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Delegates had plenty to shout about at the seventh annual AITC summit in Lochgoilhead. a11AITCsummit12

# Tell the world about Argyll

by Colin Cameron  
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Argyll has everything to compete at the top of world tourism – but we must tell our products' stories to connect with modern travellers.

Delegates at the seventh summit of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) heard Argyll is well-placed to compete for visitors who increasingly look for unique and meaningful experiences.

Around 140 people from tourism businesses across the region made their way to Argyll Holidays' newly-re-furbished Drimsynie Hotel

in Lochgoilhead to hear from speakers on the themes of market trends, food and drink and adventure tourism.

The overall theme of this year's summit, held on Thursday March 7, was VisitScotland's 2020 Year of Coasts and Water. AITC development manager Carron Tobin revealed a collaborative programme of events to promote heritage, food and drink, wildlife, events and responsible behaviour around the west coast from Argyll to the Western Isles.

Under the banner of 'UISGE 2020', the programme will raise awareness of marine tourism's stories and de-

velop trails along the West Coast. Chris Greenwood of VisitScotland offered insights into tourism trends.

'Wellness tourism is growing across the world,' he said. 'There is clear potential for this to be incorporated within your products.'

'It is all about people seeking betterment. People are not looking for generic products when visiting an area.'

There is a growing trend for the quirky or unusual and the weaving of stories into products helps create a connection with a place.

Marc Crothall from the Scottish Tourism Alliance said Argyll has plenty qual-

ity food and drink to shout about, but the stories of each product must be told.

One man keen to shout about these from the rooftops is leading chef Gary MacLean who, in his keynote presentation, said: 'I have always been fascinated with the story of Scottish food.'

The former BBC Masterchef: The Professionals winner added: 'We have the best food in the world, bar none.'

Lunchtime included delicious nibbles under the Food from Argyll banner alongside Scottish salmon prepared by Gary MacLean. Also on offer were tantalising Loch Fyne oysters from Cairndow.

Thanking hosts and sponsors, AITC chairman Iain Jurgensen added: 'Most of all, thanks to all our delegates. You are the people who make tourism in Argyll and the Isles what it is. You have the products, you have the knowledge and the insights. There are some challenges, but we have a great product.'

'We operate in a global market and we have to turn up the volume and believe in our product.'

'The rest of the world is shouting about theirs but I think ours might be a little bit better.'

More images from the summit on page 11.

## Front green ideas galore

Members of the Mid Argyll public turned up in good numbers to air their views on plans to improve Lochgilphead front green and Colchester Square.

An open day on the green attracted a steady stream of people on Saturday. And there is plenty for the project team to consider as the plans move to the next stage.

Read all about it on page 4.

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# Gareth grates as the A83 surface plans rescheduled

The arrival of Storm Gareth earlier this week forced BEAR Scotland to rethink plans to resurface six stretches of the A83 trunk road.

The £375,000 project was due to start at the Rest and be Thankful on Sunday March 10 but as snow fell this was postponed pending a review on Monday March 11.

Trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland later announced the schedule had been revised following 'forecast inclement weather'.

The decision taken was to

postpone resurfacing at the Rest until Sunday March 17.

Overnight resurfacing at the A83 Inveraray Bridges was due to start on Thursday March 14, with drivers facing lengthy diversions via Crianlarich.

Three nights of closures are planned at the Rest and be Thankful from Sunday March 17 to Tuesday March 19 from 8pm to 5am each night.

The adjacent old military road diversion route will be in place and motorists should allow extra time for journeys.

Attention will then turn to Strone Point for resurfacing overnight on Wednesday March 20 from 7pm to 7am. An overnight road closure will be required, with drivers once again facing a detour via Crianlarich.

On the A83 south of Whitehouse, resurfacing will take place on Thursday March 21 between 7pm and 7am.

The road will be closed, but traffic will be allowed to pass at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.



The scene at the Rest on Sunday afternoon as resurfacing work was postponed. It will now take place from Sunday March 17. 51\_a11RestSnow02

Motorists are encouraged to arrive prior to these times to ensure they can get through.

Four nights of work will take place at Stonefield from Sunday March 24 to Wednesday March 27, be-

tween 7pm and 7am. The road will be closed, but opened to let traffic pass at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

Local access and access for emergency services will be

maintained at all times. On Friday March 29, work will be carried out on the A83 Shira to Inveraray Bridge between 7am and 7pm. The road will remain open with a convoy system in place.



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## Campaign aims to get you walking

Argyll and Bute Council has appointed Jacobs Engineering to look at Lochgilphead's roads and paths as part of the Active Travel campaign.

Jacobs will consult the public on the most problematic areas of Lochgilphead that restrict them from walking or cycling, and how to improve them, to encourage a healthier lifestyle. They will look at what has worked elsewhere and how it can be applied to Lochgilphead to make walking and cycling easier.

Ideas already put forward include a cycle route from Ardrishaig around Loch Fyne to Lochgilphead Joint Campus, crossing points on Poltalloch Street and road resurfacing from Kilmory to Lochgilphead.

Other areas of Argyll being looked at include Oban, Campbeltown and the Rosneath peninsula.

The project has been awarded more than £450,000 from Sustrans.



Michelle Richmond and Joseph Campbell of Jacobs Engineering spoke at Lochgilphead Community Council on Monday evening.

## POLICE FILES

### Laptops and cash stolen

Items including five Toshiba laptops and cash were stolen from the community centre on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, after it was broken into sometime between 9pm on Tuesday March 12 and 8am on Wednesday March 13. Police are investigating.

### Gas cylinders stolen

Three large propane gas cylinders were stolen from a metal cage which was cut open at The Tree Shop near the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, Cairndow, sometime between 5pm on Friday February 22 and 9am on Thursday February 28. Police are investigating.

### Store break-in

Items were stolen from a store at the back of premises on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, after it was forced open sometime between 11pm on Monday March 4 and noon on Tuesday March 5. As a result of police inquiries, a flat in Lochgilphead was searched and stolen property was recovered. A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

# Businesses voice frustration over Brexit at chamber AGM



## Newborn lambs greet spring's arrival

The weather might not seem like it, but spring officially begins next week – and as if to prove the point there are early lambs in Mid Argyll. Three-year-old collie Jake was keeping a close eye on Zoe and Frazer

Prentice and a pair of March-born lambs at Ballimore Farm, Kilmichael Glassary. The day-old Beltex lambs were glad of a warm shed to sleep in as the weather turned wintry this week.

## New hub to tell Ardrishaig's story

Construction of a new heritage hub, due to open this summer, is progressing well, Ardrishaig Community Council heard on Tuesday March 5.

The building, previously known as the Egg Shed at the Scottish Canals-owned Ardrishaig Pier, is being extended and renovated into a community hub. Work began on the disused Gleaner site in April 2018 as part of a plan to encourage people to stop and take in Ardrishaig's scenery and amenities.

With the project completion not far away, ideas for the building's use include an interpretation centre; a local heritage centre; an exhibition space; community use; a training and education centre; small-scale retail and an external public space. The



The new heritage hub.

idea is to attract tourists with the stories of Ardrishaig; how the town came to be, the town's part in the world wars and direct them to the

village's other tourist attractions such as the boat yard, Oakfield Bridge, the swing bridge and the water waster or sluice on the Crinan Canal.

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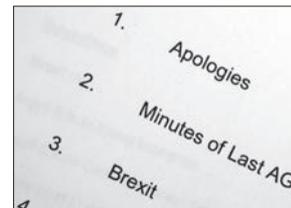
Agenda item three at Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting on Friday March 8 generated plenty of discussion – but no answers – in a reflection of the national position.

The agenda item comprised a single six-letter word with no clear meaning – 'Brexit'.

Politicians can expect to hear from the chamber over Brexit uncertainty, and frustration was evident among Mid Argyll business leaders as the never-ending saga grinds on with little sign of a clear conclusion.

Businesses dealing in exports said they expect demand to be 'softer' over the next year as Brexit bites. Stock management is another challenge, with reliability of supply up in the air after the UK leaves the EU.

The supply of plastics in the



'There is nothing the chamber of commerce can do other than write to our MP and MSP highlighting our concerns.'

building trade, for example, has largely come from the EU. Chamber of commerce members expressed concern over how products such as drainage components and insulation materials will be sourced post-Brexit.

And the meeting heard small businesses are less able

to buy materials ahead, so are left in a more vulnerable position than bigger concerns.

The point was also made that the pricing of jobs is difficult when the cost of materials is unknown.

In the tourism trade, lack of certainty has affected the accommodation sector, while there has been anecdotal evidence of some bookings from EU countries being cancelled.

Another potential post-Brexit problem is that of labour, as the supply of EU nationals could dry up.

Just as frustrated as members around the room, chairwoman Jane MacLeod said: 'There is nothing the chamber of commerce can do other than write to our MP and MSP highlighting our concerns.'

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A steady stream of people came along to express their opinions. 51\_a11FrontGreenPlans17

# Floods of ideas for front green design team

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More than 200 people braved a cold Lochgilphead day to attend a public consultation on the future of the town's front green.

There were plenty of opinions, from people of all ages, to mull over for the team tasked with coming up with plans to improve the waterfront area and the adjacent Colchester Square.

A total of £1,121,000 will be available for practical measures from Argyll and Bute Council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

The first stage of the project is to develop options and a project design team, led by landscape design firm erz, is engaging with community groups to help inform the initial design options for the front green and Colchester Square.

On Saturday March 9 the team set up camp on a MacLeod Construction trailer on the front green to canvass opinion, and there was plenty of it.

One option being considered is to raise the level of the front green as a whole to combat sea flooding, but there was a widespread view among members of the public that proper sea defences would have to be built first.

