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Lack of support blamed as plug is pulled on festival

By Colin Cameron
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One of Argyll's most popular festivals will not happen this year – and the news has been greeted with shock.

Organisers of the Best of the West festival have blamed Argyll and Bute Council and other unnamed 'local community sources' for failing to support the music and food extravaganza, held in the shadow of Inveraray Castle.

The local authority, however, claims it was never a primary funder of the event.

First held in 2011, the Best of the West festival was intended to promote the talent and products of Argyll.

Organisers claim it has brought in more than £1 million annually to the local economy and 30,000 visitors over eight years.

The Duke and Duchess of Argyll hosted the event and Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll, said: 'The reality is we receive no government support and Argyll and Bute Council has withdrawn its financial



assistance while providing significant funding to other similar events. Funding available from some local community sources has also been consistently denied despite the proven local interest and economic benefits.'

The Duchess added: 'The estate, myself and other key people offer their time for free and we have had some wonderfully supportive sponsors,

including Event Scotland, but the infrastructure and bands are adding up to more than the festival can make.

'We are a not-for-profit festival with an aim to promote this amazing part of the world but we cannot do it without outside help.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'We provide funding where possible for events. However,

it should be noted that our contribution to this festival has been low level and on an ad-hoc basis, rather than as a key partner. Given ongoing cuts to our budgets, expectations of councils have to be realistic and events have to be commercially sustainable.'

Last year the council provided £2,500 through Business Gateway for stalls at the craft tent and £1,000 towards a

'Seeking funding to grow and sustain tourism and events is proving ever more challenging in the current financial climate.'

Skipinnish headlined the 2018 festival, packing the main stage arena. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

drinks reception. Argyll and the Islands Tourism Co-operative represents tourism business around the region and its chairman, Iain Jurgensen, said he was 'saddened' by the news, adding: 'Seeking funding to grow and sustain tourism and events is proving ever more challenging in the current financial climate, but we shall continue to support all those

showcasing our world-class products and experiences.'

Linda Divers, convener of Inveraray Community Council, said it had come as a huge shock to the town.

She continued: 'It's just such a shame for everyone involved. As far as I know, accommodation had already been booked and people looked forward to this event.'

Mid Argyll councillors Dougie Philand and Sandy Taylor expressed disappointment.

'Michelin-star chefs are involved, buses pick up from Glasgow and the festival is at a world famous castle which could attract tourists back,' said Mr Philand. 'I think it is unfair funding was withdrawn, particularly when three events in the Oban area were chosen.'

Councillor Taylor added: 'Had I been aware of the critical funding position, I would have been keen to see what the council could have done to support the event, but this announcement comes after the decision has been made.'

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Trust breathes life into empty centre

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Tarbert's vacated VisitScotland premises has a new purpose.

Since closing in October 27, the harbour-front centre has been taken over by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust which is establishing a heritage display and local information point to be known as Tarbert Life.

With volunteers already signed up, meetings on the project have been taking place. Plans include a display ready for the new tourist season and a 'What's On' space which to advertise events.

A statement by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust said: 'The heritage display will celebrate not only the rich history of the harbour, the fishing industry and the castle, but the life of the village.



The VisitScotland information centre in Tarbert closed last year.

The many industries and businesses that no longer exist, together with the changes and improvements in communications and education, will all be researched.

The effect of these changes on the village and surrounding

area's population will be told and displayed for everyone to appreciate.

The 'What's On' will allow local organisations to invite visitors to join them. Timetables for ferries and buses will be displayed and

local businesses will be able to advertise. More volunteers are still being sought to help with scanning, research, editing, display construction and other general tasks. If anyone wants to help, please contact info@tsct.org.uk

POLICE FILES

Shoplifting

A 75-year-old man stole items from the Co-op in Inveraray around 9pm on Sunday January 6. Police later traced the man who was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Careless driving

An 18-year-old man was charged with careless driving and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points following a collision at 3pm on Tuesday January 8 on the A83 near Lochgair.

Safety checks

Police officers stopped a number of vehicles for safety checks on Thursday January 10, on the A83, near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead.

A woman, 32, was driving a vehicle with an illegal tyre. She was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

Three other drivers were issued with notices for defective lights, an illegal number plate and a defective windscreen.

Man charged

A 25-year-old man has been charged with careless driving following a collision on Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, at 2pm on Wednesday January 9.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

No insurance

A car crashed off the road between Ardfern and Craobh Haven at 8.30pm on Thursday January 10.

The female driver, 30, was traced and charged with driving without insurance and without a MOT.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Smashed window

A window in The Body and Soul shop in Harbour Street, Tarbert, was smashed about 6pm on Tuesday January 8.

A man and a woman were seen in the vicinity at the time of the incident. Police are investigating.

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

Scam warning

Police are reminding the public not to be taken in by unexpected telephone calls from people saying they are from BT or Microsoft.

These types of scams continue to be prevalent with the caller often saying they have identified a fault with the person's computer or broadband.

The caller persuades the person to give bank details for payment to rectify the fault. Sometimes the caller persuades the person to download an application to their computer to rectify the fault but this allows remote access to the computer leading to access to PayPal or internet banking, meaning money can be taken from accounts without permission.

On January 7, a woman from Seil, near Oban, received a call from someone saying they were from BT and that her internet service would be terminated if she did not secure her account. The woman was persuaded to provide remote access to her computer and bank details. The caller then removed several thousand pounds from the woman's bank account.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol of Lochgilphead Police said: 'No genuine company will call you without first having a fault reported by you. Do not be duped into downloading applications or giving remote access to your computer or personal/bank details to pay for a repair you didn't report. My advice is just end the call.'

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday January 14, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 6, 10 and 17.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £400.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 5, 11 and 15.

There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 1, 6 and 17.

There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Public to get say on front green plans

Plans to improve Lochgilphead front green are progressing, a community council meeting has heard.

Fresh from the latest meeting of the project steering group, Lochgilphead Community Council convener Andy Buntin confirmed the public will get the chance to comment on the proposals 'in the first week of March'.

A design team was appointed by Argyll and Bute Council in December and initial plans have been drawn up. A planning group will soon be consulting with Lochgilphead businesses on how they would like the project to progress. The full consultation in March will involve a drop-in session to allow members

of the public to give their input to the project. Speaking at the latest community council meeting on Monday January 14, Mr Buntin said: 'I am really confident that what they produce is going to be worth it.'

A proportion of the £1.5 million project, funded through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund is, however, likely to be spent on unseen but essential work such as drainage.

Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'That's it coming to fruition. It's long overdue but at least that's it moving forward now.'

The front green improvement project is expected to be completed during 2020.

Work starts to preserve historic Inveraray arches

Work is under way on £200,000 worth of improvements to the Category A-listed Avenue arches, or screen, in Inveraray.

The Avenue screen's existing render needs to be replaced. Weather-proofing works are also required and will be carried out as part of the contract, which is part of Argyll and Bute Council's drive to protect Inveraray's architectural appearance after recent repair and conservation works to buildings through the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.

Scaffolding was erected by contractors at the Avenue earlier this week.

Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for economic development, said: 'Over time, render needs to be replaced for aesthetic and safety reasons and we are pleased to be carrying out these improvements.'

'We aim to ensure any inconvenience is minimal throughout the duration of the work, which we expect to be completed by the end of the summer.'

The council emphasised there will be periods of inactivity during the works, for example when stonework is being allowed to dry prior to the application of new render. Scaffolding will remain in place during these periods.

There will also require to be short periods of closure of the central arch to traffic. The main period of inactivity will be from late February until April.

Further updates on the progress of the project and any traffic orders will be issued.

It is anticipated the scaffolding will be removed and the work completed by the end of the summer.



The familiar arches of the Inveraray screen with scaffolding erected. 51_a04inverarayarches02

Fresh new club at the speed of sound

Things move fast in Lochgilphead.

A new social group met for the first time on Tuesday January 15. A steering group was created and now it is all systems go.

And no wonder it is fast – the group is MACH 1, or Mid Argyll Community Hub.

The Hub will be a place where everyone is welcome to go along and take part in a range of activities to be decided by members themselves.

The details are being finalised by the steering group, but the likely venue will be the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) building on Union Street.

But what is certain is that there will be good food, great company and plenty fun for everyone across Mid Argyll.

Look out for more details to come on Mid Argyll Community Hub.

Mid Argyll Music Festival celebrates 40th anniversary

Returning for its 40th anniversary, Mid Argyll Music Festival plans on being bigger than ever.

Soloists, choirs, poets and musicians will get their chance to showcase their talents as they compete for a coveted trophy.

Running from Wednesday March 18 to Saturday March 23, organisers are encouraging students, teachers, families, poetry enthusiasts and musicians of all genres to enter.

Entries must be submitted to festival administrator Sheila McCallum by Thursday January 31.

More information can be found at midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk or by contacting Fiona MacDonald at feemacdee@live.com



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Grab a pew at the church rummage sale

Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church are holding a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday January 18 and 19.

