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# Hopes rise Lochgilphead can enjoy vibrant future

**Colin Cameron**

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After years with its nose pressed up against the shop window, looking on enviously while other towns benefited from government funding, Lochgilphead may be about to get its turn.

And there is the potential for a double dose of cash to improve the town, as a new scheme to improve the front green gets closer to reality.

Argyll and Bute Council last week submitted a £2 million application to a fund offering support for conservation area-based regeneration initiatives.

Delivered over a five-year period, the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) contributes to the repair and restoration of a town's heritage buildings.

Towns which have recently had the benefit of a CARS project include Inveraray, Campbeltown and Rothesay. The improvement in the appearance of prominent

buildings in these towns is plain to see and hopes are high Lochgilphead would get a similar lift – should the bid to Historic Environment Scotland be successful.

Lochgilphead Community Council has offered its support and convener Andy Buntin said in a letter to Argyll and Bute Council: 'A number of buildings within the town centre are in a poor condition and this is having a detrimental impact on the appearance of the town.'

'A CARS project would help to bring back a vibrancy within the town. Repairs to priority buildings and shop fronts will help to make the town centre a more appealing location for people to shop and spend time in.'

Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'When you see the improvements in the building fabric of Campbeltown and Inveraray over recent years, this could be an exciting opportunity for Lochgilphead to benefit from CARS funding and regeneration funding. I

do believe we are potentially in a really exciting era to improve the town.'

'I am delighted to see Lochgilphead rise to the top of the council's priority list for a CARS funding application and funding,' said Councillor Sandy Taylor. 'Local [council] members regularly receive calls for something to be done to "brighten" the town up.'

'Recent CARS projects in Rothesay and Campbeltown, and most recently Inveraray, make such a difference not only in terms of appearance, but also the repair and future maintenance of older buildings.'

The CARS bid comes at a time when Argyll and Bute Council is preparing to launch a separate project worth £1.5 million to improve Lochgilphead's front green and Colchester Square.

Andy Buntin added: 'A Lochgilphead CARS would complement this work and help make Lochgilphead town centre a more attractive place for people to visit.'



## Musical mischief by Mr Toad

Jay Helbert as Mr Toad gets up to mischief alongside Eve Maxwell playing Mole and Shona Keith as Rat ahead of this week's Mid Argyll Musical Society's production of *The Adventures of Mr Toad*. More on page 13. 51\_a47MrToad03



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## Resurfacing south of Erskine Bridge to cause two-hour delays

Drivers heading over the Erskine Bridge between 8pm on Friday November 30 and 6am on Monday December 3 face major disruption as Scotland TransServ carries out resurfacing work.

Scotland TransServ will resurface 1.2 kilometres of the M898 southbound between the Erskine Bridge and the M8 as part of the strategic trunk road maintenance programme.

The Erskine Bridge is a main link from Argyll to the central belt and the work is expected to cause major disruption.

There will be a diversion but drivers are urged to consider alternative transport plans for the weekend, with severe delays of two hours expected on the A82 southbound.

Live trunk road updates are available by following @trafficscotland on Twitter or visiting trafficscotland.org. Further details on an alternative route are available on the Scotland TransServ website.

# Join the Big Sleep Out



The Grub's Up team. 06\_a22GrubsUpBirthday04

Grub's Up is moving out of the kitchen for a night to highlight the rise in homelessness.

Organised by Gill Hutton, the event will take place on Saturday December 15 from 8pm and will see people spending a night in the car park behind the ACHA building at Colchester Square, Lochgilphead.

Gill said: 'There has been an increase of 25 per cent of people becoming homeless since 2001, with approximately 5,000 people sleeping rough at least once per year. Thirty-eight children are assessed as homeless every day in Scotland.' The Big Sleep Out

is asking people to donate a rucksack containing warm clothes and toiletries which will be taken to Glasgow by Kate Macaulay and handed out to people on the street. Supported by Fyne Homes providing breakfast in the morning, Grub's Up will also be providing soup, teas and coffee on the night.

The Big Sleep Out is looking for buskers or anyone willing to share their stories about homelessness on the night.

Gill added: 'We will not be subjected to or have threats of any violence to contend with, so we will never truly know the absolute horror many people face but it will

give us the opportunity to collect much-needed items and our hope is people are more empathetic towards the homeless in the future.

'This is a national disgrace and every Scot needs to tell our government this is not okay. Many homeless people suffer from addiction or mental health issues that go untreated. The fact we think some people are more deserving of our care and understanding than others is shameful.'

To get involved, contact Gill Hutton at grubsup.argyll@gmail.com or through the Grub's Up Recovery Cafe Facebook page.

## Argyll leader welcomes campaign for fair council funding

The leader of Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed a campaign by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) for fair funding for local government.

COSLA negotiates local government funding settlements with the Scottish Government on behalf of Scotland's

councils. Ahead of the budget negotiations, COSLA this week launched a document which outlines the central role local government plays in the local and Scottish economy. The document highlights that in the past five years local government budgets have reduced 10 times more than

the Scottish budget. The council's funding will not be confirmed by the Scottish Government until the end of the year or early 2019. As it must set its budget in February 2019, the council is asking local people what their priorities are for the work and role of the council so that these priorities can

influence budget decisions. The council's consultation is available on its website at argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2018. Printed copies can be found in council customer service points or by contacting the council at workingtogether@argyll-bute.gov.uk or calling 01546 604171.



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### Vehicle damaged

At about 6pm on Tuesday November 13, the driver's mirror of a white DAF lorry was damaged on the A83 between Ardrishaig and Inverneil when it was struck by an oncoming white van which failed to stop and report the incident. Police are investigating.

### Man assaulted

On Friday November 16 at 4pm, a man was assaulted in Harbour Street, Tarbert, by another man. Police are investigating.

### Mirror hit

The driver's mirror of a silver Skoda Octavia was damaged on the A819 between Inveraray and Dalmally by an oncoming grey car which failed to stop and report the incident on Sunday November 18 at 10am. Police are investigating the incident.

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

# Government promises 'permanent' solution at Rest and Be Thankful

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For the first time, a senior Scottish politician has given a commitment that a 'permanent solution' will be found to a landslide-prone section of the lifeline A83 trunk road.

Michael Matheson, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, gave the assurance at the latest meeting of the A83 Task Force – a group comprised of road engineers, business managers, councillors, civil servants and others – and which was held at the Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray.

Describing the meeting on November 15 as 'very positive', Mr Matheson added: 'I recognise the A83 is absolutely critical to Argyll and Bute,

particularly to locals and the local economy.'

Argyll and Bute is to be prioritised within the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR), which will set out Transport Scotland's investment priorities for the future.

Any permanent engineering solution, though, may take years to complete.

Mr Matheson continued: 'What I have asked Transport Scotland to do is to make sure we carry out early work here in Argyll and Bute in order to identify a permanent solution to the challenges we have with the A83.'

'That work will start early in the new year to make sure we're starting to identify what that option should be.'

In the meantime, people using the Rest and Be Thankful

will rely on 'mitigation' measures above the A83.

Mr Matheson said: 'The A83 has already had a lot of work carried out to it to put mitigation measures in place. Catch-pits are in place and there are more of those to put in over the months ahead alongside the netting which has been put in to capture debris. These mitigation measures have had a significant impact as it has been possible to keep the road open for extended periods whereas, in the past, prior to this being carried out, the road would have been closed.'

He continued: 'But even with that we need to identify what the permanent solution is, so the process of looking at that through the STPR process for Argyll and Bute is going to be accelerated.'



Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity. 06\_a47TaskForce\_Matheson03

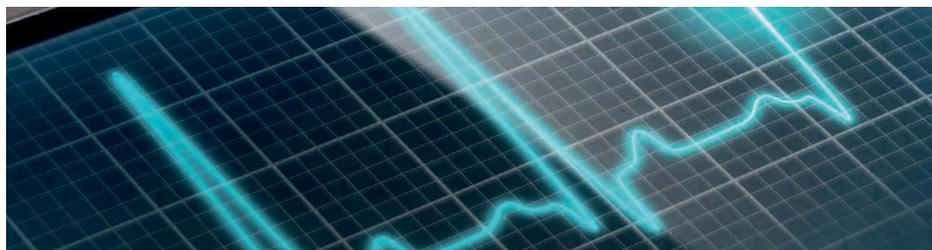
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# Acclaimed piper on his way to Strachur

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Although born and raised near Glasgow, it is the celebrated Gaelic piping tradition of his father's native South Uist, in the Outer Hebrides, that forms the bedrock of his intensely expressive, uniquely adventurous style.

His outstanding technical prowess saw him winning many top competition prizes while still at school, meanwhile being inspired by pioneering acts like the Bothy Band and the Tannahill Weavers. Although his first-love instrument remains the great Highland bagpipes, over the years his mastery has expanded to encompass whistles, Scottish smallpipes, or reelpipes and Irish uilleann pipes. He was also one of the first Scottish artists to forge dynamic links with his Celtic cousins in Brittany and north-west Spain, adding further to his

repertoire of influences and tunes, and has long been renowned as an outstanding composer.

Each year in November, Fred packs his instruments into the car and sets off on a solo tour of Scotland, playing in intimate settings the length and breadth of the country. The winter tour has become a permanent fixture in Fred's schedule.

Fred said: 'It's great to see how the Celtic music scene has expanded throughout the world, with all the huge festivals, but I do love coming back to perform and share music and stories in all the amazing venues at home, some in very far flung places.'

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Jennifer Gillies have been joined by Susan McFadyen as office Senior Manager and Jackie Boyd who will split her time between both the Argyll offices. Keith Wright is continuing as a consultant to the business. Iain stated, "Our aim, in today's fast-evolving, cloud-based business environment is to offer clients the core services they have enjoyed for years along with access to additional specialist services via the wider William Duncan network in West Central Scotland".

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# RS Stovecraft has sweet gift for one lucky winner

RS Stovecraft is getting into the Christmas spirit with a special giveaway for one lucky winner.

