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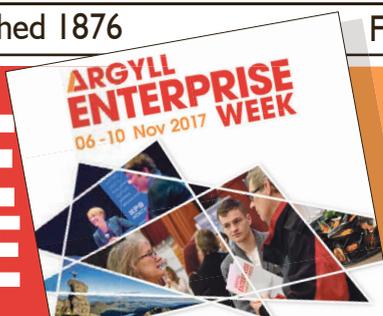
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Couple raise thousands for children's hospital



The family presented the funds last month during a routine check-up appointment. Left to right: urology nurse specialist Beverley Whitnall, Ross and Jenny Blackwell with newborn daughter Esme and Jacob with Dr Max Cervellione, urology consultant at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

A FORMER Argyllshire Advertiser reporter and her family have donated thousands of pounds to help fund research into rare urological disorders.

Jenny Blackwell and her husband, Ross, handed over a cheque for £2,530.40 to staff at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital last month.

The family have a close relationship with the hospital's urology department, after their son, Jacob, was born with a rare bladder condition in 2015.

Jacob, two-and-a-half, has undergone several operations under leading surgeon, Dr Max Cervellione, who specialises in abnormal urological conditions.

Though Jacob will continue to attend both Manchester and Glas-

gow children's hospitals for regular check-ups, he is otherwise a happy and healthy little boy.

Jenny said: 'Ross and I feel so indebted to Max and his team for the care that Jacob received and will continue to receive that we wanted to do something to show them our gratitude.'

The couple set up a JustGiving page through Kidneys for Life, which collects all funds on behalf of the hospital's urology department.

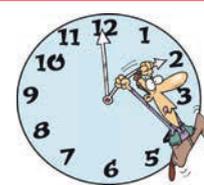
Jenny and Ross completed the daunting MACC Challenge in Kintyre last year to kick-off their fundraising efforts but money was also raised through kind-hearted donations, many of which were anonymous.

However, the largest

amount of money came from Jacob's nursery, Badden Farm in Lochgilphead, which held a summer fair earlier this year – raising more than £1,000 to boost the coffers.

'We were absolutely speechless when the nursery told us the final total.'

'It was such a generous thing for them to do and we are so grateful to them and everyone who donated to our cause – thank you so much,' added Jenny.



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Man charged with attempted murder in Lochgilphead

A MAN has been charged with attempted murder following a knife attack in Lochgilphead last week.

At around 7.30pm on Tuesday October 17 police received a report of a man allegedly assaulted in a flat in Whitegates Court,

Lochgilphead. Police attended the scene and discovered a man seriously injured with knife wounds. Ambulance staff tended to the injured man, who was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Following the in-

cident at the flat, at about 8.40pm, police detained a 40-year-old man beside the A83 outside Lochgilphead. The man was later arrested and charged with attempted murder. He was held in custody for a court appearance and a report will be

submitted to the procurator fiscal.

After being taken to Mid Argyll Hospital, the victim was transferred by air ambulance to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, where he reportedly remains in a stable condition.



Police search the scene on the A83 outside Lochgilphead after a man was detained for attempted murder. 06_a42policeincident04

Police clarify traffic control rules

POLICE in Scotland will no longer control traffic at pre-planned events where a legal traffic order has not been obtained.

Police Scotland has written to local authorities to advise that officers will no longer

regulate traffic at events which have not been granted a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order.

This relates to events requiring road closures and traffic management, including religious parades and

peaceful demonstrations.

Under current legislation, police officers have the power to regulate traffic while dealing with emergencies or where crime is being committed.

It does not enable of-

ficers to regulate traffic for pre-planned events, responsibility for which rests with councils and, for trunk roads, the Scottish Government.

The force has confirmed its position in plans lodged with the Scottish Police Authority.

Power to grant a traffic order lies with the local roads authority through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins said: 'Local policing is at the heart of Police Scotland, as is our fo-

cus of keeping people safe. However, existing legislation does not contain powers to enable police to regulate traffic for pre-planned events.

'Police officers have previously assisted organisers of such events by closing off roads, controlling traffic and ensuring public safety on an informal basis but, crucially, without lawful authority.

'We will continue to be fully supportive of future community events but must support and assist organisers within the confines of legislation.'



Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders are already part of the routine for most big events such as Inveraray Games, but police will no longer control vehicles without one in place. 06_a30invgames12

Police files

Witness appeal after damage

AT 6.20PM on Monday October 16, in Whitegates Court, Lochgilphead, a man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner, shouting and banging on the doors of a flat.

During the incident, a pane of glass in the rear door was smashed.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Abusive behaviour

IN STAG Park Court, Lochgilphead, a man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner, shouting and banging on the windows of a flat.

Police are investigating the incident, which took place on Monday October 16, and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers.

Tyres punctured

SOMETIME between 8pm on Monday October 16 and 8am on

Tuesday October 17, all four tyres of a grey Vauxhall Corsa parked on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, were punctured.

A red Jaguar, parked on High Bank Park, Lochgilphead, also had all four tyres punctured sometime between 10pm on Monday October 16 and 8am on Tuesday October 17.

All four tyres of a red Peugeot 308, also parked on High Bank Park, were punctured sometime between 12.01am and 9am on Tuesday October 17.

Police are investigating the incidents and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers.

Vehicle damaged

THE wing mirror of a Vauxhall Astra was damaged sometime between 4pm on Wednesday October 18 and 3.45pm on Thursday October 19 in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Anger increases over plan to close Tarbert tourist centre

TARBERT residents have taken to social media to voice their anger over the planned closure of the local tourist information centre.

The comments come as VisitScotland confirmed a 99 per cent slash in funding from the Scottish Government.

Kenny MacNab, who runs his own business based on tourists coming into the area, said: 'I started a new business doing rigid inflatable boat tours in Tarbert this year and got quite a lot of business from this centre. They would be as well to call themselves Don't Visit Scotland.'

A local worker at the Inveraray office agreed, saying a computer system can't replace a friendly face.

They said: 'Having worked at the Inveraray tourist office for a few years, I can categorically say no IT-based system can replace local knowledge.'

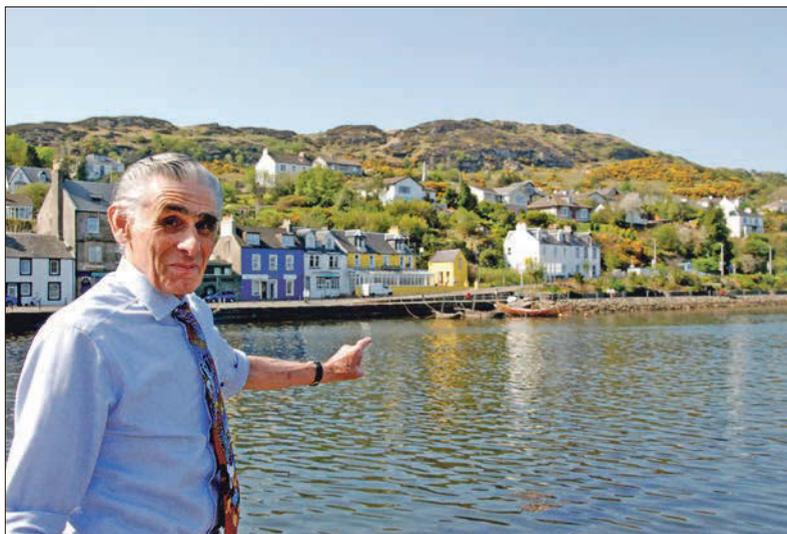
'I was asked many, many times for suggestions of what to see and do off the tourist trail.'

'The quality of holidays will be sadly affected without this local knowledge.'

'It's a huge mistake to close so many offices. Argyll and Kintyre will suffer as a result.'

In a letter on page six of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*, local businessman Ian MacIntyre said: 'As a local business, we supported the initial Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Tourist Board when it was set up.'

'Over the years since



Ian MacIntyre has been heavily critical of the move by VisitScotland.

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then, we believe the tourist office and its welcoming staff have contributed to an increase in tourism in this area.

'Tarbert is the focal point for tourists en route via ferries to or

from Islay, Jura, Cowal

and Arran, as well as onward into Kintyre. Tarbert is a destination in its own right, with its ancient castle with Robert the Bruce connections and its safe and attractive harbour.'

'While still a base for an active fishing fleet,

Tarbert Harbour now boasts one of the larger marinas on the Scottish West Coast.'

VisitScotland confirmed this week that its funding from the Scottish Government had been cut by around 99 per cent in 13 years,

from £5 million to £50,000.

However, the tourist organisation did not link this loss in funding to the planned closures across the country, stating it was due to the change in how visitors now access tourist information.

A spokesperson for VisitScotland said: 'In 2005, VisitScotland received £5 million from local authorities to operate the network. In 2018/19, the estimated value is £50,000 – equating to a 99 per cent decrease in 13 years.'

'However, our new information strategy was not financially driven and was based on the diverse transformation in the way visitors access information on what to see and do while in the country.'

'We need to switch our focus and investment into new and diverse initiatives to ensure we are reaching as many people as possible with the information they want, in the way they want it, when they want it.'

MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell said: 'I have discussed the changes with the chief executive officer of Visit Scotland.'

'I understand the change in their business, with the bulk of inquiries and bookings now coming online, is a major factor. Before any final changes are made there needs to be both full access to online services in the area (and that means continuing substantial mobile phone upgrades) and new partnership arrangements.'

A83 catch-pits project starts

THE NEXT phase of netting and other measures to make the A83 safer is under way.

Work on three catch-pits at the bottom of the slope began on Monday October 23.

The pits are designed to prevent any debris from landslips reaching the road. The project is expected to cost around £1.8 million.

Work has previously been carried out to establish the best location for the catch-pits. The design has been endorsed by the A83 taskforce, with members given an update at a recent meeting.

Transport Minister Humza Yousaf said: 'The Scottish Government remains firmly

committed to the maintaining access to the A83.'

'More than £58 million has been invested in the route since 2007 to the end of the last financial year, including almost £10 million for landslip mitigation at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

'Once completed, these three pits will have the potential to hold upwards of 15,000 tonnes of debris material, were this to be generated by a landslip.'

'This provides additional resilience capacity.'

'The nets continue to prove their worth having caught material from a small slippage

earlier this month. We understand the community is concerned about a delay to the start of the catch-pit work but it was important we had the cor-

rect preparations in place and now that the work is under way we are looking forward to seeing it progressing to keep Argyll open for business.'

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Mid Argyll projects to get development funds

SIX PROJECTS across Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and Tarbert are to share £3 million from a special council fund.

Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund aims to regenerate the area, boosting the local economy and creating jobs.

At last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council's policy and resources committee, members agreed a final list of projects – proposed by the local community through the Crinan Canal charrette, Mid Argyll Initiative and community action plans – should be pursued, subject to full business case approval and further feasibility studies.

Improvements to the Front Green in Lochgilphead would be allocated £1.42 million from the fund and include new surfacing and seating, landscaping, replacement of children's play equipment and consideration of flood protection measures, making it a more attractive and usable public space for the local community and visitors.

The re-development, in association with Scottish Canals, of the former Gleaner oil depot in Ardrishaig has been allocated £500,000. The first phase would focus on the refurbishment of the Egg Shed building, to be used for a range



Re-development of the former Gleaner oil depot in Ardrishaig has been allocated £500,000. 06_a36ArdrishaigGleaner02

of businesses including food and drink, crafts or artist workshops. The second phase could include housing and business space.

Improvements to visibility and safety at

the Barmore Road and Garvel Road junction in Tarbert would cost £410,000, allowing the possibility of a new development to be accessed from this junction. Members

also agreed £230,000 should be contributed to help make improvements to Tarbert harbour, working with Tarbert Harbour Authority to deliver new offices, additional car

parking and toilets and enhanced services for users. The sum of £110,000 will be used to fund pavement improvements in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, between Colchester Square and the junction with Lorne Street and Union Street.

An allocation of £330,000 is proposed to make improvements to the public realm in Ardrishaig, between the North and Public Hall and the boatyard. Landscaping to the garden and shoreline areas as well as the shops and offices facing Chalmers Street would also benefit.

Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'The council set up the re-

generation fund to boost the economy of Mid Argyll through a number of projects that matter to the local community. These initiatives should make a real difference to the area, creating opportunities for businesses, residents and visitors.

'This major investment by the council is all about driving forward the economy of Mid Argyll for the benefit of local communities now and into the future.'

The final list of six projects is the result of extensive discussions with the local community and followed a two-stage assessment of an original list of 42 projects.

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Argyll and Bute MP says to prepare for winter

AN MP has urged Argyll and Bute residents to prepare for winter following new research.

A national survey by Atomik Research on behalf of Scottish Gas found that 35 per cent of households in Scotland have not checked that their central heating is working, or have had their boiler serviced.

Having a boiler service is deemed crucial to ensure that there are no problems with the boiler such as carbon monoxide leaks.

Lack of preparation for the winter months is expected to be the number one issue for Argyll and Bute residents.

Brendan O'Hara MP for Argyll and Bute said: 'Winter can be a challenging time

for households, but there are some practical steps that you can take to make sure that you are prepared such as contacting your supplier to make sure you are on the right tariff, put an end to estimated bills by installing a smart meter, get your boiler serviced and very importantly keep safe by fitting a carbon monoxide alarm.'

'I want everyone in Argyll and Bute to understand what help is available for them, and for their family and friends. Being energy efficient and keeping bills under control is really important.'

MP Brendan O'Hara is encouraging Argyll and Bute residents to ensure they are ready for the colder months.



Newspaper's car is damaged in Lochgilphead

A COMPANY car belonging to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* was damaged last week.

Paintwork on the car, which was parked on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, was scratched.

The damage was discovered at 10.45am on Thursday October 19.

The incident has been reported to the police and investigations are ongoing.

'Daunting' times lie ahead as council faces huge cuts

A SPECIAL meeting of Argyll and Bute Council yesterday (Thursday) was expected to approve 'high level' measures to slash spending over the next three financial years.

Councillors were facing stark financial facts in the papers before them: an estimated £20 million black hole in the budget between 2018 and 2021,

and swingeing cuts and job losses to help save £11 million – just over half the shortfall – with more needed in the near future.

Plans include dozens of redundancies as well as raising charges for environmental and animal health services, cutting the number of council depots, increasing parking charges, shutting down 36 of

57 public toilets, starting a funeral director service, scrapping the road safety unit, removing the renewable energy budget and stopping funding VisitScotland.

Last Thursday, the policy and resources committee agreed to refer the budget decision to yesterday's full council meeting and, if approved, it will head

to a public consultation in November.