In the old church hall in Kilmartin between 2pm and 4pm on Friday and noon to 3pm on Saturday, the hall will be filled with goodies ranging from a communion table (sealed bids from £75 upwards) to a set of dishes for £2. There is even a set of weights for the fighting fit enthusiasts.

If you are up for a bit of upcycling, there are odd pieces of furniture and mirrors and if you are really keen you could buy a pew and make a terrific kitchen bench, but pews have to be removed by the buyer.

All proceeds will go to church funds and remember to enquire if you are interested in buying one of the old church buildings, soon to go on the open market.

Picture the breakfast scene 'I've just bought a lectern and a church to go with it.'

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Tayvallich to host braw Burns Night

With Christmas and Hogmanay done, it's time to look forward to Burns Night at the end of January.

In Tayvallich, Burns' best-known song will be celebrated in pioneering Scottish musician Mairi Campbell's one-woman theatre show Mairi Campbell: Auld Lang Syne.

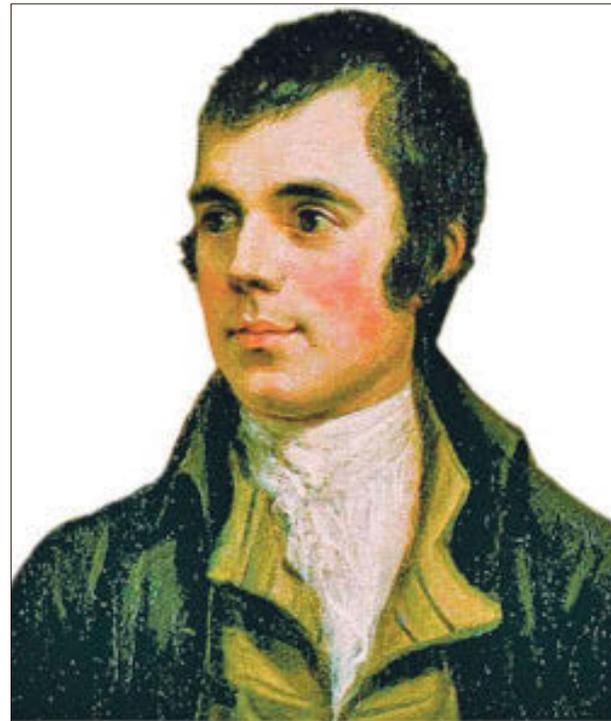
The show tells a very human tale through Mairi's personal relationship with the world-renowned song, including forgetting the words when singing for President Clinton and featuring in the 2008 film, *Sex and the City*. Mairi shares the story behind the song, one that many know but few truly understand: how it spread worldwide, what it means and where it is sung.

With live music, animation and movement, this potent, funny and heartfelt show uses Mairi's own experience to create a piece that resonates

with wider universal truths. Mairi opens the show with a short song set and during the interval a haggis stovie supper will be served, including a vegetarian option.

To help organisers know how many tatties to peel, could you please let them know if you are coming and how many are in your group. Email Ewan Halley at ewan@ehalley.com

Mairi Campbell is a pioneering Scottish musician whose work is rooted in her personal stories and cultural concerns. Since studying classical viola at the Guildhall School of Music, she has become an established member of Scotland's traditional music scene, pushing the boundaries with her use of free improvisation, songs and stagecraft. Mairi is the recipient of several national music awards. Her first solo show *Pulse* (2016) has gained much critical acclaim and has toured widely.



Robert Burns will be celebrated on Burns Night on Friday January 25.



Local history workshop in Lochgilphead

As part of the Heritage Lottery Fund's Written in the Landscape project, Live Argyll archives and the Argyll Papers at Inveraray Castle are offering a free local history workshop in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Thursday February 28 at 2pm.

The workshop will feature talks about the archive collections and how they may assist people in Lochgilphead and the surrounding area with their local history research.

The workshop will include short presentations from the archivists and the opportunity to get 'hands on' with some of the original records.

There is no charge for attending the workshop but places are limited so advance booking is essential.

Please email jennifer.young@liveargyll.co.uk or phone 01546 604517 to book a place.

Scottish Water welcomes step forward in sewer blockage battle

A new industry standard to help reduce the impact on Scotland's sewer network of wipes wrongly flushed down toilets has been welcomed.

Manufacturers of wipes will be able to feature an official water industry 'Fine to flush' symbol on their packaging if they pass strict scientific tests. This symbol will let consumers know that the products do not contain plastic and will break down instead of clogging up sewers and contributing to so called 'fatbergs' which cause blockages and sewage overflows.

Scottish Water has welcomed the announcement made by Water UK.

Peter Farrer, Scottish Water's chief operating officer, said: 'The new standard will significantly contribute to reducing the number of chokes in the network, reduce the amount of sewage-related debris released to the environment and raise awareness that plastic items should not be flushed down the toilet.'

'I would encourage customers who use wipes to look out for the new logo on these products. By switching to a product which is biodegradable you can help us maintain



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the water management cycle more effectively.'

Advice to customers is that only the 3Ps – pee, paper and poo – should be flushed away as they are all biodegradable. Many wipes contain plastics and do not biodegrade and cause blockages in the sewer network.

The new labelling scheme means manufacturers of wipes will only be able to feature an official water industry 'Fine to flush' symbol on their packaging if their products pass strict scientific tests to prove they will break down in the sewer network.

Peter Farrer said: 'We all have a part to play in looking after the water cycle. Anything which encourages people to think about their

responsibility is welcome. Our sewer response teams deal with the consequences of people flushing the wrong items down the toilet – items like wipes, cotton buds and sanitary products – on a daily basis.

'We hope this new official industry Fine to Flush standard will help cut consumer confusion and lead to a reduction in blockages.'



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Councillor Donnie MacMillan BEM accompanied by Councillor Roddy McCuish, Douglas Prophet and Councillor Jim Lynch from ACHA's governing body and ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor with Kenny MacLeod, managing director of MacLeod Construction.

Councillor MacMillan BEM a cut above for Kilmartin project

Councillor Donnie MacMillan BEM cut the turf to start a new Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) development in Kilmartin.

The development of four two-bedroom semi detached homes will be built by MacLeod Construction of Lochgilphead and will take a year to complete.

Contributions

The cost of the development is £671,898 with contributions coming from Argyll and Bute Council, the Scottish Government and ACHA.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA chief executive said: 'I hope I am paying Donnie a compli-

ment when I refer to him as Scotland's oldest councillor.

'We in ACHA are delighted he is able to do us the honour today. His commitment to affordable housing through his support for ACHA is well respected. We thought it entirely appropriate that he cut the first sod to start the association's first new homes in Kilmartin, in the heart of his ward.'

Councillor MacMillan added: 'It was a pleasure to be asked to launch the site for the new homes in Kilmartin. This is much-needed housing and will most certainly benefit the community and increase the area's population.'

Curtain up on new am dram group

The long history of amateur dramatics in Mid Argyll is to be revived.

No sooner had they unpacked and moved into a new home in Lochgilphead than Andrew Hillier and Laura Mackintosh began looking for ways to fulfil their passion for drama.

Soon Lochgilphead and Tarbert Amateur Dramatics Society was born and, wasting no time, Laura and Andrew have plans for the group's first production.

Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' will be staged at Tarbert Village Hall in the spring - but before then there is plenty to do.

Andrew said: 'We are looking for actors, back stage crew and people for all kinds of other jobs. Everyone is welcome.'

Casting for The Importance of Being Earnest will be held at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Wednesday

January 23 between 7.30pm and 8.30pm and Sunday January 27 12pm to 2pm.

It may be a fresh start, but the couple are aware of the region's rich drama tradition. 'We want to continue what has gone before and there's no point in reinventing the wheel,' said Andrew.

He added: 'We're grateful to local businesses and

individuals who have so far helped with props. They have been very supportive, but any other offers of help would be welcome.'

Keep an eye on the Lochgilphead and Tarbert Amateur Dramatics Society Facebook page for further information and to get in touch. Alternatively call 07488 248352.



Laura and Andrew have set up Lochgilphead and Tarbert Amateur Dramatics Society. 06_a03AmDram01

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Disappointing news

It has become such a fixture in recent times that it was fairly shocking to learn of Best of the West being called off for this year.

The dates had been announced, accommodation booked and there seemed to be no reason why it would not go ahead as it had for eight years. The council claims that its contributions amounted to so little that their removal could have made little difference to the three-day festival.

Organisers are clearly irritated by the fact Best of the West was not deemed worthy of additional council event funding – amid stiff competition and a tight council budget. Whatever the ins and outs, the sudden loss of this festival is a blow to the local economy. Hotels, pubs, B&Bs, shops and everyone in between saw some benefit around Inveraray and beyond.

New life

We wish Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust all the best on its venture within the old Tourist Information Centre.

Remembered

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of Duncan, Przemek and everyone affected on the first anniversary of the Nancy Glen tragedy.

Hollywood comes to Scotland

Sir,
It has been a good week for Scotland's entertainment industry. Plans for a 48 acre world-class film studio to be built adjacent to Dalkeith Country Park have been submitted, Richard Madden walked away with the award for Best Actor in a TV Series at the 76th Golden Globes and I'm delighted a project I was involved in, Spider-Man: Into The Spideverse, was awarded Best Animated Film.

