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Minard frustrated over monumental muddle

by Colin Cameron
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Argyll and Bute Council stands accused of monumentally misunderstanding a community's appeal for help to restore a war memorial.

The story goes back to 2015 when Minard resident Leonard McNeill invited monument conservationist Nic Boyes to inspect the war memorial at Braigh Varr, Tullochgorm.

Mr Boyes detected signs of corrosion in ferrous metal ties known as 'dog cramps' holding the memorial's granite blocks together, as well as missing and defective mortar in the joints.

Believing Argyll and Bute Council to be responsible, Mr McNeill and West Loch Fyne Community Council approached the authority in 2016 to have the memorial assessed and refurbished. They were then made aware of a national fund to restore war memorials in commemoration of the centenary of World War One.

Mr McNeill claims the council undertook to apply to the fund. While waiting for the bid to be submitted, the Minard community asked that provision for the creation of a path across the field to the monument be added to their funding bid.

Argyll and Bute Council did not submit an application to the fund, and it closed with the centenary of the armistice in 2018.

The council did, however, carry out its own assessment before sending out a team to re-point the base of the memorial, though not the parts highlighted in the specialist report.

Mr McNeill accuses the council of failing to understand the community's requests.

'They told me they had no money to build a footpath, but we are not asking for the council to build or pay for it, as we would do it ourselves. We had permission from the landowner,' said Mr McNeill.

He contacted Councillor Dougie Philand in 2017 to

'They told me they had no money to build a footpath, but we are not asking for the council to build or pay for it, as we would do it ourselves.'

help speed up the process, but Mr Philand says he, too, received no response from officers.

Councillor Philand added: 'When I was first approached I thought the whole situation sounded daft. The money was there, the form was there, so why not sort it out?'

Wires, though, still appear to be crossed, as a council spokesperson this week told the Advertiser: 'Our in-house engineering team carried out a detailed assessment [of Minard war memorial] and arranged for repairs to be carried out, to the satisfaction of council officers, and there are no further repairs scheduled. The land the community



Leonard McNeill, left, with Councillor Dougie Philand at the Minard memorial. 06_a13Minard-WarMemorial03

identified for a path to the memorial is not owned by the council. We do not have the budget to construct or maintain a pathway, especially in the current financial

climate. We believe we did have extensive discussions with the community about possible grant options and offered staff time to help with writing an application

to the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund.'

Mr McNeill added: 'The communication doesn't work at the council and it is just a shambles.'

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Boy, 15, had drugs

A 15-year-old boy was searched by police at 11pm on Friday March 22, in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, and was found in possession of cannabis. He has been referred for youth intervention.

Flat break-in

A flat in Harbour Street, Tarbert, was broken into sometime between 8pm on Saturday March 23 and 1am on Sunday March 24. A close door was damaged but nothing was stolen. Police are investigating the incident.

■ **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.**

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Competing priorities result in ten-week A83 meeting delay

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Transport Scotland's cancellation of the latest meeting of a group monitoring A83 road improvements has prompted disappointment among Argyll politicians.

The A83 task force – comprising the transport minister, government officials, BEAR Scotland, politicians, business people and community representatives – was due to meet on Wednesday March 27.

The cancellation was blamed on Cabinet Secretary for Transport Michael Matheson being unable to attend because of 'urgent committee business in the Scottish Parliament'.

The news was broken in an email to task force members less than 48 hours before the Arrochar meeting by Transport Scotland's special

projects manager George Fiddes.

In the letter, Mr Fiddes gave a rescheduled date of Wednesday June 5 for the meeting, adding that a written update on progress on the A83 would be issued to stakeholders by the end of the week.

The March task force meeting was eagerly anticipated by members, given Mr Matheson's undertaking in November last year to prioritise the route in the government's strategic transport review.

The cabinet secretary announced in November he would ask Transport Scotland to make sure work was started 'early in the new year' to identify a permanent solution to landslide and other problems on the trunk road.

Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor was disappointed by



Cabinet Secretary for Transport Michael Matheson.

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the postponement. 'Given the positive messages which Mr Matheson gave out at the last meeting and my expectations for the cancelled meeting,' said Councillor Taylor, 'June now seems such a long way away.'

Councillor Alastair Redman, representing Kintyre and the Isles, said: 'It seems Mr Matheson and the Scottish Government he represents talk the talk without walking the walk.'

'Time and time again this

government has left our trunk road network underfunded and has not shown any real leadership.'

Fellow Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie said he accepted the reason for the meeting's cancellation, but added: 'I'm disappointed the meeting couldn't be rescheduled for within the next couple of weeks rather than the extremely long delay of over two months.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell sympathised with Mr Matheson's situation. 'Sometimes parliamentary business has to take precedence over all other engagements. As a minister, I know that only too well.'

'I know Michael wants to be present to continue to engage with all local interests and therefore setting a new date which is achievable was the only option.'

Police reminder for dog owners

Dog owners are being reminded by the police of the importance of controlling their pet.

Lochgilphead Police Sergeant Iain MacNicol said: 'With lambing season under way, the following advice is particularly important but it applies all year round:

'Dog owners have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times and dogs should be kept on a close lead when anywhere near livestock.'

'It is particularly important at lambing time for owners to keep dogs well away from sheep because even just the sight of a dog in the distance can be enough to panic sheep and scare them away from their lambs.'

'It is a criminal offence for dogs to be allowed to attack or chase livestock.'

'It is also an offence for dogs to be at large – ie, not on a lead or otherwise under close control – in a field in which there are sheep.'

'Dog owners can be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. Dog owners can also be held



A campaign to tackle dog worrying was launched in January this year. a04DogAttackCampaign04

financially liable for damages done by a dog.

'Livestock owners are legally entitled to protect their

animals as necessary, which can result in the destruction of the dog to protect the lives of other animals.'

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Number of overnight closures extended

Work to resurface a one-kilometre-long stretch of the A83 at Stonefield has been further extended from five to six days, BEAR Scotland has announced.

Having started on Sunday March 24, work will now continue until Sunday March 31, with overnight closures in place for safety between 7pm and 7am. With no diversion for this route, the road management firm has set up a system to allow drivers through the route at certain times: 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am.

Local access and access for emergency services will be maintained at all times, but motorists are encouraged to arrive prior to these times to ensure they are let through.

As a result of this, a delay in the works on the stretch of A83 from Shira to Inveraray Bridge has occurred. Scheduled for Monday April 1, the work has been delayed until Tuesday April 2.

The road will remain open with a 10mph convoy system in place.

This project was originally scheduled for Friday March 29 but was pushed back due to the extension of the Stonefield project.

The projects at Stonefield and Inveraray are the last two sections in a late winter resurfacing programme on the A83.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We thank all road users and the local community for their patience while we complete these repairs.'



Roadworks will continue throughout the week until Sunday on the A83.

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Hope for Fyne Families

Board members at a Lochgilphead childcare centre say they are 'hopeful of a positive outcome' after recruitment problems threatened its services.

There have been fears Fyne Families could close in the next couple of weeks if a manager cannot be found for the after-school club, which caters for children aged between four and 12 years.

A letter from Fyne Families to parents and guardians dated March 19 stated the charity had been looking for a suitably qualified replacement manager since January, without success.

The letter continued: 'The board is actively looking at other potential options for after the Easter break, but if we are unable to recruit suitable can-

didates before the end of the holidays, April 12, the service will no longer be available and service users will have to find an alternative.'

In a statement this week, however, the board seemed to be more optimistic.

'The Fyne Families board is actively looking at options for the future sustainability of the after-school

club,' the statement read. 'Parents and guardians were notified to advise them of the current situation, but we are hopeful we can achieve a positive outcome.'

Fyne Families is a voluntary sector, parent run, charitable organisation aimed at supporting families in Mid Argyll, ensuring good quality play and learning experiences for children.



Pre-premier dance trophy winners at the Lochgilphead competition. Back, from left: Sara Smith and Rachel Steward. Front: Emma Johnston, Ayla Campbell, Emma Litster and Korri McMillan. 06_a12HighlandDancing01

Dancers join festival musicians at Lochgilphead campus

The successful Mid Argyll Music Festival had a little extra tartan flavour as a Highland dancing competition was held alongside the instrumental contests on Saturday March 23.

The separate dancing event was run by Inveraray Highland Dancing Association as a fundraiser for the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival, with the majority of events due to be held in Oban this May.

The Highland dancing competition was held at

Lochgilphead Joint Campus, with competitors from as far afield as Fife taking part.

As part of the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival, a Highland dancing competition is to be held, for pre-premier competitors only, at Oban's Atlantis Leisure Centre on Saturday March 30.

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Integration Joint Board approves Argyll and Bute 2019-20 budget

Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB) has approved the 2019-20 budget proposals for the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

The proposals outline that the total estimated budget for the HSCP is £276.327m and that savings of £6.794m will have to be made to deliver a balanced budget for the 2019-20 financial year.

Kirsty Flanagan, interim chief financial officer, said: 'I am pleased the IJB has today

(Wednesday March 27) approved the Health and Social Care Partnership's budget proposals for 2019-20.

'By endorsing these proposals, this will deliver a balanced budget for the HSCP in financial year 2019-20. The approval of the budget proposals and our aim of achieving a balanced budget will also provide reassurance to the public, staff and our stakeholders that the HSCP is determined to work within our budget. There are a num-

ber of recommended savings within the budget proposals which total £6.794m, all of which are in line with the strategic objectives of the HSCP and senior managers will now work towards delivering these within the allocated timescale.

'There is still a significant estimated budget gap over the following two financial years and work will need to start immediately on identifying savings to balance the budget for these two years.'

Rhododendron Festival to be in full flower

Sixteen gardens, estates and woodlands across Argyll and the Isles will be taking part in the Scottish Rhododendron Festival.

The festival is geared up to be vibrant from day one, as many of these wonderful plants are already in bloom

because of the recent warmer temperatures.

Taking place from April 1 to May 31, the festival comprises more than 50 events across Scotland. Benmore Botanic Garden in Dunoon will also be taking part with guided walks every Tuesday and

Sunday and visitors can also enjoy the garden's rhododendron collection onboard the Benmore Explorer on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The gardens of Inveraray Castle hold a selection of rhododendrons, as well as azaleas, maples and magnolias.

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Amma in the front seat of a police car.

Amma gets police escort to the cells

Nine-year-old Amma De Sylva was invited to Lochgilphead Station on Sunday March 17 to learn more about the life of a police officer.

Amma was curious about what it takes to join the police and was invited after she wrote a letter asking to interview a police officer. PC Abel was interviewed

and showed Amma around the office. Amma was shown the cells, got to try on a police hat and was shown how to take fingerprints.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol said: 'I think she enjoyed the tour. We certainly enjoyed having her and showing her around the office.'

Greater Glasgow cash wrangle adds to health woes

Health chiefs in Argyll and Bute are facing an overspend of more than £5 million if they cannot reach agreement with a neighbouring board for the provision of services.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has reported almost £500,000 of further savings have been identified as it looks to bridge its budget gap.

A forecast overspend of just under £4m was quoted in papers for a meeting of the partnership's integration joint board (IJB) on Wednesday March 27.

And a report by interim chief financial officer Kirsty Flanagan warned that the figure is set to rise by £1.2m because of a failure to secure a service level agreement (SLA)

'Within social work, the forecast overspend is £2.773m'

with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, where many patients from Argyll and Bute receive treatment.

In a report to the IJB, Kirsty Flanagan said: 'The forecast for 2018/19 is an overspend of £3.929m.

'I am pleased to report this is an improvement of £0.469m on the position reported at the end of December 2018.

'The most significant issue affecting the forecast is the

SLA for Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC). As a result of the short time between now and the financial year end to resolve this issue, it is more than likely the estimated overspend will increase by £1.2m. Within health-delivered services, the forecast overspend is £1.156m.

'The overspend is mainly in relation to savings not being achieved in addition to increased costs for oncology drugs, pharmacy costs, patient referrals and agency/locum staff.

'Within social work, the forecast overspend is £2.773m.

'There has been higher demand than budgeted for supporting living and care home services, within learning and

physical disability and children's external placements as well as planned savings options within these services not being delivered in full.

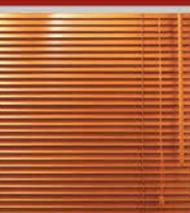
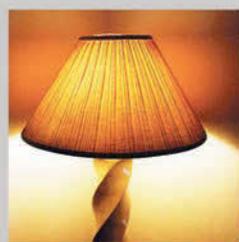
'There are underspends within older people care home placements, investment fund, foster care services and supporting young people leaving care that help to reduce the overspend.'

The impasse with NHS GGC is being predicted after a decision taken at the IJB's meeting in November.

Board members decided to reject proposed increased charges by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, but with the end of the financial year approaching, the position looks increasingly unlikely to be accepted.

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Full steam ahead for new marine tourism campaign

Tourism groups are getting together to encourage people from across Scotland and the UK to get into west coast of Scotland waters.

The West Coast Marine Tourism Collaboration hopes to make the most of 2020 Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters with a lasting legacy.

Eighteen tourist marketing organisations from across the west coast have each volunteered funding from £500 to £2,500 for an ambitious marketing campaign aimed at attracting people to the west coast.

The group, made up of representatives from an area spanning from Lewis and Wester Ross to Arran and Cumbrae, was formed in 2017, initially to map what marine tourism is currently on offer.

This work was done by a team of local development agents co-ordinated by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative and funded by Highland and Islands Enterprise. This produced an extensive inventory of 300 hubs where people can get on the water and, importantly,



Are you ready to get on the water?

set out what experiences are available and if the hub could be classed as '2020-ready'.

One hundred of the hubs have access to a seafood experience, 120 give access to a castle or heritage attraction, 44 to a distillery open to the public and 106 offer excellent marine wildlife spotting.

The survey results highlighted that the opportunity to grow marine tourism across the west coast is massive.

A summit in Oban in January 2019 presented these findings and explored a number of different projects.

A steering group meeting took place in February and project ideas are now being developed and funding applications submitted.

Anna Miller, head of tourism for Highlands and Islands Enterprise, said: 'The Year of Coasts and Waters is an opportunity to shine a spotlight, celebrate and promote opportunities to experience and enjoy the Highlands and Islands' unrivalled coasts and waters while encouraging responsible engagement and enjoyment from visitors and the people of Scotland.'



Above: Susan celebrated her 40th birthday in style.

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Left: Susan Paterson, second right, with her colleagues Suzanne Lyttle, Mairi Henderson and Sam Chow.

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Lochgilphead's Susan celebrated in birthday surprise

Staff at Lochgilphead's Argyll Pharmacy surprised birthday girl and owner Susan Paterson by decorating the shop and presenting her with flowers.

With giant pink birthday balloons and a sash giving away the milestone reached,

Susan was happy with the celebration.

Susan said: 'It's made being 40 a lot easier.'

She added: 'It's not a bad start. I'm delighted with all the birthday wishes and cards and presents. It's been very nice.'



Rachael MacIndeor receiving her CIH Level 3 in Housing Practice certificate.

Student receives apprentice award

A modern apprentice with Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is celebrating after receiving a recognised industry qualification.

Rachael MacIndeor, from Ardrishaig, has attained the Chartered Institute of Housing's Level 3 in Housing Practice which provides students with a broad knowledge and understanding of delivering housing services.

