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# Ardfern woman volunteers at 'manic' Samos 'jungle'

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The plight of refugees on the Greek island of Samos is worsening.

With a new surge of mainly Syrian refugees, reports are coming in of another makeshift 'jungle' being created due to a lack of room and resources at the refugee camp.

Samos is just two kilometres off the Turkish coast and the first landfall for many travelling via Turkey, but worsening weather over the winter is causing new problems for refugees on the island, who are living in tents in the cold and rain.

Ardfern volunteer for charity Samos Volunteers, Pam Gregory, is in the refugee campsite, doing all she can to help.

Samos Volunteers is the only volunteer group supporting around 4,000 refugees living in and around a camp on the island.

The charity aims to foster a sense of normality and combat boredom, while empowering people while

they wait for their asylum applications to be processed. For the most part, Pam, aged 72, teaches English, but she also helps by simply talking, dancing, singing and generally keeping spirits high.

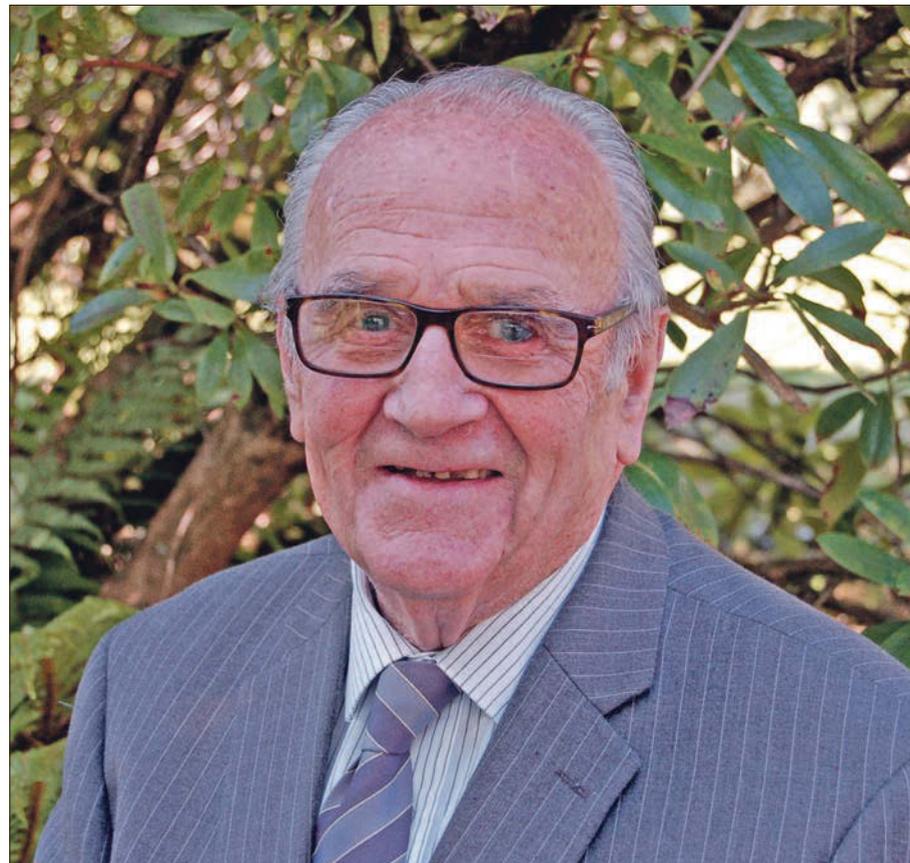
She told the Advertiser: 'Work varies from teaching English, French, German, Greek or music, to sorting clothes in the warehouse; doing long and hot tea-shifts in the camp where there is only one tap for thousands of people; doing activities with the youngsters; crafts with their mums; and break-dancing and karate for the young unaccompanied minors under 18 - orphans to you and me.'

However, the weather has recently worsened as well as the situation in Syria pushing more people out of their homes and towards Samos. With overcrowding, resources are low and a secondary 'jungle' has been established outside the camp. Pam said: 'It's unbelievably awful.'

A new 'jungle' has formed outside the main camp.

Some 1,800 people are living in pop ups, under tarpaulins

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Councillor Donnie MacMillan.

## Honour for 'speechless' Donnie

Donnie MacMillan, thought to be Scotland's oldest serving councillor, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to local government.

Now aged 91, Donnie has served Argyll and Bute as a local councillor for nearly 35 years and currently represents Mid Argyll. Following the announcement in the New Year's Honours List, he said: 'I am delighted and honoured to receive this award. The fact that people went to the effort of nominating me is heart-warming and I really appreciate it. To receive the British Empire Medal leaves me, for once, almost speechless.'

For more Argyll honours, see page three.



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## Ardfern woman volunteers at 'manic' Samos jungle base

Continued from page one. or makeshift shelters from whatever they can cobble together from the skips in the town.

'There is no running water, no toilets and no showers. It's absolutely freezing and has been raining non-stop for the past five days.'

Samos Volunteers has released a cookery book to raise money.

The book is made up of recipes collected from the refugees living in the camp and is available at [displaceddishes.com](http://displaceddishes.com) or the Ardfern shop with all proceeds going to Samos Volunteers.

The camp is also looking for more volunteers to help aid the growing number of refugees. Pam said: 'Life is pretty manic here. A lot of the volunteers have gone home for Christmas and we need all the help we can get

'Refugees are leaving, but even more keep coming. We're absolutely desperate for more volunteers.'

to keep the essential services and informal curriculum going. Refugees are leaving, but even more keep coming. We're absolutely desperate for more volunteers.'

She continued: 'You don't need any particular skills to become a volunteer - just a passionate interest in helping people in this situation and the leisure to be able to commit a month of your time.'

If you would like to donate, visit [samosvolunteers.org](http://samosvolunteers.org).



Pam Gregory teaching English in the Samos refugee camp.



Pam Gregory selling language books in the camp.

## POLICE FILES

### Report submitted

A motorist was stopped for speeding on the A83, near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, at 9.30pm on Tuesday December 18. The car was also found to have a worn tyre. The driver, a man aged 31, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Lorry charges

A 56-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal after leaving his articulated lorry parked on the pavement, unattended, with the engine running at the entrance to the Riverside Filling Station on the A816, Lochgilphead, at 11am on Friday December 21.

### Vehicle damaged

The bonnet of an orange Renault Captur was damaged when someone jumped on it at 8pm on Friday December 21 on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, near to Brodie Crescent. Police are investigating.

### Speeding driver

Police stopped a motorist for

speeding on the A83, near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, at 10pm on Wednesday December 19. The driver, a 43-year-old man, was given a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

### Speeding offences

Two drivers, aged 27 and 34 years, were stopped for speeding on the A83 at Lochgilphead on Saturday December 22. They were both given £100 fixed penalty tickets and three penalty points.

### Abusive behaviour

A 58-year-old man was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner at 1am on Saturday December 22, in Colchester Square, Lochgilphead. The man resisted arrest. He was charged and a report has submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

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Achahoish Primary School pupils.

## Singalong at Achahoish Primary

The boys and girls at Achahoish Primary School worked hard during December to decorate their school hall in preparation for December 20, when they invited all the community to join them in the school for a night of Christmas fun with a community Christmas singalong.