Ever the crafty lot, the owners, Ritchie Pannell and Sue MacPhee, have filled a prize stove with sweets and are asking for guesses as to how many are in the stuffed stove, along with a like and share of their Facebook post.

Ritchie has had fun winding up customers, saying: 'What you've got to think is, do I look devious enough to fill the back with rolled up newspapers?'

The winning guess will receive not only the UK-built Hamlet solution 5 multi-fuel 4.9kw stove, retailed at £599, but also all the sweets stuffed inside and the gold and red ribbon bow on top.

And in case anyone's suspicious that the number of sweets may have gone down in the time until January,



Ritchie Pannell and Sue MacPhee of RS Stovecraft in Lochgilphead.

viewership from 300 likes to more than 800.

For the less tech-savvy, there is also a small form available to fill out in store for a chance to win.

RS Stovecraft has expanded as well, with more crafty gifts spread among the stoves. Home comforts such as candles and candle holders, baskets, aromatherapy oils and even Christmas decorations all in the theme of fire and wood have kept the duo busy.

The winner will be announced on Saturday January 5 on their Facebook page @RSStovecraft.

Accessories and installation are not included in the competition prize.

Ritchie says: 'I've taken the handle off it and clamped the back so no one can sneak a sweet.'

Sue added: 'Otherwise by the time the competition finishes the winning answer will be three.'

Their post on Facebook has already garnered more than 650 guesses in almost a week and have sent their

## Tree Shop craft fair

The Tree Shop is holding a craft fair in Cairndow featuring items from crafty businesses all over Argyll.

The eclectic stalls will include jewellery, cushions, glass art, candles, wood crafts and lots more.

There are plenty of potential gifts that will not only help the local economy and businesses, but will be one-of-a-kind presents that will be loved for years to come.

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**Lochgilphead looking up**

We hear a team has been found by the council to pull together a draft design for refurbishing Lochgilphead's front green.

Much of this will, of necessity, take the form of drainage and other unseen aspects, but the £1.5 million project is in progress and can only be a good thing for the town.

The CARS funding applied for last week by the council would really complement an improved front green, giving Lochgilphead a significant opportunity to pull itself up by the bootstraps and become a destination, rather than somewhere to drive through as too often is the case.

**Stand by promises**

Michael Matheson spoke pretty well at last week's A83 Task Force meeting, but it has to be a case of 'I'll believe it when I see it'. We have been fobbed off before and the Scottish Government must live up to its promises this time around.

**Sleeping out**

The group of hardy souls taking to the streets next month to highlight homelessness deserve a pat on the back. Homelessness can be less visible in rural areas, but that does not mean it does not exist.

**Argyll at a disadvantage**

Sir,  
The Prime Minister struggled to answer my question as to how the Brexit withdrawal agreement is good for my already economically-fragile constituency.

Our neighbours in Northern Ireland, who will stay in an advantageous position within a customs union, will be in a very strong position to attract jobs and investment at the expense of Scotland. We have ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes, with England and Wales voting to leave and leaving, Northern Ireland voting to remain and retaining a foothold into the EU, and Scotland which voted to remain being completely dragged out against its will. No-one should fall for this false choice being desperately spun by this isolated Tory Prime Minister that seeks to force us to choose between a 'bad deal' or a 'no deal' at all.

**Brendan O'Hara MP,**  
**Argyll and Bute.**

**Promoting pipes and drums**

Sir,  
We expect more than 150 schools to be represented at next year's Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, based on the number of school pupils being taught in programmes run by the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT).

The trust now has projects going in 18 council areas supporting lessons to over 2,500 young people. We are getting a large number

of inquiries from schools wanting to come along to the event on March 10 in Livingston.

SSPDT aims to safeguard our wonderful musical traditions and to help young people develop skills for life, learning and work, with a focus on deprived and remote areas, by helping to introduce piping and drumming tuition to state schools on a par with orchestral instruments.

We established the championships in 2011 to offer a positive and friendly experience for players who are new to competition, and as a forum for bands at the very top of their game.

The trust has resources to support more state schools in Scotland to introduce piping and drumming tuition, and we invite local education authorities, teachers and parents to contact us.

All inquiries can be made via our website [sspdt.org.uk](http://sspdt.org.uk)

**Alexandra Duncan,**  
**Chief executive,**  
**Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust.**

**A83 commitment welcome**

Sir,  
Having campaigned extensively for the reopening of the A83 after a landslide in October, I welcome Cabinet Secretary Michael Matheson's commitment to identifying a permanent solution to disruption on the road, whilst continuing to invest in shorter term mitigation measures.

Closures to the A83 lead to untenable diversions and re-routing of traffic onto other

roads, which is why is absolutely essential for permanent measures to be put in place to end these closures.

The safety of the people who use this road has always been the top priority for the Scottish Government, and I am grateful to all those who have been involved in working towards a practical solution to make this road accessible for local people, visitors and businesses in my constituency.

**Michael Russell MSP,**  
**Argyll and Bute.**

**Whisky and Brexit deal**

Sir,  
The withdrawal agreement with the European Union has now been published.

Our industry has consistently called for clarity over what that UK's new relationship with the EU will look like in practice, particularly on the continued protection of geographical indications, customs procedures and future trade policy.

The provisions set out in the withdrawal agreement provide us with a credible foundation on which to build in the next phase of the negotiations, during which a number of critical issues remain to be resolved.

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**Karen Betts,**  
**chief executive,**  
**Scotch Whisky Association.**

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## Dog-whistle politics

Sir,  
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How low the UK has sunk that its Brexiteer government is now resorting to spreading resentment towards European citizens, classing them as 'queue jumpers'. These individuals took no part in this mess and work here legally and contribute to the country in so many different ways. They have the same general right of freedom of movement that allows British people the opportunity to work in Berlin and Paris, or retire in Spain.

Even so, their reward seems to be an increasingly hostile atmosphere. Mrs May makes no mention of those British 'queue jumpers' in other EU countries, symptomatic no doubt of the same attitude that classes those Brits abroad as 'expats', while those from the other EU countries who come to work here are 'immigrants', an increasingly negative term.

Since the referendum in 2016 there has been an alarming increase in both veiled and more explicit verbal abuse to EU nationals, and this will no doubt increase as the negative impacts of Brexit become clearer and scapegoats will be required. Step forward those innocent EU nationals in our midst.

The UK has taken a wrong turn, as exhibited by the dog-whistle politics of Theresa May and her Tory government.

As the UK enters full panic mode, the victim of a bitter and corrupted Etonian gamble gone very wrong, we must do all that we can to support those EU nationals in our midst and defy this vile populist rhetoric.

Alex Orr,  
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# Lochgilphead students make money with Pudsey

Pupils and staff all across Mid Argyll did their bit for Children in Need.

In doing something funny for money they assisted Pudsey on his quest to help impoverished children all over Britain.

In Lochgilphead Joint Campus, the Spice Boys were created and, in true boyband fashion, disbanded after

one hit. However, they have promised a farewell world tour for any loyal fans. Maybe they'll be seen at T3 next year.

The pupils across the joint campus, including the learning centre and the primary school, all contributed with bake sales, karaoke, face painting and dancing to earn more than £1,800.

Ewan Smith would like to thank the S6s for all their hard work raising money.

Children in Need aims to aid children across the UK in difficult situations such as illness, abuse or homelessness.

This year's Children in Need broadcast total got to a record-breaking £50,595,053, with more money coming in.



The Lochgilphead Joint Campus dinner ladies were not about to miss out on the fun.



The Spice Boys of Lochgilphead Joint Campus: Gregor McGeachy, Henry Palmer, Glen Agutu, Cameron Gilthorpe, Ben Smith, Ewan Smith and 'band manager' Ben Cameron.

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# David up for national donor award

Firefighter David MacInnes from Lochgilphead has been named as a finalist at this year's Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards.

After donating his stem cells to a patient who needed a lifesaving transplant, David went on to raise awareness of stem cell donation in schools, wrote a blog post about his donation, encouraged others to join the register and ran the London Marathon for Anthony Nolan. His selfless actions also featured in the pages of The Argyllshire Advertiser.

David will be recognised as a Donor Champion by the blood

cancer charity.

The Donor Champion of the Year award will be given to someone who has used their experience of donating stem cells to further inspire others to support the charity or to dispel myths and misconceptions about the process.

David joined the Anthony Nolan register when his best friend's cousin was affected by leukaemia. He was matched with a patient in need and donated his stem cells in 2015.

David has continued to show his support for Anthony Nolan, raising £4,695 by completing the London

Marathon 2018, attending recruitment events and organising several discos in Lochgilphead to raise money for the charity.

David said: 'I was a bit surprised to be shortlisted, to be honest.

'It's not something I ever expected to be nominated for. It's certainly not why I've done the work I have for the charity. I felt proud that someone felt strong enough to nominate me and I will continue to do what I can for this amazing charity.'

Anthony Nolan matches those willing to donate their stem cells to blood cancer patients in need of

lifesaving transplants. The charity also carries out vital research into stem cell matching and transplants, to make sure every person in need gets the best possible treatment.

Henny Braund, chief executive of Anthony Nolan, said: 'Congratulations to David on being shortlisted in the 2018 Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards. Every day at least five people begin their search for a matching unrelated stem cell donor to treat their blood cancer or blood disorder. We're incredibly lucky to have so many people supporting Anthony Nolan's vital work

to find a match for everyone in need of a lifesaving transplant. David has excelled over the last year by putting a great deal of time and energy into supporting Anthony Nolan.

'We want to say a massive thank you, and congratulations, to David and we are looking forward to celebrating with him at the Tower of London.'

The awards ceremony was being held last night, November 22, at the Tower of London. For more on the Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards please visit [www.anthonynolan.org/awards](http://www.anthonynolan.org/awards).



Raising money and awareness for Anthony Nolan and stem cell donation. 08\_a37davidmacinnes1



David on his way to completing the London Marathon.