As an Edinburgh native who studied film at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and started my career at the BBC, my passion in family entertainment led me to make the bold decision to travel across to LA for work and I have been fortunate it has enabled me to pursue my career as a film producer.

Whilst Hollywood is undoubtedly home of the movie industry, it is good to see that Scotland is doing more to showcase what a wonderful location it is for filming, given it has a pool of talent on its doorstep.

Outlander is a phenomenal success in the US, but we need to keep this momentum going to keep Scotland on the map for forthcoming opportunities. That's why the proposed film studio should be welcomed, and I'm delighted to hear there are also discussions with Napier University about establishing a Scottish Film Academy on site to help discover and encourage the next generation of Scottish filmmakers.

Not only does Scotland have a wealth of beautiful locations, there are many brilliant creative minds too and in creating more opportunity locally, I hope home-grown talent can establish their careers without the need to move thousands of miles away.

Gavin Laing
Los Angeles, California.

Overcrowded ACHA homes

Sir,
It was great to once again hear from my constituents at my recent surgery in Carradale.

The condition of Brackley cemetery is deteriorating to an unacceptable state with numerous head stones knocked over and many of the footpaths overgrown. In the past, new foot paths have been promised by our roads department yet they have still not been delivered. I have contacted our roads department and urged them to rectify this problem quickly.

Many local residents have welcomed the potholes being filled in on Shore Road in Carradale but these repairs will only likely last six months at the most. For a long-term solution, resurfacing will need to be done.

In Tarbert, I continue to be contacted by justifiably angry Argyll Community Housing Association tenants where, in some cases, couples with three children are forced to stay in two bedroom flats. While I understand housing associations are facing budget restraints and that recently they have been increasing social housing stock, clearly more needs to

be done. Housing associations must build properties in the small towns and villages of Argyll, not just the large towns.

From every corner of my council ward and across Argyll I have been contacted by education staff who are feeling increasingly overworked. Since 2007, the number of teachers in Scotland has fallen by more than 3,500 under the SNP, whilst school budgets have been slashed by £400 million, heaping pressure on the teaching profession. This is a situation that must not be allowed to continue.

I will continue to do all I can as your local councillor to see that these important local and national issues are addressed.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

Dogs on the golf course

Sir,
On behalf of Lochgilphead Golf Club, could I remind dog walkers the course is primarily for playing golf.

Recently we have encountered problems with dogs running around the course with no control, causing damage to fairways when chasing sticks or balls and excrement being left. It is either not picked up or, even worse, picked up in bags and left on top of walls.

The council dog warden is aware and we are considering extending our CCTV to catch the culprits.

Dogs should be kept on a lead or close in at heel as per the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Ele Hunter, match secretary,
Lochgilphead Golf Club.

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Police must protect right to peacefully protest

Sir,
I am calling on Police Scotland to ensure the right to protest is rigorously protected in light of the emboldened presence from the far-right on our streets.

I raised the issue in writing with the Chief Constable, following concerns raised by the RMT that a group of around 30 people from a far right group targeted a picket at a train station in Manchester.

The right to peaceful protest is fundamental to any civilised society.

The people of Scotland have long exercised this right, including in protests against the poll tax, nuclear weapons and illegal wars. Trade Unions must also be allowed to picket peacefully, while fighting to improve conditions for workers.

The political discourse around Brexit has become toxic and the far right has become emboldened as a result.

We must unite to reject the hate and division shown by far right groups.

I have written to the Chief Constable seeking his assurance that Police Scotland will rigorously defend the right to peacefully protest, and legally picket, against any attempts by far right groups to break them up.

John Finnie MSP
Highlands and Islands.

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YOUR PICTURES



Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye of Ardrishaig provides this week's photograph. Taken from the little Port Ann harbour where the Otter Ferry came in, the scene looks eastwards up Loch Fyne in vibrant colours, showing the diversity of the landscape and its elements. Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser website.

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Is Ardrishaig photograph celebrating a coronation?

The photograph on the right was sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser by John MacLellan from Campbeltown.

His mother – Marion Hamilton in the photo – sadly passed away last year at the age of 90.

John said: 'She was brought up in Ardrishaig and the photo was probably taken in the late 1930s.'

The occasion looks like a pageant to mark a coronation, so it could be the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in May 1937.

If any of our readers have additional information on the photograph and its circumstances, we would be pleased to hear from them. Just email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk, telephone 01546 602345 or call into our office in Lochgilphead.

Marion left a handwritten note of the names of most of the girls photographed:

Back row – Elspeth MacGilp, Betty Ferguson (who lived beside the school), Georgie Bruce, Sheena Dick, Christina Crawford, Sheila MacNab, Cathie MacEwan, Margaret MacIntyre, Elspeth Ferguson, Emma MacCracken (?), Betty Ferguson, ? , Marion Hamilton.

Front row – Marie Carmichael, Ann Stewart, ? , Netta Brown (?)



The photograph was taken in Ardrishaig, probably in the late 1930s.

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Toilet Twinning to save lives

The Ardrishaig Church Eco Group is organising a coffee morning in the North Hall, Ardrishaig, on Saturday January 19 to raise money to help provide more toilets where they are needed.

Did you know that one in three people worldwide, don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet? Can you imagine what it would be like to have to go out into a field or area with bushes every time you needed to go to the loo? This is the reality for much of the world's population – particularly for people in rural areas in many parts of Africa, Asia and South America.

This means that people are not only deprived of the dignity of having access to a decent toilet but, in addition, they suffer many health problems, and are often unable to work or attend school.

Lack of access to clean water and proper sanitation traps people in poverty. Their health suffers and the prospect of developing economically remains far out of reach.

It costs £60 to build a toilet for an individual family, or £240 to provide a block of toilets for a school or a displaced people's camp.

The Ardrishaig Church Eco Group

asks to please help raise money so more people can have access to a safe loo, clean water and hygiene education.

If you can't make it to the coffee morning but would still like to donate, visit toiletwinning.org/donate

'Help us to change the world, one toilet at a time.'

Here are some of the hard facts:

■ 2.4 billion people across the world don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet (WHO/UNICEF).

■ There are 46 countries where at least half the population does not have access to proper sanitation (WHO).

■ 748 million people lack access to clean, safe drinking water (WHO/UNICEF).

■ Poor sanitation is one of the world's biggest killers: it hits women, children, old and sick people hardest.

■ Every day, about 1,400 children under the age of five die of illnesses linked to unclean water and poor sanitation. That's more than half a million a year – or about one a minute (UNICEF).

■ Diarrhoea is the second biggest killer of children under five worldwide (CHERG).

■ More than half of primary schools in developing countries don't have access to water and sanitation. Without toilets, girls often drop out at puberty (UNICEF).

■ The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target for sexual assault as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night. Many get bitten by snakes as they squat in the grass.

■ In Africa alone, people spend 40 billion hours every year just walking to collect water. Women and girls carry two-thirds of this burden.

■ Poor water and sanitation result in economic losses estimated at £153 billion annually in developing countries, or 1.5 per cent of their GDP (UNICEF).

■ For every £1 spent on a water and sanitation programme, £8 is returned through saved time, increased productivity and reduced health costs (UNDP).

■ In 2000, 189 countries signed up to the UN Millennium Development Goals. The sanitation targets set are currently way off-target and may not be met in sub-Saharan Africa for another 150 years.



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Miniature dolls' house business is standing tall

A Campbeltown business that creates hand-crafted dolls' house items has seen sales soar after introducing downloadable digital 'do it yourself' kits.

Zena's Miniatures specialises in unique hand-crafted 1/12th scale dolls' house miniature printed digital downloads, ready-made clothing and accessories.

Zena Coffield launched the business after she began making tiny hand-crafted dolls'

houses a few years ago and recognised a gap in the market for well-made miniatures.

Working alongside her Business Gateway Argyll and Bute adviser, Zena has received consistent one-to-one advice on how to best market the business and create a digital strategy.

Specialist support

Business Gateway's Digital Boost programme has provided Zena with specialist support that has increased

her understanding of graphics software and the potential of data analytics, resulting in Zena's Miniatures' profile growing.

Zena said: 'People sign up to the website every day and now that I have figured out how to sell the kits as downloads, it's really picking up. I want to sell miniatures full-time and begin offering online tutorials.'

'The amazing response has encouraged me to increase my stock and I have plans to include ready-made items like dressed furniture and other unusual accessories.'

'I want to start attending dolls' house fairs, initially in the UK, but they also take place all over the world.'

'Business Gateway has been tremendous in helping me along the way, and I have picked up many hints and tips that have helped increase my reach on social media.'

'When an issue has come up, my adviser has been able to provide me with appropriate suggestions.'

Zena sells a range of products for dolls' houses, including clothes and accessories, while her kits allow people to make items for themselves such as hat boxes, shop displays and vintage paper items.



Zena Coffield.



