

Merry Christmas

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season's greetings

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Fears as seafood firms face 'crippling' rise in charges

By Colin Cameron
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Christmas cheer is in short supply for seafood firms after Argyll and Bute Council hiked up the cost of paperwork by more than 500 per cent.

Producers have been left stunned by the unannounced increase in fees charged by the authority for a certificate needed before exporting Argyll seafood around the world. Until the spring, the council levied a fee of £17.50 per consignment for export. This changed with effect from 2018/19, and officials are now asking £91 per certificate.

The move, according to Argyll companies, has left them facing large bills that could endanger the viability of some firms. And vital jobs in vulnerable rural areas are also said to be at risk.

Tarbert-based Lochfyne Langoustines Ltd exports shellfish to Far East markets. Managing director Jamie McMillan said: 'We regularly send five consignments a

week to Asia amounting to three or four tonnes.

'With the uncertainty of Brexit along with other problems we face as an industry, the extra £30,000 a year would cripple us.

'The choice for us is either to pay up or stop exporting to the Far East, in which case I reckon it will be two to three months before the company folds.'

The company employs 25 people in shore-based jobs in Tarbert, along with another 12 at sea.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Our enforcement policy is to support business and, in doing so, to protect public health and safety. Our export certificate fee was the lowest in Scotland and did not recover the cost of delivering this service. Year-on-year cuts to our service mean that, like all councils, we must make changes to how we work so we meet our statutory duties.'

The spokesperson added the council had 'listened to businesses' and introduced an

£18 certificate for quantities less than 5kg. This, however, is dismissed as 'irrelevant' by commercial firms who believe any benefit is lost in haulage costs.

The Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) is pressing for a national, online, 24/7 access system for export of food/fish certificates.

CFA executive secretary Elaine Whyte added: 'We understand the local authority is keen to make a decent revenue from the service, but our concern is they may in fact stifle the local businesses which currently pay into the system.'

Another firm affected on a large scale by the price hike is Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd. Managing director Cameron Brown commented: 'We are currently engaged in discussions with Argyll and Bute Council regarding the sudden increase in export charges, which is a concern. We hope this issue can be resolved with a fairer system for rural businesses in these times of economic uncertainty.'



Remembering the homeless at Christmas

A fundraiser for charity Moving on Mid Argyll was well attended on Saturday December 15.

Above are Mo-Ma supporters Sandy Taylor, Elaine McKenzie, Maureen MacIntosh, Jean Michelle, Maureen Beaton, Gillian Voinot, Trisha Grey,

Cecilia Rees and Jess Grant with musicians Francis Roberts and Randolph Scott.

Turn to page two for more on Mo-Ma. Also featured in this week's edition is the Big Sleep Out, held in Lochgilphead to highlight homelessness.

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Badden Farm Nursery near Lochgilphead took part in Christmas jumper day on December 14 for Save the Children. Everyone was very enthusiastic and happy to support this fantastic charity, which fights against child poverty and for child rights, with colourful and eccentric patterns filling the nursery. Jennifer Campbell of Badden Farm Nursery said: 'Our sincere thanks to all for their support for our fundraising event.'

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

About 9pm on Sunday December 16, an 18-year-old woman was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. The woman was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vehicle damaged

A red Volkswagen Golf was damaged by having the passenger side door dented by another vehicle in the car park of the Grey Gull Hotel, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, between 3pm on Friday December 14 and 10am on Saturday December 15. Police are investigating.

■ If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact police on 101, or anonymously to Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Moving work of Mid Argyll's quiet charity

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Christmas is a time for family and celebration but for many people it is a time of year when problems can seem magnified and festive spirit in short supply.

Moving on Mid Argyll (Mo-Ma) is a charity set up to ease life a little for those who find themselves homeless or in other difficulties.

The organisation started life as a group of local churches working together to help the homeless. Today it works with local health and social work professionals, advice agencies and third sector organisations.

Mo-Ma gifts 'starter packs' to homeless individuals and families as they move into a house of their own, helping make their house a home in the first days and weeks in their new surroundings.

The charity's chairman,

Sandy Taylor, said: 'Last year we helped 26 homeless individuals and families. In the past eight years, we have helped more than 150 homeless individuals and families in this way.'

'Over the past four years, we have also gifted emergency food packs to those who have no food, or money to buy it. Last year we provided 72 food parcels, including a special Christmas pack for families in need. We have helped more than 200 households this way.'

In addition, Mo-Ma has made awards to help young people at school with expenses such as clothing.

Sandy continued: 'Mo-Ma welcomes the support of the Co-op and its foodbank bin, which has made a valuable contribution to what we can provide and reducing our costs. The support of local organisations which have made donations, whether food or

financial, to Mo-Ma is much appreciated.'

Working with referrals through organisations such as Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (ABCAB), Mo-Ma tends to do good work quietly, in the background.

Gillian McInnes, ABCAB manager, said: 'Mo-Ma provides a vital service to people who are often not in the happiest of circumstances. Their food parcels are specifically aimed at a family's individual circumstances, so the service is fantastic. People often approach ABCAB in financial difficulty or in chaotic situations. Through its work Mo-Ma helps to reduce stress and help people.'

Sandy added: 'It is heartening for us involved to see a growing awareness and desire from people across our community to contribute to our work, in support of those less well off than ourselves.'



Kaiden, Santa and Maisy.

Santa rides into Tarbert in style

Santa arrived in style in Tarbert as the local fire and rescue service brought the man in red to the fire station to meet children on Saturday December 15.

A well-kitted-out and sparkly fire engine gave Santa the rock star entrance he deserved as he rolled into Tarbert fire station to meet all the youngsters.

Despite the stormy weather, Santa was given a warm welcome and heard all the Christmas wishes from the children who were very excited to tell him what they wanted to find under their Christmas trees. All the children promised Santa they were on his 'good list' so hopefully there will be enough room on his sleigh as

he flies over Tarbert early on Christmas day.

The coverage of Tarbert festive lights included a reference to the lights being switched on by Seafood Queen Jacquelyn Clark. Jacquelyn, though, was crowned in 2017 and the 2018 Seafood Queen was, in fact, Chloe MacDonald. We apologise for a right royal error.



Santa with Scott.



Santa and Kai.



The fire engine is ready for Christmas.



Santa meets Kaiyah.

Lucky dozen share council event funds

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Councillors complained a little that particular events in their own wards had not been supported, but in the end they approved a plan to help fund 12 events and festivals for 2019/20.

The events chosen by Argyll and Bute Council will share £113,000 of funding aimed at increasing the appeal of Argyll and Bute as a 'world-class tourist destination'.

A total of 21 bids, totalling £221,060, were received towards the £113,000 fund - which offers small grants of up to £5,000 and large grants of more than £5,000.

Council officers prioritised applications that demonstrated 'the best return on public

investment, promotional value to Argyll and Bute and a good range of effects for the local economy'. Adding to the area's visitor and tourism offer was another vital component in the judging process.

As the plan was agreed at the council's Policy and Resources Committee meeting on December 13, Bute councillor Jim Findlay spoke for music festival ButeFest, which was unsuccessful in its bid, saying that it brought in £250,000 for the island.

He added: 'If we're going to grow events, we need to nurture them. Bute needs your help.'

Councillor Sandy Taylor welcomed the council's approach to funding, but voiced concern that Inveraray Highland

Games organisers may not have known they could apply.

Fergus Murray, the council's head of economic development, replied: 'We made every effort to make everyone aware.'

Under £5,000: West Highland Yachting Week, £3,600; Tarbert Scottish Series, £2,160; H&I Music and Dance Festival, £5,000; Isle of Jura Music Festival, £2,880; Helensburgh Winter Festival, £5,000; Bute Noir, £3,500.

Over £5,000: Mull of Kintyre Music and Arts Festival, £7,920; Cowal Highland Gathering, £49,107.60; Oban Games - Argyllshire Gathering, £3,600; Tires Music Festival, £12,500; Oban Live, £15,000; Argyll Rally (Dunoon Presents), £2,732.40.

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Persistent damp sees family with baby forced to move out

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After months of wrangling with a housing association, a family with a seven-month-old baby has moved out of a damp-ridden Lochgilphead home.

As reported in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* at the beginning of November, Gary Smith, his partner Lindsay Preston and baby son Theo moved into the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) house in April.

When the house was inspected by ACHA prior to the family moving in, previous

No improvement to Lochgilphead home after seven months of wrangling

damp in the plaster had dried up and no more repairs were deemed necessary for the building, but when they moved in the damp returned two days later, bringing bugs and a list of other problems.

To understand where the damp was coming from, ACHA created a cavity in the

gable of the building which, according to Gary, allowed mice into the house. The combination of problems forced the family to live in the bedroom of their house where the damp was less severe.

After seven months of negotiating, Gary and Lindsay have moved out of the house

into a privately let property close to Oban.

At the time ACHA chief executive Alastair McGregor said: 'The association will provide compensation through our redress policy to Mr Smith for his inconvenience. The association is committed to getting this matter concluded as soon as possible and for Mr Smith and his family to enjoy the facilities in their new home in the very near future.'

In a letter to Mr McGregor, Gary said: 'I am disgusted by the way me and my family have been treated. If this is what you call habitable condition I wouldn't like to see what ACHA classes as inhabitable.'

Since the *Argyllshire Advertiser* published the article, Gary maintains the holes in the side of the building have not been filled, the damp not dealt with, nor has black

mould in the bedroom. He said: 'When they got someone to look at it he just wanted to plaster over the problem. That won't solve the damp in the whole house. I guarantee when we leave they'll just plaster over it and give it to someone else.'