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**Date:** 4th December 2018  
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**Venue:** Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8XQ

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## SiMBA to thank Co-op for donation

Inveraray's Co-op is holding a celebration day for baby loss support group, SiMBA, on Saturday November 24.

SiMBA is a monthly support group for those whose baby has died at any stage of pregnancy or close to the time of birth and to support those planning or going through a next pregnancy.

SiMBA meets in the Stag Hotel in

Lochgilphead the last Thursday of every month from 7pm to 9pm.

After being chosen as Charity of the Year by the Inveraray Co-op, its members have raised £2,633.99 from the Local Community Fund for SiMBA.

SiMBA is very grateful to the Co-op members of Inveraray for choosing the charity and contributing to such a worthy project.



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# Midton engages with armed forces

Lochgilphead-based acrylic manufacturer Midton, showed its commitment to the armed forces by signing up to its covenant.

The document gives Midton opportunities to work with the armed forces in a number of ways, including recruiting

past armed forces personnel and those transitioning back into civilian life.

Royal Navy Commander John Livesey and Michelle McKearnon from the Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association joined one of Midton's directors,

David Gillen, to sign the covenant last Wednesday November 14.

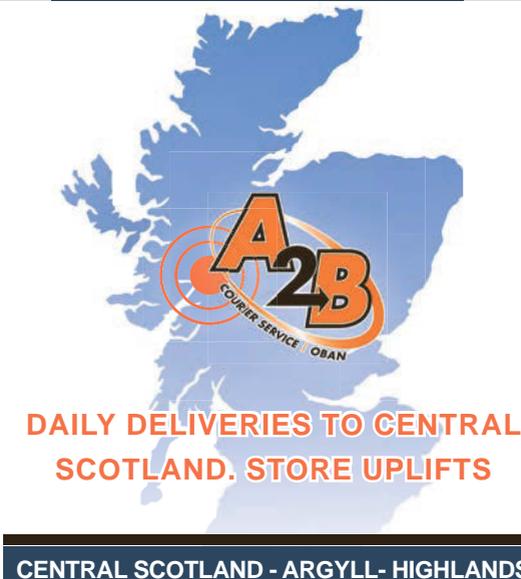
Speaking on behalf of Midton, David said: 'We want to show our commitment to working with the armed forces by supporting reservists and ex-military personnel

in the workplace.

'In signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant, we endeavour to uphold the key principals. This is something Midton is extremely proud to be part of.'



David Gillen, one of Midton's directors, signed the Armed Forces Covenant, witnessed by Royal Navy Commander John Livesey, from Faslane Naval Base.



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# Work by Argyll artists to feature in Glasgow event

A Glasgow exhibition celebrating the talent and creativity of young people will feature budding artists from Argyll.

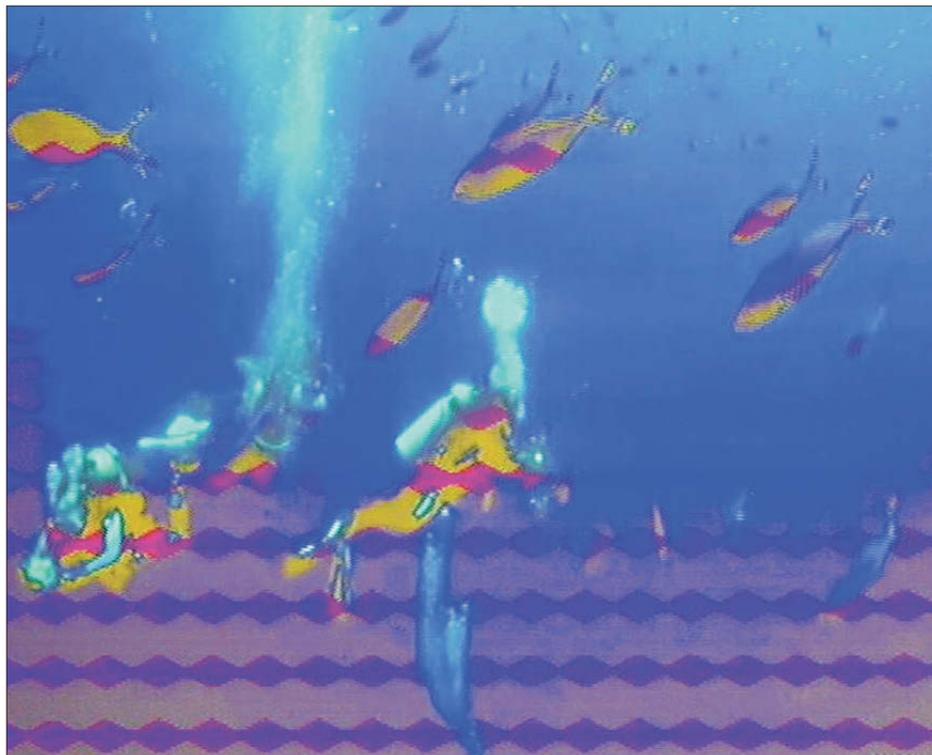
The free exhibition at Maryhill Burgh Halls will be opened tomorrow (Saturday November 24) by award-winning Scottish artist Jacqueline Donachie. It will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm-4pm.

Celebrate ART is a project developed by young people and five partner organisations for the Year of Young People 2018.

The partners are:

- Engage Scotland, the National Association for Gallery Education
- The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh
- The John Byrne Award
- Templar Arts & Leisure Centre, Tarbert, Argyll
- Tramway, Glasgow

Through Celebrate ART, groups of young people have worked with artists at partner venues to co-produce a series of artworks. The exhibition in Glasgow on Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25, will be the first time the young people from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Tarbert and beyond have exhibited their artwork



An example of the artwork by young Tarbert-based artists to be displayed in Glasgow this weekend.

together. Artwork produced by young people from all three gallery partners involved will be on show, including a performance developed by the young people working

with the Fruitmarket Gallery. Eight young artists from Tarbert worked with themes related to the sea. They developed utopian architectural ideas on how it might

be possible to live in the sea and took inspiration from the beauty of the sea, waves and drifts to create patterns to be used as a print on fabric, or laser cut as a sculptural

element. Their work will be on display at Maryhill Burgh Halls before being exhibited at the Rockfield Centre in Oban on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9.

All the young people's artworks use a mix of digital and analogue art techniques and they are partly responsive – they react to the visitor's presence. Visually, they relate to contemporary and parametric design and the sound elements feed back to the visitor's touch.

One of the projects they will show is a collaboration between a young artist and a young scientist to create an audio-visual piece about sound pollution in the sea. The youngsters will be at the exhibition to talk through the artwork they have created.

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's director of events, said: 'The Celebrate ART project presents a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore their creative skills and to express themselves through visual arts.'

'It is great to see young aspiring artists being actively supported and encouraged to hone their skills. We are delighted to be supporting Celebrate ART as part of the Year of Young People 2018 celebrations.'

Celebrate ART is supported by Creative Scotland and the Year of Young

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# Nothing daft about Brian's charity campaign

Colin Cameron  
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Picture it: you are a millionaire, married and living a life of luxury in a mansion. Then you give it all away to charity.

Many people would (unkindly) describe these actions as madness. Or maybe 'daft as a brush'.

Brian Burnie cares not a jot.

The former millionaire's primary focus these days is not his own financial gain, but on making life a little easier for cancer patients and their families.

The construction engineer made his money on Tyneside and was living quite happily until his wife was diagnosed

with breast cancer. He witnessed the high level of care she received and she thankfully overcame the disease.

But he began to realise the pressure and stress placed on patients in meeting appointment times.

Eight years ago he set up Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care to serve the Newcastle area and the charity now offers staffed custom-made vehicles to transport cancer patients, free of charge, to and from hospital.

With 27 vehicles, the charity provides more than 40,000 cancer patient journeys each year by 300-plus dedicated volunteers.

Patients are collected from



Brian and Cheryl enjoy a break from walking in Tarbert. 06\_a47Daftasabrush01

home and taken to where they will be having their treatment, with a volunteer companion if desired, before being returned home.

So successful has the charity been that 74-year-old Brian plans to expand into other parts of the UK and has his sights set on Scotland.

To raise the charity's profile, he is walking the entire coast of Great Britain and Ireland over two years, with a converted double-decker bus named 'Bluebell' as

his home. The vision, says Brian, is to create more than 1,000,000 cancer patient journeys. He set off from Tyneside on March 5 and last week - 2,000 miles into his 7,000-mile trek - he arrived in Tarbert.

He and his wife parted some years back and Brian has been accompanied on his journey by South African-born Cheryl.

It was on the romantic Isle of Skye that the couple decided to tie the knot, while on

the west coast leg of his walk.

His walking challenge has been made more difficult by the fact he has been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for the past seven years, but Brian remains undaunted.

'In my opinion, some Scottish scenery is up there with the most beautiful in the world,' he said, 'and I have been very impressed with the Kintyre Way.'

He explained: 'The whole point of this is that cancer patients are able to arrive for

appointments less stressed, allowing treatment to be more effective. Specialists tell me getting to appointments is more stressful than chemo and radiotherapy and I want to do something about that.'

He added: 'Treatment and transport must be integrated and it isn't at the moment across most of the country. Transport should dictate appointment times.'

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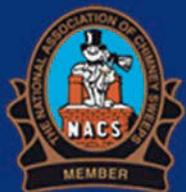
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# Hop along and join Mister Toad on his adventures

## Mid Argyll Musical Society's fun-filled show for all the family

Mid Argyll Musical Society performers are leaping into a production of The Adventures of Mister Toad.

The show is based on Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows and follows the daring and hilarious exploits of Toad, played by Jay Helbert, and his friends Badger, played by Alan Steele, Mole, played by Eve Maxwell, and Rat, played by Shona Keith.

Along the way they meet Clerk, played by Ian Salmon, Magistrate, Alison McGinty, police officer, Holly Herbert, Rose, Rhona Love, Aunt, Ruth Love, James, Holly Helbert, and have their way of life threatened by Chief Weasel, Morag Cupples.