Head teacher Lucy Blake said: 'It was lovely to see the school full of friends and family. Everyone joined in with the festive singing and we were treated to poems and readings from the pupils.'

'Thanks go to Reverend Carruthers for his thoughtful words. The evening finished off with teas and mince pies and a chance to chat and catch up with friends. A happy and joyful evening.'

'Staff and pupils remind everyone that our new ragbag clothing recycling bin is in the playground and is accessible even when the school is closed, so if you are having a Christmas clear-out, please deposit your bags of old clothes in our recycling bin. It helps us raise funds for school transport costs.'

# Argyll and Bute folk feature in honours



Handing out sweets in Inveraray.



Santa visits the little elves of Lochgilhead.

## Santa brings cheer on Mid Argyll tour

Santa was on his annual Mid Argyll tour in the week before Christmas.

Organised by Mid Argyll Round Table, Old Saint Nick travelled through Tarbert on December 20, Lochgilhead on December 23 and Inveraray on

December 24, stopping to meet children and ask what they wanted for Christmas.

Despite technical issues with the sleigh and wet weather, the dedicated team persisted through Mid Argyll, making sure to visit every child.



Santa's sleigh was a sight to behold.

A Mid Argyll man, believed to be the oldest serving councillor in Scotland, has been recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan was one of a number of Argyll and Bute people to receive an award in the 2019 list.

Oban monument conservationist John Beaton, who works for Historic Environment Scotland, receives an OBE for services to the built environment and the community in Argyll.

Alistair Livingston, a volunteer from Mull, also receives an OBE for his services to HM Coastguard. He is part of the Tobermory Coastguard Rescue Team.

Jennifer Minto, chairwoman of the Islay WW100 group, has been given an OBE for services to World War One Commemoration and the community in Islay.

An OBE also went to Graham Bell from Argyll, who spent 24 years as the CEO of the Kibble Group – a specialist centre for young people at risk, and is a founding director of The Leader (Scotland), which helps with personal and business growth.

Mr Bell received the title for services to education, residential child care and social enterprise.

Winifred Stewart Muir from Rothesay received an OBE for voluntary services to Cancer Research, while history curator for the Bute Museum, Anne Robson Speirs, received the accolade for her services to education and historic heritage on the Isle of Bute.

Mid Argyll councillor Mr MacMillan, aged 91, is to receive the British Empire



Councillor MacMillan has served Mid Argyll as a councillor for 35 years, but on this occasion is served a coffee morning scone by Linda Tighe. 06\_a20ChurchCoffee02

Medal for services to local government.

He told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I have had the privilege of serving my community as a local councillor for nearly 35 years.

'I would like to thank everyone who has helped me do that – the wonderful staff of Argyll and Bute Council, fellow councillors, colleagues in other organisations and, of course, my constituents. Most

of all I would like to thank my family for all their love and support.

'I am proud to be from and to serve Argyll and Bute and I am grateful for the very kind thoughts behind this award.'

## Making the decision to foster

Argyll and Bute Council is encouraging people to consider fostering children.

One couple from Campbeltown, Moyra and Peter Paterson, gave an insight into the rewards that can be gained from fostering, particularly over the festive period.

Moyra said: 'We have five grown-up children between us and, although I truly treasure the time we spend together over Christmas, it's

not the same as when they were little.'

The Christmas just past was different, however, as the couple have become foster parents and have a young child in their care.

Moyra continued: 'It's fantastic. These are truly special times and I'm delighted we get to make a difference to this little one's life.

'We're making special memories – memories that will last a lifetime, and the joy

that we get out of fostering and making a difference to young people's lives can't be underestimated.

'Fostering is one of the best decisions we've ever made. I'd urge anyone considering applying to get in touch with the council's fostering team.'

To find out how you can help make a difference to a young person's life by fostering, visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/fostering](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/fostering).



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# The pragmatic Inveraray Parson with the gift of prophesy

by Colin Cameron  
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One of the great characters in Inveraray's rich history is Niven MacVicar.

There have been many MacVicars by that forename over the centuries, but this particular gentleman was serving as Parson of Inveraray at the time of the Reformation.

The mid 16th century was

a time of great political and religious upheaval in Scotland, mirroring the situation elsewhere in Europe. In August 1560 the Reformation formally arrived in Scotland, signifying a break with the Catholic Church – with figures such as John Knox at the vanguard of the reformed church.

The old town of Inveraray, nestled close to the present-day castle, would feel the impact.

When Archibald Campbell, Earl of Argyll, became a Protestant Niven MacVicar, known as the Parson of Kilmalieu, did likewise.

Among his flock there remained many who, albeit secretly, clung to the old faith. Perhaps the Parson's true affections also lay there, but – ever the pragmatist – he found a solution by carving out a new basin on the underside of the church's baptismal font. This would be used for

the Protestant children, with the original reserved for offspring of the Catholic faith.

When accused of blasphemy by purists, the Parson is said to have declared that as the Gate of Heaven was so narrow, it was no more than a Christian charity to open it a little wider.

The Parson's font now sits in All Saints Episcopal Church in Inveraray. It is a well-worn octagonal block of granite and, true enough, the underside of the font has been chiselled out to form a second basin.

But the Parson of Kilmalieu was more than a simple clergyman; he was said to have the second sight and the gift of prophesy.

The Campbell chieftains would fall, he foretold, when enemies hid in a wood behind the Crooked Dyke, which was not built for another 200 years, bordering common grazings around Inveraray. They would rush from the wood down to the ford on the River Shira, where a bloody battle would ensue.

A man born with only one hand would hold three kings' horses.

After the battle, all that was left of the Argyll family



The double-sided baptismal font altered by the Parson, sitting in All Saints Church, Inveraray. 06\_a31MacKechnieBook05

would be carried on an old white horse over the ridge at Tyndrum.

After this, the Parson prophesied, a traveller would be able to pass 40 miles in Argyllshire and not hear a cock crow or see a chimney smoke.

The story also goes that the elderly Parson was talking to the Earl one day when he suddenly cried out: 'I see my Lord's head and shoulders all covered with blood.' The nobleman enquired what this meant and the Parson replied that he would be beheaded.

'If you know so much how,

then, will you die?' asked the Earl. 'I shall be drowned,' said the Parson.

To save him from such a fate, the Earl sent him to Stirling, well away from the sea.

But, as fate would have it, a cry of 'fire!' at his new home one day sent the Parson hobbling on to an outside stair.

He stumbled and fell head-first into a butt of water where he drowned.

Parson Niven MacVicar's remains were taken back to be interred at Kilmalieu cemetery, where his headstone is in the form of a cross bearing an effigy of Christ.

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The new castle and town of Inveraray – but Niven MacVicar would be familiar with the landscapes more than 400 years later.

# Argyll's 'astounding' marine pollution captured on camera

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Immersed in the fast-moving cosmopolitan world of the London photographic scene, it would surely take something special to draw Elizabeth Presland to the chilly west coast of Scotland in winter.

Elizabeth is picture desk editor for The Sunday Times. Her work has been exhibited internationally – yet she ventured to the frozen north west in December to pursue a passion.

