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# Violet forced to fight for access to her own home

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A PENSIONER with an incurable lung condition claims she has been badly let down by the health service after being denied an access ramp to her home.

Lochgilphead woman Violet Mackenzie says she would be stuck behind the four walls of her Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) home were it not for the help of others. She said: 'I thought I was going to get a ramp so that I could get access with my mobility scooter in and out of the house, but that was turned down in the summer after the occupational therapy people said there wasn't enough space for a ramp.'

It was her younger brother, who lives in

Oban, who urged Mrs Mackenzie to pursue her case.

Mrs Mackenzie, 66, was diagnosed four years ago with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a condition where the airways become narrower, making it hard to breathe. There is no cure for COPD, but treatments are available to help manage the condition.

To make matters worse, though, Mrs Mackenzie was diagnosed with heart failure after falling seriously ill in December last year. She is now tied to oxygen canisters for all but a maximum 20-minute period every day and has been advised not to walk any distance.



**Mrs Mackenzie just wants to be able to get in and out of her home without help.** 06\_a43ramp05

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, Mrs Mackenzie explained: 'I can't get in or out of my house without someone having to manhandle my scooter. I need a ramp

so I can get to the shops and do the basic things in life. I spoke to ACHA and they said they were waiting to hear from occupational therapy before they could do anything. But

I was told in July occupational therapy could do no more for me. I feel let down by it all.' ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'The association is clearly guided by

the occupational therapist's opinion. It is the occupational therapist's responsibility to carry out an assessment on the suitability of the access for a ramp.

That assessment has deemed it is not possible, therefore we have no referral to take this forward.'

In response to the *Advertiser's* questions, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership at first said occupational therapists were waiting on a report from ACHA, but subsequently clarified their position.

A spokesman said later: 'Our occupational therapists will be contacting ACHA as soon as possible to put a referral in place and will continue to work closely with ACHA to resolve this situation for the resident concerned.'

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## Old friends

TURNS out football's just a game after all, as one generous Old Firm fan overcomes rivalry to raise funds for a sick youngster.

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## Wild goose place

FEATHERS flew in Tarbert after the mysterious appearance of a feathered friend.

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## Ardrishaig plans

LOCAL people packed into Ardrishaig hall to learn about ideas for the village's future.

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## Making a splash

A LOCHGILPHEAD swimming pool employee is becoming a real force to be reckoned with.

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## Unbeaten run

RED STAR'S budding football starlets are now seven games unbeaten in the new season.

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# Angy's tattoo transcends Old Firm rivalry

A LIFELONG Celtic fan put allegiance aside and was tattooed with a Rangers badge to support a seriously ill Aussie lad.

Tarbert tiler Angy (Angus) MacFarlane, 54, was amazed at the response, especially from Rangers fans, when he made the bold gesture to support two-year-old Mitchell Johnstone who is battling leukaemia in Australia.

Mitchell is the son of former Dookers' manager Alex Johnstone (AJ), a staunch Rangers supporter. Six years ago AJ left Tarbert and emigrated to Australia where he found love with Mary. In 2014 Mitchell was born and this year Archie.

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## Lifelong Celtic fan's bold gesture to help ill tot

Just after Archie arrived, the couple were given the devastating news that Mitchell was ill.

Back at home, sister-in-law Fiona rallied the Johnstone family and arranged a series of fundraising events to pay travel and accommodation costs during Mitchell's expected eight-month hospital stay.

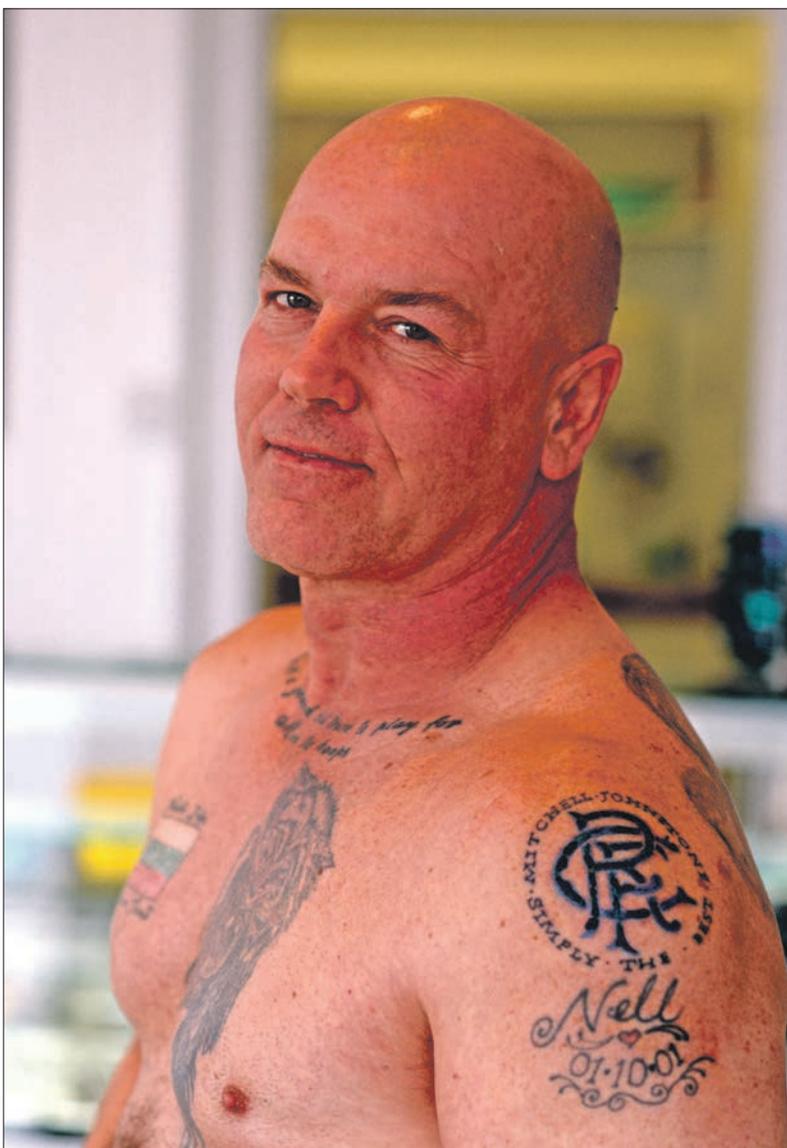
When Angy MacFarlane heard about the appeal, he did not hesitate and put a notice on Facebook saying he would be inked

up - Rangers style - to help. Angy said: 'I put the notice on Facebook about four weeks ago and donations have flooded in, up to about £2,000 at present.

'Quite a bit of money has come from Partick bar, the Rosevale.

'I won't be going to any summer games now or wearing sleeveless shirts.'

His partner, Jennifer Graham, said: 'It puts things in perspective. At the end of the day football is just a game and this is a wee boy's life.'



Angy MacFarlane sporting his Rangers tattoo to benefit Mitchell Johnstone. 25\_c43tattoo01

## Police files

### Drunk driver arrested

THE 30-YEAR-OLD male driver of a car which left the A83 near Inveraray around 2am last Sunday, October 16, was arrested by police.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol.

### Shop window smashed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the window of a shop in Main Street, Inveraray, was smashed.

The incident happened sometime between 5.30pm on Saturday October 15 and 9.30am the following day.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Defective tyres: driver reported

A CAR stopped in a routine check at Minard was found to have worn tyres.

Police stopped the vehicle at 9.40am on Monday October 17 and found two of the tyres defective.

The 51-year-old male driver was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Graduated from Robert Gordon University with a Postgraduate Diploma in Drilling and Well Engineering. Ewan now lives in Glasgow, but grew up at Auchaleek Farm and attended school in Campbeltown.

## Police hunt Furnace playground vandals

POLICE are hunting vandals who entered the grounds of Furnace Primary School last week and left a trail of damage behind them.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol of Lochgilphead police office said: 'Between 6pm on Tuesday October 11 and 7.40am on Wednesday October 12, a wooden bench and a wooden totem pole were damaged

in the Furnace Primary School grounds.' He added: 'At around the same time a wooden fence at a house in Goatfield View, Furnace was also damaged.'

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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### Work starts ahead of mental health move

UPGRADING work has begun to allow the temporary relocation of inpatient mental health services from Argyll and Bute Hospital to the lower ground floor of Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

The building work will allow Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to prepare the hospital for the move, expected to be finished by March 2017.

Donald Watt, mental health manager, said: 'This move will lead to much-improved accommodation for patients and a facility that is more suitable for their needs. We will ensure the building work and the eventual move of patients to Mid Argyll hospital will take place with as little disruption as possible to patients and to the general day-to-day operation of both hospitals. We will be working closely with patients, staff, carers and the public to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.'

A number of drop-in events will be held across Argyll and Bute in November and December. Mr Watt added: 'These will provide the public with an opportunity to view the plans for the Mid Argyll hospital unit and at the same time to raise any questions that they may have with representatives from the HSCP.'



Looking slightly lost on its own in Tarbert, the goose later found company thanks to good-hearted locals. Photo: Aggie Dennis.

### Rescued after a gander round Tarbert

A MYSTERIOUS visitor has been wandering the streets of Tarbert.

And it has been quite an adventure for the village's feathered friend, as social media channels went into virtual meltdown over reports it may have been run down on the road, abused by pub-goers or even simply just be hungry.

One local man told *The Advertiser*: 'It first

turned up about a week ago and we assumed it was a wild goose lost its way to Islay. It appeared quite tame and it was a worry that it wouldn't have anything to eat, so some locals phoned the SSPCA.'

All appeared to be fine until Saturday night, when it was rumoured that some people thought it would be fun to feed beer to the

helpless creature. It is said to have been rescued by a local postman and was handed over to the SSPCA the next day.

The Tarbert man continued: 'They have confirmed that, despite its experiences, it was fit and well, though hungry. I am relieved to say that it has been safely re-homed with someone who has other geese.'

# New timber pier for Loch Fyne

A NEW floating pier is to be built at Ardcastle Forest on the shores of Loch Fyne to extract timber from plantations in the Forestry Commission's West Argyll area.

With harvesting on the increase and the nearby Ardrishaig Pier already busy, the new development will enable greater quantities

of timber to be shipped to wood processors, unlocking an estimated £10 million of the region's growing timber supplies. With a £123,000 grant from the Scottish Government's Strategic Timber Transport Scheme, an estimated 250,000 tonnes of timber could be shipped from the Ardcastle pier over

the next 10 years. The pier will be able to take larger boats in deeper water and cut down the need for using timber wagons on fragile rural roads, saving 3.5 million lorry miles. The funding is being awarded to John Scott Floating Piers Ltd and the pier will be open to everyone wishing to transport tim-

ber. The pier and shore-side infrastructure is planned to be around 3,500 square metres in size and will be able to stack around 3,000 tonnes of timber in advance of a vessel arriving.

John Scott, of JST Services added: 'I am delighted to receive this grant which will help improve the flow

of timber from the forests of Argyll to processors and help to increase the volume of timber transported in a sustainable manner.'

The building of the new pier will underpin a long term contract between Forest Enterprise Scotland and wood processing company Norbord.



The Ardcastle pier will be similar to this example at Glenelg, near Kyle of Lochalsh.

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# Packed meeting hears news about Ardrishaig's future

A PACKED meeting heard the latest news on proposals for Ardrishaig development.

The recent event in the village hall was hosted by Ardrishaig Community Trust and Ardrishaig Community Council to report to the community on devel-

opments and seek feedback and new ideas.

There were exhibits about a number of current initiatives including draft proposals for development of Ardrishaig North Hall; Robbers' Den; the war memorial and the opening up of the Gleaner site.

The meeting was well attended and the audience of more than 60 listened to the introduction by Duncan Broadfoot and briefings from Kevin Williams for the Public Hall Management Committee, Edward Laughton for the com-

munity trust on the Robbers' Den project, an update from Chris Breslin, head of regeneration and development at Scottish Canals and a brief report from head of economic development for Argyll and Bute Council, Fergus Murray.

## Feedback

The architect of the north hall proposals, Neil Taylor of TAP, answered questions and responded to feedback on the proposals shown both on drawings and in model form.

A lively question and answer session followed and the organisers said they felt the meeting was constructive. It was emphasised that the overall aim is to



People study plans at the meeting.

attract visitors and new residents to Ardrishaig and Mid Argyll and that all proposed projects will have to demonstrate strong local support and new jobs or commercial activity to attract the necessary funding.

The north hall proposals, and responses to feedback on these plans, will be on the agenda of the next Ardrishaig Community Council meeting on Tuesday November 1.

Jane McCurdie, of Lochgilphead Phoenix

Project, sounded one note of caution however, pointing out that the question of the hall's ownership had still not been settled despite an assurance in April that the management committee would explore ownership scenarios.

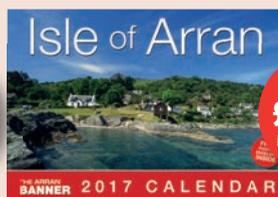


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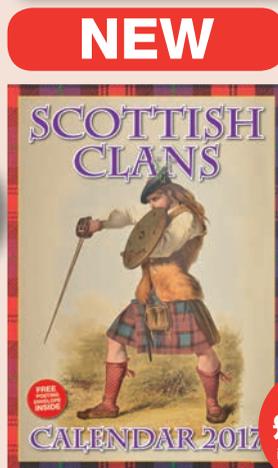
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## Fundraising whirl for Lochgilphead Rotary Club

MEMBERS and friends of the Rotary Club have been raising cash for good causes.

Lochgilphead Parish Church hall was buzzing last Saturday during a coffee morning held by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll on behalf of Mary's Meals. A total of £521 was raised for the charity's Malawi campaign.

Club president Ian Davidson travelled to Oban this week to present a cheque for £100 to Susan Simpson, Highland ambassador for the Simpson Memory Box Appeal.

The charity support parents and

families who have lost babies, both pre and post-natal.

Susan visited the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll a few months ago and presented an emotional and thought-provoking talk.

An evening of floral art, also in aid of charity, was postponed last week due to circumstances outwith the club's control.

Ian Davidson said: 'We had to postpone the floral art demonstration which was to have been held on Thursday October 13. It has been provisionally re-arranged for December 8.'



Ian Davidson presents the cheque to Susan Simpson.

## New members elected

WITH plenty going on around the Royal Burgh, Inveraray has two newly-elected representatives to help influence matters.

Following recent by-elections, Alistair Rodden and Derrick Anstee were voted in as members of Inveraray Community Council. Convenor Iain MacAskill said: 'On behalf of the community council I would like to welcome Alistair and Derrick as our newest members.'

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# Tourism booms in Argyll and the Isles

TOURIST attractions in Argyll saw a big increase in visitors over the summer, new figures reveal.

Attractions across Argyll and the Isles experienced a substantial increase in footfall during July and August compared with the national average.

The figures, issued by the Moffat Centre in Glasgow, are the results of the contributions from 592 tourist attractions across Scotland. They show that in July Scotland's visitor attractions had an increase of 6.6 per cent,

while in Argyll and Bute this was a whopping 12.8 per cent rise. In August, the Scottish increase was 3.4 per cent, compared with the rise in Argyll and Bute, which at 8.9 per cent, was more than twice the national average.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative director, Calum Ross, said: 'These statistics are another endorsement of the continuing strength of the industry, and the product, which we have to offer. The figures for our attractions come

hot on the heels of last week's announcement of the finalists in the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, where Argyll and the Isles businesses took more than 30 per cent of the shortlisted places.