The Adventures of Mister Toad is a rollicking, fun-filled musical for all the family and everyone seems to be getting involved, since the production has a wide cast, with children from neighbouring villages playing the Riverside animals.

The animals of Riverside

are made up of Fiona Cupples, Thomas Green, Maisie Gilmour, Andrew John, Finlay Love, Rowan MacDonald, Robyn MacFie, Lorna McKellar and Baxter Nesbit.

As owner of Toad Hall, Mr Toad is rich and has money to burn. He is a loud and somewhat overbearing toad who goes from one craze to the next, wasting his fortune along the way.

All seems idyllic but for the Wild Wood where the weasels live. Led by the strutting, nasty Chief Weasel, they have one ambition - to take over the riverbank and Toad Hall.

Everyone's pulling their weight to make a great show too, with Morag Cupples and Ruth Love handling the costumes, Eve Maxwell co-ordinating the choreography and the set created by show producer Sheila Campbell, Jim Curnyn and Ian Salmon. Directing music is Fiona MacDonald, helping backstage are Jim Curnyn and John Hay, with lighting



The cast of The Adventures Mister Toad. 51\_a47MrToad01

by Gary Wilson. Also helping out is Eunice Salmon with prompts, Joanna Green and Ian Salmon creating the programme and friends of the Mid Argyll Musical Society providing refreshments.

Everything will be revealed at nightly shows which started at 7.30pm from Wednesday November 21 and run until tomorrow (Saturday November 24)

at Ardrishaig Public Hall. Tickets, priced £8 and £6, are available from The Archway, Lochgilphead, Flowers by Morna, Ardrishaig, or at the evening at the door.

Right: Eve Maxwell as Mole sings while the animals frolic. 51\_a47MrToad09



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# Poetry and paint combine at Fraser's book-signing

**Laura Maxwell**  
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Artist, life drawing instructor, painter and printmaker, Fraser MacIver can now add author to that list.

After two attempts at publishing the standard way, Fraser MacIver finally self-published a short 50-page volume this autumn.

The poetry book, named *Five Moons of the Golden Moss*, is filled with intricate drawings and is already selling worldwide.

Fraser was at Argyll Book Centre on Saturday November 17 to speak to lovers of his little blue starry book and to sign copies.

The poem, an oblique fictional and speculative narrative, spans a vast chronology in time, specifically the pre-Christian period

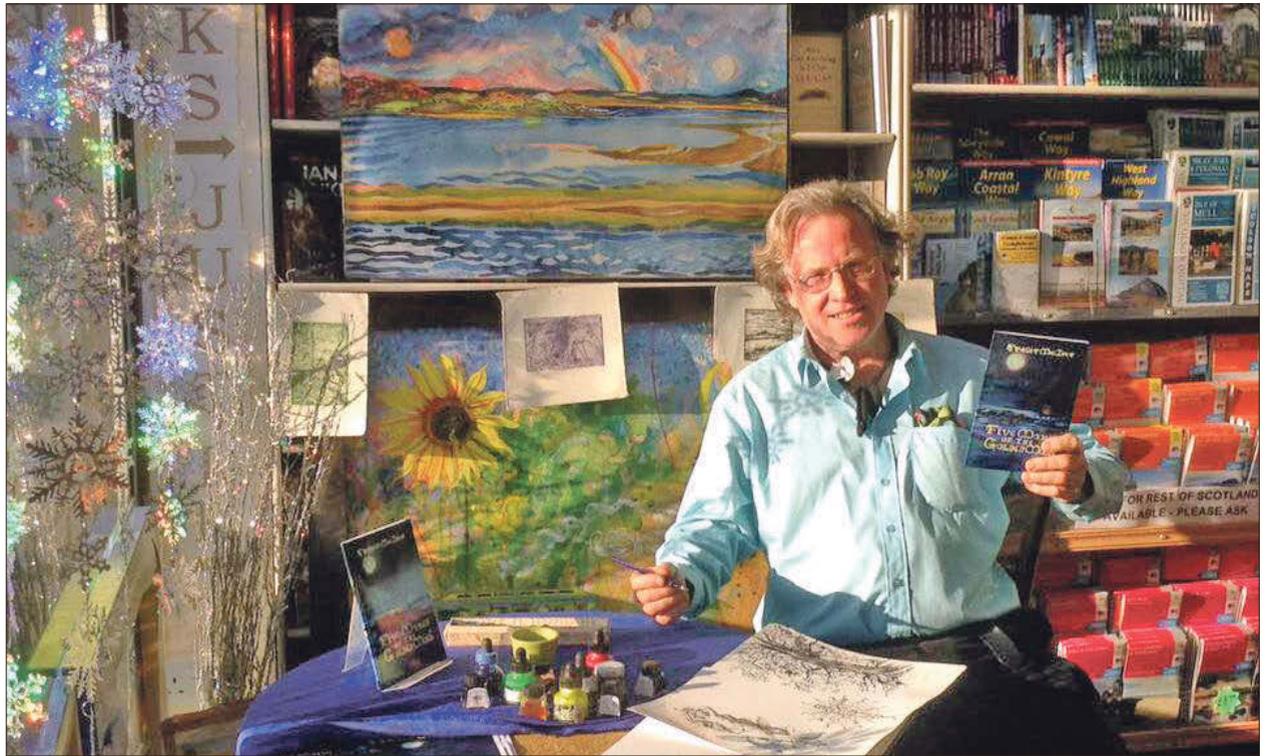
from 500BC to the time of the Norse invasions roughly around AD700-800.

With his paintings around him, Fraser was busy drawing and painting while signing and shaking hands, selling a few paintings too.

On his Facebook page Fraser said: 'A lovely cloudless warm November Saturday. Many thanks to Eli of Argyll Book Centre and all my old and new fans and supporters who bought the book generously.'

*Five Moons of the Golden Moss* is available at Lulu.com and signed copies are available from The Wagon, Crinan Canal.

**Fraser MacIver with copies of his new book, *Five Moons of the Golden Moss*, and his artwork.**



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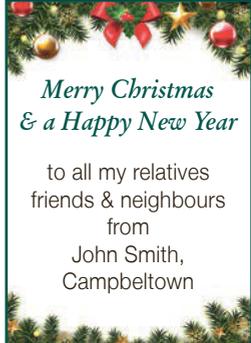
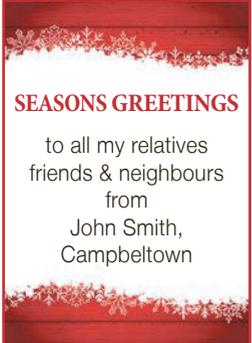
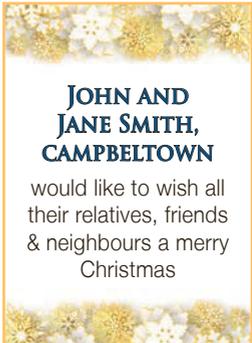
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# Mary goes to the top of the class

A Lochgilphead lady has come up trumps in response to a request for information about an old school photograph.

In our November 16 edition, we carried a 1937 school photo taken at Lochgilphead Junior School and asked our readers to see if we could name the pupils.

Mary Campbell was not merely able to identify one or two of the children – but named the whole lot.

Heather Williams from Carsaig handed in the photograph to The Argyllshire Advertiser offices earlier that week, hoping that readers could help name everyone in the line-up.

One question that comes to mind is: how many of this group of pupils are still with us?

Some of the names may be spelled a little differently, but

Mary has named the pupils as:

Back row, left to right: Neil MacDonald, Bobby Sinclair, Billy Rankin, Alastair Grey, Malky MacCallum, John Adair, Archie Finlayson, Tommy Welch.

Next row: Colin Montgomery, John Gillies, Mary Carmichael, Jean MacVicar, Jane Gillies, Alice Harvey, Marjie MacLauchlin, Jessie Crawford, Minnie Thompson, James Carmichael, Jim Miller, Kenny MacDonald, Alastair Graham, Alastair Cowan.

Next row: Eddie Callaghan, Ann O'Neil, Gracie Whiteford, May Campbell, Margaret Kinsella, Isa Brodie, Mary Wishart, Robin Crawford, George Fisher, Hughie O'Neil.

Front row: Alastair MacDonald, John Mitchell, George MacAllister, George



Lochgilphead Junior School pupils pictured in 1937.

Campbell, John Fisher, Dick Kinsella, Donnie MacDonald, Ian MacLennan, Teddy McGlynn, Neil MacLellan, Jock O'Neil.

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# All revved up and nowhere to go

Wind energy companies are in Ann Thomas's sights this week – and in particular the 'constraint payments' made when operators are asked to stop turbines from turning.

When very strong winds hit, turbines sometimes need to be shut off for safety.

But there are times when wind energy is not required – for fairly complex reasons involving the National Grid's Balancing Mechanism, which continually matches supply and demand, and constraints in the distribution system – and it is at these times that constraint payments are made.

According to the Renewable Energy Foundation, in September alone more than £28 million in constraint payments was paid to wind farm operators in the UK.

There is no doubt wind generation forms an important part of the electricity generation jigsaw as the push intensifies for greener energy, but some are concerned at the impact on our landscape. The fear, as Ann points out, is that we will end up with 'hedgehog' views, skylines pricked by wind turbines in scenic areas.

Some mind them, some don't. But they appear to be here for the foreseeable future.



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# Mull event will focus on good silage

With the prospect of a crisis in winter fodder already affecting many farmers, the Soil Association Scotland is inviting land managers to an event on Mull looking at the importance of silage.

Sheep and arable farmer Duncan McEwen, of Arnprior Farm near Stirling, said: 'Growing good silage is a huge cost benefit. With the silage we make now, we're feeding the same amount of

concentrates with 1,200 sheep as we were with 350, when we used to feed them hay.

