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Tarbert artist's warning after online scam bid

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A Tarbert artist has been targeted in a sophisticated scam – and she is warning others to beware of online fraudsters.

The fact the scam failed was down to a family member smelling a rat but the outcome could have been very different.

Well-known Tarbert artist Ann Thomas, aged 86, received an email on September 12 purportedly from a Peter Weston from Edmonton in Alberta, Canada. He expressed interest in two watercolours featured on Mrs Thomas' website – Pink Light over Arran and Silver Light Loch Awe, worth a total of £590.

Mrs Thomas' daughter Heather Thomas-Smith contacted Mr Weston with payment details.

A message was then received on October 2 from the Canadian gent saying that his personal assistant had made a mistake and a cheque

for \$3,500 from London had been sent in error. And his father was ill.

Four days later, by his father's bedside, Mr Weston was applying pressure to Mrs Thomas to enter a 'negotiations process' with her bank to release the sterling equivalent of \$3,500 pending the cheque clearing – and refund the balance 'any moment from now'.

By this time suspecting there was something wrong, Mrs Thomas-Smith emailed Mr Weston on October 10 to say that only payment by bank transfer would be accepted, offering to return the cheque.

Amid all the emails backwards and forwards, Mrs Thomas wrote to Mr Weston describing the background and her feelings as she painted the pictures and offering framing tips.

'They did fool us for a while,' explained Mrs Thomas.

'My daughter reckoned I could have been out of pocket by £4,900 by the end if I had

refunded the overpayment and handed over the paintings, after the bank had clawed back the loan.'

She was phlegmatic over the experience. 'They didn't succeed and at least I still have the paintings,' said Mrs Thomas.

Artist Tracy Jones from Hastings had a similar experience with 'Peter Weston' earlier this year, with the scam also proving unsuccessful.

Ms Jones told the *Advertiser*: 'I received an email expressing interest, though I was surprised as the work is conceptual in nature and not what I considered to be commercial to a private buyer.'

'I then received another email wanting me to use his usual transport company, he would send me a cheque/draft up front everything all paid for before I sent anything.'

It was the standard of English grammar and punctuation in the emails that helped raise suspicions in both cases and that can be a clue to a scam.



Ann Thomas had a close shave with scammers, but is happy still to have her paintings.

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Mrs Thomas concluded: 'I don't want anyone else to get caught out, so I want

to let artists know what these scammers are up to.' Anyone suspecting fraudulent activity

should contact the police or Action Fraud advisers available on 03001 232040.



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The MV Ayress stopping at the newly re-opened Ardrishaig Pier.

Timber boats back at Ardrishaig Pier

Ardrishaig Pier is back in service after being repaired and upgraded following a partial collapse in May 2017.

The cargo vessel Ayress arrived at Ardrishaig pier around 10.30am on Friday October 19 on its way to Troon from Belfast.

The 1,713-tonne cargo vessel is the first to use Ardrishaig Pier since repairs were completed.

Initial repairs secured and reinforced the damaged section of the pier to allow it to open for restricted freight use. It has now been widened and lengthened and now offers potential for new leisure uses, with cruise vessels able

Upgrade could see cruise ships berthing

to berth. Catherine Topley, chief executive of Scottish Canals, said: 'We are delighted to see Ardrishaig Pier back in action, with MV Ayress arriving this morning to load timber.'

The 200-year-old pier plays a vital role in the economy of the local area and is a key asset for timber hauliers in Argyll.

Around 30,000 tonnes of freight passed through the

harbour each year before its closure, helping to reduce the volume of timber lorries on the roads.

'The pier improvements safeguard one of the Crinan Canal's most important structures and we hope to see new business and leisure customers attracted to the newly expanded pier, contributing further to the Argyll economy.'

POLICE FILES

Man charged with abusive behaviour

A man, aged 19, has been charged with behaving in an abusive manner and resisting arrest at 10pm on Tuesday October 16 in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Driving while using phone

Police stopped a car on Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, as the driver, a man aged 46, was driving while using a mobile phone at 3pm on Wednesday October 17. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Arrested and charged

Following a report about 2pm on Thursday October 18, of a man behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman and causing damage in a hotel room in Inveraray, a 32-year-old man was arrested.

The man was also found in possession of cannabis.

The man was charged with the offences, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Alcohol stolen from Co-op

On Wednesday October 17 at 9am, a man, aged 80, stole alcohol from the Co-op on Oban Road, Lochgilphead.

The man also returned to steal other items at 3.30pm on Sunday October 21. The man

was arrested and charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Charged with shoplifting

A 38-year-old man stole a television from the Co-op, Oban Road, Lochgilphead at 7pm on Friday October 19. The man was subsequently traced and arrested. He was charged, held for court and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man charged with careless driving

A car crashed at 4pm on Sunday October 21 on the A83 near Erines, Tarbert. The driver, a 34-year-old man, was charged with careless driving. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Bank telephone scam warning

Police have been made aware of another bank fraud attempt via telephone.

On Monday October 15, an elderly woman in Oban received a call from a man with a Scottish accent saying he was from her bank fraud team in Edinburgh. The man said someone was trying to take money from her account.

The woman was advised to go to her bank and transfer

£5,000 of her money to a Nat West Bank account.

The woman was further told not to mention this to the bank staff as they were believed to be involved in the fraud.

The woman went to the bank but staff realised this was a scam and called police so no money was transferred.

Sergeant Chris Edwards, of the Oban Community Policing Team, said: 'We're aware of recent telephone scams in Argyll and warn local residents to remain vigilant of further calls.'

'These calls are from people claiming to represent their bank and attempt to obtain internet banking details over the phone. They also try to get people to attend in person to their bank to transfer money to another account.'

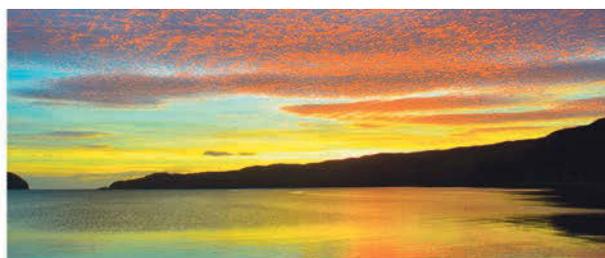
'A bank will never ask for your password over the phone, no matter how much detail they say they have about you or your accounts, nor will they ask you to transfer money.'

'If you do receive a phone call asking for these details or telling you about suspicious activity on your account, call into your local branch or phone your bank using a different telephone.'

'Alternatively, wait until you have heard a dialling tone before phoning your bank – some fraudulent callers keep the line open and you could end up calling them back. If you have any concerns, go into your branch, contact trading standards or speak to a police officer.'

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Closing down sale marks end of era

Willie and Pats of Argyll Street in Lochgilphead is closing its doors on Saturday November 3.

The beloved clothes shop's future is up in the air after it was confirmed a buyer had not been found for the business, but Willie and Pat are looking forward to retirement.

In the meantime, the shop is having a closing down sale with plenty of items to be found for a low price.

Pat Ward said: 'We would like to thank all our customers, local and from afar, for their continued support over almost 32 years of trading. We couldn't have done it without you. Sadly, we couldn't manage to find a buyer for the business and will close our doors for the last time on Saturday November 3.'

'We are truly humbled by the kindness and good wishes we have experienced over the last year or two in the shop. We are looking forward to our retirement with the kindness and good wishes ringing in our ears.'

'We will all miss you and the shop. Thank you again, from Willie, Pat, Jamie and Lisa.'

Final push for fireworks fund

Mid Argyll Round Table is once again hosting this year's Lochgilphead Bonfire Night event on the front green.

As well as beautiful fireworks lighting up the night, an evening of activities starts at 6pm on Saturday November 3.

The cost of the fireworks is proving difficult to cover, however, which has prompted Mid Argyll Round Table to start a crowdfunding campaign on JustGiving.com

The group's JustGiving page says: 'Mid Argyll Round Table has organised the bonfire and fireworks display in Lochgilphead for more than 40 years.'

'We receive no funding

from the council and rely entirely on volunteers, sponsorship from local businesses and public donations to deliver this much-celebrated community event.'

The event costs £6,000 to put on and though Mid Argyll Round Table has raised some funds for this year's event there is £2,000 to be raised to pay for the professional fireworks display.

The JustGiving page is only 12 per cent into its £2,000 target, so if anyone would like to donate go to JustGiving.com and search 'Mid Argyll Round Table Bonfire and Fireworks 2018' or visit justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mid-argyll-round-table-fireworks-2018



Last year's firework display was a big hit. 08_a45bonfire01

Resurfacing A83 through Lochgilphead to take three days

The A83 through Lochgilphead will be closed for three days to allow BEAR Scotland to carry out repairs on behalf of Transport Scotland. Resurfacing

is to be done on Poltalloch Street between the Colchester roundabout at the entrance of Argyll Street and the Corran roundabout at the entrance of

A83 towards Ardrishaig. Traffic will be diverted between 9am and 7pm each day from the Colchester roundabout via Argyll Street, Bishopton

Road and the A816, re-joining the A83 at the Corran Roundabout and vice versa. It is hoped work will be finished by Wednesday November 7.

Groups need your vote for grant aid

Cast your votes because community groups need your help.

The Aviva Community Fund offers groups the chance to get funding for causes important to your community.

Various groups in the community have progressed to the next stage of the application – a public vote. If they get enough votes from friends, family and supporters, their project will make it to the final where a judging panel will award the funds.

To vote, go to avivacommunityfund.co.uk, register and search for the group you are looking to support.

Each voter is awarded 10 votes to use as they wish, all on one project or for various groups.

Voting closes on Tuesday November 20.

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MS Centre - Lochgilphead

MS Centre Mid Argyll's aim is to have a 'Ther-a-Bus', a mobile therapy unit to offer those unable to travel a supportive service equal to those who can attend the purpose-built Therapy Centre.

Karen McCurry said: 'Choice and dignity are at the heart of what we do and why we want to offer our award-winning organisation to villages and doorsteps in the most rural, remote parts across the vast area of Argyll and Bute.'

