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Tunnels are future, says MP

By Colin Cameron
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It is time for a 'meaningful conversation' on the construction of tunnels to improve Argyll's connectivity to the rest of Scotland.

Enthusied by a trip earlier this month to the Faroe Islands, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara believes it is time for different mindsets in Scotland.

The message from engineers, though, is one of caution.

With recent problems in mind with landslides blocking the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, and considering the geography of Argyll and Bute, Mr O'Hara made the trip to the Faroe Islands as a fact-finding exercise.

He said: 'I'm not an engineer

nor am I a geologist, and while the west of Scotland may not be identical to the Faroe Islands, there must be things we can learn from what the Faroese do to better connect our rural communities.'

The Faroe Islands has a network of 44 tunnels, both sub-sea and through mountains.

Mr O'Hara visited the Eysturoy sub-sea tunnel, currently under construction, which will be 11 kilometres long and will link the island of Eysturoy with Tórshavn, cutting journey time from more than an hour to less than 15 minutes.

According to Mr O'Hara, the cost of a tunnel through a mountain is 100 million DK per kilometre (£12.5 million). He added: 'These figures are remarkable, particularly when compared with the

£520 million the Jacobs Report quoted back in 2012 for a tunnel at the Rest and be Thankful.

'I want this visit to be the start of a meaningful conversation, not just with Transport Scotland or Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government, but with people the length and breadth of this vast constituency to gauge opinion on how we harness this remarkable technology to benefit our communities.'

Tunnel

The Institution of Civil Engineers' Scotland director, Sara Thiam, said that Scotland's civil engineers have the know-how and expertise to tunnel through the hills and under the lochs of Argyll.

She explained: 'Recent engineering feats include the delivery of a three mile long waste water tunnel under Glasgow, and Glasgow-based engineers helped deliver a massive tunnel in Stockholm.'

There are, however, many competing priorities for spending, added Ms Thiam, so 'the real challenge is to assess if such a high cost option could deliver jobs and inclusive growth.'

She went on: 'We also need to consider the number of people who would benefit

Fire guts Ardrishaig family home



The occupants escaped unscathed as fire raged through the former Ardrishaig United Free Church building last Friday evening, leaving the building a shell. The church was converted into a dwelling house around a decade ago. Roads remain closed as assessments are carried out on the building's safety. More on page 2.



Brendan in a tunnel during his fact-finding mission.

from such an investment and whether it delivers economic and social wellbeing.'

A new group called 'Infrastructure for Scotland'

promotes awareness of tunnels and other fixed links. Donald Morris of the group said: 'Tunnels and other fixed links would be of great benefit

to Argyll and Bute and would go a long way to addressing the long term issues of population decline, loss of services and a weak economy.'

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Roads closed after fire destroys former church

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Fire ripped through a converted church in Ardrishaig, destroying the family home and leaving the building gutted.

The building was later cordoned off amid safety concerns.

The emergency services were called out to the former Ardrishaig United Free Church shortly after 8pm on Friday January 25. Four fire appliances were sent to the scene, with firefighters battling the blaze which had quickly spread through the building.

It is understood there were no injuries during the incident, which left the building severely damaged.

As the fire was extinguished, safety concerns forced Argyll and Bute Council and the police to cordon off Park Road and Kilduskland Road at their



Fire rips through the building on Friday evening. 51_a05Ard-fire04

junction 'for public safety'.

A council statement said: "This will be the case for the foreseeable future and certainly until a safety concerns have been addressed."

The closures affected traffic to and from Ardrishaig Primary School, and the council advised: "The route to the primary school and local properties will now

be via West Bank Road on the canal side. This road is a single track road and also has a weight restriction (10 tonnes)."

The road closures are also affecting bus services. West Coast Motors has said that there is no access to the area for any of its vehicles, including school buses and the 422 service bus (Ardrishaig

- Lochgilphead), as the diversion route is not suitable for them.

The bus company advised: "Could we please ask for all passengers who use these services, to make their way to the Chalmers Street stop or the stop at the bottom of Brae Road."

As diversions were put in place, nearby residents appealed for motorists to show consideration.

One resident posted on social media: "Following the devastating fire last night and subsequent road closures, West Bank Road is much busier than usual."

"Please be considerate and use the passing places and be mindful of your speed."

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POLICE FILES

A 26-year-old man was stopped about 6pm on Tuesday January 22, and searched by the police in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. He was allegedly found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

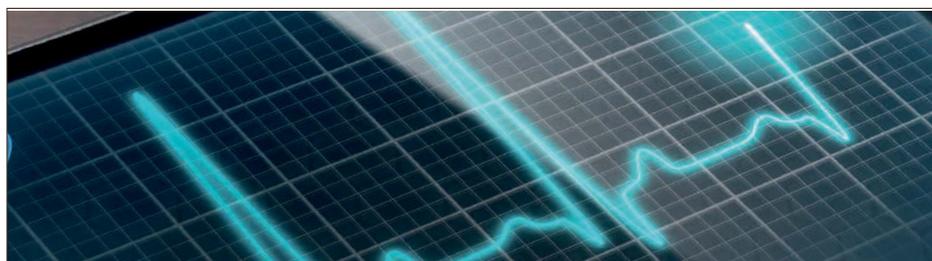
There was a report of a disturbance in Foulis Road, Inveraray about 10am on Sunday January 27. Police attended and a female, 28, was arrested for assault and breach of the peace. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal. A 58-year-old man was also charged with minor assault and was issued with a recorded police warning. No-one was seriously injured.

On Thursday January 24, a 23-year-old woman was searched by the police about 5pm in Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead and found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The woman was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Recently telephone

fraudsters targeted a retired man in Tarbert, pretending to be from BT Openreach and conned him into downloading software on to his computer and allowing them remote access to his desktop. This allowed them to access various online bank and retail apps, resulting in the theft of money. Police enquiries are continuing into this incident. The man concerned reported that the fraudsters were skilled and persuasive. The public are reminded that they should be extremely wary of unsolicited phone calls, emails, messages or callers to the door. Passwords or sensitive information should never be revealed and people should not download software or allow remote access to their computers when asked during an unsolicited phone call.

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Forum anger amid health spend cuts

Chairwoman says public input 'disregarded'

Argyll and Bute health chiefs are facing a mounting funding deficit, but while all avenues are explored to save cash, public engagement is being marginalised or ignored completely.

That is the view of Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum, set up to inform locality planning within Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

It has been revealed that no administrative support or representation has been provided by the HSCP to the forum for the past two meetings - and there are no plans to reinstate this.

The result is mounting anger among the public representatives on the health and care forum.

And there are fears that



Mid Argyll Health and Care Partnership chairwoman Barabel McKay.

MacDonald requesting a meeting to discuss the issue.

The matter will also be raised at a special forum meeting on February 14 at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, starting at 6.30pm, at which everyone is welcome.

Barabel McKay said: 'Public engagement, a basic founding principle of the HSCP, appears to have been completely disregarded. Let's take back control of our own health.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser approached Argyll and Bute HSCP for a response, and this will be published in a future edition.

the move is a precursor to weakening the voice of NHS and social care users across Argyll and Bute as the HSCP consults on its

latest draft strategic plan. Mid Argyll Health and Care Partnership chairwoman Barabel McKay has written to HSCP chief executive Joanna



Sandra Naisby fears that her ATM experience may be a sign of things to come.

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Phantom cash prompts ATM fears in Inveraray

We have all heard of the 'cashless society', but a new phenomenon has appeared in Inveraray - phantom cash.

Inveraray woman Sandra Naisby was attempting to withdraw money from the RBS cash machine on January 22, and it duly gave her back the bank card and issued a receipt. The machine failed, though, to give out any notes.

The Inveraray RBS branch closed on December 31 and Sandra is concerned her ATM problems might be a sign of things to come.

She said: 'I have had my first negative experience of

having no bank facilities in Inveraray. It was quite distressing when you have no human contact.

'Is this the future for Inveraray?'

A spokesman for the bank responded: 'Unfortunately a technical fault with our ATM on January 22 affected banking services for customers.

'We have fully reimbursed the customer and apologise for any inconvenience the fault caused.'

'Banking services for Royal Bank customers are facilitated through the local Post Office branch.'

Health and social care deficit grows despite efforts to make savings

All non-essential expenditure is on hold amid fears that Argyll and Bute's health and social care overspend could reach more than £5million.

The integration joint board (IJB) which oversees the work of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) met on Wednesday January 30 to review steps needed to tackle the problem.

Papers for the meeting revealed the forecast overspend for the 2018/19 financial year is £4.3m - a £300,000 increase on the prediction reported at the board's previous meeting in November.

And there are warnings that a further £1.1m could be added to that if NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde does not accept the HSCP's stance on a service level agreement.

A report by interim chief financial officer Kirsty



Interim chief financial officer Kirsty Flanagan.

Flanagan said: 'At the last IJB meeting a decision was made to reject the increase and the forecast outturn reflects this position.'

