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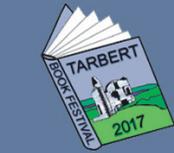
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VisitScotland to axe Tarbert tourist centre

'We do have time before some of the changes occur, and plan to work with the community to ensure that we can get something that works for the area'

EMILY JAMISON
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A MOVE to close Tarbert's tourist information office has been slammed by local residents and businesses – with many dubbing it as 'terrible decision'.

VisitScotland announced the centre will close in 2019 due to a 58 per cent drop in footfall.

The tourism agency will also be closing visitor information centres in Campbeltown and Inveraray.

Tarbert residents reacted angrily to the news online, with one commenting: 'How

can our small businesses grow when they are not being promoted?'

Tarbert shop owner Ian MacIntyre agreed, saying the move 'didn't make a lot of sense', adding: 'I can't understand why they'd close the centre in Tarbert. Tarbert is a hub for the ferries to Islay, Jura and Portavadie. Not to mention tourists wanting to head down to Campbeltown.'

With Tarbert viewed as a key information centre for people using nearby ferry crossings, Inveraray has also proved a popular tourist destination follow-

ing the town's appearance on hit TV series *Downton Abbey*.

A VisitScotland spokesperson said that the change was the result of more tourists accessing information online.

The spokesperson said: 'VisitScotland iCentres at Inveraray and Tarbert will cease trading by the end of March 2019 after a continued decline in visitor numbers over the last decade.'

Inveraray and Tarbert iCentres have four and three members of staff respectively. It's

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Angus feels good after Mòd win



LOCHABER was the destination for Mid Argyll's competitors in this year's annual Gaelic Mòd.

It was a worthwhile journey for 13-year-old Angus McLean from Kilmartin, as he won the James MacPhee medal. Angus is taught by well-known Mid Argyll singing tutor Christine Johnson.

When the *Advertiser* asked how he felt after winning, Angus replied simply: 'Good.'

More on the Mòd on page 15.

Angus with his Mòd medals. 06_a42ModAngus04

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'Disappointing' decision to close tourist centre

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our clear goal to minimise job losses in the changes we are making. As well as offering voluntary redundancy, we will offer the chance to learn new

skills or move to another office where feasible.

'What we have currently is not the right model for dealing with our visitors but we understand the alterna-

tives are challenging at the minute.

'We do have time before some of the changes occur and plan to work with the community to ensure that we can get something that works for the area.'

With four ferry terminals within 40 minutes of Tarbert, many locals wondered if visitors would be able to get access to ferry times and schedules if the visitor centre were to shut.

A representative for CalMac ferries said that ferry schedules were available online.

Graeme Macfarlan, commercial director for CalMac Ferries Limited said: 'The way in which visitors and tourists seek out infor-



VisitScotland's Tarbert Tourist Information Centre will close in 2019.

mation about destinations in advance and then buy tickets and book accommodation

has changed dramatically in recent years. 'As part of this drive we are committed to

working closely with VisitScotland to ensure that all information about our sailings

are available across the range of new digital platforms that they are developing.'

SNP COUNCILLOR for Kintyre and the Islands, Anne Horne, said the move was 'disappointing'.

She said: 'I do feel if VisitScotland had a better marketing policy rather than selling goods, some of which are made abroad, then there might have been better footfall into the premises.'

'I appreciate the use of the internet for planning journeys and holidays, but as there is restricted ac-



Councillor Anne Horne

cess to the internet and often no mobile signal in many local areas and this could prohibit tourists from visiting the area.'

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Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Bruce Dixon at the 2010 Mid Argyll Show. 06_a34maas03a

Shock at death of popular Mid Argyll farmer

THE ARGYLL agricultural community was in shock this week after the sudden death of one of the region's most respected industry figures.

Mid Argyll farmer Bruce Dixon, aged 52, of Killinochonoch, died on Friday October 13 while selling cattle at Dalmally Auction Mart.

Mr Dixon was president of Mid Argyll Agricultural Show until 2015 and his successor in the role Tim Lister said: 'This is a real tragedy. Bruce was a mainstay of the farming community in Mid Argyll. He was a very good neighbour to me and was always there with help and advice for anyone.'

'The farming community is in a state of shock and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Bruce's family at this sad time.'

Ardrihaig post office closure saga continues

PENSIONERS have been left high and dry after Ardrihaig's post office closed again without notice, writes Emily Jamison.

Last week the Advertiser reported the post

office had been shut for a number of days following staff shortages.

Despite revised opening hours, the post office was shut unexpectedly on Friday October 13 and Monday Octo-

ber 16, leaving many unable to collect their pension.

On Monday October 16 there was a notice on the door that read: 'We apologise for the continued disruption,

but aim to have the Post Office open for business from 9am on Tuesday October 17.

'Due to public demand, there will also be a review of the opening hours for the post office.

'Once again we apologise for this disruption and fully accept that the standards have fallen short of what is expected from Ardrihaig Post Office.'

Ardrihaig local, 78-year-old Bobby Henderson, said the closure of the post office was a huge inconvenience to the older generation living in the village.

She said: 'I have mobility issues and decided to walk to the post office before the bad weather was due to come on Monday.

'My walker is quite heavy so it is quite an effort to walk the whole way to the post office. The bus no longer stops there.

'I walked all the way there and for the second time in a week, the post office was closed.

'There was no explanation, other than that they were sorry for the inconvenience. It's simply not good enough.'

Last week the Post Office said that as a

result of staffing issues the post office had been unable to open.

When questioned as to why it was shut again, they refused to comment, saying it was now a contractual matter.

Councillor for Mid Argyll Dougie Philand said the closure was 'disappointing'.

He said: 'I'm really disappointed with the lack of notice of the closure and the inconvenience this has caused the people of Ardrihaig. I'm not sure how sustainable it is for a post office to be opening and closing like this.'



Investigations continue the morning after the incident, close to MacCallum's Quay on the A83. 06_a42policeincident01

Suspect detained after Lochgilphead stabbing

A MAN, aged 40, has been detained by police following a stabbing incident in Whitegates Court, Lochgilphead.

The incident took place between 7.15pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday October 17.

Police tracked down and arrested the suspect on the outskirts of

Lochgilphead, close to MacCallum's Quay on the A83.

Police and ambulance were called to the scene, tending to a 27-year-old male.

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Police said the investigation is continuing.

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6.20pm – The storm arrives for real at Ardrishaig. 06_a42Storm01

Argyll escapes worst of hurricane's wrath

Ophelia just like any other autumn gale

Colin Cameron
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AN ORANGE sky cast an eerie light ahead of former Hurricane Ophelia's arrival in Mid Argyll on Monday October 16.

The much-heralded storm was predicted to bring with it damaging 60mph gusts to the West Coast of Scotland. Met Office warnings were issued and preparations made but in the end the storm proved to be no more damaging than any other autumn gale.

The unusual orange glow was caused by the effect of Ophelia – the most easterly Atlantic hurricane ever recorded – drawing in tropical air from the Sahara and with it sand and other small particles from forest fires afflicting Portugal.

The Met Office issued not an orange but a yellow alert for potential wind damage –

this was later upgraded to 'amber' for south Kintyre.

Coming in from the Azores, Ophelia made landfall at the south of Ireland on Monday morning with gusts approaching 100mph. Three people in Ireland lost their lives as the storm passed over the country.

In Mid Argyll, the breeze built from mid afternoon. The full impact was felt from around 7pm.

As the storm subsided on Tuesday, there were reports of electricity supplies being temporarily lost overnight in areas across Argyll.

The Coastguard confirmed no serious incidents other than boats dragging moorings and one small vessel sinking at her mooring in Tarbert. No-one was injured.

