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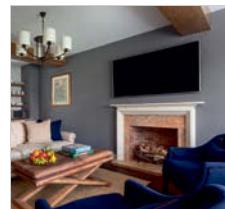
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Licence fee hike crippling Tarbert seafood exporter

Brexit bad enough, but council 'making it worse'

by Colin Cameron
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A Tarbert shellfish exporter, who employs 50 people, says he is on the verge of shutting up shop after a sharp rise in council fees.

Jamie McMillan operates Lochfyne Langoustines Limited and Lochfyne Seafarms Limited, based in the Loch Fyne-side village. He employs 38 people in shellfish processing and transport, with another dozen on four fishing boats.

The company exports weekly to far east markets including Hong Kong, Singapore and the Chinese mainland – but the cost of special certificates to export to these countries is, Mr McMillan says, 'killing him'.

Until last year Argyll and Bute Council charged £17.50



Jamie McMillan fears for the future of his business, faced with a sharp increase in council charges for exporting to non-EU countries. 06_a14LochFyneLangoustines05

per consignment for an export certificate to non-EU countries. From April 2018 this rose by 420 per cent to £91 per consignment.

At the February 2019 budget meeting the council imposed a further three per cent increase, meaning an export certificate now costs around

£93. When challenged last year on the increased fee, the council brought in a small quantity charge of £18 for consignments under five kilos. To date none of these have been issued as there is no demand.

And the question remains over certification arrangements post-Brexit.

'What will they charge if we need a certificate to export into the EU?' asked Mr McMillan.

'We can supply 10 customers per day and four to five tonnes a week into the EU. If the council charges £90-odd we'll go bankrupt overnight.'

'We don't make that much in profit.'

'And with the prospect of export tariffs after Brexit, the viability of our business is in the balance. The council is

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Horsing around in Ardrishaig

Some welcome equine guests cantered into Ardrishaig last week to brighten up Pier Square. Earlier this week Maisie Gilmour, aged 11, from Ardrishaig, braved cold and wet weather to take a closer look at these fascinating creatures. Read all about them on page 10.



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Rocks brought in to combat pier erosion



The recently-installed rock armour on the internal wall of Ardrishaig Pier. 51_a14rockarmour01

Scottish Canals shores up wall at Ardrishaig

by Colin Cameron
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Two years after a section of Ardrishaig Pier collapsed into the sea, rock armour has been placed against another 'eroded' part of the structure.

The 200-year-old pier, owned by Scottish Canals, is used these days primarily for storing timber from Argyll's forests and transporting by sea.

Around 30,000 tonnes of logs were estimated to pass through Ardrishaig Pier prior to a section of outer wall collapsing in May 2017.

Extensive repair and reinforcement work led to the pier being re-opened for timber

transport in October 2018.

Scottish Canals also widened and lengthened the structure, offering the potential for expanded leisure use, including the berthing of cruise vessels.

But on Wednesday March 27 deliveries of rock had been placed on the harbour-side wall of the pier, close to the pier buildings.

In response to the Argyllshire Advertiser's questions, a Scottish Canals spokesperson said: 'The rock armour is being placed to address erosion in the wharf wall at this location.'

'It is designed to support the structure and prevent further deterioration.'



Flashback to May 2017, when a section of outer wall collapsed. 08_a22ardrishaigpier04

Woman, 99, dies in Loch Lomond road collision

A 99-year-old woman died following a road crash last Friday on the A82 near Luss.

Around 2.50pm on Friday March 29, a 73-year-old woman was driving a black Vauxhall Astra south on the A82 trunk road when the car collided with a black Mercedes Vito minibus that was travelling in the opposite direction, just south of Luss.

The driver of the Astra was taken by ambulance to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley where she was treated for her injuries. Hospital staff described her condition as stable.

Her 99-year-old female

passenger died at the scene. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

The driver and five passengers within the minibus sustained minor injuries and did not require to go to hospital.

The A82 was closed until late in the evening while the emergency services dealt with the scene.

Sergeant Kevin Craig at the police road policing department in Dumbarton is appealing for witnesses to the crash. Anyone with information should contact him via telephone number 101, quoting incident number 2348 of March 29.

POLICE FILES

Careless driving

The 29-year-old male driver of a black Nissan Duke has been charged after he was reportedly driving carelessly and at excessive speed on the A83 between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

Police stopped the car at 12.45pm on Monday March 25.

A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Car door damaged

A door of a white Fiat Ducato car was damaged sometime between 3pm on Wednesday March 20 and 10am on Thursday March 28 at High Bank Park Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Speeding

A male driver, aged 52, was stopped by police and issued with a £100 fixed penalty and three points on his licence for speeding on the A83 in Inveraray at 9.50am on Thursday March 28.

Drink driving

A 22-year-old man was arrested in Inveraray for drink driving at 12.45am on Sunday March 31.

The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive behaviour

At 9.30am on Tuesday March 26 in Back Road, Port Ellen, Islay, a woman, 38, was reported as behaving in an abusive manner.

Police later traced and arrested the woman who was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Woman charged

A woman, aged 23, has been charged with behaving in an abusive manner and damaging property at a caravan near Port Ellen, Islay, at 1am on Sunday March 31.

The woman was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Inveraray Community Council Convenor Linda Divers shows the many letters of objection to the council's plans.
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Inveraray resists year-round parking fees

Argyll and Bute Council is trying – for a second time in three years – to apply year-round charging to Inveraray car parks.

But residents, led by Inveraray Community Council, are resisting the change.

In February 2016, Argyll and Bute Council took the decision, in principle, that all-year-round charging for off-street car parking should apply in Inveraray.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee was delegated to approve or reject the resulting new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Inveraray.

But at meeting of the MAKI area committee in December 2016, councillors stopped short of giving the scheme the go-ahead. In a split vote, members decided the matter should go to a hearing.

Councillors heard two objections were received by Argyll and Bute Council after the proposals were made public in June 2016. Objectors

argued the charges would have a detrimental impact on the local economy and that residents would be unfairly penalised. The objections were not withdrawn but have expired as more than two years have passed since the plan was first published.

Late last month, a fresh TRO was advertised, once again proposing the introduction of charges all-year-round in Inveraray.

Inveraray Community Council set about gathering letters of objection – 200 and counting, according to community council convenor Linda Divers.

Objections lodged include no investigation being carried out into the impact on tourism of all-year charging and it would be an 'additional tourist tax' for Inveraray when other towns have free seasonal parking.

Mrs Divers said: 'Why are we getting penalised when places like Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig get free parking? It is wrong.'

No promises on A83 investment

Update received from government officials

by Colin Cameron
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Government officials have, as promised, provided a written update on work to upgrade the A83 trunk road, and there are no guarantees on a 'permanent solution' at the Rest and Be Thankful.

As reported in last week's Advertiser, a meeting of the A83 task force planned for March 27 was cancelled by Transport Scotland.

The reason given was that cabinet secretary for transport Michael Matheson MSP had parliamentary committee business to attend to, meaning he was unable to attend the Arrochar task force gathering of local authority, BEAR Scotland, Transport Scotland, business representatives, residents and other interested parties.

Re-scheduling the task force meeting to June 5, Transport Scotland special projects manager George Fiddes undertook to send a written update by the end of last week to task force members.

In his update, Mr Fiddes describes work to extend catch pits at the Rest, aimed at intercepting landslide material before it hits the A83.



The clean-up after the latest landslide in October 2018 at the Rest and be Thankful.

He explained that by the end of 2020/21 the catch pits would have a 14,800-tonne capacity.

He also outlined plans to begin a trial planting of native woodland in an attempt to bind the soil on the slope above the Rest while providing a tree canopy to soak up some rainfall.

Mr Matheson last

November gave an undertaking that Argyll and Bute would be given priority in the next Scottish Government Strategic Transport Projects Review.

Consultants were appointed earlier this year to look at Argyll and Bute's connectivity and discussion has already taken place with the local authority.

A crucial paragraph in Mr Fiddes' update reads: 'Any significant transport investment needs to be considered through a robust appraisal and business case procedure...'

Members of the A83 task force will be invited to 'engagement events' starting on April 29 as part of the consultation process.

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Michael Russell MSP.
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Firm on verge of shutting up shop

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making things worse with the increase in fees.

'The choice we face is either to go out of business or stop exporting. The sad thing is, this business has huge potential for growth.'

He concluded: 'I understand why the council is increasing its fees, but if we go out of business where will it get its money?'

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'Work is on-going to develop a national charge for export certificates, though this has been extended to develop a system to cope with consignments to the EU if they require to be certified as a result of EU withdrawal.'

'We can't wait months for an agreement,' Mr McMillan responded.

'We need something to happen now, or we won't be here in six months.'

