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Forced to raise baby in damp-ridden home

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Forced to live in a bedroom, a Lochgilphead family with a baby are fighting to have repairs done to their damp-ridden home.

Gary Smith, aged 36, from the Isle of Seil, his partner Lindsay Preston and six-month-old son Theo moved into the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) house from Ayrshire in April this year.

When the house was inspected by ACHA prior to the family moving in, previous damp in the plaster had dried up and no more repairs were deemed necessary for the building, but when they moved in the damp returned two days later, bringing bugs and a list of other problems.

To understand where the damp is coming from, ACHA created a cavity in the side of the building, which is still there and has allowed mice into the house. It also removed an area of plaster,



Gary Smith and his six-month-old son Theo in their new home. 51_a44GarySmith05

leaving a skirting panel loose with nails left exposed and an electrical socket in a hazardous condition. To rule out that damp was coming down

the chimney, it was covered in September and left, with damp still coming in. Mr Smith reported the wallpaper falling off the wall, revealing

damp plaster underneath and now his hall and floors are stripped bare.

He told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'We're confined to

the bedroom but it has damp too. If the health visitor wants to see the baby or anything else you have to deal with it in the kitchen.'

And there are worries the lack of safe space is affecting six-month-old Theo.

Mr Smith said: 'The health visitor wrote a letter saying at this age Theo should be on the floor rolling about. He should be developing, doing things that normal babies do.'

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'The property was in a habitable condition when let by the association. Since then issues of dampness have arisen and the association is carrying out investigations and, based on the findings of these investigations, will carry out appropriate remedial action.'

'The association will provide compensation through our redress policy to Mr Smith for his inconvenience. The association is committed to getting this matter concluded as soon as possible, and for Mr Smith and his family to enjoy the facilities in their new home in the very near future.'

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Inveraray school 'needs support', say inspectors

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Action is 'already under way' to make enhancements at Inveraray Primary School and nursery class after government inspectors issued a report identifying a number of areas for improvement.

A team of Education Scotland inspectors visited the school - which has a roll of 64 primary and 12 pre-five children - in September, when they spoke to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the head teacher and staff.

Acknowledging that the school has 'experienced some challenges' in recent years regarding teacher numbers, the inspection identified a number of strengths, including teamwork among staff, the outdoor learning environment and relaxed and

confident early level pupils. Inspectors also identified areas for improvement such as strategic leadership, the pace of curriculum development, use of outdoor spaces and pupil attainment in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing.

Of four quality indicators for the primary school, two were classed as 'satisfactory' while the others were deemed 'weak'.

In the nursery section, one indicator was 'weak' with another three being 'satisfactory'.

Inspectors concluded that the school should get additional support from Argyll and Bute Council and be given time to make necessary improvements.

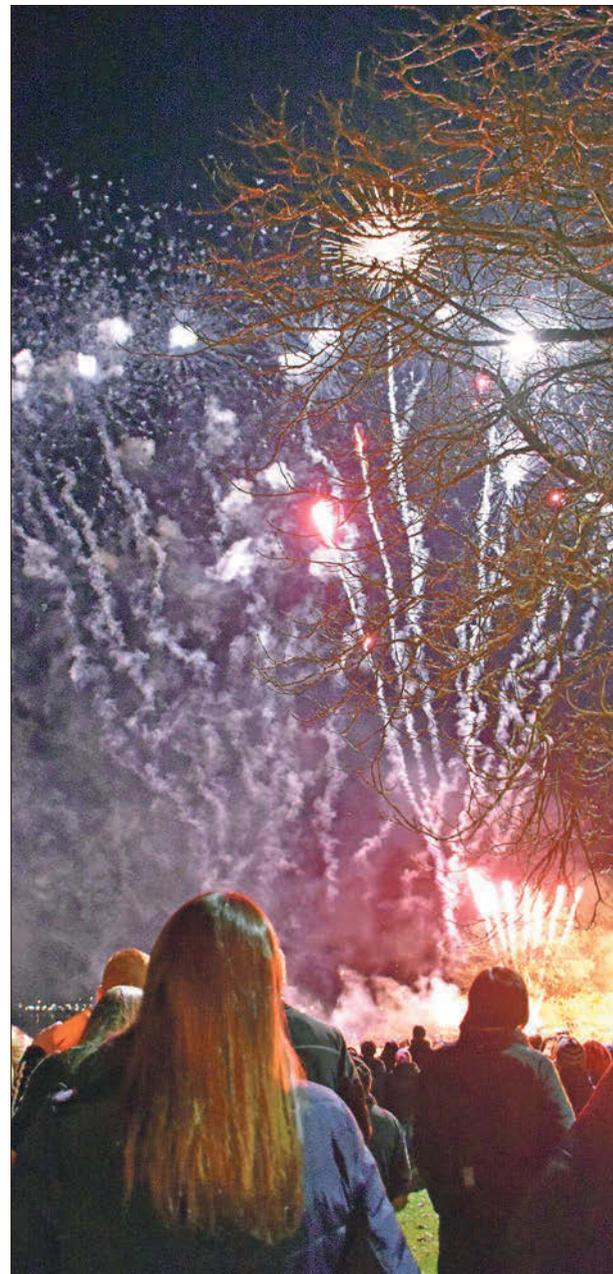
In a letter to parents/carers Marion Burns, HM Inspector, said: 'We will return to carry out a further inspection of

the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Argyll and Bute Council the details of the inspection.'

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'Inveraray Primary School boasts a number of key strengths and action is already being taken to progress improvements where needed.'

'For example, at Inveraray Primary School all relevant stakeholders, including children, have been involved in an extended consultation exercise to refresh the school's vision, values and aims.

'We are committed to ensuring that our children have the very best start in life, and we have hard working staff and pupils to be proud of, who together are achieving often award-winning success.'



Be responsible around fireworks.

Take care with fire and fireworks

As Bonfire Night approaches, warnings have been issued regarding health and safety as well as the welfare of animals at this time of year.

Dr Laura Ryan, medical director at NHS 24, said: 'Fireworks can be a spectacular sight, but I must stress that they have the ability to cause serious injury if not used correctly.'

'I would urge people to attend an organised display, rather than having their own event. However, if a party is being held at home, it's important that people know how to treat any injuries.'

'Depending on how serious a burn is, it may be possible to treat it at home. For minor burns, keep the burn clean and don't burst any blisters that form. Burns that are more serious will require professional medical attention.'

'You should go to a hospital

A&E department if the burns are large or deep, they have caused the skin to be white and charred or if any of the burns are on the face, hands, arms, feet, legs or genitals that cause blisters.'

Highlands and Islands regional MSP Rhoda Grant appealed for the public to be mindful that fireworks can be very stressful to people and pets.

'All I want to do is remind folk that loud bangs not only scare the elderly, housebound and frail, but absolutely terrify animals, be they domestic pets or wild animals and cause all sorts of injuries and can even cause death,' said Mrs Grant.

Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields, or close to buildings that house livestock. The offence carries potentially hefty fines and may even result in prison.

POLICE FILES

Failing to stop

A collision occurred between a blue Peugeot 206 and a parked red Seat Ibiza car about 11am on Monday October 22 on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead. Subsequently, an 85-year-old woman was charged with careless driving and failing to stop and report the collision. Nobody was injured as a result of the collision and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving

About 7am on Thursday October 25, a car crashed on the A83 in Ardrishaig. The driver, a 24-year-old man, was not injured and was charged with careless driving. He was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket with three penalty points.

Assaulted staff

On St Clair Road, Ardrishaig, about 5am on Saturday October 27, a 38-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner. Police arrested the man who struggled with police and resisted arrest. The man was taken to Lochgilphead Hospital where he was abusive to hospital staff and assaulted two police officers. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs charge

A man aged 28 was stopped and searched by police and allegedly found in possession of a small amount of cannabis about 10pm on Saturday October 27, in West Bank Road, Ardrishaig. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drink driving

On Sunday October 28 at about 11pm, on the A83 at Lochgair, a woman, aged 49, was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Subsequently a blood sample was taken for analysis.

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

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MOJO money matters

MOJO organisers are delighted to announce that the annual event made a profit this year.

The annual rock event in Ardfern is not arranged for the money, but to celebrate and encourage original music – but it helps.

Between the ticket sales and the bar sales, minus expenses, the event brought in £816.25, which was split evenly between the six bands, who all received £136.

On top of that, the bands individually sold £224 worth of tickets and £80 worth of CDs, which they are to keep.

As an upgrade from last year's gig, where organisers said they just broke even, the hope is that MOJO goes from strength to strength, and returns next year.

Emergencies prioritised as dentist hunt goes on

Dental treatment at Mid Argyll Hospital is to be prioritised to focus on emergencies, children and high risk patients while a replacement dentist is found.

With the current senior dental officer at the clinic set to retire on Friday November 2, a locum is being sought to help the remaining dentist cope with demand.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said that priority would be given to 'emergencies, child patients, those with orthodontic appliances and patients within

the high risk categories with medical issues, physical and mental impairment'.

The spokesman added: 'To ensure this interim arrangement is only for a short period of time, the HSCP is aiming to source a locum to support the remaining dentist in the hospital.

'We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause for patients.'

Scottish Government funding has been received to allow the senior dental officer post to be replaced, but on a fixed-term basis.

The HSCP is now in the



Mid Argyll Hospital.

process of advertising the vacancy, saying that 'all available recruitment options' are being explored.

The HSCP has also secured government funding – a Scottish Dental Access Initiative Grant – for Lochgilphead to support an independent practitioner in opening a general dental practice in the area.

The HSCP spokesman explained: 'The opportunity for an independent practitioner

has been advertised widely and the HSCP has received several notes of interest and is now progressing to the next stage in the process, which includes a formal interview and a review of business cases to provide the service.'

The changes follow Scottish Government guidance that routine dental patients should be seen by independent NHS dentists and that the public dental service should concentrate on providing care

for those who find it difficult to access dental services for health or other reasons.

The spokesman continued: 'If an independent practitioner successfully opens a practice, it is the intention that access for full-time working patients will be improved, with some days having longer or early opening hours.'

'The practice will also offer treatments currently not available on the NHS which will widen the range of available treatments such as white fillings in back teeth.'

'All of this will provide an improved dental service by increasing patient access and choice.'

'Scottish Government regulations ensure that the dentist in the new practice will be obliged to provide 80 per cent of the dental treatment under the NHS, so any private work would be limited.'

Art group offers tips on beating scams

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An Argyll-based artists' collective has issued advice following reports of an art scam in the area.

As reported in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* of October 26, 86-year-old Tarbert artist Ann Thomas narrowly avoided falling victim to an email scam in which a fake buyer, supposedly based in Canada, offered to buy two paintings. A dud cheque followed for a sum vastly in excess of the agreed price, after which Mrs Thomas was asked to refund the difference. At that point it all became too suspicious and the deal was never done.

Sian MacQueen of Artmap Argyll offered the following advice: 'Always try and take payments through BACS, Paypal or other online secure payment methods and if ever in doubt contact fellow artists either through Artmap or directly and ask their opinion.'

'As self-employed artists, we are often dependent on sales which come through contacts made via websites or email, so learning to slow down and not be rushed into sending work away before it is paid for or accepting cheques as payment without clearance would also be best practice.'

'If someone has made the



Sian MacQueen offered tips on behalf of Artmap Argyll.

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Ann Thomas avoided the scammers – but be careful when approached by potential buyers.

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decision to invest in your work, they will not be put off by you being professional and taking your time to process the sale.

'We have heard about the same scam happening to artists in other areas. It is a worry as we have a high number of artists in the area who are easily contactable through their own or Artmap's website.'

Artmap Argyll was set up in 2007 to promote artists and makers living in Argyll and create a support network for those artists while raising the profile of art in the area.

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Getting ready for fireworks in town

Excitement is building ahead of this year's Bonfire Night event on the front green.

Considered a highlight of Lochgilphead, the nod to Guy Fawkes will start at 6pm on Saturday November 3 and will feature beautiful fireworks lighting up the night – with a little bit of help.

