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## New Year **New You**

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# Arrochar search for missing Edinburgh man continues

By Colin Cameron  
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Extensive searches have been conducted in Argyll and Edinburgh in an effort to find a 58-year-old man last seen before Christmas.

A blue Volkswagen Golf GTi, registration number S274 OGB, belonging to Thomas Saunders from the Muirhouse area of the city was discovered, apparently abandoned, near a forestry



A CCTV image of Thomas Saunders.

track in Ardgartan, by Arrochar.

Despite extensive enquiries, no trace of him had been found as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press.

He is described as being white, medium build, with green eyes and short white/greying hair. He may not be clean shaven.

The last confirmed sighting of Thomas was at the Premier Inn in Leith on Sunday December 16 when he was seen driving from the hotel car park in the Volkswagen Golf. While it is not known what route he took, or when he travelled to Argyll, the car is believed to have been at the location it was found in since Tuesday or Wednesday December 18/19.

Chief Inspector Douglas Wilson, area commander for Dunoon, repeated earlier appeals for anyone who has seen Thomas or has any knowledge of his current whereabouts to get in touch.

He said: 'It is not unusual for Thomas not to be in touch regularly with his family or

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## Meet Nia – Argyll's New Year baby

There was an extra special new year delivery for the Robertson family of Inveraray.

The first arrival of 2019 at Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital was baby Nia Annie-Rose, born at 1.10am on New Year's Day weighing 6lb 15oz.

Proud and delighted parents Kirstin and Derek thanked everyone at the hospital and Mid Argyll midwives for all the help and support they had received.

Read more about Argyll's new year baby on page 11.

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## Arrochar search for missing man continues

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friends, however, as each day passes without contact we are becoming increasingly concerned for his well-being.

'I am asking anyone who recognises his description and who may have seen him to contact Police Scotland as a matter of urgency. If you know Thomas and have any knowledge where he is or may have been since he was last seen I would urge you to come forward.'

'If anyone in Arrochar or wider Argyll remembers seeing Thomas's distinctive car being driven in the area please let us know. If any drivers have dashcam footage or if there are walkers or cyclists who may have unknowingly

captured Thomas on a GoPro type camera I would urge them to check their device and if there is anything that can help our enquiries, I'd be keen to hear from them.'

'Extensive police enquiries have been on-going, including searches by the force's marine unit and helicopter. I am also grateful for the assistance of Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team in our efforts to locate Thomas.'

'Finally, I would say to Thomas himself that if he see or hears our appeals please let us know you are safe.'

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland via 101 with reference to incident number 1270 of December 28, 2018.



The car belonging to Mr Saunders.

## Family firm has evolved from farming to construction

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A contractor with primary clients in the major utilities has expanded to employ at least a dozen workers.

For almost 20 years, Donald McLean Contractors (DMC), based at Tangytavil Farm, has offered a range of professional services which this year was bolstered by receiving the coveted accreditation in quality standard ISO9001.

Speaking about the accreditation, Donald Jnr said: 'This achievement will allow us to build a stronger relationship with the three main utility companies, providing them with confidence that we have quality systems in place for dealing with the management aspects of a contract as well as the practical.' Since Donald Jnr became a partner with his father Donald the firm has expanded, but at a controlled pace, with the aim of being competitive and on a manageable scale.

School was not for young Donald, 42, and he said: 'I have always been interested in construction.'

'I left Campbeltown Grammar School one month before I turned 16 and took a job with one of the many Irish firms that were in Argyll at the time installing new ducting for telephone lines.'

'I learned a lot about road works and tar reinstating while working on this contract and from then I knew that this was the type of work which interested me.'

'I worked on a number of other construction projects before becoming a partner with my father in 1999.'

The fledgling partnership invested in plant which allowed it to supply labour as well to some of the larger firms working in and around Argyll and Bute. Donald added: 'We have 12 full-time employees, plus me and my father and two part-time in the office.'



'This year we purchased our first tar paver. I always wanted our own machine for laying tar. Laying tarmac by hand, on some of the larger jobs, is back-breaking work and slow going.'

'With the paver we are in a position to competitively quote for larger jobs such as farm roads and large driveways.'

In the past 12 months DMC has also invested in its hire division, renewing the fleet of excavators which ranges from 14 tonnes to one tonne.

DMC provides a range of hire equipment to private clients, utility and construction companies with or without an operator as well as a busy skip hire service for Kintyre.

Services carried out throughout the year include: hard and soft landscaping, drainage installation and repairs, drain jetting and drainage surveys.

Donald Jnr said: 'We have squads which provide 24hr emergency backup service for Scottish Water, SSE and domestic customers that have issues with drainage or private water supplies.'

'We keep a large stock of water pipe repair fittings of all sizes, along with drainage materials.' Recent works have included jobs in Islay, Oban and Tarbert as well as in South Kintyre. DMC has won contracts from SSE and Scottish Water in the past year giving a good building block for 2019.

'The secret of our success is hard work and maintaining good customer relations with our clients,' said Donald Jnr. 'I like to keep overheads low and production high to enable us to stay competitive.'



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A briefing for Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team as they search for the missing man.

## POLICE FILES

### Witness appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man wearing a red jacket, walking a spaniel dog, assaulted another man at midnight on Wednesday December 26 at the corner of Barmore Road and Harbour Street, Tarbert.

### Drug charges

A 16-year-old stopped and searched by police was allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis at 6pm on Wednesday December 26 in Furnace. The youth was charged.

### Alcohol stolen

At 8pm on December 31, a 41-year-old man allegedly stole alcohol from Tesco Filling Station, Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. The man was traced and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Housebreaking

Items were stolen from a house after it was broken into sometime between noon on Monday December 31 and 10am on Thursday January 3. The property, at Asknish, Lochgair, is being renovated.

During the same period, also at Asknish, containers

on a building site of a house under construction were forced open and tools stolen.

Police are investigating both incidents.

### Abusive behaviour

A 44-year-old woman and a 46-year-old man were arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at 9am on Tuesday January 1, in Front Street, Inveraray. The pair were charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Assault arrest

A man, aged 62, was arrested for allegedly assaulting a woman in Whitegates Court, Lochgilphead, at 6.30am on Thursday January 3. The man was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### No seat belt

A 46-year-old man was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket on Friday January 4 after being stopped by police on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, for not wearing his seat belt.

### No MOT

Checks on a car stopped by police on the A83 at Lochgilphead on Saturday

January 5 revealed it had no MOT. The 80-year-old male driver was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket.

### Fine and points

Police stopped a 52-year-old male driver for speeding on the A83, near Kilmory Industrial Estate, at 7pm on Saturday January 5. The driver was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket three penalty points.

### Fence kicked

Police are investigating after a garden fence in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, was kicked and damaged at midnight on January 4.

### Vehicle damaged

An aerial and wipers were broken off a Volkswagen Polo sometime between 5pm on Friday January 4 and 10am on Saturday January 5, in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating.

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

# Planning go-ahead for Cameron House rebuild

The owners of Cameron House Hotel on the banks of Loch Lomond have been given the green light to restore the building's facade and carry out other renovation works following a devastating fire which resulted in the death of two guests.

Officials from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority have approved the hotel owners' planning application to demolish and replace parts of the main building.

Planning officer Craig Jardine said in a report that the park authority recognised the economic importance of the work to restore the five-star hotel.

The fire, in December 2017, claimed the lives of guests Simon Midgley and Richard Dyson.

The building was handed back to its owners in July, but an investigation continues into the cause of the blaze.

In his report on the appli-

cation, Mr Jardine said: "The proposals to carry out the facade retention, removal of internal walls, described temporary duntakings, and subsequent reinstatement and installation of a new internal structure are justified.

"The proposed new extensions and alterations are sympathetically designed and positioned.

"The proposals to reinstate the fire-damaged listed building and its use, for the benefit of the cultural heritage and for continued economic benefit, is supported as being in accordance with the historic environment aims, principles and policies set out in Scottish Planning Policy.

"[It is also in line with] Historic Environment Scotland policy statement, the national park's first aim to conserve and enhance cultural heritage, National Park Partnership Plan outcomes and the relevant policies of the Local Development Plan."



The devastating fire in December 2017 in which two guests died.

Mr Jardine's report added that natural heritage and environmental factors had been mitigated as part of the plans and provided for in accordance with policies.



Building work continues on the new Cairndow childcare centre.

## Another milestone ahead of new Cairndow family centre opening

Plans for a new childcare and family centre at Cairndow have taken another significant step forward as a business development officer has been recruited.