Committee members expressed concern at the possible effects, with Councillor Robin Currie saying: 'It would be very useful if we could get an idea of what redundancies will have an effect on service delivery.'

Councillor Sandy Taylor added: 'We need to discuss the

detail before we can decide what to take forward.'

The council's executive director of customer services, Douglas Hendry, responded: 'Officers haven't had the time or resources to identify this level of detail, which is why we have taken a high level approach.' He added: 'I apologise for the fact this is a high level

consideration, but that is where we are.'

Council chief executive Cleland Sneddon said: 'It is absolutely daunting to have to find savings of this scale over this three-year timescale. Unfortunately, we are going to have to concentrate first and foremost on the key and core services we are required to provide.'



Armed Forces Day catering costs will be helped through the scheme.
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Small grants scheme hands out first cash

A SMALL grants scheme recently announced by Lochgilphead Community Council has made its first funding allocations.

Lochgilphead Community Council operates the micro grants scheme as part of the Infinis A'Chruach Community Fund. Grant funding of up to £250 for individuals and £500 to groups is available.

The scheme will set aside a small amount of money each year for distribution in the form of small grants for 'charitable purposes to the general benefit of local residents'.

The total fund this year is £2,500 and applications from people and groups in the community council area will be considered.

The community council agreed last week to grant £100 to the Loch-

gilphead Armed Forces Day committee towards catering costs. Another £250 application was accepted from the Lochgilphead Men's Shed project for insulation and equipment.

Application forms and more information can be obtained from Lochgilphead Community Council convener Andy Buntin and from vice-convener Betty Rhodick.

Forms can also be picked up from D&D Clothing and the flower shop on Lochnell Street, the Mailbox, Argyll Street, and from the Argyll Book Centre on Lorne Street.

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Editorial

Tourist solution must be found

There has been anger from many Tarbert residents following our front-page story in last week's edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

VisitScotland's decision, without prior knowledge or plans for the future, has been unsettling to many, including business owners.

Hopefully, the situation can be resolved so that VisitScotland can continue its online campaign while having some form of tourist information available in Tarbert.

It would seem short-sighted to have nothing available to visitors to the area, considering the surrounding ferry routes and the lack of any sort of reliable mobile signal.

Fantastic family's fundraising

THIS week's front page focuses on the story of the Blackwell family who raised more than £2,500 for the urology department at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Little Jacob received top-notch medical care from the doctors in Manchester.

He is now a happy and healthy little boy.

We are sure the money the Blackwells have raised will help others appreciate the work of the NHS and children's hospitals across the UK – and we wish the family the best for the future.

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Tarbert a focal point

Sir,
It is with considerable disappointment we learn of the proposal to close the Tarbert tourist information office within the next two years.

As a local business, we supported the initial Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Tourist Board when it was set up. Over the years since then, we believe the tourist office and its welcoming staff have contributed to an increase in tourism in this area.

Tarbert is the focal point for tourists en route via ferries to or from Islay, Jura, Cowal and Arran and onward into Kintyre. Tarbert is also a destination in its own right, with its ancient castle, Robert the Bruce connections and its safe and attractive harbour. Whilst still a base for an active fishing fleet, Tarbert harbour now boasts one of the larger marinas on the Scottish west coast.

Tarbert is the setting for several yachting events, an annual seafood festival, a music festival, Tarbert Fair and, more recently, a book festival which involves visitors and locals.

At the same time, there are cost-saving proposals by Argyll and Bute Council to close a number of public toilets. This is not likely to encourage tourists to

this area. It would also appear Oban is to become the main 'tourist hub' for this part of Argyll. Our impression over the years has been that Oban looks towards the outer islands and east toward Stirling and Perth or north to Inverness. As a result Mid Argyll, Kintyre and south Argyll will be the 'poor relations'.

We believe a network of tourist information points is important to maintain a viable tourist trade. Consultation should surely have been undertaken before final decisions were made.

Ian Y Macintyre and partners, Tarbert.

Serious about peace

Sir,
I am a member of the Peace Pledge Union.

As Remembrance Sunday draws near, this group reminds readers:

'More than 67 million people have died in wars since 1918. Today over 90 per cent of people killed in wars are civilians. Is it acceptable human lives become cheap in desperate situations, or when it is politically advantageous?'

Last year I wore a red poppy and a white one. Both poppies represent remembrance for all victims of all wars – armed forces and civilians – and of all nationalities. They are an expression of grief at the massive loss of life caused world-

wide by war. White poppies began to be produced in the 1930s. At remembrance services we could remember all those who have died, but also think seriously about how we can work for peace.

If you wish, you can obtain a white poppy at the Lochgilthead Co-op on the mornings of Friday November 3 and Saturday November 4. That would show you were serious about peace.

Mary Stirling, Ardrishaig.

Pitch approach unacceptable

Sir,
I write with reference to the letter in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser headed 'No winners at King George V playing field'.

I note the length of time spent by Ardrishaig Community Council, with the financial support of the community trust, in negotiating with Argyll and Bute Council, only to be faced with a licence to work on the council-owned KGV field. The six-page licence commits the licensee to manage the installation, repair, maintenance and renewal of the fence – as well as providing regular inspections to the council.

Any future community initiative for improvement works on the KGV field will most likely require another licence. This

approach is not appropriate to the (unincorporated) community council and unacceptable to the community trust.

The King George V field was provided around 1937 for the use and enjoyment of the people.

Under council control, the Ardrishaig KVG field is today in a poor state – the field and pitch-side drains are blocked, resulting in the waterlogged grass pitch being unusable during our rainy season.

It is unlikely the council will ever fund KGV field improvements.

A way forward, with the support of the sports clubs and community, may be to take ownership of the KGV field using the legislation of the Community Empowerment Act.

Edward Laughton, Ardrishaig.

Something positive

Sir,
Following the publication of my letter in last week's edition of the *Advertiser* and the reply from Argyll and Bute Council concerning the new fence required at the King George V pitch in Ardrishaig, I would like to give a little more detail.

The initial agreement between the council and the sub-group of Ardrishaig Community Council was for us to apply for funding to pay for the fence, which we did, and then for the council to install the fence.

This agreement, however, was not adhered to through no fault of our own, with the users of the pitch losing out because of the delay.

All the council has to do is install a new fence with the funds we have set aside, using a contractor already on its approved list, and then add the fence to their existing liability insurance.

This would be a good example of something positive being done to improve the pitch to benefit the community.

Peter Laing, KGV sub-group member.

Affordable healthy food

Sir,
Funding has been allocated to 42 voluntary and community groups, including two in Kintyre, by Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS), to promote and deliver healthy eating initiatives.

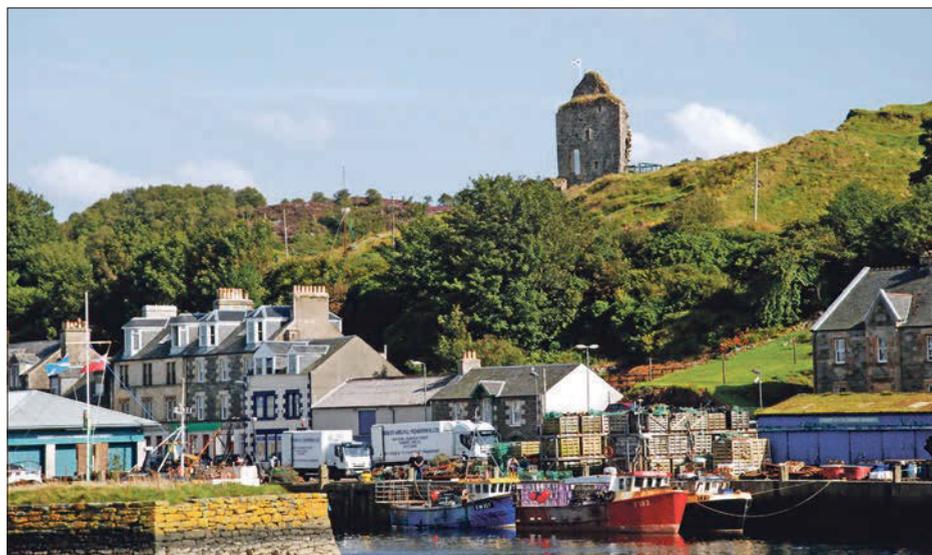
People on low incomes and those living in poorer areas have less opportunity to eat a healthy diet and are more likely to experience poor health as a result.

One reason for this is that there might not be affordable healthy food options available where they live. CFHS, part of NHS Health Scotland, aims to ensure everyone in Scotland has the opportunity, ability and confidence to access a healthy and acceptable diet for themselves, their families and their communities. This funding helps to make that happen.

The successful groups, which include South Kintyre Development Trust and Kintyre Youth Café, have been allocated between £500 and £2,000. They will use the funding to develop a range of practical healthy eating initiatives, including cookery courses, community gardens and community café projects.

We know health inequalities hold Scotland back. We also know the people who live, work and play in a community are best placed to develop solutions. That is why alongside national actions to reduce health inequalities, we have funded community groups across Scotland to use the skills and knowledge of local people and work together to address barriers to accessing healthy food. We are delighted to be able to support such a large number of groups so that together, nationally and locally, we can tackle health inequalities and improve health for everyone.

Bill Gray, Community Food and Health (Scotland).



Tarbert deserves to be a tourist focal point. a43_tarbertpic

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Artist helps fund group to ease cancer burden

THE PEOPLE behind a Lochgilphead-based cancer charity were a picture of happiness as they accepted a generous donation.

The cash came from John Lowrie Morrison's recent art exhibition at the Archway Gallery, Lochgilphead.

The Tayvallich artist, better known as Jolomo, offered to donate a percentage of the profits from this year's exhibition to the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group.

Arthur Barclay, group chairman, said: 'We are very grateful to John for this generous donation. The money will be used to support the work of our group and will help pick people up after a cancer diagnosis.'

Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group was founded in 2002 by Maria MacLeod, Macmillan nurse, and Alana Straughan, community nurse manager in Lochgilphead.

The group is for people who have experienced life with cancer, whether as a patient, partner, family member, carer or friend. The group

is free and open to everyone who is affected by cancer.

Arthur explained: 'We try to provide topics of interest at our monthly meetings which give a form of escape for anyone in a dark place. We also raise funds for cancer-related charities through strawberry teas in June.'

'We promote cancer awareness and work with other organisations and charities in the area.'

Regular activities have included a breast care fashion show, outings and visits, Christmas dinner and belly dancing – not for the faint-hearted!

The group meets on the second Monday of each month in Lochgilphead Red Cross Centre and everyone is welcome.

As he handed over a cheque for £5,000, John Lowrie Morrison said: 'I am pleased to make this donation to a worthy cause. This is just something I do to help support charities and I am sure it will be put to very good use by Arthur and the committee.'



John Lowrie Morrison, left, with Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group treasurer Sheila Cameron, Mary Scott, secretary, and Arthur Barclay, chairman.

Appeal to avoid danger lanterns

PEOPLE in Argyll have been urged to avoid using paper lanterns, as bonfire night approaches.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park and the National Farmers' Union Scotland ask people to avoid using sky lanterns, sometimes known as Chinese lanterns, as they are a fire risk.

The lanterns, which are constructed from paper with a wire or wooden frame and contain a lit candle, can also be a danger to wildlife, forests and livestock. If the lantern frame is ingested, animals face serious harm or even death.

Fifteen Scottish local authorities, including Argyll and Bute Council, have already banned the release of sky lanterns and/or helium balloons from their territory.

Argyll Holidays director woman of the year

THE DIRECTOR of Argyll Holidays has been awarded a national Woman of the Year honour.

Ruth Badger, originally from Wolverhampton, saw off stiff competition at the Shine Awards, which

recognise the best female talent in the hospitality, leisure and travel industries.

The team from Argyll Holidays attended the prestigious ceremony in London, joining more than 200 industry leaders.

Ruth said: 'I'm so humbled to have been awarded Woman of the Year. Argyll's breathtaking scenery, rich heritage and thriving local community make it a great tourist destination in the UK and working in such

beautiful surroundings certainly makes my job easier.'

Ruth joined Argyll Holidays in 2009, leading the team to a record-breaking 2017, delivering the highest figures for the business in 50 years.



Ruth Badger with her award.

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Jenn and Everett Jaime hosted the grand re-opening following five weeks of refurbishment. 08_a43marmalade08

Marmalade deli's grand re-opening

LOCHGILPHEAD'S deli and organic food shop, Marmalade, had a special official opening on Monday October 23.

Owners Jenn and Everett Jaime invited guests from across Argyll and as far as Greenwich in London.

With drinks, music and samples of nibbles sold in the deli, a fun night was had by everyone. Marmalade re-opened in September after being closed for five weeks for refurbishment. The shop now sells local produce and organic items.



People attended from far and wide for the grand opening of the deli.

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9.30am - 12.30pm, 22nd November 2017, Oban

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Sue Carter from Teeside and Helen Oakley from Greenwich enjoy the official opening party at the Marmalade Deli in Lochgilphead. 08_a43marmalade01



Marmalade owner Jenn Jaime with Jacob Mannion. 08_a43marmalade06

Joan Clevillé dance returns to Ardrishaig with newest performance *The North*'

PROFESSIONAL dancing will return to Ardrishaig next weekend with Joan Clevillé dance's newest performance *The North*.

The performance will debut at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Friday November 3 at 7.30pm.

The North focuses on the story of John, who finds himself lost in the harsh wilderness of the north with only two other eccentric northerners for company.

With a loss of memory about who he is or where he comes from, John must search for his identity in an increasingly unpredictable environment.

With original music by Luke Sutherland and a soundtrack from Wagner from Frank Sinatra, *The North* features everything from dance to puppetry.

Tickets will be available on the night on the door and cost £5.

For more information go to joanclevilledance.com.



Joan Clevillé dance will be bringing a performance of *The North* to Ardrishaig next Friday.



A wee taste of heaven on the West Coast of Scotland

With stunning views across the Sound of Jura and solitude in spades, Port Bàn Holiday Park has been a true treasure of Knapdale for half a century.

Port Bàn is a secluded award-winning haven situated near Kilberry, where the sheer beauty of the landscape and the rich diversity of wildflowers and wildlife makes the park an interesting and peaceful retreat for those who want to get away from it all.



The site after a storm in the first winter 1967 destroyed the static caravans which had not been anchored down.

And there is special cause for celebration this week as the family-run park celebrates its 50th birthday.