Aside from the evening activities, the cost of the fireworks is proving a challenge, prompting the organisers, Mid Argyll Round Table, to start a crowdfunding campaign on JustGiving.com

Although 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.

At the time of writing the JustGiving page was at 51 per cent of this, with £1,020 raised.

With time running out there is still a chance to donate by



2016's fireworks display was a big hit.

going to JustGiving.com and search Mid Argyll Round Table Bonfire and Fireworks 2018 or visit justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mid-argyll-round-table-fireworks-2018

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

Argyll Scout group adventures abroad

Next year will be a very special one for some members of 19th Argyll Scout Group.

Eight young people have been selected from a very strong field of candidates to participate in Scout trips overseas to broaden their horizons and help them learn invaluable life and team building skills.

Two group members will spend three weeks in the USA and Canada participating in the 24th World Scout Jamboree – this event brings together young people from all over the world to have adventures, undertake community projects, develop their leadership skills and learn about the faiths and cultures of fellow Scouts.

Six members of the unit and two leaders are joining a challenging regional trip to the Trenagon area of Northern

Malaysia to work with an indigenous group in a remote area of protected rainforest.

While abroad the leaders and young people will undertake community projects and learn about the culture and way of life of the tribe.

Fundraising for these trips has been on-going for some months but is now gaining momentum. A bag pack at the Lochgilphead Co-op on Saturday October 27 raised £630 and thanks are given to Co-op staff and customers for their support and generosity.

On November 2 and 3 a stall at the winter bazaar at Christ Church, Lochgilphead will offer a range of seasonal goods.

Anyone who would like to make a donation can do so at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/19thargyllexplorers.

Winter bazaar offers shopping gems

Christ Church in Lochgilphead is holding its annual winter bazaar this weekend.

At the church on Friday November 2 from 5pm to 8pm there will be an atmospheric night of mulled

wine and mince pies.

This will be followed by the bazaar on Saturday November 3 from 10am to 3pm, where visitors can enjoy some relaxing shopping.

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Forced to raise baby in damp-ridden home



An example of the repairs that need to be done to the house.

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Councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'I am surprised to learn that ACHA has let a house which is in need of the reported substantial repairs.

'I understand that all necessary repairs are instructed before a new tenant moves in.'

And Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'I would hope the housing association would support Mr Smith to overcome what appears to be a situation

that's intolerable and not conducive to safe family living.'

Following Mr Smith filing a complaint, ACHA sent a letter dated October 9, saying that inspection of the cavity in the wall would be carried out and any issues would be resolved by October 10.

The letter also detailed Mr Smith's compensation as being a maximum redress of £150 with a rent reduction of seven weeks at £13.87, which will be paid when work is

completed. No attempt to re-home the family has been offered

On Wednesday October 31 Mr Smith received word that ACHA would re-plaster the wall cavity. He commented: 'The problem will still be there, just hidden. Will this go on until Christmas? Probably. So I have to eat my Christmas dinner on my bed. It's the wee man's first Christmas and we can't have a tree, no room for it.'

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New centre takes first steps

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A new family and early years centre is taking shape at the northern tip of Loch Fyne.

One of the ways to attract young families to an area is to have good childcare provision and that is one of the driving forces behind the £2 million Cairndow Community Childcare project.

Years of planning and fundraising reached a major milestone on August 16 when the ground was formally broken to begin work.

Carrying out the construction work is main contractor Emtec Property Services, working with MAST architects and other local partners including Cowal Design and Taynuilt-based Gregor Cameron Consultancy Ltd.

The project reached a key stage on Friday October 16 when the concrete pour took place, following work over the last few months to install drains and create foundations for the new building.

Cairndow Community Childcare director Virginia

Sumsion said: 'A brilliantly sunny day for the pour followed by a dry weekend helped the process and we look forward to seeing the walls rising on the plinth.'

She added: 'Within the next month we will be advertising

'A brilliantly sunny day for the pour helped the process and we look forward to seeing the walls rising on the plinth.'

for a business development officer to join the team and prepare for the move to the new centre next year.'

The new centre will include a community services room as well as a childcare centre, offering a space for visiting healthcare practitioners, for example, without overlapping with the facilities offered at Cairndow Village Hall.

Construction of the centre is expected to be complete by next autumn.



Celebrations back in August as the ground is broken on the site
06_a34CairndowChildcare09. Left: pouring taking place on a beautiful October day. And, right, the concrete base will soon be ready for the next phase of construction.



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Charity boss Jamie is given his OBE

Archie Spencer and Jock Spencer, pupils at Lochgilphead Joint Campus until last year, had the honour of accompanying their father Jamie Spencer to Buckingham Palace on October 17 to receive the OBE from HRH Princess Anne.

Jamie has been running the charity Feedback Madagascar for more than 25 years. The project has been visited by David Attenborough and last year by HRH Princess Anne and Admiral Sir Timothy Lawrence.

Jamie, from Craignish, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours in June for services to health, social development, education and the environment in Madagascar.

Jamie's tireless work has brought exceptional results in health, education, the alleviation of poverty and the preservation of Madagascar's unique forests and had a long-term sustainable impact at national level.

Jamie has developed an effective approach to sustainable rural development and environmental conservation that builds upon long-term engagement in Madagascar and a deep knowledge of the Malagasy people, their language and their culture.

The impact of his work has



Jamie with his wife Julia and the family outside Buckingham Palace, above, and with Archie and Jock inside the palace.

been transformational in saving lives, improving health facilities, opening up new educational and livelihood opportunities and protecting the environment.

Through the charity's work, 45,000 people now have access to clean drinking water, 77 new schools provide education to approximately 19,500 pupils and deforestation has

been significantly reduced over a huge area in the southern part of the country.

Jamie said: 'This is absolutely magnificent. This will honour all the people we have worked with in Madagascar and all the people who have supported us so much over the years. The future of Madagascar must be in the hands of its people.'

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Must be an answer

Over the past few years the Argyllshire Advertiser has carried a number of stories about tenants of Argyll Community Housing Association complaining about chronic dampness in their homes.

There will be the silent majority, of course, who are quite content, but there does seem to be a problem with a proportion of the housing stock.

The association inherited a lot of these issues from Argyll and Bute Council when the housing stock was handed over, and finances are getting no better to address them.

But when there is a baby in a house with exposed wiring, skirting boards removed and not de-nailed in the house and obvious damp problems – why can a solution not be found with urgency?

Tarbert book festival

Tarbert Book Festival offered a treat for book lovers, and the weather helped to make it a hugely enjoyable event for everyone who went along. Tarbert was certainly looking her best for the authors. Well done to the organisers, and roll on 2019.

Rest and be Thankful
measures a success

Sir,
I feel strongly I must respond to Councillor Alan Reid's letter in the local press where he said, '...the recent engineering works carried out by the Scottish Government have failed their first test'.

This demonstrates a lazy, ill-informed reaction by someone with an abject lack of understanding of what has been achieved at the Rest and Be Thankful by the hard-working teams from Transport Scotland, Bear Scotland and Geo-Tech.

If Councillor Reid had taken the trouble to speak to the teams working on the Rest he would have known that, far from being a failure, the measures in place have prevented the Rest and Be Thankful from being closed on 23 occasions since 2015.

The nets have stopped large – two to six tonne – boulders from closing the road and, more importantly, prevented possible injuries and fatalities. In most people's book that would be classed as a positive accomplishment.

I know the road was recently closed for a week, but let's put this in context. We had extreme weather conditions that also closed roads in Wales and England. Geo-Tech engineers on site assured me that if the mitigation pit work had been completed this would have prevented the road from being closed this time.

So, far from being a failure, I would suggest

that with 23 road closures prevented in recent times, the measures currently in place have been nothing short of a success.

Councillor Shonny Paterson,
Lomond North ward.

Mitigation not good enough
for Argyll's M8

Sir,
I have been an A83 Task Force member for many years and have consistently argued mitigation measures will never fully protect the A83 and a permanent solution must be found.

It is only good luck that a fatal incident hasn't occurred and on the morning of the recent 3,000-tonne slide, four service buses were due to cross the Rest within 90 minutes of the landslide.

Transport Scotland was seduced by the cheapest option in The Jacobs Report in 2014, using the Old Military Road where its top stretch runs closest to the longest, steepest and most dangerous slope. A flawed choice.

The proposed flow over canopy/tunnel in the report of 1.2km was of a ridiculous design, visually intrusive and far too long. All major incidents have been in four gullies, over-engineered and supposedly requiring the A83 closed for long periods during construction and costing £120m.

A simple canopy, 400m long with closed walls at the outer edge at the four problem gullies would guarantee safe and continuous passage. With fixed traffic lights and gates this diversion could be activated swiftly in

bad weather. Half the excavation work for my proposed scheme has been already done in Transport Scotland's latest mitigation measures, digging deep pits beside the road – this done without any road closures.

I hope the weight of public opinion will force Transport Scotland to reassess its latest scheme and consider a simple, cheap, flow-over canopy.

I shudder to think the cost over the last 11 years of clearance of debris including helicopters, replacement debris restraining fences, six to eight vehicles, at least a dozen personnel to man and payments to use the old road. All a false economy.

I have no political agenda, merely a sincere wish to see the Rest – Argyll's M8 – continuously open in all weathers.

I look forward to the next task force meeting on November 15 in Inveraray – if The Rest is open.

Donald Clark, the George Hotel,
Inveraray.

Where do tourists turn as
Inveraray office closes?

Sir,
The Inveraray tourist office closed on Saturday October 27, leaving the large mainland of Argyll with only one tourist office, situated in Oban.

VisitScotland assures us modern tourists are so well-equipped with mobile phones and gadgets that they can get all the information they require from them and no other offices

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are necessary. Not in Campbeltown, Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Inveraray or Dunoon.

But we who live in Argyll know differently. Communications often break down, broadband is not the effective force promised in these parts and not all mobile phones receive signal all the time.

What do overseas visitors do in these circumstances? After all, not all speak fluent English. To whom or where do they turn?

I'm probably regarded as a dinosaur by our Edinburgh 'elite' but I have to wonder what was VisitScotland doing about our latest or any of the Rest and be Thankful debacles.

Perhaps they are not allowed to criticise other departments, but why not? After all their primary job is to woo visitors to Scotland – not just Edinburgh, Glasgow and a few miles around. All of Scotland, including some out-of-the-way places in Argyll and no doubt Inverness-shire, Ross-shire and others can say the same things.

We are not at all happy with our 'new deal' and would like to think our MPs and MSPs would be taking up the issues on our behalf.

And, lest you wonder, I have been in the tourist industry since 1950, my mother, brothers and her parents back to the 1860s. I'm retired now and up in years, but I still feel we are being short changed by people, many of whom have only a slight knowledge of our terrain.

Niall Iain MacLean, Inveraray.

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Generations unite to remember sacrifice



Scott MacLean deep in thought about his Remembrance worksheet.



Feorlin Renton looks through a gas mask.

Inveraray Church Hall hosted a night of Remembrance with a difference.

Generations came together on Monday October 22 to learn of the lost ones of World War I and the meaning of the poppy through painting and lantern-making as well as raising money for Poppy Scotland.

The children learned about the poppy through a visual story, wreath-making,

lantern decorating and mural painting.

Their craft skills will be displayed as part of Inveraray Parish Church's centenary celebrations.

There was also a display of war memorabilia.

Margaret Renton said: 'It was a lovely inter-generational evening of expressive arts to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I.'



Left: Skylark MacLeod and Lachlan Smeaton making poppy wreaths.



Right: Children and adults with some of their artwork.



