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Jobs lost, tax up and services slashed in council's budget

By Colin Cameron
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In what one veteran councillor described as a 'tough' budget, Argyll and Bute met to decide on measures to bridge an expected £8 million funding gap over the next year.

On the table at Argyll and Bute Council's Kilmory headquarters on Thursday February 21 was an unpalatable menu of fee increases, cuts to council services amounting to £4 million and a proposed council tax increase of 4.79 per cent. This comes after the local authority has shaved a total of £51m in spending over the past nine years.

Following the Scottish Government's funding settlement of £190.215 million, Argyll and Bute Council's administration group of councillors said it amounted to a 1.6 per cent reduction in funding for core services in 2019/20.

Speaking ahead of the budget meeting, Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of

Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'It's no longer enough to say these are difficult times for councils. Years of savings are peeling away the support that councils can give their communities. More and more, councils must focus on delivering their statutory duties. Argyll and Bute, however, needs more than core services from its council. It needs support to build its economy and a successful future. Local communities need local government services to support their family, business and community lives.'

Should every cost-cutting measure go ahead, more than 49 jobs (full-time equivalent) would be lost at the council in 2019/20.

Speaking at the recent meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council, Mid Argyll councillors were clear hard choices lay ahead.

'There is no doubt it's going to be a very tough budget, but we are not alone in that,' said Councillor Donnie MacMillan. He added: 'We usually come out alright, but

I am a bit worried this year.'

Councillor Dougie Philand agreed with this sentiment, saying: 'It is not looking good.'

Ahead of the meeting, however, Councillor Philand and his Argyll First colleague Donald Kelly proposed an alternative budget to be presented at the meeting which included a financial lift to the Lochgilphead and Tarbert Regeneration Fund and funding for the Campbeltown flood scheme from the council's general fund.

And, as young people staged a protest across the region at planned cuts to youth services – more on page three – Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'Councillors are always keen to hear from their communities and to take those views into account when making often difficult decisions, as is the case when setting budgets. It is good to see young people project their voice in this way.'

Full details of the Argyll and Bute budget in next week's edition.



Co-op staff step out on Dochas Centre fundraising

Staff at the Lochgilphead Co-op are putting their best feet forward to raise funds for the Dochas Centre's 21st birthday. Pictured are Zoey Glencross, Victoria MacVicar, Rochelle McConnell, Andrew John and Iain Campbell. See page 17. 51_a08Dochas04

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A strong voice in time of cuts

Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum urges people to join them

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Deep and wide-ranging cuts are coming to health and care services.

There has never been a greater need for the people who use these services to ensure their voices are heard and views acted upon, according to a group set up to be the public's mouthpiece on healthcare issues in Mid Argyll.

But members of Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum have been angered after Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) appeared to back away from supporting the group's activities.

The HSCP, though, has said it is 'extremely grateful for the commitment and the en-

thusiasm our hard-working community representatives have for improving health and social care in Argyll and Bute, and we would encourage them to feed back any issues they have locally.'

'Our key principles are the same as those of the HSCP: people-centred, compassion, integrity and respect.'

Feeling under threat, the Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum held a special meeting on February 14. The decision was that the group should continue, with a focus on achieving 'positive, helpful outcomes'.

In recent times the forum has pushed for action on issues such as ambulance provision, pharmacy funding in the region, A&E services, dentists' contracts and GP practice changes.

The forum's chairwoman, Barabel McKay, said: 'Our key principles are the same



Barabel McKay chairs Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum.

as those of the HSCP: people-centred, compassion, integrity and respect.

'In addition, because we are entering a totally new situation of pressure on our

services, we must look forward because we have to be innovative and purposeful.'

Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum is set up to be an independent body and makes decisions guided by its membership.

'This is important,' said Mrs McKay, 'because at a time of huge and bewildering change it is a way of people coming together with questions or concerns about things which will affect us all.'

'In Argyll, it means we have as much concern for the people who are delivering services as those of us who need them, because we depend on each other.'

'The people making big decisions on health and social care do understand the value of personal experience

in knowing the truth of things – they call it "the lived experience".'

'The forum is there so you don't have to tell it alone.'

In fact, the right to have a voice on health issues is enshrined in the Patients Rights (Scotland) Act 2011, which means that, for the first time, patients have a legal right to give feedback on their experience of healthcare and treatment, and to provide comments or raise concerns or complaints.

Mrs McKay said: 'Not everyone can come to meetings, so in the past few months we have been communicating successfully by email as well (barabelmck@gmail.com) as by telephone and post.'

'All are welcome to join and I would urge people to do so.'

POLICE FILES



No L plates

A vehicle was stopped by police on the A83 at Lochgilphead about midnight on Sunday February 10. Checks revealed that the driver, a 31-year-old man, was a provisional licence holder and failed to display 'L' plates. He was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty with three penalty points.

Abusive

At about 1pm on Thursday February 14, a 42-year-old man was charged and issued with a recorded

police warning for behaving in an abusive manner in a supermarket car park in Lochgilphead.

Theft from close

A parcel that had been left by a delivery driver was stolen from the common close at 61 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, around Friday February 4.

Vehicle damaged

A British Red Cross Renault Traffic minibus was damaged by having a rear nearside window smashed between 5pm on Tuesday February 12 and 8am on Wednesday

February 13, on Union Street, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating.

Sheep worrying

Two incidents of a dog chasing sheep near Dunadd have been reported in recent weeks. More on this on pages 24 and 25.

■ If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Pupils' messages opposing the cuts at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.



Cameron Garrett speaking at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Pupils fight planned cuts across Argyll

by Laura Maxwell
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On the morning of Wednesday February 20, students across Argyll and Bute staged a protest on their respective campuses against the proposed cuts to Youth and Adult Learning Services by Argyll and Bute Council.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Campbeltown Grammar School, Helensburgh's Hermitage Academy, Oban High School and Dunoon Grammar School all participated in a sit-in at 10.55am which included a video explaining the importance of youth services, chants and other musical protest methods.

The council voted on Thursday February 21 on its budget for 2019/20 which includes a savings option of £330,000 from Youth and Adult Learning Services.

The pupils protested with signs and silence against proposed cuts to youth services that could possibly result in job losses equating to 57 per cent of the current team.

Scottish Youth Parliament member and Lochgilphead Joint Campus pupil Cameron Garrett lit the spark for the region-wide protests through social media.



Oban High School pupils walked out at 11am.

Cameron said: 'Initially, I came up with the idea at a meeting on Saturday. A pupil from Hermitage Academy, Rosie Sumsion, got involved and we organised protests for Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Hermitage Academy. We then managed to get pupils from the other schools to get onboard and organise protests.'

Cameron added: 'We feel youth services are too important to cut funding from. I think it's extremely important to protest to exercise our democratic right and show councillors that young people do care about the support youth services are providing and we don't want funding cut.'

'I think, along with a lot of other young people in Argyll and Bute, that youth services are extremely valuable in the support they provide. They can help people when they are down

or, personally, support me in my campaign for the Scottish Youth Parliament. 'The protests were very successful - we hope it sent a message to the council.'

Councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'It is good to see young people project their voice in this way.'

'Councillors are always keen to hear from their communities and to take those views into account when making often difficult decisions, as is the case when setting budgets.'

Councillor Dougie Philand added: 'Councillor Donald Kelly and I have circulated our budget proposals and are proposing to retain adult and youth services. It is vital we support those in our community who require such services and hope the other council members will support our budget proposal to retain these vital services.'

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Arrochar's community objectives outlined

People living in Arrochar have been urged to become more involved in tackling marine litter in the village.

At a meeting of Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group (CPG) on Thursday February 7, Samantha Somers confirmed Marine Scotland had plans to tackle the issue.

But the meeting was told Arrochar residents needed to get more involved.

The objective was listed as not being on track in a report prior to the meeting, but group secretary Samantha Somers said she was more upbeat.

Ms Somers said: 'We have received confirmation Marine Scotland will be taking this action on board and they will be invited to a future meeting of this group. They have a plan in place to do studies, but there is a community

element as well - what can we as partners do to help?'

Stuart McLean, chairman of the CPG and a Scottish Fire and Rescue Service official, replied: 'My feeling on moving this to 'in progress' was based on having a plan in place, but it is up to us as a group to ensure it moves forward. There are small things Scottish Fire and Rescue could do. We have a day out for exercises which is something along those lines, but we need to have a discussion on the expectation of the Arrochar community. We need some focus on what can be achieved.'

At the meeting, Samantha also addressed two other issues which were listed in the report as not being on track.

They were to work with local communities to increase confidence regarding the retail and local business offering in

Helensburgh and establishment of a visitor destination group in Arrochar.

She said: 'The fact some aims are not on track is not a cause for concern. It is a three-year plan and there is plenty of time, but this plan belongs to all of us. It was agreed by all partners in the room. With regards to the first objective, this is not settled, but the Making Places Work that is happening in Helensburgh has taken precedence.