Some of Zena's Miniatures at the recent Campbeltown Town Hall art exhibition. 25_c52art05

Prior to launching Zena's Miniatures, Zena spent more than 19 years selling women's clothes and accessories and providing a clothing alteration service through her shops Miss Fitz and ZENAS.

Now, with her focus firmly on expanding Zena's Miniatures, she's confident that she can increase her sales

not only in the UK but across the world.

Popularity

Donald Melville, Business Gateway adviser, added: 'This business stands out in many ways because of its popularity. Zena's Miniatures has exhibited at the International Miniature Fair Miniatura in Murrayfield and has recently

expanded to offer digital downloads of kits.

'There is plenty of room for Zena's Miniatures to grow and I look forward to continuing to work with Zena on achieving all the goals she has set out for her business.'

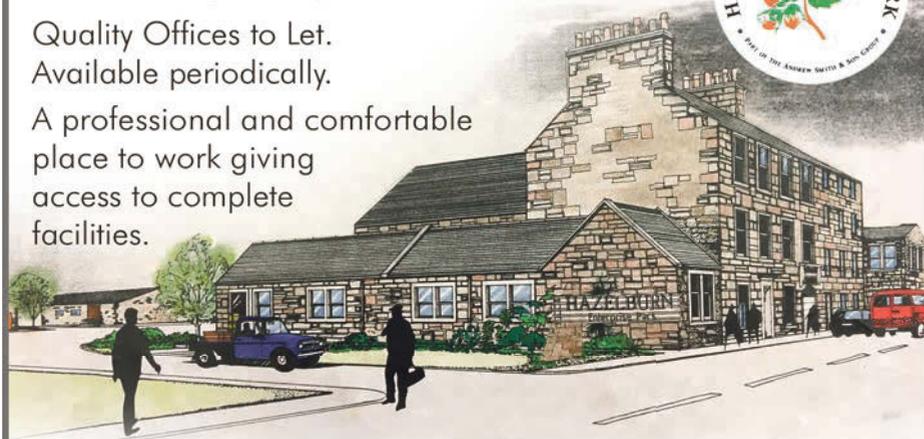
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The starting point for anyone not sure how their business might benefit from digital marketing is the Enhance Your Business With Digital workshop running in Dunoon on January 22 and Helensburgh on March 6.

Explore how to overcome some of the fears and perceived barriers to getting involved along with some simple next steps to enter the

world of digital. Ideal for businesses which have dabbled with social media but have yet to see real results is the Digital Marketing Strategy workshop in Helensburgh on February 6.

It includes time-efficient techniques for driving traffic to a website, digital trends and how to work more strategically with the big search engines to improve the quality of search results.

New this year is Pinterest, Instagram and Photography for Business Online, running in Oban on February 1, Lochgilphead on February 7, Helensburgh on February 19 and Dunoon on February 26.

This workshop covers using image-sharing apps Pinterest and Instagram to grow a business, including how to shoot,

process and upload photos.

Learn how to create short and effective videos without pain or expense, including how to plan, shoot, edit and upload without specialist kit or expertise at the Video Production for Social Media workshop in Lochgilphead on February 21 and Dunoon on March 12.



Paid For Advertising in Helensburgh on January 23 and Inveraray on March 13, aims to increase the effectiveness of paid-for online advertising.

It covers the merits of different types of paid-for online options and the mix of platforms to choose from, including tips on ad content,

sizes, keyword planning, tracking and analysis.

Twitter and Hootsuite runs in Lochgilphead on January 31 and Dunoon on February 20 and is a workshop for businesses that already use Twitter as part of their digital marketing strategy and wish to produce more engaging content, reach a wider

audience and measure the effectiveness.

Web and Social Media Analytics in Oban on February 8 unlocks Google Analytics so you can clearly see where your website traffic is coming from and why, transforming your website's effectiveness.

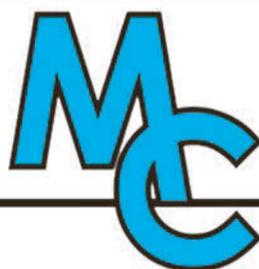
Other workshops include Producing Engaging Online Content in Lochgilphead on February 27 and Email Marketing in Oban on February 28.

DigitalBoost is funded by Digital Scotland and delivered by Business Gateway.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team by emailing bg@argyll-bute.gov.uk or calling 01546 80 83 63.

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This is the time of year when all across the Scotland our wee ones are getting ready to go into nursery and take that first big step on the path of learning.

Early learning and childcare – the title now given to nursery – is now enrolling and the dates can vary within all different council areas, so don't get caught out!

Children born between March 1, 2016, and February 28, 2017, are entitled to a funded early learning and childcare place with starts from August 2019.

In Argyll and Bute, enrolment is during the week beginning March 4.

Full details are available on the council website, including forms to download.

Early learning and childcare is free to parents and is funded via the Scottish Government.

Children three to four years old can get up to 600 hours of funded early learning and childcare a year; around 16 hours a week in term time.



Campbeltown Nursery Centre – supporting a successful transition to Primary School

Campbeltown Nursery Centre offers free quality early learning and childcare for all children from 3 years until they commence primary school. The Centre benefits from hosting Meadows Under Fives within the building which enables children to access all day care as they can attend sessions at both, along with the lunch club if required.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre follows Curriculum for Excellence and offers a range of fun learning activities which supports children's holistic development. The nursery has an excellent outdoor provision which enables children to participate in a range of fun outdoor learning opportunities through recourses such as the mud kitchen and the bug hotel.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre works hard to ensure a successful transition takes place

from Nursery to Primary School, regardless of school choice. Although Campbeltown Nursery Centre works in very close partnership with Castlehill Primary School they also work well with all local primary schools to support successful transitions to school meaning parents can make their decisions on school at a later date.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre uses various toolkits to track, monitor and plan for children's learning and has recently revamped their PE Programme which incorporates opportunities for children to participate in a range of sports such as football, swimming, gymnastics and golf.

Registration Week at Campbeltown Nursery takes place week commencing Monday 4th March. If your child turns three between 1st March 2019 and 28th Feb 2020 you are invited to register them for their FREE Early

Learning and Childcare Place at Campbeltown Nursery Centre.

You can choose to register your child for 5 FREE weekly sessions. Either a morning or an afternoon space, or a combination of both if preferred.

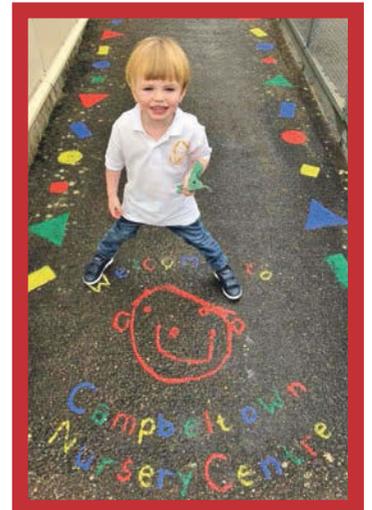
Morning Sessions: Monday to Friday; 8:50am until 12noon

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- We work in close partnership with Meadows Under Fives to provide quality all day care.

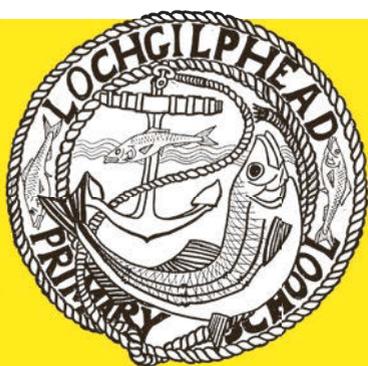
- A lunch club is available for children to attend prior to their afternoon nursery space or following their morning space.

Parents and Carers are welcome to pop in anytime throughout the week to complete a registration form or for a look round and to find out more information.



If you have any questions or would like further information with regards registering your child at Campbeltown Nursery Centre please contact **Miss Fiona Armour** at **Campbeltown Nursery Centre** on **01586 552397** or by e-mailing fiona.armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk.





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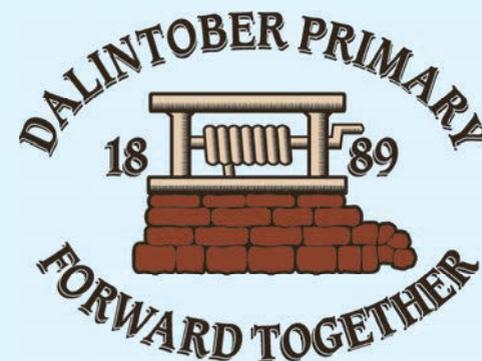
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Dalintober ELC

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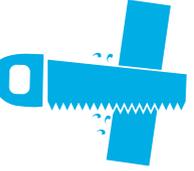
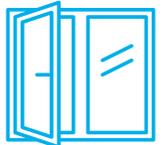
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Toe-tapping at the MS Centre



On The Wagon. 51_a03MSCentre02

The good folk at the MS Centre started the year off with a musical session on Wednesday January 9.

As part of the Music in Hospitals and Care, visitors were treated to a folksy, toe-tapping duo, incorporating guitar, mandolin, concertina, mouth organ, pipes, whistle and percussion into songs that everyone was singing along to.