She came to Argyll to witness for herself the impact of marine pollution and was shocked by what she found.

'I was drawn to Scotland after my research led me to discover that Scotland held some of the most remote places in the UK to be affected by plastic pollution,' Elizabeth explained.

'This is affecting migratory birds, which are ingesting plastic and dramatically depleting in numbers.

'I came to Scotland having researched places of particular concern to visit, however,

I was astonished to find that my research was unnecessary, for on every loch we traversed and every shore I found plastic awaited me at every turn.

'In the most remote, breathtaking wilderness of Scotland, plastic litters the landscape, being brought in with the tides and making its way up the lochs, into the streams and across Scotland's shores.

'My project looks to explore humankind's relationship to waste pollution, which is set to be the downfall of all amidst the distractions of borders, migration and nationalism.

'Water networks have been traditional routes of trade, culture and sharing for millennia and are now polluted from their micro to their macro ecosystems.

'For me this is a pertinent place to explore how we can approach our relationship to each other and the earth, not through scaremongering but through reflection on the systems that keep us together and how pollution affects mankind and the delicate balance of life.'



Pollution was the attraction for Elizabeth Presland.



Plastic waste in the shadow of 15th century Castle Lachlan on the shores of Loch Fyne.



Plastic tie binding polluting the shore of Loch Riddon, near Colintraive.



Plastic debris at the head of Loch Long near Arrochar.

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**Easing plight**

The conditions being endured by refugees on a remote Greek island might seem of little importance to folk living in Argyll, but Pam Gregory spends time helping make their lives easier.

More volunteers are desperately needed to assist as conditions worsen during the winter and Samos Volunteers would love to hear from anyone with the inclination to help.

Pam's dedication and the support of the Craignish community deserve great credit. The pity is that her efforts are required in the first place.

**Well done, Donnie**

There can be few more weel-kent characters around Mid Argyll and the wider county than Councillor Donnie MacMillan.

It is good to see him being recognised in the latest honours list and it is well deserved.

**Pain and gain**

Fun was the winner at the recent old geezers versus young bucks football match at the Ropework.

Asked what the highlight of the match was, one 'legend' replied: 'The final whistle.'

As for the score, it was 'three all, approximately'.

**Queen's speech spoiled**

Sir,  
One of my annual highlights, the Queen's Christmas day broadcast, was ruined for me this year by widespread advance publication of its contents.

Leaking details of the broadcast was once virtually a hanging offence but it seems this is now a duty of palace officials. Next year, it would be nice for Her Majesty's remarks to come as a surprise.

**John Eoin Douglas, Edinburgh.**

**Children charity thanks**

On behalf of Children 1st, I thank the people of Argyll for their continued support for Scotland's national children's charity.

We're overwhelmed by the generosity and fundraising efforts from everyone across Scotland.

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We especially thank players of People's Postcode Lottery in Argyll for 10 years of support through Postcode Children Trust which has enabled us to continue delivering vital support services including our advice network Parentline.

In the last year, Parentline supported more than 2,100 parents and we look to expand our presence locally in the New Year.

We've also been able to prevent and protect children and their families from traumatic experiences, including poverty, loss and abuse

thanks to the players, as well as helping them become stronger and more resilient together.

With the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery through Postcode Children Trust, we can help build a brighter future for more children and families in Argyll.

**Mary Glasgow, Children 1st.**

**Regaining confidence**

Sir,  
On behalf of everyone at Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

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One in five people in Scotland are affected by chest, heart and stroke conditions and that number is growing. People need our advice line, stroke nurses, rehabilitation support and peer support groups more than ever. Your support has helped people take back their lives, regain their confidence and live life to the full.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered their time to support us whether it is through fundraising, working in our shops or helping care for people through our support groups. None of the work we do would be possible without the invaluable contribution of our volunteers.

There is so much more still to do and I hope we will have your continued support in 2019.

Together we can and will make sure there is no life half lived in Scotland. Thank you.

**Jane-Claire Judson, chief executive, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, Edinburgh.**

**Island concerns**

Sir,  
It was great to once again catch up with my constituents on the isle of Jura while attending the latest Jura Community Council meeting.

Progress has been made on resurfacing local roads, repairing road lay-bys and filling potholes.

That said, much more still needs to be done on Jura and across the Kintyre and islands ward.

The question of a 30mph to 20mph speed limit through Craighouse must be addressed as there are justifiable safety concerns, particularly in regards to Jura's primary school pupils.

A number of Jura's street lights are not working and the slow response in getting them repaired can't be allowed to become a regular occurrence.

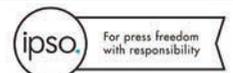
We also need to see more joined up thinking in regards to our ferry and other transport links. It goes without saying that the ferries and roads are vital lifelines to our island communities and any problems will hit local economic growth.

As in all other parts of the Kintyre and islands ward, the need for housing continues to be a pressing issue.

If we as a council are to properly encourage population growth in Argyll and Bute,

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housing must be made available to house the workers of our growing rural industries. I look forward to being back on Jura soon.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

## Take up challenge

Sir,  
As we enter the new year, I am calling on people all over Scotland to save lives in 2019 by supporting Bowel Cancer UK, the UK's leading bowel cancer charity. Around 1,600 Scottish people die each year from bowel cancer, making it the second biggest cancer killer – but with your help we can change that.

This year, why not use your New Year's resolution to support vital research and lifesaving work to stop people dying of bowel cancer? Get fit and fund raise by joining a Kilt Walk in 2019. Or take part in Bowel Cancer UK's Step up For 30 campaign this June, which challenges you to get active for 30 minutes every day for 30 days. For an even bigger challenge, why not tackle The Great Scottish Run or the Edinburgh Marathon Festival?

It's because of people like you we can continue to save lives and improve the quality of life of everyone affected by bowel cancer. Interested? Visit [bowelcanceruk.org.uk](http://bowelcanceruk.org.uk) to find out more.

Claire Donaghy, head of Scotland for Bowel Cancer UK.

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## YOUR PICTURES



## Furnace in the winter sun

This week we have a winter scene captured by Neil Lea from Kirn, near Dunoon.

Neil describes his photograph as 'Furnace in the last rays of the sun'. It looks across Furnace quarry north eastwards over Loch Fyne to the hills of

Cowal dusted with snow and bathed in the orange glow of the setting sun.

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# Worrying news for chocoholics

## Science matters

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Almost everyone loves chocolate. Be it in breakfast cereals, drinks, confectionery, cakes, desserts or even savoury dishes, chocolate's enticingly addictive, luxuriant flavour has spawned a multi-billion-dollar industry.

The bad news is that a world shortage of chocolate is predicted by 2020.

Chocolate is made from beans of cocoa trees – the *obroma cacao* – that are native to rainforests in the Amazon basin in South America, where they have been domesticated for around 3,600 years.

Today most commercial cocoa comes from plantations in West Africa where a decline in productivity is the cause of the predicted world cocoa famine.

Raw cocoa straight from the

bean is horribly bitter and, for centuries, attempts have been made to breed more palatable beans. One cultivated variety called Criollo produces less bitter cocoa with a sought-after nutty flavour and so commands high prices in the marketplace.