The story begins a little earlier, and can be traced back to 1960, when Joan and David Sheldrick upped sticks with their children from a poultry farm in Norfolk to settle in distant Kilberry and take on 500-acre Port Bàn Farm.

They were there to farm and the notion of running a caravan site could not have been further from their minds. They were enjoying life on Scotland's West Coast but did miss Christian fellowship, though they attended the Brethren Assembly Hall in Ardrishaig.

One or two hardy campers had, by that point, been drawn to the beauty of Knapdale and asked permission to camp on Port Bàn Farm overlooking the sea, and the Sheldricks agreed.

By 1966, Joan and David had nine children. Jonathan was 12, Peter 10, Mark nine, Nigel seven, Vreka six, the three-year-old twins Cheryl and Morar, Fiona, two and new baby Jeanette. With a large family – which would later grow to 11 children – they were finding it hard to farm profitably and were seriously considering moving back south. Then they received an offer for 450 acres of the farm. They decided to retain the farmhouse and 50 acres bordering the sea to take a chance on developing the potential for camping and caravanning at Port Bàn.

After a lot of hard work the fledgling site was up and running by 1967 – but disaster struck shortly afterwards when the 1968 hurricane destroyed seven caravans.

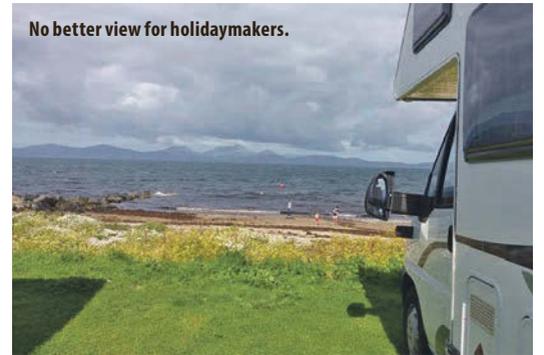
Making sure every van was well anchored from then onwards, the family site survived, offering space for tourers, static caravans and tents.

They began to offer Christian worship among their spiritual surroundings, first of all in the farmhouse, then in a nearby garage, and later in a hut purchased by the newly-formed Port Bàn Fellowship.

But it would be a mistake to assume this is a Christian retreat. Port Bàn offers a warm welcome to everyone.

With 100 static and 50 touring pitches, as well as camping space, Port Bàn has developed into a little village, particularly during peak holiday times.

The busy community that is Port Bàn has always been a real family affair, with children mucking in to help during school holidays. Family members have run the site since Joan and David stepped down in the 1990s, and for the past six years Jonathan Sheldrick has been at the helm.



'Port Bàn is in a unique location, and it is absolutely beautiful,' said Jonathan.

'The location helps, and we are delighted to have been shortlisted once again this year for the Scottish Outdoor Leisure Awards. We were also pleased that the *Daily Record* last year voted us the number one campsite in Scotland.'

Looking back over the past half-century, Jonathan added: 'We have had people who have come back year after year, and they have become more friends than guests.'

'Holding church services on the site was great, and we now have, arguably, the biggest congregation in Argyll, with more than 100 people coming along during the school holidays.'

'We also have the Port Bàn Sailing Club, formed 39 years ago by holidaymakers, which became an annual event in July and August racing Mirror, Enterprise, Topper and many other dinghies'

To mark the park's 50 years in operation, there will be a weekend of events in and around Port Bàn. The main event will be held on Saturday October 28, with a dinner and ceilidh starting at 6pm in Ormsary Hall, for which tickets are available from the holiday park reception, and more information can be obtained by emailing info@portban.com.

The weekend will also see the presentation of a cheque to Mary's Meals, which Port Bàn has been supporting through a sponsored trek on the Columba pilgrimage route between Tarbert and Lismore. A representative from the charity is expected to accept the donation.

'We have had some great experiences over the past 50 years, and we look forward to the next 50,' concluded Jonathan.

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Dream move to Colonsay is the perfect tonic

A COUPLE who made their dream move to Colonsay are celebrating the production of the 3,000th bottle of their award-winning gin.

Fin and Eileen Geekie moved to the island after spending 30 years in Oxfordshire pursuing successful careers in property and HR respectively.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, the couple decided to turn their interest in gin into a business, launching Wild Thyme Spirits Ltd last year.

The company's first product, Colonsay Gin, has won two international awards and is available in more than 90 stockists in

the UK, with plans to export to Canada.

Fin said: 'It was always our plan to move to a western island as we both wanted to return to Scotland eventually and had fond memories of the area from childhood holidays.

'We discovered Colonsay in 2007 but it took a while to buy and then renovate the house, so we didn't properly make the move until 2016. We didn't want to retire and needed something to keep us busy and, as we had developed a keen interest in all things gin by then, it was a natural move to turn it into a business.

'We received support and expert help from the team at our



Fin and Eileen work to create their product. Photo: Simon Lees.

local Business Gateway. Through the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator programme, we were able to access a specialist in marketing as well as funding for

trade fair attendance – all of which has given us a massive boost.'

The success of Colonsay Gin has led Fin and Eileen to offer Gin Lovers retreats, making use of the onsite

accommodation built during the renovations.

The weekend retreat offers visitors and gin enthusiasts a chance to choose from more than 200 gins and eat fantastic food while taking

in the remote and beautiful scenery of the island.

Fin added: 'We're overwhelmed by the response we've had to Colonsay Gin. We are very proud of our product and it was fantastic to produce our 3,000th bottle last month.

'We have planning permission for our own distillery on the island which will see building work start in the spring of next year and we're hoping to finalise our first exporting ambitions to Canada shortly.

'We are also very aware of how important business is to the future sustainability of the island and we're keen to start employing people as soon as we can.'

Barbara Halliday, business adviser at Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, said: 'Wild Thyme Spirits is a wonderful addition to the rich food and drink industry in our region. Fin and Eileen accessed a range of our services both as a start-up and currently as a developing and growing business. Our support and expert help ensures a business is in the best position to be a success.'

For more information visit www.wildthymespirits.com.

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

Train and grow with Argyll and Bute Business Gateway

GROWING businesses across the area are benefiting from Argyll and Bute Council's European-funded business support programme which was launched last year.

More than 60 local businesses have registered for the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme and 35 grants – totalling more than £156,000 – have been approved.

Funding available includes growth grants of up to £5,000, a new employee or graduate placement grant of up to £12,000, and training, trade fair and accreditation grants of up to £1,500 for businesses in key growth sectors.

One business which has already benefited from the support is Dunoon-based architect firm

Architeco, which invested in software to provide detailed energy modelling that can accurately predict a building's performance.

To access support, businesses must first register for the programme. It is open to micro-, small- or medium-sized businesses based in Argyll and Bute aiming to increase their turnover by £50,000 or more within the next three years.

Anyone wanting to register or discuss their eligibility should visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap or talk to a Business Gateway adviser on 01546 604 555.

Workshop places still available

Business Gateway offers a wide range of free workshops to new and growing businesses. The

autumn programme includes workshops in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Oban, with places still available to book.

The 'Get your business noticed – PR on a budget' workshop runs on November 14 in Ardrishaig. This workshop is about getting a business noticed without spending money.

It covers how to get featured in newspapers, radio and television, understanding how the media works, finding the stories that journalists will want to tell and understanding how to make contact with them.

This workshop will be delivered for Business Gateway by Colin Kelly.

The 'Better Business Websites' workshop running in Ardrishaig

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The DigitalBoost 'Twitter and Hootsuite' workshop on November 21 in Oban is aimed at businesses already using Twitter who want to hone their social media strategy.

It includes how Twitter relates to other platforms, the benefits of sponsored posts and how to create them, as well as how to use Hootsuite to manage and integrate social media accounts.

LinkedIn can be a powerful and profitable business tool. The DigitalBoost 'LinkedIn for Busi-

ness' workshop running on November 22 in Oban shows how to move beyond networking and use LinkedIn to market products and promote a brand.

'Practical Basic Book-keeping' will run on December 7 in Lochgilphead.

This workshop is a starting point for good record-keeping and includes how to keep accurate financial records and understand the key components of book-keeping. It is aimed at those new to business or with little or no formal training in book-keeping.

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So what exactly is Hallowe'en?

UNTIL around the year 1500, 'hallow' referred to a holy person, therefore Hallowe'en is the 'night before All Saints' Day'.

Hallowe'en has become thought of as an American holiday, but it originates from Britain. Historians have traced the origins to two ancient pagan festivals. Samhain was the end of the Celtic year, a very significant time for the people. Samhain marked the end of summer and the start of winter.

By **Nadine Hamlin**, an S4 pupil from Tarbert Academy on work experience at the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Celts believed the dead could come back to the earth and mingle with the living on this day.

To protect themselves from the dead, they would create large bonfires and set them alight, believing this would scare ghosts away. People would also throw food and possessions into the flames as a sacrifice to

the Celtic gods. It was believed that if you lit a fire in your house from the sacred bonfire, no evil could enter your house as long as the fire stayed lit.

As Christianity started to gain ground, the church took the existing pagan festivals and re-worked them into Christian holidays and celebrations. In the 11th century, November 2 was made 'All Souls' Day'. It was a day of honouring the dead. It was celebrated in the same way



Nadine shows off some of the modern symbols of Hallowe'en, courtesy of Lochgilphead Mary's Meals shop. 06_a43Hallowe'en01

Events for autumn nights

DARK autumn nights are upon us, so here are some eerily good events to brighten them up.

October 18-31 – Hallowe'en at Drimsynie Estate

Child friendly Hallowe'en activities at the head of Loch Goil, including toffee apple making, fancy dress competitions, spooky movie time and pumpkin carving. With accommodation from £34pp. Call the Drimsynie reception to find out more.

October 24 – Howlin' Hallowe'en

Survive the howlin' trail while playing ghostly games. This joint event, organised by Kilmartin House Museum and Forestry Commission Scotland, will be located in Achnabreac car park, near Lochgilphead. Booking is required and children must be accompanied by an adult.

October 28 – Mid Argyll Pipe Band pool and darts night

Mid Argyll Pipe Band is holding an over-18s pool and darts night in

Kilmartin. The night will include games at £5 each and a prize for the best fancy dress costume. A bus will leave Ardrishaig at 3.30pm, with pick-ups en route to Kilmartin. The bus will return at 1am. Seats must be booked in advance

October 28 – Skipness Village Hall Hallowe'en party and dance

The night starts at 7.30pm with fancy dress for all ages and lots of games with prizes. A family ceilidh dance with local Tarbert musicians will start at 8.30pm. The night will feature sales tables, with all profits going to the RNLI.

November 2 – Lochgilphead Primary School Hallowe'en disco

There will be dooking for apples, prizes for best boy and girl homemade costume and a Hallowe'en themed photo booth, courtesy of the Co-op.

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as Samhain, with traditional bonfires, parades, costumes and feasts. The celebration lasted three days, starting from October 31 and ending November 2, and was known as Hallowmas.

In Scotland, Hallowe'en traditions include fires and carved neep lanterns to ward off evil spirits.

The modern use of pumpkins is an American invention which developed from the Scots tradition of neep lanterns – otherwise known as Jack o' lanterns.

Children these days are likely to go out 'trick or treating' but, until recently, this was known by the traditional name of guising.

While guising, children would literally disguise themselves as

evil spirits by blackening their faces and dressing in old clothes. Guisers also couldn't simply knock on the doors of their neighbours yelling 'trick-or-treat' and expect sweets in return. They had to perform a 'trick' first by reciting a song, poem or joke.

Dookin' for apples is another staple of children's Hallowe'en par-

ties across the country, involving trying to grab apples floating in a tub of water using your hands behind your back. If you want to up the stakes, have a go at catching them with a fork.

Another messy game challenges participants to take a bite out of a treacle-covered scone hanging from ropes.

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Q: Why are ghosts so bad at lying?

A: Because you can see right through them!

Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?

A: Spooketi

Q: What room does a ghost not need?

A: A living room!

Q: What is a ghost's favourite party game?

A: Hide-and-shriek

Q: What is a witch's favourite class?

A: Spelling

Q: Which roads do ghosts haunt?

A: Dead ends

Q: Where did the ghost go on holiday?

A: The Boohamas

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Royal boost for Craignish charity

CRAIGNISH-BASED charity Feedback Madagascar had a special visitor on Tuesday October 23.

HRH the Princess Royal visited the charity in Madagascar to see its project working alongside vulnerable women in the village of Soatanana.

The princess was greeted by charity director Jamie Spencer, who has been working on projects in Madagascar for 25 years.

The charity supports



Charity director Jamie Spencer greets HRH Princess Anne as she lands in Madagascar.

women in the village to collect wild silk from moth cocoons from Tapia trees, which is then used to for handmade scarves.

Tapia trees are only

found on the island of Madagascar, which brings added value to the island and the forests.

A spokesperson for Feedback Madagascar

said: Projects like these have massively improved life chances, particularly for women and children.

'Her Royal Highness also visited the unique Fallarivo Tapia forest managed by the local community.

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Euan McCartan, Christopher McCartan, Ruairaidh Logan and Camron MacPhail who took part in the autumn young stars school.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band youngsters shine at school

RISING stars from Mid Argyll Pipe Band attended the National Piping Centre's autumn school last week.

Euan McCartan, Ryan Logan, Christopher McCartan, Camron MacPhail and Ruairaidh Logan worked on composition, maintenance and playing. A recital and an awards ceremony rounded off the week at the Glasgow centre.

The Mid Argyll youngsters all received certificates of merit. Ruairaidh was also presented with a certificate of distinction and Christopher received a certificate of dedication.



Ruairaidh Logan with his certificate of distinction and certificate of merit.



The boys piping at the autumn school.

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Inveraray drummer wins eighth world title

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band's leading drummer, Steven McWhirter, has won the World Solo Snare Drumming Championship for the eighth time.

Second place in the overall competition, held at Glasgow Caledonian University, was Michael McKenna of St Laurence O'Toole pipe band.

Steven said: 'Massive thanks to everyone who sent messages of congratulations since the world solos result.'

'A great day for Inveraray and District Pipe Band with six guys in the semi-finals and four in the final.'

'Lastly a huge thanks to Andante Drums Official for a great event, first rate drums and, of course, my sticks.'

Results: overall - 1 Steven McWhirter (Inveraray and District); 2 Michael McKenna (St Laurence O'Toole); 3 Blair Brown (St Thomas Alumni); 4 Gareth McLees (Field Mar-



Inveraray and District pipe band's Steven McWhirter who has been crowned world drumming champion for the eighth time.

enna; 3 Blair Brown; 4 Gareth McLees; 5 William Glenholmes; Stephen Creighton (St Laurence O'Toole).

