



# Mid Argyll warmth shines through for the Beatson

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The day after the winter solstice may have been dreich, showery and on the chilly side, but human kindness and generosity brightened the gloom for two Mid Argyll ladies.

Since November Maria MacKenzie and Yvie Young have been running a raffle for the Beatson Cancer Charity. Their efforts came to a stunning climax when the draw was made – and it was revealed they had raised thousands for the charity.

The Beatson is a cause close to the hearts of both women. Maria, owner of Icon hairdressers in Lochgilhead, spent six weeks attending the Beatson centre in Glasgow to receive chemotherapy and radiotherapy after she discovered a lump on her neck that turned out to be cancerous.

Mid Argyll Hospital nurse Yvie is currently going through treatment at the Beatson for breast cancer.

They joined forces to collect

## Generous support from communities sees raffle raise £6,500

money after witnessing the work that goes on at the Glasgow centre. Yvie said: 'It has been a huge support and the services and treatment are free. It is just such a great place,' she said.

Maria added. 'The Beatson is just a special place, so we wanted to put something back.'

With the generous support of businesses, organisations and individuals across Mid Argyll and further afield, a huge number of outstanding raffle prizes were gathered – from gift vouchers to bottles of Prosecco and from cheese hampers to a Rangers polo shirt signed by former player Nacho Novo.

A separate auction for Rangers tickets for an Old Firm game sat at £350.

The grand draw was made in Icon Hairdressers on

Saturday December 22 and there was a nice Christmas present for first name out of the hat, Cathy Gillies from Lochgilhead, when she pocketed £300 in cash, followed by gin hamper winner Morvern Murray and Fiona MacLeod who won £100.

A special pamper hamper went to lucky Lynsey Munro of Inveraray.

Speaking after the draw, Maria said: 'It has gone amazingly well and we are overwhelmed by the amount of support we've had. Thanks to everyone who supported us.'

In total – with some cash still to come in – Maria and Yvie raised £6,500 for the Beatson Cancer Charity.

And, in case you were wondering, Lorraine MacIntyre from Ford was the lucky winner of the Nacho Novo shirt.



Maria and Yvie were delighted with the huge amount of support for their campaign.

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# Appeal launched after golf club fire

A devastating fire at Machrihanish Golf Club on Wednesday December 19 destroyed the clubhouse and ruined a family's life.

The club steward's flat, family home to Iain McLean, Agnes Stewart and Kirsten McLean, was burnt out and they lost everything, including both their cars which were scorched by the heat.

Captain at the famous golf club, overlooking beautiful Machrihanish beach in Kintyre, is Calum Macmillan who said: 'The club will do everything it can to support Iain, Agnes and Kirsten.'

A Just Giving page set up by Fiona Nelson, a friend of Agnes Stewart, with a target of £20,000 hit £9,705, by 5.30pm the day after the blaze, with many generous donations.

One of the largest was £500 from Jan and Jack Rothacker



The burnt-out clubhouse after the flames were doused. 25\_c52golfclubfire04

who wrote: 'We send this with love and appreciation for Agnes, Iain and Kirsten, salt of the earth souls who do so much for others x.'

'Hope it soothes your hurt hearts, knowing how beloved and appreciated you are.'

Ms Nelson wrote: 'Many of us know Agnes, Iain and

Kirsten. Some might know Iain through his work at Machrihanish Golf Club, some will know Agnes through Campbeltown Grammar School and her endless hard work for CGS4Gambia, helping others.

'Kirsty will be known among her school and college

friends and her work as a lifeguard and all of them will be known by the wonderful community of Campbeltown and Argyll.

'We can only imagine how devastated they feel.'

'Dig deep folks, let's try and do the best we can to help them.'



Just some of Santa's wee helpers, from left: Aiden, Joe, Sam and Gavin – not Dan.

## Santa's little helpers at Mid Argyll Rotary Club's Christmas Fayre

As reported in last week's edition of the Advertiser, 19th Argyll Scouts gave a helping hand at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall at the Mid Argyll Rotary Christmas Fayre.

In last week's photograph, one of the elves was incorrect-

ly named and we are happy to run it again with Gavin Small correctly captioned.

The December 1 event was one of the first of the season for Santa Claus, who was there in his grotto dishing out presents.

## Lochgilphead man given community service and 10-year ban for dog cruelty

A Lochgilphead man left three dogs, one with a litter of five puppies, locked in his flat without enough to eat and drink in filthy conditions, Oban Sheriff Court was told.

The dogs were so hungry they had attempted to eat plastic bags; the mother, having whelped, was sick and emaciated and when police and animal welfare personnel entered the premises they were met with an 'overpowering stench of ammonia' from urine and so much faeces that it was difficult to open one door to get to the animals.

Gary Mark Anderson, aged 30, of 49 Union Street, admitted that between March 16 and April 16 this year the dogs were in his home and that he, being responsible for Spirit, Sasquatch and Shantie, all Husky-type female dogs the latter with five dependent pups, failed to take such steps as were reasonable in the circumstances to ensure the needs of the animals were met to the extent required by good practice; failing to provide a suitable living environment,

and left the dogs in filthy living conditions, failed to provide a comfortable and clean resting area and appropriate drinking water and an adequate diet and failed to protect them from suffering.

A number of neighbours alerted the police because the dogs kept on barking. Officers went to the property but Anderson was not home.

'Looking through the letter box they could see one dog in the hall and see the living room door closed with a rope,' procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Sheriff Patrick Hughes. 'There was a strong smell of ammonia.'

The amount and state of dog faeces showed the animals had been there for some time.

Anderson was traced and the Argyll and Bute Council dog warden and the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) were contacted. When they entered the flat the full extent of the dogs' condition was discovered.

On examination the bitch that had given birth was

found to be emaciated, running a temperature, suffering an infection, diarrhoea and dermatitis.

Anderson told the police he was not the owner of the dogs; he was looking after them for someone.

The fiscal added: 'When interviewed, he repeated he was not the owner and he said he felt the living conditions were suitable, and he fed the dogs regularly, and his position was that despite conditions in the house they had only been living in the house for a week.'

Anderson told the sheriff: 'The dogs spent all their lives living in a Transit van. They were only taken out due to having the pups.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said anyone hearing the details would be shocked.

He ordered that Anderson undertake 200 hours of unpaid work in the community to be completed within 12 months. He also imposed a 10-year ban on Anderson preventing him from owning, keeping, working, using or taking charge of animals.

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The Corner House's Duggie MacNeill, grandson Quinn and regular MC Martin Jeffries with two cheques for £1,728 which are on their way to Parkinson's and Myaware.

## Tarbert's Corner House raises £3,456 for charity

Two charities close to the heart of Tarbert's Corner House are big winners this Christmas following a race night which raised £3,456.

Parkinson's UK and Myaware both received £1,728 from generous villagers who turned out to support these very worthwhile causes while enjoying a fantastic event.

Parkinson's is a neurological condition that affects motor functions. Myaware raises

awareness of Myasthenia which causes muscle weakness and fatigue.

Event organiser Margaret MacNeill was humbled by the amount raised and said: 'Having an illness but having the support of everyone in the village makes it much easier to deal with. To raise this amount at this time of year is truly humbling and I'd like to thank everyone who supported it.'

# New fire engines for Argyll and

Kilmelford, Craignure, Minard, Garelochhead and Port Charlotte fire stations are to receive new £195,000 rapid response units containing the latest firefighting equipment.

One of the new, smaller fire appliances will be stationed in Minard village from next year. It will replace the traditional vehicle currently based there.