'As an industry we work extremely hard at making sure our visitors have the best possible experience when they visit Argyll and the Isles, and receiving this confirmation is a fantastic indicator that we are on the right track.'

Jane Young, manag-



Inveraray Castle – a leading attraction in the region.

er of Inveraray Castle said: 'We are absolutely delighted with the number of visitors choosing to visit Inveraray Castle this season, which is a large increase on last year's figures. It is very en-

couraging to see that the tourists have come from far and wide, a large majority from overseas, as well as from the domestic market. We have also seen a steady rise in the cruise ship market over

recent years, which not only has a beneficial effect on the local economy but the wider community as well. It certainly goes to prove what a fabulous product Argyll and Bute has to offer.'

## Council may be best buyers

OFFICERS at Argyll and Bute Council have been shortlisted for three Government Opportunities Excellence in Public Procurement awards.

Councillor Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'This is welcome news and I'd like to congratulate the teams on their efforts and hard work. It is extremely rewarding to be recognised by your industry and I wish them well at the awards.'

The council has been named as a finalist in the Best Customer Engagement award for its home care re-design initiative.

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### Basic freedoms

VIOLET MACKENZIE would be the first to admit there are people out there who are worse off than she is.

But that does not mean she is not in a condition that needs significant support from those charged with providing health and social care. Thankfully, it now seems the wheels are turning in the right direction and she may get the ramp she needs to allow her to live with the same basic freedoms we should all enjoy.

### Rivalry set aside

WELL done to Celtic fan Angy MacFarlane for seeing past team loyalties and doing his bit to raise cash – and plenty of awareness – for the family of wee Mitchell Johnstone.

Is it possible that Bill Shankly was wrong when he said that football was more important than life and death? If that's true, are there any Rangers fans out there who are willing to repeat Angy's gesture in the opposite direction for Mitchell's sake?

### Great achievement

IN THIS week's edition, you will notice a short report on page 26 about the achievements of a Lochgilphead Red Star youth team.

What a great start they have made to the season, and long may it continue. They are a credit to their families, the team coaches and to Mid Argyll. There are plenty of other examples around the area of youngsters being encouraged and developed by hard-working adult volunteers, and it is good to acknowledge this. The future is brighter for their dedication.

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### Addressing the peoples' needs

Sir,  
I was fascinated watching the SNP conference on TV.

Mike Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, insisted that the SNP is not putting forward a plan 'designed to fail' as part of his party's negotiations on Brexit. He already knows that SNP demands cannot be met in full. As Scottish minister on Brexit he is only too aware that the SNP demand of 'best for Scotland – not second best' – leaves no room for negotiation. The MSP is correct, the plan is not designed to fail, but to justify a second independence referendum.

The First Minister's closing speech was very engaging. So engaging that every phrase was followed by applause – indeed I thought she was participating in a fundraising 'clapathon'.

And what did we learn? Well, she and her colleagues have been enjoying dozens of city breaks over the summer. Not for a suntan but to promote Scotland as progressive, open, and outward looking. Any polite or courteous response is naively interpreted as support for Scotland remaining in the EU.

But the word Nicola wants us to remember is 'inclusion'. Inclusion in a second referendum; inclusion in higher tax rates than the rest of the UK; inclusion in increased centralisation of power to Holyrood.

The First Minister asked us to think of 'what might have been'. I can think of many things. If the SNP during their nine years in office had addressed the true needs of the Scottish people then we might have had better and functioning ferries on the Clyde; many more nurses, GPs, midwives and social workers trained; far more homes built; 41,000 people trained for employment had Mr Russell not cut college places; and a reduction in the education attainment gap.

Another conference, another ask to 'trust the FM', another step towards a second referendum, but not a conference addressing the genuine needs and aspirations of the people.

**Finlay Craig,  
Cove.**

### Government help for Mid Argyll

Sir,  
It was refreshing to read Councillor Donnie Macmillan's quote regarding the play park maintenance required for the front green in Lochgilphead.

I'm glad I am not the only person who is concerned about the condition of the play park and the lack of urgency for any development of the front green, despite much talk over the years.

Last week's article ties in with other issues which are a concern to the public in Mid Argyll, namely maintaining roads; the general mess around the town, despite the best efforts of 'front line' council work-

ers; dog fouling on the increase; recycling bins overflowing with rubbish bags strewn on top; roads, such as Bishopton Road, badly in need of repair; and many potholes taking months to be repaired.

If the council is struggling financially to maintain the area, which seems to be the case, then more of an effort should be made to address these issues with the Scottish Government – why not organise a meeting with local councillors, private businesses, council officials and our local MSP to think up ways to regenerate the area and ask for more resources?

Lochgilphead and Ardris-haig are central areas which could be attracting more tourism and business if more of an effort was made by high ranking and well-paid officials in the council and in government.

The front green is an area which could have better amenities for locals and tourists, with many ideas suggested recently including tennis courts, an area for kids to practice on bikes, basketball, picnic benches, suitable parking for coaches and the like.

Hopefully some kind of action plan can be put in place to improve the town, now and for the future.

**Peter Laing,  
Lochgilphead.**

### Willing to keep service afloat

Sir,  
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is

offering its supporters over the age of 55 the chance to write their will for free during Free Wills Month this October.

The scheme gives people the chance to write their will and, if they wish, include a gift to a charity. After taking care of loved ones, even the smallest gift in a will really does help save lives at sea.

With nearly two thirds of lifeboat launches only made possible with gifts left to the charity, the RNLI is hoping people will consider remembering them in their wills, helping the charity continue to provide its vital lifesaving service.

Participants are not obliged to leave a gift to the RNLI when they make or update their will using the Free Wills Month service, but the charity hopes that people will consider doing so.

For more information, please visit [RNLI.org.uk/freewills](http://RNLI.org.uk/freewills) or contact the RNLI Gifts in Wills team on 0300 300 0124 or [legacy\\_enquiry@rnli.org.uk](mailto:legacy_enquiry@rnli.org.uk).

**Henry Weaver,  
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Wayne Dixon, with Coda, Wayne's mum Christine Dixon, Isabella MacLachlan and Alex Ellis-Roswell. 25\_c43walking02

# Coast to coast charity trekkers' Tarbert tucker

A GUEST house proprietor put her best grub on the table to bring two charity walkers together.

Isabella MacLachlan, 62, who runs the Cuilins bed and breakfast in Tarbert, introduced Wayne Dixon, 44, who is walking round the coast of Britain picking up litter, and RNLI trekker, Alex Ellis-Roswell, 24, who has added the 2,500 mile Irish coastline to his two-year odyssey.

Ms MacLachlan made butternut squash soup and a variety of filled rolls for the hungry walkers.

Mr Dixon and his dog Coda are familiar to *Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier* readers for his litter picking efforts, with the help of primary school children, while walking through Kintyre last month.

He has now reached Tayvallich and his mum Christine collect-

ed him for the special lunch.

While Mr Dixon was grabbing headlines, Mr Ellis-Roswell was completing the Irish leg of his route which has taken a year and seen him delayed for three weeks with a knee injury.

Since leaving his Margate home on August 3, 2014, aged 21, Mr Ellis-Roswell, a sheep farmer who left school when he was 14, has raised £25,000.

He spent his first winter of 2014 walking round Cornwall, the second in West Cork and the tough west coast of Ireland, and is now facing the harshest months of the year in Scotland.

'In the past week I have walked from Tighabruich and should be in Campbeltown on Friday or Saturday,' said Mr Ellis-Roswell, who was given a lift to Thursday's lunchtime ren-

devous and was then dropped back at the same point near Dippen.

He added: 'I receive hospitality from lifeboat stations and sleep in them for about 50 per cent of the time. The other half I stay in a tent. I use Scottish Vango tents and have gone through five during the trip. I have also gone through seven pairs of boots.'

Mr Ellis-Roswell added: 'When I injured my knee I was treated by the Munster football team's physiotherapist in Cork.

'It is funny how the body works. When one bit is injured it compensates and all of a sudden you have a sore ankle instead of a sore knee.'

Mr Ellis-Roswell set off thinking the walk would take him two years and he had saved up £3,500 to fund his expedition.

But his extended

timescale of four years has occasionally meant he has had to take odd jobs to make ends meet.

He writes for online publications and is amazed pictures from his mobile have been used in daily papers and *Coast* magazine.

'Fifty per cent of my fundraising has come from online and the other through the RNLI bucket I carry around,' he said.

Christine Dixon, Wayne's mum, joined the two walkers at lunch after driving from Ribchester in England to deliver winter clothing.

Mrs Dixon said: 'I try to organise Wayne and at first was travelling to see him every 10 days. Now he says it is his walk.'

Unusually, for extremely fit walkers, both men are smokers, but argue they are doing plenty to keep their arteries clear.

## Kintyre blazes trail for police youth

A NEW youth volunteer scheme is to be piloted by Police Scotland in Argyll.

Selected as the first part of Argyll to try out the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) scheme is Kintyre, with the scheme due to begin in December. Adult volunteers are to be recruited to help deliver the scheme in the area.

Unveiling the pilot scheme, Constable Trish Collins appealed for adults to get involved, explaining: 'You will be expected to assist in the recruitment and management of youth volunteers who will be used in

the local community to support projects and events and asked to commit to at least one fortnightly session with the group.

'The programme is designed to strengthen engagement between young people and the police and aims to encourage young people to develop new skills, self-esteem and self-confidence by volunteering for community work across the geographical area.'

If you want to volunteer for the PSYV in Kintyre, contact Constable Collins on 01586 862276 or email Trish.collins@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

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# Top Scottish pianist set to perform at Crear

THE ARTISTIC hotbed that is Crear will host a concert this weekend by one of the top pianists currently performing.

Scottish musician Steven Osborne is widely acclaimed as one of the greatest of his generation. He burst on to the scene in a big way three years ago, winning two major awards: The Royal Philharmonic Society Instrumentalist of the Year and his second Gramophone Award, this time in the instrumental category for his recording of Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition and solo works by Prokofiev.

Previous awards include a 2009 Gramophone Award for his recording of Britten's works for piano and orchestra, as well as first prize at both the

Naumburg International Competition (New York) and Clara Haskil Competition.

Concerto performances see Osborne perform with orchestras all over the world, including recent visits to the Yomiuri Nippon Symphony, Deutsches Sinfonieorchester Berlin, and Vienna Symphony orchestras.

In the UK he works regularly with all major orchestras and has made no fewer than 11 appearances at the Proms.

The Crear arts centre in Kilberry will this Sunday, October 23, host a performance by Osborne of pieces by Poulenc and Debussy.

The concert begins at 2.30pm, with soup, sandwiches and cakes served at the interval.

Tickets in advance



Steven Osborne – one of the finest pianists of his generation.

cost £20, including refreshments. Schoolchildren have free entry, though organisers ask

that places are reserved. Crear is grateful for the ongoing support from Enterprise Music

Scotland. To book tickets, call 0141 221 0066 or visit [www.crear.co.uk](http://www.crear.co.uk).

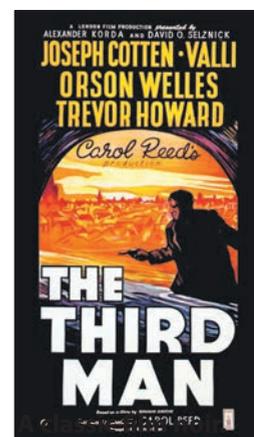
# Saturday night at the movies

GET OUT the popcorn and settle down for one of the classic movies of all time.

Mid Argyll Arts Association will screen *The Third Man*, starring Orson Welles and Trevor Howard, in the MAYDS hall, opposite Lochgilphead Community Centre, at 7.30pm on Saturday October 22.

The 1949 British film noir, directed by Carol Reed, involves novelist Holly Martins who travels to shadowy post-war Vienna – only to find himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, Harry Lime.

Tickets, costing £7.50 for adults and £6 concessions, are avail-



able from the Argyll Book Centre and at the door.

This, the second of a series of film nights organised by the association, is one not to be missed. And look out for more old favourites coming soon – from *Casablanca* to *Singin' in the Rain*.

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# MAMA's baby will rock you in Lochgilphead

AN EVENING of original music is guaranteed this weekend.

A new offshoot of the annual Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival - better known as MAMA Fest, O'MAMA is a special event featuring music from Argyll artists.

Among them, David Fee delivers Kintyre-inspired music.

His emotional and personal experience has provided him with his base for songwriting and this is evident in his original work.

Citizen 9 is an Oban-based rock band making

music that has been well received. Keen to gain more followers, they are delighted to be able to showcase themselves at the inaugural O'MAMA.

Performing their own blend of folk music and soul pop with Blues and Cajun undertones,



David Fee - inspired by Kintyre.



Dogstar Wanderers at a recent studio recording session.

Shoosh Kebab were a massive hit at MAMA Fest 2016 and organisers are excited to have them back.

Dogstar Wanderers is a four-piece

band taking influences from groups like Civil Wars and City and Colour. They have a unique storytelling approach to songwriting and combine dual vo-

icals with deep punchy guitar rhythms. With a recently released EP, they got a huge reception at last year's MAMA Fest. Tickets are on sale at the River-

side Filling Station and from the MAMA Fest website, priced £7. It all happens at the Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead on the evening of Saturday October 22.

# Lighting up the past and future

MEMBERS of Christ Church Scottish Episcopal church have been recording gravestone inscriptions as they prepare for a special service.

With the parish records, the information from headstones will be transferred to disk and made available to genealogists.

Among many interesting memorials is one to a great survivor of Victorian times: 'Surgeon General Edward James Franklin died January 31st 1889 aged 61 years. He served with HM

forces throughout the Crimea. Was present at the charge of Balaclava and Sebastopol. He also served through the Indian mutiny and Afghan Campaign of 1878-1879.'

### Deadliest

After surviving some of the deadliest encounters of the 19th century, he died peacefully at Tigh na Coille, Ardrishaig. Commonwealth gravestones mark the resting places of more recent mariners.

But the churchyard is not merely a record of

The Rev Simon Mackenzie explained: 'It is a place of expectation.

'During the annual Memorial Service of Light, lamps will be placed on graves as darkness falls. Prayers are offered for all the departed and by name for loved ones and the recently departed.'

The service this year will be held on Sunday October 30 at 6pm.

Rev Mackenzie continued: 'This is a sign of Easter hope; the light of Christ rising in darkness - Christ's love overpowering death.

'If you would like your loved ones remembered, simply come and write their

names on the book in Christ Church. It is a beautiful and moving occasion.'



Rev Simon Mackenzie is leading the recording project at the Christ Church churchyard.

# A dancing tale at Ardrishaig for children and the young-at-heart

ARDRISHAIG Public Hall is to host an hour-long performance by professional dancers next Friday aimed at children and the young-at-heart.

Mid Argyll Community Dancers will host 'The Telltale Tail', a dance and physical theatre work by Scottish-based choreographer Sally Owen.

It uses animation, clowning and music to explore a central theme of identity. Just who are we and how do we see ourselves?

Starting at 7.30pm on Friday October 28, tickets cost £5 and children aged five and under go free.

