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# 'Surprised and honoured' Donnie receives his medal

by Colin Cameron  
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The oldest serving councillor in Argyll and Bute has received a British Empire Medal.

A well-known figure across Mid Argyll and the wider region, Councillor Donnie MacMillan was elected to Argyll and Bute District Council in 1980 and has been elected continuously ever since.

He has served on almost 50 committees and agencies, and can regularly be seen attending local events in all corners of Mid Argyll.

A clearly delighted and proud Donnie, aged 91, said: 'I was surprised and honoured to receive the British Empire Medal.'

He was presented with his medal on Friday May 10 by the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart.

A citation was read by Jane McLeod, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, recognising Donnie for his long service to the country and Argyll and



Bute, which began shortly after the Second World War when he served with the RAF in Japan.

'It was lovely to see around 80 people come along. Thanks

to everyone who came to Kilmory for the ceremony,' continued Donnie. 'I want to thank present and former members and officials over the years who have assisted



Left: Councillor Donnie MacMillan proudly wears his British Empire Medal. 06\_a20DonnieBEM02

Above: the presentation party at Kilmory. From left: Jane McLeod, Argyll and Bute provost Len Scoullar, Jean and Councillor Donnie MacMillan, Patrick Stewart and Mary Anne Stewart.

me. Without them I would not have achieved what I have.'

Donnie thanked family and friends for their support and all the staff involved in arranging the ceremony.

He concluded: 'It has been a privilege to represent the people of Mid Argyll as a councillor. I always wanted to help the community – that's what it always was about and what it always will be.'

'It was lovely to see around 80 people come along.'

**More to it than meets the eye**

Social media was buzzing this week after an Ardrishaig building was declared 'dangerous', forcing the A83 to be reduced to a single lane past the location. Now the part-owner of the property has approached The Argyllshire Advertiser to have her say – and there is more to the situation, she says, than meets the eye.

Full story, page three.



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**POLICE FILES**

The driver of a car stopped by police for a routine check on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, at 9pm on Tuesday May 7 had no driving licence or insurance and had taken the vehicle without the consent of the owner. The male driver, aged 37, was charged with the offences and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

A 55-year-old man was charged by police for driving while using a mobile phone at 6pm on Wednesday May 8 on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

A large reversible blanket was taken from the Inveraray Castle gift shop about 2pm on Friday May 10. Any witnesses should contact PS McGeachy at Lochgilphead Police Station.

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.

# Hope springs eternal – just off the coast

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Argyll marine conservation groups have joined forces to have a chunk of our coastal waters declared a 'Hope Spot' – in a first for the British Isles. The breathtaking variety of life and stunning scenery on land which we are familiar with in Argyll is, if anything, surpassed under our coastal waters. It is one of the most biologically diverse marine regions in Scotland and the UK so a number of conservation groups – CAOLAS, covering the area around Loch Sunart; CROMACH, interested in the Loch Craignish area; Friends

of the Sound of Jura; and Save Seil Sound – decided to pursue a Hope Spot for the region. Under the auspices of international marine conservation organisation Mission Blue, Hope Spots are areas of sea around the globe where hope remains – places where life is still winning. And so the Argyll and the Islands Hope Spot was born – or soon will be, since the formal launch will not happen until June 8. Speaking at a celebration and unofficial unveiling at Craignish Village Hall on May 14 was renowned wildlife photographer and film-maker John Aitchison, from Keills,

near Tayvallich. He joined a call to action, echoed by other speakers during the evening, to work to create a sustainable future for all species, humans included. 'The situation is very stark, very clear,' he said. 'We cannot delay in improving biodiversity in the seas and on land.' He cited the example of the flapper skate, a species found in the Sound of Jura but internationally in such a precarious state that it is now



Celebrating the launch of the Argyll and Islands Hope Spot in Craignish Hall were, from left: Will Goudy, CROMACH; David and Jean Ainsley, Save Seil Sound; John Aitchison and Susan Osborn, Friends of the Sound of Jura; Ewan Kennedy, Save Seil Sound, and Philip Price, CROMACH. 06\_a20HopeSpotLaunch03

more endangered than the giant panda. Another speaker, tour guide and photographer Philip Price, continued the theme, saying: 'Hope Spots represent international recognition of what we have – and what could be here. But this cannot be a flash in the pan, so the more people who are involved, the better.'

The upbeat mood in the packed hall was capped with a congratulatory message from Mission Blue founder and president Sylvia Earle. In a special video, she said: 'Thank you for being the first – but hopefully not the last – Hope Spot in Scotland and the UK. 'There is a chance, thanks to people like you who care.'



## Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Wed, 1 May 2019				16:21	13:21	18:51
Thu, 2 May 2019				16:59	13:59	19:29
Fri, 3 May 2019				17:33	14:33	20:03
Sat, 4 May 2019				18:03	15:03	20:33
Sun, 5 May 2019				18:34	15:34	21:04
Mon, 6 May 2019				19:09	16:09	21:39
Tue, 7 May 2019	07:25	04:25	09:55	19:50	16:50	22:20
Wed, 8 May 2019	08:07	05:07	10:37	20:36	17:36	23:06
Thu, 9 May 2019	08:53	05:53	11:23	21:27	18:27	23:57
Fri, 10 May 2019	09:46	06:46	12:16			
Sat, 11 May 2019	10:45	07:45	13:15			
Sun, 12 May 2019	11:54	08:54	14:24			
Mon, 13 May 2019				13:12	10:12	15:42
Tue, 14 May 2019				14:25	11:25	16:55
Wed, 15 May 2019				15:27	12:27	17:57
Thu, 16 May 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49
Fri, 17 May 2019				17:04	14:04	19:34
Sat, 18 May 2019				17:46	14:46	20:16
Sun, 19 May 2019				18:26	15:26	20:56
Mon, 20 May 2019	06:35	03:35	09:05	19:05	16:05	21:35
Tue, 21 May 2019	07:34	04:34	10:04	19:45	16:45	22:15
Wed, 22 May 2019	08:12	05:12	10:42	20:26	17:26	22:56
Thu, 23 May 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24	21:10	18:10	23:40
Fri, 24 May 2019	09:40	06:40	12:10	21:57	18:57	00:27
Sat, 25 May 2019	10:34	07:34	13:04			
Sun, 26 May 2019	11:39	08:39	14:09			
Mon, 27 May 2019				12:49	09:49	15:19
Tue, 28 May 2019				13:55	10:55	16:25
Wed, 29 May 2019				14:50	11:50	17:20
Thu, 30 May 2019				15:38	12:38	18:08
Fri, 31 May 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49

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From left: Pool manager Fiona MacAlpine, board member Lynn Shaw, architect Nicola Farquhar, MACPool chairwoman Kim Ritchie, Councillor Donnie MacMillan and Mary Stewart, MACPool community engagement officer at the MACPool open day.

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## Make a splash with your pool ideas

Plans were on display for a different kind of Mid Argyll Community Pool. A steady trickle of people came to an open day at the Riverside complex on Saturday May 11, during which board members and the project architect listened to ideas and discussed the scheme. The only public indoor pool in Mid Argyll, MACPool was built by the community in 1992 and remains in commu-

nity ownership. In March last year, the Scottish Land Fund awarded MACPool a substantial grant to buy the buildings next door at the Riverside, providing the foundation for a redevelopment project. The aim is to create a community cafe with outside seating, a soft play and activity space and improve the pool changing and reception areas for people of all abilities. MACPool chairwoman Kim Ritchie said: 'This is a

very exciting project and I am delighted people are so enthusiastic about the plans. 'Plenty of ideas were voiced at the open day, including space for art exhibitions, a sauna and steam room and improvements to the building's external appearance.' If you want to have your say, the plans will be on display at MACPool until the end of May, or visit the MACPool website and Facebook page to comment on the proposals.

# Co-owner 'ignored' pleas over dangerous Ardrishaig building

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The part-owner of an unsafe Ardrishaig building has approached The Argyllshire Advertiser to explain her position as social media comments multiply.

People and traffic are being kept away from the former Slainte Bar building on Chalmers Street, forming part of the A83 through the village.

The structure was deemed 'dangerous' on Friday May 10 after inspection by architects and in consultation with Argyll and Bute Council building control.

In response, the pavement outside was cordoned off and traffic restricted to one lane under traffic light control.

The building has remained out of bounds since, pending agreement with trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland to erect scaffolding to assess defective lintels and carry out repairs.

It is understood scaffolding

will be erected over the coming weekend.

Forced to move out, a florist operating from the building, Morna Shaw, thanked friends and neighbours as she moved to the former laundry premises along the road.

The owner of the upper part of the building, Marie Hendry, contacted the Advertiser earlier this week to set out her own position following an increasing number of comments about the situation on social media.

## Inspection

Ms Hendry said an inspection by a structural engineer in January 2016 revealed the need for remedial work.

She explained: 'Before any plans could be submitted, I required the signature of the owner of the florist shop, Chris Gabriel.'

'After I personally tried to contact him over several months, my solicitor wrote to him on numerous occasions over the past three years but he has ignored all correspondence.'

Ms Hendry claims she was even contacted last year by Argyll and Bute Council to ask if she had managed to trace Mr Gabriel as it, too, was looking for him regarding the old post office building in Campbeltown.

Before applying for a building warrant to renovate the property, a structural engineer carried out a final inspection of the building on Thursday May 9.

Ms Hendry explained: 'It was then he became concerned about the lintel above the window on the second floor and work on it will be carried out immediately.'

'The rest of the building will be addressed as soon as the building warrant is granted.'

With reference to recent social media posts, she added: 'It concerns me, too, that the area is such an eyesore, but hopefully not for too much longer.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser attempted to locate and contact Mr Gabriel for comment, so far without success.



The cordoned-off former Slainte Bar building awaiting emergency repair work.

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Inveraray Coastguard Rescue Team members Richard Allison, Penny Hawdon, Nick Cartwright and Stephen Penman. Missing from the photograph are station officer Jillian McCreey and deputy station officer Frank Penman.

## Rescue team promotes water safety at Inveraray skiff day

Members of Inveraray Coastguard Rescue Team provide added colour at the recent Inveraray Skiff Day at Argyll Caravan Park.

As well as offering water safety advice, they promoted the RYA SafeTrx app, designed to monitor boat journeys and alert emergency contacts should boaters fail to arrive when expected.

The RYA SafeTrx app is free to download and there is no charge to use it.

The Inveraray Coastguard team consists of six volunteers who provide the search and rescue capability and water rescue for Loch Fyne and surrounding areas. It was re-formed around three years ago after years in abeyance and is based in Inveraray Fire Station.

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## Lunch Bunch needs volunteers

Lochgilphead's Lunch Bunch will be taking a break for the summer.

The not-for-profit community cafe started eight years ago aiming to give social inclusion to the elderly, but has grown to include anyone.

A lack of volunteers means that the Lunch Bunch will have to take a break from serving lunch for the summer. The cafe will be closed throughout June to August and will return in September.

Anyone who can lend a hand should contact Sandra Johnston on 01546 600132.

## Auchindrain to get a spruce up

Auchindrain Township is to renovate one of its buildings thanks to a grant from Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

The work, which will be completed over the summer, includes replacing wooden shingles and adding a porch.

Auchindrain will remain open throughout summer for visitors.

# St Margaret's plants a tree for Justice and Peace Scotland

Members of St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group planted a tree in the grounds of the Lochgilphead church this May to mark the 40th anniversary of Justice and Peace Scotland.

The tree, a juniper for justice, is just one of a number of trees being planted this spring by the Justice and Peace Commission of the Scottish Catholic Bishops' Conference. It not only marks the 40th anniversary of the commission's inauguration, but contributes to the commission's 2019 major campaign to highlight the dangers facing the environment.

Eight trees representing Scotland's eight dioceses (Scots Pines for Peace, Junipers for Justice) were planted at Carfin Grotto in April, and each diocese was given a tree of its own. Because St Margaret's has an active Justice and Peace

Group, it was agreed that the grounds of the Mid Argyll church were an appropriate siting.