The new vehicle features an ultra-high pressure lance system that allows firefighters to attack a blaze from outside a building, a positive pressure ventilation fan to allow faster access into a burning property and a thermal image camera.

The bespoke appliances can carry up to four firefighters, are more agile than their traditional counterparts and have been designed to meet the needs of Scotland's rural areas.



Councillor Anne Horn and local senior officer for Argyll and Bute Paul Devlin.

Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's local senior officer for Argyll and Bute and East and West Dumbarton, said: 'This technology is fast, efficient and proven. With it our crews can begin firefighting within seconds of arrival by

cutting straight to the heart of the flames. Combined with this new state-of-the art appliance, our retained and volunteer firefighters will be able to respond quickly and decisively to keep saving lives in Argyll and Bute.

'But, crucially, we will be

able to fight many fires without putting our firefighters' lives in danger by sending them into a burning building. Our retained and volunteer firefighters are absolutely dedicated to protecting their communities and we are arming them with the right tools to do just that.'

Members of Argyll and Bute's Community Services Committee were given a walk round of the unit and shown the equipment on board.

Councillor Anne Horn said: 'Firefighting and fire safety is changing.

'New, improved technology is continuing to be developed and this is another step along that road. This is a new appliance and the kit on it is excellent.

'It gives firefighters a lot of flexibility and it can only enhance fire safety in Argyll and Bute.'



Lochgilphead Joint Campus students Fiona McBride, PT enterprise, campus principal Ann Devine and biology teacher Liz Craven went shopping for items for their foodbank.

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## Lochgilphead Joint Campus pupils collect foodbank items

Lochgilphead Joint Campus students have worked together to support foodbanks.

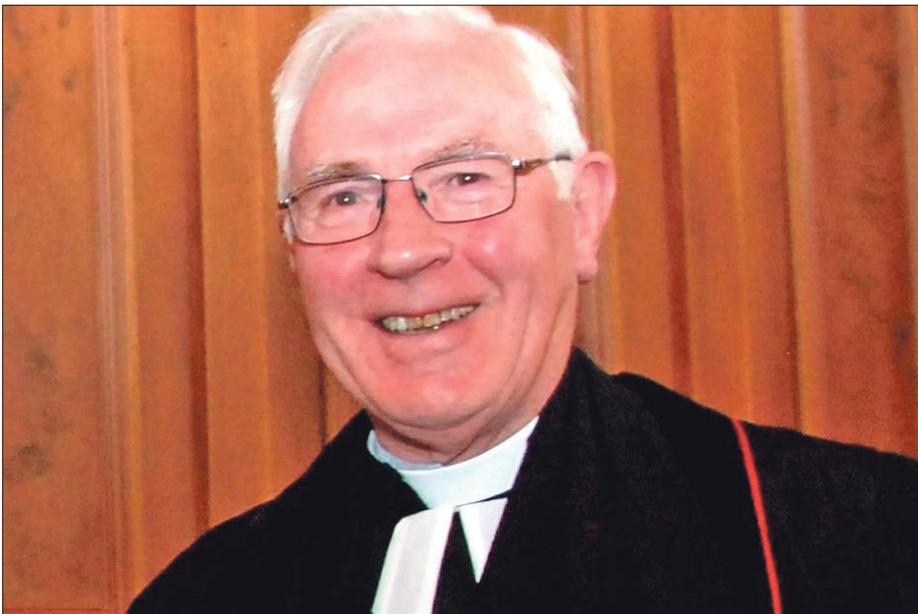
With money raised throughout the year, including Christmas Jumper Day on Friday December

14, the students went along to Lochgilphead Co-op to load their trolleys with goods to hand out at Argyll and Bute foodbanks. The students raised more than £385 through a non-uniform

event and collecting on the day and pulled together more than 600 items that will be distributed by Argyll and Bute Council, mainly through the Lochgilphead foodbank, to those in need.

A festive advertisement for the Ardshiel Hotel. The background is a vibrant pink with falling confetti. At the top is the hotel's logo, which includes a drawing of a building and the text 'ARDSHIEL -HOTEL- Restaurant &amp; Whisky Bar'. Below the logo, the words 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' are written in large, white, block letters. In the center, three large, colorful Christmas ornaments (red, green, and blue) are hanging. At the bottom, the year '2019' is displayed in large, 3D, silver numbers. At the very bottom, contact information is provided: 'CALL TO BOOK 01586 552133' and 'email: info@ardshiel.co.uk'.

# A happy New Year to



**Rev Dr Roderick Campbell, Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll**

The Christmas season means many things to different people. For myself, it has two principal

components. The first is light. Most societies had and have a celebration of light at the darkest time of the year. It is a pattern followed by most of the world's great religions.

The religious reference is not only to the physical darkness of the sun being below the equator, but also the psychological darkness caused by uncertainty, loss, suffering of the body or the

mind, broken relationships and the brokenness of many lives.

By allowing the light of Christ to shine into our lives and bring comfort, guidance, courage and strength, we can change direction, start again and have cause for celebration.

The second aspect is birth. It really does not matter where or when Jesus was born. As Paul writes: 'Jesus was born of a woman', as we all were. The birth of a child, the gift of life, with all the potential each child has to become fully themselves.

Jesus's birth was no more or no less important to Mary and to Joseph than the birth of our own children is to us.

This time of year gives us the opportunity to celebrate life and perhaps, as the years pass and we look back, to reflect on how we have used our gifts and talents.

Is the world a better place because I/we have walked this way? Is the world a better place because the Christ has walked this way?

If you are together as family, be happy together. Life is too valuable to spoil a celebration. If you are alone, I trust there are folk around you who will share with you.

Whoever you are, may the light and the love of Christ's coming bless you as your journey.

**Councillor Aileen Morton, Leader of Argyll and Bute Council**



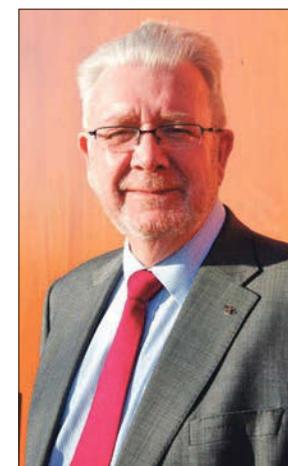
I am very glad to have the opportunity to wish everyone across Argyll and Bute all the very best for this festive season. Argyll is stunning in the summer months when the sun shines, but even as the nights get longer and the days colder there

is still so much to enjoy from our glittering winter landscapes to the warmth of our many whiskies.

When I look back over the past 12 months at life in Argyll and Bute, there is one thing that really stands out – the tremendous sense of community spirit, pride and positivity that's sweeping through our communities of late.

We have our challenges to face – that's inescapable. But over the past year in particular I've been encouraged to see the determination of local people to rise above those challenges and make sure local life is as vibrant and successful as possible. We're all spreading the word that Argyll and Bute really is a great place to live, work, visit and do business – all year round.

Wherever you are in Argyll and Bute, I hope you enjoy the festive season and that 2019 brings you what you need. A Happy New Year to you all.



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

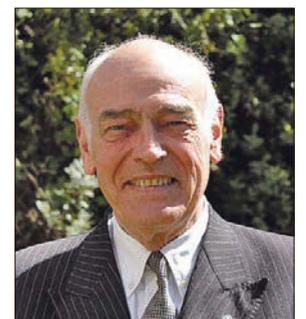
Living as we are through the most difficult and disturbing of times, it is important for all of us – and especially politicians – to realise there are more important things than partisan headlines, parliamentary debates and public disagreements.