Cameron Brown, managing director of Loch Fyne Oysters, said: 'It is astonishing the council has not only failed to hear our concerns over these unfair charges, but chosen to increase them.'

'The export health certificates show we meet strict standards on food and safety quality, but the council has chosen only to impose these large tariffs on companies which export their products. If we sold only in the UK we would not be affected.'

Discriminating

'We don't understand why the council is discriminating against locally-based companies which have an expanding global business, providing jobs and tax revenue which benefit the whole area.'

'These unfair charges are particularly short-sighted because they have been introduced just as we are seeking

'The choice we face is either to go out of business or stop exporting.'

to expand our international trade at a time of already great uncertainty. We are still waiting to hear from Argyll and Bute Council what additional services we receive in return for the export health certificate which are not provided at a much lower cost to businesses which don't export outside the EU.'

Tarbert-based councillor Anne Horn said: 'I have been in discussion with seafood exporters and understand their concerns with regard

to the increase in costs for licences.'

'The increases have brought Argyll and Bute into line with the costs of other local authorities and reflects the administration fees required to implement the necessary documentation.'

She added: 'The SNP council group will continue to work with council officers, our MSP and MP to assist and support our seafood exporters to continue to export their valuable product.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'The main bone of contention – the massive increased cost – has not been dealt with and there are still very substantial complaints from individual companies and exporters regarding the steep rise in the price which is adversely affecting every business which needs these certificates.'

Argyll and Bute Council position

'The council has been in discussions with Scotland Food and Drink and businesses to discuss this situation and recently convened a meeting of local authorities in Scotland with the aim of developing a national charging model for export certificates across Scotland. This work is continuing.'

'Our enforcement policy is to support business and, in doing so, to protect public health and safety.'

'We would like to have maintained fees at their previous low levels but this is, unfortunately, not an option. Our export certificate fee was the lowest in Scotland and did not recover the cost of delivering this service. Year on year cuts to our service mean that, like all councils, we must make changes to how we work so we meet our statutory duties. This is a flat rate certificate and has no add-ons for weekends, late requests, Chinese certificates etc. We have listened to businesses and introduced a small quantities charge – an £18 certificate for quantities less than 5kgs.'



Quality produce like this impressive, hand-dived Loch Fyne lobster is exported to the far east, European and domestic markets. 06_a14LochFyneLangoustines02

Ardrishaig Boat Club – correction

In the March 29 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, a story on page five headed 'Owners warned over dumped dinghies' related to the recent annual general meeting of Ardrishaig Boat Club.

The story referred to boat owners being advised at the

meeting to remove their boats from an area of grass in Ardrishaig. The boat club has since been in touch with us to correct the position.

A club representative said: 'It's a boat club initiative to tidy up Ardrishaig Boat Club premises. The tidy up only concerns boat club members

who might have unmarked dinghies within the boat park. The land and boats in the photo [with the story] are not the property or concern of Ardrishaig Boat Club and were not discussed at the AGM.' We apologise for the error and are happy to publish this correction.

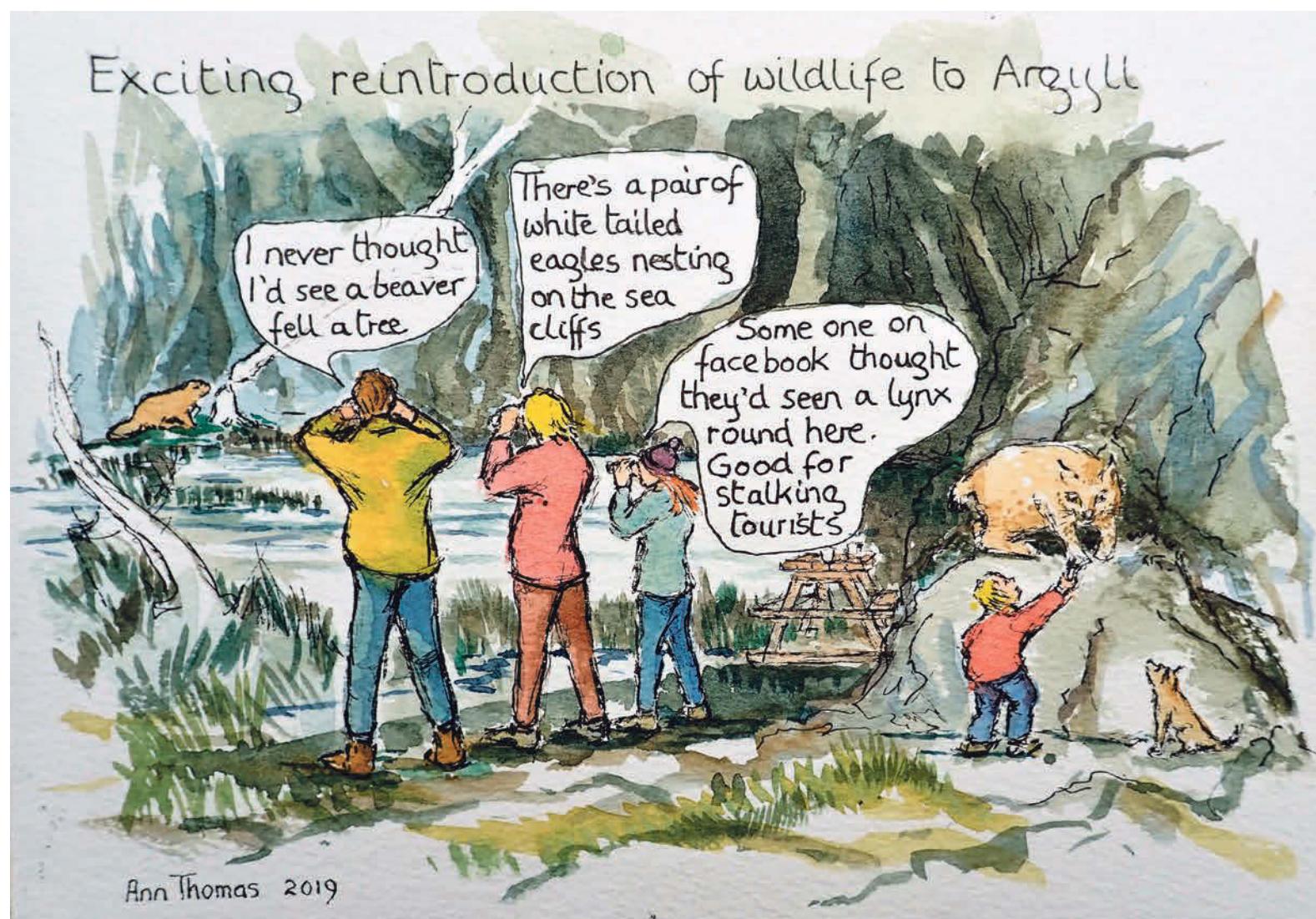
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A small but enthusiastic group has recently floated the notion of reintroducing Eurasian lynx to Scotland.

One of the suggested sites for the animals – which disappeared in this country a few years before the time of Columba – is the Kintyre peninsula.

An information evening was held by the group, oddly enough in Inveraray, last month to publicise the plans.

Fearing losses of livestock to the Alsation-sized nocturnal hunters, farmers are less enthusiastic.

The plans, though, are at a very early stage and have a long way to go before becoming reality.

Our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas muses on the prospect of lynx joining other reintroductions such as beaver and sea eagles – and the potential impact on tourism, or rather, tourists.



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Seafood export certificate fees

Argyll and Bute Council does great work across a whole spectrum of activities as its hard-working staff are expected to do more with less each year.

Our past couple of front page stories may have appeared to be council-bashing, but this is not the intention.

We will continue to raise issues where there are perceived injustices, and that is certainly the case with seafood export certificate fees.

Fair enough, our local authority was one of the cheapest for non-EU certificates – but it has shot up from the bottom of the third division to top of the premier price league at warp speed, leaving exporters reeling. There is little commercial thinking behind the decision to hike the fee by 420 per cent rather than staggering any increase over time.

And we are not aware that any councillor raised the matter during the budget preparation – despite the fact this newspaper broke the story before Christmas.

The decision might be killing the goose that lays the golden egg, with unintended consequences for profitability and jobs for suppliers as well as the exporters themselves.

A83 task force cancellation

The following are responses to news that an A83 task force meeting due to be held in Arrochar on Wednesday March 27 was cancelled by Transport Scotland because the cabinet secretary for transport, Michael Matheson MSP, had urgent parliamentary business in Edinburgh. The next task force meeting is now due to be held on June 5, 10 weeks later.

These responses arrived too late for publication in last week's edition.

Route deserves high priority

Sir,

I am disappointed the meeting has been cancelled for three months and the message that sends regarding the importance of our lifeline route into Argyll.

The concern for me is that those who provide the governance for the work are leaving it too long to hear views from those who represent the views of Argyll and Bute.