When asked about the family's situation and lack of movement on it, Mr McGregor said: 'Once the current tenancy has ended, we will be investigating further to ensure the issues are completely resolved. With respect to the boreholes, this is not work that is incomplete. We are currently carrying out investigations and that is why they are open.'

'ACHA was not aware of any problems with the property at the point of letting and we would never knowingly let a property which was not wind and watertight.'

Festive bin collection dates

Argyll and Bute Council has changed the times of its bin collections over the festive period and is encouraging everyone to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Paper, card, cans and plastic bottles/tubs/pots/trays can be placed in recycling bags or bins. Please remember to rinse out the cans and plastics. Many types of Christmas paper and cards can also be recycled.'

'Unfortunately anything covered in glitter or foil-based paper cannot be recycled. If you want to check if the paper is foil, scrunch the paper up. If it springs back, please put it in the rubbish bin.'

'Christmas trees can be taken to our household waste and recycling centres for recycling.'

Mid Argyll and Tarbert collections:

Green bin collections due on December 25 will be collected on Friday December 21.

Recycling collections due on December 25 in Ardrishaig will be collected on December 21.

Recycling collections due on December 25 in Tarbert and Kilberry will be collected on December 22.

Green bin collections due on December 26 will be collected on December 24.

Recycling collections due on December 26 will be collected on December 22.

Green bin collections due on January 1 will be collected on December 28.

Recycling collections due on January 1 in Ardrishaig will be collected on December 28.

Recycling collections due on January 1 on A83 Brenfield roadside to and including Tarbert and from Lochgilphead to Minard will be collected on December 29.

Green bin collections due on January 2 will be collected on December 31.

Recycling collections due on January 2 will be collected on December 29.

Lingerton recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2.



Gary and then six-month-old son Theo in November.

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Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday December 17, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 14, 16 and 17. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £1,000.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 14, 18 and 19. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £500. There will also be four guaranteed winners of £50 each.



Changes to the bin schedule this week. 06_a22Bins02

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Our office will close at 5pm on Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen at 9am on Monday 7 January 2019

Remedy for an overindulgent festive season?

Listen up all you Christmas revellers. I've found a scientific study reported in the British Medical Journal earlier this year that may interest you.

First, let me clarify one thing: no way am I condoning Christmas overindulgence, but as over a quarter of adults in the UK exceed the guidelines for alcohol consumption even without the enticements of Christmas, it is a fair bet that at least some of my readers or their family members will fall prey to alcohol excess over the festive season. If that's the case then, according to the results of this study, a short period of abstinence really can have a dramatic effect on your health.

In the study I refer to, all

141 participants were moderate-to-heavy drinkers, consuming on average around 30 units of alcohol per week – equivalent to three bottles of wine or about 14 pints of beer.

Ninety-four participants completely abstained from alcohol for a month (with no change to eating, smoking and exercising habits); the remaining 47 continued to imbibe as usual.

Researchers measured levels of blood markers for alcohol-induced diseases like liver cirrhosis, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and cancer before and after the month's study and compared them within and between the abstinence and control groups.

While disease markers in

the control group remained unchanged after the month's study, those for the abstinence group showed dramatic improvements.

There were highly significant reductions in levels of blood markers for diabetes, liver disease and cancer as well as a fall in weight and in blood pressure.

This study proves that for moderate to heavy drinkers even short-term abstinence from alcohol can dramatically improve blood levels indicative of risk for alcohol-related diseases.

So how about trying a dry January in 2019?

Whether or nay, have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Science matters DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



A dry January might be just the thing after the excesses of Christmas and New Year.

Former MP talks of modern Suffragettes in Lochgilphead

In a stirring talk in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall arranged by the Dalriada SNP, former MP Anne McLaughlin spoke of the history and plight of the Suffragette movement, whether it was effective, and what every person could do to aid women's rights today.

She explained how far the Suffragettes were spread, naming a few from Argyll such as the Women's Freedom League of Clydeside who congregated on Bute on a regular basis and Eunice Murray who was the first woman to stand for election in Scotland and was arrested for speaking outside Downing Street.

Horrendous

Ms McLaughlin said: 'What happened to them was horrendous. Some of the stuff that happened to these women was absolutely horrific. But they carried on fighting for their rights and for the rights of women today.'

While explaining what people can do today to aid equal rights, Ms McLaughlin spoke about marching with women through Edinburgh in a march she co-organised.

In her speech, she said: 'The

idea was that you wore one of the three Suffragette colours, so green was on the left, white in the middle and violet on the right and the idea was that the BBC were doing aerial shots and when you look down you could see the pattern of the Suffragette's flag winding its way down the streets of Edinburgh.'

The discussion went on long after the doors were closed,

with a lot of ideas discussion, and support thrown into the mix.

In a tweet, she said: 'Great discussion with Dalriada SNP in Lochgilphead last night. Talking about Suffragette movement and my view that every single one of us can and must take action to continue their legacy until we have gender equality in reality, not just in law.'



Former SNP MP Anne McLaughlin gave a speech on Suffragettes. 51_a51Suffragette01

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Words versus actions

Argyll and Bute Council's stated aim is to grow the population by creating economic opportunities.

So why introduce statutory fees that are so steep they jeopardise the viability of local businesses? And this at a time when they have the Brexit uncertainty to deal with? Seafood firms say there was no prior discussion, despite the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum promise to fully engage with food industry leaders.

But what of councillors who rubber-stamped the 500 per cent fee rise? If they were aware of the increase and believed it to be sustainable, they are clearly out of touch with commercial reality. Either that or they missed it.

Warm hearts, cold night

Well done to everyone who took part in the Big Sleep Out last weekend. It gave a taste of what homeless people endure. The demise of Grub's Up, which organised the event, is a tragedy. This newspaper has supported the group since the beginning. Its demise says much about the value placed on it by public agencies.

Let the festive fun begin

Everyone at the Argyllshire Advertiser wishes all our readers and advertisers a happy Christmas.

Lochgilphead's facelift

Sir,
Not one, but two schemes to refurbish Lochgilphead.

One million pounds to be spent on a facelift for our heritage buildings, and one and a half on the front green.

Not a moment too soon.

The front green plan has not yet, to my knowledge, been published. I hope that when it is revealed the primary objective is to put an end to the regular flooding of the green and the adjacent road, and the subsequent expensive ritual of raking up the seaweed and carting it off to the rubbish tip.

The sight of sandbags stacked in readiness by the doorways of newly renovated buildings would rather undermine the good effects of the cosmetic work.

The problem is that the level of the front green is simply too low, lying just at the level of high spring tides. So whenever we have a strong onshore wind and low atmospheric pressure coinciding with such a tide, flooding is inevitable.

Raising the level of the green by about two feet would prevent this, not an impossible task either financially or technically. The costs could be kept to a minimum by first stripping the turf and setting it aside for reuse when the backfilling phase is completed.

The existing concrete seawall is functional up to a point, but it also is too low, quite ugly, and prevents access to the shore when the tide is out. An obvious solution would be to extend

it with a natural stone parapet and ramps allowing pedestrian access to the beach at low tide.

I first made this proposal about 25 years ago when I worked for the council and one of my duties was to clean up the mess on the front green after storms.

My suggestion was ignored, and I can't even guess how much money has been wasted as a result. Let's hope common sense now prevails at last.

S White,
Minard.

Data disruption

Sir,
I was happy to meet with officials from Ofcom in Kilmory recently to discuss the need to expand 3, 4 and 5G coverage as well as dramatically expanding super fast broadband throughout the Kintyre and Islands ward and wider Argyll.

Many statistics on rural broadband coverage are misleading as they use raw numbers of households that have access to better mobile coverage and faster broadband rather than landmass.

This means that the providers can give a decent (but not perfect) service to a few of Argyll's largest towns and claim that the majority of households in Argyll and Bute are covered.

As so many of my constituents know all too well islands, villages, farms, crofts and individual households outside of these larger

towns slip through the net and sadly continue to go without.

There is no true market solution to all of rural Argyll's broadband and mobile phone coverage challenges, that's why we will need to see large scale investment from the increasing central belt-obsessed Scottish Government to correct this imbalance.

I will continue to relentlessly lobby for better mobile and broadband coverage for my council ward and the rest of rural Argyll.

Councillor
Alastair Redman.

Shopping mania

Sir,
I would like to wish your readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. For many this is always an exciting time, but we know it can be frantic trying to get everything ready for the big day.

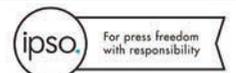
I want to gently remind your readers to remember that shopworkers are people as well. They will be working really hard to make your shopping experience as stress-free and enjoyable as possible.

A recent Usdaw survey shows that every minute of every day another shopworker is verbally abused, threatened with violence or physically attacked.

Shopworkers tell us that incidents are more frequent throughout the Christmas and new year period when shops are busier, customers can be stressed and are more likely to take out their frustration on staff.

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It's a simple message, but remembering that shopworkers are working extra hard at this time and treating them with respect will mean that everyone can have a happier Christmas.

Paddy Lillis,
Union of Shop, Distributive
and Allied Workers (Udaw).

Macmillan funds raised

Sir,
Macmillan Cancer Support Lochgilphead and District Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who donated generously to our recent raffle.

Sara May won first prize of £100 and Shona Brechin won second prize of £50. The fantastic sum of £1,475 was raised.

Many thanks to Lochgilphead Co-op for allowing us to use their foyer.

Kathleen Young,
Lochgilphead.

