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Anger as RBS closes doors on last bank in Inveraray

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Royal Bank of Scotland sparked anger as it sounded the death-knell for branch banking in Inveraray.

The bank initially announced plans to close its Inveraray branch and 61 others in December 2017.

It later gave a temporary reprieve, pending a review, to 10 branches, Inveraray included, where it was the 'last bank in town'.

Accountancy firm Johnston Carmichael was appointed in late June, and last week announced the results of its independent review. Of the 10 branches, only those in Barra and Biggar are to remain open.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara reacted with 'fury' at the announcement on Friday September 28.

He said: 'Zero account has been taken into the impact on Inveraray when the last bank in town closes. To say I'm furious is an understatement. 'RBS has failed to consider



Campaigners Marian Pallister, Brendan O'Hara MP and Donald Clark, right, are angry at the closure. 06_a50RBSinveraray05

its social responsibilities to rural and urban communities and to the long-lasting damage these closures will cause across Scotland and particularly in Argyll and Bute.'

One of the branch's biggest customers has been the George Hotel, and proprietor

Donald Clark said: 'I'm obviously disappointed that Inveraray was not viewed as a special case along with Barra and Biggar. Our nearest branches will be Oban and Dunoon, both more than 40 miles away, and have impossible parking problems.

'A twice-a-week, one-hour visit from a mobile bank will be insufficient and this places an unfair burden on the Londis post office counter.

'I'm sure a smaller branch with perhaps reduced hours would have been profitable in Inveraray, a major tourist

centre, and this does little to encourage tourists to Argyll.'

Mid Argyll writer Marian Pallister added: 'I am angered and saddened by the decision.

'I mounted an online petition in the hope of changing minds and hearts which gathered more than 740

signatures. I liaised with our MP Brendan O'Hara, who has tirelessly campaigned to keep the branch open.

'The costs to business customers will rise.

'There will be additional mileage to bank for individuals and charities like the one I am involved with (ZamScotEd) and jobs are to be lost.

'And let's not talk about the alternatives of online banking and mobile banking. The first is often impossible because of lack of connectivity.

'RBS clearly couldn't care less.'

Simon Watson, managing director of personal banking at RBS, said: 'In every case of a branch closing, we are committed to providing the best possible range of banking alternatives, including mobile branches, banking in the local post office, community bankers and remote services such as telephone banking.'

The bank will proceed with the closure of Inveraray branch at a date to be confirmed.



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Probe in Oban as man, 73, is killed

A suspect has been charged with the murder of a 73-year-old man in Oban, named on Wednesday as Martyn Smith.

Oskars Rancevs appeared in Dumbarton Sheriff Court on Tuesday October 2 where he made no plea.

The 32-year-old was remanded in custody and his case has been continued for further examination.

At around 9.40am on Monday October 1, police were called to a report of an elderly man being assaulted in Columba Court at Dunollie. The man was taken to Lorn and Islands Hospital,

where he later died.

Police Inspector Mark Stephen said: 'I am aware people in Oban are shocked and concerned by what has happened. I would like to reassure people that this is an isolated incident and a man has been arrested and charged in connection with the crime.'

'I can also advise that additional officers have been deployed within the local community and will be on patrol.'

'A post-mortem examination will be carried out to establish a cause of death.'

POLICE FILES

Bollard damaged

Sometime between 2pm on Saturday September 29 and 9am on Sunday September 30, at the entrance to Cuil House, Cairndow, near the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, a vehicle left the road and struck and damaged wheelie bins and a roadside bollard. The vehicle failed to stop and report the collision.

Failed to stop

Sometime between 4pm on Saturday September 29 and noon on Sunday September 30, at the Crinan Canal A83 road bridge in Ardrishaig, a vehicle left the road and struck and damaged metal railings. The vehicle failed to stop and report the collision.

Drug possession

A car was stopped for exceeding the speed limit on the A83 at Lochgilphead about 7pm on Monday September 24. Inquiries revealed there was no insurance in force for the vehicle. The driver, a man aged 61, was searched and



found to be in possession of a small quantity of cannabis. The vehicle was seized, the man was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vandalism

About midnight on Saturday September 29, an 18-year-old woman was arrested for smashing a shop window in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, behaving in an abusive manner and resisting arrest. The woman was charged, held in custody and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive

In a shop in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, at about 6pm on Thursday September 28, a 46-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner towards staff. The man was subsequently traced and arrested, charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Assault

A 21-year-old man assaulted another man in Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, about 1am on Saturday September 29. Police arrested and charged the man who was held for court. A report was

submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Woman held

In Whitegates Court, Lochgilphead, a 30-year-old woman behaved in an abusive manner at about 3am on Saturday September 29. The woman was arrested, charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of bail

A 34-year-old man breached bail conditions imposed by the court by approaching a woman in Tayvallich about 4pm on Saturday September 29.

Police arrested and charged the man, who was held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

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Critical GP drop affects Furnace and Inveraray

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Lochgilphead Medical Practice is making moves to aid a growing GP problem in Furnace.

A new GP, Dr Laura Cameron, joined the team on Wednesday September 3 but, despite this, the number of GPs covering Furnace has dropped significantly and is now at half normal capacity.

Due to a range of issues, various GPs are unable to cover Furnace long-term and patients across Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Furnace are being directed to Mid Argyll Hospital until at least December.

Lochgilphead Medical Practice said: 'The practice is making changes out of necessity.

'We ask for your understanding if inconvenience is caused and for the immediacy of the changes as we work hard to continue to provide a safe service.'

To combat the lack of mobile GPs, Lochgilphead Medical Practice is to implement the telephone service already in use by Mid Argyll Hospital in which patients call and are judged on whether they need a face-to-face appointment with a GP.

'The telephone first appointment system implemented in Lochgilphead in May 2017 has led to positive benefits for patients using the service. One hundred per cent of the demand for medical support is met each day.

'Many inquiries do not require a face-to-face appointment with a GP and many issues can be resolved quickly over the phone saving the patient time, potential

travel cost and lost working hours. This system allows the GP team to be more efficient and effective with their time.

'A GP will be on site each and every day of the week in Inveraray with face-to-face appointments available in Furnace on Mondays and Thursdays. The practice is making every effort to secure locum assistance as a matter of priority.'

Convener of Furnace Community Council Lynda Syed said: 'While, on the whole, people are sympathetic to the situation the practice finds itself facing, there is frustration and anger that Furnace surgery is being reduced to having a GP for only two days each week while Inveraray will still have five days.

'With the lack of public transport and an ageing population, many of whom don't drive, it will likely lead to elderly and sick people facing hours of hanging around in the cold and we will continue to make the case for a third day in Furnace.

'With the reduction in available hours in Furnace and the telephone system being introduced, it is a huge change which has come about very quickly and which will take some getting used to along with the inevitable teething problems.

'I hope that if problems do arise, both the practice and residents will continue to communicate effectively and discuss possible solutions in an open-minded way.

'We are looking forward to welcoming a new GP to Furnace in November and wish those who are currently off sick a speedy and full recovery.'

YOUR PICTURES



The photograph this week was taken by Laura Maxwell of the Argyllshire Advertiser. The view from Craignish Village Hall was captured on an iPhone 7 while waiting for the Pirate Parade to start. Laura said: 'Someone told me that's a weed. If so, it is one gorgeous weed.'

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Learning the way to employers' hearts ...

Mid Argyll employers were invited to Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Friday September 28 for a tasty soup and sandwich lunch prepared by the high school's S4 Skills for Work class.

The gathering offered the opportunity for pupils to meet and have a chat with company representatives and vice versa.

Head teacher Ann Devine stressed the importance of building strong links between the school and the business community, while S5 and S6 pupils – Chad Campbell, Cameron Gilthorpe, Joshua Kirkwood

and Chloe MacKinnon – gave an account of their own experiences on work placements. Each had gained a great deal from the workplace and viewed it as a worthwhile exercise in their career development.

S4 and S5 pupils have a well-earned rest after serving lunch to the employers.
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Volunteers wanted to help create a driving force that benefits others

A service helping people to get to and from hospital appointments and elsewhere is looking to broaden its pool of drivers.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) is a

charity offering transport for elderly and disabled people in Mid Argyll. It relies on volunteers to drive the vehicles, but one thing is becoming apparent – the charity needs young blood.

MATV co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy explained: 'We desperately need more people to come forward and help as drivers across Mid Argyll.