I would make the plea to have the meeting sooner as I believe the route deserves high priority.

**Councillor Douglas Philand,
Mid Argyll ward**

Important meetings

Sir,

It is disappointing the cabinet secretary cannot attend the meeting but, as we all know, government ministers from either Holyrood

or Westminster do have to attend to government business meetings at fairly short notice and this is often at the cost of them attending other important community meetings.

I would certainly hope Mr Matheson will be having updates on the work being done at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Mr Matheson stated his commitment to the roadworks at the A83 and this delay does not detract from that stated position.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
Kintyre and the Islands ward.**

Argyll put on back burner

Sir,

The A83 is a major arterial road serving many residents and businesses in Argyll.

They will be enormously disappointed by this delay.

For the cabinet secretary to cancel the meeting with just two days' notice, is unbelievable. Apparently he has more pressing committee business elsewhere.

Once again, issues which are crucial to rural parts of the Highlands like Argyll are put on the back burner by this SNP government.

It simply isn't good enough to hold up progress in this way and I will be asking for a full explanation of how the SNP Government proposes to make up for this lost time.

**Donald Cameron MSP,
Highlands and Islands region.**

Pictish festival

Sir,

I read, with great interest, in the March 29

edition of the Advertiser, your extensive guide to the many west coast festivals taking place in 2019.

The organisers of these events are to be thanked and congratulated for the huge amount of work they put in to stage these events for us to enjoy. I was disappointed, however, to find zero mention of Lochgilphead's Celtic and Pictish Festival, which is now in its fourth year and takes place on the front green on Saturday August 4.

This great day out for all the family tripled in size last year and this year promises to be even bigger and better with a full programme of entertainment throughout the day, more details of which will be published soon.

Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival has something for everyone and entry is completely free. Everyone should get behind this event as it continues to grow and help put Lochgilphead on the map.

Brian MacLennan, Lochgilphead Community Council.

Editor's note: Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival will continue to receive support and coverage through the Argyllshire Advertiser, as it has done since the event's inception.

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Our reader's contribution in this edition follows a similar theme to last week's photo. Rather than last week's hawk-in-a-shop, this week we have a gull-on-a-barge. Inveraray reader Donald John MacDonald sent the photograph and he explained: 'We were staying on the barge in Tarbert on Friday March 29 and this herring gull came to the window to check us out.' Can you beat Donald John's wildlife experience on camera? Send your photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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MS Centre welcomes spring



And there was duck hooking success for Abbie Stewart, aged six, with a little help from Claire Cameron of the MS Centre. 06_a14MScentreFayre10

Encouraged by beautiful spring sunshine, crowds of people flocked to the MS Centre spring fayre.

Delicious home-made cakes and copious amounts of tea awaited in the Lochgilphead therapy centre during this fundraising event.

Fundraising stalls enjoyed brisk trade beside the ever-popular tombola, while the kids were amused by plenty of fun games and craft activities.

The event, held on Saturday March 30, raised £650 for the centre's activities.

MS Centre manager Karen McCurry said: "Thanks so much to everyone who supported the spring fayre in many various ways, including donations of beautiful baking, bottles, raffles prizes and your precious time to volunteer."

"Thanks also to all who made it all worthwhile by coming out to attend the event. Hope you all enjoyed the afternoon."



Working hard in the kitchen, from left, Sheila Cameron, Rose Taylor with eight-month-old Jake and Maggie Dodd. 06_a14MScentreFayre07

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A fine display of tempting home baking at the spring fayre. 06_a14MScentreFayre03



It was worth unwrapping these tombola prizes for Mary Galloway – underneath the paper lay a nice bottle of wine and a half bottle of whisky. 06_a14MScentreFayre01



Manning this fundraising stall was Conan Doherty.
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Kelpies move to summer pastures in Ardrishaig

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Drivers were visibly doing a 'double-take' driving through Ardrishaig.

More used to seeing serried ranks of Sitka spruce piled at the harbour ready for loading on to cargo ships, motorists were instead treated to the majestic sight of two mini-Kelpies glimmering in the pierhead sunshine.

A smaller-scale version of the iconic 30-metre high Kelpies sculpture which sit beside the Forth and Clyde Canal near Falkirk, the three-metre tall 'maquettes' were in fact used as a basis for the world-famous sculpture.

The mini Kelpies arrived

on the afternoon of Thursday March 28 in early spring sunshine for their first visit to the Loch Fyne-side village.

Arriving just in time for Easter, they will be situated next to the Steamer Terminal at Ardrishaig Harbour – a brand new tourism hub and café located on the edge of the Crinan Canal – until the end of the summer.

Delighted

Cara Baillie, senior destinations development manager at Scottish Canals, said: 'We are delighted to be able to bring the Kelpies' maquettes to Ardrishaig for the first time. The full size monuments in Falkirk are a tribute to the horse-powered heritage, which once helped

Queen Victoria pass through the Royal Route.

I'm sure the maquettes will prove popular with both our visitors and the people of Ardrishaig and the surrounding area.

There will be plenty of opportunity to take Kelpie selfies and learn more about the steel structures. They have arrived just in time to celebrate Easter, and will be with us to mark the opening of our new community hub, The Egg Shed, in the summer.'

The Kelpie sculptures are inspired by ancient Celtic mythology surrounding water spirits which inhabited every loch and waterway, with these occasionally taking the form of a horse.



The mini-Kelpies at Ardrishaig's Pier Square. 06_a14MiniKelpies06



The three-metre high macquettes arrive in Ardrishaig.



There were plenty of horses around Ardrishaig's bustling Pier Square in the early 20th century. The mini-Kelpies somehow echo this part of history.



A welcome addition, if for a few months only, to Ardrishaig's landscape. 06_a14MiniKelpies07

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A mildly-stunned Cameron and Yasmin just after the result of the ballot was announced.

Lochgilphead pupils carry youth banner

Two Lochgilphead High School pupils have been elected to represent Argyll and Bute as Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP).

Cameron Garrett and Yasmin Bowden were elected after an online poll.

Almost 1,000 young people voted across Argyll and Bute for four candidates standing in two seats, with Cameron and Yasmin coming out on top.

The Scottish Youth Parliament is entirely youth-led. It represents Scotland's

young people and aims to make Scotland a nation which actively listens to and values the participation of its children and young people.

Elections are held every two years. Young people, aged from 14 to 25 from across Scotland, stand as candidates in all 32 local authority areas as well as within several national voluntary organisations.

SYP was established on June 30 1999, making it a day older than the Scottish Parliament – a fact of which it is very proud.

Health chiefs approve plan

The board overseeing Argyll and Bute's social care and health provision has approved a three-year plan.

Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board gave the nod on March 27 to the strategic plan, which outlines the vision and values of the region's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and outlines how resources are governed, allocated and operationally managed.

Joanna Macdonald, chief officer of Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'As a rural HSCP, our geography and demographics can at times be perceived as challenging but it should also be welcomed as an opportunity to develop innovative community-based practices throughout health and social care. We will be seeking best practices in rural medicine and social care and are seeking to innovate with the independent and third sector to strengthen and enhance the breadth of service delivery in our remote and rural areas. We will also continue to work with NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council to plan a workforce that will support Argyll and Bute's population and the diverse range of health and social care needs. We will also continue to support the approach of 'right service, right place and right time' to ensure Argyll and Bute residents can access health and social care services.'

Leisure goes large for Argyll members

LiveArgyll delight as partnership launched

Members of gyms and leisure centres in Argyll can now use similar places across the north and west of Scotland free.

LiveArgyll, the trust which runs Argyll and Bute Council's leisure centres, this week announced a new 'Leisure Link Partnership' with four other areas of Scotland.

Believed to be the first of its type in Scotland, LiveArgyll members can access gym,

public swimming and fitness classes at leisure centres across the Highland region, Moray, The Western Isles and Orkney at no extra cost.

The partnership means that when working away from home or on holiday members from participating

areas can use other centres as part of their home-based membership.

Chairman of Community Leisure UK and High Life Highland chief executive Ian Murray said: 'I am delighted to see the Leisure Link Partnership come to fruition

as we have been working on this project for some time with colleagues in Moray, The Western Isles, Orkney and Argyll and Bute.'

'We are constantly looking for ways to widen the services offered to High Life members and the Leisure Link Partnership is a major step forward enabling them and their family the flexibility to use their cards at one of the partnership sites at no extra cost.'

'We understand this to be the first multi-area reciprocal card scheme in Scotland.'

Kevin Anderson, general manager of LiveArgyll, said: 'We are delighted to be part of this new partnership, which is an exciting addition to the new LiveArgyll low cost membership structure launched on April 1.'

'We look forward to welcoming visitors from the four areas to our fantastic facilities.'

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Council recognises Ken's long service

Ken Ross took colleagues back – those over 50 at least – to a time before the internet and where notes were handwritten in triplicate using carbon paper.