'We are having discussions with [Argyll and Bute Council] economic development officials and Scottish Enterprise to see how we can take this back to working with local communities to have that confidence with the businesses.'

On the second objective of establishing a visitor destination group in Arrochar, Samantha said: 'This one

is red just because I don't know who the organisation is on this and therefore have been unable to find out what progress is being made.'

Duncan McLachlan, of Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust, said: 'The trust has had aspirational visions for a visitor centre in place of a community cafe.

'It is not quite fit for purpose and we have had architects draw up a vision, along with the development of a disused football pitch.

'Ourselves and Argyll and the Isles Coastal Community Trust are looking at vacant areas of ground that the council has ownership of at present for a long stay car park and toilets.

'Things are not progressing as envisaged, but we are active on the car parking development.'



Fiona and Ali Campbell.

Couple take expertise to national trade event

An Arrochar couple are taking their expertise to a national trade event.

Fiona and Ali Campbell, owners of Mansefield House and Campbell Cottage on the banks of Loch Long, Arrochar, will go head-to-head with two other couples in an interactive gameshow-style panel at ScotHot, Scotland's leading trade event in March.

Presented by Scottish Tourism Alliance chief executive officer Marc Crothall, Teamwork Makes The Dream Work will chart the highs and lows of working in a husband-

and-wife team in Scotland's hospitality industry. Taking place on Wednesday March 13 and Thursday March 14 at Glasgow's Scottish Event Campus in collaboration with Scottish Tourism Month, ScotHot is the Scottish hospitality and catering sector's largest and most comprehensive trade event. Fiona Campbell said: 'Family businesses are so vital to Scotland's economy, particularly in hospitality.'

'We're looking forward to sharing our knowledge at ScotHot and learning what makes other family businesses so successful.'

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Breast-feeding champion brings award-winning film to Oban cinema

A Lochgilphead mum who champions breast-feeding is bringing an award-winning film to Oban.

Tigers, which tells the true story of a milk salesman in Pakistan who took on a baby formula food maker, will be shown at Oban Phoenix Cinema on Monday March 18 at 6pm.

Mum Valerie Cleave, a member of Baby Milk Action - the UK member of International Baby Food Action Network - needs at least 25 tickets to be sold to help cover costs of bringing the film from Cambridge to show in Oban.

The network is a not-for-profit organisation which protects breast-feeding and babies fed on formula to prevent unnecessary illness, suffering and death, says Mrs Cleave, who lives near Lochgilphead and joined Baby Milk Action more than 10 years ago.

Oban is the second only location in Scotland, after the Glasgow Film Festival, to screen Tigers, directed by Oscar-winning Danis



Lochgilphead's Valerie Cleave. 16_T08_valerieCleave

Tanovic. It tells the story of Ayan, a pharmaceutical salesman in Pakistan who lands a new job working for an international corporation. When he discovers his new company's baby formula has killed hundreds of children, he begins a lone and dangerous battle against the company.

'It's a film for everyone to see - men and women, formula and breast-feeding parents most welcome, young and older people. I hope a variety of people come along, whether they have anything to do with infant feeding or not. It's a very powerful film,' said Mrs Cleave.

After breast-feeding her son for five years, she says she is against the 'normalisation'

of bottle feeding and that Tigers lifts the lid on the truth behind the baby feeding industry's marketing.

It was after being 'scorned' by an NHS nurse for breast-feeding her then two-year-old child that Mrs Cleave took a local NHS/UNICEF breast-feeding peer support volunteer course to encourage more new mums to feed their babies naturally.

'I'm against the normalisation of bottle feeding and think this term should be referred to as artificial feeding to emphasise exactly what it is.'

'Having listened to endless debates in the media, there seems to be a huge mother-centred approach to infant feeding and not enough baby-centred focus. Let's think more about what the baby needs. And, yes, that means giving up a lot,' she said.

Any profits made from the screening at the Phoenix will go to Baby Milk Action. To book in advance, tickets £5, go to obanphoenix.com. Watch the film trailer at babymilkaction.org/tigers

New church dedicated in Kilmartin

A dedication service for the new Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church in Kilmartin took place recently and proved to be a tremendous morning.

It was a memorable and uplifting experience for the congregation, which looks forward to many happy years in its new place of worship.

The congregation was joined by members of the linked parish of North Knapdale and other friends.

Reverend Dr Roderick Campbell, Moderator of Argyll Presbytery, conducted the service in the traditional way by knocking on the door and being welcomed inside.

Greetings from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Reverend Susan Brown, were read out by Session Clerk Linda Tighe who, along with other elders, helped Reverend Campbell in a short service of communion, shared with everyone to end the service.

A lunch provided afterwards was enjoyed by everyone present.

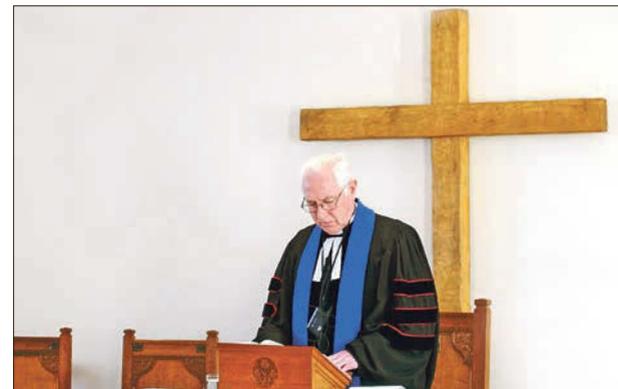
'We are feeling at home in



Above: The congregation enjoyed an uplifting morning. Right: Rev Roderick Campbell conducts the service of dedication.

our new place of worship,' said Linda Tighe, 'and we are enjoying being able to work more closely with the community around us by enabling them to use our building for meetings and training events. This is just the start of a new era for our congregation.'

Right: Linda Tighe helps with the service.



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Standing up

There is something refreshing about young people staging a protest over proposed council cuts.

Far from the stereotype of the zoned-out teenager staring at his/her own reflection on a mobile phone with a blank expression, school pupils all over Argyll took time to make their point about planned service changes to youth and adult learning provision – with the resultant loss of more than 10 full-time equivalent posts.

More power to their elbow, and perhaps it is time more of us made the effort to understand what is going on around us with public services and made a stand.

One group already making a stand is Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum.

This is a ready-made way of making our voice heard to those with responsibility for making unpalatable spending decisions.

Arts feast

For a bit of light relief, it is great to see professional arts groups coming to our region.

Mid Argyll Arts Association has a reputation for bringing top-notch musicians to the area and Craignish Village Hall is another hotbed of creativity.

Well done to everyone concerned.

Rest and Be Thankful

Sir,
In the 10 years since we moved to north Kintyre, we have watched with dismay the completely inadequate responses to the problems on the Rest and Be Thankful section of the A83.

At about the time we moved here, we took a motoring trip to Norway; last year we drove there again.

Between our two visits, a ferry crossing of a fjord which we had used had been replaced by a suspension bridge of sufficient height for cruise ships to pass underneath.

Not only had a bridge been constructed but, at each end, tunnels had been driven into the rock to connect the bridge carriageway at large underground roundabouts to the roads already running in long tunnels on either side of the fjord.

It is almost impossible when driving in Norway to keep track of the number of tunnels one travels through, anything from a mile or two to well over 10 miles in length. Sections of road with protective roofs are also quite common, sometimes on minor routes.

Returning to Scotland, it was difficult to take seriously what is happening on the A83. Not only is the work being carried out of little merit but it is also being done so slowly that it is difficult to conceive it ever being finished.

On a recent trip to Glasgow, I counted two people working and one sitting in the pick-up controlling the lights on the way there and three working and two in the truck on the way

back. Is this supposed to be a serious project? Apart from the delays caused by the lights, the bunching of traffic which results from their presence means additional overtaking as traffic gets under way again.

If this is all the Scottish Government, as run by the SNP, can manage, it doesn't bode well for anything else it is responsible for.

David Bridge, Tarbert.

Roads need urgent repairs

Sir,
It was great to catch up with my constituents in Port Wemyss and Portnahaven and listen to concerns about pressing issues.

There is a real need to address the large number of potholes between Port Charlotte and Portnahaven and the long overdue resurfacing of the Claddach road. The constant flooding of roads across Islay is rapidly accelerating their deterioration.

Even in the areas that don't flood, the amount of heavy traffic on our roads means pothole repairs only last a few weeks at best. We can see evidence of this on Mansfield Road in Port Ellen and at the bottom of Main Street in Bowmore.

As part of the current council administration, I will continue to lobby relentlessly for better infrastructure for my council ward.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

Ardrishaig Church Eco Group

Sir,
I am writing on behalf of Ardrishaig Church Eco Group to thank all contributors to our

recent coffee morning on behalf of the Toilet Twinning charity.

We had an excellent response. In addition to a good attendance on the day, we also received a number of donations from people who were unable to attend, as a result of which we have raised more than £600.

This will enable us to contribute two school blocks, with four toilets in each, and at least one family toilet.