Judges: Paul Brown, Jim Baxter, Arthur Cook and Gordon Parkes.

Hornpipe and Jig - 1 Steven McWhirter; 2 Michael McKenna; 3 Gareth McLees; 4 Christopher McNicholl; 5 William Glenholmes; 6 Grant Cassidy (St Laurence O'Toole).

Judges: Joe Noble, Alec Dudgeon, Stuart Coils and Mick O'Neil.

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Islay sale sees sheep and cattle prices up on year

UNITED Auctions held their annual sheep and cattle sale at Islay Auction Mart on Wednesday October 18. A total of 301 head of cattle and 1,593 lambs and sheep were sold.

Bullocks sold to average 237.6 pence per kilo or £742.12 (+ 15.2 p/k or £39.11 on the year). Heifers levelled out at 223.8 pence per kilo or £625.04 (+ 9.01 p/k or £38.91 on the year). A good ringside of buyers ensured all stock sold at very comparable levels to mainland markets.

A good show of quality sheep were on offer, again to a strong force of mainland buyers. Lambs sold to average £51.07 per head or 146.62 per kilo (+ £1.49 per head or +2.65 p/k on the year).

Principal cattle lots and prices

Top prices per head
Bullocks
AAx: £970 (4) – Keppols : £950 (5) – Gartacharra : £840 (3) – Keppols.

BAX: £970 – Ardnave : £870 – Eskinish : £840 – Ardnave.

CHARx: £950 (3) – Gartacharra : £910, £890 (10) and £840



Top quality livestock go through the Islay ring.

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SHx: £700 – Kilchiaran.

Heifers
AAx: £710 (3) – Keppols.

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Top prices per kilo
Bullocks
AAx: 220p (3) – Keppols

BAX: 284p and 280p – Ardnave.

CHARx: 301p, 297p, 293p (3) – Ardnave : 285p (10) – Kilmeny : 284p (2) and 279p (5) – Ardnave : 278p (2) – Ballimartin : 274p (2) – Kinnabus : 264p (4) – Kilmeny : 262p (2) – Kinnabus : 262p (4) – Ardnave : 260p (21) – Mansefield : 257p – Kinnabus : 254p (9) and 251p (5) – Kilmeny.

LIMx: 298p, 297p (2) and 293p – Ardnave : 288p (4) – Ballimartin : 284p – Ardnave : 278p – Ballimartin : 262p and 261p(3) – Ardnave : 255p (7) – Mansefield : 251p (2) – Ardnave.

Heifers
BAX: 236p (3) – Ardnave.

CHARx: 286p (9) – Kilmeny : 253p (10) – Mansefield : 247p (7) –

Kilmeny. LIMx: 301p (6) – Ardnave : 240p (3) – Ballimartin. Breeding cattle
Cows and calves
£1,520 and £1,300 – Uiskentuie
Principal sheep lots and prices:

Top prices per head
Lambs

SUFFx: £68.00 – Uiskentuie : £66.00 – Claggan : £63.00 – Carrabus : £62.50 – Lossit : £61.50 – Lossit : £59.50 – Ardtalla Estate, Uiskentuie, Island and Starchmill : £58.50 – Claggan : £57.50 – Duich.

TEXx: 63.50 – Carrabus : £62.50 – Keills Dunlossit : £60.50 – Tallant : £60.00 – Carrabus : £59.50 and £57.50 – Carrabus : £57.00 – Keills Dunlossit and Carrabus.

CHEV: £64.00 & £48.00 – Kilbride.

CROSS: £64.00 – Ballimartin : £63.50 – Lossit : £63.00 – Kilchiaran : £61.50 – Starchmill : £56.50 – Lossit.

MULE: £59.50 – Carrabus : £53.00 – Corrary.

BF: £58.00 – Uiskentuie : £57.00 – Keills Dunlossit : £48.00 and £47.50 – Lossit : £46.00 – Ardtalla Estate : £45.00 – Uiskentuie.

Ewes
CROSS: £64.50 – Kilchiaran : £52.00 – Starchmill : £50.50 – Uiskentuie : £46.50 – Gartness : £40.50 – Duich.

CHEV: £42.50 – Kilbride.

MULE: £44.50 – Claggan.

BF: £28.50 – Leorin and Island.

Top prices per kilo
SUFFx: 172p – Duich : 166p – Uiskentuie : 164p – Ardtalla Estate : 160p – Claggan : 158p and 157p – Island : 154p – Lossit : 153p – Carrabus.

TEXx: 170p, 169p and 167p – Carrabus : 162p – Keills Dunlossit : 159p and 152p – Carrabus : 150p – Keills Dunlossit.

CHEV: 157p – Kilbride.

CROSS: 153p – Duich : 152p – Ardtalla Estate : 148p – Kilchiaran and Ballimartin : 144p – Lossit : 140p – Leorin.

MULE: 155p – Island : 146p – Ardtalla Estate and Corrary : 145p – Carrabus.

BF: 144p – Duich : 130p – Ceannacroic and Uiskentuie : 129p – Lossit : 128p – Ardtalla Estate.

Farmers oppose SEPA charge

FARMERS have voiced opposition to proposed massive increases in charges for water abstraction licenses, NFU Scotland says.

In its consultation on a new charging scheme, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) had brought forward proposals that could have led to some farmers seeing an increase of up to 600 per cent – proposals that the union argued were entirely unjustifiable.

The consultation on the proposals closes on Friday November 3. Any member who has received the letter from SEPA and is unhappy with what it says is encouraged to respond to the consultation and share their response with NFU Scotland. Those most likely to be affected will hold water abstraction licences.

Andrew Bauer, NFU Scotland's deputy director of policy, said: 'I am heartened that SEPA appears to now understand the legitimate concerns that we and our members have about the proposals.'

'Our members are aware that the water environment has to be protected and that water is a valuable asset.'

'NFU Scotland believes that the best way to protect the environment is to work with farmers rather than impose counter-productive charges and regulations.'

'In recent years, SEPA has seemed to share that view and I hope that this unfortunate episode is simply a mis-step on its part.'

Young farmers' national award

THE SCOTTISH Association of Young Farmers' Clubs have won the *Farmers' Guardian* Farming Hero accolade at the British farming awards.

The association's campaign, 'Are Ewe Okay?', was launched following research showing nine out of 10 young people will suffer from mental health issues.

Originally a 12-month campaign, the project now has a dedicated social media day promoting health triggers and how to seek help if someone you know is suffering.

Members have been busy fundraising for their partner, the Scottish Association of Mental Health, to keep the project continuing.

Campaign manager Joanna

Foubister said: 'It is a phenomenal honour to win the *Farmers' Guardian* Farming Hero award and to be recognised for the Are Ewe Okay? campaign.'

'We know one in four people in Scotland will suffer from poor mental health so we predominantly launched the campaign for our members.'

'But, through this fantastic opportunity and exposure from this award, it will enable us to reach a greater audience and, ultimately, spreading awareness of the cause is one of our key objectives. It is truly appreciated.'

For more information on all the winners and finalists visit www.britishfarmingawards.co.uk.

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Headliners Citizen 9 took to the stage delighting the dancing crowd.

Rain and wind fail to deter MOJO crowd

DESPITE the remainder of Ophelia battering Ardfern last Saturday, a large crowd turned up to support some of Argyll's most talented musicians.

With acts including Peter McClardy, Andre van Well, Danny Carroll and Citizen 9, the Ardfern crowd were treated to a range

of different musical styles.

First up onto the stage was Peter McClardy, who gave an endearing folk-style repertoire of his own life experiences and musings.

Next to step into the MOJO limelight was Andre Van Well, who set the tone for

the night with some soulful acoustic tunes.

Danny Carroll then took to the stage with his sidekick Eric Dearie, performing a host of different styles of music including acoustic and rock, with a few ballads and harmonies in between.

Oban band Citizen 9 took to the stage as

the event's headliners with a full on rock set with the audience dancing to energetic songs produced by the group.

Rock lovers didn't allow the band to leave until they were all danced out, with several encore songs extending their performance.

A great night was had by many, with organisers wishing to thank those who helped the event come together.

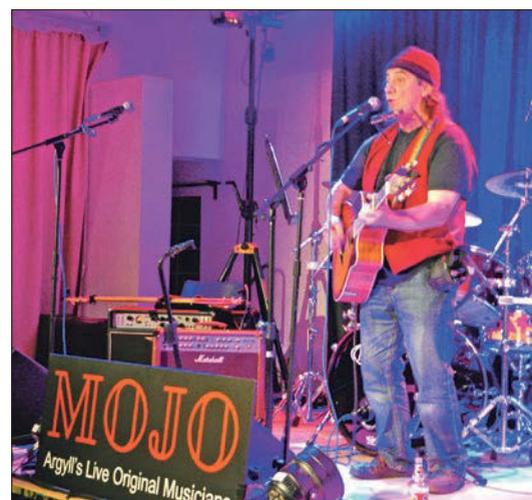
Lead organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'A huge thank you must go out to Matt Walsh, who treated the audience to fantastic lighting and sound. I also want to thank volunteers Brian, Tristan, Jamie, Dan, Julie Lucy, Andre and Matt, who kept the night flowing smoothly.

'A special thanks also must go to the supporters of the event. Lynn from McColls, Ardrishaig, for the drink supplies, Leslie at Dalriada signs, Tiziana and the Craignish Community Hall committee.

'And also to those who helped sell tickets, including the Oban Music Shop, Ardfern Stores, the Marmalade Deli and the Argyll Bookshop in Lochgilphead.

'Finally, thanks to the performers who entertained so massively and to all those who came.

'Make sure to look out for more MOJO in the future.'



Andre Van Well was a crowd pleaser with a few acoustic tunes.

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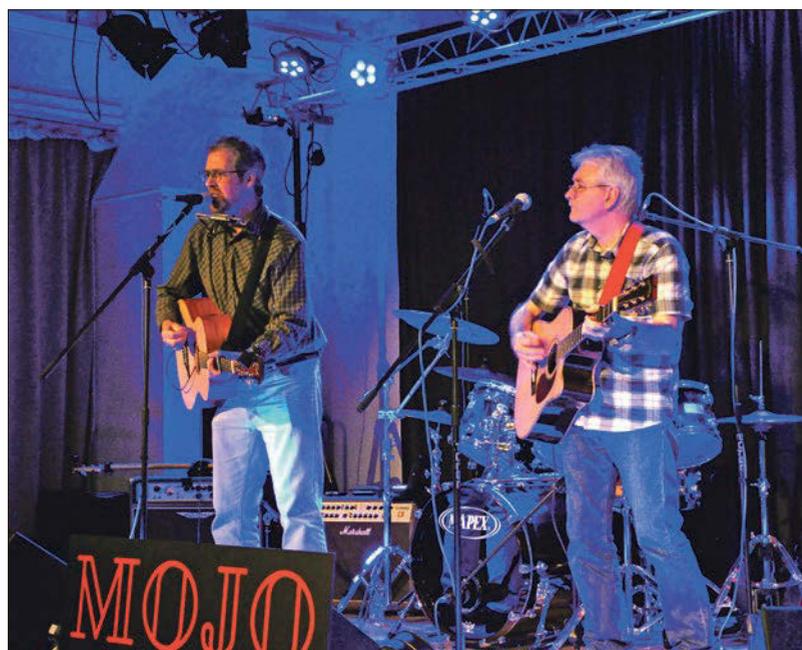
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Danny Carroll and Eric Dearie perform at the first MOJO music event.

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Welcome: Argyll Enterprise Week builds on 2016 success



Businesses took full advantage of the free marketplaces at last year's event.

Argyll Enterprise Week 2017, which runs from November 6-10, is packed with opportunities for local businesses to make connections, share experiences and increase knowledge. Building on the success of last year, it will bring together businesses, entrepreneurs, support providers and anyone with an interest in enterprise.

A range of free workshops, seminars, marketplaces and networking sessions will cover key themes supporting business growth including funding, digital, international trade, tourism, food and drink, creative industries and community development. Events will be held in Arrochar, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Helensburgh, Inveraray, Lochgilphead and Oban.

Argyll Enterprise Week is delivered in partnership by Argyll and Bute Council, Business Gateway and Highlands and

Islands Enterprise along with members of the business community.

Councillor Aileen Morton, council leader, said: 'Argyll Enterprise Week 2016 was hailed a huge success, but we continually strive to make things better. The businesses and social enterprises involved took the time to give us their feedback and we listened.'

'As a result, we have worked with industry partners to target what's most important to them, increased opportunities for informal networking and, most importantly, we'll be letting you hear from people who have made a real success of their business in Argyll and Bute. This is all about supporting our local businesses to grow and prosper.'

David Smart, HIE's head of special projects in Argyll and the Islands, said: 'We're excited to say that more than 200 tickets have already been booked, so

we're on course for another successful series of events. Places are filling up fast so if there is a session you think will help your business grow, we'd encourage you to book now.'

Last year, more than 400 participants representing at least 150 businesses or organisations took part in events across Argyll Enterprise Week. Attendees came from across the area including Bute, Dunoon and Tiree.

In feedback 95 per cent of respondents confirmed they had learned something new, 97 per cent said they had made new connections and 96 per cent said they had been inspired by the event, in keeping with the aim to inspire, connect and inform.

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



Councillor Aileen Morton.



Niall Macalister Hall and Evelyn McDonald.

Funding your business

Accessing the right funding is one of the key challenges facing small businesses. Argyll Enterprise Week 2017 includes a whole day dedicated to linking up entrepreneurs with a range of potential funding sources.

A series of 45-minute seminars will run at the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, on Monday November 6, so that a range of funders can share what they have to offer your business and how to apply.

A 'marketplace' of trade stands over the lunchtime period gives you an informal opportunity to find out more from funders and support providers and to network with other businesses.

In the first seminar, Kate Fraser and Colin Fulcher, from Argyll and Bute Council, will be outlining the funding available through the council and how to apply. This includes the Business Gateway Local Accelerator Growth Programme, which can offer growth grants of up to £5,000, employer grants of up to £12,000 and key sector trade fair, training and accreditation grants of up to £1,500; the Rural Resettlement Fund, which can offer grants of up to £10,000 for relocating businesses and up to £5,000 for relocating individuals and those in self-employment; Business Loans Scotland, which can offer loans of up to £100,000 and the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme, which can offer grants of £5,000 upwards for small business and farm diversification projects.