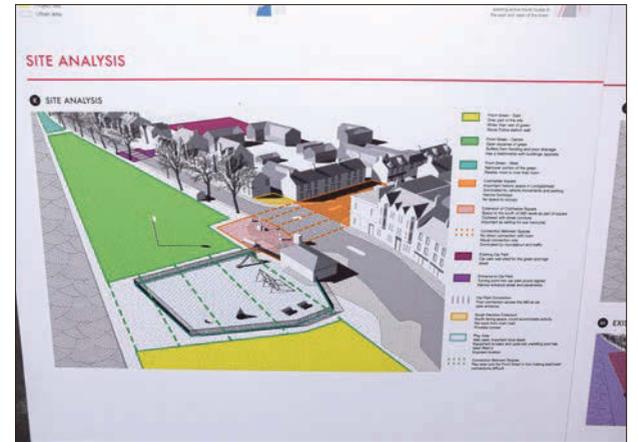
There are hopes, though, that separate government funding could be secured to build a sea wall.

Ideas for the space itself include a town square as a mirror image of Colchester Square on the green side of the A83; better car parking; an improved play park; seating areas and upgraded lighting.

Everything, within budget, is up for grabs.

If you missed Saturday's event, there is an online questionnaire that will remain live until Monday (March 18) where you can have your say.

The information boards



One of the information boards, courtesy of erz.

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from the public consultation are also on display at the Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae until Monday.

Rolf Roscher of erz, who is leading the consultation on the front green, told the Advertiser: 'We've talked to businesses around Colchester Square and we have also engaged with the secondary school to get pupils' input.'

'Then there's the community council and we met with Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce.'

He added: 'The open event went fantastically well, both in terms of turnout but also the quality of conversations we've been having.'

'The positive thing is that

there is a lot of consensus among people about what the issues are and what changes need to be made.

'Much of that chimes with the direction we've been moving in, but then again there are some ideas people have suggested which I think look at things differently.'

'We've gathered some fresh information with some ideas about different ways of handling a few things, so it has been really good.'

'Despite the cold, the day was really enjoyable. The fact people are so interested and involved in this makes a real difference.'

An outline of the project can be found at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/frontgreen](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/frontgreen)



A glimpse of some of the ideas from members of the public. 51\_a11FrontGreenPlans01

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Some of the project team members at the open day. From left: Emily Cropton, Douglas Grierson, Malcolm Sinclair, David Hammett, Nick Wright, Andy Buntin and Rolf Roscher.

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The scene at Ardrishaig on Tuesday amid torrential rain.  
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The pontoon at Strachur fights to keep its moorings against Loch Fyne. Photograph: Fiona MacKinnon.



Inveraray's Fisher Row takes a battering from Loch Fyne.  
51\_a11StormGarethPics05

# Storm Gareth batters Argyll

Amid plenty warnings, the latest low pressure system moved across the Atlantic towards the British Isles on Tuesday March 12.

The UK Met Office issued a yellow warning as the weather system – dubbed 'Storm Gareth' under Met Éireann/Met Office naming criteria – made landfall in Argyll around midday.

Strong west to northwesterly winds, gusting to 70mph, blew in from Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday morning. Thunder accompanied torrential rain and hail showers in places across the region.

#### Treacherous

Heavy rainfall and strong winds created treacherous driving conditions and

some damage was reported, including minor structural damage to buildings and a few trees blown down.

Amid the lightning, power cuts affected upper Loch Fyne and other areas, with Cairndow left without power into Tuesday evening.

More unsettled weather was forecast for the end of the week.



Above and right: Storm Gareth blew over this 160-year-old monkey puzzle tree at East Lodge, Poltalloch, which had been there since the lodge was built.



This dramatic photograph of the Atlantic surf was taken by David Livingstone at Port Wemyss as Storm Gareth struck the Rhinns of Islay.

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## Front green turnout

It was great to see people come along in good numbers to the front green last Saturday.

Well done to everyone who braved a cold day which was windy enough for the gazebo to be taken down before it blew away.

There will be another chance to see the developing designs and contribute to shaping them at a second open day on Saturday April 13.

## Appreciate Argyll

It often takes the eyes – and tastebuds – of an outsider to see what we have, and that is certainly the case with Argyll's tourism sights, sounds and tastes. As the chairman said, our tourism offering is as good as anyone across the globe and better than most. Let's shout about it.

## Music to our ears

Once again, Mid Argyll will echo to melodies at the annual music festival. This is a fantastic event, run by volunteers, and well worth a visit. The standard of singing and musicianship among the young people is outstanding and we recommend you go along and experience it for yourself.

## Housing in Tarbert

Sir,

I must say I greatly admire the gabion walls recently set in place on a gap site in Tarbert.

Here, on Lady Ileene Road, the large wire cages are almost invisible and what we see is a robust, visually attractive rusticated base for one new house. The stone chosen is colourful Kintyre limestone.

With so few gap sites remaining in Tarbert our development strategy for 20 to 60 new houses should focus on creation of south facing terraces using gabions, local stone, concrete beams and joists and greenery; native species, of course.

In Oban, the hills are covered with houses. So come on enablers, contractors and self-builders. What are waiting for?

**Duncan MacDougall, Tarbert.**

## Response to Rest and Be Thankful

Sir,

I am sorry if the reference to the SNP in my letter February 22 about the inadequate response by the Scottish Government to the landslide problems on the A83 annoyed Elaine Mackenzie (letters, March 1) and C Rees (letters, March 8); it hadn't been my original intention to introduce party

politics to the letter. The final email I had in a lengthy exchange with an SNP MSP about the problem, in which climate change was introduced as an excuse, made me cross enough to add the dig at the party. Incidentally, the Met Office rainfall data shows the average over the past three years to be less than the average of the past 25 years and last year's to be less than both.

Although I used an example from Norway to show how poor the response has been over the past 10 years, this was simply because that's where we went on our last motoring trip. I could have as easily used an example from our previous year's trip to southern Europe; many countries there have rather more challenging topography than the Rest and Be Thankful. Ms Mackenzie's and C Rees's lengthy explanations of Norway's oil fund are therefore not of great relevance.

Ms Mackenzie also questions the 'professional geological and engineering qualifications' which allow me to express an opinion. It would seem likely my abilities to read, count and consider are on a par with those of the MSPs who have made decisions on the matter. I did manage four years of tertiary education leading to an honours degree qualification about 50 years ago when such things were less common.

I have certainly read the report from Jacobs UK which was commissioned by the Scottish Government. The writers of that re-

port, whose qualifications should satisfy Ms Mackenzie, accepted as feasible solutions: a new road on the other side of the glen, a tunnel, a debris flow shelter and a viaduct close to the existing road as well as more nets. The latter is what was put forward as the cheapest option; I think everyone would now accept that it hasn't worked.

Michael Matheson, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, has now admitted that the considerable amount spent to date has been on mitigation measures, not a permanent solution, and that he is 'open to looking at whether further measures need to be taken to address the situation permanently'.

Let's all hope, whether SNP supporters or otherwise, that a real solution to the problems, which are largely the result of a road which was poorly designed initially, an opinion from a highly qualified civil engineer, will be forthcoming soon.

**David Bridge, Tarbert.**

## Cats matter

Sir,

We have some fantastic news we thought would be of interest to the thousands of cat owners in Scotland.

We have been campaigning in Scotland for over two years and campaign for reportable road collisions involving cats,

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along with getting councils to scan cats sadly left roadside. Before campaigning, 15 councils in Scotland collected cats, sent them to landfill sites without scanning for a microchip. This meant owners never found out what happened to their cats, some may well still be searching for them now as they never got any closure or answers.

Now, Scotland is an all-scanning nation thanks to the blood, sweat and tears fought over our campaign. We successfully began working with the 15 councils who did not have a scanning procedure in place and are over the moon to announce that all councils in Scotland now have a scanning procedure in place. This means all cats will be scanned and returned to the owners for either home burial or cremation. It is important people are able to say goodbye to their beloved pets, something we never got to do after our councils landfilled our cats without notifying us. Hence the CatsMatter campaign. This is certainly a legacy for our boys Snowy and Henry, and we are so pleased something good has arose from their tragic deaths and all our heartache. So many others now won't go through what we did.

One thing we must state is readers should microchip your pets. Now all Scottish councils scan and return loved ones, this can only be possible where a microchip is present.

**Mandy and Tiya, Inverness.**

## YOUR PICTURES



Dunoon resident Eileen Lea sent us this photograph of the Inveraray Arches looking up to the folly built by the Duke of Argyll in the mid 1700s.

Eileen Lea said: 'I liked all the colours that came out.'

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# Onesies, pyjamas and tales at campus World Book Day



Alasdair got the latest in the Alex Rider series. 51\_a11Bookday05

Lochgilphead Joint Campus celebrated World Book Day on Thursday March 7 with onesies and a book fair.

Students dressed up in onesies or pyjamas to choose their books and get reading.

Vouchers were handed out that would either get the students £1 off their book at the fair or save it for an entire book free at Lochgilphead's Argyll Book Centre.

The book fair featured classics including Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker, Anthony Horowitz's Alex Rider series and Baby Shark.

The young students were excited to see the range at the book fair and were spoiled for choice.

Lochgilphead Primary School depute head teacher Cathleen MacDonald said: 'The children had a great day and we had a very successful book fair.'