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During your average stop for a loaf and some milk in Lochgilphead's Co-op, the Argyllshire Advertiser's Laura Maxwell spotted a robin in the bakery aisle, apparently unimpressed with the rolls. How it got there, is a mystery.

Laura said: 'In my family, a robin nearby means

someone gone is looking out for you. I don't know what trouble I'd find in the Co-op, but it felt like a nice Christmas gift.'

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Clarification on reasons for closure of Grub's Up

Mid Argyll recovery cafe Grub's Up has asked the *Argyllshire Advertiser* to make clear the reasons for it having to close.

The group felt that last week's headline 'Boredom blamed as group says time's up' was misleading and they had concerns over a quote within the article which may have given the impression that volunteers were bored of serving elderly diners.

The group's founder, Gill Hutton explained the closure has nothing to do with any diners and more to do with the fact that to keep recovering addicts engaged there has to be a variety of productive tasks to help them break the cycle of addiction.

We are happy to clarify this point and apologise for any confusion.

Grub's Up had been searching for a place of its own to allow a broader range of services to be offered, but no premises could be secured.

Gill Hutton expanded on

the reasons for Grub's Up taking the 'heartbreaking' decision to close.

She said: 'It has become clear that there are absolutely no provisions or help for people actually in recovery.'

'Services and money only cater for people who are still living through the horrors and despair of addiction and/or mental health issues - well, you get to see a practitioner once a fortnight.

'The whole mental health/addiction care model needs to be changed as it is not working and people's lack of understanding on these matters is dangerous and putting people's lives at risk.

'There are no peer support groups, no survivor groups, no group activities, no holistic understanding.

'We had hundreds of fantastic ideas, but those with the power feel they know better than those who have lived in the real world and not read what works out of a book.'



Jessica takes a look at the beds for the night.

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Sleeping

by Laura Maxwell
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In a howling wind and spattering rain, a group of brave souls slept outside in a Lochgilphead alley to raise awareness of homelessness.

Taking inspiration from the Edinburgh Wee Sleep Out and Glasgow Sleep in the Park, Gill Hutton of recovery cafe Grub's Up organised her own 'Big Sleep Out', to highlight the rise in homelessness.

Armed with various sleeping bags, burners, scarves and hats and cardboard boxes, 11 determined people braved Storm Deirdre to sleep on the street.

Gill said: 'We all supported each other and managed to survive through to the morning.'

'There was no storm. A wee bit of rain about 5am but nothing like it was saying to expect from the news.'

'We were extremely lucky actually, apart from Kirsty, who was chattering all night and all three of her sleeping

bags were absolutely soaking.'

Everyone managed to get through the night - with a little help from The Argyll Cafe, which donated pizzas and chips - and the incentive of

'We were not subjected to threats of violence, so we'll never truly know the absolute horror that many people face but it afforded us the opportunity to collect much-needed items'

breakfast donated by Grub's Up and food throughout the night donated by Fyne Homes and even entertainment from Kevin Williams and Zarley McAlpine playing music.

It is important to point out, even in a storm, the group had a lot of amenities that many don't.

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The homeless also have to deal with different attitudes. While enjoying donated pizzas, people traded stories of abuse towards the homeless and the injustice of it.

Gill added: 'We were not subjected to threats of violence, so we'll never truly know the absolute horror that many people face but it afforded us the opportunity to collect much-needed items and our hope is people are more empathetic towards the homeless in the future.'

Kate Macaulay has been collecting rucksacks filled with clothes and toiletries to be delivered to Glasgow's homeless, with almost 15 rucksacks rounded up at the time of writing.

If anyone would like to find out more about the issue of homelessness, visit scotland.shelter.org.uk



Ailsa McCrae, Ruth Carruthers, Kate Macaulay, Debra Nelson, Heather MacIntyre, Councillor Sandy Taylor, Kirsty McKenna, Jessica McCrae, Gill Hutton and community council convener Andy Buntin slept in a car park to raise awareness of rural homelessness 51_a51BigSleepOot03. Inset, Zarley McAlpine and Kevin Williams 51_a51BigSleepOot05

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Tragedy and community

The year began with sadness and shock at the tragic sinking of Tarbert fishing boat Nancy Glen TT100 on the evening of Thursday January 18.

Skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk were missing, while crewman John Miller was rescued before



Candles were lit on Tarbert harbour as the search continued to light the way home for Duncan and Przemek.

the Nancy Glen went down. Painstaking searches of land and sea followed, but no signs were found of the missing men. After a sustained campaign driven by the people of Tarbert and the Clyde Fishermen's Association, government help was secured and the boat was raised from one of the deepest parts of Loch Fyne.

Duncan and Przemek were finally brought home to their families and laid to rest in April.

In its darkest hour, the tight-knit community of Tarbert rallied round and shone like never before.

Our thoughts remain with the families of Duncan, Przemek and everyone affected by this tragedy.

FEBRUARY

Pothole plague

Transport Scotland admitted to struggling to keep up with pothole repairs on the A83, amid record garage callouts for burst tyres in January and February.

In February, heavily pregnant Kirsty McDougall from Tarbert was forced to walk

along the road in the dark after her car hit a pothole on the A83 heading for Lochgilphead, bursting a tyre and cracking an alloy wheel.

Management firm BEAR Scotland said at the time: 'Permanent repairs are planned for Ardrishaig, Erines, Inverneil and Lochgilphead in the coming months as part of our ongoing £650,000 urgent programme on the A83.'

The repairs have since been made.



Tyre and suspension-busting holes multiplied on the roads last winter.



Exams took a back seat after Lochgilphead Joint Campus was evacuated. 08_a06schoolfire01

Fire drama at Lochgilphead school

Lochgilphead school pupils returned to classes two days after a fire in the school – in the middle of prelim exams.

It was later confirmed the blaze started as a result of an electrical fault in a boiler. A Scottish Fire and Rescue

Service spokesperson said: 'There were no casualties. Crews remained at the scene until the area was made safe.'

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Coisir Og Dhail Riata won a clutch of trophies at Mid Argyll Music Festival. 08_a13MAMF_Sat03

Music festival hits all the right notes

Mid Argyll Music Festival was all about musical competition and fun for all ages.

Festival adjudicators Luis Allan, Joy Dunlop, David Hoult and Sheila Kent had many tough decisions

MARCH

throughout the week with consistently high performances across all sessions.

Festival administrator Sheila McCallum said: "The

festival received lavish praise from the adjudicators on how well it was organised and I would like to say a huge thank you to the committee, led by Martin Gorringe, for all their hard work."

Pool gears up to make a splash after cash boost

Mid Argyll Community Enterprises was awarded £315,788 from the Scottish Land Fund to kickstart its plans to redevelop its swimming pool.

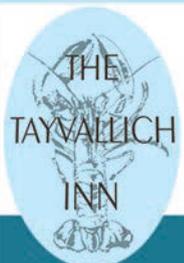
The money will be used to buy the land Mid Argyll Community Pool is built on and

two adjoining buildings as part of a major redevelopment.

Plans include upgrading the swimming and changing areas, a new public gallery, a community cafe and a soft play area for youngsters.



Staff and board members celebrate the funding award. 08_a13MACPool_landfungrant



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The heat is on for David on his way to completing the London Marathon.

David's charity marathon

Stem cell donor David MacInnes battled through the heat to complete the London Marathon in four hours 46 minutes.

David was running in aid of Anthony Nolan, a blood cancer charity which organises stem cell donations for patients.

David thanked everyone

who donated, as well as his wife Hazel 'who has stood by me throughout all of this'.

Later in the year David was given the Donor Champion of the Year award at the Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards, recognising his work raising awareness of the urgent need for more stem cell donors.



Contractors begin work on the project. 06_a16ArdrishaigEggShed01

Ardrishaig community hub takes shape

Work started on a £1.5 million project to create a heritage and community centre at the former Gleaner Oils site in Ardrishaig.

The Scottish Canals-led project would see the transformation and extension of the derelict building known

APRIL

locally as the 'Egg Shed' into an interpretation centre telling the story of the canal and the communities on its banks.

MAY



Ferran the Oysterman with one of Loch Fyne's finest exports during the Fyne at Forty celebration. 06_a20FyneatForty13

Life begins at forty

Loch Fyne Oysters celebrated its 40th birthday with a sun-drenched party at the head of Loch Fyne.

Four decades after land-owner Johnny Noble and marine biologist Andy Lane began farming oysters near Cairndow at the head of Loch Fyne, the company now sells 2.5 million oysters, 400 tonnes of mussels and nearly 1,000 tonnes of smoked salmon a year.

The 'Fyne at 40' celebration featured fireworks, music, seafood and an intimate show by Scottish band Hue and Cry.

Off to the palace

Well-known Mid Argyll woman Betty Rhodick was heading to the Royal wedding.

Accompanying 66-year-old Betty to Windsor Castle for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on May 19 was her granddaughter Kelly.

Betty and Kelly were nominated as wedding guests by the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Patrick Stewart for Betty's contribution to the community, in particular Armed Forces Day.

Betty said she was looking forward to seeing the wedding up close and was looking out a hat - despite the fact



Above: An excited Betty and Kelly with their invitations. 06_a19RoyalWedding_Betty04

there is no obligation to wear one. Betty's view was: 'You can't turn up in jeans and a tee-shirt.'

On a more serious note, she added: 'I'll be representing all the veterans and Lochgilphead when I go down there.'

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Youth shinty under threat

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Under the rule, Kilmory and Dunadd Junior Camanachd would be barred from national competition as it breached the upper limit of 150 pupils.