In a statement over the festive period, Cairndow Community Childcare announced that Strachur

woman Sheena Dowse has been appointed to take on the business development role.

After years of planning, work started on building the £2 million centre at Clachan, Cairndow, in August last year.

The Cairndow Community Childcare statement con-

tinued: "Sheena has had considerable experience in working with communities and running businesses and we are very pleased she is joining our team."

The new Cairndow family centre is expected to be completed and operational later this year.

## Young vandals put things right

A case of vandalism at Blarbuie Community Woodland in Lochgilphead ended in a festive good news story.

Volunteers at the community woodland discovered the remains of a fire among the trees just before Christmas and reported it to the police. There was delight, though, for Blarbuie

workers when they returned after the festive break.

Lochgilphead officers identified the youths responsible and took them to the scene - where the young people took it upon themselves to clean up the mess they had created while police officers looked on.

### Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2018.

Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:

**The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown,  
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Marking the envelope "Young Musician of the Year"

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### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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## Youth development service on mission to aid young carers

Mid Argyll Youth Development Service (MAYDS) is launching a new initiative to aid young carers.

Thanks to a Scottish Government initiative rolled out to all councils across Scotland, MAYDS has received a £25,000 grant from Argyll and Bute Council to help young carers and offer support.

After a rigorous application process, MAYDS was given the green light to deliver the statutory young carers service, which will see workers visit every primary and secondary school throughout the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands areas to deliver workshops that will help identify young carers and offer support and activities.

Lynn Johnstone of MAYDS said: 'Most young carers aren't even aware they're carers, and they don't know how to ask for help.'

'If they're making sure their loved one is taking their pills, helping them get to the bathroom, anything like that,



MAYDS Sports Not on the Green in July 2018.

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they're a carer.' The workshops are designed to offer support to those who need it most, who probably aren't even aware they need or qualify for it. As well as financial support, information and aid, activities such as horse riding and surfing are also on offer.

Lynn added: 'Young carers would not have someone to arrange these things for them. We try to use local services as much as possible.'

Workshops will also be carried out with teachers to help them identify and support young carers to broaden the awareness of the carer community.

'We're trying to educate people on how to identify young carers, what is available to young carers and how to support young carers.'

MAYDS has also received £6,000 from the Carers Acts Transformation Support (CATS) Fund to improve their website, computers and even develop an app to help them implement the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 in 2019, and £90,000 over three years from the Big Lottery Fund towards project and activity costs.

Big Lottery Fund Scotland chairwoman Maureen McGinn said: 'I am delighted that Mid Argyll Youth Development Services has been successful in securing Young Start funding. This award will make a big difference the lives of local young people who will be at the heart of both project design and delivery. I wish MAYDS every success as it goes on to develop and expand its project to help young people reach their potential.'



HSCP Mid Argyll locality team members.

# Mid Argyll retains healthy living award

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has announced that its Mid Argyll locality has maintained its Healthy Working Lives Gold Award.

The Healthy Working Lives Award programme supports employers and employees to develop health promotion and safety themes in the workplace.

Alison McGrory, health improvement principal for the HSCP, said: 'I am delighted that the Mid Argyll locality has maintained its Healthy Working Lives Gold Award. This is good news for

the Health and Social Care Partnership as it highlights our continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of staff.

'To maintain this award, the locality held a series of activities and events to help promote and encourage a healthier workforce. These activities included a Tea and Talk event to raise awareness of mental health on Mental Health World Day, regular Zumba classes held on-site, an outdoor gym, a lunchtime walking club and staff participating in Wear it Pink day to promote

breast cancer awareness. There is also the Mid Argyll 66-day challenge, which was launched in October. This is all about establishing a new healthy habit such as walking, cycling and running. All of this helps people change their lifestyle habits and it is called the 66-day challenge as research highlights that it takes 66 days for a habit to embed itself thoroughly into a person's lifestyle.

'The locality has also got plans and ideas for the forthcoming year to ensure it continues to maintain its gold award for the foreseeable future.'

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## Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday January 7, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 6, 13 and 15. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 2, 7 and 16. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £200. Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 4, 11 and 19. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £200.

On December 31 the jackpot of £600 was won by Brian and Audrey of Inveraray.

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# Argyll's Lauder monument is restored by volunteers

He was the highest-paid performer in the world in 1911, and was the first British artist to sell a million records.

Harry Lauder, later to become Sir Harry, was a Scottish entertainer the like of which has never been seen before or since. During the First World War, and at the height



Famous entertainer Harry Lauder with his son John.

of his fame, he purchased the 14,000-acre Glenbranter Estate at the head of Loch Eck in Cowal. It was intended as a home for his beloved son John and his bride-to-be, Mildred Thomson.

But, shortly after the deeds were exchanged in 1916 John – a captain in the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders – was shot and killed by a sniper in France. Captain Lauder's grief-stricken parents erected a memorial to him at Invernoaden, Glenbranter.

More than a century later, on December 28, 2018, a large turnout of people gathered to commemorate the 102nd anniversary of the death of Captain John Lauder and to mark the completion of a three-year project to restore the Lauder Monument – originally unveiled in 1921 by Sir Harry.

The £25,000 restoration

project, co-ordinated by conservation charity Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, also involved the creation of a new car park, along with a new path link, upgrading an existing steep path with stone steps and safety railings and installing two story boards and advance signs.

Funding was secured from two landfill trusts and the Friends of our Park visitor giving scheme, and many hundreds of hours of labour were provided by volunteers to ensure the project was completed on time.

Local youngsters contributed to the commemorative event with a series of their original drawings depicting the tragic Lauder story adorning the ornate railings around the monument and poignant letter and poetry readings as well as musical tributes on the bagpipes, including the



Gathered to celebrate the completion of a three-year restoration project.

poignant tune Battle of the Somme.

There was also a wreath-laying by Major Donald MacLaughlan and a rededication of the monument by Rev Dr Robin Mackenzie followed by the unveiling of a new storyboard beside the monument by local MSP Michael

Russell and a rendition of Harry Lauder's famous song Keep right on to the end of the road, which he wrote in memory of his son.

Friends chairman James Fraser said: 'The tragic story associated with the monument was very appropriately brought to life by a

number of very talented local youngsters, and a series of permanent new storyboards will ensure that visitors to the site in the future will have a greater understanding of the story of Captain John Lauder and the strong Lauder family connections with the Cowal area.'



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## New year, new you?

Are you already sick of hearing about Veganuary and Dry January?

It is hard to look after yourself when it seems there is always something more important to do.

It has got to become second nature, maybe even fun? So get creative.

You could try the gym. But look at our beautiful landscape all around us. Try walking, cycling, kayaking, running or playing outdoor sport.

And all this exercise helps mental health and wellbeing too.

## Looking after us

It is horrible to think of someone out on the Argyll hills alone and in trouble.

We can only hope the search for Mr Saunders has a happy conclusion.

We should also be grateful for the dedication of volunteers such as Arrochar Mountain Rescue and others, including the Coastguard and RNLI, who work with full-time professionals to look after us when we need help.

## Bundle of joy

Congratulations to Kirstin, Derek and the boys on the birth of wee Nia – probably the first baby from Argyll born in 2019.

## Helicopter ambulance appeal

Sir,  
Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) is to base a second life-saving helicopter at Aberdeen.

We start 2019 full of hope that we can launch a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) operation in the north east - callsign Helimed 79 – that will serve Scotland alongside its charity stablemate Helimed 76 at Perth and two government-funded helicopter air ambulances based at Glasgow and Inverness and two fixed-wing aircraft at Glasgow and Aberdeen.

To realise our goal, however, we rely on the continued support and generosity of the people of Scotland.

Their unstinting backing has ensured SCAA has provided a first-class single helicopter HEMS operation funded entirely by charitable donations for the past five years.

Continued giving will allow us to operate two aircraft - effectively doubling the number of fast-reaction helicopter air ambulance resources in Scotland.

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transfer to definitive hospital care. Let 2019 be a year to remember for everyone - the year the people of Scotland helped launch Helimed 79 on its life-saving service to fly help and hope to every community.

Visit [www.scaa.org.uk](http://www.scaa.org.uk) to help us today so that we can be there to help everyone tomorrow.

**David Craig,**  
chief executive,  
Scotland's Charity  
Air Ambulance (SCAA),  
Perth Airport.

## Forests and dentists – who cares?

Sir,  
Once upon a time, some people were working in the forest.

The work made them hungry, so they ate their lunch and afterwards wrapped the rubbish tidily in a plastic bag, before leaving it by a tree when they went home.