Rachael said: 'I have really enjoyed working towards this qualification, especially communicating with a people via the online forum. I have learned a lot during my placement and look forward to completing my apprenticeship later this year.'

Since starting with ACHA in October 2016, Rachael has worked in the Mid Argyll and Kintyre offices and obtained a Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents certificate after passing a course on routine playground inspections.

Yvonne Angus, ACHA's regional manager, said: 'We welcome the opportunity to give young people the chance to obtain a recognised qualification as well as providing valuable work experience in preparation for their future careers. Congratulations to Rachael for her achievements so far.'

Owners warned over dumped dinghies

Dinghy owners face losing their boats if they do not remove them from an area of grass in front of Loch Gilp.

Ardrishaig Boat Club is warning those responsible that if they do not come forward on or before launch day, Saturday April 20, their abandoned boats will be disposed of.

All the dinghies will be rounded up on launch day and tags handed out.

Owners will be asked to write their details and tag their dinghies.

After a set time, any unclaimed dinghies will be moved to an accessible storage area and, with the agreement of the new committee, a letter will be sent out warning that any unclaimed dinghies will be disposed of by Ardrishaig Boat Club.

Owners can also speak to Ardrishaig Boat Club secretary Corinne Cheetham to claim their dinghies.

'We say this every year,' said Corinne said. 'There are so many and the place is really untidy.'



Dinghies abandoned at the front of Ardrishaig.
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Council sorry for email leak

Argyll and Bute Council has apologised after a technical glitch led to the email addresses of hundreds of residents being leaked.

Entrants to the authority's contest to win a year's free council tax were left staggered when they were able to view the details when a reminder dropped into their inbox.

One resident contacted the council to register her concerns and was told she wasn't the first to flag up the issue.

The resident said: 'I received the email about the competition to win a year's free council tax and was invited to click a link. When I did, there was no message, but I could see email addresses. This is a complete breach of confidentiality.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We emailed people to remind them there is still time to enter a prize draw to win a year's free council tax by signing up for council tax e-billing.'

'Unfortunately, an error resulted in email addresses being visible.'

'We have followed relevant guidance in investigating the matter.'

'We apologise to residents affected and assure them action has been taken.'

The competition - which has now closed - was launched by the council at the start of this year to encourage residents to sign up to its new e-billing service. A winner was due to be drawn on Tuesday March 26.

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Health and jargon

The health and social care finances in Argyll and Bute remain seriously ill but, at long last, the board overseeing the HSCP seems to be getting a grip on matters, helped in no small measure by interim chief financial officer Kirsty Flanagan and her team.

One question though: within the list of planned savings measures there is repeated reference to 'right-sizing' of budgets for various services.

What on earth does that mean?

We appeal to officers to drop the obfuscating jargon and trendy buzz-phrases.

Say it like it is, for the sake of the taxpayer who ultimately foots the bill.

Good to talk

We could be wrong, but the confusion over Minard war memorial seems to be nothing that a sit-down over a cup of tea couldn't fix.

It's a pity the community missed out on the centenary fund, but there are general UK funds available for war memorials. Given the purpose of and meaning behind the memorial, would it not be an idea for a senior council officer to reach out to the people of Minard and sort this out?

Dog mess in Lochgilphead

A post on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page highlighting the Lochgilphead dog mess problem on the public path from the caravan park on Lorne Street, past Lochgilphead Bowling Club to Bishopton Road has generated some online discussion. Here are a few of the comments:

Noreen Harvey: I go over the path with my rollator. It's not easy to avoid the mess and keep the wheels clean. My great-grandson fell into mess and had to be stripped off when he came to visit. It's such a shame children can't be allowed to run free because of dogs. Please pick up your dog mess.

Karen Pickering: It is absolutely everywhere. If there are some with physical disabilities that manage to pick up after their dog, then why can't others?

Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye: I'm fed up of seeing it around the stances and canal in Ardrishaig too. Picking up poop is part of being a dog owner.

Eilidh Thomsen: It's always bad. The bin provided is always full to bursting and people leave bags on the ground beside it as well. Regular checks need to be made more often.

Catherine Doyle: Cameras in badly affected areas would be a good idea.

Sophia Milton: It's ridiculous over that path. It's a nice walk but puts me off walking along there with my dog and daughter.

Margaret Macintyre: As a new dog owner I'm absolutely disgusted with the mess I encounter.

Not only the mess but the amount of dog poo bags left hanging on tiny branches/walls/trees. I can't wait to meet the dog poo fairies as obviously a lot of people believe in them.

Ignoring tomorrow's voters

Sir,

On the eve of Argyll and Bute Council's budget vote, young people across Argyll and Bute came out in droves to protest against planned cuts to youth services.

The council chose to overlook the voices of its future voters and passed the budget, slashing 17 jobs which play a key role in providing opportunity, education, development and other services that Argyll's young people rely on.

I don't understand how the council can comprehend cutting these vital services. I contacted members of the council's administration and no one has yet explained why these cuts had to happen. Opposition councillors proposed sensible alternatives, but they were cast aside to make way for austerity to youth services.

The council has cut £330k from these services it doesn't see as vital, cutting 17 jobs. Yet council tax increased by 4.79 per cent - creating around an extra £2.5million in revenue, which could prevent these cuts from being made.

It is also adding £500k to the winter maintenance budget. Jobs are being cut, services and young people are being pushed to the side, while the council puts 'grit before growth'. Tax paying residents shouldn't need to suffer because of the council's 'decreasing flexibility' to balance the books. Going by 2017 figures,

in 20 years the population has gone from just short of 93,000 to 86,800 and the population of over-65s has risen by almost 45 per cent while the population of people under 44 decreased by almost 33 per cent.

The population is slowly getting older and young people are moving away, lowering the population of Argyll. By 2035 the population will have decreased by a further 7.2 per cent, or 6,250 people. This is exactly why this kind of cut is the worst possible thing the council can do, as it will just drive people away.

Who would move here knowing that some of the most vulnerable people are having their opportunities taken away?

The administration's budget choices are not right. Members of the council have said that making the cuts has been difficult, and they are aware they need to take responsibility, so that's exactly what they should do. We are not going to let this go. Not to reverse these cuts would be a slap in the face to Argyll and Bute's young constituents and future electorate.

Kyle Renton, Inveraray.

GPS warning to mariners

Sir,

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has issued a special safety bulletin to all mariners using GPS to prepare for a rollover event that will occur on April 6. On that day navigation data from some older GPS systems might become inaccurate due to the 'week number' rollover event.

This could cause stand-alone GPS receivers and systems using GPS chips to produce data

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that is 19.7 years either in the past or future, therefore generating errors in both the GPS position and time. However, if onboard equipment has been installed after August 1999, or has regular firmware updates from the manufacturer, there should be minimal risk of an error occurring.

If your GPS falls into either of those categories you need to check with the manufacturer before April 6, otherwise time and position data used for navigation could become inaccurate. It is important that GPS users check their systems as soon as possible to ensure that they won't be affected by the impending rollover.

Luke Hallett,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Caring for a loved one

Sir,
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MacLeod Construction employee Stevie explained: 'We were doing a job in the shop when suddenly a starling came flying through the open door, obviously dead. The next thing this sparrowhawk came into the shop after it.'

'It flew around and settled on shelves. The way it flew between the shelves without hitting anything was amazing.'

After a bit of excitement the hawk found its own way out and flew off, none the worse for its shopping trip.

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The Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark in solo brass was presented to Kintyre's Jamie Colville.

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Festival success as Fiona takes a bow

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A hugely successful 40th anniversary Mid Argyll Music Festival drew to a close on a bittersweet note.

The week of music and song had provided a platform for young – and not so young – to perform, with some excellent vocal performances and musicianship.

At the final evening on Saturday March 23 there was, however, a touch of sadness as festival chairman Martin Gorringer paid tribute to Fiona MacDonald, who is stepping down after 25 years service to the festival.

More than 550 performers took part in this year's festival, from as far away as Islay, Oban, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Glasgow.

Audiences enjoyed competitions in poetry, song and instrumental classes,



Festival stalwart Fiona MacDonald was presented with flowers as she is stepping down after 25 years.

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including solo, choral, ensemble and band events. Non-competitive classes gave younger children a chance to perform.

And there was the mid-festival colour, fun and excitement of Wednesday night's Songs from the Shows, which proves a family favourite year

after year. Woodwind, string, brass and ensemble contests rounded off the week, along with chanter and bagpipe classes.

Making the tough decisions all week were adjudicators Ann Lampard, Christina Thomson, Stewart Fyffe, Raibeart McCallum, Ian Hurst and Anne Curnyn.

The concluding evening saw the major awards handed out.

The Highland Year of Culture Award for the highest mark in solo woodwind went to Rowan MacDonald for her rendition of Easy Tiger, played on the bassoon, in Friday's woodwind solo, primary competition.

The Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark in solo brass was given to Kintyre's Jamie Colville.

Ann McMillan won the Munro Memorial Salver for the highest vocal solo mark,



excluding Gaelic, while the Annabel MacDonald Memorial Quach for the highest mark in Gaelic solo singing went to Shona Keith.

Campbeltown Brass secured the Gifford Bowl for the highest mark by a choir or band.

The most prestigious award, the Co-operative Premier Festival Award, is chosen by the adjudicators from all of the performances they have heard throughout the week

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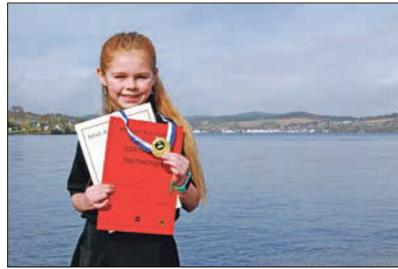
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Left: Lochgilphead High School Wind Ensemble were delighted to win Saturday's S4-6 instrumental ensemble competition.

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Nine-year-old Taylor McMillan from Tangy won the woodwind solo class for beginners, playing Annie's Song on the flute. 06_a13MusicFest_Friday01



The Argyll and Bute District Council Cup for woodwind solo, S4-6, was won by Tarbert Academy's Morven Paisley. 51_a13MusicFestival_SaturdayMorning05



Seven-year-old Bella Derevyankin from Tarbert played confidently and with energy to win the piano solo grade 2 class. 06_a13MusicFest_Thursday07

and this year's winner was Rhona Love from Ardrishaig. Martin Gorrige was delighted with the way the event had gone and said of Fiona MacDonald: 'It was Fiona's last time as festival co-ordinator. She has been part of the committee for 25 years and was responsible for setting up Mid Argyll Youth Chorus and the group B Natural. She has always been passionate about

music and will be missed.' He went on to congratulate Rhona Love, adding: 'Rhona has certainly gained poise over the years she has been participating and her voice has developed.' Mr Gorrige concluded: 'The festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday June 8 in Ardrishaig Public Hall, where performers from across the years will be invited to entertain.'



The vocal solo Gaelic class was won by Ella Fyfe, singing Bàta Alasdair. 51_a13MusicFestival_Friday_NorthHall02

Left: Flautist with the S4-6 Lochgilphead High School Wind Ensemble Mary Moir with unusual headgear in the form of the Strategem Management Consultants Trophy. 06_a13MusicFest_Saturday07

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Ann McMillan won the Munro Memorial Salver for the highest vocal solo mark, excluding Gaelic.

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Brodie Crawford from Furnace won The Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup for Scots folk song, S4-6.

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Thursday evening saw 1st Lochgilhead Rainbows perform the song Banana in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

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Brothers Ryan and Ruairaidh Logan from Ardrishaig won piping competitions. Ryan took first in the novice march and received the George McAllister Memorial Cup, while Ruairaidh won the march, strathspey and reel and the Hugh MacDonald trophy.

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Prizewinners in Thursday's grade 1 piano solo competition. From left: Ailsa Johnson, third; Kaja Paturaj, second; and winner Daisy Brown from Tarbert Primary School.

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Tayvallich girls Mina Ritchie, 12, and Iris MacMillan, 13, received the Meldrum House Shield for the junior piano duet class, playing Allegro.

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Above: Campbeltown Brass enjoyed a successful Mid Argyll Music Festival. 51_a13MusicFestival_SaturdayEvening10(2)



The Annabel MacDonald Memorial Quach for the highest mark in Gaelic solo singing went to Shona Keith of Lochgair. 51_a13MusicFestival_SaturdayEvening14



Prizewinners from Wednesday evening's Songs from the Shows junior section. From left: winner Alistair Cupples; second equal Rhona Love and Tilly Cunningham; and third equal Hooly Helbert and Daisy Carter. 51_a13MusicFestival_WednesdayEvening02



The family piano duet contest was won by Henry, nine, and Gulmira small from Arduaine. 06_a13MusicFest_Thursday15



1st Lochgilphead Brownies won The Bembridge Shield, singing 'This Little Guiding Light'. 06_a13MusicFest_ThursdayEvening17



Ruth Neville, 14, from Ardfern, won the Ardchnonnell Primary School Cup for grade 4 piano on Thursday. 06_a13MusicFest_Thursday10



Amy Paterson, 17, from Campbeltown won the brass solo (S4-6) with what the adjudicator Christine Thomson described 'a very fine performance'. 06_a13MusicFest_Saturday02



Lena Carter from Silvercraigs, Lochgilphead, after she won the Gaelic solo, secondary, competition. 06_a13MusicFestival_Friday_NorthHall01



Alistair Cupples, who received the Bisto Trophy from adjudicator Christine Thomson. 06_a13MusicFest_Thursday16



The Popular Song Trophy was won by Lena Carter, who sang the Celine Dion classic 'Think Twice' in a 'searing' performance, according to the adjudicator. 06_a13MusicFest_ThursdayEvening23

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Loch Fyne sea anglers land trophies

A father and son won the top awards at Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club's annual general meeting and prize-giving on Saturday March 23.

Ardrishaig angler Robert MacBrayne was crowned Boat Champion while his son Steven, also from the village, picked up the Shore Champion trophy.

The award ceremony is the culmination of numerous competitions throughout the year, including events as far afield as Stornoway and Portpatrick.

Results: Boat Champion: Robert MacBrayne.

Runner-up: Nikki Thompson.
Shore Champion: Steven MacBrayne.

Heaviest Boat Fish: Nikki Thompson.

Heaviest Shore Fish: Steven MacBrayne.

Best Specimen: Nikki Thompson.

Christmas Competition: James Smith.

Pairs: Robert MacBrayne and Ronnie McGinty.

Triples: Robert MacBrayne, John Byrne and Jim Smith.



Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club trophy winners.



Robert and Steven MacBrayne.

Let's talk about health

A new column by Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum

Time flies. Most of us will get old. Some of us, thanks to modern medicine, will get very old.

But Leon Trotsky never spoke a truer word when he said: 'Old age is the most surprising of all things that can happen to a man.' It surprises women, too, but perhaps they have less of a feeling of entitlement!

This month, Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum was asked to think about getting old. John Dreghorn, service improvement manager for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), gave us a preview of proposals for future care needs in Mid Argyll.

There is to be a public roll-out of the latest plans in the next few weeks.

Projections suggest that in 20 years demand may nearly double. That would include young people with disabling conditions.

John's excellent presentation provoked much discussion and our conclusion was there has to be a total change in attitudes as well as provision.

The World Health Organisation talks of 'active ageing' involving opportunities for health, participation and security, with the recognition by society of older people's capabilities, wisdom and skills. In Britain, it sometimes feels otherwise.