The police and Argyll and Bute Council



Heavy rain accompanied the rising winds, as can be seen from this scene taken on the Ardrishaig sea front. 06_a42Storm02



10.30pm – The same location at high tide on Monday with waves washing the A83 trunk road and pebbles from the shore strewn across the carriageway.

reported nothing other than trees and branches coming down in the wind and these were quickly cleared.

Rainfall caused temporary flooding on roads.

Monday evening's high tide came as wind

speeds eased slightly and, while debris was thrown ashore, no serious damage was reported.

To watch a video of the storm's impact at Ardrishaig, visit the *Argyllshire Advertiser* website.

Harvest thanksgiving

THE CHURCHES of West Lochfyneside at Inveraray and Lochgair held their harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday October 1.

Afterwards the congregations were able to send goods to food banks at Oban and Dumbaron; members of the communities were asked to donate something to add to

the goods for the food banks.

Inveraray Co-op store also gave support with a donations trolley in the store.

The Inveraray and Lochgair congregation held its harvest meal together on Wednesday October 4 in the church hall when members enjoyed some lovely home-made food.

At the end of the meal communion was celebrated by sharing the harvest bread and wine.

On Friday October 6 it was the start of the monthly lunch club in the Inveraray church hall.

The lunch is open to anyone in the community to enjoy soup, sandwiches, cakes, a



Members of the Inveraray and Lochgair congregation enjoy their harvest meal.



The first lunch club of the season had more than 20 guests.

cuppa and a blether. There was an excellent turnout of 20 for the first month of the season and everyone looks forward to ex-

ceeding that number next month. The lunch club is held on the first Friday of each month at 1pm and everyone is welcome.

A beautiful harvest loaf was baked for Inveraray and Lochgair church as part of the harvest thanksgiving.





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Editorial

The tourist trap

TARBERT tourist information centre is a real asset to the village and to Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Cowal and the islands.

Its prominent position on the harbour front makes it easy to find for visitors, and this particular centre offers a wealth of information and the opportunity to talk to people.

It is a misconception based on an urban view of life that everyone has continuous access to super-duper fibre broadband and a reliable 4G mobile signal.

The simple fact is people often need and want face to face advice when they are in a strange place, and if you have no mobile signal what use is a website or an app?

The number of tourist information centres has shrunk dramatically in recent years and it does nothing for the notion of Scotland being a friendly nation if all we do is point visitors in the direction of Google Play or the App Store.

To close Tarbert and Inveraray centres – though a version of this will move to the Woollen Mill – is patently wrong.

Aside from the loss of much-needed jobs, a friendly face, a blether and readily available local knowledge still count for something – even in these smartphone-obsessed times.

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'No winners' at King George V playing field

Sir,
Please can I appeal through your letters page for support and action by Argyll and Bute Council to install a three metre high fence at the King George V playing field, Ardrishaig.

For the best part of three years, myself and Arthur Barclay have tried to persuade Argyll and Bute Council to support the fence project, which gained community backing from sports clubs and the public through the project's Facebook page, Ardrishaig Community Council and Ardrishaig Community Trust – which had awarded a grant to pay for the installation of a fence two years ago.

At the council's request, we submitted a business plan for the project to show what benefit a new fence would have for pitch users. We also found a local contractor willing to install the fence within an allocated budget. However, as a result of the council's insistence a new licence be drawn up – which meant the licensee (either the community council or the trust) had to maintain the fence after installation, with legal clauses drawn up – an agreement cannot be reached on those terms.

It is very disappointing, not only for people who have given up their time to try and improve a public facility, but more importantly for the people who use the pitch, or would use the pitch more if a better fence was installed which would improve safety and the enjoyment for those taking part. There are no winners in this situation – it does not need to be this way.

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilhead.**

Response from an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson:

'Community involvement is something the coun-

Harvest of generosity at Episcopal church



The colourful banner made by Kilmartin Primary School pupils for the occasion.

Sir,
The Harvest Festival at St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Poltalloch, on Sunday October 15 raised £300.

The proceeds will be divided between the Red Cross Hurricane Irma, Myanmar and Yemen emergency appeals.

We are grateful for the generous response of everyone who attended.

Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie, the charges of Mid Argyll and Arran.

cil encourages and the approach we are taking to the works at King George V playing fields in Ardrishaig has been successfully adopted elsewhere.

'Where work is undertaken on council property by someone else, it is often necessary to agree a non-exclusive licence to ensure all parties are protected and provide clarity on their rights and responsibilities.

'In this case, the council believed a way forward had been agreed. However, we are happy to further discuss any queries the other parties involved may have as we would very much like to see the project progress.'

Save your stamps

Sir,
I am appealing for used postage stamps which help me raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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If your readers are able to help, I would be grateful if they would cut the stamps from their envelopes (leaving a 1cm margin around the stamp) and send them

to Myrna Chave, PO box 91, Virginia Water, Surrey.

Myrna Chave, Surrey.

Not good enough

Sir,
I have had a busy few weeks working hard for my ward. I have been in regular contact with the local roads department and, depending on the road in question, BEAR Scotland about the numerous concerns constituents have raised with me.

There is no doubt, when it comes to infrastructure in Kintyre and islands much more needs to be done.

Whether it is blocked and broken drains flooding pavements and roads or the huge number of potholes, the short-term piecemeal approach to any road repairs across the Kintyre and Islands ward, it not good enough.

The Scottish Government and my own council administration have to look at investing more in this productive, economically important but sadly, in some cases, politically ignored council ward.

I had a meeting with West Highland Housing officials in Port Charlotte where I stressed the need for new new doors and windows in many of their houses across my council ward.

I also was delighted to meet the management and workers of recycling charity RE-JIG and discuss the terrific work they do and the fantastic service they provide for our island.

Finally, Tarbert's tourist Information Centre is to be closed while Bowmore's will remain open. There should not have to be a choice for one or the other – we should be able to keep both.

VisitScotland should recognise the huge importance of the tourist industry to Tarbert and the rest of the Kintyre and Islands ward.

I implore Visit Scotland to maintain both the iCentre and the Bowmore hub, as both are terrific assets.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

Together for wages

Sir,
It is sobering news to see Scottish unemployment rise by 0.3 per cent this quarter.

While the general trend is for low unemployment, it is a reminder of the problems that still exist in the labour market in Scotland.

It is clear from this week's pessimistic reports on the state of economy that wag-

es remain in a downward spiral and prices continue to rise. The figures from the Office for National Statistics confirm a further fall in real wages for workers of 0.4 per cent.

The OECD Economic Survey Overview, published earlier this week, attributed continuing falls in real wages to lower levels of unionisation and collective bargaining and the growth of insecure and part-time jobs and zero-hours contracts.

The reality is many workers across the UK are at breaking point and for too many work does not offer an effective route out of poverty. It is only through workers strengthening their collective bargaining power that we will begin to see a more secure labour market. In the public sector, where both governments have the biggest capacity to act on wages, they are sitting on their hands.

The Scottish Government's Fair Work Framework echoes our call for the expansion of workers' collective bargaining and they now must support its extension into low wage sectors such as hospitality and retail.

Graham Smith, Scottish Trades Union Congress.

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Russell supports rural tourism fund

MICHAEL Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, wants groups in the area to apply to the Scottish Government's new Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The Scottish Government announced the new £6m fund in response to the tourism boom across rural Scotland, and the money will be invested over the course of the next two financial years to help ensure the services and facilities tourists and communities need are provided.

Mr Russell said: 'The tourist industry is vital to the Argyll and Bute economy, which attracts visitors from all over the world each year.'

Mr Russell advised that the fund would open for applications in early 2018.

Details are being finalised as to how it should be operated but any local groups which wish further information are welcome to contact Mr Russell, who said he would do his best to assist them.



Timber ship Ayress being loaded at Ardrishaig.

Ardrishaig's busy harbour

THE HEAD of Loch Fyne was as still as a millpond at Ardrishaig on Thursday but the harbour was bustling.