But from Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and Glassary schools, with a combined roll of 350, there were just 37 players to choose from across all age groups.

A Camanachd Association spokesperson said: 'Our schools competition rules are designed to ensure a level playing field for all participating schools and players and as a result will significantly benefit all those taking part.'



Left: The rules could finish off shinty in Mid Argyll, say parents and coaches.

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Movie star Kathie Lee Gifford being filmed in Lochgilphead's Argyll Street. 08_a24filmcrew12

Hollywood producer falls for Argyll

The producer of a Hollywood movie being shot in Argyll said he had fallen in love with the area.

The film 'Love You To Death', starring Craig Ferguson and Kathie Lee Gifford, was being filmed at

locations across Argyll, with Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Cairndow among the areas featuring.

Producer Matthew Weiner said: 'Our experience of filming in Argyll and Scotland as a whole has been

phenomenal. Filming in Lochgilphead has been one of our highlights.

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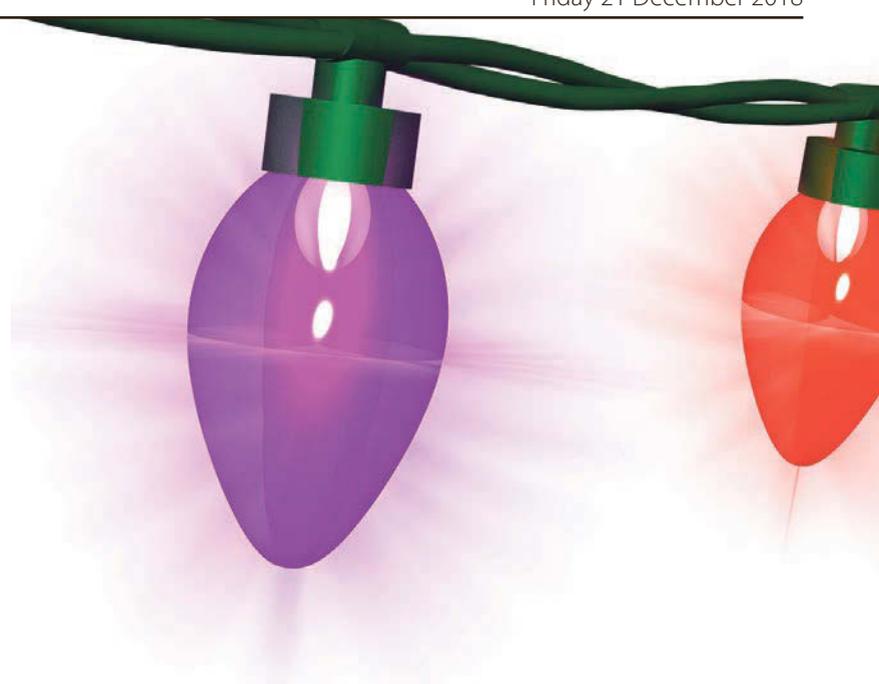
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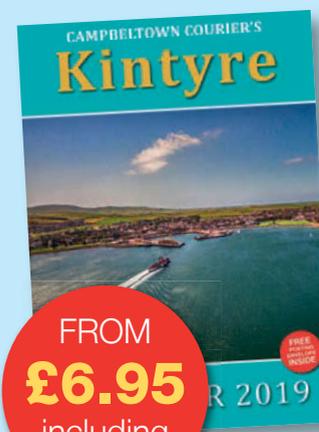
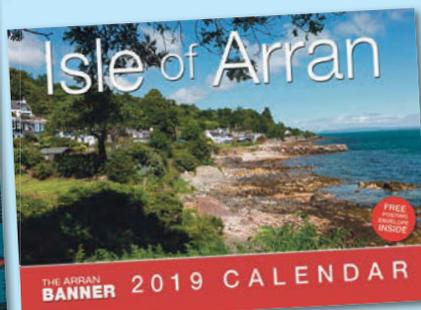
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Your personal Christmas messages to friends and family, near and far

Lucy Cunningham, Catriona & David Vick & family

54 Kirk Street, Campbeltown

wish all relations, friends & neighbours, far & near, a Merry Christmas & a Happy, Prosperous, Peaceful & Blessed New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives & friends from Nancy MacPherson, 30 Lorne Campbell Court.

DONALD, RHONA, JENNIFER & BETHANY KELLY

wish all their friends, family & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to friends & family from Emily & Dick, The Roding.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Ian & Margaret Robertson.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

I will not be sending Christmas cards this year due to failing eye sight.

Best wishes, Sandra Johnston, Lochgilphead.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Cathie & John Martin, 86 Crosshill Avenue.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Florence & David McEwan.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Betty Dawson, Southend.

Alex & John Johnston, Stanley Place

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from John MacMillan MBE, Southend.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my family, friends & neighbours, best wishes from Muriel Deans, Castleacres, Campbeltown.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Matty McCallum.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Catherine Wareham.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our family, friends & neighbours from Eddie & Beryl, Peninver.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my friends & care staff from Mary Scally, Kintyre Care Home.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my friends in Kintyre. Miss you still. Trish Pearson.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my friends, neighbours & family from Isabel McConachie, Garavoirne.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Isabel Conley, 7 Meadowpark.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Donald Sinclair, 16 Glenfield, Tarbert.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Dugie McArthur.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Isabel Cox, Smith Drive.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Faye Hart.



**BARRY & MARI
ALLIBONE**

would like to wish all family, friends & work colleagues a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Here's to 2019.

**DOUGLAS & IAIN MCKERRAL,
MEADOWS AVENUE**

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas.

**ARCHIE & MARY
DRUMORE VILLA**

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

**TOMMY & PHYLLIS,
LOCHGILPHEAD**

would like to wish all friends & neighbours a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Flora Brodie, Meadows Avenue.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives friends & neighbours from Donald Milloy

**JAMES MCKERRAL
(THE BANTY)**

wishes all friends & family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Formerly 14 Meadowpark, now 25 Lorne Campbell Court.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to family, friends & neighbours from Ken Smith, Peninver.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my family, friends & carers from Annie Grumoli, Campbeltown.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all relatives, friends & neighbours from Katie McNaughton & Danny.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Neil & Mary, 7 Harbour View

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from John Harvey, 39 Lady Mary Row.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my friends & family from Peggy Wareham, 5 Castlehill Court.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Martha Robertson.

Season's Greetings

to all my friends & family, especially the Ardrishaig Wednesday Coffee Group, with best wishes from Jean Berrie.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my friends & neighbours from Nancy Shaw.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all family, friends & neighbours from Cathie Armour, Glebe Street.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Billy & Fiona, Castleacres.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes for Christmas & all the best for 2019.
Hugh & Kate McNair.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our relatives, friends, neighbours & colleagues from Alisdair, Lorraine, Rachael & Campbell.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing all friends, relatives & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Hamish McMillan, 28A Calton Avenue.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Mrs Barbara Lang.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Roy, Davie & Donnie Mitchell, 10 Muasdale Cottages.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my family & friends.
God's blessings,
Agnes McAlister,
Graeholme.

**ARCHIE & MARN
DOCHERTY,
STEWARTON**

wish all their families, friends, neighbours & work colleagues a very Merry Christmas.

NANCY BLACK

would like to wish family & friends a Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year. 32 Lorne Campbell Court.

HUGH COLVILLE

would like to wish all his relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

**GAVIN MUIR,
85 TOMAIG ROAD**

wishes all his friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

**NEIL KENNEDY,
ARGYLL STREET**

would like to wish all his relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

**ELIZABETH SEMPLE,
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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 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)

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Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Christ Church, Bishopton Road
Midnight Mass
11.30pm

Christmas Day

St Columba's, Pottaloch
(SC031391)
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

All welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

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Christmas starts with Christ

Celebrate with us this year

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 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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KINTYRE

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 23rd December

Nativity Presentation at 11.00am
Carols and Readings for all the fam-

ily at 7.00pm

and mince pies

Sunday 30th December

Family Service at

11.00am with Ken Watson

All services are held at

Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road

All are welcome!

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LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

SCO 11686

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

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 SADDELL & CARRADALE LINKED WITH SOUTHEND

Christmas Services 2018

AT CARRADALE

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 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)

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 10.00am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve Service at 7.00pm

(followed by Christmas refreshments)

led by Mrs Elizabeth Ball

KILLEAN & KILCHENZIE PARISH CHURCH (A'CHLEIT)

Friday 21st December

Rhunahaorine End of Term Service

in the school at 11.00am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Friday 21st December

Glenbarr End of Term Service

in the school at 2.00pm

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 11.30am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Candlelit Service

at 11.30pm

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Farmers invited to attend 'Meat the Market' events



George Allan and Adrian Crowe from Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Ltd.

Sheep and beef farmers around Scotland are invited to attend two free meetings to help them boost their business by improving their livestock selection and presentation for slaughter.

They are part of a series of 'Meat the Market' events organised by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) being held around Scotland this winter to highlight the key factors that need to be considered to ensure their livestock meet target carcass specifications required by processors.

One of the forthcoming meetings will focus on cattle selection and will be held at Highland Meats in Dreggorn, Ayrshire, on Wednesday January 9, whilst Scotbeef in Bridge of Allan will host a lamb focused meeting on Thursday January 10.

Both events will explain market specifications and how carcass spec may differ based on customer requirements. Carcass weights, grading and presentation will also be covered to help farmers maximise their returns and minimise the risk of condemnations and carcass downgrades.

Those who attend will also have the chance to visit the processing plants to assess stock before and after slaughter to see exactly how the grading process works.