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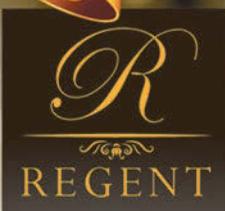
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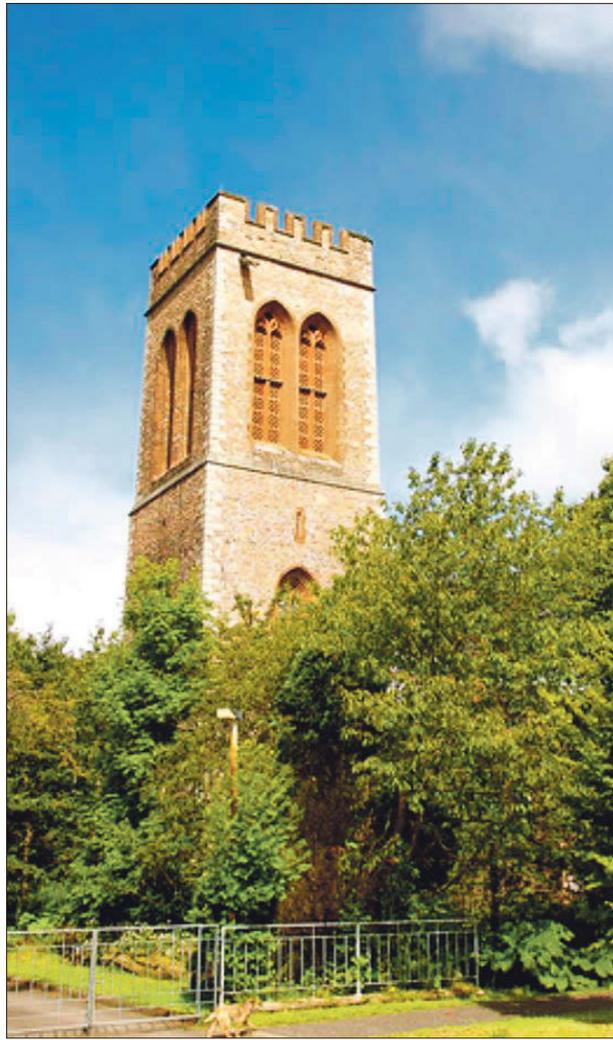
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Inveraray Bell Tower.

Inveraray bells mark centenary of Armistice

The bells of Inveraray's All Saints' tower will ring half muffled for the annual requiem service at 12.30pm on Saturday November 10 and the following day, Sunday November 11, they will be rung to a half-muffled peal commemorating the Armistice.

The bells and tower were given to the church as a war memorial by the 10th Duke of Argyll Niall Diarmid Campbell as a permanent memorial to lives lost in the Great War.

There is no other war memorial quite like Inveraray Bell Tower. In most towns,

cities and villages of this country, war memorials are generally blocks of stone, well-looked after but avoided for the rest of the year.

In his will, the 10th Duke asked that a requiem mass be said for the souls of the men from Argyll who died fighting in the Great War.

This request is met each year, usually on All Souls Day, November 2, but this year, being the centenary of the Armistice, it seemed appropriate to hold the requiem mass (Holy Communion) on Saturday November 10, combining it with the commemoration of the Armistice

'We want to make everyone aware of what these pieces of ringing are remembering.'

on Sunday November 11. The bells will be heard ringing a quarter peal lasting about 55 minutes before the requiem service. The following day, a full peal will start at 11.02am, lasting for three hours 50 minutes. The bells will be rung half muffled, meaning

the clapper will strike one side of the bell open and on the other side it will be dampened by a leather muffle. The audible effect is that of an echo but with a slightly changed order between ringing the open and closed stroke.

Dr Angela Deakin, correspondent for ringing events at the tower, said: 'It is important to inform local people whenever the bells are rung for long periods or for special events. Inveraray residents often remark when the bells are ringing and as part of a significant national occasion, we want to make everyone aware of what these pieces of ringing are remembering.'

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Gillian Meikle, Siobhan McCallum, Kirsteen Weir, Lorna Gilthorpe and Kathleen Young.

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Hospital staff boost Wear it Pink and Macmillan funds with lavish event

Staff at Mid Argyll Hospital hosted a Macmillan Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising event in the community hospital's cafe.

Everyone was urged to show their support by wearing something pink which led to some whacky outfits.

The hall was filled with cakes, jams

and other goodies, including stunning cupcakes.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: 'The admin staff at Mid Argyll Hospital along with the local Macmillan fundraising team thank everyone who attended their annual coffee morning.'

'The fantastic sum of £2,305 was raised

and shared equally between Wear it Pink and Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to everyone who supported the day, for baking, providing raffle prizes and donating generously.

'Thanks also to Lochgilhead Co-op and John Frier for their continued support.'



Mr and Mrs Carrick joined in the fundraising fun. 51_a44MacmillanCancer03


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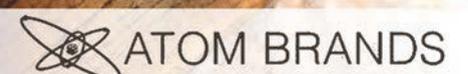
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Ardrishaig Craft Fair

The Ardrishaig Craft Fair returns with a seasonal twist.

On Saturday November 17 Ardrishaig North Hall will be open to various craft and baking stalls. As well as the tombola, and the chance to win a hamper, tea and coffee will be served with smiles.

The Ardrishaig Sale of Work is always a treat for those with an artist's eye, so visit the North Hall for a chance to grab a one-of-a-kind piece of work.

Doors open at 10am until noon. Entry is £3 per adult and £1 for children.

Christmas lights

Mid Argyll Pipe Band has announced that it will be playing when Inveraray's Christmas lights are switched on.

The holiday event has been revealed as Saturday December 1 and will be celebrated across Inveraray as the festive lights are lit to guide Santa to homes.



Mid Argyll Pipe Band will entertain those coming to see the Christmas lights.

Recycling and re-use are nothing new

If there is one certainty in life, it is death. Whether life is as short as a mayfly's or, like California's bristlecone pine, lasts thousands of years, all living things inevitably die.

And this is the trigger for nature's army of recyclers – from large mammals to worms, beetles, fungi and bacteria – to get to work.

The first law of physics is 'matter cannot be created or destroyed' or, more simply, nothing comes from nothing.

This was demonstrated convincingly by Antoine Lavoisier, the founder of modern chemistry, in 1773, and still holds good for organic material. Each part of a corpse is slowly dismantled, every structure disassembled and complex molecule deconstructed until the simple molecules generated can form the building blocks of other organisms.

Take iron (Fe) for example. This element is in limited supply but is required for most life-forms on earth. In mammals, it is essential for respiration. Every haemoglobin molecule in our red blood cells contains an iron atom that picks up oxygen from the lungs and delivers it to the tissues where it is used to produce energy.

There are 20-30 trillion red blood cells circulating in our blood, but they are short-lived.



Plenty of iron found on this table at the Mid Argyll Show. 08_a32MAS_Home-Industries08

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After just 120 days they are destroyed and replaced. Much of the iron in haemoglobin is recycled within the body, but we still need

a steady dietary intake to ward off iron deficiency and anaemia. That means eating enough iron-rich food – red meat and offal, legumes and,

of course, spinach. But where does iron come from?

There is plenty of iron in the earth's core, produced by fusion in the supernova that triggered the birth of planet earth 4.5 billion years ago, but this iron is not available to living things.

However, since its origin earth has been hit by many

iron-rich meteors, and this is the source of our dietary iron, entering the food chain via plants.

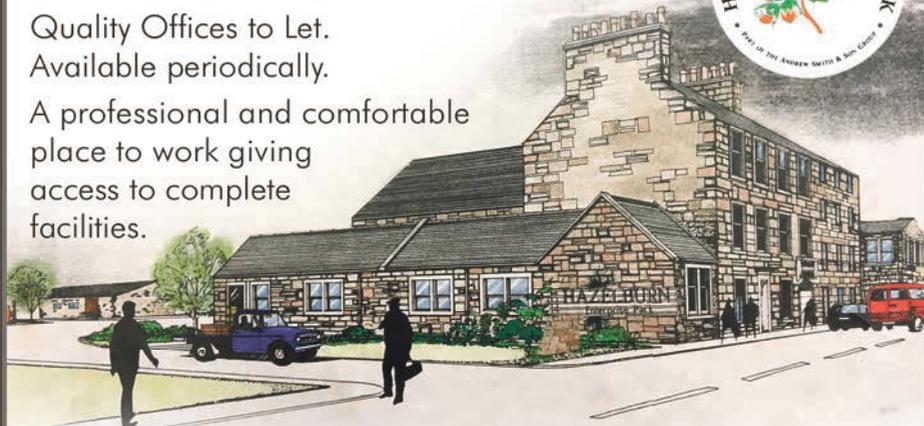
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Pipers have been part and parcel of remembrance for a century - and at 6am on November 11 a special tune will be played. 06_a47remembard05

Pipers prepare for Armistice tribute

Pipers from Mid Argyll have rallied to support a special event to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

They will be picking up their instruments at daybreak on November 11 to take part in 'Battle's O'er - A Nation's Tribute'.

Hundreds of pipers around the world have already registered to play the

well-known retreat march 'When the Battle's O'er', composed by Pipe Major William Robb, at war memorials at 6am. The reason for the early hour is because the Armistice of Compiègne was signed at that time on November 11 1918. It marked the end of the fighting on the Western Front and ultimately the end of the war.

Pipers from Mid Argyll Pipe Band

will muster beside war memorials at Kilmartin, Barnluasgan, Poltalloch, Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Lochgair and Minard to play the 3/4 march.

Event organiser Bruno Peek has been responsible for a large number of the biggest celebrations of this kind for more than three decades, including those for the Millennium and the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

George answers the wartime call from Down Under – part four

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.

His diary records an arduous and eventful three-month journey back 'home'.

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

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 various goods to

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



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

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

By George Kennedy

'We had to make for the Bar again as we could not be held at the dock side, having broken nine cables from 1 to 5pm – so we had to spend the night on board. And what about the others ashore – well they had the novelty of an experience and came off A1. When they got down to the berth and found the ship gone, the Cape Town military authorities set about getting blankets and accommodation in the Drill Hall. The ladies who run the Visiting Troops Entertainments (similar to Durban) set about providing teas and the breakfast. Their bunks were the floor, but sleep was out of the question as the piano and the sentimental and comic element of vocalists were in the highest of concert pitch. Some slept? Others couldn't and come Sunday morning it was back to the berth. Aboard the ship, the phrase was 'I wonder how our friends on shore like the clink!'

'We weighed anchor once more and made out safely, the weather having moderated. Our friends came on board and had dinner served and then had a sleep. The tram service can't touch Durban being run by a private company. There are numerous fine buildings and some fine tram rides, notably the tour round Table Mount by Camps Bay, also to Groobe Schur, Cecil Rhodes' Empire gift, where the native animals are in the wild and other big game collections. On the whole it is an enjoyable place as regards historical point of view, but for a progressive business Durban holds. We did not get so much leave as we were under close orders having to take South African troops and Returned Wounded Imperial troops from German East Africa.

'On Monday, some of us for the first time saw a diver go down below. The occasion was one of our nursing sisters accidentally dropping her gold

wristlet watch and bangle over the ship's side. It was sensational to see the diver dress and put his helmet on and the pumps working. Down he went and three minutes after up again with the watch still going after six hours in the bath. Such is our daily life on board ship, always something to claim our attention. At 11am on Tuesday June 22 we laid off our moorings and after the usual signals had been taken from our special escort we made for sea once more saying goodbye to Table Bay.

'We now formed part of a new convoy, our escort HMS Britannia as centre forward. On her aft starboard Clan McGillivray; Pakeha, RMS Walmar Castle and Damocles on aft. Port: Galway Castle, Titan, Ulysses and Suffolk. The daily routine now was somewhat similar to before, a grand ships concert being given on the boat deck to aid the Soldiers and Sailors Funds. There were S A Military sports every day, the munition workers and Australian Imperial Forces sports taking place before arriving at Durban.

'The days were now getting warmer and we crossed the equator on July 8 4am, arriving at Freetown, Sierra Leone, on Tuesday afternoon July 10 after a very slow, tedious voyage. We were here for orders and change of escort and taking on coal and fresh water. Meantime, we had some good sport with the locals while coaling. We got no leave here, looks a purely tropical place from the anchorage.

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

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The MAYDS hall filled with movie lovers all keen to see *The Greatest Showman* with popcorn made by MAYDS youngsters.

