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Lochgilphead in line for a million pound boost

'This is fantastic news for Lochgilphead and the Mid Argyll region'

Lochgilphead will receive much-needed investment in a £1million scheme designed to revitalise key town centre buildings.

The funding, part of the Historic Environment Scotland (HES) Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), will see Lochgilphead benefit from similar CARS projects that have improved Campbeltown, Inveraray, Dunoon and Rothesay.

The success of Lochgilphead's bid, submitted by Argyll and Bute Council, was announced by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) on Friday April 5. Other successful CARS bids in the current round include schemes for Mauchline and Hawick.

Along with the £969,700

from HES, Lochgilphead CARS is backed with £386,000 in council funding, and estimated contributions from building owners of £250,000 - bringing a projected total budget of £1.6m over the five years that the CARS scheme will run.

The scheme will fund extensive repairs to a number of priority buildings in the town, with a focus on Argyll Street and part of both Lochnell Street and Poltalloch Street. It will also allow for the creation of a small grant and shop-front improvement budget. Additionally, there will be traditional skills training and education opportunities available.

Scotland's eldest councillor Donnie MacMillan, the vice

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Jack Stewart, 12, made a new wee pal, Jimmy the newt, at the Tarbert wildlife event held by DB Ecology, featuring the chance for kids to get up close and personal with many creepy crawlies such as newts, water beetles and larvae. See more on page 10. 06_a15TarbertWildlife05

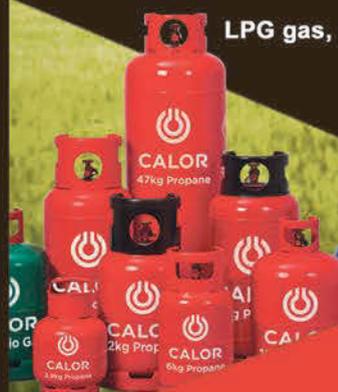


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POLICE FILES

Youth charged

A 15-year-old boy stopped by police at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, at 7.30pm on Wednesday April 3, was found to be riding an off-road motorcycle without a licence, insurance or MOT.

The boy was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man arrested

A man, aged 19, was arrested in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, for failing to give his full details to police officers investigating an incident about 1am on Sunday April 7.

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

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

Authorities look to net poachers

Police in Mid Argyll are cracking down on illegal fishing in Argyll lochs, in partnership with Rural Watch and the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime.

Police Scotland released a statement this week asking residents to be vigilant about illegal fishing.

'We are fast approaching the fishing season. In Mid Argyll, we have a mecca of lochs, rivers and tidal inlets to fish. Mid Argyll Angling Club lists the waters covered by its annual membership, which allows you to legally fly fish, however, there have been reports of fish stocks being fished illegally.

'It is an offence to fish for salmon without legal authority to do so on any waters and this includes within 1.5 km of the low water mark.

'The offence is Section



6 Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003. The definition of salmon for this means any migratory fish – salmon or sea trout.

'Poaching of fish is classed as an acquisitive crime.

'Police Scotland's Annual Policing Plan lists five priorities. One of these is acquisitive crime: to take away from a victim and provide a gain for the offender. Acquisitive crime is a high-volume crime group accounting for just under half of all recorded crimes in Scotland.

'Argyll and Bute's Annual Policing Plan 2018 lists acquisitive crime as one of its five priorities.

'Within it is the local strategy of prevention: to identify

crimes that are on the increase and work to combat them.

'Officers are working with the community. They have been distributing signs and have increased patrols in hotspot areas.

'If anyone has any information or suspects someone to be fishing illegally, contact Lochgilphead Police Office.

'Non-urgent enquires can be sent to PC Ben Rusden, wildlife liaison officer, Lochgilphead Police Office, at benjamin.rusden@scotland.pnn.police.uk'

BEAR Scotland consulting on Inveraray roadworks

Roadworks are being planned in Inveraray and BEAR Scotland wants to hear from everyone who will be affected.

The trunk roads authority is to resurface 650m of the A83 through the Royal Burgh, having recently completed projects at Inveraray Bridge, Stonefield, Strone Point, Whitehouse and the Rest and Be Thankful.

BEAR Scotland has invited feedback on the proposed works which are scheduled to last from Sunday May 5 to Thursday May 16, between 7pm and 7am.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said: 'On April 1, we launched a consultation on a £100,000 project to resurface 650m of the A83 through Inveraray, as well as parking bays and bus stops.

'Stakeholders have been provided with information about the proposals and letters are being sent to residents within the scheme.

'We're inviting feedback on the proposals to resurface the route overnight for 10 nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights, starting from Sunday May 5. The project would take place each night between 7pm and 7am. We will complete loud operations by 11pm to help minimise impact on residents.

'We're planning to arrange the project so the road can remain open throughout the works, however, a 10mph convoy system will be in place to keep everyone safe and escort traffic through the site.

'All feedback is welcomed on the proposals and once plans have been confirmed stakeholders and residents will be updated on the final arrangements.'

Man jailed for breach of the peace and failing to appear

A man was sentenced to eight months and 100 days in jail for breach of the peace and failing to appear in court.

William Black, 35, of 5 Bridge Terrace, Furnace, pleaded guilty to engaging in a fight and failing to appear at Oban Sheriff Court. He was sentenced on April 9.

The court heard that on May 27 last year, Black and another man started fighting on George Street, Oban. Black committed the offence while on early release from prison.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes

ordered Black to serve 100 of the 338 days he had left of his sentence and three months for the breach of peace.

Black also received a nine-month jail sentence for failing to appear in court.

Sheriff Hughes said it ought to 'send a message to the public' that the court could not function if people did not appear.

Given that he had been on remand for two months, he will serve a total of eight months and 100 days, to run consecutively.

Million pound boost for Lochgilphead

Continued from page one
investment in the Front Green and Argyll Street, will make a real difference to the town.

'I want to recognise the diligence and effort of council staff, who committed to making a difference for the communities of Mid Argyll.'

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of the council, added: 'This is fantastic news for Lochgilphead and the Mid Argyll region. The competition to secure funding from Historic Environment Scotland's CARS scheme is always fierce, so it is a real achievement to have made this happen.'

'Like the CARS projects in Campbeltown, Inveraray,

Dunoon and Rothesay, this funding will bring about tangible change in the town centre and help to support our drive to attract new businesses, residents and visitors to Argyll and Bute.'

Approval of the CARS funding follows on from the announcement of a £1.5m investment in the Lochgilphead Front Green project, which will deliver improvements to the Lochgilphead Front Green and Colchester Square.

A consultation process is currently underway to shape plans for the Front Green project, which is part of the wider £3m Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

'All feedback is welcomed on the proposals and once plans have been confirmed stakeholders and residents will be updated on the final arrangements.'

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'Although it has taken some years to get Lochgilphead to the top of the list, this award, together with the council's

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Tarbert Seafood Festival lands major cash boost

Tarbert Seafood Festival is celebrating a much-needed cash injection, having netted £2,000 from the Clyde Fishermen's Association's Tarbert branch.

The festival was left counting the cost when it missed out on vital Argyll and Bute Council event funding earlier this year.

Since then, various organisations have pledged money to ensure the event goes ahead as expected.

The festival is a firm favourite among locals and tourists, with two days dedicated to great seafood, entertainment and family fun.

Chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association Kenny MacNab presented the cheque to Tarbert Seafood Festival committee member Margaret MacNeill saying: 'We were very disappointed to hear Tarbert Seafood Festival had failed to attract council funding this year.

'As a fishing community this is an event very close to our hearts and we are delighted to help give organisers a boost to their fundraising efforts.'

Margaret MacNeill thanked Kenny and said: 'On behalf of the Seafood Festival



Kenny MacNab presents Margaret MacNeill with a cheque for £2,000.

committee, I'd like to thank Kenny and Clyde Fishermen's Association's Tarbert branch for this very generous donation.

'Preparations are under way

to ensure this year's festival is the best one yet and we're counting down the weeks until July 6 and 7 when we welcome festival goers back to Tarbert.'

EU citizens urged to stay in Argyll and Bute

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell has made an impassioned plea to EU citizens living in Argyll and Bute to stay in Scotland amid on-going Brexit uncertainty.

This week, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon made a commitment to EU citizens that Scotland remained their home - promising to continue making a strong case for their rights to be protected in any EU exit scenario.

The SNP leader has written an open letter to EU citizens to confirm a new 'Stay in Scotland' package that will consist of £250,000 for community-based support across Scotland; a support and advice service for EU citizens with more complex needs or particular challenges; a toolkit for employers, including posters, fact sheets, digital content and a guide di-



MSP Michael Russell.

recting EU citizens to further assistance.

Mr Russell has previously written to EU citizens in the area following a successful campaign to push the UK government to scrap the £65 'settled status' fee.

Mr Russell said: 'It is important to make clear that EU citizens will always remain welcome in Argyll and Bute and I will continue to do all I can to help people stay in Scotland.

'It's wrong for the UK government to oblige EU citizens, who have built their lives in Scotland, and who contribute massively to our economy and communities, to apply for the continued right to remain in their own homes. With absolutely no clarity from Westminster, this announcement from the first minister will provide welcome support for EU citizens across Scotland.

'I'd like to urge anyone who has issues or concerns they would like to discuss with me to please get in touch.'

Mr Russell will be attending a question and answer meeting in Lochgilphead on Friday April 12 addressing worries about Brexit and how it will affect the public.

The meeting will take place at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall at 7pm.

Another chance to have a say on improvements

The public is being invited to have another say on improvements to Lochgilphead Front Green and Colchester Square.

Before plans are finalised, Argyll and Bute Council wants to hear any more ideas at an event on Saturday April 13 where it will lay out initial design proposals.

A previous consultation for a chat and a cuppa was held on March 9 for people to go and see the developing designs and help shape them.

The £1.4 million scheme is one part of a wider jigsaw of gradual improvements from Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig.

Just about visible across Loch Gilp is the Scottish Canals-led Egg Shed project to create a new heritage and interpretation centre in Ardrishaig, due to open this summer.

And the council is bidding for funding worth more than

£1 million through Historic Environment Scotland's CARS scheme to refurbish some of Lochgilphead's town centre buildings.

Add to that planned improvements to public halls and the KGV pitch in Ardrishaig; planned upgrades at Mid Argyll Community Pool; a major project by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services and more, it is clear things are happening in Mid Argyll.