But trees bred specifically for flavour are not necessarily resistant to diseases or well adapted to local soil or weather conditions.

Now cultivated trees are ageing rapidly, becoming less productive and more disease-prone, and many traditional cocoa farmers in West Africa are switching to growing rubber as a more lucrative alternative.

But don't despair, help is at hand. Scientists attempting to address the problems affecting cocoa production have



Are the cacao trees dying out?

analysed the DNA from 200 cocoa trees, including wild and domesticated varieties. This exercise has uncovered many mutations in trees of different cultivars and par-

ticularly so in Criollo trees where intensive breeding has caused an accumulation of mutations that have weakened the stock.

This data bank of DNA

sequences can now be used to reveal the genetic diversity of cocoa trees, which should then herald scientific breeding programmes that ensure the robustness of wild trees is

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# Archie's story – Lochgilphead schoolboy to Glasgow lawyer

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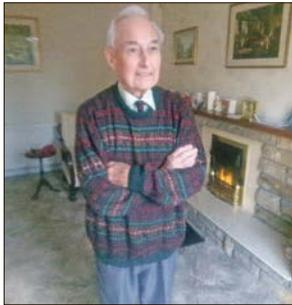
In November we published an old photograph belonging to reader Heather Williams from Carsaig and asked if any of the pupils are still with us today?

The photograph, dating from 1937, was taken at Lochgilphead Junior School.

Lochgilphead woman Mary Campbell got in touch and put names to everyone in the photograph.

The article was passed around people with connections to the pupils in the photograph before Anne Lindsay from Prestwick contacted the paper in December to say that her father, back row, second right, is still with us.

Anne said: 'My father, Archie Finlayson, is living independently at the age of 89. He enjoyed a successful



**A hale and hearty Archie Finlayson.**

career in law and lives in Thorntonhall, near Glasgow.'

Archie arrived in Lochgilphead when he was three months old. He became the senior athletic champion at Lochgilphead High School, which helped him secure a place at Keil School before studying law at Glasgow University. Archie started his own successful law business in 1957.

Anne continued: 'He met his wife Jean, a nurse, whilst studying and was married for more than 62 years. Sadly Jean passed away in May.'

He has two children, Anne and Billy, and four grandchildren – Scott, Jenny, Karen and Melanie. Archie, said Anne, has never forgotten his roots and has paid many visits 'back home' over the years.

So, are there any others from the photograph still around?

**If you have any old photos you would like to see published in the Argyllshire Advertiser, hand them into our office or post to The Argyllshire Advertiser, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8NB, with a stamped addressed envelope for return. Remember to include information about when and where the photograph was taken.**



Back row, left to right: Neil MacDonald, Bobby Sinclair, Billy Rankin, Alastair Grey, Malky MacCallum, John Adair, Archie Finlayson and Tommy Welch. Next row: Colin Montgomery, John Gillies, Mary Carmichael, Jean MacVicar, Jane Gillies, Alice Harvey, Marjie MacLauchlin, Jessie Crawford, Minnie Thompson, James Carmichael, Jim Miller, Kenny MacDonald, Alastair Graham and Alastair Cowan. Next row: Eddie Callaghan, Ann O'Neil, Gracie Whiteford, May Campbell, Margaret Kinsella, Isa Brodie, Mary Wishart, Robin Crawford, George Fisher and Hughie O'Neil. Front row: Alastair MacDonald, John Mitchell, George MacAllister, George Campbell, John Fisher, Dick Kinsella, Donnie MacDonald, Ian MacLennan, Teddy McGlynn, Neil MacLellan and Jock O'Neil.

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# The Slightly Portly Quiz of

You will have heard of the Big Fat Quiz of the Year on TV. Now meet its more generation, this quiz also offers our more senior readers the chance to mug up the youngsters.



## YouTube

1. What is the name of the 'free' meet and greet event that left 5,000 YouTube fans out of pocket and standing in the California sun all day?
2. Who won the 2018 Streamy Creator of the Year award?
3. According to Forbes, who was 2018's highest-paid YouTuber?

## Movies

1. What picture won the 2018 Best Picture Oscar – some would say it is a bit of a Little Mermaid tribute?
2. Name the 2018 horror movie about monsters which hunt through sound.
3. Name one of the three most re-watched movies on Netflix last year.



## Games



1. What was the year's the biggest selling game, according to Amazon?
2. Which superhero kicked off the Marvel Gaming Universe this year?
3. What post-apocalyptic-set console game failed to impress the critics and users alike?

## Music

1. Name one of the movies referenced in Ariana Grande's 'thank you, next' music video.
2. What was 2018's biggest selling album?
3. What was the 2018 Christmas number one?



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# 2018 – questions

svelte, trendier sibling – The Slightly Portly Quiz. Aimed at the younger on what the hip kids were talking about in 2018. Test yourself and impress



## TV

1. Name Netflix's original nihilistic and depressed horse from 'Hollywood' whose series entered its fifth season last year.
2. What long-running reality show was finally axed of its 'celebrity' tantrums this year?
3. Who won Love Island 2018?



## Sport

1. In the USA, who is leading an NFL peaceful protest against racism and injustice in the criminal system, recently enforced with a 2018 Nike campaign?
2. Which country won the 2018 football World Cup?
3. For what did tennis player Alize Cornet get a code violation at the 2018 US Open?

## Miscellaneous

1. Who is the most 'Googled' person in the UK this year, according to the BBC?
2. What Banksy stunt shredded the opposition?
3. Name the movement against sexual assault and harassment that became a major talking point last year.



## Celebrity

1. Name the troubled TV presenter going through rehab who might be looking forward to rejoining his buddy on Britain's Got Talent?
2. The 'Strictly Curse' is something that can strike participants on the celebrity dance extravaganza. Name the most high-profile example of this during the 2018 season.
3. Which major figure in the comic book industry died in 2018, leaving nerds everywhere devastated?



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So, how do you think you fared? Think it was a breeze, or were you left



## YouTube

1. Tanacon was a convention made to spite the long-time main YouTube convention, Vidcon, by Tana Mongeau and a company called GoodTimes, run by Michael Weist. Since it was made by these early-20-something-year-olds that have no idea how to run an event, they tried to cram 5,000 teenagers into a venue made for 1,000, left anyone who couldn't fit in the sun and used false advertising to convince visitors to buy tickets rather than taking the free tickets.
2. Shane Dawson won this year's Creator of the Year, ironically for his new documentary-style of content that included covering Tanacon and looking into the infamous frat boy, Jake Paul.
3. Ryan ToysReview. This seven-year-old boy reviews children's toys, gaining £18 million in 2018. By attracting the parent demographic with maybe the safest content on YouTube, he eliminates problems with ad revenue and sponsors and attracts viewers that are okay with watching the same video 20 times a day, as we all did at one point.



## Games

1. Super Smash Bros Ultimate. Some things never change. Some things are too classic to never not make money.
2. Spider-Man with the PS4 game Marvel's Spider-Man which is confirmed to kick off a slew of interlinking games featuring Marvel superheroes including Iron Man and Hulk.
3. Despite a few 'meh' games, Fallout 76 is considered the year's biggest flop with comments on fans hatred for the multi-player system that players didn't ask for, its bugs and glitches and its empty world with not enough to do.