'There's no secret to it: good grass seed mixes - we use a clover mix - wilting it properly and we cut it every 35 to 40 days before it goes to head to get the highest energy and protein for the ewes.'

Store producer Steven Wylie of Swartland Farm in Orkney makes the right type of silage (lower protein) for his system

to avoid cows producing too-big calves. As an organic farmer, he avoids feed where he can, as it is expensive.

'The cost of ploughing and reseeded for silage is offset against nitrogen fertiliser,' he says. 'The year before I went organic, I spent £8,000 on fertiliser.'

'The following year I spent none on fertiliser but £4,000 on grass seed mixes instead and I've since increased my store calf number from 30 to 50.

'I use a five-year rotation: planting barley in year one then grass and undersowing with oats in year two. Then



Duncan McEwen: 'Growing good silage is a huge cost benefit.'

I get two years of silage and one of grazing. I don't buy in any feed. I've got an abundance of grass this year

and might even be able to sell some.' Hear silage expert Robert Gilchrist on Thursday November 29 from 10.30am

to 3.30pm at the Salen Hotel, Mull. The event is free and includes lunch. To book, call Lyn on 07899 791748.

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11.30 - Machribeg  
12.00 - Lunch, Munerog Tearoom  
13.45 - Clochkeil  
14.30 - East Drumlemble  
Presentation of prizes and dinner, Royal Hotel, 7.30 for 8pm, names please to secretary on 810220. All welcome.

## Around the markets

**Dalmally** - United Auctions held their end of season sale of all classes lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Friday November 16.  
Principal lots and prices.  
Top prices per head.  
Lambs.  
SUFFx: £50.50 - Ardchatten HF  
TEXx: £68.00 - Tiretigan; £59.00 - Ardchatten HF; £55.00 - Tiretigan; £50.00 - Ardchatten HF.  
CHEV: £42.00 - Maam Farm.  
MULE: £45.00 - Birchfield.  
BF: £50.00 - Waterland; £48.00 - Invernahyle; £45.00 - Ardchatten HF; £44.00 - Glenfeochan Estate.  
Ewes.  
TEX: £47.00 - Lephinkill Farm.  
MULE: £37.00 - Drimnin Estate.  
BF: £31.00 and £28.00 - Simec Lochaber.

Top prices per kilo  
Lambs.  
SUFFx: 160p - Ardchatten HF  
TEXx: 153p - Drimnin Estate; 153p - Tiretigan Farm; 151p - Tiretigan Farm.  
CHEV: 131p - Maam Farm.  
MULE: 141p - Birchfield; 138p - Simec Lochaber; 133p - Couston Farm.  
BF: 141p - Glenfeochan Estate; 141p - Maam Farm; 135p and 125p - Invernahyle; 125p - Ardchatten HF.

**Lochboisdale** - On Monday November 12, United Auctions held their annual November sale of 438 all classes cattle. Bullocks levelled out at £703.27 or 216 pence per kilo, up £10 per head or 5 pence per kilo. Heifers averaged £583 or 194 pence per kilo, down £27 per head or 18 pence per kilo.  
Principal lots and prices.  
Top prices per head.  
Bullocks.  
AAx: £930 - 3 Howbeg; £870 - 17 Ormiclate; £860 - 1 Frobost; £840 - 7 Eoligarry, Barra; £830 - 15 Borinish; £830 - 1 Ormiclate; £820 - 6 Ormiclate; £805 - 99 Carnan.  
BRBx: £900 - 103 Carnan.  
BAx: £820 - 6 Dunganichy.  
CHARx: £1100 - 136 Stilligarry; £880 - 12 East Gerinish; £805 - 93/96 Bualadubh.  
LIMx: £1210 - 11 Howmore; £1155 - 103 Carnan; £1135 - 11 Howmore; £980 - 100 Carnan; £970 - 103 Carnan; £960 - 101 Carnan; £940 - 11 Howmore; £940 - 103 Carnan; £925 - 5 Frobost; £915 - 3 Milton; £910 - 101 Carnan; £890 - 103 Carnan; £880 - 101 Carnan; £870 - 1 Ormiclate; £855 - 103 Carnan; £850 - 92 Bualadubh; £850 - 9 Milton.  
SALx: £670 - 6 Dunganichy.  
SHx: £755 - 21 Grenitote (North Uist).  
SIMx: £1015 - 261 Daliburgh.  
Heifers  
AAx: £780 - 1 Frobost.

BRBx: £910 and £810 - 88 Bualadubh.  
CHARx: £670 - 61 Bualuchrach.  
LIMx: £1110 - Old Inn (North Uist); £1000 - 9 Milton; £900 and £890 - 103 Carnan; £855 - 7 Frobost; £850 - 100 Carnan; £830 - 101 Carnan.  
SIMx: £740 - 342 North Boisdale.  
Top prices per kilo  
Bullocks.  
AAx: 229p(3), 228p(4) and 225p(2) - 19 Baleshare (North Uist).  
BRBx: 261p - 103 Carnan.  
BAx: 269p(3) - 6 Dunganichy.  
CHARx: 242p(2) - 43 Linique; 235p - 12 East Gerinish.  
LIMx: 290p - 3 Milton; 287p(2) - 5 Frobost; 274p and 272p - 11 Ormiclate; 272p - 5 Frobost; 270p(2) - 20 West Gerinish; 269p - 6 Dunganichy; 258p - 11 Ormiclate; 256p - Aird Illery (North Uist); 255p(2) - 108 Upper Borve (Barra); 253p(2) - 1 Stilligarry; 251p(2) - Aird Illery (North Uist); 250p - 5 Dunmore; 250p - Aird Illery (North Uist); 247p - 12 Ormiclate; 245p - Aird Illery (North Uist); 245p - 3 Ormiclate; 244p - 6 Dunganichy; 244p(2) - 5 Frobost; 240p - 117 Craigston, Barra.  
SALx: 252p - 6 Dunganichy.  
SHx: 252p(2) - 1 Drimisdale; 243p - 21 Grenitote (North Uist); 240p - 1 Drimisdale.  
Heifers.  
AAx: 250p and 244p - 19 Baleshare (North Uist).  
BAx: 248p(2) - 6 Dunganichy.  
LIMx: 252p - 19 West Gerinish; 252p - 101 Carnan; 245p - 11 Ormiclate; 243p - 6 West Gerinish; 240p(2) - 5 Frobost.  
SHx: 236p - 12 Ormiclate.  
SIMx: 235p - 85 Borve, Barra.  
INCALF COWS  
£1150, £1080(2), £920 - 19 Baleshare (North Uist); £920 - 11 Ormiclate; £980 - Druim Torrach (North Uist).

OTM COWS  
£1185 - Old Inn (North Uist); £1095 - 1 Stilligarry; £920 - 265 Daliburgh; £910 - Old Inn (North Uist).  
PRICES PER KILO  
206p - Old Inn (North Uist); 138p - Aird Illery (North Uist); 125p - Druim Torrach (North Uist).  
**Lochboisdale** - On Tuesday November 13 United Auctions concluded their sales at Lochboisdale Auction Mart for 2018 with a sale of 1028 Lambs and Sheep. Lambs averaged £36.06 (no change).  
Principal lots and prices.  
Lambs.  
SUFFx: £64.50 - 6 Rhughasinish; £54.50 - 7 Middlequarter (North Uist); £53.50 - 18 Illery (North Uist); £53.50 - 15 Tigharry; £52.50 (North Uist) - Truimgarry (North Uist); £50.50 - 3 Kilaulay; £50.50 - 6 Rhughasinish.  
TEXx: £55.50 - 340 North Boisdale; £53.50 - 18 West Gerinish; £52.50 - 83 Borve, Barra; £52.50 - 2 Sollas (North Uist); £51.50 - 2/3 Airdidhmuillin.  
CROSS: £57.50 - 6 Drimisdale; £52.50 and £51.50 - 1 Howbeg; £51.50 - 7 Middlequarter; £50.50 - 1 Howbeg.  
BF: £64.00 - 7 Middlequarter; £50.50 - Aird Illery (North Uist).  
CHEV: £63.50 - 14 Baleshare (North Uist); £59.00 - Lochbee Cottage.  
Ewes.  
SUFFx: £64.50 - 2 Claddach (North Uist).  
HB: £44.50 - 5 Howmore.  
CHEV: £65.50 - 56 Tangasdale, Barra; £53.50 - 6 Dunganichy; £44.50 - 14 Baleshare.  
CROSS: £62.50 - 17 Torlum.  
BF: £50.00, £48.00 and £46.00 - 9 Gearnadubh.  
Wedders.  
SUFFx: £67.50 - 7 Middlequarter.  
CROSS: £55.50 - 17 Torlum.  
BF: £49.50 - 17 Carinish (North Uist).

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And let's not forget the heavenly decorations that can beat all our efforts hands-down: the Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis, Na Fir-Chlis, call them what you will, but once seen they are never forgotten.

Amidst all this how are you going to spend your Christmas? Will you coorie doon and be cosy at home or be out celebrating and partying and enjoying the craic? The best Christmases have a skilful mix of both, so enjoy yourselves.

It hardly seems that a year has gone by and that once again it is the pleasure of everyone here at The Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser to wish you the happiest, healthiest and best Christmas ever.