The timber carrier Ayress was being loaded, before heading to Ireland with her cargo.

Michael Holt of Lochgilphead, a driver with Coille Haulage Ltd was delivering one of the many loads it takes to fill the ship.

Coille Haulage's distinctive red and yellow livery is seen on roads all round Scotland and it is one of the main transport firms serving the forestry industry in Argyll.

The firm began more than 27

years ago and runs a fleet of mainly Scania and Volvo lorries with articulated, wagon and drag combinations many of which are fitted with timber cranes, like the Volvo seen here being operated by Michael.

Important

Ardrishaig Harbour is important for Scotland's timber trade. Approximately 30,000 tonnes pass through each year and the programme of refurbishment and modernisation has boosted capacity to 150,000 tonnes. The Crinan Canal itself no longer carries freight.

Strong public support for fishing industry's stance

ALMOST two-thirds of the public believe access to UK waters should be blocked or limited for EU fishing boats after Brexit.

Thirty-two per cent say vessels must be allowed in only under strict rules while 27 per cent think they must be kept out.

Meanwhile 56 per cent of people agree that exiting the Common Fisheries Policy will provide greater opportunities for UK fishermen, to just 10 per cent who disagree.

The findings, in a YouGov poll commis-

sioned by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, indicate strong public support for the stance taken by the industry.

The figures came as senior Scottish Fishermen's Federation members attended the latest in a series of high level talks with the UK Government to discuss fishing post-Brexit.

The industry has been united in lobbying both the UK and Scottish governments to ensure control of UK waters is restored to this country, which can then negotiate access

agreements with other coastal states in the requisite international meetings.

Bertie Armstrong, chief executive of the federation, said: 'It's clear from this poll that people can see Brexit presents the industry with a sea of opportunity.'

'They also recognise that the current practice whereby we are forced to let in boats from other European countries, which are then free to go home with around 58 per cent of the total catch in our waters, needs to end.'

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MACPool announces plans for extension



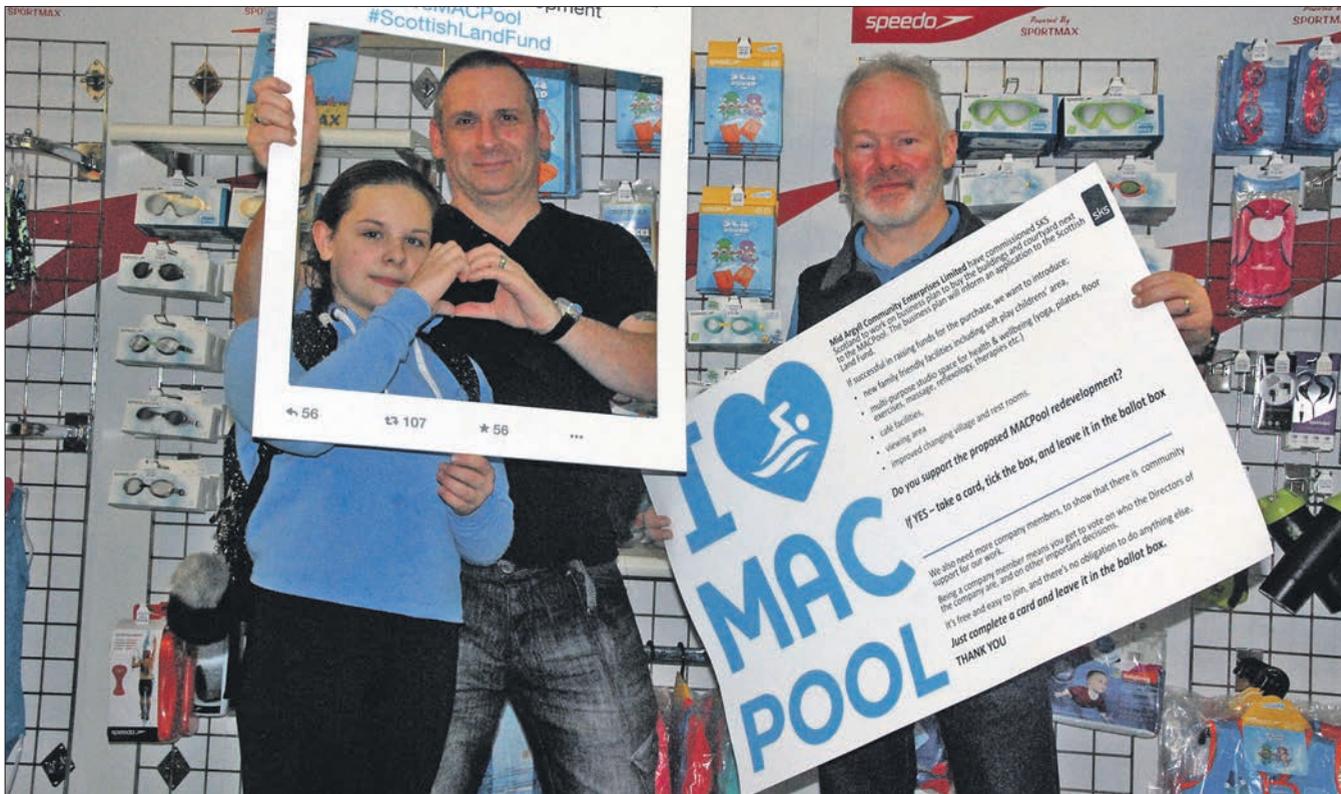
MID ARGYLL Community Pool (MACPool) has announced plans to expand activities on offer with a bid to buy the adjacent building and courtyard, writes Emily Jamison.

Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd, a social enterprise that runs the pool, has commissioned SKS Scotland to work on a business plan and application to the Scottish Land Fund.

If the pool is successful in raising the funds for the purchase, representatives hope to introduce a children's soft play area, a multi purpose health studio, cafe facilities, a viewing area and improved changing rooms.

Graham Love, MACPool manager, said: 'There is government funding available to help community organisations like ours to buy assets for community benefit. We've already been successful in getting through stage one of the assessment process, and are now working on our stage 2 application – the one that could bring MACPool the funding it needs.

'If we can secure this money for the community, then we can do so much more. We can add things like a family-friendly café, soft play area, new viewing area, improve the changing village, and add new exercise/ therapy rooms.'



MACPool manager Graham Love with father and daughter Derek and Freya Stewart from Glasgow who are regular visitors to the pool during the school holidays.

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A campaign has been launched to invite the community to show their support for the MACPool's new expansion plans.

Kerrien Grant, a director of SKS Scotland which is helping the MACPool with its business propos-

al, said: 'The Scottish Land Fund is the best opportunity that MACPool has to get the kind of funding the community needs, but to get this funding, MACPool needs to show community support. That's why we've launched

a campaign to get the community behind the idea.'

'I love MacPool' cards will be available throughout Mid Argyll from October 23-November 5.

Members of the community are invited to use these cards

to sign up and support the project.

MACPool will also offer limited edition button badges for customers who make a small charitable donation.

For more information on the campaign, visit macpool.org.uk.

Inveraray history buffs enjoy Highland cattle presentation

THE SEASON got off to a flying start for Inveraray and District History Society with a fascinating presentation on Highland cattle.

The engrossing talk and video by Una Cochrane was entitled *On the trail of an ancient breed* and members learned all about the origins of Highland Cattle which have been bred from the Wild Ox which roamed the land thousands of years ago mixed with shorthorn cattle.



Highland cattle expert Archie McArthur with a good modern example of the breed. 06_a08highcattle02

Acknowledging that further research was historical, Una invited Archie McArthur, Ormsary Estate manager and a celebrated expert on the breed,

to answer any pertinent questions on modern developments with Highland cattle.

The combination of presentation and questioning offered the

large audience a wide range of knowledge, which resulted in an illuminating evening.