When a new toilet is built in a village, people are involved in learning what is required so that they can go on to help each other build their own facilities.

We also know of one family who will be twinning their two toilets through the scheme and another charitable group has donated £60 for another. A truly amazing result.

Jean Hodgson, Ardrishaig.

Autism Awareness Week

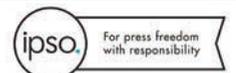
Sir,
I am writing to urge Argyllshire Advertiser readers to help the National Autistic Society Scotland increase understanding of autism by taking part in World Autism Awareness Week from April 1 to 7.

Autism is a lifelong developmental condition that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people and how they experience the world around them.

Around 58,000 people in Scotland are autistic and we know that, although 99.5 per cent of people in Scotland have heard of autism, only 16 per cent of autistic people think it is understood in a meaningful way.

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Readers can visit autism.org.uk/waaw to download a World Autism Awareness Week pack full of ideas for increasing understanding of autism and raising funds for our charity.

Nick Ward, director of the National Autistic Society Scotland.

Enjoyable fundraiser

Sir,
I am writing to thank everyone who supported Aye Fyne's fundraiser on behalf of Befrienders for Argyll and Bute children.

The event took place in Lochgilphead Parish Church hall on Saturday February 16 when we ran a showing of the Lesley Riddoch and Phantom Power film named Norway: The Twin Nation. This was followed by a tasty lunch of homemade soups and filled rolls. It was a most enjoyable and informative event.

Elaine Mackenzie, Tarbert.

Step out and raise funds

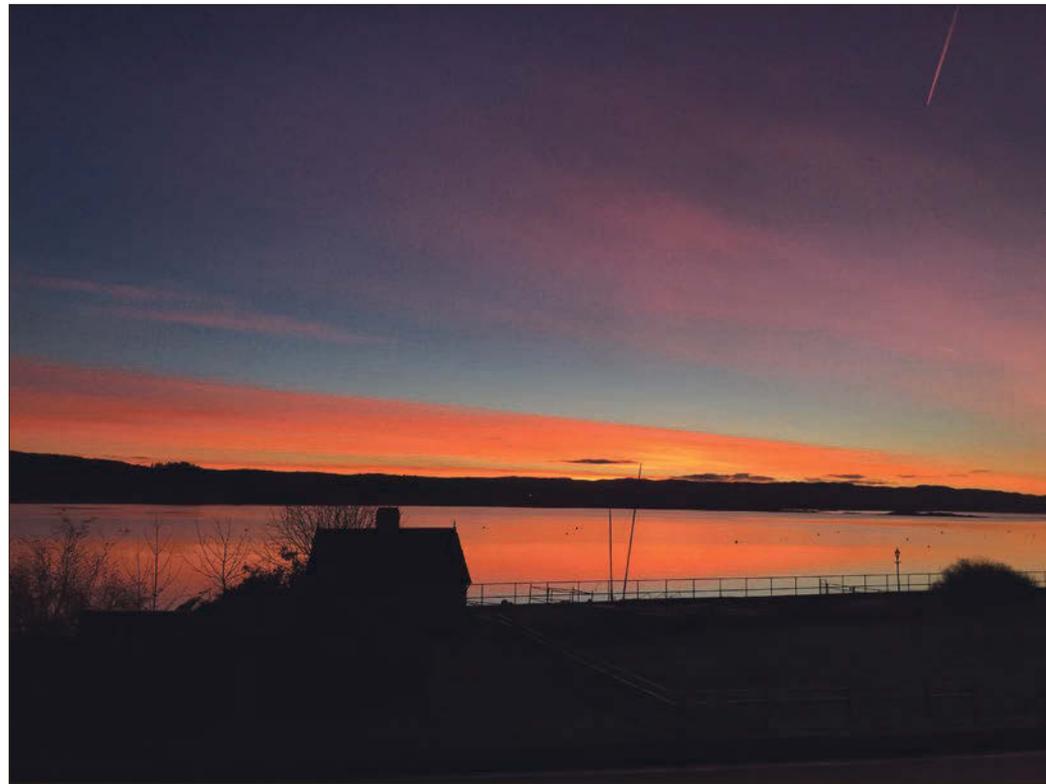
Sir,
Readers can support people living with and beyond a diagnosis by signing up for a Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbon Walk in association with Skechers.

Walk with us on our 10 and 20-mile routes at Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds on Saturday May 18 or at Chatsworth and the Peak District on Saturday June 15. Alternatively, create your own walking challenge. Set the date, choose your location and get together with friends and family.

Or walk 500,000 steps during May and June – that's one step for every woman living with breast cancer in the UK. To sign up, visit breastcancercare.org.uk/ribbonwalk

Preena Mistry, Breast Cancer Care, London.

YOUR PICTURES



Stunning sunrise over Loch Fyne captured on camera

Ardrihaig's Hannah Nicolson sent in this stunning photograph of the sun rising over Loch Fyne on Monday February 11. Send your photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

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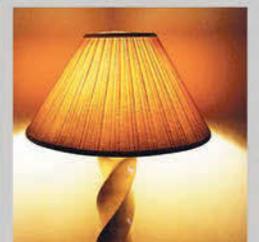
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A look back at centenary celebrations of 1959

by Laura Maxwell
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Lochgilhead's Centenary Week was held in 1959 in celebration of 100 years since the founding of the town.

With the joining of the roads to Oban, Inveraray and Campbeltown making for a convenient settlement, a petition was signed by 33 householders to make the village of Lochgilhead a burgh.

The elected commissioners had their first meeting on May 11, 1859.

The 100th anniversary celebrations included a long list of events – a parade led by Provost A I McCallum, followed by a ceilidh in the Drill Hall, a mannequin parade, and a film of HM the Queen visiting Oban.

And, of course, every little detail was recorded by the Argyllshire Advertiser.

The article reads: 'Centenary



Week at Lochgilhead, despite unfavourable weather, was an all-round success and the period of celebrations, which ended on Sunday with the Thanksgiving Service, gave the town ample opportunity to look back to a century of progress and forward to a future of faith. Its growth from modest fishing village to modern town was demonstrated

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'Provost A. I. McCallum inaugurates the Week, and (right), Cub Ian Gillies (8), plants a commemorative shrub. Photographs by Webster of Oban.'

in displays and exhibitions held throughout the week and the programme fully lived up to its objective described by Provost A I McCallum at the inauguration 'to provide inspiration and enthusiasm for the future.'

The front green's flag pole was mentioned, as much a staple of celebrations as it is today.

'The centre-piece of the decorations was the flag-pole on the Front Green which flew the flags of the international code. And in addition to the many Union Jacks flying from buildings in all parts of the burgh, were the Stars and Stripes and the New Zealand flag from the offices of the Argyll County Council.'

Lord Lieutenant of Argyll at the time, Sir Charles Maclean of Duart and Morvern, is quoted as saying: 'Now you in Lochgilhead have reached that magic figure of 100.'

'It is something to be celebrated by everyone who lives in the town and also by men and women who have moved away.'

'The future of the burgh lies in your hands – the provost, magistrates, councillors and citizens – not only for yourselves but for all the young people who live here and who, I am sure, will continue to do so in the future.'

As we near 60 years from the centenary, how do you think the burgh has fared?

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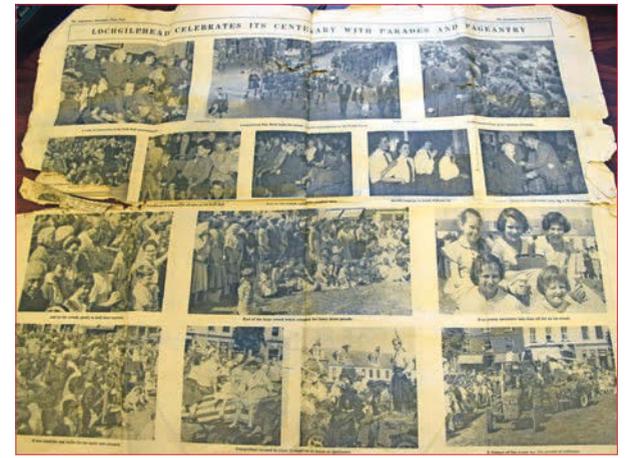
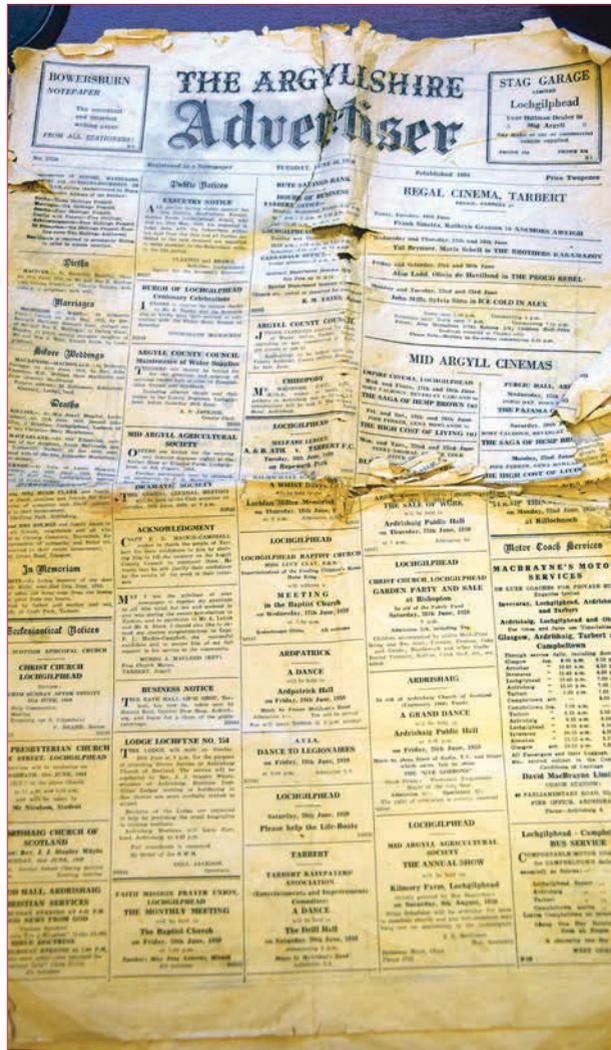
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Casa's variety show a hair-raising experience