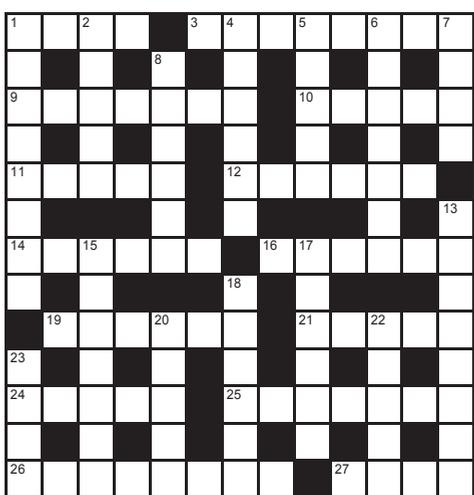
Refreshments are included and there will be a chance to meet the dancers after the performance. For more information, call Anne Beckett on 01866 844271.

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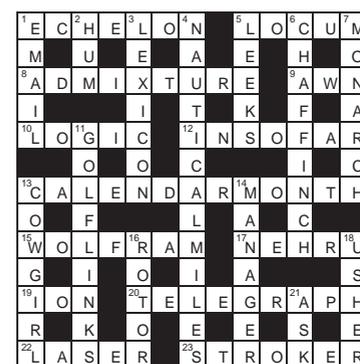
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# Swimming pool employee makes a splash with her arresting performance

'Due to her hard work she has a choice of career path – either into leisure management or the police force'

A SWIMMING pool employee who has just completed her apprenticeship and passed the Police Scotland selection has praised MACPool's system.

Megan Yuill, 18, started work as an apprentice last year after leaving school with what she says were 'virtually no qualifications', except a few National fours.

Miss Yuill said: 'School was quite difficult and I did not like it. However, since leaving I have been given a lot of help during the apprenticeship by my former teacher at Lochgilphead High School, deputy head Euan Smith, and the MACPool manager Graham Love.'

In the past year Miss Yuill has gained a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ)

level three in leisure management, become a Swimming Teachers' Association lifeguard and gained Argyll and Bute's highest marks in her swimming teacher's qualification.

The SVQ is administered by Sports Academy Scotland, and tutor Colin Ireland, based in the central belt, is a regular MACPool visitor.

'My SVQ included customer service, health and safety, plant room operations and chemicals and management of the whole facility,' added Miss Yuill. The apprenticeship is a great way of learning about the leisure industry. I can learn things and put them into practice almost immediately.

'You are getting paid and getting qualifications at the same time.



Megan Yuill with one of her mentors, MACPool manager Graham Love. 25\_c43apprentice01

It has given me much more confidence. I loved it so much, there was always something new.'

In January Miss Yuill started the selection process for Police Scotland which led to a three-week assessment at the national police training college, Tulliallan Castle.

She was so determined to succeed in the maths section of the tests that she took extra

evening lessons from a tutor and her grandmother, Mavis Yuill.

Since passing the selection, Miss Yuill has so far worked seven shifts as a volunteer special constable at Lochgilphead police office, where she is the youngest by some margin.

She said: 'I have been trying to work at least one nine-hour police shift a week.'

MACPool manager

er, Graham Love, said: 'Megan has gained qualifications which are international. Due to her hard work she has a choice of career path – either into leisure management or the police force.'

'We are on the lookout for another apprentice at the moment and as I am sure Megan will agree, we pay well above the minimum rate for apprenticeships.'

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The top price of £100,000 went to Elmscleugh, Dunbar, for its ram lamb.

A total of 525 shearlings were sold at an average of £791.66 and a total of 168 ram lambs were sold at an average of £2,033.51.

**David MacArthur, Arncliffe, Glenbar, heads for the sale ring. The MacArthurs were delighted with their tup reaching £10,000.**



Some of the 36 shearlings brought forward by top Blackie breeder Iain Hunter attracted a great deal of attention.

## Workshop will help shepherds

SHEEP farmers are invited to attend a free workshop on effective worm and fluke strategies at Oban Livestock Centre.

The workshop, on Wednesday November 2 from noon to 4.30pm, is one of seven events being held on farms or local auction markets around Scotland in the coming weeks.

The workshops are funded by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) and will be delivered by vet and sheep specialist Dr Fiona Lovatt, of Flock Health Limited. Attendance is free and lunch is provided. To reserve a place, call QMS on 01314 724040 or email [info@qmscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@qmscotland.co.uk). Details of the other workshops can be found at [www.qmscotland.co.uk/events](http://www.qmscotland.co.uk/events).

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Moredun and Livestock Health Scotland would like to invite you to an evening meeting on Thursday 27 October from 6pm at the Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure.

The evening will start with a complimentary meal of wild Scallastle venison casserole served with chips or new potatoes and accompanied with tea or coffee. This will then be followed by 3 short talks with an opportunity for questions and discussion:

Upland tick control and tick borne disease will be covered by sheep vet Ian Gill; an update on the sheep scab diagnostic study on Mull by Stewart Burgess (Moredun) and Nigel Miller (Livestock Health Scotland) will focus on best practice biosecurity for sheep scab control.

This event is free of charge but places are strictly limited so booking is essential for catering purposes.



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# CRIME AND NOURISHMENT AT TARBERT BOOK FESTIVAL

**TARBERT Book Festival, now in its fourth year, provides an intimate opportunity to meet authors and gain insights into their works.**

Crime in all its forms will be one of the major talking points of this year's festival next week running from Friday October 28 to Sunday October 30.

Headline speaker is the award winning Scottish crime author Christopher Brookmyre who has just won the inaugural McIlvanney prize at the Bloody Scotland festival.

The event begins, with a closed session not open to the public, in Tarbert Academy on Friday October 29, when invited children's writers visit the school.

Early levels pupils will hear the stories of Terry Tiddlemouse, created by Joey Porter; Angela Proctor will read from her new book, Thumble Tumble and the Ollpheist, witchy adventures set on the island of Arran; and, to complete the day, Stevie White and Fin Cramb will give a presentation to senior pupils about the creation of their graphic novel of J.M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan'.



Friday evening sees the main festival programme get started.

Loch Fyne Gallery bookshop will host the climax of the first Tarbert Book Festival Writing Competition, for invited guests only, when the winner is announced and the first prize of a residential writing course at Moniak Mhor is awarded.

Saturday's action in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre starts at 10am with A Writers' Workshop led by author, Anne Hamilton, judge of the writing competition, adult tickets are £10.

At 11am novelist, Catherine Czerkawska, will read and talk about her new book, 'The Jewel', an historical novel charting the romance of Jean Armour and Robert Burns.

After lunch at 1pm one of Scotland's best-regarded contemporary writers, Janice Galloway, will be talking about her latest collection of short stories, 'Jellyfish'.

Both these events are £6 for adults.

A fascinating insight into the life of famous crime novelist, Josephine Tey, is promised in the appearance of Jennifer Morag Henderson, at 2.15pm on Saturday in the Anchor Hotel. Her new biography of this crime writers' favourite has been well-received.

Later at 3.30pm in the same venue '1588: A Calendar of Crime' is the title of writer Shirley McKay's session as she reads from her latest collection of Huw Cullan stories.

On Saturday evening award-winning novelist, Chris Brookmyre, is the guest for the Springbank Sessions, at the Stonefield Castle Hotel, talking about his new book, 'Black Widow'.

Sunday sees the final event of the weekend as local writers come to the fore, the event will include Marian Pallister, Fiona Malkin and Kilmartin archaeologist, Roddy Regan.

The main sponsor of this year's event is Blue Energy Ltd.

Full details of times, venues and tickets are available on the website [www.tarbertbookfestival.com](http://www.tarbertbookfestival.com).

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# CRIME WRITER WILL THRILL AT TARBERT TALK

By Mark Davey



**AN AWARD winning thriller author whose novels have more twists than the A83 will headline at Tarbert Book Festival.**

Investigative journalist Jack Parlabane and his creator, Christopher Brookmyre, 48, first entered Scotland's consciousness, 20 years ago, in *Quite Ugly One Morning* which won best first crime novel of the year in 1996.

His latest Parlabane adventure, *Black Widow* published by Little Brown, has just been awarded the William McIlvanney prize, formerly the Scottish crime book of the year award, at the Bloody Scotland festival last month in Stirling.

Brookmyre says that festival speaking has become an important part of his year but that sometimes the schedules can make his life quite hectic.

'The advent of digital reading seems to have increased the numbers of people who want to hear authors speak,' he said, 'As festivals

have grown the number of bookshop events has shrunk.

'Often my talk will pertain to that year's novel which is *Black Widow* but the talk can become more generally about my work, particularly at smaller festivals where people have come to see me because they are curious but may not have read the books.'

Technology has been a great boon for his writing and Brookmyre said: 'The dictation app on my phone means I can go on long walks and then transcribe the result as soon as I get back.'

'People in Bothwell must be familiar with seeing me walking around talking into my phone.'

Brookmyre's writing life took off after Glasgow university when he spent four years, in London, at cinema trade magazine *Screen International* as a sub-editor.

He wrote novels, but failed to find a publisher and says now that they were per-

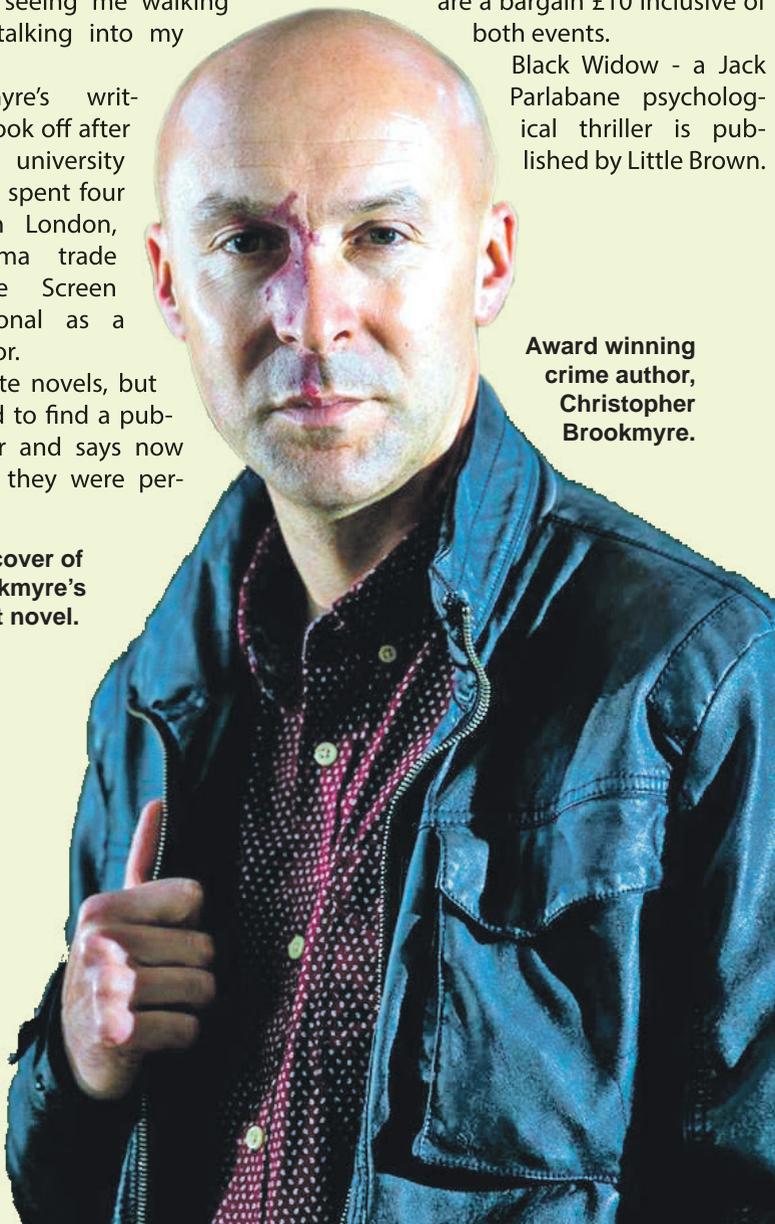
haps too serious. It was when he made the change to a more idiomatic style, found in *Quite Ugly One Morning*, that he made the breakthrough to a bestseller and it went on to be dramatised with *Cold Feet* star, James Nesbitt, playing Parlabane.

Brookmyre rates his life so far as an eight out of 10 and said: 'I have been very fortunate to make a living doing something I love.'

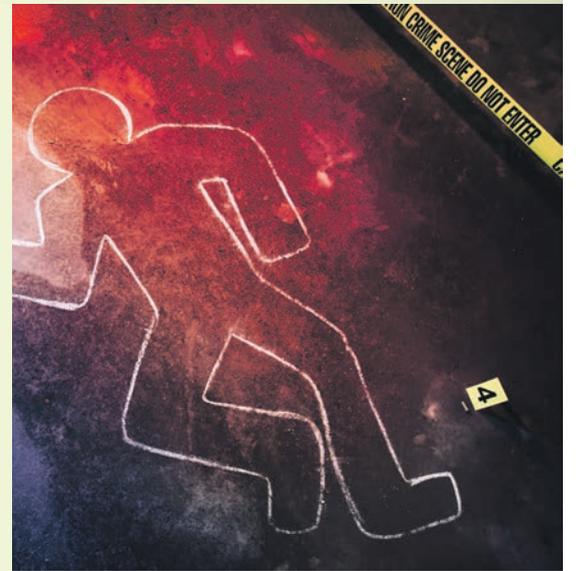
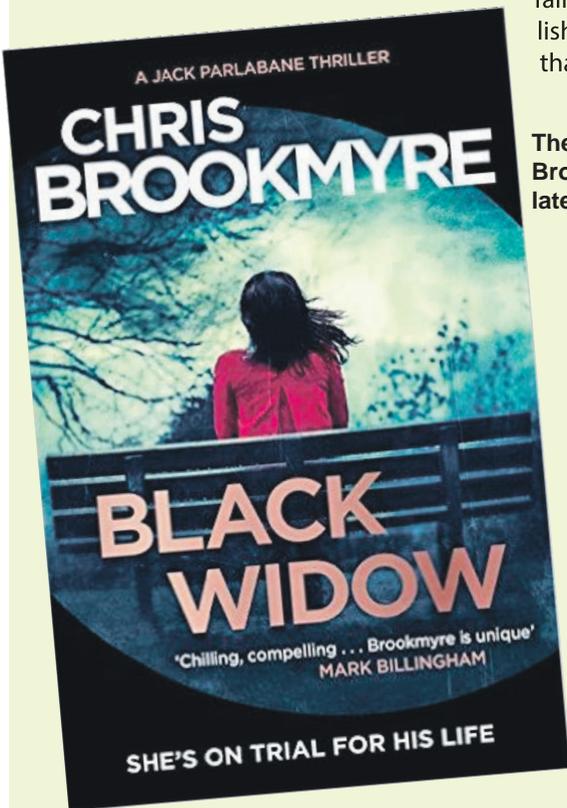
Brookmyre's talk is at 7.30pm, on Saturday October 29, in the Stonefield Castle Hotel drawing room following a half hour whisky tasting session organised by Springbank. Tickets are a bargain £10 inclusive of both events.

*Black Widow* - a Jack Parlabane psychological thriller is published by Little Brown.

Award winning crime author, Christopher Brookmyre.



The cover of Brookmyre's latest novel.



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**Mirren Brown, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Winner of recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years.** 16\_T42\_Mod\_Mirren



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**Bronagh Newman, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein, was a participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years.** 16\_T42\_Mod\_Bronagh

THIS year's Royal National Mòd continued as the children's competitions heated up.

