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New dog attack moves revealed in Inveraray

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An Inveraray farmer who had 11 sheep killed following a dog attack has hosted a summit to discuss the problem of irresponsible dog owners.

Brian Walker's Carloanan Farm was the venue on Friday December 7 for the discussion, led by South of Scotland MSP Emma Harper, who is championing new legislation in the Scottish Parliament on livestock worrying.

They were joined by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell along with representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, local vets, the SSPCA, Scottish Government, Police Scotland, NFU Scotland and the National Sheep Association.

The problem was brought into sharp focus in March this year when Mr Walker made a gruesome morning discovery on his feeding rounds near Inveraray.

In total, four sheep were killed by being driven into

a burn and drowned, seven had to be put down due to the extent of their injuries and six survived and were treated for facial and other wounds.

Mr Walker, who lost four sheep in an attack eight years earlier, said: 'I have experienced attacks by dogs before, but this was one of the worst I have ever seen. Every sheep attacked had its face ripped open. It wasn't a pleasant sight.'

The owner of the dogs was traced and charged with offences under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953. He pleaded guilty, yet in sentencing the court was limited to an 80-hour community payback order, nor could the sheriff ban him from keeping dogs.

'We have done everything by the book since this happened to ensure it was fairly and properly put through the justice system,' said Mr Walker.

'However, even with doing this we have been let down by antiquated legislation.'

In a bid to address this 'antiquated legislation' Emma Harper is bringing forward a consultation for a new Scottish Parliament Bill on livestock worrying which would give clear guidance on the responsibility of dog owners.

It will also allow for the setting of consequences for breaches of the legislation.

And everyone gathered around Brian Walker's dining room table agreed that the phrase 'livestock worrying' should be replaced with 'attacks'.

Brian Walker spoke of the trauma surrounding such attacks, adding: 'Even hardened people like the police and the dog warden were pretty shocked by what they saw when they were dealing with our incident, without question.'

'But it's a major financial loss too. It's like someone taking money out of your bank account.'

For more on this story, turn to page 22.



Model citizens raise charity cash

Scott Cameron and Arran Robertson, both from Cairnbaan, with Cameron Bell from Kilmichael, show off their favourite scale model lorries at the die cast model show in Ardrishaig. The two-day event gave a big boost to a charity cash drive by two Mid Argyll ladies. Full story on pages 12 and 13. 06_a50ModelShow05

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'Boredom' blamed as group says time's up



The recovery cafe served delicious food. 08_a28GrubsUp04

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News was breaking as The Argyllshire Advertiser went to press that a group set up to help addiction recovery is set to fold.

Grub's Up recovery cafe was established in 2017 to help people recover from addiction – and to serve delicious food to the public.

Initially using Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, in recent months Grub's Up has been searching for its own premises to expand its services.

The search, though, has proved unsuccessful.

In an email message to addiction support agencies dated December 7, Grub's Up founder Gill Hutton said: '...after Grub's Up Christmas lunch next week,

Friday December 14, we will be closing the cafe down indefinitely.'

Ms Hutton claimed volunteer numbers had tailed off for various reasons, adding: 'We recognised there were issues with people's motivation about four or five months ago and we have voiced our concerns for months about this.'

'Many people will understand that a huge part of one's addiction is boredom, people are bored feeding the elderly every week. We have only provided recovery options for our volunteers, but the cafe is

just not enough for people to maintain their interest.

'We had hoped to have secured the Red Cross building where we wanted to open a community hub, where Grub's Up would play a small but vital part. We would still have run the cafe on a Friday and had a full recovery day during the week.'

'Our hope was that the whole community used the building and dropped in for numerous activities throughout the day and night.'

Look out for reaction in next week's edition.

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour in Tarbert

On Monday December 3 at 9pm, a 62-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman at Lochgair Place, Tarbert. The man was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Driver caught speeding

A motorist was stopped on the A83 at Tarbert for speeding at 7pm on Tuesday December 4. The driver, a man aged 34, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving in Lochgilphead

A grey Renault Clio collided with a white Vauxhall Corsa on the A816 at the junction with Meadows Road, Lochgilphead, at 1pm on Friday December 7. Police attended and an 80-year-old woman was charged with careless driving. The woman suffered minor injuries and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Woman, 18, arrested

A woman was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner at Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, at 8pm on Sunday December 9. The 18-year-old was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

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Gill Hutton. 08_a28GrubsUp01

Injured Ford sheep mystery

An injured sheep found in Ford may have been shot, according to local reports.

The Ederline tup is thought to have been injured overnight on Friday/Saturday December 7/8.

Initially believed to be the result of a dog attack, the sheep was left with a mangled and bloody face and eventually had to be put down.

With the cause of the

injuries unconfirmed, some locally believe the tup was shot, though this has not been confirmed by the police.

Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'Police Scotland received a report of a sheep that had died in the Ford area.'

'The injury was initially thought to have been a dog attack which occurred between Friday December 7 and Saturday December 8.

'Following an initial examination of the sheep, the injury does not appear to have been caused by a dog attack and inquiries are ongoing to confirm what took place.'

'We would appeal for anyone who witnessed shooting in the area around that time or has any information to contact Lochgilphead Police Station on telephone number 101.'

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Ardrihaig maritime hub almost finished

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Plans to build an Ardrishaig 'maritime hub' at a former oil depot are coming to fruition.

Since work began on the disused Gleaner site in April 2018, the redevelopment of a derelict building known locally as 'the Egg Shed' has been progressing, with work due to be finished soon.

In a report by the site's owner, Scottish Canals, to Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area committee, the work to turn the area around Ardrishaig Pier into a maritime hub was laid out, outlining plans to encourage people to stop and take in Ardrishaig's scenery

and history. The first step of this plan, to redevelop the Egg Shed, is nearing completion. The area around the building has been levelled and the building has been made wind and watertight.

With the target completion date of February 2019 nearing, nothing has yet been decided about the building's use once it has been refurbished and extended.

Options include an interpretation centre, a local heritage centre, an exhibition space, community use, a training and education centre, small-scale retail and an external public space.

Scottish Canals' plans go further, with a community pontoon also proposed.

There are also plans for Pier Square, with a grand relaunch of The Steamer Terminal in the pipeline. Scottish Canals might also look to move from its office on Pier Square and convert the building to holiday accommodation.

The proposals also involve a new pavement for Chalmers Street and creating a space for coaches to park in the current car park, and even plans to get a hold of the famous mini-Kelpies to display in Pier Square.

Councillor Donald Mac-Millan said: 'The plans are moving ahead. Slowly, but it's forward.'

Councillor Anne Horn said: 'I'm really looking forward to seeing the new Ardrishaig.'



An idea of Ardrishaig's maritime hub.



The colourful tanks before they were removed.

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Cate Lee, supermarket counter staff, Christchurch Waitrose, Simon Briggs, sales director Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd, and Tom Sparks, supermarket counter staff.

Loch Fyne Oysters supplies Waitrose with fresh shellfish

Fresh oysters and mussels from a company which has been recognised for its ethical farming methods will be available in Waitrose and Partners' stores.

Loch Fyne Oysters will supply 60 of Waitrose and Partners' selected fish counters with oysters and mussels, grown responsibly in the clear waters of the west coast of Scotland and supplied in minimal packaging.

Last year, Loch Fyne Oysters became the first company in the world to be recognised for its ethical mussel farming, winning accreditation from the internationally recognised Aquaculture Stewardship Council. This acknowledges that the farming of Loch Fyne's golden shell mussels has minimal impact on the environment in which they are grown.

The company began farming oysters in the pristine waters of Loch Fyne 40 years ago and now supplies top hotels and events all over

the world. The guiding principle behind the company is to present the best in authentic Scottish seafood while minimising the impact on the environment. For the first time, its oyster trays will be made from cardboard which consumers can recycle by putting them in recycling bins or on their compost heaps. Mussels will be supplied in traditional nets.

Managing director of Loch Fyne Oysters Cameron Brown said: 'Oysters and mussels contain a number of unique nutrients and minerals which have great health benefits, making them a wonderful option if you want a break from unhealthy food at Christmas.'

'Mussels are in season right now and oysters are in season all year round, and our regular deliveries to Waitrose and Partners mean you can be assured you are eating fresh shellfish, responsibly farmed in the west coast of Scotland.'

Charity looking to GRAB grant

Argyll and Bute recycling charity GRAB is asking for your vote.

GRAB has been entered for the Ecclesiastical Insurance 12 Days of Giving grant, which gives £1,000 to 10 charities, every day for 12 days, but it needs nominations to get it.

To nominate, visit ecclesiastical.com/12-days and nominate the GRAB Trust, which not only provides activities in relation to recycling but also hosts beach cleans.

The Ecclesiastical Insurance website said: 'Nominations remain open until midnight the day before each draw, with those charities not drawn carried over to the next. The more nominations a charity receives, the greater the chance of them winning. So make sure you encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to nominate too.'

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And a more recent front page, from July 2018. a50ArgyllAd

online version of this paper and many others has grown exponentially.

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Council updates its housing plan

More than 800 affordable new homes are in the pipeline over the next three years as part of Argyll and Bute Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).

These new homes are in



Kintyre and Islands Councillor Robin Currie.

addition to the 91 expected to be completed in 2018/19 and 75 completed in 2017/18.

The updated SHIP proposals will be presented to the Scottish Government, outlining the council's strategic investment in affordable homes over a five-year period up to 2023/24.

Investment of £51.6m has been approved by the Scottish Government to support the programme up until the end of March 2021.

Additional investment is required to complement the Scottish Government investment and this includes a contribution from the council's Strategic Housing Fund of £1.9m each year for the next three years.