'It is unlikely at this stage that the HSCP will achieve financial balance by the end of the financial year and it will therefore need to look to its partner bodies for additional funding.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton, a member of the IJB, said:

'I'm aware that substantial steps are being taken by both health and social work services to try and bring the overspend down, and that determination to get the situation under control is welcome.'

'The council will need to consider funding implications later in the year once the final position is known.'

More on this story in next week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

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Sheena joins 'astounding' childcare centre team

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With the roof on the new building at the head of Loch Fyne, it is clear to anyone passing on the A83 that the new Cairndow family centre is going to be impressive.

The five-year process by Cairndow Community Childcare to achieve a purpose-built family and early learning centre is well on its way.

Through main contractor Emtac Construction, along with partners such as Mast Architects, Gregor Cameron Ltd, Cowal Design Consultants Ltd, Reid Associates, MBLA and designme, the building is rapidly taking shape.

The £2million project has been partly funded by the Scottish Government Regeneration Fund, via Argyll and Bute Council, along with the Big Lottery,



Sheena Dowse – looking forward to the challenge.

The Robertson Trust and businesses such as Ardkinglas Estate, Loch Fyne Oysters, and, of course, Cairndow Community Childcare itself through crowdfunding and fundraising.

As part of the Big Lottery funding, a position of business

development officer has been funded for up to four years to promote and develop the centre ahead of the planned move in October 2019 from its current location of Cairndow Community Hall.

Sheena Dowse has been appointed to the role. Running



The new centre taking shape last month.

her own businesses and working extensively in the voluntary sector with children's groups, Sheena has been active in Cowal for many years.

She said: 'The new family and early learning centre in Cairndow is an astonishing project and one which I am really looking forward to being a part of. The need for good quality childcare and family-focused services is undeniable and to have them

on our doorstep in the most beautiful location will benefit so many families and communities within Argyll and visitors alike.

'We would aim for it to be the standard for family and early learning services with a viable, flexible model that will see it being relevant for generations to come – all in a community with the shared vision of a sustainable, successful and confident future.'

Houses and offices to create Loch Fyne hub

Close to the rapidly-rising childcare centre building at the head of Loch Fyne, Ardkinglas Estate is building new offices for rent, while Fyne Homes has been given the green light to build six affordable housing units over the next year.

With the support of EU Leader funding, the estate is building a new office development comprising eight large rooms that will be let either to start-up, small businesses or to existing ones that need additional space, with the addition of shared staff facilities on each floor.

Ardkinglas Estate manager Jean Maskell said: 'We are delighted that our new build office block has been started. Archibald Fergusson Ltd of Strachur is the contractor and we are on course for completion in September 2019.'

'We welcome expressions of interest from potential tenants.'



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Mountain mystery in Jura bottle

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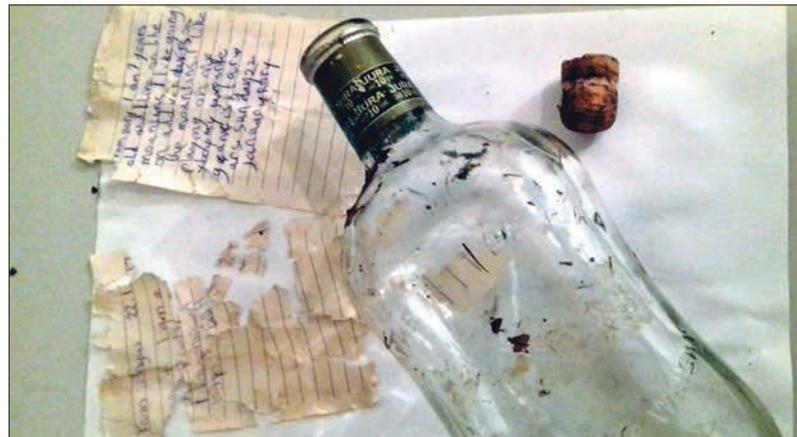
Beach cleaners on the shores of Loch Fyne turned up a message from two mysterious mountain-dwellers.

Hidden among the usual debris of industrial plastic, old bits of rope, polystyrene and plastic bottles was a glass bottle. And no ordinary glass bottle – this was a malt whisky bottle, corked, and with two pieces of paper inside.

Notes

The small pieces of notebook paper carried messages from two boys, Angus and Rory, who said they 'live on the mountains'. The notes are dated January 22, 2017, and it was on this precise date two years later that beach cleaning volunteer Hazel Gray found the bottle near Furnace.

Hazel takes up the story: 'I found the letters in a 10-year-



The bottle found near Furnace and its mysterious messages.

old corked Jura whisky bottle. They were sadly water damaged but clearly written by two little boys, Angus and Rory, two years ago, in 2017.

In his message, (then) seven-year-old Rory said: 'I like going on adventures on the mountains. I like playing on my Xbox and my favourite game is Star Wars.

Do you know Rory, who will

Have you got a tale to tell about a message in a bottle? Tell us here at the Argyllshire Advertiser, along with any photographs you might have.

now be nine, and Angus, who by this time will be six? Hazel said: 'It would be good

to let them know their letters arrived safely on shore.'

If you can help track down the boys and their family, contact the Argyllshire Advertiser by email on editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or call 01546 602345. Alternatively, you can send a direct message via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

Ardrishaig Community Council aims to make a difference

Ardrishaig Community Council, it is fair to say, has faced a difficult period recently but it is coming out fighting, according to the convener, writes Colin Cameron.

The organisation spent some months unconstituted during 2018 as a result of a lack of nominations, but it is gearing up to make a strong impact on community affairs this year.

In advance of its first meeting on Tuesday February 5, a new Ardrishaig Community Council Facebook page has been set up, with links to the refreshed website www.ardrishaig.org, organised jointly with Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Ardrishaig Community Council convener Mary MacCallum Sullivan said: 'The community council would like to see this new development as a means of being more interactive, particularly with busy younger folk.'

A list of Visible Change projects is open for suggestions, including the King George V sports field and to



King George V playing field could be one of the targets for the revived Ardrishaig Community Council.

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gather together information, artefacts and access relevant to Ardrishaig's history and heritage.'

The meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday February 5 in the Ardrishaig Public Hall cafeteria.

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Ardrihaig fire

Our thoughts go out to the family living in the beautiful Ardrihaig United Free Church.

Thankfully the occupants escaped unharmed, but their unique home was destroyed along with all their possessions. The fire may be out but the family members still have to rebuild their lives.

This is a time when the village should rally. I would hope the family involved are receiving everything that can be offered, be it time, help, or simple kindness.

I hope they can find their feet and find the strength survive the ordeal.

Message in a bottle

The washed up Jura Whisky bottle sends the mind wandering. Where has it been? What did it see? Where did it come from? 'The mountains' doesn't give too much of a clue, unless seven- and four-year-olds Angus and Rory were being very literal.

I hope they're near an Argyllshire Advertiser, so we can ask why they did it. Were they trying to make a time capsule? Or find a new pen pal?

We doubt they were sending an S.O.S. to the world, as Sting and The Police would, since deserted islands don't often have an Xbox.

ACHA is building homes in rural areas as well as towns

Sir,

I would like to take the opportunity to challenge the assertion by Councillor Alastair Redman in the January 18 edition of Argyllshire Advertiser that (Argyll Community Housing Association) ACHA must build properties in the small towns and villages of Argyll, not just the large towns.

ACHA has built 168 new homes in villages and small towns in Argyll, out of 366 new build completions. That is 46 per cent. I think any fair analysis would suggest that is a pretty high proportion.

I am working on the assumption that Councillor Redman has read the most recent Strategic Housing Investment Plan produced by Argyll and Bute Council.

In it you will see ACHA is building, or just about to start on site, in North Connel, Connel, Kilmartin, Garelochhead, Cairnbaan, Tarbert and Inveraray, amounting to 36 new homes. In addition to the above, ACHA is carrying out feasibility studies to build an additional 40 units in Bowmore, North Connel and Keills. As recently as October 4, 2018, Councillor Redman attended ACHA's opening of 20 new homes at Bowmore on Islay and thanked the association for providing homes for his constituents.

Hopefully the above shows your readers that ACHA is playing its part in new build

housing provision throughout rural Argyll. I would, of course, also like to mention that this could only have been possible with the support of the Scottish Government and the current administration of Argyll and Bute Council, which Councillor Redman is part of.

**Alastair MacGregor, chief executive
Argyll Community Housing Association**

Affordable Tarbert housing actively campaigned for

Sir,

I read with interest the letter from Councillor Redman in the Argyllshire Advertiser of Friday January 18.

He writes concerning the lack of affordable rented family accommodation in Tarbert – something I have actively campaigned for since being elected, as did former Councillor John McAlpine.

I am sure Councillor Redman will be glad to acknowledge the support from the Scottish Government in agreeing the maximum level of assistance for the development of the site in Tarbert to allow the project to be developed.

There will be a request to Argyll and Bute Council community services committee in April for the balance of funds and I look forward to having Councillor Redman support me in my endeavour to bring much-needed accommodation to the village.

