increasingly moved towards focusing primarily on the water itself.'

'I loved painting the Crinan Canal, and I now feel it's the best out of all the canals I've painted. Being the shortest canal, I was able to walk it



fairly quickly and really take in all the different scenes.'

Owner of the Archway Gallery Wilma Meikle said: 'I love Lesley's work. It's

quite diverse, the styles. The Crinan ones are much more representative than the Monklands Canal ones which can be quite

expressive.' Lesley Banks with her painting of the Falkirk Wheel and at the Archway Gallery, right.



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Screen Machine is in town

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There's something for everyone, with *The Incredibles 2* for the kids, or those who still feel like a kid; *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* for the girls who missed karaoke last weekend; *Mission Impossible: Fallout* for anyone who wants to see Tom Cruise break his ankle; or Henry Caville's moustache and *The Children Act* for a good weep.

Also as part of the foreign

language film project, *Films We Love*, the Screen Machine will be showing *Things to Come*, an Erin Brockovich-type drama centred around a philosophy professor dealing with politics, marriage and family issues 'with a graceful defiance'.

The Screen Machine website said: 'Throughout Hansen-Løve's absorbing film Nathalie faces a series of trying experiences including an unwell mother, political protests, marital infidelity and career compromises. Nathalie's is a compelling and authentically told story, as we see her teaching her students to question the notion of



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Soup and smiles at Mid Argyll triathlon

The 19th Argyll Scouts were delighted to feed the 150 triathletes who descended on Lochgilphead on Sunday (September 23) to participate in the 17th Mid Argyll triathlon.

The triathletes and supporters were able to enjoy hot soup, sandwiches and a wonderful array of home-baking.

The pop-up café and raffle raised £650 which will offset the cost of a weekend at the Lochgoilhead National Scout Activity Centre for all 70 members of the Scout Group.

The Scouts want to thank the triathlon organisers for the opportunity to run the café and to the triathletes and supporters for their generous donations.

This year Scouts have been focusing on reducing people's use of plastics and the group are grateful to the Heart of Argyll Wildlife



Organisation who provided biodegradable cups for the café. Thanks are also due to the Crinan Hotel and parents for raffle prizes and contributions of food for the pop-up café.

The Lochgoilhead adventurous activities weekend is scheduled for March 2019 and is designed to challenge the young participants and help them realise how much they can achieve.

Finlay Love, Alasdair Toner, Toby MacDonald, Alfie Campbell, Logan Allan, Sophie McCarten and Anna Turner preparing to serve customers.

Playing their part



Acting Up Argyll cheerfully helped out in Lochgilphead's Co-op on Saturday September 22, with hard-working students packing bags for the Co-op customers, raising £949.69 in the process. The money will go towards costumes for this year's Christmas pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk.

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Feathers fly as legion floats fundraisers

Colin Cameron
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It was a busy weekend of fun and fundraising for Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

A well-attended annual coffee morning and children's bake-off took place at Inveraray Church Hall on Saturday September 22.

Ashley McDougall won the 10 to 14 years age group, while Abbie and Ollie McKinley won the eight to 10 category and Emilie MacDonald the eight and under contest. The overall winner was an M&M cake made by Abbie and Ollie McKinley.

In all, the coffee morning and bake-off made £520 for branch funds.

Legion members and supporters moved on to the ever-popular duck derby on Sunday September 23 at the Maltlands bridge on the River Aray.

A good crowd turned out to



see the duck sponsored by D Sinclair from Furnace come in first. Bringing in the rear in this chaotic fun-filled race was the quacker belonging to D Wood.

Inveraray legion members would like to thank everybody for their support over the weekend.

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Inveraray duck derby was great fun, as always.



Above, a stunning entry in the children's bake-off.

Below, the hall was packed for the Saturday coffee morning.

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Inveraray boosted their promotion chances with an excellent victory at the Winterton.

They took the lead in the opening minute as Neil Campbell slipped the ball past the keeper.

A couple of minutes later Campbell sent a nice first-time touch to Fraser Watt, who scored the second goal.

Kilmallie pulled a goal back through Leigh Dunning before Lewis MacNicol restored Inveraray's two-goal cushion on 27 minutes when he fired into the roof of the net.

Fraser Watt got his second on 35 minutes with a half-volley.

Veteran Garry MacPherson gathered the ball at a narrow angle, burst past his marker and scored to make it 5-1 at the break.

The home side continued to press, and soon Neil Campbell was passing to the unmarked Inveraray player/manager Ruairaidh Graham, who slotted the ball past the keeper.

Lewis MacNicol got his second 15 minutes from time after a free-hit which led to a low drive into the net.

This was an important win for Inveraray, as they are now just a point behind second placed Fort William and their goal difference is such that just a draw in their final match at Beaulieu will secure promotion to the Marine Harvest Premiership.