Expectation of dependency actually cre-



ates dependency, so it is hardly surprising people here can feel less competent and with a lack of control over their lives.

So this is your opportunity to think of how you would like to live your future.

It is well recognised that collaborative decision making, where people find their own solutions, is by far the best method. Let us share our thoughts.

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Birthdays and Gaelic songs at Inveraray Senior Citizens Club

On Wednesday March 20 the Inveraray Senior Citizens Wednesday Club met at Inveraray Primary School to be entertained by the very talented children there.

The club was delighted to watch as the the children sang, performed some ballet

dancing, recited poetry and played musical instruments.

The school Gaelic choir also sang and showed the audience the trophy they had won at the Mid Argyll Music Festival the previous day.

Following the visit to the school, the club enjoyed a

delicious afternoon tea at the Loch Fyne Hotel.

Niall Iain MacLean and

Peter MacArthur both celebrating milestone birthdays in March, and they

were each presented with a birthday cake to mark the occasion. Niall Iain

MacLean turned 90, with Peter MacArthur turning 70.



The fun of the Inveraray Senior Citizens Club.



A cake helps Niall Iain MacLean recover from his fall.



Peter MacArthur also enjoyed his birthday cake.

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Befrienders are looking for volunteers

The Dochas Centre's Befriending Service is looking for volunteers to join their team.

The group is called Circle of Friends and has been running for four years now, providing a much valued service for individuals who are feeling isolated or lonely and perhaps finding it difficult to get out and about. Often there can be a carer who has concerns about their relative being on their own when they cannot be there and by providing the loved one the company of a befriender, the service offers them some much needed reassurance.

Ryan Taylor, the Circle of Friends co-ordinator receives many referrals for the service but, unfortunately, at this time there is a waiting list.

Circle of Friends operates across the Lochgilphead area and Ryan explains that befriending is an opportunity

to give something back to the community through offering your time and commitment.

He says that all befrienders have stories of how it has made a positive difference to their lives, as well as to the person who is befriended.

If you are a compassionate, friendly, fun-loving individual and you feel that you could offer befriending support to someone in your spare time, then Ryan and Doris Linstead, the Dochas Centre manger, are having two open afternoon sessions from 4-5pm on April 3 and 4 at the Dochas Carers Centre and would be happy to let you know more about the service and volunteering.

Some of the volunteers will also be there to share their experience. If you cannot come along but are interested in helping, please contact Ryan on 07899 242265 and Doris on 01546 600022 to have a chat.



Dochas manager, Doris Linstead, volunteer Vicky Lyon and Ryan Taylor, Circle of Friends co-ordinator.

Shallow Grave showing in MAYDS hall

The Mid Argyll Arts Association is going out with laughter as their last film of the season will be dark comedy Shallow Grave.

Starring Ewan McGregor, it is director Danny Boyle's first film, which was the forerunner to his classic movie, Trainspotting.

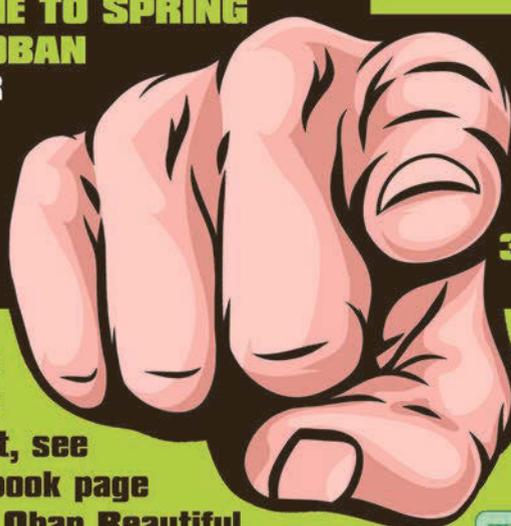
Released in 1994, Shallow Grave follows three roommates who find their new flatmate mysteriously dead in his room, but in possession of a large amount of money. Their decision to keep the money for themselves sets in motion a destructive chain of events that spiral out of control.

The film will be shown in the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service hall, opposite the community centre, on Saturday March 30. Tickets are priced £7.50, £6, MAYDS members free, and are available on door.

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School fun run raises money for Comic Relief

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The Lochgilphead Joint Campus Fun Run took off on Friday March 22.

The annual event, funded by Mid Argyll Youth Forum



Michael McCurry ran in style. Photograph: Raymond Flanagan.

through a grant from the National Lottery Year of Young People Fund, sent the pupils and staff running around the campus, some in hilarious costumes, to raise money for Comic Relief.

Organised by the S6 pupils and depute head Mr Ewan Smith as well as a few



Scott Cameron has been through the trenches. Photograph: Raymond Flanagan.

volunteers, the race raised a whopping £1,187.29.

Depute head teacher Ewan Smith said: 'I would like to congratulate Louis MacMillan on a new course record and thank everyone who has helped make the Fun Run so successful over the last few years. I'd like to



Olly Shaw. 51_a13funrun02



The starting line. Photograph: Raymond Flanagan.

thank Raymond Flanagan for securing sponsorship to cover costs and above all everyone who helped raise such a fantastic sum.'

Senior boy and overall winner was Louis MacMillan, junior boy and second place

overall was won by Kyle Danson. First place girl was Iris MacMillan and first place senior girl was won by Rachael Johnstone.

Koby Thornton. 51_a13funrun03

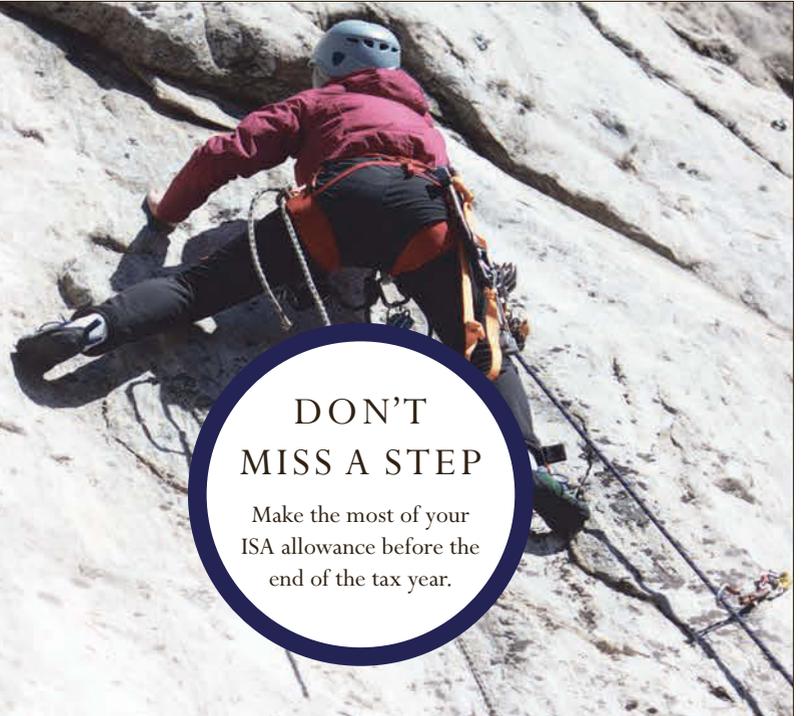


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Tarbert safari adventures with the McDougalls



A sell-out crowd in Tarbert went on a fun Safari Adventure with The McDougalls on Sunday March 24.

The show, which opened in Irvine the weekend before, made its way to Tarbert before heading off around the UK. Local children (and adults) sang, danced, roared and cheered at the antics of Max, Auntie Aggie and

Morag the Bunny, as they collected the five gold stars on their adventure.

Local children's entertainment group Funky Chicken provided fun, games and face painting and Local Teenagers Famous Last Words played a short set up to warm the audience ahead of the main event.

Max McDougall said after the show: 'This is our second visit to Tarbert and we are pleased to support Clachan's efforts to build a new hall.

'The crowd was amazing, made lots of noise and we hope to be back soon, maybe even with our special Christmas show.'

The organisers would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the show

and the army of volunteers who help to make it such a memorable day.

Next up, Tarbert Village Hall will host Wrestling Experience Scotland on April 20, when the biggest, baddest and funniest wrestlers in the UK descend on the village for their annual show of mayhem and chaos, which usually results in a wrecked tuck shop table, brawling in the street and just general madness.

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For the sea-going fraternity there were boaty bargains galore, ranging from complete boats to rope to lifejackets and loads of 'useful bits'.

The sale was started back in 1999 as a low key one-off fundraising event for Craignish Boat Club. The success of the first sale encouraged the organisers to try it the following year and now, two decades on, it is an established event in the calendar.

Event organiser Jan Brown said: 'None of this could happen without a large team of volunteers, including reception and catering staff, soup makers and car park attendants who, between them, helped to raise just over £1,000 for Craignish Community Company (C3) - so many thanks to them all.'

Laden with a pair of oars and other bits and pieces, fisherman John MacFarlane from Balvicar left a happy man.

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The crowds thronged Craignish Village Hall for this annual event. 06_a13BoatJumble01



Mike and Eileen Carroll made the journey from Crossaig, Skipness, to sell bits and pieces from a shed clear-out. 06_a13BoatJumble06



Ella Pollock was helping out her grandpa Clive Brown at the boat jumble. 06_a13BoatJumble03

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OK – here's the plan: we live in one of the best places in the world; we have some of the best food, drink, music and culture on the planet so it would seem downright rude not to celebrate all this with the rest of the human race.

This isn't idle boasting, the evidence speaks for itself: between now and the end of the year HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of people will visit the West Highlands and islands.

They are coming for the stunning scenery, the history, the Gaelic culture, the music and song. They are coming to celebrate the birthplace of one of the world's most famous drinks, whisky; to enjoy food produced in some of the clearest waters and least polluted landscapes.

Not forgetting the craic either!

This is where we live and what we are and if that isn't worth a festival, then what is?

Music is at the heart of Gaelic and we do not just celebrate our own: you will hear classical, rock, jazz, blues and much more here on the west coast and the islands. What you should also remember is that the vast majority of the talent will be home grown.

When it comes to food and drink, we have something to show the world: lush pastures filled with dairy herds to give our cheese makers the finest raw ingredients, plus there is the rise of some seriously good local ice cream manufacturers. Our hills and upland pastures are full of sheep and beef cattle being raised as nature intended. Oban is the seafood capital of Scotland.

Our whisky distilleries are the stuff of legend. People come from all over the world to visit and they've even been known to get married in them.

The number of book and film festivals continues to rise, with authors and film lovers coming from all over and heading to the remotest of locations as people enjoy the written word together. And all these events take place in some of the most stunning and unspoiled locations in Europe so it is only right that we throw festivals for the wildlife and countryside – and the dark skies of Coll for star gazers.

This festival guide is just the beginning – our guides to all the Highland games and gatherings and agricultural shows will be published in coming weeks.

So start planning your festivities.

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Fàilte don Ghàil

The Gaelic language is in safe hands thanks to the mòds and fèisean and every year thousands of people compete, further their education and talent thanks to them.

Performance is at the heart of both organisations and many more people attend their concerts and festivals. These events are not just supported by local people but by tourists from the UK and abroad who go home having sampled a real experience of Scottish culture.

An Comunn Gàidhealach was founded in Oban in 1891, and ever since the organisation has been at the heart of promoting and keeping alive Gaelic culture through its teaching, lobbying and the famous network of Mòds and has developed many international links and friendships not only with other Gaelic speaking-countries but around the globe.

The 'provincial' mòds are smaller events in communities throughout the Highlands and also towns and cities that have Gaelic-speaking populations. They all build towards October and the annual Royal National Mòd – a glorious event lasting for more than a week, full of the finest that Gaeldom has to offer with a great social scene.

Those in the know make their way to Mull for its mòd only weeks beforehand as many of the top choirs and soloists use this as their final 'warm-up' performances before the big event.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the National Association of Scottish Gaelic Arts youth tuition festivals.

The organisation was founded in 1988 to expand and support the organisation of Gaelic arts tuition festivals and develop these community-based festivals throughout

Scotland with immersive teaching courses, specialising in traditional music and culture. You might end up taking part; if not, each fèis usually ends with a concert where the participants showcase all that they have learned.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is currently putting the finishing touches to its programme for this year's Blas – a nine-day celebration each September of the music, language, song and culture of the Highlands, taking place across a number of venues.

Also eagerly awaited are the details of the year's ceilidh trails, cèilodhean air chuairt, which showcase the talents of young performers aged 16 to 25 in a professional summer tour in their local area, with the support of their tutors and teams of professional musicians. Check the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website for the final details.

These events give the young musicians incredible experience to help them develop as performers at the same time creating fantastic evenings for everyone to go along and enjoy. The Scottish music scene is packed full of musicians who will tell you they got their first taste of performing in front of live audiences at these events.



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*An Comunn Gàidhealach
and Fèisean nan Gàidheal
are driving forces behind
Gaelic's summer festivals*



Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail Glaschu 2019

This year we are exporting one of our biggest festivals to Glasgow. For the first time in 29 years the week-long Royal National Mòd will be held in the city which has such a strong Gaelic tradition, thanks to generations of Gaels heading to the city to work or study. The event runs from October 11-19.

The provincial Mòds*

Stirling, 17-18 May
Uist, 24-25 May
Skye, 29 May - 1 June
East Kilbride, 31 May-1 June
Oban, 31 May-1 June
Sutherland & Caithness, 8 June
Lewis, 4-7 June
Lochaber, 7-8 June
Glasgow, 8-9 June
Harris, 14 June
Perth & Angus (Aberfeldy), 14-15 June
Ardnamurchan, 14 June
Islay, 15 June
Inverness, 21-22 June
Mull, 13-14 September
Barra, 21 Sept
Edinburgh, to be confirmed
Mòd Loch Aillse, to be confirmed

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Let the good times roll! Start filling up your diary now

Lorn Drama Festival	Oban	27-29 March
Loch Shiel Spring Festival	various locations	19-21 April
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	25-29 April
Gintyre	Campbeltown	13 April
Fiddlers' Rally	Oban	27 April
Carradale Music Festival	Carradale	19-21 April
Walk Islay	Islay	21-26 April
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	26-27 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	27-28 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 April-19 May
Highlands & Islands Music and Dance Festival	Oban	3-5 May
Moladh Uibhist (In Praise of Uist)	South Uist	3-5 May
Kintyre Songwriters' Festival	Campbeltown	3-5 May
Scapa Yoga Fest	Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne	3-5 May
Ullapool Book Festival	Ullapool	10-12 May
Coll Bird Festival	Isle of Coll	10-12 May
Bèo Festival	Isle of Skye	17-18 May
Gig in the Gail	Lochgoilhead	17-19 May
Campbeltown Malts Festival	Campbeltown	21-24 May
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	23-25 May
Bluebell Music Festival	George Hotel, Inveraray	24-26 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isles of Islay & Jura	24 May-1 June
Mhòr Festival	Balquidder, Perthshire	24-26 May
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	31 May - 3 June
Oban Live	Oban	7-8 June
Arran Folk Festival	Brodick, Isle of Arran	7-9 June
Killin Music Festival	Killin	14-16 June
Skye Food & Drink Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	24-29 June
Scottish Rally Championship, Round 4	Dunoon	22 June
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran	28-30 June
Gigha Music Festival	Isle of Gigha	28-29 June
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	4-8 July
Ceòlas Uibhist	South Uist	7-12 July
Carradale Harbour Day	Carradale	20 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	6-7 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	7-12 July
Fèis an Eilean, Skye Festival	various venues	12 July - 20 August
Loch Fyne Viking Festival	Tarbert Loch Fyne	13-14 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	12-14 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis	17-20 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-21 July
Bute Studio Trail	Various open studios across Isle of Bute	20-21 July
Scottish Series	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	24-27 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	25-27 July
Eilean Dorcha Festival	Benbecula	26-28 July
ButeFest	Isle of Bute	26-28 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	1-3 August
Bute Noir, crime writing festival	Isle of Bute	2-4 August
MOKfest, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	21-25 August
Art Map Argyll	Various open studios across mainland Argyll	23-26 August
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	1-7 September
Skye Live	Portree	5-7 September
Clachan Smallholders Gathering	Clachan, Kintyre	7 September
Blas	venues still being confirmed	TBC
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	12-15 September
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	13-15 September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-22 September
Hebrides International Film Festival	Lewis, Harris, Uists & Barra	12-14 September
Cowal Open Studios	Various open studios across Cowal Peninsula	27-30 September
Three Lochs Books and Arts Festival	Sunart Centre, Strontian	20-21 September
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	27-29 September
Bookends Festival	Benderloch	20-27 September
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Aug - 1 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	27-28 September
CowalFest	Cowal Peninsula	27-29 September
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	4-6 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	4-6 October
Fèis na-Mara	Arisaig	4-6 October
Coll and the Cosmos	Isle of Coll	26-27 October
Colonsay Autumn Food & Drink Festival	Isle of Colonsay	9-23 October
MOJO Argyll	Ardfern	19 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 October
Mallaig Book Festival	Mallaig	8-10 November
Scottish Comedy Film Festival	Campbeltown Picture House	15-17 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist (Uist Book Festival)	Across Uist	18-24 November
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	15-24 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist	(Uist Book Festival)	18-24 November
Seall Festival Small Halls	venues across Skye & Lochalsh	22-30 November
Oban Festival of the Sea	Ocean Explorer Centre, Dunbeg	TBC

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Fyne Ales gets set to celebrate 10 years of FyneFest!