Councillor Anne Horn

Long waits for lights

Sir,

I have been back in Kilmory recently and spoke to Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for roads and amenity services, about the slow repairs of damaged street lighting in my ward, along with the fact that when repairs do finally take place some of the work seems unfinished with electrical cables being joined from the tops of lamp posts rather than being put underground.

Blacked out streets and and year-long waits for quick-fix repair work will do little to quell my constituents' justifiable concerns over their level of service from our council.

Speed and quality of repairs must be improved in the future.

Councillor Alastair Redman

Call up of army reservists

Sir,

Are your readers aware that the Westminster UK Government's management of Brexit has resulted in legislation (Written statement - HCWS1254) for the call up of army reservists to support the regular army 'to mitigate the potential immediate impacts of leaving the EU, under a no-deal scenario, might have on the welfare, health and security of UK citizens and economic stability of the UK'. This will take effect on February 10.

This may seem a benign measure to support emergency measures after a no-deal Brexit.

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But the statement that a 'particularly important role may be the planned reinforcement of Regional Points of Command' could mean very important decisions about essential supplies – food, fuel and medicines – would be made by unelected officers for all of Argyll and Bute.

We have to ask what kind of government would bring about this state of affairs in peacetime.

**Tricia Grey, Lochgilphead
Maureen Beaton, Jess Grant, Robert Millar, Elaine Mackenzie, Cecilia Rees, John Rees, Gillian Vionot, Jean-Michel Voinot, Michael Watts, Wilma Watts.**

Rubbish at Claonaig car park

Sir,
The recycling centre at Claonaig ferry car park is a disgusting, unhygienic mess of discarded rubbish.

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Janet West from Tarbert sent in this photograph of a kayak resting on the West Loch shores.

Janet said: 'My rubbish workday, taking photos of David McBride, to highlight marine litter (see what I did there?)

'Absolutely lovely day to be out, and, of course, he kayaked through the ice.'

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Modern slavery addressed in Lochgilphead

by Marian Pallister

Human trafficking and modern slavery are situations most of us envisage happening in Bangladeshi sweatshops,

factories in China, mines in southern Africa – perhaps in the nail bars and car washes of Europe's big cities.

But as Alister Bull of the

charity Hope for Justice explained at an event in Lochgilphead's MS Centre organised by St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group, this kind of exploitation is happening in Scotland – and right here in Argyll.

Men, women and even children are lured by false promises of employment, then controlled by threats or violence into working for nothing – their documents taken away, their freedom limited, and their living accommodation abysmal.

Around 30 people from different churches and representing a range of concerned professions heard Alister list the range of types of trafficking – sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude, criminal activity and even organ harvesting.

He gave examples of situations in agriculture, catering,

nail bars, and car washes across Scotland, including an Argyll case involving tourism.

Many victims are not trafficked into the country but are UK citizens.

Hope for Justice exists to bring an end to modern slavery by rescuing victims, advocating on their behalf and helping them to rebuild their lives.

He advised calling 999 for any immediate threat to life, but if there was simply suspicions of modern slavery, call the Modern Slavery Helpline - 0800 0121 700.



The subject brought about a lot of discussion.



Speaker Alister Bull from Hope for Justice.

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Brexit - navel gazing and naval support

The fraught question of Brexit has been exercising the thoughts of our contributor Ann Thomas.

Tarbert artist Ann imagines a time in the not-too-distant future when we might have to resort to unusual means to export goods to the EU.

Down in Westminster our politicians continue to squabble. The deadline of March 29 meanwhile looms large for our EU exit.

In the wake of Burns Night, perhaps these lines from the Bard's poem 'To a Louse' are appropriate for these times:

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Lochgilphead pupils raise money for Beatson



Ann Devine, campus principal, Emma Lowe S6 and Maria MacKenzie of Icon.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus raised £661 for cancer charity, Beatson.

Emma Lowe, S6, with Ann Devine, campus principal, handed over a cheque for £661 to Maria MacKenzie of Icon, who accepted it on behalf of the Beatson Cancer Unit as part of their holiday fundraising, which included

a large raffle. This is on top of the £6,500 raised by the teamwork of Maria MacKenzie and Yvie Young.

The school's non-uniform day raised this immense sum and saw a Nintendo Switch, donated by Maria, up for grabs. The lucky winner of this was Paige McGarry, who is in S2.



One wheelchair's journey to Gambia

After a Facebook post from the MS Centre Mid Argyll asked for a new home for an unused motorised wheelchair, a home has been found ... in west Africa.

Inveraray-based charity First Aid 4 Gambia and the MS Centre teamed up to get the wheelchair to Gambia,

where it is now well-used by a woman in the west African country who is able to enjoy some independence after 10 years of relying on family members to wheel her about.

With the help of WD Semple, Inveraray, the wheelchair was shipped and arrived just before Christmas.

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Cairndow author visits Lochgilphead bookshop

by Colin Cameron
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One of Argyll's most dynamic social entrepreneurs has drawn on her Cairndow upbringing to write a truly fascinating book – and she will shortly be signing copies in Lochgilphead.

Christina Noble used notes from her father's journal and estate records, blending these with the recollections of the people of the estate to create Ardkinglas – the biography of a Highland estate.

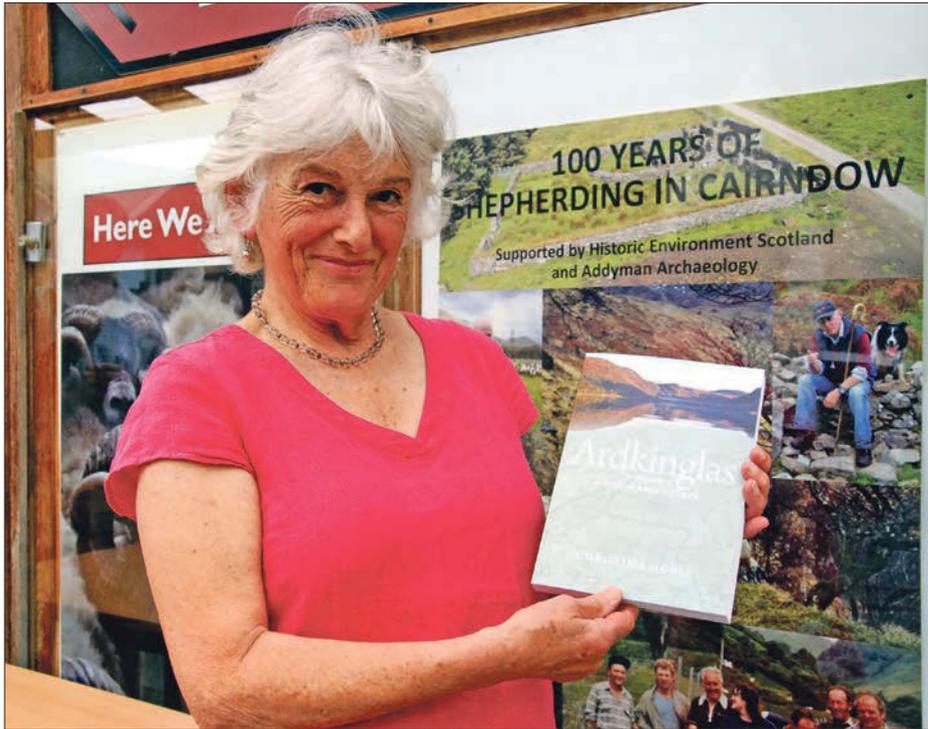
Stories

The book is a tale of the people, places and stories on Ardkinglas Estate since 1905, when Christina's great grandfather, industrialist Sir Andrew Noble, purchased the 45,000-acre property.

Speaking at the book's official launch in 2018, she said: 'Ardkinglas is a place that is very dear to me, and the place and the people have contributed to making me who I am today. It feels like home.'

Christina, though, is never one to dwell too long on the past. In this book she has more than one eye on the future, asking pertinent questions about the potential for land use and communities as Scotland's looks ahead.

Having been one of the



Christina Noble with a copy of her book. 06_a32ChristinaBook04

driving forces behind the creation of the 'Here We Are' community enterprise at Clachan, Cairndow, she practises what she preaches.

Now a store for a wealth of local memory and knowledge, Here We Are – situated beside the Tree Shop – hosts a post office and much more besides. It wasn't long before Here We Are spawned Our

Power, a community energy business selling dried wood-chip and with a stake in the Merk Hydro scheme in Glen Fyne. It is all about helping forge a sustainable future for rural communities.

Saturday February 9 offers the chance to meet and have a chat with the author as she visits the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead for a book

signing between 2pm and 3pm.

Refreshments will be available to those come along and have their copy signed.

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Rebus creator to star at Islay festival

Author Ian Rankin has agreed to appear at this summer's Islay Book Festival in a major coup for the island event.

The creator of the Inspector Rebus books will take part in several sessions during the August 29 to September 1 festival and is looking forward to his first visit to the whisky isle.

'All I know about Islay is basically the whisky,' he said. 'So I'm really looking forward to exploring, driving around and meeting the people.'

Festival chairwoman Isla Rosser Owen said: 'Ian's as popular here as he is everywhere, so we're delighted he is coming and we're anticipating a lot of interest from locals and visitors alike.'