Day four at Scotland's biggest Gaelic cultural festival saw young Gaels aged five to 19 taking part in 33 poetry, drama, song and music contests. Puppet-led yoga took place at various venues around Stornoway, and the Nicolson Institute hosted Cuilean Craicte, a workshop for parents exploring the benefits that reading Gaelic has on children's development.

The children's competitions continued on Tuesday, with the coveted traditional silver medals taking place at the Nicolson Institute. The adult competitions began on Wednesday with this year's gold medal final taking place in the evening. The traditional final competition was yesterday (Thursday), and the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield will be broadcast live on BBC ALBA today (Friday).

John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, said: 'The children's competitions are always a fantastic way to start the Mòd. We saw some wonderful musical performances on Saturday, and there are even more in store. The children's ceilidhs in the evening are a great way to unwind after a busy day of competitions. The Western Isles have been excellent hosts and we're looking forward to the rest of this year's Mòd.'

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar convener and chairman of the Mòd nan Eilean Siar local organising committee, Norman A MacDonald, said: 'We have already had some fantastic performances and events over the first three days, with the torchlight parade, the Ar Cànan 's Ar Ceòl music showcase and the Celtic praise and Gaelic service on Sunday. For me, the children's competitions on Monday and Tuesday are always among the highlights of the week.'

The Royal National Mòd will conclude tomorrow (Saturday) when a procession of choirs and pipers make their way through Stornoway to the Nicolson Institute where a massed choir finale will close the festival.



Four wonderful winners in the children's competition

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## Get wild about Argyll!



This summer between 24 July - 4 August ultra endurance adventurer Mark Beaumont took on a continuous 12-day epic adventure across Argyll and the Isles. On this 'Wild About Argyll' challenge, Mark followed a trail across every corner of Argyll and the Isles. He sailed, open-water swam, kayaked, road and mountain biked and also ran to celebrate some of the best adventure routes on offer. Each day he took on some of the region's

most exhilarating activities, including quad biking, off road motor-biking and horse riding. Why? To help Argyll & The Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) assess the region's adventure tourism credentials, gather extensive video content of the unique adventure offer we have right on Glasgow's doorstep – and to launch an exciting campaign to reposition this wonderful region as Scotland's Adventure Coast.

# Welcome to Argyll Enterprise Week



**Councillor Aileen Morton.**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has teamed up with Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway to host the first Argyll Enterprise Week, in Oban, from October 31 to November 4.

Businesses, social enterprises and potential entrepreneurs across Argyll and the Islands are invited to take advantage of free workshops, seminars, networking events and discussions designed to provide support and inspiration in achieving their business goals.

'Argyll and the Islands has been recognised as one of Scotland's most promising regions. Our geography alone gives us a number of key niche business sectors, from tourism to renewables. Regeneration is creating new opportunities across the area,' said Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable development.

'Talent and ambition is in evidence in our people and in our communities. Argyll Enterprise Week is about building on this promise.' The week has three objectives. Firstly it looks to connect organisations. The geography of Argyll and Bute makes it difficult for people to come

together and when they do, things happen, ideas get developed, collaborations are born and opportunities emerge. Secondly the event looks to inform, presenting the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to help move an organisation forward. Finally the event looks to inspire, by presenting case studies and sharing learning.

David Smart, Head of Special Projects at Highlands and Islands Enterprise said: 'It is vital that Argyll and the Islands is home to significant numbers of confident, growing enterprises that provide secure, well paid jobs. The programme for the week has been carefully created to be of interest to the widest possible range of businesses and social enterprises in Argyll and Bute. We want the event to celebrate existing enterprise across Argyll and the Islands, stimulate fresh ideas and create new connections and collaborations. That's what Argyll Enterprise Week is all about and with more than 200 bookings already made for activities within the week we are looking forward to a great event.'

## Kicking things off...

The launch event for Argyll Enterprise Week will be held on Monday October 31 at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban and will set the scene for the week ahead.

It includes speakers from across the private and public sector who are involved in supporting business growth in Argyll and Bute, including an address by Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, chairman of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and of Savills plc. Argyll-based entrepreneurs Jamie Delap of Fyne Ales, Brendon Wallace of BC technologies and Craig Cameron of Midton

Acrylics will be talking about their business successes. It will conclude with a networking lunch provided by Food from Argyll and a showcase of investments and initiatives supporting economic growth.

Attendees will have the opportunity to find out more about transformational projects, including DiscoverSpace UK, Kilmartin Museum expansion, Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative, The European Marine Science Park, Town Centre Heritage programmes, and Live, Work & Invest in Argyll and Bute.

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# Realising Argyll's full potential

## Nicholas Ferguson is keynote speaker at launch of inaugural Argyll Enterprise Week

Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, will be a keynote speaker at the opening event for Argyll Enterprise Week. Nicholas has a long and distinguished career as leader of a number of blue chip international businesses and is a founder of the Kilfinan Trust. His experience of leading large complex organisations and achieving success in challenging markets made him the ideal candidate to chair the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and explore how the challenges of population decline and the demographic imbalance affecting the area could be addressed. Nicholas assembled a team of senior public and private sector individuals who considered the opportunities and barriers that the region faced.

This work culminated in the publishing of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum report in February 2016. This report described a number



Nicholas Ferguson, CBE

of the actions that needed to be taken to realise the full potential of the region and work is ongoing to progress these.

## Organisations on hand to guide and encourage entrepreneurs

Central to the week is a business support fair, being held at the Corran Halls on November 2, bringing together a wide range of public and private organisations. More than 40 organisations will be on hand to outline the advice and support they can offer.

Organisations exhibiting at the Business Support Fair include:

- Expert help: HIE innovation specialist, HIE creative sector, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Scottish Development International Export Advisory Service
- Digital: DigitalBoost, The Digital Garage by Google, Community Broadband Scotland
- Social enterprise: Firstport, InspirAlba, Just Enterprise
- Finance: DSL Business Finance Ltd, RBS, Pensionwise, Prince's Trust - Youth Business Scotland, Virgin Start Up
- Training and education: Argyll College/UHI, Skills Development Scotland
- Jobs: HIJobs, JobCentre Plus
- Business organisations: BID4Oban, Federation of Small Businesses



- Energy efficiency: All Energy, Resource Efficient Scotland
- Business services: McPhee & Partners, Argyll Financial Services, BC Technologies, BT Local Business
- Tourism: Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative
- Council: Regulatory Services, Procurement, Business Gateway, Live, Work & Invest Argyll and Bute
- Media: Oban Times Group, The Press & Journal

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the Business Support Fair. These informal, 45-minute sessions will feature a short presentation on the free help available, followed by a Q&A. 11am – Scottish Manufactur-

ing Advisory Service (SMAS) 11.45am – WorldHost™ Customer Service Training 12.30pm & 4.15pm – The Digital Garage by Google 1.15pm – Resource Efficient Scotland 2pm – Scottish Development International's export adviser 2.45pm – HIE's intellectual property adviser 3.30pm – Argyll and Bute Council Regulatory Services.

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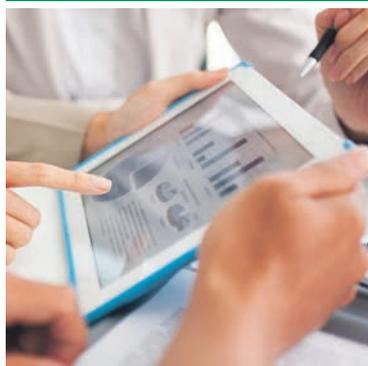
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# Working together

## Supporting entrepreneurs

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise work together to support ambitious businesses through a growth pipeline. Business Gateway offers advisory support to all businesses and where a business in a key sector can demonstrate via a realistic business plan their ambition and potential to grow significantly and create jobs, further support may be available from HIE to accelerate this growth.

An example of this is Beinn An Tuirc Distillery, based on the Torrisdale Estate in Carradale, South Kintyre.

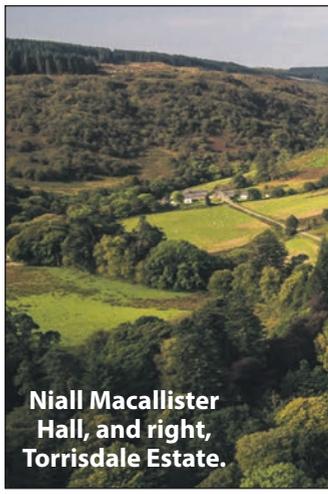
Niall Macallister Hall and his wife Emma are in the process of setting up Kintyre's first craft gin distillery.

Beinn an Tuirc, meaning ‘hill of the wild boar’ will be the first distillery of its kind to produce the unique ‘Kintyre Gin’ by using water from natural sources and power being produced by the estate’s hydroelectric scheme.

The recipe will be inspired by the natural botanicals that are synonymous with the Kintyre area.

Niall explained: ‘Business Gateway was critical in assisting us with our business plans for the new gin distillery and thereafter referring the project on to HIE due to the growth potential of the business idea.

‘We are also in the process of recruiting a graduate through the Scot Grad, programme that HIE introduced us to. This will be pivotal to the creation of our new Kintyre Gin and gaining expertise we might otherwise not have had.’



Niall Macallister Hall, and right, Torrisdale Estate.

## Advice is just



Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd's nan Eilean

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is an ambitious organisation with a unique remit that integrates economic and community development.
- HIE works in a diverse region which extends from Shetland to Argyll and from the Outer Hebrides to Moray, covering more than half of Scotland's land mass.
- HIE is the Scottish Gov-

ernment's economic and community development agency for the north and west of Scotland. Its purpose is to generate sustainable economic growth across the Highlands and Islands. Jennifer Nicoll, Argyll and the Islands area manager said that, ‘It is HIE's ambition for Argyll and the Islands to be a highly successful and competitive region in which increasing numbers of people choose to live, work, study and invest.’ HIE's local team is based in Lochgilphead and works closely with

## Fund the growth of

At the funding seminars taking place on November 1, five funders will each outline what they have to offer, how to apply, and answer questions.

■ The SJ Noble Trust offers grants and interest-free loans to new or existing businesses, typically in the region of £5,000.

■ DSL Business Finance Ltd is a not-for-profit lender

specialising in finance for SMEs and third sector social enterprises.

■ Growthdeck is a multi-channel crowdfunding platform that can help raise finance for a business through the sale of equity to its investor network.

■ The Scottish EDGE runs as a pitching competition and businesses could win grant and loan funding of up to

£100,000 to deliver their growth plans.

■ Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support business growth across Scotland and the Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme will give an update.

#### Day with the Angels

This is a practical, highly-interactive workshop with

Investing Women. Meet, talk and enjoy a light lunch with business angels, get tips on what makes businesses attractive to investors, the process involved and what to prepare. This is a flexible session where the panel discusses your business and business model, how the company can be scaled and other financing options which may be worth exploring. There will

# Together s' ambitions



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partners, including Argyll and Bute Council, Skills Development Scotland and University of the Highlands and Islands.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway provides free advice and support to new and existing businesses. A team of experienced, qualified business advisers is on hand locally to help with practical advice. Advisers can also signpost sources of specialist help and funding.

A wide range of free business skills workshops for businesses at all stages of development is available across Argyll throughout the year. Topics include business planning, marketing, bookkeeping, social media for business, eCommerce, becoming an employer, managing staff and customer care. Business Gateway's website [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com) is packed with information and guides on a range of business topics. To find out how Business Gateway can help call 01546 604 555 or meet one of the team at the Argyll Enterprise Week Business Support Fair.

## your business

be opportunities to ask questions, meet other entrepreneurs and get help with pitching. Following on from this session, there will be the opportunity to practise your pitch, pitching to an experienced business angel who will help you understand what a business angel wants to hear, analyse the pitch and give brief coaching to help optimise

chances of investment. There will also be short 1-2-1s with one of the angels.

**Crowdfunding**  
Derek Bond, founder of the first Scottish equity crowdfunding platform Squareknot, has advised companies across all sectors on the use of crowdfunding to raise seed or growth capital. Squareknot merged with Growthdeck earlier this year.

Derek's presentation will provide an insight into the various forms of crowdfunding that are available to businesses. He will provide advice and tips on how to run a successful crowdfunding campaign, and highlight some of the pitfalls. Businesses attending will be able to find out if their business would be suitable for raising funding through Growthdeck.

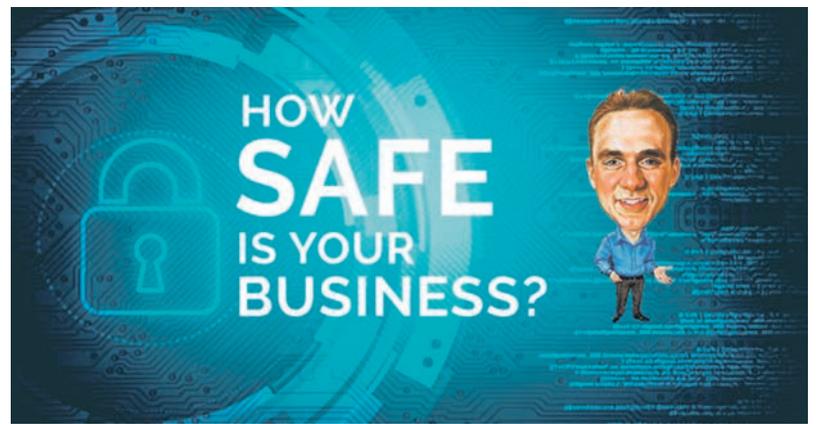
### Digital Garage

Argyll Enterprise Week is excited to be partnering up with The Digital Garage from Google – a digital skills training platform to assist you in growing your business, career and confidence, online. A Google digital expert is coming to deliver a session on how to reach new customers. The 40-minute session will teach you how to make your business more visible online through search optimisation, local listings and search engine marketing. The Google expert will also be available for one-to-one sessions. So come prepared to learn and ask questions, too.

### IT help

DigitalBoost is an IT business support programme offered by HIE and Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise. It is available to businesses and social enterprises across Scotland and the team of experts will demonstrate how organisations can step up their digital capabilities. The DigitalBoost team will run a workshop on Wednesday November 2 at the Corran Halls. 'Digital Boost Cyber Security' features an ethical hacker, while the #hellodigital team from HIE will be delivering an introductory workshop on the use of 360 degree video.

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Will Self runs Wild Argyll.

# Training is key to first-class tourism

Adventure tourism has been identified as a growth area, particularly for Argyll and this was highlighted recently by the epic 12-day adventure endured by celebrity cyclist Mark Beaumont. Argyll and the Islands is rich in many assets suited to the adventure market both on land and sea. There is an extensive network of long distance routes and trails across the region, including the Cowal Way, the Kintyre Way, The Three Lochs Way, the Sea Kayak Trail, the West Loch Lomond Cycle Path, and the John Muir Way, which starts and finishes in Argyll. There are a number of mountain biking trails and an extensive network of tracks and paths within the forests for walking, trail running and cycling, and beaches and launch points to gain access for water sports.

As part of Argyll Enterprise Week, Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) will be running a workshop titled, Wild About Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll and The Isles. The workshop is targeted at all businesses and individuals who are already involved in the adventure market or view this as an opportunity.

Getting Argyll and Bute on the map for all the right reasons is critical to the success of our tourism industry and excellent customer service can help achieve this.