Argyll brewery Fyne Ales will celebrate 10 years of their award-winning family-friendly festival of beer, food, later this year.

FyneFest, winner of Beer Event of The Year at the Scottish Beer Awards, takes place at the Fyne Ales brewery estate near Cairndow from May 31-June 3, once again seeing almost 3,000 thirsty festival-goers visit scenic Glen Fyne to sample beers from the award-winning host brewery and over 50 guest breweries from the UK and Europe.

'When we held our first FyneFest in 2010, we never anticipated the festival would grow to be such a huge event for us,' commented Fyne Ales MD Jamie Delap.

'From 300 people at our first festival to around 3,000 this year, the event has gone from strength-to-strength over the past 10 years, and we can't wait to celebrate its birthday with attendees this year.'

This year's festival will celebrate the history of FyneFest with music and beer line-ups featuring a 'best of' line-up of artists and breweries.

Among the 40 breweries already confirmed for the festival are Oakham, Ashover and Thornbridge, three breweries which had beer pouring at the first FyneFest event plus Verdant, Magic Rock, Fierce Beer and Cloudwater among many others.

Across three stages, a mix of talented local artists, festival regulars and high profile bands will perform, including headliners Bombskare on Saturday June 1. FyneFest also offers kids' activities, tours, talks, tastings, Glen Fyne walks and food from more than 15 street-food vendors including Loch Fyne Oysters.

Tickets for FyneFest 2018, including discount tickets for those local to the brewery, are on sale now and selling fast. Under-13s and dogs go free, visit www.fynefest.com for all the info and to book.

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Trail West headlines a superb line-up at Killin



Killin Music Festival is an electric, feel-good, three-day music gathering featuring top-of-their-game bands and artists, as well as a range of fringe events throughout the area over the festival weekend.

Finalists for Event of the Year in the 2017 Scots Trad Music Awards, Killin Music Festival is carving its own niche as a relatively small and intimate family weekend in the very heartland of Scotland, whilst still delivering a star-studded lineup.

The new Trail West big-band lineup returns to the 2019 festival to cap off the Friday events in their inimitable west coast style. Elephant Sessions will continue their recent industry domination with their impactful set to close off the Saturday main stage. The

seated concert on Sunday evening will be headlined by three-times Scots Singer of the Year – the bright, unforced and precise Siobhan Miller.

Alongside the headliners, the fully packed 2019 line-up also includes: Blue Rose Code, Kinnaris Quintet, Torridon, Ryan Young, Gness, Tom McGuire and The Brassholes, Beinn Lee, Eabhal, DLÙ, The 101, Headland, Greig Taylor Music Blues Combo, Katie and Abi and the Open Stage Sunday competition. The festival runs Friday June 14 through to Sunday x June 16.

Visit killinmusicfestival.com for scheduling and ticket details, and stay up to date with all our antics on Facebook and Instagram.

All remaining tickets are on sale now!

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EABHAL | THE 101 | HEADLAND | DLÙ
GREIG TAYLOR BLUES COMBO | KATIE & ABI
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The picturesque Falls of Dochart, Killin.

Hello campers!

Whether you are old school and under canvas, glamping, in a yurt, a campervan or luxury motor home being outdoors is part of the fun



Cantilena Festival on Islay



Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players, Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after privilege for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Renaissance to the present day. The festival is now in its 19th season and has become a near sell-out event, attracting audiences from as far afield as Germany and Italy, thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the venues which include some of the island's famous malt whisky distilleries. The 2019 festival runs from Sunday July 7 to Friday July 12. The programme includes music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach, Mendelssohn and Puccini. Tickets are available from the Celtic Shop, Bowmore from June 1, or by contacting admin@cantilenafestival.co.uk.

Sunday July 7	Columba Centre Bowmore	7.30pm
Opening Concert with music by Mozart, Brahms and Shostakovich		
Monday July 8	Laphroaig Distillery	7.30pm
Student Showcase featuring young musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland along with works from the full ensemble		
Tuesday July 9	Lagavulin Distillery	7.30pm
Corelli, Vivaldi, Rossini, Richter and Mendelssohn		
Wednesday July 10	Columba Centre Bowmore	7.30pm
A piano recital by young professional Daniel Silcock and Bach from the full ensemble		
Thursday July 11	Ardbeg Distillery	7.30pm
Bach, including Brandenburg Concerto No.3, Telemann, and CPE Bach featuring two trumpet soloists from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland		
Friday July 12	Bruichladdich Village Hall	7.30pm
Final concert including Vivaldi, Puccini, Bartok, our trumpet soloists and the usual Classical Ceilidh		

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Book early – we can't tell you that often enough. Get your pitch booked and your place on the ferry secured if heading to the islands or taking a short cut across a peninsula.

And if it is a short ferry crossing with no bookings make sure you plan your journey to arrive at the pier in plenty of time; these routes can build up a tailback when big events are on.

Many people now make a festival the highlight of a bigger holiday and book a holiday cottage or other self-catering. That way you get to enjoy the buzz of the build-up to the festival, watching the stage and equipment arrive, hearing the sound checks – it can all add to the festival-going experience.



By the time our prevailing weather systems have crossed the Atlantic they are bored and want to have fun. You will be amazed at how many different types of weather you will encounter in one day and your camping equipment should be able to cope with this and so should your clothes: think layers, lots of them.

Do practise pitching your tent beforehand and using your kit, even if it is only in the back garden. This will save you a lot of heartache.

Camping at a festival is just like ordinary camping, but magnified. Everyone's stories of festivals include having to rescue someone who had never been camping before. Don't let that be you.

When God invented wellies He did so with festivals in mind – remember to bring yours.

Bring water, lots of it, to keep hydrated, also non-perishable food. You will want to eat at some of the amazing food trucks but keep the budget balanced with some cheaper meals in between.

At 4.30am you will wish you had spent more money on a good quality sleeping bag and sleepmat. You might not be planning on getting much sleep but when you want to, you will want to be warm and cozy.

You've got the power: because you have remembered to bring extra batteries and a power bank to recharge your mobile phone.

A week of chamber music in venues across the island

Cantilena Festival on Islay

Cantilena Festival on Islay

7 – 12 JULY 2019

Sunday 7 July	Columba Centre
Monday 8 July	Laphroaig Distillery
Tuesday 9 July	Lagavulin Distillery
Wednesday 10 July	Columba Centre
Thursday 11 July	Ardbeg Distillery
Friday 12 July	Bruichladdich Hall

Visit CANTILENAFESTIVAL.CO.UK
for more information and details of our pre-Festival recital in Portnahaven

All concerts start at 7.30pm Tickets £14
(Senior £12, £5 with Student Card, free for schoolchildren)
Season £70 (Senior £60) available at the Celtic House, Bowmore from 1 June and at the door on the night or visit cantilenafestival.co.uk/tickets

Cantilena Festival on Islay Ltd is a Scottish Registered Charity No SC033071

Strange but true Why?

These two facts might sound crazy when attending a festival, but believe us, they are true.

Bring your sunscreen and a hat and never lock your tent.

Ambulance crews and on-site first-aiders say they deal with more cases of severe sunburn, dehydration and heatstroke than they do hypothermia, which is a rarity.

We have a lot of weather, and some of it all in the same day and on a repeat cycle at that, but no-one is prepared for heat. Everyone thinks oh yeah, Highlands, better take my thermals and wellies, so no-one is ever prepared. Never mind what the national weather forecast says, the islands, sea lochs and mountains create crazy little weather micro-systems.

And when it comes to tents, a securely locked-tight tent just screams: 'Hey, we have something worth stealing.' Apply common sense along with your sunscreen and keep valuables with you at all times.



Culicoides impunctatus – on tour this summer

Culicoides impunctatus is not the name of a band; it is the Latin name for midge. Not just any midge, mind you, our own, special, native-born variety.

When the weather conditions are right they like to party just as much as any festival goer. Their idea of a good time will not be yours, so go armed with the midge spray, lotion or potion of your choice.

By the way, the Gaelic for midge is *Meanbh-chuilleag*, which IS the name of a theatre group visiting schools as part of *Fèisean nan Gàidheal*.

A new kind of festival

The Isle of Skye sees a brand new festival, *Beò* launching in May this year. A celebration of the music, culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands, the two-day event will see renowned bands across the west coast of Scotland come together to enjoy the best of Gaelic culture and craic.

Situated in the lesser travelled south end of the island, the festival will take place in the historic grounds of the Armadale Castle with views over the sound of Sleat, the silver sands of Morar, and the hills of Knoydart. The picturesque backdrop is matched only by the high calibre of fresh musical talent taking the stage. *Hòr-gheallaidh* legends *The Vatersay Boys* will be joined by the roaring success of west coast favourites *Trail West* and *Beinn Lee*, the world-touring 'Gaelic Supergroup' *Dàimh*, and a line-up of the finest musicians the *ceilidh* scene has to offer.

Taking its name from the Gaelic word 'Beò' meaning 'Live', the festival is a celebration of the Gaelic language and culture, which thrives particularly in Sleat where the Gaelic college, *Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI* is situated. Brothers John and James Robertson were inspired to create

the event to help promote the use of Gaelic in a non-educational environment and allow all that attend to enjoy the unique Highland heritage that makes a place like Skye special. Supported by fellow Scottish businesses including *CalMac*, the festival will run on May 17 and 18.

More info at www.beofest.co.uk



Beinn Lee

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Artistic Directors:
the Doric String Quartet

September 1 – 7

Concerts of chamber music on Mull, on Iona, and in Oban

For 30 years the Festival has celebrated the visit of the composer Mendelssohn to this part of the world with a week of classical music.

Music for strings by Mozart, Haydn, Brahms, and Mendelssohn.



Also this year

Mendelssohn on Mull Spring Music – April 26 & 27
The foundation of a new ensemble drawn from last year's participants

Mendelssohn on Mull Summer Music – July 4 – 8
The Calgary Quartet, Festival graduates, return to perform on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship

Details on our website:
www.mendelssohnonmull.com

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival 2019

The Mendelssohn on Mull Festival was founded in 1988 by the revered violinist Leonard Friedman. It celebrates the composer's visit to this part of the world in 1829 with a week of music-making specialising in the chamber music for strings that was so important to him.

The festival presents a dozen concerts, between Monday September 2 and Saturday September 7, in venues all over the Isle of Mull, on Iona, and in Oban, but its focus is on training. This year 12 gifted musicians, who are starting in the profession, will collaborate with the world-famous Doric String Quartet in a variety of groupings. Not only are the concerts generally admission free, it is possible to attend open rehearsals, and there will be introductory talks and chances to meet the artists.

This year five artists from last year's festival meet for a week's



retreat to begin to create a new ensemble. They will give three public concerts, including in Iona Abbey, during April 26 and 27.

And we welcome back the Calgary Quartet, graduates of past festivals, who will present concerts on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship, between July 4 and 8.

The September festival is the second of four in which the Doric Quartet will be our

artistic directors. They have selected musicians of great promise and the standard of their performances will be as high as any in the great concert halls of the world. The chance to be present in an unassuming venue on Mull and witness this magic at work is what makes the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival unique.

Details are available on the festival's website – www.mendelssohnonmull.com

Three days of fine whisky and music await you on Arran



Every year, the Arran Malt and Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday June 28 – Sunday June 30. The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, Arran musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of

matching some delicious locally made chocolates along with some specially selected single malts from the distillery...a real gourmet experience. There will also be the chance to taste rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram from our fully stocked bar.

The annual special Festival Single Cask Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of the Ultimate Masterclass. The Saturday festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by the Scottish folk band Heron Valley and the official Arran Distillery band James and the Staves.

Entry to the festival on the Saturday, 11am – 5pm, is FREE. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



all things malt and music. On Saturday June 29, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved, chat to the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky and chocolate tasting,



The Arran Malt & Music Festival 2019

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The Arran Malt Tour

£15.00 - 1hr 30min

4 drams incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher 1pm daily.

Tutored Tastings

£15.00 - 1hr 15mins

4 drams incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher 12pm, 3pm daily.

Whisky & Chocolate Pairing

£15.00 - 30mins

3 drams & a selection of hand-made chocolates incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher. 11am, 4pm daily.

Combined Tour & Tasting Discount Ticket

£20.00

You can combine a Standard Distillery tour with either a Tutored Tasting or a Whisky & Chocolate pairing and spend a little longer in our company! The latest combination tour you can do is the 3pm Standard Tour with the 4pm Whisky and Chocolate pairing.

'Drop Inn' Tour

£4 - 15mins

Short film & dram Ideal for families, Usually between regular tour times, ask staff for details.



www.arranwhisky.com



Malts festival showcases the best of Kintyre whisky

Springbank, Kilkerran and Cadenhead lovers from across the world will travel to Kintyre in May for the 2019 edition of the Campbeltown Malts Festival.

This year's festival takes place from Tuesday May 21 - Friday May 24 and we will be hosting a range of events to display our variety of whiskies from across the three companies.

Our events start with a special tasting for Cadenhead Club members on the Tuesday, with the Springbank Society's exclusive tasting happening the following morning. Our traditional Distillery Dinner will take place on Wednesday May 22, this year being held at Glengyle.

The Springbank Open Day on Thursday May 23 will see hundreds of visitors in the grounds of the distillery which will be full of stall holders and local businesses. We will be hosting a number of whisky tastings throughout the day, with the opportunity to buy tickets for certain events on the day. There will also be free tours of the distillery throughout the day and live music in the yard until around 9pm.