Ardrishaig event raises £570

Ardrishaig's fashion hub Casa hosted an all-day event on Saturday February 16, highlighting all the latest cuts and colours.

With models plucked from the community, Casa put on a fashion show featuring everything from head to toe.

Girls and boys displayed the latest colours and styles in hair, paraded in bridal outfits and showed off talents in a festival of fun.

Organised by Lilia Sinclair to raise money for Heal Scotland, Scotland's first healing community, the day was aimed at raising funds to help the community suffering from a variety of ailments to help itself heal.

A team of nutritionists,

chiropractors and other holistic therapists will gather at Barmolloch cottages in Kilmartin Glen for a range of courses designed to help others take control of their own health and well-being.

The day started with a jumble sale adjoining the Not Another Coffee Morning taking place in the North Hall.

Clothes, shoes and more fashionable items were displayed for everyone to browse while they enjoyed their coffee. The fashion show was soon followed by a children's disco, then live music and acts from local talent.

The event culminated with adults enjoying an evening dance.

The day raised £570.



Bridal models Eilidh Cameron, Laura McBrayne, Charlie McGregor, Jessica Little and Louise Slaughter. 51_a08CasaFashion23



Left: Lilia Sinclair opened the show with a talk on the importance of healing.

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These lovely ladies got to browse the produce and have a friendly cuppa. 51_a08CasaJumble05



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Top right: Laura McBrayne and hair stylist Nicky MacDougall. 51_a08CasaFashion08

Middle right: Hair stylist Laura Thomson and Caitlin Bradley. 51_a08CasaFashion09

Far left: Isabelle Williamson showing off silver balayage. 51_a08CasaFashion10

Left: Lorraine Daly hoping not to look like a bumblebee. 51_a08CasaFashion16

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Tarbert artists Venice-bound

Duo to join team of 17 at prestigious event

Two young Tarbert artists will take part in a show in the Italian city of Venice.

Former exhibition assistants Grace Carroll and Isaac Stanesby have been selected by Templar Arts and Leisure Centre (talc.) in Tarbert for the Professional Development Programme as part of the Scotland + Venice 2019 exhibition during this year's Biennale of Art.

They will join a team of 17 participants from across Scotland.

The programme offers an opportunity to support Scotland's presentation of new video work by Charlotte Prodger during the exhibition which runs from May to November 2019.

Grace said: 'I am delighted to be a part of such a prestigious event and greatly value the opportunity to explore

contemporary art and culture in a different country.

'I am in no doubt this experience will bring clarity to me about my own relationship to art and design and my personal place in the creative industries.'

Isaac added: 'This is a really exciting opportunity to develop my skills in communicating with people about art while becoming acquainted with the work of some of the world's leading contemporary artists in the monumental setting of the Venice Biennale.'

The Scotland + Venice Professional Development Programme is spearheaded by artists' residency centre Cove Park.

In addition to partnering with six Scottish art schools and colleges, the programme will benefit from new col-



Isaac Stanesby and Grace Carroll are heading for Venice later this year. Photograph: Alan Dimmick.

laborations with talc. Nicole Heidtke, talc. programme leader, commented: 'We are delighted to hear that Grace and Isaac will be given this professional development op-

portunity during the Venice Biennale for Scotland + Venice. They worked hard last year as talc. trainees and we are certain that they will do a fantastic job of introducing

Charlotte Prodger's work to visitors and of representing Scotland. It is an honour to work with Cove Park and Scotland + Venice to support these two young people.'

Green Network launched

A new initiative to support people, organisations and businesses with an interest in building a more sustainable relationship with the natural environment is being launched in Argyll and Bute.

The number of social enterprises per head of population in Argyll and Bute is among the highest in Scotland with many of the groups working on land stewardship, wildlife conservation and building resilient communities.

To launch the Argyll and Bute Green Network, a start-up team is seeking expressions of interest from businesses, groups and individuals in Argyll and Bute which contribute in any way to practise and understanding low-energy, low-impact, high value living. The team is drawn from members of the Argyll and Bute branch of the Scottish Green Party but the intention is once the directory has been compiled, the network will become self-governing and will not have any political affiliation. Anyone interested should visit surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F7XBSGX

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Feline dilemma to solving rat problems

If your property is overrun with rats then you get a cat to deal with it, right?

Wrong, according to a recent study at an industrial waste recycling plant in Brooklyn, New York City.

This recycling plant hosts an active urban rat colony and the animals, numbering some 120-150, are unwitting research subjects for a group of environmental scientists interested in rat behaviours. The rats are microchipped and observed via field cameras.

So, when feral cats moved in next door, the scene was set to determine the efficiency of using cats as pest controllers. After all, while in some cities with huge rat problems cats are being released to control them, in other cities feral cats are being rounded up because of their detrimental effect on wildlife, particularly small birds.

The team found that when the cats visited the recycling plant fewer rats were seen on the cameras. This gave the impression that the cats were eliminating rats, but actually the rats had just changed their behaviour, becoming more cautious and hiding



The study found that despite cats being thought of as natural ratters, they actually prefer mice.

Science matters

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away for long periods. In fact, during the five-month study scientists recorded 20 stalking events by cats but only two rat kills, so rat numbers

were largely unaffected.

The scientists contend that cats only prey on rats if they are starving or if the rats are weakened in some way,

and suggest that the two rats killed in their study could have been weakened by poisonous bait.

So despite cats being widely regarded as natural ratters, this is not the case. They prefer smaller prey such as mice, which are less calorific (mice weigh 20-35 grams while city rats are 10 times heavier) but are safer since

rats have sharp teeth and can be vicious. All in all the scientists conclude that the risks to wildlife posed by feline pest control outweigh any marginal benefits. However, they do concede that rural rats and island populations are appreciably smaller than their city cousins, and so may be more tempting to hungry felines.

West Loch Shores travels to promote tourism

Glasgow's SEC was home to the West Loch Shores team earlier this month as it showcased its new holiday lodge at the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show.

Running from February 7 to 10, the show is the premier event in Scotland for showcasing caravans, motorhomes and holiday homes with visitors from across the UK flocking to Glasgow to find the newest innovations in the industry.

As well as offering holidays at locations across Mid Argyll and Kintyre, the West Loch Shores team opened the doors to its newest holiday home to show guests, receiving enthusiastic feedback.

Over the three days of the show, the team spoke to many potential visitors to Argyll and highlighted the many attractions and festivals which make the area such an attractive place to visit for adventure tourists, couples and families.

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With homemade soup and filled rolls and, of course, a fresh coffee, Aye Fyne's showing of Norway: The Twin Nation was not just an average popcorn flick, but a thought-provoking experience.

Crowdfunded in the summer of 2018, journalist Lesley Riddoch presents a fresh view of Scotland's 'twin' nation,

Norway. With similar geography, population and trades in oil, gas and fishing in the North Sea, Scotland and Norway have a lot in common, only Norway has lately withdrawn from a union with Denmark and then Sweden, demonstrating the argument for independence. With proceeds going to Befrienders, £3 a ticket was money well spent.

Visitors to the Aye Fyne event enjoyed a movie.

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Dochas and Co-op team up for the one million steps challenge

Lochgilhead's Co-op and Dochas Centre have teamed up to walk one million steps.

Armed with fitness trackers, five members of the Co-op team are celebrating the Dochas Centre's 21st birthday by raising money. Aiming to reach one million steps by Monday February 25, they'll

have to hit at least 125,000 steps a day.