'I wonder if there are young-

er people out there with a little bit of time on their hands, maybe young mothers, for example, who might be able to spare an hour or two here and there.

'Are you a bored? Children

at school? Baby sleeps all day? Retired and time on your hands? Do you have a car? Want to help the community? It's really flexible and you can do as much or as little as you want. Our service makes a

big difference to people's lives and there is so much to be gained from helping others. It really is a rewarding role.'

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Last dance for council's participatory budgeting

Councillors voiced disappointment as a pilot Argyll and Bute Council project was deemed a success – yet will be scrapped.

As reported in last week's edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, a participatory budgeting afternoon tea recently in Lochgilphead allowed community groups to bid for a share of a £5,000 funding pot. The successful applicants were decided by a vote in the room.

The council introduced a pilot project in September 2017 where Argyll and Bute residents could vote for the projects they wished to have funded in their area, known as Participatory Budgeting.

At September's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council, the officer with responsibility for the project, Rona Gold, told assembled council members that the pilot had met its purpose, with significant support from communities, elected members, council officers and third sector partners.

It had been delivered on budget, attracting some 4,686 votes along the way.

The process of distributing funds was largely well received, but the cost of doing so was one of the reasons for its demise.

For 2018/19 the total funding available was £24,500 per council administrative area. The cost of delivering the project was, however, around £50,000 against a budget distribution of £98,000.

Ms Gold told councillors: 'Taking stock is the right thing to do. We got a lot of feedback



More fun this way? David Hewitt and Ros Duthie danced their way to £700 for tango lessons at the MS Centre at the recent participatory budgeting afternoon tea.

indicating that this was a great project, but it feels sensible to stand back, take our learning and combine it with others for the future.'

Next year the recommendation is for applications to be scored by officers, with decisions at area committees.

What are your council priorities?

Facing an anticipated funding gap of around £2.5 million in 2019 alone, Argyll and Bute Council is about to ask the public what their priorities are for its work.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'The majority – 80 per cent – of the council's funding comes from the Scottish Government. We won't know how much our funding settlement is until the end of the year, but have to set our budget in February 2019.

'We expect to be given a funding allocation for one year only, and at the moment, mid-range estimates indicate that we will have a funding gap of around £2.5 million in 2019/20.

'Our challenge is to identify how best to use this reduced funding to invest in the longer term future of Argyll and Bute, as well as in the services that are most vital now.

'Years of having to deliver millions of pounds of savings mean that this challenge becomes more and more difficult to meet.

'As much as it's possible, we would like to match the budget decisions we make

to what matters most to people in Argyll and Bute. Therefore, while we wait for confirmation of our funding allocation, we would like to hear from our residents and businesses about their priorities for the year ahead.'

The council is inviting views via a consultation that will run from Wednesday October 10 to Saturday November 20. It asks six questions about council services and ideas for making savings:

1 What matters most to you about the overall role of the council?

2 Which of the following do you most use?

3 What are your priority services for 2019/2020?

4 Any other comment on the role or services of the council?

5 What suggestions do you have for raising income or making savings for council services?

6 What council services or processes would you use if they were available online?

The consultation will be available on www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and printed copies will be available in council customer service points or by contacting the council at planningourfuture@argyll-bute.gov.uk or calling 01546 604323.



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Goodbye RBS

The decision by RBS to end hundreds of years of banking in Inveraray came as little surprise.

The bank's chief executive, Ross McEwan, gave no sign of budging on the closure plans, even after the stay of execution was announced. Sadly, we fear that this was decided long before the December 2017 announcement.

The rest has been an exercise in leading good people up the garden path.

GP problems

Lochgilphead medical practice is facing unprecedented problems with a shortage of GPs. Circumstances have left the practice so short-staffed that services have had to be trimmed back as a temporary measure.

New systems involve change, but we can't forget that we are pretty well served with our doctors in this part of the country. In many urban parts, patients are lucky to see a doctor within a week.

Lunch bunch

What a great employers' lunch event at the school last Friday. We have had the pleasure of hosting many school pupils over the years at the paper, and are pleased to continue that tradition of offering workplace experience to our young people.

Closure of Inveraray's last remaining bank – reaction

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) announced last Friday that its Inveraray branch is to close, which you can read all about on page one.

Here are a selection of the comments posted after the Argyllshire Advertiser shared the story on Facebook when the news broke:

Stephen Clark: 'Nearest RBS either Dunoon or Oban, last bank in the town. So goes completely against their reasons for the two banks selected to stay open. Time to switch to Bank of Scotland in Lochgilphead!'

Laurencia Simpson: 'Poor decision here, not everyone does online banking. Locals and tourists alike depend on this bank. RBS, you have let a community down.'

Arthur Graham: 'Way to go RBS, great way to stifle commerce and tourism. I spent a week in the west of Ireland this summer and the difference in their approach is amazing. They have an "open all hours" approach to tourism as they recognise the financial impact it has on the local economy. Closing banks and tourist offices is just the wrong decisions.'

Hamish Small: 'It was always going to happen despite local opposition. Big business does not care about rural communities unless they are making money from them.'

Susan McFarlane: 'The nearest bank is in Lochgilphead? Inveraray is not just about tourists. It needs shops, a bank and a post office. Utterly disgraceful decision.'

Georgina Cryans: 'Very bad decision for locals and visitors.'

Dave Shand: 'Sadly, according to staff I spoke with, there wasn't an increase in footfall from locals despite the campaign.'

Dave Shand: 'Corporate social responsibility is an alien concept to RBS and the Westminster government, who have the power and the means to change RBS policy.'

Gordon Cameron: 'Banks are only interested in one thing, which is making money. If they consider that the profit is not large enough...'

Pat Masterman: 'Shocking, especially when you think not everyone has transport to take them to the nearest one. Bad decision RBS. One I hope you regret when people start moving banks.'

Colin Bellamy: 'What do we expect from a company that doesn't care about its customers. Bailed out by the taxpayer and no returns.'

Moira Bernard: 'They are ignoring their own rules. Last bank in town and more than nine miles to next branch!'

Dot Blair: 'Not good, not good at all for lots of reasons.'

Ruth Tott: 'Time to move banks. RBS no longer stands unique.'

Karen Baird: 'I will be closing my account and moving it elsewhere.'

Donald John MacDonald: 'Total Disgrace.'

Elizabeth Dickson: 'Shocking.'

June Pearson: 'Thought we signed a petition...nobody listened then.'

Dave Shand: 'I will change to TSB in Lochgilphead.'

Myra Campbell: 'No way to treat their customers.'

Flora MacPherson: 'Shambles.'

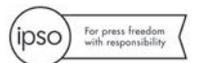
Noreen Harvey: 'Disgrace.'

Derek MacLachlan: 'It's shocking, as businesses use that bank as do lots of locals. Had the old post office still been open that would have been an easier alternative for so many locals in Inveraray.'

Elizabeth Reive: 'Absolutely disgraceful.'

Highlands and Islands regional MSP Rhoda

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STV Children's Appeal cycling challenge in Argyll

Cyclists in Argyll started an incredibly challenging journey 'around the world' on Saturday September 22.

In the name of STV Children's Appeal, cyclist Mark Beaumont led 80 other cyclists in the Around the World Challenge, cycling 240 miles from Campbeltown to Aberdeen.

Starting at 4am, the route from Campbeltown passed through many beautiful spots in Argyll, admiring the sunrise of Tarbert, the coast of Lochgilphead and landing the cyclists first stop in Furnace before cycling through Inverness and on to Loch Lomond and beyond.

Fond memories

Mark said: 'This stunning route from Argyll to Aberdeen was my last 16-hour training ride before I set out on the world challenge and it holds fond memories – but it is very long and very hilly, so I was impressed by everyone who signed up for this epic day of endurance.'

'The STV Children's Appeal has gone from strength to strength, supporting so many brilliant charities and causes across Scotland.'

'Thanks to everyone who got involved.'

The journey was captured by STV and can be seen on the STV Player after it aired on Monday October 1.

The STV Children's Appeal helps children and young people affected by poverty in Scotland.

The money raised by the STV Children's Appeal helps make a real difference in the lives of Scotland's children and young people by providing practical help like food and warm clothes; creating opportunities for training and employability; and enabling social and emotional support for those who need it most.