Friday May 24 is dedicated to Scotland's oldest

independent bottler, Wm Cadenhead's and Kilkerran Single Malt. Tickets are still available for the Evolution of Kilkerran Tasting on this day: please contact us (details on advert) or visit eventbrite.co.uk to purchase tickets.

The benefits of the event are enjoyed throughout Kintyre as accommodation, restaurants and bars will all be packed for the duration, contributing hundreds of thousands of pounds to the Kintyre economy.



Fellow whisky producer Glen Scotia and Torrisdale-based gin distillery Beinn An Tuirc are also part of the Campbeltown Malts Festival and will be hosting their own events during the week.

22nd Lorn Drama Festival

This year's Lorn Drama festival is taking place over three nights, until March 29, in the Corran Halls.

The festival continues to be supported by local clubs and those from further afield and we're always delighted to see Accent players making the trip up from Campbeltown. This year we welcome Dunoon Drama Club for the first time and we're really pleased that all the clubs take the time to come to Oban and perform for you, the audience.

Festivals like this give amateur actors and directors the opportunity to take the audience to different places and tell a wide variety of stories, some unashamedly comic, others more serious. It also allows creative writers to try their hand at writing for the stage and we are pleased to be awarding the Drama Festival Quill again after its inaugural outing last year. This award is for the best original script, written by or for the clubs and in its first production. It is hoped that this award will continue to encourage clubs and local writers to produce interesting and original work for the festival.

This year's festival promises a mix of youth and experience, and comedy and drama. Writing talent is also on show with Seil performing an original script written by John Colston and Caroline Morgan.

The work of established writers is also welcome and this year we have 'A Respectable Funeral'

by Jimmie Chinn performed by Dunoon Players. This play is one of Chinn's earliest plays and was originally performed as a double bill with 'From Here to the Library' on stage and then on BBC Radio 4 in the early '80s. This is a well-observed piece examining in a tragi-comic way the family tensions that are uncovered immediately after a funeral. A more recent BBC Radio 4 writer, John Finnemore, wrote 'English for Pony lovers' and 'Hot Desk' as part of his Double Acts series of two-handed plays. Finnemore is well known for comedy writing for The Now Show and the award winning series Cabin Pressure. Both these plays are presented by Benderloch and North Connell Drama Club.

A much darker two-handed play 'When a Man Knows' is performed by Taynuilt and District Drama Society adults. Taynuilt juniors are presenting 'Bad Reception' by Paul Vincent, a comedy play. The other junior play this year is 'Charlotte Holmes: future detective' by Richard James

performed by Benderloch juniors.

Accent Players are performing 'Grave Prospects' by Isabella C Rae, a dark comedy set in a graveyard where the living interact with the recently departed.

Accent, Dunoon and Benderloch recently performed at the Campbeltown Festival. Benderloch won first prize and the inaugural Jenny Black Memorial Trophy for best acting. Accent were second. Both these teams will go to the SCDA Wester Division final in Castle Douglas in April.

Oban audiences will have a chance to see these award-winning plays, along with all the other festival plays at the Corran Halls until March 29.



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Seahorses frontman and rising Scottish

The 12th annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival will be held in Campbeltown from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5 2019.

The famous open stage events begin on Friday night and continue over the weekend in The Commercial Inn. The open stage draws singer-songwriters and bands from all over the country to perform alongside local talent. The open stage will be headlined by The Gilchristians, performing the songs of festival founder Kenny Gilchrist, and will be hosted by The Twisted Melons.

On Saturday, local acts like The Dubious Blues Band, Gareth Croll, Eddie McGuire, Chris Annetts and newcomers The Endorphins will be joined by the cream of Scotland's songwriting talent in Campbeltown Town Hall.

Widely regarded as one of the Scottish folk scene's brightest young talents, Edinburgh-born singer/songwriter Adam Holmes has been compared to John Martyn and has a sound that encompasses Scottish influences and Americana. Adam previously performed a headline show in Camp-



Adam Holmes

beltown in 2013 with his award-winning folk band Rura and this time round will be performing songs from his solo albums with hit band The Embers.

MALKA is the latest project by UK singer-songwriter Tamara Schlesinger. Tamara began her career as the lead singer and songwriter of critically-acclaimed Indie folk outfit 6 Day Riot. Following three successful albums which saw her music

featured in the tv show Skins, Scream 4 and Danny Boyle's 127 Hours, Tamara's solo album The Procession also found widespread critical acclaim and was followed by second album Ratatat in 2017.

Cara Rose is a 21-year-old singer/songwriter from Glasgow influenced by the likes of Amy Winehouse, Lianne La Havas and Lauren Hill. Exploring what it means to be a young person in these uncertain times, Cara's soulful musings have won over fans young and old as she honed her craft across the city's venues. Distinctly Glaswegian, Cara's direct, passionate and insightful lyrics hold no punches as they traverse topics of young love, humanity and political discourse.



MALKA

Saturday's guests are completed by Marc Rooney, who is best known as the frontman of Scottish alternative rockers Pronto Mama who headlined the festival in 2017. Marc returns this year with a stripped down show that lets the songs do the talking.

On Sunday, the festival casts its net even further afield to bring the best songwriting talent to Kintyre.

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The 27th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest, as it is more commonly known, runs from August 21 – 25.

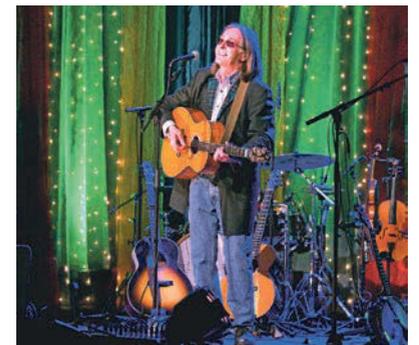
The Saturday night concerts on August 24 promise a fantastic night of music with folk-rock legends Manran in the Victoria Hall 'West Coast Rocks' concert with Heron Valley and Rhuvaal. The traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with premier Scottish singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean supported by Ceann Tir, featuring a host of young musicians from the Campbeltown area.

The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at

the Festival Ceilidh Night on August 23. Young folk fusion band Eriska, along with The Dalriada Connections Band, will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert on August 25 will have another great line-up with headline act Chris Stout and Catriona Mackay supported by Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse, Ross Conner plus many more. Don't forget to pick up the sponsor's free whisky miniature at the door.

The Festival Gaelic Night on August 21 features a host of outstanding



Gaelic performers, great tunes, stories and songs. The following night on August 22 the Young Folk Night promises another great selection of young performers from across Kintyre.

The festival ends on August 25 with Survivors' Night, headliners Slainte Davaar Allstars and many guest bands including Rhuvaal, we.R.soul, Gilchristians and many more acts across the night. There are also free open air events including Up the Close and music in the hotels and bars around the town.

For further information visit www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk

stars to headline songwriters' festival



Chris Helme

Chris Helme is probably best known as the frontman of The Seahorses, the band formed by former Stone Roses guitarist John Squire. The Seahorses supported The Rolling Stones and U2 and enjoyed four UK top 20 hits and a Scottish number one in the late '90s including Love Is The Law, Blinded By The Sun and Love Me And Leave Me, co-written with Liam Gallagher of Oasis. Chris usually travels to all his shows by train but is making a special exception to get to Campbeltown for the festival!

Winners of both The Billy Kelly Song Writing Award and a Burnsong songwriting award, Dumb Instrument bring the songs of Tom Murray to life. The band is perhaps best known for its single 'Suffering From Scottishness' which was adopted by the Scottish independence referendum's YES campaign. The focal point of a Dumb Instrument song is most definitely the lyric, with diverse subject matter negotiated in each record, from wheelie bin theft to mortality. Stylistically the band weave hints of disco, ragtime, gypsy or even Latin.



Dumb Instrument

Djana Gabrielle is a French-Cameroonian singer songwriter who won the prestigious Danny Kyle award at Celtic Connections in January 2019. After graduating from law school, she travelled extensively for a few years before moving to Paris to focus on music and started playing small gigs around the city. She then moved to Glasgow, a city she chose for its vibrant music scene and where she recorded her debut EP released in December 2015. She spent most of 2016 touring around Europe to promote her music and wrote, recorded and released a



Djana Gabrielle

brand new song each month in 2018. The Kintyre Songwriters' Festival brings her to Campbeltown for the first time.

Local acts performing at the Town Hall on Sunday include Gullion, Judith Jones, Under Smoke, Thomas Jordan and Jenni Martin.

With 13 acts per night, the festival has something for everyone. Discounted early bird weekend tickets are available for £35 from Campbeltown Town Hall and AP Taylor, and

online from Ticketweb. Individual event tickets are £20.

More information from www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk



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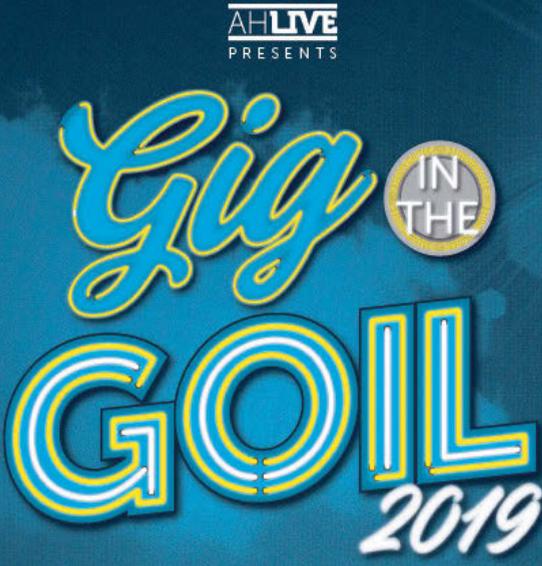
Getting to Jura could not be easier. For the very rich: charter a sea plane or pilot your jet into Islay Airport. Super yachts should anchor off-shore and passengers use one of the motor launches; helicopters can be accommodated on the island with advance notice or use Islay Airport.

For the rest of us heading to Jura for the music festival, who aren't yachties, or don't have some handy cousins who own a fishing boat, the secret is to get yourselves to Tayvallich to catch the Jura passenger ferry to Craighouse.

You can arrive at Port Askaig by CalMac ferry or by flying into Islay Airport on a scheduled service and booking a taxi.

CalMac's most frequent sailings are from Kennacraig to Port Askaig or Port Ellen; if you catch the boat for Port Ellen, then it's the bus or a taxi for you.

But once on Jura, whatever your bank balance, whatever the weather and whether you are young or old, a good time is guaranteed. See you there. And don't forget the Jura Hotel offers a camping package.



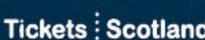
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Gig in the Goil returns to Argyll

Back for the fourth consecutive year, Argyll Holidays' Gig in the Goil is set to be bigger and better than ever before.

The brainchild of award-winning holiday park operator Argyll Holidays, the boutique festival will showcase the very best musical talent, plus food and drink between May 17 and 19 for what is sure to be a fantastic weekend.

More than 60 acts are set to perform across three stages at Drimsynie Estate Holiday Village, set within the unmistakable backdrop of Loch Goil and the Arrochar Alps.

Former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro tops this year's bill which also includes popular trad outfit Mànran and Trail West – returning by popular demand after closing the festival in 2017.

They'll be joined by some of the country's finest acoustic, contemporary, folk and traditional artists, with the likes of Clann An Drumma, Beinn Lee, Vistas, Shambolics and Rollin Drones taking to the stage at the 'Goil this May.

Festival-goers have also been promised delicious food and drink options including street food and craft beers, children's entertainment and plenty of family fun, with face painting, stalls and games. In addition, kids aged 10-and-under go free.

More than 500 tickets for Gig in the Goil have already been snapped up, with organisers anticipating another sell out

weekend. Ross Coutts, event manager, said: 'Gig in the Goil is a highlight of the summer for us here at Argyll Holidays, and we're delighted at securing such a strong line-up for 2019.'

'Donnie Munro is one of the finest Gaelic singers this country has ever produced. As well as all the Runrig favourites, he has a fantastic back catalogue of material to keep the crowd entertained on the Saturday evening. Mànran and Trail West are both award-winning groups with plenty of energy and a huge draw for a village like Lochgoilhead – we're absolutely buzzing to welcome them here.'

'It's great to offer something a little different from the bigger festivals and really showcase the immense talent we have right here in Scotland, in an intimate surrounding.'

For those looking to enjoy the festival in style, Argyll Holidays has a limited number of luxury lodges available over the weekend, with prices starting at £80pp. Guests will also be able to take advantage of a number of Go Active outdoor activities over the weekend, with everything from archery to WaterWalkerz available.

Tickets are available at early-bird prices until the end of March from argyllholidays.com. Follow @giginthegoil on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for all the latest updates.

Eighty on stage for the 75th consecutive fiddlers' rally

The Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society members are busy practicing for their next annual fiddlers rally which will be their 75th consecutive rally concert. The society was founded in 1944 by well known Oban musician Charlie Hunter. Their current conductor, Helen Jordan, is also a well known musician in the town.



Gold Medallist and well known in the Oban area and throughout the west coast.

Guest artists this year will be Paul Anderson and Paul MacCallum. Paul Anderson is a Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion, as well as an Oban Masters judge, from the north east of Scotland. Paul was a friend of Maurice Duncan, who died last year, and plans to include some of Maurice's tunes, as a tribute to Maurice, in his repertoire. Paul MacCallum, accompanied by Hamish Menzies, is a Mod

As usual, the rally will not only include local members but also fiddlers from several strathspey and reel societies from as far north as Caithness to as far south as Wales. The concert will be held in the Corran Halls on Saturday April 27, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. For further information, please see our Community Notice Board nearer the date of the concert.

Clachan Smallholder's Gathering an autumn extravaganza

For at least a decade Clachan Smallholders' Gathering has punched far above its weight as one of Argyll and Bute's best annual seasonal festivals.

Last year's event saw woodworkers and artists become guitarists and violinists to spur on a Wild West themed event encompassing crafts, industry culture and music.

On the Saturday afternoon events centre round the village hall and in various marquees on the surrounding grass.

In 2018 Wild West games were played as hardy visitors tested their strength on a bucking bronco fair ride and younger guests had their faces painted.

Meanwhile, fitting with the season, freshly harvested vegetables, art, soaps and various crafts were both demonstrated and for sale in the hall.

Arran woodcarver Henry Murdo brought some of his masterpieces as well as a work-in-progress, a rabbit on which people could try their hand at carving.

Mark MacSporrán involved people of all ages in Samba drumming, using a variety of instruments to create a carnival rhythm.

At night local performers join a headline act on stage as the action becomes musical and outside a barbecue, weather permitting and campfire enhance the 'romantic' carnival atmosphere.

This year's event is on the weekend of August 31 and September 1 with the theme to be confirmed.

Visit us at Facebook to see announcements for daytime stalls, Demonstrations, activities, evening acts, musicians and headline band confirmations. Or contact the Smallholder's Gathering Team on 01880 740 660 for more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities.



Raphael MacLachlan tries his balance on the bucking bronco in 2018.

Loch Shiel Festival 2019

19-21 April 2019

A cultural treasure of the West Highlands of Scotland, the Loch Shiel Festival is arguably Scotland's most picturesque chamber music festival, renowned for making use of spectacular and unusual settings around Loch Shiel and hosting performances from internationally acclaimed chamber musicians.