Memories were stirred as a special ceremony was held at the Manse Brae offices to mark his retirement from Argyll and Bute Council.

At his retirement 'do' on Thursday March 28, Ken talked about some of the

changes he had seen since joining Argyll and Bute District Council in September 1975.

This was BC (before computers), without emails and when even the number of phones in the office was limited. Things were written longhand and typed up in three copies.

It was after a spell working in a bank that Ken joined 43 years ago as a planning



Flanked by team leader Will McCrae on the left and Callum Robertson on the right, Ken enjoys his last few moments as a council employee.



Ken, left, receiving his quaich from Callum Robertson, assistant network and standards manager.

technician, a post he held for seven years. His next council challenge was as reprographics manager. He was redeployed seven years ago and has been a systems analyst ever since.

In his speech to colleagues, Ken said: 'Thanks everyone for your good wishes and

gifts. It's hard to condense 43 years into a few words. Joining the council has been like a second family. It's been fun to work with you all, you've been great colleagues.'

As well as a selection of gifts from colleagues, Ken was presented with a quaich to mark his long service.



Stonefield Castle Hotel.

Tarbert, Islay and Cowal feature in hotel awards

A number of prominent Argyll hotels featured in the 2019 Prestige Hotel Awards, held at the Marriot in Glasgow.

At the glittering awards evening, presented by celebrity and comedian Des Clarke on March 17, Tarbert's Stonefield Castle Hotel was handed the accolade of Best Castle Hotel.

The Best Newcomer award went to The Machrie Hotel and Golf Links on Islay, while the Machrie's Iain Hamilton was highly commended in the Best General Manager category.

Also highly commended were Portavadie in the Best Spa and Leisure Hotel category and the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel, Luss, in Best Family Hotel.

Now celebrating its third year and supported by title partner Allied Irish Bank, the Prestige Hotel Awards celebrate outstanding achievements within the Scottish hotel industry.

Warren Paul, founder and CEO of the Prestige Hotel Awards, said: 'The 2019 Prestige Hotel Awards has been an outstanding success, with more than 400 businesses across Scotland attending our gala final.'

'It was phenomenal to see so many top quality establishments celebrating the best in their industry.'

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Heron Valley to headline high-octane Cowal lineup

Tickets are now on sale for Cowal Highland Gathering's flagship Friday night gig, with an exciting line-up and new headline sponsor.

Once again, Cowal Highland Gathering's annual Gig at the Gathering will showcase some of Scotland's most exciting traditional musicians.

Belhaven Brewery has signed up to back the four-hour extravaganza, which takes place on the Friday evening of the games weekend and which has quickly established itself as one of the highlights of Scotland's most celebrated Highland Games.

The 2019 line-up sees gig regulars and firm crowd favourites, Argyll band Heron Valley, step up to headline the evening.

The six-piece band, which began life in Strachur when most of its members were still at school, has won fans worldwide with an energetic brand of music featuring fiddle, accordion, pipes, whistles, guitar, piano, vocals, bass and drums.

Supporting Heron Valley will be two other high-octane performers. Beinn Lee, from Uist in the Outer Hebrides, which had the gig crowd rocking last year and is back by popular demand and Glasgow group Headland, in their first appearance at the event, merges traditional Scottish music with pop/country roots.

Cowal Highland Gathering

chairman Ronnie Cairns said: 'It's been fantastic to see how popular it is with everyone involved – from the crowds to the bands to the many people who work behind the scenes to make it what it is.'

"This year we're delighted to be able to announce not just our stellar line-up of bands, but also our new partnership with Belhaven Brewery, which is the icing on the cake in terms of having everything in place for another knockout event."

"The gig is a great night out, whether you're local to the area or whether you are visiting for the gathering. Tickets are always in high demand, so I'd recommend that people secure theirs sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment nearer the time."

Tickets for the gig – which will take place on Friday August 30 in the gathering's Ceilidh Tent – are on sale now.

The gates will open at 6.30pm with the first band due to kick off half an hour later. The event will finish at 11pm.

This year's Cowal Highland Gathering runs from Thursday 29 to Saturday 31 August in Dunoon.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit the gathering's website at www.cowalgathering.com or contact the event office by emailing info@cowalgathering.com or phoning 01369 703206.

Heron Valley are gaining international fame – but they are headlining Cowal this August.



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Mid Argyll Music Festival



Genevieve Rolland and Belle Rusden of Kilmartin Primary School won the Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup for their vocal duet on festival Tuesday. 06_a12MusicFest_Tuesday01



The Craignish Primary PTA Trophy for Scots Choirs (Primary) was won by Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

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Trophy winners at the 40th anniversary Mid Argyll Music Festival, held in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead between Monday March 18 and Saturday March 23, 2019.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Chanter: Rio Arkell.

Novice piping: Ryan Logan.

George McAllister Memorial Cup, Piping - Bagpipes: Ruairidh Logan.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Verse Speaking (Primary 2 - 3): Eowyn Rose Price.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Verse Speaking (Primary 4 - 5): Genevieve Rolland.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Verse Speaking (Primary 6 - 7): Sophie MacCallum.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Verse Speaking (Secondary 1 - 3): Tilly Cunningham.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Scots Verse Speaking (Primary 1 - 3): Ella Fyfe.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Scots Verse Speaking (Primary 4 - 5): Millie Fyfe.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Scots Verse Speaking (Primary 6 - 7): Feorlin Renton.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Scots Verse Speaking (Open): Alistair Cupples.

(Secondary 1 - 3): Tilly Cunningham.

Kilmartin Primary School Board Plate, Primary Scots Verse Solo Overall: Feorlin Renton.

Argyll Drama Festival Cup, Overall Speech: Tilly Cunningham.

Jean Ballantyne Trophy, Verse Speaking Choir - Primary: Kilmartin Primary School.

The Munro Trophy, Fiddle - Primary: Daria Derevyankin.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Clarsach: Iris Bevan.

The Hollies Plate, Traditional/Folkgroup: Cèòl Beag.

The Kimmett Cup, Violin Solo - Grade 2 - 4: Daria Derevyankin.

The Glenyne Shield, Piano Solo - Grade 1: Daisy Brown.

The Stirling Shield, Piano Solo - Grade 3: Bella Derevyankin.

Ardchonnel Primary School Cup, Piano - Grade 4: Mina Ritchie.

Westwood Shield, Piano Solo - Grade 5: Ruth Neville.

Douglas Trophy, Piano Solo - Open: Alistair Cupples.

Meldrum House Shield, Piano Duet - Junior: Mina Ritchie and Iris MacMillan.

The Tom and Margaret MacInnes Plate, Piano Duet - Intermediate: Ruth Neville and Iris MacMillan.

Ardrishaig Primary School - Round Table Shield, Piano Duet - Family: Henry and Gulmira Small.

Inveraray and District Fiddle and Accordion Trophy, Recorder Solo - 9 and under: Aiden McBride.

Kelly Family Quaich, Recorder Solo - 12 and under: Chloe Taylor.

Carmuir Cup, Recorder - Duet: Sarah Kirsk and Olek Paturaj.

Anabel Morrison Quaich, Scots Song - P4 - P5: Cody MacDougall.

Glenorchy Quaich, Scots Song - P6 - P7: Aimee Burnett.

John Wilson Trophy, Scots Song - Sec 1 - 3: Rhona Love.

Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup, Scots Song - Sec 4 - 6: Brodie Crawford.

Cathy Smith Memorial

Trophy, Scots Song - Adult: Shona Keith.

Mid Argyll Festival Quaich, Gaelic Vocal Solo - Primary: Ella Fyfe.

The Celia Henderson Memorial Shield, Gaelic Vocal Solo - Secondary: Eilidh Graham.

George Ivison Plate, Gaelic Vocal Solo - Adult: Shona Keith.

Ardgarten Cup, Kennedy Fraser Solo: Shona Keith.

Minard Quaich, Vocal Solo -



Autumn Tierney-Clark won the Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal on Friday in the beginners' brass solo competition. 51_a13MusicFestival_Friday_PublicHall02

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The Gifford Cup, Vocal Solo – Trebles: Ross Potter-Irwin.
The Ashfield Plate, Vocal Solo – Girls P4 – P5: Lexi Houston.
The Alex MacKay Plate, Vocal Solo – Girls P6 – P7: Feorlin Renton.
The MacDonald Plate, Vocal Solo – Sec 1 – 3: Rhona Love.

Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich, Vocal Solo – Sec 4 – 6: Alistair Cupples.

Mid Argyll Music Society Cup, Songs from the Shows – Junior: Alistair Cupples.

Ballymeanoch Plate, Songs from the Shows – Adult: Ann MacMillan.