Maisy and Amber showed up in their onesies. 51\_a11Bookday08

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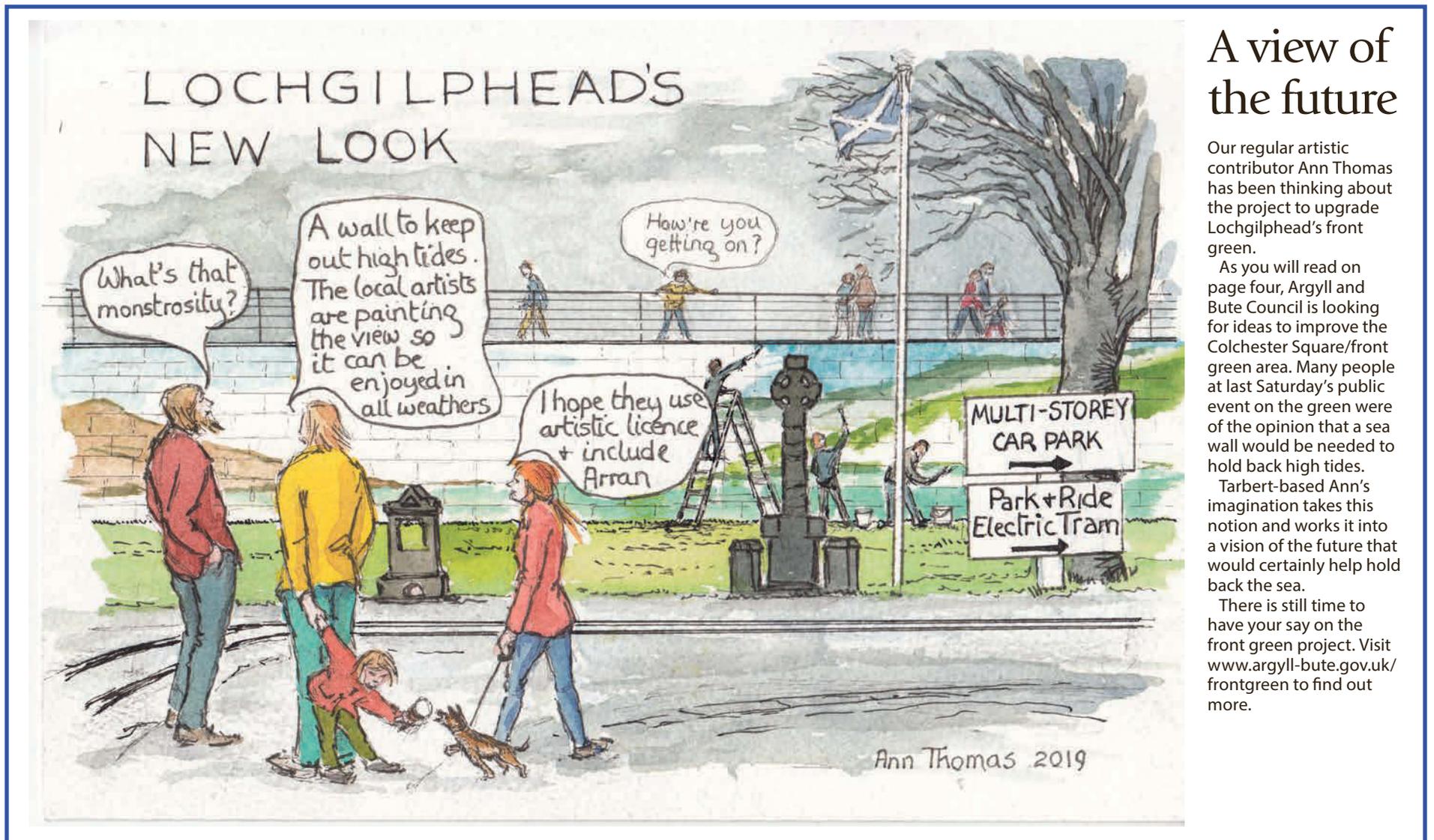


Rowan chose Jill Murphy's First Prize for the Worst Witch.

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'The children had a great day and we had a very successful book fair.'

Left: The book fair was a big hit. 51\_a11Bookday03



## A view of the future

Our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas has been thinking about the project to upgrade Lochgilphead's front green.

As you will read on page four, Argyll and Bute Council is looking for ideas to improve the Colchester Square/front green area. Many people at last Saturday's public event on the green were of the opinion that a sea wall would be needed to hold back high tides.

Tarbert-based Ann's imagination takes this notion and works it into a vision of the future that would certainly help hold back the sea.

There is still time to have your say on the front green project. Visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/frontgreen](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/frontgreen) to find out more.

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# CalMac considers diverting ferries from Tarbert route

by Laura Maxwell  
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CalMac is considering diverting ferries from the Tarbert to Portavadie route amid calls for more Arran services.

Following suggestions from the public, CalMac is looking into adding three runs to Arran per day but with limited ferries this would reduce services from Tarbert to Portavadie to two a day.

In an open letter to Transport Scotland, Ken Thorburn, chairman of Lochranza and Catacol Community Association, has asked if the rejected proposal for a Lochranza/Claonaig winter ferry service can be looked at again.

'Businesses in Arran and Argyll would benefit greatly and the through Arran route would open up lines of communication and closer tourism, transport and infrastructure links.'

The plan has worried Argyll businesses who fear it would reduce the number of ferry services on the Tarbert-Portavadie route, hitting companies on either side of Loch Fyne, including Portavadie spa and marina.

Portavadie general manager Iain Jurgensen said: 'We

welcome more Arran ferry services, but not at the cost of other sailings. We have a strong year-round market that relies on access to Portavadie via the ferry.

'We would prefer extra Arran services as well as the current Portavadie service. Without the ferry service, it is a two-hour drive from Tarbert to Portavadie.'

CalMac's head of communications David Cannon said: 'We regularly engage with our customers up and down the west coast on behalf of Transport Scotland to see if they desire any amendments to the timetable. We are duty bound to consider all requests and pass them to Transport Scotland, along with an operational and cost analysis of the proposed change, so Transport Scotland can reach an informed decision on whether or not to proceed.'

'During consultation on the winter 2019-20 timetable, Arran islanders asked for more sailings between Lochranza and Tarbert. However, as the vessel is shared with the Tarbert-Portavadie route, any change would ultimately reduce that service. Transport Scotland asked us to contact local councillors to gauge public opinion before it made

## Hospital welcomes new student midwives

Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead has opened its doors to student midwives on a new training programme.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working in partnership with the University of Highlands and Islands to help post-graduate registered nurses complete the new Shortened Midwifery Programme.

The course has been developed for Highlands and Islands registered nurses who will continue to work in the Highlands and Islands at the end of their midwifery studies.

The programme comprises 60 per cent practice and 40 per cent theory. All the nurses' clinical practice placements are in urban, remote and rural island practice areas. The programme also focuses on flexible learning and combines innovative e-learning technologies.

Mid Argyll Hospital and Integrated Care Centre has welcomed Caitlin and Meghan Murray, student midwives, who are in their seventh week of the programme.



Caitlin and Meghan Murray.

Caitlin said: 'This has been a fantastic insight into midwifery practice in rural Argyll.'

Wendy Jessiman, lead midwife for education, University of the Highlands and Islands, said: 'We are delighted midwives in the community maternity units in Argyll and Bute are supporting student midwives from the University of the Highlands and Islands. These placements provide our students with opportunities to experience the midwife's role first hand in rural areas.'

There are 19 registered nurses completing the 20-month programme. The HSCP is delighted the initiative enables the registered nurses to train nearer their homes and hopes it will help with the recruitment of midwives in future.

Catriona Dreggorn, Argyll and Bute HSCP interim lead midwife, said: 'The new programme is innovative and will significantly improve rural midwifery recruitment.'

'Our midwives have welcomed all the students to their placement and HSCP midwives are already involved in training and sharing their transferable skills and knowledge.'

Midwives have very diverse roles, and are usually the first and main contact for women during their pregnancy. They provide care to local women in the local maternity unit and at home, they attend births and cover antenatal and postnatal care until six weeks after birth. They also work closely with doctors, specialist nurses, social workers, health visitors and third sector organisations.

a decision and that is the stage we are at. No decision has been taken and anyone with a view should contact their local councillor.'

Councillor Anne Horn added: 'I have been contacted by constituents concerned with any reduction in the Tarbert-Portavadie service in the

draft proposal by CalMac. As there is a campaign on Arran at present seeking to make the Cloanaig-Lochranza sailing an all-year-round service, it

would be helpful to support this initiative as that would bring a satisfactory outcome for all communities and travellers.'



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AITC development agents Lynne Dow, left, and Helen Dick discussed collaboration. a11AITCsummit10



A slightly surprised-looking Ferran the oysterman served Loch Fyne oysters at lunch. a11AITCsummit14

# Coming together in Cowal to promote Argyll tourism

People involved in tourism from far and wide met in Lochgoilhead last week for the seventh Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative summit.

As you can read on this week's front page, there was plenty of useful discussion on the unique food and drink on offer all over Argyll and the stories that visitors are

looking for to feel connected to a place.

And there was the unveiling of the west coast marine tourism initiative for VisitScotland's 2020 themed Year of Coasts and Waters.

There were plenty of fascinating presentations from industry experts. A few photographs from the event are featured here.