Mid Argyll Shooting Club - Lochgilphead

Mid Argyll Shooting Club encourages developing skills in target shooting by providing instruction and practise in the use and safe handling of air weapons.

Graham Love said: 'I'm proud of the people involved in Mid Argyll Shooting Club because together we have

made something from nothing. Club members from 12 years to retirement age have shared their time and talents to put together basic facilities for a new sport.'

Toppers Boat Club - Tarbert

Tarbert's Toppers Boat Club is looking to replace its safety boat engine, without which the club cannot conduct any on-the-water junior sailing activity.

A Tarbert Toppers spokesman said: 'The worry is that without a new engine the club may cease to operate in 2019.'

Feis an Tairbeirt - Tarbert

Fèis an Tairbeirt is looking to buy a laptop and iPad to assist in the running of its music technology workshops and to use remotely to gain film footage and develop film projects. Feis an Tairbeirt said: 'The aim of our organisation is that traditional music and Gaelic arts tuition should be accessible to all, regardless of age or ability.'



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New chief officer takes the helm

Health and social care partnership welcomes Joanna Macdonald

Joanna Macdonald has been appointed chief officer of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

Prior to being appointed to the chief officer role, Joanna was director of adult social care for NHS Highland within the Highland Council area and has also worked previously for Argyll and Bute Council as a service manager in adult services.

Commenting on her new role Joanna said: 'I was really pleased to be appointed as chief officer for the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

'I started in post in September and in the few

weeks I have been here I have already been very impressed by the dedication of health and social care partnership staff and our partner organisations and the high standard of services they provide for the people of Argyll and Bute.

'They are working tirelessly every day in our hospitals, residential homes and local communities to provide the best quality care to adults and children in need of our care and support.

'Having previously worked as a service manager for Argyll and Bute Council, I know Argyll and Bute is an amazing place to live and work but I am also well aware



Joanna Macdonald.

of the challenges involved in delivering health and social care services in such a remote and rural area.

'In addition to these challenges, we are also facing

significant financial pressures and this was outlined at our integration joint board meeting on September 26 where it was highlighted we are currently facing a projected overspend of £4.2m for this financial year.

'Our goal is to continue to deliver the best health and social care services for the people living and working in Argyll and Bute. At the same time we must tackle our financial challenges and this will be one of the main priorities for the health and social care partnership's senior leadership team over the coming months.

'Finally, I would like to say that I am looking forward to working with staff, the public, stakeholders and elected members in the months and years ahead to make sure we can continue to make a real positive difference to the lives of the people in Argyll and Bute.'

New AITC leadership

Inveraray's Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative's (AITC) annual general meeting on Monday October 22 saw a change of leadership.

Loch Melfort Hotel's Calum Ross stepped down as chairperson and was replaced by Iain Jurgensen.

Iain will be joined by Daniel MacIntyre, who fills the vice chairman's position.

Mr Jurgensen said: 'I am delighted and privileged to take on the post of chairman at this most exciting of times with the Heart and Soul Campaign in full swing and building upon the Wild About Argyll campaign success.

'We are in a great place to grow the tourism offering and brand awareness to our markets. There are challenges

as well as opportunities and, of course, we will be working hard to make the case for a permanent solution to the Rest and Be Thankful to ensure Argyll is open for business as a year-round tourist destination for residents, suppliers and visitors.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'I'm eager to support Iain and represent our board of directors to unlock the growth opportunities that exist in our co-operative partnership working, addressing seasonality and developing our young workforce.'

AITC now looks ahead to a busy few months, with the innovative Heart and Soul campaign with Glasgow Life and key travel partners running until March 2019.



AITC vice chairman Daniel MacIntyre, left, and chairperson Iain Jurgensen.

Chance to see regimental colours

A rare chance is on offer this weekend for anyone with a Scots Guards or any other military connection.

The old colours of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards were brought to Inveraray Parish Church in August for laying up amid great pride, pomp and pageantry.

The Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour will be mounted on the wall either side of the church pulpit but before this happens the colours will be available in the church in Saturday October 27.



Parish minister Rev Roderick Campbell said: 'We would welcome anyone who would like to view or have a photograph taken with the old colours, particularly

those with links to the Scots Guards.'

Members of the public can view the colours between 10am and 2pm on Saturday at Inveraray Parish Church.

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Are nets the answer to the landslide problem on the A83? Argyll and Bute Council wants a permanent solution.

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Councillors unite to push for action on Rest solution

In a rare demonstration of unity, every Argyll and Bute councillor agreed to press for action to improve the Rest and Be Thankful road.

A motion about the A83 was presented at a full meeting of the council on October 18 urging the Scottish government to work towards a 'permanent solution' to the landslide problem.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'What made this latest closure so significant is the fact that the landslides and severe weather also wiped out, for a period, the supposed solution to the problem - the Old Military Road, which too remained closed until Monday October 15, one full week after the first landslide.'

'The failure of the most recent works to keep the road open demands an urgent

'Our communities, and in fact the wider Scottish economy, need and deserve a robust road network that keeps Argyll open.'

review of existing and future plans at the Rest and Be Thankful.

'The scale of financial support needed to deliver a permanent solution is potentially very substantial. However, when considered in the light of other investments across the country, such as the Queensferry Crossing at

a cost of £1.350 billion or the Aberdeen bypass at a cost of £745million, then the potential costs here are put into a different perspective.

'Our communities, and in fact the wider Scottish economy, need and deserve a robust road network that keeps Argyll open.'

The council leader will write to Transport Minister Michael Matheson to ask for a meeting with councillors and officers to discuss the issue.

The motion also demands that 'the Scottish government, without further delay, formally commits to identifying and funding a permanent solution to keep the A83, and Argyll and Bute, open for business'.

What options are out there?

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There is wide recognition that to keep Argyll open after landslides at the Rest, there is going to have to be fresh thinking. Old ideas are not working.

Many of our readers have come forward with examples of other countries' approaches to dealing with steep-sided mountainous terrain.

In a letter in this edition, (page 7), Ian Provan suggests an Italian model, seen at Lake Garda, involving concrete canopies with trees planted on the upper slopes to bind the soil.

John Henderson from Islay presented an example from the Pyrenees. He said: 'The new roads built on the Spanish side of the border were extremely safe and would be passable most of the year using tunnelling and spiral roads where the road crosses under a bridge turns through almost a full circle then crosses the road to avoid very steep inclines.'

Richard Stennett in Taynuilt turned to New Zealand for his example. 'Politicians promise solutions and spend millions of our pounds on inadequate fixes,' said Richard.

'It is time for an imaginative fix for the Rest and I attach photographs of a solution to a similar situation at the Otira Gorge in New Zealand.'

Maybe it's time to look again at a potential answer suggested on maps of the Duke of Argyll's surveyors in the early 18th century - a road linking upper Glenkinglas via Loch Sloy to Succoth at the head of Loch Long, bypassing the Rest altogether.

There certainly needs to be fresh thinking and new ideas if this is to be resolved.

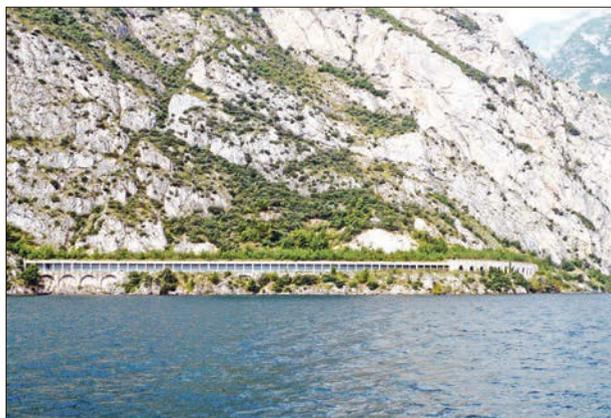
But, above all, there needs to be the political will to make things happen.



The Otira Gorge in New Zealand, complete with bridges and canopies.



Tunnels are just one method used in the Pyrenees, says John Henderson.



Ian Provan's canopy suggestion, as seen at Lake Garda.



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Beware scammers

It says something about human nature that there are people out there devising all kinds of ingenious ways to con genuine people out of their hard-earned cash.

It is big business, and no doubt the proceeds are used to fund other nefarious activities.

What it means, sadly, is that we must keep our wits about us in any financial dealings, and if something doesn't feel right – stop and call the police.

Speaking out

It must have taken a lot for James Perlich (see back page) as a prominent sports figure to admit to mental health problems, never mind speak about them in front of TV cameras. Well done to him for speaking out, and hopefully it will help to remove some of the taboo that still lingers around this subject.

Musical marathon

It is a marathon of Gaelic culture where only the strongest survive – as our reporter Laura, at her first Mòd, discovered. Congratulations to all the competitors, as well as tutors, parents and everyone else who helps make it happen each year.

And finally ...

What a show MOJO was this year. Roll on MOJO 2019.

66 Day Challenge success

Sir,
The Mid Argyll 66 Day Challenge launch event on Wednesday October 17 proved a huge success, as more than 70 people took the opportunity to try a range of new things and gain inspiration for improving their health and wellbeing in the lead up to Christmas and beyond.

There was something for everyone. From taster sessions in tai chi, zumba and yoga to making mindfulness beads, from new taste sensations in Buddha bowls to hand massage and brain teasers. You could measure your blood pressure, hydration levels or waistline or get help to stop smoking, start walking and thinking positively.

In the context of health and wellbeing, this was a truly inspiring event. We were delighted, not only with the turnout on the day, but with the range of participants who ran stalls, led exercise taster sessions, demonstrated crafts and produced delicious food which was healthy, tasty and just a bit different.

I have received a lot of positive feedback from people who attended and from stallholders. For example, Slimming World had four new people sign up, Argyll Chemist registered 17 people for its pedometer challenge and a number of people signed up to register an interest for a new tai chi group at the MS Centre, to name but a few.

Now our job is to build on the interest the

event has created and keep up the momentum through to Christmas.

It is heartening to see so many people engage with the challenge. It is not only those who were able to attend the launch event. There are lots of groups meeting regularly who are involved – the Self-Help Diabetes Group, Keep Well Furnace Group, Blarbuie Woodlands and the MS centre for example.