Family, health, the company of friends, our homes and the wonderful environment of Argyll and Bute that we are lucky enough to live in are all things which we should treasure and celebrate. Those who lack them or who through illness or loneliness or

despair cannot, for a time, appreciate them need our special thoughts particularly during the festive season.

As your local MSP, working alongside my constituency staff, I have tried to help all of those who have contacted me during the year for whatever reason. That is my first duty and I am glad to do it. We won't always agree on everything but we can agree, I am sure, that by showing solidarity, mutual support and kindness we can find the best way to live together in Argyll and Bute, in Scotland, across these islands, in Europe and globally.

We cannot know what lies ahead and the uncertainty of Brexit casts a long shadow locally and nationally at present. But this is a time to be hopeful so with hope in my heart for Argyll and Bute and our country I am delighted to wish everyone in the constituency and beyond a great and very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



**Councillor Len Scoullar, Provost of Argyll and Bute**

It's always lovely to feel and see things changing as Christmas gets closer – even if some might say the whole festive season gets started a little too early these days.

Argyll and Bute looks festive and colourful, and a lot of credit must go to the community groups which take such great pride in putting on festive events and leading the charge when it comes to Christmas lights and decorations in their towns. It all helps to add to the feeling that Christmas is a joyous time that should be filled with family, friends,

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fun and festivities.

Christmas means a lot of different things to different people and I hope that whatever is most important to you this festive season plays a big part in your celebrations.

And once Christmas has come and gone, the New Year allows us all the chance to look forward to the next 12 months.

I would encourage everyone to take a moment to think about those in our communities who may not find this time of year as much fun as others, for whatever reason.

Happy New Year to you all.



**Patrick Stewart, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.**

My deputies, spread throughout Argyll and Bute, have continued to carry out their duties in 2018. These include supporting charitable and youth organisations, attending citizenship ceremonies, assisting in the preparation of proposals and nominations for royal visits, honours, the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and the Queen's Award for Enterprise, forwarding suggestions for invitations to the Holyrood garden party and taking a close interest in their communities, including presenting the Queen's congratulations on 100th birthdays and diamond wedding anniversaries.

All this takes a considerable amount of voluntary time which, in the case of my deputies, I think, goes very much unnoticed, so I take the opportunity of thanking them for their selfless and unremitting service.

This year was principally taken up with events marking the last year of the First World War.

The focus was on Islay, where at an impressive and moving ceremony in Port Ellen on May 4, graced by the presence of the Princess Royal and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, a service was held to mark the centenary of the losses of the troopships SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto. The event represented the contribution of Scotland to the UK's 1918 First World War commemoration.

The organisation of this and other WW100 events was far-reaching and complicated. It could not have been achieved without the assistance of Argyll and Bute Council, with which a close partnership exists.

In concluding, I wish all in the Lieutenancy, particularly those who contributed so much to the success of our events and projects, a happy Christmas and a good New Year.



**Police Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren**  
As divisional commander, I sincerely hope this very special time of year is one that is fun-filled, enjoyed by all, and everyone is kept safe.

It's also a time for reflection. For my own part, I'm amazed at how quickly the year has passed. 2018 has been a satisfying year as our strong local partnerships with our local authorities and other service providers have been built on to ensure close collaboration as problems arose.

This approach delivered on our shared priorities to enhance the lives of individuals in need of our

support, and continued to nurture a safe and thriving environment for individual and community well-being.

We have faced several significant challenges, not least the 'Beast from the East' extreme winter that caused such disruption across the country.

During this Year of Young People, I am proud that the division has continued to lead the way in Police Scotland in our innovative deployment of youth engagement officers. Their interactions with young people make many positive interventions in their lives. We've also continued to grow the number of our teams of active and enthusiastic Police Scotland Youth Volunteers.

Police Scotland's festive campaign provides useful advice regarding protecting you, your home and property and safety advice for shopping and using ATMs.

Please check this on our social media pages.

I hope you all enjoy the New Year and I encourage all to take care throughout the festive period.

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

May I begin by wishing each of you a peaceful New Year.

I think it is important that we take a bit of time out to appreciate what we have but also to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and if possible, resolve to do something that will make a difference to someone's life this festive season.

Shamefully, despite the United Kingdom being the sixth largest economy in the world, more and more of our friends, neighbours and colleagues here in Argyll and Bute will have to rely on food banks and charities to get them through the season.

It beggars belief that in 2018, increasing numbers of mums, dads, children, pensioners, those in low-paid work, people seeking work, those living with mental health issues or a disability, have gone hungry and more and more children had nothing to unwrap on Christmas morning.

And without the generos-



ity of the people of Argyll and Bute and the wonderful work being done by an army of volunteers, the situation would be so much

worse. Each of us owes these volunteers a huge thank you for the work they do. So please, if you can afford it, please donate

a little something extra to your local food bank this week. As my dad would often say: 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.'

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### Simple kindness goes a long way...

As 2019 dawns, there is plenty in the world to make us feel uncertain about the future.

Our politicians seem to be ever more short-sighted, self-seeking and unwilling to compromise than ever before. While Brexit rages, or trundles – depending on your viewpoint – the needs of the ordinary person seem to be of minor importance.

A form of madness seems to have gripped UK politics – and let's not talk about our friends across the pond.

Then there's the environment. Pollution, global warming and blinkered (again) politicians should be at the forefront of our thoughts. There is an answer, and we all know instinctively what it is. In keeping with the season, simple kindness and consideration goes a long way, as amply demonstrated in Mid Argyll and Tarbert this week and every week.

The response to the Beatson appeal has been incredible for a dispersed rural area. The world would be a far better place if people showed the humanity and warmth demonstrated by the folk of Mid Argyll.

Well done to Yvie and Maria on their hard work in raising the cash for a great cause.

### The EU-topia

Sir,  
It's difficult to understand the logic and sense of those who wish to stay in the European Union (not to be confused with a Common Market), especially when France is in flames, Italy with its rising debt of more than 130 per cent of GDP, not to mention long-suffering Greece and Spain where the unemployment is at a scandalous level. Then, of course, there is 'borderless' Germany. Where next will the riots be with cars burning on the streets and tanks entering cities to ensure the wishes of the ruling elite?

I am reminded of the inscription on the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren in St Paul's Cathedral which states: 'Reader, if you seek his monument look around you.' Indeed, how apt for the UK in the 21st century, for after 40 years and counting would you honestly describe our country as a land of milk and honey?

Methinks not. UK infrastructure is a disgrace and I am thankful that I do not have to rely on the railways, although I am becoming quite good at dodging potholes in our badly maintained roads. The NHS is collapsing with doctors' surgeries and hospitals closing, coupled with the shameful treatment of the elderly and the closure of many nursing homes. Drug and knife crime are on the increase with hardly a 'bobby' to be seen on our streets. Of course, the cost of the smart meter will go on a customer's bill and the meter will lend itself to some very imaginative billing – all very good for the foreign-owned power companies.

Bless the EU. One would think the world is a much safer place with our much reduced and under-funded armed forces. Hopefully, the reduction is not because a European army is on the books, with the potential of, say, British and German troops helping the French quell any future riots on the streets of Paris. Perish the thought of German or French troops doing likewise in the UK.

Yep, welcome to the 21st century EU-topia club where everyone's a winner – and as The Eagles sang, 'You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave.'

Dave Haskell, Ceredigion.

### Homeless on cold nights

Sir,  
Christmas should be a time of joy, but for thousands of homeless people across the country it is anything but. While most of the country has been celebrating and enjoying a family meal, those who are homeless face a struggle just to stay safe and escape the cold.