Since then, many bottles, cans and sandwich boxes have been left in our forest, some of

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which are near the spring which supplies our water. Does the forest care? I don't know. No-one asks it.

I wonder if those who leave behind their rubbish are the same folk who fail to keep their dental appointments. According to a notice displayed on the dentist's door there are 61 of them. It seems that if you don't respect the environment, you probably don't respect your oral health either.

Forests and dentists are valuable resources. If we disregard their service, perhaps one day they will cease to be there.

But then, who cares?

**A resident of Torinturk, Tarbert.**

**Name and address supplied.**

## Chuck chocs for February

Sir,

This is a call out to all chocoholics, cocoa bean lovers and confectionery enthusiasts.

A suggestion, a plea, an idea that will exercise willpower and strength while helping those in Scotland who are living with heart and circulatory diseases - Dechox!

I am asking the people of Scotland to forget the ordinary New Year detoxes, which attempt to banish all pleasure during the darkest months of the year and, instead, just cut one beloved item from your pantry throughout February - chocolate.

We are all familiar with the struggle of saying 'no' to the leftover chocolates sitting on the coffee table. But, by standing up to heart and circulatory disease and saying 'no' to chocolate this February, we'll be one step closer to beating heartbreak forever. Sign up at [www.bhf.org.uk/dechox](http://www.bhf.org.uk/dechox)

**Adrian Adams,**

**Dechox warrior,**

**British Heart Foundation.**

## YOUR PICTURES



Jimmy Hutcheson from Helensburgh provides this week's photograph.

Not for the first time in our 'Your Pictures' feature, and we suspect not for the last, the Aray Bridge, Inveraray, is the subject, with a misty Dun na Cuaiche hill in the background.

Jimmy said: 'It was taken last Sunday morning in

Inveraray. I took the picture as it was so calm. It gave the perfect reflection and the mist just added to the effect.'

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# New chief executive for health board

NHS Highland has announced that Iain Stewart has been appointed as its new chief executive.

Originally from Stornoway, Iain has an exceptional track record with more than 30 years' experience in the public sector and has held a number of senior positions within the NHS in both England and Wales.

Iain, who will take up his post at the end of January, said: 'Having lived in the Highlands for over 40 years, with close ties to Argyll and the Scottish islands, the health and wellbeing of NHS Highland's population is exceptionally important to me and I am delighted to be appointed to this role and am looking forward to leading, innovating and improving health and social care services across the Highlands and Argyll and Bute.'

Iain is currently deputy chief of commissioning of the



**Iain Stewart, NHS Highland's new chief executive. He will take up his post at the end of the month.**

commissioning throughout England and North Wales, it is now time for me to consolidate these experiences and together I believe we can continue to build a world-class health and social care service for the north of Scotland.'

With NHS Highland's outgoing chief executive officer, Elaine Mead, having departed on December 31, Dr Gregor Smith, the deputy chief medical officer for Scotland, has been appointed as the board's interim chief executive and accountable officer pending Iain Stewart's substantive appointment.

NHS Mid-Nottinghamshire clinical commissioning groups. In this role, he is responsible for the leadership, operational management, and transformational improvement for a population of 330,000 with an annual

budget of around £500m.

He said: 'I have provided senior operational and transformational leadership to various NHS organisations, managing multiple acute hospitals, mental health, community and strategic

## Clock is ticking for candidates to join Argyll NHS board

January 11 is the deadline to apply to become an NHS Highland board member representing Argyll and Bute. NHS Highland is looking for two new members to join its board to represent the public and hold the board to account for delivery of local health services.

The non-executive members will be expected to play a central role in guiding strategies which address the health and adult social care needs of the resident population and monitor the performance of the board in delivering these. Appointments will be for up to four years, with the possibility of re-appointment.

The role of a non-executive takes up, on average, eight hours a week – in exchange for £8,416 a year plus reasonable travel and subsistence costs, dependant-carer expenses and support required to help them carry out their duties effectively. The successful applicants will be offered any

training they will need to be successful in the role.

The board is keen to maintain a geographical balance in membership and someone who lives or works in the Argyll and Bute area is being sought to participate immediately as a member of the Argyll and Bute Integrated Joint Board.

David Alston, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'The NHS has an impact on everyone's life at one time or another and this could be your chance to get involved in improving, sustaining and protecting the health of the local population.'

'If you feel you have something to offer, we would like to hear from you.'

Anyone interested in applying should visit the dedicated public appointments website – [www.appointed-for-scotland.org](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org) – or call 0300 244 1898.

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# Ardrishaig mother and son brave new year Loony Dook

by Laura Maxwell  
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An Ardrishaig mother started off the new year by braving the freezing temperatures of the South Queensferry Loony Dook in aid of the unit that saved her two premature daughters.

In a move that made spectators shiver in their boots, Joan Williamson ran into the Forth from the shores by the Queenferry Crossing road bridge with her son Jimmy to raise money for the Simpson's Special Care Baby Unit at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

After an emergency Caesarean section delivered her two daughters, Star and Angel, two months prematurely, Joan and the girls were left in a bad way. Joan suffered a ruptured placenta, while the twins were fragile, unable to breathe and only two pounds



each in weight. Thanks to the safe hands of staff at the unit, Star and Angel were sent home after eight weeks

of intensive care in neo-natal incubators.

The twins are now lively five-year-olds who enjoy at-



Jimmy and Joan Williamson having braved the icy waters; some fellow fundraisers join Joan and Jimmy before the dive; Joan and Jimmy wade out of the freezing water; Joan on the way to South Queensferry.



tending Ardrishaig Primary School.

Joan told The Argyllshire Advertiser in October:

'Neither I nor the kids would be here if it wasn't for the staff at the Simpson's neonatal unit.'

To show her thanks and help others in this horrifying situation, Joan and her family have been fundraising for the Simpson's unit with a donation page, coffee mornings, and now by running into freezing waters. Joan said: 'It was colder than I ever could have imagined.'

On a sunny January 1, surrounded by other brave fundraisers in fancy dress, Joan and Jimmy ran into the icy water – and quickly back out. It seems to have paid off, however, with Joan's donation page surpassing its target of £500.

There is always room for more donations so if you would like to contribute, visit [mydonate.bt.com](http://mydonate.bt.com) and search 'Star and Angel' in the fundraisers tab or find the link on Joan's Facebook page: @FundRaisingForSimpsonsSpecialCareBabiesSSCB

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# What is your New Year resolution?

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A new year comes with resolutions, which are all about self-improvement, so

although the world can only watch as Brexit unfolds and the US president rants from his Twitter account, plans can be put in place to help yourself

and the people around you. The Argyllshire Advertiser asked what is your New Year resolution?

Mind, body or soul? What are you focusing on? Is it finally time to put down the cancer-sticks? Take up meditation? Help at the foodbank? Try skydiving?

Library assistant **Tanya Jackson** said: 'I want to run more. I think I might go for a half-marathon later in the year.'

**Kenny McInnes** of Zing Organics: 'Probably just need to be as considerate as possible to everybody.'

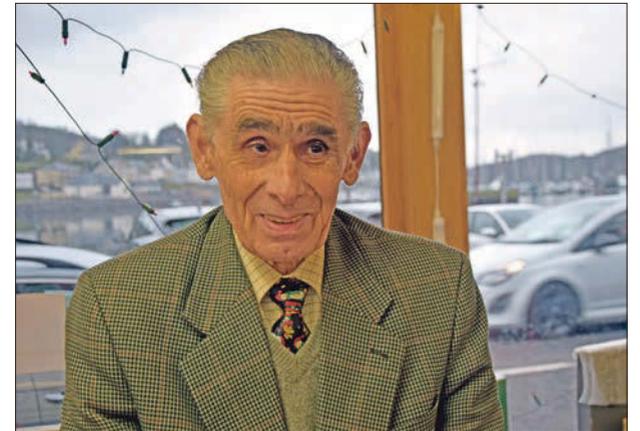
**James Hamilton** of Whiskey West Coast said: 'I'm joining the fat club. Slimming World. Going on a diet as I'm sure 20 million others have said. I'd like to know what the fallout from that is.'

**Alastair Robertson**: 'I'd like to just keep nice and healthy for the next year. That's all I'm looking for.'

**Victoria Dunkley** of Clock Tower Antiques: 'Get on with this village [Ardrishaig] and

get it together and get everyone speaking to each other. Let's hope with the community hub coming and the new owners in the Rumbly Tum, we'll give more people more reasons to stop in Ardrishaig.'