Councillor Robin Currie, Policy Lead Communities Housing, Islands and Gaelic, said: 'We're talking about over 800 houses in Argyll and Bute. That's unheard

of. It's exciting. It's good for individuals waiting for houses, wanting to come to Argyll and Bute. It's good for the construction industry, because these are valuable jobs.

'Argyll and Bute Council is committing over £10 million to this programme. That is not the norm. We are up there as a good example of how to use the Strategic Housing Fund.'

Councillor George Freeman said: 'We are currently receiving a lot less support from the Scottish Government for affordable housing than we were eight to 10 years ago.

'On the issue of the Strategic Housing Fund, we shouldn't forget that it is council taxpayers' money which is going into that. It is council taxpayers who are having to subsidise affordable housing in Argyll and Bute because of reductions from the Scottish Government.'



Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, PCSO Margaret Ciarella and Inspector John Divers.

PCSO Margaret Ciarella retires

Lochgilhead police station's long-serving PCSO Margaret Ciarella is retiring from her post.

Relaxing

Margaret had more than 40 years' service working at Lochgilhead police station before she decided to retire and so she has seen a lot of changes throughout her service. She is now looking forward to a more relaxing way of life and a lot more sleep.

Margaret will continue to work in Tesco

and enjoy spending more time with her family.

Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'We will all miss her but wish her a happy retirement.'

The MAKI Police Twitter page said: 'Congratulations to PCSO Margaret Ciarella who retired with just under 41 years' service at Lochgilhead Police Station. She was presented with flowers and gifts today. Thanks for your service and wishing you a long and happy retirement.'

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Dog control

Anyone who saw the photographs of seriously injured sheep following the Inveraray dog attack earlier this year would agree that the images will live long in the memory.

The injuries were horrific. And this type of attack has become all too common in Scotland.

We all think our slobbering pooch would never be capable of attacking anything but, given the right circumstances, any dog, no matter how placid, will revert to instinct and could chase a farm animal. When in a state of excitement and aggression, a dog may then choose to attack a human being, and we are into another area entirely.

The solution seems simple – keep control of your dog at all times and have it on a lead around livestock. As Brian Walker himself said, it is a very small minority of people who disregard these basic precautions, but that minority is growing in number.

Bright lights

People love to moan about the dark days, wet weather and lack of entertainment. Bearing this in mind, we should thank the various groups who organised this year's Christmas light displays. They fair cheer up these dreich December days.

Fly me through Dunoon

Last week's story of the 'ambitious' project aiming to turn Dunoon into an adventure tourist hub has resulted in a number of comments on The Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

The project's vision is to install a cable car system from Dunoon to the top of the hills above the town as part of a community-owned world-class tourism development. As well as a cable car, plans also include a heritage centre, café and activities including a zip line and alpine coaster.

A selection of comments were:

Robert Davies: 'How about a big

wheel on Lochgilphead front green? The Lochgilphead AYE. We could waste plenty of money that way if the council has money to waste.'

Allan Redpath: 'Perhaps get reliable road access into Argyll first?'

Raymond Flanagan: 'Get the kids to school quicker and cheaper than getting the bus.'

Blair Johnston: 'Why is it "off the wall"? Thought I'd leave the idea of a zip line for Ardrishaig for a while before proposing it, but seeing as it's brought it up, let's discuss. It's very achievable.'

MOJO 2018

Sir,
I'm writing from all of us at MOJO and all of the fantastic artists who played at it to say a monster of a thanks for all the extended coverage given to the event, especially to the individual acts in their quests to further their talented original music, which is MOJO's main aim.

MOJO is keen to go ahead next year, somewhere in Argyll yet to be decided. If you are a musician interested in playing at it or a fan of original live music, keep a lookout for news or express your interest on our MOJO Argyll musicians Facebook page @MOJOArgyll

Dan Griffiths,
MOJO organising committee.

Dentist disaster

Sir,
What has happened to all the dentists in Lochgilphead?

There is a purpose-built dental suite in the Mid Argyll Hospital but apparently at the moment there is only a single dentist working there and, unless you have an emergency, it is impossible to get an appointment for any simple treatment. I know because today I have tried to get a slot to have a crown that has come loose re-cemented. Not the most complicated of procedures and, from previous experience, I know only takes a minimal amount of time.

Because I'm not in excruciating pain or similar, the surgery has refused point blank to see me, despite being a registered patient there for

many years. It would seem some appointment times are reserved each day 'just in case an emergency case presents itself' and they are triaged at 8.30am each day, but, I'm told, if the dentist doesn't think it's a genuine emergency they'll turn you away again anyway. How ridiculous is that?

Other dentists in Tarbert or Oban won't see me either because I'm not registered with their practices.

What an unholy state of affairs. This is bordering on a scandal when lifelong contributors to NHI and taxpayers are met with a brick wall when requesting a service they are entitled to and are registered for, only to be told that 'the system doesn't work like that' and similar pathetic excuses.

It's obviously time for the whole dentistry set-up to be overhauled and for Lochgilphead to get out there and do some serious recruitment. Surely we deserve better.

Peter Garrett,
Ardrishaig.

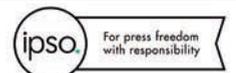
Painfully slow repairs

Sir,
It was great to catch up with my fellow Conservative councillors in Kilmory and to hear of the terrific work they have been doing for their constituents and the wider Argyll area.

Policy Lead for Education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, Depute Policy Lead for Economic Development Councillor Bobby Good and myself spoke about many pressing

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issues including the Gigha dairy being unable to sell milk to the local Gigha primary school, transport links, the recent reduction in ferry sailings to Islay and small business growth being hindered by over-regulation and poor broadband speed.

I also had an in-depth discussion with the hard working Policy Lead for Roads and Amenity Services Councillor Roddy McCuish about the seemingly slow pace of street lighting repairs and potholes marked for filling being left untouched by our roads department in my council ward.

It was great to be updated on future plans for roads repairs and maintenance as well as progress being made in fixing our local street lighting.

Waiting months for basic pothole patchwork and having our villages left unsafe due to no functioning street lights for (in some cases) years cannot be allowed to become the new norm.

We in Argyll and Bute pay first world levels of council tax yet for many of our islands we are receiving third world levels of repair and maintenance speed. Our roads management must see that this no longer happens in the future.

Councillor Alastair Redman.

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YOUR PICTURES



Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye sent in this abs'orb'ing photo that makes the rocky coast of Ardrishaig look like the Egyptian pyramids have washed up Loch Fyne.

Cheryl said: 'I don't know what you'll make of this. It was my first attempt at using an orb.'

Mind-bender

It is quite the mind-bender.

Send your favourite pictures for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Festive cheer as Tarbert's lights are switched on



Ruairaidh had a long list for Santa.

Tarbert sparkled as the Christmas lights were switched on.

The honour of turning on the festive illuminations went to Tarbert citizens of the year Jane Cowen and Sheila

Campbell and 2018 Seafood Queen Jacquelyn Clark.

But there was much more to Tarbert Christmas fair, as people thronged Christmas market stalls in the Templars Hall (TALC).

There was a Coastguard escort for Santa and plenty of presents for the youngsters from the man in the red suit when he set up home in his grotto, helped by his band of elves.



Santa's little helpers! After safely transporting the man in red, Tarbert Coastguard had time to enjoy the festivities.



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Baby Indie was the first visitor to Santa's grotto.



Left: Little Leigha Hunt had her Christmas list all ready for Santa.



Present ideas galore were spread over two floors of TALC.



Also on Santa's 'nice' list was Murray Henderson.

Right: Tarbert Guides Allanah and Andi with leader Claire Shorthouse had sweet treats on offer.



Below right: Layla was delighted to see Santa and Elf Eden.



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Festive sparkle in the rain at Ardrishaig

A good crowd of hardy Ardrishaig folk ignored heavy rain to take part in the village Christmas lights switch-on, organised by Ardrishaig Community Trust.

On Friday December 7 the community watched the arrival of Christmas as Ardrishaig Gala 2018 prince and princess Blair Houston and Esme Bain did the all-important job of switching on the festive lights to a big cheer after a countdown, before revellers were entertained with songs from local children.

Soup, hot dogs, mulled wine, mince pies and soft drinks were enjoyed as Mid Argyll Pipe Band performed under the tightly-packed gazebo outside Ardrishaig North Hall.

There was plenty to keep the children amused, with activities and a family party in the hall afterwards, including a visit from Santa.



Jodie Gibb, Donna Clark and Ashley Gorrie were hard at work serving food and refreshments. 06_a50ArdXmasLights03



Esme and Blair perform the most important task of the night – the big switch-on. 06_a50ArdXmasLights02



Left: Pipe Major Craig Lang leads Mid Argyll Pipe Band at the Ardrishaig festive switch-on. 06_a50ArdXmasLights06



Right: The children's choir entertains with Christmas songs. 06_a50ArdXmasLights04

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Pampering puts ladies in the pink



Louise Salmon of Salon 66 pampers and beautifies.



Yvie, Margaret, Sheila and Mari enjoy a lovely lunch.

This year's Pink Ladies Day was held at the Loch Fyne Hotel in Inveraray on Friday November 30.

Organised by founder Nicky Murphy, the event depends on fundraising which this year saw hundreds of people attend afternoon teas, buy raffle tickets and tombola tickets, sponsor a twilight walk or simply donate money out of the goodness of their hearts.

Nicky said: 'We raised more than £5,300 this year, which was fantastic. Having been diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago, I wanted to create something really special for other women who have been through the same thing.'

'Things get a bit crazy during cancer treatment and it can be an extremely challenging time.'

'All of life's pressures are still there on top of dealing with a life-threatening illness that requires an extreme programme of treatment.'