That's why – outside of our year-round services – Crisis runs special Christmas centres that offer warmth, food, companionship and access to vital services. Guests can see a doctor or dentist, have a haircut and get clothes or bags repaired.

But we don't stop there. At our Christmas centres, we introduce people to our year-round training, education and support with housing, employment and health. This long-term support helps people to rebuild their lives and leave homelessness behind for good.

Crisis at Christmas is a huge volunteer effort, and last year more than 4,000 people came through the doors of 15 our centres across Britain. For many, Crisis at Christmas offers a chance to relax, regain confidence and plan for the future in a supportive environment, away from the immediate hardships of homelessness.

We're asking members of the public who want to help to support our work this Christmas and year-round – so we can be there for everyone who needs us and give people in the most vulnerable circumstances support to leave homelessness behind for good.

To find out more or donate to Crisis for Christmas, visit [crisis.org.uk](http://crisis.org.uk)

Jon Sparkes, chief executive of Crisis.

### More and better homes

Sir,  
The local drainage issues continue to persist in Tarbert, as do justifiable demands to have both Scottish Water and our local council sort this matter out properly.

As traffic to and from our islands continues to grow, the commerce it generates in Tarbert will add to the demands on local businesses.

Functioning drainage is the bare minimum of what we expect to have in a modern industrialised nation yet (as ever) local complaints seem to go unheard by the urban-centric Scottish Water management.

Frankly, this is unacceptable and I will once again contact Scottish Water and press for a speedy resolution that ensures minimum

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disruption to local businesses. Housing needs in Tarbert are mentioned to myself time and time again, particularly among my younger constituents. While the planned handful of housing association new builds are welcome, they should be considered the beginning of new development, not the end. As well as the need for new houses the poor condition of existing social housing cannot be ignored any longer.

Sadly, mould problems as a result of damp walls and unfixed roofs, doors and windows seem to be the rule rather than the exception. This is not just a problem in Tarbert, but it is rampant throughout our social housing stock in every corner of my council ward. Obviously there are huge health risks to living in housing with severe mould issues, particularly for the very young and the elderly.

As a social housing tenant myself, I know all too well the difficulties in getting even basic repairs done and I strongly feel the attitude of housing association management will need to change in dealing with complaints from their tenants. Otherwise it is very likely social housing problems and challenges will grow.

My constituents are rightfully asking for action and not excuses, and I'm more than happy to keep pressing for instant action, not delays.

Councillor Alastair Redman.

## YOUR PICTURES



Jane Knowles sent in this picture of a visitor to her garden, sneaking in for a munch. The Torinturk critter stopped by to take advantage of Jane's hospitality and offerings earlier this year. Send your favourite pictures for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk) or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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## Latest fashion trend: the emperor's new clothes

Regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas from Tarbert this week turns her imagination to every family's horrifying dilemma: buying the teenage grandchildren's present. Little tip: sometimes following what's gone viral isn't the best idea.

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# Carers' quiz: Do you know the impact of caring?

The Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead held an information cafe on Friday November 30, opening the eyes of visitors on the statistics of carers, and the idea that it affects more of us than you might think.

The centre offers help and support to people caring for others and is hoping to spread awareness of carers' rights.

Test yourself with the Carers Scotland quiz, and you might be surprised the impact of caring.

Questions:

1. How many adult carers are there in Scotland?

a) 759,000 b) 550,000 c) 360,000

2. How many young carers are there estimated to be in Scotland?

a) 15,000 b) 29,000 c) 35,000

3. How many people take on a caring role every year?

a) 120,000 b) 90,000 c) 160,000

4. How many people care for 35 hours a week or more?

a) 102,000 b) 153,000 c) 171,000

5. True or false: 132,000 people care for 50 hours a week or more?

6. What percentage of carers are female?

a) 59 per cent b) 70 per cent c) 45 per cent

7. What percentage of carers are male?

a) 60 per cent b) 41 per cent c) 30 per cent

8. True or false: 3 in 5 of us will become carers at some point in our lives.

9. How many people juggling caring with holding down a job?

a) 125,000 b) 200,000 c) 250,000

10. What is the main carers benefit worth just now for a minimum of 35 hours caring?

a) £62.10 b) £90.00 c) £73.10



Fay MacCuish came in to hear about carers' rights from Dochas Centre's Catherine Paterson. 51\_a49Dochas01

11. What percentage of carers have been in debt at some point?

a) 25 per cent b) 36 per cent c) 47 per cent

12. How many carers say their health is worse because of caring?

a) 4 out of 10 b) 6 out of 10 c) 8 out of 10

13. What percentage of carers are employed or self-employed?

a) 25 per cent b) 42 per cent c) 56 per cent

14. By 2037, the number of carers in Scotland will have increased to what?

a) around 700,000 b) around one million c) around 900,000

15. How much do carers save the Scottish economy?

a) £8.4 billion b) £9.5 billion c) £10.3 billion

## Answers according to Carers Scotland, part of Carers UK:

1. a) 759,000  
2. b) 29,000  
3. c) 160,000  
4. b) 153,000  
5. True  
6. a) 59 per cent  
7. b) 41 per cent  
8. True  
9. c) 250,000  
10. a) £62.10  
11. c) 47 per cent  
12. c) 8 out of 10  
13. c) 56 per cent  
14. b) By 2037 the number of carers in Scotland will have increased to around 1 million.  
15. c) Carers save the Scottish economy £10.3 billion - close to the cost of providing NHS services in Scotland.

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JULY



All's well that ends well for a good cause. 06\_a28HeadShave02

## Gavin's close shave

After the best part of a year cultivating his flowing locks and facial hair, landscape gardener and rugby fan Gavin Allan shaved the lot off.

Gavin's head and beard shave in Lochgilhead was in aid of Motor Neurone Disease research and more than £600 was raised for the Doddie Weir Foundation.

## Inveraray action

The absence of obvious signs of work to improve Inveraray was a source of frustration for some at Inspire Inveraray's AGM.

The community company plans to focus on Inveraray Community Hall, Inveraray Pier and wider access to Loch Fyne.

Chairman Derrick Anstee said new moorings were planned and the condition of the community hall would be assessed.

Work from then would be based on priorities set out in a community action plan.



The crumbling pier and access to the loch will be a focus for Inspire Inveraray.

06\_a28InvPier04



Lieutenant Tom Strachan and Lieutenant Charles Russell-Pavier with the colours, flanking Brigadier Harry Nickerson, Lord Lieutenant Patrick Harvey and Rev Roderick Campbell.

06\_a355ScotsGuards11

## Inveraray pomp and ceremony

Inveraray was all red tunics, shiny buttons and gleaming boots as the colours of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards were laid up.

Reverend Dr Roderick

### AUGUST

Campbell accepted the colours at a moving church service in the town on Sunday August 26.

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## Sarah Coates - a remarkable artist

Since the beginning in 1973, Tarbert arts and crafts centre 'Earra Gael' had been part of Sarah Coates's life.

The Advertiser spoke to 81-year-old Mrs Coates about her memories of Earra Gael just before she handed over the reins to Tarbert artist Wilma MacKenzie.

Mrs Coates said: 'It's nice to feel it is going to continue.'

Sadly, Mrs Coates died later. Our condolences go to her family and we thank her daughter Amanda for helping arrange the meeting with her remarkable mum.