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Mark Beaumont.
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The history of crop improvement by genetic mutation goes back centuries. The initial slow process of selective breeding was enhanced in the 1950s using irradiation and toxic chemicals to increase mutation rates. Then in the 1990s, genetic modification (GM) allowed random introduction of pieces of DNA, often from foreign species, into the DNA of plants and animals. The possibility that GM might create rogue species led in 2001 to an EU directive that effectively banned the production of GM crops. But this directive specifically excluded organisms produced by radiation- or chemical-induced mutations because these were tried and tested techniques that produced many of today's edible crops – wheat for example.

A recently discovered gene-editing technique

called CRISPR, has vast potential for creating designer crops that could be more productive, adaptable to extreme climates, resistant to diseases, more nutritious, less allergenic and non-carcinogenic. CRISPR is a system of enzymes used by bacteria to fight off invading viruses.

Now scientists have adapted it to provide a highly-targeted method for altering gene sequences. This is faster, cheaper and more accurate than traditional GM. And, crucially, it does not introduce foreign DNA into the host species. For this reason, many scientists equate its action with the EU-approved radiation- and chemical-induced mutations.

So, the question the EU Court of Justice had to consider was: is CRISPR a form of GM or more aligned to chemical- and radiation-in-



Manipulating crops for our benefit is nothing new.

duced mutagenesis? On July 25 this year, the court decided that CRISPR involves genetic modification and should therefore be subject to the 2001 EU directive.

This ruling is welcome news for certain environmentalist organisations with concerns about release of GM organisms into the environment.

But it is a major blow for

scientists intent on improving world crop production, as it prevents any EU commercial developments using CRISPR.

Now multinationals are likely to move elsewhere, but

maybe once Brexit is realised the UK will join the US, Canada, Japan and several South American countries in embracing this new technology.

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And after - much smarter. 06_a40AvenuePath01

Life was made just a bit easier for people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and pushchairs after a project led by Inveraray Community Council.

An important path linking the main residential area of Inveraray with the town centre has been upgraded with a smart new tarmac surface.

The Avenue path project was completed with the help of wind farm community benefit cash and local fundraising over the last few months. The work was carried out on Monday September 24 by Oban contractor D&K Lafferty.

Community council convenor Linda Divers said: 'Thanks to D&K Lafferty for the quick and efficient job tarring the Avenue. It's looking great and much improved.'

Work will now be carried out to improve with drainage around the path with the help of Lochgilphead firm DA MacDonald.



The winning Peppa's Piglets team. From left: Lorna Hawthorn, Campbell MacGregor, Alastair Malcolm, Catherine Morrison and Alison Johnson. Missing from the picture are Kathleen Munro and Laura MacGregor.

Tarbert's pink piglets use their grey matter

A special Wear it Pink quiz was held in Tarbert in aid of breast cancer research.

The Corner House hosted

the charity quiz, which raised £436 for the charity.

The winning team was Peppa's Piglets, who over-

came stiff competition to take the prize during an evening of fun on Sunday September 28.

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Ruling council group wins battle of Arrochar Alps

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Arrochar Alps hillwalkers face a steep hike in parking charges after Argyll and Bute's ruling coalition overruled opposition attempts to cap fees at a lower level.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on September 27, the SNP group of council members presented a motion proposing a capped rate of £3 per day for the Glen Loin car parks at Arrochar.

Argyll and Bute Council imposed an 800 per cent increase in day rate – a rise from £1 to £9 a day – with effect from early September.

The SNP group claimed

the capped rate would have brought charges more in line with Ben Nevis at £4 per day and Ben Lomond at £3 per day, while both these car parks, unlike Arrochar, also offer toilets and other facilities.

Proposing the motion, Helensburgh and Lomond councillor Shonny Paterson said: 'Tourism is an essential part of our economy let alone the improvements to health and wellbeing experienced by those who walk, run or cycle in our hills. Anything that deters tourists and locals from spending time in this most beautiful part of Scotland must be challenged and stopped.'

Administration councillors presented an amendment which proposed no action on the SNP motion, and the amendment was carried by 18 votes to 12.

After plans for the parking rate increase were announced earlier this year, an online petition was started against the move. At the time of writing 4,291 people had signed the petition.

Speaking to the amendment, Councillor Gary Mulvaney accused the SNP of 'jumping on the bandwagon' of popular protest: 'My bugbear is that this motion looks at one aspect of the budget in complete isolation,' he said. 'That is not a sensible or joined-up approach.'

'We could all look at our wards and make a special case for people there, but what we do is look at the bigger financial picture.'

'The administration is making a mountain out of a molehill,' was the view of Councillor Richard Trail. He continued: 'It is stubbornness, not listening to public opinion. In my experience, administrations who don't listen to the public sometimes don't last too long.'

After being reminded by Helensburgh member



Parking charges are set to rise for hillwalkers at the Arrochar car parks. a39ArrocharCarPark01



The Arrochar Alps from the Rest and be Thankful.
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Councillor Ellen Morton not given sufficient detail at budget time to identify this price increase. Councillor Paterson complained that they were

is missing the point. This will impact businesses in Arrochar, and displacement of cars from car parks will just get worse.'

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Time to join forces for the sake of Mid Argyll shinty

The message from a crunch meeting on the future of Mid Argyll shinty was a stark one.

The very existence of the sport in the region is under threat unless shinty players, parents, fans and volunteers – and the game's ruling body – rally round to give it new life.

Kilmory senior team had trouble fielding a side towards the end of the 2018 season and intends to compete in South Division Two next season, a league below where they currently play. The purpose behind this is to consolidate by bringing younger players into the adult game at a less competitive level.

Feelings were running high in Lochgilhead's Stag Hotel during the gathering of people with an interest in the game on Monday October 1.

Anger lingers in Mid Argyll over the reinstatement by the

Camanachd Association of a formerly-mothballed rule limiting the pool of players from which primary school teams can be selected to avoid 'cherry-picking' the best players from a wide pool.

This 150-pupil rule effectively barred Kilmory and Dunadd junior shinty teams from competing in the MacKay and Tulloch Cup competitions as the club recruits from three primary schools – Lochgilhead, Ardrishaig and Glassary – which have a combined roll of around 350. There are, however, fewer than 40 players to choose from across all age groups.

As a compromise, Kilmory and Dunadd have proposed a voluntary 50-player cap, and this has been passed to the Camanachd Association.

Faced with frustrated parents, Argyll and Bute shinty



The Kilmory and Dunadd junior players just want to play shinty.

development officer Euan McMurdo agreed to support the club's suggestion, and this will be considered as the rules

for the 2019 youth cups are drawn up - but he was keen to move things forward in a positive way in a wider sense.

The 30 or so people in the room were split into smaller groups to come up with pros and cons surrounding the

current Mid Argyll shinty scene, from primary school to senior level, male and female.

The points will be collated by Euan and used as the basis for an action plan for the future.

One point identified was that three shinty clubs exist around Lochgilhead, covering senior (Kilmory), junior (Kilmory and Dunadd) and ladies (Dunadd). There was agreement that they will work more closely together, perhaps moving to becoming a single club.

Kilmory chairman Angus Gilmour said: 'Shinty in Mid Argyll is extremely fragile and could collapse if we don't get more volunteers and better support from the Camanachd Association.'

He concluded: 'But let's be positive and go forward together for the future of shinty in the area.'

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Old ambulance building finds renewable use

A company formed seven years ago in Lochgilphead has expanded into a new base in the town's former ambulance station.

Ewan Anderson established Renewable Parts in 2011 to recycle used parts in the renewable energy sector. Renewable Parts Ltd

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The latest stage in the company's development was formally opened on Tuesday October 2 with the official unveiling of the parts refurbishment centre at the former ambulance base.

Speeches

Guests gathered on a breezy but dry autumn afternoon to hear opening speeches by company CEO James Barry and keynote speaker Sir Jim McDonald, principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Strathclyde.

The doors were opened by Lochgilphead High School pupils Adam McFarlane and Elliot Lindsay as piper Cameron Kidd played a selection of lively tunes.

Mr Barry said: 'We're delighted to open our parts



Guests gather at the official opening of the new Lochgilphead refurbishment centre.

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He added: 'The principle

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The repair centre boasts an

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At the opening are, from left: Renewable Parts refurbishment general manager Michael Forbes, technical director Ewan Anderson and chief executive James Barry.

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This award came hot on the heels of the announcement that Portavadie has reached the finals of the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards in two categories, Innovation in Tourism and Best Self Catering/Alternative Accommodation categories.