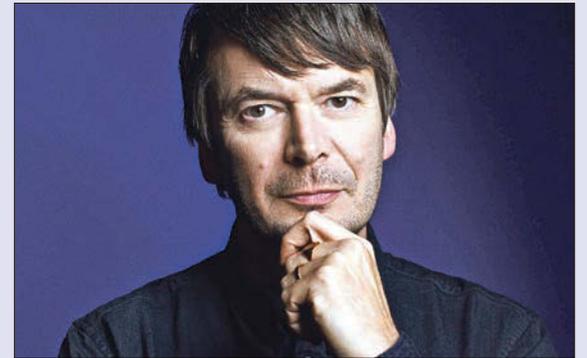
'He is an international

bestseller, a master of crime fiction and one of Britain's leading writers in any genre.'

Last year's festival featured 19 authors and saw more than 800 people attending events across Islay and Jura in venues ranging from pubs to schools and care homes.

Cookery writer and novelist Sue Lawrence, novelist Karen Campbell, historian Tom Devine, Scotland's poet laureate, or Makar, Jackie Kay, and award-winning children's author Philip Reeve have also been lined up for this year's event.

Ian Rankin spoke to the festival's Angus MacKinnon about his love of whisky and writing, and the interview can be seen at www.islaybookfestival.co.uk.



Ian Rankin. Photograph: Hamish Brown.

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MS Centre relaunches oxygen therapy chamber

by Laura Maxwell
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Guests and staff gathered at Lochgilphead's MS Centre to debut their hyperbaric oxygen chamber.

The chamber has been at the MS Centre since the facility 22 years ago, but has recently been equipped with its own oxygen generator, creating its own oxygen rather than relying on deliveries of tanks.

Oxygen

With the simple act of entering the chamber to sit for the session, the chamber allows oxygen to enter the bloodstream more freely, aiding a variety of ailments, such as wound healing, post-operation recovery, post-stroke recovery, arthritis and, of course, multiple sclerosis.

Giving a talk at the launch, MS Centre treasurer David Hewitt said: "The important



thing is it's not a cure. It's a therapy to assist your body to heal itself.

"If you think about it, if you go in for an operation, effectively that operation is a wound and your body reacts to a surgeon's knife the same way as to if you cut yourself on glass. In many conditions,

such as psoriasis, chronic wounds, sports injuries, fibromyalgia, these are all tissue-damaging and the body's response to tissue damage is the same. So when we say that oxygen therapy will help with stroke and brain damage and a whole range of things, we're not saying it's specifically for



Tracy Preece gets ready to give the hyperbaric oxygen chamber a try, with Karen McCurry helping.
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The MS Centre's hyperbaric oxygen chamber.
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that purpose, we're saying it will support and help the symptoms.

"We've all seen it. Patients will go in for a session and when they come out their eyesight has improved, their balance has improved, their general energy has improved. After a week or two it deteriorates again.

"We can now deliver oxygen as cheaply to many as delivering to one. So we can expand our operations to treat as

many people as we can at no great expense."

Outreach worker Claire Cameron said: "The hyperbaric oxygen chamber has always been here; the centre was built around it. But the new oxygen generator was only put in in May. That'll save us about £9,000 a year because we're producing our own oxygen."

That figure in turn allows the MS Centre to ask for a suggested donation of £6 a session, rather than the £60

a session charged elsewhere, which will make it much more accessible considering doctors often suggest a session of an hour per day for six weeks.

Claire said: "Another centre said they had people coming in with walking sticks and after 30 days, not needing the walking stick."

"We are thinking about joining with other community groups, such as sports groups or alcohol and drug recovery groups."

Oxygen can aid a variety of ailments not previously thought of, such as insomnia, repairing damage due to drug and alcohol abuse and even cancer. Claire added: "Plus it helps collagen, so it reduces wrinkles!"

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MAYDS scoops lottery cash to boost youth potential

Lottery funding will help a Mid Argyll youth project make a difference to the lives of young people across the region, writes Colin Cameron.

A grant of £90,000 over three years has been awarded to Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) through the Young Start initiative, run by the Big Lottery Fund. The money will be used to fund project and activity costs.

Across Scotland, £1 million was handed out to 16 projects run for, and by, young people.

The Young Start cash will help young people aged between eight and 24 years old reach their full potential by shaping and taking part in a wide range of activities that boost their confidence, physical and mental health, and skills for the future.

Young Start accesses monies from dormant bank accounts and is run by the Big Lottery Fund.



Zander has fun at MAYDS, left, and, above, volunteers Kevin and Aidan are delighted with the funding boost.



Just some of the MAYDS music group.

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 to 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.'

As for the youngsters themselves, 11-year-old Zander said: 'I like coming to MAYDS as it is a safe place for me to meet with friends, play pool and have fun.'

MAYDS youth volunteers Kevin, 17, and Aidan, 16, said they are delighted MAYDS has received the funding, adding: 'We enjoy being youth volunteers and this money will help more young people to be supported into training and volunteering.'

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Kilmartin Museum in volunteers appeal

Kilmartin Museum is looking for help.

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There will be a wide variety of opportunities available, including walking guide volunteers, education team volunteers and several admin support opportunities.

Scottish Natural Heritage is also offering opportunities to

volunteer on Argyll National Nature Reserves: Taynish, Moine Mhor and Glasdrum Wood. Roles include practical work volunteers, butterfly count volunteers, species monitoring, events volunteers and more.

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And if that doesn't entice folk, know that there will be free coffee and cake.



Kilmartin Museum and Cafe.

Gingerbread and knitting at Scottish Women's Institute

The Kilmichael Glassary SWI met at the Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church on Tuesday January 8, where Amanda Brown, president, welcomed six members to the first meeting of the new year.

After business, Louise Oppenheimer then encouraged the ladies to partake in some weaving. Using many varied materials at hand, Louise showed examples of her work to show what can be achieved. Louise then judged the competitions.

Results for the plain gingerbread put Charlene Munro and Betty Rhodick in first place, Amanda Brown in

second and third equal Helen Rhodick and Sophie MacIver.

For the knitted cushion cover, Betty Rhodick won.

Tea was served by Charlene Munro and a raffle for institute funds was drawn.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12 at 7.30pm. This is an open meeting, men are also welcome, where members and friends will hear Jane Smith from Tayvallich talk and show slides of Wildlife in the Islands. There will also be a light supper, as well as a raffle.

The competitions will be red velvet Valentine cake and a piece of weaving from last month's demonstration.

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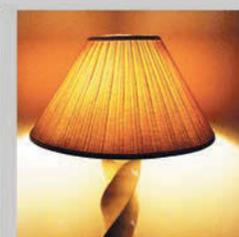
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In addition to the volunteers who wish to dig, the group needs ambassadors to talk to visitors about what the group is doing and help with catering and other peripheral tasks.

There are dates running from Monday May 13 until Thursday June 27 with weekend dates available.

Robert MacPhail said: 'We will remain flexible and will make every effort to accommodate everyone's availability, needs, abilities and



Our Castle of Kings is looking for volunteers to help with a dig at Tarbert Castle.

concerns. After all, it's not a work camp and our aim is for everyone to enjoy the experi-

ence.' For anyone interested in getting involved there is a booking form available at the

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Cafe Ca'Dora brings Tar

by Laura Maxwell
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Tarbert's Cafe Ca'Dora has been given a bit of a facelift. Since its fishing-themed refurbishment in 2015, Cafe Ca'Dora has required some kitchen and roofing repairs and it was decided to add a loving touch to the front of the cafe while the repairs were carried out.

Repairs

Cafe manager Mhairi Jackson told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'It's been so busy in the kitchen that we tried to cram in a bit more equipment and repairs at the same time. So we thought, while we're doing that there's other bits and pieces that we could be getting on with through the front.'

Comfort and quiet is the aim of the cafe with new soft leather chairs and real wood tables absorbing noise, and keeping everyone cosy and



Manager Mhairi Jackson. 51_a05CafeCadora07; The clock is a nice touch. 51_a05CafeCadora04; Even the bathroom got an upgrade. 51_a05CafeCadora09

giving the cafe a luxurious feel. The fishing theme is still there. The rustic chic style is given depth with fishnet curtains, maps of the coast wallpapering the walls and decorations made of rope and wooden boxes.

Mhairi said: 'The whole idea is to bring Tarbert inside the cafe. I got presents of these bits of wood. Duncan MacDonald gave me them about a year or two ago and one of the guys around here made them into fish boxes

for me.' But Mhairi isn't done yet: 'We're not actually 100 per cent finished. We've got nice table numbers to go on that are from a lot of the older local boats and we've got nice nautical lights to go up. We've got a display going

behind the counter made up of coloured glass balls and we're talking to the local people to give suggestions on the table names so that visitors have something to talk about.'

Visitors to the cafe said

over a large cup of coffee that they were enjoying the new touches.

Alex MacFie said: 'I'm always here. The chairs are lovely. People pull them to different tables. It's like musical chairs.'

