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Groups join forces in fight against Tarbert pylon plan

by Colin Cameron
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The furore over a power company's plans to site huge pylons where they would puncture Tarbert's skyline shows no sign of abating.

Community petitions have been submitted, people have protested and local politicians have objected to the plan by Scottish and Southern Energy Networks (SSEN) to erect pylons close to the village.

Now several Tarbert groups have joined forces to speak with a single voice of opposition.

The pylons would form just a small part of a major project to upgrade the electricity transmission network and build a higher capacity 275 kV overhead line for 50 miles between Inveraray and Crossaig substation on the east Kintyre coast.

In a new development, an influential alliance comprised of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, Tarbert Castle Trust and Tarbert Harbour Authority has

written to Scottish Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP setting out its objections.

Sent on Monday September 2, the letter points out that 'a number of the 200-foot pylons will be visible from the majority of Tarbert's housing areas' with claims that much-needed new house building will be inhibited under the proposed power line at Eastfield and Oakhill.

The letter goes on: 'There are also attendant concerns over the possible effects of any electromagnetic field on the health of residents in nearby housing.'

The group also has concerns over the impact the pylons might have on tourism and people visiting the area, claiming 'four or five of the pylons would be visible on the western skyline'.

They write: 'Visiting leisure craft will be confronted with the sight of several large pylons crossing the skyline as they enter the harbour and they will be visible from most of the pontoon berthing.'

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Mid Argyll sign off with a Cowal flourish

Mid Argyll Pipe Band enjoyed a great finale to the 2019 competition season at Cowal Highland Gathering, winning the Grade 4A contest and coming a fantastic second in the Grade 3 March, Strathspey and Reel.

Much more on a successful Cowal Highland Gathering for Argyll bands on pages eight to 11.

Left: Pipe Major Craig Lang leads the band into the arena at the start of a successful day.

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Heartless thieves steal children's prized crops



Crops planted by children from a Lochgilphead nursery are believed to have been stolen by heartless thieves.

Riverside Rascals Nursery has been working with Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise to deliver outdoor sessions to Blarbuie Community Woodland, during which the children have enjoyed planting and seeing fruit and vegetables grow.

Their hard work has come to nothing, however, after thieves stole ripening tomatoes and other plants – clearly marked as belonging to Riverside Rascals.

The children's raised beds thriving in July this year – a month before being vandalised.

Tomatoes and other plants are targeted

The theft has left staff and children devastated.

In a Facebook statement, Riverside Rascals said: 'We just wanted to share our disappointment that in the past couple of days someone has decided to help themselves to the crops that we have been growing at Blarbuie woodland.'

'Our children have worked so hard over the past few months to plant seeds and watch them grow but unfortunately they will not be able to harvest, taste or cook with the fruit and vegetables they've grown.'

'The raised beds were clearly marked as the nursery's so to

say we are disappointed is an understatement.'

A Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise spokesperson said: 'There are plenty of other tomatoes ripening in the tunnel, so why target nursery children?'

The woodland has recently suffered a spate of petty vandalism and Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise is working with the police and Mid Argyll Youth Development Services to tackle the problem.

The Blarbuie spokesperson perhaps summed up the feelings of many, when addressing the culprits as: 'Karma to you guys.'

POLICE FILES

Speeding offences

Two men were caught speeding on the A83 at Tarbert on the afternoon of Tuesday August 27. Each received a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

Charged with drink driving

A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with drink driving after his car was stopped by police at 5.10pm on Tuesday August 27 in Barmore Road, Tarbert. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving and drugs

At 12.10am on Thursday August 29 a car was stopped after it was seen being driven dangerously on the A816 near Ardfern. The driver, a man aged 29, was searched and found in possession of cannabis. He was charged with both offences and released for a court appearance.

Failure to obey traffic sign

On Thursday August 29 at Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, a car was stopped by officers at 9.05am after the driver drove dangerously and failed to obey a road sign. The driver, a 36-year-old woman, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Collision not reported

Sometime between 7.30am and 6.15pm on Thursday August 29, near the Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael Glassary, the rear offside panel and sliding door of a white Transit van were dented and scraped.