Led by AITC, a new initiative is under way to help Argyll become a

WorldHost Recognised Destination, through local businesses putting at least 50 per cent of their customer facing staff through the WorldHost customer service training programme.

Iain Jurgensen, general manager of Portavadie and chairman of the AITC training group, explains: 'The teams going through the process will benefit as part of their learning journey, underpinning the value of great service which our ever-discerning visitors are coming to expect from all levels of the visitor experience in an ever more competitive market.'

Dunoon based Argyll Cruising has already achieved WorldHost accreditation, via training from Business Gateway.

Jamie Duncan, shore manager explains: 'Putting the customer first is our cornerstone. When guests come on a cruise they are with us every hour of the day whether it's a three, four or six-night cruise – or even longer! Our customer care skills have to be first class at all times. WorldHost gave us the tools to hone our skills and the confidence to put the training into practice. We are seeing the benefits with repeat bookings for 2017 already up on last year. We can attribute this, at least in part, to WorldHost. Carrying the respected recommendation of being WorldHost accredited gives first-time guests the confidence to book with us.'

## Guide to What's On during

### MONDAY OCTOBER 31

11.30am-1.30pm: Launch Event with speakers from across the public and private sector supporting business growth, followed by a networking lunch and showcase of transformational projects  
Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls



### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1 Funding your Business

9.30-10.30am: Kate Fraser/ Colin Fulcher – Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme and Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme

10.30-11.30am: Christina Noble – SJ Noble Trust

11.30am-12.30pm: Derek Bond (pictured above) – Growthdeck

12.30pm-1pm: Lunch

1pm-2pm: Stewart Yuill – DSL Business Finance Ltd

2pm-3pm: Jack Proctor – Scottish Edge and Clive Rumbold – MOTO Scotland  
Venue: McCaig Suite – Corran Halls

10am-3pm: A Day with the Angels – Investing Women Angels Ltd

3.30-5.30pm: Individual Pitch Practice or 121 with Angels  
Venue: Gaelic Room, Corran Halls

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

11am-6pm: Business Support Fair – Taster Sessions

Venue: Stage Area, Main Hall, Corran Halls

11-11.45am: Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service

11.45am-12.30pm: World Host customer service training

12.30-1.15pm: The Digital Garage from Google

1.15-2pm: Resource Efficient Scotland

2-2.45pm: Internationalisation

2.45-3.30pm: Intellectual assets

3.30-4.15pm: Regulatory Services

4.15-5pm: The Digital Garage from Google

### ON ELSEWHERE – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

9.30am-12.30pm: Intro to 360 Degree Virtual Reality Video making

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

1-4pm: Cyber Security Workshop

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

4.30-6.30pm: Innovation Forum

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Women in Business Discussion Panel

Venue: Oban Bay Hotel

6-9pm: Social Enterprise Film Festival and Question Time panel

Venue: Phoenix Cinema

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

9.30am-4pm: Focus on Social Enterprise Day

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

10am-1pm: SDP Introduction to working with the public sector

Venue: West Highland Housing Association

2-5pm: Selling with Confidence

Venue: West Highland Housing Association

10am-noon: Scotland Food & Drink – Strategy 2030 – Have Your Say

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

12.30-1.30pm: Scotland Food & Drink – Understanding your markets and customers

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls



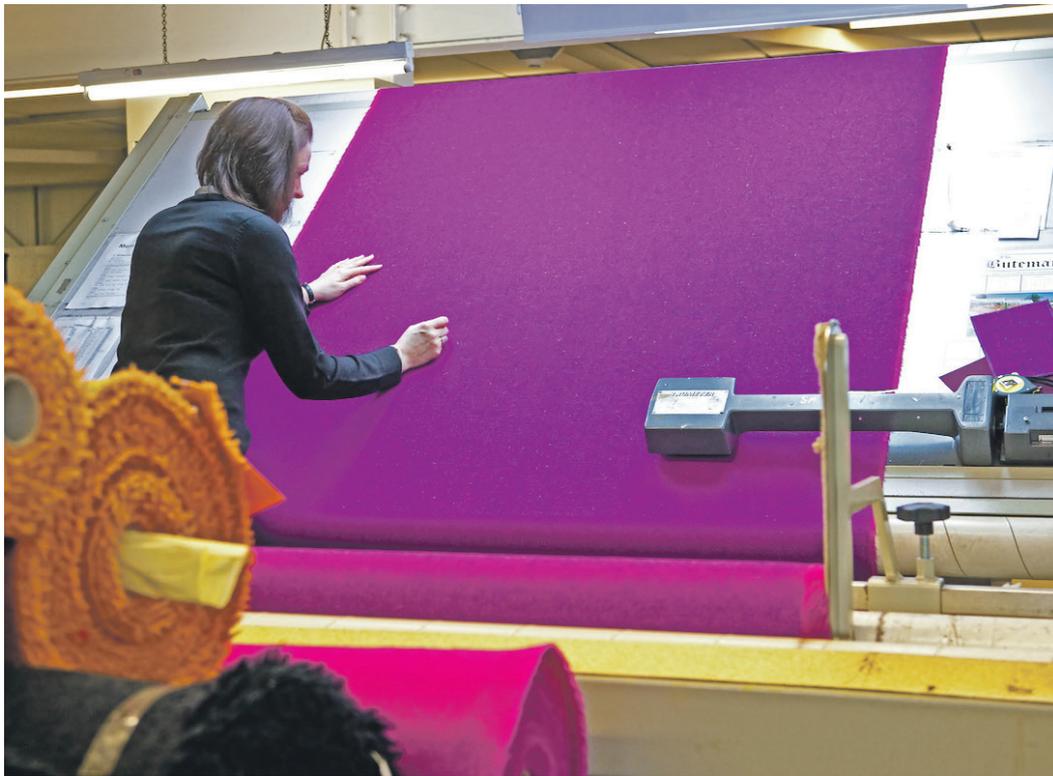
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## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

9am-1pm: Craft Scotland Working with the Tourism Industry

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Hall

10am-noon: Wild about Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll & the Isles

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Fast Talking – Oban Times

Speed Networking Event

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

## XPONORTH ON THE ROAD

Venue: Kinetics Studio

10.30-11am: Creative Scotland support and the new Creative Industries Strategy

11am-noon: Making It Here – Running a successful craft business in the Highlands and Islands

Noon-1.15pm: Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy

2-2.45pm: PRS and Licencing

2.45-4pm: DIY – Self Publishing and Crowdfunding

4-5.15pm: Children's books now with award-winning writer Barry Hutchison (pictured left) and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow)

5.15-6.30pm: BBC – The Social

6.30-7.45pm: Music Placement across the multimedia



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# Feeding into food & drink strategy

Scotland Food and Drink (SF&D) will be running two workshops as part of Argyll Enterprise Week.

The first is 'Scotland Food & Drink Strategy 2030 – have your say'.

SF&D is working to deliver a new industry strategy and participants can hear about the research so far, consider the strategic options and feed in plans and concerns for the future.

The workshop is a real chance to voice your opinion and get involved in shaping the direction of travel for the food and drink industry.

The second workshop, Understanding your Markets and Customers, focuses on the importance of understanding your shopper and their behaviors when targeting new markets.

Rick Allison, UK Market Analyst, will set the scene on current trends in the UK and beyond, as well as demonstrating practical tools and techniques that you can deploy to strengthen your understanding of food and drink sector opportunities both locally and across the UK. SF&D is the industry's leadership organisation working to grow the food and drink sector to a value of £16.5 billion by 2017 and build Scotland's reputation as a land of food and drink.

SF&D brings together all the

industry associations in the sector – from farmers and fishermen to manufacturers – with the key public sector agencies. It works in a spirit of collaboration and partnership to develop the economic growth strategy for the industry, which Government and public sector agencies align their support behind. A membership organisation, SF&D has 360 companies and organisations within its membership, ranging from small artisan producers to multinational manufacturers, as well as most of the major retailers and catering firms.

Food from Argyll is a co-operative of specialist Argyll and Bute food producers formed to promote and market local produce. The organisation has established a reputation for being a premier food provider at numerous prestigious events, including the Commonwealth Games. The organisation now has 23 specialist food producers. In July 2016 the organisation opened its first café, a major step forward, providing a base from which to run their trading arm. Funding for the café project came from Food from Argyll's successful participation in the Festival14 catering for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



Food from Argyll is a member of SF&D.

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# Enterprising

## Teaching young people a

Encouraging enterprise amongst our young people is important. Enterprise education offers opportunities for Argyll and Bute's children and young people to harness and apply skills for learning, life and work from early years through post-16 learning and on into employment.

The development of enterprise education centres on closely linking school-based activity with local labour market needs and opportunities.

It involves learning by doing – giving children and young people the chance to experience real business and work related learning.

Through hands on participation they learn the value of teamwork, the importance of good communication strategies, how to present information and how to deal with failure.

These skills are valuable for future employees, employers and entrepreneurs, and link



to all subjects right across the Argyll and Bute education curriculum.

#### Young Enterprise Scotland Company Programme

One example of enterprise activity available within schools is Young Enterprise

Scotland's well-known Company Programme, a business experience for S5/S6 pupils in schools across Scotland. The pupils set-up and run their own company through the academic year with support from local business volunteers.

# XPONORTH has designs on Oban

XpoNorth is Scotland's leading creative industries festival; a unique conference, networking and showcase event, held annually in Inverness.

Running in Oban as part of Argyll Enterprise Week, a one-day version of XPONORTH on Friday November 4 offers people the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and put their own questions forward.

The packed day will consist of eight sessions to help make a success of a creative career. These will include:

**10.30-11am** – Creative Scotland – Support and the new Creative Industries Strategy. Aimed at anyone interested in what support might be available from Creative Scotland.

Helena Ward, Creative Industries manager at Creative Scotland will give a presentation on their new Creative Industries Strategy, and how they can help your business.

**11am-noon** – Making it Here: running an



international craft business from the Highlands and Islands.

Aimed at any form of craft business, or people working in textiles, the session offers useful insights into running any small business from a rural location. The session features Melanie Muir, a Moray-based award-winning contemporary jewellery designer and international teacher working in polymer.

**Noon-1.15pm** – Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy. This discussion session is aimed at designers who may be interested in broadening their roles, looking to better

# g pupils about business



**Lochgilthead students, who took part in Young Enterprise Scotland's Company Programme were crowned Company of the Year in 2016. Their company Deja Moo created canvas bags inspired by Highland cows.**

The winning company for Argyll and Bute in 2016 was Deja Moo, run by students from Lochgilthead High School. Deja Moo created a Highland cow inspired canvas bag as their company product, which proved to be very popular. Caitlin Smart, MD of Deja Moo said: 'I had always been interested in business. The Company Programme was great but hard work. It showed me some of the challenges a business can face and how a team working together can achieve anything!'

This helps them develop a wide range of skills and receive an invaluable entrepreneurial experience. At the end of the year, the pupils compete on a local, regional, national and European level to be crowned Company of the Year.

## Argyll College

Argyll College UHI is running a 'Field to Fork' competition for all Argyll and Arran schools to encourage senior phase students to explore local horticulture, aquaculture, agriculture and hospitality industries.

The competition invites teams of up to four students to work with a local business (either food producer, manufacturer, processor, or restaurant) to produce a menu using local Argyll produce for a set budget.

From the submitted menus, three finalists will be invited to come to Oban Learning Centre on Tuesday November 1 to cook their menus, to be judged by the college's hospitality tutors along with a local guest chef.

Argyll College UHI will also be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to showcase a range of short training courses and a number of leadership and professional development qualifications.

understand how design can help develop their own ideas, or aspiring designers. It will be valuable for anyone wanting to see how their creative skills can be applied to providing services to non-creative businesses. Led by Iain Aitchison of the Glasgow School of Art and programme director at the Institute of Design Innovation.

**2-2.45pm** – PRS and licensing. Offering attendees a broad overview of the role of collection societies with a particular focus on digital licensing and what this means for music users and copyright owners.

**2.45-4pm** – Self-publishing and Crowdfunding. Join Ben Galley, self-publishing consultant and successful crowdfunder in this session to hear all about how to raise money through the crowd and you'll be introduced to a variety of different crowdfunding options open to writers.

**4-5.15pm** – Children's books now. Award-winning writer Barry Hutchison and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow) introduce us to their highly original and engaging work, and give insights into the contemporary children's book market and writing for children across different digital and print platforms

**5.15 – 6.30pm** – BBC, the Social. BBC The Social is a digital content stream delivered across multiple social media channels, showcasing the talents and passions of emerging digital content creators across Scotland.

In this session delivered by Anthony Browne, The Social's executive producer, learn more about the origins of The Social, how it is developing and how you can get involved.

**6.30-7.45pm** – Music Placement across the multimedia. Aimed at musicians, composers and anyone looking at how to use music in their own projects, this event will cover what you need to know offering a practical perspective on how music supervision works across the TV, film, advertising and gaming sectors. Whilst the different sessions available are aimed at specific parts of the Creative Industries, the content of the sessions is still very relevant to anyone regardless of what your creative passion is – crowd funding, looking at the challenges and opportunities of a rural base, licensing content amongst others. All free, the sessions are open to any level of experience.

All speakers are available for one-to-one meetings as well as Jeni Oliver (International Executive, Creative Industries) and Iain Hamilton (HIE Head of Creative Industries) and the Creative Industries network managers, Amanda Millen, Alex Smith, and Kate Hooper.

*To book, visit [argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).*

# Small Business Taster Sessions



As part of Enterprise Week, Argyll College UHI will be running a range of FREE taster sessions for small businesses. Each session will last two to three hours and will be led by our resident expert tutors. Full details of each session can be found on our website but places are limited so please book early.

And if you want see our remodelled centre and find out about what full and part time courses Argyll College UHI has to offer, why not pop along to our Open Day on Wednesday October 26th from 10am till 7pm? We're now accepting applications for 2017 courses.



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# High standards

## Help to keep you on right

Argyll and Bute Council's Regulatory Services department includes environmental health and trading standards. Officers will be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to outline help available to local businesses. 'Environmental Health enforces legislation. We have a clear enforcement role, in support of fair, safe service for customers,' explains Alan Morrison, regulatory services manager. 'We prefer to work with businesses so

that enforcement action is not needed, so we provide advice and guidance to help businesses make sure they comply with what's required. Increasingly local businesses are taking advantage of this free support and asking us for guidance at an early stage.' Dalrannoch Foods Ltd has benefited from the help on offer. The business is expanding into new premises in Oban, offering a range of sandwiches, soups and freshly cooked ready meals. 'We contacted both

environmental health and trading standards as we wanted to ensure that we were complying,' explains owner Aileen MacPhail. 'They provided a professional and helpful service, offering clear guidance to help us meet all the current standards.' Environmental Health enforces legislation which protects public health, safety and the environment. Their work comprises food safety, environmental protection, health and safety, public health, licensing standards and animal health.