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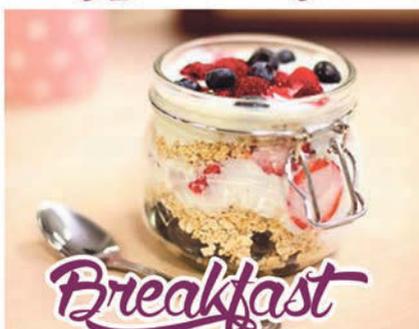
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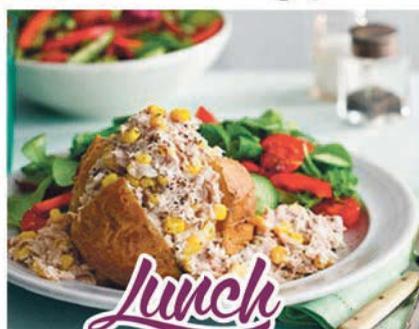
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Alex MacFie enjoys a morning coffee.
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Mhairi continued: 'Thanks to the boys that were involved. James MacKinnon was the joiner and David Clark the electrician, and the family and friends that helped to get it up and running again.'



The walls are full of images and information on Tarbert.
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Highlanders on a mission to get Oban booming

by Kathie Griffiths
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Organisers of the Highland Cattle Society's sales and shows are out to re-invigorate the commercial side of its great gatherings once again at Oban Livestock Centre.

They hope by broadening and expanding the event to include commercial animals, more sellers and buyers will come and with them bring an even bigger buzz back to the town.

The 128th Spring Show and Sale is on February 10 and February 11 this year and rooms have already been booked up for weeks at the town's Royal Hotel where the society has its dinner, prize-giving and ceilidh.

World

People come to the society's shows and sales from across Scotland and its islands, 'down South' and all over the world, in particular Germany, Denmark, Austria and Finland.

There are 132 animals coming into the ring next month including a draft of 14 in-calf heifers.

'Highland cattle and Oban have a very long connection. The breed is synonymous with Oban. It's amazing the people who come year in year out to the town because of their interest in the breed and that's why it's important we keep it going. It brings so much revenue to the town at times of the year when it needs it most in February and October,' said society council member and show judge Angus MacGillivray.



Fellow council member and judge Angus Mackay, who has his own Highlanders and is keeping a track of the society's history, added: 'It would be quite impossible to calculate all the amount of business the shows and sales have brought to Oban over 128 years.'

The commercial side to the society's sales was re-introduced after a long break at its October show last year.

'We have to broaden the appeal of our Highland cattle sales. Because we have been here so long doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels. That's why we were very keen to introduce the commercial side again,' said Mr MacGillivray.

A phenomenal demand for Highland cattle some decades ago created a whole raft of new breeders wanting and getting good prices for their pure animals but it meant the eye was taken off the com-



mercial side – the majority of commercial animals were Highland crosses.

World record sales for top types at peak of the interest sat at 20,000 guineas in the 1990s. Record producer Pete Waterman also paid 18,000 guineas during the 1980s for a bull that was piped into the Oban show ring.

Decades on and changing times are once again bringing Highlanders to the fore. Mr Mckay said: 'I believe hill-farmers are about to be faced with dramatic changes in the face of us leaving the EU and how agriculture is going to be supported. If they are going to remain in the cattle business it's vital their cows can be

Highland Cattle Society council members and judge Angus MacKay and Angus MacGillivray want to see the Oban connection stay strong, bringing more sellers and buyers to the town.

kept at a minimal cost and the Highlanders and their various crosses fit that bill.'

Highlanders have high green credentials. They are easy kept, they are the hardiest of all the British beef breed, are instinctive foragers and have long productive lives which can have a big saving on replacement costs.

One breeder who will be at next month's show is Duncan Buchanan, whose family have been rearing Highland Cattle at Shenavallie Farm near Benderloch for three generations and long before that elsewhere on the Lochnell Estate.

Mr Buchanan, who has almost 100 cattle on the farm including 37 purebred Highlanders, will be taking his rare white heifer yearling calf Bhoideach Raibheach 36th to the Spring Show in hope of a 'reasonable' price, he said.

As well as the pure breeds, he also crosses some of his Shenavallie Highlanders with Blonde Aquitanes and is experimenting a cross with a Belgian Blue hybrid.

More than 900 members are signed up to the Highland Cattle Society including people who are not owners. To find out more about the breed and what the society does, go to highlandcattlesociety.com

Market report

Oban: Tuesday January 22
United Auctions held its annual new year sale of cattle and sheep at Oban Livestock Centre. All classes of stock sold well at levels in keeping with current trends.

Top prices per head:

Bullocks:
£570 – Balvicar Farm : £550, £545 & £520(2) – Keill Farm.

Heifers:

£500 – Balvicar Farm.

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Bullocks:

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£59 & £56 – Gott Farm.

BF: £29 – Dunolliebeg Farm: £25

– Torloisk Farm & Dunach Estate.

CAST RAMS - TEXx: £75 –

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CHEV: £72 – Barndromin: £56 –

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CROSS: £54 – Dunach Estate.

BF: £54 – Ederline Estate: £50

– Croft One, Fanmore: £50 –

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TEXx: £58 – Balvicar Farm.

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– Gallanachmore.

BF: £47.50 & £42.00 – Corrylorn :

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Class on the night.

Tories call Scottish Government to tackle winter feed crisis

The Scottish Conservatives have written to Fergus Ewing calling on the SNP government to urgently set out plans for addressing the winter feed crisis looming in Scottish agriculture at present.

Production of winter feed has been severely affected by a

dry summer last year.

This has left farmers facing a choice between extremely expensive food bills, or a reduction in livestock.

Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative shadow rural economy secretary, has asked the cabinet secretary for the rural economy how the Scottish Government will

ensure that Scottish farmers have access to winter feed supplies at reasonable prices.

He has also asked Mr Ewing what action the government plans to take to support livestock farmers affected by this crisis.

Mr Cameron said: 'Once again livestock farmers face being neglected by this

government due to a winter feed crisis which is having devastating effects on their farming operations.

'That's why I have written to Fergus Ewing requesting he immediately sets out the Scottish Government's plans for addressing these issues.

'The SNP must listen to farmers and ensure that they

have access to winter feed supplies at reasonable prices.

'After such a hard and late winter for livestock farmers last year, many farmers continue to struggle.

'This is crucial for livestock farmers and the rural economy as a whole. The SNP must act now before it gets any worse.'



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About The Show

The only place to start your next adventure is at Scotland's largest caravan, motorhome and holiday home show.

Here you'll find the latest models and widest selection of caravans and motorhomes from the country's leading manufacturers and dealers in one destination, offering the perfect opportunity to compare models, layouts

and specifications before choosing which one's for you.

On site there will be a fantastic selection of holiday homes from luxury lodges to eco pods where you're invited in to view layouts and finishes, right next to the Holiday Park Village where staff are on hand to provide advice on your next escape.

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COMPETITION

WIN TICKETS to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome & Holiday Home Show

We're delighted to have 4 pairs of tickets to give away to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome & Holiday Home Show, taking place at the SEC, Glasgow 7th-10th February 2019. Read on to find out how to enter!



How To Enter

Hop on over to Facebook.

1. Pop on over to the Oban Times Facebook page, make sure you're following The Oban Times then like and share the competition post which will be live from 6am on Thursday 31st January.
2. Once you have liked and shared post comment with the word 'done' and you will automatically be entered.

Competition Terms & Conditions

- Prize is one pair of tickets per winner to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome & Holiday Home Show (travel not included)
- Prize is only valid for one day and can be redeemed on either Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th February 2019, tickets to be collected on arrival at the box office.
- The prize has no cash alternative, is non-refundable and non-exchangeable
- The Scottish Caravan, Motorhome & Holiday Home Show reserves the right to refuse entry without explanation
- Competition ends on Tuesday 5th February, 4pm GMT
- The winner will be notified via Facebook messenger. Winners will be announced after the closing date on Facebook.

GOOD LUCK!

The perfect setting for your next adventure

The Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show makes a welcome return to Glasgow's SEC from February 7 - 10, 2019.

Sponsored by BC Motorhome, it's the largest exhibition in Scotland and the perfect setting for visitors to see thousands of products and get all the ideas and inspiration for their next adventure. Taking over the entire SEC centre, visitors can explore the widest selection of caravans and motorhomes from the UK and Europe's leading manufacturers and dealers. Brands on show include Elddis, Swift, Lunar, Bailey, Compass, Freedom, Autocruise, Rollerteam, Hymer, Coachman, Knaus, Rapido, Autotrail and Autosleeper. The extensive range on display includes the latest and most popular models and has something to suit all tastes and budgets.

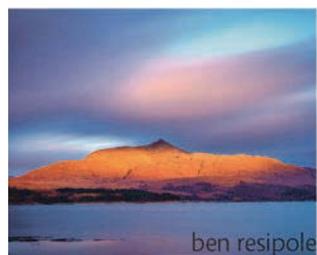
Visitors will also have the opportunity to step inside their dream holiday home with a fantastic selection on show from luxury lodges to quirky eco pods.