Breath test

A 44-year-old man was stopped by police while driving on Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead, at 11.10pm on Saturday August 31. The man provided a positive breath test, was arrested and subsequently a blood sample was taken for analysis.

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

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Tue, 3 Sep 2019	08:38	05:38	11:08	21:08	18:08	23:38
Wed, 4 Sep 2019	09:24	06:24	11:54			
Thu, 5 Sep 2019	10:15	07:15	12:45			
Fri, 6 Sep 2019	11:13	08:13	13:43			
Sat, 7 Sep 2019	12:29	09:29	14:59			
Sun, 8 Sep 2019				13:52	10:52	16:22
Mon, 9 Sep 2019				15:00	12:00	17:30
Tue, 10 Sep 2019				15:56	12:56	18:26
Wed, 11 Sep 2019				16:44	13:44	19:14
Thu, 12 Sep 2019				17:25	14:25	19:55
Fri, 13 Sep 2019				18:00	15:00	20:30
Sat, 14 Sep 2019				18:30	15:30	21:00
Sun, 15 Sep 2019				18:57	15:57	21:27
Mon, 16 Sep 2019	07:20	04:20	09:50	19:24	16:24	21:54
Tue, 17 Sep 2019	07:47	04:47	10:17	19:55	16:55	22:25
Wed, 18 Sep 2019	08:18	05:18	10:48	20:31	17:31	23:01
Thu, 19 Sep 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24	21:11	18:11	23:41
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The diversion takes vehicles through woodland to the A816. 51_a36Cairnbaandiversion05

Detour ready for canal road reinforcement

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Residents and visitors trying to drive beyond lock six at Cairnbaan face a detour while a section of canal bank roadway is repaired over the next month.

A stretch of new tar on the canal's northern bank leading into the hills at the back of Cairnbaan leads onto a diversion route which goes past Dunamuck and comes out on the A816 Oban road near the Ach nabreac junction.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson explained: 'A diversion will be in place

for around three weeks from Tuesday September 10 while work is carried out to strengthen the road edge between locks six and seven at the canal. The diversion route will be clearly signposted.'



The new section of tar linking into the canal bank road. 51_a36Cairnbaandiversion02

Council seeks floods of sustainable ideas



Lochgilphead is vulnerable to flooding.

A topic for each conversation cafe

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is talking about health, with specific topics up for discussion at regular public meetings.

The HSCP is using 'community conversation cafés' as a way of opening up discussions about health and social care across the region.

The hope is that by making discussions less formal, more people will take part.

Each area in Argyll and Bute has a locality planning group. Membership of these groups includes service users, carer representatives, third sector representatives and HSCP staff.

The HSCP describes conversation cafés as 'built on equality and inclusion, bring-

ing together service providers and people who use those services to talk about how we can make health and social care as good as possible'.

Locality planning groups will set priorities, including what topics will be discussed within each conversation cafe and a service manager related to the topic will be invited to attend the cafés. Each manager will provide information about the topic, take questions and take responsibility for any actions arising from the session.

A conversation cafe has been arranged on Islay for Wednesday September 25 from noon until 2pm in the Ideas Building, Killarow. Members of the public are invited along to discuss

reablement. The reablement service provides free support to people with a wide range of needs and long-term conditions. This service is usually provided to people for up to eight weeks to encourage them to achieve their goals and to live independently for as long as possible.

Reablement health care professionals include occupational therapists and physiotherapists. They also provide falls management, prevention and screening support as well as carrying out regular client reviews.

Referrals are made to the team through local health and social care professionals or by contacting the single point of access telephone number 01496 851045.

With Lochgilphead officially identified as an area potentially vulnerable to flooding, Argyll and Bute Council has commissioned a study into sustainable flood management in the area.

A public drop-in consultation event, the second of its kind since the study began in 2018, was held on August 29 at Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, with a steady trickle of people coming along to this and a similar event in Clachan, Kintyre.