Tarbert retailer **Ian MacIntyre** said: 'My New Year resolution is to not make a New Year resolution.'



**Ian MacIntyre.**  
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# New Year bundle of joy shines bright for Robertson family

by Colin Cameron  
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There must have been few babies born sooner after the bells in Scotland than a wee Inveraray bundle of joy born early on New Year's Day.



Calum and Evan give their new wee sister a cuddle. 06\_a02NewYearBaby\_Robertson04

Big brothers Evan and Calum have a new wee sister, and they clearly dote on her. Nia Annie-Rose Robertson was the first arrival of 2019 at Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital, born at 1.10am on New Year's Day.

Born three weeks early after what mum Kirstin describes as a 'tricky' pregnancy, Nia weighed in at 6lb 15oz at birth but both mum and baby are doing well.

Kirstin and her firefighter husband Derek, from Inveraray, are delighted with their new arrival. Nia's big brothers Evan, eight, and Calum, four, are excited at the new addition to the family.

Evan said, succinctly: 'She's really nice and cute.'

Kirstin explained the origins of her new daughter's name. 'Nia has Welsh and Irish origins and means brightness. It comes from a Welsh version of the fairy tale Tir n an Og land of youth. Nia also has the name Annie after her late great-grandmother Annie MacIver.'

A planning manager for the NHS, Kirstin said: 'It is a perfect way to start the new year. Derek and I are very grateful to the Mid Argyll midwives, especially Karen McAlpine, as well as Dr Murphy and everyone at the RAH. They've all been so good to us.'



Nia with mum Kirstin, dad Derek and brothers Calum, left, and Evan. 06\_a02NewYearBaby\_Robertson02

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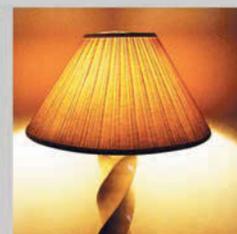
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY NEW YOU!

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And the best way to do that is to resolve to make this the year you improve the quality of life for you and yours by being the best that you can be!

The festivities and fireworks have fizzled out and here we are in early January, with

2019 stretching out before us just as blank as the pages of our brand new diaries, ready and waiting to be filled in.

Ask yourself: with what are you going to fill the coming months? Right now is the time to get planning the best way to turn those resolutions into reality.

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Take better care of your physical health and you will be surprised how many other things just slip into place in your life.

Were you one of those people who went: 'RIGHT! New Year's Day, turn over a new leaf, I am going to jog/walk/lift weights/start each day with an exercise video, THIS IS IT PEOPLE!'

Chances are that by now you have probably come to a grinding halt!

Revisit that resolution and resolve to turn 2019 into your turn-around year. You got into bad shape slowly but surely over a number of years, you will stand a far better chance of succeeding in getting back into good shape slowly but surely.

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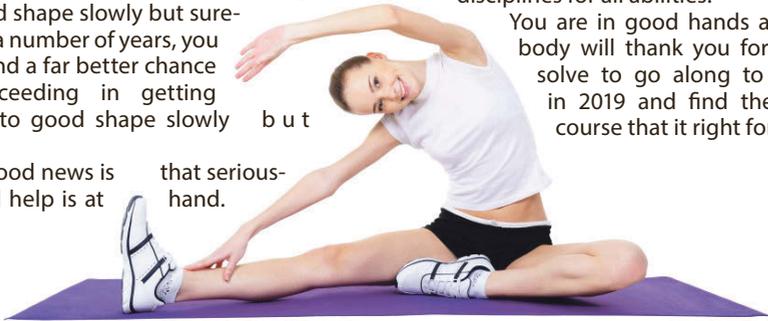
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There are more than 60 fitness classes a week including Les Mills, Zumba and Pilates, giving Oban the largest selection of fitness and dance classes anywhere in the west of Scotland.

Zumba has become a firm favourite and now Atlantis has added the Les Mills range of courses to its portfolio. Les Mills was a New Zealand athlete, coach and politician; he represented the country at the Olympics and won a Commonwealth gold medal. The Les Mill selection of classes ranges across several disciplines for all abilities.

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The company is also actively involved in the use of renewable energy and always looking out for the next innovation; researching and testing new technologies as they come onto the market.

At present MacLeods is working on air-

source heating and researching web-linked heating control systems which will allow users, maintenance teams or housing associations to monitor, review and control a building's heating system remotely via a secure link.

This makes the firm one of the biggest employers in the region; not just for the traditional building trades and professions but a wide range of administrative and support roles, including IT.

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**Rhona Galbraith**  
Consultant

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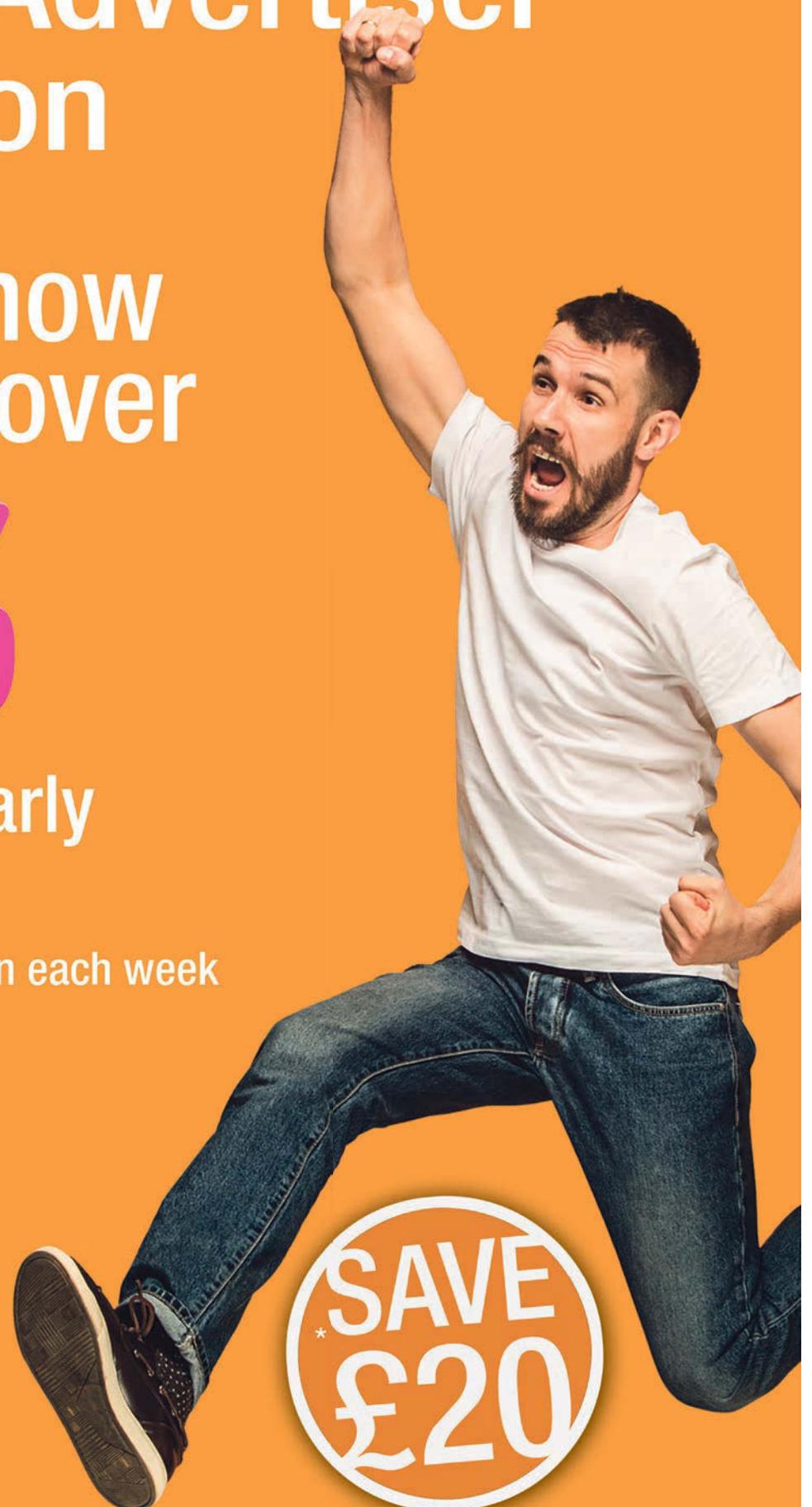
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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Piano and cello in perfect harmony at Ardrishaig

Mid Argyll is once again to be treated to music performed by top-class classical artists.