Holding the tree's commemorative plaque gifted by local firm PPD, Father David Connor said: 'Caring for the environment is an important element of our faith. We are asked to be stewards of the planet. This Justice and Peace tree is a symbol of that stewardship.'

He added: 'Greta Thunberg, the young Swedish campaigner, has made it clear how urgently we need to tackle climate change. We hope our tree inspires us all to take the measures needed on a personal level and to lobby at government level.'

**Father David Connor and the St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group.**



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# Guided boost



Dochas Centre manager Doris Linstead and from the Trefoil Guild Betty Rennie, Jean Hodston and Sheila Reid. 51\_a20Dochas07

Lochgilhead's Dochas Centre received a generous donation from the Argyll Trefoil Guild this week.

The retired guiders got together on Tuesday May 14 to hand over a cheque for £125 collected over the year for the general running of the Dochas Centre.

The centre, which aims to aid carers, also showcases local artists as a gallery in its reception. This month's contribution is from Isobel M Allan. Her colourful kaleido-



Isobel M Allan's A Feast for the Eyes.

scope images are featured in for the Eyes until the end of an exhibition named A Feast May.

# Tarbert Seafood Festival queen chosen

The Tarbert Seafood Festival has a new monarch.

Seventeen-year-old Nell Jackson has been crowned Queen of the Tarbert Seafood Festival. Along with her princesses, Codi MacDougall and Farah MacCallum, she will open the festival on June 6 and 7.

Originally a student of Tarbert Academy, Nell was swept to the throne with support from the village after an open vote to have her crowned.

Princesses Codi and Farah were chosen at the princess disco held on Friday May 10.



Princess Codi MacDougall, Queen Nell Jackson and Farah MacCallum.



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## Plenty of hope and congratulations to Donnie BEM

This edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser has plenty of hope within its pages.

There is certainly excited expectancy as the Ardrishaig Egg Shed and wider infrastructure projects near completion.

A children's charity received a cash lift and youngsters had a great time being superheroes for a night. But what they perhaps don't realise is that costumes are not necessary to be a superhero.

The Red Cross volunteers who help give hope to people in need certainly fall into the superhero bracket and it was good to see a packed coffee morning last Saturday.

There is nothing like it anywhere around the British or Irish coast, but now there will be a Hope Spot off Argyll. Time is getting short to make a difference to our degraded natural environment, but there is hope – as long as people from all walks of life get a voice in making the Argyll project a success.

And finally – we hope Councillor MacMillan enjoyed receiving his gong. It is very well deserved. Congratulations Donnie!

### What if this was a child?

Sir,

I was walking with my husband towards the ferry terminal in Tarbert on the afternoon of Monday May 6 when a dog jumped up on me and bit my leg.

The salt-and-pepper dog, possibly a springer spaniel, was on a lead but could not be restrained by the owners. The man asked if the dog had actually touched me and I showed that it had ripped a hole in my jeans. The dog was still barking and straining at the leash and the man turned to put it in their car, a red Mini.

The woman leaned into the car, I thought to get something from her handbag, and then climbed in and they drove away.

It happened too quickly for me to get the registration number.

Monday was a bank holiday and the local chemist was closed. I walked to the health centre, which was also closed, but a paramedic on duty there advised that I go to Lochgilphead A&E. There I was given a tetanus injection and had the wound dressed.

Although the actual puncture area is small, it continued to bleed for a couple of days and the bruising shows clearly the imprint of the dog's mouth.

This couple made no effort to check how badly I was injured or whether I had transport to a hospital, let alone whether I might have an allergy or any other medical condition. The fact that the dog jumped up with no provocation and bit me high on the leg is very concerning.

Had this been a small child, it would have

been head height. I was also wearing thick denim trousers, which afforded some protection.

Tarbert is a popular spot for families and I have no idea if this was a local couple or visitors, but I would like people to be aware of the incident.

It is unlikely to be a one-off.

**Mrs H Nicol, address supplied.**

### Why bag then chuck it?

Sir,

You have got the dog, you have a selection of poo bags, you pick up the poo and then what do you do?

You toss it over the Heras fencing along Monydrain Lane!

Please stop. The back of the Heras fencing is an area where children will play.

**Name and address supplied.**

### Ferry not fit for purpose

Sir,

We write regarding the flagrant ignorance of the SNP and Transport Scotland with the shockingly poor ferry service from Gourock to Dunoon town centre going back to 2010.

We would also like to flag up couple of things. In 2011, Graham Laidlaw, deputy director at the Ferries Division, Transport Directorate, Scottish Government, came to Dunoon for a meeting and refused point blank to discuss any issues in relation to the boats.

When asked why, he replied 'because I say so'. Since then the civil service has put a lot of obstacles in the way to prevent progress.

In 2016, a protest group from Dunoon of more than 60 people went to the Scottish Parliament and met with Nicola Sturgeon. She stated clearly that 'the policy of my government is regular, reliable, safe ferries carrying passengers and vehicles from town centre to town centre'.

Moments later she then said 'the current situation in Dunoon is simply not an option'. We've had three years of nothing.

There has been a great fall in tourism. So much so that CalMac's latest tourist brochure has omitted Dunoon. Also, the tourist centre shut late last summer. This town is in deep despair and very angry. The Dunoon-Gourock ferry route is officially known as a lifeline service.

People are leaving the town in their droves. What will happen to the Dunoon Project – a plan based on the installation of a cable car from Dunoon to the top of hills, with a heritage centre and café – if there are no decent transport links?

Between January 1 and March 31 this year, 900 sailings were cancelled due to weather and breakdowns. From November 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017, there were 886 cancellations.

How can this service be fit for purpose?

**The Dunoon Ferry Action Group.**

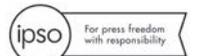
### Technology and scavenging

Sir,

The Scottish Government is to be congratulated on its plan to introduce a compulsory deposit scheme for drinks containers.

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**John Eoin Douglas, Edinburgh.**

### Take survey on ME

Sir,  
Many of your readers living with the complex neurological condition myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) are missing out on normal life.

One in four are so ill they are house- and/or bed-bound. As part of ME Awareness Month in May, UK charity Action for ME is asking everyone with ME to share their experiences of healthcare, welfare benefits, employment and education in our Big Survey.

Take it now at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/afmebigsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/afmebigsurvey), open until August 2 – and get in touch on 0117 927 9551 for information and support for you or a family member.

**Sonya Chowdhury,**  
chief executive, Action for ME.

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## YOUR PICTURES



Eileen Lea from Kirn, near Dunoon, sent the Argyllshire Advertiser this colourful picture of a hillside covered in bluebells growing at Glenbranther, outside Strachur. The photo was taken using a Nikon

D3200 with a 70-200 lens. Eileen said: 'It just took my breath away.'

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# Big plans are hatching for the Ardrishaig Egg Shed

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Work to regenerate and improve Scottish Canals-owned land in Ardrishaig has certainly captured the public imagination.

As reported in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser, the people of Mid Argyll flocked to an open day held on May 8 at the redeveloped Steamer

Terminal, bringing with them heaps of photos, memorabilia and stories galore – much more, in fact, than can be handled in a single exhibition.

As part of the £1.5 million Egg Shed heritage and community hub development at the former Gleaner site, Scottish Canals asked the public to help bring the story of the canal to life.

Chris O'Connell, heritage manager at Scottish Canals, said: 'The idea is to get people to tell their own history and add that human element, beyond the dry facts and figures we already have.'

'We now have so much material that we can keep refreshing the display through time.'

The information from the public will be included as part of a heritage hub in the redeveloped and extended Egg Shed, alongside a community space for events such as art exhibitions, training rooms and general use.

'We are also looking at activities such as history and natural history talks and tours,' added Mr O'Connell, 'and perhaps a theatre company coming in to do drama classes for children. It is very exciting.'

The two wings of the building, along with interpretation outside, will explore the social, built and natural her-



Malky and Catriona McNab were egg-cited to go along and add their own memories at the open day. 06\_a20EggShedOpenDay05



The new Egg Shed complex taking shape beside the Scottish Canals offices in Ardrishaig. 06\_a20EggShedOpenDay03



People flocked to the recent open day to tell their stories of the canal.

itage of Ardrishaig and the Crinan Canal.

There are also plans to create new viewpoints and walkways around the Egg Shed building and new access connections with Ardrishaig.

Chris Breslin, head of regeneration and development at Scottish Canals, said: 'The reaction to the open day is a sign that people are up for positive change.'

'But we're not stopping here. Scottish Canals has put in a number of funding bids to improve facilities along the canal, and the Egg Shed is really just the first phase on the former Gleaner site.'



An impression of how the new-build section, complete with heritage hub, might look inside. 06\_a20EggShedOpenDay02

'There will be huge improvements to the village.' Your Crinan Canal stories, images and videos can be shared online at [www.scottishcanals.co.uk/eggshed](http://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/eggshed).

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# Tarbert community digs into the past

A long-anticipated dig on the grounds of Tarbert Castle got under way earlier this week.

Tarbert's community archaeological project had its formal sod-cutting ceremony on Monday May 13, performed by Sheila Campbell, chairwoman of Tarbert Castle Trust.

The project, run by the castle trust, is intended to engage people and provide both an enjoyable experience and a place to learn, interact and discover.

Under the expert eye of archaeologist Roddy Regan, a team of volunteers will excavate over six weeks until June 23, before the clearing up and backfilling operation.

The earliest origins of Tarbert Castle are not known for certain, but the earliest stone structure on this site dates from the 13th century or earlier.

In 1292, it was certainly a royal castle, among those granted to John Balliol by Edward I of England. In



Rural Skills pupils Ewan and Gordon doing a great job removing the last of the turf in trench two.

1325, Robert the Bruce enlarged and fortified the castle, with the extensive curtain wall and drum towers enclosing almost two acres.

The community dig, it is hoped, will reveal a little more of the castle's long and rich history overlooking Loch Fyne.



Murray MacDonald.

## Autism and fun on the Crinan Canal

By Thorkil Osborn

An autism charity is looking for help getting through the Crinan Canal.

At the end of this month Autism on the Water will be navigating the canal, often described as Britain's most beautiful shortcut.

The charity works with autistic people, raising awareness and educating them on boating. It was founded by Murray MacDonald, originally from Oban, and he is looking for people to join him on the canal.

Murray believes that the event is a good way to introduce autistic people to the boating community and safety around boats - and you do not need any previous experience to take part. The journey is around nine miles and takes around four to six hours to complete, and there is no charge to get involved.

Autism on the Water is looking for autistic people of all ages in the Argyll and Bute area to join in.

If you are interested or have any questions, email Murray MacDonald at [murraymacdo@googlemail.com](mailto:murraymacdo@googlemail.com).

# A youthful welcome to Blarbuie Woodland

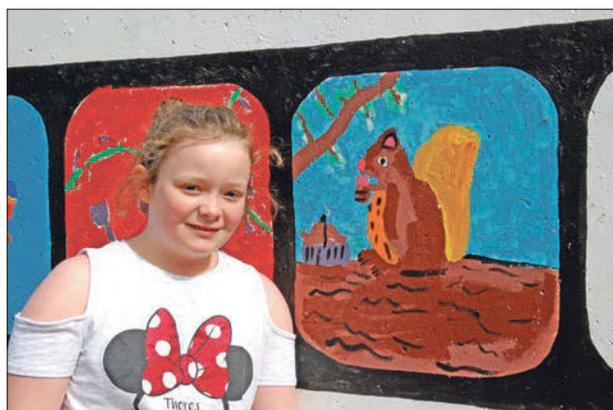
The latest sign pointing the way to Blarbuie Woodland is certainly hard to miss.

Helped by Lochgilhead school pupils and young people from Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS), a colourful mural marks the entrance to the community woodland from Mid Argyll Hospital.

The completion of the project was celebrated on Saturday May 11 with the young artists and their families.

The project brought young people into the woodland, who transformed the previously tired wall painting into an eye-catching and vibrant piece of public art.

Guided by Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise development worker Sally Wilkin, the young volunteers designed the mural in the form of 'tiles' - similar to a



Young artist Meah MacDonald beside her own brightly-coloured panel. 06\_a20BlarbuieMural04

mobile phone screen. These tiles were designed by P7 pupils from Lochgilhead Primary School, who visited the woodland last October to gather inspiration.