The next drop-in event between 11am and 4pm will be at the corner of Colchester Square and Poltalloch Street where people can meet council staff and members of the design team to ask questions and give views.

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A83 closed after car overturns

A driver and two passengers escaped injury after their car overturned at Kennacraig.

The single vehicle accident closed the A83 trunk road for about an hour, at 5pm last Thursday, opposite the turning for Kennacraig ferry terminal.

All three were taken to hospital. A man and a woman were later transferred to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, with suspected back or neck injuries, not thought to be serious or life threatening.

No-one was charged with any road traffic offence.



Police kept an eye on the overturned car. This photograph was taken about three hours after the accident.

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Guilty plea halts assault trial

An Ardrishaig man who 'punched a DVD player four times' off a woman's head pleaded guilty to assault part way through a trial.

Fraser James Mullany, 26, of 14 GlenFyne Crescent, had pleaded not guilty to repeatedly striking the woman on the head with a DVD player, seizing her on the body and punching her on January 10 and 11 at a Campbeltown property.

Mullany changed his plea to guilty after lunch last Wednesday and his not guilty plea to a further charge of behaving abusively was accepted.

The offence originally came to light

when Mullany turned up, intoxicated, at Campbeltown Police Office on January 11 at about 8.30am. He asked officers if they could give him a lift home to Ardrishaig as he had no money.

Subsequently Mullany told them he been in a fight with a woman and officers rushed to her address where they found her conscious but very shaken.

During the Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial, graphic pictures of the woman's injuries were projected on screens.

These included a huge bump on her

forehead, long red weals on her neck and arms and marks on her back, all sustained in the attack.

Giving evidence during the trial the woman said the pair started arguing after drinking alcohol and added: 'We were sitting listening to music and drinking Buckfast. The fridge was full of drink. He was roaring and shouting and told me he was going to kill me.'

'He punched holes in the doors and it took four hours to get him out.'

'I was not aggressive, I pushed him away.'

Mullany's defence agent, Ruben Murdanaigum, claimed that injuries

on Mullany's face were caused in the fight. The court was told the woman has a long history of violence, including six convictions for assault.

The woman added she was not as strong as Mullany and all she could do was push him away. She said at one point she thought he was trying to rip a contraceptive implant out of her arm. She added: 'I did not go to the police because I would not go to the police on anybody.'

Sheriff Simon Fraser deferred sentence until Monday April 29 and called for social work reports and a restriction of liberty assessment.



Marian Pallister hands in her petition against the closure of the Inveraray RBS branch in August 2018. 08_a32RBSInveraray02

Miscommunication causes customers to miss RBS visit

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) mobile bank left customers in Inveraray angry on Monday April 8 when they turned up to carry out their business.

Many customers turned up at 11.50am on Monday to find the mobile bank had

gone as it had changed its times.

The advertised times given to customers was Mondays 11.15am to 12.15pm and Thursdays 1.20pm to 2.20pm.

The firm has now changed its times to 10.30am to 11.50am on a Monday and

1.10pm to 2.20pm on a Thursday.

Customers were not able to carry out their transactions at the post office.

After complaining, RBS has said it will print a new leaflet and distribute it to all its customers.

Renewed appeal for Armed Forces Day volunteers

Organisers are again appealing for help with Armed Forces Day, or this year's will be Lochgilphead's last.

The only event of its kind, Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day has been held for nine consecutive years, but organisers say they are still struggling and cannot keep going without more support.

The non-profit-making event, which sees veterans coming together for a day of catch-up and remembrance, is becoming harder to organise with dwindling support.

Chairman of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Geordie Rhodick said: 'We're devastated. It's heart-breaking. The ex-servicemen, they just love it.'

Betty Rhodick said: 'We've got supporters on the day, which is very much appreciated, but we need help before and after.'

Specifically, the organisers need help setting up tents the day before, taking them down



The unofficial veterans' choir belts out the Argylls' anthem Bonnie Mary o' Argyll, conducted by Andrew Gibson from Paisley. 06_a25AFD08

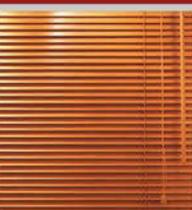
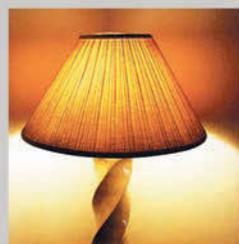
in the evening and administrative duties throughout the year, which amounts to a day per month of meetings.

Five years ago, Armed Forces Day was calculated to bring in £35,000 for Mid Argyll, with Betty estimating that figure would be closer to £60,000 last year. She said: 'Folk come from all over. They bring their caravans and book hotel rooms and eat in

our cafes.' Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand said: 'I appeal to our community to help in any way to ensure event organisers receive assistance. It is not asking a lot to give a little of your time to ensure our armed forces are recognised.' Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Betty Rhodick at lochgilpheadarmedforcesday@yahoo.com

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Fish farmer on short-list for trio of Scottish awards

One of Argyll and Bute's leading salmon producers may net three category wins in a national food competition.

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which has a major processing plant at Cairndow, has been named as a finalist in three categories at the prestigious Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2019.

SSC was shortlisted in the Primary Producer of the Year, Business of the Year and Export Business of the Year categories at the annual awards which recognise the highest quality produce and producers in the thriving Scottish food and drink sector.

Salmon is Scotland and the UK's largest food export and its exports represent 60 per cent of sales to 26 countries around the world.

The shortlisting recognises SSC's achievement in growing its export business through a commitment to provenance guaranteed and the development of its clan of brands including Lochlander Salmon, Tartan Salmon Label Rouge and Native Hebridean Salmon.

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SSC chief executive Craig Anderson said: 'We're delighted to be short-listed for not one but three categories at these coveted awards.'

'With more than 600 staff across 60 sites in some of the most remote and rural areas of the west coast of Scotland and Hebrides, we are passionate about our Scottish provenance. It is our commitment to Scottish provenance and authenticity that sets us apart in the global market.'

'These prestigious annual awards represent the very best that Scotland's larder has to offer and it's a credit to

our team that we have been short-listed.'

Now in its 20th year, the Excellence Awards focusses on the stand-out products driving value and consumer choice in the market in line with the overarching Ambition 2030 strategy to double the value of the industry.

James Withers, chief executive of Scotland Food and Drink, said: 'Every year the Excellence Awards attracts an incredibly diverse range of entrants, all of which are of a very high quality.'

'This year we've had a record number of entries and the standard has never been higher.'

'While tasting each of the

products entered into the awards sounds like a dream, in reality, selecting the very best of the best has been extremely difficult for our expert judging panel.

'The awards will yet again be the premier night in one of Scotland's most valuable and successful industries. Congratulations and good luck to all the finalists.'

The awards are organised by Scotland Food and Drink in partnership with The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) and headline sponsor Asda.

Winners will be announced in front of 800 guests at the prestigious awards ceremony and dinner on Thursday May 23 at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh.

Drug using Lochgilphead fisherman fined

A prawn fisherman from Lochgilphead was fined £225 for cannabis possession and warned that failure to pay would lead straight to prison.

Gavin Boyle, 31, of 2 Meadows Crescent, Lochgilphead, pleaded guilty to possessing £10 worth of cannabis when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, April 4. Boyle was arrested for the offence when he was stopped by police near Drumore Farm on the A83 near Campbeltown.

Boyle, who appeared from custody, committed the offence on March 25 while he was on bail from Dunoon Sheriff Court and Dunoon Justice of the Peace Court and facing four similar charges.

Boyle's defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that his client was addicted to cocaine and seeking medical help for his drug issues.

Sheriff Simon Fraser said: 'You have been in custody for a week, and this was £10 of cannabis.'

'I am not going to incur further expense with reports and the like and fine you £225 to be paid at £20 per week.'

'If you fail to pay any one instalment you will not be brought back to the court, you will go straight to prison.'

Car thief fined and jailed

A car put into a Dalmally garage for service was later stolen and turned up in Ullapool.

Last Thursday, at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, its thief, Michael Green, who has been in custody since January, appeared for sentence.

At an earlier hearing, Green, 37, had pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing the 04 plate car on December 16 2017 in Dalmally on the A85 and a further charge of driving the vehicle while uninsured.

Green was caught by police, on January 16, while sleeping rough in a hut on Machrihanish Golf Course, having failed to appear at Oban Sheriff Court in relation to the charge on November 6 last year.

He was discovered on the golf course due to a tip-off to the police.

Police searched Green and he later pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Stanley knife with no reasonable excuse.

During Thursday's hearing, Procurator Fiscal Depute Eoin McGinty told the court that the car owner had put the vehicle in for service.

When the work was completed the garage had left the car out with the keys on top of a front tyre.

The owner did not go to collect it for a few days and when he did it had disappeared.

On December 20 2017 the car was found abandoned in Ullapool with £1,500 of damage.

Green was identified from DNA in the car and on

August 18 last year he was arrested and admitted the offences.

In mitigation, defence solicitor Stephen MacSporran said that Green had an unidentified psychiatric condition.

Mr MacSporran added that as a result of Green's nomadic lifestyle he had just wanted to get out of the Oban area when he stole the car.

Sheriff Simon Fraser ordered a psychiatric assessment and sentenced Green to four months in prison for possession of the knife.

Sheriff Fraser said that as Green had been in custody since January that just left a month to serve.

For the car theft Green was fined £200 and disqualified from driving for eight months and he was admonished for failing to appear.

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Mid Argyll is on the up

It's good to see Lochgilphead getting the tender loving care it has needed for a while.

Excitement is rising for the upcoming Front Green plans that will add features to make people stop in, not just drive through, the town.

And the CARS grant will give the area the 'facelift' it needs to make the town look not only tidier but fresher while keeping to its cute aesthetic that is its main calling card.

Hopefully, these strides forward will have a ripple effect on the villages and towns around Lochgilphead, bringing more people to the area, and boosting businesses and communities across Mid Argyll.

We would urge everyone and their grannies to visit the Front Green on Saturday April 13 for a look at and to comment on the latest plans on the Colchester Square and Front Green improvements.

Have your say on what you want to see on the entrance gates to Lochgilphead.

Following last week's Argyllshire Advertiser front page story on Argyll and Bute Council's 420 per cent increase in charges for food export certificates, the views of councillors are published below:

Councillor Robin Currie:

Our prices were the lowest in Scotland and they did not cover costs of delivering the service. We were unable to maintain fees at this level.