Spirits were lifted by the lively performance of On The Wagon, in an afternoon that got everyone together for a good laugh.

The MS Centre aims to

have a concert every second month, as well as their weekly Thursday singing group as music and song are good for physical and mental health and wellbeing.

On The Wagon entertained the guests at the MS Centre.

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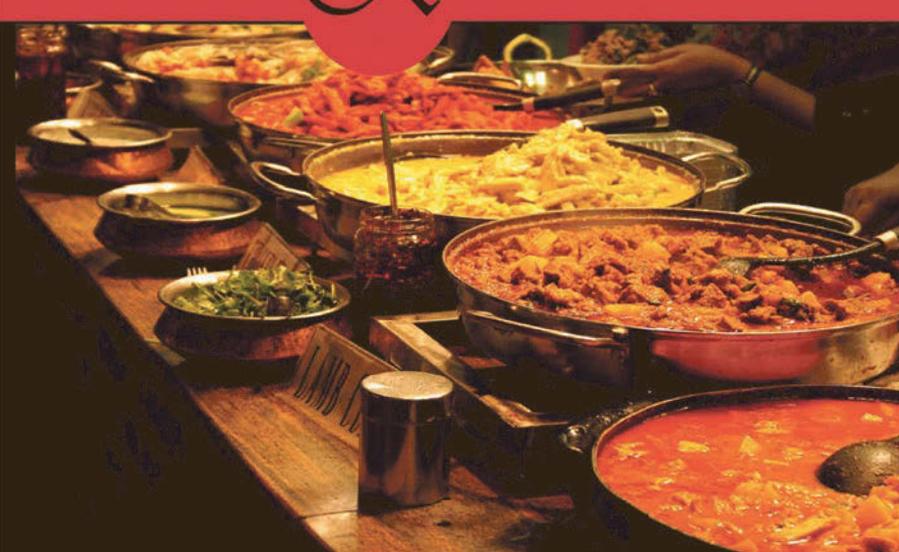
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Duo impress with piano and cello



Jamal Aliyev and Jams Coleman.

By Robert Lacey
As the lights dimmed in Ardrishaig Hall on Saturday January 12, and the audience chatter subsided, two young men, dressed entirely in black, strode into view.

Jams Coleman sat at the splendid Yamaha grand piano that for all visiting musicians must be such a relief to see, while Jamal Aliyev carefully set the spike of his special Giovanni Gabrielli cello (1756), an instrument rediscovered after a 100-year absence from public performance.

Then the music began and the dark first notes of Beethoven's Cello and Piano Sonata op.5 no.2 in G minor filled the hall. It was written for Count Friedrich Wilhelm, supposedly simplified for amateurs to play. However, Jamal and Jams being master musicians showed the power

of this often disregarded piece to be immense. One of the first works to make piano and cello equal musical partners, it is full of ingenious dialogue between the instruments. The structure is unusual, but with such expert performers it delighted the audience, who were moved by every turn and twist of this deeply emotional work.

Jams, from North Wales, after remarking on the three ferry crossings required to get to Ardrishaig via Bute, introduced the next piece, Ernest Bloch's work From Jewish Life. In a style close to Jamal's heart and heritage, having been born in Baku, Azerbaijan, its three elements, Prayer, Supplication and Jewish Song, are full of the pathos and sorrow felt by the Jewish nation and also full of the signature augmented intervals and

minor key tonality of much of Middle Eastern music. How beautifully these pieces demonstrated the lyrical qualities of the cello. Jamal's bow searched for all possible nuances of tone and dynamic as his instrument sang from its lowest notes to a seductive soprano register.

The concert continued after the interval with a second Beethoven work. The audience may have noticed a minor kerfuffle at the piano as many pages were rapidly turned before starting. Would it be the Seven Variations for cello and piano or the Twelve, both based on themes from Mozart's Magic Flute?

The Seven Variations won, being on the theme from the Pamina and Papageno duet entitled In men, who know the feeling of love.

This work exhibits Beethoven's practised ingenuity

in the variation form and brought a lighter mood to the programme.

Jams Coleman introduced the final work, Frank Bridge's Cello Sonata. Jams told of the four years of torment for the composer as he struggled to express his feelings about the First World War, finally finishing the composition in 1917. The adagio in the piece caused the composer the most difficulty as he struggled with ambivalence about his own pacifist views.

Jams and Jamal dealt with the challenges of this complex work which tracks huge changes in the world of music composition that were under way at that time. Again, the lyrical powers of the cello came to the fore as did the virtuosic requirements heaped on the pianist.

Despite its undoubted innovations, this piece generously

reaches out to its audience. Bridge uses the new musical freedoms only when justified, being happy to return to more traditional tonal stability in the lyrical sections.

Fulfilled, but not overburdened by the weightiness of the final piece, the audience

applauded Jamal and Jams back to the concert room to perform the Swan from Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals as encore. This piece so beautifully confirmed the excellence of Jamal's playing and the superb quality of his quite special instrument.

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Old Inveraray revealed at historical society meeting

Local historian Ken MacTaggart revealed more of his carefully collected and researched photographs of the old town at this month's meeting of Inveraray History Society.

Ken's presentation, Inveraray - People and Places, brought back memories for many older members and turned his talk into an interactive and lively evening.

By enlarging the images, he was able to highlight details, not immediately obvious, in his photographs which in turn encouraged further information from the floor. Ken's talk was enhanced by photographs taken from a superb collection by George Washington Wilson, photographer to Queen Victoria.

An excellent suggestion by one of the

members highlighted the need to collate the valuable information collected by Ken, while people with these memories are still with us.

The next meeting will be in the Nicoll Hall on Tuesday February 5 at 7.30pm when Sue Furness will speak about Trowels and Tea Towels: The Hidden Heritage Project. Everyone welcome.



Ken McTaggart gave a lively talk.



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Tarbert senior citizens' dinner



Isobel Gray and Frances Macfarlane. 51_a03TarbertSenior07



Ann Thomas, Seona Martin and Matthew Ramsay.
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Tarbert Village Hall was filled with lights, music and chatter as the senior citizens' dinner took place on the night of Friday January 11.

The colourfully-lit hall filled with people from all over Tarbert who came together for a good meal, music, gifts and, of course, the banter.

Organised by the Tarbert senior citizens' committee, the night was a feat of hard work and generosity as the volunteers put on an evening of colourful decorations, delicious food and infectious music.

The raffle sent many home with a bottle or a gift, making a lot of locals happy. Music from Kenny and Lochie had the dancefloor quickly full, with classics like Stealers Wheel getting toes tapping and the soup was praised throughout the night by numerous hungry visitors.

Janeann Reppke of the committee said: 'We organise the event but it's a collective effort throughout the village because everyone volunteers.'

Brenda Galbraith of the committee added: 'There was

great community spirit and everyone very appreciative of what our committee put on for them. Hard work pays off.' Tarbert Citizen of the Year 2019 was also announced on the night, with the award going to Alan MacDonald

for his work throughout the village with the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and in Tarbert Academy.

Alan said: 'I am delighted to receive the award and would like to thank everyone who put me forward. I have

enjoyed participating in the various schemes over the years and working with the many other volunteers that Tarbert never seems to have a shortage of and am looking forward to continuing to do so in the future.'



Tarbert Village Hall was beautifully decorated. 51_a03TarbertSenior01

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The volunteer bar staff were Iona Prentice, Sheena Ferguson and Laurie Taylor. 51_a03TarbertSenior03



Citizen of the Year Alan MacDonald and his wife Rita. 51_a03TarbertSenior13



The hall was well filled. 51_a03TarbertSenior09



Kenny and Lochie delivered on music. 51_a03TarbertSenior16

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Farming is vital to Argyll, chairman tells members

by Colin Cameron
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Travelling from all corners of the Argyll and the Islands, around 50 members of National Farmers' Union Scotland met in Tarbert for the regional AGM.

Members also had the opportunity at Stonefield Castle Hotel to meet and quiz the three candidates for one NFUS vice-president's position – but more on that elsewhere in this edition.

At the meeting John Dickson continued as regional chairman, with Peter Kennedy from Glendaruel and Duncan Macalister from Glenbarr remaining vice-chairmen.

'Horrible year'

In his address to members, Bute farmer Mr Dickson described 2018 as 'a horrible year' for farmers and crofters across Argyll and the Islands.

Despite hopes of a good early spring to ease the fodder crisis from the previous year, what arrived was the Beast from the East, a late spring and one of the worst lambings in living memory.



Delegates packed the meeting room at Stonefield Castle Hotel. 06_a03NFUS_delegates01

A warm, dry and sunny summer failed to undo the damage, leaving many farmers and crofters with depleted bank accounts and resources, along with fewer lambs and calves to sell and a lacklustre autumn store trade due mainly to Brexit uncertainty. He added: 'Last year I used

the phrase "resilient" to describe farmers and crofters in

the region. That resilience is running out, and this is par-

ticularly true for hill sheep and suckler cow farmers.