'Living in a rural area, there is also extensive travel involved, which is incredibly tiring. Add that to the physical

and emotional impact that hits often after treatment and it all equates to really needing, deserving and craving a day of complete self-indulgence and relaxation, where the vibe is very positive, fun and supportive.'

Now in its fifth year, this year's Pink Ladies Day was another huge success.

More than 60 women came along to be preened and pampered by an army of amazing stylists, beauty experts, holistic therapists and make-up artists, who all gave their time and expertise voluntarily.

The day offers a choice of treatments, including hair, make-up, nails, massage, facials, reiki, yoga, specialist Meso Vytal skin treatment and, new this year, podiatry. The ladies also enjoyed a three-course lunch and refreshments all day.

Nicky added: 'It is about friendship, pampering, laughter, relaxation and meeting like-minded women. Anyone interested in coming next year should email pinkladiesday@outlook.com.'



Stylists and therapists gave their services for free.



A foot health check, left, and Yvie Young has a pedicure.

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Model show boost for Beatson charity



Steven Wilson's spectacular collection of remote control Tamiya cars. 06_a50ModelShow02

Their models may have been miniature but the generosity was full-sized at the die cast model show.

Held in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday and Sunday December 8 and 9, the charity show attracted enthusiasts from as far away as Falkirk and Airdrie, who joined Argyll folk with a vast array of scale models.

There were artics galore, eight-foot-tall cranes, tractors, trains – including working sets – model cars,

with the odd steam engine and a Smurf or two for good measure.

The two-day event raised £900, which was presented to Maria MacKenzie and Yvie Young, both of whom have received cancer treatment and are now raising money for the Beatson Cancer Charity.

Organiser Goldie Ross said: 'It was a really good show. I want to thank everyone who exhibited, donated raffle prizes and came along over the weekend.'

'Goldie and his wife Nell are just so kind,' said Maria. 'Thanks to them and everyone who has supported us so far.' Yvie and Maria are also running a fundraising grand raffle, the draw for which will now be made on Saturday December 22 rather than Christmas Eve, as originally intended.

Tickets are on still sale and available from Icon Hairdressing and Sei Bella in Lochgilhead and from the ladies themselves.



Ardrishaig model train enthusiast Bill Staley has an estimated 240 American locomotives dating from the 1940s to the 1980s – one of the biggest collections in existence. 06_a50ModelShow28



CalMac skipper Alan Sinclair, originally from Tarbert but now living in Lochgilhead, brought along this motorised model of 1960s German lifeboat Adolf Bermphohl. 06_a50ModelShow23



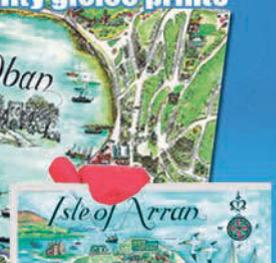
Model fans united – Michael Harvey and organiser Goldie Ross at the show. 06_a50ModelShow22



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Michael Harvey at the show with grandchildren Hollie, aged two, and five-year-old Jack. 06_a50ModelShow16



Maria, left, and Yvie accept the cheque from Goldie Ross. 06_a50ModelShow_Cheque01

Mid Argyll man's tribute to late friend

Tucked away among the gleaming ranks of miniature heavy goods vehicles was a touching tribute from a Mid Argyll man to a friend who died recently.

Iain Currie from Poltalloch had a scale model at the show of an artic lorry with a livestock trailer displaying the name John Hulston.

Iain explained: 'John was a friend of mine from the Stirling area. He used to haul livestock in his own lorry and I got to know him over the years at sales.'

'He passed away in September and I thought this might be a way of paying tribute to him. He was a great character.'



Left: Steven Wilson and dad Charles from Lochgilhead with two of the 30 cars Steven had on display. 06_a50ModelShow03



Above: Smurf-tastic – some of the more light-hearted exhibits included these blue characters. 06_a50ModelShow18



A model of John's lorry displayed by Iain alongside an order of service from John's funeral – in memory of a friend. 06_a50ModelShow07

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New Coastguard deputy Derek has all the skills

The new deputy station officer at Tarbert Coastguard Rescue Team has been announced as Derek Watson.

With just over a year's service under his belt, 42-year-old Derek has seen a rapid rise to his new position at the Tarbert station.

Since joining HM Coastguard in September 2017, he has clearly impressed, but Derek himself remains modest.

'I don't know how it happened,' he remarked.

Kathrine Duffin, senior coastal operations officer, explained: 'It's not necessarily about Coastguard experience. People come into the service and they have the right transferable skills. Derek has done a lot of training in the past year and he has all the skills we need.'

Derek's transferable skills come from a varied career to date, as Derek outlined: 'I work in Lochgilphead as a senior systems engineer for an aquaculture company. I previously worked with the lighthouse board and the Ministry of Defence before that, so I built up a lot of experience.'

Kathrine outlined the importance of Derek's appointment for Tarbert



Derek Watson is looking forward to his new role. 06_a48Coastguard10

Coastguard station. 'For the team to function properly and be effective, it has to have the right leadership,' she said. 'And it makes my job a lot easier if we have that in place.'

Kathrine continued: 'It benefits John Winnard as station officer to have a good reliable deputy.'

'We're here to give the best search and rescue service we can to the public. We need to have the right people, the right training, the right equipment – and we all work together as one big family to ensure we can do that.'



Derek with Kathrine Duffin, senior coastal operations officer. 06_a48Coastguard11



Tarbert Coastguard Search and Rescue team. 06_a48Coastguard02

Wind farm lift for villages

Five community buildings across Argyll have been awarded funding from Innogy's An Suidhe Wind Farm community benefit fund.

The largest, for £10,000, goes to the Furnace Community Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which hopes to buy Furnace Village Store for the community.

Andrea Henderson of Furnace Community SCIO said: 'This commitment, and the confidence it demonstrates in our project, is vital and motivating.'

Other contributions include Inspire Inveraray, which has received £5,200 towards updating a structural survey of Inveraray Community Hall.

South Loch Awe-side Community Company has received £5,320 to buy and install two public access defibrillators in Portsonachan Village Hall and Ardbrecknish.

Since 2011, An Suidhe Community Fund has provided funds to people living in the areas covered by the community councils of Glenorchy and Innishail, Inveraray, Furnace and by Dalavich Improvement Group. Decisions as to how the fund is spent are made by a panel of local representatives, with Foundation Scotland administering the fund.

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Inveraray and District Pipe Band take home top Trad music award

Inveraray and District Pipe Band took home a music award for Scottish Pipe Band of the Year at a ceremony in Perth on Saturday December 1.

Hands up for Trad celebrates Scotland's vibrant traditional music scene with a staggering 20 awards announced at the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards.

For the second consecutive year, Inveraray and District Pipe Band were recognised as Scotland's best pipe band of the year through a public vote, with a bottle of gin thrown in with their trophy.

A staple in the Scottish music calendar, the ceremony was broadcast live on BBC Alba and BBC Radio Scotland. The event saw an abundance of music fans and industry gather in Perth for an evening of recognition and foot-stomping live per-

formances. Hosted by world-renowned Gaelic singer, Mary Ann Kennedy and award-winning musician Kim Carnie, the evening champions Scottish music, heritage and tradition.

Guests were treated to outstanding live sets some of Scotland's most exciting trad artists. Mànrán brought the crowd to their feet followed by artists flying the flag for Scottish traditional music including Hannah Rarity, Gordon Duncan Experience, David Kennedy Scottish Dance Band, Eabhal, Isobel Anne Martin and Mr Mcfall's Chamber, Kinnaris, Gerda Stevenson, Karine Polwart Trio, Gaelic rapper Griogair Labhruidh and Croft No Five.

Gus Sicard and Daniel McDermott accept the award on behalf of Inveraray and District Pipe Band.



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Give a little hope this Christmas

Kairene Shaw is making a reverse advent calendar, giving something every day rather than getting something.

With proceeds going to Hope Kitchen food bank in Oban, Kairene is encouraging everyone to fill a box of 24 items throughout December to be delivered to Oban.

On Sunday December 9, a collection was held at Nicoll Hall in Inveraray to collect donated boxes full of items which were delivered to Oban on Monday December 10.

Anyone wishing to get involved, can either make an advent box of 24 items,



Liam Divers and Kairene Shaw with the many boxes donated on Sunday December 9.

a normal box of as many items as you wish or donate a single item. There are three

categories for boxes. A family box can contain items such as toilet roll, cleaning products,

toiletries, tinned food, pasta, cereal, nappies, blankets, sleeping bags or tents. A girls or boys box must have a selected age of two to four years old, five to nine years old, or 10-14 years old and can contain pyjamas, toys, school supplies, blankets, toiletries, nappies, wipes, sweets, socks, underwear, books or a teddy.

Kairene said: 'I loved taking all these boxes to Hope Kitchen. They are so appreciative, so welcoming and kind. No one should ever feel ashamed, embarrassed or at fault for needing some help sometimes.'



Anne Norwell, Elspeth Wells, Marion Lacey and Fraser Bell.

Interesting Lochgair talk at Inveraray History Society

Inveraray History Society members were pleased to welcome a group from Lochgair for an interesting talk on their Long Memories Project.

Marion Lacey gave a presentation of old photographs and some of the group's carefully researched historical background on the area, including changes to Asknish House, the Lochgair Hotel, the original Tin Hut and other well known landmarks.

Tickets are available on the door, in the Marmalade Deli in Lochgilphead or online at ticketsource.co.uk/acting-up-argyll

the year and the amount of interest shown in finding out more about the history of the area. They hope more people will come forward with any background information or photographs to help them develop their research further.