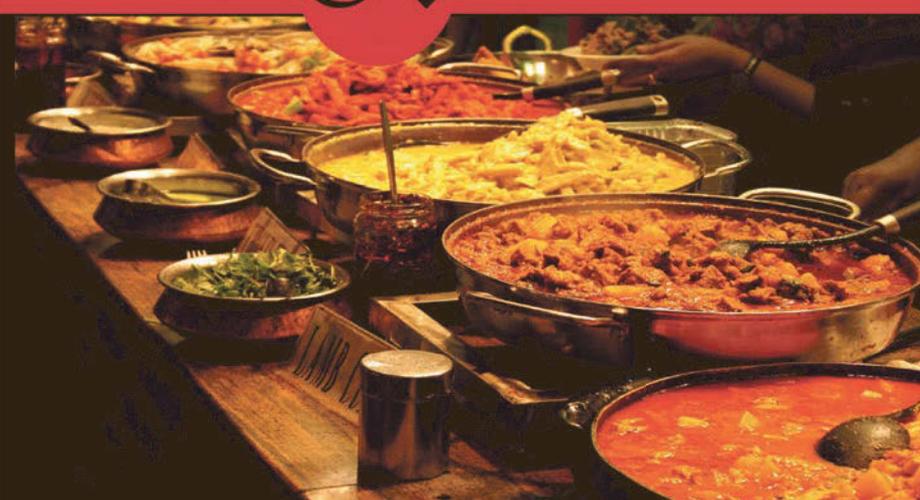
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Drawn on Monday September 3, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 2, 12 and 20. Kenny McGlynn and Kim Mackay won £100 each so next week's prize will be £100.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 7 and 10. Shona Brechin was the winner of the £600 jackpot so next week's jackpot will be £100.

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It was obvious from the worldwide plaudits she has received that we were to hear world-class piano playing and we were not disappointed.

Anna's cleverly devised programme centred on five well-known works by five different composers which all contained reference to 'fantasy'. She explained her fascination and how each portrayed the concept in very different ways - from the peaceful portrayal of moonlit nature to expressions of personal struggle and grief.

The first work Anna played was Scriabin's second Sonata, Sonata Fantasia. The 'moonlit' first movement was exquisite

and the execution of the theme and pianissimo accompaniment at the end was stunning; the helter skelter finale was brilliant.

Chopin's Fantasia in F min, took us into the realms of personal struggle and, with Anna's innate musicianship, she made cohesive sense of what can appear a somewhat fragmented work.

To end the first part of the recital we heard a flawless rendition of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, and despite the high octane speed one could hear every note.

After the interval came Mozart's D min Fantasia. This deceptively easy-looking short piece, executed perfectly by Anna, demonstrated how difficult it is to play his music where every note and phrase requires minute attention.

To conclude her recital, Anna chose Schumann's great

Fantasia in C. This work, while dedicated to Franz Liszt is, in the first movement at least, more an outpouring of his frustration at being denied the hand of his beloved Clara. The very technically demanding second movement - a march - is more of a dedication to Liszt and was thrilling to hear. The final slow transcendental movement took us into a world of ethereal tranquility.

After this 'fantasy' journey one could only join with those who have been so impressed by the depth and power of Anna's musicianship. Her ability to squeeze the last drop of emotion from every phrase was very special and a privilege to experience.

Finally, to walk out into the clear night air and see the moonlight reflected off the sea like shards of silver seemed an apt end to an evening of fantasy.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band is moving on up



Mid Argyll Pipe Band has been promoted. Previously playing in grade 4B, the Mid Argyll Pipe Band is moving up to 4A to take part in the 2019 competition season. The Cowal Highland Gathering Facebook page said: 'Well done, Mid Argyll Pipe Band from all of us at Cowal Highland Gathering on your promotion to Grade 4A for next year.' 06_a39MAP801

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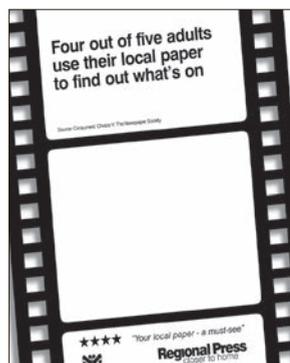
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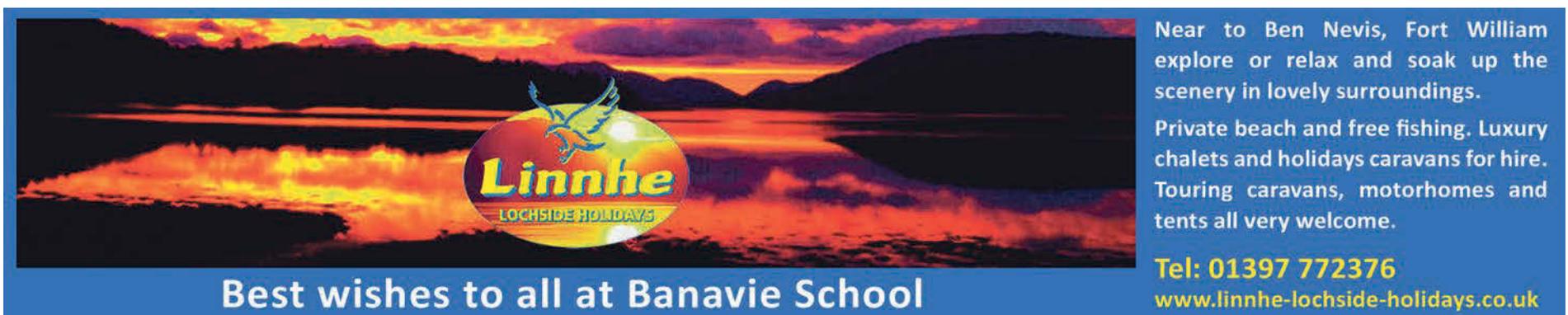