We have surveyed our export businesses and listened to their comments – introducing the small quantities fee was in response to this. We are leading on developing a national framework for charging and worked with Scotland Food and Drink on the issue of export charges.

While we are in the top quartile for charges, we are not the most expensive. Other local authorities charge more or have additional add on costs.

Councillor Dougie Philand:

This policy is another one by the administration of the council which is detrimental to Argyll and Bute. As with the budget, the administration appears to be focused on collecting stealth taxes instead of supporting local businesses to not only thrive but survive.

Argyll and Bute First did agree to a general increase in all fees and charges by three per cent across the board in February. I know council officers are working with Scottish government to look at a national charging policy and would support this initiative.

Councillor Sandy Taylor:

I know that the council is alert to this problem and acknowledges the need to address it in early course. The council's initiative, in encouraging other councils across Scotland to agree a national charging scheme, is welcomed, however, whatever comes out of that we do need to see a more sensitive set of charges which at one and the same time, recognises the costs to the council, but does not inhibit the trade of smaller exporting shellfish businesses.

Nice work

Sir,

Last time we had a general election the top earner at North Ayrshire Council got an extra-ordinary payment of something like £28,000 on top of his six-figure salary while at the same time his counterpart at South Ayrshire got a paltry windfall of only £4,000.

The additional work and responsibility in seeing the electoral process through to its conclusion was broadly similar in both council areas so clearly reform of the system is urgently needed. A set formula should be agreed for Argyll and Bute and separately for each of Scotland's other councils.

Some would argue that no additional payment is required; simply award days off in lieu. Then top officials could adopt the advice proffered by 18th century French philosopher, Voltaire and 'dig their own gardens'. Better still, let them carry out unpaid work for those unfortunate elderly people who find themselves saddled with big houses, big gardens

and council tax demands rated on bands E and F and we can all eat shortbread.

**Duncan I MacDougall,
Tarbert.**

Student support

Sir,

The Scottish Government's announcement that there will be support for students after the EU exit is a welcome confirmation.

We welcome the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that people returning to Scotland will be eligible for funding to enable them to study at college – both further education and higher education courses – for an extended period of seven years after Brexit.

Student support funding is vital in helping many people access high-quality courses and apprenticeships that lead to recognised qualifications and allow them to progress towards employment and their future careers. We want to see all students succeed at college, regardless of their personal circumstances or background.

Spokesperson for Colleges Scotland.

Tarbert surgery

Sir,

I had another very successful surgery in Tarbert where I had the opportunity to catch up with many of my constituents.

Tarbert business owners that I have been speaking to have justifiably been asking for large scale investment in the village of Tarbert particularly when it comes to blocked drainage

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The need for more social housing is brought up at my surgeries, on the street and on the doorstep.

This is not surprising as the best way to keep our younger residents in rural villages like Tarbert is quality jobs and availability of housing. I will keep campaigning hard for more social housing, more part rent – part mortgage government backed schemes and more affordable housing for direct purchase.

I have also reported a few of Harbour Street's broken and loose paving slabs that need to be replaced. Some of these are trip hazards and will hopefully be fixed by our roads department soon.

As ever I will continue to fight relentlessly for every corner of the Kintyre and Islands ward and I look forward to being back in Tarbert very soon.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and Islands ward.

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When life knocks you off your feet

A new column by Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum:

Step up! Step down! These are fancy new names for something you might recognise.

It is for people who don't need a hospital but need to be looked after for a little while before going back home, or to get back on their feet after developing a problem. Doesn't that sound like a convalescent home to you?

Our health bosses now regard this as essential for future planning.

People want to know where they stand when they become ill or incapacitated, but why do we have to wait?

It is not about money. The bed provision may take time and ingenuity, but there is no excuse for a response team not being ready and available if someone is knocked off their feet by life events. Evidence



shows the effectiveness of a quick, holistic and resourced approach of this kind.

Without that there is very little chance of a full recovery, if you are elderly or have a long term condition. The loss of confidence can make it too high a hill to climb.

There is a lack of vision in our health and social care systems. An unwillingness to listen to what people have to say. Planning for a glossy future is not convincing if it leaves people with inadequate services at the present time. And it does.

The Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum view is – what is wrong with starting small, seeing what works and what doesn't and moving on from there?

What about pop-up MOT and rehab units? (Why is an MOT mandatory for cars and not people?)

The lack of such facilities means that more and more of us slide past the point of no return and into the care system.

In future forum meetings we will be looking at local provision, seeking to promote debate and, importantly, giving credit where due.

Keep an eye on your Argyllshire Advertiser for updates.

To contact Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum, email the forum chair Barabel McKay at barabelmck@gmail.com

Beast may have bitten small bird species

The latest results from the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch have revealed a mixed picture for Scotland's garden birdlife, with 13 of the top 20 species being seen in fewer gardens than in 2018.

The most commonly seen species across the country was the house sparrow, but Argyll bucked the trend as more chaffinches were spotted than any other bird – seen in 82 per cent of gardens.

Now in its 40th year, the Big Garden Birdwatch is a chance for people of all ages to count the number of birds visiting their garden, helping the RSPB build up a picture of how they are doing.

This year, more than 32,000 people across Scotland, including 884 in Argyll and Bute, took part in counting almost 600,000 birds.



The most commonly seen bird in Argyll was the chaffinch.

The results from the January event revealed that there were more than 100,000 recorded sightings of house sparrows in Scotland.

There was a decrease in garden sightings of wrens and long-tailed tits, two of the smallest species to visit our gardens.

Long-tailed tits decreased by more than 10 per cent and wrens by 17 per cent in 2019.

Populations of both species may have been affected by last year's 'Beast from the East' as small birds are more susceptible to spells of cold weather.

'It is too early to say if this is a one-year blip or the beginning of a trend.'

Keith Morton, RSPB Scotland senior species policy officer, said: 'This year's results show some encouraging statistics in Scotland with nearly 16 per cent more starlings seen than 10 years ago, as well as nearly 30 per cent more house sparrows.'

'This year's survey also highlighted a rise in the number of sightings of Brambling and fieldfares on last year's figures.'

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The race is on to the new MACH1 hub

An exciting vibrant new venture, the Mid Argyll Community Hub (MACH1), is to launch on Easter Sunday, April 21.

From the minds that gave the area Grub's Up, Gill Hutton and Kirsty McKenna's next pursuit is a space based in the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) building on Union Street, Lochgilphead, which aims to create a place to welcome folk from all walks of

'Come on down and see what it's all about. Everyone is most welcome'

life and offer opportunities to try new pastimes, make new friends, or just sit quietly and read the paper or enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch.

Gill said: 'Run by the community for the community, MACH1 will promote the health and social benefits of connecting people and strengthening our community spirit.

'We know the negative effects loneliness and isolation have on our long term conditions, our mental and physical health, so we are forming new partnerships between voluntary and public services to offer an "all-under-one-roof" approach.

'It will be a dynamic space where people are encouraged to come up with their own ideas that would make their lives better.'

She added: 'We are looking for volunteers to help run all aspects of the hub, so anyone

who has time on their hands, we will be delighted to see you.'

Doors will be open from 10am to 4pm on Easter Sunday with coffee and cakes on offer, lunch from noon to 2pm and activities include making an Easter Bonnet, entertainment from the Funky Chicken, live music and much more.

Future opening times are every Tuesday and Sunday 10am to 4pm, with a four-week Tai Chi course on Sundays at 11am.

Gill added: 'Come on down and see what it's all about. Everyone is most welcome.'

The Grub's Up team with Gill on the left and Kirsty on the right.



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Getting closer to nature



Donna Black with bags of special swan food, available from DB Ecology.
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Beasties of all kinds held young people – of all ages – spellbound at the first wildlife event of its kind in Tarbert.

Hosted by newly-established ecological consultancy firm DB Ecology, the wildlife afternoon at Tarbert Village Hall gave children the chance to get up close to newts, water beetles and all kinds of larvae bearing more than a passing resemblance to the Alien movie creature.

Leading the day on April 4 was consultant Donna Black, who scooped up the pond life among water taken from a pond in the Tarbert Castle grounds.

Outside, Donna's husband

Steven was there helping build bat boxes with the young ecologists, while there were all kinds of activities inside the hall such as colouring and making bird feeders.

The event demonstrated DB Ecology's commitment to environmental education but Donna Black, with a degree in zoology and a masters degree in environmental protection, is available to carry out ecological surveys for businesses such as developers and landowners.

Donna said: 'Since graduating I have worked as a countryside ranger at Calderglen Country Park, East Kilbride and also worked



Jude Garcia, Tarbert, gets a close look at a newt.
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Fascination at the pond life wriggling around. 06_a15TarbertWildlife09

for Scottish Natural Heritage. My speciality is mammals, but I will carry out any type of ecological survey.

'I am also keen to promote environmental education and forest schools to inspire young people.'

DB Ecology also supplies its own bat and bird boxes, while another product will strike a chord with Tarbert folk – swan-friendly feed.

In recent years a number of cygnets belonging to swans in Tarbert Harbour have died in mysterious circumstances, with the feeding of bread to the birds a possible contributing factor. Now, DB Ecology has special floating swan and



Helped by Steven Black on the drill, Tarbert visitor Zinnia Mettam makes a double chamber bat box as her brother Leo looks on. 06_a15TarbertWildlife07

duck food for sale at £1 per bag.

Donna was delighted with her first wildlife event. 'It's been great,' she said, 'and the kids have really enjoyed see-

ing the newts and the other creatures from the pond.'

All of the animals at the event were returned to the pond at the back of Tarbert castle, including the newt.

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St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group discusses environment

Eco-Congregation Scotland is to take a snapshot of Mid Argyll's environmental concerns to the Scottish Parliament to lobby for more effective climate legislation.

At the beginning of April, Stephen Curran, manager of Eco-Congregation Scotland, met with members of the community at an event hosted by St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group in the MS Centre, Lochgilphead. His presentation inspired a robust discussion that centred round the inter-connectedness of climate-related issues.

Images showing the extent of today's climate problems around the globe were shocking enough, but local maps showing the magnitude of the major changes Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Cowal peninsula will face if carbon emissions are not reduced within the next decade suggested how dramatically Lochgilphead would lose out to rising water levels.

The 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg has inspired young people around the world to campaign for their future. Stephen Curran reminded

the Justice and Peace meeting that everyone was responsible for caring for the common home. Working as individuals and as parishes they could address the range of issues – from the forms of transport used, the food bought, the community energy schemes they could encourage, to the spaces they used to work in – that could help reduce carbon emissions.