January's meeting of the Inveraray History Society will be held on Tuesday January 8 when Ken MacTaggart will give a talk entitled, Inveraray: People and Places.

A representative said: 'The history society wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and a blessed new year.'

Acting Up Argyll panto fun

Acting Up Argyll is ready to take to the stage with its Christmas pantomime show Jack and the Beanstalk.

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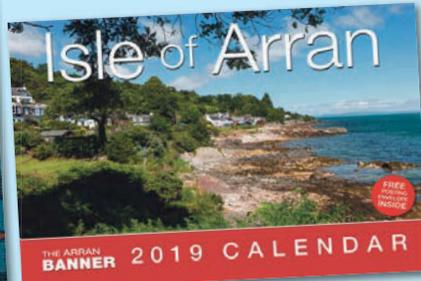
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3rd Sunday in Advent

Rev Robert MacLeod

23rd December 10.00am

4th Sunday in Advent

Rev Robert MacLeod

24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Eve Service

Carols & Lessons

30th December 10.00am

Rev Robert MacLeod

All Welcome

Services beginning 6th January 2019

11.30am Start

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16th December

Morning worship at 11.00am

Blue Christmas service at 3.00pm

Sunday 23rd December

Family Christmas service with

Nativity at 11.00am

Christmas Eve

Watchnight service at 11.15pm

(Carols, mince pies and mulled wine

from 10.45pm)

Christmas Day

Family service at 11.00am

(a chance for the children to show

off their presents from Santa)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead

(SC013787)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16th December

St Columba's, Poltalloch

(SC031391)

Carol service 3.30pm

Christmas Eve

Christ Church, Bishopton Road

Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Christmas Day

St Columba's, Poltalloch

Holy Communion 9.00am

Christ Church, Bishopton Road

Eucharist with Carols 11.00am

All welcome

ARDRISHAIG and SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 23rd December

Advent 4

The Lamb

(John 1)

Ardrishaig at 11.00am

Achahoish at 12.30pm

Christmas Eve

Carol Service

Achahoish at 7.00pm

Watchnight Service

Ardrishaig at 11.30pm

(Carol singing from 11.15pm)

Sunday 30th December 2018

"The Promise"

(John 1)

Ardrishaig at 11.00am

Achahoish at 12.30pm

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(SC001002)

Christmas starts with Christ

Celebrate with us this year

Wednesday 19th December

Achnamara Hall - 6.45pm

Carols in the Hall with

mince pies & mulled wine

Sunday 23rd December

Inverlussa Church - 11.30am

Service of Carols

Monday 24th December

Tayvallich Front Green - 4.00pm

Carols on the Green

followed by mince pies &

mulled wine

(in church if raining)

Tuesday 25th December

O Come Let us Adore Him

Bellanoch Church - 11.00am

Christmas Celebration

All welcome

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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCH FYNE & KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 16th December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Rev Chris Fulcher

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Join us for our Sunday school

Nativity play and service

Teas and coffees after the service

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Dr John L Morrison OBE

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Kilberry service 2.00pm

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Christmas Eve 24th December

Skipness Christmas Eve service

6.30pm

All welcome to join us for an

evening service of carols

and the children's Nativity

Kilberry Church

Candlelight Procession of the Young

Christmas Eve Carol Service

led by Peter Minshall MA

6.30pm Monday 24th December

Please bring your own candle

and a torch

Sunday 30th December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Mrs Marion MacDonald

Informal service of reflection

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Marion MacDonald

Informal service of reflection

Everyone very welcome to join all

the services

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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 16th December

A Special Family Service at 11.00am

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Youth

Sunday 23rd December

Nativity Presentation at 11.00am

All services are held at

11.00am with Ken Watson

All services are held at

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 16th December

11.15am Worship Service

Rev Rodger Crooks

5.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas refreshments will be served

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am Christmas Service

Rev Rodger Crooks

All welcome

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LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

SCO 11686

Sunday 16th December

Morning Worship 11.15am

Rev W Crossan

Creche, Triple, C Gen 1

Sunday 23rd December

All Age Service

Choir Items, BBs,

Triple C Gen 1 Nativity Play

Rev W Crossan

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Service 11.30pm

Tea and Mince Pies from 10.45pm

Everyone welcome

Sunday 30th December

Morning Worship 11.15am

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev W Crossan

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Friday 14th December

SKY Youth Group

Christmas Party at Carradale

Sunday 16th December

10.15am Communion service

11.00am Joint youth service at the

Community Church

Sunday 23rd December

11.00am Family service with

communion

6.30pm CAROLS BY

CANDLELIGHT

Christmas refreshments

will be served

All are welcome

Pastor Steve Davies

ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 22nd December

6.00 pm Rorate Mass (In honour of

Our Lady, by candlelight)

Sunday 23rd December

10.00am Holy Mass

Christmas Eve

9.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Saturday 29th December

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 30th December

(Holy Family)

10.00am (4.00pm Bridgend, Islay)

Holy Mass

New Year Day (Mary, Mother of

God)

10.00am Holy Mass

Epiphany Sunday (6th January)

10.00am Holy Mass

Fr Tony Wood

PARISHES OF SADDLELL & CARRADALE LINKED WITH SOUTHEND

Christmas Services 2018

AT CARRADALE

Sunday 16th December

10.00am Christingle service

6.00pm Coffee, cakes and carols in

Village Hall

Sunday 23rd December

10.00am Morning Worship

Christmas Eve

8.00pm Watchnight service

Christmas Day

10.45am Service at

St Kieran's Episcopal Church,

Campbeltown

Sunday 30th December

10am Morning Worship

AT SOUTHEND

Sunday 16th December

11.45am Nativity service

Wednesday 19th December

6.00pm Carol singing in village

7.00pm Carols in Argyll Arms Hotel

Sunday 23rd December

11.45am Morning Worship

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Watchnight service

Christmas Day

10.45am Service at

St Kieran's Episcopal Church

Sunday 30th December

11.45am Morning Worship

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN WEST KINTYRE AND GIGHA (Interim Moderator: Alison Hay)

GIGHA CHURCH

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 11.00am

led by Rev Chris Fulcher

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Service at 11.30pm

led by the Elders

KILCALMONELL PARISH CHURCH (CLACHAN)

Thursday 20th December

Clachan Primary School End of

Term Service

in the church at 10.00am

led by Mrs Elizabeth Ball

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 10.00am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Monday 24th December

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Nationwide calls for extension of Help To Buy ISA scheme

With just a year to go, and with the deadline for the last application for the Help to Buy ISA fast approaching, Nationwide Building Society is calling on the government to extend access to the savings scheme as a vital support for first-time buyers.

The Help to Buy ISA was launched in December 2015 and was designed to help first-time buyers who open an account before November 30, 2019, to save for a house deposit and secure a home of their own. Since its launch, more than 196,000 savers have been supported in building their deposit by taking out a

Help to Buy ISA, claiming an average of £800 in government contributions, in addition to their Help to Buy ISA savings pot, when they come to buy a home.

Each saver in the scheme can benefit from a government Help to Buy bonus of up to £3,000. Savers can deposit up to £1,200 in the month they open the account and a further maximum £200 in each subsequent month. For every £200 maintained in a Help to Buy ISA account, £50 will be paid by the government as a bonus at the time of purchasing a first home. The minimum Help to Buy deposit bonus is £400 and

the maximum £3,000. Savers can also earn a competitive rate of interest on their money as the society's Help to Buy ISA pays a highly competitive 2.5 per cent AER.

Nationwide is urging the government to extend the benefits of this popular scheme and make a real difference to more first-time buyers, beyond the current deadline. This is particularly important during a period of rising housing prices and living costs, and where any assistance for those saving for a deposit is a major bonus.

According to Nationwide data, it now takes 6.5 years on

average for a first time buyer in the UK to save at 10 per cent deposit, totalling £18,480, compared with 4.8 years and £14,080 a decade ago in 2008. There are also large regional differences, with savers in the north currently requiring four years to save a 10 per cent deposit of £10,100, while those in London need 12 years and £41,160 to reach the same milestone.

According to Nationwide's data, the Help to Buy ISA allows the average first-time buyer to get on to the housing ladder two years sooner, given that the average age of a first-time buyer who saved through

the scheme is 28, compared to who saved using another an average age of 30 for those method.

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Carloonan summit gathers sheep worrying agencies

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

As you will see on this edition's front page, Inveraray farmer Brian Walker suffered a dog attack on a field of breeding ewe hogs back in March that left 11 animals dead.

On Friday December 7, he hosted a meeting of agencies involved with the issue of livestock worrying by dogs at

Carloonan and he is hopeful there is now an opportunity to tackle the problem.

South of Scotland MSP Emma Harper is looking to bring forward a Private Members Bill to the Scottish Parliament on the issue and she travelled to the farm to hear the views of everyone present.

Speaking after the meeting, farmer's daughter Ms Harper said: 'This livestock worrying

for me is about livestock attack.'

A former trauma nurse, she has treated people with horrific facial and other injuries and she sees a parallel with the results of a dog attack.

She added: 'The mutilation I have witnessed from seeing pictures and talking to farmers is an issue that absolutely must be taken seriously.'

'I think that everyone has an idea of the way we can

make the legislation better so that we can allow the Crown officers to be able to pursue an approach that may be a bit more tailor-made so they have more tools in their box.'

'The legislation from 1953 is well out of date. I think we need the ability to fine someone a lot more than just £50 for causing damage to property, which is a sheep.'

A 12-week consultation on the proposed Bill will go out electronically in early January 2019.

Ms Harper explained: 'We can then start the process of developing a Bill at stage one which will be discussed in the Scottish Parliament before stage two in front of the rural committee, and then stage three, so hopefully we'll be able to get this process moved forward before the end of the parliamentary session.'