It goes to show how much can be achieved with a small group of organisers, a relatively small amount of money and a huge amount of creativity and commitment. I believe that people are increasingly recognising the need to take responsibility for their own health and the important role communities and community groups play in this. We are already being asked when the next event will be and, while we can't answer that just yet, I'm sure there will be a next event.

The event was funded by the Health and Wellbeing Network. If you would like to keep up with the Mid Argyll 66 Day Challenge, check out our page on Facebook.

Antonia Baird,
chairwoman,
Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing
Network.

A legend of a night

Sir,
What a night of MOJO!

I would like to thank a number of people. To start off, thanks to Craignish Village

Hall, Ardfern, for letting us host the event again this year; to Tiziana for her help, and to John Saich, and Joe McAlinden for supporting MOJO by having their informative and inspiring music workshop available and useful for all.

Thanks to all our ticket outlets – Argyll Book Centre, Oban Music and Books, Marmalade Deli Ltd and Ardfern Village Store.

Thanks to Rebecca at Ardfern Stores, especially, for the order, supply, storage, transport – and her shift at selling – the booze.

Thanks to all the volunteers for the attentive bar work, car parking duties, cleaning, door work and many other tasks: Julie, Tristan, Lindsay, Rebecca, Andre, Matt C, Brian, Linda and Duncan.

And extra thanks to Brian with his interesting and entertaining MOJO Facebook work throughout. Thanks to Matt Walsh and his team for their smooth, decisive and fantastic control of sound, lighting and effects throughout the event.

Also, a huge thank you to all our magic MOJO musicians who showcased their talent by entertaining us with their fresh, live, local and original music to ours and the audience's delight: Liam Somerville, The Brambells, Stephen Skinn (and support), Hollow Mountain String Band, Citizen 9 and 4Below.

How they all played indeed. An absolute legend of a night. We all wish them luck and

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hope to hear more from them in the future. Your support and encouragement is always appreciated.

Finally, thanks to all you good people who came along to MOJO to enjoy the experience. What a great audience and such a large turnout. Rock on ... until next time.

Dan and the team, MOJO.

Debris protection – Italian style

Sir,
The current situation at the Rest and Be Thankful brings to mind a recent visit to the north end of Lake Garda in Italy.

Here the lakeside road has been constructed above the shore of the lake, where the steep mountain side has necessitated the construction of tunnels in order to align the routing of the road. Most of the exposed sections of the road are protected from avalanche debris by the construction of overhead canopies.

Above the canopies, catch netting and afforestation acts as a further means of damage limitation.

It is interesting to note that the line of the road, between Limone and Riva on the west side of the lake, was initiated in the 1930s, just prior to the commencement of the present A83, above the Old Military Road.

Ian Provan,
Castleton, Lochgilphead.

YOUR PICTURES



We have a maritime scene in this week's reader's photograph, sent in by Kate MacAulay. The photo features Archie from Inverneill on Loch Fyne with Kate's son Christopher, home from Hong Kong. Christopher took the photo using a GoPro, and Kate said: 'I had to put this on to a canvas as it's a fab picture.' Send your favourite pictures to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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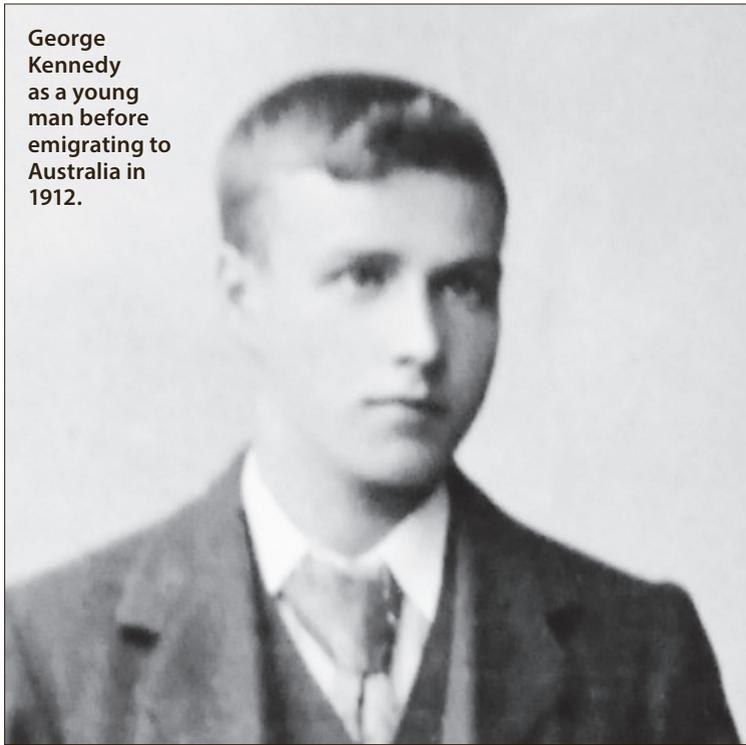
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George answers the wartime call from Down Under – part three

George Kennedy as a young man before emigrating to Australia in 1912.

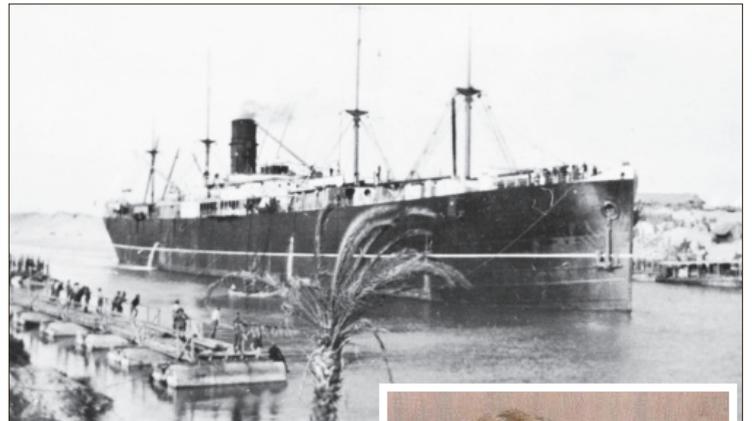


As the centenary of the signing of the armistice to end the First World War approaches, the Argyllshire Advertiser is publishing a series of extracts from a wartime diary with a difference.

The diary belonged to blacksmith and engineer George Kennedy, who emigrated from Scotland to Australia in 1912, aged 31, with his wife and baby daughter. George, and many others, answered the call to return to Britain and did so in 1917 to help the war effort in the manufacture of munitions.

George Kennedy was the uncle of Inveraray woman Jenny Speirs, who kindly allowed the Argyllshire Advertiser access to her uncle's records.

His diary records an arduous and eventful three-month journey back 'home'. A fleet of transport ships was leased by the Commonwealth government for transporting the Australian Imperial Force personnel to their overseas destinations. These ships were also used to carry



Above, the Suffolk HMAT A23 troopship which collided with George Kennedy's ship 'Ulysses' in Durban harbour.; and right, George Kennedy's niece Jenny Speirs, still hale and hearty and living in Inveraray.



various goods to Britain and France. The fleet was made up of British ships and captured German vessels.



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Diary of the 1917 voyage of HMA Troop ship TSS Ulysses from Australia to Great Britain – Part III

By George Kennedy

On Tuesday morning, June 12, we sighted the coast of Natal and made for the port of Durban by 12 noon. We had to anchor but got shore leave and our feet on Terra Firma once more!

No need to say we all were very glad of our liberty and a change of diet as fare on board was not always 1st (or 2nd) class. We got our two delegates who were left at Fremantle here. They had travelled on the 'Benalla'.

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By Sunday all our ships had coaled and taken cargo and water and cleared off. We had the misfortune while shifting our berth for the 'Suffolk' to ram us with her stern and put a lovely hole in our port bow above the water line, so we were held up until this was repaired.

We enjoyed the few extra days here visiting native markets and also visited the floating dock and breakwater

We cleared off at 7am on Tuesday June 19 all on our own. The escorts having gone off with the others while

we were detained repairing.

We soon got into the open sea and the storm but weathered through all safe, arriving at Cape Town on Friday at 9am only to find that some of our ships and one of the Japanese escorts had not arrived. They left Durban on the Sunday and got badly knocked about on the way and didn't arrive at Cape Town until the Friday afternoon.

We anchored in the Table Bay and the first misfortune was to lose our anchor! There was such a heavy sea running in the bay that the anchor cable broke. We heaved the other out which luckily held us safe. We had enough excitement. On the Saturday morning we got signalled to come to berth, took the pilot on board.

How helpless a ship is in a gale. We got safely moored but were tugging like a hound at the leash. I may say here that the other ships of our convoy which had arrived earlier left us as we berthed, so there was a lot of murmurs about our misfortune in losing our place in the convoy.

We got off our ship once again and started our explorations of Cape Town in miserably bad weather. The White Cloth of Mist being well down Table Mountain (5,600 ft high). That did not dampen some of our ardour to have a look around. But I may say our party were wise enough to come back to tea on board just to see how things were and had just got on board when up comes the gangway!

More from George Kennedy's diary in next week's edition.



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Argyll Talking Newspapers lived up to its name with plenty of chatter at its fundraising lunch on Saturday October 20.

The Baptist Church hall in Lochgilhead fairly rang to the sound of enthusiastic chat and laughter.

Attracted by the sound of the pipes, played at the door by Mid Argyll Pipe Band pipers Ruarridh Logan, Camron MacPhail and Donal Bremner, customers arrived to enjoy soup, sandwiches, cakes and coffee, as well as a good old blether.

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The 120 people currently on the list of recipients can choose to listen to news from The Buteman, Dunoon Observer, Ileach, Argyllshire Advertiser, Campbeltown Courier and The Oban Times.

Argyll Talking Newspapers has clients all over Argyll and Bute and as far afield as Thurso, Paisley and Stockport.