The Popular Song Trophy, Vocal Solo – Popular Song: Lena Carter

Knapdale Gold Medal, Vocal Solo – Open: Ann McMillan.

The Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup, Vocal Duet – Primary: Belle Rusden and Genevieve Rolland.

Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl, Vocal Duet – Secondary 1 – 3: Rhona Love and Findlay Love.

Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy, Vocal Duet – Secondary

4 – 6: Ann Turner and Daisy Carter.

Kilmartin Hotel Plate, Vocal Duet – Adult: Eve Maxwell and Shona Keith.

Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaich, Vocal Ensemble – Primary: Lochgilphead Primary School Vocal Ensemble Group 1.

Kilmartin Hotel Shield, Vocal Ensemble – Open: Larchwood Barbara Shop.

The Bembridge Shield, Brownie Guides: 1st Lochgilphead Brownies.

Christina MacDougall Trophy, Gaelic Choirs – Primary: Inveraray Primary School.

The Cecily Bannatyne Plate, Gaelic Choir – Intermediate: Coisir Og Dhail Riata.

Craignish Primary PTA Trophy, Scots Choirs – Primary: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

Saltire Society Quaich, Scots/Gaelic Choirs: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

Ardriishaig Primary School PTA Shield, Primary Choirs: Lochgilphead Primary School Choir.

The Lyndon Trophy, Intermediate Choirs: B Natural. Ward Cup, Adult Choirs: Bar None Choir.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Woodwind Solo – Beginners: Taylor Mcmillan.

Mary Lepley Cup, Woodwind Solo – Primary: Rowan MacDonald.

Dunaverty Cup, Woodwind Solo – Sec 1 – 3: Ruby-Jo Philips.

Argyll and Bute District Council Cup, Woodwind Solo – Sec 4 – 6: Morven Paisley.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal, Brass Solo – Beginners: Autumn Tierney-Clark.

Robert Lepley Cup, Brass Solo – Primary: Charlie Colville.

W R Hunter Cup, Brass Solo – Sec 1 – 3: Jamie Colville.

Brackley Cup, Brass Solo – Sec 4 – 6: Amy Paterson.

Dunadd Cup, Instrumental Duets – Primary: Cara MacFadzean and Anne Watson.

Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy, Instrumental Duets – Secondary: Jack and Rona Campbell.

Cairnbaan Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble – Primary: Campbeltown Brass A.

Tarbert Academy PTA Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble – Secondary 1 – 3: Campbeltown Brass B.

Strategem Consultants Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble

– Secondary 4 – 6: Lochgilphead High School Wind Ensemble.

Lochgilphead High School PTA Cup, Instrumental Ensemble – Open: Campbeltown Brass.

Helen and Hugh Smith Trophy, Junior Band: Campbeltown Brass Juniors.

Frank Spears Trophy, Senior Band: Campbeltown Brass Intermediate.

Mid Argyll Music Festival Jubilee Cup, Bands – Open: Campbeltown Brass.

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The Munro Memorial Salver, Highest Mark gained in Vocal Solo (excluding Gaelic): Ann MacMillan.

The Annabel MacDonald Memorial Quaich, Highest Mark gained in Vocal Gaelic Solo: Shona Keith.

The Gifford Bowl, Highest Mark gained by Choir or Band: Campbeltown Brass.

Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award, Most Promising Performer: Rhona Love.



Thursday evening's adult vocal duet was won by Shona Keith and Eve Maxwell. 06_a13MusicFest_ThursdayEvening21



Campbeltown Brass won the Lochgilphead High School PTA Cup for instrumental ensemble, open. 06_a13MusicFest_Saturday09

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Ardrishaig appeal to donate unwanted goods to RNLI

Hot on the heels of the recent successful boat jumble and car boot sale in Ardfern, Ardrishaig is to hold an event in the North Hall.

The sale will be in aid of the RNLI and the local committee is looking for donations of items large and small – boaty or otherwise – to be sold on the day.

The Ardrishaig Boat Jumble for the RNLI will be held on Saturday April 27 between 11am and 2pm.

For more information and to donate items contact Sophie Browne on 01546 870655 or Judy Unkles on 01546 870221.



Garden promises colour

Scotland's Gardens Scheme offers the chance to explore some of the most fascinating gardens in the country.

Knock Newhouse, Lochgair, will again open its gates this year, courtesy of owners Mr and Mrs Hew Service.

The six-acre woodland garden is centred on a small waterfall, a 250-foot lochan and lily pond. Since the 1960s, there has been constant planting including major plantings in 1989 and the '90s. Storms in 2011/12 caused major

damage to trees and bushes but created space for additional azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, hoheria, eucryphia and other flowering shrubs.

The garden will be open on Saturday and Sunday April 27 and 28 and for the middle two Sundays in May.

All funds raised will be donated to MND Scotland, Christ Church Episcopal Church in Lochgilphead and to Scotland's Gardens Scheme charities.

Tarbert coffee and cakes at Easter

Look out for a special Easter fundraising coffee morning in Tarbert.

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Cake, songs, tunes and fun as Inveraray club celebrates

It was party time at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club in March as chairman Niall Iain MacLean had celebrated his 90th birthday the week before.

Unfortunately, he had a

nasty fall on the morning of his birthday, but nothing was going to deter him from attending the club.

Supporting players were Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Jake

MacKay on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard, and they were joined by Calum Satchel on fiddle; Margaret Kemp on accordion, accompanied by Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard; Jim McMillan on guitar, accompanied by Jake and Agnes, sang a selection of well-known songs, including The Loch Tay Boat Song; Calum MacDonald on accordion, including his own composition dedicated to his late tutor, Fraser McGlynn; and Alex MacKinnon on accordion, accompanied by Jimmy on keyboard.

All their selections were much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Jim McMillan and Jake MacKay had composed a song for Niall Iain's birthday, which Jim and Jane MacKay sang, accompanied by Jake and Agnes – this caused great hilarity with the audience.

Before the interval, a birthday cake was brought in and committee member Roddy MacDiarmid congratulated Niall Iain on achieving this great milestone and presented him with a card signed by all present and a gift voucher from the club.

The guest artistes were Marie Fielding on fiddle and Duncan Black on accordion, great favourites of the 'birthday boy'.

Marie had composed a tune to mark his birthday – a 6/8 pipe march Niall Iain MacLean's 90th – which they played and then, to his delight, presented him with a framed copy – and also included it in their recent Take the Floor broadcast.

Marie and Duncan went on to give a very polished performance with many of the great favourites, including a lovely slow air Bill Black's Fiddle,



Marie Fielding and Duncan Black present Niall Iain with a framed copy of the music to Niall Iain MacLean's 90th.

with Duncan on keyboard.

Needless to say, the chairman was quite overwhelmed by all the surprises of the evening and thanked everyone for making his birthday

so special. Next week the club looks forward to welcoming back Matthew MacLennan and his Scottish Dance Band for the grand finale of the season.



Niall Iain and Roddy MacDiarmid with the cake to mark this special occasion.

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Tayvallich welcomes free spirits Wildwood Jack

Mid Argyll is set to welcome Wildwood Jack, a unique acoustic guitar and ukulele duo from Kent, as they continue their never-ending tour.

Wildwood Jack – husband and wife duo Adam Piggott and Jayne Freeman – were brought together by a love of music when they met as students and they have been on a musical journey ever since.

Longing to be on the road, the inspiring duo sold their home to free themselves so they could spend their time touring internationally.

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warming original songs and instrumentals.

Their melodic songs blend the acoustic guitar and ukulele with outstanding fingerstyle playing and vocals, drawing influences from folk, country and world music.

Adam and Jane's experiences are intimately woven into their album Liberty Ship, which brings together the sound of folk, Americana and world music.

Writing songs

They have played in various musical projects including samba bands, ukulele sextets and a cabaret trio, gathering and writing songs while their music has taken them further and further afield.

Spurred by these travels and adventures, they decided to hit the road full time so they sold up and began an inspirational journey that's taken them all over the world,

playing at acoustic clubs, folk clubs, festivals, house concerts and even busking.

They pitch up at the Ardshiel Hotel in Campbeltown on Friday April 12 and Tayvallich Village Hall on April 13, so go along and be inspired by these musical adventurers.

Doors open at Tayvallich Village Hall on Saturday April 13 at 7.30pm for 8pm.

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Acoustic guitar and Ukulele duo Wildwood Jack will be appearing in Tayvallich Hall on April 13.



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Fishermen's Mission nets prize Tarbert catch

Tarbert's Corner House was the answer for keen quiz teams. Fifteen teams took part in the latest charity quiz night hosted by the popular pub recently, with The Quizzies Rascals and Lenny's Return sharing the victory.

The team winning the title of Most Appropriate Name on the Night was The Silver Darlings.