Ardrishaig Public Hall will be the venue on Saturday January 12 for a concert by Turkish cellist Jamal Aliyev and Welsh-born pianist Jâms Coleman.

In 2017, Jamal Aliyev made his debut at the BBC Proms, won the Arts Club – Sir Karl Jenkins Music Award and was selected by the Young Classical Artists Trust.

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan,

Jamal studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School and at the Royal College of Music with Thomas Carroll, where he is completing his Masters.

Highlights over the last year include appearances as soloist with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall and with the Symphony Orchestra Simón Bolívar of Venezuela.

He returned to Wigmore Hall, made his debut at the Istanbul Music Festival, premiered a new work by

Karl Jenkin and recorded with Classic FM.

Jâms Coleman is a pianist who enjoys a rich and varied musical life performing as a soloist, chamber musician and vocal accompanist. He has performed live on BBC Radio 3, BBC World Service, BBC 2's Proms Extra, BBC Radio Cymru and S4C.

As a vocal accompanist, he enjoys collaborating with singers and his engagements include recitals with Ailish Tynan, James Gilchrist, Sir John Tomlinson, Robert Murray, Nicholas Mulroy, Robert Murray and Andrew Kennedy at Leeds and Oxford Lieder festivals. Recent highlights include an evening recital at Wigmore Hall and performing the three Schubert song cycles at the Two Moors Festival.

Jâms is an Oxford Lieder Young Artist, a Live Music Now Artist, a Park Lane Group Artist, a Yeoman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians and a Samling Artist.

The programme in Ardrishaig will include works by Beethoven and a piece from Ernest Bloch's Jewish Life for cello and piano.

The concert, organised by Mid Argyll Arts Association in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Concert Tours, will begin at 3pm on Saturday January 12.

See community notice below for more information.



Jâms Coleman.



Jamal Aliyev.

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# New year programme at Craignish Village Hall

Some of the best artists from Scotland and the UK continue to bring outstanding performances to the heart of the community

Craignish Village Hall in Ardfern begins a new year with its highly acclaimed arts programme getting into full stride.

A grant from the Creative Scotland Open Project Fund in 2018, together with generous support from the Craignish Trust, has ensured some of the best artists from Scotland and the UK continue to bring outstanding performances to the heart of the community.

In February, there are two

special performances to inspire and enjoy, beginning with *Within This Dust*, a cinematic dance production by Radio 2 Artist in Residence Thomas Small exploring survivors' accounts of 9/11 and the iconic 'Falling Man' series of photographs by Richard Drew. Later in the month, Scottish Opera returns with the ever-popular Opera Highlights quartet programme including extracts from *Carmen*, *La Traviata* and *Die Fledermaus*



**Within This Dust – Shaper/Caper.**

and works by Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

Looking further ahead, forthcoming events include *Heroes*, a unique look at the cult of celebrity by aerial dance company All or Nothing, whose work was featured in *Bothy Culture* and *Beyond* at the SSE Hydro last year during Celtic Connections.

National treasures of Scottish traditional music Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham bring their instrumental mastery to the hall on May 29 and in June, novelist and playwright Alan Bissett performs *The Moira Monologues*...a hilarious, but subtly smart work that takes society slowly apart... the *Skinny*, four stars.

In addition to these and

other performances still to be announced, dance artist Rob Heaslip is due to return to the hall early in the year with a residency-based community project *The Salt Lab*.

For more information about shows and workshops, arts programme manager John Saich can be contacted by email at [cvh.artsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvh.artsevents@gmail.com).

John is keen to hear ideas and suggestions for future events and wants to encourage further community involvement in the ongoing development of the programme.

*Within This Dust*, suitable for ages 14 and over, takes place on Wednesday February 6, followed by *Opera Highlights* on Tuesday February 12.

Ticket reservation information can be found on the Craignish Village Hall website: [www.craignish.org.uk](http://www.craignish.org.uk).

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# Get help on the path to healthy workplaces



Businesses in Argyll can now sign up to a new accreditation scheme that aims to reverse the trend of inactive workplaces.

Walking charity Paths for All has created the Walk at Work Award to reward employers across the country which encourage everyday walking in their workplace.

With the average working age adult sitting for nine and a half hours a day, the charity will not just recognise employers who promote everyday walking, but will also offer guidance to those who want their workforce to become more active.

Active meetings, lunchtime walks, standing desks and promoting ways to get to work on foot will all count towards the award.

By signing up for the award, employers will receive one-to-one support on how to

create a walking culture at work as well as examples of best practice and where to find extra help and resources.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland (ICAS) is among the first businesses to sign up to the Walk at Work Award, which was launched by the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, Jamie Hepburn.

Jamie Hepburn said: 'When people commute, particularly those who work in offices or who travel by car, they tend to be more inactive. This award will reward employers who encourage regular walks, breaks from the desk and activity during the working day.'

'It will also offer support to businesses who are interested in helping their staff become more active but don't know where to start.'

'I'd encourage employers to look at what they can do to

foster a walking culture and register for the Walk at Work Award.'

Ian Findlay, chief officer at Paths for All, said: 'Walking is one of the simplest and best things we can do for our physical and mental health. It's free, you don't need any special equipment and it can be easily incorporated into the average working day.'

'Research shows that employees who are physically active in and around the working day take fewer sick days, are more motivated and productive, and are more able to concentrate, so walking is not just good for us, it's good for business.'

Recent findings from UK workplaces reveal that half of all employees experience poor mental health at work, including stress, anxiety and depression.

Regular walking can reduce



Jamie Hepburn, left, joins Ian Findlay, chief officer at Paths for All, and Lesley Glen, chief operating officer at ICAS, to launch the Walk at Work Award.

the effects of poor mental health. Physical activity can also combat against the risk

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# Benmore Botanic Garden weather summary

## December 2018

Highest max air temp: 12.5°C on the 28th  
 Lowest max air temp: 2.0°C on the 24th  
 Average max air temp: 7.9°C  
 Lowest min air temp: -1.7°C on the 24th  
 Highest min air temp: 9.0°C on the 31st  
 Average min air temp: 2.9°C  
 Highest min at grass level: 8.0°C on the 31st  
 Lowest min at grass level: 4°C on the 4th  
 Average min at grass level: 0.6°C  
 Air min below 0.0°C on 4 days  
 Grass level min below 0.0°C on 14 days  
 Hail on 1 day  
 Snow/sleet on 2 days  
 Thunder on 0 days  
 Gale on 0 days  
 Greatest rainfall in one day: 34.6mm on the 7th  
 Rain 0.2mm or more on 30 days  
 Rain 1.0mm or more on 25 days  
 Rain 5.0mm or more on 16 days  
 Trace (between 0.0mm & 0.1mm): 0 days  
 Total with measurable rain: 31 days  
 Average relative humidity: 90.9%  
 Total rainfall for month: 314.8mm (12.4 inches)  
 Total rainfall for a year: 2403.3mm (94.6 inches)

December was fairly mild with the occurrence of air frost being down by 60% and ground frost down by 22%.

The average maximum daily air temperature was up by 0.7°C and the minimum by 1.1°C.

Rainfall was around average for the time of year but with precipitation recorded on every day it was the most humid month of the year.



Benmore Botanic Garden. Photo: Great British Gardens

## Year 2018

**Temperatures**  
 Highest max air temp: 30.9°C on June 28  
 Lowest max air temp: -1.0°C on January 7  
 Highest min air temp: 16.1°C on July 23  
 Lowest min air temp: -6.4°C on January 8  
 Highest min temp at grass level: 16.1°C on

August 3  
 Lowest min temp at grass level: -13.0°C on January 8

**Frost**  
 Air frost on 53 days  
 Last air frost on May 1  
 First air frost on October 16

Between last and first air frost: 167 days  
 Ground frost on 122 days  
 Last ground frost on June 13  
 First ground frost on July 7  
 Between last and first ground frost: ground frost was recorded in every month

**Rainfall**  
 Total rainfall for year: 2403.3mm (94.6 inches)  
 Greatest rainfall in one day 55.6mm on October 8

0.2mm or more on 260 days  
 1.0mm or more on 221 days  
 5.0mm or more on 142 days  
 Measurable rain on 283 days  
 Average relative humidity 83.6%

## Other phenomena

Gales on 3 days  
 Hail on 9 days  
 Snow or sleet on 21 days  
 Thunder on 4 days

On the face of it 2018 was an average year weather-wise at Benmore but delving further into the detail reveals a more complicated set of circumstances. Total precipitation for 2018 fell almost exactly on the long-term average of 2397.0mm (being only 6.3mm above this). This does not show the whole picture, however, with January being particularly wet and the period September to December experiencing above average rainfall. The months of February, March, May, June and July all recorded below average precipitation with July showing the largest aberration with rainfall down by 35%.