At the drop-in, there was informal discussion around the potential shortlist of sustainable flood defence solutions that have been identified, as well as a chance to share local flood knowledge.

Comments from the public will help inform the final phase of the flood study to identify a preferred

flood scheme solution for Lochgilphead, which may then be presented for consideration to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Scottish Government.

Embankment

While there is nothing settled, ideas being considered include a coastal embankment at Lochgilphead front green; a raised sea wall at the front green; reducing overspill in the Crinan Canal; allowing natural flooding; a tidal barrage and adapting properties to withstand flooding.

Any comments for the study team can be emailed to morag.hutton@aecom.com.

To find out more about the Lochgilphead flood study, visit the Argyll and Bute Council website and look for the 'consultations' tab.

How should Argyll grow its food?

Argyll and Bute Council is seeking views on a new strategy to encourage and enable people who wish to grow their own food.

Councillors on the policy and resources committee last month approved the draft Argyll and Bute Council Food Growing Strategy, which is now subject to a four-week public consultation before being presented to the full council for final approval.

The strategy was developed in line with the Scottish Government's Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and will provide advice and guidance for individuals and community groups who wish to grow their own food, as well as information on potential community food growing spaces. This activity has a wide range of benefits including local food supply, health and wellbeing, social interaction and learning and contributing to the area's biodiversity and excellent environmental credentials.

Visit the Argyll and Bute Council website for more details on the consultation.

Groups join forces in fight against Tarbert pylon plan

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Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell last month reiterated his opposition to the pylons. He said: 'I have written to the company to seek another meeting and to confirm that I, and I believe the vast majority of the community, remain opposed to the current plan and that much is required by the company to resolve the issue.'

Approached by The Argyllshire Advertiser for comment, SSEN Transmission pointed out it had 'engaged widely' in the development process and claimed no formal objections were received from the local community or Argyll and Bute Council.

A spokesperson for SSEN Transmission said: 'We are committed to working closely with the local community, landowners and other stakeholders as part of the development of our landscape mitigation plan and as part of this will do all we can to try and minimise the visual impact in the Tarbert area.'

In their combined letter to Mr Wheelhouse, the community council, castle trust and harbour authority concluded: 'While we appreciate the need for an upgrade of the power line, it must surely be possible to route this in a way which avoids the Tarbert skyline.'

'We welcome an early opportunity to discuss available options.'

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LochWatch comes under fire from Loch Awe users

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Co-founder defends charity following patrol boat concerns

A co-founder of Loch Awe LochWatch has defended the charity he helped to set up following a barrage of criticism on the group's Facebook page last week.

Iain MacKinnon, Oban Coastguard station officer, formed the volunteer group, along with Murray Humphries, in response to a tragedy in which four men died on the loch in 2009.

The group was awarded registered charity status in 2013 and bought a patrol boat which in 2014 was fitted out with a radar. State-of-the-art night vision and a body heat sourcing device were also purchased thanks to funding and charitable donations.

Over the summer, however,

loch users have become increasingly concerned over the lack of sightings of the patrol boat and, on further investigation, it has been discovered the group has failed to provide information on its finances to the Scottish Charities Register (OSCR) within the stipulated nine months of its financial year-end date.

Steve Tapley, chairman of Pike Anglers' Alliance Scotland, said: "There have been many concerns voiced by loch users relating to the Loch Awe LochWatch charity

and nobody feels they are getting straight answers.

"Most just want to know why the patrol boat isn't on the water patrolling.

"This is a charity that has been funded by members of the public, loch users and the families of the men who died there in 2009. The longer LochWatch remains silent, the worse it will get.

"We, the loch users, want to help but we don't seem to be getting any response from the people who are supposed to be running it."

Mr MacKinnon, who is

also a senior environmental health officer with Argyll and Bute Council, admitted last week that he has 'taken my eye off the ball a bit', but said the group is working with the relevant people to get things back on track.

"Concerns raised regarding our charity number are currently being addressed and the matter is being dealt with by our accountants," he said.