The major clubs and associations will be on hand, together with a number of holiday parks, to provide you with all the information and advice on the fantastic locations to holiday across the country. For those looking for the 'must-have' accessories and awnings, the Accessory Superstore will be bursting with gadgets and essential products for every tourer. The Camping Village will return with a range of the latest and favourite family tents, and there will be marine products on show including jet skis and dinghies as well as a selection of marine accessories. All this plus a fabulous Farmers' Market with market stalls selling a selection of products.

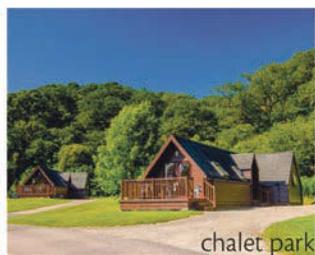
The show really is the perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts or those thinking about touring for the first time. Experts from The Caravan and Motorhome Club will be offering FREE tuition so, if you're an experienced



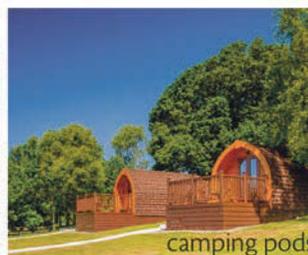
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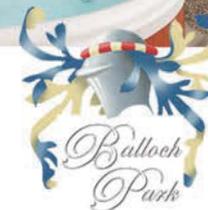
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Get ready for the biggest and best show

One of the biggest consumer shows in Scotland caters for a huge growth market as more and more people discover the joy of caravans, motorhomes and holiday homes

The Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show fills the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow - and then some.

Get ready for the big one, the largest consumer show in Scotland, when the UK's top companies gather to display and sell their holiday and leisure products.

That is a floor space of 25,000sq metres with an additional marquee of another 1,200 sq metres - all packed with the best that is on offer today to make holiday dreams come true.

'This is the biggest consumer exhibition in Scotland. It is the only event that takes over the whole of the venue. Research we carry out at the show reveals that people come from as far north as Shetland to the north of England in the south to visit the show,' said Jamie Taylor, director in charge of the show. He and his team are putting the finishing touches to the event as we go to press.'

He added: 'We're the only exhibition in Scotland where visitors can compare and

contrast the latest caravans and motorhomes from the country's leading manufacturers without having to travel miles from one dealer to another across the country.'

More than 200 companies selling motorhomes, caravans, and holiday homes from static caravans to luxury lodges, plus accessories will be there along with the owners of all varieties of venues.

'The joy is that you can choose from the smallest, most remote destination to a holiday park with swimming pools, cinemas and bars. We have the products and the destinations and between them people can create their own bespoke holiday,' he said.

Post-show research in previous years has revealed that one exhibitor sold £1million of caravans and another £2½million in motorhomes at the show and in the following couple of weeks as visitors finalise their research and make their purchasing decisions.

The big brands and dealers from all over the UK are there, some with dealer specials; a high-spec model made especially for them by top brands giving customers incredible value for money.

Leading organisations like the Caravan and Motorhome Club UK and Caravan and Camping Club are also at the show with demonstrations and practical advice to help people get the most out of their investments.

Sweeping lochs, majestic castles and awe-inspiring hills – Scotland has plenty to offer the intrepid camper/caravanner. But what to take with you on your adventure?

Obviously what you take depends on the following factors:

Who you are travelling with – friends, family, children?

Where you are going – if it's wild camping then you'll need a different list than if you're visiting a park

How long you'll be away for – a weekend trip may mean you decide to ditch the cooking utensils and eat out

What type of leisure vehicle you own / hire / are visiting and how it is equipped

What the weather is likely to be like – although in the UK it's best to plan for all eventualities.

- Take an old bath-mat (or two!) to leave outside to wipe feet on – they are much lighter and absorbent.
- Sporks – combined spoon, knife and fork – are the best invention, saving space and washing-up.
- Cheap disposable glow-lights (make sure you take them away with you) are a safe and fun alternative for kids instead of torches.
- Before you pack games equipment such as footballs, Frisbees or tennis rackets, check your campsite doesn't already supply them as part of the package.
- It's probably worth checking out where the first aid help is when you arrive. The campsite should provide first aid supplies, and have details of the nearest doctor and hospital.
- Write down the menu for all meals for your trip. This way you'll know what you need to take and what you can wait to buy.
- If you only do one thing, make sure you are warm at night – cold, sleepless nights are no-one's friend and are the one thing guaranteed to make you think twice before venturing out again...



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Subaru UK is pleased to announce the Subaru XV has been awarded 4x4 Magazine's 'Crossover Estate of the Year 2019', a testimony to Subaru's on-going commitment to build cars that are incredibly safe, extremely capable and unfalteringly reliable, too.

Beating off strong competition in its category, XV impressed the judging panel at 4x4 Magazine across the board. The safety credentials and suitability of the XV as a family car were praised, with reference to XV being Euro NCAP's highest-scoring vehicle of all time for child occupant protection at the time of its launch.

XV was also admired for its off-road credentials, the unique combination of Subaru's permanent Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and Boxer engine proven to provide unrivalled capability in mud and rough terrain. X-Mode with Hill Descent Control, standard on all models in the range, was also noted to be very effective in particularly challenging conditions.

4x4 Magazine also recognised that Subaru's new Global Platform, which will underpin all new model introductions going forward, results in further improvements to the sure-footed combination of grip, feel and sharpness for which Subaru is famed, giving XV exceptional ride and refinement.

Alan Kidd, Editor of 4x4 Magazine, said: "The new XV builds on the company's already formidable strengths. It's a very, very fine vehicle with a price tag that makes it the best 4x4 estate you can buy."

Subaru UK Managing Director Chris Graham commented: "We are delighted that the XV has won 4x4 Magazine's Crossover Estate of the Year 2019. This award is testimony to a great product that our customers love and trust to get themselves, and their families, safely from A to B, whatever the conditions. We're proud to produce some of the safest, most capable and reliable vehicles on the market today."



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Milton Keynes, 28 January 2019 – The Superb continues to outshine the competition as ŠKODA's flagship was once again named Best Upper Medium Car for an incredible fourth consecutive year at the Great British Fleet Event. The awards, which is run by leading business-to-business publication, Fleet World, also awarded the title of Best Fleet Large SUV to the ŠKODA Kodiaq.

A popular choice among fleet operators, the Superb features a fleet-focused SE Technology trim that includes adaptive cruise control, SmartLink connectivity, and Alcantara/leather upholstery at no extra cost above the SE model. The cavernous interior adds to its comfort, with 660 litres of boot space that extends to 1,950 litres with all rear seats folded down; the Superb has enough space for even the most space-hungry of fleet drivers.

The Kodiaq, which collected the title of Best Fleet Large SUV

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Henry Williams, Head of Fleet for ŠKODA UK, commented: "ŠKODA had a recording-breaking year in True Fleet last year and the brand continues to grow from strength-to-strength. The Superb remains in high demand for fleets and I'm delighted it continues to be recognised across the industry. The ŠKODA brand is synonymous with strong design and innovative technology which is often the reserve of premium brands, which is why our cars stand out as the smart choice for businesses."

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- ŠKODA brings home the trophies at the inaugural Great British Fleet Event
- Fleet World magazine names the ŠKODA Superb as Best Upper Medium Car
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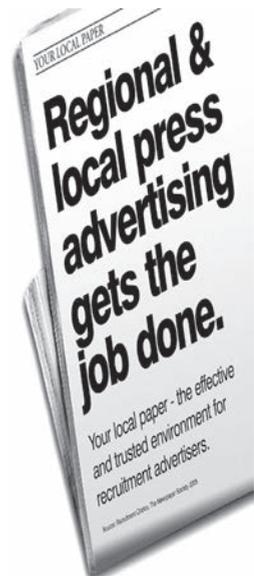
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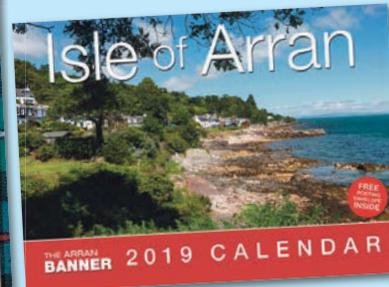
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Bute stands against council marketing policy

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The SNP Bute Branch in partnership with Bute Community Council asked the community of Bute to sign a petition to Stand up for Bute.

To date more than 1,750 people (electorate 2,400) have signed the petition voicing their displeasure and concern at the actions of the council. The concern has been raised that Argyll and Bute Council's promotion of the area is focussed only on Argyll at the expense of Bute.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell commented: 'I am disappointed that actions of Argyll and Bute Council required the local SNP branch and the Bute Community Council to raise a petition to engage on this matter or that the provost of Argyll and Bute, who is after all a Bute councillor, was unable to respond to the concerns of the community.'



MSP Michael Russell, Bute councillor Jim Findlay and MP Brendan O'Hara discuss dropping 'Bute' from 'Argyll and Bute'. Photo by Kevin McGlynn.