Thanks were expressed to Una and Archie on behalf of the society by Leonard McNeill.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 7 in the Nicoll Hall, Inveraray. The speaker will be Ken McTaggart on 'the changing face of Inveraray'. Non-members are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

Best-selling authors splashdown in Tarbert



Travel tales and crime capers trip off the pages in the latest chapter of Tarbert's book festival next week.

Headlining, the fifth festival, at 11am on Saturday at Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre, is travel author and BBC *Grand Tours* presenter Paul Murton.

He is making waves with his west coast exploration extravaganza – The Hebrides, which included voyages to 80 islands.

One of the festival founders, Lisa Tuttle of Torinturk, headlines the final session on Sunday afternoon

The American author,

who moved to Argyll 22 years ago, has written in many genres from science fiction to historical detective fiction. Her latest work is set in 1890 – *The Curious Affair of Jesper-son and Lane*.

On Tuesday Lisa told the *Courier*: 'The festival has grown from a conversation at a Loch Fyne Christmas party.'

The islands theme is carried into the afternoon when Alan McKirdy, author of *Argyll and the Islands and Landscapes in Stone*, digs up the region's geology in an hour-long talk.

Cartographer and geographer royal for Scotland, Charles Withers, author of *Mapping Scotland's*

Islands, continues the day's theme, but brings the festival back to the surface, in mid-afternoon on Saturday, in his illustrated trip of the maps of the islands.

Earlier, on Friday, at Tarbert Academy, Dr Ken MacTaggart, from Inveraray, author of the bestselling *Haynes Manual for Astronauts*, will take a giant leap for the festival

when he gives pupils' tips on travel to the outer edges of the solar system.

Dr MacTaggart is joined by Theresa Breslin, whose latest book, of about 40, *The Rasputin Dagger*, is set in the revolutionary times of the Romanovs.

The flavour changes at Springbank distillery's Stonefield Session on Saturday evening. After

the whisky tasting at 7pm, the festival takes a darker turn into the murky world of Christopher Brookmyre's fictional investigative journalist, Jack Parlane.

Crime and Nourishment at the Isthmus on Sunday morning starts with an early brunch before Charles E McGarry unmask's Leo Moral.

In McGarry's novel *The Ghost of Helen*

Addison Argyll action in a majestic landscape forms the background for his detective to weave his magic.

Lisa Tuttle added: 'The festival is different every year and it is a matter of getting the balance right.'

'There are many book festival's in Scotland, but it is a great chance to meet the authors and the end of October is a much better time for Tarbert.'



Above: Astronaut's manual author Dr Ken MacTaggart. Above right: The Astronaut, Owners' Workshop Manual cover.

Author and Tarbert Book Festival founder Lisa Tuttle.

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Damaged fish farm boat to be repaired in Tarbert



The damaged fish farm support vessel Sordyroy will remain moored at Tarbert Harbour while repairs take place.

A 600-TONNE fish farm support vessel was moored at Tarbert Harbour after sustaining damage in the early hours of Wednesday October 18.

Norwegian-registered vessel Sordyroy sustained a hole below the waterline and a substantial amount of water was taken on board.

Coastguard teams from Tarbert and

Campbeltown attended the scene and pumped the water out of the vessel.

The Coastguard was joined by the fire and rescue service with lifeboats from Islay and Campbeltown also attending the incident.

No pollution occurred and all six crew members were uninjured.

Andrew Healy, Maritime and Coastguard Agency duty counter

pollution and salvage officer, said: 'The hole in the vessel is not near the fuel tanks and there is no cargo on board.'

'The Coastguard, fire and rescue service and RNLI are working closely with the harbour authority and Marine Scotland to minimise any environmental impact.'

Sordyroy will remain at the scene until temporary repairs are com-

plete and will then be towed away for further work.

On Wednesday October 18, harbour master Donald McAllister praised the emergency services. He said: 'We'd like to thank all the emergency services for their fantastic response and hard work.'

'The Coastguard, RNLI, police and fire brigade have all been on scene.'

Front green plans move forward as pool filled in

THE DIGGERS have moved into the children's paddling pool on Lochgilphead front green.

The pool has lain unused for some time, barricaded off by industrial fencing, but plans are under way to reinstate the area to more productive use after filling in the pool.

The subject of the play park came up at Monday's meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council.

Questions were asked over the need to employ contractors to carry out the work on the paddling pool.

Councillor Sandy Taylor told community council members: 'The work is being covered by the council's revenue budget, but the fact is the council doesn't have any spare labour



The paddling pool is filled in. 06_a42PaddlingPool02

to carry out this type of work. The current workforce is struggling to keep up with grass cutting and filling pot-holes, so the only way is to contract it out.'

Community council convener Andy Buntin remarked: 'The impor-

tant thing, I suppose, is that it's getting done.'

A meeting between interested parties, including Argyll and Bute Council, will be held later this month to discuss ideas for the play park and wider front green area.

'We all know it's going to take a bit of time to get agreement, but we are moving in the right direction,' said Andy Buntin.

'As a council we want to support local improvement programmes, which is why we created the £3 million Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund,' explained a council spokesman.

He added: 'It has been proposed the community project to regenerate and carry out improvements to the front green be taken forward with support from this fund.'

The council's policy and resources committee was expected to consider the projects to be taken forward at its meeting yesterday (Thursday).

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Minard coffee morning boosts charity

A COFFEE morning in Minard has raised more than £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The morning included a raffle with prizes from local businesses, including bottles of wine from the Inveraray Inn and a

voucher from the Flower Shop in Lochgilphead.

Coffee morning organisers thanked all of the amazing bakers and helpers, including the ladies of Lochgair.

Organiser Jan Burgess said:

'After raising £416 last year, I didn't think we would top that, but we did.'

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Brexit modelling justifies priorities - NFU

Roadshow coming to Tarbert

NFU Scotland believes the modelling report 'Brexit scenarios: An impact assessment' launched by levy body Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) justifies the lobbying priorities the union has been pursuing.

The AHDB analysis looks at the potential implications for individual UK agricultural sectors of leaving the EU. It covers beef, sheep, pigs, dairy, cereals, potatoes and horticulture, and analyses how farm incomes will be impacted by changes to the labour force, agricultural policy, regulation and the potential shape of future trade. It also illustrates the potentially severe impact on the bottom line for some farming sectors.

NFU Scotland is

touring the nation with Brexit roadshow events and visits Argyll and Islands at 12.30pm at Tarbert Bowling Club and 7.30pm that evening at Cuan Mor, Oban.

Jonnie Hall, director of policy at NFUS, said: 'While the AHDB report sets out more extreme scenarios, this detailed analysis unequivocally justifies NFU Scotland's Brexit priorities.'

'With our food and drink sector valued at more than £14 billion, it is a bigger driver of Scotland's economy than oil and gas. But with big ambitions to grow the industry to £30 billion by 2030, that means striking a bespoke Brexit deal that recognises the unique nature of our

industry and gives confidence to Scotland's farmers and crofters that production will be profitable in the future

'For that to happen, Scottish and UK agricultural and food products must have frictionless access to existing and new export markets, and that the domestic market must not be exposed to cheaper imports that lack Scotland's exemplary animal welfare and environmental standards.'

'The report also underlines the union's calls for continuous access to a skilled and competent work force, within both the farming and food processing sectors.'

'And it is beyond doubt that this AHDB work demonstrates the vital role that continued, targeted farm support will have, not least



Jonnie Hall: 'priorities justified'.

through an unknown transition period.

'That would create the bed rock of a thriving farming, food and drinks sector for the post Brexit era.'

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Drumming action from last month's Kick-Start music day.

Music grant to kick-start school tuition

THE GIFT of music is coming to school pupils with the help of a music charity.