In seminar two, DSL Business Finance, a not-for-profit lender specialising in finance for small businesses, will highlight its range of loan funds. With access to Scottish Microfinance Loans, its own loan fund and a social enterprise loan fund, DSL can suggest the best option to suit a business whilst also providing support throughout the duration of the loan. Many, but not all, DSL clients are unable to source funding from the mainstream lenders and DSL regularly receives introductions from banks either when they are unable to assist a client or when there is a funding gap.

Scottish EDGE is a business competition aimed at identifying and supporting Scotland's up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth entrepreneurial talent. More than £9million has been awarded to 263 businesses since Scottish EDGE launched. In seminar three, Scottish EDGE's chief executive officer, Evelyn McDonald, will explain the different competitions on offer, the application process, how to complete a good application and construct a video pitch. Evelyn will be joined by Argyll entrepreneur Alasdair

Alasdair Ireland, 20, from Dunoon, is the developer of the Hoolr app, formerly Your Booklist. He secured a range of funding, including support from Scottish Edge.



The app allows students to buy and sell text books to their peers at the same university. Savings are, on average, around 60 per cent and thousands of pounds worth of books have been listed on the app. Now operating in nine universities, Alasdair has been promoting the app at business events in Poland, London and Silicon Valley in a bid to help growth outside the UK.

Ireland, who was successful in pitching for Scottish EDGE funds in 2016 for his innovative app 'Hoolr'.

Zero Waste Scotland is investing £18million as grant funding to small and medium sized enterprises which are helping to create a circular economy through minimising waste. In seminar four, Ryan Felber, from Zero Waste Scotland, will outline the funding sources available to businesses to implement resource efficiency projects. Ryan will also explain how businesses can benefit from the Resource Efficient Scotland programme through understanding energy, water and waste costs and identifying saving opportunities.

Crowdfunding and peer-to-peer lending are ways of getting funding for an idea or business from groups of people. People can invest money in exchange for incentives, rewards, or even shares. Seminar five will include an overview of the different types of crowdfunding and websites. Niall Macalister Hall, of Beinn An Tuirc Distillery, will then outline how he ran his own crowdfunding campaign to raise investment for the launch of Kintyre Gin.

In the final seminar, Lynne Lambie, an employer adviser with Skills Development Scotland (SDS), will cover the range of skills-related support available. SDS can help with identifying the skills needed in a business, creating a development plan and finding the right type of training, including support and funding available for the apprenticeship family.

Places can be booked for some or all of the sessions at <https://aew2017-funding.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Tourism is estimated to be worth more than £300m to the Argyll economy.

Tourism is the business

Tourism in Argyll has been growing year on year and is estimated to be worth more than £300million to the local economy, employing more than 6,000 staff.

In the coming years, the tourism industry will be presented with new opportunities and challenges that will need to be addressed to ensure its continued success.

Argyll Enterprise Week's Tourism Day aims to provide businesses within the sector with practical advice on dealing with these emerging trends.

The event, to be held at the Gathering Halls, Oban, on November 7, is packed with talks, workshops and a marketplace to inspire, inform and connect the industry. The programme allows delegates to dip into topics of most interest, network with businesses

from across the region, and identify practical actions to help drive forward each individual business's ambitions.

The opening keynote 'Why tourism is the most important industry in the world' will be delivered by Gordon Campbell Gray, of Campbell Gray Hotels, which develops and operates luxury hotels around the world and is working to make the Machrie Hotel on Islay an outstanding luxury venue.

This tourism event is being organised in conjunction with Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) and includes a marketplace allowing participants to meet with organisations which can provide help and support. The day focuses on the five key topics identified by the Scottish Tourism Alliance: your customers, your digital, your

costs, your people and your voice.

The final session is on the Wild About Argyll marketing campaign and how to get involved. Going forward, there will be a focus on developing adventure tourism, food and drink tourism, and events and festivals.

Calum Ross, Chair of AITC, says: 'We have an exciting programme of activity throughout the day. We have drawn in a number of experts able to offer very practical

and tailored advice. We will be using this opportunity to highlight our future work programme and the key opportunities for individual businesses to get involved. Our team will be there to talk through individual thoughts and ideas and ensure everyone has key points of contact as we move forward with our ambitious three-year programme.'

Book a place at <https://aew2017-tourism-buildingonsuccess.eventbrite.co.uk>.



AITC chairman Calum Ross, right, and vice-chairman Iain Jurgensen.

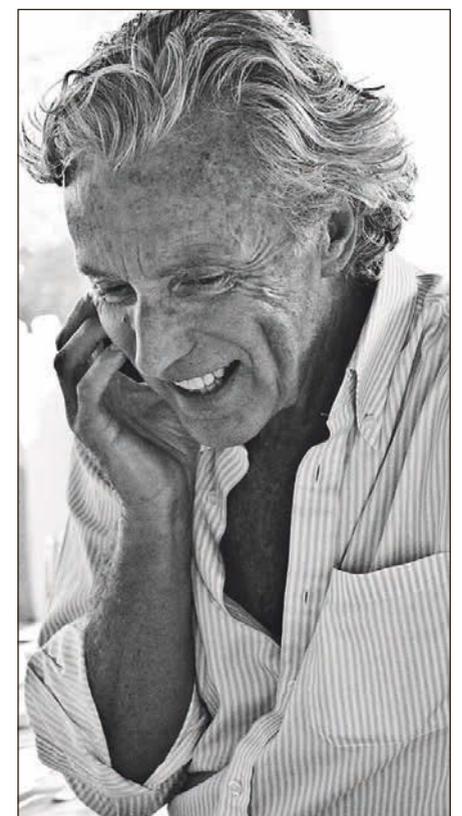
Gordon Campbell Gray is the founder and creative force behind hotels such as Le Gray in Beirut, One Aldwych in London, and Carlisle Bay in Antigua.

A trained hotelier, Gordon gained his experience in large hotel companies but always harboured a desire to focus on the smaller, individual hotel sector.

He was named Hotelier of the Year at the 2002 Catey Awards and receive the first leading Legend award from Leading Hotels of the World in 2010. In 2011, the Hotel Cateys again recognised him with an award for his Outstanding Contribution to the Hotel Industry.

Gordon is also a vice-president of Save the Children having spent his 20s running projects for the charity in Bangladesh, Morocco and Nicaragua.

His credentials as an environmentalist leads him to encourage other hoteliers to do more to take care of the planet.



Gordon Campbell Gray.

Water great opportunity

Discover how to grow your marine tourism business

With such an exceptional coastline and pristine waters, marine tourism is one of the growth areas for attracting visitors to Argyll and Bute.

Businesses are now looking at ways of growing what they offer and Oban's new North Pier pontoons may present new opportunities.

A showcase for how the pontoons could help you grow your business comes to the Argyllshire Gathering Hall in the town as part of Argyll Enterprise Week on November 7.

The informal marketplace event has been designed to appeal to pontoon users, suppliers, agents, service companies, vendors, local restaurants and businesses, bringing everyone together to share contacts and source relevant information.

There will be tours of the new pontoons and a chance to ask questions and discuss opportunities. Many local operators and facilities have asked how they can extend their season or customer base using the new facilities and this day will enable people to discuss how working together can make that happen.

The North Pier pontoons opened for business ahead of schedule at the end of July 2017, with the official opening taking place on August 31. This high-quality, new transit berth has been designed to complement existing west coast marine facilities and it is estimated the increase in visitor numbers will generate around £20million to the area over the next 25 years.

The facility comprises 15 finger-berth pontoons, two hammerheads, and 12 fully-serviced floating concrete breakwaters - all built to the highest standards. The associated maritime visitor facility on the North Pier is due to be completed in November, providing a harbourmaster's office, toilets, showers, lockers and a

changing area, as well as commercial space for rent.

By creating better facilities the pre-

diction is that this will bring even more cruise ships and leisure vessels to Oban thanks to easier access to the town. The

facility will also cater for other marine traffic such as kayakers, yachters, tour operators and sea-life enthusiasts.



It is hoped the new pontoon facilities in Oban will attract more visitors to the town.

Day with the angels

Investing Women is an organisation passionate about entrepreneurs. Most of its business angels have been, and still are, entrepreneurs who understand the journey, the challenges and the excitement.

A 'Day with the Angels' joins Argyll Enterprise week as part of its Highlands road show, on November 7 in Oban. It is a chance to spend the day with two experienced female business angels from Scotland's only all-female angel group, Investing Women, as part of its CanDo initiative.

Investing Women's angels are keen to help as many entrepreneurs as possible to think about how they can develop and grow their business and explore the options for growing the business even if it is still at the ideas stage.

Delegates can expect to cover topics such as how to structure a business for scalable growth; how to structure an effective pitch; ways to build a team in the early days when money is very limited and looking at market opportunities. If relevant, the session can also cover how angel investment works and what

would make your company attractive to investors.

This is a very informal and relaxed session which will be designed around the needs of those taking part in the day.



For more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-with-the-angels-oban-argyll-enterprise-week-tickets-38619732660>.

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FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS
 9.30am-4.30pm
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 Kilmory Castle,
 Lochgilphead

DIGIByte SESSION
Creating Videos for YouTube
 1.00-4.00pm
 Templeton Building,
 Helensburgh

Tue

TOURISM BUILDING ON SUCCESS
 9.00am-5.00pm
 Argyllshire Gathering
 Halls, Oban

NORTH PIER PONTOON INDUSTRY DAY
 Oban

DIGIByte SESSION
Digital PR
 10.00am-1.00pm
 Fairmile, Sandbank,
 Dunoon

A DAY WITH THE ANGELS
 10.00am-4.00pm
 Corran Halls,
 Oban

Wed

CHINA BRITISH BUSINESS COUNCIL
 9.30am-5.00pm
 Corran Halls, Oban

RAISING THE BAR
Food and Drink in Argyll
 10.00am-5.00pm
 Loch Fyne Hotel,
 Inveraray

Thu

CHINA BRITISH BUSINESS COUNCIL
 9.30am-5.00pm
 Town Hall,
 Campbeltown

XpoNORTH ON THE ROAD
 10.00am-6.00pm
 Burgh Hall,
 Dunoon

DIGIByte SESSION
Social Media Marketing for Small Businesses
 12.30-3.30pm
 Enterprise Centre,
 Kilmory, Lochgilphead

Fri

3 STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL SELLING OVERSEAS
 9.00am-1.00pm
 Corran Halls,
 Oban

LEADING COMMUNITIES TO SUCCESS
 10.30am-3.00pm
 Three Villages Hall,
 Arrochar

DIGIByte SESSION
Creating Visual Content for Social Media
 10.00am-1.00pm
 Corran Halls,
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Virtual Reality
 2.00-4.30pm
 Fairmile, Sandbank,
 Dunoon

DIGIChat Q&A
 5.30-7.30pm
 Fairmile, Sandbank,
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DIGIByte SESSION
Facebook Advertising Made Easy
 1.00-4.00pm
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"I learned about opportunities that I will try and take advantage of in the next 1 to 2 years"
"Argyll Enterprise Week gave me a fantastic opportunity to network and learn more about what is going on in the area"
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"I FOUND THE EVENTS I ATTENDED HIGH QUALITY AND VERY USEFUL"
"It was great. Please do it again!"
"I'm going to approach my business from a different viewpoint, review my digital presence and keep up the networking with contacts made"
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"The crowdfunding session was great - the info was very practical"
"I learnt about new funding streams from Business Gateway"
"DSL Business Finance was very interesting"
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Tim Wright is director and co-founder of twintangibles a Scottish-based management consultancy that helps organisations create value through accessing the crowd economy. A leading thinker and practitioner on crowdfunding Tim provides expert insight to the OECD, European Commission and the Scottish Government and is author of The Scottish Crowdfunding Report.

Creative industries is one of the fastest-growing sectors in Argyll and Bute. All year round, the XpoNorth network supports people across the Highlands and Islands to achieve their goals in the fields of screen, broadcast, gaming, writing, publishing, design, craft, fashion, textiles and music.

XpoNorth, Scotland's leading Creative Industries festival and network, is bringing a packed day of panels, presentations and chat looking at how to make a success of your creative career to Dunoon, on November 9, as part of Argyll Enterprise Week.

This one-day version of XpoNorth offers the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and to put your own questions forward.

All free, the sessions are open to any level of experience. While 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 – crowdfunding, looking at the challenges and opportuni-



ties of a rural base, licensing content amongst others. All sessions can be booked individually, or enthusiasts can book for the day.

In the first session, Meet the Creative Organisations, hear from representatives from a broad cross-reach of regional and national organisations on how delegates can access the support to bring creative ideas to life, secure funding to develop the business and gain a valuable insight into current programmes which offer support to develop projects

Food for thought...

Argyll and Bute's food and drink industry is worth more than £330million and is very much a key industry for the region. Argyll Enterprise Week food and drink day presents an opportunity to reflect and discuss areas for growth.

Argyll and Bute's food and drinks industry will be showcased at an event in the Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray, on November 8, and the day draws its inspiration from the progress businesses have made in raising the profile of high quality local produce, and will discuss future opportunities for growth.

Leading the discussions will

be producers' co-operative Food from Argyll. Producers will talk about new ideas and initiatives for distribution and logistics, which play such a vital role in supporting those working in a dispersed region.

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Led by Scotland Food and Drink, the session will focus on how to benefit from tourists who see high-quality food and

drink as a rich cultural experience and the main reason to travel.

This means going a step further than just ensuring that top-quality local produce is widely available in hotels, pubs and restaurants. It involves embedding our produce at the heart of as many activities and experiences as possible.

Kerry Allison, of SAC Consulting, will lead a session on digital marketing and branding for food and drink producers.

She will focus on which digital platforms work best for the industry, how to create memorable and engaging content, and how to measure

Leads south

businesses in the creative industries



Last year's creative workshops and sessions were well attended.

at TV talent development to find out more about schemes that could fast forward a career in TV.

Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular source of funding for many individuals and organisations and it is a process which can deliver much more than money. But, this approach is neither simple nor easy to master. More people recognise 'crowd assets' as rich sources of innovation and value and so we need to look at new ways of working and learn new skills in order to thrive in the crowd economy. Drawing on practical examples and the theories of the crowd economy, Tim Wright offers an accessible and easy to understand unpacking of the value available and the skills needed to succeed.

The day will be wrapped up with a look at the work of XpoNorth in general and why it is relevant to those working in the creative industries.

More information, and booking details, can be found at <https://aew2017-xponorthontheroad.eventbrite.co.uk>

and innovate the business model.