The service is provided by volunteers and is funded mainly by donations from clients and their families. A video showing the team at work and an interview with a client is available at argylltalkingnewspapers.org.uk

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Vice chairwoman Morag Hunter, Derick Merrideth and Moira Napier served tea and coffee. 51_a43bapistcoffee05



Pipers Ruarridh Logan, Camron MacPhail and Donal Bremner played outside for visitors.



These ladies had a good chat during lunch. 51_a43bapistcoffee02

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Tarbert Book Festival kicks off this weekend



Denise Mina.

Chance to meet top writers and take part in intriguing workshops

There are still tickets available to attend the intriguing workshops at the long-awaited Tarbert Book Festival.

In its sixth year, the annual programme of literary and poetic expression will run from Friday October 26 to Sunday October 28 with host writers from all over Argyll.

Robert Louis Stevenson is the subject of the opening sessions of this year's weekend with *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* being the literary focus of Saturday and Sunday.

Friday evening sees the awarding of the annual writing competition prizes

in Loch Fyne Gallery. With entries from across the globe, this year has seen two competitions for writers, an open category and a new novice section.

Saturday evening sees the welcome return of one of Scotland's top crime writers, Denise Mina, to the Stonefield Castle Hotel for an insight into 'The Long Drop', her semi-fictionalised account of notorious serial killer Peter Manuel and the events of one night in Glasgow in 1957 interwoven with a portrayal of his trial.

Tickets to each event in the programme are available at ticketsource.co.uk/tarbertbookfestival.



Denise Mina was asked to write and adapt the famed Stieg Larsson novel into a comic.

Ardfern to get post office outreach

Ardfern is to get a weekly post office outreach service.

The previous service closed temporarily in September 2017 when the then postmaster resigned and the premises were withdrawn for post office use.

In a statement, the post office said: 'The post office is to restore services to Ardfern with the introduction of a temporary hosted outreach service, while we continue to seek a permanent solution.'

The service will operate from Craignish Village Hall every Monday between 9am to 11am, starting on Monday October 29 at 9am.

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Royal National Mod 2018 – a Mid Argyll round-up

Laura Maxwell

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After eight days of beautiful music, singing and language, the world's largest Gaelic festival, the Royal National Mod, sent participants home from Dunoon with trophies and smiles of triumph.

Trained and supported by choir conductor Josie Campbell and Gaelic coach Christine Johnston, Mid Argyll was well-represented by a number of singers.

From Inveraray, Feorlin Renton and Rosie Blyth, both aged nine, came in second in their duet singing competition as well as Daria Derevyankin and Aimee Burnett, singing for Tarbert Academy.

Tilly Cunningham, Brodie and Isabelle Crawford of Inveraray, Eilidh Graham from Lochgilphead, Sophie



Phillips from Ardrishaig, Evan Robertson and Angus McLean from Kilmartin, all

did their schools and towns proud by singing solo in the learners' competitions.

Alasdair McLean, coached by Iain MacPherson, represented Lochgilphead well



Left: Atomaig Piseag choir with conductor Raymond Bremner came third in the ladies' area choirs competition on Friday morning. 17_TMOD43DM03_Friday; and above, Liam Gray, 10, from Islay came first in the boys' solo singing, nine-10 learners, winning the Dr Archie MacKinnon Memorial Trophy. 51_MOD42lm2_CS2

by singing in the open solo competition in St John's Church.

Shona Keith, from Lochgair, also won two second places in the adults'

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Alasdair McLean, Lochgilhead, competed in the solo singing of a song relating to Mull or Iona. 51_MOD42lm3_A271

open solo singing with her rendition of Eilean Idhe and Oran do Iain Breac MacLeoid. A proud Shona said: 'I got second!' before getting to work practising for her next competition where she came equal third singing with Argyll choir Atomaig Piseag.

Islay was well represented in the girls' competitions by

Josie Rountree, Charlet Rose, Dearbhla Newman and Megan McMillan. Ten-year-old Lauren Morris won The Cowal Trophy for her poetry recital and from the boys, Aiden Munro, aged nine, came third in the boys' solo singing.

The Royal National Mòd will be back on October 11, 2019 in Glasgow.



Aiden Munro, aged nine, from Islay came third in the boys' solo singing. 51_MOD42lm1_C52



Charlet Rose, nine, from Islay competed in the solo girls' singing. 51_MOD42lm3_C51



Shona Keith, from Lochgilhead, won two second places in solo singing and a third with Atomaig Piseag. 51_MOD42lm2_A271

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Còisir Ghàidhlig Tairbeart Loch Fin (Tarbert Loch Fyne Gaelic Choir). 17_MOD43DM06_Thursday



Còisir Ceann an Tuirc, from Argyll, came fourth in the choral singing for men. 51_MOD42Im6_



Angus McLean from Lochgilphead competed in the boys' 13-15 years solo singing. 51_MOD42Im1_C103



Tilly Cunningham, from Lochgilphead took part in the girls' solo singing, 13-15 years. 51_MOD42Im3_C102



Eilidh Graham from Lochgilphead, sang in the girls' 13-15 years competition. 51_MOD42Im4_C102



Lauren Morris, 10, Islay, entered the girls' nine-10 years singing. 51_MOD42Im5_C51



Còisir Ghàidhlig Ile Ghlaschu (Glasgow Islay) competed in choral singing. 51_MOD42Im1_A307

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Isabelle Crawford from Lochgilphead sang in the girls' solo 13-15 years contest. 51_MOD42lm5_C102



Kayla Gowler and Evie Coy, Islay, competed in the solo girls' singing. 51_MOD42lm9_C51



Sophie Phillips from Lochgilphead competed in the girls' solo singing. 51_MOD42lm7_C102



Nine-year-olds Feorlin Renton and Rosie Blyth, from Inveraray, were second in the under-13 duets. 51_MOD42lm10_C51



Teigan Holyroyd and Holly Renton from Lochgilphead each competed in the solo singing 16-18 years and sang together in the 16-18 years duet. 51_MOD42lm2_C144



Brodie Crawford from Lochgilphead, sang in the girls' 13-15 years learners' contest. 51_MOD42lm2_C102

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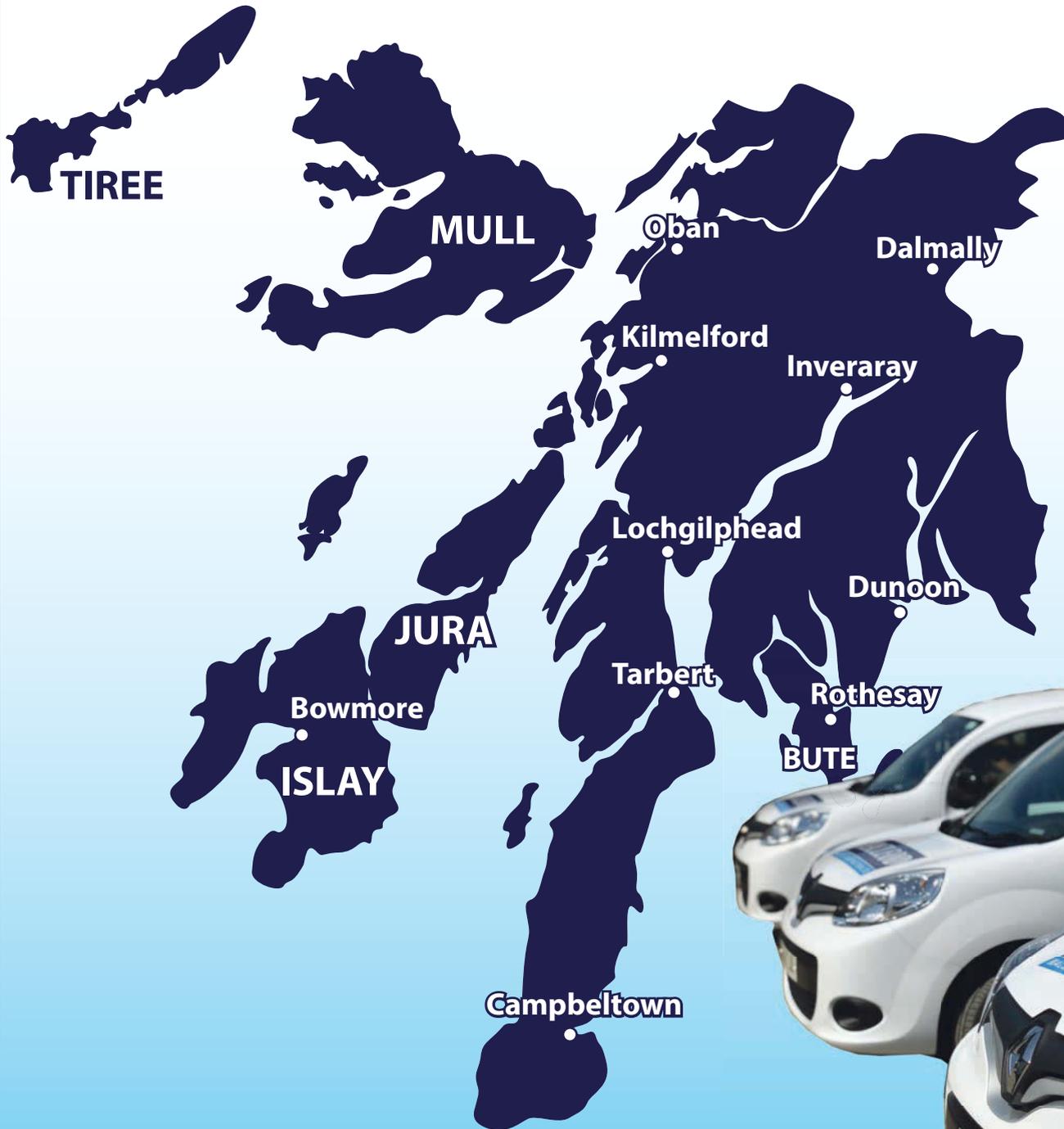
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MOJO mania hits Ardfern

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What a rockin' night of MOJO music.

Mid Argyll's favourite rock festival returned on Saturday October 20 to a welcoming crowd. More than 130 guests queued up to see the bands from all over Argyll play for the rockers in Craignish Village Hall.