The MAYDS Facebook page said: 'A massive well done to our young people from P7 and up for organising their movie night fundraiser. Also a big thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come support them.'

Proceeds will help MAYDS benefit young people.

Poppy coffee morning

As part of events to mark the centenary of the end of World War I, Ardrishaig is hosting a coffee morning on Saturday November 10.

Ardrishaig North Hall will host a baking stall, a bottle stall, a raffle, tea and coffee from 10am till noon.

Donations will be gratefully received, with funds raised in aid of PoppyScotland and Erskine.

Artist in Lochgilphead for new book signing

Fraser MacIver, artist, painter, printmaker and life drawing instructor, is to launch and sign his first book in Lochgilphead.

The artist will unveil his illustrated paperback 'Five Moons of the Golden Moss' at Argyll Book Centre on Lorne Street on Saturday November 17 between 1pm and 3pm.

He wrote the piece in poetic form when he moved into his current home and art studio,

the Wagon Crinan Canal, in 1997 and completed it in 1999.

After two attempts in 2003 and 2007 at publishing the standard way, he finally self-published the 50-page volume this autumn, with more than 40 of his pen and ink, copperplate etched, oil and watercolour illustrations.

Fraser's poetic work attempts to delineate a primal 'creation myth' inspired by

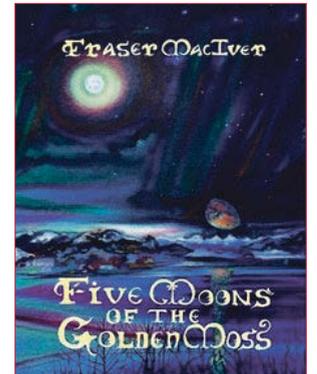
the River Add Estuary, Crinan Wood and the Mhoine Mhor, which has figured strongly in the artist's visual work for more than two decades.

In the poem, an oblique fictional and speculative narrative spans a vast chronology in time, specifically the pre-Christian period from 500 BC to the time of the Norse invasions around 700-800 AD. Fraser will be happy to autograph and dedicate

his book in the ink colour of the purchaser's choice with a special Venetian glass pen at his book signing.

Fraser said: 'If my words fail to please or inspire, the book has more than 40 of my original illustrations which I hope will be inspiring.'

Fraser is currently working on an illustrated graphic novel, eight other illustrated books and painting commissions here and in Sicily.



Rosie Bans.

Rosie Bans to share her singing talents with Ardfern

Craignish Village Hall in Ardfern welcomes Glasgow-based singer-songwriter Rosie Bans on Sunday November 11 at 3.30pm, for a special afternoon performance followed by vegan culinary treats from CatchaCarrot.

The café-style afternoon concert takes place in the cosy setting of the ground-level lower hall, perfect not only

for Rosie's unique and personal songs but also for enjoying sweet and savoury vegan mezze.

Rosie is a far cry from the usual female piano-pop, singer-songwriters, drawing inspiration from the song writing skills of Imogen Heap, Amanda Palmer and Tori Amos. Expect no sugary popness, but tales of honesty, deceit, family

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Above: The male voice choir delivered beautiful harmonies in the church.

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Right: The trip to Scotland is part of the choir's 140th anniversary celebrations.

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The sound of music enchants Inveraray

The mellow sounds of male voices in perfect harmony entranced Inveraray on a crisp autumn day.

On a tour of Scotland, Männergesangverein St Wolfgang male voice choir from the Salzburg Lake District performed in Inveraray Parish Church on Saturday October 27 at the invitation of parish minister Reverend Roderick Campbell.

The choir was founded in 1878 in the region which later became famous as the setting for the hit musical film 'The Sound of Music'.

Current choir members are celebrating its 140th anniversary

with a trip to the 'beautiful country of Scotland'.

In front of an audience of Inveraray folk, they performed a programme of beautiful, sonorous hymns and non-religious pieces, including a little yodelling - but, as they explained, 'not

in a funny way'. On behalf of the choir, one of the members said: 'We have really enjoyed our visit to Scotland. It is very beautiful.'

'We would like to thank Reverend Campbell for giving us the chance to sing in the church.'



You can see and hear the Männergesangverein St Wolfgang male voice choir in action in Inveraray by watching our video on the Argyllshire Advertiser website.

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Keep that MOJO burning – Stephen Skinn

Following last week's astounding gig in Ardfern, the Argyllshire Advertiser takes a look at what the musical knights of Argyll are up to following their rockin' display at MOJO.

Stephen Skinn from Loch Awe village first joined the live music world in 2012 with some of his own songs performed in the Corran Halls, Oban, to a large and enthusiastic audience.

He has continued writing and recording to produce his first album Living Off Dreams, influenced by artists including The Faces, Oasis and Bruce Springsteen.

The album encompasses music styles from folk and pop to alternative rock where Stephen's cool, inviting vocals always leave the listener feeling upbeat. His energising electric guitar is reminiscent of the Britpop days, with the result being a gentler version of Oasis, with a sound that's less rave and more chill.

Stephen said: 'It's just a case of picking up the guitar. Usually I start with playing a few songs I've already writ-

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ten. Then I just play random chord progressions and if a decent melody goes with those chords then I go with it. I tend to write lyrics as I come up with the melody.'

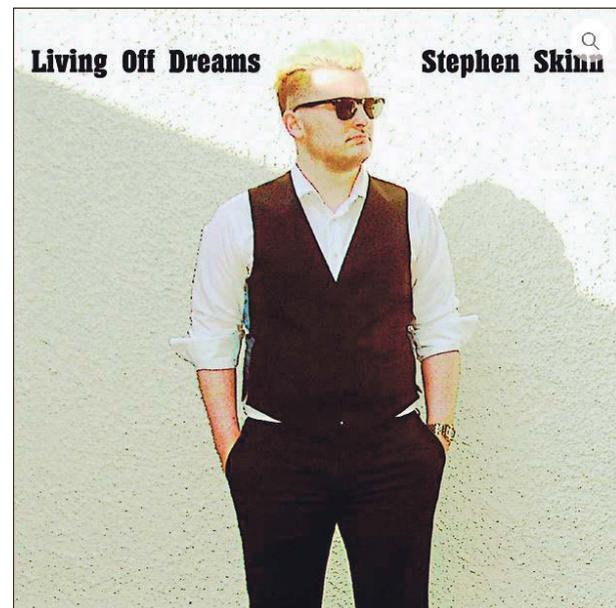
When asked what his best moment gigging was, Stephen said: 'My best gig moment is probably at MOJO when I got a few dancers during my set. At least someone was enjoying it, regardless of how many they might have had.'

But Stephen has a deep, dark secret. 'My biggest music guilty pleasure has to be Kate Bush. The Kick Inside is one of my favourite albums.'

Living Off Dreams is available from the Oban Music shop.



Stephen Skinn at this year's MOJO. 51_a43MOJO15



Stephen Skinn's debut album Living Off Dreams.

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Brian Morton, left, in discussion with Alan Taylor.



Olga Wojtas with her novel.

Tarbert Book Festival is hailed a major success

Tarbert's annual literary extravaganza has been acclaimed by organisers as the most successful to date.

Good ticket sales were boosted by healthy numbers of folk turning up to pay at the door to hear authors discuss their lives and works at the sixth Tarbert Book Festival.

Starting on Friday October 26, the event opened at Tarbert Academy, which hosted Scottish poet Stuart Paterson and creator of the Sandy Seal books, Helen Cormack.

Friday evening also saw the awarding of the annual writing competition prizes in Loch Fyne Gallery. Frances Ainslie from Dunblane won the open competition and John MacKinnon from Tarbert won the novice writing competition.

Moving on to a bright and

chilly Saturday, Edinburgh author Anne Hamilton hosted a story telling workshop.

Robert Louis Stevenson was the subject of the next session at Templar Arts and Leisure

'Denise Mina was at Stonefield Castle Hotel for an insight into The Long Drop, her semi-fictionalised account of notorious serial killer Peter Manuel'

Centre as Liz Shaw brought to life her historical novel, No Safe Anchorage, followed by Bella Bathurst talking about The Lighthouse Stevensons, and Joseph Farrell concen-

trating on a new account of the final years the Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde author spent in the South Pacific, with his book Robert Louis Stevenson in Samoa.

Closing the Saturday programme was an appearance by Bella Bathurst when she discussed Sound: A Story of Hearing Lost and Found, her acclaimed account of the experience of going deaf in adulthood and how she eventually recovered.

Saturday evening saw the welcome return of one of Scotland's top crime writers, Denise Mina, to 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 the Glasgow of 1957 interwoven with a portrayal of his trial. Drinks were supplied courtesy of Kintyre Gin.

Tarbert's Starfish Restaurant was the venue for Sunday's sessions, which opened with Olga Wojtas discussing her novel Miss Blaine's Prefect and the Golden Samovar followed by Alan Taylor in conversation with Brian Morton discussing Taylor's book Appointment in Arezzo, a memoir of his friendship with Muriel Spark in the '90s.

The festival weekend concluded with Struan Stevenson on his book The Course of History: 10 Meals That Changed The World, looking at how some of the great events of history have been shaped by food and linking the menus of the past with the historic happenings.

The organisers thanked all the authors and visitors as well as main sponsor Cour Wind Farm and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers for their support of the Stonefield Session.

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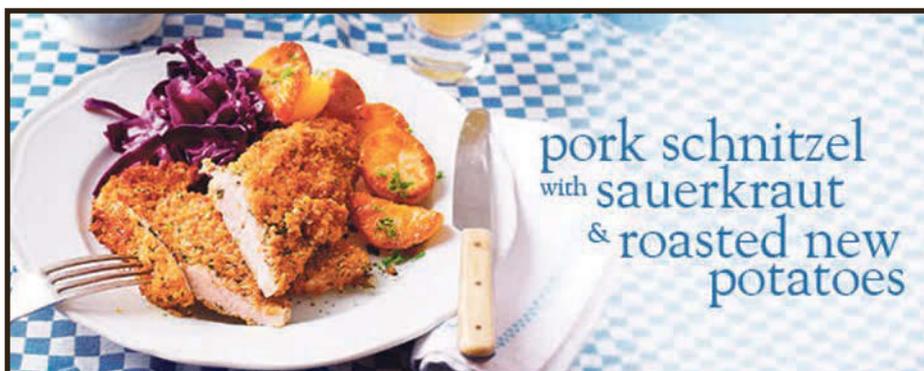
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At the writing competition: from left, Lucy Macrae, Anne Curnyn (Tarbert), Angus Robertson (Cour Wind Farm Scotland Ltd), Anne Hamilton (judge), John MacKinnon (Tarbert, winner of the novice competition) and Alexander Hamilton (Tayvallich.) Not present were Gareth McKeown and Frances Ainslie (winner of the open competition).



Struan Stevenson delivers his presentation.



Authors Anne Hamilton, Joe Farrell, Liz Shaw, Les Wilson and Bella Bathurst line up for a photo in chilly Tarbert.

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Icelandic storyteller entertains in library

Icelandic storyteller Hjorleifur Stefansson entertained a library full of avid listeners with tales of merfolk, trolls and ghosts.

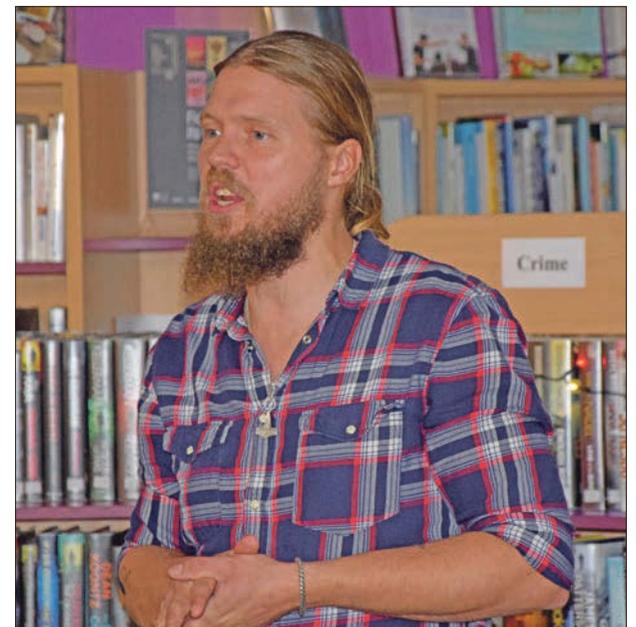
In a series of short stories entitled A Stroll with the Trolls, Hjorleifur gave his audience a night of folklore and fairy tales not suitable for children.