First held in 2016, the Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards celebrate the best of the outdoor and leisure industry, rewarding the businesses, which are helping to position Scotland as a top tourism destination.



Team Portavadie receive the Best Marina award from Andrew Scott, chairman of the Big Impact Charity.

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The Best Marina category included some of Scotland's best-known marinas in the most stunning locations including Cameron House Marina, Craobh Marina, Kip Marina and Taymouth Marina.

Portavadie General Manager Iain Jurgensen was delighted to pick up the award saying: 'This has been an emotional night for

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Argyll College graduation sends students off into the wide world

More than 90 graduating students and their guests assembled in the spectacular setting of the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban, last Friday September 28 for Argyll College UHI's annual graduation ceremony.

Also attending the event was President of Scottish Rugby, Dee Bradbury, who received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Highlands and Islands in recognition of her leadership work in sport at a local, national and international level.

In August this year Ms Bradbury became the first fe-

male president of the Scottish Rugby Union, and is also the first female leader of any Tier 1 rugby playing nation in the world.

She has been Scottish Rugby's representative to Rugby Europe and is also on the Women's Committee for Rugby Europe. An accomplished athlete, Dee has represented Scotland and GB in athletics at junior and masters level, and has previously managed Scotland Women U18.

She has spent her working life since 1984 based in Oban, Argyll where she has champi-

oned and encouraged women and girls to play sport, as well as leading and administering sporting activities for everyone. She was a police officer with Strathclyde Police and latterly Police Scotland and is now retired.

A founding member of the women's section at Oban Lorne RFC, Dee went on to occupy several committee roles within the club and is now honorary president of Oban Lorne RFC. She has previously held the positions of chairwoman within Oban Netball Club, Oban Athletics Club and The Lorne Highland Games.

On receiving the award MS Bradbury said: 'I feel exceptionally honoured to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Highland and Islands, and even more so to have my family to witness the ceremony. Sport has been a major part of my life for many years and I am truly blessed by some of the friendships and experiences I have had as a result of my involvement. Little did I think when I took up rugby at the age of 38 that I would receive this accolade.'

'The fact that we live in relatively rural locations should



Lesley Burr, Patrice Seaward, Judith McGregor, Kimberly McAdam, Kirsty Bremner, Zara Cameron, Shona Marshall, Leigh Philips, Catriona MacNeill.



Dee Bradbury accepting her honorary degree.

not preclude us from success or personal development. The calibre of all the graduates today is evidence of this.

'Many have co-ordinated their studies with challenges such as geography, family responsibilities and professional demands. I feel humbled to have been part of this wonderful occasion. Thank you so very much.'

Andrew Campbell, chairman of the board of governors of Argyll College UHI, said: 'We are delighted that Dee

has been able to join us today to receive this Honorary Award.

'Dee's achievements would have been remarkable had she been based in the central belt but she has reached the top of Scottish rugby from a small, remote rural club and in doing so has encouraged many other small clubs to aim high.'

The event in Oban was attended by more than 200 guests.

Lochgilphhead student Heather McCallum received

the SQA Principals Award.

Helen received this as she has been an outstanding student on the Higher English course. She was nominated by her course tutor Susannah Wilson, who said: 'Heather's commitment to her studies has been absolute, her attendance constant and her dedication and diligence resulted in an excellent academic performance.'

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Fyne Ales triumphs at Scottish Beer Awards

Argyll brewery Fyne Ales was amongst the big winners at the 2018 Scottish Beer Awards, taking home five awards from the Thursday September 27 ceremony, including two coveted business awards.

The brewery, based at the head of Loch Fyne, picked up the Innovation of the Year award for its Origins Brewing project and Beer Event of the Year for its annual festival FyneFest, in addition to three awards for its beers.

The independent awards, sponsored by supermarket Aldi, bring together the best of Scottish brewing to celebrate the wealth and diversity of beer being produced north of the border. With more than

35 breweries shortlisted, there was significant competition for this year's prizes, but Fyne Ales came away with a handful of trophies.

In the beer categories, Maverick was crowned Scotland's best British-style ale, accompanied by bronze prizes for Vital Spark in the dark ales category and Origins Brewing's Expedition in the sour beer competition.

The Origins Brewing project, which uses global inspiration to create unique, Scottish farmhouse and wild beers in the original Fyne Ales brewery was launched in late 2017, with the Scottish Beer Award and prize for Expedition crowning a big first year for the project.

Meanwhile, FyneFest was recognised as Scotland's best beer event in its successful ninth year. Beer Event of the Year, a new award at the 2018 ceremony, was a hotly contested category, with FyneFest beating six other events from around Scotland (and one taking place around the UK and Europe) to win the Scottish Beer Award.

'I'm delighted to bring five awards back to Argyll this year,' commented Fyne Ales MD, Jamie Delap. 'We had some success at the same awards last year, but we weren't expecting to do so well this year with such strong competition amongst the finalists. The awards for FyneFest and for Origins

Brewing are especially exciting as these are the first major awards for either project.'

FyneFest returns from May 31 2019 for the 10th annual iteration of the festival. Tickets go on sale in December 2018 and all of the award-winning beers are available now from the Fyne Ales website and Brewery Shop and Tap.



Fyne Ales directing manager Jamie Delap and marketing manager Iain Smith with hosts Hardeep Singh Kohli and Catriona Shearer.

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was something to find for everyone.

Four members of Kasamba Congregation of the Central African Presbyterians, from Lilongwe, Malawi were also at the sale as guests of the Mid Argyll Twinning Group

consisting of Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Churches. They are Reverend Custom Kapombe, Session Clerk Joel Kandodo, Youth Leader Hope Mfuni and Women's Guild representative Olipa Chisi.

Tea and coffee were also served in the North Hall for those exhausted from shopping and even a few pipers from Mid Argyll Pipe Band showed up to entertain.



The Ardrishaig Brownies, Esme and Kali, with Blaire McCuaig and Brownie leader Sandra Coles, sold cakes.

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Reverend Custom Kapombe, Session Clerk Joel Kandodo, Youth Leader Hope Mfuni and Women's Guild representative Olipa Chisi, were spreading good will in Ardrishaig.

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The doors to the church hall were open to

those looking for something yummy in home baking, something special to take home from the sales table, looking to get lucky at the raffle or just some lively conversation.



Linda and Charles Tighe enjoying a cup of tea. 08_a40GilpCoffee03



Christine and Ishbel sold cakes. 08_a40GilpCoffee01



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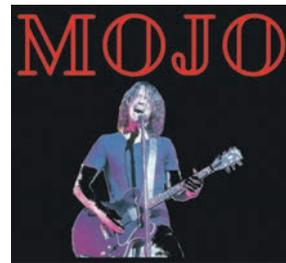
Win a pair of tickets to MOJO

The second-ever MOJO festival will shortly have the Craignish Village Hall rafters jumping. And the Argyllshire Advertiser has teamed up with the organisers of MOJO 2018 to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets - worth £7 each - for the event.

After a fantastic response from bands, Argyll's celebration of original music is set to be bigger and better than before. MOJO will showcase bands of all tastes and backgrounds from all over the region in an event that will have something for everyone. Volunteer Dan Griffiths said: 'We

do it purely for our love of unique, raw music and keenness to see what talent we have in our own backyard.

'We had a great night of music last year and felt so welcome and supported in Ardfern.'



The fantastic line-up for MOJO at Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern on Saturday October 20 is:

- Liam Sommerville
- Stephen Skinn
- The Brambells
- Citizen 9
- The Hollow Mountain String Band
- 4 Below

For your chance to win one pair of tickets, simply answer the question below and return it to: MOJO competition, The Argyllshire Advertiser, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8NB by Friday October 12. Don't forget to include your name, address and email address.

Question: MOJO celebrates which type of music?

A) Covers of old songs B) Fresh, original music.

Answer.....

Name.....

Address

..... Postcode.....

Telephone Email.....

Terms and conditions: The prize per winner is one pair of adult tickets to MOJO on Saturday October 20, 2018. Entrants must be aged 18 or over. Argyllshire Advertiser T&Cs apply and the editor's decision is final. Entry data will be deleted/disposed immediately upon the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.

MOJO fever is rising

There's just two weeks to get your mojo going for the concert of the year.