Top Scottish chef Gary MacLean was on hand to extol the virtues of fresh Argyll produce. a11AITCsummit05



Left: AITC chairman Iain Jurgensen introduced the speakers at Drimsynie.

a11AITCsummit07



Delegates stood up to declare they were 'Wild About Argyll' at the behest of Marc Crothall of the Scottish Tourism Alliance.

a11AITCsummit03



Left: The newly-improved Drimsynie Hotel was the venue for the AITC summit 2019.

a11AITCsummit15

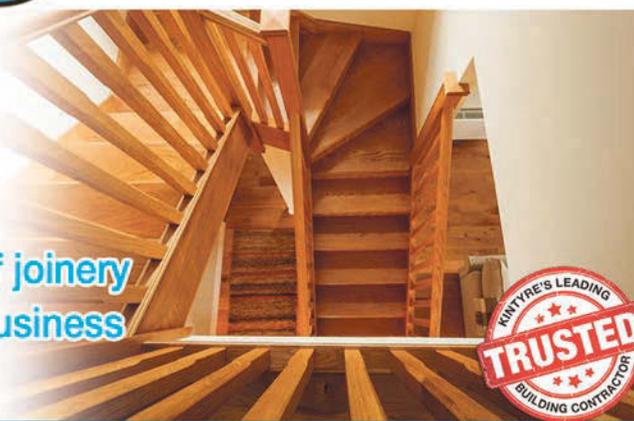


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# A budget view – Councillor Douglas Philand

Another year, another budget for the council and, as always, there are winners and losers.

I have to congratulate all the officers of the council, particularly head of strategic finance Kirsty Flanagan and her team, for being so helpful during this process and also thank the leader of the council in the manner the papers were presented this year, which made alternative motions possible.

What did this year yield?

The main differences in the budget came down to the administration of the council proposing £500,000 more for winter gritting (outwith the A83, which is covered by the contract with BEAR Scotland) versus cuts in the Road Safety Unit, an award-winning safety programme for young children; a cut in youth and

adult learning; a cut in environmental warden services, which means a focus on more fines but less time to address fly tipping and dog fouling; and a cut to music tuition in schools.

These were three separate amendments tabled by Councillor Donald Kelly and myself; the SNP group; and Councillor George Freeman and Councillor Jean Moffat.

While gritting our roads is important, Councillor Kelly and I, along with other council opposition groups, thought the latter considerations were important to our communities, which strangely enough is also supported by our corporate plan. Alas, the gritting won the day.

Full motions and votes can be found on the council website.

What was more disappointing, however, was that Councillor Kelly and I had in our motion to change funding due for Helensburgh and Dunoon which was just over £1 million to be moved to the regeneration project of Tarbert/Lochgilphead/Ardrishaig.

This was defeated by the rest of the council, which was particularly galling as the money for Helensburgh had been questioned by the local community council which felt that too much had already been spent, while the money for Dunoon was because of poor procurement processes and a general 'I want' syndrome, all to the detriment of this local area.

Local democracy at work, which should be communicated to our communities.



Councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand of Argyll First tabled an amendment at the recent budget meeting. 15\_T13\_Health-cuts\_01\_Donald-Kelly\_Douglas-Philand

Councillor Douglas Philand, Argyll and Bute First: Time for Change

Note: When the budget mo-

tion and three amendments were put to the vote among councillors, the result was: Administration motion, 21 votes; SNP group amendment, 10; Philand/Kelly amendment, two; Freeman/Moffat amendment, two.

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## Tayvallich Church gains three new lay worship leaders



In North Knapdale Parish at Tayvallich Church on Sunday March 10, the newly qualified lay worship leaders, Louise Logue, Catherine Paterson and Catherine MacLennan, received their certificates and gifts of study Bibles. The trio led the worship that day and received many compliments and congratulations on their achievement. They look forward to leading the worship more often, now that their congregation is without a minister.



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## Benmore Botanic Garden weather summary for February

Highest max air temp: 13.0°C on the 27th  
Lowest max air temp: 3.5°C on the 1st  
Average max air temp: 9.5°C  
Lowest min air temp: -5.3°C on the 1st  
Highest min air temp: 8.2°C on the 14th  
Average min air temp: 2.0°C  
Highest min at grass level: 7.5°C on the 22nd  
Lowest min at grass level: -13.0°C on the 1st  
Average min at grass level: -0.80.8°C  
Air min 0.0°C on 9 days  
Grass level min below 0.0°C 15 days  
Hail on 0 days  
Snow/sleet on 0 days  
Thunder on 0 days  
Gale on 0 days  
Greatest rainfall in one day: 35.2mm on the 7th  
Rain 0.2mm or more on 20 days  
Rain 1.0mm or more on 18 days  
Rain 5.0mm or more on 13 days  
Trace (between 0.0mm and 0.1mm) on 2 days  
Total with measurable rain: 23 days  
Average relative humidity: 90.7 per cent  
Total rainfall for month: 178.6mm (7.0 inches)  
Total rainfall for year: 338.9mm (13.3 inches)  
Precipitation during February was 10% below the long-term average; for the combined January/February period, cumulative precipitation has been 30% below the long-term average.

It was the warmest February for 21 years with average maximum temperature being 2.1 °C above the norm for the time of year. Average minimum temperatures were 0.5°C above the long-term norm; incidence of frost days however remains consistent with the long-term average.





Last year's Mid Argyll Music Festival verse speaking solo class winners: Ella Fyfe, Neve Bowden, Charlotte Dale, Jessica McCrae and Esmee Byrne. 08\_a12mondaymusicfest01



Iris Bevan and Feorlin Renton were among the winners at last year's event. 08\_a12musicfest\_mondaypm03

## Mid Argyll Music Festival returns for 40th year

The 40th anniversary Mid Argyll Music Festival will be the biggest yet with more than 550 performers of all ages taking part from as far away as Islay, Oban, Campbeltown and Glasgow.

The festival, from Monday March 18 to Saturday March 23, will feature solo singing, choirs and instrumental competitions – with a few surprises. These include performances from Rainbows and Brownies on Thursday night and a performance of Songs from the Shows on Wednesday night in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The judging panel includes vocal coach Ann Lampard, musician Christina Thomson,

Mòd music adjudicators Stewart Fyffe and Raibeart McCallum, piping adjudicator Ian Hurst and verse speaking adjudicator Anne Curnyn. Event organiser Fiona MacDonald said: 'This year is the 40th anniversary of Mid Argyll Music Festival and we look forward to delivering another action-packed programme of quality performances from our talented community and beyond.'

'The festival committee looks forward to welcoming performers and audiences to our event and would encourage everyone to come along.'

All performances are open daily to the public for a modest entry fee.



Ruraidh Logan and Christopher McCartan after their performance in last year's bagpipe competition.

### What's on

**Monday March 18, Ardrishaig Hall:** children's verse recitation competitions, 9.30am-3.30pm.

**Tuesday March 19, Ardrishaig Hall:** singing – children's choirs, groups and primary duets, 9.30am - 3.30pm.

**Wednesday March 20, Ardrishaig Hall:** singing – primary school vocal

solos, 9.30am-3.30pm. Songs from the Shows, 7pm-9pm.

**Thursday March 21, Ardrishaig Hall:** secondary vocal solos, 10am-noon.

Piano, 1pm-3pm. Brownies and Rainbows action songs, vocal duets of secondary and adult and the open popular song show, 7pm-9pm.

**Friday March 22, Ardrishaig North Hall:** Gaelic vocal solos, recorders,

9am-noon. Ardrishaig Hall: primary brass, 9am-noon.

Primary woodwind, 1pm-3pm. Adult choirs, ensembles and adult vocal solos, 7pm-9pm.

**Saturday March 23, Lochgilphead Joint Campus:** secondary woodwind, brass and piping, 9am-3.30pm.

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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Quattro MacJazz comes to Ardrishaig

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Mid Argyll Arts Association is hosting a jazz concert on March 16.

Ardrishaig Public Hall will fill with the sounds of Quattro MacJazz, who focus on hot jazz classics and the gospel roots of the music, together with some well-known favourites from the Great American Songbook of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

With Alastair McDonald on banjo, clarinet-player Hamish McGregor, trumpeter Lennie Herd and Roy Percy on bass, Quattro MacJazz bring an

eclectic mix of genres and styles to a brand of music that prides itself on improvisation.

Lennie Herd said: 'We had been experimenting for some time with a four-man line-up. With the right four guys, it produces a very clean swinging sound, ideal for traditional jazz classics. It's also logistically very attractive; no piano to worry about and no drums to carry.'

The idea for the band was originally discussed over lunch in a Glasgow Italian restaurant. A couple of glasses of wine later, Quattro MacJazz was born.

The quartet will bring

with them such classics as: Maryland My Maryland, Dippermouth Blues, Down by the Riverside, Streets of the City, Sunny Side of the Street and When You're Smiling.

Join the band in Ardrishaig Public Hall at 7.30pm for a night of fun music.

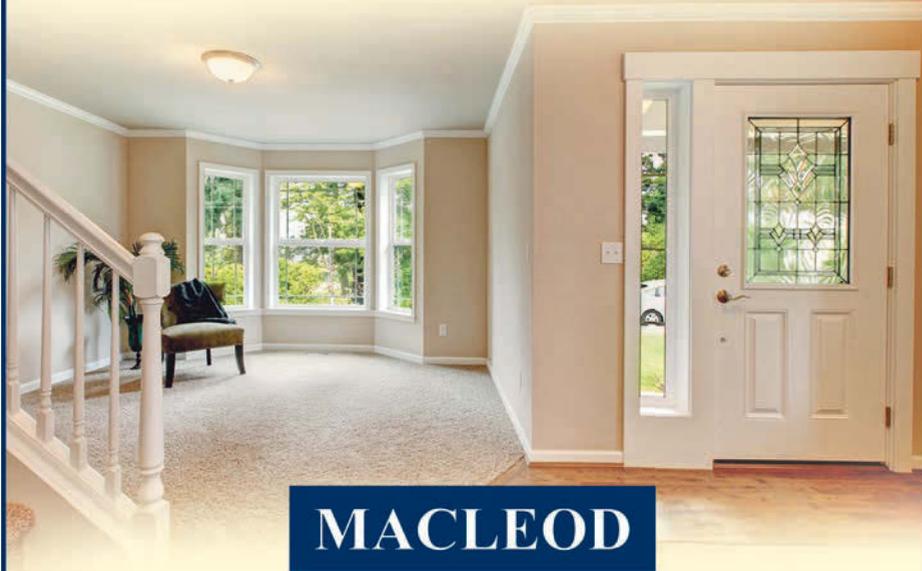
Lennie Herd, Roy Percy, Hamish McGregor and Alastair McDonald make up Quattro MacJazz.