Dunoon solo artist Liam

Somerville opened the show and his Bruce Springsteen influences brought an alternate rock sound that could get bluesy at times.

Starting from a school choir, Kirsteen Black and Alana Mathers, The Brambelles, have progressed to a chill melodic sound that had everyone singing. Their Bob Dylan influences could be heard clearly in their acoustic guitar and poetic lyrics.

Loch Awe-based Stephen Skinn brought Brit-rock to the stage with an electric guitar that became reminiscent of the days when the Gallagher brothers fought as one, filling the dance floor as he played.

The Hollow Mountain String Band drew the wildest crowds with their self-titled 'Americelidh' sound. The country-ceilidh fusion got

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MOJO mania hits Ardfern

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everyone skipping about or at least tapping feet.

Returning from last year's MOJO festival was veteran Oban band Citizen 9 who should be named the Pearl Jam of Argyll. Their grunge rock sound was well-received as Nirvana t-shirts filled the dance floor with headbanging.

Closing the show was Oban's 4Below, with lead Andy Bruce's rock experience fusing with wife Claire's keyboard and Dougie's banging beats. The Scots lilt in his lyrics sounds like Soundgarden meets Biffy Clyro. They closed MOJO with a bang, sending the mob home wanting more.

Check out all the bands' social media pages on @MOJOArgyll on Facebook. They are all available to hire for your own events. Contact Dan on 01546 602429 if you require any information and look out for the MOJOArgyll Facebook page for updates and new ventures in the music of Argyll.



Left: The Hollow Mountain String Band gave the crowd 'Americilidh', bringing out the dancers and showcasing their amazing feisty barrage of feel-good music.

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Headline of the night 4Below lifted the roof off. The superb, rich bass-fuelled alternative rock from Andy, Claire and Dougie ended the night with an awesomely crafted performance. 51_a43MOJO33



Cool and classic rock from Stephen Skinn charmed the audience on to the dance floor. 51_a43MOJO15



Veterans of MOJO Citizen 9 showed again why they're back with their funky rock mastery. 51_a43MOJO28



Liam Somerville, the only solo artist, gave a real gutsy, energised performance which kicked off the night superbly. 51_a43MOJO02

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Soprano sings for Ardrishaig

On Saturday October 20, Ardrishaig Public Hall was graced by musical talents Alison McNeill and Sasha Savolini, courtesy of Mid Argyll Arts Association.

The young soprano and guitar duo's performances have been described as 'quality music at its best'. The pair have performed all over Scotland as well as being broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland's Classics Unwrapped multiple times.

The afternoon started with the couple's typical Spanish repertoire, a warm Les Filles de Cadix that brought Bizet's Carmen to mind. Following Seiber's Four French Folksongs the audience was treated to the accomplished Savolini playing two solo pieces - originally Schubert lieder - now arranged for guitar. Although he only had six strings on his guitar, Savolini was still able to capture the rippling of water under the melody. The first act was finished with a light contrast of Scot's songs including Dream Angus and was met with murmurs of agreement



Sasha Savolini and Alison McNeill. 51_a43MAAA07

in the audience. The second act began with a piece by Marco Ramelli by the name of Moon. The text was taken from a 14th century poet yet the music was modern and fresh. After three Spanish

songs by Joaquin Rodrigo during which the audience was told stories of a youthful girl's wish to be picked as a companion for the king and a miller's wife staying true to her husband although

her offer may be tempting, the two performed three of Granados 12 Tondillas. This was followed by a sentimental and personal depiction of Spain in Granados Dance Española's No.5 played by



Alison McNeill. 51_a43MAAA06

Sasha Savolini. McNeill and her partner finished with two Spanish songs by Turina, the first being an earthy and dramatic prayer to the virgin of hope and the second a feisty scorned woman with under-

laying tones of sadness. Yet the audience was surprised to an encore of a beautifully soft rendition St Columba's Prayer.

This was an entertaining afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

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Argyll Papers help reveal picture of old Inveraray

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There are just a few days left to enjoy an exhibition about the old town at Inveraray Castle.

'Inveraray – the Old Town and the New' will run in the castle's Clan Room until Wednesday October 31 – and it is well worth a look.

The display stems from a collaborative research project using the Argyll Estates archives, or Argyll Papers, as source material to give an insight into the old town before it was moved across to the present day site in the late 18th century.

The research involved Ronald Black, retired senior lecturer of Celtic Studies at Edinburgh University, and Micky Gibbard, who has submitted a PhD on 18th-centu-

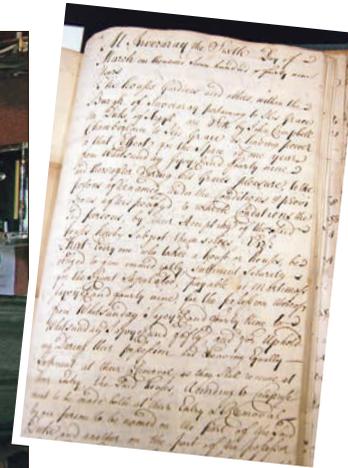


ry planned rural settlements to the University of Dundee.

The Written in the Landscape project was spear-headed by archivists Jennifer

Young and Hannah Baker, and eager volunteers during the project were Eileen Anderson, Arend Goodheir, Agnes Hill and Niall Iain

MacLean. Fascinating records relating to the old town, which lay roughly between the current castle and the shore, were uncovered and



Far left: Project archivist Hannah Baker at the Inveraray Castle exhibition all about the old town.

06_a420ldInveraray06; and left, a document dating from March 1749 asserting the Duke of Argyll's right to extract rent from old town residents. 06_a420ldInveraray07

those licensed to sell alcohol – in old Inveraray, among many other gems of detail.

A special 45-page guide book has been produced which aims to bring back to life the people and places of a town which no longer exists and put into context the building of the new town and razing of the old, to make way for the new Inveraray Castle. The book can be obtained by emailing archives@inveraray-castle.com in return for a small donation.

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Give yourself a gift for Christmas



Lochgilphead-based recovery cafe Grub's Up provided delicious food at the launch event.

The Mid Argyll 66 Day Challenge was launched in fine style at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

This new initiative offers members of the public positive ways to change the habits of a lifetime.

The project is being delivered by NHS Highland, the charity umbrella body TSI and the local Health and Wellbeing Network, and the whole thing kicked off with full day launch event on Wednesday October 17 - exactly 66 days before Christmas.

Packed into Lochgilphead Community Centre, organisations from Argyll and Bute Council to charity bodies, therapists and fitness teachers displayed what they have to offer people looking to improve their wellbeing.

Whether it's a battle against the bulge, walking more, beating the booze or fags or giving up that chocolate habit, we all have big or little things we want to eliminate, or good habits we would like to take up.

Individuals can take the challenge on their own, or in groups. People can raise money through sponsorship for local charities or take whatever approach they feel is right for them.

The challenge ends on day 66 – Christmas Eve – and Mid Argyll could be several tonnes lighter, fleet of foot and healthier all round – a great end to the year and a great start for the rest of your life.

The countdown is on. What will you do to help yourself in time for Christmas?



Claire Cameron was at the launch representing the MS Centre, complete with her therapeutic giraffe, painted by numbers.



Grace MacLeod and Sally Wilkin of Blarbuie Community Woodland with Susan Chattwood and Pam Staley.



The ladies of Mid Argyll have a go at Mindfulness Beads.





Robert MacBrayne with a spurdog caught in Loch Etive.

Etive tests Loch Fyne anglers

Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club held its annual 'blind pairs' competition out of Airds Bay on Loch Etive recently in testing conditions.

The strong wind and heavy

rain made it a difficult day for the anglers, but they made the best of it fishing from the small self-drive boats.

Loch Etive produced the usual species of spurs, whit-

ing and dogfish with a total of 28 fish caught and returned. At the end of a trying day, a lucky dip draw was held to determine the 2018 pairs winners.

Robert MacBrayne and Ronnie McGinty were clear leaders with a combined score of 83 points with Steven MacBrayne and Gordon Law runners-up on 43 points.



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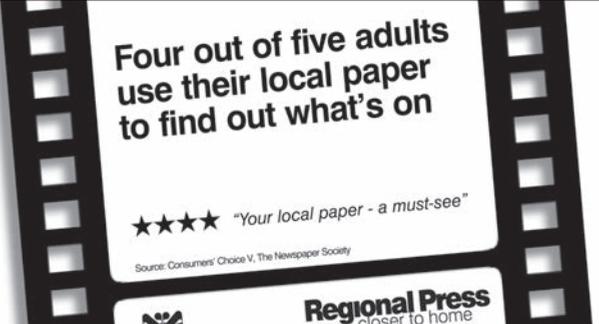
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Blackies and artwork at Dalmally tup sale

As buyers and sellers gathered for the annual Dalmally tup sale, United Auctions hosted a charity auction in support of Scotland's rural charity RSABI.

The sale of an original oil painting was held during the sale of 1,212 Blackface shearlings, aged rams and ram lambs on Saturday October 20.

The painting, Market Day at Dalmally, was donated by Alan Watson, former managing director of United Auctions, who was presented with the work on his retirement in 1999.

The painting, by the late John Prentice, was sold to Ian Hunter, Dalchirla, for £2,000 in aid of RSABI.

Dalmally - United Auctions on Saturday October 20 held their annual sale of Blackface shearlings, aged rams and ram lambs at Dalmally Auction Mart.

A total of 538 shearlings sold to an average £934.72 (down £49) and 188 lambs averaged £2,211.75 (up £54).

An exceptional demand for Blackface tups, both lambs and shearlings, saw 30 more lambs and 13 more shearlings sold with a huge crowd and buzz around both rings maintained to a high level from start to finish. Shearlings top prices: 22000 Elmscleugh to Loughash, Blackcraig & Nunnerie. 14000 Dalchirla to Troloss. 13000 Glenrath to Crosswoodhill.

13000 Dyke to Silloans. 12000 Midlock, Glespin to North Amulree, Achnafree & Connachan. 11000 Elmscleugh to Balliemeanoch & Dalwyne.