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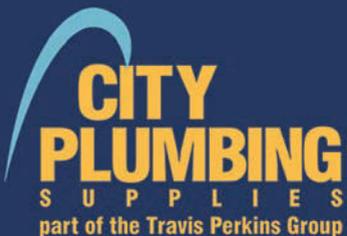


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# Celebrating Burns on his 260th birthday

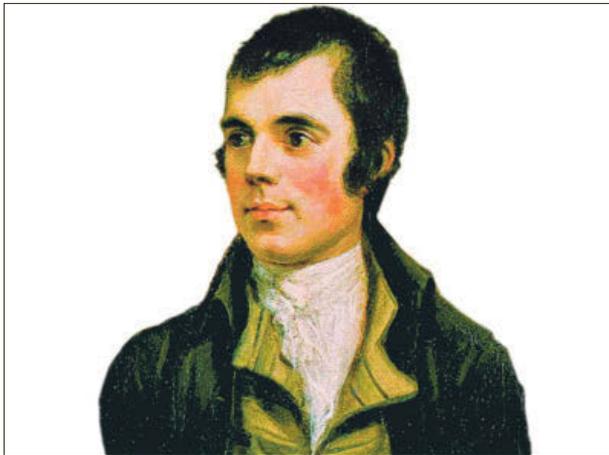
January 25 will mark the 260th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns.

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Burns had a rare talent for putting himself into others' shoes and expressing life's universal emotions.

More than two centuries after his death at the tragically young age of 37, the work of Burns retains its humanity, relevance and power. His belief in equality and respect for our fellow man and woman rings particularly true in these troubled times.

Special events are planned to mark his 260th birthday, including an 11-day celebration in Dumfries – the Big Burns Supper – between January



Robert Burns.

24 and February 3 featuring KT Tunstall, burlesque performers Le Haggis, comedy from Ed Byrne and Hardeep Singh Kohli, the Bootleg Beatles and award-winning singer songwriter Hazel O'Connor. And, yes, there will be haggis.

Burns and Beyond in

Edinburgh from January 22-27 will celebrate Scottish culture from Burns to the present day. Highlights include Museum of the Moon at St Giles' Cathedral and Red Rose Street in the city centre including a Burns supper, a free family ceilidh and Burns Club comedy nights.

To get into the spirit of Burns Night, the Royal Yacht Britannia is hosting a traditional Burns supper aboard the famous ship on January 25 and 26.

Down in Burns' country of Ayrshire there is the Burns an' a' that festival based in the bard's home village of Alloway.

This month-long celebration includes all kinds of Burns-related goings-on plus the only Burns supper in the world to take place in Burns Cottage, where it all began.

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# Argyll union members meet the candidates



Farmers and crofters from Argyll and the islands will get the chance to hear candidates state their case for election to the post of union vice-president.

At the regional AGM and election hustings, to be held at Tarbert's Stonefield Castle Hotel on Friday January 11, three candidates will meet local members of the National Farmers' Union Scotland.

Hoping to deputise for NFUS president Andrew McCornick are current vice-president Martin Kennedy, livestock committee chairman Charlie Adam and combinable crops committee chairman Ian Sands.

Each is set to be quizzed on a number of aspects of agricultural policy and how they would deliver on these for the union. The vice-presidential

election will take place at the union's council meeting in Glasgow on February 8.

As part of the regional AGM, the annual Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award will also be handed out.

The award, in memory of Mull farmers Bert Leitch and Lachlan MacLean, is presented each year to an NFUS member who has followed in their footsteps and given their time and effort to the work of the union in the Argyll and the Islands region.

More on the AGM, hustings and stalwart award in next week's edition.



The candidates: Charlie Adam, Martin Kennedy and Ian Sands.

## Pay attention to safety, farmers warned

Farmers in Scotland are being told they must pay attention to how they manage workplace risk or face serious penalties.

The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) programme of inspections will review health and safety standards on farms across the country, and the industry is being reminded that the inspections will soon begin.

The inspections will ensure those responsible for protect-

ing themselves and workers are doing the right things to comply with the law and prevent death, injury and ill-health.

Throughout the inspection initiative, inspectors will be checking that risks are being controlled in specific areas including: machinery, falls from height, children and livestock.

The announcement follows a series of compliance events that were developed as a result

of research into farmers attitudes to risk and are aimed at changing behaviours in the industry. Farmers in the area were given the opportunity to attend one of these events, paid for by HSE, to help them comply with the law and prepare for our inspections. HSE is now following up to make sure that all farms in the area are doing the right thing.

Agriculture has the poorest record of any industry in Britain and latest figures show that 33 people were killed in agriculture across Britain in 2017/18 - around 18 times higher than the all-industry fatal injury rate.



HSE head of agriculture Rick Brunt said: 'We are seeing signs of a change in attitude across the farming industry and, while this is encouraging, these inspections act as a reminder to farmers of the importance of managing risks so that everyone can go home from their work healthy.'

'Everyone involved in farming has a role to play. Those working in the industry need to understand the risks they face and the simple ways they can be managed. Those who work with the industry can be part of the change that is so badly needed.'

HSE has a range of resources and guides available to help employers and employees improve health and safety on farms. More information on what topics the inspectors will be looking at when they visit farms can be found in this guide.



NFUS president Andrew McCornick will remain in post.

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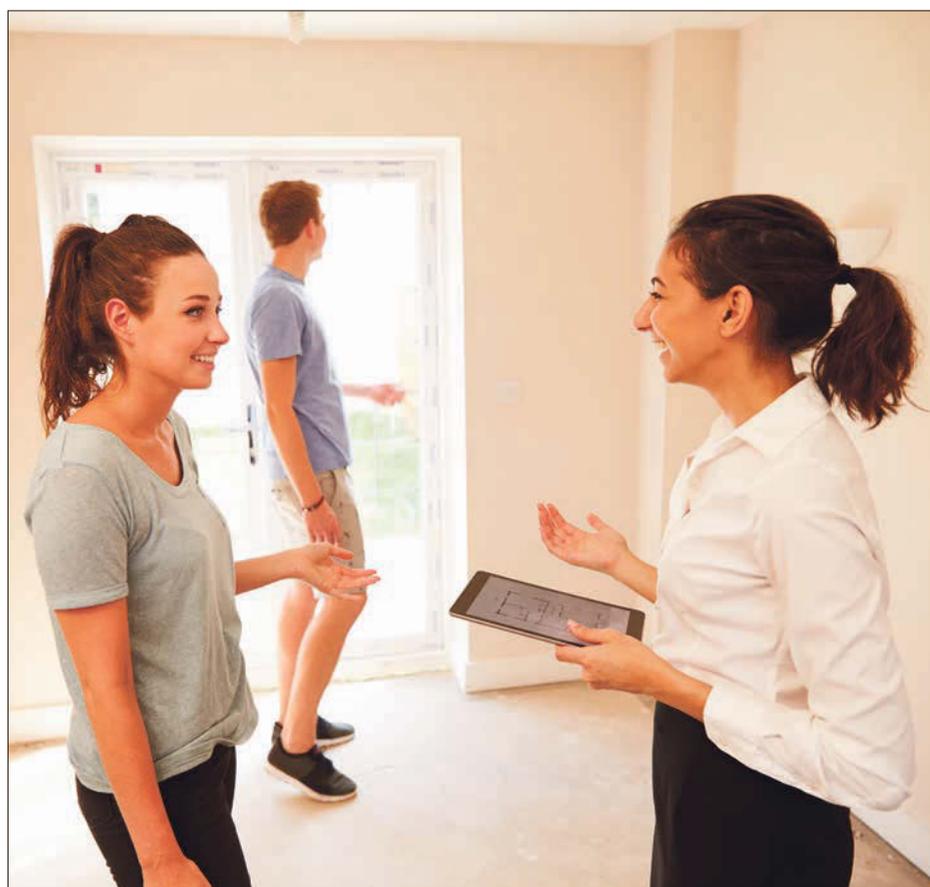
**Preparation is key** – Be ready with a list of questions you want to ask the vendor and the estate agent. For example asking how long the house has been on the market may give you a clue to any potential problems with the property. You might also need to ask; what fixtures and fittings will be left? What are the neighbours like? Why the vendor

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**Be observant** – Look for any potential problems and costs such as dysfunctional guttering, cracks in the interior and exterior walls or brown stains on the ceiling that may indicate a leaky roof for example.