Key speakers at both events will be George Allan and Adrian Crowe from Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Ltd, a subsidiary of Hallmark Meat Hygiene Ltd, the only independent provider of abattoir authentication and classification services

to the British processing industry.

Mr Allan said: 'Both workshops should prove valuable for sheep and cattle farmers and help them improve how they select their prime livestock for market in the future to give them the best financial return.'

His colleague Adrian Crowe added: 'The workshops will also give the producers an opportunity to learn more about the whole supply chain, the differences between different types of cattle and sheep and the hygiene requirements at farm and abattoir.'

Dr Heather McCalman, Knowledge Transfer Specialist at QMS, who is organising the meetings, said: 'Although focussing on cost of production is fundamental to improving profitability on

farm, there are opportunities to maximise returns through careful selection and presentation of stock. Presenting clean animals in the target specification in terms of weight, conformation and fat for a particular market can boost returns to farmers. There is also a chance to make use of valuable feedback from abattoirs both from carcass weight and spec as well as any health issues that may cause downgrades or condemnations. These workshops are a great chance to see the whole process and understand the buyers' needs and the ultimate customer requirements.'

To book a place at either event or for further information, contact Heather McCalman on 07766 330 911 or email info@qmscotland.co.uk

Caledonian Marts sale report

Caledonian Marts Ltd, on Tuesday December 11 sold 2,679 prime lambs, ewes and tups at its Christmas show and sale of prime lambs at Stirling.

The show was kindly sponsored by AA Oils, Stirling, and the judge was Jamie Scott from John Scott Meat Ltd, Sandyford Road, Paisley.

The following were his awards:

First prize Beltex and champion: DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill for a pen of 43.6kg lambs at £132 purchased by judge Jamie Scott.

Second prize Beltex and reserve champion: J B Guthrie, Cuilburn for a pen of 43kg lambs at £120 purchased by Richard Johnston, Quality Butchers, Falkirk.

Other prizewinners:

First prize Texel: DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, 47kg @ £92.

Second prize Texel: R A Campbell, Meikle Seggie, 41kg @ £90.

Third prize Texel: Braco Castle, 42kg @ £85 Third prize

Christmas show and sale of prime lambs

Beltex: R Kennedy, Borlick, 41kg @ £98.

First prize Blackface: Remony Estate, 42kg @ £78.50.

Second prize Blackface: D Higginson, Braeleny, 41kg, @ £70.

Third prize Blackface: Auchenbothie Farmers, 43kg @ £74.

First prize mule: Auchenbothie Farmers, 46kg @ £75.

Overall sale average for 2,252 sold was 179.4ppkg (-0.5p on the week) which included a large show of light lambs on offer (445 averaging 163ppkg).

Again, 39-43kg averaged 193ppkg and heavy weights were a slightly dearer trade to last week.

Lambs prices per head: Beltex £110 Cuilburn;

Beltex X £100 Strageath; Cont £99 and £98 Doune

Farms;

Cont X £95 Pitcairn;

Texel £96 Nether Myres;

Texel X £95 Meikle Seggie;

Suffolk £88 Pitcairn;

Mule £75.50 Ditch;

BF £75 Bailanstruth;

Zwartble £70 Blairhall.

Lambs prices per kg:

Beltex 224p Cuilburn;

Beltex X 219p Strageath;

Cont X 211p Pitcairn;

Cont 210p Meikle Seggie;

Texel 209p Newton of

Fotheringham;

Texel X 208p Braco Castle;

Suffolk 196p Braeside;

Suffolk X 195p Dyke

(Harbinson);

Zwartble 179p Turdees;

Mule 171p West Lundie;

BF 171p Remony.

Also forward were 467 cast ewes and tups.

Heavy ewes averaged £70.56 selling to £94 for a Beltex



Judge Jamie Scott presents the champion's prize to Jimmy Taylor of Ds and RC Taylor.

from J B Guthrie, Cuilburn, Muthill.

Export ewes levelled out with an average of £46.24.

Tups sold to £100 for a Texel from R Cook, Kinneil Mill,

Linlithgow. Many more ewes could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

Other leading prices:

Texel - £82 Easterton, £79 and £78 Braco Castle;

Blackface - £43 Glenquey, £41 Easterton, £38 Woodend; Suff - £80 Thornfield; Beltex - £88 Cuilburn; Mule - £67 Linkshead, £64 Easterton, £63 Dullomuir; Cross - £80 Turdees, £72 Mains of Strageath, £70 Bankhead and Kinneil Mill.

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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

Festive facts for cosy Christmas nights in

Impress your family with your knowledge or get the scoreboard out for some quiz questions and blow everyone away with these little-known Christmas facts.

The Philippines host a giant lantern festival



The Philippines' giant lantern festival.

each year on the Saturday before Christmas Eve in San Fernando, which is considered 'the Christmas capital' of the country. Eleven villages compete to build the most elaborate lantern, illuminated with electric bulbs that fill the sky with kaleidoscopic colours and patterns.

For those of us who haven't seen the movie, Krampus is a horrifying Austrian creature that accompanies Santa to deal with children who have been naughty by whisking them away in his sack. If elf on the shelf isn't doing the trick, there's always this goat-horned, jagged-toothed beast that wouldn't be too far from the imagery of Lucifer.

The Christmas tree was initially supposed to comfort

cold people with the idea of spring to come. Evergreen trees were adopted as a sign of everlasting life with God.

An old Christmas drink is the 'Wassail', meaning 'good health' to Anglo-Saxons, made up of mulled ale, curdled cream, roasted apples, eggs, cloves, ginger, nutmeg and sugar.

Germany gave us the candy cane, although they started as straight, sugary and white, with the story being they were given to children in church to keep them quiet.

Santa Claus is, of course, based on Saint Nicholas, a fourth century bishop in what is now Turkey. With his parents having died and left him a lot of money, his generosity to less fortunate by giving secret gifts have

become the legend we know today.

Venezuelan citizens go to church on Christmas Eve - on roller skates. Roads are shut so people can skate to church in safety, such is the popularity of this tradition.

Pantomime hasn't changed much since the ancient Romans' Saturnalia winter feast. Men dressed up as women and vice versa, with clowns, jesters and 'baddies' and the audience participation of yelling at the stage.

Hanging stockings out comes from the Dutch custom of leaving shoes packed with food for St Nicholas's donkeys. He would leave small gifts in return.

It's technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas

Day in England. In the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. The law has never been rescinded.



Sweden's Yule goat.

In a case of one tradition leading into another, a 13-metre-tall yule goat has been built in Sweden's Gavle's Castle Square since 1966, but people try to burn it down, succeeding 29 times since its conception.

The world's longest

Christmas cracker measured 63.1 metres long and four metres wide and was made by the parents of children at Ley Hill School and Pre-School, Chesham, Buckinghamshire on December 20, 2001.

Holly's prickly leaves represent the crown of thorns Jesus wore when he was crucified, with the bright red berries drops of blood.

Decorative nutcrackers, shaped like soldiers, are a German tradition and are a symbol of good luck, frightening away evil spirits and protectors of the house they are home to.

Mistletoe's symbolism for love and friendship comes from the Norse gods, where the practice of smooching under the plant comes from.

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Maureen Sloan-Griffiths of The Archway Gallery. 51_a51LateNightShopping08



Jilly Wilson and Caitlin MacDonald of the Square Peg. 51_a51LateNightShopping03



The Square Peg's Ishbel Henderson and Lauren Callander. 51_a51LateNightShopping02

Never too late for Christmas cheer



Craig Aitken and Fiona McLeod of Danny's Ironmongers and Garden Centre. 51_a51LateNightShopping05

Lochgilphead shop owners opened late on Thursday December 13.

Argyll Street stores including RS StoveCraft, Argyll Book Store, The Archway Gallery, The Sweetie Jar, Danny's Ironmongers and more lit up with Christmas lights to offer their products and festive cheer. Unique gifts

can be found at the Love Dove Studio, The Archway Gallery and the Square Peg, decorations at Danny's and nibbles at Marmalade Deli and The Sweetie Jar.

It was encouraging to see local businesses appreciated, showing a community supporting itself and each other, as customers came in to see

if that special something for that special someone was right under their nose.

There was another chance yesterday (Thursday December 20) for people to have a last-minute browse to pick up something extra.

It was hoped that many folk would get out, never mind the weather, and support

local shops and reward their initiative with some sales.

As advertised in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, the businesses that took part in the late night shopping event were to include The Argyll Book Centre, The Sweetie Jar, Danny's Ironmongers and Garden Centre, The Archway Gallery and RS Stovecraft.

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Jenn Maime and Rebecca McCurry of the Marmalade Deli. 51_a51LateNightShopping06



Denise Brolly, Hannah Tinney and Jenny Brolly of The Sweetie Jar. 51_a51LateNightShopping07



Sue MacPhee and Ritchie Pannell of RS Stovecraft.
51_a47RSStovecraft01



Fyne Tackle's Archie MacGilp took part in the late-night shopping event. 51_a51LateNightShopping04



George Stewart of The Love Dove Studio. 51_a51LateNightShopping01

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Students and staff enjoyed meeting Santa.

Campus enjoys cheery Christmas jumper day

Lochgilhead Joint Campus welcomed an extra special guest to its Christmas jumper day.

Santa greeted youngsters in a beautiful grotto, asking if they'd been naughty or nice this year, with a few elves taking a

break from making toys and even Rudolph and Frosty saying hello.

Students, staff and parents got into the spirit by wearing their Christmas jumpers, making the school corridors and classrooms bright and colourful.