The group started at the Dochas Centre on Monday February 18, and to get a head start, walked back to work, where a bucket was waiting for donations. The money will go towards equipping and furnishing the new

Dochas Centre extension. Lochgilhead's Dochas Centre turns 21 on Thursday February 28 when it will host a party to celebrate, including drinks and nibbles.

Catherine Paterson, co-founder of Dochas with her husband John, said: "Thank you to the staff of

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Ardfern highlights Scottish opera

With a new production directed by Sara Brodie, Craignish Village Hall played host to Scottish Opera's Opera Highlights on Tuesday February 12.

A show made up of a compilation of the classics, Opera Highlights features a cast of four talented vocalists and a pianist celebrating the best of opera with works from

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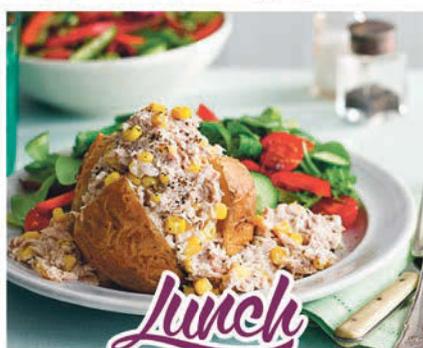
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Cairndow quiz breaks records

Village hall packed to capacity for 19th annual charity event

Cairndow Village Hall was full to capacity for the annual quiz on Friday February 15.

There were 23 tables of four people assembled for the 19th year of the quiz. This year the event was in aid of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) Scotland.

Wonderful sponsorship was received from Phoenix Healthcare through Stephen Anderson, who has a house in Cairndow and works for the company.

Roddy MacDiarmid was quiz master as usual while May Macpherson was in charge of organising the raffle and tea.

May and Roddy thanked everyone for their help with

baking and for their donations and raffle prizes. There were more than 150 raffle prizes, a record, and three super raffle prizes.

Roddy said: 'The hall was absolutely buzzing.'

Keeping the scores, as ever, were Karen McLarty and Liz Reynolds.

Winning the half time highest score prize was a team made up of two people from Inveraray and two from Cairndow.

First place overall was a team from Arrochar. Second place after a cut with playing cards was a team from Cairndow and in third place was a team from Strachur.

A record total of £1,975 was raised for the NSPCC.



Quizmaster Roddy MacDiarmid in 2017.



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Gig in the Goil returns in 2019

Gig in the Goil is back for its fourth consecutive year, bringing back a spectacular line-up led by Trail West and traditional music pioneer Donnie Munro.

Held at Drimsynie Estate Hotel, the festival will showcase the best Scottish musical talent over three days from May 17, creating an amazing weekend for music fans of all ages.

With more acts to be announced, a line-up of more than 50 acts including Beinn Lee, Mark Sharp and the Bicycle Thieves and Rhuvaal is sure to get everyone moving.



Donnie Munro at Best of the West Festival 2018.

Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

Fyne Stirrers well kitted out



Above: Oly Hemmings, Chris Eustace, Pete Gush, Yvonne Oldfield, Coretin Bourget and Orpha Faramelli model the new club hoodies and aprons.
Left: Fyne Stirrer's new logo.

Members of the Fyne Stirrers Spoon Carving Club showed off their new hoodies at the club's monthly meeting on Saturday February 16.

The new items were supplied and embroidered by local company Kit-You-Out, work wear and uniform specialists.

Stacey Elliott of Kit-You-Out was particularly happy with how the embroidered logo turned out and thought the printed logo on to the leather apron was a triumph.

Fyne Stirrers were keen to keep the purchase and design of their club garments local and were impressed with Stacey's range of clothing. Thanks from the group also went out to illustrator and graphic designer Robyn Glendinning for coming up with the logo.

Plenty of spoons were carved on the day with some members also making leather sheaths for their carving knives and axes.

The next meeting is on Sunday March 17 at the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Centre at Barrandaimh.

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The official title for this project is The Dunbeg Development Corridor, Phase 3 which is 300 new properties in partnership with Link Group Ltd and West Highland Housing Association.

The mix of properties include 1,2,3 & 4 bed flats & houses.

Work officially began on January 21 with the official sod-cutting ceremony where Kenny MacLeod (Snr) represented the company which he founded with his twin brother, the late Murdo MacLeod.

'For everyone here at MacLeod Construction this represents regeneration of the area, with affordable, sustainable and economical housing,' said Kenny MacLeod (Jnr). 'The project will help grow the population of the Oban area and create employment and careers to allow families to settle and thrive in the local community. We at MacLeods will be hiring a wide range of skilled and unskilled workers and will create a lot of employment for local people including apprenticeships in joinery, roofing, bricklaying and other construction trades.'

Scottish housing minister

Kevin Stewart MSP was at the sod cutting ceremony. He said: 'We want rural communities to thrive and I know that this investment will make a real difference, not just by providing



Kenny MacLeod (Jnr), Neil Sagewood, Derek Black, Neil Gillies.

more homes, but also by supporting the economic regeneration of the area.

The Dunbeg corridor is seen as key to the growth of the Oban area; more homes are planned in the future and, when linked with the traditional village base and existing enterprises such as the Dunstaffnage Marina, Scottish Association for Marine Science and University of the Highlands and Islands and European Marine Science Park, the whole area looks set to thrive in years to come.

Councillor Elaine Robertson, who chairs the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee, said: 'This development will be a huge



Kenny MacLeod Snr, far right at the sod cutting ceremony with, Kevin Stewart MSP, housing minister; Jon Turner and Ross Martin, chief executive and chair of Link Group Limited; Councillor Elaine Robertson, Dougie Mackie, West Highland Housing Association; Matt Mulderrig Argyll and Bute Council and Linda Robb Dunbeg Community Council.

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The great thing about retirement today is that it can be truly on your own terms – you can decide when you want to move into this phase of life.

Whatever you decide there is one very important factor: money. It is never too early – or in some cases, too late – to get in touch with a financial advisor and we are very lucky to have some excellent ones available.

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Joan Stewart from Shopper Aide said "Through my experiences I have found out that through volunteering, you get back a lot more than you give." She stated that "By harnessing the skills and generosity of members of our local community we are providing those in need with help and hope."

We have Volunteering opportunities for Social care experience; Community Work; IT Skills, Team Work and Delivery Drivers.

Our volunteers assist Kintyre's older people (over 60's) to remain independent in their own homes and feel more connected within the local community. All our volunteers are registered with PVG.

So what do I need to do to volunteer? All you need to do is to call us here at Shopper Aide for a chat and we will do the rest. Giving somebody who lives alone an hour of your time is making our community a better place and helping to improve the lives of others.

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Which kind of papa or granny are you?

Some people are delighted to have all the extra time for their families and helping out with childcare; a recent report calculated that the free work carried out by grandparents across the UK is worth £9 BILLION to the nation's economy.

And who doesn't have fond memories of time spent with their gran or papa?

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Groovy gap-year grandparents

When the generation retiring today left school gap years hadn't been invented – so why not have yours now.

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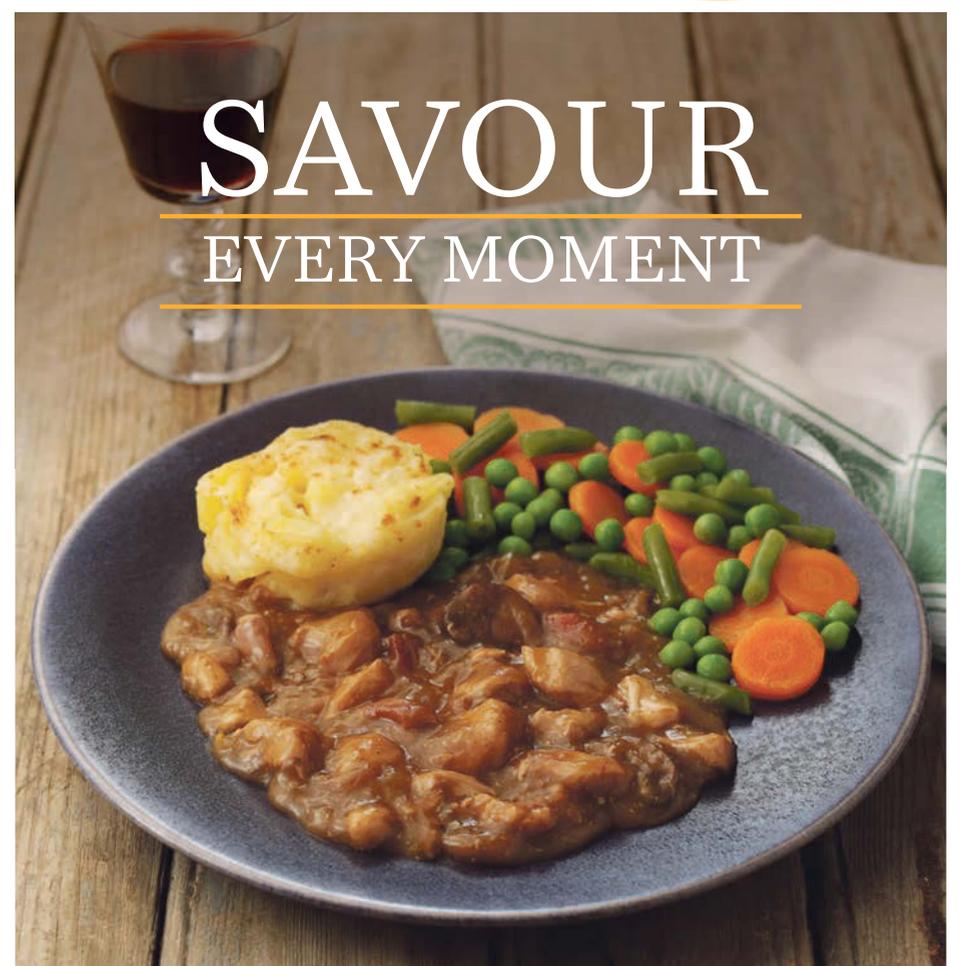
Don't you think that your grandchildren should get a postcard from Fiji, Patagonia or somewhere that ends in stan?