## Music

1. Bring It On, 13 Going on 30, Legally Blonde and Mean Girls were all acted out by Ariana Grande in her music video fondly remembering her past relationship, but telling the world she's ready to move on.
2. The Greatest Showman isn't going to win any academy awards for film-making, but a good musical soundtrack will fly through history, with your grandchildren in future weddings asking the DJ to play This Is Me.
3. Ladbaby's We Built This City was a parody of Starship's 80's disco hit as well as an ode to the Gregg's staple.



## Movies

1. Shape of Water. This Guillermo Del Toro romance epic takes the myths of sirens, gender-swaps them and takes them to their logical conclusion. And yet, you find yourself rooting for the Swamp Thing, fish-monster hybrid and his lonely, signing lover.
2. A Quiet Place is another movie featuring a signing character, about a family trying to live in a world where they are hunted if they make a noise. That gets complicated when the mother is about to go into labour.
3. To All the Boys I've Loved Before, The Kissing Booth and Roxanne Roxanne. Two of these are teen romances and a rapper biopic. Maybe the world needs more love ...and hip hop.



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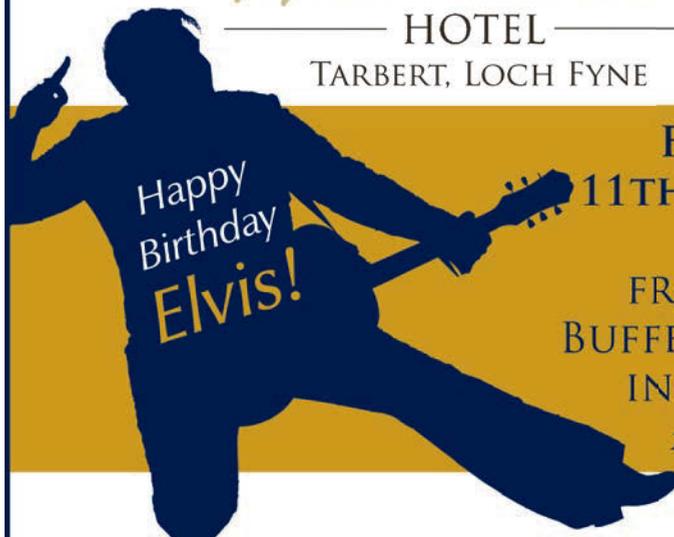
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# 2018 – answers

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## TV

1. Bojack Horseman. If you didn't get it right away, that was a bizarre premise to read, but it has become the most realistic, touching and inoffensive depiction of mental health in TV and cinema.
2. Big Brother.
3. Jack Fincher and Dani Dyer. What a rollercoaster that relationship was. Have they now broken up? Would anyone be surprised? Was it even real?

## Sport



1. American football player Colin Kaepernick is known to take a knee during the national anthem before every game, to the irk of many that find it offensive to the country, but it's catching on in the NFL as a peaceful protest against police brutality.
2. France won 4-2 against Croatia.
3. Tennis player Alize Cornet removed her top when she realised it was inside out, revealing a sports bra, before fixing it and putting it back on.

## Celebrity

1. Anthony McPartlin, of Ant and Dec. The world is a little less fun without him.
2. Comedian Seann Walsh was caught kissing his dance partner Katya Jones outside a hotel, prompting cheating accusations and a public declaration from his girlfriend that opened with the words 'My name is Rebecca Humphries and I am not a victim'.
3. Stan Lee, creator of superheroes such as Spider-Man and the Hulk and considered the grandpa of comics, was also known for his cameo appearances in Marvel movies. Stan Lee died on November 12 of last year, leaving various celebrities posting pictures of him on social media and heartbroken fans everywhere lost.



## Miscellaneous

1. Meghan Markle, American actress and the new Duchess of Sussex was the most Googled name this year. This was probably due to the fact that her only major role was in little-known TV show Suits, before her engagement to Prince Harry had everyone talking about her race, nationality, family background and priorities.
2. Banksy anonymously sold a painting of his famous 'Balloon Girl' at an auction, before hitting a switch which sent the artwork through a shredder hidden in the frame – saying something about obsession with material possessions perhaps? But the twist is it got stuck halfway through, the stunt went viral and the value of the painting only went up.
3. #MeToo or Time's Up. Both movements were well documented for Hollywood's involvement, either as protesters or as victims, with movements like wearing all black to the 2018 BAFTAs or activists accompanying stars to the Golden Globes, not to be outdone by the worldwide Women's March in January that saw millions march in cities across the globe.



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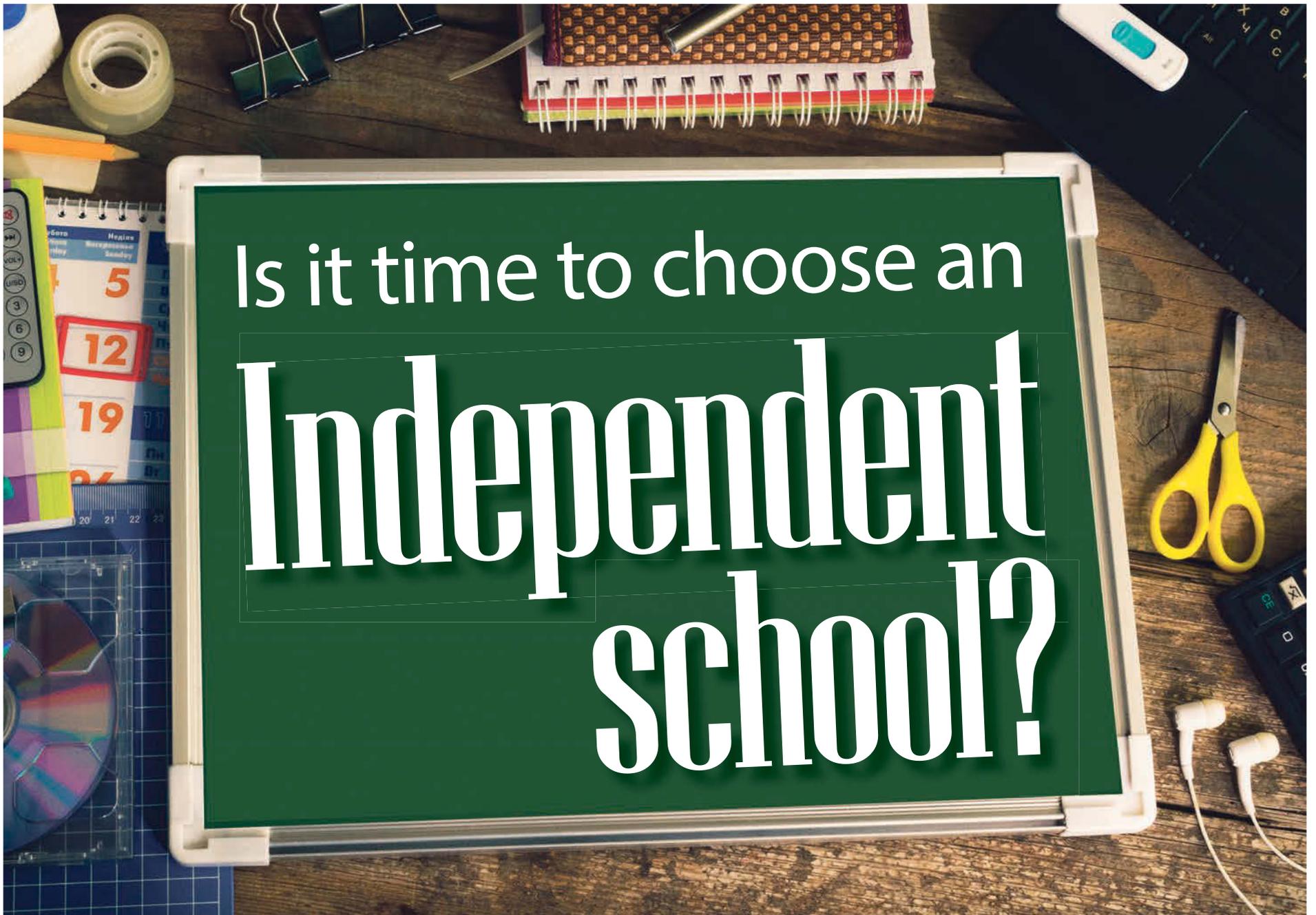