MOJO is a celebration of

unsigned acts around Argyll, featuring acts like Citizen 9, 4Below, The Hollow Mountain String Band, Liam

Somerville, Stephen Skinn and The Brambelles, all with their own original music to showcase.

Volunteer Dan Griffiths explained what MOJO is all about: 'MOJO Argyll is a small, down-to-earth team of volunteers helping local original artists to get heard.

'We do it purely for our love of unique, raw music and keenness to see what talent we have in our own backyard.

'MOJO is non-profit-making and non-funded and all proceeds from the event are shared between the acts and set up costs. We have professional sound and lighting and a licensed bar with real ales.'

Join the bands in Craignish Village Hall on Saturday October 20 for a once-in-a-lifetime event, a night never to be experienced again.

Tickets can be bought at Lochgilphead's Argyll Book Centre, Oban Music and Ardfern stores for £8 or £10 at the door.

Liam Somerville will be at this year's concert.



Eilidh Cameron's photography workshop is back on

Learn to capture the beauty you see with Eilidh Cameron's workshop

Lochgilphead photographer Eilidh Cameron is holding a photography workshop at Kilmartin Glen.

In a three-hour long workshop, novice photographers will get the chance to learn from the Instagram star what makes a bland shot beautiful using the historic and awe-inspiring scenery of Kilmartin.

The workshop is on Thursday October 18 at 3pm.

Eilidh's work can be found at @eilidh__cameron on Instagram.

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Mudslide into your stereo

Five-piece band Mudslide took their 'Stormin' Blues from Argyll' to the 13th annual Callander Jazz and Blues Festival on Saturday September 29. They packed in folk at The Dalgarair House Hotel and had the crowd dancing away for two hours of blistering blues classics all performed with their usual flair and passion.

All from Mid Argyll, between Oban and Craobh Haven, Mudslide's five

members combine a wealth of professional and semi-professional experience from diverse musical backgrounds with a passion for everything from grassroot to gospel, creating a foot-tapping, spine tingling, stormin' blues sound.

With songs from Stevie Ray Vaughan to Clapton, Gary Moore to Joe Bonamassa plus some original material and older classics, Mudslide prove that the blues are still alive

and well. With an enviously tight rhythm section, blistering guitar solos, dazzling keyboards and soulful vocals, they are guaranteed to get a place dancing.

As one reviewer said: 'If you like your waters muddy and your wolves howling; if you like to roll as well as tumble while you dust your broom then this is the band you need. They got my mojo working, they might just work for you.'

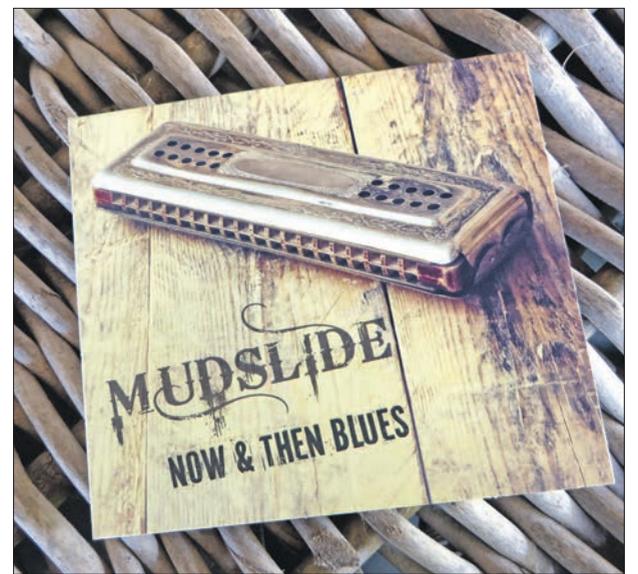
Mudslide are available for

festivals, pub gigs and parties – they will not disappoint. They have a growing fan base of converts who had no idea that blues could sound this good.

They say it is not their plan to become world famous, they just love playing and listening to the blues whilst clutching on to the thin straws of reality.

Mudslide just released an album called Now and Then Blues, which is available directly from the band, at Oban Music Shop, Made in Argyll in Oban, Kilmelford Village Stores, or Lochgilphead's Braveheart Barbers and Argyll Book shop.

Find out more at their Facebook page: @MudslideArgyllBlues



Mudslide's album is available in Oban and Lochgilphead.



Mudslide played at the Callander Jazz and Blues Festival last weekend.

The Mid Argyll-based band Mudslide.

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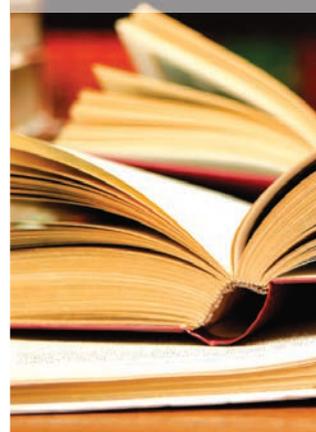
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The Highlanders are coming

The Highlanders are heading to Oban this weekend for their 121st autumn show and sale

The action will be at the United Auctions Oban Livestock Centre with the autumn show on Sunday October 7 and the sale on Monday October 8.

New for this year at the event, under the auspices of the Highland Cattle Society, will be a commercial Highlander sale of unaltered, non-pedigree Highlanders after Monday's pedigree sale.

Promoters say the 2018 event is not to be missed. Some of the top UK breeders will be there. Both days start at 10am. David Soutar will be the show judge with Jimmy Laing taking on

the role of chief steward. Trophies, prizes and awards will be presented to the winners at the society's ceilidh dinner and dance at Oban's Royal Hotel on the Sunday evening.

As part of this weekend's event, Queenie Strickland is holding an open day for the Cladich Fold at Cladich Farm, Dalmally, on Saturday October 6 from noon to 5pm. Refreshments will be provided. All members and visitors are welcome.

Highland cattle are instantly recognisable throughout the world with their long horns and flowing coats.

In the British Isles, herds of Highlanders, known as folds, are found from one end to the other from the slopes of the Sussex Downs to East Anglia's Fenlands and the windswept machars of the Outer Hebrides.

Highland cattle societies have also been started abroad in Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Holland, Finland, France, Switzerland and Norway.

There are also Highlanders in Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Estonia, USA, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Poland and the Faroe Islands. Highland cattle can even be found

foraging 10,000 feet up in the Andes.

Breeders, experienced and new, who have travelled from all over the world to buy new stock, will be invited by Raymond Kennedy of United Auctions to put in bids.

A post on the Highland Cattle Society's Facebook page said: 'All visitors are welcome, buyers and enthusiastic spectators. With helpful staff and hundreds of knowledgeable members of the Highland Cattle Society in attendance, there is no better place to discover all you need to know about this iconic breed.'



Kate Cameron, 10, from Dunach gives her calf Nighean Ruadh 2nd of Dunach a wee kiss as she won best in her class and reserve champion heifer calf at last year's autumn show. Overall, Kate's dad John runs the Dunach fold of Highland cattle for Lord and Lady Denholm.

Picture: Kevin McGlynn



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MARKET REPORTS

Islay – United Auctions held their annual show and sale of breeding sheep and rams, also sale of lambs and feeding sheep at Islay Auction Mart. In total, 4987 head of all classes were sold. The breeding rams and ram lambs was judged by Charlie McMillan, Ardtalla Estate and the following are his awards: Blackface: 1st and reserve overall – John Campbell, 9 Cnoc-Na-Faire, £420; 2nd Allan Orr, 13 Dailnamarra, £500; 3rd John Campbell, £280. Crossing Rams: 1st and overall champion, Elliott Bowman, 40 Texa Crescent – Texel ram lamb, £520; 2nd Miss Brooke Woodrow, 16 West End, Texel shearing, £450; 3rd Mrs S Woodrow, 16 West End, Texel shearing, £400. Lambs sold to sellers' advantage averaging as follows: Suffolk £61.58 (+ £11.03); Texel £64.69 (+ £13.03); Cheviot cross £57.02 (+ £1.46); Mule £56.38 (+ 82 pence); Blackface £38.04 (+ £2.62). Breeding sheep sold in keeping with current market trends. A feature of the sale was a pen of 16 Texel cross lambs consigned by Donald McCormick, Blackrock, weighing 35.5 kilo and sold for £110 per head to D Low, Pittenkerrie. This pen of lambs was the last lot to be auctioned by Donald Morrison, who has stepped down from the rostrum after 45 years. Upon selling this pen, Donald announced that there shall be a donation made to Parkinson's UK for £560. Principal lots and prices. Breeding sheep
Ewe lambs
TEXx: £64 – Paicr A Chlassan. MULE: £80 – Ballachlaven : £80 – Smaladh : £75 – Bola Na Traigh : £72 – Kindrochaid. BF: £44 – Kinnabus : £43 – Ceanacroic : £42 – No 1 Foreland : £41 – Portantruan. Gimmers
TEXx: £95 – Claddach. MULE: £125 – Lorgba : £92 – Claddach.