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Dog owners warned after sheep attacks across Argyll



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Dog walkers have been warned to keep their pets on leads near livestock after several attacks on sheep in Oban, Mull, Lochgilhead and Cowal.

Police are investigating an incident on Wednesday February 6, around 5pm, when a small dark-coloured Spaniel-type dog was seen chasing sheep in a field near Dunadd Farm. The dog was eventually caught by the person in charge of it and taken away in a vehicle.

This follows an earlier inci-

dent around 4pm on Saturday January 26, also in a field near Dunadd Farm, when a small stocky Spaniel-type dog was seen chasing sheep. The dog was eventually caught by two women who had charge of the dog and it was taken away in a vehicle.

A dog is also believed to have attacked and killed five pregnant ewes in a field near Nant Drive, Oban, sometime between 4pm on Monday February 11 and 4pm on Tuesday February 12.

Three sheep were killed on

Wednesday February 13 in a field near Mull Hospital, Craignure.

In another January incident, a sheep near Lochgilhead was attacked by a dog. The owner was charged and a Dog Control Notice issued in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Council.

Robbie MacDougall, owner of the sheep killed on Mull, said: 'I have never in my life seen anything like this. It is devastating. I have a croft and that was my stock.'

Three of Mr MacDougall's

nine sheep were killed, three were left with life-threatening injuries, two were missing and one survived unscathed.

He continued: 'The dogs certainly know how to kill. They took them out by the throat and every [sheep] had chest wounds.'

'The person must know their dogs have killed sheep. They would have come home dirty and full of blood. They were missing for a considerable amount of time.'

Lochgilhead police sergeant Iain MacNicol said:

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Anyone with any information should contact the police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

The relevant crime reference numbers for the attacks are: Oban, LB00860219; Mull, LB00930219; Lochgilphead, LB00900219.

Inveraray farmer Brian Walker, who last year lost a number of sheep in a dog attack, and neighbour Dougie Ford help promote an Argyll-wide campaign to protect livestock from dog attacks. a04DogAttackCampaign03



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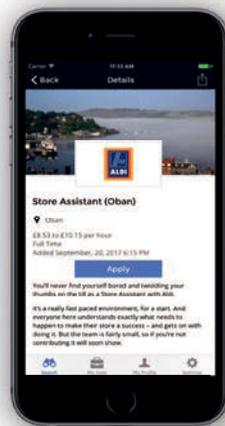
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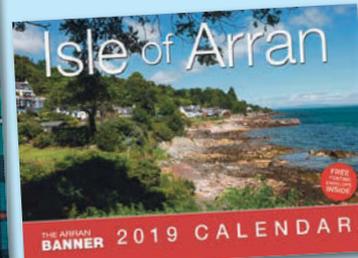
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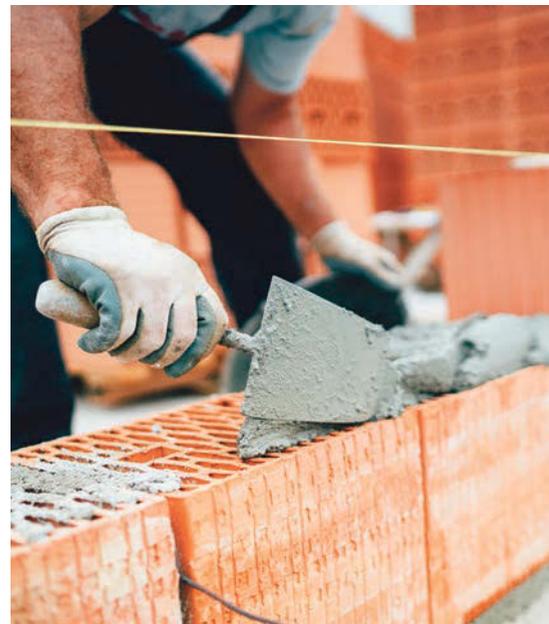
Scotland's construction small- and medium-sized (SME) firms are remaining stable in the face of continuing political uncertainty, according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) Scotland.

Key results from the FMB's latest State of Trade Survey, which is the only quarterly assessment of the UK-wide SME construction sector, include:

- The pace of growth among Scotland's construction SMEs remained the same in the final quarter of 2018, compared with Q3 2018;
- 42 per cent of builders have detected signs of a weakening housing market;
- One in five construction SMEs have had projects stalled in the past three months due to delays to loans, or loan refusals, from the banks;

- Carpenters overtake bricklayers as the trade in shortest supply with nearly two-thirds (64 per cent) of construction SMEs struggling to hire carpenters and joiners and 61 per cent struggling to hire bricklayers;
- 87 per cent of builders anticipate that material prices will rise further in the next six months, slightly up from 86 per cent in Q3 2018;
- Two-thirds (66 per cent) of construction SMEs expect wages and salaries to increase over the next six months, up from 58 per cent in the previous quarter.

Gordon Nelson, director of FMB Scotland, said: 'There was no change to activity levels reported by Scottish construction firms in the final three months of 2018. Although not overwhelmingly positive, these results demonstrate the strong resilience of the sector in Scotland, given the significant barriers firms are facing. Now is no time for complacency, however, and Scottish firms have much to contend with. Not least, building firms across Scotland are facing problems accessing the finance they need to build. This



Secretary's welcomed move of recommitting the establishment a Scottish National Investment Bank. The bank will provide much needed finance to small building firms.'

Mr Nelson continued: 'The growing political uncertainty is also starting to have a noticeable effect on Scottish firms. Political uncertainty goes hand in hand with low levels of consumer confidence and if consumers are less confident, the building industry suffers. Homeowners are the lifeblood of the local builder who relies on people commissioning new-builds, extensions, loft conversions and new kitchens and bathrooms. Indeed, this new research shows that nearly half of builders reported signs of a weakening housing market in the final quarter of the year. Consumer confidence may well take a further

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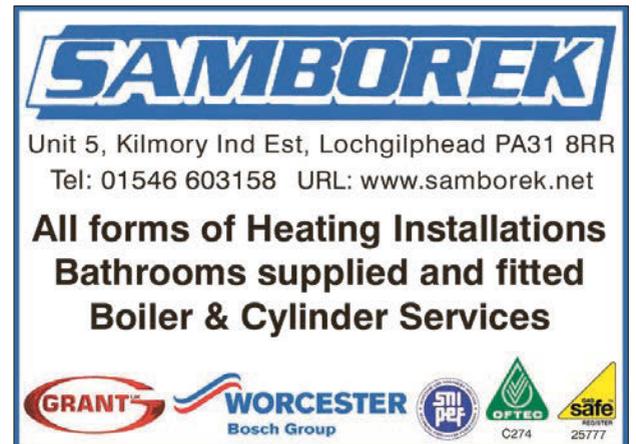
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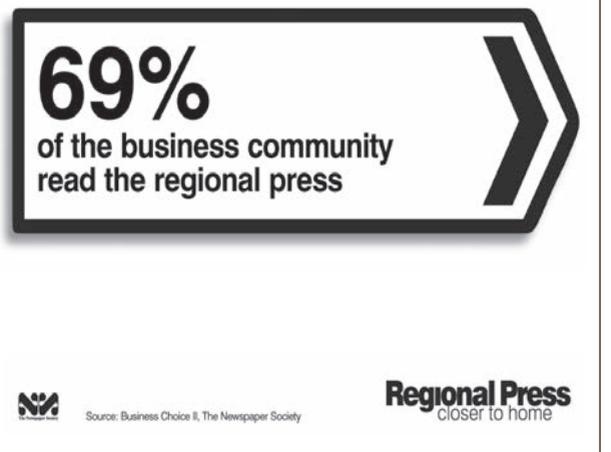