Working with art teacher Tamsyn Taylor, they produced some fantastic ideas,

all based on the wildlife and activities to be found around the woodland.

Formally unveiling the mural, Blarbuie Woodland chairwoman Gillian Davies thanked the artists, teachers and parents as well as the funders for their contribu-

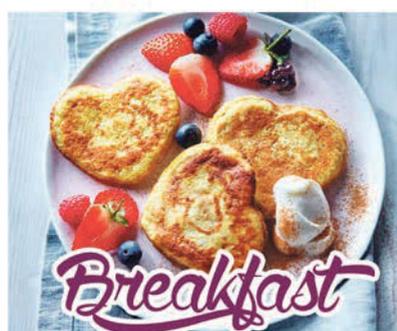


Blarbuie Woodland chairwoman Gillian Davies, with Skye the springer spaniel, thanks everyone involved in the creation of the mural. 06\_a20BlarbuieMural05

tions, before everyone headed to the woodland Octagon for delicious cake made by Mags

Denvir. The project received funding from Community Woodland Association.

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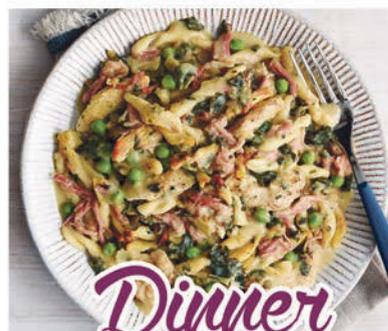
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# Bake up a storm for Marie Curie

Marie Curie and Mel Giedroyc are calling on the people of Argyll to throw a Blooming Great Tea Party this June. When you do, you'll be helping provide vital care and support for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Throwing a tea party is easy: once you've set a date and invited your guests, all you need to do is collect donations on the day.

Your local Marie Curie 'tea party expert' will send you a pack with tips, tricks and fundraising materials to make sure your tea party is a blooming great success.

## Difference

Whether you're a whizz with the whisk, or prefer to fake it and buy something in, every pound you raise will make a big difference.

The charity provides nursing care to people with terminal illnesses in their own home across Argyll and also runs a free and confidential support line for everyone affected by terminal illness.

Marie Curie has recently added clinical support to the service, which means anyone, across the country,



The Marie Curie team at the Mid Argyll Show. 06\_a33MAS\_MarieCurie01

can speak to a Marie Curie nurse. The money you raise at your Blooming Great Tea Party will also help fund vital research to ensure people get better care at the end of their lives.

Mel Giedroyc, who is fronting this year's campaign, said: 'Marie Curie's wonderful nurses and support line heroes need you to bake up a storm this

June and raise a few quid at a Blooming Great Tea Party. Everyone loves a good natter over a cup of tea - who doesn't? That's why I'm supporting Marie Curie's campaign.

'If you'd rather fake it than bake it, here's my tip. Get yourself a shop-bought Victoria sponge, shake it around the shopping bag to "distress" the edges, sprin-

kle it with icing sugar, dot some fresh strawberries on top and pass it off as your own. There you go, chums, mum's the word. Keep that one to yourself.'

To receive your fundraising pack, sign up today at [mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty](http://mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty) or call 0800 716 146 and pledge your allegiance to #TeamBaker or #TeamFaker.

## Lochgoilhead's Ava McNaught is crowned Little Miss Scotland

Lochgoilhead's own Ava McNaught was crowned Little Miss Scotland 2019 at the Junior Miss Scotland Pageant.

The seven-year-old competed in the pageant on Monday May 5 at the Murray Owen Centre in East Kilbride, South Lanarkshire, and went home proud with a sash.

Ava also took home the crown for Miss Charity, raising £210 for The Only in Nigeria Foundation. She had previously raised £260 for the foundation which is a Nigerian-based charity working to eradicate poverty through the provision of educational support such as their back to school programme.

Ever the activist, Ava also raised £100 for Scottish Autism, a charity which is close to her heart. Her younger brother Liam is autistic and raising awareness for the condition is very important to her. She has also gained praise for her past fundraising efforts, raising £1,300 for Scottish Autism and £200 for Abbays Army, a charity supporting children and families affected by paediatric cancer.

Ava said: 'I love taking part in pageants and I am very proud to be Little Miss Scotland 2019. I was very excited to take my crowns into school to show all of my friends.'

Ava will continue to compete in further pageants representing Scotland in the coming year. She will also fulfil her duties as Little Miss Scotland by making public appearances at charity events locally and nationally and will continue to raise awareness for Scottish Autism through interviews for newspapers, radio and television.

Ava's grandmother, Michelle Madden, said: 'I am so proud of Ava. All her hard work and dedication has paid off and as a family we will continue to support Ava on her journey as Little Miss Scotland.'



Little Miss Scotland, Ava McNaught from Lochgoilhead.

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Mid-Argyll Community Hub (MACH1) is a vibrant new community organisation. We are looking for volunteers with a few hours to spare

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# Dolphins make a splash

Mid Argyll Dolphins have been busy raising money for the Mid Argyll Community Pool in Lochgilphead.

With more than 1,320 lengths swum, in excess of £900 was raised for the MACPool redevelopment fund.

Three Dolphins - Molly Dykes, Aileen Barr and Johnny Neville - each completed 120 lengths.

Dolphins swimmer of the month for March was Innes Cameron and for April was Isobel Potter.

MACPool chairwoman Kim Ritchie said: 'It was just so impressive and we're really very pleased with the effort the dolphins have put into supporting the redevelopment.'

A lot of effort was made by the junior dolphins: Ailidh Innis, Charli Bird, Eleanor Dale, Emma Skrzpowska, Eve Salmon, Nikkita Todd, Sophie MacCallum and Kay Neville and the senior dolphins: Aileen Barr, Jodie Samson, Molly Dykes, Niamh Shaw, Rose MacCallum, Ruth Neville, Sophie Balkeen, Christopher McCartan, Johnny Neville and Tom West.



The MACPool dolphins.



Innes Cameron, March's swimmer of the month, with Kim Ritchie.



Isobel Potter, April's swimmer of the month.

## MACH1 to slim down its hours to beef up support

The Mid Argyll Community Hub (MACH1) is temporarily reducing its hours by closing on Tuesdays in order to focus on recruiting and training volunteers.

Chairwoman of the MACH1 Steering Group Gill Hutton said: 'Following a really successful launch on Easter Sunday, we have had a steady increase in numbers coming along to the Hub, with some people already establishing themselves as regulars.'

She continued: 'Unfortunately, two of our volunteers were forced to be off at the same time and we quickly realised we are too thin on the ground to safely and reliably run two days. So, with great reluctance, we have decided to close to the public on Tuesdays, while remain open as usual on Sundays, in order to spend a few weeks focusing on recruiting and training volunteers. I must apologise to those who have been coming along regularly on Tuesdays and I hope it won't be long before we are able to welcome you back.'

Steering Group member

Sam Marshall added: 'We are inviting anyone with a few hours to spare to come and find out what it is all about. Volunteering is not a one-way street. In return for your time, we will be offering training, including some accredited courses such as first aid and food hygiene, the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends, to have a go at new activities and to enjoy the benefits of a safe space where you will always be welcome.'

The first MACH1 Volunteer Day will take place on Tuesday May 21 from 10.30am to noon with a second session in the afternoon 2pm to 3.30pm. Both are in the MAYDS Hall on Union Street. If you are unable to make it on Tuesday, then just drop in any Sunday between noon and 2pm.

MACH1 will continue to run on Sundays, offering free Tai Chi sessions with a qualified instructor from 11am to noon and lunch, light refreshments, company and coffee noon till 2pm.

MACH1 hopes to reopen on Tuesdays later in the summer.

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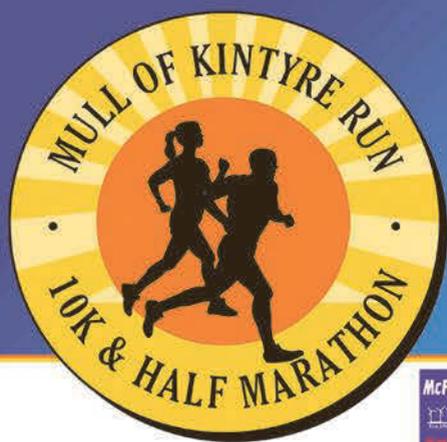
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## From marathon runners to movie fans, MOKRUN is fun for all!



Kiss Strong, from Milan, photographed with Niall Macalister Hall, right, ran MOKRUN last year and enjoyed the race so much they are returning this year. 25\_c22mokrun10

It is not only runners who should be gearing up for this year's sold-out MOKRUN as residents along the race's two routes are being urged to get banners and balloons prepared and warm up their best cheering voices.

Past runners often comment on the fantastic support they receive during the races and it is hoped that more areas than ever before will show their support at this year's 14th MOKRUN.

The festival weekend will be

kick-started in just two weeks, with the junior races on Kinloch Green, starting at 2pm on Saturday May 25.

On Sunday, 1,000 adult runners - about 700 in the 10K and 300 tackling the half-marathon

- will await the starter's gun at 10.30am at Kinloch Green by the war memorial.

Please note the new registration times for both the junior and adult races at

**Aqualibrium: Junior registration is from 11am to 12.30pm on Saturday; and adult registration is from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, and on the day of the race from 8.30am to 9.45am prompt.**

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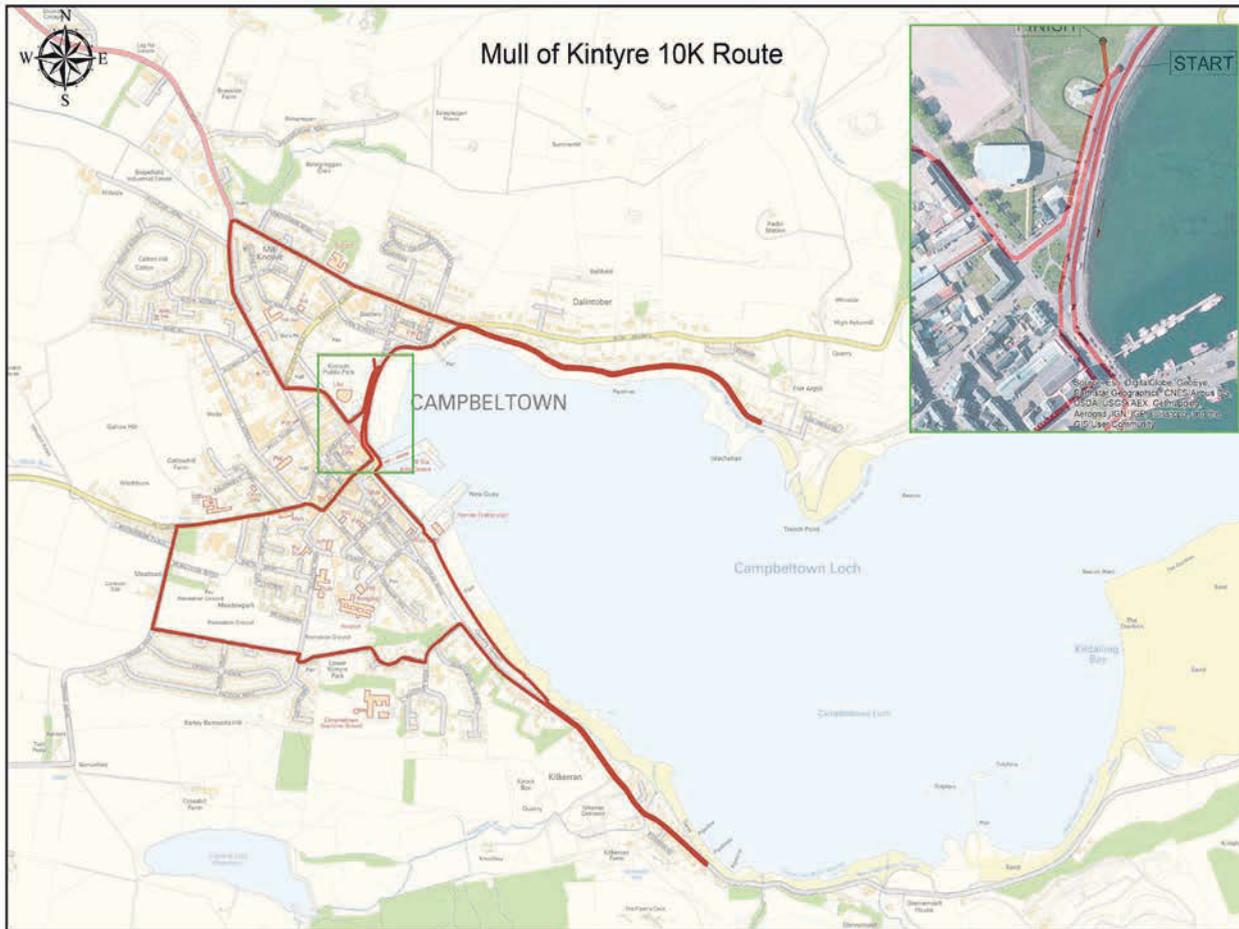
And they're off! Last year's runners race away from the line as the starting gun goes off. 25\_c22mokrunk01



The MOKRUN organising committee, photographed at last year's event. From left: Tom Barbour, Campbell Read, Neil John MacPhail, Janet Scott-Dodd, Anne Littleleson, Stuart Jackson, Rachel Read, Gail Williams, Linda Robertson and Louise MacKay. 25\_c22mokrunk04



Last year's 10K winners. 25\_c22mokrunk02



Race director Gail Williams said: 'This year the junior race sold out within 20 minutes - a record time - and we have 170 runners guaranteed a place.'