In 2018, the Scottish Government committed to develop a new five-year Climate Change Adaptation Programme for Scotland. They will include public feedback in developing the programme for launch in autumn 2019.

Responses to questions posed for that feedback were considered in discussion with Stephen and Eco-Congregation Scotland. The meeting will pass on to the Scottish Government the opinions expressed at the meeting.

The meeting agreed that action had to be taken, but pointed out the difficulties of cutting down on car use in a rural area where public transport didn't meet all needs. A major concern was the



Stephen Curran, manager of Eco-Congregation Scotland speaking at the MS Centre.

amount of plastic packaging used by supermarkets. Fuel poverty that prevented people from cooking nourishing and cheap meals was discussed. Better building standards

to create warm homes were demanded, and it was agreed that community energy projects, such as already exist in Lochgilphead, would achieve substantial cuts in carbon

emissions. Weaning everyone from carbon-heavy air travel was also something Stephen would take to Holyrood.

Stephen said: 'The people of Mid Argyll are impressive

in the way they have considered all the issues. Eco-Congregation Scotland will make sure your concerns are heard and can contribute to climate change action.'

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Willie: Six Brothers for King and Country

Mid Argyll's Anne Currie has released her WWI biography, *Willie: Six Brothers for King and Country*.

After research while living at Minard, Anne, with her older sister May, researched her father's family.

Her husband Jim Currie said: 'Anne's father, William (Willie) Mitchell, was a quiet man who wasn't given to elaborate stories about his past. He seldom mentioned the part he played in the Great War. However, when Anne was a wee girl, he would sometimes tell her little anecdotal stories. Anne had tucked these at the back of her mind. But when she read the result of May's research, all these stories flooded back and began to make her curious. Even more so when she learned that instead of



Author Anne Currie.

having five uncles who served in the British Army, she had six – one uncle was never mentioned by her father.'

When living at Lochgair, Anne received a phone call from another relative she did not know she had. This was a police photographer named David Ritchie who worked in London and who,

while working at his second interest, the history of WWI, had discovered the story of the missing uncle and brother of her father.

In August 1914, Anne's father and his brothers answered Lord Kitchener's call for a New Army. Her father's first regiment was the Royal Scots Greys and the Edinburgh city lad had to learn to ride a horse.

The story starts at the Battle of Ypres where Anne's father was badly wounded during an enemy attack. From there, it takes the reader back to the UK for convalescence and where strong bonds between lifelong friends were created.

Eventually the war ends and Willie, like the millions of returning soldiers, has to take up where he left off.

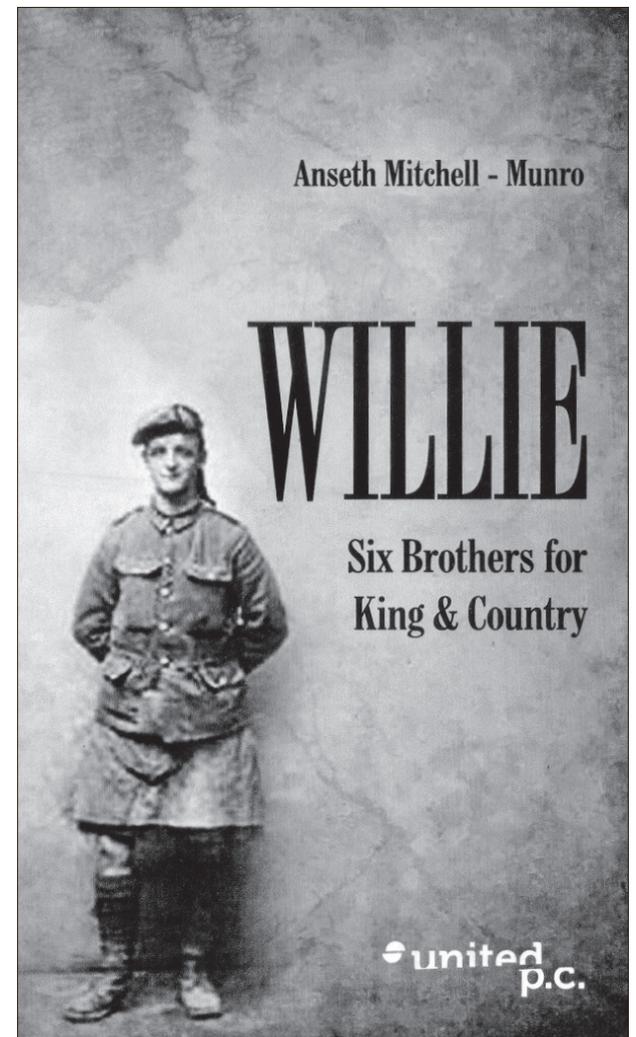
However, he was not quite

finished with the battlefields. The remainder of the story is the part normally left out by authors: it follows Willie throughout the rest of his life. Finding work, meeting old war buddies and more.

Jim added: 'She began to make little pencil notes of the old stories told to her by her father and her mother concerning how they met and married. The result is her first book: *Willie: Six Brothers For King and Country*.'

Having caught the writing bug, Anne has just finished a companion book about her mother's family entitled *The Other Munros* which is on its way to being published.

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Andy Bruce of 4Below. 51_a43MOJO32

Loch Fyne beach clean

Loch Fyne is getting a spring clean on Tuesday and Wednesday April 16 and 17.

Volunteers will be meeting outside the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar at 8.30am for a thorough beach clean of the head of the loch. The cleaners will cover

the area around Cairndow at the head of the loch.

Will washed up plastic spark joy? No? Toss it responsibly.

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Chinese blogger Ya Shu shot footage of Loch Fyne during his trip to Loch Fyne Oysters last September.

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Benmore Botanic Garden March weather

Highest max air temp: 13.0°C on the 21st

Lowest max air temp: 4.4°C on the 16th

Average max air temp: 9.4°C

Lowest min air temp: -1.4°C on the 31st

Highest min air temp: 10.0°C on the 21st

Average min air temp: 3.7°C

Highest min at grass level: 9.5°C on the 21st

Lowest min at grass level: -8.5°C on the 31st

Average min at grass level: 0.8°C

Air min below 0.0°C on 4 days

Grass level min below 0.0°C on 13 days

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Greatest rainfall in one day 51.4mm on the 13th

Rain 0.2mm or more on 25 days

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Rain 5.0mm or more on 15 days

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Total with measurable rain: 26 days

Average relative humidity: 81.8 per cent

Total rainfall for month 334.8mm (13.2 inches)

Total rainfall for year: 673.7mm (26.5 inches)

It has been the wettest March since 2008 with total precipitation being 68 per cent above the norm.

There were only half the average number of air frosts recorded and below average occurrence of ground frost.

Average minimum temperature was 1.3°C above the long-term average.

4Below got their MOJO going

MOJO favourites 4Below have gained their MOJO and are using it to compete for the chance to perform at Oban Live's unsigned stage in June 7 and 8.

The four short-listed bands are going head to head in a public vote found online at the Oban Live website.

Representative for MOJO Dan Griffiths said: 'We are very happy to hear that one of our fantastic acts from 2018 has been short-listed to play on the stage at Oban

Live. This really could be a huge leap for their future success, playing on a huge stage to a huge crowd indeed.

'We reckon they have what it takes to shine out at this amazing event with their unique gutsy alternative rock style and if you agree, they need your vote now.

'It would be great to see a completely freshly formed band that started out at our humble stage at MOJO take this

exciting new opportunity. They well deserve it.'

Vote 4Below at obanlive.com/unsigned-voting. Voting closes on April 22 at noon.

4Below will be returning to the MOJO stage at Ardfern on Saturday October 20.

MOJO is still looking for acts to send in their demos to Facebook @MOJOArgyll.

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Furnace Craft Group hopes to 'paint' the town with yarn.



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Craft group plans to paint the town 'yarn'

Talented crafters to give Furnace a facelift

Furnace Craft Group is stitching plans together to bring a new fun event to the village this month.

Furnace Craft Day, on Sunday April 28, will feature a host of activities in the village hall and beyond.

Highlights on the day will include demonstrations and the chance to have a go at crafts including felting, crochet, decoupage, extreme knitting and cross stitch.

Stalls

There will also be a variety of enticing stalls selling their 'made with love' wares including soaps, candles, felting, cards and clocks.

Mouth-watering homemade refreshments and a cake stand will also feature.

Entry is free. Children are being encouraged to go along and try the fun activities.

Sadly, however, the group

cannot allow dogs at the event. There will be a surprise or two around the heart of the village on the weekend of the event, with talented Furnace crafters giving the area a facelift.

Travelling Yarns from Invernesshire is bringing its popular pop-up shop to Argyll for the first time and it is hoped hospitable villagers will give it a warm welcome as it supports Furnace Craft Day.

It is hoped the craft day can become an annual event in the village calendar, becoming bigger and better with every year, as its reputation grows.

The Furnace Pop-up Shop and Craft Day takes place at the hall and around the village on Sunday April 28 from 11am to 3pm. Everyone welcome.



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The car in the ditch at Cairnbaan on Monday morning.
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Driver escapes injury in Cairnbaan crash

A driver escaped injury after spinning off the A816 90-degree bend at the Cairnbaan turn.

The incident, which ended with the car lying in a ditch, was reported to Lochgilphead police at 10.15pm last Saturday.

The police did not charge the driver with any offences.

Record-breaking year as Screen Machine celebrates milestone

Scotland's mobile cinema, Screen Machine, has had its most successful year in its 20-year history.

From April 1 2018 to March 31 2019, the attendance figure was 29,663. It represents an increase of 31 per cent on the figure reached in 2017/18.

That beats the previous best figure of 29,333 in 2012/13 when Creative Scotland gave additional funding to help mark the 15th anniversary of the service.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again was the single best-attended film with 3,644 attending one of 64 screenings. Nae Pasaran!, which tells the story of the East Kilbride Rolls Royce workers who defied the Chilean dictator General Pinochet in the 1970s, was the Screen Machine's best attended documentary, with an average audience of 30.

Fifty-six different films were screened – an increase from 48 in 2017/18.

On average, each screening was attended by 43 people –



The Screen Machine is a welcome sight rolling into rural areas.

or 54 per cent of total possible capacity.

This was the best figure since 2012/13 and compares with a UK average of 30 to 40 per cent.