The Loch Shiel Festival marks its 23rd year with a micro-festival on the theme of "Inspirations", exploring some of the great masterpieces of the chamber music repertory which have

changed the course of history.

Scotland's esteemed Maxwell Quartet takes centre stage this year, fresh from their recent tour of America, during which they were heralded by the New York Times: "striking arrangements of folk music ...the sound of traditional fiddle playing carried over beautifully into fresh readings of Haydn and Beethoven". They are joined by violinist of the Kapten Trio and soprano Rachel Spencer, and Scottish Chamber Orchestra

violinist Felix Tanner. The programme features music by Haydn, Mozart, Debussy, Shostakovich and Eddie McGuire, as well as a guided walk along the shores of Glenuig. As always, world-class music is partnered with the chance to enjoy excellent food from local chefs.

More details about this year's programme and tickets for all festival events are available on the festival website: www.lochshiel festival.com



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Now in its ninth year, Oban Winter Festival has grown to accommodate an extensive programme of events aimed at people of all ages. Organised by six volunteers and supported by the community, it is a 10-day celebration of Oban's unique culture and community with street parades, international and local performance acts, fire artists, crafts, pipers, parades and family fun. Festival action takes place mainly in the centre of town which means getting from place to place is easy. Discover Oban's great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick. Take a tour of Oban Distillery to sample its malts, or enjoy a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafés while soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

For those seeking more refined entertainment, there are various literary, language, cinema, music and theatrical events throughout the festival, offering a chance to learn, participate and celebrate our culture. Should you choose to stay overnight in Oban to enjoy one or more of the winter festival events there are various options for your stay, from top class hotels and apartments in the town centre to the many excellent bed and breakfast establishments. You can find more details at www.obanwinterfestival.com, or www.visitscotland.com or www.oban.org.uk So why not join the biggest winter party in the west? We are waiting to welcome you.



Get wild at Mhor Festival 2019

Rediscover your wild side this May with one of the UK's most loved food and music festivals.

Set in the stunning surrounds of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, the Mhor Festival is a celebration of musical talent, internationally-acclaimed artists, inspirational makers and creators, jaw dropping performances and more award-winning food and drink than you can shake a ladle at.

Taking place between May 24-26, the Mhor Festival is the lovechild of The Mhor Collection and takes place in the grounds of the award winning Monachyle Mhor Hotel, on the banks of Loch Voil and in the midst of Rob Roy country.

In an era when what you have seems increasingly less important than what you do, the Mhor Festival is leading the way in putting experience at the heart of wellbeing and encourages guests to rediscover their wild side by getting back in touch with nature and themselves.

Guests will be treated to a line-up of experts and specialists including foragers, herbalists, yogis and nutritionists, on hand



to help tailor what you do and eat with what your individual body needs, through a range of talks and workshops. Experts in mental health and wellbeing will also take to the stage to share their journeys and give advice on how to make sure you take care of yourself.

Food is something that makes us feel good and brings us together and this year's Friday Night Feast will do just that and more. This year, held in honour of the festival's great friend and champion Andrew Fairlie, the feast will raise funds for the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth.

Fantastic food will be a recurring theme throughout the weekend with the festival introducing its Food Hall for the very first time. Packed with sweet and savoury delights from the likes of Mhor Bread, Mhor Fish, Chick and Pea, Babu Kitchen and Nomad Pizza, guests can sample the goods of some of the UK's finest fare. From coffee to kombucha, churros to charcuterie, there's something to tingle every taste bud.

Next door in the Dutch Barn, a rolling programme of talks, demos and workshops will keep everyone from toddlers to teenagers (and their parents) entertained. Whether you've always wanted to try your hand at bread making or have a hankering for lino printing, we've got just the thing and you can sign up to join in on the day.

Another highlight is an appearance by Balquhider's Clare Hunter, who will be talking about her new novel and Radio 4 book of the week, *Threads of Life*. Part

memoir, part journey through time it is, as its subtitle says, 'a history of the world through the eye of a needle'.

For those wanting to get a little more active, Outdoor Swimming Society Ambassador Calum MacLean will be sharing some of his daring, water-based escapades, detailing the adventures this increasingly popular past-time has taken him on. If you're feeling extra brave why not take a dip in the loch yourself and see how it makes you feel.

Gabriella Bennet, acclaimed journalist, author and wild swimming aficionado, is delighted to see one of Scotland's only family run festivals embrace the sport and embody the philosophy contained in her newly published book 'The Art of Coorie'.

Literally meaning to 'cuddle in' the word coorie is most typically used in the winter months, but the definition has evolved to include the sense of oneness and a strong connection to what surrounds you, be they landscapes, people, activities, or vibes.

Mhor Festival invites you to get wild and coorie in all weekend.

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Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



THE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in sea, food, music and literature.

The excitement begins May 24-27 with The Scottish Series, Scotland's premier annual yachting regatta. The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening Clyde Challenger Race from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year

after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The Tarbert Harbour Authority, whose facilities are ever-improving, provides a warm welcome for all competitors from the harbour master and staff.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 6-7, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities abound at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, July 20-21 draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland over the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (25-27) and continues

the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 29 years.

Held the weekend of September 20-22, it features a full programme including the popular fêis for children in the morning and adults in the afternoon plus concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the relaxed vibe and fantastic local seafood in the hotels and restaurants.

Tarbert Book Festival, in the pretty fishing village, is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from October 26-28.

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the Kintyre Way make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along: www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

And also remember the Tarbert Christmas Fair with crafts, stores, Santa's Grotto and the switching on of the village Christmas lights – date to be confirmed.

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2019

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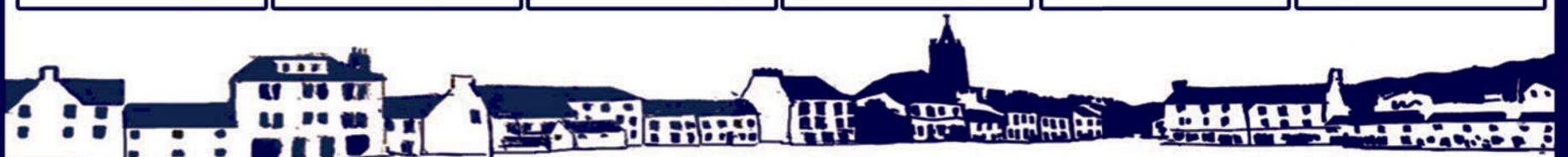
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- Remember the 4Ps – only pee, poo, paper and puke should ever go down a toilet.
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Is this an old-fashioned answer to a new problem? The traditional Indian Tiffin carrier, a set of food boxes fashioned together, is a great way to take-away. Take your own reusable food containers and cups with you to the food trucks.

Welcome to the Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival

May 3 - 5 2019

This year the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival celebrates its 36th anniversary from May 3 to 5 2019, and Oban will again see an influx of young performers all ready to compete. Come and join the town celebrate the talent of our budding Highland dancers, fiddlers, pipers, pianists, accordion and classic players and not forgetting woodwind, brass and singing at a variety of venues throughout Oban.



Each year there are performers from near and far, making the trip and entering more than 1,100 class competitions.



The festival provides quite a spectacle of dancers at Atlantis Leisure Centre, Highland Dancing Choreography at the Corran Halls and some of the best fiddle and accordion players in the Masters in St John's Cathedral on the Friday night.

The Highlands and Islands festival promotes a long tradition of music and dance, and the opportunity for many young people to show off their talent. Argyll is rich in music and dance heritage and the festival provides a great outlet. In conjunction with Feis Latharna, this year the festival is hosting new workshops at Oban High School for any children interested, from five-18 years, who might want some tops or to pick up a new instrument for the first time, on Sunday May 5.

Feeling up to the challenge, visit our website www.obanfestival.org

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A secure, well-run kids' section is such a joy for all involved; the kids can enjoy running free and parents can relax and have fun, knowing the wee ones are happy and safe.

The same rules for camping and festival going apply to the tiniest of festival goers: good camping kit, clothing in layers,

sunhat, sunscreen and wellies. Pay attention to hydration levels and keep them topped up with snacks – you will be amazed how much energy your children will burn off.

Camping with babies and tots is just a more intense version of daily life. Getting out of the door with a baby or pre-schooler is a major logistical operation at the best of times. A wee tip: it can be reassuring to know that an extra pack of baby wipes or disposable nappies, loo roll or bottled water is tucked away under the seat or the back of the car boot or caravan. Do remember the nappy sacks to help keep litter under control.

Take loads of photos and video and remember to download it and keep it secure. You will be amazed at how much five-and-six-year-olds are fascinated by, and proud of, film and pictures of themselves as babies and toddlers.



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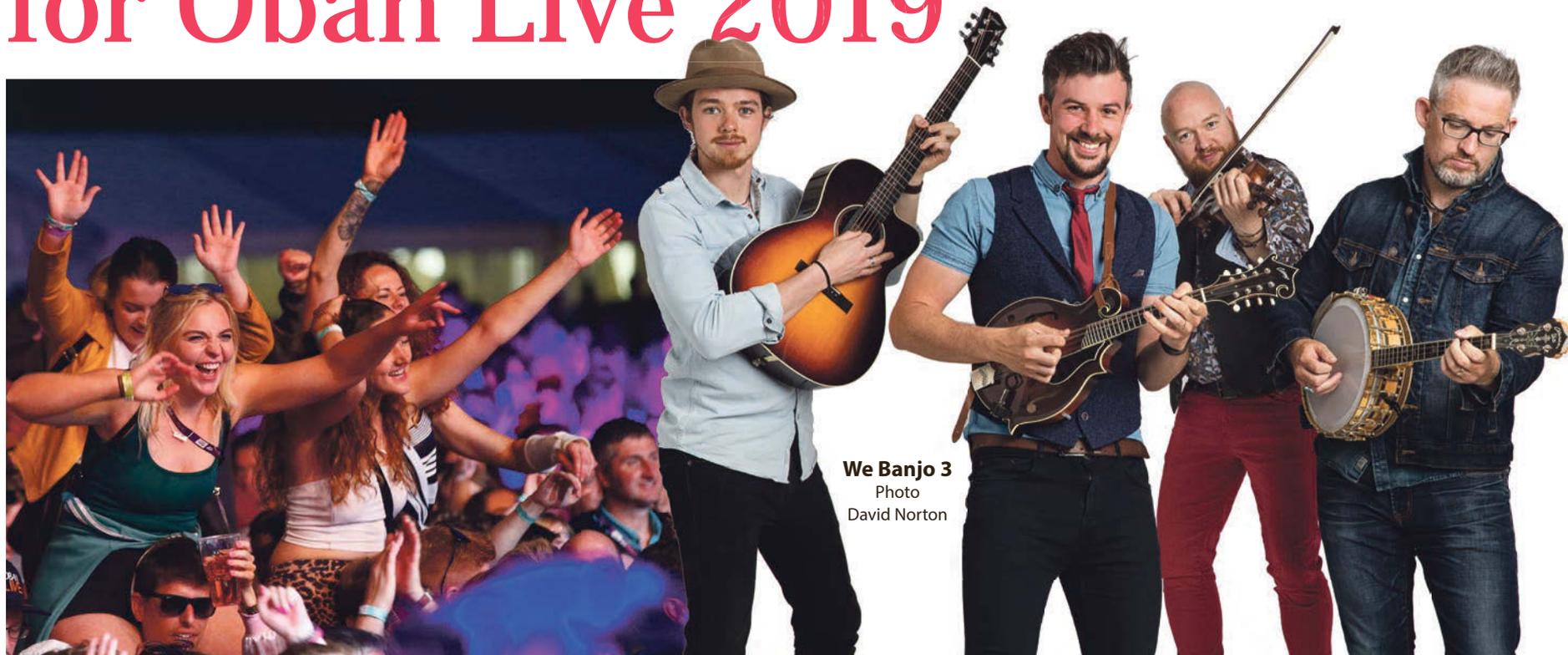
We write this every year and we will keep on doing so – this is really important.

Action on Hearing Loss says sounds over 80 decibels (dB) can cause hearing loss that may leave your child with permanent damage or ringing in the ears.

Ordinary spoken conversation is 60dB and shouting is 80dB, so if you have to shout to make yourself heard, then your kids should be in ear defenders.



Scottish exclusives announced for Oban Live 2019



We Banjo 3
Photo
David Norton

Argyll's biggest outdoor live music event Oban Live has announced it will be the only place in Scotland in 2019 to see multi-award winning Irish quartet We Banjo 3.

We Banjo 3, described as one of the best live acts to come out of Ireland in recent years, will reunite with international trad-fusion Scots band and headline act Skerryvore for a special collaboration on the Saturday as well as performing their own energetic set on the Friday night. The two bands caused a comedy storm on social media during their joint American tour earlier last year as they fought for votes in their widely popular Bagpipes versus Banjo campaign.

Meanwhile, international bagrock sensation Red Hot Chilli Pipers have announced their new album Fresh Air will be out June 7 and will be launching it at Oban Live 2019.

Lucy Spraggan, Elephant Sessions, Talisk and JigJam are also amongst the first confirmed acts to join headliners Skerryvore at their signature event in June. More acts are to be announced in the coming months and this will also include two winners of the event's recent Scottish Sea Farms Unsigned Oban Live campaign.

The Oban Live Fringe is all set to extend the party across the town over the weekend with live music, events and special offers for party goers. Details are expected to be released in May.

Tickets are on sale now for Oban Live 2019 which takes place on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 at the town's Mossfield Stadium. Visit www.obanlive.com.

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As Oban Live media partners, we've teamed up with the spectacular event to offer readers the chance to win one of three pairs of tickets!

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To enter, simply answer this question, complete the coupon and send it to:
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QUESTION: We Banjo 3 come from which country?

- a) America
- b) Ireland
- c) Scotland

Answer.....

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Telephone.....Email

Terms and conditions: Tickets are subject to the Oban Live terms and conditions which can be found at www.obanlive.com/ticket-tcs. The prize is 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8) per winner. Three winners with the correct answer will be chosen at random. Entrants must be over 18. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Winners will be selected at random after the closing date and will receive a 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8). The prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash equivalent. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners may be asked to take part in publicity and may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. The competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees and their families. Digital subscribers can enter by printing this page and submitting their entry accompanied by a letter explaining that you are a digital subscriber. The closing date for entries is midnight, 15/04/19. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/disposed immediately upon the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.

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Argyll athletes tackle the

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Athletes came from as far as Dunoon, Campbeltown and all over Mid Argyll to join the race, billed as one of Scotland's friendliest and most inclusive running events.

Organised annually by Lochgilphead's Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool), the race starts at Crinan and follows the canal for eight miles to Ardrishaig.

The weather couldn't make up its

mind, with runners soaked in rain one minute then running in the sun the next.

That didn't deter the athletes who trudged on to get their medals at the end of the road.

One runner managed to beat the female record. Hazel MacCormick from Edinburgh beat the previous record with a time of 51 minutes and 43 seconds.

Kirsty Young, MACPool's deputy manager, said: "The Crinan Puffer is a fundraising event run by Mid

Argyll Community Enterprises in aid of Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

"We would like to extend our thanks to our sponsors, Scottish Sea Farms, for their continued support and to all our volunteers and helpers who came out to help make the event a huge success.