OBAN

Book a place for second Gaelic Gathering

The second Gaelic Gathering will take place at Oban Corran Halls on Saturday March 2.

The free event brings people together to celebrate the area's rich Gaelic history and consider how to strengthen and grow the language in Argyll and Bute.

It provides an opportunity for organisations, community groups and individuals to meet with national organisations and share ideas on how they can work together to develop Gaelic.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for Gaelic, said: 'The first Gaelic Gathering was very successful and I'm delighted that it is back for 2019.'

'It's such an important event and it presents a real opportunity for everyone with an interest

in Gaelic to share thoughts and ideas on how we can help it flourish.'

The Gaelic Gathering will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm on the day.

Although entry is free, those interested should book their place via tiny.cc/gaelic

HELENSBURGH

Waterfront development plans approved

Argyll and Bute Council's Planning Protective Services and Licensing (PPSL) Committee has approved plans for the £18 million Helensburgh Waterfront Development.

Councillors gave the nod to the plans which will see a new leisure centre and swimming pool opened in the town, replacing the existing facility which will be demolished, with associated parking and coach drop-off.

Another key aspect of the project will be the

improvement of the waterfront flood defences.

The proposal also safeguards space for a potential future development of retail units, possible play park and skate park facilities, together with improved landscaping at the waterfront.

SKYE

First Gaelic music festival

Gaelic music lovers can look forward to the first music festival dedicated to the language.

Beo Festival, to be held on Friday May 17 and Saturday May 18 is a music festival focused on promoting Gaelic, featuring the finest bands around that speak the language.

The new horo-gheallaidh ceilidh festival will take place in the beautiful and enchanting Armadale Castle Gardens on the Isle of Skye in what will be a landmark event for the Gaelic language and culture.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Tomorrow is Candlemas Day, also known as the Festival of Light.

February 2 marks the midpoint of winter, half way between the shortest day and the spring equinox.

For Christians it has a particularly special meaning as it was 40 days after the birth of Jesus and the day when, according to Jewish custom, his grateful parents took him to the temple to give thanks to God.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world who will guide us through our own dark times.

Many customs have grown around Candlemas and one of the most interesting came from Scotland.

In the olden days, Candlemas was the day when children brought candles to school so that the classrooms would have light on dull days.

As time went on, gas lighting took over from candlelight and the children brought money to school with which the teacher was supposed to buy sweets for the children.

The child who brought in the most money was declared Candlemas King or Queen and they ruled for six weeks.

They had the power to make one whole afternoon a week a play time and to excuse anyone they wished from any form of punishment.

I don't think this will catch on in Argyll!

I think it is a lovely custom to take a child to church or temple for a blessing and to give thanks to God for their birth.

I have the privilege of being chaplain to two primary schools and while I cannot take the children physically to church or temple, I take each one of them to God every day in my prayers to give thanks for them and ask God's blessing upon them.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"
(Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS



FEE - Milo Argyll made a splash into the birthing pool at Campbeltown Hospital on January 16, 2019, delivered by midwives Helen and Isabel. A third son for Daniel and Susanna, a little brother for Saul and Angus, third grandson for David and Ineke Fee and fifth grandchild for Rod and Niccy Angus.

ENGAGEMENTS



CAMERON - MILLAR

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Fraser John, son of Jennifer and the late John Cameron, High Machriemore Farm, Southend to Alison Mary, eldest daughter of Robert and Myra Millar, Craigmore West, Machrihanish.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2019, Mary McIntyre Armour (Maimie), in her 99th year, 102 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, a dearly loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt.

CAMERON - Peacefully with his family by his side, at the R.A.H Paisley, on January 25, 2019, Sandy Cameron, aged 72 years, of North Park Cottage, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of the late Susan Cameron, loving father of Charles and Duncan and much loved and adored grandpa of Colin, Cara, Lilly and Georgia. Respected father in law of Catherine and Katie and a dear brother in law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Thursday January 31, 2019. Forever in our thoughts.

FLETCHER - Suddenly but peacefully at home, 1 Dochas Place, Lochgilhead, on January 23, 2019, Mary Margaret, nee MacLeod, in her 81st year. Beloved wife of Hugh Malcolm Fletcher, dearest mum of Christine and Morag, loving granny to Mhairi and Nicholas, and a dear mother in law,

sister, sister in law and aunt to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilhead Parish Church on Friday February 1, 2019 at 12 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations to The Dochas Centre. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

HOUGHTON - Peacefully after a short illness on January 28, 2019, at the Royal Alexandria Hospital, David in his 86th year, beloved husband of the late Muriel, a much loved dad to Linda and the late Michael, grandpa to Isla, father-in-law to Hugh and a dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 in Langbank Church at 1.30pm thereafter, Clydebank Crematorium at 2.30pm.

LEWIS - On January 15, 2019, peacefully at her home Redhouse, Tarbert, Carole Linda Lewis, in her 72nd year, much loved best friend of Robert Wilson and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on January 24, 2019. With special thanks to all involved in her care, to Rev Robert MacLeod for his support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Ardardan Estate for excellent catering and to all who made the journey to pay their last respects to Carole.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 25, 2019, Edward Niel McKay McMillan (IOMHAR) in his 69th year, 12 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved husband of the late Jennifer Muir, much loved father of Martin, Joanna and Niel and a loving granda of Ryan, Jennifer, Tiana and Cameron. Funeral service in Campbeltown Town Hall on Friday February 1, 2019 at 1.00pm. thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. No flowers please. Retiral collection will be held in aid of Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care.

TAYLOR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, on January 23, 2019, Annie (Anne) Graham Taylor, nee Lockie, in her 92nd year, of An Uileann, Kilmory Road, Lochgilhead. Beloved wife of the late Jim Taylor. Former teacher at Carradale Primary School and Deputy

Head of Knightswood School, Glasgow. A dear cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday February 4, 2019 at 11am, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BRECHIN - The Brechin family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks to all carers, district nurses and staff of Glenaray Ward for their compassionate care. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her personal and uplifting service and to organist, Catherine Paterson. Thanks also to Richard and staff at Kilmartin Hotel for excellent catering, to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes and to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their professional and caring service. Finally, thank you to all who paid their last respects to Gordon in church and at the graveside, especially those who travelled a great distance in difficult weather conditions. All very much appreciated by his family. The collection for Glenaray Ward and the Macmillan Suite raised £400.

GILCHRIST - The family of the late Florrie Gilchrist, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfenaig Residential Home, for all the kind care and attention received, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Ardfenaig totalled £110.

HENDRIE - The family of the late Jess Hendrie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to staff at Glenaray Ward for their care and attention to Jess over the last few months. Also to 'The Golden Girls' for their unfailing friendship and support to Jess. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for

their guidance and arrangements; to Morna for beautiful flowers, and to the Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £500 for Alzheimer Scotland.

MCCALLUM - The family of the late John McCallum wish to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, to Rev Christine Fulcher for her kind words and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Clachan Village Hall Restoration Fund totalled £425.

MCTAVISH - The family of the late Campbell McTavish would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, messages, phone calls and cards received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and compassionate arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to the Stag Hotel for catering. We were overwhelmed by the large numbers that attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, it was a great tribute to Campbell. The retiral collection realised over £1,100 for Ardrishaig Parish Church and The Beatson Cancer Charity. Campbell will be sorely missed by us all.

ROSS - Bruce, Gail and Olivia, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and wonderful support received in the sad passing of Robert, a dearly loved father, father in law and grandfather. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for conducting the service at Tarbert Parish Church, in his own special way, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most efficient handling of all arrangements, Islay Frigate Hotel for hospitality and excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for the Fishermen's Mission totalled £455.

IN MEMORIAMs

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of a very dear friend and neighbour, Alex who passed away on January 25, 2016. Alex was always close by when help was needed. You will always be close to our hearts and never forgotten. With love, God Bless. xx - Cathie and Alasdair, Glenside.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. - Anne, Stuart and family.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Sunday 3rd February 2019
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
Monday 4th February
Session Meeting in Kirk Street Hall at 7.00pm
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 3rd February
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Congregational Meeting
Rev W Crossan
Messy Church
Church Hall 3.45pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 5th February
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Wednesday 6th February
Guild Coffee Morning
Church Hall 10am - 12 noon

Thursday 7th February
Choir Practice

Friday 8th February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
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Rev Colin MacLeod
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Wednesday 6th February
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
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Sunday 3rd February
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The Ark
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Service will be taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Saints come out on top in 1

Lochgilphead Red Star	0
Oban Saints	2
Jimmy Marshall Cup – 1st round	

Lochgilphead Red Star were unceremoniously ejected from the Scottish Amateur Football League on Saturday January 26 at the hands of their nearest neighbours, Oban Saints. Oban gained revenge for last season's Jimmy Marshall Trophy exit by beating Red Star 2-0 in the last ever meeting of the two rivals in the SAFL at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Second-half goals from Donald Campbell and Fraser MacFarlane finally broke Red Star's stubborn resistance and saw Saints progress to the second round of the competition in which they have reached the final in four of the past six seasons.