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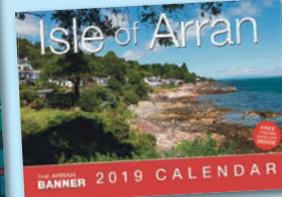
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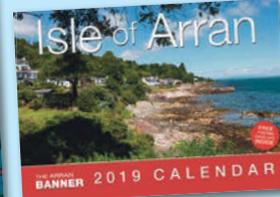
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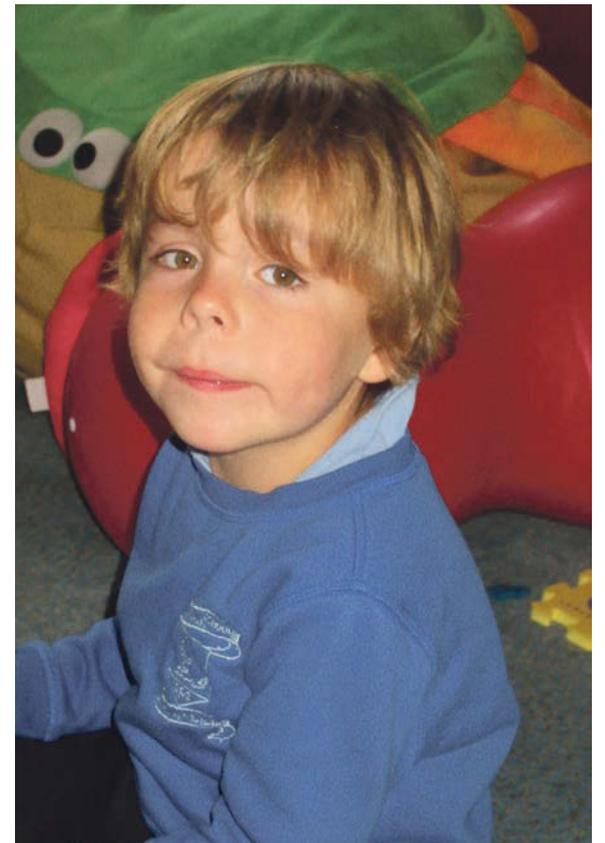


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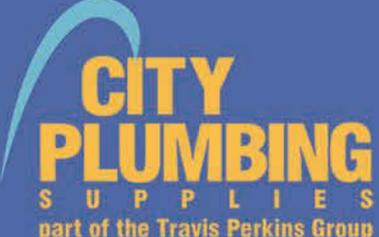
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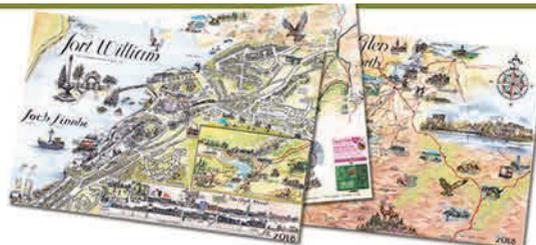


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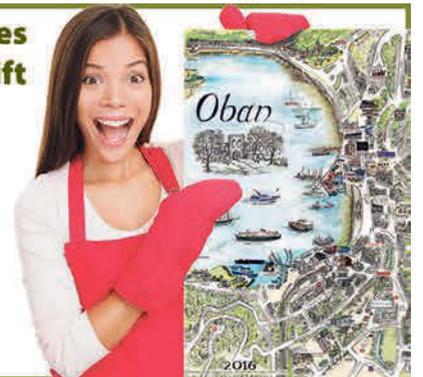
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Find out how to get your MOJO going

With only three weeks to go until MOJO kicks off, excitement is building, especially as there's loads more to see than just the performing acts.

Craignish Village Hall arts programme is providing some support and assistance to MOJO in its second year of running at the hall. It will have an on-site music industry access point on the day of the event.

The pop-up info centre in Hall 3 will have a range of information available on music royalties, support organisations and promoters' networks, and is open to anyone on the afternoon of Saturday October 20.

The Craignish Village Hall arts programme promotes all kinds of live performances and workshops throughout the year. Programme Manager John Saich was himself a song writing member of Scottish band Capercaillie, and has worked subsequently as a producer and mentor with emerging singer song-writers across the Highlands and Islands.