'Those still looking for a place can come along to registration at 11am on the day and put their name down in case of cancellations. This will be on a first come, first served basis.'

There will be four junior races: five to six-year-olds, and seven to eight-year-old, who will run 500m; nine to 11-year-olds who will complete 1km; and 12 to 14-year-olds who will tackle 2km.

Prize-giving at 3pm is for the first to third girls and boys in each category, with a top-class goody bag and locally-made pottery medal.

The famous race mascot, MOKCoo, will be around to cheer all runners out on the day.

The MOKRUN committee has decided to permanent-

ly use the Limecraigs route for the 10K race and it has now been officially professionally re-measured and certified through Scottish Athletics.

Limecraigs is renowned for its public support, and other areas are now making their own efforts, with Dalintober and Kilkerran Road getting involved and the very popular fire fighters with their hose at Meadows Avenue.

Gail said: 'There will also be brass musicians and pipers throughout the route and the lone piper on the infamous sandy stretch of the half-marathon on Westport beach.'

Runners can pick up race bibs from Aqualibrium from 11am to 4pm the day before the adult races. The timing chip is in the bib so organisers say: 'No bib, no run.'

The marshal briefing is at 9.30am in the Victoria Hall. Organisers are looking for more marshals - anyone



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The 2018 ladies' 10K winners.  
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Runners stream down High Street during last year's 10K, including number 638, race director Gail Williams. 25\_c22mokrun05



The ladies' 10K winner, Jennifer Martin, crossing the line last year.  
25\_c22mokrun06



Kerry Hopes, Kitty Millar and Linda Mclean finishing their 10K together in 2018. 25\_c22mokrun08

interested should email [events@mokrun.com](mailto:events@mokrun.com) to find out more.

Jenna McIntosh and Amy Armour will lead the warm-up, starting at 10.20am just before the compulsory race briefing for all entrants at 10.25am.

At the finish there are complimentary refreshments, sandwiches and the famous Danish pastries supplied by Argyll Bakeries.

The prize-giving is at 1pm at the finish area.

Organisers want to thank all sponsors for their support, as well as the medical teams on hand in case of emergencies, and MC John Armour.

Gail said: 'Thank you also to the MOKRUN committee of volunteers for all their hard work in making this event happen, and good luck to all runners!'

Competitors are expected to travel from as far as the United States of America for the event, and

the furthest travelled will win a bottle of Springbank whisky.

Proving that MOKRUN is not just for athletes, there are many events for non-runners across the weekend.

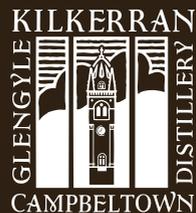
Runners can swap their trainers for party shoes and join friends, family and supporters at the Victoria Hall ceilidh from 7.30pm to 12.30pm on Sunday.

The gig looks like it will be a sell-out and with headliners Ceol-an-Aire, local pipers and Jamie Gee's disco, it is sure to be a hit! A limited number of tickets are available to purchase from Wee Toon Sports.

Movie fans can also get in on the action, as Campbeltown Picture House is running a special one-off showing of Chariots of Fire - the tale of two determined young runners training for the 1924 Paris Olympics - at £5 a ticket.



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Tuesday 5pm  
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Friday, Saturday, Sunday 4pm  
**Red Joan (12A)** **Tolkien (12A)**  
Monday 5pm Tuesday 2.30pm  
**Rocketman (15)** **Wild Rose (15)**  
Wednesday 7.30pm Friday 7.45pm  
Thursday 5pm Wednesday 5pm  
**Wonder Park (PG)**  
Saturday, Sunday 2.00pm  
**Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (12A)**  
Thursday 7.30pm  
**Leeds Animation Workshop Short Films**  
Monday 7.30pm  
**Scotch: The Golden Dram (PG)**  
Tuesday 8pm

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## Strata, Stones and Sand at Archway Gallery

A private viewing of works filled the Archway Gallery with Tarbert patterns and colours inspired by the beautiful white shores coasts.

Karen Beauchamp, designer, printmaker and artist from Tarbert, attended an exhibition in her honour on Friday May 10. A private viewing of her work, titled *Strata, Stones and Sand* was held at the Archway Gallery, with wine and nibbles available, for those looking to view the works and get some insight from the artist herself.

Coming from a background of wallpaper printing, Karen's work is mostly studio printmaking filled with the wonders of the sea, displayed in interesting mechanics, including collagraphy.

'The holographs are like etchings but made with recycled materials such as cardboard plates and glue and tissue paper,' Karen explained. Other pieces were made with lino printing, which is the act of carving designs into cardboard and then transferring them to paper.

'I live in Tarbert and I'm surrounded by beautiful beaches,' Karen said. 'So I love rocks, I love stones and pebbles and I've combined it all together.'

Karen Beauchamp's exhibition will stay in the Archway Gallery on Union Street in Lochgilphead until the end of May.

**Tarbert artist**  
**Karen Beauchamp.**  
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# Trio of chefs make their mark on Argyll

Advertorial



## Greig Smyth

Greig hails from Arran, where he worked initially at the Auchrannie Hotel before moving to Kintyre in 2005. Employed as a chef at the Old Clubhouse when it was first renovated by Southworth Developments in 2009, Greig moved on to the redeveloped Royal Hotel where he has enjoyed two spells as Head Chef at the Harbourview Grille and Black Sheep pub, starting at the latter in October 2016.

Greig describes his set menus as "extremely varied", which of course they must be.

The Royal Hotel occupies a central location in the town, and the loyal local clientele that frequent the premises expect the kitchen to serve them "a bit of everything".

A bit of everything has to

be prepared to an extremely high standard in order to ensure that these repeat customers keep returning, and Greig pays tribute to the loyal and experienced members of staff that work with him.

He stresses that a kitchen that can and does produce a huge volume of meals on a daily basis all year round has to run like clockwork in order to maintain high standards, and it is only possible to do that if everybody involved in the operation works hard and knows their job inside out.

A busy kitchen can be a volatile environment in which to work, so it is testament to Greig's ability as a manager that he has managed to not only put together a highly talented team, but to keep them working together happily over a long period of time.

Greig insists on using local produce whenever he can, and he uses this to good effect, creating a variety of interesting daily specials.

His regular menu includes long-standing favourites such as his legendary chicken tenders and the always sensational seafood pie, but there is enough variation to ensure that all palettes are catered for and that there is something to suit every taste and every member of the family.



## Colin Bellamy

Local man Colin has worked at the Old Clubhouse in the village at Machrihanish since 2011, having previously gained experience at several of Campbeltown's more notable hotels. Colin describes the cuisine in the OCH as 'high quality pub food', and he prides himself on producing a varied menu which will appeal to all the members of the local and visiting families who frequent the premises, while also satisfying the palates of guests staying at the Ugadale Hotel and cottages, and visiting golfers who are drawn to the warm, welcoming environment.

Colin strives to mix up his menus whenever possible, making best use of Scottish and especially local produce.

The OCH's world-famous haggis nachos for example are a classic example of a simple starter which has been given a Scottish twist before being embellished with cleverly selected side dishes.

The OCH is a friendly meeting place for all, and Colin has made it a personal mission to ensure that nobody ever leaves hungry!



## Gordon McNeill

Gordon was born on the island of Gigha and cut his teeth in the catering business at the Putechan restaurant on the Kintyre coast before serving a working apprenticeship at several of the West Coast's top eateries.

A spell at the Gleneagles Hotel was followed by a stint at prestigious Tuddenham

Mill, before Gordon spread his wings abroad, working for two private families in Italy.

A return to Kintyre to visit family after an absence of 18 years resulted in a chance meeting with the new owner of the business that was to become The Boat House in Gigha. It was a meeting which started a working relationship that was to last six years and see Gordon earn himself a reputation for producing the finest dishes, specialising in the use of local seafood.

Gordon had the desire to take all the experience he had gained during his time at the Boat House - along with his natural inventiveness and boundless enthusiasm for his craft - and bring it to a bigger and more accessible stage, so he was delighted when the opportunity presented itself to have his name associated with the prestigious Ugadale Hotel.

The hotel has always had a reputation for serving good quality food, but it would be fair to say that the focus has previously been on producing essential meals for visiting golfers and hotel guests rather than on the food itself and Gordon is keen to change this. He said: 'People rightly come to stay at the Ugadale for the golf, and that will

never change. But it is my goal to have people come here specifically to enjoy the food that we produce, rather than just to eat here because it is the restaurant attached to the hotel.'

Gordon's enthusiasm for local produce and the incredible food he can create with it is inspiring.

For example, with the right ingredients available on the day, he can produce:

- Queenies cooked with Springbank whisky and Arran Cheddar, or

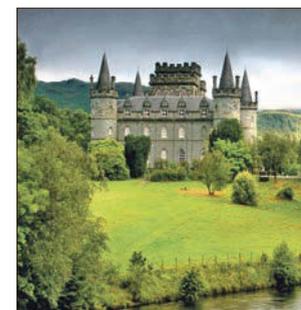
- Tandoori lobster tail with horseradish, apple, cucumber and mint, and

- Sashimi Tuna with pickled ginger, soya and wasabi.

Although the focus of Gordon's set menus will be on seafood, shellfish and grill, his use of daily special boards will ensure a fluid and always interesting selection of exciting food is available daily from his kitchen.

The appointment of Gordon as executive chef signals a bright new dawn for the Ugadale Hotel and his food will undoubtedly become a huge draw for potential hotel guests and for the lucky people of south Kintyre, who can now sample his exceptional menus even more easily than they could previously.

# Inveraray Castle hosts History Society AGM



An evening at the archives encouraged a high turnout of members for this year's AGM.

Twenty-six members attended the meeting and voted the committee back in for another year. The main change this year was the Rev Roderick Campbell agreeing to take over the post of chairman from Colin Stevenson. The History Society has welcomed several new members during this session, largely due to an interesting number of speakers.

The main attraction of the evening was an excellent presentation from Inveraray Castle archivist Alison Diamond, followed by a tour of the archives. Lochgilphead archivist Jackie Davenport also informed members of their archives, which contain business and estate information from 1436, and include papers from 1648 when Inveraray became a Royal



An unusually large turnout in the archives boardroom.

Burgh, plans of Second World War training camps and Poor Relief papers.

The tour of the castle archives surprised members by just how much information it contained, including diaries kept by various dukes and duchesses, a large book of water colours by Archibald, 3rd Duke of Argyll, diagrams of the old and new towns and numerous other papers going back as far as the 13th century. These archives are one of the most important private collections in the UK and have been well cared for by all the dukes, as well as huge efforts to hide them from Montrose's troops during the Covenanter period.