Now in its 21st year, Screen Machine regularly visits more than 40 rural and remote communities. It has established Screen Memories Scotland, in collaboration

with Alzheimer Scotland, using cinema to help people with alzheimers and dementia and their carers. It has also introduced the Films We Love series to bring world cinema and documentaries to audiences.

Robert Livingston, director of Regional Screen Scotland, said: 'Screen Machine has enjoyed another year of put-

ting its one screen to best use by helping to bring together communities throughout the Highlands and Islands using the magic of cinema.

'Our aim is to bring more films to more people in more locations.

'Thanks go to all our customers for their support in helping us achieve that in the past year.'

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Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters is set to make a spectacular splash in 2020.

An expanded Clydebuilt Festival, a spectacular new event at Scotland's Boat Show, and a celebration of Scotland's waters and the journeys over them from the National Theatre of Scotland, are just two of the events lined up to put Scotland's coasts and waters in the spotlight.

Launched this week at VisitScotland Expo, the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 will inspire visitors, residents and the tourism and events sector to get onboard.

From water-inspired myths and legends to historic harbours, sweeping coastlines to the best in seafood, whisky, wildlife and wellness – Scotland's enviable reputation for unspoiled beaches, rich natural and

cultural heritage and thrill-seeking adventure activities will be showcased through a year-long programme of events and activities.

Six initial events – designed to 'whet the appetite' for what is in store – have been announced with many more to be revealed later in the year. The six events include Ferry Tales from the National Theatre of Scotland – an imaginative performance and community project, with the support of Caledonian MacBrayne and their ferries – and the Fife Regatta 2020. Last seen in their home waters off Fairlie in 2013, the regatta will start and finish in Largs, taking in locations around the Clyde including Holy Loch Marina, Dunoon, Rothesay, Isle of Bute and Tighnabruaich for everyone to enjoy.



Take Today will be rocking out Ardfern at Craignish Village Hall.

Take Today gigs at Craignish Hall

Craignish Village Hall is ready to rock. Recent gigs at the venue have included interpretative dance and opera but on Saturday April 20 it will be the turn of alternative rock trio Take Today.

The Glasgow band takes its influences from the likes of Nirvana, Led Zeppelin and Lower Than Atlantis.

Tickets for the Ardfern gig starting at 7pm are £5.

OHNOVA, The Easy Peelers and 4Below are the support bands on the night.

For tickets go to take.today.uk.

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Last month Take Today put in a bid to play at this year's Download Festival and just last week band members Paul Daly and Neil Parkinson met up with Foo Fighters' Chris Shifflet, who took a flyer to check them out.

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History society revives Scotland's pilgrimage heritage

The development of pilgrim routes all over Scotland, with particular emphasis on Argyll, was the subject of this month's talk enjoyed by Inveraray History Society members and friends.

Nick Cooke of Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum (SPRF) highlighted how pilgrimages and faith tourism have become extremely popular all over Europe and more attention is now being focussed on Scotland, with its rich heritage.

The 'right to roam' Land Reform Act of 2003 started the ball rolling, followed in later years by more funding being made available for the walking and cycling networks to encourage people to enjoy being outdoors and improve

the nation's wellbeing. SPRF was set up in 2012, working with churches and many volunteers to establish pilgrim routes, which now total more than 1,000 miles.

Argyll routes include the development of one on Bute to St Blane's Chapel, Kilgarth, and the 102-mile Dalriada Way from Tarbert via Oban and over to the Isle of Lismore.

Experts and volunteers on Lismore are involved in on-going archaeological excavations around the original cathedral of the isles.

The evening was rounded off by a moving video about The Columba Experience, a 63-mile pilgrimage for young people, from Dalmally to Iona. Funded by the Church

of Scotland and organised by Craig Lodge in Dalmally, the pilgrimage turned out to be a successful exercise in sharing faith and team building.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday May 7 for members only and will take place in the Castle Archives Meeting Room.

The AGM will be followed by a presentation by the castle archivist and a tour of the archives.

Speaker Nick Cooke of Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum.



Spice up Easter with a chilli eating contest

Brave souls can dare to take on a chilli eating contest on Jura this Good Friday.

The hotly-contested event is part of a curry night at the island's hall starting at 7.30pm on April 19.

More games are on the menu with prizes to be won as part of the entertainment and curries on offer, of course.

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The Crinan Canal.

Set sail with Autism on the Water

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On Thursday May 30, Autism on the Water will be making passage through the Crinan Canal from Ardrishaig Basin to Crinan Basin. The passage is about nine miles in some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery. This is part of a trip to Oban to compete in the Oban Sailing

Club Town Regatta. Murray MacDonald, director of Autism on the Water, said: 'We are looking for people with autism of all ages in the Argyll and Bute Council area to help us operate the locks, throwing and catching ropes and just to join in a fun day out in this picturesque canal. You do not need any experience and there is no charge. We want this to be a special day out for everyone who is autistic and it is the chance for a proper

beginner's experience into boating. The canal transit takes four to six hours to complete and is child and pet friendly.'

Exact timings will be confirmed once numbers are determined. Anyone interested should email Murray MacDonald at murraymacdo@googlemail.com for a basic form to complete and instructions on how to get to the canal, links to YouTube videos about the canal and Autism on the Water.

Join Wildwood Jack's adventures at Tayvallich

A husband and wife guitar and ukulele duo are the next live act up at Tayvallich Hall. Wildwood Jack's gig, with melodic songs and fingerstyle playing, is this Saturday, April 13, at 8pm with doors opening at 7.30pm.

Tickets on the door are £12, or half price for under 16s. Bring your own bottle.

Adam Piggott and Jayne Freeman have been on a musical journey since they met at university.

The pair's album Liberty Ship brings together the

sound of folk, Americana and world music. They have played in various musical projects including samba bands, ukulele sextets and a cabaret trio, gathering and writing songs.

Spurred by those travels and adventures, they sold their home to hit the road full time, travelling all over the world, playing at acoustic clubs, folk clubs, festivals, house concerts and busking. Find out more and hear a preview at wildwoodjack.com



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Riverside fundraiser by biker Stevie

Bike enthusiast Stevie McCormick is heading off once again on one of the biggest motorbike runs in Scotland.

The annual Easter Egg Run is held in support of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, a cause which Stevie has supported for many years.

Along with a few pals over the years, Stevie has been doing the bike ride for a decade now.

Ahead of this year's run, which takes place in Glasgow on Sunday April 21, Stevie will be at the Riverside filling station, Lochgilphead, on Saturday April 13.

'Going to the Riverside worked well before,' said Stevie, 'so I'll go there with my bike on the Saturday before the weekend of the run so people can have the chance to donate.



Stevie and his yellow pal prepare for a day at the Riverside on Saturday to raise money for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. 06_a14EasterEggRun02

'Any donation would be very welcome.' The colourful 40th Easter Egg Run parade of bikers will start in the city

centre and will head for the Royal Hospital for Children. Organisers are encouraging people to join them at

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A spring-time break after the long Scottish winter and the festival at the heart of the Christian message. The days are getting longer, the weather is warmer and nature is starting to wake up after winter - *so let's celebrate!*

Easter around the world, including some ideas we could borrow

In Australia there is now a campaign for the native bilby, not bunnies, at Easter. The rabbit is not a native species and it has bred, literally, like rabbits, causing damage to agricultural crops and the environment. Chocolate bilbies anyone?

Kite flying is very popular in Bermuda. Homemade kites are the norm with 'hummers' - a type of tissue paper with makes a buzzing sound when the kite is in the air. Good Friday sees an annual kite festival at Horseshoe Bay Beach. The West Highlands has some fantastic beaches and good strong

breezes - perhaps this is something we should start doing here?

Water fights, in many variations, are common in Eastern European countries. In Poland it is Pol Śmigus Dyngus (Poured Monday) on Easter Monday, with everything from water pistols to buckets.

Dyngus Day in America is a Polish-American day of festivity with food and dancing and less soakings held on Easter Sunday.

We have a lot of Polish people living here in the West Highlands and what better way to celebrate their contributions - why don't we hold our own Dyngus Day?

At 11am on Easter Saturday in Corfu, clay pots get slung out of windows and off balconies. It is one way of getting rid of old

worn-out pots and the noise scares away evil spirits, tradition says.

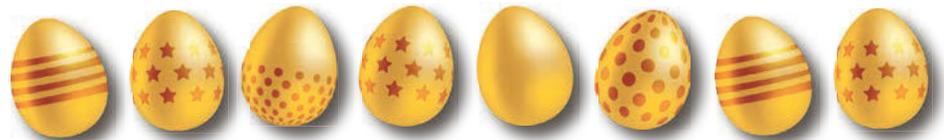
In Scandinavian countries there is a 'Hallowe'en in springtime'. In Sweden children dress up as witches with broomsticks and cauldrons and go door to door for sweets and the other UK autumn tradition, of bonfires, also takes place.

Easter is all about eggs and you can't make an omelette without breaking any. The village of Haux, France, makes a huge Easter omelette with more than 4,000 eggs; 100 pounds of bacon, garlic, and onions.

Dressing up as skeletons to perform the dance of death, La Dansa de la Muerte de Verges, takes place in Verges, near Barcelona, on Holy Thursday. Others carry locks and ashes around the village - it is all about the Last Judgement.

Good Friday in Portugal sees straw dolls hung over bonfires and burned, to represent Judas.

Variations of Portuguese and Spanish customs travelled to America as did the European traditions involving eggs, be they painted, hidden or rolled down hillsides.



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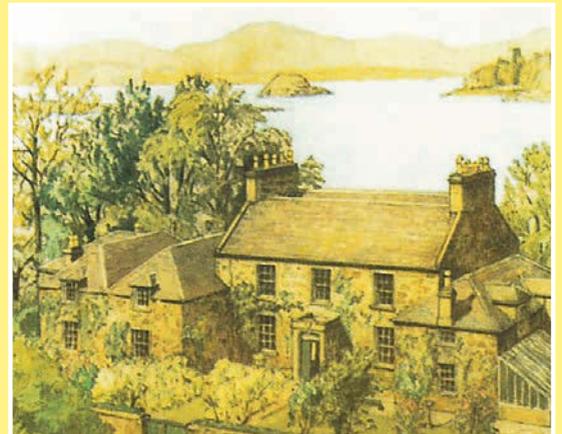
Scotland's Garden Scheme began back in 1931 to raise money to help train nurses in the days before the NHS. Charity remains at the core of the organisation with entrance money going to

the garden owners' charity of choice and a national effort which supports more than 250 charities; this way smaller charities can also be helped.