Starting with a gruesome tale of his grandfather having to deal with a dangling finger with no doctor in sight, the storyteller ended this opener with the words 'and this is the only true story I'll tell you tonight'.

From then on, mermen gave relationship and perspective advice, ghosts tried gunpowder as a recreational drug and trolls terrorised a trapped man with unique means.

Lochgilphead Library was well kitted out for the night with a blanket next to a 'roaring' fire and table of nibbles and wine for the Icelandic farmer to tell his tales.

On the last stop of his tour of Scotland, Hjorleifur said it was by far his biggest turnout and was pleased because the privilege of the storyteller is 'I get my booze before you'.



Storyteller Hjorleifur Stefansson. 51_a44library03



An absorbed audience. 51_a44library02

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Sea creatures take shape in time for bonfire night

In anticipation of the popular Rotary Club bonfire night event in Lochgilphead, around 36 people worked on sharks, turtles and various other lanterns.

Young and not-so-young first time lantern makers as well as experienced locals went along to Lochgilphead Joint Campus for a lantern workshop run by Artmap Argyll.

Artmap artists have been working

in Kilmartin, Glassary and Furnace primaries as well as in the high school and the learning centre to create underwater-themed wearable lanterns.

Based on seaside 'pop your head through' novelty pictures, the schools have been designing and making catwalk style constructions. The workshops are funded by A'Chruach Community Windfarm fund and a collaboration with

Talc Tarbert, which will bring a sound and visual workshop through Creative Scotland funding. Projected animations and electronic sound will be also on show at the bonfire night event on November 3. Members of the public can pop in to the main hall at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Saturday November 3 between 11am and 4pm to make a lantern or lend a hand.



Lantern creators of all ages built a variety of underwater life. 06_a44LanternMaking02 06_a44LanternMaking03



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Visits help with autumn work

By Ewen Campbell, SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre research farms' manager

It has been a while since our last column from SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre farms, but there has been a lot going on.

In the last article, in August, I was hoping to take a second cut of silage (something which has not happened here in a long time, if ever) and this duly happened at the end of the first week of September.

We took a bit of a gamble and cut on Thursday September 6 when the weather was anything but settled. Indeed, there were a few showers going around as the fields were being cut. But things dried up on Friday and we managed to get it all baled and wrapped on the Saturday in fairly good condition.

We will be sampling and analysing it soon to see what

the quality is like. The extra 120 bales will make a big difference to the amount of fodder we need to buy in over the winter and the grass has grown again meaning that there should be plenty for flushing ewes at tupping time.

The SHX calves from our AAX cow herd were weaned at the beginning of October with an average weaning weight of 244kg, straight off the cow from the hill with no feeding. This equates to a daily live weight gain of 1.14kg/day, which is almost exactly the same as last year at 1.13kg/day. They were kept in the shed for just over a month before the bullock calves went off to SRUC Barony at an average weight of 292kg where they will be finished.

The heifer calves are due to go to SRUC Oatridge for wintering soon. Overall, we are very pleased with how



Dairy ewes near the communal shepherds' hut in the French Pyrennees at 1,700m altitude.

the calves have done and how the cows have performed this year.

We have also managed to wean all our lambs in the past couple of months, with all ewe lambs now away to their wintering and some tup lambs have been sent to the abattoir. So far, 150 lambs have gone to slaughter with the majority getting a grade

of R3L but we still have about 250 to go. So far they are averaging about £5/hd more than last year.

This year we decided to keep all of our Auchtertyre lambs to finish instead of selling them store and as usual our tup lambs are finished in the shed with ad-lib finisher pellets and straw. However, this year is a bit different as some of our lambs are being finished using our latest kit. These are a series of individual EID feed intake bins, which record which lamb is eating what. This detail of knowing how much

individual lambs have eaten will allow us to calculate their individual feed efficiency (ie, how much feed they required to get to the correct weight and fatness).

We have also just finished our stockdraw, where we check which ewes we should keep for the next season. We check their feet, udders, teeth, as well as past performance, to name a few. It is quite a long job, but necessary. The sheep are now back on the hill until we gather them again for pre-tupping next month.

We have had some help with the sheep – a PhD student from the University of Parana in Brazil, Vanessa Souza Soriana, who is on a placement at SRUC with colleagues in Edinburgh.

Vanessa was keen to see more extensive sheep production systems, so she stayed with us for two weeks, and was looking at animal welfare assessments on our flocks, following an EU project protocol called AWIN. Vanessa really enjoyed Kirkton, and it will be interesting to get her final findings.

As for myself, I had a very enjoyable trip to Mull last month to do a presentation on lamb finishing as part of a sheep resilience meeting.

The meeting was very well attended despite the foul weather and prompted a lot of discussion on topics like fluke control and condition scoring, after presentations by my SAC Consulting colleagues Heather Stevenson and Poppy Frater.

And to finish on a different note, two of my colleagues, Nicola Lambe and Claire Morgan-Davies, have just returned from a trip to the French Pyrennees, where they presented the work being done on mountain breeds here at SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre.

Despite the differences in terms of production (dairy sheep) and landscape (dry mountain pastures), these areas face similar issues to ours (problem of access to labour, economic viability, remoteness and predators). These issues were common across all mountain areas in Europe.

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AgriScot team member and Iona farmer John MacInnes, gives a sneak preview of what's in store this year. He said: "We have subtly changed the ethos of AgriScot this year. The event is no longer billed as "the farm business event" but instead, is now "your farm business event".

"We want to emphasise that AgriScot is for you and for your business. There is no other event with such a solid business emphasis. The whole day is geared up to showcase new products, new ideas and new thinking. We aim for visitors to leave having gleaned, learned or purchased something that will bring about future improvements to their farming business.

"We have once again filled every available trade stand space and added to the waiting list of would-be exhibitors. I must

thank these trade-stands, and our sponsors. Without their support we could not maintain AgriScot as a free-to-attend event.

"We are delighted that the Farm of the Year awards continue to go from strength to strength, with the addition of the arable title in 2017 a great success. These awards are a great way to showcase farms that we might all learn something from. I look forward to seeing the 2018 award winners announced in the main ring at noon. We have introduced a new any-other-breed class to our dairy cattle and hope to see breeds such as British Friesian and Dairy Shorthorn alongside our regular line up of top-class cattle.

"There is no doubt that, with Brexit fast approaching, we are moving into uncertain times and uncharted waters – more than at any time in my farming career. This is why AgriScot is such a key date on the calendar."

Candidates sought for NFUS positions

NFU Scotland is now taking nominations for the positions of president and its two vice-presidential posts.

The election for these key appointments within Scottish agriculture will take place at the union's council meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday February 8, 2019. The union's AGM and annual dinner will be staged at the same venue the day before.

Any NFUS member can be nominated for election, providing they are proposed and seconded by fellow NFUS members. The presidential position is held for two years and a president can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The vice-president initially serves for two years before the post reverts to an annual election.

Anyone wishing to stand should contact NFUS chief executive Scott Walker. The closing date is December 12.

Around the markets

Dalmally – on Friday October 26 United Auctions held a sale of 1,934 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart. All classes of stock met with a keen enquiry with lambs averaging £33.69 (+ £5.45 per head on the year).

The entry of lambs consisted mainly of smaller long keeping sorts. Ewes maintained recent rates.

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Islay – Caledonian Marts Ltd on Friday October 19 sold 187 cattle, and 253 sheep at their annual autumn sale on the Isle of Islay.

A feature at the sale was the consignment of 81 calves from Ardtalla Estate where they sold a Charolais bullock which

topped the sale at £1,020, purchased by Andrew Dunn, Redhall.

Ardtalla's Charolais bullocks

averaged £723 (+£117, OTY)

with their heifers averaging

£570 (+£30, OTY)

The top price heifer at the

sale was consigned by M

McMillan, Balliemartin for

a pen of three Limousins at

£720.

Leading prices:-

Bullocks:

Lim £820 and £800

Balliemartin; Lim £740

Auchnacloch; Lim £630

Ardtalla Est; Char £790 and

£740 Ardtalla Estates; AA £700

and £680 Daill Saler £550 and

£460 Ardtalla Est; Shorthorn

X £360 Persabus

Heifers:

Lim £640 Balliemartin; Lim

£580 Ballulive; Lim £570

Auchnacloch; Lim £540

Ardtalla; Est Char £630

and £620 Ardtalla Estates;

Shorthorn X £400 and £380

Persabus.

Lambs:

Suff £60 Balliemartin;

Cross £45 Ballulive;

Tex £38 Persabus.

Ewes:

Tex £33 Balliemartin;

BF £28 Ballulive.

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averaged 108ppkg. Dairy cows

averaged 85ppkg.

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Limousin from W Dandie and

Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn,

purchased by Robert

Alexander, Butcher, Port

Glasgow and to £1,750 from

C Smith, South Flanders,

Kippen.

Bullocks sold to 248p for a

Limousin from DS and RC

Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill,

Muthill to Hugh A Black and

Sons, Stirling and to £1,642

from C Malone, Pitcairn,

Cardenden.

Leading prices:

Heifers per kg: 252p (Three

Times) Brockwoodlees and

Learielaw; 248p Faskine

and Easter Ochtermuthill;

245p Borlick, Faskine and

Easter Ochtermuthill; 242p

Strathview (McNicol); 238p

Bogleys; 232p Pitcairn and

Borlick; 230p Broadleys.

Bullocks per kg:

242p Learielaw; 240p (Twice)

Knockhouse, Learielaw and

Brockwoodlees; 238p Easter

Ochtermuthill; 235p Borlick;

230p (Twice) Knockhouse and

Faskine.

Also forward were 65 cast

cows and bulls.

All classes of cows were dearer

on the week, and many more

could have been sold.

Beef cows averaged 108ppkg

selling to 170p on two

occasions from W Dandie and

Son, Learielaw, Broxburn and

A Galbraith, Upper Kinneil,

Linlithgow and to £1,320 gross

from Learielaw.

With a larger show of dairy

cows forward again, all classes

sharper compared to last

week, averaging 85p selling to

104p from W and M Wyllie,

Broompark, Torphichen and

to £760 twice from J Brown

and Son, East Gartmillan,

Airdrie, and Broompark,

Torphichen.

Other leading prices:

Beef cows per head:

£1,300 Upper Kinneil; £1,120

Highflat; £1,080 Kirkton;

£1,050 North Moorhouse

Cottage; £1,000 and £980

Highflat.

Beef cows per kg:

150p Upper Kinneil; 148p East

Kerse and North Moorhouse

Cottage; 135p Pitlessie Mill;

134p Kirkton.

Dairy cows per head:

£730 Meldrum; £720 and £710

Solsgirth; £700 Broompark.

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Top price of the day went to A

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Cumbernauld for a Charolais

heifer calf fetching £340.

Other leading prices:

Heifer calves:

Limousin £150 Mid Forrest.

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MOTORISTS URGED TO TICK ALL THE BOXES THIS WINTER, SAYS 'THE MOTOR OMBUDSMAN'

WINTER MOTORING



• Drivers advised to look out for The Motor Ombudsman logo when choosing a garage to get their car ready for winter.

• Downloadable winter ticklist introduced on The Motor Ombudsman website to guide motorists through the key points to consider when taking their car to a garage.

• The Motor Ombudsman's online Garage Finder allows consumers to easily check for a business' accreditation to the Service and Repair Code and for any seasonal garage promotions.