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# Ann Thomas, the latest star of the Dochas Gallery

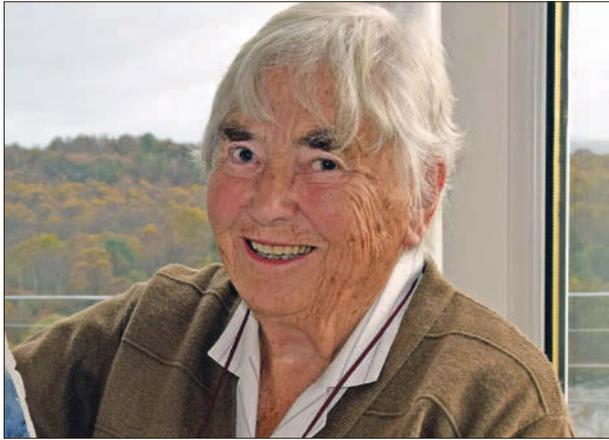
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The latest artist to feature in the Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead is Tarbert artist and Argyllshire Advertiser's contributor, Ann Thomas.

Known on the Argyllshire Advertiser's pages for her thoughtful and humorous depictions of Mid Argyll life, Ann has been painting and selling images of the shores of Loch Fyne for years.

Ann said: 'I went to art school, then was a lecturer and got married, and in those days it wasn't common for a woman to work and be married so I let the painting go for a while, until we found this derelict building that is now the Fyne Gallery.'

'We did it up and I started painting again and, with a printing machine nearby, we made a business of selling my paintings called the Ann



Rose Thomas gallery: ART Gallery.'

Ann's paintings mostly focus on the water and nature surrounding Loch Fyne.

Ann said: 'Most of my paintings are bright and cheerful. I like to catch the weather, when the seas are rough, so that mostly means painting in my car, because I like to paint in situation.

Working from a photograph is capturing a moment in time, whereas painting in situation is changing all the time. The lights and the clouds change so the painting evolves as you paint.'

The painting, Winter Sparkle on Kilbrannan Sound, hanging above the reception desk at the Dochas Centre is the first thing your

Left, Ann Thomas  
51\_a11AnnThomas01  
Right, Surfer's Sea Kintyre.  
51\_a11Dochas07  
Below right, a selection of her paintings. 51\_a11Dochas06

eye sets on, and keeps you there with a subtle hint of glitter.

'That was a bit tongue in cheek,' Ann said. 'I didn't want it to look like a Christmas card. I often stick things like tiny stones and shells to a painting to give it a 3D quality.'

Prints and original paintings are available from the Dochas Centre which will be showcasing Ann Thomas's work until April 26.



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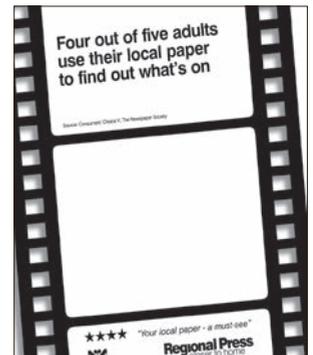
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MOJO is a non-charitable, non-profit and non-funded volunteer-run event. All proceeds from the bar and ticket sales are split evenly between acts (after show costs) and MOJO encourages

musicians to help sell tickets and their own merchandise. Throughout it all, MOJO has an ongoing Facebook support page and exclusive press coverage helping you just to get out there a little bit more.

## Interested?

To qualify, you only have to be completely original in your music, no covers, 18 years old or over, reside in or have strong links to Argyll, be able to do at least 30 minutes of material and can supply MOJO with a short description of your work and demo via SoundCloud, YouTube or EP. The closing date for all entries is Friday June 21, after which all acts will be judged and chosen by all the volunteers at MOJO to give us what we think would be a great mix for the night.

MOJO is happy to accept applications from previous MOJO-players with all new material. Contact Brian at the MOJO Facebook page @ MOJOArgyll or Dan on 01546 602429 (evenings) for more information to send demos. Let's get your MOJO moving.



Liam Somerville at MOJO 2018. 51\_a43MOJ002

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The Lochgilphead institute will be joined by members from Kilmichael and Ford for the evening on Tuesday March 19.

Guest speaker will be Tony Crombie from Ventient Energy, who will give a talk on wind farms in the area.

New members are always welcome at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

# Coffee and cakes for Mid Argyll SWI group

The Mid Argyll SWI group coffee morning was held on Saturday March 9, drawing a healthy number of people to enjoy delicious home baking.

The annual event at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall was highly successful, raising more than £450 to help cover the rental costs

for premises across the three local institutes for the year.

Linda Tighe, of Lochgilphead SWI, said: 'As always, it was great to have the local support, and the baking was pretty good too.'

Find out more about the SWI at the www.theswi.org.uk website.



Home baking attracted plenty of people to the coffee morning. 51\_a115WI\_CoffeeMorning02



Hard at work collecting entry money and selling raffle tickets were, from left, Debbie Munro, Sheena McNair and Sue Phillis. 51\_a115WI\_CoffeeMorning01



Eight-year-old Frazer Prentice, there with mum Rosslyn and sister Zoe, gets stuck into a home-made scone. 51\_a115WI\_CoffeeMorning03

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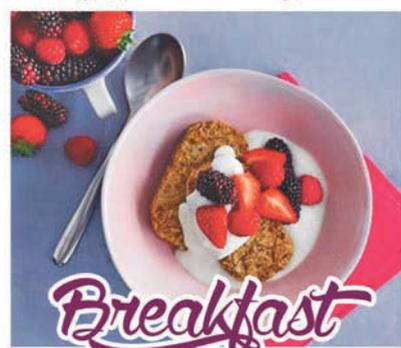
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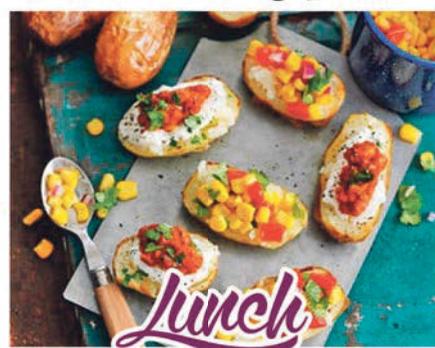
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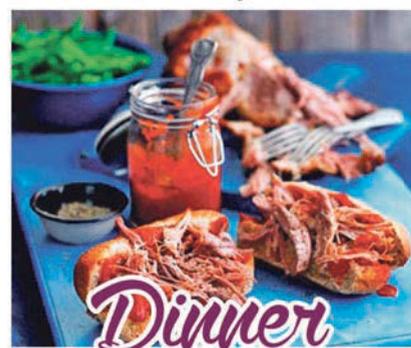
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# Mid Argyll Arts Society annual exhibition returns

Once again, it is going to be possible to have the Mid Argyll Arts Society annual exhibition this year in August. Thanks to the cooperation of the Army Cadet Force, it will be held, as before, in the Drill Hall, Lochgilhead, from Sunday August 4 until Saturday August 10.

In the past two years it has had over 500 visitors to the exhibition over the week and it is hoped these good numbers will continue this year.

While a majority of the exhibition will still display original paintings and photographs, the society is expanding it this year to include creative artwork made of ceramics, glass, wood and fabrics, but not jewellery.

These will be displayed on tables, with each contributor renting his or her own space for their items. The society hopes that these displays will add to the general interest in the exhibition and give artis-

tic craft workers in the area another outlet for bringing their work to the attention of the community.

One of the successes of 2018 was the computerised registration and production of labels for the exhibits. The society received many favourable comments about these attractive labels, which were so easily read by visitors. A similar, and even improved system, will be in place for this year.

### Updates

The society's Facebook page, @midargyllartsociety, is the place to look for updates on preparations for the exhibition and especially, as it gets nearer the time, for details on registration of exhibits. Pre-registration will be available online. For any queries, these can be sent to the email address, midargyllartsociety@gmail.com.

Speaking for the Mid Argyll Art Society, Angus MacNeill

said: 'While it is always a challenge to continue with the annual exhibition, we feel that this is an occasion for bringing a little light and joy to the community, as well as being an encouragement to local artists who may not be

displaying their work on a wider front. We hope people will look forward to it and that artists, photographers and creative art workers will use it as a stimulus to produce something that will bring pleasure to us all.'



Last year's exhibition was very popular. 08\_a32artexhibition01



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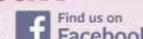
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# Preparing your farm business for the future

The benefits of developing a succession plan for your business will be discussed at a monitor farm meeting on Monday March 18.

The free evening meeting in Fort William will encourage farming families to begin discussing this sometimes sensitive topic and prepare their businesses for the future.

Heather Wildman from Saviour Associates will emphasise the importance of having a vision for the future of businesses and will highlight the positives of developing a succession plan.

'It is never too early to think about succession planning,' said Mrs Wildman.

'Openness, recognising family members' differences and listening to each other's aspirations are all key foundation blocks to a successful

transition.' Mrs Wildman will address some of the reasons why those involved in farming often avoid planning for succession and suggest questions farmers and their families should ask themselves at the start of the planning process.