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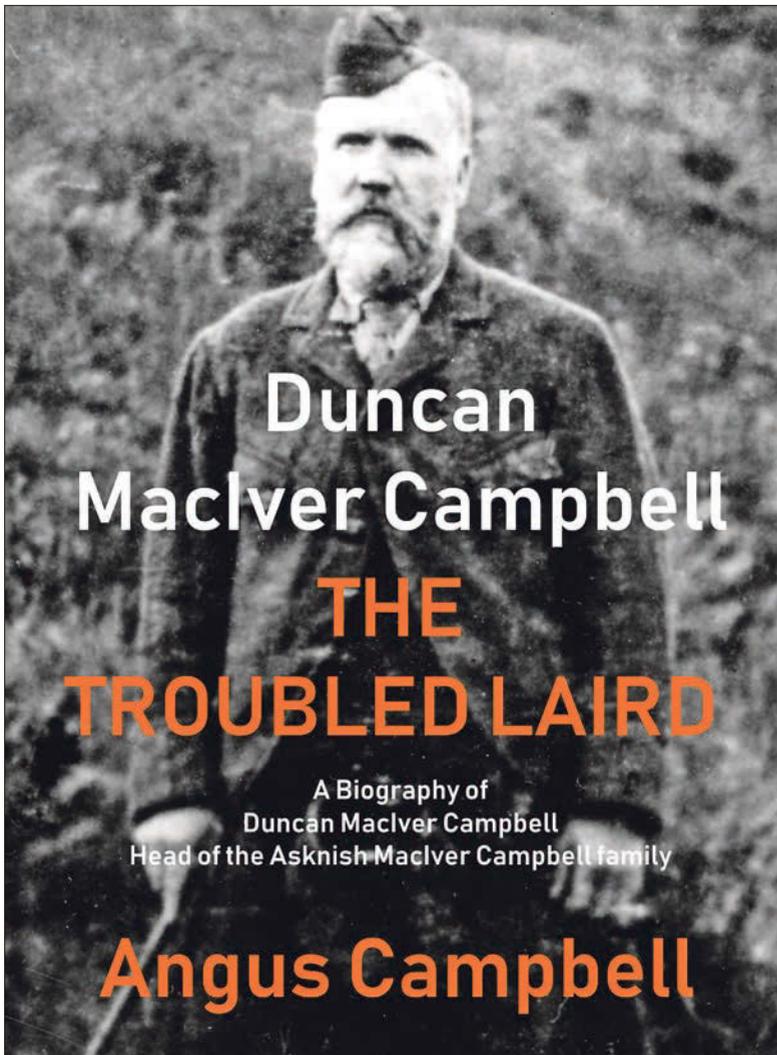


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Author Angus Campbell said: 'I started to trace my family tree about 10 years ago, primarily to find out about my grandfather who was killed in the First World War and named on the Lochgair war memorial along with his twin. I am named after my grandfather.'

'When I found out who his mother was and found her marriage and death certificates, Duncan was named as her father, although not on her birth certificate. He is therefore my great, great grandfather. I had never heard of Duncan until I saw these certificates, and his story is really fascinating as is his whole family background.' Duncan had an eventful

personal life, marrying twice without issue, but between those marriages he would conduct a relationship of some years standing with one of his domestic servants, resulting in the birth of three illegitimate children, two daughters and a son – his only descendants.

As well as his troubled personal life, he had a number of acrimonious disputes which would cause him anxiety and bouts of depression throughout a substantial part of his life.

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### MS Centre's Karen on delivery duty

Mid Argyll rugby coach Duncan 'Brochan' Aitken visited Karen McCurry at the MS Centre in Lochgilphead on Thursday December 20. Karen was getting into the spirit of Christmas by taking over the delivery of letters to Santa.

# Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

It was almost a full house in December when Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club met in the Inveraray Inn.

Unfortunately chairman Niall Iain MacLean was unwell, so committee member Roddy MacDiarmid kindly stepped in as compere.

Supporting players were Fyne Folk with Jake MacKay on 'moothie', Sally Hall and Alex John MacLeod on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

They were joined by Ishbel Fraser on 'moothie' for a third set. Also playing were Janet Graham on accordion, Alex MacKinnon on button box, the Dalriada Ceilidh Band, Jake and Agnes on 'moothie' and keyboard and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard.

They all played enjoyable, varied selections.



The Ian Anderson Duo.

The guest artists were to have been the Donald MacLeod Trio but Donald injured his back the day before so was unable to lift the accordion, never mind play. Ian Anderson, who was to play keyboard, stepped into the front row on accordion and, accompanied by Gus Millar on drums, gave a superb programme, including great pipe marches, Gaelic waltzes, jigs, reels and Irish medleys which had the audience shouting for an encore.

Roddy thanked all the artists, in particular Ian and Gus, for a great night and wished everyone the compliments of the season.

To see in the new year, the club welcomes Craig McFadyen, son of well-known bandleader Hector, and his trio, so a great night is in store.

## Singing their hearts out for Kolkata families

The Singing Heart went out on December 18 and 22 busking to raise money for poor families in Kolkata in India.

Armed with collecting buckets, The Singing Heart gathered at Lochgilphead to sing carols to shoppers. There

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## The Carradale Choristers: Mòd stars of yesteryear

This fascinating photo of The Carradale Choristers was handed in to the Argyllshire Advertiser by John MacVean.

It shows the young choir on their way

to a competition, ready for the unison singing competition.

### Spellbound

The caption reads: All dressed up for their parts in the Unison Singing

competition at the Mòd, these young members of Carradale Junior Gaelic Choir, whose singing 'held the audience spellbound', won the Shiant Shield at Dunoon yesterday.