John says: 'Original music and song writing is vital to the future of the music industry, but it can be difficult to be heard and to know that what you are doing is valued. Projects like MOJO show that there is an audience out there



Danny Carroll and Eric Dearie perform at last year's first MOJO music event.

always looking for new music, and we hope it continues to grow as a platform for creative talent in Argyll.'



Eilidh Cameron's photographic workshop is cancelled

A planned photography workshop held by Lochgilphead's Eilidh Cameron is now cancelled.

Instagram star and photographer Eilidh Cameron was holding a photography workshop at Kilmartin

Eilidh Cameron has more than 30.5 thousand followers on Instagram.

Museum but is now forced to cancel.

In a workshop in Kilmartin Glen, Lochgilphead pupils would have been given the chance to learn what makes a bland shot beautiful using the historic and awe-inspiring scenery.

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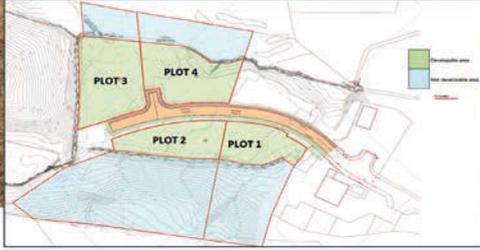


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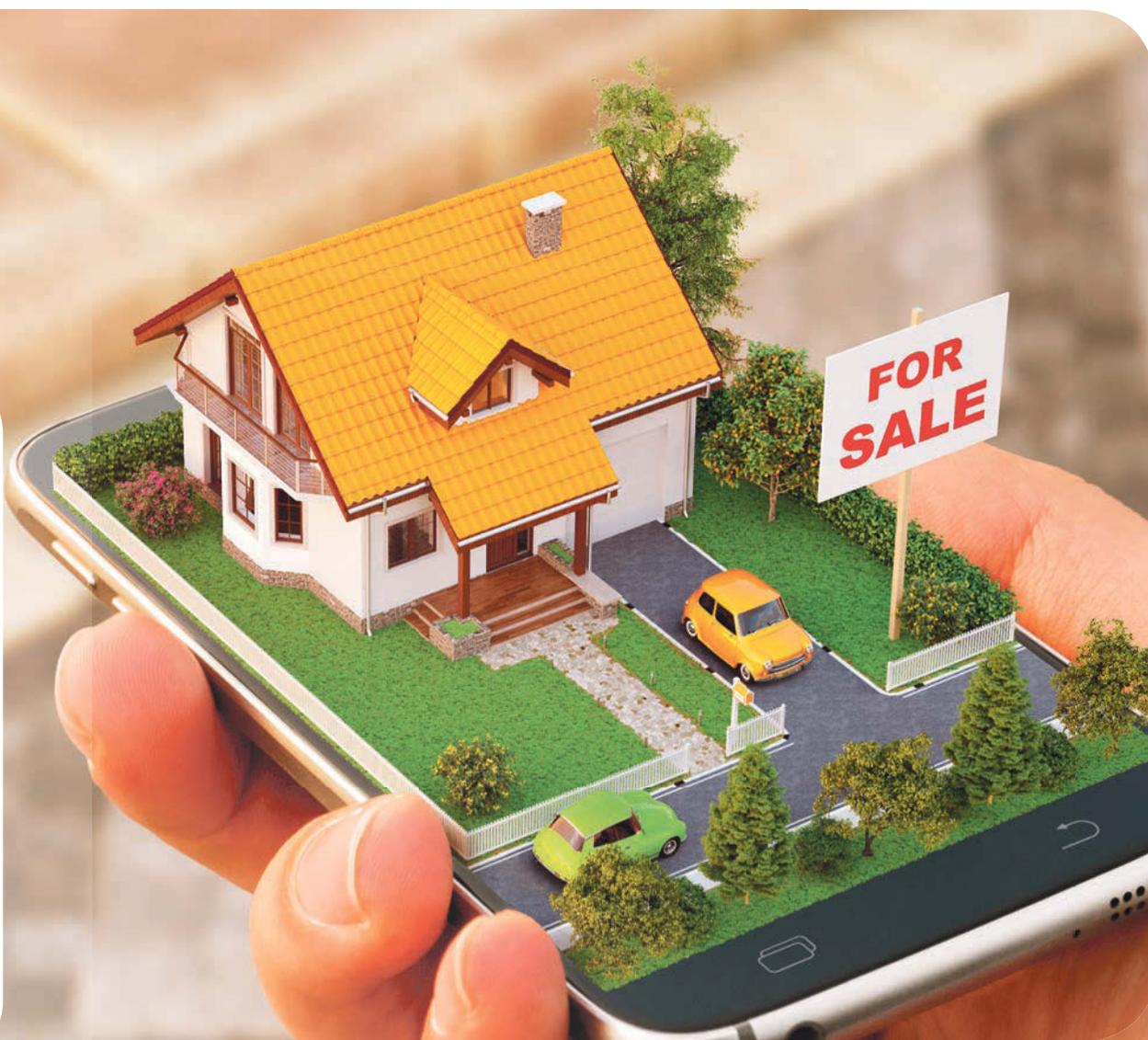
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Despite an excellent ringside of buyers in attendance, prices

failed to reach last year's levels in most sections, this being a reflection on the present shortage of cash throughout the whole farming sector. The following are the averages obtained on the day.