The Inveraray History Society committee would like to wish everyone a warm and refreshing summer break and look forward to welcoming all members and guests back to the first meeting in October.

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# Big Lochgilphead support for Red Cross

Held to coincide with this year's Red Cross Week, a special coffee morning saw Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall buzzing with activity.

The event, on Saturday May 11, was hosted by Lochgilphead Red Cross's longest-serving volunteer, Jenny Campbell, who recently celebrated 65 years of service with the organisation.

The group of dedicated Red Cross volunteers

had their work cut out as the hall soon filled up with people eager to sample delicious home baking, have a blether and perhaps take home a bottle of something-or-other from the large raffle.

The event raised more than £700 for Red Cross funds, and Jenny said: 'Thanks to everyone who came along today, donated raffle prizes and to all the volunteers, past and present, who helped at the coffee morning.'



The hall was packed for the Red Cross fundraiser. 06\_a20RedCrossCoffee01



Volunteers rallied round to help at the coffee morning.

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A fantastic selection of raffle prizes was on offer.

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# Heroes fly into action for Live Argyll Superhero Day

by Laura Maxwell  
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Mid Argyll experienced an invasion on Friday May 10. Super powerful beings took over, leaping tall buildings and saving damsels in distress.

Put together by Live Argyll Mid Argyll, a team of heroes travelled to Lochgilphead for an important cause. No, not

an alien invasion, but to raise money for Cash4Kids.

The team was made up of The Flash, also known as Graham Gillies, Live Argyll's mascot Logan (Iain Gillies), Spider-Man, secretly known as Andrew Weir, and Iron Man, who just outs himself as David McAlister. The four heroes travelled around Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig, visiting the library and the Kelpie maquettes, collecting Cash4Kids money that will go towards a range of causes such as education programmes to equipment for disabled children and everyday essentials for children living in poverty.

As if that wasn't enough, in true Iron Man fashion, they held a party. The sports hall of Lochgilphead Joint Campus was suddenly filled with mini Spider-Men, Captain Americas and Power Rangers as heroes in the making came from all over to play football,



The bouncy castle was a big hit. 51\_a20heroday12

golf, dodgeball and enjoy a bouncy castle.

David, sorry Iron Man, said: 'Thank you to everyone who saw us and donated. Our superhero night had a fantastic turn out. Children of all ages got to take part in a range of games and activities with some of their favourite superheroes.'

'On behalf of Mid Argyll Sports Centre and myself we

would like to say a huge thank you to all the junior superheroes that turned out to the event to help make it a success and helped us raise over £200 for Cash4Kids. See you next year.' Superhero Day raised £606,988 across the UK but there's still time to donate if you feel like being a hero too. Visit [cashforkids.uk.com/superhero](http://cashforkids.uk.com/superhero) or text HERO to 70808 to give £5.



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Carley Cranston is the pink Power Ranger. 51\_a20heroday15



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# MacIntyre's of Oban opens for fine clothing

Oban is set to welcome one of Inveraray's most iconic and best-loved shops with the opening of MacIntyre's of Oban.



Scott Sweeney with fellow Inveraray retailer Robbie Kennedy-Elliott.

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MacIntyre's of Inveraray has been selling clothes in the Royal Burgh since 1863 from its Main Street premises which have been completely reinvigorated under the ownership of Scott Sweeney.

Now Scott and his team are bringing their refreshing take on selling classic country clothes, be they casual or tailored, and a wide range of footwear and accessories, to George Street, Oban.

#### HIGH-END COUNTY WEAR BRANDS

These high-end county wear brands include Dubarry, Barbour, Schöffel, Loake, Fairfax & Favor, Anna Lascata, Hicks & Brown, Joules and many more.

'I have always wanted to open a shop in Oban, and with the large number of people coming from the Oban area down to visit us in Inveraray it makes sense,' said Scott.

Both stores will be selling the same portfolio of brands but each will have different stock.

'They won't be carbon-copies,' said Scott. 'In Oban we are expecting to see customers from the marina and cruise ships.'

The shop in Oban will be run by Scott's sister-in-law Nicky.

#### Scott Sweeney

Scott Sweeney is from Minard and a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School.

Many people will know him from his deer-stalking, for both Argyll Estates and now for the Forestry Commission.

'I still keep my hand in,' said Scott, 'as well as running the shops.'

He first bought another famous Inveraray shop, Dewar's Boot Store, before going on to purchase MacIntyre's.

'At Dewar's we sell more outdoor sporting clothing,' said Scott. 'My work as a stalker has helped inform our stock decisions; I know what does and doesn't perform in the field, and friends and colleagues give me feedback.'

'We always stock products we believe in first and foremost.'

#### Great asset

Fellow Inveraray shop keeper Robbie Kennedy-Elliott, of the Pier Shop, thinks that MacIntyre's of Inveraray is a great asset to the town and the new Oban store will be the same.

'It is good to have a quality shop like MacIntyre's here; it has reinvigorated the townscape. It's good for local people as well as tourists, especially when it comes

to buying a gift or treating yourself.

'The same applies to Oban and I am sure that Scott and the team will do very well there. I know I am not alone in wishing them all the best for this new venture.'

#### Famous brands and some smart new names

MacIntyre's stocks some of the big names that people know and love; Barbour, Dubarry, Schöffel, Johnson's of Elgin and Loake, plus Jules, Orca Bay, Tilley, Brodie Cashmere and tailoring by Brook Taverner for men and Anna Lascata for women.

#### BARBOUR

Barbour has an incredibly long history with waxed cotton, dating back to 1894; arguably Barbour's use of this material is the longest running and most consistent in the world today. The firm has developed its brand over the years and is equally famous for its quilted and down jackets and jumpers and shirts.

#### DUBARRY

The Dubarry Galway boot is one of the most popular amongst MacIntyre's customers.



Dubarry of Ireland's beginnings were in the design and manufacturing of fine leather shoes; beginning in 1937, a co-operative company was established to provide employment in Ballinasloe, Galway.

#### SCHÖFFEL

The brand began in 1804 in Bavaria; it is presently run by Peter Schöffel, the sixth generation of the family.

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# Loch Fyne the place to be for Clyde Cruising Club Scottish Series 2019!

The 'go to' place from May 24 to 27 will be Loch Fyne and the villages of Tarbert and Portavadie when the area welcomes the 45th Clyde Cruising Club Scottish Series – a series of highly competitive yacht racing including spinnaker, restricted sail and one design classes.



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## SCOTTISH SERIES ORGANISED BY CLYDE CRUISING CLUB

One of the premier sailing events in Scotland sees racing taking place on the scenic waters of Loch Fyne off Tarbert and the event is organised and run by the Clyde Cruising Club (CCC).

Alongside the racing, a wide range of shoreside activities are on offer both for those supporting competing yachts as well as the many visitors who come to spectate and enjoy the buzz and camaraderie of the event in Tarbert.

And this year it's an enhanced programme designed to spread awareness of the event and include the wider public in enjoying a raft of shoreside activities.

The shoreside action will centre on the marquee with the popular headline act on Saturday Big Vern and the Shooters and the Sunday band confirmed as the Bell Rock Ceilidh Band.

The opening hours of the marquee bar will be extended this year to allow everyone to enjoy refreshments and there will be an increased number of food outlets designed to cater for all tastes. The new facilities block adjacent to the pontoons is open with new toilets and showers alongside the temporary facilities. The 2019 race office will be based in the old marina office.

For both the catchment area, Tarbert and Portavadie Marina across the water, it is a long weekend equating with one of their busiest times of the year and welcomed as a highly significant boost to the area's economy. CCC, Tarbert Enterprise Company and Tarbert Harbour Authority are all keen to attract an even wider audience to the event.

This year Luddon Construction, Tunnock's and EventScotland are among the main sponsors.

**Tarbert Harbour Authority**  
Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) hosts the fleet for the duration of the event at Tarbert as boats finish racing. Duncan

Cunningham, chairman of Tarbert Harbour Authority, said: 'Tarbert Harbour Authority is very conscious of its constitutional aim to work for the common good of this heritage village and, as custodians of the harbour, we do all we can to support events that bring economic benefit to the village. We are delighted that the Clyde Cruising Club has brought the Scottish Series to Tarbert again and we are only too happy to welcome all visitors for this important maritime event.'

### Portavadie Marina

Across the water from Tarbert, Portavadie Marina also welcomes competing yachts with shoreside accommodation and restaurants. A Five Gold Anchors award-winning marina, Portavadie is a first class resort destination in itself with infinity pool, spa and a range of shoreside accommodation and leisure facilities.

### Largs Marina

A skippers' briefing and drinks reception will be hosted in Largs Marina on Thursday evening for the restricted sail classes which precedes the sail to Tarbert on Friday – see below.

### The racing

The event attracts a wide range of yachts split into nine classes by handicap or one design and from hi tech IRC racers to those sailing CYCA handicaps, both spinnaker and restricted sail.

The racing format is a mixture of Olympic style and coastal races. New this year is the Etchells One Design class which will join the Hunter 707s, the National Sonata One Design and the Sigma 33s.

CYCA classes 8 and 9 are restricted sail for those wishing to race without spinnakers. The IRC classes will have up to 10 races to compete in over the event with the One Designs, 11 races.

The event starts with a passage race from Largs bringing boats to the event. On Sunday a race is held round Inchmarnock.

Boats racing with spinnakers under CYCA handicap will be able to compete in The Inch Race and will have up to nine races over the series. Those boats sailing restricted sail under CYCA handicap may compete in the passage race from Largs and in The Inch Race with up to six races to compete in.

All spinnaker classes race on Loch Fyne on day one.

The opening passage race from Largs for restricted sail, family class and cruisers is on Friday May 24.



### THE SOCIAL SCENE

The Tarbert marquee provides a meeting point and social venue where everyone can enjoy drinks and catch up on the day's action on the water. Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC) takes the lead in organising shoreside attractions and the TEC Botanist Bar opens on Thursday evening during race registration and will be open for the duration of the series.

The lone piper plays each morning of the event from 9am-9.30. Friday will have music from Scott MacDonald in the marquee as well as food from the Galvanised Grill and the Starfish Restaurant. Preceding the prize-givings on all evenings, canapes will be served at 6.15pm courtesy of Clyde Cruising Club. Early evening music on Saturday will be from the Coaltown Daisies, Matt McAllister and Scott MacDonald. Mac Stand add to the choice of food on offer.



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Marc Turner

An international jury will oversee this year's event. With representatives from America, Norway and the UK, this is a first and will ensure fair racing for all.

Trailer sailors are being given a boost since the event will offer free crane lifts into the water at Tarbert, kindly provided by EventScotland who are also contributing to the enhanced shoreside programme for 2019.

Tunnock's has been a long-term supporter of the Scottish Series and will as ever be providing 'welcome pack' biscuits and T-cakes for boats, seen as the most essential item on the boat for hungry sailors.

#### IRC Championship

2018 sees the second running of the IRC Championship which will be embedded in the Scottish Series. Event chairman Glenn Porter explained: 'It's great to have the IRC championship come to the Scottish Series again for 2019 and we are very grateful to the Mudhook Yacht Club for allowing the MacIver Salver to remain the trophy for this competition.'

#### On the startline Class IRC 1

The Douglas' partnership J133 Spirit of Jacana from Carrickfergus is back to defend

its class win from last year as is Jonathan Anderson with his J122E El Gran Senor. Rod Stuart and Bill Ram's Corby 37 Aurora that took a fourth overall in class last year will line up alongside Gordon Lawson's J122 Moonstruck Too from Port Edgar.

Jay Colville from East Down Yacht Club also returns with his First 40, Forty Licks having narrowly missed out as overall series winner last year. Ewan and Jackie Mackay are also back in their Farr 30 Wild Haggis as is John Minnis from Royal Ulster Yacht Club with his Beneteau Final Call. So far there's no entry from Frenchman Gery Trentesaux with his JPK 11.80 Courier Recommande that nearly clinched the class title from Spirit of Jacana last year.