Strone farm, Lochaber's monitor farm in Banavie near Fort William, is run by father and son team Malcolm and Chris Cameron.

The family developed a succession plan some time ago and, although Chris has been an active partner in the family business for some years, Malcolm is now supporting Chris as he gains confidence in running the business. This is ideal preparation for when Malcolm decides to retire.

Malcolm said: 'Farmers are also incredibly busy people

so it can be difficult to find the time to consider long-term succession planning. However, it makes sense to have a plan in place well in advance as we have done at Strone.'

Strone is one of nine monitor farms that have been established around Scotland in a joint initiative by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) and AHDB Cereals and Oilseeds. The aim of the programme, funded by the Scottish Government, is to help improve the productivity, profitability and sustainability of Scottish farm businesses.

The meeting on March 18 will be at the Nevis Centre from 7pm to 9.30pm. To book, contact Niall Campbell or George Gauley on 01631 563093 or email [fbsoban@sac.co.uk](mailto:fbsoban@sac.co.uk).



## Beltex lambs get chilly welcome

The spring-like weather of a couple of weeks earlier was a distant memory as early lambing got started at Balliemore Farm, Kilmichael. These day-old Beltex twins – part of the small pedigree flock on the farm – were feeling the chill on Saturday March 9 and would be glad to be indoors overnight.

The main business of lambing is, however, due to get started among the cross ewes at Balliemore in the next few weeks, when spring weather would be welcome.

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## Heavier weights make difference at Islay sale

A good number of mainland buyers attended United Auctions' annual early spring sale of 817 grazing cattle at Islay auction mart on Saturday March 9.

Bullocks sold to an average of £854.41 or 231.1 pence per kilo (+ £0.62 per head). Heifers levelled out at £736.48 per head or 208.2 pence per kilo (- £38.02 per head). With cattle in general weighing around 25 to 30 kilos more on the year, this resulted in less impact on the values per head, whilst all classes were selling at levels around 15 pence per kilo less on the year.

Principal lots and prices  
Top prices per head:

Bullocks  
AAx: £1,330 - Uiskentuie : £990 (9) - Octomore: £950 (5) - Aoradh : £950 - Craigfad : £945 (7) - Octofad : £940 (6) - Tallant.  
BRBx: £995, £945 and £930 - Eorrabus.

CHARx: £1,180 (2) and £1,050 (7) - Craigfad : £1,035 - Eorrabus : £1,010 (5) - Tallant : £950 (3) - Eorrabus : £950 (5) - Aoradh : £940 (8) - Eorrabus : £935 (2) and £930 - Aoradh : £930 (5) - Craighens : £930 (5) - Octofad : £930 (10) - Aoradh : £925 (5) - Craighens : £910 (9) - Tallant : £905 - Eorrabus.

LIMx: £1135 (2) - Balaclava : £1,105 (4) - Lossit : £1,100 (2) - Craigfad : £1,080 (2) - Lossit : £1,080 - Uiskentuie : £1,075 - Ardbeg : £1,075 (2) - Blackrock : £1,070 - Uiskentuie : £1,065 - Balaclava : £1,060 - Uiskentuie : £1,055 (6) - Lossit : £1,050 - Ardbeg : £1,030 (3) - Uiskentuie : £1,015 (3) - Tallant : £1,005 and £1,000 (3) - Blackrock.

SIMx: £855 (2) - Cladville : £805 (3) - Carrabus.  
SHx: £710 - Pairc A Chlissan  
LUIINGx: £590 (5) - Duich.  
BLG: £505 - Ballymeanach.

Heifers  
AAx: £940 - Tallant : £815 - Craighens.  
BRBx: £635 - Bayview.  
BAx: £870 and £830 - Eorrabus.  
CHARx: £1,145 - Craighens : £900 - Aoradh : £870 (5) - Eorrabus : £870 - Tallant: £870 (8) - Eorrabus.

LIMx: £975 (2) and £970 (4) - Balaclava : £955 (2) - Blackrock : £940 - Ardbeg : £940 - Brybruch : £905 (2) - Claggan.  
SIMx: £840 (2) - Cladville.

Top prices per kilo  
Bullocks  
AAx: 256p (5) and 253p (8) - Tallant : 251p (11) and 250p (5) - Aoradh : 249p (7) and 236p (5) - Tallant : 236p (7) - Octofad : 233p (3) - Mansefield : 229p (9) - Octomore : 227p (5) - Octofad : 226p (2) - Uiskentuie.  
BRBx: 224p - Eorrabus.  
CHARx: 266p (3) and 265p (5) - Tallant : 258p - Aoradh : 254p

(5) - Tallant : 253p - Aoradh : 253p (4) - Tallant : 252p (7), 249p, 248p (5) and 247p (5) - Aoradh : 245p (5) - Tallant : 244p (10) - Aoradh : 244p (2) - Tallant : 244p - Eorrabus : 243p (2) - Aoradh : 241p (8) - Eorrabus : 241p (2) - Aoradh : 241p (5) - Eorrabus.

LIMx: 284p (5) - Tallant : 277p (6) - Ardbeg : 272p (4) - Lossit : 268p (7) - Tallant : 267p (2) - Ardbeg : 264p (4) - Blackrock : 264p - Grulinbeg : 263p (2) and 260p (2) - Balaclava : 260p (5) - Ardbeg : 258p (5) - Octofad : 257p (3) - Ardbeg : 249p (6) - Lossit : 248p (3) - Octofad : 248p (3) - Tallant : 246p - Ardbeg : 244p (4) - Eorrabus : 242p (2) - Blackrock : 242p (3) - Lossit : 241p - Eorrabus.  
SIMx: 218p (4) - Carrabus.

Heifers  
AAx: 216p - Craighens : 213p (6) - Aoradh.  
BAx: 210p - Eorrabus.

CHARx: 228p (4) - Tallant : 222p (6) and 219p (4) - Aoradh : 219p (8) - Eorrabus : 216p (5) - Craighens : 216p (4) - Tallant : 215p - Craighens : 214p (6) - Craighens : 214p (9) - Eorrabus : 213p (9) - Tallant.  
LIMx: 263p and 244p (5) - Ardbeg : 237p - Brybruch : 234p (4) - Blackrock : 232p (6) - Ardbeg : 229p - Claggan : 229p (5) - Ardbeg : 228p and 227p - Tallant : 226p (4) - Uiskentuie : 220p (2) - Grulinbeg : 220p (2) - Blackrock : 219p (9) and 217p - Ardbeg.  
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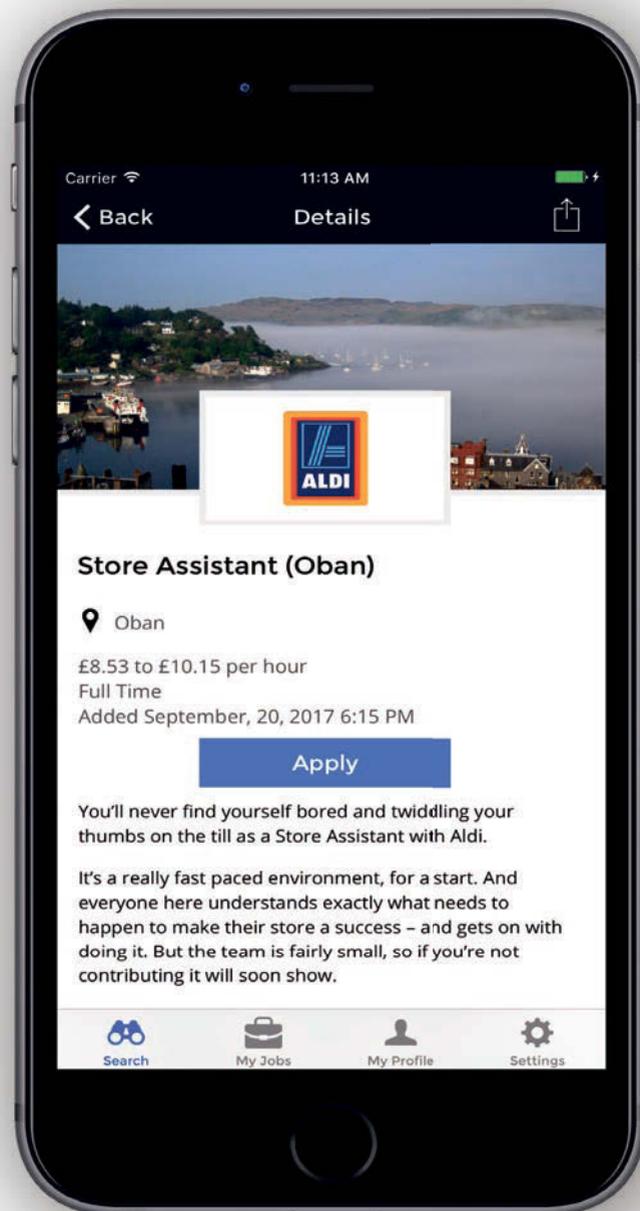


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2. Inclusion of the south section of the Avenue Car Park within the order to allow control of its use. This section of car park will remain free to cars however all other provisions of the traffic order will apply.

Full details of the proposals, together with a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Traffic Regulation Order can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders) or viewed during normal office hours at the offices of:

- (i) Inveraray Post Office, Londis Store, Inveraray;
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Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing providing their name and address, to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT or by emailing [TRO-Objections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:TRO-Objections@argyll-bute.gov.uk) by the 5th April 2019. Letters of objection will be replied to after the closing date of the period for objections.