"We have been in touch with OSCR since last May and a report to the AGM in February will include audited accounts.

"I am as passionate about LochWatch as I have ever been. The charity is run by volunteers who give their time freely. We currently have around 100 volunteers, many of whom carry out roles of LochWatch spotters and live in close proximity to Loch Awe.

"This is a charity that has been funded by members of the public, loch users and the families of the men who died there in 2009. The longer LochWatch remains silent, the worse it will get."

"Anyone who wants to volunteer with us can get in touch through our Facebook page."

Mr MacKinnon added that 'significant changes' within the emergency services over the past year have resulted in the introduction of a water rescue unit at Oban fire sta-

tion which can be launched anywhere at the loch and can be deployed quicker than the patrol boat. "Our boat is run by volunteers and the current crew all live and work in and around Oban," he added.

"This has been the case for a while as there was no-one more local to the loch available. However, in the past few weeks, two people who live near the loch have come forward to volunteer as crew.

"We have a good relationship with the emergency services and work alongside them when any situation arises. Awareness and getting a safety message out to people is also a big part of our work and we have had great success on that front."

Meetings are taking place this week to decide on a future plan for the LochWatch patrol boat.

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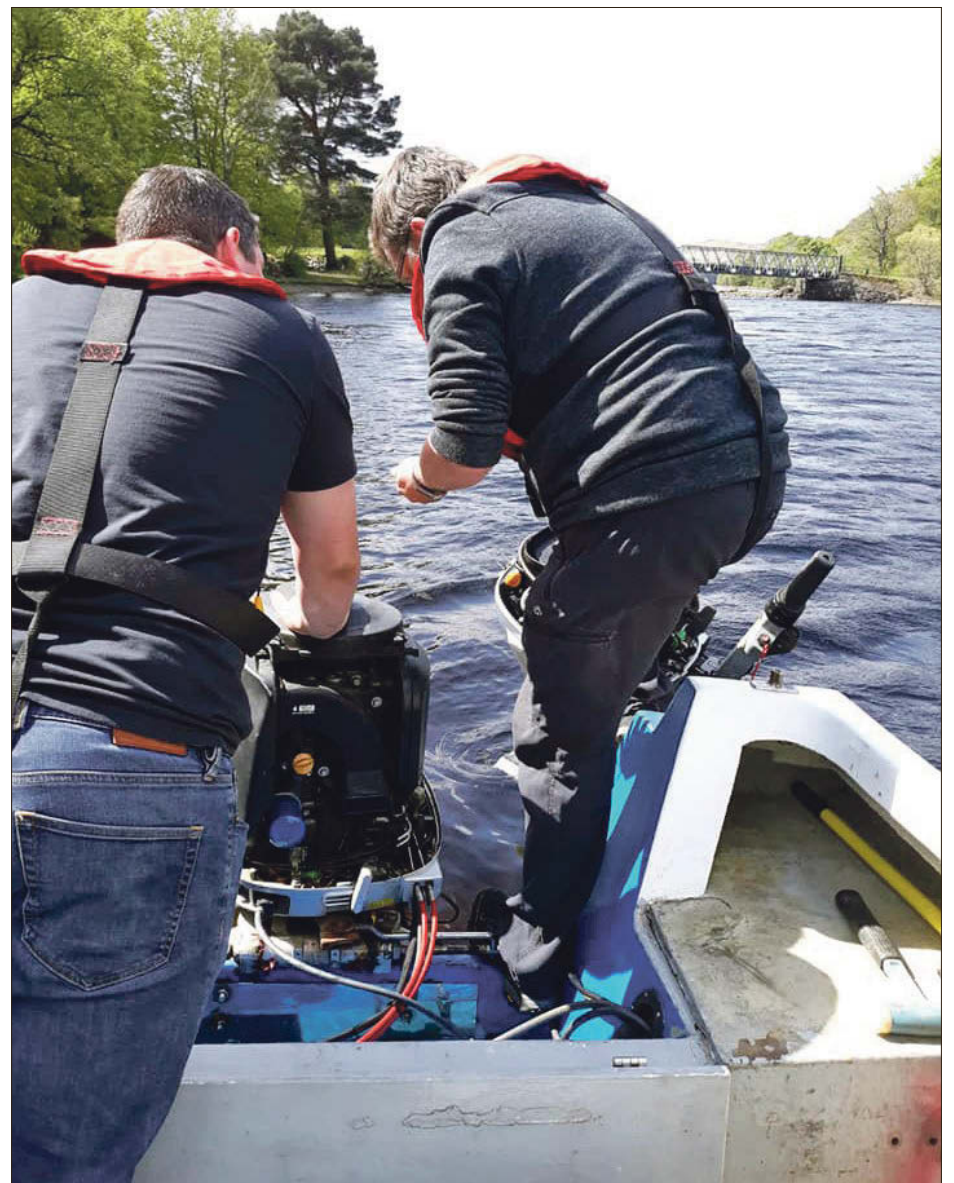