Fèis an Tairbeirt, an organisation supporting traditional music locally, will bring piping and drumming tuition to pupils in Tarbert, thanks to funding from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drum Trust (SSPDT).

Fèis an Tairbeirt has secured £6,000 from

the music charity to deliver school tuition in pipes and drums, with the intention of forming a school ensemble or pipe band.

To kick off the programme, Kintyre piper and composer Lorne MacDougall, who has played and composed for TV productions and films including *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Brave* and *Doctor Who*, visited Tarbert schools

to speak to the pupils about playing the pipes and to give them a taster of what it is like to learn them.

The Fèis also held a Kick-Start day last month at Tarbert Academy, where young people had the chance to get their hands on the chanter, pipes and drums and learn from world class tutors.

Alison MacBride, Fèis an Tairbeirt, said: 'We

had 17 young people attend our Kick-Start day and it was great to see their enthusiasm for learning the pipes and drums.

'We were lucky to have fantastic tutors on the day including Radio 2 Young Folk Award winner Bridghe Chaimbeul and D2 Percussion founder and director David Ross. There is a great desire for tuition in the area

and the funding from SSPDT will allow us to deliver this to our eager and talented young people.'

Alexandra Duncan, chief executive SSPDT, said: 'The trust is delighted to provide our start up package of funding and guidance to get this schools' tuition programme off the ground.

'Learning the pipes and drums and being

part of a pipe band provides young people with a fantastic set of skills that stay with them for life.

'We welcome any organisers of local Fèisean or other parent groups and schools looking to provide tuition for young people in their area to get in touch to discuss how we could support them.'

Coffee morning at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead

ST MARGARET'S in Lochgilphead is hosting a coffee morning to help boost parish funds.

The coffee morning will take place on Saturday October 21 from 10am-12pm.

Everyone welcome. For more information contact 01546 602380.

Let there be light in Lochgilphead

THE SPIRIT of Lochgilphead's much-missed lantern parade will be the inspiration for the 2017 Ignite festival of light in a few weeks.

The lantern parade offered smaller surrounding communities the chance to come to Lochgilphead to join in the celebrations. Planning is well under way by local volunteers for a 'world exhibition' type event, featuring mini pavilions, made using modular pieces constructed by schools, scouts and other groups.

As the event is funded by the

A'Cruach windfarm trust, the three community council areas involved will be Dunadd, Lochgilphead and West Loch Fyne.

Open community art workshops will be held for smaller personal creations, but no organised parade will be held, say organisers.

Volunteers are wanted for lantern workshops and to help with vans, generators and materials. Cash donations would also be welcomed.

Visit the Ignite Lochgilphead Facebook page for more information.



Some of the imaginative light installations at last year's Ignite festival.

Mid Argyll Arts Association to hold movie night

YOUR heart may not be broken and you may not have tears to dry, but a showing of *Sunshine on Leith* at the MAYDS Hall in Lochgilphead will be sure to leave you smiling.

Hosted by Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA), the popular film will hit the big screen on Saturday October 21 at 7.30pm.

Sunshine on Leith is based on former soldiers Davy and Ally relearning how to live in Edinburgh following tours of Afghanistan.

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Argyll to rock out at MOJO



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Angus leads Mid Argyll Mòd honours

THE ANNUAL festival of Gaelic culture has been held over the past week and Mid Argyll was there in force.

Plenty of competitors made the journey north for the Royal National Mòd, an event which has a history dating back to 1892. This year it was Lochaber's turn to host the event between October 13 and 21, and it proved once again to be a feast of musical achievement and fun.

The big local winner was 13-year-old Angus McLean from Kilmartin, who won the solo singing for boys aged 13-15 (learners) on Monday. Angus was the only Mid Argyll competitor from the junior ranks to gain a gold, silver or bronze badge this year.

On Saturday October 14, Inveraray's Calum MacDonald, a pupil of Lochgilphead's Fraser McGlynn, competed in the button accordion competition.

In the 7-8 years learners song competition, Inveraray competitors Feorlin Renton and Rosie Blyth came a highly creditable fifth and eighth respectively in a class of 23.

Sara Bakali and Ashley MacDougall, both from Inveraray, competed in the 9-10 learners, while in the 11-12 years, Izzy Crawford of Inveraray and Izzy Potter of Glassary sang beautifully and they all did themselves proud.

Brodie Crawford of Inveraray and Eilidh

Graham from Lochgilphead competed in the 13-15 learners class, where Brodie achieved a fourth place.

Còisir Òg Inbhir Aora, conducted by Josie Campbell, performed on Monday afternoon in the choral singing and delighted the audience at Lochaber High School.

Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata performed in the choral singing two-part harmony; and again in the puirt-a-beul. The choir was placed an excellent third in the under-19 two-part harmony.

The girls are coached by Gaelic tutor Christine Johnston and ably conducted by music teacher Cheryl Naisby - a former choir member who was conducting at her first Mòd.

Tuesday saw Holly Renton and Abbie Williams compete in the Nevis Centre in the solo singing open competition. Both sang exceptionally well in this tough class of learners and fluent Gaelic speakers.

The beautiful acoustic venue of St Andrew's Church in Fort William was the venue later for Brodie Crawford and Holly Renton, who sang in the duet singing own



Còisir Òg Dhàil Riata after coming third in the under-19 two-part harmony on Monday. 17_MOD42dm2_mondaychoir

choice class 13-18 years open class. This was just their second time singing together competitively and their first national Mòd, and they performed very well.

In the piping competitions, Campbeltown's Ross Conner won the under-15 march and was second in the Strathspey and reel competition. Jamie Campbell from

Strachur was a close second behind local favourite Finlay Cameron in the under-19 march, strathspey and reel and came third in the under-19 jig contest.



Kilmartin singer Angus McLean with his gold medal and the James C MacPhee Memorial Medal. 06_a42ModAngus02



Inveraray Primary School Gaelic Choir.
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Left: Singing duo Brodie Crawford and Holly Renton of Inveraray.



Calum MacDonald from Inveraray.
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On shore, the event, held between October 13 and 15, has gained a reputation for a great day out for the landlubbers in the family with a host of food, drink and shopping to keep everyone entertained.

The Clyde Lifestyle pavilion and its food and

drink pavilion were both packed, with star chef Nick Nairn giving cooking demonstrations. Elsewhere visitors could peruse luxury motor cars or take a helicopter flight.

Or simply enjoy some of the many excellent products on offer from Argyll and Bute producers.

The Portsonochan Hotel sales team, with Margo McGinlay were there to promote the venue on the banks of Loch Awe.



Gigha Halibut's award-winning produce is a food pavilion regular each year but 2017 was special. Amanda Anderson, marketing, and Jamie Stewart, who works at the firm's hatchery at Otter Ferry, got engaged the week before.



Aiden Canavan used to be a biologist until he decided to launch the Bute Brew Co in 2014, and the business is expanding.



Karen MacDonald of Albas Seafood, Kilmore, is a long-established visitor to Scotland's Boat Show.

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12,000 younger Scots face up to £8.6m rent shortfall from LHA cap, new report confirms

Around 12,000 mainstream social tenants across Scotland aged under 35 could collectively face an annual rent affordability gap of between £5.3 million and £8.6 million when a UK government cap on housing benefit (or the housing element of Universal Credit) for social housing tenants at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates comes into force in April 2019.

This is a key finding of new research commissioned by the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Government and published on October 11. The research was conducted by the Indigo House Group.

The cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow are likely to be the most severely affected by the policy with 27 per cent of all of Scotland's single Housing Benefit claimants aged under 35 living in these two cities, equivalent to more than 6,500 people. The total weekly shortfall in Edinburgh is expected to be £19,600 and in Glasgow, those affected face a collective weekly shortfall of £18,800.