**Try to visualise yourself living there** – Ignore the décor as much as you can and try to think about whether your furniture will fit into the house and how it will look with your style applied to it. View the property in daylight and be sure to check out the area at other times of the day. A quiet road might be manic during rush hour and a desirable neighbourhood may look different at night.

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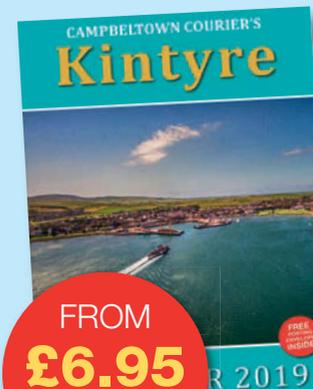
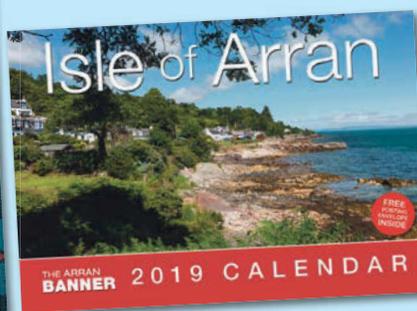
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## MID ARGYLL

### Screen Machine returns

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In addition to the movie juggernauts above, the Screen Machine will also be showing the magical Harry Potter prequel, Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald and the historic movie Nae Pasaran! which tells of Rolls Royce factory workers in East Kilbride staging a protest by refusing to work on Chilean Air Force's fighter jets during General Pinochet's military coup.

So grab some popcorn for the show.

## CAMPBELTOWN

### The Benny Lynch Story

A play centring on Glasgow Gorbals boxer and legend Benny Lynch is coming to Campbeltown.

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The Benny Lynch Story will tour throughout May and June 2019 but will show in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on Thursday June 20.

## OBAN

### Phoenix Cinema to rise again with funding

Oban Phoenix Cinema has received a cash injection of £28,000 for improvements.

The community-owned cinema received £22,000 from the Crerar Trust and £6,000

## KILMARTIN

Dr Anuschka Miller will give a talk on marine pollution in Kilmartin Museum.



### Winter talks at Kilmartin Museum

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Dr Miller will provide valuable insight of

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### Burns' night

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I have often thought that age is a strange thing.

I find it hard to imagine my parents younger than I am, and as I get closer to the age at which they died, I wish I could just have one more conversation.

I am not really sure what I would say, other than to thank them for the love, the time, the fun and the wisdom they shared with me.

Maybe I would ask them to jump into our life as it is now – just for a few moments – with all the technology, the social media, the world of internet and emails, and ask them what they think about it.

We have enjoyed the next generation staying with us over the holidays, and have realised just how much of their time has been spent looking at their gadgets.

Life now revolves around iPads and Kindles, text messages and social media, and conversation often does take second place.

And, of course, we are all guilty of spending time on our devices rather than with each other.

It is so easy to get caught up in cyberspace.

So as I think of my folks and wonder what they would have thought about this, I think I know.

They would not have understood the need to have a conversation online rather than face-to-face.

They would not have considered sitting isolated in their room using FaceTime rather than calling round to their friend for quality time.

So, while we love our gadgets and their easy access to our friends, let us always remember to call in person, to take time with those we love and to share the air, rather than the airwaves.

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Derek and Kirstin are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Nia Annie-Rose, on New Year's Day. A little sister for Evan and Calum, and another grandchild for John and Sheena, Gordon and Lora, and Shona and Kevin. A huge thanks to Dr Murphy, RAH staff and all the Mid Argyll midwives. A special thanks to Karen McAlpine for going above and beyond.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**HOWELL - MACBRAYNE**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Hogmanay, of Kathryn, younger daughter of David and Anne Howell, Kilchiaran, Campbeltown, to Stuart, elder son of David and Ailie MacBrayne, Low Machrimore, Southend.

**DEATHS**

**AGNEW** - Peacefully, at his home, 4 Ionad Shomhairlie, Achahoish, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on December 30, 2018, Kenneth Agnew, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Esther Durnan and a dear uncle and great uncle. Funeral service was held at South Knapdale Parish Church, Achahoish, on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**CAUSTON** - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Nursing Home, Ardrishaig, on December 26, 2018, Margaret Brown Causton, in her 97th year, formerly of Saddell, last surviving daughter of the late Thomas Glen of Saddell, beloved wife of the late John Causton and a loving mother of the late Johnnie and Tommy.

**DUNCAN** - Peacefully, after a long illness, with his family by his side, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 28, 2018, Robert Riddell Duncan (Bobby), in his 81st year, 35 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Archie and Elsie Duncan, much loved brother of Jean and the late Grace, devoted uncle of Duncan, Jane, Archie, Elizabeth-Ann and Sandra, and a loving great uncle.

**KELLY** - Suddenly, but peacefully, with her family by her side, and at her home in Alexandria, on January 1, 2019, Elizabeth Helen Jordan Kelly, in her 72nd year, formerly of Knockscalcort Way, Campbeltown, devoted wife of Richard, dearly loved and adored mum to Audrey-Anne, loving mother-in-law of David, much loved, cherished and proud nana to Darren, and loving sister to Robert and William. Funeral service in Alexandria Cooperative Funeral Parlour, on Monday, January 14 at 1.00pm, followed by a service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Tuesday, January 15 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family and friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer's. She will be sorely missed by all, including her many dear friends and neighbours.

**MCKERSIE** - William Norman, died December 16, 2018, widower of Fay, father of Michael and Andrew, and grandfather of Robert. Formerly of Norwood, High Askomil, Campbeltown.

**STEWART** - On January 6, 2019, peacefully, at Lochside Care Home, Shandon, Helensburgh, Hamish Stewart, known as Skinner (former painter), of Chalmers Court, Inveraray, and formerly of Arkland, in his 79th year, first son of the late David and Catherine Stewart, Inveraray. Funeral private.

**SWEENEY** - Elizabeth Walker Ferrier (née Fleming), aged 75 years, dearly beloved wife of Charles and loving mother and grandmother, died peacefully at Strathcarron Hospice, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Funeral service at Falkirk Crematorium, on Thursday, January 17 at 11.30am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations in lieu to Strathcarron Hospice welcome.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** - The family of the late Rosina Campbell would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received during their sad bereavement. Special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a very fitting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral

Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Tarbert Parish Church totalled £330.

**MAUCHLINE** - Jane and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the lovely flowers, phone calls and visits after the sad passing of Duncan. Thanking everyone who attended the church service and at the graveside, Rev Fulcher for his uplifting and comforting service, and doctors and all the staff at Kintyre Care Home who looked after Duncan so well. Our thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for personal attention and professional services, and to the Argyll Hotel for a lovely tea. The retiral collection for Kintyre Care Home Residents Fund raised £405.80.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of Kenneth, died January 14, 2006. We think about you every day, with so much love and pride. We miss you so much and wish that you were still here by our side. - Love, Mum and Dad.

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of our dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006. My brother, my friend. Thinking of you every day. Missing you. - David and Anne x.

**JOHNSTONE** - In loving memory of Morag, a mum, gran and great gran, who passed away on January 12, 2018. One year has passed since that sad day, When the one we loved was called away, There is never a day goes by we don't think of you, Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, It's just the pain of losing you that never goes away. - Your loving family.

**MACRAE** - In loving memory of my dear husband, Jock, who died January 8, 1999. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day. - From Judith, Angus, Fiona, Kirstie and all the family.

**MCCALLUM** - In loving memory of our beloved sister, Muriel McLellan, died January 7, 2018. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. - Her ever-loving sisters and brothers, at home and away.

**WILSON** - In memory of a much loved mum, granny and great granny, Flora, who died January 7, 2018. - Libby, Allan, Alastair, Carol and families.



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# Marian Pallister travels back to Argyll's hollow mountain

Screened at the end of December, Cameron McNeish's duo of *Roads Less Travelled* programmes (still available on BBC iPlayer) offered wonderful publicity for the stunning scenery of Argyll. One of the on-screen contributors was Mid Argyll writer and journalist Marian Pallister, who talked about the impact of the construction of the Cruachan hydro electric project on the rural area around Loch Awe.

Marian offered the following insight to the Argyllshire Advertiser.