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GP service and gimmicks

Sir,
I read with interest the letter from Doctor Strain in the August 30 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Might I suggest that to produce a meaningful logo for the GP practices the following criteria are applied:

The logo will need to show the first telephone call answered by receptionist who advises a doctor will contact you, usually in the next four hours (do not leave home).

Call arrives in due course, during which you will be interrogated against some type of tick box questionnaire.

Then, if the doctor wishes to see you, a time will be given for your appointment. The time will be flexible, add half an hour to be on the safe side.

Finally the logo should highlight that the doctor with whom you spoke may not be the one you see. In fact, this person may not have been in the hospital or even the county. May I suggest there are better ways to provide a service to treat patients, without resorting to gimmicks.

Name and address supplied.

Bountiful bramble bush

Sir,
I was intrigued to read Finlay Craig's (b) ramblings in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

Would he be willing to share the location of his magical bramble bush for it appears the fruits of this bountiful bush, when mixed into a pie, contain mystical properties that can transport the diner to another world?

May I suggest he tries a cold slice of reality pie now and again which would snap him out of his biased reverie and bring him back to the reality of the UK parliament being suspended and the Scottish representative of the party responsible for that outrageous manoeuvre vacating her post in protest?

In contrast, the Scottish government is working, along with others, to stop Scotland being dragged out of Europe against its wishes. Or perhaps the suspension of democracy is okay in his dream world?

If Mr Craig or any of his friends eat too much of his prodigious pie, I am sure they will not hesitate to avail themselves of a free prescription for their malaise and, should they need it, free

bus travel to the chemist to pick it up, all supplied by the Scottish Government. If they live on one of our beautiful islands, they can soon jump on one of the new ferries being completed as I write, again thanks to the Scottish Government.

All this aside, when he rejoins us on planet earth, Mr Craig might think of entering his mysterious pie in the baking section of next year's Mid Argyll Show, though I think by that time we may all be in need of something a little stronger from Scotland's political larder to extract us from the bitter reality of Brexit Britain.

Charles Ambrose,
Lochgilphead.

Making an autism difference

Sir,
The National Autistic Society wants to find exceptional people, schools and services making a huge difference to autistic children and adults and their families.

If readers know anyone like this, please nominate them for our eighth annual Autism Professionals Awards.

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Carol Povey, director
of the National Autistic Society's Centre for Autism.

Tory branch manager

Sir,
When Ruth Davidson resigned as branch manager of the Tories in Scotland, it was as well she did not upset those who were, and will remain, the real bosses - that is, Boris and co at the London head office. Her claim she 'wants to spend more time with her family' is the political equiv-

alent of the schoolchild's pathetic excuse 'Please Sir, the dog ate my homework'.

David Hay, Minard.

A cuppa for cancer relief

Sir,
I am thrilled Macmillan Cancer Support's World Biggest Coffee Morning is fast approaching.

I love a cuppa and it is great you can help people with cancer at the same time so I would love readers to get involved.