This will be followed by Spotlight on Remote Participation in the Creative Industries. Learn how live streaming and increasingly immersive technologies can help you connect with audiences and collaborators wherever they are. Dougal Perman, from Inner Ear, will lead an interactive seminar for individuals and organisations who want to learn about the impact these technologies can have on their businesses

and projects. The afternoon sessions will kick off with an interactive look at artists and business development in today's music industry and will bring together a range of perspectives from across the music industry to discuss the current industry landscape and offer practical advice on how to develop your music business.

This session will be of particular interest to both artists and music businesses at all stages of their development. This will be followed by a look



success. There will be a lunchtime marketplace where delegates can meet new members and partners, including Skills Development Scotland, Developing Young Workforce, Zero Waste Scotland, World Host, Co Innovate and University of Highland and Islands.

The workshop will close with a talk by Duncan Smallman,

of Slate Islands Seaweed. This business combines introducing people to the wonders of the edible seashore with teaching them what seaweed is and how to collect the plants.

Duncan will demonstrate some cooking, giving a taste of what is possible with different species.

Along with the seashore

foraging, Slate Islands Seaweed is developing and providing sustainable wild harvested edible seaweed to restaurants, and is looking to expand its 'to order' service.

Duncan says: 'I have provided seashore foraging weekends down on Islay and co-hosted Scottish Wild food weekends on Easdale. As my background is working with different species of seaweed I can offer some consultancy work as well. The aim is to properly move away from just saying something contains seaweed to emphasising the flavours different species can bring to food. It's all about reconnecting people to a food past, almost but not quite forgotten.'

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This course provides practical information and advice which will help employers and employees ensure that food handling activities are carried out in a safe manner.

The course is available on the following dates:

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- 29th January
- 26th February
- 23rd April
- 21st May

Cost: £87

Location: Argyll College, Glenshellach Business Park, Oban PA34 4RY

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Digital know-how

The world is quickly becoming digital and businesses are starting to recognise the importance of going digital.

Digital marketing is the future of marketing, being more practical and versatile than the traditional methods of marketing.

Throughout Argyll Enterprise Week, and across the region, we have secured experts in digital marketing who will be offering targeted tutorials, on a variety of topics, as well as taking part in question-and-answer sessions aimed at helping you get your business online.

So to make the most of digital and social media to reach current and new customers, look out for the events coming to Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Dunoon, Helensburgh and Oban, and book a place.

Every business has probably done some sort of digital marketing, whether it has been search engine optimisation, pay-per-click advertising, email marketing or social media campaigns.

Social media, as part of digital marketing is underestimated. Facebook likes or Twitter retweets can help a business grow by building trust and credibility, while bringing free traffic to its website.

Social media provides a way for people to connect with virtually anyone else in the world. In theory this means anyone could contact a business to ask pre-sales questions or discuss problems.

Topics covered in the tutorials will include creating videos for YouTube, digital PR, social media marketing for small businesses and creating videos on mobiles. There will also be evening question-and-answer sessions on the best way of getting your business online.

The tutors for the sessions have been picked for their expertise across a wide range of disciplines and their knowledge of the benefits digital marketing can bring to small businesses.



Gary Ennis, is the founder and managing director of NSDesign, an award-winning digital agency in Glasgow, providing digital services and consultancy to more than 10,000 businesses worldwide for more than 16 years. Gary will be in Helensburgh on November 6 delivering a session on creating videos for YouTube and fronting a Q&A on how to get your business online.

Colin Kelly is best known for his work as a journalist presenting programmes at BBC Radio Scotland, STV, Real Radio and Radio Clyde, and, for the last few years, has been running his own media relations consultancy in addition to his work with NSDesign. Colin will be in Dunoon on November 7 to lead a digital PR session before taking a Q&A on getting your business online.

Rene Looper has been delivering e-marketing and social media workshops across Scotland for the last nine years. Having had hands-on experience running a busy 24/7 hotel business, Rene has a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of a small business and his ability to relate to these shines through the many workshops he delivers.

Rene's first expert session in Campbeltown, on November 8, is on Facebook advertising, followed by social media marketing for small businesses, in Lochgilphead, on November 9, and creating video on mobiles, in Oban on November 10. He will also be hosting evening Q&A sessions about getting your business online in Campbeltown and Oban.

For full details on the times and venues for the sessions, and to book your place, go to <https://aew2017-digital.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Communities doing it for themselves

There are 66 community-owned assets in Argyll and Bute which have benefited from more than £6million of public sector investment.

How other communities can become more resilient by creating income streams and making the most of locally-owned assets is the theme of one of the free events at Argyll Enterprise Week.

The day aims to help individuals and groups make real and sustainable improvements

within their communities.

Community asset purchase is the start of a long journey, often to reverse many years of decline. When communities purchase the land on which their people live and work, it provides the potential to reinvigorate areas, develop economic opportunities and improve the prospects of future generations.

Ian Hepburn, chairman of Community Land Scotland, which represents Scotland's

new generation of community land owners, will lead sessions in Arrochar's Three Villages Hall, on November 10, aimed at communities interested in buying assets and developing projects.

Argyll and Bute Council's asset transfer team will also be on hand to highlight the support it can provide to communities.

The day will include case studies, as well as networking opportunities and workshops.

Look to the future

Record numbers of Scottish businesses are now trading internationally and with the wide-range of quality products and services provided from Argyll and Bute, more of our businesses should be looking overseas for expansion.

Argyll and Bute businesses will be encouraged to spread their wings and consider doing business overseas at free seminars in Oban and Campbeltown during Argyll Enterprise Week.

The seminars are being delivered by the Inverness Chamber of Commerce and the China British Business Council. They are suitable for people looking to trade out or attract international visitors or investment.

For businesses who have never traded overseas, it might seem like a daunting prospect, but the events on offer aim to give businesses the confidence and knowledge to realise these exciting opportunities. For organisations which have been exporting for some, time we aim to give you the skills to accelerate and expand international trade.

Sessions provide access to free practical advice and support through every step – from researching potential export markets, finding the best routes to market and overcoming challenges to accessing finance and setting up overseas.

The Chamber of Commerce seminars held at the Corran Halls, Oban, on 10 November, will be of specific interest to those who have not considered doing business overseas to date, or have limited experience of trading internation-



ally. Those attending will be provided with guidance on why and how to trade internationally, including market access information and case studies, as well as sources of support and expertise. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how to successfully sell products or services overseas.

Delegates will also receive their own bespoke international tool kit, to support and guide them through their export journey.

Also, as part of Argyll Enterprise Week, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara will host events aimed at promoting economic growth, increasing export opportunities and encouraging inward investment in the area.

With the assistance of the China British Business Council, The Bank of China, Scottish Development International, HIE and Business Gateway, our local MP will be holding two day-long seminars, in Campbeltown, on November 8, and Oban on November 9. The events will explain the opportunities available in China, while advising on how to navigate the cultural and bureaucratic complexities of exporting there.

The seminars, which will include lectures, workshops and opportunities for one-to-one advice will also look at finance, logistics, networking, legal and marketing issues in doing business in China.

The opportunities that exist in the vast high-growth, high-value markets in Asia make these events a must for those considering branching out into the lucrative Chinese market.

Precision and speed spell success

Who would suspect that that a small, Argyll town would have a close connection with the blockbusting juggernaut that is Harry Potter?

The fact is, Precision Photo-fabrication Developments Ltd (PPD Ltd), a family-run business based in Lochgilphead, made the stunning and delicate wings for the Snitch, amongst other props, in the movie franchise.

Formed more than 30 years

ago by Jean and Ian McCartan, PPD Ltd is now owned and managed by their sons, John and Stuart. The business has grown through attention to detail, competitive costs, and by treating every customer with the same care and respect.

The business exports throughout the world and supplies many high profile companies and also the individual hobby-

ist. It provides quality etched parts for model railways, architectural models, sculptures, jewellery, engineering prototypes, veneered products and, of course, those amazing TV and film props. These props are supplied both within the UK and overseas and, given the fast-paced nature of the industry, frequently have to be delivered within one to two days of the order.

MACC vision sees ambition realised

It's now five very successful years since Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) purchased the former RAF Machrihanish on the Kintyre peninsula for £1 from the MoD.

MACC operates with a vision to build a prosperous and sustainable future for the local community by unlocking the potential of its properties and assets, and acting as a platform for economic growth in Kintyre.

Unique, in that it is often described as a business park with its own airport, MACC's large portfolio of buildings accommodates a range of about 80 tenants, employing more than 200 people full-time on the site.

These tenants range from small construction firms to large manufacturers and include a commercial shooting range and the UK's leading



manufacturer of wind towers.

MACC is in the spotlight as a potential location for a UK spaceport.

The 1,025-acre site also serves as a superb location for TV, film or events, has a large function suite and hosts an annual car rally. With such vast potential yet to unlock at the site, there is much to look forward to in the next five years.

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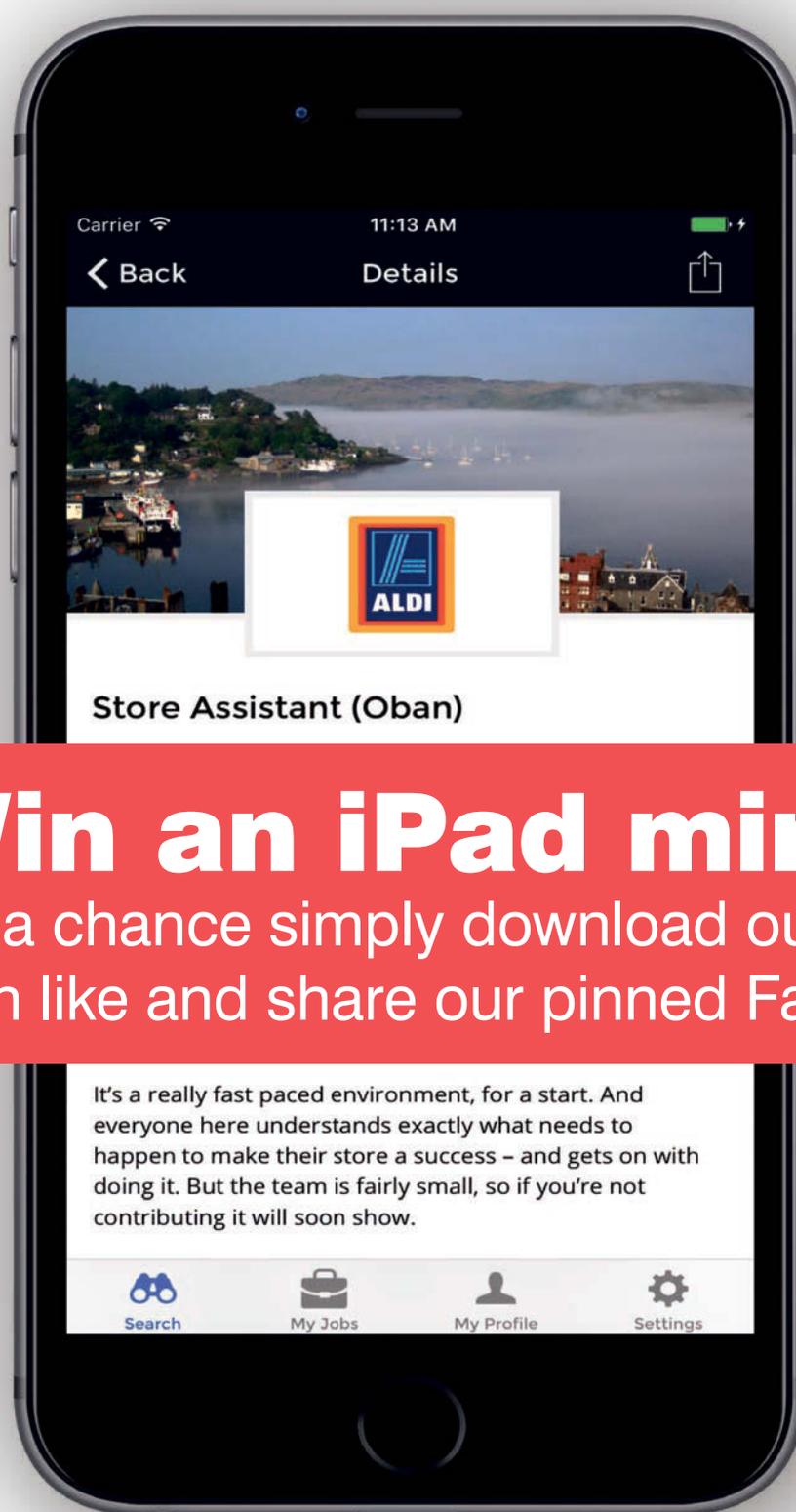
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Last year's bonfire and fireworks display in Lochgilhead.

Remember, remember the 4th of November

A BONFIRE night and fireworks display will be held by Mid Argyll Round Table on Saturday November 4. Kicking off on Lochgilhead's front green at 6pm, the event also includes fairground attractions, live music and hot food.

The bonfire will be lit at 7.15pm, with fireworks following. The bonfire and fireworks are entirely funded by local businesses and public donations on the night. For more information, visit the Mid Argyll Round Table Facebook page.

Make a lantern to light up Lochgilhead

GET INTO the spirit of bonfire night by going along to a lantern workshop this weekend, Saturday October 28 and Sunday October 29. The Icons of Architecture workshop at Lochgilhead Joint Campus from 10am to 4pm each day will encourage guests to create lanterns based on their favourite building from around the world. The lanterns will be on display on

Lochgilhead front green during the bonfire and fireworks display on Saturday November 4. The public workshops are open to everyone, with a small donation required for each lantern made. Workshop funding for has been received from the A'Chruach wind farm through Foundation Scotland. For more information email artmapargyll@gmail.com.

Argyll Talking Newspapers raises £700 for vital service

AN AFTERNOON tea organised by Argyll Talking Newspapers has raised £700 for the charity.

The event at Lochgilhead Parish Church was a hit with everyone who attended, with checked table clothes, tiered cake stands, an array of sandwiches and table service for endless cups of hot drinks.

Three pipers from Mid Argyll Pipe Band gave up their Saturday afternoon to play a few tunes at the event, much to the delight of those who attended.

Prizes were also up for grabs in a guess-the-weight-of-the-



A few of the volunteers from Argyll Talking Newspapers at the afternoon tea.

cake competition and guests could browse a number of stalls including one selling home-baked goodies. Organisers thank all

the volunteers who made the afternoon tea a success.

Robin Finlay, chairman of Argyll Talking Newspapers, said: 'On behalf of all the volunteers of Argyll Talking Newspapers, I would like to say a big thank

you to all those who gave donations and to everyone who came along to help make the day such a success.'