'And you would think that with the weather we've had through 2017/18, the results of the lambing and store lamb sales this season we would have a cast iron argument to maintain LFASS support – and to increase it with a top-up for harsh weather. Instead we are faced with a 20 per cent cut for 2019 and an even bigger cut in 2020.'

Claiming that without this 'lifeline support payment' farmers cannot keep going in the high hills, Mr Dickson said NFUS continues to press for a full reinstatement of the LFASS money.

'A recent report by the five Highlands and Islands councils shows that Argyll and Bute, Highland, Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney are the most vulnerable to the loss of agricultural support

from the EU. It also shows that we deliver the most benefit in public goods of any region in the UK. We deliver on landscapes, biodiversity, air and water quality, cultural heritage, animal health and welfare.

Biodiversity

'Think how biodiversity would be maintained without farmers and crofters managing the grazing land.

'In many parts of Argyll you're lucky to see sheep and cattle grazing. It's no longer viable, yet without grazing by farm animals the biodiversity changes. We end up with wild areas the public cannot access without large amounts of money being allocated to maintain tracks.

'In the same report, it said that 85 per cent of tourists came to Scotland for the scenery and landscape – that's what you and I provide.'

80 years a shepherd – and now a stalwart

Shepherd Sandy McKirdy from the Isle of Bute is the recipient of the 2019 Stalwart Award, presented annually by NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands region.

The inaugural recipient of the award two years ago, Sybil MacPherson, described this year's winner as 'one of nature's true gentleman' as she presented the quaiach at the regional AGM.

At the age of 94, Mr McKirdy is still active looking after sheep and training dogs for sheepdog trials.

Sybil said: 'He is someone of outstanding strength and vigour of body, mind and spirit; loyal, reliable and hard-working.

'Sandy is never one to blow his own trumpet. But very few people will have spent over 80 years tending sheep. Fewer still with his level of knowledge, interest care and dedication. And none with Sandy's ability to ken sheep. What a gift for a shepherd.'

Sandy started farming with his father at Dunagoil Farm

on Bute, worked as a shepherd in Argyll before spending almost 40 years shepherding for Bute Estates and the Marquis of Bute.

He retired at 65, but Sandy keeps a daily routine checking on ewes and hogs while training sheepdogs for the local trial.

The Stalwart Award was created in 2016 in memory of Mull's Bert Leitch and Lachlan MacLean. Both men, who represented NFU Scotland regionally and nationally for many years, sadly passed away in 2015.

The award is presented annually to either an NFUS member who has given time and effort to the union's work in Argyll and the Islands, or someone who has made a significant contribution to agriculture in the area.

Regional chairman John Dickson said: 'The true measure of someone considered a stalwart is the respect and admiration they get from young and old. The fact that Sandy's advice continues to be sought



Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award winner Sandy McKirdy with John Dickson and Sybil MacPherson. 06_a03NFUS02

after and valued underlines the esteem in which he is held by his fellow farmers.

'There cannot be a worthier winner and I am sure Lachlan and Bert would be in full agreement.'

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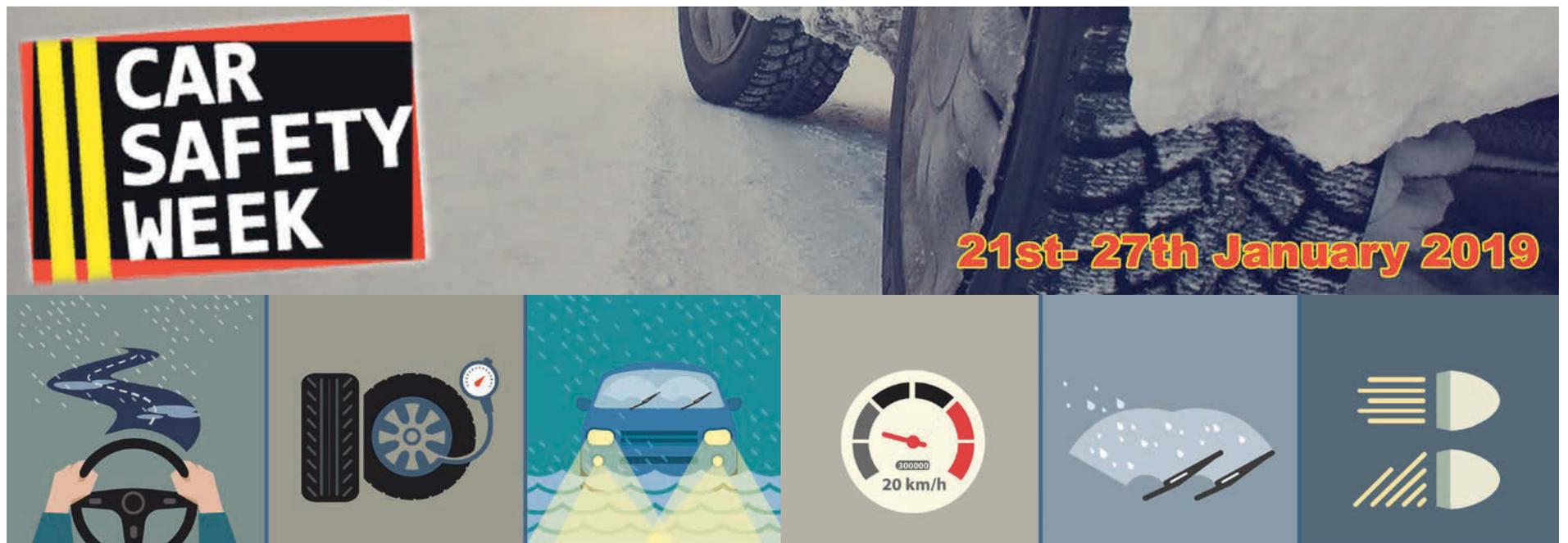
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- Slow down around schools and in residential areas. This may not be rocket science but it's easily forgotten whilst rat-running on the morning commute. If you want to be on time, simply leave earlier. Remember we have speed limits, not targets, and in busy traffic '20 is often plenty'.
- Seatbelts are a must. If you are the driver, it's your duty to ensure all passengers are wearing their seatbelts. Passengers over 14 are responsible for their own seatbelts but it is you as the driver who

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- Jumping red lights. We have all seen drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists do this but the traffic lights are there for all of our safety. If they have been green for some time, plan for them to change and be ready to stop.
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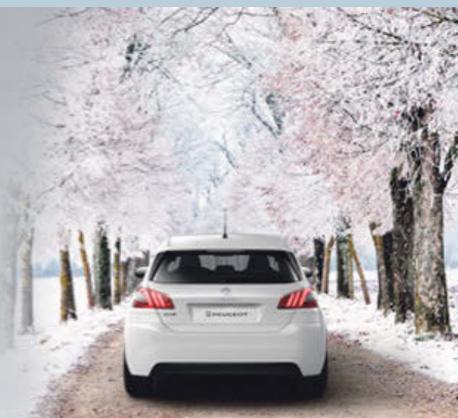


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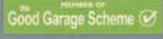
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Graham and Esther Thomson would like to thank most sincerely family, friends and neighbours for the lovely presents, flowers and cards they received on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LOCHGOILHEAD

Fire at Lochgoilhead

Reports of a fire at Lochgoilhead have reached the Argyllshire Advertiser.

A spokeswoman of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: 'The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was alerted at 10.10pm on Thursday January 10 to reports of a cottage on fire in Lochgoilhead.

'Operations control mobilised three fire engines to Carrick Road where firefighters extinguished a well-developed fire involving a two-storey derelict building.

'There were no casualties. Crews left the scene after ensuring the area was made safe.'

ISLAY

Nine-month jail sentence

A man who failed to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court to be sentenced for assaulting a woman on Islay has been jailed for nine months.

James Gillies, 23, Carbrain, Cumbernauld, pleaded guilty to failing to appear in court on September 20 last year without reasonable excuse.

He faced sentencing for assaulting the woman at an Islay address on July 2 by kicking her on the head and striking her on the body with a glass bottle or similar object while on bail, as well as behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting and swearing.

Sentencing Gillies to nine months' imprisonment for the assault, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'These are serious offences. You have a record of violent offences against women and of committing offences while on bail.'

Sheriff Hughes also imposed a two-month prison sentence for his failure to appear in September, to be served concurrently.

LOCHGILPHEAD

RS Stovecraft

After a long Christmas of waiting, the winner of the stove is finally revealed.

RS Stovecraft owners Ritchie Pannell and Sue MacPhee filled a prize stove with sweets

LOCH LOMOND



The paddle steamer Maid of the Loch.

Maid of the Loch

Pulling the Maid of the Loch into the slipway turned dangerous as workers were forced to flee when it the

65-year-old paddle steamer broke free and slipped back into Loch Lomond.

The ship was being moved from the water for restoration work when she slipped

her ties and members of the restoration team were forced to run.

The Maid of the Loch has been returned to her berth at Balloch Pier for now.

and asked for guesses as to how many are in the stuffed stove, and Mark Robertson was the one who got it right.