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## THANK YOU

Ken Smith would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for gifts, cards and kind wishes received on the occasion of his surprise 80th birthday party. Special thanks to John McGeachy for piping Ken's favourite tunes so magnificently and thoughtfully, and to Joe for his wonderful selection of music. Thanks to all who helped him celebrate on the night and made it so special. A great night was had by all.

GIGHA

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

Few 19-year-olds can claim to be on the board of an organisation with multi-million-pound assets, but one who can is Brandon Clements. He has just become a director of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT), the community-led body which completed the historic buyout of the island in 2002. Now back working on one of the two fish farms, he is on a mission to persuade others of a similar age to build their lives on Gigha to counter its ageing profile.

Brandon said: 'When I left Tarbert Academy a couple of years ago, I didn't really think about staying and working at home on Gigha full-time. I went off to college in Glasgow to study software development for a year, but I didn't enjoy it all. I saw there was a job on one of the fish farms on Gigha, so went for it and am really enjoying it, finding it very interesting.'

'It got me thinking about all the people my age who think they have to leave the island and leave Argyll to find a better job or house or meet other people. I decided to join the Gigha board to see what we can do to keep some of my age group on the island, or persuade other young people to return or come here. Like lots of island communities, the population is getting older.'

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust bought the island in 2002 for just over £4 million.

For further information telephone Jane Millar, business development manager at the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, on 01583 505390.



Could you be the person to give Alfie his forever home?

Could you provide a home for Alfie?

Meet Alfie. The seven-year-old cairn terrier from Oban fell ill last month and his owner, who is disabled, was unable to continue caring for the pooch.

Medical fees

After raising £1,050 for his care, Justine Swan, who is currently caring for Alfie, the Cairn Terrier Rescue UK stepped in and has agreed to pay for his medical fees for the rest of his life.

Justine said: 'The problem is he needs to find a full-time

foster, or even better, a full-time forever home.'

Justine described the ideal home as being with someone who can spend a lot of time with Alfie, take him on lots of short walks, and have a garden.

Justine added: 'He is the most lovely, most loving boy ever. Alfie travels like a saint in the car, he loves people, is great with children and other dogs and cats.'

The cairn terrier loves company and Justine thinks he would

benefit from having another dog in the family. 'If I cannot succeed in finding Alfie a home, there will be no other option but to have him put to sleep and I cannot stand back and let this happen.'

Talking about his medical care, Justine said: 'Alfie needs insulin twice daily, a strict diet and regular exercise.'

Justine is asking anyone who is interested to message her on Facebook or email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

BUTE

Rothesay Winter Gardens Discovery Centre opens again

The Winter Gardens Discovery Centre in Rothesay has reopened following over £500,000 worth of renovation works.

Significant external repair work was carried out at the category A-listed building, including replacement of roof coverings, overhaul of windows and installation of new light fittings.

Decorated

Additionally, metal panels and fixtures were replaced and the exterior of the building freshly decorated.

The work, totalling £510,000,

was funded by VisitScotland as owner of the building and a £200,000 grant from the Rothesay Townscape Heritage programme.

Phase two of the project is a five-year heritage-led regeneration project that will allow property owners to safeguard historic buildings and shopfronts while also developing skills and hosting events celebrating the island of Bute's heritage.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I overheard someone saying: 'I'm not religious but Lent is a good time to give up something in your diet.'

It made me wonder why someone would choose the period of Lent for that purpose. Why not give up something at any time if Lent is irrelevant?

For centuries, Christians have chosen to deny themselves things they enjoy on their journey during Lent. This usually takes the form of chocolate or alcohol or whatever luxury would be sorely missed.

It is a time of abstinence and is meant to focus attention on the spiritual journey as we walk the Easter road once again.

However, it is becoming more popular now to take something on, rather than give something up.

People engage in various activities from committing to write a letter to a prisoner of conscience every day via Amnesty International, to serving in a soup kitchen.

There is much we can do in this world – a world in danger from climate change, war, abuse of power and general disregard for the fragility of the planet.

Online petitions flood into our mailboxes every day asking us to sign them for a multitude of worthy causes, and it is difficult to keep up with it all.

However, maybe we could make a decision this Lent to focus on one of these issues, and make a personal resolution to do something to help.

As we think of Jesus taking on the power of the Roman army and the might of the establishment, we know that even one person can make a difference.

Yes, that one person was Jesus. But didn't he promise to send his spirit to be with us – to make a difference?

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God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

**BIRTHS**

**TOMLINSON** - On February 24, 2019, to Stephen and Jenny (Shaw), a beautiful daughter, Mollie Louise. A sister for Skye and James, a fifth grandchild for Wendy and Ron Shaw, Smailholm, and an eighth grandchild for Betty and David Tomlinson, Lochgilphead.

**DEATHS**

**HUNTER** - On March 8, 2019, peacefully at home, after a short illness, John, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Jess, much loved father of Steven and Michael, and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, today, Friday, March 15 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers

only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**MACMILLAN** - Peacefully at St Raphael Hospice, near Wallington, on Friday, March 8, 2019, after a long illness bravely borne, Tina, aged 63, dearly loved and loving wife of Francis, much loved mother of Cara and step-mother of Debbie and Paul, devoted grandmother, and beloved daughter-in-law of the late Rose and Willie MacMillan, Kilmichael Glassary. Dearly loved sister-in-law, niece, aunt and cousin. Sadly missed.

**MARLIN** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 8, 2019, Margaret Marlin (Peggy), in her 84th year, formerly of Craigenreoch, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Marlin.

**WRIGHT** - On March 9, 2019, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Patricia (Tish) Wright, in her 75th year, beloved wife of Alasdair and much loved aunt of Tom and Alice. Funeral service at Kilmalmonell

Parish Church, Clachan, on Friday, March 22 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Clachan Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Labrador Lifeline Trust.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CLARK** - In loving memory of our dear father, John, who died, February 1977, and our dear mother Peggy, who died March, 1993. Always in our thoughts.

- Janette and Ian, Ardrishaig and Dunbeg.

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our son, Alasdair John MacDougall, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Alasdair, you should be here, still find it so difficult that you're not.

Why are the good guys taken? Love and miss you always.

- See you later, Mum and Dad xxx.

**MACDOUGALL** - Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure,

You are loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure!

Always in our thoughts. - Nikki, Mhairi, Codi and Esmée xxx.

- Keli and Neily xxx.

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Memories are a gift to treasure,

Ours of you will last forever.

- From all the family in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Ayrshire xxx.

**MCALLISTER** - In loving memory of my husband, Roderick, who died March 18, 2013.

Always in our hearts. - Mary and family.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of Margaret. Always in my thoughts.

Forever in my heart. Aye fond kiss. - Leslie.

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Sunday 17th March 2019  
Cumlodden and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am  
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Inveraray Church - 11.30am  
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell  
ALL WELCOME

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Rev David Parker  
11.15am Sunday School  
3.00pm Christianity Explored  
Wednesday 20th March  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Water of Life Cafe  
Sunday 24th March  
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10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Wednesday  
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Sunday 24th March  
Annual Stated Meeting  
Session Meeting in James Angus Room at 10.30am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Saturday 16th March  
Guild Sale of Work  
Church Hall 2.00pm  
Sunday 17th March  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan  
Tuesday 19th March  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
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Sunday 17th March  
11.00am Family Service  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Kilmartin  
Sunday 17th March 2019  
11.30am  
Service will be taken by Rev Robert MacLeod  
All welcome (SCO 02121)

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 17th March  
10am Morning Worship  
Inverlussa Church  
Saturday 16th March  
Achnamara Hall  
Cafe Connect  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
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The MAKI police team got an award for teamwork.



Left: PS Martin Balkeen received the Unsung Hero award for his services to the community.



# Argyll police officers recognised at awards

Police officers from across Argyll were recognised for their efforts at the Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Recognition Awards.

Held in Dunoon Burgh Hall on Tuesday March 12, Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren presented awards to 43 officers and staff for their continued contribution to their community.

PC Martin Wilson, PC Karen McLennan and PS Iain MacNicol

were recognised with an award for continuous endeavour. PC Michelle Rusden received the Making A Difference award for her work on the Keep Safe initiative.

PCSO Jane Knowles received an award for outstanding performance for dedication to her job and PS Martin Balkeen received the Unsung Hero award for dedication to his community outwith his police services, including coaching football.

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles local police team won an award for teamworking. Sheena McLean accepted an award for excellent external partners Argyll and Bute Council while Katherine Duffin represented HM Coastguard Tarbert.

Left: PC Michelle Rusden got an award for her services to the Keep Safe initiative.



Jillian Rose of Dogs Trust gave Ruth Bolwell's dog Cassie, from Kilmichael Glen, a free health check. 51\_a11DogsTrust03

## Dogs Trust gives out free health checks and microchipping

The charity Dogs Trust was helping man's best friend live a healthier life by giving out free health checks and microchipping on Thursday March 7.

Fyne Homes, in partnership with the Dogs Trust, set up in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall to promote responsible dog ownership.

A change to the law means failure to have a dog chipped could result in a £500 fine.

Craig Baxter, Fyne Homes tenant participation officer, said: 'Although Fyne Homes arranges the events, they are open to the whole community.'

'The response has been fantastic and the Dogs Trust team has been

delighted with the turnout.' Ruth Bolwell took her new addition to the family, a Jack Russell named Cassie, to the hall for a health check.

'It was really useful. There were lots of helpful tips on how to care for your dog,' said Ruth.

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity, caring for more than 15,000 dogs each year at 20 re-homing centres in the UK.

Dogs Trust has long campaigned for compulsory microchipping, as it is the most effective way of ensuring lost or stolen dogs get reunited with their owner.

To help as many people as possible comply with the new law, the charity offers the procedure free of charge.