#### RC 35 / IRC Class 2

Pat Kelly from Howth Yacht Club won this class last year with their J109 Something Else and once again this will be one of the most hotly contested classes. Brian and John Hall's J109 finished runner-up last year and will be champing at the bit to better this and win the class. Also snapping at their heels will be Charles Frize's Corby 33 Banshee, who was third overall last year with Debbie Aitken on the first 36.7 Animal looking at a better than fourth placing for 2019. Adding to the J109 fleet within this class are Robin Young's Jings, No Worries and Blue Jay. Christine Murray on the well known Beneteau Triple Elf, the Elan 37 is back as is Adelante from Strangford Lough Yacht Club, Tery Kirchin's The Black Prince, Chimaera with Andrew Craig from Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Hijacker from Down Cruising Club and the Balmforth's Tangaroa add to the fleet and this class is wide open.

watch and take part in.

For the younger generation, The Funky Chicken, the popular local children's entertainer, will be face painting and entertaining the wee ones.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band will play on Sunday evening from 5pm-6pm and always create a stir in the village. The final prize-giving will be from 4pm-5pm on Monday May 27 which will see the series class winners presented with their trophies and the overall Scottish Series winner 2019 announced.

Rachel Edwards of TEC said: 'Everyone recognises the importance of the event to the village. The regatta is so well run on the water with top class racing and this is pointed up by the entry list from far and wide. Ashore it's also great fun with a buzz about the village that is always associated with the Scottish Series weekend.'

Saturday night welcomes the return of the popular band Big Vern and his Shootahs with free entry.

The usual spectacular fireworks on Saturday night will this year celebrate the beautiful Swan 36 Valhalla of Ashton's 50th birthday. Alan Dunnet has been successfully competing in the Scottish Series for many years and this will indeed be a special one.

Tarbert's hotels, restaurants and other accommodation providers have a selection of the best of hospitality and food to make for an unforgettable experience both on and off the water.

And this year, the Archipelago Folkschool will be running demonstrations of boat building and craft skills on the shoreside. Archipelago Folkschool is a social enterprise that connects people with craft and will be fascinating to both

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**IRC Class 3**

The J92 Samurai J won this last year and may be a late entry to defend the class but wasn't in the line-up going to press. However, John Swan's half tonner Harmony returns to try and better being pushed to second overall in 2018 by one point. The other half Tonner competing is D&M Wright's Mata from Howth.

The J92s are once again out in force with four boats contesting the class - Peter Doig's Jack from East Antrim, Ally and Amanda Paton with Jammin from Fairlie Yacht Club, Chic and Nicky Medley from Port Edgar Yacht Club with Jota and Nick Marshall's Satisfaction all out to push the opposition. Also to the fore will be regular competitor John Kent with Farr E Nuff. A mix of smaller boats will add dynamism to the class with Manzanita, the quarter tonner of Lowry and Kevelighan, taking on fellow quarter tonner Phoenix, the quarter tonner of Darge, Black and McVey. Ben Shelley from Fairlie Yacht Club races the Extrovert 22 Lady Ex as does Connor McGaughy with their Egythene 24 Crystal Clear - all nippy contenders if the wind is light. Rory Fekkes from Carrickfergus returns in his First modified F'n Gr8 as does Richard Doig of East Antrim Boat Club with his GK 24.

**CYCA 5&6**

One stalwart campaigner the kenspeckle Swan 36 Valhalla of Ashton will this year be celebrating a golden 50th birthday. A former class winner and always to the fore in the results, Valhalla has become a legend in her own right. Owned by Alan Dunnet and very much a family boat, she has been a regular competitor at the Scottish Series for many years. Last year this evergreen performer was eclipsed by one point from a

Class 5 win from Howard Morrison's Enigma who returns to defend the class title. This year Alan Dunnet and team will be hoping to reverse the tables and lift the silverware in what is a very special year for the boat.

Class divisions had not been decided on going to press so it is assumed other Class 5 seasoned campaigners will include major series sponsor Boyd Tunnock MBE with Lemerac and the trio of Moody 336s - Craig Anderson's Cool Bandit 2, Stephen and Craig Corson's Salamander XX1, Henry Reid's Ubiquity and Erica and Garth Wilson's Shearwater, all well sailed boats. Marc Ritson's Sigma 36 Saracen is a regular visitor from Cushendall and Cameron Still campaigns his First 32s5 First Edition.

Keith Salters from Royal Ulster with Grey Goose, his Hanse 505, returns as does Alan Moore's Dehler 34 Delinquent. Familiar names also include Gavin Marshall's Celerity, the Thomson's Sloop John T and Alastair Torbet's Dufour 40 Spirit of May as well as More Misjif with Roddy Angus. New entrant this year will be last year's West Highland Yachting Week overall winner the Elan GT5 Reflection.

Likely runners in Class 6 will be Alastair Gay back again to defend the class trophy and hoping for a hat trick with the Nicholson 35 Orwell Lass. Runner-up last year was Alastair Pugh with his Contessa 32 Marisca so he will be planning to clinch the class. Colin Wood's Nic 30 from Largs is another of the classics. Slowest boat in the class is the lovely Scottish Island Class Shona of Ashton helmed by Martyn Webster, so this will be a close class to call and depend on weather conditions.

**Restricted Sail Fleet****CYCA Class 8&9**

Veteran campaigner Ian Nicolson won Class 8 last year with St Bridget and this year will see Mid Argyll's Brian Robertson with his X332 Celtic Spirit lining up against him in the restricted sail class. Encore, the First 40.7 of Dermot Cronin from Malahide returns, as does Clive Reeves in Lyrebird who finished second overall last year. Neil MacKinnon and the First 44.7 Lisa is back alongside John Monaghan's Merliz, the Dufour 40 performance that is also fast although he is only competing in the passage race. The beautiful Kelana with Marjorie Grant skippering will be hard to beat classic in this class. Stewart and Dorothy Ritchie's Contest 41 Anna Mae makes the long journey down from Loch Sunart to do the passage race under restricted sail. Joe Magee in Torranan, James McSweeney from Royal St George Yacht Club with his UFO 31 Menapia and Keith Johnson in his Frigate 27 Stardust are all to the fore in the class this year.

All will be looking to the Clipper 60 Taeping sailed by Ocean Sailing Scotland and no doubt watching how close they get on the start line and mark rounding.

**Sigma 33 Offshore One-Design Class**

A strong entry of 10 boats with the anticipation of more will line up to compete in this hard sailed one-design class. Dr Griogair Whyte's Close Encounters won last year from Leaky Roof 2 of Harper and Robertson from Cove Sailing Club with the Lennox and Simpson partnership with Miss Behavin third. James Miller's Mayrise is always up there as is Donald McLaren and his team on Sigmatic along with Bradshaw and Gallagher's Busy Beaver, Greer and Galloway's Vendeval and Roy Summer's Rajah. New to the class is Scott Chalmers sailing Encore and as ever expect some close competition from this skipper and boat.

**Hunter 707 One Design Class**

Dara O'Malley as a previous 707 class and overall 2016 Scottish Series winner with his 707 Seaward didn't get a podium first last year having to be content with second behind Sharky with More T Vicar finishing third. With 14 boats already entered, this is a highly competitive class with all the best of one design racing. Carl Allen is back with More T Vicar from Port Edgar, another previous class winner, Neil Ross with Mad Dog, Smith and Fleming in Rammie with

former Oban sailor Alistair Olsen aboard, Neil McLure's Blue Funk, Partial Pressure skippered by Andrew McKeown from Loch Earn Yacht Club and Tallulah with Phil Hermiston from Royal Findhorn YC.

Miss Money Penny is being sailed by the 707 Class Association. And nearer to home James Urquart will helm Crhu. Fellow Port Edgar sailors Andrew McLennan with his team on Jalapeno and Hamilton and Venton's Jetstream add to Peter Robinson's Braveheart and Robin Angus's Pocket Battleship to keep everyone on their toes. And in his second Scottish Series competing with Autism on the Water Murray MacDonald will take on the might of the 707s in Autism on the Water.

**Autism on the Water**

Former Oban Sailor Murray MacDonald will be competing in the Hunter 707 class on Autism on the Water thanks to the generosity of the class association and his sponsors David Sturrock Yachting, The Foggy Pear Craft Company, Pritchard Marine Consulting, Octopi Engineering, Edinburgh University Sailing Club, Marlow Ropes and Art and Sea Custom Vinyl Graphics. Murray said: 'The main point of all this is to raise awareness of autism. My campaign has grown magnificently since I started it and the whole aim is to show sailors that autistic people can benefit from sailing like I have. This class is extremely competitive, with a lot of really well sailed boats and I am looking forward to it after competing in Kip Regatta.'

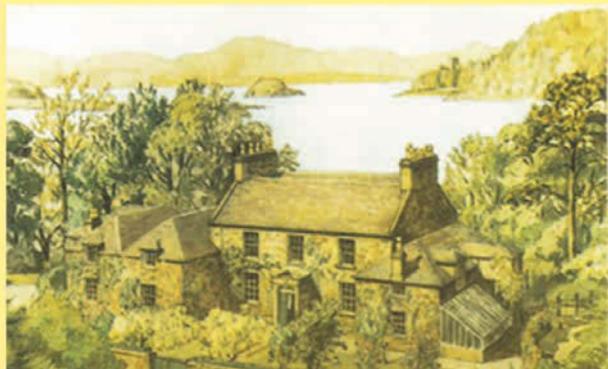
**National Sonata One-Design Class**

Three Helensburgh-based boats were the only entries in the National Sonata One design class - Chris Tait's Scruples, Rosie and Manderson's Jazz and Tim Flatman's Fiddlesticks will battle it out for the class win and there are sure to be some late entrants to boost this fleet.

**Etchells One Design Class**

Ten Etchells including some top helms are entering for the first time with Royal Gourock Yacht Club providing the mainstay of the fleet. Geoff Howison and Hero, a slightly small version of the 'big boat', will be to the fore on the starting line alongside Cowie and Marshall with Diablo. Sutherland and MacDonald race Ricochet as well as Wedderburn and Bourke with the aptly named Living on the Etch. Micheal Toddy sails Hammer of Ashton, Judd and Holms, Lock

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n'safe and Kirsty Coupland's Etch a Sketch compete the line-up from Royal Gourock. Brian Young's Excalibur from Fairlie, Stephen Rarity with Ataraxia and David Macnab's El Fie from CCC add up to an extremely interesting new class from which it will be difficult to predict a winner.

*Please note all class divisions were correct at time of going to press but may change with entry for the event.*

## 2019 event SPONSORS

The Scottish Series 2019 would not be able to be run without the support of the following sponsors.

### Clyde Cruising Club

Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) takes on the pivotal role of principal sponsor of the event. Glenn Porter said: 'As the heart of Scottish sailing, it makes the entire team at CCC proud to be able to support the Scottish Series. Moving into 2020 we will be offering the title sponsor slot out to industry partners again. With 2020 being branded Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters we look forward to sharing the celebrations with a new headline sponsor.'

He added: 'We have a great set of volunteers and supporters who make this event happen. As we finalise arrangements with our sponsors and supporters, details will be publicised through our website and social media channels so keep an eye on [www.clyde.org/scottishseries](http://www.clyde.org/scottishseries).

### Luddon Construction

Glasgow-based civil engineering and building contractor Luddon Construction delivers projects across the country. They say: 'We are delighted to be a sponsor of the Scottish Series and this prestigious event provides us with an opportunity to raise our profile and reinforce our longstanding relationship with Clyde Cruising Club. It's great to be associated with the event which attracts entrants from far and wide and is considered one of the premier events in the Scottish sailing calendar.'

### Tunnock's

Legendary biscuit manufacturer Tunnock's has been a loyal supporter of the series for many years returning again this year with their survival packs of goodies for competitors. Boyd Tunnock said: 'Tunnock's has been associated with the event for over three decades. It's a fantastic event in the Scottish sporting calendar

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### Tarbert Enterprise Company

The Tarbert Enterprise Company is the local partner that makes the event happen and run smoothly.

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# Union to assess farmers' confidence in Brexit era

NFU Scotland is urging its members to complete a survey to assess the confidence of Scotland's farmers and crofters in the context of Brexit.