This is traditionally the time of year we all start to get stuck into our own gardens, getting them ready for the months to come when we can enjoy them.

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A lifetime of dreams, love, sweat and toil is folded into this magical garden. Most importantly to Georgina, plants have found their happiest place although her eucryphia, moved four times, has still to flower.

Amidst swathes of primula and pignut, the specimen sits alongside the wild. Early yellows move onto pinks, blues and whites. Greens deepen towards summer. At one with the land, Georgina watchfully enhances its natural

beauty and form. For her, the garden is an essential source of creativity, pleasure, fitness and mental therapy. "The shape of the land lent itself to where the paths and steps would go. Views across the Moine to inviting corners around the steep-sided glen always gives surprises".

A gifted plantswoman with a cheerful sense of humour, she's one of life's characters. Bring your questions on Saturday 20th April, 2-5pm when her garden opens to the public in support of SGS and Hope Kitchen. Delicious teas, baking and fun for children. On the A816, turn uphill at Kilmelford Post Office following the yellow signs for four miles.

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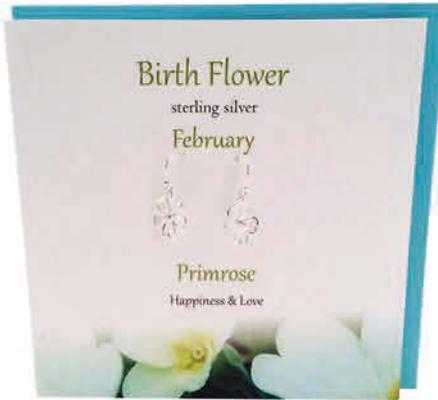
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Unions' plea to Europe to avoid no deal

UK farming unions have written to their counterparts in Europe seeking their support in avoiding a no deal Brexit.

Faced with continued uncertainty, the presidents of NFU Scotland, Ulster Farmers' Union, NFU and NFU Cymru have written to the presidents of farming unions in Europe stating their unequivocal position that a no deal exit would be economically disastrous, and that it is in every nation's interest that a catastrophic exit is avoided.

Given the UK's request for a further extension, the UK unions have asked for sufficient time to be granted to establish a way forward that recognises the needs of farming businesses across



Andrew McCornick.

Europe. Any extension must be used constructively and not merely delay a no deal.

NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick, a signatory to the letter, said: 'For months we have been calling for clarity. It is crucial politicians in the UK and across

Europe prioritise the needs of businesses and the welfare and long-term prosperity of the agri-food sector.

'Like all EU farming unions, our organisations represent thousands of farming families and it is unbelievable and unacceptable that we are still operating without any certainty on a future trading relationship. This is having real world business consequences right now as well as causing unnecessary stress and huge anxiety for farmers, both at home and across the EU, who simply don't know what trading conditions they will be operating under in the future. We continue to call for politicians to ensure free and frictionless trade and alignment on high standards of production.'

Around the markets

Stirling – Caledonian Marts Ltd on Thursday April 4 sold 175 cattle comprising of 79 prime bullocks, heifers and young bulls, 61 OTM cattle and 35 calves.

Prime heifers reached 250ppkg for an Aberdeen Angus from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, Muthill purchased by The Buffalo Farm, Boglily and to £1,539 for a Limousin from W Dandie and Sons, Learielaw purchased by H A Black and Sons, Butcher, Stirling.

Prime bullocks peaked at 242p for a Limousin from Learielaw, purchased by T Johnston, Butcher, Falkirk and to £1,598 for a shorthorn from H A Brown, Molemout, Galston. Young bulls sold to 212p for a Limousin from M Jack, Carriston, Star of Markinch and to £1,428 from the same home.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1,582 Learielaw, £1,565 Greencraig, £1,556 Learielaw, £1,528 Harviesmailing, £1,518 Easter Ochtermuthill.

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Heifers per kg: 245p Mains of Cultmalundie (twice), 242p Learielaw (twice), 238p Moorfield 235p Easter Ochtermuthill, Westwoodlane and Rathillet.

Fleshed beef OTMs averaged 156p selling to 178p for a Limousin from W Dandie and Son, Learielaw, Broxburn and to £1,400 for the same beast. The overall average for Beef OTMs levelled out at 148ppkg.

Dairy cows averaged 109ppkg selling to 131p from A Sibbald, Greenrigg and to £920 from J Johnston, North Medrox.

Other leading prices: Beef OTMs per head: £1,290 Greencraig, £1,280 and £1,220 Templehall, £1,170 Westwoodlane and Templehall. Beef OTMs per kg: 166p Castlehill, 163p Gartfairn, 160p Middle Bankhead.

Dairy cows per head: £880 Hillend and Glenrigg, £860 Keirshill, £850 Hillend Dairy cows per kg: 126p

Kaimhill, 122p North Medrox. Also forward were 35 calves and stirks. With a large ringside of buyers in attendance, all classes were in high demand, and more could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

Topping the sale was a cracking one-month-old British Blue cross bull calf from Stewart Farms, Balglass, Lennoxtown fetching £370.

Other leading prices:

Beef bull calves: Charolais: £360 and £320 Meikle Camoquhill. British Blue: £290 Drumglass, Montbelliarde £260 and £240 Meikle Camoquhill.

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Three of a kind for young Innes

Ten-year-old Innes MacKay from Oban was all smiles thanks to his set of lamb triplets.

Innes is keen on Blackface sheep and helps his dad Robert look after their Millpark flock.

This year Innes has two ewes of his own and was delighted when the first of them produced a set of triplets.

Picture: Kevin McGlynn

Less favoured area payments begin

Hill farmers and crofters operating in some of Scotland's most remote and marginalised areas will benefit from the commencement of payments worth more than £24 million.

Around 11,000 eligible farmers and crofters will receive payment in the coming weeks, with many having already taken the opportunity to receive up to 90 per cent of their 2018 entitlement under the national loan scheme announced earlier this year.

In total, 5,532 farmers and

crofters will receive payment under this tranche, with further payment runs being made in the coming days and weeks.

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'I firmly believe we must help those who need help the most, and can confirm that payments will begin to arrive in bank accounts in the coming days.'

'We are working hard to provide as much certainty to support farmers and crofters as we can. This money will provide a welcome cash in-

jection to businesses and the wider rural economy.

'With the deadline for applying for a loan approaching, I would encourage anyone who has yet to accept a loan offer to do so by April 12. With further payments being made in the coming weeks, I am confident that the majority of awards will be made by the end of June in line with our payment schedule.'

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West Highland appoints contractor for £4 million works programme

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has appointed Oban-based Neil McGougan Ltd as the new contractor for its £4 million major works programme.

The works will include the replacement of 150 kitchens, 400 bathrooms, 90 windows and doors and 150 heating upgrades.

Dougie Mackie, chair of WHHA, said: 'Neil McGougan Ltd has a long track record of successfully delivering our component replacements and property upgrade works across Argyll, and we are delighted to appoint it as our new contractor for the next five years.'

'This work forms part of our 30-year investment strategy for our stock, which ensures our properties are kept to a high standard for our customers.'

'Our heating upgrades include work supported by the Scottish government's Decarbonisation Fund, which will enable us to fit heat pumps with Sunamp heat batteries, which will not only reduce the carbon intensity of our stock, but also the running costs for our tenants.'

Director of Neil McGougan Ltd, Craig McGougan, said: 'We are pleased to have been appointed to undertake this work for West Highland Housing Association.'

'It provides our company and local workforce with continuity of work during the coming years.'

'Additionally, it creates new employment opportunities for at least three new employees and training opportunities through work placements and apprenticeships.'



Regulate short-term lets or risk displacing long-term residents – new CIH study

The rapid growth of short-term lets such as Airbnb has been a boon to tourists and landlords, yet it could lead to the loss of private-rented homes to the short-term lets market and displacement of long-term residents from their communities, if left unregulated, according to new analysis from the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).

The newly-published UK Housing Review 2019 suggests that Airbnb alone has more than 77,000 lets in Greater London, 55.4 per cent of which are entire homes. The bulk of the lets are heavily concentrated in Westminster (8,328), Tower Hamlets (7,513), and Hackney (5,907) boroughs.

Edinburgh has more than 10,000 short-term lets, with its city centre ward alone having two Airbnb lets for every 13 homes, while the Isle of Skye in rural Scotland has one Airbnb letting for every 10 houses.

The analysis makes clear from the concentration of short-term lets in particular locations across the country

that the rise of Airbnb has been a highly localised phenomenon. It has created 'globalhoods' – ultra-desirable neighbourhoods drawing in visitors from across the globe at an ever-increasing rate.

There would be cause for concern if these properties have moved from the private-rented sector to the short-term lettings sector for part of each year, and even greater cause for concern if they were now permanent short-term lets, unavailable to locals.

Potential impacts of the growth in short-term lets include:

- Non-compliance by hosts with existing regulations, such as insurance, fire safety and planning permission
- Prolonged loss of communal spaces, conveniences and facilities, since it is not just homes, but entire neighbourhoods, that are being shared, and
- Impact on local housing markets both with respect to rising rents and increased property values, especially in quite tightly bounded areas, such as Edinburgh's New Town.

Practical suggestions for tackling these issues include:

- Ensuring that better data

exist on short-term lets, so that local authorities can keep track of their growth and location. Airbnb have pioneered this in Barcelona.

- Introducing a modest tourism tax to assist local authorities in the monitoring and regulation of the short-term lettings sector, and
- Caps through the planning system by local authorities on the number of short-term rentals in particular high-pressure areas.

CIH chief executive Terrie Alafat CBE said: 'Digital platforms like Airbnb have brought great convenience to tourists who come to enjoy our cities and communities, as well as economic benefit to their hosts and local areas. 'However, if left unregulated, there is a real risk of loss of much-needed housing from the private-rented sector to the short-term lets market, and displacement of long-term residents. We need to find a way to accommodate the housing needs of individual residents while allowing tourism to continue in our most popular locations. More regulation could be necessary if growth continues and local authorities still have no way to accurately monitor numbers.'