Ritchie Pannell and Sue MacPhee said: 'Huge congratulations to Mark Robertson, who correctly guessed the number of sweets in the stove: 825. Mark takes home all 825 sweets, oh, and the stove too.'

DUNOON

Win for Rural Watch

Community organisation Rural Watch re-

ceived praise from police after its part in the apprehension of alleged thieves which led to them appearing in court within 24 hours.

Police received a phone call from Rural Watch in the early hours of January 6 saying they spotted a suspect Citroen Berlingo-style van near Sandbank involved in the alleged theft of metal and copper from an unoccupied house.

Officers were able to stop the vehicle and the two men inside at the B863 and seize the van and its contents.

The two men were arrested and one appeared in court on Monday January 7.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

As I write this on Monday evening, the air is filled with foreboding and uncertainty for our country.

Tomorrow evening is decision time at parliament.

As you will gather, I do not use this column for any political platform and I do not intend to start today.

However, I am saddened and concerned that the entire country is torn apart in the whole Brexit fiasco.

The country is divided, communities are divided and families are divided.

These are not differences of opinion which are aired with respect and rational discussion. Unfortunately, people are no longer listening to one another but just seeing who can shout the loudest.

Comments are becoming more vitriolic and nasty, they are personal rather than political and tempers are raised to fever pitch.

It is unhealthy for our country, it is unhealthy for our community and it is unhealthy for ourselves to be in such a state of hateful rhetoric.

Surely the time has come for some calm and rational voices to prevail – on all sides of this issue.

Our children are growing up into a country divided and are certainly not learning the art of skilful conversation or respectful debate from our politicians.

The example set by the most powerful in the land leaves much to be desired and this is trickling into every aspect of life.

Whatever our opinion on this contentious matter, we must find a way forward with reconciliation and respectful listening or we will self-destruct and there will be no winners at all.

It may sound naive and unrealistic, but what we need is a peacemaker to save us from ourselves.

I pray for this country and her people today.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

ENGAGEMENTS



MACMILLAN - MCGEACHY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Hogmanay, of Ashleigh, second daughter of Calum and Laura MacMillan, Tigh Grian, Southend, to Andrew, son of Andrew McGeachy and Roxanne Docherty, Campbeltown.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

RONALD - MCARTHUR - At Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on January 14, 1969, by the late Rev C M Henderson, assisted by the late Rev J Marks, Andrew to Margaret. Present address, East Laggan, Peninver.

DEATHS

BRECHIN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 13, 2019, Gordon Brechin senior, in his 93rd year, of 3 Barrmor View, Kilmartin, and formerly of Upper Largie Farm, Kilmartin, beloved husband of the late Margaret Paterson, dearly loved father of Marion, Robert and Gordon, a cherished grandpa and great grandpa and a much respected member of the local and farming community. Funeral service will be held in Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin (former Living Stones Christian Centre), on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Glenary Ward and the Macmillan Suite, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

BROWN - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 11, 2019, Caroline Anne Stewart McAllister (Carol), in her 70th year, 12 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late John and Roseanne McAllister of Park Square, Campbeltown, and a loving and much loved sister, aunt and great aunt.

GILCHRIST - On January 13, 2019, peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, Flora (Florrie) Law Gilchrist, in her 95th year, beloved sister of the late Greta, Betty and Agnes Jane, and a dear aunt of Peter and George. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 22, at 11.00am,

interment thereafter at Achhabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations if desired, to Ardfenaig Care Home.

HENDRIE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital on January 14, 2019, Jess Hendrie, née Walker, aged 93 years, of Ardnish, 14 Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Bobby, much loved mum of Marlyn, Linda and Myra, cherished gran and great gran and a dear aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland, Action on Dementia. Black ties not essential. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACLEOD - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 12, 2019, Norman MacDonald MacLeod (Mac), in his 76th year, 38 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Betty McIntyre, much loved dad of Norrie and a loving granda of Hannah and Hailey. A funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research. A cremation service will be held in Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow, on Thursday, January 25, 2019 at 10.00am.

MCCALLUM - On January 13, 2019, peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, John McCallum, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Margaret MacDonald, much loved father of Alison and Elaine, dearly loved grampa of Scott and dear brother of Donnie. Funeral service at Kilcalmonell Church, Clachan, on Wednesday, January 23 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Clachan Village Hall Restoration Fund.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, with her family by her side, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on January 11, 2019, Robina McLean (Bina), in her 85th year, 4 John Street, formerly of Bellfield Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Alex McLean, much loved mum of Duncan and Elizabeth, mother-in-law of Lesley and Roger and dearly beloved granny of Cara, Frances and Rosemary.

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MCTAVISH - Tragically, as the result of an accident, on January 4, 2019, Campbell McTavish, aged 50 years, late of 5 Kilduskland Drive, Ardrishaig, beloved younger son of the late Donald and Mary McTavish (Ardrishaig), much loved brother of Kevin, Angela, Annette and Donna and an adored uncle. Loving partner of Sharon. A good friend to many, who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today Friday, January 18, 2019, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

NICOL - Peacefully, on January 11, 2019, Judith Pamela Armour Nicol, in her 45th year, precious daughter of Hugh and the late Agnes Nicol, much loved sister of Hugh-Andrew and Wendy, sister-in-law of Christine and aunty to Cara and Andrew. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, January 18, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SLEBODA - Suddenly but peacefully, at home in Muasdale, after a short illness, on January 13, 2019, Paul Zygmunt Sleboda, in his 63rd year, dearly beloved husband of Geraldine McAnerney and a much loved brother and uncle. Funeral service in Greenock Crematorium, on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 11.00am, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited.

WEBB - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 10, 2019, Doreen Margaret Webb (Brown), in her 70th year, Heathcliffe Cottage, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, beloved wife of Duncan Brown, loving mum of Neil, Amanda and Lesley-Anne, much loved and loving granny of Daniel, Jamie, Mary, Katie and Rosie, and a loving great granny. A funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research and the Dogs Trust.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCLATCHIE - The family of the late Mary McLatchie would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to the Rev William Crossan for his comforting and very fitting service. Thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance, compassion and care at this difficult time, and to the Argyll Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for their catering. Finally, our most sincere thanks to everyone for their kind expressions

of sympathy, cards, flowers and messages, and those from near and far who attended the church service and graveside. The retiral collection raised £847.87 and will be split between Alzheimer Scotland and Parkinson's UK.

IN MEMORIAM

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of my dear husband, Duncan, who was tragically taken from me on January 18, 2018. I have lost my soul's companion, A life linked with my own; And day by day I miss you more, As I walk through life alone. - Love you, always and forever, Dawn.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dad, Duncan, who was tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018. We think of you with love today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. Now all we have is memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our heart. - Lots of love, your boys, John and Campbell.

MACDOUGALL - In memory of our dearly loved son, Duncan, who is in our thoughts each and every day, tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018. Remembering you is easy, We do it every day, But missing you is a heartache, That never goes away. - Mum and Dad.

MACDOUGALL - In memory of Duncan, a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who tragically lost his life aboard the Nancy Glen, on January 18, 2018. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same... - Alison, Stephen, Ella and Jack. You're the brother I've adored since I was small, and for me the day you left us is the saddest time of all. Love and miss you Duncs, so so much. - A x.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our son-in-law, Duncan, taken from us, as the result of a tragic accident, on January 18, 2018. The blow was great, the shock severe, We little thought his death was near, Only those that have lost can tell, The sorrow of parting without farewell. Loved and remembered always. - Lachie and Moira.

MACDOUGALL - Duncan, taken too soon, on January 18, 2018, much loved cousin and nephew. Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day. - The McIntyre family.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Peggy McCallum. Though absent, Mum, you are always near, Still loved, still missed, still very dear. Sorely missed. - Family at home and away x.

MUIR - Loving memories of a dear mum, gran, great gran and great great gran, Bessie, died January 22, 2011. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Jean, Jessie and family xx.

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Kilmartin
Sunday 20th January 2019 11.30am
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Rummage Sale
Old Church Hall
Friday 18th 2 - 4
Saturday 19th - 12 - 3
All welcome
(SC0 02121)

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 20th January 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Tea after the service
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 20 January 2019
10am Inverlussa Church
Saturday 19 January 2019
Achnamara Hall
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10.30am - 12.30pm
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Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 20th January 2019
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Communion service in Kirk Street Hall at 2.00pm, conducted by Anne McIvor
All welcome.

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Sunday 20th January
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Monday 21st January
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A Scottish Afternoon
All welcome
Tuesday 22nd January
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 24th January
Choir Practice
Friday 25th January
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Argyll farmers meet union vice-president contenders

by Colin Cameron
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Stonefield Castle Hotel was the venue for a packed meeting of farmers and crofters from Argyll and the islands for the National Farmers' Union Scotland regional annual general meeting.

Formalities concluded, time was set aside for the three contenders for the vacant NFUS vice-president position to present themselves to members at a hustings.

Hoping to be voted in 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.



Charlie Adam

After lots were drawn, it was Aberdeenshire livestock and arable farmer Charlie Adam, above, to speak first.