As the mercury drops, and the days get shorter in the run-up to winter, The Motor Ombudsman, the automotive dispute resolution provider, is urging drivers to look out for its widely-recognised logo at their local independent garage or

franchised dealer when getting their car ready for the cold weather. A business displaying the Motor Ombudsman badge on their website and premises, which is centered around a prominent blue tick as a symbol of reassurance, means motorists can have the peace of mind that the retailer is committed to providing the highest level of care and workmanship.

With the end-of-year season traditionally bringing tougher conditions on the road, making sure a vehicle is fully roadworthy, whether for the daily commute or for the holiday getaway, is essential to staying safe. The Motor Ombudsman has therefore introduced an online ticklist that can be downloaded from its website. The handy, one-stop resource guides motorists through key considerations when having work done at a garage including if any quotes and invoices are

easy to understand, or whether components such as tyres, lights and wiper blades are all functioning correctly.

Furthermore, the Garage Finder (TheMotorOmbudsman/garage-finder) is another useful tool available to drivers. At the click of a button, it allows consumers to see all garages within a specific area or postcode that are accredited to its Service and Repair Code of Practice, of which there are thousands across the UK.

Motorists can also read the latest customer reviews, find out about the latest winter offers and make a direct booking for any maintenance via a business' profile page.

Bill Fennell, chief ombudsman and managing director of The Motor Ombudsman, said: 'All-year round maintenance of a vehicle is critical.

However, winter is particularly a time to make sure everything is working as it should and that any repairs are undertaken by a garage that adheres to recommended practices. Therefore, we have put together this useful download on our website where vehicle owners can check in one place that they have the main bases covered when it comes to any seasonal maintenance, as this could ultimately make the difference.'

For the next two weeks, starting today, social media users can enter The Motor Ombudsman's winter competition on its Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheMotorOmbudsman) and Twitter (@Motor_Ombudsman) pages to be in with the chance of winning a winter car care kit.

To view and download The Motor Ombudsman's winter ticklist, visit TheMotorOmbudsman.org/winter-ticklist.

IS MY CAR WINTER-PROOF?

- How much tread is left on my tyres?
- Are all tyres (including the spare) at the correct pressure for the load being carried?
- Do I need winter tyres, and if so how much do they cost?
- How much does it cost to change the winter tyres back to regular tyres?
- Are the brakes in good working condition and legal?
- What is the condition of the battery?
- When was the battery last changed?
- Are the fluids topped up to the recommended levels (i.e. screenwash / anti-freeze, oil and air conditioning)?
- Are all front and rear lights working?
- Do the wiper blades leave the front and rear screen free of streaks?

AM I PREPARED?

- Do I have sunglasses (winter sun can be dazzling)?
- Is there an ice scraper and de-icer in the car?
- Do I have an emergency kit (i.e. a first aid kit, jump leads, boots, warning triangle and a blanket)?
- Do I comply with all the equipment requirements if I am travelling abroad?
- Have I got the right level of breakdown cover for where I am travelling to?
- Is my car insurance, MOT and tax up to date?
- Have I washed and waxed my car to protect it from the build-up of dirt and grime?
- Is there a charger and / or adapter in the car to top-up my phone?
- Is my satellite navigation system working?
- Do I have a shovel at home in case of thick snow?
- Do I have salt to spread on paths and driveways in the event of ice and snow?

WHERE DO I GO FOR A WINTER CHECK AND WHAT DO I LOOK OUT FOR?

- Is the business accredited to The Motor Ombudsman's Service and Repair Code of Practice?
- Have I read any reviews about the business? (e.g. on The Motor Ombudsman's Garage Finder)
- Do I understand the work that needs doing on my car, and has it been clearly explained to me?
- Does the invoice match the work undertaken and the price that I was quoted?
- Was I consulted before any additional work was carried out?
- Did I get a receipt for the work and any condition reports?
- Does the garage have any winter check offers or discounts?
- Do the replacement parts being offered to me meet my budget (e.g. tyres)?
- Can the work be done while I wait, or do I have to leave the car at the garage?



ADVICE FOR DRIVING IN HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODS



HOW TO PREPARE FOR DRIVING IN HEAVY RAIN

Firstly, it is always advisable to consider before you set off whether your journey is essential. If not, can it be delayed until after the rain has subsided? If so then plan your journey in advance, taking care to avoid areas which are prone to flooding, and factor in extra time to allow for slower speeds and potential congestion. It is also a good idea to let relatives and friends know your intended route and expected time of arrival and, where possible, travel with others.

How to drive in heavy rain.

Firstly, slow down. Reduce your speed and leave more space between you and the vehicle in front as stopping distances in rain are increased.

Use dipped headlights so that other drivers can see you more easily.

Don't use rear fog lights. They can mask your brake lights and dazzle drivers behind you.

Look out for large or fast-moving vehicles creating spray which reduces visibility.

Keep your air conditioning on as this will stop your windows from misting up.

You can read our full advice page on how to demist your windscreen in double-quick time.

Listen out for local news bulletins to keep up-to-date with road closures, flooding and forecasts.

If you break down in torrential rain keep the bonnet closed while waiting for help to arrive to avoid the electrical system getting soaked.

Driving too fast through standing water could lead to tyres losing contact with the road. If your steering suddenly

feels light you could be aquaplaning. To regain grip, ease off the accelerator, do not brake and allow your speed to reduce until you gain full control of the steering again.

Driving fast through deep water can cause serious and expensive damage.

Be considerate to other road users and try not to spray pedestrians and cyclists as you drive through water.

Heavy rain may lead to large puddles, areas of standing water and even flooding. In the event that you may have to negotiate these types of conditions on the road, read below for our advice on how to drive through deep puddles.

Stopping distances in the rain.

The Highway Code states that stopping distances will be at least double in wet weather because your tyres will have less grip on the road.

Reduce your speed and leave more space between you and the vehicle in front to account for greater stopping distances – remember the two-second rule? Well increase it to four if it begins to pour. How to drive through water and floods.

'Puddles' may conjure up an image of a small drop, but some can develop into sizable bodies of water.

Driving through these puddles incorrectly could cause serious damage to your car, not to mention cost an extortionate amount to repair.

As a result we've put together some top tips for driving through them:

Size up the puddle first. Even if it means you have to stop your car and get out, getting a bit wet is a lot better than being left stranded.

If the water is muddy you might not be able to see the bottom and gauge its depth. Try and find a stick or an object to find the lowest point.

If it's clearly too deep for your car, find another way to your destination. Modern vehicles' door seals are good and keep water out, but this can make a car buoyant, meaning it could begin to float if the water gets too deep, leaving you stranded. Even in this instance, the water will eventually find its way in.

If the puddle is shallow enough to drive through, try and spot any objects that may cause damage to your car's wheels, tyres or suspension,

potentially leaving you mid-puddle with a problem. This way you can pick a safe path across.

Once you've confirmed you can drive through the puddle and determined your route, keep your vehicle in a low gear (second is generally adequate) and engine revs up.

This will help you maintain momentum when you travel through the puddle, creating a bow wave so you don't get bogged down.

Once you exit the other side – and especially if the puddle is on the deep side – pause for a moment if you can to let any excess water drain away and flow back to where it came from.

If you can't, be aware that grip levels on the road ahead will be diminished, as fluid from the puddle is dropped along the road surface by

other cars. It's always worthwhile to gently brush your brake pedal on exit, creating some friction and therefore heat to evaporate off any excess moisture. Some luxury vehicles can sense when you've navigated a puddle and automatically do this for you, keeping braking performance as effective as possible.

Shallow puddles are not the most arduous obstacles to overcome, but it's still important to remember that on the other side of a puddle grip levels could be lower. Adjust your speed to suit the depth of the water, too.



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Speaking about her new role, Fiona said: "I'm thrilled to be joining Helensburgh Toyota, a family owned business that has a long traditional of putting customer needs first and looking after them.

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KEEP ROAD SAFE WITH THE 20 PENCE TYRE CHECK



TYRESAFE is reminding all drivers to ensure they're keeping their road risks to a minimum by practising #SafeTyreChecks.

November is typically cold and wet and coincides with the onset of chillier weather, a combination

which places high demands on the only safety feature of a vehicle which is in touch with the roads – its tyres.

Most drivers are unaware that each tyre's 'footprint' is about the same size as an adult's palm and,

with so much literally riding on them, it's essential to check they are in optimal condition.

'Drivers need to remember that brakes, steering and all advanced safety systems designed to help avoid accidents depend on the vehicle having a sure footing on the road – in other words, their tyres need to be in good condition,' said Stuart Jackson, chairman of TyreSafe.

'As we're now facing an increasing number of cold and wet days, to stay safe we need to be even more attentive to tyre maintenance.

'Air pressure, condition and tread depth must be checked regularly, especially if you're planning a break using a car laden with your most prized possessions – your family.'

Many drivers are aware that recommended tyre pressures for a vehicle vary to suit the weight of the load it is carrying, but far too many are complacent and don't

take the time to make this important adjustment before they set off with their families.

Typically, the unladen and laden pressures are on a plaque either inside the fuel filler flap or in the door, but they are sure to be found in the handbook. Incorrect pressures not only increase wear and decrease fuel efficiency but also make the tyre more vulnerable to sudden deflation.

A tyre's tread depth is a particularly important factor in cold and wet conditions as the more worn it becomes, the longer your car will take to stop.

Checking is easy and takes just a few minutes using the 20p test as the outer band of a 20p piece is 1.6mm, which is the minimum legal tread depth.

To check how close you are to that limit, place the 20p in the main grooves in the centre section of your tyre: if you can't see the outer

band above the tread, then check at two other points across the width and repeat at two more places further round the circumference.

If you can see the 20p's outer band at any point or are unsure, you need to get the tyres checked by a professional as the tyre maybe illegal and dangerous.

If you find something in the grooves, like a stone, remove it if you are able to do so.

While you're checking the tread depth, you should also ensure the tyres are in good condition, looking out for cracks, lumps, bumps or embedded objects.

Tyre manufacturers don't produce tyres with bulges or screws in them, so if you see anything suspiciously out of the ordinary, get it checked by a professional.

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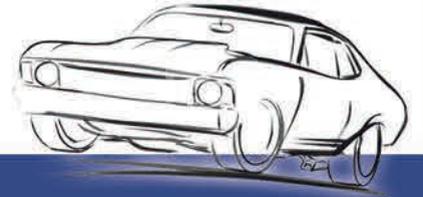
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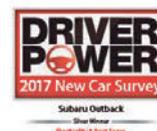
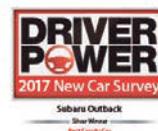
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Driving in the dark - tips on how to stay safe

The end of October signals the start of one of the most difficult times of year to be driving.

Data from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) shows each year when the clocks go back, there's a spike in the number

of vulnerable road users killed or seriously injured.

To help you and others stay safe, we've put together an essential guide packed full of advice on driving in the dark.

- Use your lights appropriately
- Don't stare at oncoming vehicles
- Keep windows clean
- Watch out for children, cyclists and animals
- Get your eyes tested
- Don't get behind the wheel when tired

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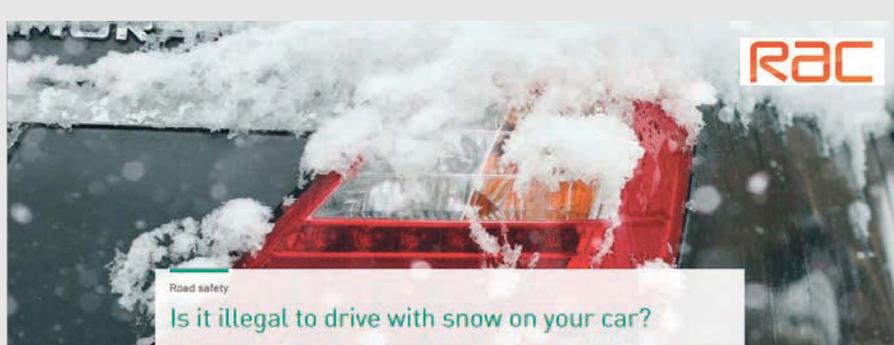
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You're late for an engagement or just need to pop to the shops in the car – but it's covered in snow and ice.

The bottom line is you need a clear view of the road before setting off, you can't make any shortcuts.