Coffee morning and Loony Dook dunk for babies in intensive care

A coffee morning was held on Thursday December 13 to raise funds ahead of Joan Williamson's brave Loony Dook dunk.

As well as tea, coffee and nibbles, a table full of baskets was set up to raise funds.

Ardrihaig woman Joan held the coffee morning in Lochgilhead Parish Church

to raise money and encourage donations to the Simpsons Special Care Babies unit in Edinburgh, ahead of her dive into the icy waters off South Queensferry.

The Simpsons Special Care Babies unit looked after Joan and her twin daughters Angel and Star when they were born prematurely. The girls are

now lively five-year-olds in Ardrihaig Primary School.

Joan and her 14-year-old son Jimmy have signed up for the Loony Dook to raise funds for the charity. Joan has also set up a Facebook page entitled FundRaising for Simpsons Special Care Babies SSCB with a link to her MyDonate web page.



Bex Martin, Catherine Townsley, Joan Williamson, Jimmy Williamson, Elizabeth Angus and Norma Smith contributed to the coffee morning to raise funds. 51_a51simplsonsCM01



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Bill and Helen Gray enjoyed their meal. 51_a51SeniorCitizensLunch06



Alexander 'Sanders' Stewart was very proud of his funky jumper. 51_a51SeniorCitizensLunch07

Ardrishaig Social Club senior citizens' Christmas lunch

Ardrishaig Social Club's senior citizens enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Friday December 14.

A lavish traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings was served in the Grey Gull Hotel to more than 50

hungry people laughing at the bad jokes in the crackers. The visitors laughed and chatted, all getting into the festive spirit with their Christmas jumpers and cracker hats. There was also a raffle table full of prizes.



Lunch is served to the senior citizens. 51_a51SeniorCitizensLunch05



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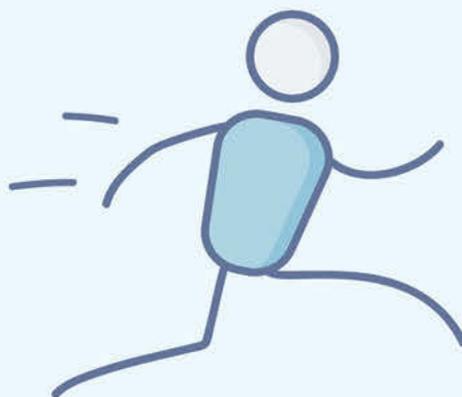
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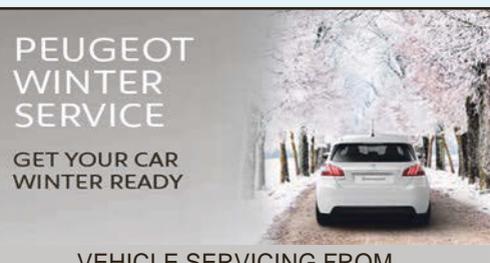
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Recycling collections due on Tuesday 25th December in Tarbert and Kilberry areas will instead be collected on Saturday 22nd December.

Refuse collections (green bin) due on Wednesday 26th December will instead be collected on Monday 24th December.

Recycling collections due on Wednesday 26th December will instead be collected on Saturday 22nd December.

Refuse collections (green bin) due on Tuesday 1st January will instead be collected on Friday 28th December.

Recycling collections due on Tuesday 1st January in Ardrishaig area will instead be collected on Friday 28th December.

Recycling collections due on Tuesday 1st January on A83 Brenfield roadside to and including Tarbert and from Lochgilphead to Minard, will instead be collected on Saturday 29th December.

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Recycling collections due on Wednesday 2nd January will instead be uplifted on Saturday 29th December.

Lingerton recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on 25th/26th December and 1st/2nd January.

Kintyre

Refuse collections (green bin) due on Tuesday 25th December will instead be collected on Saturday 22nd December.

Refuse collections (green bin) due on Tuesday 1st January will instead be collected on Saturday 29th December.

Recycling collections carried out by Kintyre Recycling due on Tuesday 25th December will instead be carried out on Friday 28th December.

Recycling collections carried out by Kintyre Recycling due on Wednesday 26th December will instead be carried out on Thursday 27th December.

Recycling collections carried out by Kintyre Recycling due on Tuesday 1st January will instead be carried out on Friday 4th January.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION
EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980**

CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000). Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2019 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000) by 15 March 2019 for primary and secondary schools.

A list of all schools can be found on the Council's website <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools>, this includes:-

- Gaelic Medium Education
- Denominational Schools
- Non-denominational Schools

Parents of children due to start school in August 2019, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 31 December 2018.

Anne Paterson/Louise Connor,
Head of Service, Community Services: Education



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PLANNING

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013
REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS
AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/02563/PP	Alterations and change of use of garage to form holiday letting unit	Heatherbank (formerly Named Gargaraig) Laurel Road Oban PA34 5EB
18/02587/PP	Erection of storage shed (part retrospective)	Plot 1 Nant Park Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1JH
18/02567/PP	Alterations and change of use of kennels to form ancillary accommodation	Corachie Farm Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1HY
18/02211/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land East Of Rowan House Lotts Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute
18/02576/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land West Of Water Board Lotts Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute
18/02236/PP	Use of part of distillery building as cafe/bar and revised car parking	Ardnahoe Distillery Port Askaig Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA46 7RN
18/02210/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land West Of An Carn Glenegedale Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute

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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES**

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (UC59 RAF MACHRIHANISH ROAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (NO.3) ORDER 2018**

On Monday 17th December 2018 Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on that length of the RAF Machrihanish Road (Unclassified No. 059) which extends from its junction with the Machrihanish Business Park Access Road to its junction with the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road.

This restriction is required because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst wind turbine components are being transported from CS Wind at Machrihanish Business Park to Campbeltown Harbour and will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on Monday 14th January 2019 until 2359 hours on 14th July 2019 or until all traffic movements are complete whichever is the earliest.

Exceptions will apply to any vehicle which is:

- a) being driven for the purpose of the wind turbine transportations;
- b) being driven in the direction, or with the permission of, a police officer in uniform.

Head of Roads & Amenity Services,
1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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MARRIAGE



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Private sales free listings for items under £100

Antiques and Collectables



"OLD CAMPBELTOWN"

lovely, rare print of old Campbeltown by "MacKinnon" (1886), suitable for framing (16" x 12"), glossy finish to thick paper, £75 Telephone 01586 5545372. CLASSIC CAR BADGES Genuine Automobile Association (A.A.) classic car badges from the 1960's & 1970's. Original shape, chrome with yellow background. Ideal Christmas present. Fixings included, grille or badge bar versions. Can post for £3.00, £20

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MOUNTAIN BIKE good condition, £50 Telephone 01397 772326.

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REPLACEMENT CHIMNEY POTS for older houses, ornate Victorian/Edwardian pots in various sizes and colours, £40 Telephone 01631 5645782.

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CDs, DVDs and Videos

BANACER Series 1 & 2, only played once, £10 Telephone 01397 712619 evenings.

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Clothes, Shoes and Accessories

TOE-TEC BOOTS New Size 8, £10 Telephone 01397 772326.

TOE-TECS BOOTS New Size 8 Protected oil resist etc, £20 Telephone 01397 772326.

Computers and Games

MSI LAPTOP COMPUTER all instructions and connections, hardly used, £60 Telephone 01397 772326.

Domestic Appliances

BREAD MAKER Stainless steel, Morphy Richards, excellent condition, used only a few times. Calls evenings, can deliver to Oban, £45 Telephone 01852 300154.

WASHING MACHINE very good condition, £20 Telephone 01631 563279.

ZANUSSI FLOOR SWEEPER Airlife (too heavy for owner), £22 Telephone 01546 850287.

Domestic Pets



BORDER COLLIE BITCH

- ISDS REG 4 years old in January. Friendly & good with children. White & Black. Very keen worker but not top notch. Excellent pedigree. Good home needed. Tel 07599 299654

Furniture

JAY-BEE BED Christmas guest? We have a new unused Jay-Bee single folding bed with mattress in original

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VINTAGE CART WHEELS and smaller implement wheels. Colourful garden display items. Prices from £30, Telephone 01631 5645782.

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SMALL COMPUTER DESK Excellent condition. Measures: L=82xH=79xW=50-58 cm. Calls evenings can deliver to Oban, £40 Telephone 01852 300154.

Indoor sports equipment

DART BOARD with wall case, £10 Telephone 01397 772326.

JIMMY WHITE SNOOKER CUE & case, £10 Telephone 01397 7723262.

Kitchen

BODUM TEA POT Brand new, calls evenings. Can deliver to Oban, £15 Telephone 01852 300154.

BODUM WINE COOLER Transparent purple, brand new. Can deliver to Oban, calls evenings, £12 Telephone 01852300154.

Leisure and Lifestyle

PORTABLE HOOD HAIR DRYER 'Carmen Salon Style' Model 5102. Three heat settings, see online for details. Good clean condition, £30 Telephone 01631 770698.

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Mail Order

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TAYVALLICH

Mark Anderson Smith

Fallen Warriors author Mark Anderson Smith visited Tayvallich Village Hall's Christmas Fair on Saturday December 1.

To add to the festivities and various stalls, Smith's novel made another option to the vast array of unique and one-off gifts available to be cherished forever.

Described as a Christian thriller, Smith's novel tells of a young woman in York who dies in a tragic accident but is mysteriously brought back to life. As she attempts to find out and understand what happened, a terrorist group plans the largest attack the West has ever seen. A group of ordinary people find themselves drawn together, fallen warriors called to stand and fight.