Delighted

"We are delighted with the turnout we had on Sunday and despite the poor weather conditions we had some very fast times with the winning lady, Hazel MacCormick,

taking a new ladies' course record."

Results: Overall and senior male – 1 Dominic Sharkey, 48:45; 2 Kevin Campbell, 49:44; David Carey, 50:01.

Senior female – 1 Hazel MacCormick, 51:43; 2 Ailsa Lopez, 58:16; 3 Laura Thomson, 1:02:56.

Vintage male – 1 Brian Hughes, 51:58; 2 Andy Law, 54:29; 3 Peter Boyd, 1:06:17.

Vintage female – 1 Jane Barrington, 1:11:47; 2 June MacLeod, 1:17:51; 3 Jacqueline Glass, 1:21:23.

Super veteran male – 1 Ross Morley-Trappnell, 58:46; 2 Iain Crawford, 1:03:51; 3 Ronnie MacEachen, 1:04:40.

Super veteran female – 1 Jean McLennan, 1:05:31; 2 Jacquie Maclean, 1:11:47; 3 Gail Williams, 1:11:58.

Veteran male – 1 Iain McGougan, 55:19; 2 Roger Stewart, 57:10; 3 Matthew Watkiss, 57:37.

Veteran female – 1 Kathryn Munro, 1:02:21; 2 Morag Neilson, 1:04:38; 3 Rebecca Fulton, 1:05:03.



First place overall, Dominic Sharkey.

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First place female, Hazel MacCormick.

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First place male veteran, Iain McGougan.

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First place female veteran, Kathyn Munro.

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First place male vintage runner, Brian Hughes.

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Owners, Brian and Kathryn Masson, took over the restaurant in 2017 and have expanded their staff, their opening times and their service with a new breakfast offering starting on Saturday March 30.

Long-time fans of the area, Brian and Kathryn have invested heavily in the Inn.

Brian said: 'We had a holiday home here and have been coming here for years and we were given the opportunity to take over. Since then we have been developing the premises and food offering.'



Brian and Kathryn Masson, Tayvallich Inn owners

Breakfast will be available from 10am seven days a week and will feature a choice of: porridge, homemade granola, warm croissants, full Scottish breakfast as well as a full range of coffees from Matthew Algie.

Brian said 'We have spent time sourcing high quality produce wherever possible'

The Inn's lunch and dinner menu includes various seafood classics such as West Coast or Shetland mussels, hand-dived Tayvallich scallops, Sound of Jura langoustine as well as a few alternatives such as steak and pork belly with traditional Scottish cranachan or banoffee pie amongst the options to finish.

An afternoon menu is available between the full lunch and dinner menu, this includes our classic fish and chips,



mussels, langoustine and crab along with a choice of salads and lighter options.

Tayvallich is popular with locals and tourists, due to its local activities and lovely scenery. Scenery which can be enjoyed from the restaurant of the Tayvallich Inn, with tables looking out over the loch. 'It's a beautiful place to visit,' Kathryn said. 'It's a lovely spot that makes you feel like you are on holiday. The area offers a large variety of outdoor activities from beaver spotting, walking, cycling and kayaking.'

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NFUS pleads for responsible dog ownership

NFU Scotland is urging dog owners to be responsible and control their pets on farmland this spring.

Marking the spring equinox – the first day of spring, this year on March 20 – NFUS wants owners to pick up after their pets and keep them on a lead around livestock.

With many lambs now in fields, it is imperative that dogs are under the full control of their owners and attacks on sheep are avoided.

This message ties in with the union's awareness-raising campaign, Control Your Dog on Farmland, launched last month to tackle the problem of irresponsible access by dog walkers in Scotland's countryside.

Attacks on livestock on farmland are still on the increase, as is the problem of

dog fouling which can cause livestock to contract dangerous diseases.

The key messages, aimed at farmers and dog owners, include: Be informed – know your responsibilities under the Outdoor Access Code; Plan ahead – know your route, ensure you have poo bags and a lead; Control your pet – keep dogs on a lead around livestock; Know the steps to take if things don't go to plan – including cattle charging, dog escapes; Don't leave it hanging – picking up your dog's poo is not enough, take it with you and put it in a bin, even if on the fringes of farmland. Do not just 'flick it' into the bushes.

In early December, NFUS surveyed farmers, crofters and landowners about the issues they have with irrespon-

sible access, either through livestock worrying by dogs, or the impacts of owners failing to pick up after their pets on or near farmland.

The survey had more than 340 responses, which showed that: 72 per cent of respondents had an issue with livestock worrying on their land; 100 per cent of survey respondents said they have an issue with dog fouling on their land – this included plastic bag pollution as well as instances where livestock have contracted diseases from eating dog poo and plastic bags; 84 per cent of responses felt the Outdoor Access Code requiring 'on a lead or under close control' did not provide sufficient protection to them or their livestock.

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Islay's annual early spring sale report

A strong force of mainland buyers attended United Auctions' annual early spring sale of 817 grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on March 9.

Bullocks sold to an average of £854.41 or 231.1 pence per kilo, up £0.62 per head.

Heifers levelled out at £736.48 per head or 208.2 pence per kilo, less £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 while all classes sold 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) Craigen; £930 (5) Octofad; £930 (10) Aoradh; £925 (5) Craigen; £910 (9) Tallant; £905 Eorrabus. LIMx: £1,135 (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 Chlassan. LUINGx: £590 (5) Duich. BLG: £505 Ballymeanach. Heifers: AAX: £940 Tallant; £815 Craigen. BRBx: £635 Bayview. BAX: £870 and £830 Eorrabus. CHARx: £1,145 Craigfad; £900 Aoradh; £870 (5) Eorrabus; £870 Tallant; £870 (8) Eorrabus. LIMx: £975 (2) and £970 (4) Balaclava; £955 (2) Blackrock; £940 Ardbeg; £940 Brybruich; £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 Craigen; 213p (6) Aoradh. BAX: 210p Eorrabus. CHARx: 228p (4) Tallant; 222p (6) and 219p (4) Aoradh; 219p (8) Eorrabus; 216p (5) Craigen; 216p (4) Tallant; 215p Craigfad; 214p (6) Craigen; 214p (9) Eorrabus; 213p (9) Tallant. LIMx: 263p and 244p (5) Ardbeg; 237p Brybruich; 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. SIMx: 204p (2) Cladville.

Prices down at grass lets sale

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18/02686/PP	Erection of 2 holiday lodges	Land West Of Strathholm, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/00531/PP	Erosion protection works, installation of anti-climb measures to pipebridge and associated works	Pipebridge Over Clachan Burn, North East Of Kilmalmonell Parish Church, Clachan, Argyll And Bute
18/02757/PP	Installation of replacement rooflight	3 Cross Houses, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE
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Dash cams and your car insurance

A guide to in-car camera systems

In the heat of the moment, even when you think you had a full view of the road, there are still times when we miss what really happened in an accident. A dash cam could be the answer in settling insurance disputes and claims, and may help you to improve the way you drive.

What's a dash cam?

They're in-car camera systems that make a video and audio recording of your journey. Public awareness of car cameras has increased and many insurance policies already accept dash cam evidence in the event of a car incident.

Some dash cams even include a parking mode, which starts recording whenever an impact is detected. If someone knocks a wing mirror or hits your car when they're parking and doesn't leave a note, you'll have a better chance of finding out what happened and who's responsible for the damage.

There are 3 main types of dash cam:

Front view cameras are among the best dash cams for capturing everything in front of you, including traffic you're following. They're the cheapest to buy, but lack the ability to see what's happened behind you.

Front and back view (or front and rear) dash cams offer the advantage of recording both the view in front and behind your car. Most accidents on the road happen

at low speeds and involve rear-end collisions. Investing in a dash cam that offers both views could be worth the extra spend in case you're involved in an accident.

Cabin view car cameras provide you with a bird's eye view of what's happened inside your car. Mostly used in taxis and car services, it might be up your street if you share a car or maybe wish to check your own driving habits.

Why install a dash cam?

You've seen them on the news, crime programmes and some of the footage even goes viral on social media. And they're becoming increasingly popular with motorists in the UK. In fact, from research we carried out, dash cam ownership has gone from 1% to 15% in just 4 years.¹

They're an effective way to see how we and others drive and useful for finding out who was at fault in a car accident. If you suspect you've been a victim of a crash for cash fraud, submitting dash cam evidence could help you be properly compensated and prevent it happening to others.



Dash cam and insurance policies

Many car accidents aren't clear cut. If there is any doubt over fault and if it's your word against theirs, footage recorded by a dash cam can help to resolve the dispute quickly. If the footage proves the other party was at fault, you may not have to pay your excess, or if you've already paid, your excess may be reimbursed.

The evidence could also help in protecting your no claims discount (NCD). As dash cams become more common, they could lower car insurance premiums, reduce theft and help deter insurance fraud.

Will a dash cam change the way I drive?

Maybe. As well as becoming more road-savvy, dash cams could also provide

learner, new and returning drivers with priceless information on what they're doing behind the wheel.

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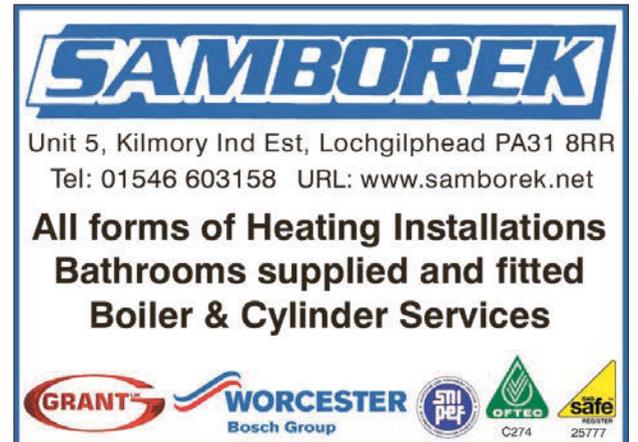
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I would like to thank all family and friends for their kind wishes, cards, phone calls and gifts during my time in Oban and Campbeltown hospitals. Thanks also to hospital staff for all their care. Much appreciated.

Jan Robertson.

TIGHNABRUAICH

'New Road' turns 50

The 'New Road' that runs from Loch Riddon to Tighnabruaich will be celebrated on its 50th anniversary.

The village heritage club is planning to mark the occasion with an event by asking locals for their memories and information about the building or opening of the road, or about the old road.

A notice from the Heritage Club said: 'Anything at all, however small or unimportant it may seem for you, could help to recreate the atmosphere of that time.'

If you have any memories, photographs or records that would be helpful, contact Sandy Hastings on 01700 811304 or email hastings-argyll@gmail.com.

EASDALE

Photography courses

Photography enthusiasts on Easdale are invited to attend a number of two-day courses

Colin McPherson of Easdale Experiences will be running the events with Adam Lee on Saturday June 29, Wednesday July 3, Saturday September 7 and Wednesday September 11.

Participants will be accommodated for three nights in two cottages on the island. Places are restricted to a maximum of six participants per course.

The courses, designed for photographers of any level, aim to teach how to weave photographs together to tell a story.

For more information, visit www.easdale-experiences.com/courses

OBAN

Plane crashes to avoid birds

A pilot whose plane came off the runway at Oban Airport aborted take off after spotting low flying birds above the runway, says an air accident report.

None of the three people and the dog on board the private light aircraft was hurt in the crash, which happened on July 13 last year – all four got out before help arrived.

At that point, the indicated airspeed was above the normal take-off speed said the

TAYNUILT

Special Olympics gold



Rosa Huntington poses with her gold medal.

A 27-year-old woman from Taynuilt has accomplished her goal of winning a gold medal at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

Rosa Huntington, from Bonawe Home Farm, won the mini javelin competition after throwing 13.62

metres. Rosa joined the Special Olympics in 2017 and, speaking at the time, she said: 'Being in the Special Olympics is absolutely fantastic.'

Dream

'My dream has come true. I feel a much higher level of fulfilment.'

'My ambition is winning gold.'

'I got into sport because one of the people running a special needs gym club that I used to attend, but which has now stopped, has a particular interest in developing all ability athletics and encouraged me to join.'

Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) report. The 15-year-old plane failed to stop, overran the runway and struck the airfield's boundary fence at about five knots before ending up in bushes just before the shore-

line. The pilot told the investigation that in his view the aircraft performance was 'very poor' at lift-off, so when he saw the birds ahead he became concerned the plane would not climb above them and decided to stop.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

They're back! Known as LM12 and LF15, the ospreys have returned safely to Loch of the Lowes.

What an amazing return journey they have completed from Africa of about 6,000 miles.

Once again we will watch them as they prepare and repair the nest, as they lay their eggs, and then the joy of watching the chicks hatch.

All around us are signs of new life. The new buds are appearing, the oyster catchers are pairing up and the lambs will soon sprinkle the fields with white.

New birth will come again and each mother of whatever species will know the call of her own baby.

I heard a fascinating programme about voice recognition. Evidently the best form of security is not a pin number or a code, but simply your voice recording.

I was invited to do this recently so that when I next need to prove my identity I will be known by the stored recording of my voice.

Like our fingerprint and the retina of our eye, our voice pattern is unique.

No one else on the planet has the same voice as you have.

This must be the same with the other animals.

I am always intrigued when I watch a flock of sheep with a field full of lambs that each lamb knows the call of its mother among so many.

I have watched nature programmes where chicks know the call of the adult and the elephant calf responds to the right mother.

We know, too, that God calls us by our name, and we know that call to be different from any other, for God's voice is also unique.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

MARRIAGES



MCAULAY - BARRETT

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage, on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in Glasgow, conducted by the Rev Gary McIntyre, Gemma, younger daughter of Duncan and Malina, to Mark, son of Mandy and Duncan. A wonderful day was had by all.

DEATHS

DUNCAN - Suddenly at home, 2a Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, on March 23, 2019, Andrew Ferguson Duncan, in his 71st year, dearly beloved son of the late Andrew and Mary Duncan, much loved brother of Hector, and a loving uncle of David, Kirsteen and Andrew. A private cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium.

KENT - Margaret Mary, passed away on March 19, 2019, peacefully listening to her favourite operas, with her son by her side. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends, near and far.

LINDSAY MACDOUGALL - James, Younger of Lunga, unexpectedly at home, much loved dad of Kenna and brother of Antonia, Johanna, Lucien and Aiden, beloved eldest son of Colin Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga. Funeral service at Craignish Parish Church, on April 2, 2019, at 12.00pm, followed by interment at Kilvaree.

MACKENZIE - Peacefully at Airlie House, Ayr, on March 22, 2019, Agnes, aged 98 years, beloved wife of the late Donald (both formerly of Stewarton) and also of the late Robert Fraser, loving mother of Billy, mother-in-law of Isobel, dearest granny of Ona and Iain, great granny of Ewan and Corale and dear sister of Bessie.

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MCARTHUR - Peacefully at home, in Minard, Argyll, on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, William (Bill), aged 89 years, beloved husband of Lily and loving daddy of Billy. Funeral service at William Scott Funeral Home, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Polmont Cemetery, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 26, 2019, Mhairi Robertson, in her 36th year, 11c Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved mum of Jack, much loved daughter of Davie and the late Rosemary and a loving sister of David and Jamie. Funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, March 29, 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 the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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SHAW - Obe, daughter of Mary Shaw and dedicated Ward Sister at the Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, got her wish, on March 17, 2019, she died peacefully at her home, 3 Argyll Court, Lochgilphead, with her adored Hamish curled up beside her. Obe will be greatly missed by her friends. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LOGIE - A memorial service for the late James Logie Jr, son of James D Logie and the late Rhona Logie, of Inverneill Cottage, Inverneill will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, April 5, 2019, at 12.00 noon. Retiral collection for MS Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

DOTT - In loving memory of Charlie, died March 28, 2017.