10000 Madrissa to Fingland & Glen Gatehouse. 9000 Elmscleugh to Pole. 8000 Dyke to Midlock & Whelphill. 8000 Dyke to Burnhead.

7500 Troloss to Elmscleugh. 6500 Gass to Glenrath. 6000 Dalchirla to Glenmore Estate. 5500 High Croach to Drumbreddan. 5000 Dyke to Craigend. 4500 Gass to Midlock. 4000 Elmscleugh to Knockdon. 4000 Blackhouse to Woodburn NI. 4000 Connachan to Allanfauld. 3800 Elmscleugh to Loch Ryan. 3500 Glenrath to Cadogan. 3200 Glenrath to Glenlud. 3000 Drimsynie.

3000 Allanfauld to Glen Gatehouse & Carscreugh. 2800 Burncastle. 2800 Dalwyne to Balliemeanoch. 2800 Midlock to Lurg & Hill of Errol. 2800 Dalchirla to Glenmore Estate. 2800 Dalchirla to Auchdregnie. 2600 Elmscleugh to Knockdon & Craig. 2600 Hill of Errol to Little Larg. 2500 Dalchirla to Philips. 2500 Dalchirla to Dullator. 2400 Pole. 2200 Dalchirla to North Amulree. 2200 Dalchirla to Upper Cleugh. 2200 Dalchirla to Little Larg. 2200 Lurg to Glenferstate. 2000 Williamhope to. 2000 Balliemeanoch to Overton.

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Lamb top prices. 50000 Auldhouseburn to Elmscleugh. 32000 Dalchirla to Crossflatt & High Staward. 28000 Dalchirla to Glenmore Estate. 26000 Dalchirla to Elmscleugh & Hill of Errol. 25000 Auldhouseburn to Merkins, Loughash & Grant, NI. 22000 Elmscleugh to Auldhouseburn & High Staward. 15000 Balliemeanoch to Hartside, Elmscleugh & Nunnerie. 14000 Elmscleugh to Luss Estates, Laigh Balernock & Glenfruin. 13000 Auldhouseburn to culdoach, Auchenflower & Balmurrie. 11000 Harestone to Glenrath, Midlock & Dalchirla. 10000 Crosswoodburn to Whelphill, Glenrath & Mitchellhill. 9000 Elmscleugh to Glenmore Estate. 7500 Dalchirla to Drumgrange. 6500 Midlock to Elmscleugh. 5000 Harestone to Kirkton. 4500 Glenrath to Glenmore Estate. 4500 Dalchirla to Glenmore Estate. 4500 Cramie to MacLean & share retained. 3800 Dalchirla to Hartside Lammermuir. 3500 Nunnerie, Wintercleugh to Aitkenhead & Arnicle. 3200 Auldhouseburn to Auchenflower. 3000 Troloss to Dall. 3000 Netherwood to Millbank & Burnhead, Darvel. 3000 Easter Harpprew to Glenhead, NI. 3000 Dalchirla to West Bracklinn. 3000 Harestone to West Bracklin. 3000 Auldhouseburn to Greenside. 2600 Harestone to Rhodders. 2500 Easter Harpprew to Craigdarroch. 2000 Dalwyne to Chirmorrie. 2000 Elmscleugh to Killellan. 2000 Elmscleugh to Glenkiln. 2000 Glenrath to Fidden. 2000 Dollarbank to Douglas, NI. 2000 Dollarbank to Dyke. 2000 Dalblair to Gosland.

Islay - United Auctions Thursday October 18 held a sale of 1,833 lambs and sheep and 324 suckled calves at Islay

Auction Mart. Lambs averaged £47.94 per head or 138 pence per kilo (- £3.13 per head or 8.7 pence per kilo). Bullock calves averaged £692 per head or 229 pence per kilo (- £50.13 per head or 9 pence per kilo). Heifer calves averaged £581 per head or 209.3 pence per kilo (-£44 per head or 24.5 pence per kilo). A good following of buyers were in attendance. In the cattle section, quality sorts easily maintained last year's values whilst plainer sorts were harder to cash. In the sheep section all classes followed rates prevailing currently at principal mainland centres.

Principal lots and prices:
Top prices per head:
Bullocks. AAX: £960, £905(2) and £830 - Scarrabus.
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LIMx: £960 - Carrabus: £900 and £880 - Ardnave: £855(2) - Corry: £830 - Ardnave: £815 - Corry: £800 - Tormisdale Farm.

Heifers. AAX: £890(2) and £820(2) - Scarrabus. BAX: £700 - Ardnave.

CHARx: £820 - Ardnave: £815 - Carrabus: £800 - Ardnave(2) and Aoradh(4).

LIMx: £810 - Island: £710(2) - Kintra.

SHx: £800(2) - Scarrabus.

Top prices per kilo:
Bullocks. AAX: 208p(11) - Scarrabus. BAX: 252p(4), 242p(3), 225p(2) and 214p(2) - Ardnave.

CHARx: 334p(2) - Ardnave: 331p, 307p(4), 293p(5) - Aoradh: 284p - Ardnave: 278p(4) - Aoradh: 264p(4) and 261p(2) - Ardnave: 257p - Aoradh: 253p(5) - Mansefield: 250p(4) and 249p(3) - Ardnave: 241p(6) and 239p(9) - Kilmenny. LIMx: 266p(2) - Ballimartin: 257p - Ardnave: 255p(5) - Kintra: 253p - Ardnave: 251p - Carrabus: 246p(3) - Kintra:

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245p(7) - Mansefield.

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BAX: 233p, 222p(2) - Ardnave.

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MULE: £49.50 - Islay Estates: £41.50 - Island Farm.
BF: £33.50 - Ardfarnal.

Top prices per kilo:

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MOTORPOINT CELEBRATES DOGS TRUST PARTNERSHIP WITH SPECIAL DOGGY DAY



- Motorpoint to host special 'Doggy Day' this Sunday in Glasgow
- Event designed to help raise funds for charitable partner Dog's Trust
- Part of plan to make Motorpoint Scotland's most dog friendly car retailer

Motorpoint is aiming to become Scotland's most dog friendly car dealer.

The UK's largest independent car retailer, which is based on Hamilton Road in Glasgow, recently partnered with the Dog's Trust in the city.

And, to celebrate the partnership, Motorpoint is hosting its very own 'Doggy Day' this Sunday, October 28 between 12-4 pm to raise awareness of the work of the charity as well as give dog owners a unique opportunity to meet behavioural experts, vets and groomers. There is also a chance to put your dog through a special exercise programme in the branch. Motorpoint also has a dedicated soft play area in the showroom so customers can leave their dogs while they browse cars.

Plus, every person who attends the 'Doggy Day' will also receive a totally pawe-some limited edition Motorpoint 'Doggy' Bag containing treats, toys together with a complimentary seat belt

harness for dogs. Drivers are required by the Highway Code to suitably restrain their dog while driving. Failure to do so can attract a fine of up to £5,000 for careless driving.

Adam Gilmore, General Manager of Motorpoint Glasgow, explained: "We are on a drive to become Scotland's most dog friendly dealer and as part of our support for the Dog's Trust we've decided to host a special Doggy Day this weekend. It promises to be lots of fun for the dogs, and their owners. Everyone who visits us this Sunday will go away with one of our special 'Doggy' bags."

Motorpoint opened its new-look Glasgow showroom in mid-August after teaming up with award-winning interior architects BSD Associates to transform its popular showroom into a wonderful environment for car buyers to choose, buy and drive away with a low mileage nearly car from 30 different manufacturers on the same day.

The new look showroom, which took over two months to create, boasts a boutique style Moto Café, where customers can choose from a wide selection of hot and cold food, Info Points for browsing the internet together with a dedicated Kids Zone.

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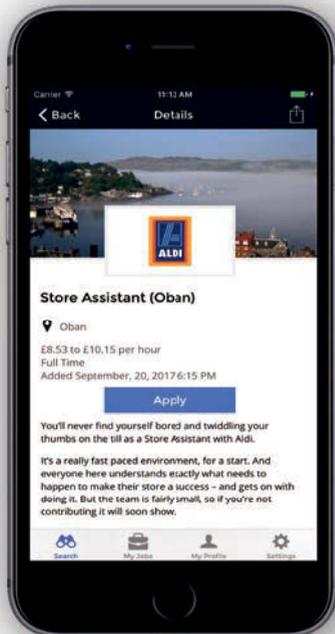


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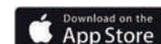
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D Cunningham
Chairman

Agenda:
1. Present, 2. Apologies, 3. Minutes of previous meeting held 23rd November 2017, 4. Annual Accounts., 5. Chairman's Report, 6. Harbour Development., 7. Any other business

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Craft fayre

The Inveraray Inn is hosting a craft fayre table top sale on Sunday November 4.

In partnership with First Aid 4 Gambia, artists and crafters across Argyll are invited to Inveraray to sell their lovingly crafted items.

ARDFERN

Craignish Bookworms

The Scottish Book Trust is hosting a relaxed evening with author James Robertson and scriptwriter Cat Hepburn as part of Craignish Bookworms.

Craignish Village Hall will open to a talk from the two literary pioneers at 7pm on Saturday November 17.

Cat Hepburn is a Glasgow-based award-winning script writer and spoken-word artist who is passionate about working with marginalised voices, exploring social issues and using storytelling to empower, provoke and make people laugh.

James Robertson is the author of several short story and poetry collections and multiple novels including The Testament of Gideon



Männergesangverein St Wolfgang from Salzburg Lake District, Austria, will sing in Inveraray Parish Church on Saturday October 27.

Mack which was long-listed for the 2006 Man Booker Prize.

Book tickets via Eventbrite, Craignish Bookworms on Facebook or email craignish.bookworms@gmail.com

TARBERT

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Over the weekend of September 22-23, a group of 11 S4/5/6 Tarbert pupils took part in the silver Duke of Edinburgh award expedition.

They were joined by four participants from Lochgilphead.

They walked along a route in Mid Argyll that they had planned and camped for two nights. Those who completed the expedition did well coping with map-reading, team work, camping and walking.