He stressed the need to get farming's message across to the general public and place less emphasis on the agricultural press.

He continued: 'We are a lobby organisation and my view is we won't win anything if we just go to war with people. We have to work with groups like environmentalists wherever we can on the things we can jointly achieve results with.'

'When we do have to challenge them on the red line issues, with their respect we'll have a much

better chance of winning. Fundamentally, we can do things much better than they are being done now and with less damage to ourselves and costs of production.'

'It strikes me that all this stuff about meat and climate change is a huge opportunity, because if you look at meat or all other foodstuffs, you can buy it anywhere in the world, but our products are environmentally and climatically far better than other people's. That is a unique selling point and we need to make the most of it. I would relish the opportunity as vice-president to go out and fight for all the farmers and crofters of Scotland.'



Ian Sands

Up next was Ian Sands, above, an arable farmer from Perthshire.

During his time with NFUS, he said, he had built up good relationships with many people across the industry and with politicians of all persuasions, built on his passion for farming.

'We need to take pride in what we do,' said Mr Sands, but he added the industry 'needs to tap into the enthusiasm of young people'.

'If we are to survive we need to encourage young people, both as farmers and farm workers. Without them there isn't a future.'

'Over the past few years, there has been a sector of society blaming farming for all sorts of environmental problems – very unfairly in my opinion.'

'We may not be perfect, but we deserve credit for what we have already done and continue to do to sustain and

improve the environment. I want the union at every opportunity to press home to politicians, civil servants and the public the good work we are doing, often at our own expense.'

'One of the challenges we face is the loss of Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) funding. I am aware of the worry and stress this is causing many farmers and we as a union must pull out all the stops to prevent this.'

'Lastly, Brexit has the potential to affect generations to come. We have no clue as to what's coming round the corner, but it must be seen not as an end but a beginning because, no matter what, change is coming.'

'NFUS has a massive job to influence both the Westminster and Holyrood governments to support Scottish agriculture for the benefit of the nation.'



Martin Kennedy

Last to face the audience was Aberfeldy sheep and suckler cow farmer Martin Kennedy, above.

He stressed the need for farming to embrace change, in terms of delivering Scottish Government objectives and improving the lot of primary producers.

'Climate change, water quality and biodiversity need to change from a top-down prescriptive approach that fails to recognise our local knowledge and understanding,' he continued.

'We need friction-free trade with Europe and no-one wants hold-ups at borders where perishable goods are at risk.'

'Exports are vitally important from a UK perspective but 80 per cent of Scotland's farm produce goes to the rest of the UK. We need the UK to be in as strong a position as possible.'

'The subject of labour cuts across all sectors. I

don't understand how any government cannot see that we desperately need foreign labour, from fruit picking to food processing, hauliers and tourism, to name but a few.'

'The half a billion pounds that comes into Scotland in agricultural support is money well spent, but I still think it could be spent better. We now have an opportunity to devise a support policy that rewards those who are doing the work and taking the risk. Farmers and crofters have never felt so undervalued, particularly with the proposed cuts to LFASS. This is absolutely not acceptable. Scotland was caught in the crossfire because of abuse of the system in other member states. I'll fight tooth and nail to have the LFASS budget restored.'

'We are facing challenges from many angles. Many people don't understand agriculture's contribution to the environment.'



Left: NFUS chief executive Scott Walker oversees the drawing of lots to determine the order of speaking to Argyll union members.

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Right: All smiles as the three candidates gather for a grilling.

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Inveraray Carpet Bowling Club's 2017 prizewinners. 06_a12invbowl01

Inveraray Carpet Bowling Club festive pairs competition

Inveraray Carpet Bowling Club recently held its annual festive pairs competition.

It was won by George Morrison and Alan Cameron, who each received a turkey as their prize.

The runners up were Duncan

Robertson and Margorie McQuarrie.

The New Year bottles competition was won by Donnie McQuarrie and Alan Duff.

Runners up were David Duff and Scott MacIntyre.

MacIntyre tees off in Abu Dhabi

Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre has secured a place in the \$7,000,000 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship which started on Wednesday.

Robert said: 'My first European Tour adventure is certainly living up to expectations.'

'After getting an exciting taste of what it's like to play on the top circuit by teeing up in four events before the festive break, I'm off on my travels again and can't wait to get going once more.'

'For the first time, it's a Rolex Series event and the field at Abu Dhabi Golf Club is being headed by Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Tommy Fleetwood and Henrik Stenson.'

'Playing in those four events at the end of last year has given me a bit of a headstart, especially after making the cut in the Honma Hong Kong Open then finishing joint 15th in the South African Open and the Alfred Dunhill Championship.'

'Hopefully, I can perform well in Abu Dhabi, too, as that would really set me up for the rest of the season. Everyone is going to be a bit rusty so, if there's ever a week to play well, it would be probably be this week.'

'I always said I wouldn't realise what I achieved by earning a European Tour card until I got



Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre.

paired with a big name and to have Ernie Els as a playing partner in three rounds and also play with Charl Schwartzel in South Africa was really special.

'As I head out at the start of my 2019 campaign, it's about continuing to do what I did at end of last year. It's going to be good and hopefully I can get going by posting some good scores in Abu Dhabi.'

Robert's fantastic 40-foot putt he holed in the Foshan Open is a candidate for the Challenge Tour Shot of the Year 2018.

SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Cup fifth round replay - Oban Saints 2, Rothie Rovers 2 (after extra time). Rothie won 9-8 on penalties; Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round Glenburn Athletic 4, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Tarbert 7, Cardross 1; Lochgilphead Red Star, no game.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, 4th round - Oban Saints v Thorn Athletic; Premier Division One - Hillington v Campbeltown Pupils; Port Glasgow v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division Two - Villa Park v Tarbert.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £500

We have removed the football from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

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

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into.

The final decision rests with the Company.

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The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Winners agree to have their photograph taken for publicity purposes.

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Tarbert Gun Club get off to a wet start

On Sunday January 6, Tarbert Gun Club held their first competition of the new year. It was also the January leg of the Winter League team shoot.

A big turnout of competitors in damp conditions with little hail to upset the shooters.

Ruined

Down the line saw high scoring but no maximums. Sporting set-up saw a lot of scores spoiled as a very fast and low mini target ruined many of the cards.

High gun was won by Andrew MacDonald. Close behind was Ally



Sinclair McKinnon, Bobby McColl, Stuart Charnock, Ronald Jenkins and David Hay Thorburn.

McDonnell, thanks to his missing his last target of the day.

Results: Class A: 1

Andrew MacDonald, 2 Ally McDonnell, Brian Baird. Class B: 1 Jonathan Gargan, 2 Ronald Jenkins, 3

Drew Gall. Class C: 1 David Hay Thorburn, 2 Andy Peden, 3 Adam Currie. Class D: 1 Roy Laird, 2 Ian

McVicar, 3 Shaun Doy. Class E: 1 Bill Bidmead, 2 S McDonald, 3 Buddy Peterson.

Winning team: Archie MacGilp, Jonathan Gargan, Andy Peden, Roy Laird and Martin O'Keefe.

Appeal made by Mid Argyll Athletics Club for volunteers

Mid Argyll Athletic Club is appealing for more help from local volunteers just as it starts promoting a series of indoor competitions in Argyll over the next three months.

The club have a healthy membership of young athletes between the ages of seven and 16 at the weekly training sessions with the Monday nights at Lochgilphead Joint Campus attracting between 60 and 70 boys and girls

spread over the two-hour sessions.

To enable the club to progress and develop, the present committee is keen to enlist the help of new volunteers, some of whom may be prepared to gain a coaching qualification. The volunteers may come from the ranks of parents of present junior members or the parents of young people who may join in the near future. The club will welcome young adults who have been

members in the past and still stay in the local area and will also welcome active athletes and former athletes.

Having a knowledge of the sport as an athlete is an obvious advantage but not a necessity to become a volunteer or coach. The club will be willing to pay course fees and transport costs for volunteers prepared to gain a UK Athletics coaching qualification.

Anyone interested in help-

ing out in the club is advised to email the chairwoman, Dorothy Allan, at mid-argyllathletics@gmail.com or telephone 01546 602960.

Competition

The indoor competition this Saturday January 19, at Lochgilphead Joint Campus is the first of four local area events in Argyll leading to the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 24.

Saturday's competition

is an ideal opportunity for young boys and girls to come along and try athletics for the first time in a warm and dry atmosphere.

The organisers are reminding intending competitors the events start at noon with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

Age groups start at under-seven up to 17 as of September 1, 2018.

All competitors will receive a ribboned medal and the

overall winners in each age category will receive a trophy.

The entry fee is £2 per competitor and there will be a refreshment sales table throughout the competition.



KINTYRE'S
BIG
COACHING
WEEKEND

Active Schools in partnership with various governing bodies are bringing the **Big Coaching Weekend** to Campbeltown on the weekend of **26th and 27th January**.
 The courses on offer provide you with the opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing ones - what a great way to start 2019!
Bookings now available at Aqualibrium

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