Analysis of average social sector rents shows the potential financial impact for individuals varies considerably depending on the size of home they are living in and

how social rents compare with LHA rates for the area. Across Scotland, single tenants under the age of 35 living in a one-bedroom home and affected by the cap will face an average shortfall in rent of £6.60 per week. The highest shortfall for one-bedroom homes will be experienced in Edinburgh at £22.09 per week. Meanwhile, there are eight areas showing no shortfalls between the average local one bedroom social rents and the 'cap' LHA rate.

Since October 2015, the UK government has made various proposals and amendments to cap Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit for social housing tenants at LHA rates, including for those living in supported or temporary accommodation. The proposals are intended to bring payments for social housing tenants in line with those living in the private rented sector. Legislation to implement these proposals has yet to be introduced. However, as the proposals currently stand, single people under 35 years of age will see their allowance capped at the Shared Accommodation Rate (SAR).

An upper estimate of the impact of the policy suggests that around 14,400 tenants

could face a collective shortfall of £8.6 million annually.

These figures were arrived at by calculating the difference between average rents by property size submitted annually to the Scottish Housing Regulator by individual social landlords, comparing this with the SAR in the corresponding local authority area and multiplying this by the estimated total number of social tenants aged under 35 living in that area.

An alternative method using Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) figures was also used. By excluding an estimated 2,500 Housing Benefit claimants aged under

35 who are thought to live in temporary or supported accommodation and may therefore benefit from a partial or total exemption from the proposed LHA cap, the research estimates that the LHA cap would still hit around 12,000 social tenants living in mainstream accommodation with a collective rent shortfall of £5.3 million per year.

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Isobel Martin
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northrecruitment@scottishsalmon.com
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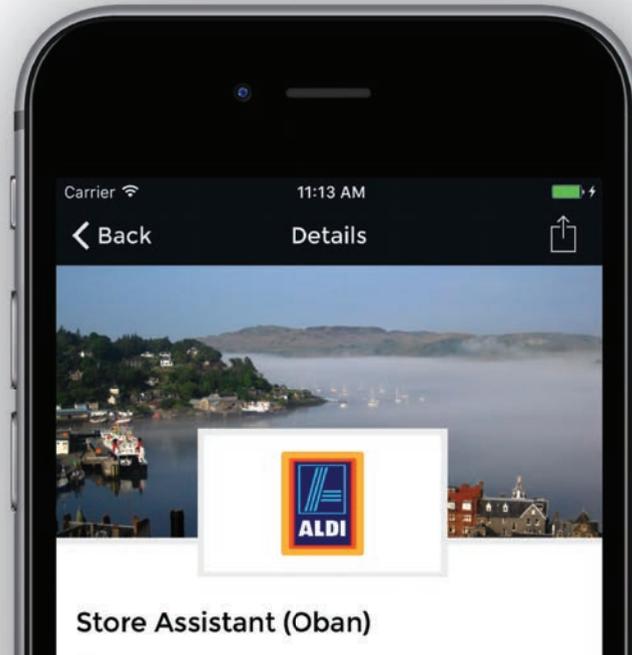
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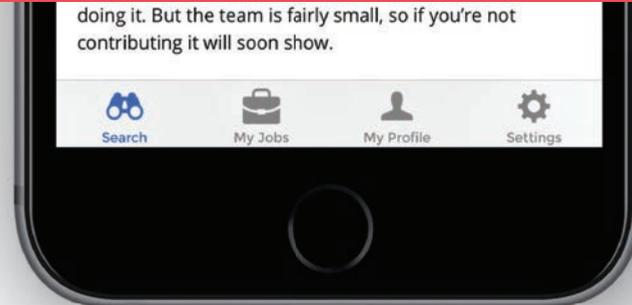
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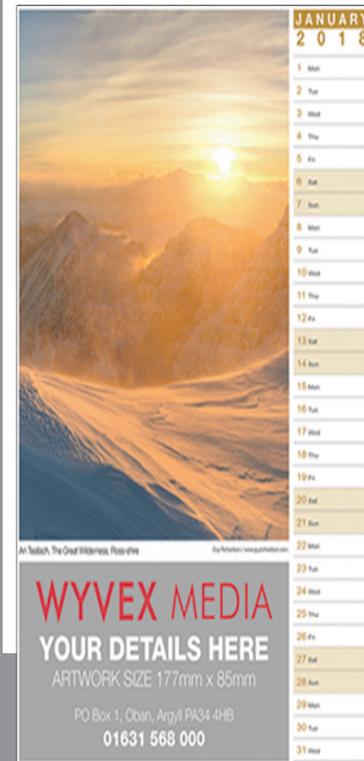
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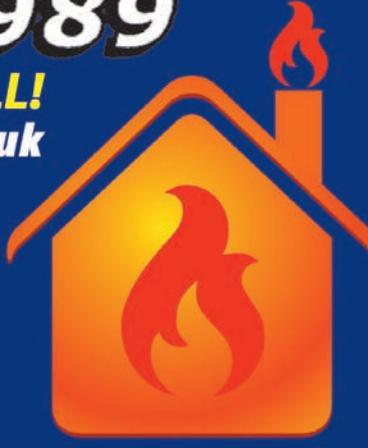
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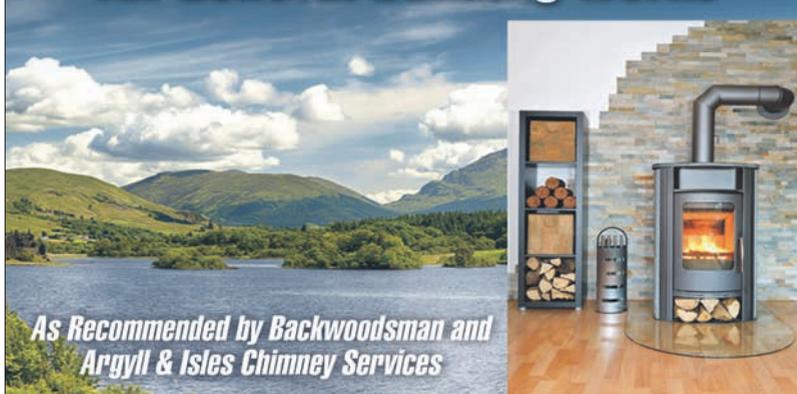


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Autumn food and drink festival

A FORTNIGHT-long autumn food and drink festival is underway on the Isle of Colonsay.

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COWAL

Cycle road ride and ultra run

COWAL will be at the centre of a cycle road ride and an ultra run on Saturday October 21.

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ISLE OF GIGHA

Annual Isle of Gigha root and industrial show

A SHOP keeper and a youth worker had the task of judging entries of the fifth annual Isle of Gigha root and industrial show.

Joe Teale of Ardmish Stores and youth worker Kenny Wilson had the task of judging the best parsnips

and potatoes as well as the ugliest vegetable on Saturday September 23. A coffee morning event alongside the root competition raised a total over £963 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A spokesperson said: 'The overall root section winner

was Catriona Walker and the industrial section winner was Maggie Wilkieson. Congratulations to them both. All cakes and raffle prizes were donated and thanks goes to everyone involved in making the day a great success once again.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I AM WRITING this on the very wild and stormy island of Arran in the lovely village of Kildonan.

The weather has been dreadful and we are now awaiting the remnants of hurricane Ophelia to batter us.

Our holiday house is right on the beach and looks across to the islands of Pladda and Ailsa Craig.

The waves are huge and the sea is acting out its own exciting drama.

Seabirds are tossed about on the sea currents and the trees are almost bent backwards.

The barks of our collies disappear silently into the wind.

I have been reading the information in the cottage and have been fascinated by the evolutionary story of this lovely island.

Evidently just on the beach in front of us, footprints have been found of dinosaur activity around 240 million years ago.