Brian Walker said: 'I think an awful lot of positives should have come out from this meeting. There was someone here from pretty much every organisation that is involved with livestock worrying.'

'The way things are nowadays the term 'worrying'



Emma Harper MSP – planning a Scottish Parliament Bill on livestock worrying. 06_a50SheepWorryingMeet08

doesn't make people sit up and think. The word 'attack' will hopefully become part of the legislation. It's the shock and horror of dealing with the animals left alive, we need to get that across. It's very traumatic.'

Then there is the financial cost. The sheep killed in the March attack were breeding ewe hogs.

Brian Walker continued: 'They were going to be on the farm for the next five or six years and during that time they would have produced offspring for me to sell which

is what creates our income.' He stressed that 99.9 per cent of dog walkers are fine, adding: 'Most of my land is round about the town of Inveraray and I meet a lot of dog walkers. I know a lot of them and there's no problem.'

'It's a minority of people who allow their dogs to run out of control who cause problems. But it's becoming a bigger minority as more and more people get pet dogs.'

'It's a problem that's escalating and, one way or another, there have to be proper controls put in place.'



Delegates at the Carloonan meeting. Brian Walker centre, flanked by Emma Harper MSP and Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute. 06_a50SheepWorryingMeet04



Brian Walker gets his point across during the meeting. 06_a50SheepWorryingMeet02

Christmas show and sale at Oban Livestock Centre

United Auctions held its annual Christmas show and sale of all classes cattle at Oban Livestock Centre when they had a catalogued entry of 1,095 head. A large following of buyers were in attendance and prices realised were comparable to recent levels obtained at other principal mainland centres.

Bullocks levelled out at £607.60 per head or 211.53 pence per kilo (-£54.69 per head or -26.43 pence per kilo). Heifers averaged £537.72 per head or 195.6 pence per kilo (-£62.15 per head or -31.06 pence per kilo). The judging of the various classes was in the capable hands of Mr. S Bett, Castleton and his awards are as follows: Mainland Bullock: 1st M/s MacGillivray, Barcaldine HF; 2nd M/s Lines, Killoch; 3rd M/s Semple, Dippen. Mainland Heifer: 1st R Currie, Low Dunashery; 2nd R Wright, Woodend. Island Bullock: 1st RSPB,

Aoradh; 2nd M/s MacInnes, Ruaig; 3rd Mr. D MacCormick, Baligarve. Island Heifer: 1st R Cunningham, Neriby; 2nd M/s MacInnes, Ruaig; 3rd RSPB, Aoradh. Champion Animal = R Cunningham. Reserve Champion = M/s MacGillivray.

Principle lots and prices
Top prices per head
Bullocks: AAx: £1010 and £980(2) - 13 Eoligarry, Barra. BSHx: £750(7) - Glenbeg. BRBx: £1040 - Barcaldine HF: £970 - Low Dunashery: £970 and £960 - Killoch: £920 - Barcaldine HF: £910 -19 East Hynish: £910 - Barcaldine HF. CHARx: £1080 - Strath: £1030, £1010(4) and £990 - Dippen: £980 - Aoradh, Islay: £975, £910 and £900(2) - Saddle HF. GALx: £840 - Inverglen. LIMx: £1085, £1050 and £1025(2) - 10 Eoligarry, Barra: £1020 - Killoch:

£1000 - 10 Eoligarry: £980 and £970 - Strathnafanaig: £960 - Ardachy: £950 - 10 Eoligarry: £940 - Strathnafanaig: £920 - Low Dunashery: £900 - Woodend. SALx: £895(3) - Neriby. SIMx: £1080 - 13 Eoligarry: £960 - 10 Eoligarry: £920 - Strath.

Heifers: AAx: £730 - Frackersaig. BRBx: £950 - Killoch: £840 - Barcaldine HF: £830 - Ruaig. CHARx: £1600 - Neriby: £980(2) - Aoradh: £900 - Saddle HF: £880(4) and £865(5) - Ballochgar. LIMx: £1200 and £1110 - Ruaig: £930 - Ardachy: £930 - Low Dunashery: £900 - Strathnafanaig: £855 - Low Dunashery: £850 - Balnagown. SALx: £650(4) - Neriby. SIMx: £990 - Ballard: £810 - Arileod: £800 - Strath. Breeding cattle: Incall heifers: £900(4) - Torr Farm. Cows with calves: £1600 and £1400 - Steall. Top prices per kilo

Bullocks: AAx: 237p and 230p - Achnaclach, Islay. BSHx: 219p(7) - Glenbeg. BRBx: 272p - Tyree: 250p - Barcaldine HF: 247p - Killoch: 246p - Tyree: 246p - Barcaldine HF: 241p - Low Dunashery: 241p and 238p - Barcaldine HF: 235p - Killoch: 232p - Barcaldine HF: 223p - Tyree: 220p(2) - South Achinduin. BAX: 250p(3) and 224p(2) - Shenavallie. CHARx: 288p, 286p and 282p(4) - Dippen: 264p(4) - Neriby: 258p - Aoradh: 257p(2) - Neriby: 246p(2) and 242p - Saddle: 238p(4) - Neriby: 237p - Saddle: 235p - Ballochgar: 234p(4) and 232p - RSPB Kinnabus: 228p - Braglenmore: 227p(2) - Saddle: 224p - Homestead: 224p - Ballochgar: 222p(3) and 220p(3) - RSPB Kinnabus. LIMx: 328p - Woodend: 304p - Ardachy: 293p(2) - Inion: 290p - Ruaig: 288p(2) - Tyree: 283p - Achnaclach: 282p - Tyree:

281p - Inion: 277p - Ardachy: 272p(3) - Achnaclach: 264p(2) - Inion: 262p - Tyree: 260p, 259p(8) and 257p(5) - Turnault: 254p - Baligarve: 254p - Tyree: 254p - Cruach (E and J Brown): 252p - Ruaig: 250p - Barcaldine HF: 247p(2) - Baligarve: 245p - Woodend: 244p and 242p - Ruaig: 240p - South Achinduin: 240p - Ruaig: 237p(4) - Low Dunashery: 235p(3) - 2 Baligrundle: 234p(2) - Low Dunashery: 233p(2) - South Achinduin: 233p - 10 Eoligarry and 13 Eoligarry: 231p(4) - Fiart: 230p - Balnagown: 230p - Cruach (E and J Brown): 230p - 19 east Hynish: 230p - Ardtur: 230p - Low Dunashery. LUING: 237p - Claid. SALx: 247p(2) and 233p(5) - Neriby. SHx: 277p(3) - Innishewan. SIMx: 264p(7) and 253p(8) - Ardencaple: 246p(6) - Feall: 242p(4) - Ballard: 239p(6) - Ardencaple: 238p(6) and 237p(10)

- Claid: 231p(5) and 231p(8) - Feall. Heifers: AAx: 207p(4) - Dalrannoch. BRBx: 286p - Barcaldine HF: 261p - Ruaig: 239p - Tyree: 234p - Ruaig: 231p - Killoch. CHARx: 426p - Neriby: 249p(2) - Aoradh: 241p(3) - Dippen. LIMx: 361p - Ruaig: 287p and 282p(2) - Ardachy: 278p and 264p - Low Dunashery: 262p - Ruaig: 260p - Woodend: 252p - Balnagown: 250p - Ardachy: 245p - Woodend: 244p - Low Dunashery: 244p - Tyree: 241p(2) - Achuaran: 241p(3) - Turnault: 239p - Tyree: 238p - Ardachy: 237p(2) - Low Dunashery: 236p(4) - Ardachy: 232p - Strathnafanaig: 231p - 13 Eoligarry: 230p(4) - Low Dunashery: 230p - Achnaclach. SHx: 230p - Homefield, Colonsay. SIMx: 264p(3) and 249p(3) - Claid: 249p and 247p(3) - Ballard: 241p(3) and 234p(5) - Feall: 233p - Arileod: 233p(3) - Ballard.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

Appeal to support Big Sleep Out

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

Organised by Gill Hutton, the event will take place on Saturday December 15 at 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 in 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

'This is a national disgrace and every Scot needs to tell our government this is not okay.'

Sleep Out is teaming up with Kate Macaulay and asking people to donate a rucksack containing warm clothes and toiletries which will be taken to Glasgow and handed out to people on the streets. Rucksacks can be dropped in at Mid Argyll Hospital.

Kate Macaulay said: 'Warm weather clothes, underwear, socks and hats are needed. Please do not provide shoes.

Please mark for male or female. Many thanks for your support.'

Supported by Fyne Homes, which will provide breakfast in the morning, Grub's Up will also be serving soup, teas and coffee on the night.

The Big Sleep Out is also looking for buskers or anyone willing to share their stories about homelessness on the night. Anyone joining the Big Sleep Out is asked to provide their own sleeping bags and water bottles. Cardboard boxes will be provided, as are gas burners for soup, tea and coffee, but everyone is asked to bring their own luxuries, within reason. A key to the

public toilets is also available.

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

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



The Grub's Up team. 06_a22GrubsupBirthDay04

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Creative Heritage EXHIBITION

Islay writer wins Saltire History Book of the Year

Islay-based writer Les Wilson has won 2018 Saltire History Book of the Year Award.

The Drowned and the Saved, an extensively researched account of the sinking of US troopships Tuscania and Otranto off the coast of Islay in 1918, is a tribute to those who died and an exploration of the huge impact of the disaster on survivors, rescuers and the local community.

Announced as part of the 2018 Saltire Literary Awards in Edinburgh on Friday November 30, Wilson's book emerged as this year's history book category winner from a shortlist of six titles.