It was the Kintyre branch of the Fishermen's Mission, however, which was the real winner as both teams donated their share of the £50 prize money, donated by the Corner House, back to the charity. The Fishermen's Mission is a cause very close to the heart of the fishing village and, as ever, the Corner House locals dug deep raising £500 for the mission.

The Corner House's Duggie MacNeill welcomed Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission to Tarbert to present



him with a cheque which he gratefully accepted.

Duggie and Margaret would

like to thank everyone who came along and supported the event. The quiz couldn't

take place without the hard work of Martin and Allie so a huge thanks to them.

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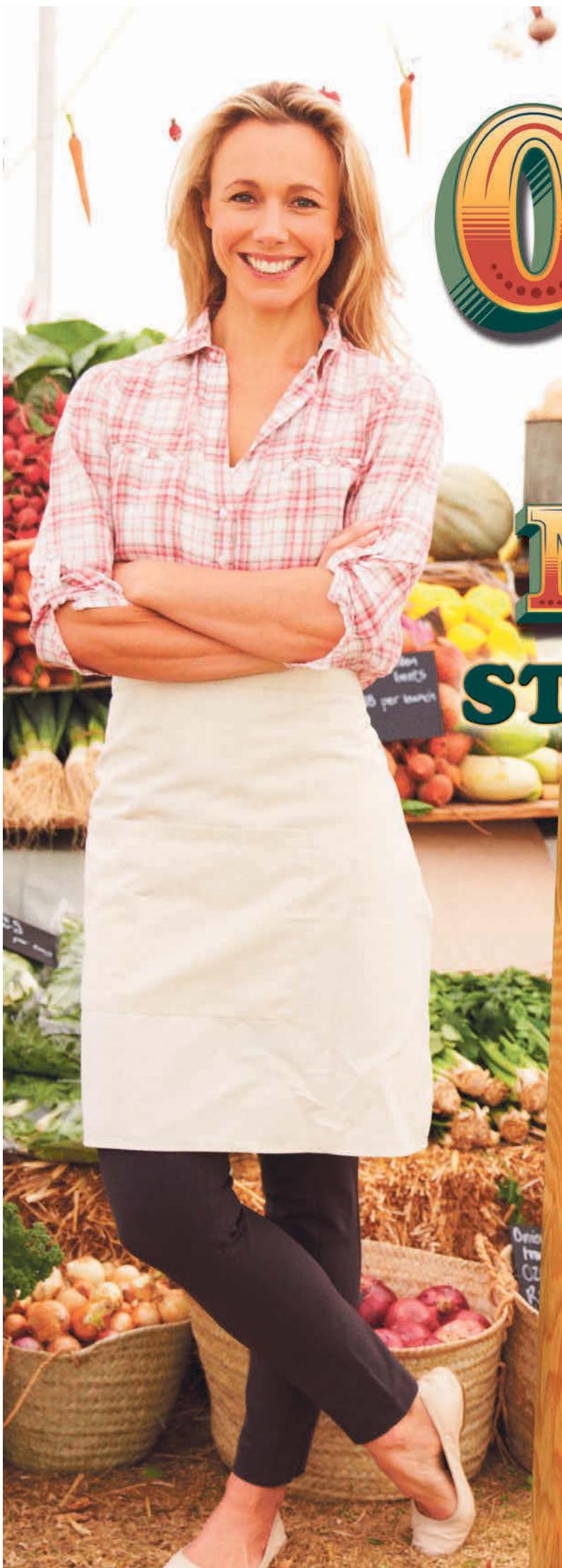
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Turn over a new furrow at Islay young farmers



The recently-revived Islay Young Farmers Club held a very successful open ploughing match on Saturday March 30.

A large number of ploughers took part with plenty of spectators looking on at Rockside Farm.

The club would like to thank everyone who attended for their support and members hope to see everyone at future events.

Special thanks go to Kilchoman Distillery for providing the field; Gavin Reid for being the judge for the day; Fraser Woodrow for marking out the field; and to Glenside Tractors, Bruichladdich Distillery, The Islay Hotel, Lochside Hotel, Bowmore Hotel and M MacPherson for donating prizes.

Islay Young Farmers Club is looking for members aged between 14 and 30, and plans to hold plenty of farming and non-farming-related activities through the year. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome.

For more information visit the Islay Young Farmers Facebook page.

Results: open reversible: ins and outs - Fraser Woodrow; finishes - Neilan McLellan; straightest - Duncan McPhee; best break - Fraser Woodrow; best first six furrows - Fraser Woodrow; best last six furrows - Fraser Woodrow.

Best open reversible ploughman: 1 - Fraser Woodrow; 2 - Alistair MacCormick; 3 - Duncan McPhee.

Young farmers reversible: ins and outs - Brooke Woodrow; finishes - Scott Woodrow; straightest - Scott Woodrow; best break - Scott Woodrow; best first six furrows - Scott Woodrow; best last six furrows - Robbie Brown.

Best young farmers reversible ploughman: 1 - Angus Glover.

ploughman: 1 - Scott Woodrow; 2 - James Bignal; 3 - Robbie Brown. Open conventional: ins and outs - George Bruce; Finishes - George Bruce; straightest - George Bruce; Best Break - George Bruce; best first six furrows - George Bruce; best last six furrows - George Bruce.

Best open conventional ploughman: 1 - George Bruce; 2 - Will Glover.

Young farmers conventional: ins and outs - Angus Glover; finishes - Angus Glover; straightest - Angus Glover; best break - Angus Glover; best first six furrows - Angus Glover; best last six furrows - Angus Glover.

Best young farmers conventional ploughman: 1 - Angus Glover.

Additional prizes: first on field - Robbie Brown; first finished - Niamh Archibald; youngest competitors - Angus Glover and James Bignal; furthest travelled - Duncan McPhee; oldest competitor - Neilan McLellan; worst plot (for ground) - James Bignal; tidiest tractor - Niamh Archibald; oldest tractor - Duncan McPhee; newest tractor - James Bignal.

Argyll officer spreads word on dog attacks

A Lochgilphead police constable has taken the lead in a campaign to increase awareness of dog attacks on livestock.

PC Ben Rusden features in a new video made for South Scotland MSP Emma Harper, in which he explains his experience in dealing with the aftermath of dog attacks



PC Ben Rusden appears in a new video raising awareness of dog attacks on livestock.

in Argyll and offers advice to dog owners. Emma Harper travelled to Carluonian Farm near Inveraray late last year to take part in a round-table discussion on the subject of dog attacks on livestock. The farmer at Carluonian, Brian Walker, experienced a serious dog attack in the spring of 2018 in which 11 breeding sheep lost their lives.

A consultation is underway in preparation for a Private Members Bill which Ms Harper plans to put before the Scottish Parliament in order to give better protection for livestock from dog attacks. As part of a national campaign to highlight this growing problem, PC Rusden travelled to Dumfries and Galloway this week to inform local police on the work he is doing in Argyll to raise awareness of, and deal with, livestock attacks.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No. **Proposal**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/00482/PP	Installation of 6no. (8m high) pole mounted external CCTV cameras (retrospective)	Campbeltown Grammar School, Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JS
19/00514/PP	Installation of replacement door (retrospective)	R Hyslop An Son Butchers, Bannockburn Buildings, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TW
19/00518/LIB	Internal alterations, repainting of exterior, removal of non original overlaid cementitious screed and repair of stone steps, installation of balustrade to replace chain at front entrance landing and parts to rainwater goods	Saddell House, Saddell, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6QS
19/00549/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 20 metre high lattice tower and associated works and formation of vehicular access	Land At Victoria Hill, West Of Glenbar, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
18/02775/PP	Variation of conditions 1 and 17 under Section 42 for change in turbine specification (within permitted 126m tip height) including removal of T24 and T36, removal of 2No. anemometer masts, associated access tracks and substation building. All relative to planning permission 15/03057/PP (Erection of 18 no wind turbines (17no. @ 126 metres and 1no. @ 106 metres high to blade tip), formation of access tracks, erection of control building, sub-station and associated compound, 2 no anemometer masts, 5 no borrow pits and associated infrastructure	Beinn An Tuirc Windfarm, Bellochtauy, Argyll And Bute
19/00588/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 16/00467/PPP (Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse)	Land South East Of Whinbank, Carsaig, Tayvallich, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute

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An initial public consultation event on 'Active Travel in Tarbert' will be held by Arcadis on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council at the Templar Arts Centre, Tarbert

Tuesday 16th April 2019 (12pm – 7pm)

A final consultation event with design proposals and options will be held on

Wednesday 1st May 2019 (12pm – 6.30pm)

Initial event: The Templar Arts Centre, 16th April, 12pm-7pm
Final event: The Templar Arts Centre, 1st May, 12pm-6.30pm

Argyll & Bute Council is investigating options to encourage walking and cycling in Tarbert and would like to find out what you think about what could be done to improve this