Mrs Coates, right, with her friend Ann Thomas, another original member of Earra Gael. 08\_a30GiftShopSarah02

### SEPTEMBER



Autism Argyll founder members Maureen MacIntosh, left, and Alison Leask. 06\_a38AutismArgyll02



## Mobile gnomes

A police investigation was launched after three garden gnomes were taken from

Left: Two of the three gnomes.

## Autism Argyll winds up

After 18 years, a group set up by families affected by autism voted at its annual general meeting to cease operations, citing 'lack of support from senior management over many years' at Argyll and Bute Council as a primary reason for the decision.

The council said it was working with partners on residential resources in Garelochhead and Helensburgh and improving services for people with autism across Argyll and Bute through the Autism Toolbox.

### OCTOBER

## Inveraray bank branch closure sparks fury

There was anger and sadness as Royal Bank of Scotland closed the final bank in Inveraray.

Accountancy firm Johnston Carmichael carried out a review before the decision was taken to close the branch.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'Zero account has been taken into

the impact on Inveraray when the last bank in town closes. To say I'm furious is an understatement.'

RBS said it was 'committed to providing the best possible range of banking alternatives, including mobile branches, banking in the local post office, community bankers and remote services such as telephone banking'.



Prominent campaigners to keep open the RBS branch were writer Marian Pallister, Brendan O'Hara MP and hotelier Donald Clark. 06\_a50RBSInveraray06



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## OCTOBER



Work goes on to clear the 3,000 tonnes that came down the slope over two days.

## A83 landslides prompt pledge

The Scottish Government promised Argyll would be at the front of the queue in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review after two landslides at the Rest and be Thankful closed the road for nine days.

Though mitigation work is accepted by most as far from a solution, it will be completed

before a more permanent answer is found to keep Argyll connected after landslides.

The limitations of mitigation measures on the A83 were summed up by one lady who said: 'When I am sitting at the traffic lights I am shaking, always looking up the hill wondering if it will come down.'

## NOVEMBER



## Poppy tribute

Ceremonies were held across the region to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

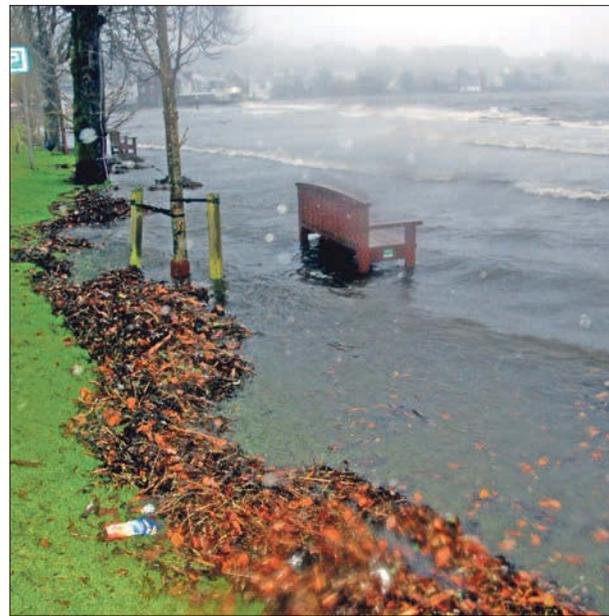
In a fitting end to five years of events since the centenary of the beginning of the war was marked in 2014, thousands of knitted poppies were draped around Inveraray Parish Church in a project led by ladies of the parish who received donated poppies from all over Argyll.

## NOVEMBER

## Stormy Diana

One of the first winter Atlantic storm systems, named Storm Diana arrived on the afternoon of Wednesday November 28 with strong winds pushing in already high tides and causing some roads to be strewn with shore debris.

For the first time in a few years, Lochgilphead front green was completely under sea water as far as Poltalloch Street, with tonnes of seaweed debris left behind.



## DECEMBER



Hardy volunteers survived the night. 51\_a51BigSleepOot02

## Awakening minds

Howling wind and rain failed to deter a hardy group sleeping outside in Lochgilphead to raise awareness of homelessness.

Gill Hutton, of recovery cafe Grub's Up, arranged the 'Big Sleep Out' and said: '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.'

## Brexit lubrication

Our thanks go to Ann Thomas for providing some highly imaginative artwork for the Advertiser throughout the year.

In December she mused that Prime Minister Theresa May's alleged penchant for a dram after a hard day's Brexiteering might give a boost to Argyll's whisky industry.

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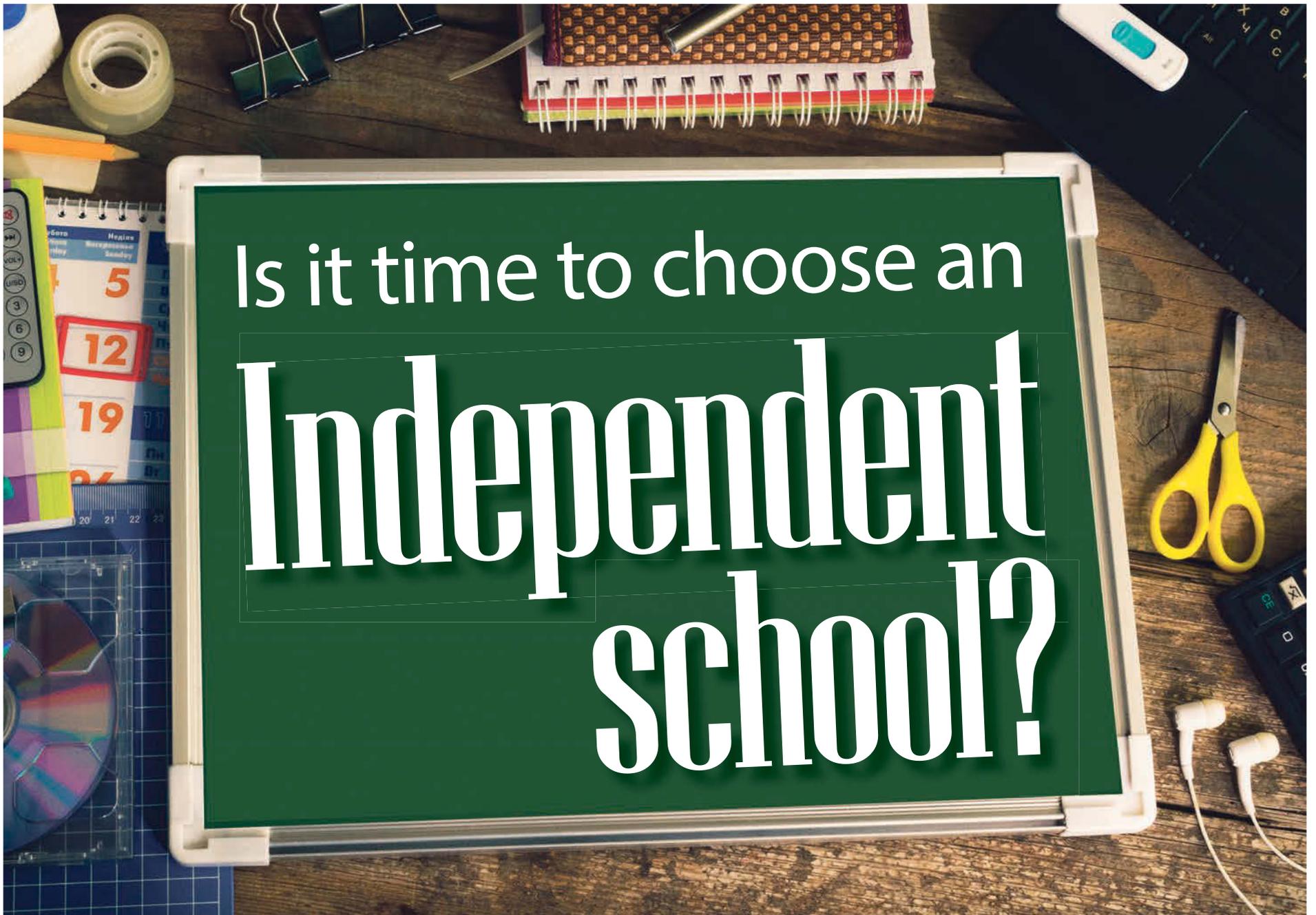
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## Senior citizens enjoy festive lunch



Everyone had fun at the annual Christmas lunch.