Blackface ewe lambs £45.82 (- £8.95). Cross bred ewe lambs £58.01 (+ £7.96). Blackface gimmers £83.10 (-£14.20). Cross bred gimmers £87.48 (-£9.38).



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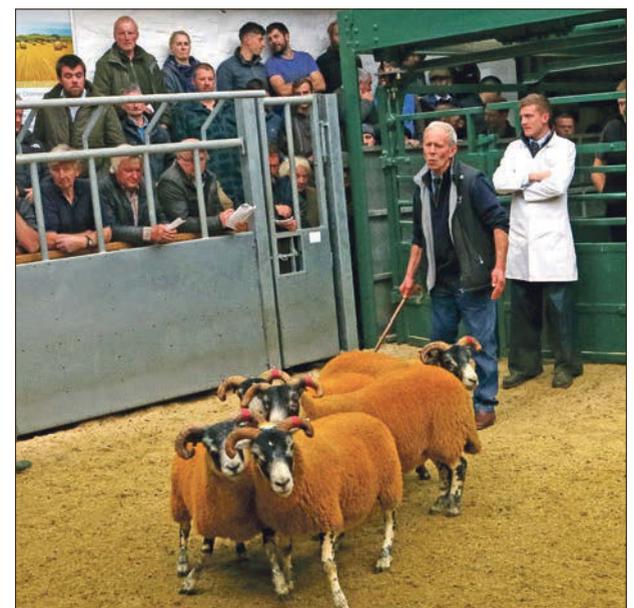
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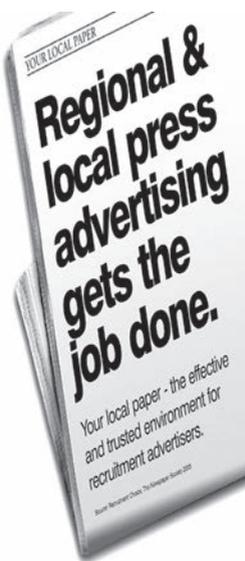
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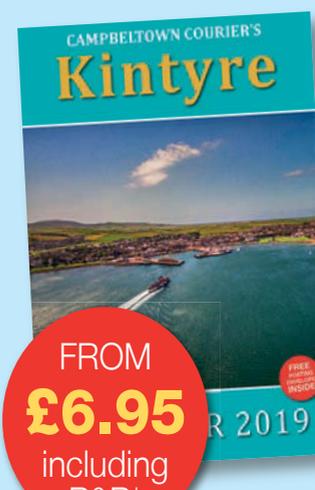
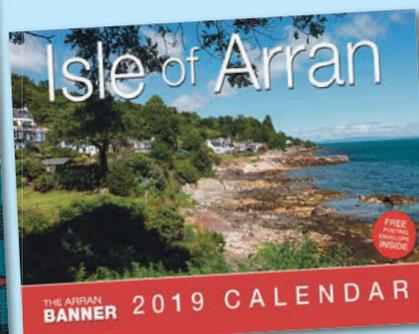
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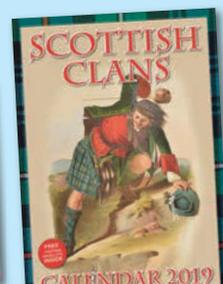
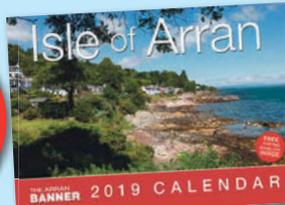
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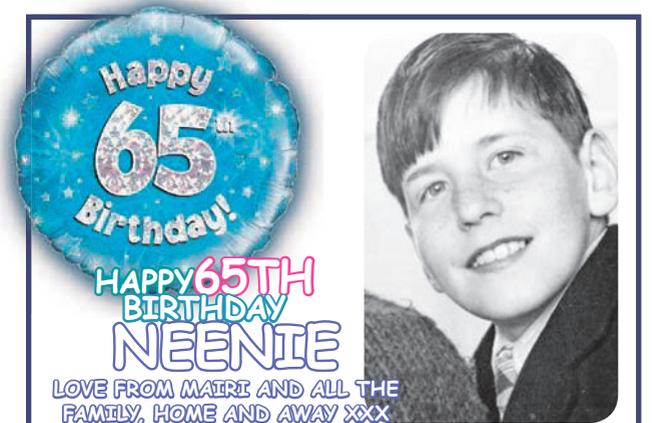
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ARGYLL

Argyll Food and Drink Festival at the Briggait in Glasgow

Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly Argyll and Isles (CHArts) recently joined forces with Wild About Argyll which was working with Food from Argyll, to showcase some of the best Argyll makers and producers during its first Argyll Food and Drink Festival at the Briggait in Glasgow on Sunday August 19.