Argyll Talking Newspapers is a registered charity which records local newspapers so the visually impaired can keep up with news.

The organisation has 16 volunteers who are dedicated to recording the news weekly. Each week the charity sends out more than 150 memory sticks free of charge to visually impaired residents in Argyll and much further afield.

If you know of someone who may benefit from the service, contact Argyll Talking Newspapers on 01880 821166.



Camron MacPhail, Donal Bremner and Ruaraidh Logan from Mid Argyll Pipe Band delighted guests with some tunes.

Learn Gaelic over a cuppa

TARBERT community group Fèis an Tairbeirt is hosting a Gaelic and craic coffee afternoon tomorrow (Saturday October 28).

The afternoon is aimed at complete beginners in the Gaelic language, aged 16 and above. The event, from 1.30pm to 3pm at Tarbert library, costs £3. For more information, go to www.feisantairbeirt.com.

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Dougie's musical experiment pays off at Loch Fyne

Colin Cameron
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MUSIC and food blended beautifully at Loch Fyne Oysters in an evening to remember.

Acclaimed Scottish singer/songwriter Dougie Maclean gave an intimate solo concert in what organisers described as the 'perfect combination' – Loch Fyne oysters on arrival, live music by an extraordinary performer and a seafood

buffet during the interval. The talented Dougie Maclean OBE has built an international reputation as songwriter, composer and performer.

His songs have been covered by a host of top artists and his music has been used in Hollywood films including *Last of the Mohicans* and in various television productions.

He has graced the stage at Carnegie Hall, New York, London's Festival Theatre

and the Sydney Opera House. So a converted byre at the head of Loch Fyne was a bit of a first for this performer, with five decades of experience. Converted to a top-class restaurant, but a former cowshed nonetheless.

'It was great; a bit of an experiment, but I enjoyed it,' he confessed after the concert. He added: 'The sound was surprisingly good in that space.'

An audience of around

150 people packed the restaurant's dining area on Saturday October 21 to take advantage of the rare appearance of a world-class musician in combination with sublime food.

Perched on a small stage, Maclean was quickly at ease, launching into self-penned songs full of humanity and intimacy.

He plays the guitar with crystal clarity and exquisite precision – a perfect complement to his soft, expressive vocal tones.

Shining through his work is an obvious love for his home country and people. And this means his Perthshire backyard growing up, but also refers to a passion revealed in song for Scotland's West Coast islands and for old Caledonia herself.

And on that subject – there's no avoiding it – Maclean is, without a doubt, best known for his 1977 song *Caledonia*, often described as Scotland's unofficial national anthem. That particular gem he saved for the second half, but there was



Dougie MacLean with Loch Fyne Oysters' deputy managing director Martyn Paterson, who set up the event.

variety throughout. With the skill of an old pro, he got the audience involved, cajoling choruses and hand-clapping enthusiasm from the assembled rows.

Regaling them with tales of his life and travels, the evening was punctuated with laughter, a nice counterpoint to the rain battering off the slate roof.

And although he is well-known as a multi-instrumentalist, the appearance of a telescopic didgeridoo on stage raised a few eyebrows. Unsurprisingly, he proved a master of the instrument, circular breathing and all, as he sang *Singing Land* in tribute to the aboriginal people of Australia.

Now for the food.

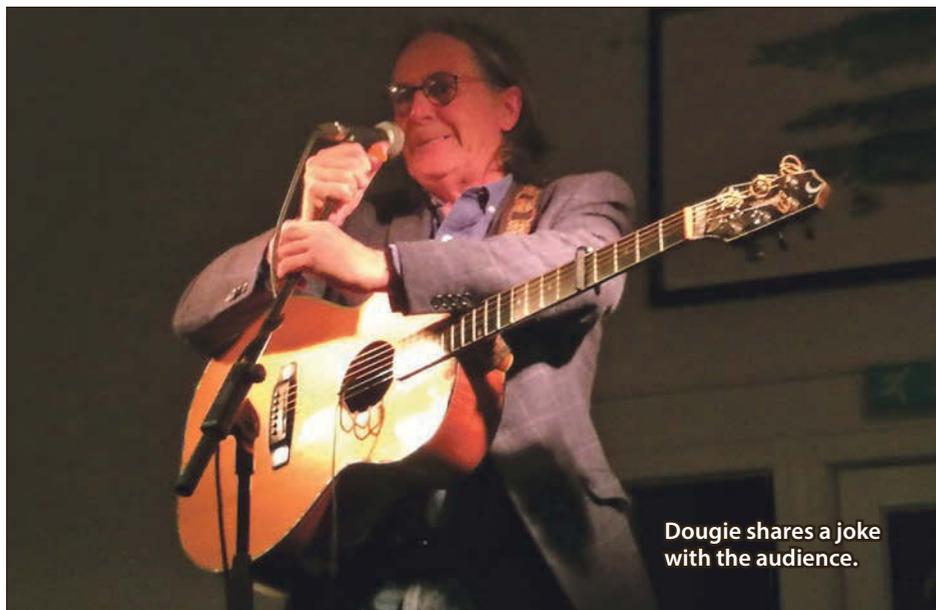
The seafood buffet served during the interval

was, quite simply, fantastic. Beautifully-prepared nibbles of seafood curry, mini fish cakes, prawn tails and many more delicious bites tantalised the taste buds.

The experiment by Dougie Maclean and Loch Fyne Oysters was not an unqualified success, it must be said. The seating had legroom on the tight side for some, while people in the back rows found themselves surprisingly far away from the stage, even for such an intimate space.

But a success it was, without question. The sound quality was great, Dougie Maclean is a master and the food (did I mention the food?) was stunningly good.

A highly enjoyable evening and the combination was perfect.



Dougie shares a joke with the audience.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/02658/LIB	Installation of 6 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	Flat 2 Factory Land Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/02603/PP	Installation of additional 30,000 litre septic tank and connection to existing drainage	Land Approx 70 Metres Northwest Of Corrie Towers Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
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Creag Dhubh Renewables LLP, the prospective applicant, hereby gives notice of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) event to be undertaken in advance of the submission of a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council for a prospective wind farm development at Creag Dhubh, near Strachur.

Further information in respect of the prospective development and event may be obtained by contacting Creag Dhubh Renewables LLP using the website (www.creagdhubhwindfarm.co.uk) or by telephone (01888569312). A public event which will include information on the prospective development and an opportunity for discussion with the prospective applicant is to be held at Strachur Memorial Hall on 9th November 2017 between the hours of 14:30 and 19:00.

Any persons wishing to submit comments should submit these to the prospective applicant at the public event, or by using the online contact form on the website (above) by the 30th November 2017.

Persons submitting comments in response to Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) are advised that comments submitted to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the planning authority; in the event that the prospective applicant submits a formal application for planning permission then there would be an opportunity to submit representations to Argyll and Bute Council as the planning authority at that time.

DOCHAS CENTRE AGM

14th November 2017
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Thursday 16th November 7pm
 MS Centre Lochgilphead
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TARBERT (LOCH FYNE) HARBOUR AUTHORITY ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Annual Public Meeting of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority will be held in the Templars Art & Leisure Centre on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7.00 pm.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Any stakeholder who wishes an item to be included in the agenda should deliver this in writing to the Harbour Office not later than fourteen days prior to the public meeting.

Copies of the Annual Accounts are available from the Harbour Office, Garval Road, Tarbert PA29 6TR.

D. Cunningham, Chairman

- Agenda: 1. Present 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of previous meeting 4. Annual Accounts
 5. Chairman's Report 6. Harbour Development
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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (ARDRISHAIG) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2017

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Brae Road, Ardrishaig generally northeastwards in Tarbert Road and northwards in Chalmers Street to its junction with East Bank Road, Ardrishaig, a distance of 380 metres or thereby. The Order, which is required to facilitate the Ardrishaig Remembrance Service 2017 and to enable members of the public to participate in this event, will be in operation from 12th November 2017 until 13th November 2017 and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

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A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

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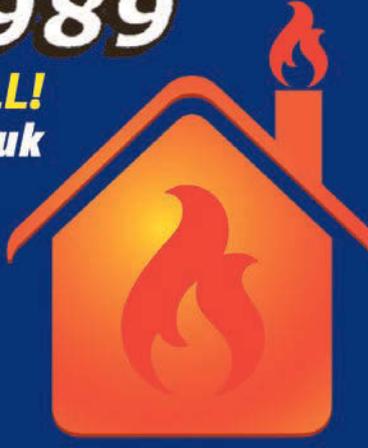
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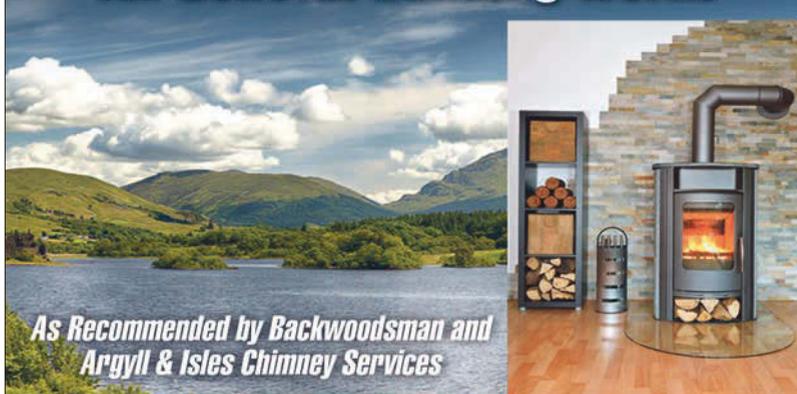


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DUNOON

Top girl guiding honour for Elaine

A DUNOON woman has received Girlguiding's top honour for outstanding service.

Elaine Kelly received the Laurel award in recognition of her achievement, and was presented with a specially designed brooch by Girlguiding Scotland's lead volunteer Moira McKenna.

Elaine first started volunteering with Girlguiding Scotland when her daughter's Brownie group needed a few extra helpers.

She has now been volunteering for the organisation for more than three decades.

Currently the leader of 1st Dunoon Brownies, Elaine has helped hundreds of girls learn new skills and achieve badges, including everything from science to sport.

In addition to leading Brownies, she is also the county commissioner for guiding in Argyll. Last month she completed a five-year term as deputy chief



Elaine receives her Laurel award from Scotland's lead volunteer Moira McKenna.

commissioner of Girlguiding Scotland, one of the charity's most

senior volunteering positions. Elaine said: 'I was

delighted – and more than a little bit shocked – to receive my Laurel award for doing something I love. Throughout my time as a volunteer with Girlguiding Scotland I've enjoyed some amazing experiences.

'It's been so rewarding to watch girls grow in confidence and discover their talents in my role as a Brownie leader but I've also really enjoyed getting to know other volunteers – in my community and across Scotland – and supporting them to take on challenges and offer even more fun and adventure to girls.'

Dunoon to host industry festival

SCOTLAND'S leading creative industry festival is coming to Dunoon next month.

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For more information and for a full list of what's on offer, visit www.xponorth.co.uk.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Tatties galore!

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church will be celebrating all things tattie with a special lunch tomorrow (Saturday October 28).

'Tatties Galore' will take place in the church hall from 11.30am-2pm with all lunches potato-based.

Attendees can choose from a range of dishes including baked potatoes, stovies and gnocchi.

The lunch will then be followed by tea and

coffee and some home baking. There will also be a sales table and some prizes up for grabs in a raffle.

For more information, visit Lochgilphead Parish Church Facebook page.

KILMARTIN

Darts, pool and much more event

MID ARGYLL Pipe Band will be hosting a 'darts, pool and much more' event in Kilmartin on Saturday Oc-

tober 28. Beginning at 4pm, there will be tournaments across the evening.

A bus to Kilmartin will leave Ardrishaig at 3.30pm, stopping at Lochgilphead and Kilmichael en route.

For more information visit the Mid Argyll Pipe Band Facebook page.

TARBERT

Lino-cutting workshop

TARBERT will play host to an event where visitors can explore the

process of lino-cutting to produce prints on fabric and paper.

The workshop will take place at the Isthmus in Tarbert and will be headed by local artist Lizzie Laessing and Devonshire printer Kim Jenkins.

The printing is inspired by natural forms and patterns, and those in attendance will be hand-burnishing the prints.

For more information on tickets and the workshop, email info@theisthmus.co.uk.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IN *Caged Bird*, poet Maya Angelou describes a bird with clipped wings.

Its feet have been tied, and it has been placed in a cage that prevents it from flying away.

Despite its fear, the caged bird continues to sing of freedom. Angelou describes the joy that a free bird takes in soaring through the sky.

While this book is about the pain of racial discrimination and the disabling impact it has on people, the title made me think recently of the most horrendous situation in Java.

I was horrified to learn that some of the most beautiful birds on our planet are being 'sold for a song' in Indonesia.

They are being trapped and crammed into cages to be sold as musical entertainment.

There are more than 140 threatened species, and the sad irony of their slide towards oblivion is that they are trapped in the wild to supply markets because there is a national obsession with pet songbirds.

Owning a caged bird can be a high-value ticket to prizes worth tens of thousands of US dollars, which is the top prize for national bird-singing competitions.

So as forests rapidly fall silent, almost any species can be found crammed into bird markets in the bustling capital Jakarta, and across the country.

Evidently up to 20,000 birds are for sale in a single day in three of Jakarta's bird markets.

Jesus said of the humble sparrow, that God knows and grieves when one falls. What on earth must God make of this obscenity and abuse of his creation?

Surely this must be stopped and the songs of freedom echo again from the forests as God meant them to be, and not from the cruelty of cages.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

ENGAGEMENTS

CURRIE - BARR - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stuart Colin, only son of Robert and Ruby, Low Dunashery, to Hazel Ellen, younger daughter of Robin and Iona, Calderglen.

MARRIAGES



MATHIESON - STACEY

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Keith and Emma, at Portavadie Marina, on Friday, September 29, 2017. A perfect day.

DEATHS

COUTTS - Peacefully, at home in Houston, Texas, USA, on October 17, 2017, Muriel Coutts Hansen, in her 62nd year, youngest daughter of Rosina Campbell McKinven and George William Coutts. She is deeply mourned by her husband Tom Hansen, daughters Laura, Donna and Paige, grandson Cameron, and siblings Eunice, Rosemary, Deborah and Michael.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, on October 18, 2017, Duncan Anderson Crawford, aged 66 years, of 3 An Doirlinn, Ardfarn, beloved son of the late Donald and Flora Crawford, dear brother of Donald and Neil, and uncle of Donna and Ryan. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Craignish Parish Church, on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, followed by interment at Kilvaree Cemetery. Sadly missed.