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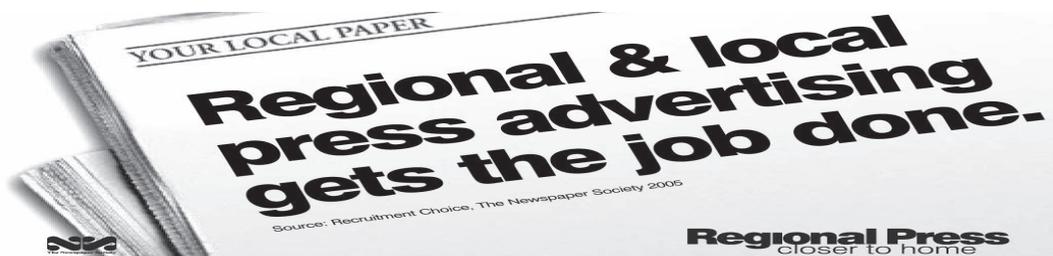
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The new Kames branch, which is scheduled to re-open on Thursday April 11, will offer Post Office products and services during shop opening hours.

The new location for the branch is Kames Village Store, Kames, Tighnabruaich. This is 150 metres from its previous location at Battlefield Buildings, Kames, Tighnabruaich.

The branch will be open seven days a week, from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, and 9am to 5.30pm on Sundays. This will offer more than 68 hours of Post Office service every week.

Angela Smith, Post Office area network change manager, said: 'We are delighted to be re-opening Kames Post Office and making it easier for customers to get their cash, send and collect their mail and do their banking.'

She added: 'We are confident this vibrant new-style Post Office will meet customer needs.'

'In order to maintain a Post Office service to our customers in Kames, the new service will open on Thursday April 11 at 1pm. However this does not affect the period of public consultation which is ongoing until May 15.'

Luminate Festival back with
vibrant creative programme

The Luminate Festival, celebrating creativity as people age, is back again in May.

Following the growth of an ever-increasing programme of year-round work with and for older people, the Luminate Festival is back, hosting a wide range of events in different venues including theatres, cinemas, galleries, care homes and community centres throughout Scotland. Performances include dance, drama, visual arts, film, spoken word and community events to enhance and encourage everyone to celebrate creativity as people age.

Events

The festival is jam packed with must-see events for all ages. In Argyll, at Cove Park, storyteller and theatre maker Naomi O'Kelly will be bringing together a group of older adults to listen, write, perform and audio-record a thrilling tale inspired by her love of radio plays, especially murder mysteries and ghost stories, in *Making A Mystery* on Thursday May 23 and Friday May 24, 1pm



Sheila Quillan is one of the volunteers who organised events at the Rockfield Centre, Oban, as part of Luminate.

to 3pm, and Saturday May 25 at 3pm. It is free, but booking is essential. To get involved, call 01436 850500.

The festival also features an outreach programme which takes creative activities to older people who may struggle to attend the

public programme. As part of this, the young musicians of Live Music Now Scotland will perform in care homes and day centres across the country.

The complete Luminate Festival brochure can be download at luminatescotland.org

Campbeltown sheriff orders reports on Islay man

A sheriff ordered reports on an Islay man who pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace on Jura.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, April 4, Malcolm James McGregor, 51, of Kilanne

House, Bowmore, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening manner in the early hours of January 10 at a house in Craighouse.

After McGregor's defence agent Stephen MacSporran told the court

there was some suggestion his client's medication may be out of sync, Sheriff Simon Fraser ordered psychiatric and social work reports and a restriction of liberty assessment order.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Jesus has ridden into Jerusalem on a donkey and heard the crowd shouting: 'Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Jesus then entered the temple, where what he saw sent him into a rage and he caused total confusion and disruption.

For here our Jesus, 'meek and mild', let rip at those who were exploiting the poor in the name of their religion.

They were using the temple for their own gain and making a mockery of God. The money changers were asking exorbitant prices for the sacrifices required for worship.

Jesus was having none of this and he overturned the tables of the money changers, scattering coins everywhere.

I imagine there would be a sudden silence apart from the clinking of coins on the stone floor.

People would stop and wonder at what was happening as frightened sheep and lambs took their opportunity to escape.

Perhaps there was symbolism in the flight of freedom of the doves who escaped as their cages crashed in the mayhem.

Jesus yelled at them: 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves.'

Exploitation of those who had little enough was the sin Jesus abhorred, and this surely got him into more trouble.

The authorities were threatened, their cosy comfortable way of life was threatened.

For here was one who would stand up for the poor, for the disempowered, for the voiceless.

What would he do next?

This Jesus spoke of a different kingdom where the last would be first and the first would be last.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

DEATHS

ROBERTSON - On April 5, 2019, peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Iain Allan Robertson, of Al Daar, Pier Road, Tarbert, in his 88th year, beloved husband of Betty Robertson, née Gardner, and a well respected and dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on April 10, 2019.

ROLLAND - Elaine Margaret (Orr). Peacefully, at The Byre, on March 21, 2019, Elaine, aged 87 years, of Pollokshields and Carsaig, beloved wife of the late Alastair, adored mother of Douglas, Jennifer and Stuart, dear mother-in-law of Kirsty and Nicole, cherished gran to Andrew, Ralph, Scott, the late Lucy, Angus, Oliver, Isla, Emily, Cara, Genevieve and Ossian. A celebration of Elaine's life will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019, at the House for an Art Lover at 11.30am, to which family and friends are cordially invited.

ROSS - Peacefully, on April 6, 2019, after a long illness, and with great courage and dignity, Anne Ross (née McSporrán, formerly of the Moy, Campbeltown), in her 83rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Jack Ross, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, beloved mother of John, Fiona and the late Lindsey Anne McLachlan and a loving grandmother to Nancy, Chris and Johnny. A funeral service and cremation will take place in Alford, Lincolnshire, near the home of her daughter. A memorial service and interment will take place in Campbeltown later in 2019.

SUGARMAN - Peacefully, at the Respiratory Ward 7B, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on April 7, 2019, Leonard Sugarman (Len), in his 89th year, 15 Bayview, Machrihanish, dearly beloved husband of the late Elizabeth MacMaster, devoted father of Gail, Yvonne and the late Leonora and a loving granda of Evan, Kieran, Charlotte and Tia. Funeral service in

the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCARTHUR - Lily and Billy would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy and support received following the sad passing, on March 19, 2019, of William (Bill), a dearly loved husband and devoted dad. Many thanks are due to the family doctors, Glasgow Royal Infirmary Oncology Department, Vale of Leven Haematology Department, Mid Argyll Community Healthcare team, Carr Comm overnight team and A&B Home care teams for the care and help Bill received over the years. Our special thanks to the Rev Mary Henderson of Redding and Westquarter Church of Scotland for a comforting and uplifting service, and William Scott Funeral Directors for their care and compassion throughout the funeral arrangements. Thanks also to Inchyra Grange Hotel for providing the welcome hospitality, appreciated by all.

MCMILLAN - The family of the late Mary (Moir) would like to thank all who attended the funeral service. Thanks also to the Rev Anne McIvor for an uplifting service, to David McEwan for the music, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their sensitive and professional services, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the hospitality after the funeral. Special thanks to the Argyll and Bute carers and to the community nurses.

MCMURCHY - Bruce Bannatyne. Marion and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, by way of flowers, cards, letters and calls following the sad loss of Bruce. A special thanks to Reverend Stephen Fulcher for a very fitting and moving service and John McGeachy for his piping. Thank you to Kenny and Rhys Blair and the staff of T A Blair for dignified funeral arrangements; to the

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IN MEMORIAM

BENNETT - In loving memory of my dear husband, Roy, died April 14, 2018.

One sad and lonely year we have been apart, I loved you in life and I love you in death. But I believe with all my heart, That some day we will be together again and never again be apart. I love and miss you. - Your loving wife, Susie xxx.

WEIR - In loving memory of Alex, who died on April 11, 2013. We MISS you in so many ways, We MISS the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then we MISS you most of all. Rest in peace. - Tina, Bell, Allan and families.

BENNETT - "It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember"... Never a truer word said for the legend (Mucker) Roy.

- Nena, Darren, Ewan and family, home and away.

MACLULLICH - In loving memory of Duncan, dear husband, father and brother, who died on April 11, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Those we love don't go away But walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved and missed and very dear.

- Ann, Hilda, and all the family.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Registered Charity No. 21479 and in Scotland SC00939
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
Thursday 18th April
Passover Meal 5.00pm
Friday 19th April
3.00pm
Reflections on the cross
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 14th April
Morning Worship 11.15am
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Rev W Crossan
Monday 15th - Saturday 20th April
Easter Breakfast and Reflections
New Hall 7.30 am
Everyone Welcome
Monday 15th April
Messy Church 3.45 pm
Church Hall
Tuesday 16th April
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 18th April
Choir Practice

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 14th April 2019
Palm Sunday

"So they took branches of palm trees and went to meet him shouting Praise God"

The service will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay and will be held in the church at 11.00am

(Easter Buffet Lunch on 21st April in Kirk Street Hall after the morning service)

All welcome.

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 14th April
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Pastor Mark Jasper with Sunday school and refreshments after the service

South Kintyre Youth
Every Friday at 7.30 pm
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10.00am
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Sunday 14 April 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
ALL WELCOME

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Palm Sunday 11am - Procession & Liturgy
Mon, Tues, Weds 8pm - Compline
Maudy Thursday
7pm - The Lord's Supper, Washing, Stripping of the Altars & Watch
Good Friday
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Scottish Charity No SC023277
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Charity Number SC001002
Saturday 13 April
10.30am Tayvallich Hall
Coffee Morning
Sunday 14 April
10am Inverlussa Church
Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday 18 April
7pm Tayvallich Church
Maudy Thursday Communion
Friday 19 April
7pm Bellanoch Church
Good Friday Meditations
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Wednesday 17th April
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2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
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Inveraray lose out to 'Shiel

Mowi Premiership

Inveraray 2 Kinlochshiel 4

Kinlochshiel notched their first league win of the season, coming from behind to beat Inveraray 4-2 at the Winterton.

'Shiel suffered a blow during the week when it was confirmed that Scottish international Finlay MacRae had suffered a broken bone in his arm during the previous week's defeat against Lovat so he faces a spell on the sidelines.

Inveraray got off to a great start with Robert Wood scoring after just three minutes.

John MacRae made it 1-1 on 31 minutes and youngster WD MacRae found the net a minute before the break to give 'Shiel a 2-1 interval advantage.

John MacRae got his second on the hour and Duncan Matheson made it 4-1 on 71 minutes.

Inveraray got the afternoon's final goal with Fraser Watt netting with eight minutes left on the clock.