DUNOON

Auld Lang Syne

Mairi Campbell: Auld Lang Syne is the story of Scotland's most famous song and the life of one of the nation's most celebrated musicians. Award winning musician Mairi Campbell follows her hugely successful solo theatre show Pulse with a reinterpretation of the Robert Burns classic that changed her life.

Blending storytelling, dance and new music composed in collaboration with David Gray, Mairi Campbell: Auld Lang Syne explores the meaning of one of the world's most performed songs through the lens of Mairi's rich experience. Delivered with her trademark wit, gentle charm and unparalleled musical ability, this five star show directly from the Edinburgh Festival is an unforgettable hour in the company of one of Scotland's leading artists. With live music, animation and a sing-along, this funny and heartfelt show resonates with wider universal truths.

The show starts at Dunoon Burgh Hall on Saturday December 29.

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LOCHGILPHEAD



Scout elves, Aiden, Joe, Sam and Dan helping out at MAYDS.

19th Argyll Scouts help out at MAYDS

The 19th Argyll Scout troop did their bit to make Santa's visit amazing by helping out at the MAYDS centre on Friday November 30.

The kids helped out in the kitchen, handing out refreshments for children and adults waiting to see Santa and enjoying the festivities of the night -- all to raise money

to visit Lochgilhead as a group. The 19th Argyll Scout Group Facebook page said: 'A big thank you to all the leaders, parents, carers, significant others, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who made today's pop up cafe at the Mid Argyll Rotary Christmas Fair such a success.'

Christmas celebrations at the Argyll Inn

The Argyll Inn is the place to be this party season.

After two jammin' Christmas parties on December 8 and 15, don't

hang up those dancing shoes yet, because DJ James Murphy will be back on December 21.

Added to that will be the Boxing Day Bonanza, for

those looking to escape from the fifth rewatch of the Minions' latest escapade. Just head to the Argyll Inn for a drink and a dance.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

This Sunday will be the fourth Sunday in Advent and it is traditionally the time for nativity plays.

There are many stories of children ad-libbing and parents cringing as the youngsters make up their own words when they go 'off script'.

One of my favourites is about the wee boy who looked into the crib and said: 'Isn't he like his Dad?'

The congregation laughed, as they knew these were not the scripted words - but had this wee boy not just got the gospel in a nut-shell?

He had heard his Mum say this of the new baby next door, so he thought it an appropriate thing to say.

How right he was.

'Isn't he like his Dad?' Is this not the message of Christmas?

Of course, we do not know what Jesus looked like physically, but that doesn't matter. 'Isn't he like his Dad?'

Jesus came to show us what God was like and from the very beginning God set the stage of his nativity.

Jesus was born in poverty, a refugee without a place to live, so his parents borrowed the lowliest of places - so the story goes.

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As Jesus grew he made his home and his life with those the world rejected, with those the world despised because those were the ones who found special favour with God.

Jesus came to bring God's inclusive love to everyone and to love everyone in this wonderful kingdom.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:11).

ENGAGEMENTS



RANKIN - PATERSON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 14, 2018, of Louise, only daughter of Hilary and David, Campbeltown, to Neil, only son of Catriona and David, Shotts.

DEATHS

BRODIE - Suddenly at home, 62 Millknowe, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2018, Edward Brodie (Eddie), in his 74th year, dearly loved dad of Edward, Karen and David, loving father-in-law of Janice and David, much loved granda of Karen, Caerla, Steffan and Dhyllon and a loving great granda. A funeral service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, December 21 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital. No black ties please.

MACPHERSON - Hugh, peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on December 14, 2018, aged 82 years, devoted husband of Margaret Cook, much loved dad of Morven, Iain and Susan, loved and respected father-in-law and proud Seanair. The warmest friend and neighbour. Laid to rest at Millhouse Cemetery, Tighnabruaich, on December 20, 2018.

MCLATCHIE - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2018, Mary Smith, in her 81st year, formerly of North Shore Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Ralston McLatchie, much loved mother of Myra, John, Jean and Caroline, loving granny of Kay, Lynette, Lewis, Kerry, Greig, Lori, Ava, Ryan, Conor, Lorne and Aiden and great granny of Khloe, Owen and Hallie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, December 21, 2018 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland and Parkinson's UK.

SYME - Suddenly, at St Andrew's House Care Home, on Sunday, December 9, 2018, Flora Blair (née McLean), dearly beloved wife of Ian, mother of Adam and Lorna, and a much loved sister and granny. Funeral service at Dundee Crematorium, on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu can be made in aid of Save the Children.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRAWFORD - The family of the late Annie (Nan) Crawford wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and support following her death. Thanks to doctors, nurses and all the caring staff who looked after Nan at home. Special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for his comforting service and personal touch, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Mid Argyll Multiple Sclerosis raised £145.

HARVEY - Noreen and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all their calls, messages, flowers, cards and visits following the sad loss of Mick. Grateful thanks to Father Connor for all his visits and very fitting service, celebrating Mick's life. Special thanks to Argyll Home Care for enabling Mick to be cared for at home, the local ambulance crews for all their assistance and the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for all their care. Thanks to the Stag Hotel for catering, and to Roddy, Fiona and Cammy for all their guidance, compassion and help at this difficult time. Finally, our most sincere thanks to everyone, from near and far, who attended both the chapel service and graveside. The retiral collection raised £400, to be split between Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Care.

ROBERTSON - Sheena, Lyn and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of Alex. Thanks to Rev Anne McIvor for her comforting service and words and to David McEwan for the uplifting music. Special thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services and to the Argyll Hotel for the catering. Finally, thank you to all who attended the funeral to pay their respects. A retiral collection for the British Lung Foundation raised £286.05.

IN MEMORIAM

ADCOCK - Kiera, August 11, 2000 - December 19, 2003. In loving memory of our beautiful daughter, Kiera. Fifteen years have passed since we held you in our arms. Forever in our hearts. We will treasure the wonderful memories you gave us, now and forever. Merry Christmas, Kiera.

- Lots of love and hugs from Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxxx.

ADCOCK - Kiera, August 11, 2000 - December 19, 2003. Always on our minds, forever in our hearts. - Love from Nana, Granddad, Uncle Colin, Uncle Stuart and Auntie Maria.

ANDREW - In loving memory of Bill, a much loved husband, dad, papa and great papa, died December 24, 2015. Forever in our thoughts.

- Jessie, Lorraine, Susan and families xx.

GATNER - In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered always. - Love, Sarah, Rita and Andrew.

FERGUSON - Loving memories of Charles John Ferguson, taken suddenly on December 27, 2015. We never lose the ones we love For even though they're gone Within the hearts of those who care Their memory lingers on. - Sadly missed, Dadie.

FERGUSON - Remembering our wonderful father, father in-law and papa, Charles John Ferguson, December 27, 2015. Wherever we are, you're always with us. Sorely missed. - Charles, Fiona, Lorna, Andrew, Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna.

MACIVER - Billy. Time doesn't heal or soften the blow, of you being taken when you had to go. We still talk every day and I still shed the odd tear, then I feel your love round me and I know that you're near. - Love you my daddy, your 'Trina.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy McCallum, who died December 11, 2002, and Mary McCallum, who died December 22, 2016.

God looked around his garden And he found an empty place Then he looked down on earth And saw her tired face He put his arms around her And lifted her to rest God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best He knew she was suffering He knew she was in pain He knew she would never Get well on earth again It broke our hearts to lose her But she didn't go alone For part of us went with her The day God called her home Now with her husband Tommy In God's garden as they roam - Love always, Janette and David.

MUNRO - Remembering my mother, Mary, who died October 10, 2017, and Donald, who died December 20, 2017.

- Norman. **TAYLOR** - In memory of Nicky, our friend and workmate, who passed away on December 26, 2014. Sadly missed every day. - John and Kieran.

CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 23rd December
11.15am All Age Service
Choir items, BBs
Gen 1, Triple C Nativity
Rev W Crossan

Monday 24th December
Watchnight Service 11.30pm
Tea and mince pies in the church hall from 10.45pm
Everyone welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)
23rd December

Advent 4
The Lamb (John 1)
Services in: Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
Carol Service
Achahoish at 7pm
Watchnight Service
Ardrishaig at 11.30pm
(Carol singing from 11.15pm)

All Welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
CHRISTMAS EVE
Christ Church,
Bishopton Road
Midnight Mass
- 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
St Columba's,
Poltalloch(SC031391)
Holy Communion 9am
Christ Church,
Bishopton Road
Eucharist with Carols 11am
All Welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 23 December
11.30am Inverlussa Church
4th Sunday in Advent
Service of Carols
Saturday 22 December
10-30am - 12.30pm
Achnamara Hall
Cafe Connect

Monday 24 December
4pm Tayvallich Jubilee Green
(in church if raining)
Carols on the Green followed by mince pies & mulled wine
Tuesday 25 December
11am Bellanoch Church
Christmas Day Celebration
All welcome
www.northknapdale.org

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 23rd December
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Christmas Eve
Watchnight Service
Cumlodden Church - 7.30pm
Inveraray Church - 11.30pm
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Christmas Day
Inveraray Church - 10.30am
Service taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 23rd December 2018
Fourth Sunday in advent
Christmas Carols & Readings
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor, helped by the Sunday School, and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.