Loved and missed every day.

- From your loving wife, Isobel, and all the family xxxx.

MACAULAY - In loving memory of my wee sister and 'special' auntie, Diane.

Always in our thoughts. Missed everyday.

- Love, Julie and Chloe x.

MACBRAYNE - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Colin, who died March 28, 2018.

Remembered always.

- Mary, Margaret and family xx.

MACBRAYNE - In loving memory of a dear sister-in-law and auntie, Prunella, who died March 31, 2018. "Happy memories."

- Mary, Margaret and family xx.

MCEACHRAN - Gary, died March 30, 2017.

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- Mum, Dad, Ross and Beth. Uncle Gary, we cherished your love.

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6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday
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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group

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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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Sunday 31st March
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Ken Watson with Sunday school and refreshments after the service

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Induction Service of Mark Jasper as Pastor of Campbeltown Community Church
Saturday 6th April at 2 pm
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Rev Rodger Crooks

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3.00pm Christianity Explored

Wednesday 3rd April
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2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe

Saturday 6th April
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Kilmartin

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Church of Scotland

Sunday 31st March 2019
Skipness service 10am
Marion MacDonald

Tarbert service 11.30am
Rev Christine Fulcher
Tarbert & Kilberry Church
Annual Stated Meeting - after the service
all are welcome to attend.

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2.30pm in the church hall
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A record breaking weekend for Mid Argyll Athletics

There was an entry of just over 90 young athletes at the Argyll final of Sports Hall Athletics held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 24. The final was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months promoted by Mid Argyll Athletics Club.

After more than four hours of intense competition, four Argyll age records were broken and one equalled. Young athletes from the Oban area dominated in the boys' events while in the girls' events the honours were shared between Kintyre, Mull, Mid Argyll and Oban.

The top performance of the day in the boys' events was by Donald Campbell from Rockfield Primary School who was the under-nines champion winning all seven events with some style. Donald excelled in the running events and set a new Argyll age record in the four lap race recording 57.8 seconds improving the old record set back in 2007 by a fifth of a second. Donald had earlier set a new age record in the speed bounce event with 77 jumps in 30 seconds, adding three jumps to the existing record. Duncan Hunt from Lochnell Primary



Argyll Sports Hall Athletics winners.

School was runner-up in this age group and Joe Hill from Park was third overall.

James Muir from Rockfield was the under-11 champion ahead of Jack Green from Dalintober in Campbeltown. James won four events, including the two-lap race in 24.6 seconds close to the

Argyll age record. Jack Green won the triple jump and in the same group Logan Gibson from Salen Primary School won the high jump and secured third place overall. Rufus Hughes from Rockfield was fourth overall thanks to a win in the long jump.

Jacques Coates from Park won the under-13s contest with Oliver Reid from Campbeltown runner-up. Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead and Rhys Millar from Rockfield tied on points for third place. Jacques won the two-lap, four-lap and speed bounce. Murray impressed in winning the high, long and triple jumps in addition to the shot putt.

Age record

Quinn Soames from Bunessan on Mull was the under-sevens champion, winning the javelin and the two running events. Quinn set a new Argyll age record in the four-lap event, recording 63.9 seconds, improving the old record by over a second. Ruairidh Charnock from Lochgilphead was runner-up to Quinn and won the long jump and placed second to Quinn in the four-lap in 64.5 seconds, also inside the old record time. Charley Gilchrist from Dalintober was third overall in this age category thanks to a win in the triple jump.

The under-11s girls' contest was the most competitive and of a high standard with only

two points between first and second overall.

Kirstie Renton from Castlehill Primary School in Campbeltown was the champion ahead of Ellen MacRae from Salen on Mull.

Kirstie won the javelin and speed bounce with an excellent 79 jumps and placed second in four other events scoring 26 points.

Ellen dominated in the running events setting a new age record in the two-lap with 24.7 seconds, almost half a second under the old record. Ellen later won the four-lap race this time equalling the record of 54.5 seconds. Ellen also won the long and triple jumps and placed second in the high jump which was won by Eleanor Dale from Ardrishaig who cleared 1.23metres on her last attempt.

Castlehill Primary School provided the winner of the under-13s in the shape of Violet Campbell who won five events including an impressive 53.8 seconds in the four-lap race. Violet also won the two-lap race, shot putt and both the long and triple jumps.

Runner-up Evie Kellett from Salen won the speed bounce and Ruby Jo Phillips from Lochgilphead won the high jump.

Eilidh Cameron from Inveraray was the under-15s champion just ahead of Amy Gibson from Bunessan and

Izzy Crawford from Furnace. Eilidh won both running events and the speed bounce. Amy won all three jumps, including a 1.40metres clearance in the high jump. Izzy won the shot putt throwing 6.38metres.

Jamie MacIntyre from Rockfield won the javelin and both the long and triple jumps to secure the under-sevens title ahead of two girls from Castlehill, Emma Johnston and Eleyna McEachran. Eleyna dominated in the running events with her winning time of 65.2 seconds in the four-lap only a fifth of a second off the age record.

Palmo Jones from Bunessan was the under-nines winner ahead of another Mull girl, Erin Greig from Salen. Winning the long, triple and high jumps ensured the title for Palmo while Erin won the speed bounce and placed highly in another five events. Isla Muir from Rockfield was third overall thanks to wins in the two-lap and javelin. Esmee Bain from Ardrishaig won the four-lap race in this age group.

The organisers wish to thank all the young athletes and parents for supporting all the local competitions and the Argyll final on Sunday. Special thanks to the families from Mull and Kintyre for making the long journeys to Oban for the final.

Results:

Under-seven girls: 1 Jamie

MacIntyre, Rockfield, 21 pts; 2 Emma Johnston, Castlehill, 19.5 pts; 3 Eleyna McEachran, Castlehill, 16.5 pts; 4 Ciara Cameron, Bunessan, 12 pts; 5 Ranya Bakali, Inveraray, 6 pts. 6 Louise Ralston, Castlehill, 5 pts.

Under-nine girls: 1 Palmo Jones, Bunessan, 26 pts; 2 Erin Greig, Salen, 23 pts; 3 Isla Muir, Rockfield, 21.5 pts; 4 Esmee Bain, Ardrishaig, 9 pts; 5 Megan Johnston, Bunessan, 8 pts; 6 Sienna Munro, Salen, 7 pts.

Under-11 girls: 1 Kirstie Renton, Castlehill, 26 pts; 2 Ellen MacRae, Salen, 24 pts; 3 Mia Mason, St Columba's, 14 pts; 4 Eleanor Dale, Ardrishaig, 9 pts; 5= Jemma MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 7 pts; 5= Beth Johnston, Tarbert 7 pts.

Under-13 girls: 1 Violet Campbell, Castlehill, 31.5 pts; 2 Evie Kellett, Salen, 24 pts; 3 Ruby Jo Phillips, Lochgilphead, 23 pts; 4 Amber Bain, Lochgilphead, 18.5 pts.

Under-15 girls: 1 Eilidh Cameron, Lochgilphead, 30 pts; 2 Amy Gibson, Oban High, 28 pts; 3 Izzy Crawford, Lochgilphead, 26 pts; 4 Karis Kidd, Lochgilphead, 4 pts.

Under-seven boys: 1 Quinn Soames, Bunessan, 25 pts; 2 Ruairidh Charnock, Lochgilphead, 20 pts; 3 Charley Gilchrist, Dalintober, 12 pts; 4 Fergus Hunt, Lochnell, 11 pts; 5 Craig McMillan, Castlehill, 9 pts; 6 Murray MacKay, Drumlemble, 5 pts.

Under-nine boys: 1 Donald Campbell, Rockfield, 35 pts; 2 Duncan Hunt, Lochnell, 20.5 pts; 3 Joe Hill, Park, 11.5 pts; 4 Bailey Brown, Salen, 11 pts; 5= George Balkeen, Lochgilphead, 8 pts; 5= Ciaran Johnstone, Park, 8 pts.

Under-11 boys: 1 James Muir, Rockfield, 29 pts; 2 Jack Green, Dalintober, 22 pts; 3 Logan Gibson, Salen, 16 pts; 4 Rufus Hughes, Rockfield, 13 pts; 5 Daniel Cullen, Rockfield, 12 pts; 6= Murdo Morrison, Salen, 4 pts; 6= Innis MacCallum, Bunessan 4 pts.

Under-13 boys: 1 Jacques Coates, Park, 27.5 pts; 2 Oliver Reid, Campbeltown, 24.5 pts; 3= Murray MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 20 pts; 3= Rhys Millar, Rockfield, 20 pts; Robin Haddock Farrier, Bunessan, 10 pts.

Under-15 boys: 1 Finlay MacLean, Oban High.



Top performer on the day was Rockfield's Donald Campbell. Donald's dad is co-manager of Oban Saints.



Action from the Border Counties Rally. Photo: Eddie Kelly Motorsport Photography.

Mid Argyll team survives Border Counties Rally with no clutch

On Friday March 15 the WP Rallysport team travelled to Jedburgh for the Border Counties Rally, the first round of the Scottish Rally Championship.

Weather conditions on Friday could not have been better, though the rally started on Saturday. With heavy snow forecast overnight, it looked like the team made up of driver Douglas Watt from Furnace and co-driver Ian Parker from Lochgilphead would face tricky conditions for the first stages ahead.

Stages one and two were very slippery and covered with snow, but the team still pushed for time and entered the first service halt third in class four.

Stages three and four conditions had improved as heavy rain fell and the team started to push harder, only to find that the engine was not running at full power. Regardless of the lack of power, the team managed to continue to climb the leaderboard and sat comfortably at second in class.

Upon entering stage five, it was apparent that water had started to wash away parts of the stages, making for increasingly difficult conditions. By this time the car was still down on power, however the team managed to power on through stage five with a clean run and sitting 22nd overall going into the final stage.

Stage six was the final one of the day and for the team to secure second in class was all down to making it through the stage with a steady run.

First in class was almost two minutes out of reach partly down to the drop in engine performance on the Escort. Stage six was almost seven miles long and with two miles remaining to reach the finish, the clutch cable snapped.

Limping

The team managed to get the car to the end of the stage while limping through at a slower pace.

At the end of stage six, the team realised that their time was enough to keep them in second place, all they had to do was drive from the stage finish and 13 miles along the road to the final time control in Jedburgh.

By chance, the team managed to get the car moving and change gear all the way back to Jedburgh with no clutch to clinch the second in class award at the final time control.

Reaching the end of the event and scoring second in class and 25th overall has started the championship campaign brilliantly scoring almost maximum points in class.

A few repairs to do to the car now before the team heads for the Speyside Stages in Elgin on April 20 for the next round of the championship.

SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Premier Division - Alba Thistle 1, Oban Saints 0; Premier Division One - FC Argyle 3, Campbeltown Pupils 3; Lochgilphead Red Star 2, Clarendon

1; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 0, Houston United 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints, no game; Premier Division One - Kings Park Rangers v Campbeltown Pupils; Lochgilphead Red Star v Easthall Star. Jimmy Marshall Cup - Motherwell Thistle v Tarbert.

Oban Saints will play their West of Scotland Cup semi-final against high-flying Shortlees from Kilmarnock at New Douglas Park, Hamilton on Saturday April 13, kicking off at 2pm.

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A record breaking weekend for Mid Argyll Athletics

Mid Argyll team survives Border Counties Rally with no clutch

Red Star get off the bottom with a vital victory

Lochgilthead Red Star 2
 Claremont 1
 SAFL Premier One

ShareArgyll-sponsored Red Star welcomed Claremont to the Joint Campus 3G on Saturday March 23 and, after a competitive 90 minutes, it was the Lochgilthead side who picked up the three points thanks to an Aaron Moore wonder strike.

Nervy

The match started at a decent tempo with both sides looking to get on the attack. Despite a nervy opening, it was the home side who start-

ed to grow into the game and forced a number of corners with Aaron Moore going close with a header before Robert Docherty nodded an effort past the post.

The opener arrived for Star just before the hour-mark when good play on the right from James McGuinness saw him get the ball across to Robert Docherty, whose initial effort was miscued but the ball fell kindly to Martin Bonar and he finished from close range to put Star 1-0 up.

Claremont, to their credit, came back strongly but the Star backline looked to be repelling most of the danger

until the visitors' number seven picked the ball up out wide, the Star midfield were slow to close down and allowed him to fire a brilliantly placed shot past Kalache and into the top corner to make the score 1-1 with 15 minutes to go.

Spectacular

Both sides fancied their chances of netting a winner at this stage and it came for Red Star in spectacular fashion. Colin Weir slid a ball into Aaron Moore in midfield and the Star captain looked to go on a surging run.

The Claremont defence must have thought the danger

was cleared when Moore was forced wide but he was able to beat the goalkeeper with an outrageous effort from 35 yards out which flew into the top corner and put the home side back in front, much to the delight of the home crowd.

Claremont finished the match with 10 men when their striker saw red for a petulant kick out at Martin Bonar and Star ran out deserved winners in a close contest.

On Saturday March 30 Red Star are at home again as they take on Easthall Star in what will be another tough contest.

Kick-off at the Ropework, weather permitting, is 2pm.



Rab Docherty bustles his way past two Claremont opponents.

Inveraray and Kyles get their season under way



Grant Irvine of Kyles Athletic and Garry MacPherson of Inveraray. This was Grant's last game for Kyles before heading off for a new life in Jersey. Photo by Stephen Lawson.

Mowi Premiership

Kyles Athletic 3 Inveraray 1

Kyles Athletic and Inveraray both finally got their seasons under way. Kyles got off to a great start with Scott MacDonald scoring after just two minutes.

However, Lewis MacNicol made it 1-1 on 19 minutes and that's the way it stayed until the break.

Scott MacDonald got his second on 59 minutes to put Kyles back in front and Ross MacRae made sure of the win, adding a third on 73 minutes to give new boss Dunky Kerr a winning start.

Mowi South Division 1

Col Glen 2 Lochside Rovers 0

Lochside Rovers suffered their first defeat of the season, going down 2-0 against Col Glen at Glendaruel.

This was a tough game played on difficult

surface which didn't suit the Oban side.

Col Glen took the lead on 10 minutes with Willie MacVicar scoring. Lochside looked for offside but referee Graham Fisher waved away their claims.

Lochside had chances in the opening period but they fell further behind a couple of minutes before the break when Iain Wilson scored from the edge off the box, sending the ball through a ruck of bodies and into the bottom corner of Scott Buchanan's goal.

The second half was end-to-end with plenty tough tackling all over the park.

Lochside were awarded a penalty with around 15 minutes to go and, although Brian MacCallum struck the ball well enough, Col Glen keeper Ewen Harrison produced a fine save.

Afterwards Brian MacCallum said: 'With young Ross Campbell with the first team and a number of players unavailable, this was always going to be hard for us but there was a fantastic effort from the squad.'

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday March 25, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 6, 7, and 8. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £400.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 9, 13 and 15. Janice Campbell won the £700 jackpot so next week's jackpot will be £100.

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