Describing the work as 'original, gripping and at times harrowing', the judges praised The Drowned and the Saved as a 'skilfully contextualised account' of a tragedy that took place a century ago this year.

The shortlist for the history book award also included a comprehensive analysis of Scotland's population history from 1850 to the present day by Edinburgh University academic Michael Anderson, alongside historian Edward Corp's biography of Sir David Nairne, who occupied a prominent political position in the court of the exiled Stuarts during the Jacobite era of Scottish history.

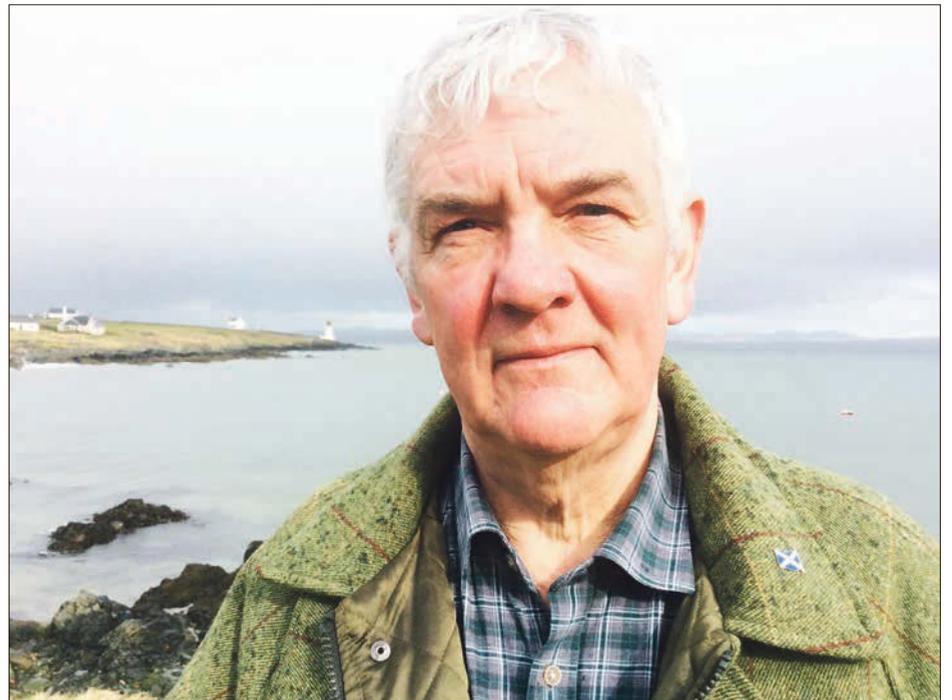
Also featured on the shortlist was Robert Cairns Craig's The Wealth of the Nation: Scotland, Culture and Independence which explores the recovery of Scottish culture in the aftermath of the collapse of the British Empire and the influence of modern Scottish writers and artists on contemporary Scottish nationalism.

Les Wilson said: 'I am thrilled to collect this award,

particularly in a year when we mark the centenary of a tragedy that had such a profound impact on the local community on Islay.

'In researching and writing this book, and as someone who calls Islay home, I tried to articulate a sense of what it must have been like to have lived through that experience, be that as one of the many victims, as one of the survivors, as a rescuer or as a member of the wider local community.

'Much of the credit for this book belongs to Islay's present-day inhabitants whose knowledge, wisdom and enthusiasm were a constant source of inspiration. To have won this award as part of such an impressive shortlist is a truly great honour and I'd like to pay special tribute to my fellow shortlisted writers as well.'



History book of the year winner, Les Wilson.

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Lochgilhead's dreaming of a Blue Christmas

Lochgilhead Parish Church is holding a special Blue Christmas service on Sunday December 16 at 3pm.

The minister, Reverend Hilda Smith, knows that as Christmas approaches and many are caught up in the excitement and looking forward to family celebrations, many who have lost a loved one the previous year or in years gone by, feel a sense of loss and loneliness more deeply.

She said: 'Our Blue Christmas service on Sunday is for everyone in our community and beyond who wishes to take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and at, the same time, remember friends and family. It is hoped that through coming together, each of us will find comfort, hope and a sense of peace. Everyone welcome.'

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Remembering loved ones with Marie Curie



Julie Brown.

The Marie Curie Lights to Remember service was held at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre on Wednesday December 5.

Supporters and friends were treated to a host of carols and musical numbers from Bar None, accompanied by the talented Stephen Povey, and enjoyed seasonal fare including mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine.

Speakers on the night included the chairwoman of the local Marie Curie fundraising group Julie Brown, who talked about the value of the care and support available from the charity within the community and what this means to so many, both directly and indirectly.

Melissa James of Argyll South Pony Club, who holds an annual fundraiser for the charity, gave a short address and had the honour of switch-



Joanna McDonald.

ing the hospital Christmas tree lights on.

Finally, newly-appointed chief officer for Marie Curie, Joanna McDonald, gave the closing address and thanked everyone for their continued support of the charity within Mid Argyll.

The evening was, as has become customary, hosted

by Councillor Douglas Philand and hospital chaplain Raymond Deans.

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Tune into festive singing fundraiser

Tune up your vocal cords and join the Lochgilphead Christmas busk.

To help raise money to support poor families in Kolkata, India, The Singing Heart is holding a carol-themed sing-a-long in Lochgilphead's Argyll Street on Saturday December 22.

'£250 buys a bicycle rickshaw - an income for life for two poor families,' said a group spokesperson.

Grab your gloves and scarf and join fellow carollers in raising money for the poor.

Seasonal songs are on the roster, including part songs and rounds and simple harmony songs, as well as traditional carols.

Everyone is invited to rehearsals, with entry by donation, on Tuesdays December 11 and 18 from 11am in Lochgilphead Community Centre, room one.

Contact Sue of The Singing Heart on 01546 603883 or suekali14@gmail.com.

Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club

Chairman Niall Iain MacLean welcomed a full house to the Inveraray Inn for the November meeting of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Supporting players were Fyne Folk, with Jake MacKay on moothie, Sally Hall and Alex John MacLeod on fiddle and Agnes Liddell on keyboard. Also playing were James MacArthur, melodeon; the Dalriada Ceilidh Band; Ishbel Fraser on moothie; Peter Stewart on accordion; and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard, and their varied selections were much enjoyed.

Guest artistes were the Addie Harper Quartet from Wick. With Addie on ac-

Full house enjoys great night of entertainment

ordion and steel guitar, his mother Isobel on keyboard, Emily Morrison on fiddle and Callum Wallace on drums, they delighted the audience with a great mixture of sets. Emily enthralled the crowd with her beautiful fiddle playing and it was hard to believe she is only 18 - definitely a star in the making. Callum also sang a couple of well-known songs.

Addie had written a tune for regular club-goers Alastair and Christine MacCallum

from Cairndow, who celebrated their golden wedding earlier in the month. Their friendship goes back a long way to the late Addie Harper Senior, when the band came to play at barn dances in Cairndow in the 1970s.

The chairman thanked Addie and the band for a superb night and all the local players for their contributions.

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Warming chilli and warmer hearts for MS Centre

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The prospect of some warming chilli con carne and an excellent veggie option encouraged walkers around Lochgilphead town centre as they took in the Christmas lights sparkling amid the raindrops.

Occupying the enchanted garden were all kinds of mysterious flowers and curious creatures, courtesy of the lantern-making staff of people using the centre.

The event on Friday December 7 raised £280 for centre funds.

Right: Seven-year-old Rhys Cameron was a cheeky wee elf for the evening.

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Intrepid walkers set off from the MS Centre on their one-mile trek around Lochgilphead. 06_a50ChilliWalk03



A mysterious peacock-like creature appeared in the enchanted garden. 06_a50ChilliWalk02

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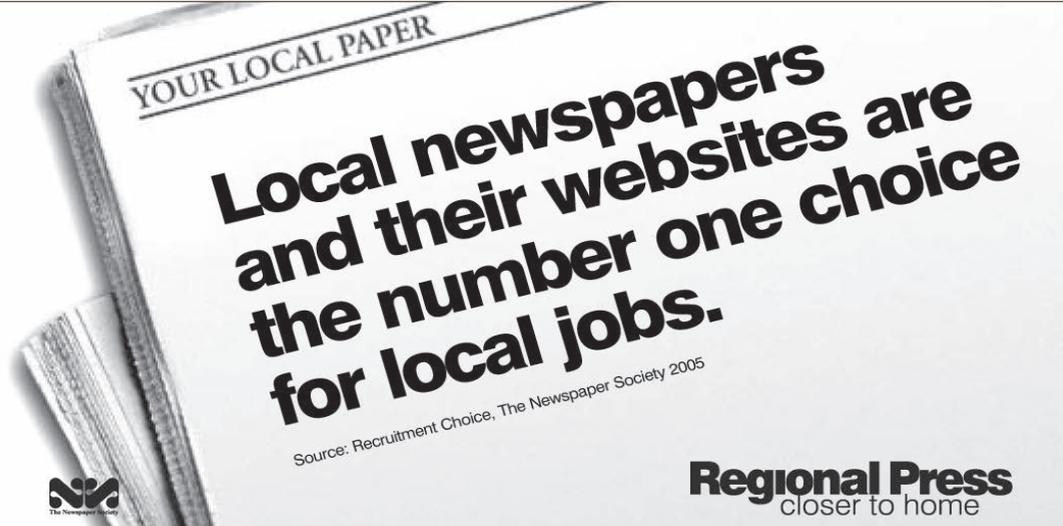
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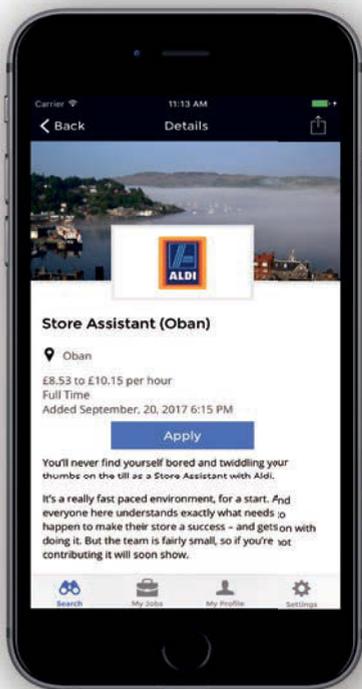
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Recycling collections due on Tuesday 25th December in Ardrishaig area will instead be collected on Friday 21st December.