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ever popular malt barns Christmas market. Golden tickets sold well and were down to the last 40 by Tuesday. Ticket sales finished yesterday. Due to the high cost of closing the road the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group will break with tradition and not run a floats parade this year, instead concentrating the lights ceremony around a Burnside Square ceilidh. A spokesperson from the Campbeltown Christmas Lights group said: 'Could all vehicles be removed from Burnside car park please by 10am next Friday to allow us to set up for the



Santa in his grotto at last year's malt barns Christmas market. 50\_c48market17\_santa's grotto



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ceilih. 'Due to the numbers expected we will manage the traffic flow in Burnside Street so where possible can traffic please avoid this route.' Events begin at 6.30pm, with singing, dancing, live bands and street entertainment. Santa is expected to arrive on his sleigh just before the switch-on at approximately 7pm and afterwards enter his grotto. For a warm-up after the ceremony Campbeltown Salvation Army offers free soup, mince pies, tablet and crisps just adjacent to the square in Burnside Street and all are welcome. There is late night shopping, with most traders joining in the fun,

including The Fish Shop, Fresh Connection and the Treehouse. At the Courier Centre there will be a chance to sample Rebecca Harvey's exceptional home baking with something warming. The festive feel continues on Saturday evening at the Kintyre Chorale Christmas concert, 7.30pm in Lorne and Lowland church. Springbank distillery has interrupted its schedule to free the malt barns on Sunday December 2 for the Christmas Market. The fun starts at 11am although stalls should be set up long before and Kate Watt of Explore Campbeltown will be at the venue from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday

December 1 and from 9am the next day. The business and craft stalls will be downstairs and the food court and children's area with Santa's grotto, Christmas crafts and face painting upstairs. The market will be open to shoppers from 11am till 4pm and Santa will be in his grotto from 12pm to 3pm. The Courier's festive feature is supported by: AM Transport, Beinn an Tuirc, Carradales, Craigard House Hotel, The Fish Shop, Fresh Connection and The Treehouse, Kintyre Preserves, Kintyre Stove Works, Loch Lomond Group, Morrisons, Springbank and Kintyre Shoe Co.

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## Getting set for Lochgilphead festive switch-on

The lights are up in Lochgilphead thanks to the efforts of staff from MacLeod Construction Ltd.

A team fitted the decorations on Sunday November 18 in brilliant autumn sunshine - and yes, Christmas lights fitted in autumn.

Following the transition away from Argyll and Bute Council taking the responsibility for Christmas decorations, the Lochgilphead festive lights committee is in the process of finalising the details.

But what can be announced is that the big Lochgilphead switch-on will take place on Friday November 30, starting at 7.30pm.



MacLeod Construction said it was de'light'ed to help put up the Christmas decorations around Lochgilphead.

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# Family fun to light up Inveraray Christmas

Christmas will officially begin in Inveraray on Saturday December 1, when a parade will lead the way to the big festive light switch-on.

The parade of lanterns will leave from the Co-op car park at 6.30pm, with a jolly fat man in a red suit leading the way accompanied by Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Well-known Inveraray man and former hotelier Niall Ian MacLean will perform the switching on of the lights.

### FAMILY FUN EVENING

A family fun evening will follow in Inveraray fire station, where the kids can meet Santa in his grotto.

The fire station has a licence for the evening with a bar manned by the shinty club, so the adults can relax with a wee glass of wine.

Inveraray Community Council, the group behind the festive switch-on, will be providing burgers and a free buffet.



Christopher Crawford, Harris Fraser and Martin Wilson were busy putting up the Inveraray lights on November 15 on behalf of Inveraray Community Council.

This year's unsung Inveraray hero will be unveiled on the night, so get your nominations in - there's a box in the Londis shop or visit the Inveraray Community Council Facebook page to find out more. The prize for the unsung hero is a champagne dinner for two in the Inveraray Inn.

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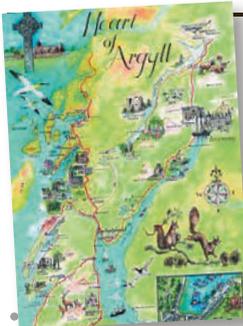
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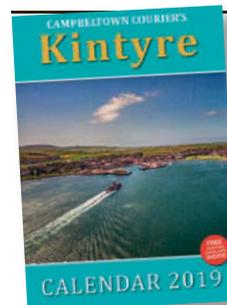
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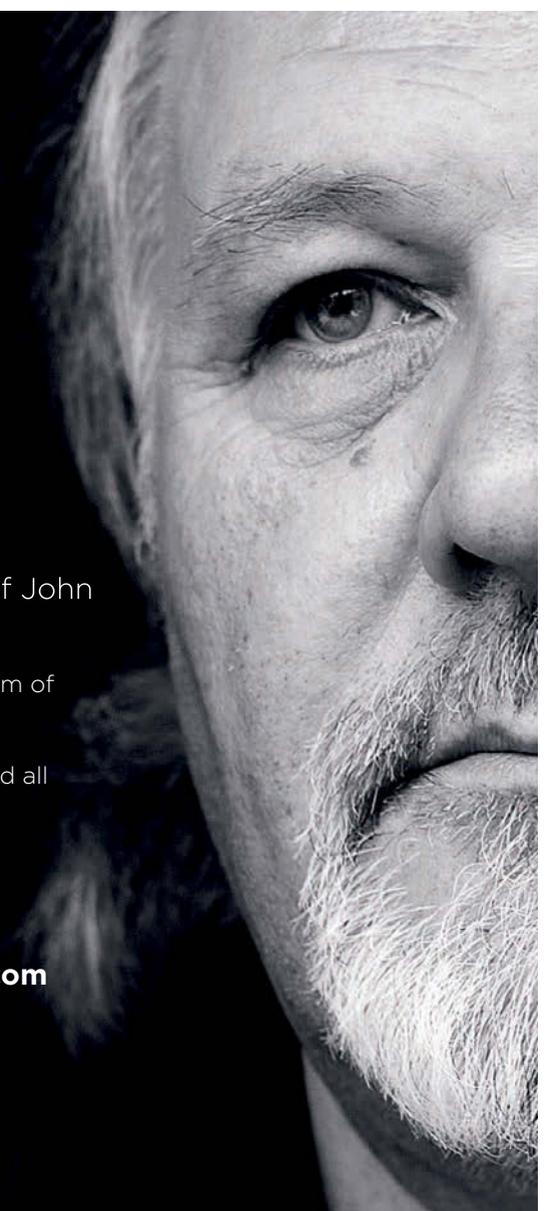
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Santa will land at the Lochgilhead Parish Church Hall, eager to see all the children of the neighbourhood not on his naughty list. He will give out presents and grab a selfie with the good kids out to see him.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available, provided by the 19th Argyll Scouts and home baking will be on sale.

On top of that, the annual Rotary Christmas raffle will be drawn and tickets will be

on sale to anyone who has not already purchased them from Rotarians at various locations in Lochgilhead, including Riverside Filling Station and the Co-op.

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**Sisters Carly and Kacey got to meet Santa on last year's visit.**

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# Keep the MOJO burning – Citizen 9



Colin Abernethy playing with Citizen 9 at this year's MOJO festival. 51\_a43MOJO29

Following the recent outstanding MOJO festival of original music in Ardfern, the Argyllshire Advertiser takes a look at what the leading musical lights of Argyll are up to following their rockin' display at MOJO.

Oban-based Citizen 9 started up in 2012 and have been receiving rave reviews ever since with their slick-edged, stoner rock sounds.

They are grunge with enthusiasm, with the influence of Nirvana and Pearl Jam obvious to the ear, but their stage presence and energetic music set them apart.

Now considered the loyal OGs of MOJO, having played at the first in 2017 from their debut EP *The Flood*, they again gave a solid set recently



Duncan Montieth on drums, Colin Abernethy on bass, Tom Adams on vocals and lead guitar and Andy Mogg on lead vocals and guitar makes up Citizen 9. 51\_a43MOJO28

with new material, possibly creating Craignish Village Hall's first mosh pit.

The bass and drum components of Colin and Duncan are the driving force behind the grunge/stoner sound, lifting Tom's excellent and vibrant guitar work to cut through.

All while Andy delivers a throaty vocal supply of meaningful lyrics, reminiscent of

Joy Division's Ian Curtis, to complete their sound. Citizen 9 are working on finishing their first album which everyone is awaiting with eager anticipation.

Their EP *The Flood* is still available to buy on the Citizen 9 Facebook page @ citizen9.oban and contains four must-have tracks from their trademark origins of melodic, rocking aspirations.

'They're grunge with enthusiasm, with the influence of Nirvana and Pearl Jam obvious to the ear'

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1 red pepper, 1 yellow and 1 green pepper, chopped into chunks	2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
4 skinless chicken breasts, cut into pieces	
2 tsp Worcestershire sauce	4 tbsp tomato purée
8 tbsp passata with onions and garlic	1 tbsp dark soy sauce/tamari
1 tsp dried mixed herbs	330ml can diet cola
200ml chicken stock	200g sugar snap peas

**Method**

- Place a large pan sprayed with low calorie cooking spray over a high heat.
- Add the chicken, peppers and onion and stir-fry for 4-5 minutes, or until lightly browned.
- Add the diet cola, stock, passata, tomato purée, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce and dried mixed herbs and stir well.
- Bring to the boil, cover, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 12-15 minutes.
- Add the sugar snap peas, stir and increase the heat to medium-high.
- Cook for another 10-15 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and the veg is tender.

Tip: Try swapping diet cola for diet orange, for a tasty change.

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# Kapten Trio captivates arts association's audience

Saturday November 17's rare wall to wall sunshine and several media events could well have kept the Mid Argyll Arts Association's loyal audience at home but, luckily for them, they chose to come and hear the Kapten Trio deliver a superb afternoon of quality chamber music.

The trio, consisting of Kristi Kapten on piano, Rachel Spencer on violin and Duncan Strachan on cello, was created in 2011 when they were all studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Since then they have made waves in this genre and in 2017 were selected as Ensemble in Residence for Enterprise Music Scotland – a post they will hold until 2019.

Performing chamber music is not just about the music, it is about communication between the participants. All the works chosen for this



concert gave the players ample opportunity to demonstrate this, and they did so in spades, creating many very moving moments. This was particularly visible between

Rachel and Duncan – maybe something to do with their upcoming wedding?

The concert opened with Beethoven's Op.11 Gassenbauer Trio. This early

and well-known trio – often with clarinet rather than violin – is exuberant Beethoven and was really good fun. The opening cello solo of the slow movement was particularly

Rachel Spencer, Kristi Kapten and Duncan Strachan of Kapten Trio.

beautiful. The trio's second choice was Debussy's little known early trio in G maj. which only came to light 30 years ago. Although hard to recognise as penned by the composer, it is a gorgeous work full of great tunes and changing moods. It was played with great sensitivity carrying the audience along on great waves of sound.