At this stage there is adult supervision, especially as it was a practice expedition. When they take part in their qualifying expedition next summer they will have undergone more training to enable them to be supervised less.

In the meantime they are completing various other sections of their silver award.

PORTAVADIE

Festive fayre

Portavadie is holding a Festive Fayre on Saturday December 1 with stalls still up for grabs to sell makers' goodies. If anyone is a maker, crafter or baker, Portavadie wants to hear from them. Tables cost £12. Anyone interested should contact events@portavadie.com by November 16 to secure their spot.

KILMARTIN

Bats beavers and owls

Kilmartin Museum and Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation are teaming up for Hallowe'en. On Friday October 26, families are invited to explore the spooky Beaver Treasure Trail, then enjoy hot chocolate and making a Hallowe'en bat or owl. To book, contact education@kilmartin.org or call 01546510278. To find the Wildlife Visitor Centre in Barrandaimh in the dark follow the B8025 for Tayvallich from the Crinan Canal then take the first left, signed for the centre, and follow the track to the car park.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

It is interesting Jesus did not ask us to go and build churches; he asked us to go and make disciples.

Now we have too many churches and too few disciples.

We have many church buildings which are only partly full and which are costing an exorbitant amount of money to upkeep.

We are spending more on buildings than we are on mission.

Is this right? Is this what Jesus would want?

Our churches are precious to us, but can we really justify spending thousands of pounds on them when there are so few people who actually come to worship in them?

Ministry in Argyll is in a state of crisis at present with 50 per cent of charges in vacancy and an expected 75 per cent to be vacant within another year.

What do we do?

Many small churches have single figures worshipping on a Sunday and the cost of ministry to sustain this is considerable.

The ordained ministry is limited and lay ministry is being used more and more but even this is being spread very thin as demands are required in so many places.

There seems to be no answer to this if we continue to think of ministry as we have always done.

We have to try to catch a vision of how ministry could be.

We may not be able to see this far ahead, but we have to go forward in faith.

God told Abraham to leave everything he held dear and go into an unknown future in faith.

Maybe this is how God is calling his church.

Maybe we have to just move forward in hope and trust and see what God will do.

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FOR THE WEEK**

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

DEATHS

CRAIG - Peacefully, at the Lynn of Lorne Care Home, Benderloch, on October 16, 2018, Hugh Alexander Craig, in his 87th year, youngest son of the late Alex and Katherine Craig, Carrick Farm, beloved father of Maureen, Allan and the late Mary Catherine, seair of Emma, Donald, Rory, Craig, Calum and Alasdair, and a dear bother and uncle. Funeral service was held in the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, on Thursday, October 25, 2018, followed by a private cremation. Sadly missed.

GOODMAN - Joolz Goodman (also and formerly known as Julie Anne Rowley), of Torran Mhor, Ford and The Little Potting Shed, Oban. The husband and family of Joolz Goodman are deeply saddened to announce her untimely and tragic death, on October 15, 2018. A service is to be held at The Cuttle Bridge Inn, Minworth, on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at 11.30am, followed by a gathering to celebrate and commemorate the colourful and vivacious life of Joolz. Bright clothing is welcome, as a compliment to Joolz's distinctive character. Charity donations to Hope Kitchen and Argyll Animal Aid would be preferred in lieu of flowers. A memorial service will be held in Oban, at a date to be announced.

MACGILLIVRAY - On October 22, 2018, peacefully at home, Joan MacGillivray, née Little, in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Ian MacGillivray and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations if desired to British Red Cross.

WILSON - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 22, 2018, Hugh Hamilton Wilson, in his 84th year, 9 Kilkerran Road, beloved husband of Mary Mauchline, much loved dad of William, Robert, Hugh and James, and a loving grampa and great grampa. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Kidney Dialysis, Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHINN - Helen and family would like to thank all friends, neighbours, colleagues and the local community for their kindness and support following the sad loss of Frank. Special thanks to the police and ambulance crew who attended, to Rev Steve Fulcher for the service, to the Highland Parish Church, to Flora and Marion at the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and to T A Blair for the funeral arrangements. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the service and contributed to the retiral collection in aid of the Southend Scouts and the Learning Support Department at Campbeltown Grammar School, which raised a total of £869.07.

GILLIES - Ian's family thank everyone for their support after their sad loss. Thanks to staff at Glenaray Ward for their outstanding care and respect to Ian and family, to minister, Hilda, for an uplifting service, and to Margaret and her team for catering. Special thanks to Roderick MacDonald and team for exceptional service, and to all who attended on the day.

HEAFEY - Ann, Michael, Jeff, Kevin, Michelle and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the love and support they have received following the loss of their mum, Agnes. We thank you for the cards, letters, flowers, phone calls and visits which we have received. Special thanks to Father David Connor for conducting a special thanksgiving service and mass at St Margaret's Church and also conducting the ceremony at Cardross Crematorium. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr Davidson, Dr Phillips and all community nursing staff who attended to Agnes during the course of her illness, with such devoted care, in particular Collette Morgan, Macmillan Nurse. Grateful thanks also to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance, support and kindness throughout the funeral process, and to the staff of the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. A special thanks to all those who attended the service at St Margaret's and to those who travelled to Cardross Crematorium, your support was a great comfort to all of us. The retiral collection raised over £200 for the St Margaret's Church funds.

MCCAFFERY - Catherine Jane, Calum and Laura would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness following the loss of Gordon. We thank you for the cards, letters, flowers and phone calls which we have received. Heartfelt thanks go to all doctors, nursing staff and home care teams for their compassion and care shown to Gordon in the last few months. Thanks also to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their support and kindness, to Cameron for conducting the service, along with the personal tributes from Steve Bleasby and Jim Delahunty, to the Tarbert Hotel for their hospitality and fine purvey, and to Keli at Fyne

Flowers for beautiful floral arrangements. Sincere thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection for Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie and Mairi Semple raised over £1,500.

IN MEMORIAM

ARKELL - In loving memory of a 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 Davy, died October 20, 2010.

- From Maggie and family, home and abroad.

CAIRNS - Remembering always my husband, Duncan, for the happiest of times.

Locked forever within my heart.

- Love, Maura, James and Maria.

DEARN - In loving memory of my wife, Irene, who passed away on October 24, 2017.

It's been a year since you passed away

I hope you know how much you meant to me

I still think about you every day

I love and miss you in my own special way.

- Richard x.

ELLIOT - Albert, passed away October 27, 2017. When will we see your likes again.

You are never forgotten. You are always in our thoughts.

- Jean, Lyndsey, Karen and family.

MACINNES - In loving memory of my wife, Margaret, who passed away October 26, 2017.

Your presence I miss Your memory I treasure

Loving you always Forgetting you never.

- Neil and sons, David and Alan, and families.

STEWART - Treasured memories of a dear husband and dad, Dave, died October 27, 2013.

Loved and remembered always.

- Annie, Marion, Laura and Christine xxxx.

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CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays 11.00am

Eucharist & Coffee

St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)

Sunday 28th October 4.00pm

Harvest Festival in Praise of Music

In aid of UNICEF

With hot refreshments
Father Simon Mackenzie
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 28th October
11.30am Tayvallich Church
Mr David Logue

Saturday 27th October
Achnamara Hall
10.30am-12.30pm
Cafe Connect
All welcome

Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)

Sunday 28th October

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

Thanking God of the Harvest in Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Achahoish at 12.30pm

Monetary Donations to be shared between Disasters' Emergency Committee and Water Aid

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

SUNDAY

Holy Mass Sunday 10am

All Saints, Inveraray

Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

Fr. David Connor
01546 602380

All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 28th October 2018

Cumlodden and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

Church Service

Cumlodden, Furnace

10.00 am

Preacher: Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

Church Service

Inveraray Church

11.30am

Preacher: Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell

ALL WELCOME

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 28th October

Skipness Service 10.00am

Dr John L Morrison OBE

Tarbert Harvest Thanksgiving

Service 11.30am

Congregation led

Retiral Collection for

Indonesian Earthquake Appeal

Kilberry Service 2.00pm

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

For all church enquiries and pastoral care: Contact

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Everyone very welcome

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CHURCH NOTICES



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St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 28th October

Pentecost 23

Morning Prayer 10.45am followed by Theological Reflection

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Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)

6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday

12.15pm Lunch Club

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

7.00pm Make 'n' Munch

Craft Group

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Sundays, Holy Mass

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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 28th October

11.00am BIBLE SUNDAY

Visiting Speaker -

Adrian Armstrong

from the Scottish Bible Society with Sunday School and refreshments after the service

The Ark

Baby & Toddler Group

Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am

(Term time only)

Youth Fellowship

Visit our Facebook page for upcoming events

We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 28th October - 10am

Glassary Church

Songs of Praise

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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 28th October

10.45am Kirk Session Meeting

Session Room

11.15am Morning Worship

Triple C, Gen 1, Creche

Rev W Crossan

Monday 29th October

Guild 2.00pm New Hall

Shoe Box Appeal

Messy Church

3.45pm- 5.30pm

Church Hall

Tuesday 30th October

9.45am Tiny Tots

New Hall

Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

Church Hall

Thursday 1st November

Choir Practice

Friday 2nd November

Lunch Club

12.00 noon New Hall

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 28th October 2018

Harvest Festival Service

The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at

11.15am

All welcome.



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 28th October

11.15am Worship Service

Rev Rodger Crooks

11.15am Sunday School

2.30pm Afternoon Service

7.00pm Bible Sunday Service

in Springbank Evangelical Church

Wednesday 31st October

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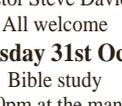
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Sunday 28th October

Family Communion Service

11.00am

Pastor Steve Davies

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Wednesday 31st October

Bible study

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Scots victorious after second half surge

SHINTY/HURLING

Scotland (1-11) 14
Ireland (1-9) 12

Scotland battled back from eight points down to beat Ireland 14-12 and lift the Marine Harvest Quaiach at the Bught Park on Saturday.

The Scots went into the match on the back of four successive home victories and led by captain Grant Irvine of Kyles Athletic.