This particular type of dinosaur was known as Isochirotheorium herculis, which translates as 'hand beast' simply because the rear footprints resemble a human hand. I was amazed when I saw the photographs as the prints are exactly like a human hand.

It is remarkable to think that life has been on this small island for over 240 million years.

What a small part we play in this huge drama of life and can we possibly contemplate the next 240 million years?

Personally I doubt very much if our planet will be around in another 240 million years.

However, we are called to do what we can to protect this planet while we can.

We are called to be good stewards and to look after our world.

Eco-terrorism threatens this beautiful globe and unless we take action now, human beings will be but forgotten footprints in the sand.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Honour one another above yourselves' (Romans 12:9).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

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RANKIN - Billy to Margaret (née McGuire), on October 20, 1967, in Castlehill Church, by the Rev John Cormack. Present address, Woodlands Drive, Campbeltown.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS



PATERSON - BELL

At Bearsden South Church, on October 25, 1957, Colin O Paterson to Edna J Bell. Congratulations from all the family.

DEATHS

FINDLAY - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 13, 2017, Ewan Robertson Findlay, in his 70th year, 10e Burnbank, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Nan, much loved father of June, good friend and pops to John and a loving brother and uncle.

HADDOW - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, on October 15, 2017, Duncan Douglas Haddow, in his 64th year, Dunmar, Longrow, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Neil, Douglas and David, loving brother of Iain and the late Martin and a loved father-in-law of Jet. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today Friday, October 20, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research UK.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully at home, The Flush, Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, surrounded by her family, on October 16, 2017, Janet MacArthur, née Morrison, in her 81st year, dearly beloved wife of the late Hugh MacArthur, much loved mother of Hugh and Georgina and a beloved sister and aunt. Funeral private.

MACFARLANE - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 12, 2017, Janetta (Netta) MacFarlane, née MacNeill, aged 83 years, of Rudha-Loisgte, Pier Road, Tarbert and formerly of Gigha, beloved wife of the late James MacFarlane, much loved mum of Mairi, Agnes, Elizabeth, Calum, Margaret, Jamie, Iain and Dugald and adored granny and great granny. Cherished sister of Angus, Malcolm, Kenneth and the late Betty, Mary, Ian, Duncan and Lily. A dear sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Parish Church, on Thursday, October 19, 2017, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

CAMERON - Jennifer, Fraser, Laura and Kate would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of John. Special thanks to Macmillan nurses, district nurses and doctors at Southend Surgery for all the kind care and attention over the last few weeks. Our thanks also to Rev Steve Fulcher for the uplifting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional

services, to the committee of Dunaverty Hall and to Argyll Bakeries for the excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and Cancer Research UK raised £2,600.

MUIR - Kenneth, Sadie and Fiona wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. They would also like to thank the Rev Hilda Smith for very fitting tributes at both services, Mr R MacDonald for his extremely helpful, caring and professional handling of all the funeral arrangements, and the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey. Most of all, they would like to thank all who attended the services.

WILLIAMSON - Isobel and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of condolence, letters and baking following the sad loss of her beloved husband, Jim. Sincere thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher for a most moving and poignant service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their caring attention, and to The Glen Restaurant for providing the excellent lunch. Thanks to Dr Elder and the local ambulance and medical services. To the dedicated staff of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, special thanks, especially to the Coronary Care Unit. The retiral collection raised over £560 for the unit.

IN MEMORIAM

CAIRNS - In loving memory of Duncan, husband and father, grandfather and great grandfather, who died October 25, 2016. Missed so much every day, and thank you for all the happiest of times. - Maura, James and Maria.

MUIR - Precious memories. I never ask for miracles, But today just one would do, To see the front door open, And see my dad walk through. - Love, Angela, Kenny and Kerr.

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Saturday 21 October
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Café Connect
Achnamara Hall 12.30pm
Alpha - 'Why did Jesus die?'
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Shinty body seals three-year sponsorship deal

SHINTY governing body the Camanachd Association has confirmed a new three-year deal with sponsors Marine Harvest.

The deal, believed to be a six figure sum, now extends to 33 years meaning the partnership between the association and Marine Harvest is now Scotland's longest running sponsorship deal.

The company plans to increase investment in shinty by continuing as title sponsors of the Premiership, National Division and the north and south leagues.

Marine Harvest will also support women's and youth shinty, the Scotland national shinty team, the annual international match and the shinty awards night.

Jim Barr, president of the Camanachd Association said: 'The commitment shown by Marine Harvest over many years, and extended for a further three years, adds tremendous value to the continued promotion and development of shinty.'

'Shinty is an important part of Scotland's sporting and cultural heritage and remains a key part of community life in many areas across the country.'

Ben Hadfield, managing director of Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, said: 'Having supported shinty for 30 years we are very pleased to announce our continuing support for the game for another three years at all levels.'

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Ross upbeat ahead of international clash

'WE'VE had a great response from the players with a lot of boys keen to be part of the squad.'

That was the upbeat message from Scotland head coach Ronald Ross ahead of the latest Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international at the Bught Park, Inverness, this Saturday, October 21.

The Scotland squad has been affected by injury to Newtonmore's Andy MacKintosh while Fraser Heath, another who played last year, has hardly featured for his club Glenurquhart during the final third of the shinty season.

There are first caps for Lovat pair Craig Mainland and Daniel Grieve as well as Badenoch duo Michael Russell from Newtonmore and Ryan Borthwick from Kingussie.

However, the squad is built on an experienced base with Glenurquhart's John Barr and Kinlochshiel's Finlay MacRae again to the fore.

The latter is joined in the squad by his brothers Keith and John as well as club-mates Conor Cormack and Mark MacDonald.

The ever-reliable Stuart MacDonald will once more be between the sticks whilst Caberfeidh's Kevin Bartlett, the only player from outwith the Marine Harvest Premiership in the squad, will again be trusted with the dead-ball opportunities.

Kyles' trio Andrew King, Grant Irvine and Roddy MacDonald have been key in their club side's title push this season whilst Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup winners Newtonmore have Glen MacKintosh, Steven MacDonald, Rory Kennedy and new cap Michael Russell.

Lovat's Greg Matheson and Oban Camanachd's Daniel Cameron are others with previous experience of shinty/hurling.

Shinty

Ross added: 'I am very pleased with the squad. We have a good mixture of youth and experience and all the players have worked well throughout the preparation sessions. We've had five full sessions ahead of the game and that's important.'

The preparation sessions are vital as Ross explained: 'Shinty players have to adapt their game to suit the cross-codes rules. For example, playing the ball out for a corner in

shinty is a natural thing for a defender to do and it is a chance for a defence to regroup. However in the shinty/hurling game, it gives the opposition a free attempt to add to their points tally.'

The Scotland boss, himself a veteran of these clashes, doesn't expect his players to be lacking in fitness. 'I think we'll be fine there. We are just at the end of our season so the players have been

playing recently. Some have even been doing additional fitness work during the week.'

Ross is expecting a strong Irish squad to travel for the game. 'I think they fact Scotland have won the last three matches at The Bught will influence who they take,' he added. 'There is no second leg to retrieve the Inverness result again this year so I expect them to be strong. They have had practise

sessions of their own and they know what they are doing but we will concentrate on our game.'

Scotland from: Kevin Bartlett (Caberfeidh); John Barr (Glenurquhart); Ryan Borthwick (Kingussie); Conor Cormack (Kinlochshiel); Mark MacDonald (Kinlochshiel); Finlay MacRae (Kinlochshiel); John MacRae (Kinlochshiel); Keith MacRae (Kinlochshiel); Grant Ir-

vine (Kyles Athletic); Andrew King (Kyles Athletic); Roddy MacDonald (Kyles Athletic); Daniel Grieve (Lovat); Stuart MacDonald (Lovat); Craig Mainland (Lovat); Greg Matheson (Lovat); Rory Kennedy (Newtonmore); Steven MacDonald (Newtonmore); Glen MacKintosh (Newtonmore); Michael Russell (Newtonmore) Daniel Cameron (Oban Camanachd).