In the eyes of the law, you need to clear that snow before you go.

The law

There is no road law that says it is illegal to drive with snow on your car. However, the Highway Code stipulates that if driving in adverse weather conditions you must, by law, be able to see out of every glass panel in your vehicle.

This is supported by the section 41D of the

Road Traffic Act 1988, meaning it is a legal requirement to have a clear view of the road ahead before you set off.

Failure to do so could incur a fine, but more importantly could place your life, the lives of your passengers and the lives of those around you in danger.

This also means ensuring your windscreen is de-iced on the outside and thoroughly demisted on the inside.

As for the snow on the roof, while, again, there is no law stating it is illegal to drive with snow on your roof, if it falls off onto your windscreen while driving or flies into the path of another car then you could be penalised for such offences as

'driving without due consideration' or 'using a motor vehicle in a dangerous condition' - again, not worth the risk.

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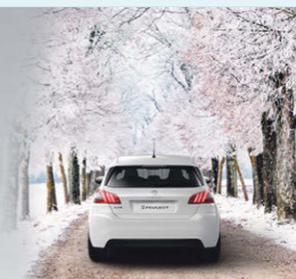


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West Highland College UHI is a growing, dynamic and successful provider of higher and further education in the West Highlands and is currently recruiting for three new Board of Management members.

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Time commitment is c. 15-18 days annually. Most Board meetings take place in the late afternoon. Board members are not remunerated but out of pocket expenses will be paid.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/02243/PP	Demolition of existing cafe/shop, and erection of replacement cafe/shop (class Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN 1 and 3) with staff flat over	The Crafty Kitchen Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN
18/02257/LIB	Erection of signage (non illuminated)	The Inveraray Inn (Hotel Annex) Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XB

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Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Anne Horn (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

Councillor Horn will be holding a drop in surgery in the **Clachan Village Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018 from 1.45pm - 2.15pm**
Councillor Horn will be holding a drop in surgery in the **Tayinloan Village Hall on Saturday 10th November 2018 from 10.30am - 11.00am**
Councillor Horn can also be contacted by e-mail - Anne.Horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone - Tel: 01880 820496



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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2018

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 known as Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead from its junction with Argyll Street, Lochgilphead to its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, a distance of 230 metres or thereby. The Order, which is required to facilitate the Lochgilphead Bonfire and Fireworks Event will be in operation from the 3rd of November until the 4th November 2018 the prohibition will only be in force for a period of approximately 3 hours but 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 vehicles while being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

The alternative routes for traffic during the prohibition will be signposted. Detailed descriptions can also be obtained at BEAR Scotland Limited, BEAR House, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, PH1 3TW.

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>
For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org.uk

J.J MORAN
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Argyll and Bute Council

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make no amendments to the maximum fares and charges for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council as detailed below. It is proposed that these will be effective from 28th January 2019.

Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT by no later than 3rd December 2018.

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Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (POLTALLOCH STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2018

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting waiting, loading and unloading on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead in an eastward direction on Poltalloch Street to a point 40 metres or thereby east of that junction, a total distance of 40 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate works on that length of Trunk Road, will be in operation from 05 November 2018 until 14 November 2018 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 being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes; or vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

An alternative route is not required. 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>
For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org.uk

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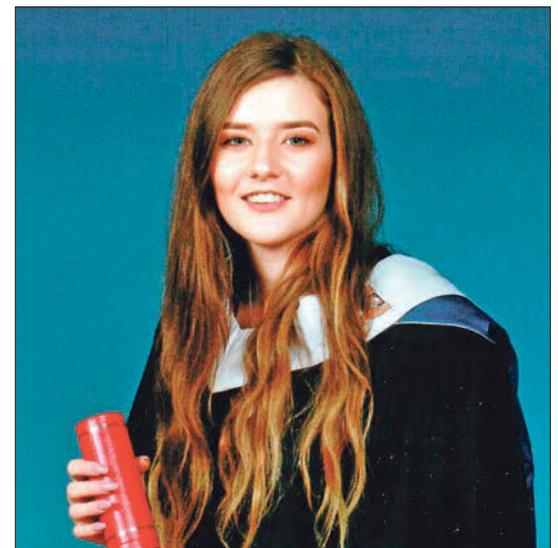
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KATHRYN MCCORKINDALE

A former pupil of Southend Primary School and Campbeltown Grammar School, graduated on June 28, 2018 from Edinburgh Napier University with a BSc (Hons) first class in Veterinary Nursing. Kathryn is now employed by Riverside Veterinary Practice working at their practices in Livingston and Bathgate.

PERSONAL NOTICES

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY NIKKI (DADDY)
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HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY Caitlin
on 5th November
Lots of love, Mum & Dad xx

THANK YOU

On the occasion of our retirement, we, Jake and Katrina Cameron, Parkfergus Farm, would like to express our grateful thanks to family and friends for their love and support over the years; to our neighbours who have willingly lent a hand, especially during our busiest times and leading up to Friday's farm sale, and to all who helped on the day. Everyone who leased our land for grazing over many years and to our loyal customers who supported our potato side of the business. Finally, we would like to express our best wishes to Geoff and Karen in their new life in Kintyre.



LOCHGILPHEAD

A Skelton in your closet

Lochgilphead Library will welcome crime author Douglas Skelton on Wednesday November 21.

Hosted by LiveArgyll as part of the Scottish Book Trust's Book Week Scotland, Douglas Skelton will be looking at the rebels in crime fiction: the anti-heroes, the maverick cops and the lone gumshoes.

He will also touch on his own experience of investigating a true-life miscarriage of justice.

Doors open at 7pm.

Storytelling across Scotland

After their successful tour around Scotland, including a stop at Lochgilphead, the storytellers are heading home.

LiveArgyll said: 'A big thank you to our international storytellers Hjörleifur Stefánsson and Usifu Jalloh who thoroughly entertained audiences in Rothesay, Helensburgh, Dunoon, Oban, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown as part of the Scottish International Storytelling Festival.' More about Hjörleifur Stefánsson's visit to Lochgilphead on page 20.



Storytellers Hjörleifur Stefánsson and Usifu Jalloh.

in physical activity within their local communities by giving clubs the chance to secure up to £500. Since launching in 2016, more than 160 clubs across Scotland have shared more than £90,000, helping to improve community access to sports across the country.

Amongst the clubs getting £500 from Aldi was the 1st Tarbert Guides.

The money helped take the Guides and Brownies on an activity weekend at Netherurd - Girlguiding Scotland's Activity Centre near Peebles in September. The girls took part in a simulated caving experience in 'the goldmine', had a fencing lesson, went on a night walk, explored the woodlands and created tunes in the outdoor music park.

Coaltown Daisies perform

The Coaltown Daisies will be playing live

in The Corner House, Tarbert, on Friday November 9, from 9pm.

Organisers promise 'a lively set of acoustic folk, soul and Americana music to fire up your night out'. Free entry.

STRATHLACHLAN

Sheepdog trial

The Strathlachlan Charity Sheepdog Trial will be held on Sunday November 4.

The annual event will raise funds for Marie Curie with a real test of shepherding skills. Both open and nursery age dogs are welcome.

Join in and enjoy some homemade soup and baking while raising funds for a good cause. The show will have the usual auction of prizes and tossing the pound for a bottle of whisky.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

The old soldier straightened his medals again as he looked in the mirror.

Where had his youth gone, he pondered. His taxi arrived and he asked the young driver to take him to the cenotaph.

As they drove, the old soldier thought the young driver was about the same age as he was when he joined up and his mind drifted back to his days in the trenches.

They chatted easily and when they arrived at the cenotaph, the young man got out of the cab, came round to open the door for the old soldier and as he did so he stood to attention and gave a smart salute.

The old soldier reached for his wallet and asked how much he owed the young driver.

The response was this: 'Sir, you do not owe me anything, but I owe you everything.'

On Sunday we enter a week of remembering. We reflect on so much as we approach that moment which will take us to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

That day which is forever etched in hearts and history.

It is a time not only of national, but of international mourning for the loss of so many young lives.

It is a time for reflection, for thoughtfulness and for that hope that it will not happen again.

This week we think about those who are 'there but not there'.

All week Clachan's church will be open for private reflection with a display of memorabilia and each evening from 7pm there will be a short time of remembering together.

On Saturday, at 7.30am as the sky lightens, we will reflect on those who were shot at dawn.



DUNOON

Hall rewarded for 'rescue'

Dunoon Burgh Hall was presented with the Scottish Heritage Angel Award on Monday October 22.

The hall was awarded Best Rescue of an Historic Building or Place, for projects under £2m. The Dunoon Burgh Hall Project has seen the building undergo a major refurbishment. The category B listed building re-opened in June 2017 as a community arts hub.

TARBERT

Aldi invests in sports clubs

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Alistair to Christine, on November 1, 1968, in Kilcalmonell Church, Clachan. Service conducted by Rev A Lawson. Present address, The Old School, Cairndow.

DEATHS

BLACK - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 31, 2018, Duncan Black, in his 95th year, formerly of Smith Drive, beloved husband of the late Barbara McMillan, much loved dad of Jenny and Duncan, loving pop of Karen, Colin, Catherine and Archie and an adored great granda. Funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Home and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

PATRICK - Peacefully at home, 6 Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown, on October 27, 2018, Kathleen Patrick, in her 104th year. A private cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium.

WATSON - Peacefully, at Wynford Lock Care Home, Glasgow, on October 23, 2018, Eric Campbell Watson, in his 69th year, The Inn, Muasdale, beloved husband of Fiona Graham and a much loved dad of Rhona, Laura, Sarah, Struan and Murdo.

WILLAN - Bobby passed away, unexpectedly at home, on October 23, 2018, much loved father of Bobby, Lynn, Kevin and Donna. Funerals service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church today, Friday November 2 2018, at noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Diabetes UK and Lochgilphead Parish Church Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - Sally and family wish to thank all friends and relations for everything they did for us, following the sad loss of Archie. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan for a very fitting service, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for extremely helpful and professional handling of all funeral arrangements, to Flora and staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their services, which went above and beyond, and to everyone who attended the funeral and contributed to the retiral collection. It was comforting to see so many familiar faces. We thank you all.

GALLOWAY - Elma and Sandra would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy, by way of cards and letters, telephone calls and flowers, received in the recent sad loss of Ella, a much loved mum, mum-in-law, gran, great gran and great great gran. Five generations together in her lifetime. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan and organist David McEwan for their contribution to the service of celebration and thanksgiving at Campbeltown; to Kenneth Blair for his sensitive and efficient handling of funeral arrangements; and to the Ardshiel for the lunch and all their caring hospitality. The family also thanks everyone who very generously donated £400 to Mary's Meals.

MACGILLIVRAY - The relatives of the late Joan MacGillivray would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all the carers and many friends who looked after Joan so very well over the years, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Donations totalled £165 for the British Red Cross.

MCGEACHY - Mary and family would like to thank family and friends for their support following the loss of Jackie, and for all cards and flowers. We would also like to thank all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. Heartfelt thanks to Dr Anderson, Dr Norrie, Maggie Wilkieson, nursing staff at Campbeltown and Oban acute wards, the community nursing team and Carr Gomm for the wonderful kindness shown to Jackie. Thanks also to T A Blair for all the excellent funeral arrangements, to the Argyll Hotel for the reception, and to Matthew Ramsay for all the support and the wonderful funeral service. The collection for Children 1st raised £651.55 and a further £592 was donated from those who could not attend the funeral.

WILSON - Mary and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support, telephone calls, cards and flowers following the loss of Hughie. Thanks to all doctors and nursing staff for the care shown to Hughie during his time in Campbeltown and Queen Elizabeth University hospitals. Thanks to Rev William

Crossan for an uplifting service, and to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance, support and kindness throughout the funeral process. Thanks also to Argyll Bakeries for the fine purvey and Lodge St John's for the use of its premises. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and who contributed to the retiral collection in aid of Kidney Dialysis Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Church, which raised £1,296.58.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWELL - In memory of my mother, Janet (Jenny), née Gillies. Loved and remembered every day. Promoted to glory on November 3, 1968. - David.