BF: £65 and £61 – Kinnabus : £60 – Carn.
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TEXx: £64 and £51 – Viewfield. MULE: £60 – Charlotte Street. BF: £61 – Kinnabus : £58 – Lossit : £51 and £50 – Kinnabus.
Rams
SUFF: £550 – 7 Claddach : £550 and £500 – Eorrabus. BFL: £850 – Ballachlaven : £500 – Coille : £420 – Ballachlaven : £420 and £400 – Coille. TEX: £520 – Upper Craggabus (E Bowman) : £450, £400(3) – 16 West End. CROSS: £420 and £320 – Island : £320 and £300 – Coille. BF: £500(2) – Upper Craggabus(A Orr) : £420 – Cnoc Na Faire.
Feeding sheep
Lambs
SUFFx: £68 – Paicr A Chlassan : £67.50 – Lossit and Octofad : £67 – Ardbeg and Ballimartin : £66.50 – Duich , Kilchiaran and Claggan : £66.00 – Islay Estates : £65.00 – Starchmill and Ardbeg : £64.50 – 16 West End and Octofad : £64.00 – Octofad and Ballachlaven : £63.00 – Islay Estates : £62.50 – Ardtalla Estate and Achnaclach. TEXx: £110 – Blackrock : £71.50 – Paicr A Chlassan : £67.00 – Tallant : £66.00 – Islay Estates and Ardbeg : £65.50 – Paicr A Chlassan : £65.00 – Kinnabus : £63.50 – Ardbeg and Achnaclach : £62.50 – Starchmill : £62.00 – Ardbeg, 16 West End and Kinnabus : £61.50 – Paicr A Chlassan : £61.00 – Blackrock : £60.50 – Carrabus. CHEV: £66.00 and £60.00 – Aoradh : £58.50 – Duich and Aoradh. CROSS: £64.50 – Lossit : £64.00 – 16 West End : £62.50 – Carrabus. MULE: £63.00 – Starchmill : £61.50 – Rockside : £60.50 – Knocklearach and Islay Estates. BF: £61.50 and £60.50 – Coille :

£53.50 – Rockside.
Ewes
SUFFx: £57.50 – Bayview. TEXx: £78.50 – Blackrock : £74.50 – Claggan and Viewfield : £72.50 and £68.50 – Bayview : £67.50 – Carrabus : £60.00 – 16 West End. CHEV: £70.00 – Cruach : £66.50 – Aoradh : £58.00 – Cruach. CROSS: £56.50 – Grulinbeg and Achnaclach. MULE: £60.50 – Starchmill : £54.50 – Ballachlaven. BF: £34.50 – Carrabus : £31.50 – Ballachlaven. Top prices per kilo
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Ewes sold to £68 from Teanga Bhuidhe and averaged £39.58. Cheviot cross ewe lambs from Tyree (D MacDonald Jnr) fetched £72 averaging £45.04. M/s Carmichael, Fiart led the Mule ewe lambs at £80 and the section averaged £62.73. Blackface ewe lambs from Scammadale sold to £59 and levelled out £40.18. As has been evident at earlier breeding sales, buyers are being selective and willing to pay premium prices on quality stock. Principal lots and prices.
Ewe lambs
MULE: £80 – Fiart : £72 – Saulmore : £70 – Garraron and Melfort Farms : £70 – Lochside, Tiree : £70 – Fiart. CHEV MULE: £78 – Keppochan : £72 – Tyree : £62 – Caddleton Farms : £60 – Keppochan. BF: £59 – Scammadale : £58 – Saulmore : £47 – Lagnaha : £46 – Fidden : £46 – Dunlossit Estate. TEXx: £78 and £64 – Lochside, Tiree. CHEV: £70 – Balure : £65 – Caddleton Farms : £62 and £60 – Slaterich. Gimmers
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Caddleton Farms : £88 – West Drimvore. TEXx: £160 – Fanmore : £102 – Newfield. BF: £80 – Balnagown : £62 – Achnashul. Ewes
SUFFx: £56 and £50 – Bridgend. TEXx: £55 – Antuim. CHEV: £65 – Cailaich : £60 –

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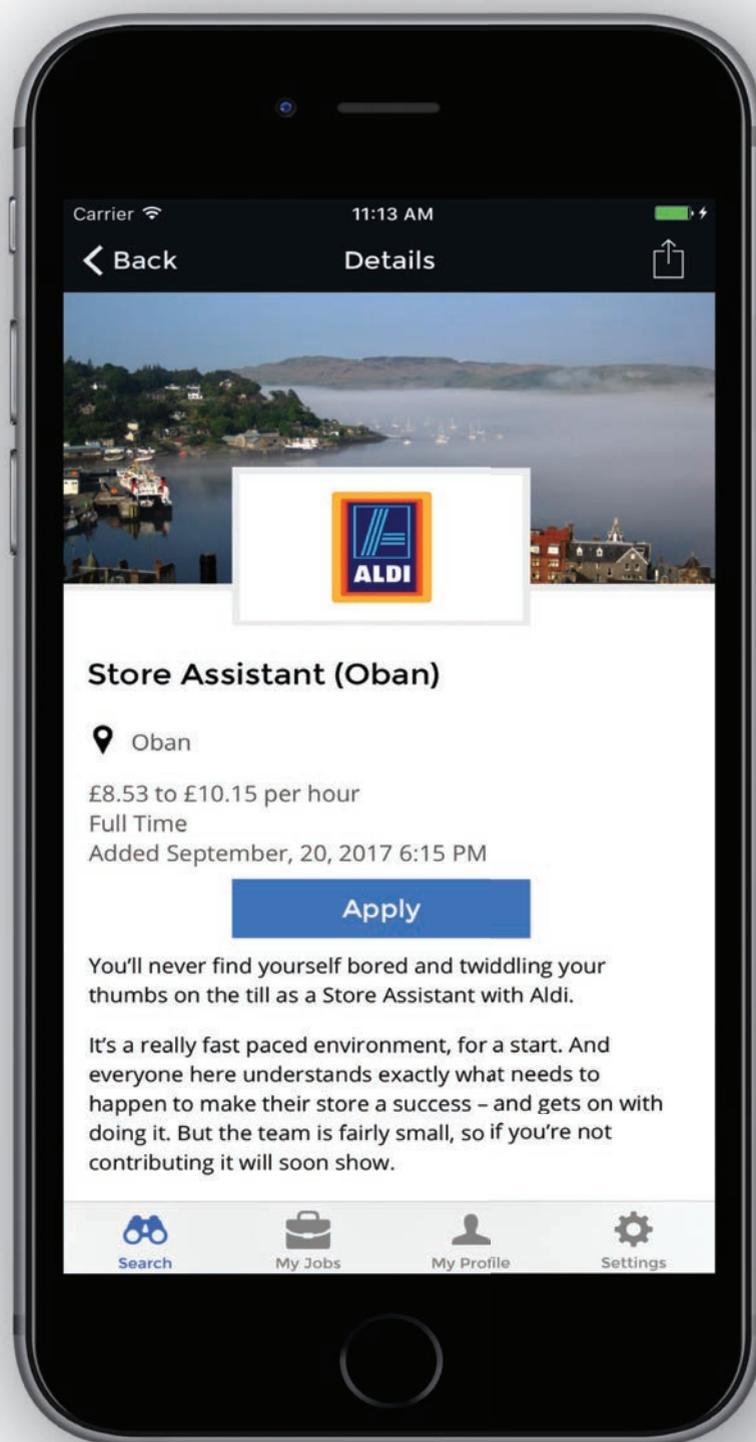
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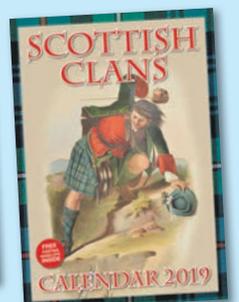
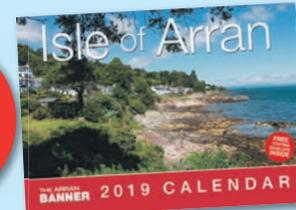
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For more information and events listings visit discoverscottishgardens.org/events

LOCHGOILHEAD

New Drimsynie hotel launched

Guests from the Lochgoilhead community and travel and tourism industry were treated to a VIP reception to mark the opening of the new Drimsynie Estate Hotel in Lochgoilhead on Wednesday September 26.