Ireland started on a soft pitch with a strong wind in their favour and Scotland spent most of the first half pinned back.

The home side were six points down in the opening 20 minutes, the Irish taking advantage of the wind with straightforward single-pointers from range.

All the home side had to offer for their first half efforts was a two-point Kevin Bartlett free-hit as they trailed 10-2 at the mid point of the match.

Scotland came out for the second half with wind advantage and showed their intent as Arran MacPhee and Roddy Macdonald both had early attempts at goal.

Kevin Bartlett drove the ball between the posts to make it 10-4 and the come-back was on.

Bartlett added another two-pointer from left of centre on 52 minutes to make it 10-6.

Scotland captain Grant Irvine took a blow to the top of the head and, with blood streaming down his

Scotland U21 squad named

Scotland U21 head coach Alan MacRae has named his squad for the shinty/hurling meeting with Ireland U21 at the GAA National Games Development Centre in Abbotstown, Dublin, on Saturday November 3.

Throw-in is at 2pm and Archie Ritchie is the match referee.

Scotland U21: Scott MacLachlan, Inveraray; Lachlan Smith, Glenurquhart; Rory MacKeachan, Kingussie; Daniel Sloss, Oban Camanachd; Robert Mabon, Kingussie; Craig Ritchie, Newtonmore; Blair Morrison, Caberfeidh, captain; Iain Richardson, Newtonmore; Ross MacMillan, Oban Celtic; John Gillies, Skye Camanachd; Calum Grant, Kingussie; Danny Kelly, Lovat; Jonnie MacAskill, Glasgow Mid Argyll; Calum Shepherd, Fort William; Innes Blackhall, Kilmallie; Will Cowie, Skye Camanachd; Alexander MacMillan, Fort William; Findlay MacDonald, Lochaber; Iain Robinson, Newtonmore; Roddy Young, Kingussie.



John Michael Nolan of Carlow, Ireland tangles with Scotland captain Grant Irvine of Kyles Athletic.

face, he came off to receive stitches.

Andrew MacCuish capped his debut with a point as he ran onto a loose ball before swiping it over to make it 11-7.

Scotland manager Garry Reid added Glen MacKintosh, Evan Menzies and Greg Matheson with just over 20 minutes to go and his intentions were clear.

Jason Forde showed his class when

he dived over the top to increase the Irish lead to 12-7.

Then Glen MacKintosh pounced on a loose ball to slot the ball over the line and the Irish lead was cut to two points with 66 minutes gone.

Just a minute later, Greg Matheson drove the ball over from distance and the contest was tied at 12-12 with three minutes remaining.

Scotland had the momentum, and

soon a free hit offered a straightforward opportunity for Kevin Bartlett, who confidently stroked the ball over to make it 14-12 and, with just over a minute remaining, Scotland led for the first time in the match. Five minutes' stoppage time was played before Irish referee John Keane blew for time and Scotland celebrated another win on home soil.



A blood-soaked Grant Irvine lifts the trophy after a tight match. a43ShintyHurling01

Inveraray thwart Lochside's title hopes

Inveraray	2
Lochside Rovers	3
Marine Harvest South Division 1	

Reigning champions Lochside Rovers beat the Inveraray second team 3-2 in their 1pm throw-up at the Winterton, but it wasn't enough to retain the Marine Harvest South Division 1 title.

Ahead of the match, Lochside learnt Kilmory, who have been unable to complete the season because of team raising difficulties, had all their results for the fixtures already played this season erased.

This meant Lochside went into their final match trailing leaders Bute, who have completed their league programme, by two points but, significantly, the islanders held a goal difference advantage of six goals. Newly-promoted Inveraray were guaranteed an eighth placed finish no-matter the outcome.

Inveraray took the lead on four minutes through Craig Taylor, before the home side lost veteran David MacPherson to a nasty knee injury. Daniel MacCuish was a little fortunate referee John Wood only booked him for late swing following a melee. Lochside levelled on 41 minutes. Gregor Mather used his hand to stop a long range Lewis Buchanan shot but Michael MacQueen reacted quickest and slotted the ball in from close range to make it 1-1 at half time.

Lochside made a strong start to the second half and got two quick goals to raise Oban hopes. Ross Campbell made it 2-1 on 49 minutes before scoring again after 64 minutes to make it 3-1.

Inveraray dug deep, and scored a second following a great Gary MacPherson shot following a pass from his brother Graham.

This was a last match in charge for Lochside boss Gareth Evans and his Inveraray counter-part Graham MacPherson, and both will be greatly missed by their clubs.

Kilmory withdraw from league

Kilmory shinty club have written to the Camanachd Association stating they will not be able to fulfil their fixtures for the remainder of the season due to work commitments and injuries.

As one of Kilmory's remaining fixtures, against Lochside Rovers, has a direct impact on the outcome of the Marine Harvest South Division 1 title race, the competitions committee met and agreed Kilmory's results for the fixtures already played this season be erased.

Kilmory have advised they hope to compete in Marine Harvest South Division 2 in the 2019 season.

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Mid Argyll RFC in Dalriada festival action at Taynuilt

Mid Argyll Rugby Football Club continued its Dalriada festival at Taynuilt in really poor weather.

It seemed to bring out the best in all the youngsters, from all the teams, however.

Coach Lee Buckley said: 'Everyone had a great time and as usual Taynuilt were excellent hosts.'

Mid Argyll RFC P4-5 team won one game and narrowly lost four. This puts them third in the league table with 18 points. The P6-7 team won two games, drew one and lost one, putting them third in their

league with 20 points. The next festival will be on Saturday October 27, hosted by Campbeltown Kintyre RFC.

The South Argyll Schools team lost their game against Lenzie on Wednesday September 26.

Coach Lee Buckley said: 'The boys lost 70 - 17 but the score doesn't reflect the game against a well-drilled Lenzie team. Well done boys.'

The boys will now compete in the Bowl competition. The date of the game and the opposition are still to be confirmed.



Mid Argyll RFC players were in action at Taynuilt at the weekend.

Busy week ahead for Lochgilphead soccer centre

This weekend is a busy one for youth football with three teams in action.

The 2008s are hosting six teams playing seven-a-side at the astro on Sunday October 28.

The 2007s are heading to Campbeltown for another round of nine-a-side and the 2004s are off to Glasgow to face Summerston BC in a Glasgow Youth League game.

And the soccer centre is back on Friday October 26 following the October holiday break.

Last Sunday, October 21, saw the 2007s and the 2004s in action. The

2007s were up in Oban playing in the Oban Primary League winning four, drawing two and losing one of the seven games played. They are making steady progress as they get ready to step up to 11-a-side.

The 2004s were on league duty at the astro with a hard game against a competitive St Rochs. First half goals from Aitken and Green gave Star a 2-0 lead before St Rochs pulled one back.

With the game finely balanced, McMurphy chased through a long ball to secure a 3-1 victory for Star.

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James Perlich speaks openly about mental health. Photograph courtesy of BBC ALBA.

Mental health and sport – top coach speaks out

One of the most successful sports coaches in Argyll has opened up about his struggles with mental health.

In a candid and moving interview broadcast at half-time during BBC ALBA's coverage of the shinty/hurling international last weekend – and well worth a watch on the BBC iPlayer – James Perlich spoke openly about his experiences in the hope of giving others the confidence to consider their mental health.

Tighnabruaich man James, coach and manager for many years at the top level with Kyles Athletic shinty team, has taken a step back from the sport to focus on his health.

It was back in 2015 that he began experiencing high levels of anxiety and had trouble concentrating. 'I spent a

whole year angry,' he explained. It was his wife, a mental health nurse, who persuaded him to seek help through his GP.

He was doing everything he was being asked to do then, in 2017, he had what he described as a 'depressive episode', during which he felt he 'wasn't good enough' and 'poor at everything'.

James said: 'When the doctor mentioned the word 'depressive' that really upset me.

'I thought I must just be really ungrateful. I had managed a successful shinty team, got a beautiful wife and son, a good job, great friends – the list goes on. I had nothing to be upset about.'

Sport looks after people's physical well-being, but James believes there is

room for more. 'It's all very well looking after the physical side of things, he said 'but how often do we ask how sports people are doing mentally?'

Also interviewed for the programme was Mark Fleming of Positive Mental Health Scotland, who stressed the importance of clubs being able to recognise the symptoms of poor mental health, something echoed at shinty's governing body, the Camanachd Association.

The association's development manager Graham Cormack said resources would be provided to clubs to help deal with mental health issues, showing a pathway from clubs to sources of professional help.

James added: 'I know I have to step back for a while, but I'll be back.'

Star lose out in scrappy clash

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Red Star travelled once again with a depleted squad to Stepford, Glasgow, on Saturday October 20 and after a largely forgettable game came away on the end of a 3-1 defeat.

Easthall got on the front foot early and forced Luke Kalache into an excellent save when their striker met the ball with a close range header.

The hosts took the lead after 20 minutes when their winger broke clear and slotted the ball past Kalache in goal.

The visitors battled back towards the end of the first half and could have equalised when Aaron Moore forced his way through but his effort from the edge of the box curled wide. Red Star did get the equaliser before the break when Ryan Caskie turned and finished low into the bottom corner.

Into the second half and the opening stages proved cagey.

Red Star should have taken

the lead when some neat play involving Caskie and Andy Weir down the right saw Weir cut the ball back to Gregor McGeachy but the keeper got a block on the youngster's tame effort.

This would prove to be the turning point as Easthall took the lead again finishing a sweeping counter attack to take the lead at 2-1 with 10 minutes remaining.

Star pressed to get back into the game again with Aaron Moore and Martin Bonar both having shots saved, but it was Easthall who sealed the points late on with another breakaway goal.

It was another tough afternoon for Red Star who are desperate to get some of their injured players back as soon as possible as it looks like being a very competitive league this season in Premier One.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star play Port Glasgow at home in the league with the game at either the Ropework or the Joint Campus 3G, weather permitting. The game kicks off at 2pm.

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday October 22, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 9, 11 and 14.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £500.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 5, 7 and 20. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be

£200. Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 9, 14 and 20. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £900.



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