The aim of this project is to provide safe ways to reach local amenities on foot and by bike

Please come along and share your opinions about Active Travel in and around Tarbert



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Argyll and Bute Council

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
TAXI FARE REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that there will be no changes to the maximum fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council following the recent taxi fare review in accordance with Section 17 and 18 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. These maximum fares will become effective from 22nd April 2019. The fares will be as follows:-

Argyll and Bute Council Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Taxi fares with Effect from 22nd April 2019		
Tariff 1	Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 7am and 10pm	£3.00 20p
	Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) Subsequent charge (each 176 yards or part thereof)	
Tariff 2	Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 10pm and 7am	£3.60 20p
	Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) Subsequent charge (each 150 yards or part thereof)	
	Tariff 2 also applies to hirings from ranks or "flag" between 6pm and 10pm December 24th, 6pm and 10pm December 31st and between 7am 2nd January and 7am 3rd January	
Tariff 3	Hiring from ranks or "flag" between 10pm 24th December and 7am 27th December and between 10pm 31st December and 7am 2nd January	£4.20 20p
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Waiting Time - 35 pence per minute commencement of journey, charged on a pro rata basis per second

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a) Where Tariff 1 would apply - charge Tariff 2

b) Where Tariff 2 would apply - charge Tariff 3

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Fees by negotiation - for all journeys commencing within but finishing outside Argyll and Bute, in a place of the above charges, such fares may be charged as prior to the acceptance of the hire, were proposed to the hirer and accepted by him/her

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Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

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Argyll and Bute Council**School Consultations**

There will be public meetings held to discuss:
The Rezoning of St Columba's Primary School, Oban
At 7.00-8.30pm in St Columba's Primary School on Wednesday 17th April 2019.

The proposed closure of Ardchattan Primary School
At 7.00-8.30pm in Ardchattan Primary School on Thursday 2nd May 2019.
The proposed closure of Ashfield Primary School
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Most homeowners only think about the health of their property when selling, however, regular checks inside and outside the home can avoid potential problems. People living in houses built in the last 10 years will typically have to deal with less maintenance, as the build quality and energy efficiency of new homes today is far more advanced to that of older properties. NHBC has worked consistently over the years to raise the construction standards of new homes whilst providing its leading Buildmark policy to new homebuyers.

In its latest guidance to homeowners, NHBC advises carrying out at least a yearly review of their property to help keep everything in order and protect their investment. Areas worth checking are:

INSIDE

Heating system: As the weather gets warmer, adjust central heating to a summer setting to save energy. This is

a good time to bleed radiators too, to get rid of air pockets. It is recommended that boilers should be serviced each year, to ensure that it is working with maximum performance and safety. Contact a Gas Safe certified installer to carry out an annual check now when engineers are less busy.

Smoke detectors: If detectors run on batteries, these should be checked and replaced if necessary. All detectors should be replaced after 10 years.

Renew bathroom seals: It's important to keep the silicon around the bathtub in good condition to prevent mould and stop water getting below and causing damage. Restoring seals is an easy weekend job. All you need to do is remove all the old sealant using a Stanley knife, clean the area, then apply masking tape to the area above and below where you want the silicone to go. Remember to apply the new sealant with the bath full of cold water — the weight will ensure that the sealant doesn't crack.

Home security: Check the locks on all doors and windows, to see if they are in working order.

Taps: Dripping taps waste vast amounts of water. They may need the

old washer changing for a new one.

Locate and inspect your stopcock: In the event of a burst pipe, knowing where your stopcock is located could save you hundreds of pounds! They are usually located where your water supply pipe enters your house, commonly under the kitchen sink. Make sure it's working properly and you can turn it on and off easily. It's good to do this every six months.

OUTSIDE

Roofing: Your roof is the most exposed part of your house, and it takes a hammering from the winter weather. Look at your roof from the outside, to see if any tiles are cracked or have slipped; these will need replacing by a professional roofer.

Guttering: Check for damage and clear away blockages that may have accumulated over the winter months. Blockages can be bad news and lead to water damage, so make sure guttering is cleared at least once a year. For safety reasons, this should be carried out by a professional.

Woodwork: This needs preserving against weather conditions. Timber windows and doors need repainting every three to five years;

make a painting plan to

action in the drier summer months.

Garden fencing: This provides homes with security, therefore it is important to check garden fencing for any damage and maintain its good condition.

A quick home health check will identify areas that need attention and catch problems at an early stage. Carrying out regular maintenance ensures a home is kept in good condition, making it more pleasant to live in, more energy efficient and cheaper to run, and increasing its residual value.

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As ever, tea, chat and biscuits are available.

Work to be done includes setting out archaeology trenches along with other preparation for the spring season.

A new visitors' entrance gate has been set up in an attempt to increase donations, as current numbers indicate that at least 20,000 people will use the site this year.

Robert McPhail, of Tarbert Castle Trust, said: 'This will be the last general work party before the [archaeological] dig. We will have the next one on Saturday May 11 to set up the dig base camp. Booking for the dig has gone well, with more than 100 volunteer day sessions signed up in addition to schools throughout Kintyre and Knapdale, Guides and other youth groups.'

INVERARAY

An Easter fun day is to be held at Skippers Bistro on Saturday April 20.

Skippers, in Argyll Caravan Park south of Inveraray, will host fun activities including an Easter bonnet competition.

Look out, too, for balloon modelling, face painting, glitter tattoos and an Easter egg hunt. The raffle will have top prize of a gallon of whisky (adults only) and, depending on the weather, there will be a barbecue and children's disco. It all kicks off at 1pm with money raised going to mental health charities.



Eastwood Divers enjoy Argyll's sea lochs, including Loch Fyne above, and now they are doing a clean-up at Loch Long.

Diving club fights back over litter

A diving club from Glasgow is to clean up the head of Loch Long later this month.

Eastwood Divers has had enough of litter. In a Facebook post the club said: 'This last weekend at twin piers (Loch Long) we scooped up a whole bag of the stuff from where divers park, while our

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divers pulled a few empty cans from the sea.'

The club plans to carry out a beach clean on Sunday April 28, starting at 9am. The post continued: 'We're sick of litter on our streets, in our oceans, in our lay-

bys, in our woodlands. Basically, wherever there are humans we seem to leave our detritus.'

'We want people to have a positive view of our diving community so we're going to clean up the head of the loch. It would be cool if you could join us, whether or not you're a diver.'



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IN MEMORIAMS

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Precious is the time we share,
And the memories of loved ones dear,
We take them with us and pass them on,
They last forever and are never gone,

So make them great ones while you have time,
Because time won't wait for yours or mine.

- Alistair, Catherine Ann, Alistair and Alan.

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990.

Let the winds of love blow softly,
And whisper for you to hear,
We love and miss you sadly,
As it dawns another year.
Loved and remembered every day,
Missed more than words can say.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACKAY - Linda, gone from our home, not from our hearts.

- Love, Willie and all the family xxx.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear parents, Bella, who died April 5, 1983, and Peter, who died April 30, 1988. To all of you who still have parents,
Cherish them with care,
Because you never miss their value, Till you see their vacant chairs.
Simply the best.

- Angus and Margaret.

MCLEAN - Charles, Promoted to Glory on April 6, 1995. Precious memories of our beloved dad, granda and great granda. Too good to be forgotten. Dearly loved and always in our thoughts. Also, our beloved brother and uncle, Daniel Stuart McLean, Promoted to Glory on April 21, 2013. Much loved and sadly missed. Until we meet again.

- Rene, Flora and families, Senga, Sean and Millie, Maureen and family at home and away

WILLIAMSON - In loving memory of a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, George (Geordie), who died April 6, 2011. Much missed.

- From Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.

ity after the funeral. A retiral collection raised £2,880 for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

BIRTHS

GALLAGHER -

THOMPSON - Catherine and Joe are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Finlay (Finn) Joseph Thompson, on March 22, 2019.