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The Isuzu D-Max emerged victorious, beating strong competition from rivals in a highly contested sector. Judges were impressed by the economy and refinement of

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### THANK YOU

It is with everlasting thanks I write these few words too thank all involved in the saving of my life. Beginning with my wife Lisa who did CPR on me until Ron and Darren, Tarbert Paramedics arrived, aided by colleagues from Lochgilphead Ambulance Service. To all at A & E Mid Argyll Community Hospital, especially Dr Helliwell who stabilised me until flown out by air ambulance. Also eternal thanks to all at the Golden Jubilee and RAH Paisley, for their wonderful care and attention.

Since coming home many thanks to Tarbert Medical Practice and for all messages and cards and prayers said on my behalf, it has been totally overwhelming. For once in my life I was overjoyed Lisa came home early from a shopping trip! A huge thank you to Rachael and Emma, all my brothers and sisters and my in-laws for being their for me.

Thanks you all  
Jamie

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## CAIRNDOW

### Poppy appeal success

Cairndow collected £423 for poppyscotland's 2018 Scottish Poppy Appeal.

The town received a certificate in recognition of its residents' work to make a life-changing difference to the armed forces community.

PoppyScotland offers vital services, advice and funding to veterans.

In a Facebook post, Lucy Sumison said: 'Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's poppy appeal in Cairndow. We collected £423. Congratulations to the The Tree Shop for collecting the most.'

## LOCHGILPHEAD

### The Big Sleep Out

Argyll and Bute HSCP local area manager Kate MacAulay collected 58 rucksacks, donated and filled by the people of Lochgilphead.

The rucksacks were filled with warm clothes, toiletries and snacks for the homeless of Glasgow. A few sleeping bags were also collected. The rucksacks were delivered to Simon Community Scotland in Glasgow to be distributed to people living on the streets.

### MAYDS members recognised

Some members of the Just About Music (JAM) group of the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service (MAYDS) have received an award for their hard work and achievements throughout the year.

A MAYDS social media post said: 'The difference in some of our young people in the last year has been astounding. A year ago they barely played or sang at weekly sessions and would never in a million years have played in public or organised their own events. Now they have played at their own live gig and performed at the Christmas lights. They already have lots of ideas for next year and most importantly they come every week and enjoy it.'

'Some of the change can be credited to our amazing musician Neil who has worked extremely hard with them, but most of it has to be credited to our young people.'

'They have put in a massive amount of hard

work this year and deserve every bit of recognition for it. Well done to you all.'

## KAMES

### Booming brilliant

Kames coastguard rescue team had a busy day on Thursday December 13.

Vigilant beach cleaners found a suspected submarine phosphorus flare on Ascog Bay and dialled 999 and reported it to the coastguard.

The team was tasked to investigate and after a positive identification, set up a cordon around it.

A Kames coastguard spokesperson said: 'We returned at first light this morning with the Royal Navy Ordnance unit which disposed of it safely via a controlled explosion. Some of you may of heard it, it was a loud boom.'

If you find anything you think may be ordnance or flares, call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

## FURNACE

### Benmore fundraising

Furnace residents have been busy raising money for various projects.

Bag packing at Lochgilphead Co-op raised £530 towards the cost of the P6/7 residential trip to Benmore in 2019.

The Advent Fair raised £330 from the stalls plus a further £65 for Benmore from the giant selection box raffle. It was won by Donna Kennedy, who donated it to Furnace Primary School. The Everything Furnace Facebook page said: 'Our thanks to Sarah MacDonald who donated the selection box.'

## LOCH AWE

### TV spotlight on Loch Awe

The BBC 2 documentary Road Less Travelled: Atlantic Way aired on December 27 and 28, with part one featuring outdoors man Cameron McNeish journeying up the western seaboard, specifically reaching Loch Awe from the Mull of Kintyre.

Part one and two of Road Less Travelled can be found on BBC iPlayer until January 26.



Scott Shields made a citizen's arrest before Police Scotland stepped in, below.



## CAMPBELTOWN

### You're a mean one, Mr Grinch

A 'burglary' occurred on the night of December 16 when a figure entered Campbeltown Picture House and attempted to steal all the toys and decorations in the building.

The figure, soon identified as The Grinch, was dressed as Santa Claus and confessed to the theft with the motive to 'steal Christmas'.

The Grinch was apprehended by Campbeltown's finest at Police Scotland and was punished with hours of carol singing to perhaps get that tiny shrivelled heart to grow a few sizes.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Amidst all the excesses, all the celebrating, all the extravagance of the last couple of weeks, there was one amazing voice.

I am thinking of an elderly hermit who lived a life of solitude and austerity in an old leaky caravan.

Sister Wendy was a nun who had renounced the world and all its pleasures to live a life of complete and total commitment to God. However Sister Wendy, the self effacing nun who lived in poverty, unexpectedly became a TV celebrity.

She was living a hermit's life in a windowless trailer at an English monastery, praying for hours upon hours and venturing outside only for Mass and to get books from a mobile library.

That is until producer Nicholas Rossiter persuaded Sister Wendy to talk about the paintings in Britain's National Gallery for a 1991 BBC documentary. She and Moving Art were an instant hit.

Her 1997 series, Sister Wendy's Story of Painting, took her 30,000 miles through Europe, the Middle East and the US to talk about works ranging from prehistoric cave paintings to Picasso and Pop Art.

Recently she said of her frugal and faith filled life: 'I give thanks for my life of such unimaginable happiness.'

Sister Wendy has just died at the age of 88, and in her poverty, the riches she had of faith and contentment, were all she needed for her own fulfilment.

It again reminds us that the real gifts in life are beyond price – the gifts of love, of friendship, of health, of children. These are the greatest treasures we can ever have.

These are the gifts I wish for you in this coming year.

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"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33).

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**O'MAY - BARR**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rachael Margaret, daughter of Alisdair and Lorraine, Ralston Road, Campbeltown to Robin William, son of Robin and Iona, Calderglenn, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**GALBRAITH** - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on December 25, 2018, in her 94th year, Lorne Galbraith (née MacIntyre), of 6 Achagoil, Minard, much loved mother of Douglas, Alastair and Colin, and dearly loved mother-in-law and nana. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12.00 noon. Interment thereafter at Kilevin Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

**HARRISON** - Catriona (Catherine Christina), née McDougall, aged 85 years, of Allanmyo, Minard, Argyll, passed away peacefully with family, on Friday, December 28, 2018. Wife of the late Thomas Harrison, much loved mother of Ann and Kathleen, grandmother of Alasdair and sister to Ian. The family would like to thank all the care services who supported Catriona's wish to remain in her own home. Funeral service will be held from Allanmyo, Minard, Argyll, on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Red Cross.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MCCALLUM** - In loving memory of Muriel, who passed away January 7, 2018. Time cannot heal the heartache, Or stop a single tear, It won't take away the memories, Of one we loved so dear. Missing you so much. - Richard, Sharon and Wullie.

**MCLEAN** - Agnes, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest Nana, we love and miss you always. - Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen and family. Precious memories of our dear mum, forever in our hearts. - Rene and Flora. Also our beloved sister and a much loved auntie, Carolin McLean, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2018.

**MCMILLAN** - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day. - From his wife, Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence. Also remembering a loving son and brother, Dickie Brown, who died January 19, 2017. Always in our thoughts.