More than 350 people passed through the old market building in Glasgow at the first of what is hoped to be many events which showcase the food, drink, cultural, creative and heritage assets of Argyll and the Isles.

With work on display ranging from jewellery to furniture design, printmaking to textiles, music to theatre, there was great engagement with the makers' work and exciting new connections made between them, allowing everyone to take home their own piece of Argyll.

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ARRAN



Visitors enjoy the new marine visitor centre in Arran.

COAST opens Arran's Octopus Centre

To celebrate 10 years of protection through the No Take Zones, on Saturday September 22 the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) officially opened Arran's Octopus Centre. It is Scotland's first Marine Protected Area visitor centre.

Hundreds of island volunteers, from underwater photographers to joiners, have renovated an old tennis pavilion.

On the day, wildlife film-maker John

Aitcheson of Planet Earth II, SEPA's CEO Terry A'Hearn and MSP Kenneth Gibson shared some inspirational words about community-led marine conservation.

Live music

There were visits to the exhibitions, live music from Heather MacLeod and Stuart Frassar, and Edinburgh's Castle Chorus and kayaking taster sessions with the Arran Outdoor Education Centre.

TARBERT

Young Ambassador Conference held at Hampden Park

Two pupils were selected to represent Tarbert Academy at the Young Ambassador Conference at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Jamie Blair and Keira Guy travelled stay overnight in Glasgow and to meet other pupils from Campbeltown, Islay, Oban and Mull.

The Young Ambassador

programme aims to develop young people as effective leaders in sport while ensuring that they have access to a range of opportunities of leadership roles which reflect their interest and abilities.

At the heart of the Young Ambassador programme is the principle that their views, and those of other young

people, are heard, valued and influence decision making, and that they are engaged in driving change.

Both pupils came away from the conference full of ideas and enthusiastic. Active Schools will work closely with both to progress their ideas forward over the coming weeks and months.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Sometimes as we reflect on our own mortality we look into the mirror of our lives.

We may see our reflection flicker before us and we may see beyond the image to reflect on the years that have gone before.

We see the good times and the bad, the happy and the sad, all interwoven to make that image we see before us today.

We each have that God spark within us, that unique fingerprint God put upon our soul when He formed us within our mother's womb.

I wonder what we see ahead as that image becomes hazy and difficult to make out.

What will the next years hold for us?

What will time and eternity hold for us?

Just as the creature on the depths of the ocean bed has no concept of the joy of a skylark singing high in the sky, neither can we know the joy that awaits us when we are reborn to eternal life.

We are not earthly creatures on a spiritual journey: we are spiritual creatures on an earthly journey – and the best of the journey lies ahead, when the great seamstress of creation completes our life through death itself.

And so I offer some words by Ruth Burgess:

*'We are made up
Of stardust and stories,
Of warmth and wonder,
Of blood and bread.*

*We are made up
Of seeds and sinews,
Of hope and harvest,
Of living and dead.*

*We are made up
Of genes and memories,
Of tears and laughter,
Of bones and breath*

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MCALLISTER - RANKIN - On September 19, 1958, at Castlehill Church, Campbeltown, by Rev John RH Cormack, Ian to Margaret, 110 Millknowe, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Suddenly at home, 1 An Croit, Carradale, on September 19, 2018, Myra Elspeth Lennox, in her 89th year, dearly beloved wife of Alasdair Anderson, loving wife of the late Tommy Osborne and the late John Leslie McLeod and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service in Clydebank Crematorium, on Friday, October 5, 2018, at 1.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. At Elspeth's request, bright colours should be worn to the service. No flowers please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Sense Smile.

BLAIR - Mary G Blair (Mammie Kerr), beloved wife of the late Gordon G Blair, Beith, passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, in her 88th year, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock. Sadly missed by all her family and friends at home and away.

BREWSTER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, with his family by his side, on September 15, 2018, Graeme Stewart Brewster, in his 74th year, Feorlinn, Lighthouse Road, Southend.

HOOD - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 19, 2018, the Rev Catriona Anne Hood, in her 53rd year, Rose Cottage, Whitehouse, Tarbert, dearly beloved daughter of the late Rev James Hood and

Catherine Hood, much loved sister of Mairi, sister-in-law of Gordon and loving aunty to David, Fraser and Rachel. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Young People's Mental Health, Campbeltown Grammar School.

MCGREGOR - Peacefully, at St John's Hospital, Livingston, on September 21, 2018, Christina McGregor, née Sinclair, aged 77 years, of Livingston, and formerly of Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig, wife of the late Billy McGregor, and much loved mother of Catherine, Janet and Margaret. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCKINLAY - Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on September 24, 2018, Alastair McMillan McKinlay, in his 89th year, 6 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Catherine Smith, much loved father of Alastair, loving grampa of Lianne and Laura and great grampa of Mason and Lachlan. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Shopper-Aide, Campbeltown.