Macmillan's World Biggest Coffee Morning raises millions for the ever-growing number of people affected by cancer. Macmillan is not government funded, so without the public's generous help, the charity cannot provide the services needed in Scotland.

Around 200,000 coffee mornings are held in workplaces, schools and homes across the country every year. It could not be simpler and more fun to take part - come together as a community in support of people living with cancer and raise money for Macmillan. Macmillan is here to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, providing physical, financial and emotional support. The charity provides advice and support seven days a week on its free support line as well as through its 7,700 healthcare professionals.

But demand for Macmillan's services is constantly growing and it needs your help to support the growing number of people living with cancer.

Macmillan's World Biggest Coffee Morning takes place on Friday September 27 - but people can host whenever they want. People will be making a difference, however they get involved. Whoever you invite and whatever you serve, you can host your coffee morning your way - if you can't bake, that doesn't have to stop you.

Readers can find events nearby using the interactive map on www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee. Do something amazing and sign up to host a World's Biggest Coffee Morning at coffeeregister.macmillan.org.uk. Thank you.

Martin Clunes.



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Drop in the sea

We are not experts, but the costs involved in renewing 50 miles of power transmission lines, along with pylons and substation – plus the removal of what was there before – must be astronomical.

What would be the problem for SSEN Transmission to look at burying the short length of line passing across the Tarbert isthmus, or even laying a short length of subsea cable under the upper reaches of West Loch Tarbert?

It may have been costed based on the published design, but the money involved, relative to the whole project, would surely be negligible.

The company states no 'formal objections' were received and that it will 'do all it can' to minimise the visual impact. Well, people are now objecting formally, informally and every other way, and we await their revised plans with interest.

A story worth telling

You will notice something of a departure from our normal straight, third person, reporting style on page 13. The gentleman made such an impression that his story, we felt, was worth telling, and written in first person perhaps adds to the impact – but we'll let the reader be the judge.

An open letter to Brendan O'Hara MP

Dear Mr O'Hara,

I write to you regarding your recent undated, round-robin constituency letter and its misleading, generalising and obviously politically biased contents.

This is to mention nothing of its scaremongering phraseology and use of expressions such as 'crash out' of Europe.

Are you seriously suggesting that if we do not always agree with the Germans that they would stop buying our whisky, fish and tweeds? Or are they not wishing to sell their cars and wine to us? Or visit us as holiday-makers?

I think not.

Your party political bias is only too obvious and you should remember that while you were voted in as MP, it was only by a minority of Argyll and Bute residents, and certainly not by the majority of us.

In your snide comments about Boris Johnston – of whom I, too, am not a fan – you give not a single example to back up your contention that he is 'causing serious economic and social harm to both Argyll and Bute and Scotland as a whole'.

While no one expects the truth from politicians in general, we do actually expect it at a local level.

R Henderson,
Lochgilphead.

Remember the SSPCA

Sir,

The Scottish SPCA is urging the people of Scotland to share their stories, photographs and memories of the charity as it prepares to celebrate its 180th birthday.

Set up with the goal of aiding overworked horses and ponies in Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland's animal welfare charity was founded on 18 December 1839.

The Scottish SPCA now has nine animal rescue and rehoming centres and a world-leading wildlife hospital in Clackmannanshire. Last year, it rehomed over 5,000 domestic pets and successfully released 5,642 wild animals back to their natural environment. The society now also delivers industry-leading animal welfare educational programmes to people of all ages.

In my short time with the society I know of hundreds of examples of our dedicated people going above and beyond to do all they can for the animals and humans they come across. So, I can only imagine how many fantastic stories must be out there about the people who've worn our uniform since we were formed.

As well as those who have had a positive experience with us in the recent past, we are hoping to uncover some long lost tales from descendants of those we've touched in decades gone by.

The society wants anyone with any interesting anecdotes or memorabilia to get in touch via the website or by emailing 180.years@scottishspca.org.

Kirsteen Campbell, chief executive,
Scottish SPCA,

Unfair tariffs and buying local going forward

Sir,

The likelihood of the UK exiting the EU has now shifted from 'possible' to 'probable'.