Pictured at the Bught Park, Inverness, ahead of the shinty/hurling Internationals, left to right, Rory MacKeachan, Scotland Under-21 captain; Ronald Ross, Scotland manager and Finlay MacRae, Scotland team captain.

MacRae looks for improved showing

SCOTLAND U21 head coach Alan MacRae is looking for an improved performance from his side as he named his pool for the meeting with Ireland U21.

This is Alan MacRae's second year in charge of the young Scots.

He said: 'The players have all come through

a thorough selection process which has presented us with a strong, skilful squad who will hopefully entertain and look to restore some Scottish pride after last year's disappointing result.

'We are under no illusion that it will be a tough competitive match and both the coaching team and the

players are looking forward to the challenge.'

MacRae is able to include 12 players who faced the Irish last year. The new caps are Glenurquhart's Lachlan Smith, Robert Mabon from Kingussie, Skye's Ally 'Cleodi' MacLeod, Newtonmore duo Iain Richardson and Craig

Ritchie and Fort William pair Alexander MacMillan and Calum Shepherd.

Scotland U21 from: Blair Morrison (Caberfeidh); Alexander MacMillan (Fort William); Arran MacPhee (Fort William); Calum Shepherd (Fort William); Nick Dalgety (Glengarry); Lachlan Smith (Glenurquhart);

Scott MacLachlan (Inveraray); Innes Blackhall (Kilmallie); Savio Genini (Kingussie); Calum Grant (Kingussie); Rory MacKeachan (Kingussie); Robert Mabon (Kingussie); Barry MacDonald (Lochaber); Danny Kelly (Lovat); Iain Richardson (Newtonmore); Craig Ritchie (Newtonmore); Will Cow-

ie (Skye Camanachd); John Gillies (Skye Camanachd); Ally 'Cleodi' MacLeod (Skye Camanachd).

Alan MacRae retains the same back-up team as last season.

Calum McLeod and Ian McDonald are assistant managers; Davie McVey is head trainer while Lorna Forsyth continues as physio.

Mary's necklace stirs football fond memories in Ardrishaig

MEMORIES have been stirred by a 116-year-old photograph and story published in a recent edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

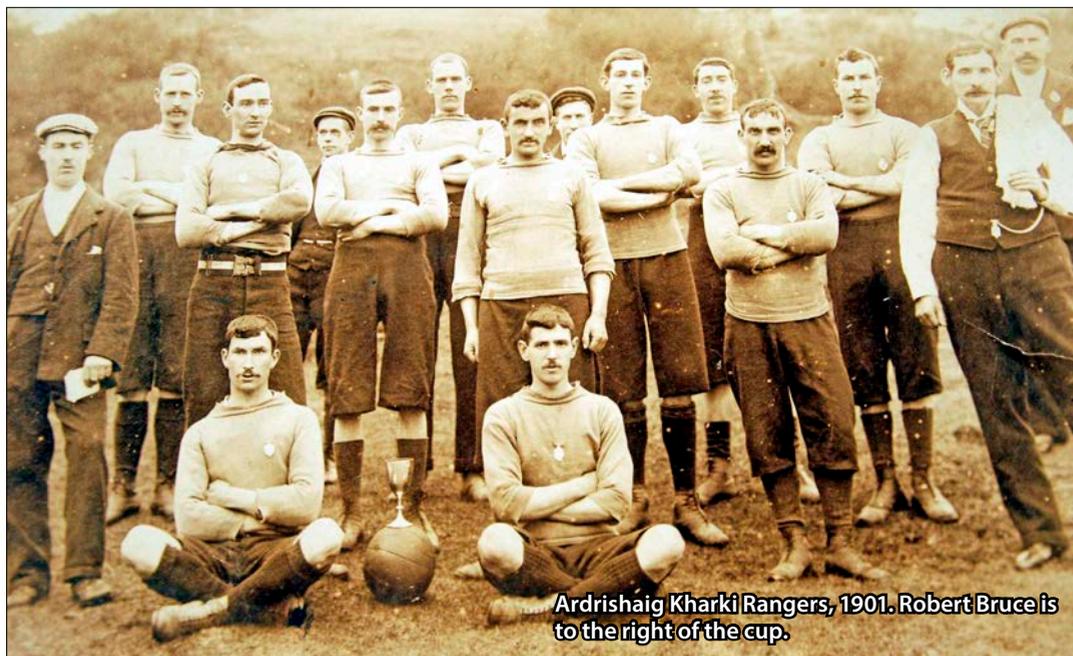
The photo, of Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers and the Nicol Cup dating back to 1901, reminded one reader that she had

a medal very similar to those displayed by Ardrishaig's by-gone cup winners. Ardrishaig woman Mary Ferguson visited our office with the medal and explained some of its history.

'It was awarded some time after the 1901 photo, but the man who was awarded it is in

the team photo,' she explained. 'It was given to me by my dad when I was young, and it belonged originally to his uncle, Robert Bruce. His initials, RB, are inscribed on the medal.'

She added: I always wore it around my neck on a chain as a necklace.'



Ardrishaig Kharki Rangers, 1901. Robert Bruce is to the right of the cup.



Mary with her great-uncle's Kharki Rangers football medal. 06_a40KharkiMedal01
Inset: The medal in close up with the initials 'RB'. 06_a40KharkiMedal02

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A team picture of Inveraray before their 2-0 win over Dunoon.

Inveraray are crowned Division Two champions



Inveraray's John McKenzie shields the ball from a Dunoon opponent. no_a42inverarayshinty3



Inveraray	2
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Marine Harvest South Division 2	

INVERARAY finished the season in style winning the Marine Harvest South Division 2 following a victory over Dunoon.

The champions lifted the trophy at their home ground of Winterton Park after a 2-0 win.

Having secured the league title the previous week, Inveraray were able to finish on a high, going unbeaten through the entire league season.

Inveraray team manager Graham MacPherson said: 'We have put out a team every week filled with a mixture of youth and experience. 'We also have an ex-

Robert Wood from Inveraray is presented with the SD2 league trophy by Marine Harvest business development manager Steve Bracken.

citing crop of youngsters coming through. Young Campbell Watt and Lewis Cameron in particular have both had a fantastic first full season.

'It's been great to see the whole team develop. We are now very much looking forward to next season in South Division 1.'

The trophy and medal presentation was made by Marine Harvest business support manager Steve Bracken.

He said: 'I was delighted to present Inveraray with the Marine Harvest South Division 2 trophy at the weekend.

'They've had a fantastic 2017 season and I'd like to wish them the very best for next season.'

Jim Barr, president of the Camanachd Association, added: 'Congratulations to Inveraray on winning South Division 2.

'Inveraray have been



Veteran Inveraray goalkeeper Graham 'Toad' MacPherson with young son Cameron George Neil MacPherson inside the cup.

in fantastic form and have gone through the entire league season unbeaten.

'We'd like to wish them all the best for next season.'

Star face tough test as Millbeg come calling

FLYING high in SAFL division one, Lochgilphead Red Star face a big game this weekend after last week's away tie at Carlton AFC fell foul of the weather.

Star face a tough test at home tomorrow (Saturday October 21) when they face unbeaten Millbeg AFC. Star won both encounters between the sides last season, though both were tight games.

Lochgilphead boss Dougie Moore was hopeful earlier in the week of having a full squad available for this top-of-the-table encounter.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday October 16, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 4, 7 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 4, 11 and 15. The lucky winner of the £700 jackpot was John Smylie.

Football results

West of Scotland Cup, third round – Braehead 0, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils 3, Barrhead Arky 3; Premier Division Two – Tarbert 1, Castle-milk 5.

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