INSLEY - In fond memory of my dearest friend, Ian, who died November 8, 2008. Happy memories. Gone but not forgotten. - Joanne.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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CHURCH NOTICES



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Saturday 3rd November
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 4th November
11.15am Worship Service
Calum Ferguson
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Afternoon Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 7th November
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
Friday 9th November
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
All Welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 4th November
11.00am FAMILY SERVICE
Visiting Speaker - Mark Jasper with Sunday School and refreshments after the service
Wednesday 7th November
7.30pm Church meeting at the Seafield Hotel
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SCO43322

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Meeting will be held on **Friday 9th November** at 7.30pm in The Free Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Dr Alastair Noble of Carlsbridge Evangelical Church, Glasgow
Subject: "Remaining true to the faith in a secular age"
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
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Sunday 4th November
10.55am Kirk Session Meeting
11.15am Morning Worship
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Creche
Rev W Crossan
Monday 5th November
Guild 2.00pm New Hall
Tuesday 6th November
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
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Church Hall
Thursday 8th November
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Friday 9th November
Lunch Club
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3rd Sunday of the month
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Pictured from left are Andrew John, Claire Cameron (MS Centre), Rochelle McConnell, Ian Campbell, Denise Galloway handing over the cheque, Carol Gibson, Victoria MacVicar and Zoey Glencross. Missing from the picture, but also a fundraiser, is Callum Whiston. 06_a44CoOp_MScentreCheque02

Co-op hands over cheque and throws down gauntlet

Intrepid staff from Lochgilphead Co-op took on a Crinan Canal challenge earlier this year in aid of the MS Centre Mid Argyll.

Their walk along the length of the canal and back again raised £932, and earlier this week a cheque was handed over to MS Centre outreach worker Claire Cameron.

‘We would like to thank the Co-op and everyone who took part and donated,’ said Claire. ‘When combined with other donations we already have from this campaign, the total raised is well over £1,000 so it is much appreciated.’

The money will be used for essential furnishings during a

refurbishment of the MS Centre in Lochgilphead. As the cheque was handed over, Co-op team leader Rochelle McConnell said: ‘We are pleased to support the MS Centre, and I would like to invite other community groups and charities to set fundraising challenges for our staff here at the Co-op.’



The young tree proudly centre stage, left, and after it was removed in an act of ‘wanton vandalism’.

The mystery of the Lochgair conifer theft

The people of Lochgair awoke on a Monday morning to find a crime had been committed in their midst.

Members of Lochgair Gardening Group said that they were shocked to see that a passing traveller (presumably) on the A83 through Lochgair decided – at some point late on Sunday October 21 or early the following morning – to help

themselves to a conifer which had pride of place in a planter opposite Lochgair Hotel.

This, and the beautiful garden opposite, are maintained by Carol and Douglas Braidwood on behalf of the village.

Anyone visiting Lochgair will have seen the planters dotted along the foreshore of Loch Gair and the

newly created garden on the site of Scottish Water’s septic tank, which are carefully tended by members of the gardening group as they add colour throughout the year to the village.

A spokesperson for Lochgair Gardening Group said: ‘We take a pride in our village and are disappointed by this wanton vandalism.’

Dunadd beat Ardnamurchan to take league championship

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The long-awaited play-off between Dunadd Camanachd and Ardnamurchan to decide the winner of South Division 2 finally took place on Sunday October 28.

With both teams drawing in previous matches this was going to be an exciting and crucial tie at Taynuilt.

Ardnamurchan started strongly, catching Dunadd on the back foot with MacDonald striking the ball high into the Dunadd net to open the scoring.

The Mid Argyll outfit quickly responded, with good play from midfielders Nicola Smyth, Anna Airlie and Grace Drummond catching Ard’s defence off guard.

The ball dropped to Eilidh Cameron – this season’s player of the year – who slotted the ball cleanly into the goal to level matters.

Dunadd continued to pile on the pressure and a quick second goal came from team captain Drummond, who picked up a loose ball to drive a low powerful shot into the back of the net.

A third for Dunadd soon followed after an excellent pass from Tess Donald, who placed the ball into the ‘D’.

Leone Airlie was quick to respond with a lovely strike into the Ardnamurchan goal to give her side a two-goal cushion.

With Dunadd keeping up the pressure, the fourth goal came after some great Dunadd play before

Cameron fired home her second of the day.

Ardnamurchan, however, were not for lying down and responded quickly when a low shot from O’Rua took the score to 4-2 right on the stroke of half-time.

Ardnamurchan started the second period strongly, pressurising Dunadd keeper Laurene Cameron, who made some great saves.

Dunadd’s defence of Iona McCulloch and Ellie Hetherington stood strong and Ardnamurchan could not get the break they needed as the defensive pairing kept them at bay.

A break for Dunadd, after some great play, allowed Leone Airlie to tap into the goal to seal a well-deserved victory and – finally – secure the league title.

Dunadd finished their season on a high, with some of the senior players making way for youngsters Yasmine Bowden, Catey Wylie O’Brien, Kyra Robertson and Carla Todd – and the squad is looking forward to next season.

Dunadd Camanachd would like to thank everyone for their continued support and kind donations from David Cameron Joiner and Builder.

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday October 29, Tarbert Football Club’s lottery numbers were 12, 17 and 20. There were no winners so next week’s jackpot will be £600.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club’s lottery numbers were 6, 8 and 17. Again there were no winners so next week’s jackpot will be £300.



Dunadd Camanachd – WCA South Division 2 champions 2018 – Laurene Cameron with the trophy and the winning team.

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Junior trophy winners, from left, Innes Paterson, Ruan McKellar, Andrew Innis and Euan Gilmour.

Lochgilphead Golf Club junior prize-giving

Following a successful season, Lochgilphead Golf Club juniors collected their trophies.

Before the presentation on Saturday October 27 they were challenged by a quiz including questions on golf etiquette and general knowledge. The girls' team of Eilidh Flanagan and Ailidh Innis, assisted by Kirsty and Keith, were the winners. Hot dogs and ice cream followed before the real business of the day began.

Women's captain Ele Hunter thanked all the juniors and their families for attending and congratulated all the juniors for playing during the season and improving their golf. The junior section has increased over the last few years thanks to the hard work of junior convenor Donna McKellar and the club hopes the junior section will continue to grow.

The following day, six ladies and two junior girls teed off on a beautifully sunny day on the first

winter league round of the season. The winner was Ele Hunter with 16 points and nearest the pin was won by junior Eilidh Flanagan.

The round of golf was enjoyed by everyone before they retired to the clubhouse to enjoy soup and cakes while discussing the 'if onlys'.

Look out for news on this week's senior prizegiving in a future edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Junior trophy winners: Andrew Innis - Easter trophy, the Wilson Cup and the Handicap Championship trophy. Harry Turner - the Young Rosebowl and the June medal. Euan Gilmour - the Booker Trophy, RNLI Plate, JMK Quaich, District Cup and the September medal. Ruan McKellar - the Angus Stableford, April medal and the Club Championship. Angus McLean - the F & G Supplies trophy. Innes Paterson - the Macaulay Quaich. Kern McKellar - the Eclectic Quaich, the Empire Travel Lodge Trophy and the May medal.

Steven's top rod after Portpatrick outing

After several cancellations as a result of bad weather, Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club's monthly league competition was held at Portpatrick.

The sun shone as the Lucky Dip II left the harbour on Sunday October 28 in search of fresh bait and a good day's fishing.

Despite his best efforts, skipper Steve Stringer failed to find any mackerel, so it was over to frozen.

The morning session was pretty dire with a really slow drift and not a fish in sight. It was lunchtime before the first dogfish made an appearance, followed quickly by a few more.

With the tide picking up, the afternoon session was fished at anchor and several bull huss were hauled aboard followed by a nice wee skate and a 'lost' spurdog.

The strong tide was challenging with one pound leads not heavy enough to hold the bottom, but despite the contrasting conditions, a few personal bests were made and 19 fish and five species landed.

Steven MacBrayne, who was delighted to land a 42lb skate, emerged top rod on the day with dad Robert close behind in second place.



Steven MacBrayne with a 42lb skate. His face says it all.

Results: Steven: 100 per cent, 56pts; Robert: 91 per cent, 51pts; Jim: 44 per cent, 25pts; Gordon: 32 per cent, 18pts; Ronnie: 14 per cent, 8pts.

Species: dogfish, whiting, bull huss, spur, skate.

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Mid Argyll rugby juniors enjoy Kintyre trip

Mid Argyll RFC attended a Dalriada festival in Campbeltown on Saturday October 27.

Unfortunately for the team, the holiday break didn't help them keep up the good momentum built in the first part of the season for the mini section. The team maintained their mid table position but hope to improve on that this weekend (November 3) when they travel to Oban.

The under 14 players travelled down with them but Kintyre only had three boys, so they split the players into two teams and played a few development games.

The skill levels have improved in all areas and there were some entertaining matches.

Two of the experienced Mid Argyll girls travelled as well and joined in with the Kintyre girls for a training session and a development game.

Again, the level of skill on show was excellent and all the girls had a good day.

Mid Argyll RFC thanked Kintyre for hosting the event and catering for everyone and thanked Allan Wright for organising the event.

Mini Rugby scores:
 P4/5: Oban Lorne 1 Etive Vikings 6; Kintyre 3 Mid Argyll 8; Etive Vikings 6 Kintyre 1; Mid Argyll 4 Oban Lorne 6; Etive Vikings 6 Mid Argyll 4; Oban Lorne 5 Kintyre 5.

P6/7: Kintyre 5 Mid Argyll 3; Oban Lorne 1 Etive Vikings 2; Mid Argyll 3 Oban Lorne 3; Etive Vikings 8 Etive Vikings 3; Oban Lorne 8 Kintyre 4; Etive Vikings 6 Mid Argyll 1.



Red Star 2004.



Red Star 2008.



Red Star 2007.

Red Star youths' great weekend

In a busy weekend for youth football, Lochgilphead Red Star YFC had three teams in action.

All three teams were sporting fantastic new strips sponsored by Ardrishaig Community Trust. With new strips for other teams to come, the Soccer Centre and Red Star YFC are delighted and grateful to Ardrishaig Community Trust for its sponsorship and support.

Red Star 2008s hosted a seven-a-side exchange in Lochgilphead. The youngsters played five games, winning four and losing one. The team scored 16 goals and conceded two. An excellent performance all round.

The boys played a great, fast passing style of football and should be proud of

themselves. The coaches were delighted with the team and thank them, not just for Sunday but their excellent attitude and commitment at training.

Red Star 2007s travelled to Campbeltown for a nine-a-side exchange with Campbeltown and Oban teams.

Over the course of the day, the team performed admirably, winning two games and losing one. A win in their first game against a plucky Campbeltown select 1-0 set the team up nicely. A dominant performance saw the boys run out 4-1 winners against Oban in game two. In the final game, the boys lost 3-1 to Campbeltown 2007s in a great game.

All three games were good,

competitive, entertaining encounters with excellent football, loads of goal scoring chances and excellent goal-keeping by all teams taking part.

Finally, Red Star 2004s set off at 7am for a 10am kick-off in Glasgow against Summerston Boys Club. Although the Lochgilphead youngsters were not at their best, they won 7-1.

To their credit, Summerston never gave up and made it difficult for the Lochgilphead team, however, Red Star had too much firepower up front with five goals from McMurchy and a goal each from Caskie and Harris.

Star welcome Mossend to the Astro on Sunday November 4 in the third round of the Scottish Cup.

Disappointing home defeat



Gregor McGeachy takes the ball for a run up the wing in a first half Red Star attack. 06_a44RedStar01

Lochgilphead Red Star suffered a disappointing 4-1 home defeat to Port Glasgow AFC in the SAFL Premier 1 on Saturday October 27.

In brilliant autumn sunshine at the joint campus 3G pitch, Kyle Selfridge scored the goal for Red Star, who will travel away to play to Kings Park Rangers in the league this weekend.



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