The results of the survey, entitled Brexit and Business Confidence, will be released on Thursday June 20, the first day of the 2019 Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, near Edinburgh. The date marks almost three years since the historic referendum on membership of the European Union on June 23, 2016.

The union's reasons for running this survey are two-fold. It will give it a clear picture of

what confidence is like within the agricultural industry so it can identify how best to support its growing membership through a time of great change.

It will also give the union a clear mandate on lobbying priorities as it continues to negotiate with politicians, governments and decision-makers on Brexit and a new agricultural policy for Scotland.

All members will receive a printed copy of the three-page survey with the June edition of membership magazine the Scottish Farming Leader, to be completed and mailed



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The Brexit Member Confidence survey is also available to complete online at [surveymonkey.com/r/NFUBrexitConfidence](http://surveymonkey.com/r/NFUBrexitConfidence). This will close at 10am on Monday June 17.

Announcing the launch of the survey, president Andrew McCornick said: 'The Royal Highland Show in 2019 marks three years since the landmark EU referendum took place. How have those 36

months shaped business confidence among the nation's farmers and crofters?

'Despite the best efforts of NFU Scotland and the wider business lobby, there remains little certainty as to what the business landscape for Scottish farm and croft

'There remains little certainty as to what the business landscape for Scottish farm and croft businesses will be outside of the EU.'

businesses will be outside of the EU.

'That is why the results of this survey will send a clear, unequivocal message to decision-makers about how business confidence has been impacted by the Brexit process to date.

'Since the referendum outcome in 2016, NFU Scotland has ramped up

its lobbying like never before. Our engagement in Westminster and Holyrood is unprecedented as we push for the overarching priorities of free and frictionless trade, access to a non-UK workforce and a new agricultural policy post-Brexit.

'These survey results will be hugely influential and extremely useful to NFU Scotland as we continue to lobby at the highest levels on behalf of farmers and crofters. We encourage all members to participate in this anonymous survey and thank members in advance for their co-operation.'



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## New funding to promote lamb

Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon has announced £200,000 of new funding to tell the rest of the UK what we have known in Kintyre all along: just how good Scottish lamb tastes.

'Our food and drink sector plays a significant and growing part in Scotland's economy, so it is vital we support the promotion of our premium produce at home and abroad,' Ms Gougeon said during a parliamentary statement on supporting the sheep industry.

'I want more people in Scotland and across the wider UK to buy more Scotch lamb. Last year, we gave Quality Meat Scotland £200,000 to support its marketing campaign to promote Scotch lamb, which saw a 27 per cent increase in spend per buyer on lamb and a 20 per cent increase in volume purchased per buyer during the promotional period.

'The funding will help to encourage more of us to include high quality Scotch lamb in our weekly shopping basket. It also sends a strong signal about how this government supports our sheep farming

sector now and in the future.'

Alan Clarke, chief executive of Quality Meat Scotland, welcomed the news. He said: 'This funding is fantastic news for the sheep industry and sends a clear signal of confidence in Scotch lamb PGI as a tasty, nutritious ingredient at the heart of Scotland's natural larder.

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## Positive start to 2019 for the new home-building industry, says NHBC

The number of new homes registered by the UK's housebuilders and developers in the first three months of the year reached more than 37,500 – a 3% increase on the same period in 2018. 37,672 new homes were registered to be built compared to 36,508 last year. The private sector was down by 6% (26,841; 28,554 in 2018) with the affordable and rental sector up 36% (10,831; 7,954 in 2018).

The overall increase, despite the ongoing Brexit uncertainty, is partly due to the low levels seen in the corresponding period 12 months ago when the 'Beast from the East' caused severe disruption on sites across the country. The rise in the affordable and rental registration numbers reflects the continued growth in the private rental sector in many UK towns and cities.

At a regional level, London saw a 58% increase compared to Q1 2018 (5,625; 3,549 in 2018), boosted by a number of large schemes being registered at the start of this year.

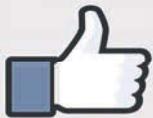
NHBC is the leading warranty and insurance provider for new homes in the UK and its registration statistics are a lead indicator for the new homes market.

Commenting on the new figures, NHBC chief executive Steve Wood said: 'We are pleased to report good numbers for the start of the year, although we do need to bear in mind the situation 12 months ago when freezing conditions caused major hold-ups in registrations as well as build-rates across the bulk of the UK. 'Although Brexit uncertainties are impacting consumer confidence and causing some dampening of new-build and second-hand sale markets, housing remains an attractive asset class for inward investors, which does cause us to be more optimistic about build to rent. 'At NHBC, we will continue to work with developers, builders and housing associations to help to improve the quality of new homes for the people who will live in them.'

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**Happy 70th Birthday to this very special lady!**

Lots of love from all the family

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### THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the very generous gifts and cards I received on the occasion of my retirement after 41 years with West Coast Motors. It has been a great journey!

Many thanks to all staff (past and present) who joined me on Saturday night to celebrate - you all made it a night to remember!

Cheers and thanks again for everything.  
Donald Anderson



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DUNOON

Historic hub is in the iKnow

A historic building at the heart of Dunoon's community has partnered with VisitScotland to provide information for visitors to the town.

Dunoon Burgh Hall, a Historic Environment Scotland category B-listed building, has joined an impressive network of over 140 VisitScotland iKnow Partners across Argyll and the Isles. The iKnow Partner programme harnesses the local knowledge, warmth and enthusiasm of partners across the country to help visitors receive the warmest of welcomes and make the most of their trip to Scotland.

Reopened in 2017, the building has become a creative and cultural hub in Cowal, making it an ideal partner for VisitScotland's innovative approach to information provision. The iKnow partner accreditation will add value to the service they offer and make it easier than ever before for visitors to connect with local businesses. This will support the local economy and ensure communities in Dunoon and across Cowal enjoy the benefits brought by tourism.

ARGYLL AND BUTE

Photography competition

People of Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to enter a portrait photography competition this May by sharing images and stories that capture what walking means to them.

Scotland's walking charity Paths for All has launched the competition named Humans of the Walk as part of its mission to promote everyday walking.

Those who take part are in with the chance of winning a Nikon B500 Coolpix camera.

To enter the competition, members of the public should post a portrait photo celebrating walking in some way, on Twitter or Instagram, using the hashtag #HumansOfTheWalk.

The competition is running from May 1 to 31 – the dates of National Walking Month and multiple entries are allowed.

Paths for All's aim is to significantly increase the number of people who choose to walk in Scotland, whether walking for leisure or walking to work, school or to the shops.

For more information, please visit [pathsforall.org.uk/humans](http://pathsforall.org.uk/humans).

ARDFERN



Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham will be playing in Craignish Village Hall on May 29.

Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham sold out

Folk duo Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have sold out their show at Craignish Village Hall.

Now embarking on their 32nd year of working together, the musical duo will be reaching Ardfern on Wednesday May 29 to entertain those who were lucky enough to get in early.

Aly and Phil have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of

traditional music and have been described by MSP Michael Russell as 'probably the best traditional musicians you are ever likely to hear'.

Humour

With their musical magic and quick-witted humour, they are sure to pull some emotional strings one moment and have the crowd falling off their seat with laughter the next.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Two of the people I greatly admired died very recently.

One was an internationally renowned theologian called Jean Vanier. Jean was founder of the L'Arche Communities, which provide a home and support for adults with learning disabilities.

One of his obituaries referred to Jean as a 'spiritual giant'.

I had the privilege of spending time in one of these communities some years ago and it made a huge impression on me.

The overwhelming feeling was of acceptance, of peace and of love.

There are many quotes from Jean Vanier which could fill pages.

However, I have chosen one which is probably my favourite: 'We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.'

This leads me on to the other person I have greatly admired for many years, and this quote sums him up completely. I am thinking of the Reverend Johnny Paton.

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FOR THE WEEK**

"The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full" (Psalm 31:23).

**DEATHS**

**MACKAY** - Suddenly at home, on April 28, 2019, Derek Neil MacKay, in his 48th year, of 18 Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead, (former joiner at M & K MacLeod), beloved son of Margaret and the late Duncan MacKay, brother of Lesley and father of Jenna and Blair. A good friend and former work colleague to many. A graveside service will be held at Kilchattan Cemetery, Isle of Luing, on Friday, May 17, 2019, at 10.30am, thereafter a memorial service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church at 3.00pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MCALISTER** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on May 9, 2019, Vi McAlister, née Simpson, in her 97th year, of 7 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Dave McAlister, much loved mother of David, Morag and the late Ian, a dearly loved gran, great gran and great great gran and a much respected mother-in-law. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Thursday, May 16, followed by service of committal at Cardross Crematorium. Sadly missed.

**MORRAN** - Suddenly at home, 4 Roading Cottages, Campbeltown, with his family by his side, on May 11, 2019, Tommy Morran (Twin), in his 67th year, dearly beloved husband of Janette Jarvie, much loved dad of Linn and Tommy, father-in-law of Robert and Emma, loving papa of Laila and Sophie and a much loved brother, uncle and great uncle. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care and the Community Nurses, Kintyre.

**SCOTT** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 14, 2019, Thomas Hamilton Scott (Tom), in his 86th year, 79 Roading, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Taylor, much loved dad of Alan and Ian and a loving grandad of Euan, Alix, Douglas and Sam. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MCLEAN** - The family of the late Neil McLean would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss of Neil. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, Maggie the Macmillan nurse, and all the staff in the Campbeltown Hospital. We would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for a comforting and personal service, Kenny and Rhys Blair for caring and professional services, and the Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality.

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- Jean and family.

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- Welly.

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Years have gone since you were here,

But in our eyes there is still a tear,

In our hearts you will always stay,

We love and miss you every day.

- Mum.

**SLOSS** - In memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010.

We can't have old days back,

When we were all together,

But secret tears and loving thoughts,

Will be with us forever.

- Gran, Granda and family.

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**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**



SC002493

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*All welcome*

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11688

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Rev W Crossan  
Hall Communion 12.30pm  
New Hall

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New Hall  
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Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall

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**Saturday 18th May**  
10.00am - 12.00 noon  
Coffee Morning  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)  
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George Street, Campbeltown



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11.15am Sunday School  
3.00pm Christianity Explored  
**Wednesday 22nd May**  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
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Service will be taken by Mr Tom MacKay  
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# Twinshock fever returns to Mid Argyll

By Jim Grieve

The picturesque track at Achnascheloch was the venue for round two of the Scottish Twinshock series.

Lap times dropped as the course dried out to near perfect conditions on April 28.

Group one and race one of the Evo 125cc class threw up exciting racing from William Penrice, Ewan Campbell and Peter O'Neil. William stormed into a sizeable lead, but races two and three were to be much closer affairs, featuring spirited rides from Ewan and Peter. With three race wins, first and second would be Ewan Campbell's reward at his home track, with Peter O'Neil completing the tiddler class podium.

The four stroke class had Sam Sibbald flying around the track, dominating races one and two. It looked like it would be a Sibbald benefit race, but cruel luck would strike as Sam recorded a DNF for race three, allowing Keith Stanford to win, with Ricky Caldwell taking second place and a deserved third by John 'Hoppy' Hoptoun.

The youth class had Kieran Schofield Sives take three race wins with the quickest lap times in his class. He was a deserved youth class winner, just ahead of James Forrest and Rory Oxland, the latter taking second overall with his third race second place, pipping James Forrest who would take the last step on the podium.

The final bank of races in this group would be the pre-77 class, and these old machines proved how fast they still are. The first race was won

by Peter Maxwell but with another DNF and a no show for race three, this was not to be his event. Taking full advantage would be Grant McClure with wins in races two and three. Coming home in second place overall was John Fullerton, just pipping Gary Britton by a few points.

Moving on to the group two of races and the open class twinshock bikes, and these large 500cc twinshock machines are always a great spectacle. It was to be two race wins and a third place for last year's over-50 champion John Crawford, who would take the overall honours, followed closely by Gordon Morrison, Craig Smith and Paul Chiappa.