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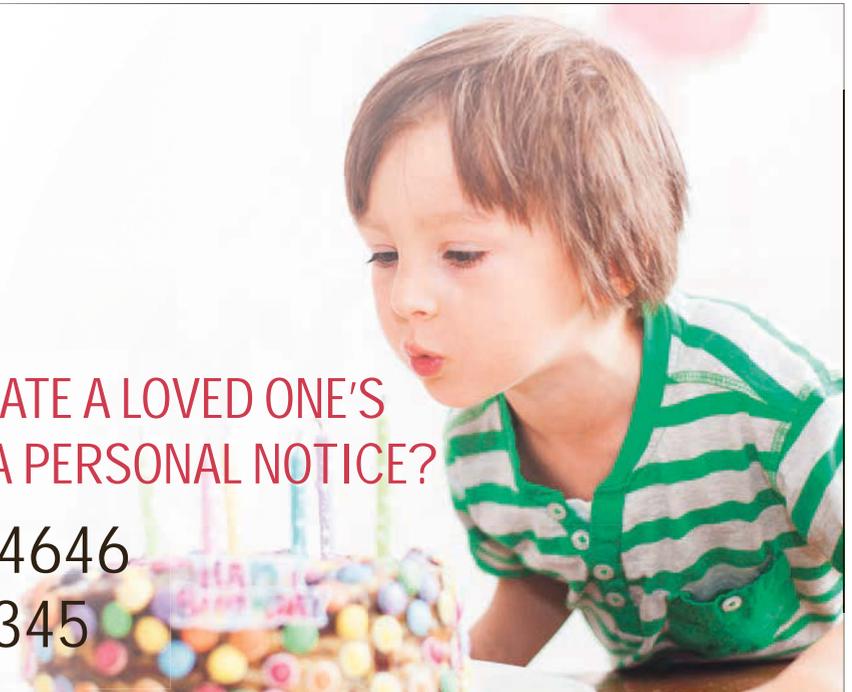
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Parishioners from Ardrishaig, Christ Church, Lochgilphead and Glassary are joining together this Lent to read a poem a day through the 40 days of Lent and then Easter week. The poems that have been chosen are in a beautiful book, entitled *The Heart's Time*, by Janet Morley.

The poems come from across the English-speaking world over the last four centuries. One poem is set for each day, accompanied by a short explanation, a reflection, and a brief suggestion for individual thinking.

Parishioners will be reading the poems at home; for those who wish it there will be meetings to share thoughts and inspiration at Ardrishaig Church during the weeks of Lent and at Christ Church on Sundays. Other meetings could be arranged, formally or informally.

The book can be ordered from Fr Simon Mackenzie by emailing dr.lachlan@zen.co.uk or calling 01546 602315, or directly from Argyll Book Centre. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday March 6.

KINTYRE

Group identifies lynx site

An environmental group lobbying for the re-introduction of a long-extinct big cat to the UK has earmarked a potential release site in Kintyre.

The Lynx UK Trust has identified the region as one of three locations which could act as release sites for the Eurasian lynx, which was hunted to extinction around 1,500 years ago in the UK.

The group quotes research which it claims



Lynx cats could be reintroduced to the Kintyre peninsula.

shows Scotland's forests could sustain around 400 of the cats, helping to control the deer population and leading to a regeneration of forest ecosystems.

No lynx attack on a human has ever been recorded, according to the Lynx UK Trust, though the creature's re-introduction is a controversial issue among farmers concerned the cats could attack livestock.

The trust, however, says sheep are an 'exceptionally rare target' for lynx.

A public drop-in consultation on the plans is scheduled for Tuesday March 5 from 2pm to 4pm in Tarbert Village Hall.

ARROCHAR

E.ON donated to Arrochar roof insulation

Vehicles used by the Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team will benefit from being garaged at a more constant temperature this winter after the E.ON Energising Communities Fund paid for £1,774 worth of insulation to be fitted

at the rescue post. The volunteers making up the Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team provide search and rescue assistance throughout Strathclyde when requested by Police Scotland and can be called upon 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Working across all mountainous terrain and in any weather condition, members use three vehicles which are kept in the garage attached to the mountain rescue post in Arrochar and was built in 2002.

After mechanics identified condensation and corrosion as the cause of the vehicles' increasingly frequent and expensive mechanical and electrical problems, heating was installed at the garage last year to reduce their maintenance costs and improve their reliability. It was then realised that roof insulation was necessary to lower the cost of the heating.

Douglas Philp, team secretary for Arrochar Mountain Rescue, said: 'As a charity, we're totally dependent on donations, grants and volunteers.'

'Fundraising can be a real challenge for the team, particularly as it comes on top of our primary function of providing a mountain rescue service.'

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I do not think I ever remember seeing the daffodils dancing so early in our gardens.

I also heard that later this month we can expect the warmest February day ever recorded.

People have asked: 'Will we continue to have distinctive seasons in the future as global warming becomes a reality?'

The temperatures between the seasons are not so vastly different these days and we find ourselves wearing similar clothing throughout the year.

However, we are fortunate in the country to be so close to nature and the farming year. We will still have intimation of the seasons as the farmers sow and plough, reap and harvest and lambs appear to delight us in the spring.

However, I think the thing I look forward to most of all is waiting for the first blackbird's song. I love that glorious medley as it drifts across the still early summer morning's dewy air.

I love the joy the blackie himself takes in his own song.

Evidently, he practises this unique song, which is individual to each bird, until he has it just right.

There is nothing that quite intimates summer as the blackbird's morning aria and we also know summer is slipping away again when he stops singing.

We sing in a lovely hymn: 'Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.'

Maybe God created the blackbird purely to give himself pleasure and when he realised how glorious it was, he decided to share it with us all.

So, as I wait and listen for the blackie's unique and wonderful song, I feel I am waiting to hear a whisper of God.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you' (John 20:21).

ENGAGEMENTS



MCCALLUM - MCFADYEN

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laura Jane to David, on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Portavadie Hotel and Spa.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

REID - BRODIE - On February 21, 1969, at Longrow Church, Campbeltown, by the late Rev Ivan F Tibbs, Willie to Sheila. Present address, Ballybracken, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

MCCUAIG - Suddenly but peacefully, on February 19, 2019, at the Royal Infirmary Glasgow, Kirsty McCuaig, aged 49 years, of 11 Argyll Court, Lochgilphead, beloved youngest daughter of Alex and the late Mary McCuaig, dearly loved sister of Donald and the late Margaret, sister-in-law of Ailsa and Ronald and a proud auntie and great auntie. Dear niece and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Kirsty will be sadly missed by all who knew her in the extended local community. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Donations to Lochgilphead Parish Church. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

SARGENT - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on February 17, 2019, Roger Sargent, in his 77th year, 6 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the

late Senga McLellan, much loved dad of Senga and Roger, loving papa of Sean, Darren, Daniel, Ainsley, Brooke, Ryan and Greg and great papa of Katelyn, Lillyannah, Kaylen, Kami-Lee and Miller. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, February 22, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Ward B HDU Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BOYD - Alison and Laura would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and relatives for all the support and kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Alistair. We would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his support and comforting, personal service, Rhys and Kenny Blair, funeral directors, for their compassion and professionalism during this sad time, the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent catering, Maggie Wilkieson and the Macmillan Day Care Unit in Oban for their kindness and gentleness towards Alistair, and finally, the nursing staff at the Sunshine Room, along with Campbeltown Medical Practice, in particular doctors Villalba and Toledo. The retiral collection raised over £1,550 for Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care.

MACAULAY - The Macaulay family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, kindness and sympathy following the death of Alec, slowly taken from us following a series of illnesses. Thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and uplifting service; to Roddy, Fiona and staff for professional, personal and caring services; to the Stag Hotel for providing fine purvey, and to Morna for beautiful floral arrangements. Grateful thanks to all who attended at church and graveside, especially those who travelled a distance, including Terry, his neighbour from Slough, and all good and loyal friends. Thanks also to the cemetery staff,

Graham and Barrie. A grateful thanks from all the family to Collette and all the professional care teams who cared for Alec. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses Mid Argyll raised £250. Alec was a highly skilled and proud artisan in stonemasonry. Rest in peace.

MCGIMPSEY - The family of the late Jimmy McGimpsey would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all involved in Jimmy's care, to Rev Robert MacLeod for his support and comforting services at Cardross Crematorium and Tarbert Parish Church, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Islay Frigate Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at crematorium and church. Donations to Cancer Care UK and Alzheimer's Society raised £220.

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Good night John Bhoj.
- Love, Paula and Aiden William x.

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Remembered with a smile.

- Much love, Mum, Dad and Andrew xxx.

LOVE - Wee Jamie, ten years now since you left us.

We all miss your craziness!
You're in our hearts every day.
Remembered with a smile.

- Love always, Emma, Steven, Shona and Calum xxx.

MORRANS - Sarah Soudan, died February 24, 1999.
Forever in our thoughts.
- The family.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 24th February 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
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Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by the Lay Worship Team
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Rev W Crossan
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Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall
Thursday 28th February Choir Practice
Friday 29th February Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Honours even for Red Star in Argyll derby

The Ropework played host to this keenly contested local derby which was watched by a healthy crowd on Saturday February 16.