They also issue a number of licenses and registrations including caravan sites, riding establishments, houses in multiple occupation and private let accommodation. Key areas of recent support include advising new businesses, new product development in food safety, work related to the export market of fish and shellfish, and assisting organisers to plan for major events such as Tiree Music Festival and Oban Live. Trading Standards deals with a wide



Margaret Gibson

## Top advisor to discussion panel

Margaret Gibson, Chief Executive of Women's Enterprise Scotland, is thrilled to be hosting a women in business discussion panel as part of the upcoming Argyll Enterprise Week. Margaret is passionate about

helping others to develop skills and build useful networks. With more than 25 years of experience in the small- to medium-sized enterprise sector as an entrepreneur, advisor and mentor, she is driven by the pleasure of seeing

# Women in business

Women entrepreneurs are vital to the makeup of the business community and there is a growing body of evidence highlighting the economic benefits of encouraging more women into business. It is estimated that around 21 per cent of Scotland's 339,000 SMEs are majority-led by women and a further 22 per cent are equally-led by women and men. Men are still almost twice as likely to start businesses as women. While the under-representation of women in entrepreneurship is an international concern, Scotland's rates of female business ownership are persistently low relative to other high-income countries. The scale of Scotland's enterprise 'gap' is illustrated by estimates suggesting that Scotland would have an additional 108,480 businesses

if women's business ownership rates equalled those of men. This would equate to a 32 per cent increase in Scotland's business base. The contribution of women-led businesses to the Scottish economy is substantial. Estimates suggest that women-led businesses contribute (at a minimum) £5 billion GVA. If rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men, the contribution to Scotland's GVA would increase by £7.6 billion to nearly £13 billion. This equates to a 5.3 per cent growth in the size of the Scottish economy. Among women-owned businesses in Scotland, there is considerable ambition and growth aspiration. A survey by Women's Enterprise Scotland in 2012 found that 87 per cent were planning growth and 27 per cent wanted to grow rapidly.

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## Be inspired

Three workshops to help develop and support social enterprise activities

range of legislation relating to goods and services. Its aim is to protect consumers and maintain a fair and safe trading environment where local businesses can thrive. Trading Standards covers fair trading, weights and measures, safety of goods, controlled substances such as fertilisers, age related sales and the administration and enforcement of several licenses and registrations. A key area of business support is the Buy With Confidence Scheme.



Ailsa Clark, InspirAlba.

Delegates attending the Focus on Social Enterprise Day on Thursday November 3 will have the option to attend one of the three workshops running during the day. David Bryan of the Social Enterprise Academy will be delivering a leadership and governance workshop, explaining strategic and operational roles and structures, what the key traits of leadership are and how to work with these. Barbara Halliday of Business Gateway will deliver a practical session on techniques and practices for managing staff and volunteers. Finally Ailsa Clark, in conjunction with Firstport, will be looking at ways you can make your business more sustainable. A Dragon's Den-style competition will give organisations the opportunity to pitch to a panel to secure investment to help with costs to launch new start-up social enterprise activities or to

support a new area of growth for established social enterprises. InspirAlba has been instrumental in organising the social enterprise activity for Argyll Enterprise Week. Established in 2009 by Ailsa Clark as a charitable enterprise, InspirAlba aims to assist community-based organisations to turn their ideas and aspirations into robust, sustainable business activities. Turning ideas into reality and taking business growth forward can be challenging, with organisations often working flat out to ensure sustainability. InspirAlba provides business support, community engagement, project development and planning services to assist organisations to build resilience and income which in turn delivers a range of environmental, social and economic benefits for communities across Argyll and Bute.

# host nel

others succeed in business. Her dedication to supporting others was recognised last year when she became the first woman in Scotland to receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion.

## Three of the best

The Women in Business panel event is aimed at women in business, those planning to be, or those just interested in finding out more. Event host Margaret Gibson will be joined by three local business women; Helen MacKechnie of Oban Chocolate Company, Helen Dewar of MDive Ltd on Mull and Rachel Ross of Loch Melfort Hotel. 'I am delighted to take part in the Women's Enterprise

Scotland event, held as part of Argyll Enterprise Week,' explains Rachel. 'It is so important that we support and encourage our women-led businesses to grow and flourish in Argyll. 'Networking and peer support is a crucial part of the mix in being able to achieve that.' The focus of the panel will be around challenges and opportunities for women in business in Argyll. There will also be an opportunity

to take questions from the audience. The session will be followed by an informal networking opportunity supported by the Federation of Small Businesses.

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# “Kintyre Recycling & Highlander – Perfect partnership on Paper!”



Everyone knows that recycling is important, but do you know what happens to your waste materials once they are collected? Kintyre Recycling – a charity & social Enterprise organisation - provides employment opportunities to people with special or social needs and learning disabilities and in tandem, provides recycling services for households and businesses around the Kintyre Peninsula. Once collected, the organisation returns all recyclable materials to their Glebe street premises in Campbeltown and from there, the recycling journey really begins! A vital part of Kintyre's operations is the

processing of the materials it collects and this happens by Kintyre employees hand-sorting them into mixed plastics, cardboard, mixed papers, steel and aluminium cans, then baling these into 500kg blocks for onward transport. Thereafter, Kintyre need a reliable buyer of these materials, who will ensure the recyclables are processed responsibly into new products such as packaging materials and this lead to a “perfect paper partnership” being formed with Highlander International Recycling in Glasgow several years ago which has just been recently renewed. Highlander are the

largest independent paper recycler in Scotland and they buy all the paper, cardboard and plastics from Kintyre Recycling, which are then forwarded to end markets all over the world such as Norway, China and Germany. Recent changes to residual waste bin collection frequencies in the Argyle & Bute area, has lead to Kintyre having to handle more materials as residents look to increase their recycling rates and Highlander provided a new baling machine to Kintyre completely free of charge, as part of a new agreement between the companies. This long-term agreement also delivers good prices and guaranteed



end-markets for all the waste materials recycled, meaning Kintyre Recycling can continue its invaluable community work with peace of mind. Highlander Director, Stephen Duffy commented: “We

have been working with Amanda, David and the team at Kintyre for several years now and when it became apparent that the volumes they handle would increase due to the new 3-weekly residual waste

collections, we were delighted to help! We have provided a new baling machine which will increase capacity there by 25% and guaranteed markets for all recycled papers and plastics, long into the future! The team there are a vital part

of the community and do a sterling job making sure the region's waste is recycled responsibly and properly and Highlander, are honoured to be perfect partners with Kintyre Recycling long into the future!”

# Mod in Focus



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Eve Munro, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Won third place in recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years.

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Megan McMillan, Bun-sgoil Bogh Mor. Participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 7-8 year olds.

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Hollie Holyoake, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 7-8 year olds.

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Winning accordion competitor Connor MacPhail from Tiree. 17\_t44mod2016\_connor\_macphail



Ryan McKerrall, 15, with his nan, Margaret McKerrall, after the Islay youngster sang for Prince Charles, Lord of the Isles. Ryan is tutored by Libby Morris of Ballygrant. 18\_t43\_Mod Ryan

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## Get creative at XPONorth event

XPONorth is the industry network that supports people in the creative industries across the Highlands and Islands.

Following on from the success of the XPO North Festival held in Inverness, the XpoNorth team has created a unique 'mini festival' for Argyll Enterprise Week on Friday November 4 at Kinetic Studios in Oban.

This fantastic event will bring together creative industry experts from the field of textiles, writing, design, publishing, screen, broadcast, craft, gaming and music.

The eight sessions on offer are all free and open to anyone who has a creative passion.

Go to [argyll-enterprise-week-xponorth-on-the-road.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyll-enterprise-week-xponorth-on-the-road.eventbrite.co.uk) for further information and to book.

To find out how Creative Scotland can help businesses, join Helena Ward, creative industries manager at Creative Scotland, at a presentation on its new creative industries strategy.

There will also be an informative session around the creative journey of award-winning contemporary jeweller Melanie Muir.

This is aimed at craft people or people working in textiles and addresses some of the challenges of running a business in a rural location.

There will also be experts from the



Glasgow School of Art who will be informing participants on how designers can apply their skills to provide services to non-creative businesses.

There is a strong emphasis on the music industry with specialists on hand from PRS for Music who will deliver a broad overview of digital licensing and what this means for music users and copyright owners.

For those interested in using music on projects then the 'Music placement across multimedia' is a must, offering a practical perspective on how music supervision

works across the TV, film, advertising and gaming sectors.

For budding writers, there are sessions on how to raise money through crowdfunding and the self-publishing options available, plus an insight into writing for children from award-winning writer Barry Hutchison and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag.

The BBC also has a presence and will introduce 'The Social', which is a digital content stream which showcases work from creative people from all over Scotland, including poets, comedians, adventurers and many new talents. Learn about how to get involved in this virtual community and the BBC's social media strategy.

Speakers throughout the day include industry experts from ThinkSync Music, singer/songwriter Joe McAlinden, as well as the opportunity to have one-to-ones with creative industry experts.



The HIE opening party at the Ironworks, Inverness.

## Shout loud about what makes your business tick

THE OBAN TIMES speed networking event takes place at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls on the last day of Argyll Enterprise Week – Friday November 4 from 1.30pm to 5pm.

*The Oban Times* group presents an excellent opportunity to meet, greet and learn about the wealth of skills, resources, products and facilities in your local area.

From sport to the creative sector, we welcome all industries to come along to this fun, exciting and effective networking event.

It's a great way to mingle with other local business people in an environment that allows you to really shout (or talk!) about what you do.

How does it work? The event will involve up to 40 businesses each presenting for one minute to the whole room before everyone embarks on a one-minute, one-to-one chat on a rotational basis.

It sounds a wee bit daunting but it's really not once you get into it. The key to making speed networking beneficial is to succinctly promote your offering and listen to others doing the same with the objective of developing credible, profitable business relationships thereafter.

Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided.

If you wish to book your table, please contact Nicky Murphy at *The Oban Times* on 01631 568000 or email [nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk) or you can register directly on the event booking website at [argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).

## Business support fair is key to week

**CENTRAL to Argyll Enterprise Week is the business support fair being held on Wednesday November 2.**

With so many organisations keen to attend, this event has now moved to the main hall at the Corran Halls.

There will be more than 40 exhibitors, including Google Garage, Virgin Start Up, Royal Bank of Scotland, Firstport, Pensionwise, HIJOBS, JobCentre Plus, BT Local Business, Argyll College, ALI Energy, BID4Oban,

Federation of Small Businesses, MacPhee & Partners, Argyll Financial Services and BC Technologies.

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the business support fair. These informal 45-minute

sessions will feature a short presentation and Q&A by industry experts covering the free help available from Google Garage, WorldHost, Argyll and Bute Council's Regulatory Services, Resource Efficient Scotland, Scottish

Development International and HIE's intellectual property adviser.

The taster sessions and other events running throughout the week can be booked at [argyll-enterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyll-enterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).

### inspire – connect – inform

Join us in Oban for Argyll Enterprise Week. For more information and to book events visit [argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk) or call the local Business Gateway team on **01546 604555**



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## PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 - 13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/02749/PPP	Site for the erection of replacement dwellinghouse	Burnside Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RX	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02750/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and garage	Plot 120 Metres South West Of Burnside Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RX	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02202/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Plot 1 Mid Auchans Dunmore Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

## COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

### Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Monday 24th October 2016 from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.

Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e-mail - [Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by telephone 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

### Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Donald Kelly can be contacted by email - [Donald.Kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.Kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01586 810193/07977 327751.

Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

### Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Rory Colville can be contacted by email - [Rory.Colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Rory.Colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01586 820209.

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Councillor Armour can be contacted by email - [John.Armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:John.Armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by telephone 01586 552404.

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Councillor Robin Currie can be contacted by email - [Robin.Currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Robin.Currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01496 301369 (work)/07795 222849 (mobile)/01496 850517 (home).

Councillor Currie will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

### Councillor Dougie Philand (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Dougie Philand can be contacted by email - [Dougie.Philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Dougie.Philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01546 604114.

Councillor Philand will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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Councillor Donald MacMillan can be contacted by email - [Donald.MacMillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.MacMillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01546 603222/07555 994109.

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Our weekly paid-for newspaper, the Campbeltown Courier has an opportunity for a bright, passionate and hungry young trainee reporter to join our busy team.

Based at our Campbeltown office, the person we are looking for will ideally have passed their NCTJ Prelims, including shorthand, be multi-media literate, and unafraid of hard work.

They will be bursting with ideas on where to look for stories, understand the importance of fostering great contacts and knowing their patch, and be capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team.

They should also hold a full driving licence.

As well as writing for the newspaper, they will be expected to take occasional pictures on the job, as well as contribute to our social media channels.

In return for all this we offer a competitive salary, great experience and training, as well as private health care and an enhanced pension.

Please apply by email, sending your CV, plus a covering letter and some examples of your work to: [alison.Arden@wyvexmedia.co.uk](mailto:alison.Arden@wyvexmedia.co.uk)

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They will be bursting with ideas on where to look for stories, understand the importance of fostering great contacts and knowing their patch, and be capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team.

They should also hold a full, current driving licence.

As well as writing for the newspaper, they will be expected to take occasional pictures on the job and contribute to our social media channels.

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The Community Project Worker will contribute to this project by working with individuals, families and a community area in North/Mid Argyll to develop awareness of SDS, to turn individual aspirations into plans, to support individuals to connect with community activities as well as supporting volunteers.

We offer competitive terms and conditions including: pension, enhanced annual leave, training and career advancement opportunities.

Please quote job reference number 632 when applying for this vacancy  
**Closing Date: Noon, Friday 28th October 2016**

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Argyll College wishes to recruit the following posts, based in Oban:  
**Centre Administrator**  
**Fulltime 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday.**  
**There may be some evening work involved**

As well as administration, the post involves providing advice and guidance to students and assisting in marketing and promotion activities. Applicants should be enthusiastic, have excellent communication and people skills, good IT skills and work with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail. Successful applicants will be subject to an application to join Disclosure Scotland Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.  
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For further information about this post or for an informal chat please contact either Alastair MacGregor, Group Chief Executive on 01546 605922, email [alastair.macgregor@acha.co.uk](mailto:alastair.macgregor@acha.co.uk)

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- The Alfa Romeo Giulia is now available to order in the UK, priced from £29,180.
- The highly-anticipated sports saloon features all new rear-wheel drive architecture, perfect 50/50 weight distribution and innovative engine and driver technologies.
- Awarded a prestigious five-star Euro NCAP rating – the highest score ever achieved – thanks to new efficient active safety systems which come as standard across the five new trim levels.
- The range-topping Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio is capable of 0 to 62mph in just 3.9 seconds, combining distinctive Italian styling and exhilarating performance.
- For more information

about the all-new Alfa Romeo Giulia range, visit [alfaromeo.co.uk](http://alfaromeo.co.uk).

Alfa Romeo has opened UK order books today on the highly-anticipated all-new Alfa Romeo Giulia range, with prices starting from £29,180 OTR.

Combining perfect weight distribution with all-new rear-wheel drive architecture, the Alfa Romeo Giulia offers customers best in class power-to-weight ratios and innovative engine and driver technologies.

Customers can also choose between four engine variants (two petrol and two diesel), which are all paired to a new eight-speed automatic transmission as standard.

In the UK, the Alfa Romeo Giulia model range features five trim levels – the Giulia, Super, Tecnica, Speciale and the top-of-the-

range Quadrifoglio. Order books for the Alfa Romeo Giulia Speciale will open later this month.

Damien Dally, country manager at Alfa Romeo UK, commented: 'The all-new Alfa Romeo Giulia is a true driver's car, offering beautiful Italian styling and stunning performance, and so we're delighted to see strong early interest in the car. Passion and practicality combine in the Alfa Romeo Giulia; there's never been more temptation to own an Alfa Romeo.'