That gives greater focus to our efforts to prepare and proof our farming industry from the impacts of no deal.

While it always has been the position of NFU Scotland that the UK must secure a favourable deal on the terms of exit with the EU, we must also support our industry through any change in the operating environment.

Many NFU Scotland members might think that their businesses won't be impacted, but the reality is that there will be implications for all of us. Some will be direct and immediate, and others more indirect and emerging through time – but the one certainty is that these will be felt by all of us involved in the agri-food chain.

There are a few things that would make a big difference if applied right across the board in the UK.

First, the UK Government's proposed import tariff schedule desperately requires revision. It would expose some produce – specifically cereals, oilseeds, potatoes, eggs and horticultural produce – to a tariff going into the EU, but would allow that same product to come into the UK with no tariff.

This is farcical.

To apply asymmetrical tariffs on any products between us and the EU is to completely misunderstand the nature of food security in

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the UK and fails to recognise that trade is vital to both the UK and the EU.

One thing that can be done, regardless of Brexit, is for our own governments to prioritise using our own products when it comes to public procurement.

All our politicians like to talk about how good our agricultural industry is in comparison to others across the world in terms of standards and environmental benefits, but we don't see nearly enough in the way of Scottish or British products being prioritised for use in schools, hospitals and other public services.

Yes, it may add one or two pence to a meal – but I would challenge governments and public procurement buyers what the real cost is of bringing products in from other parts of the world.

These products certainly don't meet our standards – not to mention the impact on climate change with food miles taken into consideration.

It's only a couple of years since the children in our schools were getting their chicken from Thailand. Things are improving, but it's still not Scottish chicken.

This is within the gift of both Holyrood and Westminster, but it might just be the catalyst for governments to work with local authorities to do the right thing when it comes to feeding those who use our public services.

**Martin Kennedy, vice-president,
NFU Scotland.**

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YOUR PICTURES



Moving slightly from the avian theme of the last two photographs in the 'Your Pictures' series, we return this week to the beauty of Argyll. This tranquil scene of a late summer sunset was tak-

en at Crinan by reader Rosemary Neagle from Kilmartin. Send your favourite photographs to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

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Skill, strength and musical talent at Cowal extravaganza



Dunoon Grammar School enters the competition arena. 51_CHG2019_DGSpipeband01



Mid Argyll Pipe Band perform their winning Grade 4A set under the watchful gaze of the judges. 51_CHG2019_MAPB05

by Colin Cameron
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Thousands of people from across the world came to Dunoon for the 125th Cowal Highland Gathering, one of Argyll's biggest showpiece events.

From the hundreds of dancers and pipe band members, to heavy athletes, ceilidh bands, axe throwers and many other entertainers, this was a fantastic three days of entertainment between Thursday August 29 and Saturday August 31.

The wet weather which had made the Friday interesting for dancers and solo pipers was forgotten on the

Gathering's final day, the weather improving as the competition heated up.

Royal Burgh of Stirling Pipe Band won the Grade 1 Cowal Pipe Band Championships 2019 to take home the famous Argyll Shield.

In the other grades, Kintyre Schools Novice Juvenile B won the 15-strong Grade 4B competition, with Oban High School and Dunoon Grammar School in seventh and 11th place respectively.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band took first place in the Grade 4A contest with an excellent season-ending performance, beating Lower Clyde Pipes and Drums into second place. Rothesay and District took

third, while Kintyre Schools were placed fourth.

In Grade 3, Stockbridge took the honours ahead of Oban High School. The Grade 3 March, Strathspey and Reel competition was a different story, as Oban took first. But the Grade 4A Mid Argyll band proved they are not out of place in the higher grade when they took the second prize.

In a successful day in Dunoon for Oban High School, the band also came third in Grade 2 and won the Grade 2 MSR.

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with top honours in the under 13 category Premier going to Eilidh Gammons from Helensburgh, with Solana McMurchy from Campbeltown winning the under 13 Intermediate category.