There was a special Christmas edition of the Senior Citizens' Wednesday Club in Inveraray on Wednesday December 12.

The club was joined by Julie Ann Mather from the Christmas Dove, who did some crafts with the group and together with the club members made a Christmas tree. The winning tree was made by Jenny Spiers.

A particularly special guest also visited the club with the reindeer parked outside, and handed everyone present a goodie bag kindly donated by the Co-op in Inveraray.

But the fun wasn't over when he left to deliver presents, and on Sunday December 16 the senior citizens committee held its annual Christmas lunch for Inveraray pensioners in the Inveraray Inn.

Music was supplied by Iain Macaskill who entertained the group with a few tunes on the accordion.

A presentation was also made to Norina Coupar for all her hard work during her time with the committee.



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## Country dance Christmas craic

The Mid Argyll branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) held its Christmas party dance in Ardrishaig Hall on Monday December 17.

Visitors from Tarbert, Kilmelford and Strachur were welcomed and a great evening was had by everyone, dancing to the wonderful accordion music of Ian Muir.

A delicious buffet supper was served in the interval and Santa took time out from his busy schedule to put in an appearance and distribute presents, much to the delight of the youngest dancer, two-year-old Erica McKee.

The programme featured dances connected with one of the founders of the RSCDS, Ysobel Stewart, and MC Mike Murray entertained the audience between dances with snippets of information about Mrs Stewart's life and connections with Argyll.

Dancing resumes after the holidays on Monday January 7. Visitors and beginners are always welcome to join the classes in Ardrishaig Public Hall every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.



Ardrishaig hall was full of dancers. 51\_a52Countrydancing01 51\_a52Countrydancing03



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the town to be. Jack, played by Daisy Carter, has to rescue the King Betram's (Marie Hubbard) princess Demelza (Rhona Love) from the 'giant' Blunderbore, played by Finlay Love, and maybe grab a magic token or two so that his mother Dame Trot,

played by Oliver Sumner, can eat now that Daisy the cow (Luke Grattan) has stopped giving milk.

Other madcap characters include Simple Simon, played by Catherine Hubbard, Flunkit, played by Nina Watt, troublemaker Slimeball, played by Anna Turner, and Edena the Eco-Fairy played by Josephine Boase.

The chorus was made up of Logan Allan, Ewan Ferguson, Bea Catterwell, Toby MacDonald, Arasi Kasirajan, Ella Pollock and Suzanna Whittle.

It was plain to see everyone on stage had fun and the audience did too, with everyone singing along with the songs.

A great effort by everyone involved.

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Daisy the Cow gets chased by mice.



Above: The full cast and chorus.



Right: A hip dance number for Jack and his friends.

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Loch Fyne Oysters shared its 40th birthday with everyone, with beer, mussels and, of course, oysters, on offer for a very bright and sunny celebration. 06\_a20FyneatForty17



Lochgilhead Armed Forces Day was created to show support for the armed forces. Unperturbed by a downpour on the day, this year saw veterans, Her Majesty's Coast-guard personnel, RAF cadets, sea cadets and a sizeable contingent of army cadets from across Argyll march through the village. 06\_a25AFD08



The Mid Argyll Show is the Superbowl for animal-lovers. A day in the sun was spent handing out prizes to the best of the best, such as the poultry champion won by a two-year-old duck named Apricot, shown here with Jennifer and Gillian MacNeil from Bonawe. 06\_a33MAS\_OpenChamp04



Left: Fynewest is Argyll's hipster convention: a three-day festival around the beauty that is beer. Beyond the music and great food, which is just a sideshow, there were a number of locally-produced drinks on offer. 17\_T23\_fynewest01\_Gaiaand LorienSilvan



Above: The Kilberry Scarecrow challenge at Easter saw this year's creative versions raising eyebrows all around Mid Argyll. Drivers were met with hilarious effigies, from the 'Swear crow' to 'Russell CROW'. 08\_a14kilberryscarecrows15



Artmap Argyll was a fun way of showcasing the local artistic talents of Argyll in August. In a treasure trail across the county, artists displayed their creations such as Kirsty Brady's glass and resin sculptures, for those who followed the red dot trail. 08\_a35Artmap1804

Right: Ardrishaig Gala Day is a great excuse to have a laugh. The community get-together features a parade of colourful floats, amusement park rides, music and laughter, opened, of course, by the Gala Queen, this year 19-year-old Tamara Johnston. 08\_a32ardrishaiggala08



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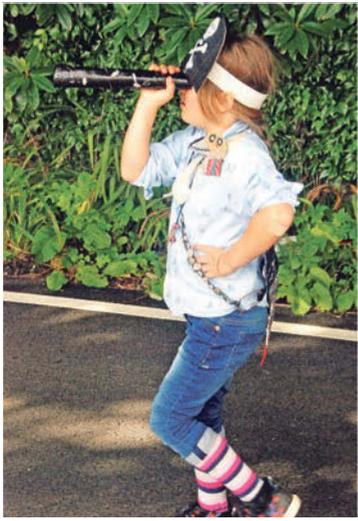
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Boats from across Scotland and as far afield as the Isle of Man headed to Loch Fyne in July for the seventh Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival. Craft of all shapes and sizes were on show, including Freydis, Tarbert's own 40ft wooden replica Viking longship.



The Inveraray Games, sponsored by The George Hotel, was a brilliant display of all things Scottish. Tartan filled the town as Highland dancers, pipers and caber tossers competed.



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## LOCHGILPHEAD

### Mid Argyll Music Festival

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The doors of various venues across Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig will open their doors to poetry, choirs, vocal solos, piano players and piping among the extensive list of acts for the local festival.

But there's always room for more and Mid Argyll Music Festival is looking for participants. So if you have a musical talent to share, contact [midargyllmusicfestival@webeden.co.uk](mailto:midargyllmusicfestival@webeden.co.uk) by Thursday January 31.

## ARDRISHAIG

### Casa Fashion Show

In aid of Heal Scotland, Casa hairdressers in Ardrishaig are hosting a glamorous fashion show in their salon.

There will be hair and make-up demonstrations for all ages, a chance to see all the latest colours, cuts and different make-up styles, as well as a glass of Prosecco.

'Come and join the fun, get some ideas, be inspired for the new year.'

The fashion show kicks off in Casa hairdressers on Chalmers Street on Saturday January 26.

## LOCHGOILHEAD

### Gig in the Gail

Argyll Holiday's boutique music festival is returning in May this year.

Drimsynie Estate will be the focus point for an eclectic range of live music, with Donnie Munro and Trail West headlining.