**WILSON** - Flora (née McArthur). In loving memory of our dear granny and great-granny, always in our thoughts, with great memories. Passed away January 7, 2018. - Catherine, Jamie, Craig and Joanna.

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**Wednesday 9th January**  
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**Sunday 6th January**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
**Tuesday 8th January**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
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## Tarbert Senior Citizens' annual Christmas dinner

The Tarbert Senior Citizens' annual Christmas dinner took place on December 11 with more than 80 guests turning up.

With music from the Loch Fyne Pipe Band and Treble Trouble, senior citizens from within 50 miles of Tarbert gathered for a three-course meal contributed by Tarbert Senior Citizens' committee.

Tarbert Village Hall was well decorated with balloons and bunting and crackers, making for a cheery night.

One of the committee organisers, Brenda Galbraith, said: 'This is sometimes the only get together some of these people have over the festive period. They get a three-course hot meal and entertainment. It's a great night for people.'



The Loch Fyne Pipe Band provided cheery entertainment.



Some of the helpers with a couple of seniors. Left to right: Angela Herd, Laurie Taylor, Brenda Galbraith, Amanda Hutton and Tracy MacNeil with her granny Cathy Hawthorn at front and Joan Macarthur, far right.



Some of the women got their dancing shoes on.



XGD776 on August 19 1972 in Oban, heading for Ganavan Sands.

## Down memory lane on Argyll buses of old

Retired doctor John Sinclair has added to his collection of bus books, with this latest selection of colour photographs covering the islands of Arran, Bute and Cumbrae, the old county of Argyll, and a few places on the fringes of these areas.

John is a lifelong bus enthusiast who had the foresight and interest to photograph bus operators large and small in the late 1950s, 1960s and later.

As a student, John created a technique of low-cost travel and accommodation which would allow him to travel to different areas

and photograph the local buses operating in their habitat.

In July 1965, the soon-to-be junior doctor travelled from his home in Edinburgh to Argyll and the Clyde Coast.

The majority of the photos in this book date from that trip, with a few others from subsequent decades.

From Campbeltown to Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead to Oban, this book also takes in the island of Arran, including stops in Brodick and Whiting Bay.

Published by Stenlake Publishing Ltd, the book is available by visiting <http://stenlake.co.uk>.



The winning Rangers team.

# Local girls secure Scottish Cup win

By Bruce West

Here's a novelty question. When did two players from Mid Argyll help Rangers win the Scottish Cup?

The answer is this year. Jasmine McPhie and Carla Todd were both key players in Rangers Girls triumphant run in the Girls Under 15 Scottish Cup.

In their run to the final, Rangers played the top four under 15 girls teams in Scotland beating Aberdeen 5-0 in the first round, then Hamilton 8-0 and Central Girls 4-0 in rounds two and three. A quarter final tie against Glasgow City saw the Rangers Girls win 2-1 to set up an old firm semi-final against Celtic Girls in which the Rangers Girls emerged 3-2 winners in a close game.

The final was played on Saturday November 10 at the Oriam Performance Centre in Edinburgh. In a competitive match, Rangers started strong but Hibernian began to come into the game and whilst both sides had chances, the score remained 0-0 at half time. In the second half, Rangers took the lead in 45 minutes but three minutes later Hibernian drew level.

There were few chances in the remainder of the second half and

at full time both teams were level at 1-1. Rangers took the lead again in extra time with a deserved winner to secure the cup.

Jasmine and Carla came through the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre from primary one age to primary seven, playing in Argyll festivals.

In 2016/17 the girls were important members of the successful Lochgilphead Red Star 2004 team which won the DFDL league cup and finished second in their league.

At the end of that season they joined Rangers Girls where they are in their second season playing mostly in the Paisley League against boys' teams but also in national girls' competitions.

Both girls have also been involved in Scotland national squads for their age group and the soccer centre is delighted to see them thriving with a big club.

With more than 25 girls now playing football through the soccer centre, the success of Jasmine and Carla should be a real inspiration for Mid Argyll girls.

So, those girls who may live out in rural Mid Argyll but with talent, hard work and the right attitude could be creating their own football opportunities.

## Saints on Scottish Cup duty

Oban Saints make the long journey to Rothienorman in Aberdeenshire on Saturday to take on Rothie Rovers in the fifth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup with the winners securing a place in the last 16 of the national cup competition.

With the all-weather pitch at Oban High School closed for the festive holidays, Saints have had nowhere to train for this vital fixture so, in preparation, the Oban side organised a full-scale practise match last Saturday at Glencruitten.

Saints will face a tough test as Rothie Rovers are a good side but co-managers Donald Campbell and Willie Gemmell are confident that if they have a full squad available then they have a great chance to progress to the last 16 of the cup.

Rothie beat BS AFC 5-3 in round one. In the second round they defeated Syngenta 3-2 and in round three they beat Newport 1-0. Most impressive of all was a 1-0 win over top Caledonian League side Dalziel HSFP in round four. All these games were away from home.

Saints defeated Gartcosh United 3-2 away in round one, then hammered St Johns from Perth 9-1 in round two in Oban. This was followed by an impressive 3-1 win away at Lawson United from Forfar in round three followed by a comprehensive 5-1 home win over East Kilbride Thistle in the fourth round.

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Red Star 2004s and the select team. 06\_a01NewYearFootball01

# Christmas cracker as Star youngsters play legends

By Bruce West

Having not played a game in six weeks, Red Star 2004s faced a difficult challenge on Thursday December 27 in a charity game against a local nae hair/grey hair select.

In a playful match, the youngsters of 2004s were against their greatest competition: parents.

An entertaining game ensued which resembled the great Real Madrid v Eintracht Frankfurt European cup

final... only in that it too was played on grass.

The nae hair/grey hair select were looking to use their experience with the defence having a combined age greater than the whole 2004 team.

To counteract this, the 2004s included coaches Brown, Caskie and West to double the age – and probably the weight – of their team.

The select started well spraying passes about the park, though to be fair they

were mainly bus passes. The 2004s took the lead when a toe poke heading for a throw-in was deflected past the select keeper.

The select were spurred on and started to dominate the central midfield area, moving and turning with the speed and agility of a pair of well-oiled road rollers and forcing the youngsters wider and wider.

It was no surprise to anyone, apart from the goal

scorer, when an equaliser soon followed. Both teams traded further goals to leave the game finely balanced at 2-2 at half time.

The select started strongly in the second half, moving through the gears like a fleet of racing mobility scooters, but it was the 2004s that took the lead again.

Whilst the oldies did equalise with a goal that looked 30 years offside, the youngsters eventually put them out of

their misery with a couple of late goals to give the result a gloss like the shiny sweaty foreheads of the opposition.

A thoroughly entertaining game ended with man of the match being awarded to the referee's guide dog.

A total of £200 was collected for charity to be split between the Beatson Cancer Charity and a go-fund-me page in memory of Regan Murray, a player for the Busby 2004 team who play in the same

league as the boys and who sadly died earlier in December. Finally, thanks to players from both teams, the referee, everyone who made a donation and Argyll and Bute Council for allowing free use of the pitch for the charity event.





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