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IN MEMORIAM

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a precious mother and granny, Marie, who died September 29, 2016. Close to our hearts you will always stay, Loved, remembered and missed every day. - Love always, Julie and Chloe xx.

MACINDEOR - Precious memories of my parents, Nancy, who passed away on September 29, 2007, and Colin, who passed away on October 1, 2017. Loved and remembered always. - Allan and daughter-in-law, Isabel.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of my dad, Iain, who died September 26, 1980, and also my mum, Annie, on June 26, 1986. Precious memories. - Anne and family.

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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 30 September
11.30am Tayvallich Church
Rev C Acklam
Saturday 29 September
Achnamara Hall
10.30am-12.30pm Cafe Connect
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknappdale.org

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 30th September
FAMILY SERVICE
11.00 am
Visiting Speaker - Andrew Swanson with Sunday school Refreshments after the service
The Ark
Baby & Toddler Group
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am
(Term time only)
Youth Fellowship
Visit our Facebook page for upcoming events
We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



SC043322

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 30th September 2018
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am.
Tuesday 3rd October
Badminton Club Registration
Kirk Street Hall 6.30pm
All welcome.



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6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting will be held on **Friday 5th October** at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker:
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg
from *The Free Church, Arran*
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th September
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
3.00pm Psalms Alive!
Community Psalm Singing
Wednesday 3rd October
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
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CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 30th September
11.15am Morning Worship
Harvest Thanksgiving
All Age Service
Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall
Retiring collection
Both in aid of Farm Africa
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Rev W Crossan
Monday 1st October
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Church Hall
Tuesday 2nd October
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.00pm
Company Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 4th October
Choir Practice 7.00pm
Friday 5th October
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th September
Family Communion Service
11.00am
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Sunday 30th September
10am Ford
Rev C Acklam
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 30th September
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
MORNING SERVICE
Lochgair
10.00am Preacher:
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Racers swam, cycled and sprinted to the finish line

The 17th edition of MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon kicked off on Sunday September 23 at the MACPool in Lochgilphead.

The weather may have put paid to the Ayr Gold cup, but it certainly did not stop 112 triathletes and 14 teams taking on the MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon.

Torrential rain did not dampen spirits or performances and once again the organisers upheld their reputation as a sporting event that promotes local community participation balanced with fierce and friendly sporting competition to attract some of the best triathletes from across Scotland.

Affiliated to Tri-Scotland, the national body for triathlon in Scotland, the event is now a regular fixture on the national event calendar.

It was not a day for personal bests being set, but all athletes exceeded their expectations spurred on by tremendous support from friends, families and club mates adding to the atmosphere.

The winners of the individual event were: male senior/first

male - Craig Ross of the Glasgow Tri Club: 1:10:40; female senior/first female - Lucy Fraser 1:15:05; female veteran - Louise Ross of Glasgow Tri Club 1:17:55; male veteran - Mike Donaldson of Glasgow Tri Club 1:10:19.42; male super vet - Alasdair Ireland - 1:12:48; female super vet - Maggie Darroch of Glasgow Tri Club 1:23:34; male vintage - Alan Duff of Glasgow Tri Club - 1:19:30; female vintage (60+) - Sue Allen of Mid Argyll Tri Club 1:38:22; male super vintage (70+) - Douglas Wood of Stirling Tri Club 1:25:00; first Mid Argyll female finisher - Kirsty Duff, Bridgend 1:19:44; first Mid Argyll male finisher - John Anderson, Kilmartin 1:16:28

The winner of the adult team category was Glasgow University Dream Team with a time of one hour, 12 minutes and 56 seconds and in the junior teams the winner was BFG Lochgilphead made up of Felix Maddox, Gregor McGeachy and Ben Smith.

For full report, visit the Argyllshire Advertiser website.



Female senior winners, Lucy Fraser, Kathryn Griffin, and Romy Beard.



First local - third placed Iain MacNicol, winner John Anderson and second placed Colin MacFarlane.



Female vintage winner Sue Allen and third placed Marjorie Leighton.



Male veteran winner Mike Donaldson of Glasgow Tri Club, Mark Russell and Lochlan O'Sullivan, third.



A rainbow arches overhead at the autumn Derby Day.
Photo by Sheila MacCallum.

Rainbow Riders' Derby Day

Arran sparkled in the background and rainbows arched overhead as Argyll South Pony Club held its autumn Derby Day in the Bay Field at Claonaig on Sunday September 23.

The day was voted as the best event of the year as the young riders had the chance to show jump over coloured fences and then let rip at a good gallop over the rustic fences spread out all over the huge field.

Designed by Sheila MacCallum and Liz MacNab the 17-jump course had a treble, a drop fence and even a clever quarry element with steep banks to be negotiated.

The club's new timing equipment was in full use with Jackie Lamond, Margaret Bateman and Gillian MacVicar successfully mastering the complicated digital technology.