Post-interval, we were introduced to Christos Hatzis's Old Photographs which Kristi had come across in a library. Many were probably wondering what on earth they were going to hear but it was actually a very approachable and enjoyable piece. It started with a backward glance to the 19th century and then

launched into a riotous tango section before returning to earlier times.

The grand finale was Mendelssohn's first piano trio in D min. A classic of the genre, it is a joy from first to last note with its two passionate outer movements, lyrical 'song without words' andante and fairy-like scherzo. The whole was delivered with great passion and integrity.

Finally, a special mention must be given to Kristi for making light of some fiendishly difficult piano parts.

This was a perfect ending to an afternoon of uplifting music making.

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# John's bronze axe head triggers Lochgair search

It was 58 years ago that he stumbled across one of the most significant archaeological finds in Mid Argyll, and now the search is on to track down the boy who found the bronze axe head.

It was in May 1960 that John McShane, then said to have been aged 14, found a bronze

axe head after stepping on it while fishing near the An Abhrain Mhor burn - adjacent to the dam at Loch Glashan.

It was around the same time, during the hot spring of 1960, that a log boat was also discovered while the water was low.

Forestry worker Lachlan Bell, also a member of the local archaeological society, shovelled silt over this ancient artefact to prevent it disintegrating. There followed a fascinating archaeological dig on the Loch Glashan Crannog.

The boat - estimated to date from around the 2nd to 4th century AD - and its associated finds, are currently the centre of the Scotland's Early Peoples exhibit in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.

#### Importance

The story of this dig and the importance of the Loch Glashan settlements will be brought to life in Lochgair at the second Long Memories exhibition, to be held over four days from this weekend.

The bronze axe head now has its home at the National Museum of Scotland in

Edinburgh, but it can be seen in Mid Argyll as it is currently on loan to Kilmartin Museum.

It is described as 'a late bronze age looped, socketed and decorated axe'.

Organising the Long Memories exhibition is Lochgair Association, and Marion Lacey of the group said: 'We would love to find out whether John McShane is still around. We understand that he was from Furnace so maybe the McShane family is still there or thereabouts.'

'We would love to know if they are and if they can tell us more about his story.'

Fraser Bell from Lochgair, who has taken a keen interest in supporting the attempt by Lochgair Association to record some of the social and archaeological history associated with Lochgair, confirmed that his father,



The axe head discovered by John McShane in 1960.



Preserved by quick-thinking Lachlan Bell, the Loch Glashan log boat.

Lachlan was the man who found and preserved the log boat.

Marion continued: 'As a local association we're very grateful for the support we've been given by experts, but without the initiatives of folk like John McShane and

Lachlan Bell, these treasures from former times would have been lost forever.'

The Long Memories exhibition will take place in Lochgair Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm over four days from Saturday November 24 to Tuesday November 27.

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# Get stirred, not shaken, with some spoon carving

The issue of mental health is rarely out of the headlines, with experts warning of the need to look after our wellbeing in an increasingly stressful modern world.

One way of giving your mind a break – while creating something useful – is the carving of wood, and one man might just have the very thing.

Ian Glendinning has been green woodworking in Argyll for more than 25 years.

It was after attending the Great Scottish Spoon Hoolie in April that Ian decided to see if there was enough interest here in Mid Argyll to start a spoon carving club.

He organised a series of four free taster sessions in Lochgilphead community centre through June and July and found that there was a demand to do more.

A venue for day-long work-

shops was needed, and Pete Creech and Oly Hemmings at the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation's Centre at Barrandaimh were kind enough to offer the centre as a main venue for three workshops during August and October.

Another was held in the community centre on Saturday November 17, and all the participants were keen on the idea of starting a spoon carving club.

On Saturday December 15, again with the help of Pete and Oly, the inaugural meeting of the The Fyne Stirrers spoon carving club will take place at the Barrandaimh. The club will meet on the third Sunday of every month at the centre.

Ian explained: 'People are now finding a need to detach themselves, even if its only for a few hours from the dreaded



mobile phone/social media lifestyle. Some experts have seen the benefits of doing a craft like spoon carving as a means to tackle some mental health issues.

'When spoon carving, you're using very sharp tools so you have to be focused and as we say in the spoon carving world "get into the zone".

'You are working though

various processes to creating something unique to yourself, the social aspect of learning and passing on knowledge, improving your own skill level.

And the end results are pretty impressive.

'This all helps mental wellbeing.

'It also helps give you the confidence to try other crafts that are linked with spoon carving such as tool making and leatherwork or try another unrelated craft.'

He added: 'It's all good fun. We have some club tools so anyone can drop in and have a wee go or just pop in to see what it's all about.'

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• ŠKODA Kodiaq GT spearheads ŠKODA's SUV campaign in the Chinese market

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The new ŠKODA Kodiaq GT is the highlight of this year's Auto Guangzhou, one of the most important international auto shows in the world's largest car market – China. Combining the robustness and versatility of an SUV with the sporty elegance and dynamism of a coupé, the new top model in ŠKODA's SUV family in China appeals to lifestyle-oriented customers. The Kodiaq

• Sporty SUV coupé is ŠKODA's new flagship exclusively for China

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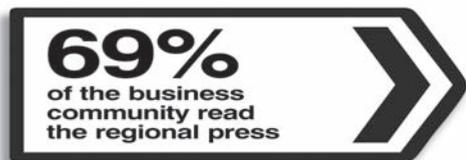
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Job description available by emailing [mail@cairndowchildcare.co.uk](mailto:mail@cairndowchildcare.co.uk). Application by submitting your CV FAO Virginia Sumsion, Secretary to the Committee, Cairndow Community Childcare at [mail@cairndowchildcare.co.uk](mailto:mail@cairndowchildcare.co.uk).

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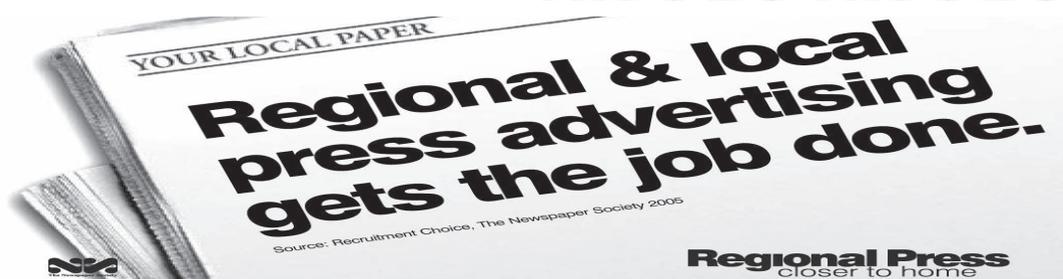
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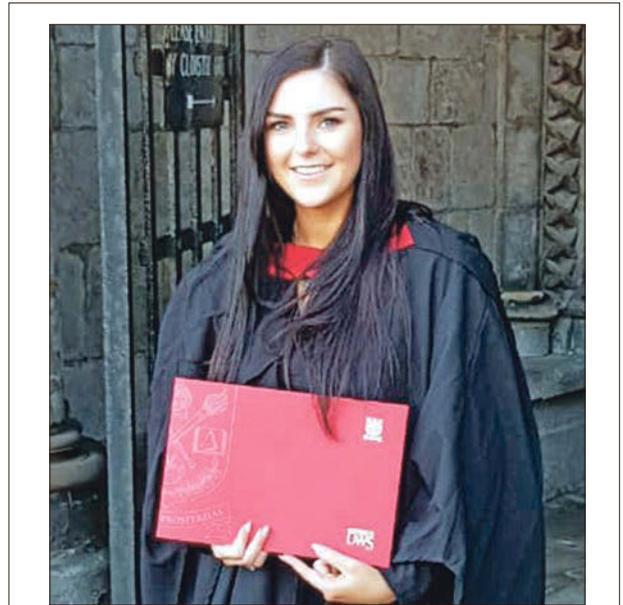
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### Santa to pay a visit

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On Saturday December 8, kids will get to meet Santa for £2, and tell him what they really want for Christmas, and receive a gift.

All proceeds will be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

## ARDRISHAIG

### Hogmanay at the Grey Gull

The Grey Gull is making big plans for Hogmanay, with Kenny, Lockie and Colin booked to play in the new year.

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Ardfern Film Club is turning festive for its last film of the year with British rom-com Love Actually showing in Craignish Village Hall.

The romance movie follows various veterans of British film, including Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Emma Thompson as they navigate the perils of love on the run up to Christmas.

Don't miss such precious moments as the place-card love confession, the 13-year-old Sam running through Heathrow and the earworm that is Christmas is All Around.

Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts at 7pm for a special Christmas price of £5 with a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

## LOCHGILPHEAD



Brendan O'Hara with the pupil council of Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

### MP visits Lochgilphead High School

MP Brendan O'Hara's visit to Lochgilphead High School went very well.

The Argyll and Bute MP travelled to Lochgilphead Joint Campus to meet the pupil council team which ranges from year two to sixth-year pupils and to impart his

wisdom on the task of speaking for the people.

The pupils were well engaged with the talk, asking everything from what Brendan earned to how he ended up as a member of parliament.

## TAYVALLICH

### Sound of Jura event

Tayvallich Village Hall is hosting a free evening event about the future of the Sound of Jura.

The regulators who make decisions about Scotland's coastal waters are asking local communities to speak on their hopes for the future of Scottish seas.

Friends of the Sound of Jura's John Aitchison will talk about the communication between Sound of Jura and the local communications on what they've learned.

The meeting will be followed by drinks and nibbles on Sunday December 2.

## CROABH HAVEN

### The Great LOTI Bake Off

The Bake Off itch has reached all the way to the Lord of the Isles pub and restaurant in Craobh Haven. Not content with watching the winner with a sticky bun in hand, Craobh Haven is holding its own competition for locals on Saturday November 24.