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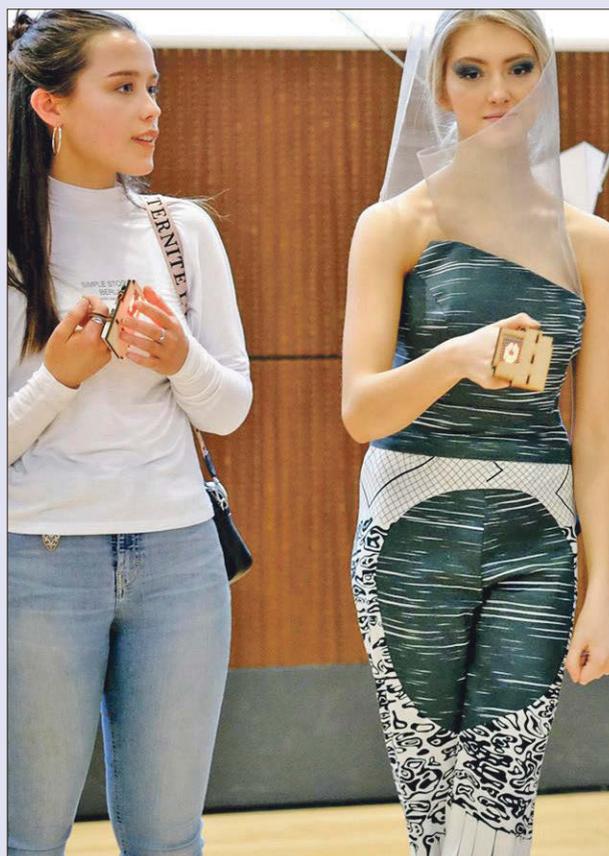
## TARBERT

### Fashion Show

During the Celebrate ART exhibition in Glasgow on Saturday November 24, the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre's young artist Isla Fowler presented her fashion design piece. When designing the pattern for the fabric, she was inspired by both Berlin architecture and by water reflections on the river Spree.

Isla's work was shown again during the Celebrate Art: land under water exhibition at Rockfield in Oban on Saturday December 8 and Sunday December 9.

Isla Fowler and model Niamh Campbell modelling her clothes.



## TAYVALLICH

### Barrandaimh Wildlife Centre

Barrandaimh Wildlife Centre invite you to blow away the Christmas cobwebs with a lung-filling walk.

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## ARDFERN

### Craignish Hogmanay party

Craignish has great plans to ring in the New Year.

A late-night party will start at 9.30pm in Craignish Village Hall with a licensed bar and crepes on offer as you dance 2018 away with It's All About The Cake ceilidh band and a DJ after the bells.

Tickets for the Hogmanay party at the hall are now available to buy from Ardferrn Village Store, priced £5 for adults, 16 and under free with no tickets available at the door or reservations.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

It is a kind of 'in between' time; a kind of limbo time; almost a 'nothing' time.

Christmas is over, all the planning, preparing, shopping, etc, is done.

Christmas is over for another year and we await a new year.

Many of us do not really like this time nearly as much as the 'waiting for Christmas' time.

We almost dread New Year for we look back and remember things that happened that rocked us and saddened us.

We look back and hope this next year will be better.

Often there is sadness at the bells as many are aware that someone is missing who was with us last year.

Yet we do our best to welcome this new year and hope for good times to come.

We will join with friends and we will laugh as well as cry and life will go on.

Then, as we put away the decorations after twelfth night - as we pack away the crib - we must remember that we are not packing away the Christmas child.

For God will be with us.

He will go ahead of us into the good times and the not so good.

God will go ahead of us into hospital waiting rooms and treatment centres.

God will be with us in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights.

This was not only the message for Christmas it was the message for life.

So as you raise a glass at 'the bells' to absent friends, remember the one who is ever present and always near, for God will never let you go.

Wishing you blessings and peace for the year ahead.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' (Matthew 5:9).

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**



**THOMSON - GILLIES**

At the Highland Parish Church, on December 30, 1968, by the Rev C M Henderson, Graham and Esther. 98 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**BROWN** - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on December 20, 2018, William Alistair Brown (Plumber), in his 77th year, 11 Ardminish, Gigha, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Brown, loving partner of Fiona, much loved father of Karen and James, father-in-law of Jim and Christine, loving papa of Samantha, Megan, Kyle, Phoebe and George, great papa of Taylor, Lewis, Michael and Maeve, and a loving brother and uncle. Service in Gigha Church, today Friday, December 28, 2018 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Gigha Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Marie Semple Fund and Dunaverty Golf Club.

**CALLANDER** - Archibald, formerly of Cairndow, passed away at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on Thursday, December 20, 2018, late of 1 Crosshouses, Inveraray, twin brother of Billy and brother of Nigel. Funeral service will be held at Kilmorich Parish Church, on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 12.00noon, thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery. A retiral collection will be offered for Kilmorich Parish Church Funds.

**CAMPBELL** - On December 14, 2018, suddenly, at Royal Surrey Hospital, Rosina Campbell, formerly of Hillfoot Terrace, Tarbert, aged 51 years, beloved partner of Brendan, much loved mother of Christopher and Connor and a dearly loved sister of Peter, Yvonne and Stuart. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Tarbert Parish Church.

**MAUCHLINE** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 19, 2018, Duncan McIntyre Mauchline, in his 83rd year, 41 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Jane Colville, much loved dad of Duncan, Peter and Alison, loving granda of Laura, Peter, Nichola, Kenny, Neil, Susan, Fiona, Craig, Kirsty and Amy and great granda to Mia, Charlie, Myles, Calum, Eva and Charlotte.

**SMITH** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 21, 2018, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, aged 84 years, of Bon Accord, Harbour Street, Tarbert. Beloved wife of the late John, and much loved mum of Ann Marie, Kay, Moira and Rhona, a cherished gran and great gran, a dear sister of Margaret, and loving aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral Service will be held in Tarbert Free Church, today, Friday, December 28, 2018, at 11am, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, Dementia UK and Breast Cancer UK.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CHISHOLM** - In loving memory of Johnny, passed away December 28, 2011, a loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always. - Netta and family, at home and abroad.

**DAVIDSON** - In memory of our dad, John (Jock) Davidson, who died on January 1, 2009. Sadly missed by all the family. Forever in our hearts. - John, Kenny, Sandra and family.

**MACCALLUM** - Cherished memories of Neil, who died on January 1, 2018, a loving and much loved husband, dad, granda and great granda. Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. - Betty and all the family.

**MCCALLUM** - Treasured memories of my husband, James, who died January 1, 2017, a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, granpa and great granpa. Another day, another year, Always wishing you were still here. - Love always, Matty. Forever in our thoughts. - Agnes and family, and Jim, Marie and family.

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# A sporting look back at 2018 – July to December

## JULY



Signing on – Queen's Park manager Gus MacPherson with Kieran Moore.

### Kieran's a Spider

Sharpshooter Kieran Moore, who scored 61 goals for Lochgilphead Red Star in the club's title-winning 2017/18 league campaign, signed for Scotland's oldest senior football club.

Kieran, 18, put pen to paper with Queen's Park Football Club – known as The Spiders – after being invited to train by manager Gus MacPherson.

### Life in the fast lane

The Mach 1 stages rally, organised by Dunfermline Car club, was held at Machrihanish airbase.

Kilmartin's William Beattie and Willie Beattie junior in their mk2 Escorts competed in class three, but electrical problems ended their interest.

Donald Bowness in his Vauxhall Nova finished eleventh overall and first in class two. Another local man, Jamie Miller, finished third in the class in his new Citroen C2R2 Max.

Class one saw Innes Mochrie and Paul Hunter compete in Innes' newly built Rover Metro, coming third in their class.



Innes Mochrie in action. Photograph by Victoria Davidson-Kinghorn.