My book about the project, *Cruachan: The Hollow Mountain*, was published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of its opening. Invited to join Cameron up at the Cruachan dam for the second of his two recent programmes, I was delighted to tramp the mighty mountain with Scotland's number one authority on outdoor pursuits.

As an author and broadcaster, Cameron always has an eye on a good story, and so as well as asking

me about the lack of health and safety regulations at the time the hydro project was being built, he also wanted to know if there really was a murder during the construction. There was, as I told him, a body – but the body wasn't identified, no arrests were made, no court case took place.

It would be a shame if that construction period went down in history as an invasion of 3,000 workmen – 'Tunnel Tigers' as they were dubbed – into one of Argyll's

most beautiful settings and a possible murder.

My book was intended to give the story of the local people whose lives were punctuated by this ambitious construction project. Quite rightly, those Tunnel Tigers had been lauded in a number of publications. The work that was done hollowing out Argyll's highest mountain to provide electricity for the nation was amazing.

The plan for Cruachan – as for the other major hydro projects of the post-World War II era – was conceived by Tom Johnston, to whom I dedicated my book. Johnston was a politician who remained true to his ideals of bringing rural Scotland into the modern world. There was no power in the Highlands, and without power there could be no industry and no prosperity. The engineering genius was Sir Edward MacColl, whose biographer Norrie Fraser called him 'a maker of modern Scotland'.

Cruachan was the first reversible pumped-storage system in the world. During its years of construction from 1959 to 1965, eminent international engineers visited the project to see how the water was pumped between two reservoirs through reversible turbine generators. At off-peak hours, the water was – is – pumped back up to the reservoir you see high up in the corrie above Loch Awe, held back by a dam that is now so much a part of our landscape. The loch itself is the lower reservoir.

I had imagined that the scale of such a project – using Scotland's top engineering companies who shipped in workers from other parts of the UK and Europe – would have been a cause for resentment and protest by local people.

That, of course, failed to take account of the vision of the folk of Dalmally, Lochawe and Taynuilt. Although it took men with engineering experience to blast the 12 miles of tunnels, hollow out the mountain itself, and construct the dam, there was also a need for a support army. There were clerks and porters, joiners and caterers, folk willing to let out a room, a caravan, a house, serve in a pub where just occasionally it was necessary to keep a baseball bat behind the bar to maintain bonhomie. The project kickstarted careers, fortunes and marriages, and gave the area good roads and a tourist industry.

If you haven't visited the hollow mountain or walked Cruachan's slopes, make 2019 the year you do.

**■ Cruachan: The Hollow Mountain is available from the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead and all good book shops, along with Marian Pallister's other books of local interest.**



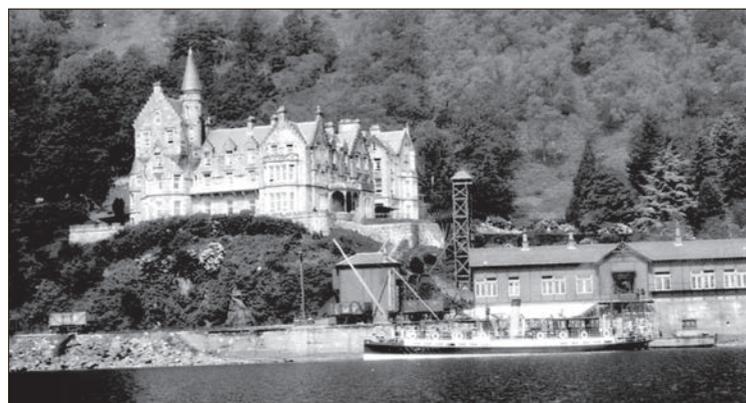
The Queen opening the project in October 1965.



Working on the road to the dam, overlooking Loch Awe.



The Pass of Brander before work started.



Life before the project – the Loch Awe Hotel with steamers.



Working on the 12 miles of tunnels.

## Cruachan facts

- At its peak, around 4,000 people worked on the construction project.
- 36 men died building the power station and dam.
- The scheme cost £24.5 million.
- Cruachan is one of four pumped storage schemes in the UK. The power station was originally operated by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, before transferring to the South of Scotland Electricity Board, now Scottish Power. Just last week Cruachan was purchased by Drax Group as part of a £702 million acquisition of Scottish Power assets.
- The upper reservoir sits 396 metres (1,299 ft) above Loch Awe.
- The station is capable of generating 440 megawatts of electricity from four turbines and can go from standby to full production in two minutes, or 30 seconds if compressed air is used to start the turbines spinning.
- When the top reservoir is full, Cruachan can operate for 22 hours before the supply of water is exhausted.



Lewis Hill from Minard in the under-nines. 08\_a35MidArgyllAthletics01

## Athletic club's indoor competition returns

Mid Argyll Athletic Club are reminding boys and girls in the local area that their annual indoor competition takes place next Saturday January 19 in the games hall and gymnasium at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. The competition starts at noon with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events for six age groups starting at under-seven up to under-17 with age qualification as on the September 1, 2018. An entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied or £5 for families of three or more members.

Medals will be awarded to all competitors with trophies for the individual winners in each age category. Successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 24.

The Mid Argyll event on January

19 is the first of four local area competitions being held in Argyll this winter promoted by the local club with support from Mull Athletic Club, Campbeltown Running Club and Atlantis Leisure.

The next competition is at Tobermory High School on Saturday February 2, followed by Oban on Sunday February 24. A date has still to be confirmed for the Kintyre competition at Campbeltown Grammar School but it is likely to be in early March.

There is an extra incentive for the under-12 boys and girls as teams will be selected after the Mid Argyll local competition to take part in the Scottish Athletics U/12 superteams national event at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Sunday February 10.

The competition on January 19 is an ideal opportunity for young boys and girls to come along and try athletics for the first time in a dry and warm environment.



Under-11 high jumper Ruby Dunlop from Ardishaig. 08\_a35MidArgyllAthletics12

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## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's result: Scottish Amateur Cup, fifth round – Rothie Rovers 1, Oban Saints 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup fifth round replay – Oban Saints v Rothie Rovers, Glencruitten, kick-off 1.30pm. Winners of this game are away to Alba Thistle in the last 16. Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round – Dunoon v Villa Park, Glenburn Athletic v Campbeltown Pupils; Tarbert v Cardross. Lochgilphead Red Star, no game.

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
 Athletic club's indoor  
 competition returns

# Lochgilphead's MACPool has new manager Fiona

Lochgilphead's MACPool has finally found a new manager.

Taking over from Graham Love, who left the pool in July 2018, Lochgilphead local Fiona Macalpine will now be managing the Mid Argyll Community Pool.

With chairwoman Kim Ritchie introducing her with the words 'new start, new year, new team', Fiona enjoyed her first cup of coffee on the job.

Fiona said: 'I'm just getting in the door and finding my feet, looking to continue the progress that the pool has been making so far and hopefully moving on to bigger and better things.'

Fiona has made this change after working at Argyll College UHI, working with all the schools, timetabling the whole college.

She said: 'That was 17 years I'd been with the college so this will be a nice change.'

And it seems Fiona has some history with the pool.

She said: 'When the pool first opened, I was one of the first lifeguards. So it's like coming back to it. Swimming has always been there.'

MACPool board member Lynn Johnstone said: 'We're overjoyed to have her on board.'

Chairwoman Kim said: 'The whole of the board are delighted to have her onboard and looking forward to working with her on the redevelopment into 2019.'

The 22-year-old MACPool's redevelopment is ongoing, with 2018's annual general meeting in December confirming plans for the £1.5 million renovation to the



Lifeguard Jack Johnson, board chairwoman Kim Ritchie, acting manager Kirsty Young, board member Lynn Johnstone, new manager Fiona Macalpine and lifeguard Skye Bruce. 51\_a02Macpool01

MACPool. With a Scottish Land Fund grant of £315,788 offered in April, MACPool has the ability to buy the land it sits on and the surrounding buildings.

The plan is to take over the adjoining Citizens' Advice Bureau offices, to expand the MACPool building and

create a soft play area and a cafe. With the added land the square outside the Citizens' Advice Bureau gives, there is also talk to adding more parking spaces.

Proposed changes also include upgrading the pool itself and the changing areas as well as a new public gallery.

In March, Kim Ritchie told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'We see MACPool as being an essential asset to the community. We have been keeping our guard in the swim now for 22 years and we want to do it for another 22 years.'

'We think that by doing this expansion and giving these

extra services we are going to provide an even better and more varied service to the people of Mid Argyll.'



New MACPool manager, Fiona Macalpine. 51\_a02Macpool04



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