Kingussie 2 Oban Camanachd 0

Kingussie scored twice late in the game to beat Oban Camanachd 2-0 at the Dell.

Kingussie manager John Gibson was unavailable so his assistant Ali MacLeod took the side.

The Kings went into the match behind league leaders Lovat only on goal difference. Keeper Craig Dawson was still out injured so Rory MacGregor continued in goal whilst Lee Bain started on the bench.

Oban Camanachd's Daniel Cameron served a one-match ban for passing through the

disciplinary points threshold whilst boss Stephen Sloss was also without Scott MacKillop, Andrew MacCuish, Chrissie MacMillan and Keith MacMillan, who were all unavailable. Gary McKerracher came into the side at full back and he played as if he'd never been away. Youngsters Ross Campbell and Lennon Campbell were Oban Camanachd's only substitutes.

Daniel MacVicar sent a chance high and wide in the first half whilst, at the other end, Cameron Sutherland, who was the busier of the two keepers, made a great save; tipping a Ruaridh Anderson shot that was heading for the top corner over the bar.

Oban Camanachd swapped Connor Howe for Ross Campbell at the interval.

Cameron Sutherland was called into action again before the hour when he made a point-blank save whilst one-on-one with Ruaridh Anderson.

Sutherland then used his body to block a Savio Genini effort shortly after.

Aidan MacIntyre went on a fantastic run after winning possession in the middle of the park where he got away from his marker. MacIntyre moved the ball to his right when he got sight of goal but Rory MacGregor made a terrific save from MacIntyre's blistering shot.

Daniel MacVicar then broke through and faced full back Robert Mabon but he failed to pick out Daniel Madej who was in space and the chance was gone.

Scott MacMillan made a diagonal run to get on the end of a high ball from Ross Campbell which deceived the home defence but he shot



Inveraray's Fraser Watt attempts to steal the ball. Photos: Andrew Sinclair

into the side-netting. The first goal was always going to be massive and it was Kingussie who took the lead with just eight minutes remaining.

The Oban defence had been solid but there was only so much pressure they could take as Rory MacKeachan played the ball down the right and Roddy Young controlled the ball before finding Savio Genini on the penalty spot.

Keeper Cameron Sutherland dived to his right to parry Genini's

shot, which may well have been going just wide, but Ruaridh Anderson ran in on the left to gleefully knock the rebound into the net.

Oban Camanachd went for broke and they pushed Daniel Sloss, who had played well in defence, into the forward line.

However it was Kingussie who sealed the win with the last hit of the game. Savio Genini played on Ruaridh Anderson's low corner from the right and, with Roddy Young battling for possession in a central position, Savio Genini nipped in to whip the ball low into the net on his back-hand.

The main difference between the sides was that Oban Camanachd didn't work keeper Rory MacGregor anywhere near enough when they had possession in front of goal. Kingussie, on the other hand, forced a number of fine saves from Cameron Sutherland before keeping their scoring run going as they eventually found the net on two occasions.

Aidan MacIntyre will be a doubt for the Kyles match next week after picking up a knee injury.

Mowi South Division One Ballachulish 3 Taynuilt 0

Ballachulish only trail league leaders Aberdour on goal difference after they beat Tayforth 3-0 at the Jubilee Park.

Balla's Ally Banks began a two-game ban following his red card against Col Glen last week.

Ballachulish took full advan-

tage and dominated the early proceedings.

Balla' made the breakthrough on 10 minutes when Lorne Brown turned his marker and beat keeper Reid with a low drive inside the post.

The hosts doubled their lead just four minutes later with a goal of the highest quality. Cain MacPhee played the ball up to Lorne Brown, who flicked it over his shoulder to Duncan MacDonald who volleyed a shot into the net.

Things looked bad for Taynuilt at this stage but they managed to hang on until after the half-hour mark when their missing players arrived and, for the rest of the half, Taynuilt took control of the game and put the home side under pressure for the first time.

However, with Dougie Rankin having an outstanding game at the centre of the defence, Ballachulish took their two-goal advantage into the break.

The next goal was going to be crucial and Taynuilt had a glorious opportunity after 50 minutes but with a shot blazed over the bar from the edge of the circle, the chance was gone.

This seemed to affect Taynuilt and they fell out of the game and Ballachulish started to dominate and it was no surprise when Scott Henderson scored after he reacted quickest after the ball came off the bar on 61 minutes.

Ballachulish started to use the ball well and the only surprise was that they didn't score more goals.

Elsewhere in the division, Col Glen and the Inveraray seconds drew 2-2 whilst Tayforth beat the Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds 3-2.



A tussle for Inveraray's Lewis Montgomery.



At last year's ceremonial opening at Lochgilphead Bowling Club the bowl was thrown by ladies' champion Mavis Yuill. 06_a16GilpBowlsOpening04

New bowling club season on horizon

With the bowling greens opening for their 2019 season soon, the clubs are looking back at the highlights of the previous season.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club's 2018 year started out with a well-attended opening of the green with a good afternoon of bowls played. Soon after the green had opened, the West Argyll League started. Lochgilphead had a good run of form, winning the first five games.

This led to the club's final game against Oban at home where the winners would be decided. After a tough game it was Oban that narrowly won the game and subsequently the league.

Not much luck was had by the men in the first games on route to the Scottish National Championships but the same could not be said for the ladies. Both the ladies' fours and junior singles came within one game of qualifying for the finals in Northfield. Sadly it was not to be for either of them.

The annual McKerlie Open Pairs, was sponsored by Stuart Crawford Joinery Ltd, which supplied the prize money for the teams to play for. After another long day of competitive bowls the winners emerged

as Stuart Crawford and Alan Guy.

As the season neared its end, all the club competitions started to come to an end: Donald Crawford won the Club Championship, Ross Trophy and the Carruthers Two Bowl Trophy. Claire MacIndoe won the Ladies' Championship. Alan Guy won the James Young 106 Trophy and the Harvey Pairs was won by Ian Guy and Liz Johnson.

With the new season only a few months away everyone is looking forward to more of the same success and fun as the previous one. As always the club is open to any new members of any age who wish to try their hand at bowls.

Keep an eye open for any advert in the Argyll Advertiser or on the Lochgilphead Bowling Club Facebook page to when the opening of the green will be, again anyone and everyone is welcome to come along.

Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club green will open on Saturday April 13 at 2pm for 2.30pm President vs Vice President.

The club would like to express a welcome to all new members and is also hosting weekly bingo on Wednesdays at 8pm.

SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Oban Saints 2, Port Glasgow 1; Premier Division One – Lochgilphead Red Star 3, FC Argyle 1; Neilston v Campbeltown Pupils, game abandoned due to a serious leg injury to a Campbeltown player.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, semi-final – Oban Saints v Shortlees, Hope CBD Stadium, Hamilton, kick-off 2pm. Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Hillington; Premier Division Two – Tarbert v Parkhall.

Sports club lotteries

Drawn on Monday April 8, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 12, 14, and 18. The £500 was won by J McCallum. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 4, 16 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 4, 18 and 19. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £500.

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Star youths win derby

Red Star 2004s welcomed Oban Saints to the astro in the Glasgow and District Youth Football League, after a couple of weeks without a game.

Although Saints have struggled this season, there is nothing like a local derby to raise the temperature and this game was no exception.

Oban pressed Star from the kick-off, pushing them into some desperate defending. Star regained their composure, though, and created a couple of chances before Caskie scored with a fine

header at the back post. Oban stepped up their efforts, matching Star in midfield and creating a few chances of their own. It was no surprise when their efforts were rewarded with a deserved equaliser from a swift counter-attack. Things remained finely balanced through to half time.

The second half started much as the first half finished with both teams working hard but cancelling each other out.

The breakthrough for Star came when Caskie scored his second with a long distance

strike from just inside the Oban half. Shortly after, Harris added a third when he collected a pass behind his marker and slotted the ball past the Oban keeper.

Star now had the upper hand and McMurphy scored twice, firstly from a cut back following good play down the wing and then through one-on-one with the keeper.

Final score Red Star 5 Oban Saints 1, but this was a much tighter game than scoreline suggests with the Star youngsters only dominating the game in the final quarter.



The Red Star 2004 team. 51_a12RedStar01



Red Star's James McGuinness. 51_a05RedStar04

Home win boosts survival hopes

Red Star welcomed FC Argyle to the Ropework on Saturday and continued their recent improvement in form with an excellent 3-1 victory.

Star got off to a good start when Andy Weir overlapped on the right and got a low cross into the box. The ball fell into the path of Stuart MacLean who swept the ball into the bottom corner.

Unfortunately for the youngster a recurrence of a recent shin splint injury meant he had to leave the field after 20 minutes, with his place up front taken by Joseph Harper, making his second appearance for the side.

Argyle's best efforts came from diagonal balls into the box with their striker proving

more than a handful, which meant Red Star centre backs Coll McCallum and Ben Forbes had to be vigilant, along with Kalache in goals. But there was no further scoring and Star went in 1-0 ahead at half time.

The match was decided in a frantic seven minutes at the beginning of the second half. With Red Star failing to heed manager Naisby's instructions to keep the game tight early on, Argyle equalised when good play down their left hand side resulted in a cross to the back post where the unmarked forward ghosted in to score from close range.

Star, knowing that dropped points weren't an option,

went back on the attack and, almost straight from kick-off, Rab Docherty broke clear of the hesitant Argyle defence and produced an excellent finish from the left channel to restore the Lochgilphead side's lead.

The home side were in the ascendancy now and doubled their advantage when an in-swinging cross from Ben Forbes was nodded back across goal by Aaron Moore to be met by Coll McCallum, who made no mistake from close range: 3-1.

There was still plenty of time for Argyle to find a way back into the match, but Star defended well. The home side could have added to

their scoreline when young forward Joseph Harper's pace saw him beat the visiting defence, but his effort was well stopped by the keeper.

Manager Naisby introduced Lee MacLean into action late on as the midfielder made his return from a long-standing ankle injury. The win lifts Red Star out of the relegation places and up to eighth spot.

Red Star have one remaining game at home to Neilston on a date to be confirmed but will be keeping an eye on results around them.



Tarbert Golf Club season begins

The golf season gets under way on Saturday April 13 at Glenralloch with the first round of the Fyne Tankard.

This is a 36-hole event with the winner being the lowest net score. The second round takes place on Saturday April

27. Members are looking forward to the new season and greenkeeper Graham Prentice and his volunteers are working hard to get the course in good order. All the usual ballot times are available.

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