## AUGUST

### Loopy for Sportive

The inaugural Kilberry Loop Sportive, organised by Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club, attracted 86 athletes.

Billed as a non-competitive and all inclusive event, the 40-mile course took cyclists north out of Tarbert, over to Ormsary and Kilberry and returning to Tarbert.



Good weather for the hardy cyclists.

### In-form McGlynn wins

Conditions were perfect at Tarbert Golf Club for the 47 players who contested the James Mundell Memorial Open.

Ryan McGlynn's one-under-par, 62 net score, included four birdies and his was the score to beat.

Duncan Johnstone gave it a good go with a net 64, which included a back nine of 34, but none could match the early leader.



Ryan McGlynn with the trophy.



Action from the opening Dalriada festival of the season.

### Celebrating rugby

A good crowd turned up to watch around 100 youth rugby players take part in the first Dalriada Festival event of the season.

Players from P4 to S2 came to



Female vintage winner Sue Allen and third-placed Marjorie Leighton.

## OCTOBER

### James will be back

A successful Argyll sports coach opened up about his struggles with mental health.

In a candid television interview broadcast at half-time during the shinty/hurling international between Scotland and Ireland, Kyles Athletic coach James Perlich spoke openly about his experiences in the hope of giving others the confidence to consider their mental health.

He confirmed he will take time away from shinty to get back on an even keel, but added: 'I'll be back.'



James Perlich.

## SEPTEMBER

Lochgilphead from Lochaber, Islay, Oban and Taynuilt to play in games for P4-5, P6-7 and under-14 boys age groups.

### The friendly triathlon

Exceptionally wet weather did nothing to stop the 17th MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon as 112 triathletes and 14 teams took part.

The first male/senior male home was Craig Ross of the Glasgow Tri Club, with Lucy Fraser winning the senior female first prize.

BFG Lochgilphead – made up of Felix Maddox, Gregor McGeachy and Ben Smith – won the junior team title and Mid Argyll Triathlon Club's Sue Allen put in superb performances to dominate the 60+ category.



Inveraray's veteran frontman Gary MacPherson takes no prisoners in the match versus Beaully. Photograph: Neil Paterson.

### Inveraray promoted

In the final match of their 2018 season, Inveraray Shinty Club secured promotion to the Marine Harvest Premiership after a three-year absence.

In a strong away performance they came from a goal down to beat Beaully 3-1.



## NOVEMBER

### Points mean golf prizes

Lochgilphead Golf Club held its annual prizegiving along with a delicious buffet provided by Ele, Morvern Murray and Kirsty Flanagan whose home made desserts were 'to die for'.

Winners included Ele Hunter, Donna McKellar, Grant McDougall, Keith



Donald Self, James Snelgrove and Cameron McIver.

## DECEMBER

### Strollers centre stage

Lochgilphead Rovers' walking football squad has been busy, taking part in tournaments at Stenhousemuir Football Club and Glasgow Green.

There were heroic tales from matches and players who, despite advancing years in a few cases, remain deceptively slow around the park.

If you want to participate in walking football, head for Lochgilphead sports centre at 5.30pm on Tuesdays. Apparently, no skill is required – just a wee bit of enthusiasm.

Right: Lochgilphead Rovers, including a mystery team member, have had a busy year.



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DECEMBER

**Murrayfield magic**

South Argyll Schools under-16 rugby team travelled to Murrayfield for the Scottish Schools Bowl final.

After a valiant effort in their first national final, the Argyll outfit succumbed 10-49 to The Royal High School.

There was more Murrayfield magic when Ardfern's Archie Spencer, a former Lochgilphead High School pupil and Mid Argyll, Oban High and Oban Lorne player, played for Merchiston Castle School in a 40-7 victory in the under-18 Cup final.



Front row left to right: George Morrison, Ele Hunter, Donna McKellar, Alex MacCaulay. Back row left to right: Grant McDougall, Douglas Whyte, George J Morrison, Keith Cowan, Ryan McGlynn, Jim Hunter, Adrian Angus.

Cowan, Douglas Whyte, George J Morrison, Adrian Angus, Jim Hunter, George Morrison and Ryan McGlynn.

**Karate and Katas**

Participants from Lochgilphead, Oban and Perth took part in a karate tournament hosted by Kyokushinkai Karate Club at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

In the eight to 10 years category, Lochgilphead students took first, second and third places with James Snelgrove, Mirrin Bowden and Sam Gillespie respectively.

In the Kata (set patterns) category, first was James Snelgrove; Donald Self came second and Cameron McIver third.

Lochgilphead club assistant instructor Ethan Lekalake took first place in the adult Kata.

Most spirited fighter award went to Sam Gillespie.



South Argyll's Robbie Herd taking the line-out throw in, with Lucas Gritten jumping to take it.

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
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## Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

It has been an eventful and challenging 12 months for brothers Willie and Steven Beattie in their first year out as rally driver and co-driver.

It quickly became clear the car and crew have the potential to be competitive in their class but, according to the pair, they 'still have lots of experience to gain'.

The year has had its ups and downs, with a fair share of good, bad and ugly. Not getting to finish their local event, Mach1, in Machrihanish, while leading the class by a comfortable margin, having to retire due to an electrical master switch failure, was a disappointment but, unfortunately, these things happen. Rolling the car at the challenging Tyneside stages was another nightmare but, these hiccups aside, the lads were happy to finish second in class in the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.

After the roll in Tyneside, which left the D A MacDonald Escort looking a little sorry for itself and some way from being able to compete, the

boys needed to collect the requisite number of points to secure a podium overall and this involved a fairly swift deal with Willie senior and they are indebted to their dad for nervously lending them his car for Leuchars to secure the championship position. Both remarked what an experience it was to drive his Escort.

After taking it easy for four stages, they started to get a good feel for the car and picked up the pace to finish third in class and 16th o/a.

The Beattie boys said: 'The car had so much more to give but we didn't want to push our luck being the first outing in a different car. We got it back in one piece thankfully.'

Overall it has been a great year for them and they would like to say a massive thanks to Donald and Irene and DA MacDonald Contractors for the sponsorship over the past two years and look forward to the 2019 championship. The car is due some tender loving care and will be back out again for next year's stages.



Andrew MacDonald, Archie MacGilp junior, Shaun Doy and Malcolm MacDonald.

## Tarbert Gun Club's annual turkey match

The last competition of the year on Sunday December 16 was the annual article and turkey match with 36 shooters.

As in previous years, all names were put in a hat and shooters were paired up, so shooters could only rely on luck since any points would average out.

Like previous competitions, there were no runaway winners with five pairs of shooters separated by one target only.

Kilmichael's Shaun Doy is shooting well these days and Malcolm MacDonald of Minard tied with Andrew MacDonald and Archie MacGilp junior for top spot.

Only one target behind were Bob McColl and Donald Nicholson of Bellochinty, John Weir partnered with Billy Bergant and Ian Winnard and John Winnard. Tarbert Gun Club thanks everyone involved for their support and wishes everyone season's greetings.



Willie and Steven Beattie in their dad's Escort.



The Lochgilphead Red Star 2008s team.

## Red Star raising funds to go to Blackpool

Red Star 2008s are appealing for help to get to the International Cup in Blackpool.

The club has set up a GoFundMe page with a £3,000 target and is organising a race night in the Masonic Lodge on Saturday February 16.

Details have still to be finalised, but the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Facebook page said: 'If you could keep that date free and come and enjoy the night, that would be fantastic.'

'We are hoping fundraising will pay for the players and if there are funds left, we will use this to take the overall cost down for everyone else.'

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