The twinshock under 300cc class would see a trio of wins for veteran Alex Joiner after close racing with Gordon Peterson in runner-up spot. Following this pair all day would be Maico-mounted Richie Mcfadden who took third place.

The over-50 class was all about John Lamont and his flying Honda, taking three race wins, followed by Robbie Allan on his Suzuki. It was great to see a different mixture of motocross bikes and the RM of Robbie starting to get closer to John in the last race. Following these two would be a gaggle of riders but it would be the consistency of Keith that would take the third spot overall.

Group three featured the Evolution class, two stroke and the clubmen. The Evo class ended in a three-race victory for Paul Jonty Johnston with Tom Grant following him home in races one and two, and a third in



It was a good day for Ewan Campbell. 06\_a20Twinshocks02

the final encounter giving Tom the runner-up spot and Roy Potts finishing the day on third overall in second place in the last race.

The two stroke class was a ding-dong between Lewis Farrow and Gregor Campbell with some fast racing, but with home advantage Gregor took the honours in this class. Lewis would have to settle for second, while following the pair home were Robert Bell in third overall.

The clubman class was enjoyable for Derrick Bellshaw who flew to three race wins. Peter Rennie, Adam Curran, and Kyle McClure formed the rest of the contenders. Third overall was Adam Curran, keeping the overall championship lead but Derrick is closing in. Second overall was Peter Rennie and former schoolboy racer Kyle McClure took third in race two and almost third overall.

The group 4 monoshocks featured day members, and it was a great day for both Jamie Clark and Des Halewood, who took race wins. Jamie, with two wins, took top honours ahead of Des. But to ensure Jamie would not get too comfortable Des took the last race convincingly.



John Crawford flying high. 06\_a20Twinshocks01

In third, returning from injury, was Shaun 'Robbo' Robertson.

Thanks to Stewart Campbell and helpers for preparing this superb track, and to riders, teams, starters, lap scorers, ambulance personnel, track builders and everyone else for their support.

On to Powmill for the next exciting race.

Results: Group 1: Pre-77 class - 1 Grant McClure 2 John Fullerton 3 Gary Britton 4 Peter Maxwell. Youth class - 1 Kieran Schofield 2 Rory Oxland 3 James Forrest 4 Connel Allardyce. Pre 90 125cc class - 1 William Penrice 2 Ewan Campbell 3 Peter o Neil 4 Jonathan Young 5 Kevin Rosie 6 Damian Carter. Fourstroke class - 1 Keith Stanford 2 Ricky Caldwell 3 John Hopton 4 Sam Sibbald.

Group 2: Twinshock under 300cc class - 1 Alex Joiner 2 Gordon Peterson 3 Richie Mcfadden 4 David Stanford 5 Mike Dobie. Over 50s - 1 John Lamont 2 Robbie Allan 3 Keith Birse 4 Derek Morris 5 David Watson 6 Iain Clark. Twinshock open class - 1 John Crawford 2 Gordon Morrison 3 Craig Smith 4 Paul Chiappa 5 Barry Smith 6 Brian Allardyce.

Group 3: 2-stroke open class - 1 Gregor Campbell 2 Lewis Farrow 3 Robert Bell 4 Bryan Colligan 5 Allan Shields 6 Liam Smart Evolution class - 1 Paul 'PJ' Johnston 2 Tom Grant 3 Roy Potts 4 Mathew Harper 5 Craig Donaldson 6 Gary Milne. Clubmen class - 1 Derrick Bellshaw 2 Peter Rennie 3 Adam Curran 4 Kyle McClure 5 James Stewart 6 Paul Ness.

Group 4: monoshock class - 1 Jamie Clark 2 Des Halewood 3 Shaun Robertson 4 Greg McDonald 4 Kenny Hope 5 Karl Livingstone 6 Jordan McDonald.



Grant McClure gives it the gun in the pre-77 open class. 06\_a20Twinshocks03

## Argyll rally crews look good in Leuchars

No fewer than three Argyll crews blazed a trail at the Granite at Leuchars rally in Fife.

Eoghan Anderson from Cairnbaan was back in the co-driver seat at the event on May 4, this time with Martin Murray in the beautiful Mk2 Escort.

The aim was to enjoy the day and get a feel for the newly prepared car. After 10 stages the team managed to secure 27th overall and, more importantly, they were smiling at the finish.

Ian Parker from Lochgilphead

teamed up again with Greg Inglis in the orange Lotus Exige backed by Duthies of Montrose. The car had a new engine and gearbox and the pair aimed to spend the day testing and setting up the new car.

After setting a second-fastest time through stage four - only four seconds from Greg's father Alistair - they were looking for a promising finish. Going into the final stage they had to find five seconds to secure third overall.

Their rival had, however, spun only two corners from the start line,

leaving Inglis and Parker to power through the finish line to third overall. This meant that half of the podium was made up of members of the Inglis family, as Alistair and Colin came home with first place.

The Fell Motorsport team of George and Lois Fell from Campbeltown were back after 10 months of preparing their immaculate new Clio. They set impressive times on the opening four stages. Their day, however, ended early on stage five of 10 when the Clio's engine failed and left them spectators.



Greg Inglis and Ian Parker powered home in third place with their Lotus Exige. Photo: Eddie Kelly Motorsport Photography



Eilidh Cameron lines up the ball as ref Lachie Wood looks on.

Photo: Andrew Sinclair.

# Thumping win for Dunadd Ladies

Dunadd Ladies	8
Cowal and Bute Ladies	0
South Division 2	

Dunadd took on opponents from across Loch Fyne on Sunday May 12 at Macrae Park.

The game started fairly evenly and both teams had early chances. Dunadd soon settled into the game and made the breakthrough on 13 minutes when Eilidh Cameron finished from an Alice Adair cross.

Grace Drummond made it 2-0 three minutes later, shooting high into the top corner. Dunadd kept up the pressure and soon it was 3-0 as Cameron grabbed her second. In the final minutes before half-time Drummond snatched another while the Cowal and Bute players were caught napping and expecting referee Lachie Wood to blow the whistle

to stop play for what they thought was a foul.

Cameron completed her hat-trick just before the half-time whistle with a well placed low shot. In the second half, Dunadd started as they finished the first with all the pressure. A lovely bit of link-up play saw Nicola Smyth getting on the score sheet, connecting sweetly with the cross in from Cameron.

Drummond then scored a spectacular strike, again netting in the top corner from distance. Dunadd, however, then took their foot off the pedal and allowed Cowal to get back into the game. The Dunadd defence was too strong though and indeed the home team went on to score another two minutes from time as Drummond got her fourth with an easy tap-in.

Dunadd's next game is away to Tayforth on June 2.

## Bruce's bonus in President's cup first round

The first round of the President's Cup took place on Saturday May 11 at Tarbert Golf Club, Glenralloch.

Conditions were pleasant and sunny, with a swirling wind just to keep things interesting.

### Dedication

The course, as has been the case all season, was terrific thanks to the dedication of Graham Prentice and his helpers.

The format for this competition is

36 holes of strokeplay with the best eight scratch scores qualifying for a knockout competition. The best score on the day was from Bruce MacNab on 71, closely followed by Peter McLean snr, making a welcome return to Glenralloch with a 72. In third place was Iain Macalister on 74 and Peter McLean jnr was in fourth spot with a 75.

The next round takes place on Saturday May 25.

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### LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



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

- C Allan**  
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Twinshock  
fever returns  
to Mid Argyll

Argyll rally crews  
look good in  
Leuchars

Thumping win  
for Dunadd  
Ladies

**Defeat for Red Star youngsters**

Sunday May 12 saw Red Star 2004s head off for a challenging away trip to St Patrick's Sports Academy.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be the Lochgilhead youngsters' day. Both teams started positively but within six minutes St Patrick's were a goal up with a second following after 15 minutes.

Star youngsters dug in and worked hard to create a couple of chances before Caskie pulled one back. Just as Star were beginning to dominate, St Patrick's nicked a third for 3-1 at half-time. Worse was to follow for the Lochgilhead boys when St Patrick's added a fourth early in the second half.

The Star youngsters don't give up and increased their effort with firstly McLean bundling the ball past the goalkeeper then a great move was finished off with a cool finish by Aitken to bring the deficit to 3-4.

With time left to play, Star kept pushing forward and, although they had a few chances, St Patrick's delivered a killer blow in the last minute with a break-away to tie up the game as 5-3 winners.

**Lottery numbers**

Drawn on Monday May 13, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 8, and 10. There was no winner so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Also drawn on Monday, Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 2, 12 and 17. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £1,000.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 2, 12 and 13. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

# Red Star survive despite narrow league defeat

Lochgilhead Red Star	0
Neilston	1
SAFL Premier Division Two	

Red Star played host to Neilston at the Ropework last Saturday May 11 and, despite a narrow 1-0 defeat, kept their place in Premier One.

There weren't many chances for either side in the first half. Red Star's best effort came when Colin Weir got on the end of a through pass by Aaron Moore in the left channel and crossed the ball into the box to Rab Docherty but the forward couldn't keep his header down and the ball went just over the bar.

There was concern for both sides after Red Star player/manager Luke Naisby and

the Neilston forward were involved in a horrible clash of heads which resulted in both men requiring hospital treatment.

It wasn't the way Naisby would have planned on ending his 17-year Red Star career which has seen him play in every position including goalkeeper and take up the manager's job for the majority of his final season. However, he can be rightly proud of his achievements with the club over the years and now has one final battle scar to show for his efforts along with a League and Coronation Cup winners' medals.

Into the second half and it was Neilston who edged in front on the hour mark as their number eight was able



Red Star defender Callum McGuinness nips in ahead of a Neilston forward. 06\_a20RedStar01

to poke the ball home past Kalache in the Star goal.

The remainder of the match was a nervy affair for both sides as Neilston sought to protect their lead with Star looking to get back into the match but knowing another goal conceded would see them fall back into the relegation zone.

In the end there was no further scoring and the Lochgilhead side were pleased to have secured safety in their first season back in Premier One, a feat which looked very unlikely at the turn of the year.

The club will be holding a meeting on Monday May 20 at 7pm at the Ropework and would like to invite all interested parties including players, coaching staff and committee members who are keen to be involved with the club going forward into the new season and beyond.

## Inveraray lose close game to Newtonmore

**Mowi Premiership Inveraray 1 Newtonmore 2**

Newtonmore extended their winning run to six matches but they had to work hard to beat bottom side Inveraray 2-1 at the Winterton.

Michael Russell gave Newtonmore a sixth-minute lead with a well-hit shot on the run. Garry MacPherson equalised just four minutes before the break as he finished off a well-worked move.

The goal jarred Newtonmore and, with just a minute of the first half remaining, skipper Evan Menzies put them back in front. Menzies was facing away from Lewis Montgomery and he turned and hit the ball into the roof of the net.

**Mowi South Division 1 Lochside Rovers 4 Inveraray 1**

Lochside got off to a great start as Niall

MacFarlane gave them the lead on 13 minutes. MacFarlane pulled down a pass from midfield before turning Andrew McMurdo and smashing the ball into the net from 25 yards out.

Niall MacFarlane was again involved on 27 minutes when he was fouled inside the box and referee Ewan MacDonald pointed to the spot.

The penalty was struck well by Michael MacQueen, leaving the keeper with no chance, and the Oban side led 2-0 at the break.

Kieran Lopez added a third just a couple of minutes into the second half when he latched onto a Callum Kirsop hit-in which landed inside the D before slipping the ball into the net from close range.

Lewis Buchanan made it 4-0 on 53 minutes when he followed up a strike

from distance and bundled the ball into the net.

Craig Taylor got a consolation goal for Inveraray on the hour mark with a good, low strike from distance which went under keeper Dougie MacDonald's feet.

The win lifts Lochside to fourth in the division.

**Mowi North Division 2 Kilmory 3 Ardnamurchan 0**

Kilmory only trail leaders Glenorchy on goal difference after beating Ardnamurchan 3-0 at MacRae Park.

Kilmory took the lead five minutes before the break with Alister MacArthur scoring.

MacArthur got his second just seven minutes after the restart and he completed his hat-trick on the hour.

Following last week's report on the Tainish Run, full results can now be found on the Argyllshire Advertiser website.



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