New efficient active safety systems come as standard across the range, with the entry level Giulia trim featuring forward collision warning (FCW) with autonomous emergency brake (AEB) with pedestrian recognition, integrated brake system (IBS), and lane departure warning (LDW). The innovative safety technology contributed to the Alfa



Romeo Giulia being awarded a prestigious five-star Euro NCAP rating, with 98 per cent protection result for adult occupants – making it the highest score ever achieved by a car, despite the more severe Euro NCAP evaluation system introduced in 2015.

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The top-of-the-range Giulia Quadrifoglio, powered by a new 510hp, 600Nm Bi-Turbo V6 petrol engine, with an eight-speed paddle shift automatic transmission as standard, and featuring sec-

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SAFETY is a basic right of every living creature. The World Land Trust believes this.

It is working to provide a safe corridor for elephants in India who are on the verge of extinction.

As more land is taken over for development and agriculture, less land is available for wildlife and the animals become trapped in ever-shrinking scraps of wilderness.

This is a particular issue for Indian elephants, who need to travel great distances to find enough food to sustain their great size.

When elephants attempt to use ancient migration routes, they come into conflict with humans, especially when they raid crops from fields and storage huts.

When people try to chase them away, it can escalate into dangerous confrontations.

Hence the concept of a safe corridor.

People farming in the path of elephant migration routes are usually eager to swap for land elsewhere, as they live in daily fear of their crops being wrecked and personal injury.

These projects are a win-win for local people and wildlife; communities can live and farm in safety and animals can safely use the corridor once the land is protected.

We have all been concerned recently about the desperate situation in Mosul.

They can stay and be bombed or they can take their children and try to escape amidst the gunfire. What would you do?

There is no safe route out of the city.

Save the Children is pleading with governments, including the UK Government, to find a way to ensure a safe route for children.

There must be a way to get the children to safety. Surely we must implement a safe corridor somewhere for these people?

Safety is a basic human right.

## INVERARAY

### Hurricane aid for Haiti

A SOUP and sandwich lunch is to be held on Saturday to raise funds for disaster relief in Haiti following the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew.

The storm hit the Caribbean earlier this month and was the worst hurricane in Haiti since 1954.

Catastrophic damage was caused, including widespread flooding and landslides.

Inveraray and Glenarary Parish Church will hold the soup and sandwich harvest supper at the church hall on Saturday October 22 between noon and 2pm. Proceeds will be donated to the charity Tearfund, which is already in Haiti working on disaster relief.

Donations can be made on the day. For more on the event and how to donate, call Howard Spicer on 01499 302668.

### Prodigal son of the manse returns

OCTOBER saw the start of Inveraray and District Local History

Society's new season. A big turnout heard a fascinating talk from Archie Gray, son of the Inveraray church minister during the Second World War.

Archie held the audience spellbound as he recalled the antics he and his sister Jane got up to during their father's time at the manse.

They obviously had a great time, even while their father served with the armed forces overseas. They also enjoyed playing with their neighbours, Lesley and Finella Munro, granddaughters of famous novelist Neil Munro.

The next meeting of the society will be at the Nicoll Hall on November 1 when the speaker will be Alastair MacGugan, talking about deer management.

## ARGYLL AND BUTE

### New members sought for citizens' panel

NEW MEMBERS are being sought for Argyll and Bute Council's Citizens' Panel.

The panel aims to give views on different aspects of the work of Argyll and Bute Council, primarily by completing questionnaires.



## LOCHGILPHEAD

### Spectacular double rainbow captured by alert photographer

AUTUMNAL showers over the past week have provided great opportunities for the alert photographer.

This spectacular double rainbow between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig was snapped by Lisa Smith from Lochgilphead. A few minutes later, it was gone.

Its members come from all walks of life to ensure it is representative of the population.

A council spokesperson said: 'The council is keen to work with, as well as for, residents and communities across Argyll and Bute and is inviting residents to join our Citizens' Panel.

'We would encourage as many people as possible to use the panel

to give their views and help shape the work of the council.'

Find more information at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/citizenspanel](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/citizenspanel).

## LOCHGILPHEAD

### Wearing it pink at Lochgilphead Library

THE LIBRARY in Lochgilphead will be

extra colourful today, Friday October 21, as staff support the annual Wear it Pink campaign in support of breast cancer charity Breast Cancer Now.

From 10.30am there will be teas, coffees and delicious home-baking - all raising funds to support breast cancer research.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

**BIRTHS**

**CUNNINGHAM - CLARK** - Alex and Nichola are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Arran Robert Cunningham, born October 4, 2016, a little brother for Alexander.

**MARRIAGES**



**GRAHAM - SHAND**

At Glen Tanar Chapel, Aboyne, on Friday, August 26, 2016, by the Rev John Paton, Andrew, son of Cameron and Liz, Clarkston, Glasgow, and grandson of Margaret and the late Archie Graham, Peninver and the late Andrew and Margaret MacMillan, formerly of Muasdale, to Nicola, younger daughter of Derek and Jeanette, Aberdeen. Followed by a blessing in Ibiza, on September 25, 2016, attended by family and friends. A truly wonderful time.

**DEATHS**

**CARD** - Suddenly but peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on October 14, 2016, Harry Card, in his 61st year, 156 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved partner of Fiona McGuire, and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

**GRAHAM** - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 9, 2016, Jane Anderson (Jean), in her 87th year, 7 Lochend Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Graham, much loved mum of David and loving granny of Amy.

**HUTTON** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on October 16, 2016, April Jane Hutton, aged 70 years, of 65 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, much loved and loving mum of Casper, Tristan, Harley, Emma and Vinny, and adored granny. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**JACKSON** - Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on October 13, 2016, Victor Jackson, aged 70 years, of Drimlea, Cossack Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Christine Sinclair, loving dad of Neil, treasured 'Uncle Victor' to Kim, Kyle, Glen and Rachel, cherished brother of Christine and the late Sandra and a dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, neighbour

and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Donations if desired, to "The Brain Tumour Charity". All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MACKELLAR** - On October 16, 2016, peacefully, at Carrickstone Care Home, Cumbemauld, Alastair James MacKellar, in his 86th year, loving husband of Edith, much loved father of Ruth and Iona and dear grandpa of Rose. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Tuesday, October 25 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Carrickstone Care Home, Cumbemauld.

**MCSPORRAN** - Suddenly at home, 44 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on October 18, 2016, John McSporrán (Iain), in his 88th year, dearly beloved husband of Martha Stewart (Hilda), much loved father of Stewart, Iain, Malcolm and the late Alastair and a loving father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11.00am, 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 the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**ROBERTS** - Peacefully, at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 12, 2016, Marie Elspeth Roberts, née Mathieson, in her 92nd year, formerly of 6 Dunadd View, Bridgend, much loved wife of the late Mac Roberts, loving mother of Catherine and David, dear mother-in-law of Arthur and Frances, proud grandmother of Jamie, Michael, Tom and the late Cameron; delighted great grandmother of Angus, and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral service, to which all are welcome, will be held at Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, on Monday, October 24 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please.

**SHARP** - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on October 13, 2016, Joseph Brian Sharp, in his 69th year, 22 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Cheryl and a much loved dad and granddad. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, October 21, 2016 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 British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MCCONNACHIE** - Douglas, Catriona, Steven and David would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind support following the

loss of Dolly. Many thanks to those who paid their last respects at the comforting service, conducted by Rev Wallace, and to T A Blair Ltd for their professional service. Our sincere thanks to the nurses at the Acute Ward in Campbeltown Hospital and Ward B5 at the Beatson for the compassion and care shown at such a difficult time. The retiral collection raised £334 for the Acute Ward.

**MEIKLE** - Catherine Ann and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received after their sad loss of Drew, your support has been overwhelming. Special thanks to the local paramedics, doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Scottish Air Ambulance crew, consultants, doctors and staff at Ward 1C, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their dedication, care and compassion given to Drew and myself during this difficult time. Thank you to the Rev Philip Wallace and the Rev William Crossan for comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for excellent, professional service, to the Argyll Hotel for purvey and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Also special thanks to Ali and Ernie, Mary and Ron, and Lainey for their constant continued support. The church collection raised £705.37, which will be shared between the Scottish Air Ambulance Service and the Lorne and Lowland Church.

**PARK** - The family of the late Williamina Armour (Ina) would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev Crossan and Alasdair Blair for making a very difficult time much easier. Thanks also to the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely purvey. The retiral collection was for Kintyre Nursing Home.

**STIMSON** - Craig, Rory and family of the late Gillian Stimson would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy received and for the flowers, cards, telephone call and visits during their sad bereavement. Sincere thanks to all staff at the Campbeltown Hospital Sunshine Room, whose support was invaluable. Special thanks to William Crossan for an exceptional service, in which he carried out all Gillian's wishes gracefully. Thanks also to Gordon and Kirsten for the brass duet, Victoria from the Salvation Army, Anne Leith for the beautiful recording of 'Sweet Island Davaar' for the recessional, and to Catherine Black for the organ music. Thank you to all who paid respects at the church and graveside, to Kenneth Blair for his professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey. The collection, in aid of MacMillan Nurses Kintyre Locality, raised £1444.14. Thank you all.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BRIDGEWATER** - In loving memory of Mark, who died October 26, 2015.

Partings come and hearts are broken. Loved ones go with words unspoken. Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept. For a husband and father we'll never forget.

Miss you always.  
- Mandy, Regan, Neve and Zoe xxxx.

**BRIDGEWATER** - In loving memory of Mark, who died October 26, 2015. Dear son-in-law and brother-in-law of Ann and Campbell Ferguson.

**COLE** - In loving memory of Cally (née Mitchell), a much loved wife, mum, sister and aunt, died October 20, 2011. - Five years have now passed. Close to our hearts she will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.  
- Love, all the family, home and away.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Sunday 23 October 2016**  
Our family service with communion is taking place at 11.00am this Sunday. We would be pleased to welcome you.

**Wednesday**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
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For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.  
[www.springbankchurch.co.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.co.uk)  
SCO14646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown

St Kieran Episcopal Church:

Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 23rd October**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion 10.45am

**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
**The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion**

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 23 October**

Tayvallich Church

Morning Worship 11:30 am

Rev. C. Acklam

**Saturday 22 October**

CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am

Achnamara Hall

**Monday 24 October**

Tayvallich Church

Prayer time 10:30 am

All welcome

Enquiries 01546 606926

[www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs](http://www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

*Highland Parish Church*



SCO02493

**Sunday 23rd October 2016**

The service will be conducted by Mrs Liz Kennedy and will be held in the church at 11.15am

**Tuesday 25th October**

Badminton Club Registration Night

Come along on to Kirk Street Hall

Primary pupils from P1-P7

Annual fee £2.00

All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number

SCO11686

**Sunday 23rd October**

Morning Worship

11.15am

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Rev P Wallace

**Monday 24th October**

7.30pm Guild New Hall

**Tuesday 25th October**

Tiny Tots New Hall

9.45am

Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

Church Hall

Company Section

7.00pm New Hall

**Thursday 27th October**

Choir Practice

**Friday 28th October**

Lunch Club 12.00 noon

New Hall

Next Generation 7.00pm

**Saturday 29th October**

Bible Society Coffee

Morning

New Hall



Campbeltown Corps

Church and Community Centre

Registered Charity No. 21479 and in Scotland SC009359

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

01586 552046

**Saturday 22nd October**

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Coffee Morning

**Sunday Services**

10.30am Morning Worship

Army Kidz

6.30pm Evening Worship

**Tuesday**

Lunch Club 12.15pm

1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.

**Wednesday**

7.00pm Make 'n' Munch

Craft Group

**Thursday**

7.30pm Bible Study

Captains Ben & Ruth Russell

All welcome



George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 23rd October**

11.15am Worship Service

Mr Calum Ferguson

**Wednesday 26th October**

12.30pm Bible Study

& Prayer

2.00pm Water of Life Café

**All Welcome**

[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)

Scottish Charity Number: SCO46745



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 23rd October**

11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Hilda Smith

All Welcome

**Every Tuesday**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

**Every Wednesday**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe

More info. at

[www.lpchurch.co.uk](http://www.lpchurch.co.uk)

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNES AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 23rd October**

Skipness Service 10am

Mr James McLellan

Tarbert Service 11.30am

Jen Zielinski

Kilberry Service 2pm

Mr James McLellan

Guild meets

**Monday 24th October**

Tarbert Church Hall

2.30pm

For all church enquiries and

pastoral care Contact

Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim

Moderator on 07826 235735

**Everyone very welcome**

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Skipness SCO04280

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST**

**LOCHFYNESIDE**

**Sunday 23rd October 2016**

Cumlodden Lochfyneside

and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

Minister:

Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M.

Campbell

Morning Service

in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

**Glenaray and Inveraray**

Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service

in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**ALL WELCOME**

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 23rd October 2016**

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages

followed by a light lunch

Speaker - Graham McLean

'Strength made perfect in weakness'

**Tuesday 25th October 2016**

7.30pm

Prayer, Word and Sharing

*All Welcome*

**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Meeting to be held on

**Friday 28th October**

in Springbank Evangelical Church,

Campbeltown Guest speaker:

Rev Gordon Mair from

Fort William Free Church

Tea/coffee served after the meeting

**Everyone most welcome.**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 92)

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Services in**

**Ardrishaig at 11:00am and**

**Achahoish at 12:30pm**

Monetary Donations

to be shared between

Christian Aid and Water Aid

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

**Christ Church**

Bishopton Road,

Lochgilphead

(SC013787)

**Sundays 11.00 am**

Eucharist & Coffee

**St Columba's,**

Poltalloch

(SC01391)

**1st Sunday**

of the month 9.00am

Holy Communion

## Red Star youths keep up great start to season

SEVEN games into the football season, Red Star 2004s are unbeaten.

On top of earlier results, an excellent away win against Dumbarton Riverside and a well-earned draw away to Renton Craigandro sees the youngsters with six wins and a draw out of seven games as they head for the October break.

The hard work and effort at training twice a week is starting to tell with some really good performances throughout the team. In all, 17 players have featured so far in the seven games and all have played a part in a strong defence, hard working midfield and free-scoring forward line. It's a great start for the boys and girls in their first season as an 11-a-side team and should give them confidence for the remaining 19 league games. After the break, the youngsters have three home games against Singer and Drumchapel United in the league and Albion Rovers in the Community in the Central Region Cup.

## Sports club lottery draws

TARBERT Football Club's draw numbers were 8, 13 and 20.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £400.

The numbers drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 1, 7 and 13. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £800.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw produced one lucky winner, A Guy, who won the £600 jackpot. The winning numbers were 1, 7 and 14 and next week's prize will be £100.

# Good shooting from Argyll and Bute marksmen despite weather

DUNOON and District Clay Target Club's main autumn shoot was held in blustery weather last Saturday.

The Eilidh Forbes Memorial Shield Competition is a charity shoot and 22 guns braved the showers to give a good account of themselves. The fixture is divided into two competitions, a restricted Dunoon members-only competition and an open to all-comers shoot. The format was two rounds of 25 'down the line' targets.

The restricted competition for the Eilidh Forbes Memorial Shield was won by Richard Deane with a score of 139 points

from a possible maximum of 150. Second was Kenny McGillivray with 135 points, and third was Ian Coates on 133. The fourth and last place was taken by George Lynn.