The format of having tuition over the course in the morning guaranteed some blistering competition in the afternoon and Argyll South's youngest members really gained from the challenge of a longer than usual course.

The Rainbow Riders said: 'Thank you to all members and parents who came to support on the day and a special big thank you to Stewart Marshall and Claonaig Estates for allowing us to enjoy the Bay Field with its glorious terrain.'

The Skipness Starter Stakes - 1 Zoe Prentice - Cowal; 2 Isla McShannon - Frostie; 3 Willow Ryan - Minstrel; 4 Alyssa McEachran - Tulip; 5 Louise Ralston - Nero; 6 Imogen Moody - Torin.

The Bit Braver Handicap - 1 Michelle McAloon - Eclipse; 2 Iris McMillan - Conker; 3 Brodie Crawford - Toby; 4 Andrea McShannon - Frostie.

The Claonaig Canter - 1 Margaret Bateman - Kangaroo Jack; 2 Arlene Ross - Cola; 3 Morgan Sinclair - Barney; 4 Josephine Boase - Valerie; 5 Katie MacKay - Evea; 6 Kate Moody - Torin.

The Derby Classic - 1 Debbie Hay Thorburn - Urban Legend; 2 Josephine Boase - Valerie; 3 Margaret Bateman - Kangaroo Jack; 4 Katie MacKay - Evea



There were some tricky jumps to add to the challenge.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT
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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Racers swam, cycled and sprinted to the finish line

Teenager Henry has the drive to succeed

Colin Cameron
 editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

He showed so much promise that they bent the rules to allow an Ardrishaig teenager into the professional golf ranks.

Henry Palmer picked up his first set of plastic golf clubs at the age of two. By the time he was eight years old he was doing 18 holes round his local course in Salisbury.

He and his family moved to Ardrishaig in 2014 when Henry was 12, when mum Caroline and dad Philip took over the Allt na Craig guest house.

Henry soon joined Lochgilphead Golf Club, travelling further afield to become a member at Machrihanish.

His long-held desire to become a professional golfer never wavered, and earlier this year he began a course to become a pro golf teacher through the European Golf Teachers Federation (EGTF).

'I always wanted to play golf professionally in some form,' Henry explained, 'but a big part of going on the EGTF course was so that I could earn money coaching golf while at university.'

He officially turned professional on July 20, a week before his 17th birthday. Recognising his potential, the EGTF lowered their minimum age for acceptance from 18 to 16 years of age to allow Henry to take part.

Along with 12 other golfers from all over the world, he



Getting set to tee off his pro coaching career at Lochgilphead Golf Club. 06_a39HenryPalmer03

undertook a week of intensive training on how to teach golf – and make learning golf fun – at Ashbury Manor in Devon, under the watchful eye of EGTF president Peter Dunne.

'I really enjoyed the course,' said Henry. 'I had previously done a PGA course on assisting a pro coach, but I found this one much more

interesting. It was a mixture of theory and practical, and I was there with people from different countries, which was brilliant.' He has no plans to join the competitive golfing circuit, but prefers the coaching side. Already Henry has been dipping his teaching toe in the water at Lochgilphead Golf Club, and he would be interested in

hearing from anyone looking for golf tuition. But anyone looking for some help from Henry better be quick, as he hopes to head for university in 2019 to study Scots law.

Henry said: 'Lochgilphead Golf Club has been great. I think they are looking for a young coach, and the members have been really supportive.'

Archie wins angling club title

Archie MacGilp is this year's Lochgilphead and District Angling Club champion.

The final competition of seven for the championship took place at the Cairnbaan Lochs on August 26. The winner was George Mitchell with three brown trout weighing one pound 13 ounces. James Montgomery was second with one trout weighing one pound eight ounces.

The final weights for the seven competitions were: 1 Archie MacGilp, 21lb 8oz; 2 Dugald MacGilp, 15lb 13oz; 3 Donald MacGregor, 11lb 7oz

On Sunday September 16 Lochgilphead and District Angling Club members travelled to Oban for the return leg of the inter-club competition. It was a closely-fought contest, with Lochgilphead narrowly winning with 19lb 4oz to Oban's 18lb 12oz. Lochgilphead was 15lb ahead from the home leg in the spring and retained the challenge trophy.



A busy time at Tarbert Golf Club

It was a busy weekend at Glenralloch, home of Tarbert Golf Club, with several finals taking place and the re-scheduled James Johnson Cup.

Despite horrendous rainfall during the week the course was in excellent condition for the end of season James Johnson Cup. The honours went to Iain Johnstone Snr, whose net 62 gave him a two-shot winning margin and a handicap reduction of one. Eric McDougall was second with a 64 and Jamie McMillan third on 67.

The Cairns Christie final also took place with club champion John MacNab keeping up his good form to defeat James Smyth three and one. In the president's final club captain Chris Smyth edged out Archie Black with a three and two victory. Both gents' doubles' finals will take place next weekend.

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