CHURCH NOTICES



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday 23rd December
No morning meeting
3.30pm Family Carol Service
followed by tea, coffee, mince pies

Tuesday 25th December
10.00am Christmas service
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 23rd December
11.00am Family service
with communion
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 23rd December
Advent 4
Holy Communion 10.45am
Tuesday 25th December
Christmas Day
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141

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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

Church of Scotland
Sunday 23rd December 2018
Skipness service 10am
Dr John L Morrison OBE
Tarbert service 11.30am
Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Kilberry service 2pm
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
Please bring your own candle and a torch
For all church enquiries and pastoral care: Contact DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 23rd December
10.30am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
10.30am Sunday School
All Welcome

All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



Sunday 23rd December
11.00am Family Christmas Service
Sunday School Nativity Presentation
with refreshments after the service
Evening Service at 7.00pm
Carols and readings for all the family followed by refreshments and mince pies

We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



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

01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
Saturday 22nd December
6.00pm 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
All welcome
All Welcome (SCO02876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Kilmartin
Sunday 23rd December - 10am
4th Sunday in Advent
Rev Robert MacLeod
24th December 11.30pm
Christmas Eve service
Carols & Lessons
All welcome
Services beginning
6th January 2019
11.30 start
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ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

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

A sporting look back at 2018 – January to June

JANUARY

Winter athletics

Sixty-six young athletes entered the annual Mid Argyll Athletic Club indoor competition at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The top three from each event would qualify for an Argyll final in Oban in March.

The competition was intense across all age categories. In the under-nine girls competition, twins Jemma and Jorja MacDonald battled it out for the top two places. Emma Innes from Lochgilphead was crowned under-seven champion, winning four of the six events.

The girls under-11 age group was very close between champion Beth Johnstone from Tarbert and Glassary School's Ruby-Jo Philips.

Kirstin Blair from Crinan won the under-13 age group, while Karis Kidd from Ardrishaig won the under 15 age group.

Jodie Robertson was under-17 champion and, arguably, the top athlete on the day thanks to a new Argyll record performance in the high jump. Under-15 champion was Jake Gillespie from Lochgilphead and Shaun Doy from Kilmichael won the under-17s.

Ethan Kerr from Tighnabruaich was crowned the under-seven champion, with Cameron Gilmour from Ardrishaig the under-nine champion and Callum Green of Ardrishaig the under-11 age group Lochgilphead's Murray MacDonald won the under-13s with success in four out of the seven events.



Left to right: Under-nine champion Jemma MacDonald with second-placed twin sister Jorja and Jodie Allan, who was third.

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FEBRUARY

Scotland's Ice Queen

In February we featured an interview with curler Eve Muirhead, timed as Scotland's 'Ice Queen' took part in the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Eve told our reporter Emily Jamison: 'Having already got an Olympic medal, our goal is always to work our way up the podium, so of course we want to do better.'

In the end the girls went home empty-handed, narrowly losing to Japan in the bronze medal match.



Team Scotland with their bronze medal at the Women's World Curling Championships in Beijing, with Eve Muirhead, far right.

Pony fun in the sun

Argyll South Pony Club held its points show jumping competition in beautiful conditions.

Morning coaching sessions by Sheila MacCallum were followed by afternoon competitions.



Willow, Zoe and Isla enjoy the dry weather.

MARCH

Wet start for shinty

After winter weather wrecked the opening day of the new shinty season, it was a wet second Saturday on March 10.

Kyles opened their Premier League account with victory over Kingussie, while Inveraray lost at home to Fort William in the National League.

Kilmory's South Division One match with Ballachulish was postponed, as MacRae Park was unplayable.



Fraser Watt of Inveraray challenges Fort William's Shaun Cruickshank in wet conditions on the Winterton. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.



The shoot raised plenty of money for the charity.

Tarbert charity shoot raises £500 for hospital

A Tarbert charity shoot raised more than £500 for the Glasgow Children's Hospital charity.

Organised by Craig Samborek, 20 people took part in the shoot, with prizes generously donated by Fyne

MARCH

Tackle, Anglers Corner, Murray's Smoke House, DA MacDonald and Tam Little.



Girls were joining in record numbers.

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre expands

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre welcomed girls and pre-school children after a record number of primary one children from across Mid Argyll signed up for mini football sessions.

The soccer centre decided to pilot a girls-only training session, with numbers quickly growing from six girls to 14.

Puffer win for Stuart

A delighted Stuart McGeachy went one better than his 2017 second place when he won the Scottish Sea Farms Crinan Puffer race.

The Campbeltown athlete was one of many who made the journey from Kintyre to support the event – billed as one of Scotland's friendliest and most inclusive running events.

In the ladies' race, Taynuilt's Ailsa Lopez secured first place.

APRIL



Stuart McGeachy closes in on the Ardrishaig finishing line.

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MAY

Rising Star promoted

Lochgilphead Red Star secured promotion to SAFL Premier 1 with an impressive 6-1 win over Duncanrig FP.

Kyle Selfridge and Lee MacLean gave Star a two-goal lead before a double from Kieran Moore. They added to their tally when Gregor Peacock scored and the afternoon was rounded off when Moore completed his hat-trick.

Red Star would go on to win the league in style.



With sponsor David Danson and MACPool chairwoman Kim Ritchie are the winners: girls – Niamh Shaw, third; Megan Danson, second, and Aileen Barr, first. Boys – Euan Gilmour, third; Alasdair Toner, second; Jack Qualter-Buncall, first. 08_a23Dolphins08

Home triples triumph

Lochgilphead Bowling Club held its annual Burnside Open Triples competition. Twenty teams competed in a hard-fought day of bowling which came down to the final bowls to decide a winner.

The team of Dougie Philand, Sandy Cameron and Donald Crawford came out on top.



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Red Star celebrate with the league trophy. 08_a22RedStarGame29



John's service recognised

Lochgilhead man John Gillies, who coached Lochgilhead boccia players to success at four Special Olympics, was presented with the Service to Sport Award for his outstanding dedication to the sport.

Left: The Boccia team of Campbell Ferguson, Iain MacDougall and Flora Currie, with John Gillies, front.



JUNE

Swimming awards

Mid Argyll Dolphins swimming club handed out awards.

Top prize winners in the Contribution Awards were Aileen Barr and Jack Qualter-Buncall, but all swimmers performed well during the season.

Best wishes were sent to Dolphins moving elsewhere. Ruby Bosomwoth and Ian Munro were moving on, while Lorne Barrie and Jura Macmillan received their full lifeguard qualifications and would be staying at MACPool as paid staff.



The bowling winners with, from left at the back, sponsor representatives Fiona MacLeod, Roddy MacDonald and Sylvia MacDonald.

Don't miss our next edition for more sporting memories from the second half of the year.

To allow for the Christmas break spot the ball will run for two weeks

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 2018 – January to June

Karate students make the grade

The Lochgilphead Kyokushin-kai karate club held a grading exam on Sunday December 9, with a number of the students passing on to the next level.

The full list of those that passed the exam from the club are:

10th Kyu: Fergus Bennet, Jamie Day, Kay Neville, Andi MacFarlane, Lesley McIver, Catriona Johnstone, Morgan Henderson, Siri Dawton, Sam Gillespie, Freyja McKellar and Emma Skrzypowska.

9th Kyu: Sophie MacCallum, Beth Gregory, Lily Bradley and Ruby Dunlop.

8th Kyu: Milly Quarton.

7th Kyu: Mirrin Bowden, Donald Self and Leon Quarton.

6th Kyu: Drew Buckley and Eve Salmon.

5th Kyu: Campbell Shaw, Algy Ritchie, Mina Ritchie, Ella MacKay, Morven McVey, Cameron McIver, Benjamin McEwan and Wayne Lee.

3rd Kyu: Darcy Curran and Lee Buckley.

The grading system for coloured belts starts at 10th Kyu and runs up to first Kyu. Kyu grades are then followed by Dan (black belt) grades.

The karate students with their new grades.



Young footballers heading for England training centre

Lochgilphead Red Star 2007 football team, made up of players aged 11, have been accepted to participate in and represent Scotland at the UK International Football Cup next Easter.

From April 19-21, at St George's Park, home of the England football team's exclusive training complex in Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire, the team will no doubt shine in playing against teams from all over the world.

The Lochgilphead Red Star 2007's last training session before the Christmas break was on Wednesday December 19 at the Lochgilphead sports centre.



Red Star 2007s.

John Willie Campbell, the voice of shinty

The world of shinty has lost one of its great characters with the passing last week of John Willie Campbell at the age of 84.

He was a Skyeman, former president of the Camanachd Association, science teacher, broadcaster and Gàidheal.

John Willie provided results for BBC Scotland, BBC Highland and Gaelic radio and television, as well as writing for a wide range of newspapers.

Current Camanachd Association president, Keith Loades, said: 'John Willie Campbell was one of the most significant figures in shinty in the 20th century. He served the game in every capacity from his boyhood as a player in Skye, through university to the full range of administrative duties and



A proud day for John Willie as he interviews Skye captain Caley MacLean after the club's historic Camanachd Cup victory 28 years ago.

responsibilities imaginable. 'Within the game he will be remembered as a distinguished president who navigated some quite stormy waters in the 1980s, introduced new structures and competitions and faced

many challenges with a calm and dignified manner throughout. He would never have been happier than the day Skye Camanachd won the Camanachd cup in 1990. 'The Camanachd Association and shinty in

general will be forever in his debt and his passing marks the end of an era and a contribution to our sport and heritage which is unlikely to be matched.'

John Willie had a favourite tale he enjoyed telling, which may well be true. He was once missing a score for his broadcast and the deadline loomed. He phoned a shinty player to check the result and spoke to his mother. He was told she didn't have the score, but the woman added: 'But if you listen to the radio at half past five, John Willie will have them all.'



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