The open competition was won by visitor Leighton Reid, Bute, with a total of 146 ex 150 - an excellent score given the adverse conditions. Alex O'Byrne from Glasgow was close behind on 144 points.

Richard Deane's 139 was sufficient to take third place overall in addition to winning the restricted shield - a successful day's shooting.

Alan Brown, Bute,



Prizewinners, left to right, Alan Brown, Ian Coates, Leighton Reid, Alex O'Byrne, Richard Deane, Kenny McGillivray and Donnie MacPhail.

was fourth with 138, leaving a three-way tie for fifth place between Donnie MacPhail,

Glendaruel, Kenny McGillivray, Dunoon and Chris Tritschler, Bute. Neil Lamont

maintained his excellent progress to return 122 in the junior section. A hotly contested

pool trap competition went to a shoot-off, with Alex O'Byrne claiming the pot.

## Glendaruel hosts big Tighnabruaich shoot

THE TIGHNABRUAICH Open shoot was held at the Glendaruel

and Colintrave shooting ground in heavy showers and a high

wind - making shooting difficult.

The field compet-

ed for four trophies on Saturday September 24, with the aggregate

score determining the competition was in three parts with two 'down the line' competitions of 15 and 25 clays, followed by five random pairs. This combination gave a maximum score of 145 points, including the difficult pairs.

Stewart McNeill, East Kilbride, took first place and the Pat Currie Memorial Trophy with 141 points out of a possible maximum of 145. This was exceptional shooting in the difficult conditions. Gordon Griffiths, Garelochhead, posted a 136 to take second place.

The McQuiston Trophy was won by Paul Chalmers, Cairndow, with 132 points which included a clear round of 45 ex 45 in the 15 bird down the line round. Close behind, David Milton, Dumbarton, was in fourth

place and took the G Cameron Shield with 130 points. This included a maximum 75 ex 75 points in the 25 bird down the line round. John Gilchrist, Campbeltown, was in fifth place on 128.

The difficult doubles round for the Ardlamont Trophy was won by Stewart McNeill with a maximum possible score of 25 ex 25 points.

It is a great credit to the standard of shooting, despite the conditions, that a maximum score was achieved in each of the three rounds.

The club thanks all the members and visitors who helped to run the shoot, in particular Pat Currie and Ann McPhail for providing the excellent refreshments.

A good day's shooting, where stoic shooters triumphed over the weather, was enjoyed.



Prizewinners, left to right, David Milton, Stewart McNeill, Paul Chalmers and Gordon Griffiths.

**Bid to complete 15 events in 15 days for Beatson funds**

# Carolyn steps out on marathon challenge

MANY runners find the 33,000 steps of one marathon a once in a lifetime ambition.

Spare a thought for cancer crusader, Carolyn McAlpine, 32, who will cover 393 miles as she tackles 15 consecutive marathons in 15 days for the Beatson charity.

Carolyn wants to involve more people and said: 'That's one [marathon] in every local authority area within the Beatson's Catchment. If you are in the west of Scotland I will no doubt be coming to a town or village near you and I would love for you to get involved.'

'Why not take up your own challenge or arrange an event and get your friends to sponsor you?'

'It doesn't have to be a marathon: a fun run,

a mile, a 5k, just whatever is a challenge to you.'

Carolyn, who has already raised £2,526 of a £15,000 target, kicked the challenge off on Arran last Saturday, then moved on to Islay on Sunday, Stirling on Monday, Clackmananshire Tuesday, Falkirk Wednesday, North Lanarkshire Thursday and today (Friday) she will be in South Lanarkshire.

The marathon effort will end at the Beatson on October 29.

Carolyn expects to be on her feet for between six and eight hours a day.

Carolyn is no stranger to marathon efforts for the Beatson. She was made an ambassador for the unit after a 100-mile run in three days in 2012, from the unit

to her home in Tarbert, with Lochgilphead Red Star supremo Dougie Moore.

The urge to raise funds has become a personal challenge since cancer took Carolyn's dad in 2010, her aunty Cate in 2012 and her mum in October last year.

**Challenge**

At the start of her fundraising efforts, Carolyn said: 'After five years of having the Beatson play a huge part in our lives, I wanted to take on a fundraising challenge that was meaningful to us and would give something back to the Beatson.'

'I joined forces with my friend Dougie and we set out to run the 100 miles from the Beatson home to Tarbert over three days.

A journey I knew only too well.'

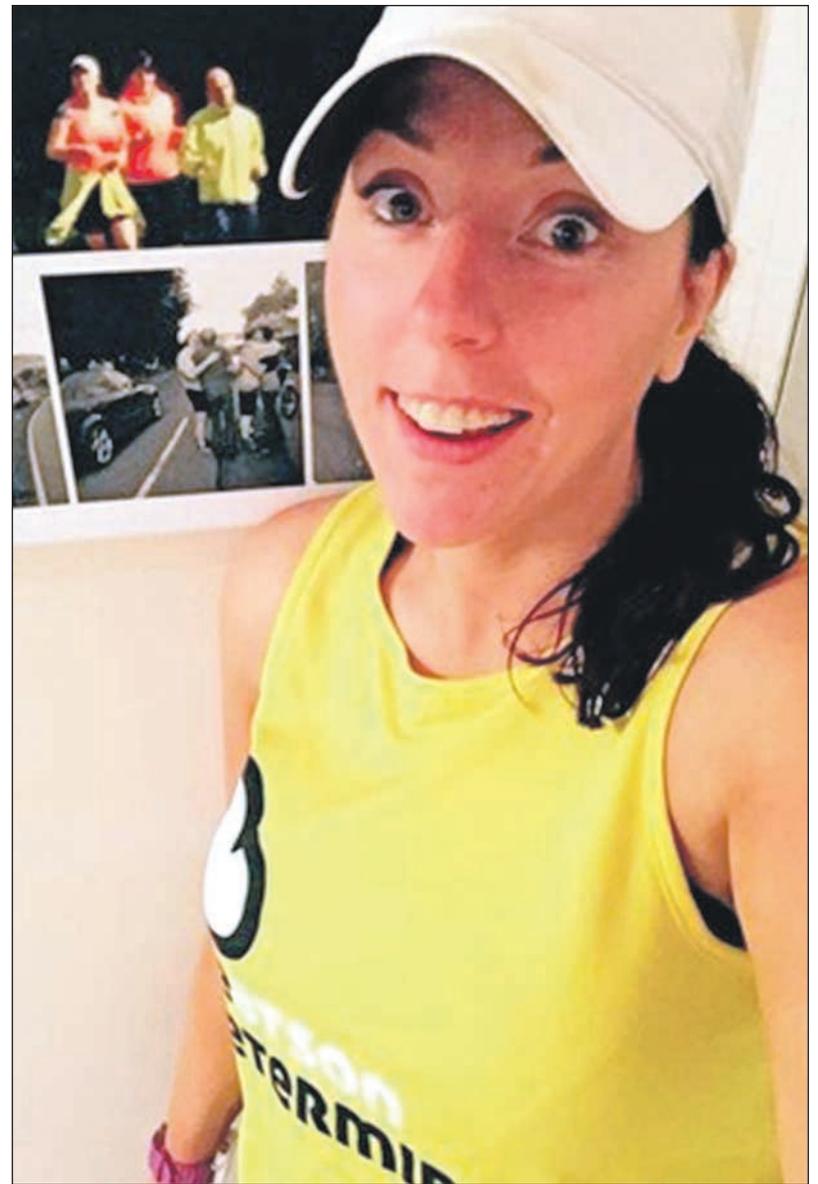
When her beloved auntie was taken, Carolyn said: 'That's the thing about cancer, it doesn't discriminate.'

'It doesn't care if you have plans or if it's already ripped your world apart.'

'There is just no predicting the exact moment it will strike or the number of times that horrible little parasite will rear its ugly head in any of our lives.'

'The sad truth is that people die every day from cancer, and we are not the only family who have first-hand experience of this.'

More information about the event is available at [www.justgiving.com/beat15](http://www.justgiving.com/beat15) or Facebook/ Instagram: @beat15run



Carolyn McAlpine will be in South Lanarkshire today (Friday).

## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3200

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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**All you have to do**

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

**Entry will be void if crosses overlap.** Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

**Easy to enter**

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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# Star back to winning ways

**Castlemilk** **1**  
**Lochgilhead Red Star** **3**  
**SAFL Premier Division 2A**

HOPING to bounce back from their first defeat of the season the previous week against Houston, Red Star travelled to Glasgow on Saturday to play Castlemilk.

With Luke Naisby unavailable, Star had to shuffle their settled defence with Ben Forbes moving back to his familiar centre back position to play alongside Ali Provan.

The match didn't get off to an ideal start when Kieran Moore had to go off after 10 minutes, unable to shake-off a knee injury which he picked up early on.

The visitors eventually settled, playing nice football and taking the lead on 21 minutes when Ben Forbes' long pass released Docherty down the right. He got to the byline and found Colin Weir who side-footed past the outstretched keeper from 12 yards to make it 0-1.

At the other end, Castlemilk tried to get back into the game and forced a succession of corners, but Luke Kal-

ache was in commanding form and was comfortable collecting any crosses coming his way.

Red Star doubled their lead before half-time when they worked an opening down the left. Neil Russell laid the ball into Robert Docherty's path and he showed great composure to find the bottom corner of the net from eight yards to put the visitors 0-2 up at the break.

#### Character

Star knew the game was far from over and that the next goal would be crucial. The team's character was tested when Castlemilk got themselves back into the game early in the second half. Ali Provan was deemed to have brought down the forward 25 yards out and the midfielder did a good job of curling his free kick over the wall and away from Kalache into the net to make it 1-2.

This gave the home side a boost and Star were coming under a lot more pressure as the second half wore

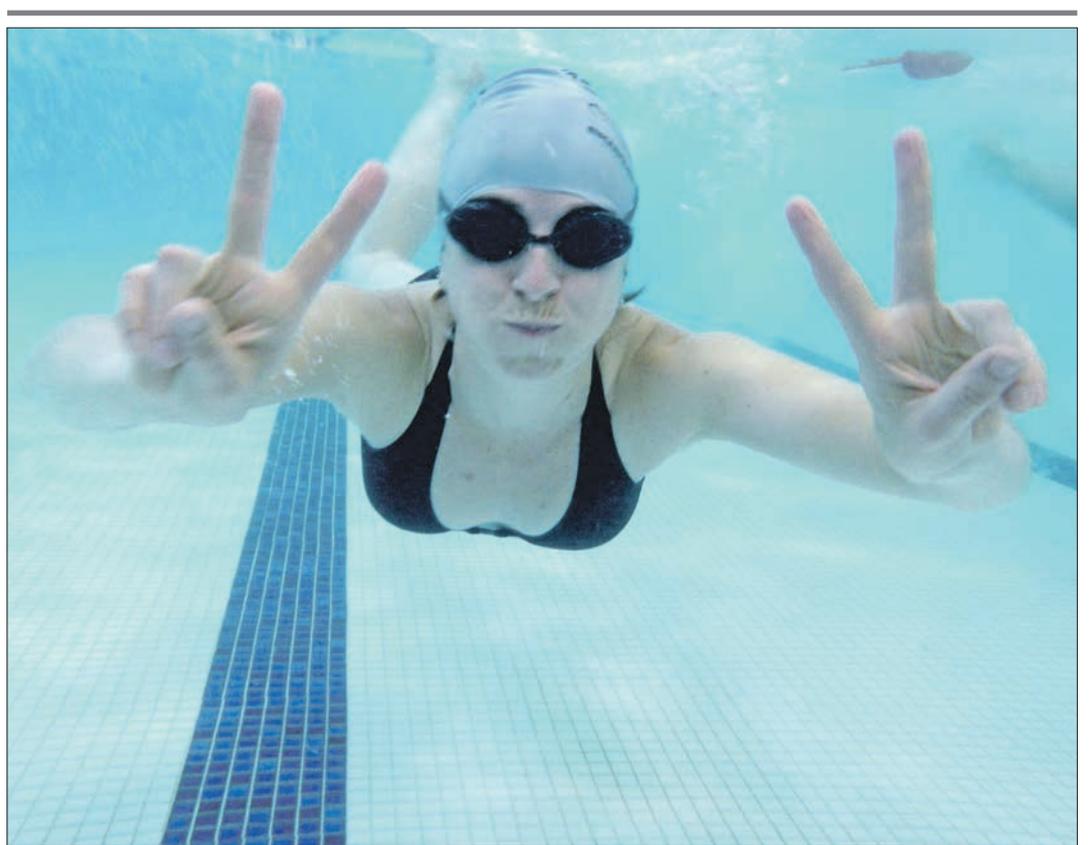
on, but the back four resisted well as they have done for the first few weeks of the season to keep Star's lead intact.

Despite being under pressure, Star still looked likely to add to their tally on the break and got themselves into some good positions, but the final ball let them down at times.

The points were finally secured with two minutes to go when Allan MacIntyre closed down a Castlemilk defender who wanted too much time on the ball. This allowed MacIntyre to drive into the box and lift his shot over the advancing keeper and into the net to secure three points for Red Star.

Red Star's attention turns to cup competitions over the next few weeks, starting tomorrow when they play host to SAFL Premier Division side Inverclyde AFC in the West of Scotland Cup second round. A difficult game is in prospect for the Lochgilhead side, but they will be hoping for a positive performance against good opposition.

The game is at the Ropework and kicks off at 2pm.



## MACPool in line for big upgrade

THE ARCHITECT who led the Portavadie spa project is in the frame to lead a major refurbishment at Lochgilhead's Mid Argyll community pool (MACPool).

In its 20th anniversary year, MACPool secured £10,000 lottery funding in June for a feasibility study and has appointed Nico-

la Farquhar of Largs firm Farquhar Geddes to head the project.

Pool manager Graham Love said: 'It is a big plus for MACPool that Nicola has experience of developing swimming pools in a challenging environment.'

'She is supported by cost consultant Brian Horsburgh.

'We do not have a final figure for the refurbishment but it is likely to be around £750,000.'

'We are looking at a variety of sources to raise funds including SportsScotland, lottery funding and the £3m Argyll and Bute Council regeneration fund.'

The scheme is loosely based on design proposals arising from a community consultation in 2013.

The refurbishment is likely to include better changing rooms, improved showers, a comfortable viewing

gallery and café and high quality multi-use spaces for activities including yoga, pilates and parties.

It is also hoped to include a soft play area for families.

Mr Love added: 'The pool is a fantastic asset, in use seven days a week. It is not weather dependent and last year saw 26,000 admissions.'

'We want MACPool to be more things for more people and build on its status as a community swimming pool.'

## New coaching course sure to hit the mark

KEEN-EYED Mid Argyll residents are being given the chance to become an archery coach and help train young-

sters. Eilidh MacPherson, Mid Argyll co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute Council's Active Schools team, has ar-

ranged a course at Mid Argyll Sports Centre on the evening of Friday October 28, followed by full-day sessions the following Saturday and Sunday.

The course is subsidised by Active Schools and will cost £65.

By the end of the course, attendees will be able to coach children to a high level.

Archery is becoming increasingly popular within schools because it offers something unique compared to traditional sports.

It can be carried out by people of all ages and physical ability whilst encouraging poise, confidence and discipline.

Volunteers are at the heart of Active

Schools, with many people in Mid Argyll dedicating their spare time to help coach youngsters.

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