The new £6.5million hotel was opened by Gordon Watson, chief executive of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, and Roy, Allan and Keith Campbell, owners of Argyll Holidays.

The hotel boasts 19 rooms, including accessible family rooms. It also has a stunning new restaurant overlooking Loch Goil, a spa and state-of-the-art gym.

The Drimsynie Estate Hotel is looking for staff in all fields, from chefs to spa therapists, with all staff benefiting from the new facilities.

For more information visit drimsynie.co.uk

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CAIRNDOW



Yoga enthusiasts at last year's Scapa fest.

Scapa Fest announces line-up for 2019

Scapa Fest, the UK's Yoga and Adventure Festival has announced its line-up for 2019.

The cohort encompasses yoga instructors, adventure and outdoor specialists, mind-body and health coaches and environmental educators.

The festival, which takes place from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5 2019, provides a unique sunrise

to sunset mind-body-nature connection experience in one of the world's most beautiful locations, Ardkinglas Estate in Loch Fyne, Scotland.

The programme includes eco fashion designer Linda Thomas, who made a ball gown crafted from 1.5 tonnes of marine waste; outdoor philosopher, environmental activist and avid cyclist Kate Rawles,

who recently completed a Colombia to Cape Horn bike ride and Ilka Schroeder, who runs a portable roll out yoga studio on a small island in Northern Germany.

Gathered from the four corners of the planet and designed to deeply touch the five senses, the line-up is designed to achieve maximum nurturing of thoughts, feelings and body.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Epic war film Tunes of Glory on show in the MAYDS Hall

The Mid Argyll Arts Association is showing '60s World War II drama Tunes of Glory in the MAYDS Hall on Saturday October 6.

Army colonel

From 7.30pm, the Alec Guinness epic, that pits one Scottish army colonel against another,

will be shown. Alec Guinness is Major Jock Sinclair, a man who temporarily takes over command of a regiment until his replacement, Lt Col Basil Barrow (John Mills) arrives.

The two men clash almost at once and the consequences of their animosity unfold.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I can hardly believe we are into October already.

These glorious sun-kissed days of May seem a distant memory.

Cold winds and chilly rain give us intimation of winter just around the corner.

Time flies past us and we cannot put on the 'pause' button no matter how much we wish to.

Yet there is order in the seasons which gives us reassurance that the cycle of life continues.

The rhythm of the year gives shape and purpose to our lives.

The harvest is safely gathered in and our farmers can relax for a time.

Seed-time and harvests have sown order once again and we are grateful.

Winter winds wait on the horizon and may well shake and shatter our composure but they will not break us.

Sleet may hurl upon our windows but will not obscure our vision.

Storms may well come hurtling across the ocean and batter our fragile lives, but there will be calm days too.

There will be days of mellow fruitfulness when the autumn colours will enchant us.

Crisp mornings will invite us to kick the rustling leaves and gather up the conkers as they burst from their prickly shells.

Warm sunshine will filter through the chill and blue skies will cheer our hearts again.

Rainbows will break through darkened skies and the laughter of children will make us smile once again.

Sunsets will transform brooding skies into rays of glory and nature will sing her song of hope.

Yes, the days will be shorter and darker, but the fire will be warmer and the friendships will be stronger.

As poet Percy Bysshe Shelley once asked: 'If winter comes, can spring be far behind?'

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord ... will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom' (Isaiah 40:28).

BIRTHS



HUNTER - WINKLER

Ruth and Pete are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Calum Stephen Winkler, on September 5, 2018, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. First grandson for Stephen and Anthea, Lochgilhead, and Roman and Janette, Lasswade, Midlothian.



WALKER - RALSTON

Fergus and Dorothy are delighted to announce the arrival of twins, William Alexander and Eilidh Margaret, born on September 14, 2018, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A wee brother and sister for Maida, and two more grandchildren for Thomas and Jane Walker, Lochgilhead, and William and Margaret Ralston, Campbeltown. Huge thanks to all of the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the RAH, with special thanks to Isabel Cook for all the help and support provided.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



OXENDINE - THOMSON

On September 28, 1968, at Castlehill Church, Campbeltown, by Rev J R H Cormack, Keith to Jeanette. Present address, 225 Timberline Loop, Yorktown, Virginia 23692.

DEATHS

CHINN - At home, Dalmore Farm, Southend, on September 18, 2018, Frank Eric Chinn, in his 44th year, beloved husband of Helen, much loved father of Jo and Connor, loving son of Alison and the late Eric Chinn, and much loved brother of Stephen.

LAMBERT - Anthony. After a short illness, peacefully, at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Loving husband of Trish Lambert. Funeral talk will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are warmly invited.

SCOTT - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on September 28, 2018, Margaret Florence Taylor, in her 82nd year, Roading, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Tom Scott, much loved mother of Alan and Ian, and a loving granny of Euan, Alix, Douglas and Sam. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today, Friday, October 5, 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 Alzheimer Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HOOD - Catriona's family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their outstanding support in the last few weeks. Special thanks to the medical team in the Intensive Care Unit and High Dependency Ward of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow and to the doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff in Campbeltown. Thank you to Dr Kathleen Cook for longer term exceptional care! Thank you to Kenneth Blair and his team for their professional service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality. Heartfelt appreciation to Marilyn Shedden and the Rev. David Carruthers for their loving pastoral support and for the tremendously uplifting service in celebration of Catriona's life. Thank you to David McEwan for sharing his magnificent musicianship, both as the congregation gathered and in leading the praise so triumphantly. Finally, may we express our appreciation to all who attended the church and graveside and who contributed to the retiral collection in aid of Young People's Mental Health at Campbeltown Grammar School which raised £3,341.91.

IN MEMORIAM

LIPPE - Precious memories of our daughter, sister and aunt, Feuna Margaret Kerr, who died October 9, 1992, aged 26 years. Another month, another year, Another smile, another tear,

Another winter, summer too, But there will never be another you.

- Mum, Dad, John, Iona, Paul and Feuna.

Love you always, Mum, - Peter John xx.

MEIKLE - In loving memory of Drew, who passed away October 9, 2016.

Tread softly cos you tread on my dreams.

Miss you so much Lambsy - Love, Catherine Ann.

O'MAY - Veronica.

Remembering our dear mum, with love and treasured memories.

- Your loving family xxxxxx.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Inveraray Church
11.30am Preacher:
Margaret Sinclair
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH NOTICES



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 7th October
11.15am Communion Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Afternoon Service
Wednesday 10th October
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
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Friday 12th October
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Harvest Celebration
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



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 7th October
COMMUNION SERVICE
11.00 am
Visiting Speaker - Ken Watson
with Sunday school
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The Ark
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Mid Argyll RFC boys move on to Bowl competition



South Argyll Schools team played again last week in the Plate competition against Lenzie Academy in Campbeltown. The boys lost the game 70-17 but the score really didn't reflect a very hard-fought game. The team now drops down into the Bowl competition with their next opponents still to be confirmed.



The A and L McCrae fun fours team at Lochnell Football Festival.

Tarbert youngsters dominate at Lochnell

Lochnell Football Club held its third football festival on Saturday September 29, with teams from far and wide joining local sides to provide spectators with an entertaining day of games.

With five age groups as well as a dedicated girls' section for the first time, the Lora View pitch at North Connel proved to be a sea of activity with no less than 350 primary aged children playing across the day.

Argyll was well represented by teams from Campbeltown Pupils, Oban Saints, Helensburgh FC,

Lochgilphead Red Star and Tarbert Soccer Centre.

Despite the mixed weather conditions, each and every player gave their absolute all throughout and thoroughly deserved their commemorative medals at the end of play.

The A and L McCrae fun fours team had a good weekend. They won one game, drew four games and lost two. Thanks were given to Donnie Sinclair for coaching them.

The William Duncan and Co Sponsored Seven also had a good time at the Lochnell Football Festival, winning three games and losing two.