DEATHS

MCGREGOR

Peacefully, with her family by her side, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on March 27, 2019, Elspeth McGregor, née Richardson, in her 73rd year, of 9 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Stewart McGregor, much loved mum of Allan, Eileen and Fiona, and very proud granny of Kaine, Kirk, Kyle, Calvin and Connor. A dear aunt and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Lochgilphead Baptist Church, on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCMILLAN

Peacefully at home, 115 Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown, with her daughter by her side, on March 29, 2019, Mary McCallum McMillan, née Tyson, in her 94th year, dearly beloved wife of the late James McMillan, beloved mother of Mairi, Sheila and the late Jim, loving grandmother of Cara, Julie, Daniel and Kevin and great grandmother of Finlay, Oliver, Callum, Emily, Owen and Zoey.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBERTSON - Davie and family would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support and kindness following the loss of Mhairi. Heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Acute Ward who provided exceptional care and compassion, to the Rev Philip Wallace for his sensitive service, to David McEwan for his beautiful organ music and to family and friends who paid their respect at the church. Thanks also to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their supportive and professional services and to the Argyll Arms Hotel for providing hospital-

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Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome


Highland Parish Church
SC002493

Sunday 7th April 2019
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.00am
(Easter Buffet Lunch on 21st April in Kirk Street Hall after the morning service)
All welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Kilmartin
Sunday 7th April 2019
11.30am Service led by The Worship Group All welcome (SCO 02121)

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Skipness service 10am Dr John L Morrison OBE Tarbert service 11.30am Margaret Sinclair

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Tuesday 9th April
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Thursday 11th April
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Friday 12th April
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SKY Youth Group 7.30pm
Sunday 7th April
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Wednesday 10th April
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Saturday 6 April
Achnamara Hall Cafe Connect 10.30am - 12.30pm
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Sunday 7 April 2019
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Inveraray disappointment, but Dunadd ladies net 13



Action from the Women's Camanachd Association match in Lochgilphead between Dunadd and Tayforth. Photograph: Andrew Sinclair.



Players race for the ball during Saturday's match between Dunadd and Tayforth. Photograph: Andrew Sinclair.

Club lotteries

Drawn on Monday April 1, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 1, 2 and 12.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £500.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 6, 9 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.

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Camanachd Cup first round draw

The draw for the first round of the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup was made on Saturday March 30 by musician and former winner of the famous trophy, Gary Innes.

The draw is as follows, with ties to be played on Saturday May 11:

Beaul v Inverness
Strathglass v Oban Celtic
Bute v Glasgow Mid Argyll
Skye v Taynuilt
Ballachulish v Fort William
Bye - Glenurquhart

Gary said: 'The Camanachd Cup means everything to me. It's the

SHINTY

Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup – first round

Col Glen 2 Ballachulish 3

Ballachulish edged out Col Glen 3-2 in their all-South Division 1 tie at Glendaruel.

Willie MacVicar gave Col Glen the lead on 10 minutes but Dougie Rankin drew the visitors level on 21 minutes.

Lorne Brown gave Ballachulish the perfect start to the second half when he scored within 60 seconds of the re-start.

They were only in front for four minutes before Jamie MacVicar made it 2-2.

On 78 minutes, Conor MacGregor got the goal that sent Ballachulish through to the quarter finals where they will face Glasgow Mid Argyll at Yoker.

Col Glen's Ian Wilson and Balla's Ally Banks were red carded by referee Robert Baxter.

Mowi Premiership

Inveraray 1 Kingussie 5

Kingussie now only trail league leaders Lovat on goal difference after they came from behind to beat Inveraray 5-1 at the Winterton.

The Inveraray supporters were given something to cheer when Garry MacPherson fired them into the lead on 16 minutes with a great shot.

However it was Kingussie, with stand-in keeper Rory MacGregor between the sticks, who knocked in three goals before the break.

Roddy Young levelled on 35 minutes and Ruaraidh Anderson put them in front a minute later. Savio Genini made it 3-1 a couple of minutes before the break with a strike on his forehead from the edge of the box.

The in-form Genini, a player who really looks to have his 'mojo' back



Inveraray's Allan MacDonald in yellow uses some unorthodox skills to get the better of his Kingussie opponent. Photograph: Andrew Sinclair.

Mowi South Division 1

Kyles Athletic 3 Inveraray 0

The Kyles Athletic second team got their season under way with a 3-0 triumph over the Inveraray juniors at Kames Playing Fields.

Jack Whyte got the opener with Luke Thornton adding a double.

Elsewhere in the league, Aberdour were too strong for the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team, winning 6-1 at Silversands with David McDougal and Alec Mitchell both getting hat-tricks.

Women's Camanachd Association Mowi South Division 2

Oban Lorn 0 Ardnamurchan 7

Hannah MacDonald capped a terrific performance by scoring all seven goals as the Ardnamurchan second team won 7-0 at Oban Lorn.

Dunadd 13 Tayforth 1

Dunadd were too strong for Tayforth, winning 13-1 at a sunny Lochgilphead Joint Campus after being 9-0 up at half-time.

Eilidh Cameron, of Inveraray, was the weekend's top scorer for the home team with ten goals.

Grace Drummond grabbed a hat-trick and Rosie Holligan got the consolation for Tayforth.



Gary Innes with the famous trophy. Photograph: Iain Ferguson.

pinnacle of every shinty player's career.' The final in September will

return to An Aird, Fort William, for the first time since Newtonmore defeated Oban Camanachd 1-0 in the 2016 showpiece.

Derek Keir, chief executive officer of the Camanachd Association, said: 'There are a number of exciting games in the first round. Our thanks to Gary Innes, who has helped raise the profile of shinty for a number of years. We are looking forward to profiling shinty, and all that it offers its communities, in the lead up to the 2019 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final.'



Sinclair McKinnon has a blast at the charity shoot.



An impressive line-up posing for the camera.

Night out, trophies and charity shoot mark end of Tarbert Gun Club's season

Tarbert Gun Club marked the end of its winter league in late March with a members' night out and a trophy presentation.

The night out for the shooters meant the guns were left at home and spouses and partners taken out instead.

Once again the series was well supported, with 10 teams of five per team plus extras.

The top shots were extremely close at the end. John Weir held his nerve to take the overall high gun. Ian Winnard's team won the prize for top team overall after coming through on the last competition.

Trophy winners: Class A: John Weir, Andrew MacDonald. Class B: Matthew Peden, Ronald Jenkins. Class C: David Hay-Thorburn, Billy Bergant. Class D: Roy Laird, Shaun Doy. Class E: Chris MacEachern, Bill Bidmead. Top junior: Matthew Peden. Top Team: Ian Winnard, Matthew Peden, Darren Campbell, Ian McVicar and Chris MacEachern.

Charity shoot

A charity shoot at Tarbert Gun Club, organised by Craig Samborek,



Bob McColl of Tarbert Gun Club proudly holds the £1,000 cheque for the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow. 06_a14TarbertShootCheque01

contributed to £1,000 raised for the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow.

Good numbers turned out to support the event, on Saturday March 23, with many trying out clay pigeon shooting for the first time under the instruction of experienced club members.

new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

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You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

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Celebrity grand slam for Argyll stovies

Under the Food From Argyll banner, local producers are regulars at big rugby occasions at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh.

Big crowds are the norm and well-known faces do occasionally swing by for sustenance.

But even seasoned stallholders Alison and Ruaraidh of the Real MacKay Stovie Company were ever-so-slightly starstruck last Saturday when Scotland national rugby head coach Gregor Townsend dropped in for a plate of their famous stovies.

Gregor was there to take in the European Champions Cup quarter final match between Edinburgh and Munster.

'He stayed for a while for a blether. He's a helluva nice guy,' said Alison, from Inveraray. 'Ruaraidh was asking him what on earth he said to the Scotland team at half-time when they played England and he was good craic.'

So much blethering was going on that a lady – none other than Scots songstress Barbara Dickson – in the queue behind 'Toonie had to wait patiently for her helping of stovies.

Narrow defeat for Star in league relegation battle

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A late onslaught on the visiting defence came to nothing as Red Star fell to defeat against old rivals Easthall at the joint campus.

The home side got off to a poor start and found themselves a goal down when slack play allowed the tricky Easthall forward in on goal and he gave Kalache no chance placing the ball into the bottom corner.

Star had to survive another couple of scares before working their way into the match and equalising after half an hour. Ben Forbes picked up the ball before driving into space and releasing Colin Weir down the left channel. Weir found Martin Bonar with a cutback and Bonar did well to remain composed before finding the net with a good finish under the keeper to keep up his good goal scoring run.

Easthall edged back in front on the stroke of half time when a ball into the box wasn't cleared and fell kindly to their full back whose shot beat Kalache from the edge of the area and the visitors went



Aaron Moore charges down the wing as Red Star launch an attack. 06_a14RedStar03

in 1-2 up at the break. Into the second half and Easthall continued in the ascendancy for the opening 10 minutes

and added to their lead after another ball over the top caused confusion in the Star back line. The Easthall striker

finished well for his second of the afternoon and the game looked over at 1-3.

To their credit, Star battled back and forced a succession of corners and Coll McCallum headed home from a Colin Weir delivery to pull the home side back into the contest and set up a frantic last 15 minutes.

Star pressed right up until the final whistle and had the chance to equalise when player/manager Luke Naisby flicked the ball into the path of Aaron Moore. But the Star captain's effort was well blocked by the goalkeeper and Easthall held out for a hard-fought victory.

Red Star face fellow league strugglers FC Argyle in their penultimate league match on Saturday April 6 where three points are essential if Red Star are to avoid relegation to Premier Two.

The game is at the Ropework and kicks off at 2pm.

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