And for the second time this season, Red Star and Campbeltown Pupils shared the points in a match both sides will feel they could have won.

Both sides were struggling for fluency in the opening stages but Red Star settled first and grabbed the opening goal after 17 minutes. A long ball to the right hand side was

met by Ryan Caskie who cut the ball back to Stuart McLean. The youngster took a touch before slotting past the Pupils goalkeeper to give Star a 1-0 lead.

Star continued to press and doubled their lead when Coll McCallum robbed the Pupils defender on the edge of the box before cutting the ball across goal. The unfortunate Pupils defender could only divert the ball into the empty net, with McLean waiting on a tap-in. The game continued at a frantic pace,

however, there was no further scoring in the first half and Star went in with a 2-0 advantage.

Pupils came out with purpose in the second half as they looked to force themselves back into the game, however, it was a howler from Red Star which allowed them back into the match.

A square ball across the back resulted in a mix-up between Star keeper Luke Kalache and defender Ben Forbes which allowed Donald McCallum to prod the ball home from just inside the box and Pupils were back in the game at 2-1 with eight second-half minutes gone.

The home side didn't recover from this and there was a sense a nervousness that gave the visitors plenty encouragement. The equaliser



Fraser Wylie finds his way blocked by Red Star defenders Ben Forbes and Andy Weir. 51_a08RedStar01

arrived with 20 minutes remaining when good play from Pupils down the right by Soudan saw him get a low cross in which was met by the on-rushing run of Ryan Deans and he finished well to level the score at 2-2.

This set up a frantic finish and both sides could have nicked it towards the end. Pupils went close with a headed effort which was clawed to safety while at the other end there was a goalmouth scramble which Star couldn't convert and both sides had to settle for a draw in the end as

referee Jimmy Litster blew for full time.

Red Star were dealt a blow as it emerged that captain Aaron Moore suffered a dislocated shoulder. Hopefully this will not keep him out for too long.

On Saturday February 23, Star have another important home game as they look to move off the bottom of the table when they take on Claremont AFC. The game will be played at the Ropework or Joint Campus 3G – weather permitting – with a 2pm kick off.



Left to right: Keith Loades, president Camanachd Association, Willie MacDonald, youth director and Tom Uppington, director of Power and Engineering, Liberty British Aluminium surrounded by the P7 and under players in the National Primary Schools first shinty festival. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.

Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup draw

The draw for shinty's Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup took place on Saturday February 16 at the GS Campbell sponsored National Primary School Indoor Championship at Fort William.

The draw was made by Tom Uppington, director of Power and Engineering, from title sponsors Liberty British Aluminium and Keith Loades, Camanachd Association president.

Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup first round, April 27:

Fort William v Oban Celtic
Aberdour v Beaulieu
Glenurquhart v Glengarry
Bute v Ballachulish
Glasgow Mid Argyll v Skye
Col Glen v Strathglass
Taynuilt v Aberdeen University
Bye: Inverness
Liberty British Aluminium

Balliemore Cup second round May 25:

Glenurquhart/Glengarry v
Aberdour/Beaulieu
Bute/Balachulish v Fort
William/Oban Celtic

Col Glen/Strathglass v Inverness
Taynuilt/Aberdeen University v
Glasgow Mid Argyll/Skye
Liberty British Aluminium
Balliemore Cup semi-final July 13:

Col Glen/Strathglass/Inverness
v Taynuilt/Aberdeen University/
Glasgow Mid Argyll/Skye
Bute/Balachulish/Fort
William/Oban Celtic v
Glenurquhart/Glengarry/
Aberdour/Beaulieu

Balliemore Cup Final August 24:
Col Glen/Strathglass/Inverness/
Taynuilt/Aberdeen University/
Glasgow Mid Argyll/Skye v Bute/
Ballachulish/Fort William/Oban
Celtic/Glenurquhart/Glengarry/
Aberdour/Beaulieu



Players jostle for position as Pupils take a corner. 51_a08RedStar04

Young Argyll players make their mark in shinty final

Enthusiastic crowds looked on as the 2019 National First Shinty Championships were held across two Fort William venues.

The GS Campbell finals on Saturday February 16 brought together more than 150 of the best young players from across Scotland, all vying for the coveted national P5 and P7 titles.

The P7 and under tournament was played at the Nevis Centre and the standard of play throughout the day was of the highest order with all 11 teams giving a great account of themselves.

Section A saw Aberdour edge out a classy Strachur/Kyles side on goal difference to clinch second spot.

Aberdour would narrowly lose out by a single goal to Portree Gaelic School after pushing them all the way in the semi-final.

The final was contested between Portree and Balnain Primary from Drumnadrochit and it was the Skye youngsters who lifted the trophy, having gone through the tournament undefeated.

Over at Lochaber High School, there was another feast of shinty at the P5 and under competition.

Newtonmore defeated a gallant Glasgow Gaelic School side in the final, and the Fair Play Award went to the young shinty players from Inveraray.

Red Star youngsters reach West Region Cup quarter finals

Red Star 2004s made it through to the last eight of the West Region Cup with a commanding victory away against Renton Craigandro.

Star controlled most of the first half despite playing into a strong wind and facing a stuffy and determined Renton team but although they created a good number of chances it was only 1-0 at half time.

Star kept up the pressure in the second half and a combination of good play by the Lochgilphead boys and a tiring Renton team saw the goals begin to mount up with Red Star winning 8-1.

Another fine display in goals from Murphy gave the Star defence confidence. Full backs Paterson and Barclay kept things tight at the back and were always available to play the ball out from defence.

Brown and Hoad dominated central defence and both popped up with well-finished goals. The mid-field of Aitken, Cameron, Caskie

and West ensured Star retained possession and pushed forward with Caskie nicking three goals including a couple of thunderous strikes.

Up front, McLean with one goal and McMurphy with two goals gave the Renton defence a torrid time moving them about the pitch.

Coming on as a substitute, Green made a couple of mazy runs to create one goal and more chances. Subs Kalache and Stewart both freshened things up and worked hard to ensure the momentum was with Red Star to the end.

This was an excellent performance on a tight pitch and in difficult weather.

Star face a big challenge in the quarter final on Sunday March 17 when the visitors to Lochgilphead will be St Peter's from Paisley, West Region Cup winners and Paisley League Champions in 2017-18 as well as being 2016-17 Scottish Youth Cup winners.



Red Star 2004s make it through to West Region Cup quarter finals.



The victorious Portree Gaelic School P7 team.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Honours even for Red Star
 in Argyll derby

Challenging pre-season city workout for Inveraray

Ahead of the opening day of the new shinty season, teams have been preparing with friendly matches.

Glasgow Mid Argyll 4, Inveraray 1

Glasgow Mid Argyll beat Inveraray 4-1 at Yoker. Glasgow Mid Argyll led 1-0 at half-time with Duncan 'Ach' MacRae scoring. Iain Luke made it 2-0 early in the second half with Craig Anderson scoring twice more before Garry MacPherson's counter in the final minute.

Strathglass 3, Ardnamurchan 0

The Strathglass seconds beat Ardnamurchan 3-0 at Cannich. Ciaran Melens got the opener early in the game and Sam Cooper added a second on 10 minutes.

A brace from Ciaran Melens on the hour finished the scoring.

Tayforth 6, Glasgow Mid Argyll 2

Tayforth overcame the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team 6-2 in their 1pm throw-up at Levenhall Links. Ewan Menzies grabbed a hat-trick for the hosts, as did former Lochcarron player Niall

Arnott on his debut. Ross Brown got both goals for the Glasgow side.

Aberdour 6, Col Glen 1

Aberdour defeated Col Glen 6-1 at Silver Sands. An own goal, an Angus Thorburn double and efforts from David McDougal, Finlay MacNee and Alec Mitchell gave Aberdour the win.

Oban Celtic P St Andrew's University P

The Saturday morning contest between the Oban Celtic's second team and St Andrew's University at Oban High School's all-weather pitch was called off at short notice.

Oban Celtic take on premierships opposition as they play the Inveraray first team at Ganavan.

Lovat face Beaulie at Balmage and the Lovat and Caberfeidh second teams clash at the same venue as Lovat mark the official opening of their new clubhouse.

Ballachulish P Oban Camanachd P

The meeting between Ballachulish and Oban Camanachd was postponed on Saturday morning as the Jubilee Park was unplayable.

Oban Camanachd will be tested this Saturday, February 23, when they visit the Eilan to play Newtonmore.

Lochside and Ballachulish meet at Mossfield, while Kilmory play Taynuilt.



Ruaraidh Graham Junior, Inveraray, and Craig Anderson, Glasgow Mid Argyll, on Saturday February 16. Photographs: Stephen Lawson.



Gary Luke, Glasgow Mid Argyll and Allan MacDonald, Inveraray.

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday February 18, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 5, and 11. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £900. Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 1, 6 and 13. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300. Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 4, 16 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £300.



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