So show off your baking skills and become the Lord of the Isles Bake Off champion 2018.

This is no school bake sale, either. All baked goods entered will go against an 'expert' panel of judges looking to fill the categories of Best Overall, Best Sweet and Best Savoury, with great prizes to be won.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Who would have thought an inanimate object could be so clever?

Now I know that computers are admired for their artificial intelligence, but I never expected the humble washing machine to be a genius.

We had to replace ours last week and waited with great anticipation for the new arrival.

We were delighted by the speed of delivery, efficiency and expertise with which Newgrove came to our rescue.

Now this gleaming piece of white intelligence sits proudly in the corner of the kitchen.

Within seconds it can work out the weight of the load, the type of items being washed, how long the spin should be and even if the water is too soapy.

What a far cry from the old washing board and scrubbing brush - not that I remember these, I hasten to add!

How our lifestyle has been enhanced by advancing technology, and which of us would go back to the 'good old days' of drudgery and hard graft?

We move forward in so many areas of life, yet there is one which many do not wish to change - and that is the church.

Many don't like the new ways or the new hymns. Some don't want to worship anywhere but in a church building and on a Sunday.

But, in Argyll, there are many signs of change, of vision, of growth and people are embracing new ways to touch the hearts of all.

For whatever the change in structure or style, we still worship that same God who has been faithful throughout the ages and will lead us into the future whatever that holds.

For if God is with us, is that not all we need?

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## SHINTY

## Artemis Macaulay Cup

With the 2018 shinty season finished, it is now known which teams will participate in the 2019 Artemis Macaulay Cup competition and they won't have too long to wait for the draw.

The Macaulay Cup, first presented in 1947 by the then Oban Times editor Flora Macaulay, is the only cup in senior shinty to be played on a regional basis, guaranteeing a final between a south and north side.

Eligibility is mainly based on the previous year's league placing and there is just one change from the south teams who competed last season as Col Glen replace Ballachulish.

There are just two south teams from last season's Marine Harvest Premiership - Kyles Athletic and Oban Camanachd - as well as Inveraray, Glasgow Mid Argyll and Oban Celtic from the Marine Harvest National Division. Marine Harvest South 1 sides Bute, Aberdour and Col Glen make up the group.

There is also just one change in the north half of the draw with Kilmallie replacing Glenurquhart who will instead play in the Balliemore Cup following their relegation from shinty's top flight.

The north will be represented by: Caberfeidh, Kilmallie, Kingussie, Kinlochshiel, Lochaber, Lovat, Newtonmore and Skye Camanachd.

The 2019 Artemis Macaulay Cup draw will be made live on Oban FM's Sports Show on Saturday December 8.

The south and north sections will be drawn up to the semi-final stage. The Sports Show programme starts at 6pm.

The Artemis Macaulay Cup Final at Mossfield is usually televised live. Kinlochshiel are the current holders, having beaten Kyles Athletic 3-2 in last season's final.

## North v South youth matches

The annual North v South U14 and U17 representative fixtures have been rescheduled to take place at An Aird, Fort William, on Sunday November 25.

The U14 meeting starts at noon, with the U17 clash throwing up at 2pm.

The matches were postponed earlier in the season.

## Heavy home defeat for Star



A stramash in the box as Red Star press on. 06\_a47RedStar05

Red Star suffered another defeat on Saturday against table topping Castlemilk at the Ropework, Lochgilphead.

The home side knew they were in for a tough game against the Glasgow side and their cause was not helped when they went a goal down after 10 minutes after Luke Kalache's clearance was blocked by the Castlemilk defender and bundled home for 0-1.

Star shot themselves in the foot again soon after when Kalache's clearance fell short and the Castlemilk forward rounded the

otherwise excellent keeper to put his side in a commanding 0-2 lead. Star tried to battle their way back and went close when Aaron Moore rattled the crossbar with a header before the break, but the visitors went in 0-2 up at the break.

Castlemilk made the points safe with 20 minutes to go when Naisby was adjudged to have fouled the forward who stepped up and scored the penalty in off the post to make the score 0-3. Worse was to follow for Star as Castlemilk added a fourth late on and Star suffered a fifth successive defeat.

## Golfers presented with trophies



Club champions John MacNab and Heather Brownlie.

Tarbert golfers gathered at the Tarbert Hotel last Saturday November 17 for their annual dinner and presentation of prizes, where all those in attendance were treated to a superb meal.

Captain Chris Smyth, assisted by Eric McDougall, took charge of the presentation, with Chris thanking Sheena Ferguson for her superb organising of the event while paying tribute to Steven Barclay and Gordon McCaffery who sadly passed away during the season.

Gents Club Champion John MacNab congratulated all the trophy winners and thanked the members for their support during the year.



The William Duncan and Co Sponsored Sevens at North Connel.

## Tarbert youngsters enjoy great day at Oban Primary Football League

Tarbert's William Duncan and Co Sponsored Sevens went to North Connel on Sunday November 18 for Oban Primary Football League.

They had a great day with two draws, a loss and a great win where they came back from being 2-0 down to winning 5-3.

## Sports club lottery numbers and jackpots

Drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 8 and 20.

There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £600.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery

numbers were 1, 3 and 5. There were two winners, Jean Lindsay and Margret Anne, who share the £1,200 jackpot.

Next week the jackpot will be £100.

## South Argyll Schools reach rugby Bowl final

South Argyll Schools (SAS) travelled to Eastwood High School in Glasgow on Tuesday November 20 to play in the Scottish Schools Bowl Semi-Final.

The game was played in good conditions and the team were looking forward to building on their recent quarter final performance.

The game started with an early converted try for SAS but they were pulled back to 7-7 by half time. Early in the second half, SAS went behind when Eastwood scored but failed to convert. SAS then pulled ahead following some great play to lead 24-17.

With some excellent rugby on show from both teams, the hard fought contest finally saw SAS schools edging out Eastwood 24-22. Try scorers were Ewan MacArthur, Kyle Colville (2) and Lochlain Ellis.

The final is to be played on Wednesday December 5 at BT Murrayfield with the opposition still to be confirmed.



South Argyll Schools rugby team.

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Mirrin Bowden, James Snelgrove and Sam Gillespie.

## Lochgilphead students perform well during karate competition

Kyokushinkai Karate Club instructor Iain Rodger recently held a karate tournament at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

The event was open to all clubs to attend and there were participants from Lochgilphead, Oban and Perth.

The Lochgilphead students did very well. In the eight to 10 years category, all three places were taken by Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai students. James Snelgrove was first with Mirrin Bowden in second

place and, in third, Sam Gillespie. In the Kata (set patterns) category, again all three places also went to Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai club. First place again went to James Snelgrove, while Donald Self came second and Cameron McIver third.

Ethan Lekalake, one of the Lochgilphead club assistant instructors, took first place in the adult Kata.

The most spirited fighter award went to Sam Gillespie from the Lochgilphead club.



Donald Self, James Snelgrove and Cameron McIver.



Sam Gillespie.



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 South Argyll Schools  
 reach rugby Bowl final

# Awards handed out at Inveraray Shinty Club



Inveraray Shinty Club celebrated the end of the season with their annual awards dinner at the Inveraray Inn on Saturday November 17. This was an opportunity for the club to celebrate their achievements from last year, both off and on the pitch.

This was an opportunity for the club to thank all those who helped to make sure the club was secure off the field such as long-standing sponsors D A Macdonald, the George Hotel, Londis Inveraray and the Inveraray Inn, who also provided a fantastic meal for all those attending.

**Thanks**

Inveraray chairman Euan McMurdo extended his thanks to the individuals who give up their time to make

the club operate from day to day and then presented the awards to the players.

**Promising**

The Jock McCallum Trophy for most promising youngster was awarded to Eilidh Cameron. The second place top goalscorer went to John MacKenzie with the first place going to Fraser Watt. Second place team player of the year went to David MacPherson and first place to Lewis MacNicol.

Finally, the club would like to thank the coaches, Ruairidh Graham and Graham MacPherson, for their hard work throughout the year, particularly Graham who will now stand down as second team coach after three years in charge.



Fraser Watt, Lewis MacNicol, David MacPherson and John MacKenzie with their trophies.

## Soccer Centre at the girls' festival and West Region Cup

It was a busy weekend for the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre.

Saturday morning saw 23 girls along with one from Tarbert and nine from

Lochnell take part in a football festival at the Astro. With three teams representing Red Star girls and one for Lochnell, teams played six

games of seven-a-side. Some good football and lots of enthusiasm all round made for a great morning. A big improvement in the Red Star girls over the past year.

The festival gave the girls the chance to show off their new team strips sponsored by Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Sunday morning had the 2007s in action playing Oban at nine-a-side and then playing their first game at 11-a-side also against Oban. Some great football and terrific performances. The Red

Star coaches were delighted with the team's all round play and attitude.

The 2004s were in action in the West Region Cup taking on Port Glasgow Orange through in Port Glasgow. After a lively start by Port Glasgow, the Star youths began to take control and established a two-goal lead courtesy of McMurchy and Caskie.

Despite pressure from the Port boys, they retained the 2-0 at half-time. Further pressure from Port Glasgow eventually saw them pull a

goal back. This provided the impetus Star needed to lift their game and after creating a few chances they increased their league to 4-1 with McMurchy grabbing two more goals.

In a nail-biting end to the game, the Lochgilphead boys allowed Port Glasgow to score twice to leave the game 4-3 in favour of Red Star.

The next round on Sunday December 2 will see Summerston Boys Club visit Lochgilphead.

The previous week, the 2004s faced Ardencaple at the

Astro. Star were in dominant form, winning 14-1. The goals were shared around the team with eight separate scorers – McMurchy four, Caskie two, Harris two, McLean two and one each for Brown, Hoad, Aitken and Green.



The Red Star girls at the Girls' Festival.

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