Light drizzle

Saints kicked off attacking the Kilmory end in a light drizzle which had thankfully replaced the heavy rain which had fallen all morning.

After a sluggish start Saints mustered the game's first strike on target when Fraser MacFarlane

slipped James Ford in from a ninth minute free kick just outside the Star box. From a tight angle on the left Ford shunned the better option of a cutback in favour of a shot on goal which Star keeper Luke Kalache blocked with his outstretched left leg.

James Ford picked out Craig MacEwan in a good position with a 13th minute cutback from the left but a heavy first touch from MacEwan allowed Luke Kalache to come off his line and make the block.

Wayward efforts followed from Matthew Kelly and Fraser MacFarlane as the much-changed Saints line-up struggled to find any kind of rhythm.

After closing out a Star break the Saints defence were caught trying to play out from the back and were relieved to see former Saint Martin Bonar lift a shot from 20 yards well over the crossbar.

After good work on the right James Ford had a goal-bound shot deflected into the side netting by Star player/manager Luke Naisby with Craig MacEwan diverting Fraser MacFarlane's resulting corner kick across the face of goal and wide of

Luke Kalache's right-hand post. A harsh decision by referee Donald McCallum to penalise James Ford for what appeared a legitimate challenge on Ryan Caskie gave Colin Weir the chance to whip the ball left footed into the danger area in the 29th minute however the Saints defence repelled Weir's delivery with ease.

Exploited

Star skipper Aaron Moore exploited the time and space afforded him in the 37th minute to thread the ball through for Stuart McLean however Dougal Graham, in for the injured Steven MacLeod, read the signs well to come across and snuff out the danger.

Luke Kalache in the Star goal required all of his height and reach advantage to tip a James Ford cross behind for a corner with Craig MacEwan ready to connect with a header. Fraser MacFarlane's corner kick from the right was placed invitingly into the six-yard box where David Beaton was unable to get any power behind his effort on the stretch allowing Kalache to gather comfortably.

Referee McCallum left the Saints players and officials mystified when



David Beaton can't get enough on his sliding effort to beat the big Star keeper

he dismissed their appeals for a 40th-minute penalty kick when James McGuinness dived in studs up on James Ford.

Mr McCallum heightened the feeling of injustice among the Saints contingent when he penalised and cautioned Dougal Graham for a similar challenge two minutes later fortunately, however, further insult was avoided when Aaron Moore lifted his free-kick high over the Saints crossbar.

At the other end Saints also had an opportunity with the dead ball after James Ford was sent crashing to the deck just outside the Star box. Kerr Newbigging's free-kick smashing straight into the wall was the final action of the first half which left the Saints management duo far from impressed and demanding a big step up in effort from their charges for the second half.

The improvement was clear from the first whistle with Kerr Newbigging winning possession and sending James Ford racing into the Star box where Aaron Moore was on hand to help out his defence

with a timely interception.

Two minutes into the second half Craig MacEwan beat the Star offside trap but not Luke Kalache who threw up a strong left hand to beat MacEwan's shot behind for a corner kick. From Fraser MacFarlane's delivery from the right Saints skipper Dene Cassells climbed above opposite number Aaron Moore but couldn't direct his header on target.

Combining

Ruaridh Horne's overlapping run and cross in the 50th minute narrowly evaded David Beaton with the pair combining well two minutes later to set Matthew Kelly up for a shot which flew inches wide of Luke Kalache's left hand post.

Saints co-manager Donald Campbell came on in the 57th minute to replace James Ford and immediately tee'd up Fraser MacFarlane for a shot from 20 yards which Luke Kalache, diving high to his left, did extremely well to push behind for a corner kick.

Ruaridh Horne made way for Jamie Graham in the 69th minute as Saints continued to keep their hosts



Donald Campbell opens the scoring for Saints from the penalty spot.

Mid Argyll Badminton Association head to Dunoon

The Mid Argyll Badminton Association was at Dunoon on Saturday January 19 to compete for the Argyll Cup.

Players from Mid Argyll and Campbeltown headed to Dunoon to for a chance to win the Argyll Cup.

They came in second of the three teams, behind Dunoon who took home the cup.



Mid Argyll Badminton Association. Photo: Gavin Brown

Local derby



Luke Kalache

pinned back in their own half.

The Saints pressure eventually told when Ben Forbes, who had a good game at the centre of the Star defence, made his only mistake of the afternoon and sent Matthew Kelly sprawling in the box with a mistimed tackle from behind. Donald Campbell made no mistake from the spot sending the keeper in the wrong direction and giving Saints the lead which their second-half endeavour deserved.

With 13 minutes remaining Saints introduced Aaron McKay at the expense of David Beaton and the youngster was quickly involved, linking up well with Donald Campbell who curled a delightful left-foot effort inches wide of the junction of post and bar with Kalache rooted to the spot.

The big keeper was equally deceived by Fraser MacFarlane's low 83rd minute snap shot from 22 yards which nestled in the bottom corner to seal victory for Saints.

This proved to be MacFarlane's last involvement as he and Dougal Graham, who produced a solid

performance alongside skipper Dene Cassells at the heart of the defence, were withdrawn to give Kenneth Black and debutant Keir MacLean a brief run out.

Premier Division One strugglers Red Star, who despite succumbing to their 10th consecutive defeat, will be encouraged to have kept their top flight opponents at bay for 72 minutes, also gave valuable game time to young substitutes Neily Russell, Gregor McGeachy and Alisdair Provan.

Mr McCallum had Saints scratching their heads once again when he saw nothing wrong with Luke Naisby's tackle through the back of MacLean which sent the young striker sprawling in the 18-yard box.

Late challenge

Tempers flared shortly afterwards when Ryan Caskie's cynical late challenge on Kenneth Black earned the Star wide man a deserved yellow card.

Mr McCallum's grip on the match slipped a little further with a controversial award against Scott Maitland which saw Donald Campbell cautioned for dissent.

With the match entering time added on for stoppages another questionable refereeing decision lead to the premature end of Jamie Graham's involvement.

Despite this not being Mr McCallum's finest 90 minutes he was well within his rights to give Graham his marching orders for an injudicious comment which a player of his experience should have known better than to make.

Referee McCallum's whistle brought the game to an end with Star losing 2-0 to their Premier Division opponents.

SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round – Lochgilhead Red Star 0, Oban Saints 2; Premier Division – Dunoon v Motherwell Thistle, postponed; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils 1, Ferguslie Star 2. Premier Division Two – Tarbert 1, Glynhill Moorcroft 1.

Next Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Dunoon v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Lochgilhead Red Star v Campbeltown Pupils;

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday January 28, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 11, 13 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £600.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 3, 4 and 6. Last week's jackpot of £400 was won by Cathie Hawthorn. This week's jackpot will restart at £100.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 4, 6 and 13. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300.

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JACKPOT
£600

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Easy to enter

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Saints come out on top
 in local derby

Brave Star crash out of Marshall cup



Red Star put up a brave showing against Argyll rivals Oban Saints before eventually going down 2-0 in the first round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup played at the Joint Campus last Saturday. Above, Saints' captain Dene Cassells sending a header over the bar. Match report on page 34. Photo: Derek Black



Last year's Tainish Run was a great success.

The Tainish Run is to return in May

Tayvallich's much-loved running event is back. This year's Tainish Run will return on Saturday May 4.

Entries will be open on Friday February 1 with an option of a 10k or a 6.7 mile-cross country trail to join.

Push yourself and join the fun.

Cost for either race will be £18 or £16 for members of Scottish Athletics.

Red Star youths triumph in wind

Lochgilphead Red Star	3
Shettleston Juniors	2
GGYFL 2004s	

Sunday January 27 saw Shettleston Juniors visit the astro. Unbeaten in the league they were sure to provide a stern test for Red Star 2004. With strong gusting winds it was never going to be a day for fine football.

Shettleston, who beat Red Star 4-3 through in Glasgow earlier in the season, started strongly. However, within a few minutes, Star nicked the ball off them and a quick exchange of passes saw Caskie in a position to play a nice through ball for Aitken to score with a controlled finish.

Despite playing against a strong wind Star were looking the stronger team at this point and a shot from

Paterson whizzed past the post. Green was also causing problems down the right for Shettleston.

A second goal arrived for Star with McMurchy scoring.

Eventually Shettleston started to claw their way back into the game scoring first

with a wind-assisted 30-yard free kick and then reacting first to a bouncing ball. Half time 2-2.

With the wind in the second half, Star started strongly and took the lead again through McMurchy. Whilst possession was evenly balanced

Brown, Hoad and Barclay were strong at the back and with Murphy secure in goals and West tidying up in front of them they limited the chances for Shettleston.

Up front McLean was dragging the Shettleston defence around with some great running and the returning Cameron almost sneaked through on goal.

There were to be no more goals but Star confidently saw the game out for a terrific win against an excellent Shettleston team.

Final score Red Star 3, Shettleston Juniors 2.



The Red Star 2004s team.



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