DIXON - Suddenly, at Dalmally Auction Mart, on October 13, 2017, Alexander Bruce Dixon, aged 51 years, of Killinochonoch Farm, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilhead, beloved son of Wilma and the late David Dixon (Kilbride Farm), much loved father of Alastair, Karen and Odhran, cherished partner of Mairi, dear brother of Sheila and Robert and a much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin

to all the family. A good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, today Friday, October 27, 2017, at 12.00 noon, thereafter, interment will take place at the former Shinty Field, Kilmartin, adjacent to existing cemetery. Family flowers only please. There will be a retiral collection at funeral service.

MINSHAW - Peacefully, after a long illness, on October 18, 2017, Alan L Minshaw, in his 71st year, Ardgowan, High Askomil, Campbeltown, beloved husband of Peggy Minshaw, a much loved father of Andrew, Gillian and Lorna and a loving grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 1.00pm. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 2.15pm. All friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Argyll Scouts.

MOUAT - In the care of her Ardfenaig family, on October 17, 2017, Euphemia (Amy) Graham Mouat, née Munro, aged 91 years, formerly of Lochgilhead and Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Willie Mouat (postmaster, Campbeltown), much loved mum of Jan, and adored grandma of Lynn, Ailie, Kerri and Kathryn. A dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Monday, October 23, 2017, followed by interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACARTHUR - Hugh and Georgina would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Jenny. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and the district nursing team for their care and attention over the last few weeks, to T A Blair for their caring and professional services, to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for a fine purvey.

MACFARLANE - The family of the late Netta MacFarlane would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the doctors and staff of Oban, Royal Alexandra, Paisley and Lochgilhead hospitals for their care and attention, and to the doctors and staff of

Tarbert Medical Centre, in particular Cathanna, for their kindness and care. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for a personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional guidance and services, to Marjorie Kelly for beautiful music accompaniment and to the Tarbert Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £950 for Mairi Semple Fund and Autism Scotland.

MCLEAN - Alice would like to thank relatives and friends for all expressions of sympathy received following the loss of Duncan. Special thanks to doctors, district nurses, ambulance service, care agencies and Lorraine, who contributed so much to Duncan remaining at home during his long illness, and appreciation to everyone who visited him. Grateful thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for conducting the funeral service, to Ronnie Roberts for delivering the fitting eulogy, to Nettie Semple for organ music, to Jane Mayo for flowers, to the Blair family for helpful funeral arrangements, to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy for catering, and to all who attended the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

ARKELL - In loving memory of my dear husband, dad granda and great granda (Eck), died October 28, 2012. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. Loved and missed so very much.

Also remembering Davie, died October 20, 2010. - From Maggie and family, home and abroad.

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

- Love, all the family, home and away.

FORD - Stuart, taken from us October 29, 2016, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandad and uncle. Sorely missed. - From all the family.

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Sunday 29th October 11.00am Eucharist
6.00pm Service of Light Prayers for all our departed loved ones
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1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion
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Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

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Café Connect
Achnamara Hall 12.30pm
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Monday 30 October
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Prayer Time
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Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service at 11.30am
Preacher: Mrs. Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

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Sunday 29th October
Family Communion Service 11.00am
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Guest speaker: Asaf Pelled, from Christian Witness to Israel.
Discussion time will follow main address.
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY
Charity No. SC0110767
KINTYRE ACTION GROUP
Sunday 29th October
Bible Sunday Service at 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall
Guest speaker - Rev Mike Lind
All welcome

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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SC002493
Sunday 29th October
Harvest Thanksgiving
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All welcome.

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Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 31st October
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
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A rebel spark, the Shira dam and a rich legacy

Colin Cameron
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SHE WAS born in 1928 into an upper middle class background in England, but the path taken by Dr Helen Fullerton could hardly have been further from suburban gentility.

A highly unusual event at Cairndow Village Hall on Friday October 20 celebrated the life of this remarkable woman through tales and song.

Folk singers and husband and wife team Geordie McIntyre and Alison McMorland, with Alison's daughter Kirsty Potts, were in Cairndow to present the story through personal memories, songs and field recordings made by Helen, as well as a clip from the BBC programme 'Hydro Days'.

After a privileged education, there was an unmet need in the young Helen. She was a natural rebel with a passion for life and for people and that took her out on the road.

Her travels in the 1950s took her to Argyll and the massive Shira hydro electric scheme under construction near Inveraray.

The Shira dam construction project brought workers from across Scotland as well as from Ireland and central Europe and they were a prime source of stories and songs for Helen who, by then, was working hard as a folklorist and collector.

She got a job in the camp cookhouse – after two women had fallen out with the cook and left that same day.

They needed a worker, but it wasn't long before she fell foul of her bosses when she refused to water down the soup. She did not like the food that was being served to workers at the camp and this led to protest and confrontation.

She later composed a heartfelt ballad, set to music by Geordie McIntyre called *The Shira Dam*.

After leaving the



A rebel with a cause – Dr Helen Fullerton

cookhouse she decided to improve things for the workers and brought fresh food dai-

ly from her home in Glasgow to Glen Shivan, she supplied reasonably priced provisions for the workers. Her experiences trav-

elling every day inspired her to write a song called *The A83*. Geordie, who first met Helen in 1964 in a Glasgow folk club, said: 'She was a great character, a great comedian. 'There are so many stories, but she was just so self-effacing, almost to a fault.'



Passionate about Helen's legacy – Alison McMorland with daughter Kirsty Potts and Alison's husband Geordie McIntyre. 06_a43HelenFullerton01

It was while working in the Shira cookhouse that she met and grew fond of members of the travelling community, including the well-known Williamson and Townsley families.

She got to know the travellers and during the 1960s got reel-to-reel tape recordings of songs and stories from their rich tradition, some of which were played to the rapt Cairndow audience.

'Our aim is to preserve the rich legacy of written records and recordings left by Dr Helen Fullerton when she died in 2005, but also to entertain,' explained Geordie.

The project is supported by the Edinburgh University's school of Celtic and Scottish Studies.

Following the service, attendees will have the opportunity to place lighted candles in the churchyard in memory of those lost. Everyone is welcome to the service. For more information contact 01546 602315 or email dr.lachlan@zen.co.uk.

Music the best therapy at MS Centre

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MUSIC in Hospitals Scotland presented live music at the MS centre, Lochgilphead, on Wednesday October 25.

Kirsten Easdale sang and played bodhran and Gregor Lowrey played accordion.

Together they performed a mixture of well-known music that has helped people and has shown physical benefits for patients.

Centre manager Karen McCurry, said: 'Music can be the best therapy for those suffering from MS.



Centre manager Karen McCurry and Morag MacDonald enjoying music played by Kirsten Easdale and Gregor Lowrey. 08_a43mscentre

'We have seen some people in wheelchairs able to move themselves from their

wheelchairs back into their chairs following a Music in Hospitals session.

'It's a great initiative which is enjoyed by everyone, not just MS sufferers.'

Multiple sclerosis is a progressive neurological condition where the system designed to

maintain health mistakenly attacks body parts that are vital for everyday function.

Annual service of light

CHRIST Church in Lochgilphead will host its annual service of light to remember lost loved ones on Sunday October 29.

Following the service, attendees will have the opportunity to place lighted candles in the churchyard in memory of those lost.

Everyone is welcome to the service. For more information contact 01546 602315 or email dr.lachlan@zen.co.uk.



Kirsten Easdale and Gregor Lowrey perform for the group. 08_a43mscentre03

Junior prize-giving at Lochgilphead Golf Club

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club junior team is going from strength to strength following a successful season.

The golf club hope to see even more juniors attending with coaching now confirmed for next year, beginning on April 17, 2018, at 6pm.

A date for the Junior Open has also been

confirmed for next year, taking place on June 2, 2018.

All members had a great time at the prize-giving night on Friday October 20, which included a quiz with the adults and indoor putting.

If any juniors are interested in joining Lochgilphead Golf Club should contact

Donna McKellar or Ele Hunter.

Prize-winners: Easter Trophy – Murray McDonald; Young Quaich – Kern McKellar; Booker Trophy – Liam McKinnon; Wilson Cup – Innes Paterson; RNLI Plate – Ruan McKellar; F&G Supplies Trophy – Kern McKellar; Angus Stableford Trophy – Liam MacKinnon; MacAulay Quaich – Ruan McK-

ellar; JMK Quaich – Kern McKellar; Empire Travel Lodge Trophy – Ruan McKellar; Eclectic Quaich – Ruan McKellar; April Medal - Liam MacKinnon; May Medal – Liam MacKinnon; June Medal – Alastair Cupples; July Medal – Ruan McKellar; August Medal – Harry Turner; Clubgolf Shield over 10s – Ruan McKellar and James Scott; Clubgolf Shield under 10s – Harry Turner and Ali Turner; Junior Championship Gross – Gregor McGeachy; Junior Championship Handicap – Harry Turner; Lochgilphead Junior Open (National) Handicap – Gregor McGeachy; Lochgilphead Junior Open (Club) Handicap – Kern McKellar; Lochgilphead Junior Open (National) Scratch – Henry Palmer; Lochgilphead Junior Open (Club) Scratch – Ruan McKellar.



Lochgilphead junior prize-winners, left to right, are Kern McKellar, Gregor McGeachy, Henry Palmer, Ruan McKellar and Murray McDonald.

Four in a row for Scotland

SCOTLAND made it four in a row with another victory over Ireland in the Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international series. The side beat Ireland 18-15 to take the honours at Bught Park.

Scotland's top scorer was Kevin Bartlett with 12 points including two goals.

Four minutes into the game, Tipperaray's John McGrath sent Ireland into the lead with a single point over the bar.

Top scorer Kevin Barlett soon equalised, but Conor Lehane, Andy O'Brien and David Reidy scored making it 4-1 for the visitors. Steven MacDonald from Newtonmore scored two points with Barlett scoring one to edge Scotland ahead at 5-4.

Five minutes before half-time Kevin Barlett grabbed a three-pointer thanks to help from John MacRae leaving the half-time score 8-5.



James Barry of Ireland and Kyles player Roddy MacDonald.

After half-time the Irish surged in front to make it 11-8 against the home side. However, Kevin Bartlett ensured Scotland would be victorious with three more two pointers.

Rounding off the match Kyles' Roddy MacDonald scored Scotland's second goal, while Finlay MacRae from Kinlochshiel took a captain's point.

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Argyll shinty among the cream of sport's crop

TIGHNABRUACH-based Kyles Athletic featured heavily in the 2017 Marine Harvest national shinty awards as the winners were announced on Friday October 20 in Inverness.

The awards were presented by Marine Harvest's business support manager Steve Bracken.

Shinty's player of the

year was human dynamo Andrew King of Kyles Athletic, while his club manager James Perlich, in his first season in sole control of team affairs, picked up coach of the year.

Another Cowal outfit, Strachur and District Shinty Club, were recognised as young defender Ollie Adrian picked up the South

Division 2 player of the year title. Strachur management duo Ali Mirrlees and Ross MacDonald were voted coach of the year in their league.

This year's Camanachd Cup final whistler, Lochgilphead's own Lachie Wood, was awarded referee of the year.

Selected winners
Marine Harvest Cen-

tenary Award – Donald Skinner, Glasgow.

Marine Harvest Coach of the Year 2017 – James Perlich, Kyles Athletic. Marine Harvest Player of the Year 2017 – Andrew King, Kyles Athletic. Marine Harvest Club of the Year 2017 – Kinlochshiel.

Marine Harvest South Division 1 Coach of the Year 2017 – Gareth Evans, Lochside Rovers.

Marine Harvest South Division 2 Coach of the Year 2017 – Ross MacDonald and Ali Mirrlees, Strachur.

Harvest South Division 1 Player of the Year 2017 – Cameron Sutherland, Lochside Rovers.

Marine Harvest South Division 2 Player of the Year 2017 – Ollie Adrian, Strachur. Marine Harvest North Division 2 Player of the Year 2017 – Nick Dalgetty, Glengarry.

Referees: The Johnny 'Ach' MacRae Yearich, Referee of the Year 2017 – Lachie Wood, Lochgilphead.

Emerging Referee of the Year 2017 – Des McNulty, Dalmally.

Excellent Star beat Duncanrig

Duncanrig FP 0
Lochgilphead Red Star 5

RED STAR travelled to Hamilton Palace on Saturday to play Duncanrig and returned home with three points after their best performance of the season.

The home side were looking to play out from the back early on. However, Star's midfield and forwards were pressing them at every opportunity and Duncanrig struggled to get out of their own half.

Star were looking to use the wide pitch to their advantage and were able to get decent deliveries into the box from wide areas as they stretched the home defence.

The visitors had numerous shots at goal with Andy Weir and Innes Meikle both testing the home 'keeper, who was in fine form, before Lee MacLean broke the deadlock after 15 minutes with

a goal-of-the-season contender.

He picked the ball up 30 yards out before beating his opposite number and unleashing an unstoppable effort into the far top corner to put Star 1-0 up.

Red Star took control of the game after this and doubled their lead thanks to a superb counter-attack that started from the back. The ball was played wide to Kieran Moore, whose cross to the far post was met by Rab Docherty who hammered home from close range to give Star a two-goal lead.

It was 3-0 after half an hour with Martin Bonar getting himself on the scoresheet. The midfielder rose highest to convert a Kieran Moore corner and head past the 'keeper to put Star in total command.

The visitors added to their tally just before half-time when another excellent passing move was finished in style by Innes Meikle

who curled a shot into the corner of the net to give the Lochgilphead outfit a 4-0 lead at the break.

The second half was a tighter affair with Duncanrig showing a desire to get much closer to their opponents, although the Star back three of Andy Weir, Luke Naisby and Kyle Selfridge weren't unduly troubled.

Star gave some game time to Ian McGuinness, Kevin Keen and Ben Forbes who freshened the game up.

Kieran Moore got himself on the scoresheet late on to round off a great afternoon.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday October 23, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 2, 3 and 13. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 and drawn next on Monday October 30. In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 2, 4 and 16. There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers for this week were 2, 6 and 10. There were no winners so £300 will be up for grabs next week.



Proud Kyles winners Andrew King, left, and James Perlich.



South Division 2 player of the year Ollie Adrian, right, keeps a close watch on veteran Inveraray marksman Russell MacKinlay in the 2017 Bullough Cup final.


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