## Helpers wanted to take the Kilmartin initiative

A group in Kilmartin dedicated to bringing fun to the district is looking for new members.

Kilmartin Community Initiative ran a number of events over the past year, including the family fun day in August, a craft workshop and Hallowe'en party during October and a hugely popular curry night at the castle in November.

New members are, however, wanted to help the committee.

Speaking at the group's annual general meeting on March 11, chairwoman Lynn Laws said: 'We are looking for people to help us. The events we organise are dependent on the energy of the committee and the more folk there are to share the jobs, the better.'

The next Kilmartin Community Initiative event will be a pre-loved (jumble) sale on March 29 in the new church building and any helpers would be very welcome.

Lynn added: 'It's an informal group and we have fun.'

If you would be willing to lend a hand, contact Lynn Laws on 01546 605300.

## Funding boost for women's and girls' health

Swimming lessons, healthy cooking classes and beauty therapy for women and girls on Islay and Jura are among 204 projects sharing £1.5 million National Lottery funding.

The cash from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland goes to 204 community, sports and arts projects across the country, many of which will break down barriers to physical activity for people of all ages and abilities.

Islay and Jura Community Enterprise is getting £5,919 to provide sport and leisure activities at the Mactaggart Leisure Centre, Bowmore.

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises chief executive Gary Scott said: 'We are delighted to receive this National Lottery award which will help make sport and leisure more inclusive for women and girls living on Islay and Jura. We plan to provide swimming instruction classes, healthy cooking and eating workshops, gym advice and instruction, beauty therapy and nails and basic DIY in the home. There's something for everyone.'

A National Lottery Awards for All Scotland spokesperson said: 'With spring just around the corner, it's a great time to be getting out and about

to enjoy physical activities. Thanks to National Lottery players, this will now be possible for many people across Scotland who can take part in walking or cycling, dancing, taking up a new sport or enjoying outdoor nature pursuits.'

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland is open to applications on a rolling basis and can be received at any time.

To find out what National Lottery Awards for All Scotland could do for your community, visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardsforallscotland](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardsforallscotland) or call 03001 237110.



Oban Celtic's David Hill protects the ball from Fort William's Jack Fraser. Photograph: Abrightside Photography.

## Mowi National Division

### Fort William 5 Oban Celtic 1

Fort William top the National Division after defeating Oban Celtic 5-1 at An Aird.

Fort William looked pacey up front and Lewis Morrison finished off a good move to give them the lead on 12 minutes.

The visitors lost defender Calum MacLeod, who had been suffering from a chest infection, and suffered a further blow when a disputed free-hit was played forward and Lewis Clark made it 2-0 with 23 minutes on the clock.

When Oban Celtic keeper David Martin made a save with his foot by his right post on 57 minutes, referee Martin MacLean signalled for a 'kick' and awarded Fort William a penalty which Arran MacPhee converted.

Fort William now had a grip of the midfield and Arran MacPhee got his second and Fort William's fourth on 72 minutes before Pdraig McNeil knocked home a re-bound four minutes later after keeper Martin had made another good save.

Oban Celtic introduced 16-year-old substitute Jamie Forgrieve at half forward for the final 20 minutes of the match and he set up Oban Celtic's goal a couple of minutes from time. Forgrieve burst down the right before cutting inside when his ball into the goal area was diverted into the net by Daniel MacMillan.

The win means Fort William have scored ten goals from their opening two league fixtures ahead of this week's trip to Bute.

## SHINTY

### Mowi South Division 1

#### Taynuilt 1 Lochside Rovers 2

In the only match to go ahead in the division, Lochside Rovers edged out Taynuilt 2-1 at Taynuilt Sports Field.

Iain MacMillan opened the scoring on 17 minutes with a neat finish following a good move.

Lewis Buchanan lashed the ball past Brian Logan to make it 2-0 on 28 minutes.

When referee Graham Fisher awarded Taynuilt a penalty in the 43rd minute, Scott Dempster stepped up to make it 2-1 with a well-struck spot-hit.

The second half was a fairly even contest but Lochside saw the game out to take the points.

### Mowi South Division 2

#### Aberdour 1 Kilmory 4

Kilmory made it two wins out of two when they beat the Aberdour second team 4-0 at Silversands.

Kilmory, with Sandy Leiper free of suspension, took the lead on 14 minutes through Ally MacLennan.

The visitors, with a strong wind at their backs, did the damage in the first half as Alex Cunningham made it 2-0 on 17 minutes, with Hal Jones doubling their lead with strikes on 31 and 36 minutes.

The hosts made changes at the break and claimed for a penalty when player/manager Roddy MacColl went down inside the 'D'. They also had a strike ruled out for offside before Kevin McKell pulled a goal back with three minutes remaining.

# new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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## Sports club lottery numbers

Drawn on Monday March 11, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 3, 17, and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.

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## RECENT WINNERS:

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The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

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Ardrihaig



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
 Shinty round-up

# Rugby youths score big at the Mid Argyll Dalriada

Teams and players from all over Argyll and Bute mustered in Lochgilphead for the rugby Dalriada festival on Sunday March 3.

Seventeen teams and around 170 young players gathered for the festival with teams from Islay, Kintyre, Oban, Taynuilt, Mull and Lochaber joining Mid Argyll in Lochgilphead.

Allan Wright, Argyll and Bute rugby development officer, said: 'With 10 years of being involved in these tournaments in Argyll, I can safely say that Sunday's was by far one of our best ever festivals.'

'As always, Mid Argyll were

fantastic hosts and provided us with a fantastic playing surface at the Ropework. Despite the weekend's poor weather, we were in luck without a single drop of rain all afternoon.

'Mid Argyll's minis teams improved as the day went on, the club impressed at the U14 boys games winning all of their fixtures and also provided a healthy number of girls to play alongside Oban against Islay.

'The referees on the day, Brochan, Gavin Allan, Mick Wilson, Matt Corns, James MacDonald, Stevie McAleer and Oban S1 Finlay Brown, who refereed his first ever

game, should all be thanked for their work. Without our referees there the Dalriada's could not happen.'

Scores from the Mid Argyll Dalriada were as follows:

P4/5  
 Oban Lorne A 4-4 Mid Argyll, Lochaber 4-6 Etive Vikings, Oban Lorne B 3-3 Kintyre, Oban Lorne A 1-5 Lochaber, Mid Argyll 1-3 Kintyre, Etive Vikings 4-3 Oban Lorne B, Kintyre 6-4 Oban Lorne A, Kintyre 2-4 Oban Lorne A, Oban Lorne B 4-2 Mid Argyll, Kintyre 3-5 Etive Vikings, Lochaber 4-2 Mid Argyll, Etive Vikings 4-2 Mid Argyll, Oban Lorne A 2-4 Oban Lorne B, Oban Lorne B 5-5 Lochaber.

P6/7  
 Oban Lorne A 3-3 Kintyre, Oban Lorne B 2-4 Lochaber, Oban Lorne A 4-5 Oban Lorne B, Mid Argyll 0-6 Etive Vikings, Kintyre 0-5 Etive Vikings, Lochaber 2-3 Mid Argyll, Etive Vikings 6-3 Oban Lorne, Oban Lorne B 3-4 Mid Argyll, Etive Vikings 8-0 Oban Lorne B, Kintyre 4-4 Lochaber, Oban Lorne A 1-2 Lochaber, Mid Argyll 4-3 Kintyre, Lochaber 3-5 Kintyre, Oban Lorne A 2-2 Mid Argyll.

U14 Boys  
 Mid Argyll 5-1 Islay, Oban Lorne 1-4 Lochaber, Mid Argyll 8-1 Lochaber, Islay 4-3 Oban Lorne, Mid Argyll 6-2 Oban Lorne, Islay 2-7 Lochaber

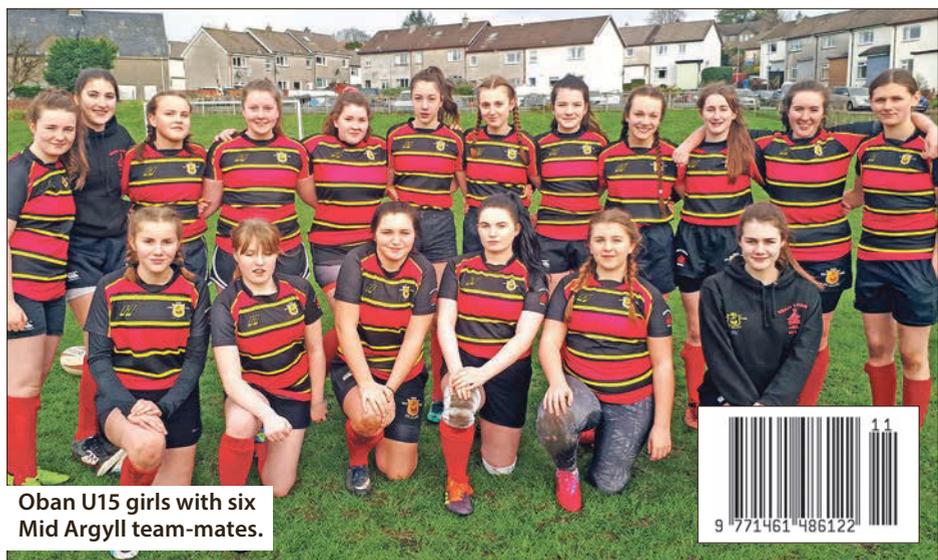
U15 Girls  
 Oban/Mid Argyll 15-8 Islay



Mid Argyll U14 boys.



Mid Argyll P6-7 team with coach Andy Barr.



Oban U15 girls with six Mid Argyll team-mates.



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