Red Star juniors triumph at football festival

This weekend saw another great turnout for youth football in Mid Argyll.

Saturday September 29 saw 45 youngsters from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre head up to North Connel for the Lochnell Football Festival.

A well-organised festival and great fun to play at, the kids from Lochgilphead had a terrific time despite the weather.

Both girls' teams kept improving every game. The 2012s enjoyed the chance to take part in another festival. In the 2011 section the kids showed how well they are developing.

A small squad but a great team in the 2010 age group

worked really hard all day. Finally another impressive display from the 2008s saw them lose only one game in five.

On Sunday September 30 the 2007 team travelled up to Oban for another nine-a-side exchange. Great effort was made by the team with some good football played. The confidence in the team is really growing in preparing for the step up to 11 a-side.

Sunday also had the Red Star 2004s back in action on Scottish Cup duty. The visitors to the astro were Renfrew FC Blues. A commanding display from the Lochgilphead youngsters saw



Red Star 2008 at Lochnell.

them run winners by 6-0. A slightly nervous opening few minutes were calmed by an excellent goal from Aitken, who lofted the ball over the Renfrew keeper from just in the penalty box.

Star began to dominate and further goals, from McMurchy with a great strike on edge of the box and Caskie with a thunderous effort, gave them a 3-0 lead at half time.

The second half was largely one way traffic with Star adding further goals from McMurchy and Caskie twice to give him a hat trick. A terrific performance and a really important clean sheet

courtesy of hard work and concentration by the mid-field, goalkeeper and back four. The Star youngsters will find out on Tuesday October 9 who their opponents will be in the next round.

Lastly, two former Soccer Centre kids and members of the Red Star 2004 team are now playing for Rangers Girls Under 15s. Top goal scorer Carla Todd and fantastic goalie Jasmine McPhie have both played key roles in getting Rangers Girls Under 15 to the final of the Scottish Cup beating Aberdeen, Hamilton, Central Girls, Glasgow City and Celtic on the way.



Red Star Girls at Lochnell.



Derek Street, Eric McAllister, Anne and Donnie MacPhail, John Gilchrist and Leighton Reid.

Glendaruel and Colintraive Gun Club in Tighnabruaich

Glendaruel and Colintraive Gun Club held the Tighnabruaich Open Shoot on Saturday September 29 in what were occasionally testing conditions.

Twenty-nine guns took part in this competition which is one of the oldest of the club's shoots dating back to the 1960s and was sponsored this year by Charles and Sadie Dixon-Spain from Dunans Castle.

High standard

The standard of shooting throughout the day was very high. Prizes were issued for a 25-target match, a 15-target match and a five pairs match, plus overall high gun.

High gun for the day went to John Gilchrist of Campbeltown, second equal were Derek Street of Dunoon and Eric McAllister of Killin and third was Donnie MacPhail of Glendaruel.

First in the 25-target match was John Gilchrist and first equal in the 15-target match were Derek Street and Eric McAllister, whilst John Gilchrist won the five pairs match.

Highest club member went to Derek Street and the pool shot winner was Leighton Reid of Bute. The club would like to thank Dunans Castle for its kind sponsorship of this event.

SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game; Motherwell Thistle 4, Dunoon 0; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 1, Castlemilk 3; Claremont 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 1; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 1, Port Glasgow OBU 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 2nd round - Oban Saints v St Johns; Campbeltown Pupils v Opponents TBC; Premier Division - Dunoon v Inverclyde; Premier Division One - Neilston v Lochgilhead Red Star; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Carlton YM.

Dalmally club championship

With the season drawing to a close, Sunday saw a great turn out of Dalmally gents for the final round of the club championship.

This year the club championship was combined with the seniors' championship. The seniors has been streamlined from a two-round competition to one. With an impressive nett 65, Terry Macnair scooped both the club handicap championship and the seniors' championship. Graeme MacKechnie retained his lead in the first three rounds of the club championship to retain the scratch championship position.

This week coming sees the third round of the autumn Stableford league (eclectic) and Sunday, the annual Ben Lui and Kilchurn Charity Invitational. The invitational, with all local clubs being invited,

is a combined individual and team event, with the Ben Lui trophy going to the lowest nett score and the Kilchurn trophy going to the lowest aggregate team (of three) score.

Members from local clubs wishing an invitation can contact Tony Graham, Dalmally Gents Match Secretary on 0789 991 4429 or at dalmallygentsgolf@outlook.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Red Star juniors triumph
 at football festival

Red Star battle for three points

Claremont	0
Lochgilthead Red Star	1
Premier One	

An injury-ravaged Red Star travelled to East Kilbride on Saturday September 29 to take on Claremont with only 12 players available.

After an excellent team effort, however, the team returned home with all three points.

Star were immediately on

the back foot with a mixture of good attacking play and the strong wind making it difficult for the Star backline to push up.

The visitors took the lead against the run of play after 20 minutes when Martin Bonar's through-ball was met by Ryan Caskie, who beat the offside trap and slotted the ball home through the keeper's legs.

As the half progressed, Claremont continued to

threaten but central defenders Kyle Selfridge and Ben Forbes were doing a good job of clearing the danger and Star went in at the break 1-0 up.

In the second half, Star had the chance to double their lead from the spot when Gregor McGeachy was struck by an elbow in the box, but unfortunately the Star youngster had to leave the field with a broken nose and Andy Weir's subsequent

penalty was well saved by the Claremont keeper.

Ben Forbes was on hand to make a last-ditch block on the Claremont striker as he was poised to pull the trigger in front of goal and the Star lead stayed intact narrowly.

It looked like the away side's resistance was finally going to be breached with 12 minutes remaining when Claremont were awarded a penalty after their striker was brought down in the box by

a combination of Colin Weir and Martin Bonar.

The substitute forward stepped up and hit a well-struck shot to the right hand corner but Luke Kalache met the effort with an excellent dive and managed to divert the ball round the post to safety.

Claremont continued to press in the last 10 minutes, plus an additional six which were added on, but Star were able to hold out for an excellent victory against the odds.

Despite a frustrating start to the campaign with injuries and player availability, Star have given themselves something to build on after picking up seven points from their first three league games. The run sees them joint top of the Premier One table although it is very early days.

This Saturday, October 6, Red Star are back on the road as they travel to play Neilston in what looks like another tough league match.

Inveraray are in seventh heaven

Inveraray	7
Taynuilt	1
Marine Harvest South Division One	

The Inveraray seconds recorded a fine win over Taynuilt at the Winterton.

Inveraray fielded a mixture of youth and experience.

Their defenders were all aged under 18 while 15-year-old Campbell Watt linked-up well in attack with veteran Garry MacPherson.

Garry MacPherson took his first goal really well with a fine strike which sent the ball high into the net on 12 minutes.

Taynuilt equalised through Billy Irving on 22 minutes, his second goal in successive matches, as he punished the



The Taynuilt defence (in red) repels another Inveraray attack. 06_a405hnty_InvTayn06

Inveraray defence for failing to clear their lines.

Inveraray went straight up the park and John Mackenzie scored a couple of minutes later to make it 2-1.

The Taynuilt defence was under pressure for the remainder of the half and it saw Inveraray captain John MacKenzie helping himself to a first half hat-trick with further strikes on 28 and 40 minutes to make it 4-1

at half-time. Inveraray started the second half brightly and scored just three minutes after the restart when a well-worked free-hit was finished off sweetly by Craig Taylor.

Taynuilt had a chance to get themselves back into the match when a forward was fouled inside the box, but the penalty was missed.

Inveraray scored a sixth on 65 minutes through David MacPherson, before Garry



Kyles (in blue) giving Col Glen (yellow) a run for their money. 06_a405hnty_KylesGlen01

MacPherson got his second to make it 7-1.

The winning margin could have been greater had it not been for some fine saves from Brian Logan in the Taynuilt goal.

Kyles Athletic	4
Col Glen	1
Marine Harvest South Division One	

The Kyles Athletic second team continued their title

bid with victory over Col Glen in their noon throw up at Strachurmore.

Kyles took the lead on 18 minutes with Luke Thornton scoring. Martin MacFadyen made it 2-0 a minute before the break with Luke Thornton getting his second on 53 minutes to make it 3-0.

Col Glen's Tom Irbhinn pulled a goal back a minute later but Martin MacFadyen got his second on 59 minutes to seal the 4-1 win.

This week's sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 7, 14 and 15.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 8, 17 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £600.

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