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Craignish Christmas market

Craignish Christmas market opened to great acclaim, with the beautifully decorated Craignish Village Hall open to everyone to find that special gift.

There were plenty of chances to find a perfect gift with stalls selling jewellery, scarves, lanterns, clothes, flower arrangements, books, bags, hats, vases, diaries and artwork.

Bea's Kitchen served food throughout, making the shopping experience a cosy get-together with cupcakes and coffee.

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Get behind #shoplocal

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MID ARGYLL

Santa on village tour

Mid Argyll Round Table will be escorting Santa around Mid Argyll villages on his pre-Christmas visits over Thursday December 20 to Sunday December 23.

Santa will be visiting Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Kilmartin Glen and Inveraray with his list of naughty and nice children to visit.

Mid Argyll Round Table is looking for elves to help out on the various dates so if you are a fan of green tights and bobble hats, contact the Mid Argyll Round Table Facebook page.



Craignish Village Hall was beautifully decorated for its Christmas market.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Christmas jumper day

Lochgilphead Joint Campus is getting into the festive spirit with a Christmas jumper day, or, failing that, non-uniform day on Friday December 14.

The jumper doesn't have to be ugly, doesn't have to be from granny, doesn't have to be itchy, but you know the best ones are all of those.

The school is asking for a £1 donation from anyone with a jumper or not in uniform which will go to Argyll and Bute foodbank.

Carols by Candlelight

Lochgilphead Baptist Church is hosting Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 16.

Earlier in the day, everyone is invited to an

afternoon of family fun including carols and candles, children's art, sheep trail, a Christmas photo booth and a gingerbread nativity.

The festivities will end with carol singing by candlelight in the evening.

TAYVALLICH

Christmas party fun

Tayvallich's Christmas party is this Saturday, December 15.

Tayvallich Village Hall will be kitted out with festive decorations and activities. Enjoy the festive food, stories and singing.

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FOR THE WEEK**

'Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name ...'
(Isaiah 12:4).

BIRTHS

CLARK - Stephen and Ammie (née Fleming) are delighted to announce the birth of their second daughter, Lily Clark, on November 11, 2018, little sister to Lucy. Sincere thanks to the midwives at Mid Argyll and all staff at RAH.

ENGAGEMENT



MCKILLOP - IRELAND

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on November 27, 2018, of Mairi, younger daughter of Elizabeth and John McKillop, Campbeltown to Stewart, son of Dr Elizabeth Ireland, Glasgow and Lawrie Ireland, Grangemouth.

DEATHS

COX - Suddenly, at her home, Strathmore, Kilmartin, on December 6, 2018, Mrs Valerie June Cox, née Courtvriend, beloved wife of the late Major JHF Cox, Royal Scot Fusiliers. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at St Columba's Church, Poltalloch, Kilmartin, on Friday, December 21, 2018, at 11.00am. Donations if desired, to the Brooke Hospital for Animals.

DAVIES - Suddenly, on November 27, 2018, near Muasdale, Frederick (Fred) Davies, The Stables, Barfad, Tarbert, in his 91st year, beloved father of Sally, father-in-law of Peter, coolest grandfather ever of Andrew, Robert, Fraser, Richard and Patrick, with eleven great grandchildren in Australia. Dearly loved brother Ron and brother-in-law of the late Margaret, and uncle of Roger and his wife Kim. He will be missed by all, including his many, many dear friends who made him so happy here in Scotland. A funeral ceremony and celebration of his life will take place at Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, on Monday, December 17 at 12.00 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. A private cremation will take place at Cardross Crematorium.

SMITH - Robert Wilson (Linlithgow). Peacefully, at Middleton Hall Care Home, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, Robert (Bob), aged 90 years, loving husband of Alison, father to Janet, Mary and the late Rachel, adored granddad of Eric, Poppy, Joel, Honi and Melina, great granddad of Hayden and father-in-law to Mike. Funeral service will be held at West Lothian Crematorium, Livingston, on Wednesday, December 19, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. There will be a charitable collection at the crematorium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBINSON - Kath and Andrew would like to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and messages following the loss of Arthur. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting service, Colette, Macmillan nurse, community nursing team at MAH, Marie Curie nursing service and Dr Phillips for their unstinting care. We also thank Kilmartin Hotel for catering, Sue for musical accompaniment and Roddy, Fiona and Cammy for professional services. A collection at the church raised funds for Macmillan Mid Argyll, and community nurses.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Jamie, who passed away December 13, 2009. Not a day goes by without a thought or tear and a wish you were still here. - Agnes Grandad, still missed and loved. - George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee.

CAMPBELL - Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009, a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. May the winds of heaven blow softly And whisper in your ear How much we love and miss you And wish that you were here... - Your loving husband Archie, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and families.

COFFIELD - Ian, my husband, also father & granda, passed away December 13, 2014. Loved forever.

- Vivian and all your wee family xxx.

COFFIELD - In memory of Ian McKenzie Coffield, who passed away December 13, 2014. A loving brother. Sadly missed every day.

- Martin and family.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977.

Gone for many years, and sadly missed, but not forgotten.

- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

JACKSON - In loving memory of Alex, a deeply loved husband, adored dad and cherished papa, who slipped away December 12, 2013.

Although we're apart, You're part of us still.

- In our hearts always, Marleen, Iain, Mhairi, Sandi and families.

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a dear father and grampy, Tommy, died December 18, 2012.

Always thinking of our times together.

Memories that will last forever. - Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

WILKIN - Treasured memories of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granda and papa tin.

Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.

- Nancy and family.

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**ST MARGARET'S
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LOCHGILPHEAD**

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

**SCOTTISH
EPISCOPAL
CHURCHES**
Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead

(SC013787)
Sunday 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
Carol Service
Sunday 16th December
3.30pm
All Welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

**CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND
WEST
LOCHFYNESIDE**

Sunday 16th December
Cumloddan and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumloddan Church
10.00 am
Service will be taken by the
Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Tea after the service
Carols in Lochgair Church
in the evening at 6.30pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church
11.30am
Holy Sacrament of
communion
Service taken by the
Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

**SPRINGBANK
EVANGELICAL
CHURCH**



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 14th December
SKY Youth Group
Christmas Party at Carradale
Sunday 16th December
10.15am Communion service
11.00am Joint youth service
at the Community Church
Wednesday 19th December
Bible study
7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

**ARDRISHAIG AND
SOUTH KNAPDALE
PARISHES**
(The Church of Scotland)

16th December
Advent 3
The Voice (John 1)
Services in: Ardrishaig at 11.00am
and Achahoish at 12.30pm
Mid Week Pause
Wednesdays
12.45 - 1.15pm

**ST. KIERAN R.C.
ST JOHN ST,
CAMPBELTOWN**

01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
Vigil Mass
Saturday 6pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
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All Welcome (SCO02876)



Sunday 16th December
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - John Ives with
South Kintyre Youth
Refreshments after the service
Christmas Season
Visit our website or
Facebook page for
our Christmas Programme
We meet at the Kinloch Hall,
Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 16th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 19th December
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
The Water of Life Café
is closed until after winter
All Welcome
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www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 16th December
Advent 3
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of
the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**NORTH KNAPDALE
PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 16th December
11.30am Tayvallich Church
3rd Sunday in Advent
Saturday 15th December
10-30am - 12.30pm
Achnamara Hall
Cafe Connect
Wednesday 19th December
6.45pm Achnamara Hall
Carols, mince pies
and mulled wine
All welcome
www.northknappdale.org

*Highland Parish
Church*



SCO02493

Sunday 16th December 2018
Third Sunday in advent
Christmas Carols & Readings
The service will be conducted
by Rev Anne McIvor
and will be held in the
church at 11.15am
All welcome.

**LORNE AND
LOWLAND
PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number
SC011686
Sunday 16th December
11.15am Morning Worship
Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 18th December
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 20th December
Choir Practice



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown
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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
(Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
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**SKIPNESS LINKED
WITH TARBERT
LOCHFYNE AND
KILBERRY**

Church of Scotland
Sunday 16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent
Skipness service 10.00am
Rev Chris Fulcher
Tarbert service 11.30am
Mrs Margaret Sinclair
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Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
GLASSARY
KILMARTIN and
FORD PARISH
CHURCH**
Kilmartin

Sunday 16th December - 10am
3rd Sunday in Advent
Rev Robert MacLeod
All welcome
SC0 02121

Under-16 National Bowl final



Pictured left are the South Argyll Schools U16s: back row L-R: Aaron McAllister, Lochlan Ellis, Jamie Blair (captain), Fraser MacBrayne, Calum Park, Matthew Peden, Calum Cook, Jake Gillespie, Nicholas Weatherhogg, Lucas Gritten, Euan MacArthur, Kyle Colville; front row L-R: Elliot Lindsay, James Campbell, Robbie Herd, Gordon McLean, Sam McAlpine, Stuart McTaggart, Ally McLellan, Daniel Docherty, Ruari Condie, Donald Self.

Right: Oban High School U16s: back row L-R: Blair MacFarlane, Calum MacDonald, Naithan McCulloch, Ellis Hunter (captain), Angus Files, Oran Charlton, Harry Johnston, Fergus Ritchie, Ewan McFadyen, Ben Findlay, Aaron Dott, Hugo Hoevelmann; front row L-R: George Gilbert, Fergus MacIntyre, Rory Reade, Kenni Gray, Bailey Wild, Murray MacKay, William MacEwan, Cameron Johnston, Cameron McMullan.



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The Royal High School	49
U16 National Bowl Final	

Wednesday December 5 saw South Argyll Schools U16 rugby team travel through to Murrayfield for the Scottish Schools Bowl Final.

Against all odds, the team deservedly reached their first National Final after a path through the competition that has involved lots of ups and downs. The team have had to deal with overnight trips away, opposition calling off at the last minute and a tough trip to Marr College in the early rounds along the path of securing their place in the National Bowl Final against the Royal High School.

SAS' Robbie Herd taking the lineup throw in, with Lucas Gritten jumping to take it.

South Argyll held off the Royal High challenge in the opening exchanges of play as Jamie Blair did well to clear his side's lines after a period of pressure. Royal High did take the lead after five minutes aided by some slick handling work to touch down in the right corner 5-0. This lead was extended with a carbon copy of the first try giving a 10-0 lead after eight minutes.

This early setback refused to knock the confidence of the SA side, who gained some good territory with runs from Tarbert's Matthew Peden and some good defensive work from Campbeltown's Kyle Colville, Calum Cook and Lochgilphead's Ruaridh Condie.

South Argyll launched a few attacks at the line mid way in the half and were eventually rewarded with Kyle Colville diving over from a quickly taken penalty from captain Jamie Blair. After 20 minutes it was game on at 10-5 to Royal High.

Frustratingly, South Argyll lost control of the game at crucial stages before half-time conceding three tries as Royal High raced into a 25-5 interval lead.

Despite valiant efforts in defence, a tiring Argyll side lost a further two

scores before Colville secured his second try of the day, rounding off an impressive performance from the big second row. SAS used all their playing squad in an effort to get back into the game, but Royal High dominated possession and territory in the closing stages and eventually ran out as comfortable 49-10 winners.

Even with a heavy scoreline, the South Argyll coaches were left delighted with the team's efforts against a very well-drilled and experienced Royal High side.

Congratulations to Royal High U16s on their National Bowl win.

While this final took place early in the afternoon, that wasn't the end of Argyll's representation on the day. The U18s Cup Final, the showpiece game of the day, was fiercely contested by Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh, and St Aloysius College, Glasgow, on the international pitch later that night. Ardfern's Archie Spencer, a former Lochgilphead High pupil and Mid Argyll, Oban High and Oban Lorne player, who now attends Merchiston Castle School, played his part in his team's 40-7 victory. Everyone from both schools and clubs would like to congratulate Archie on his success.

Busy year for walking footballers

It has been a busy year so far for the Lochgilphead Rovers walking football squad.

As well as continuing to attend Lochgilphead sports centre on a Tuesday evening, the Kilmartin Hotel-sponsored team took part in two tournaments in June.

The first tournament was at Stenhousemuir Football Club. The squad, assembled by captain Anderson, were dealt a massive blow from the off when the captain announced he was fit to play.

The Rovers did themselves proud. In a group of six they won three, drew two and lost one, losing out on a semi-final berth only on goal difference. Top scorer was Mr Sneddon. He scored five times, including an audacious flicked goal which was later named after him – 'The Cleland'. In goal, Mr Litster, of Scottish Fire and Rescue, lived up to his word and did indeed rescue the team on more than one occasion.

The second tournament was held at Glasgow Green. In a top class field, the Rovers found themselves

drawn with Hearts, Ayr and Gala Fairydean. A win, a loss and a draw saw the team narrowly miss out on progression to the latter stages. The drawn game with Gala was especially hard to take as, with seconds remaining and the scores tied at 2-2, sharpshooter Sneddon attempted The Cleland once more, this time though the ball ended up near Rutherglen.

On a more positive note, Mr Kilcolm returned and was delighted to have been asked for proof of his age. Captain Anderson vowed to take the team back next year and do better. Mr MacDonald and Mr Renwick reckoned that would be better achieved if he was a non-playing captain. Mr West, meanwhile, returned home to check his birth certificate in the hope he was maybe too young to be playing with this motley crew.

If you want to participate in walking football, it's on every Tuesday evening at the Lochgilphead sports centre at 5.30pm. No skill required, just ask captain Anderson.



Lochgilphead Rovers have had a busy year.

Sports club lottery numbers

Drawn on Monday December 10, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 4, 9 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £900.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 7, 9 and 19. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £400.



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Easy to enter

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

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Busy year for walking
 footballers

Pony club's chilly challenge

Argyll South Pony Club's second Winter Points League event was held at Tarbert Arena on Sunday December 2.

Members and friends were treated to some outstanding jumping rounds. With ponies feeling fresh in the winter chill, they were keen to tackle the challenging course set by Liz MacNab.

Following morning tuition from Sheila MacCallum, the key element was finding a flowing line to each jump and the afternoon competitions showed everyone had been listening carefully. The smooth stylish rounds greatly impressed judges Gillian MacVicar and Alison Mackay and the Grand Prix ended with an exciting jump-off between Jojo Boase and Arlene Ross with victory going to the

young Ardfern rider. The next Argyll South Pony Club event will be after Christmas but check out Argyll South Pony Club's Facebook for updates.

Results: Stars of the Future – 1 Willow Ryan and Minstrel; 2 Zoe Prentice and Cowal; 3 Isla MacShannon and Frosty.

Newcomers: 1 Alan Boase and Morse; 2 Cara Cameron and Hugo; 3 Brodie Crawford and Toby; 4 Amy Anderson and Brynn.

Discovery: 1 Josephine Boase and Valerie; 2 Rebecca Baillie and Cruise; 3 Cerys Baird and Dancer; 4 Morgan Sinclair and Barney; 5=Katie MacKay and Eeva and Catriona Ryan and Doney. Grand Prix: 1 Josephine Boase and Valerie; 2 Arlene Ross and Cola; 3 equal Katie MacKay and Eeva and Cerys Baird and Dancer.



Argyll South Pony Club.

Red Star end the year with heavy defeat at Castlemilk

Red Star travelled to Barlia Football Centre on Saturday December 8 to face title favourites Castlemilk in the league.

They came back on the end of a heavy defeat which means the club has lost its last eight league games.

Star got off to a bad start, as has been a trait in recent weeks, and found themselves a goal down early on when a Castlemilk midfielder ghosted into the box and fired his shot past Jake Weir in goal after a cross from the right.

The home side added to their tally in the first half, scoring another two before the break and Star went in having conceded three first-half goals for the third match in succession.

Into the second half and the visitors looked to have a bit more attacking threat with some more composed passages of play, but it was always Castlemilk which looked more likely to score.

Castlemilk rounded off the afternoon with a couple of late goals which gave the scoreline a comprehensive 6-0 look and left Star on the end of a heavy defeat. This was Red Star's last game of 2018 and the team will look to re-group and go again in the new year as Luke Naisby and his side will be keen to avoid relegation back to premier two.

2019 Artemis Macaulay Cup draw

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

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

Les Kinvig drew the home sides with Davie Hamilton picking the away teams. Davie Thomson and Roddy MacKenzie were also in attendance.

The pick of the first round ties sees Inveraray host Kyles Athletic in a derby tie while

Kinlochshiel have home advantage against Lovat.

Kilmallie, who ran Newtonmore so close in last year's Camanachd Cup final, have another chance to beat the odds as Newtonmore visit Canal Parks.

Oban Camanachd will be confident of progressing at Col Glen, while Bute and Oban Celtic and Aberdour and Glasgow Mid Argyll resume rivalries.

Caberfeidh and Skye and Lochaber and Kingussie will all feel they can progress.

Artemis Macaulay Cup first round.

Saturday May 4:
 Inveraray v Kyles Athletic

Bute v Oban Celtic
 Aberdour v Glasgow Mid Argyll

Col Glen v Oban Camanachd
 Kinlochshiel v Lovat
 Kilmallie v Newtonmore
 Caberfeidh v Skye Camanachd
 Lochaber v Kingussie
 Artemis Macaulay Cup quarter-finals.

Saturday June 15 and Saturday June 29:

Bute/Oban Celtic v Aberdour/Glasgow Mid Argyll
 Col Glen /Oban Camanachd v Inveraray/Kyles Athletic
 Lochaber/Kingussie v Caberfeidh Skye Camanachd

Kinlochshiel/Lovat v Kilmallie/Newtonmore
 Artemis Macaulay Cup semi-finals.

Saturday July 20:
 Bute/Oban Celtic/
 Aberdour/Glasgow Mid Argyll

Col Glen Oban Camanachd/Inveraray/Kyles Athletic
 Lochaber/Kingussie/
 Caberfeidh/Skye Camanachd

Kinlochshiel/Lovat/
 Kilmallie/Newtonmore
 The Artemis Macaulay Cup final will take place at Mossfield, Oban, on Saturday August 17, 2019. Kinlochshiel

are the current holders having beaten Kyles Athletic 3-2 in last season's final.

Macaulay boost as Artemis sign up for three more years.

Artemis Fund Management has extended its support for The Macaulay Association for another three years.

The Artemis sponsorship allows the Macaulay Association to promote youth and women's shinty as well as the Macaulay Sixes and the Macaulay Cup events. The announcement stretches Artemis Fund Management's commitment to 12 years and is a tremendous boost for shinty.



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