Top prize in the 13 and under 16 category Premier went to Isla Flint from Helensburgh. Linzi Cameron from Campbeltown triumphed in the 16 years and over class.

The biggest Highland dancing competition in the world – the World Championship finals – saw dancers from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA pitting their skills against the best the UK has to offer.

Throughout Saturday afternoon, some of the world's hottest traditional music bands entertained the crowds in the now-famous live music tent, with multi award-winning Tíre band Skerryvore bringing down the house.



Pipe Major Craig Lang greets the steward as he takes Mid Argyll Pipe Band into the competition arena. 51_CHG2019_MAPB03

They were joined by up-and-coming bands Beinn Lee and Rhuvaal, alongside harmonica maestro Donald Black.

While they were entertaining in the live music tent, the heavy athletes and wrestlers battled it out for top honours in the stadium.

In the international heavy athletics team competition, Scotland carried off the trophy, with Iceland runners-up.

Daniel Carlin from Scotland triumphed in the men's heavy events individual competition, with Heisi Geirmundson from Iceland just half a point behind in second.

In the women's event, Mhairi Porterfield from Scotland beat off the chal-

lenge of Christina Scheffaur from Austria.

Cowal Highland Gathering chairman Ronnie Cairns said: 'It's very rewarding for everyone involved in its organisation to see and hear how much people enjoy it,' he said. 'There are so many people working away behind the scenes to ensure everything is as good as it can possibly be by the time the last weekend in August arrives and I'd like to thank all our supporters, volunteers and sponsors for once again pulling it off.'

'I'd like to thank everyone for ensuring it has been such a great event and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to Dunoon for the 2020 Gathering.'

Craig Anderson, chief

executive of headline sponsor Scottish Salmon Company said: 'Once again the Cowal Highland Gathering 2019 was a great success. We're very proud to be a long-term sponsor of the event.'

See pages 10 and 11 for more photographs.



Pipe Major Angus MacColl led Oban High School to a successful day at Cowal. 51_CHG2019_ObanHighSchoolPB01



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, under the charge of Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell. 51_CHG2019_KintyreSchoolsPB01



An impressive array of pipe band trophies, each with a rich history, awaits the 2019 winners ahead of the march past. 51_CHG2019_PipeBandTrophies01

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There is always plenty of entertainment among the skill and strength of the Scottish backhold wrestlers. 51_CHG2019_Wrestling03



Amused by the fact they were handed XL and XXL T-shirts, heavy athletes Pora Proteinsdottir, left, of Iceland and England's Lucy Marshall wondered if they could both get into one top. They could. 51_CHG2019_messingaround01

The axe throwing was a draw. 51_CHG2019_AxeThrowing01



Individual men's heavy events champion, Scotland's Daniel Carlin, wins the caber with a mighty heave. 51_CHG2019_DanielCarlin01



Celtic harmonica maestro Donald Black from Benderloch warmed up music tent revellers with music and banter. 51_CHG2019_DonaldBlack01



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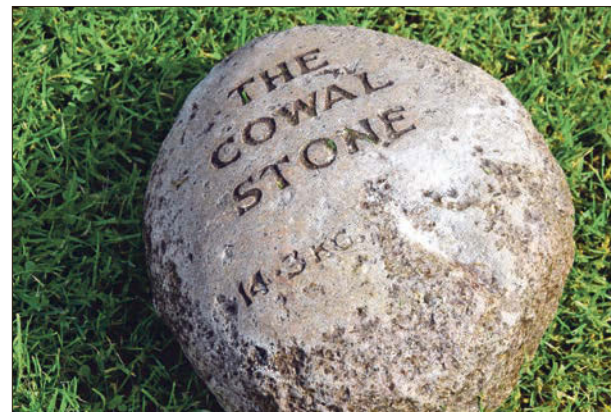


The victorious heavy events team – Scotland. From left: Daniel Carlin, Craig Winslow and Mhairi Porterfield. 51_CHG2019_HeavyWinners_Scotland01



Above: popular English heavy athlete Lucy Marshall can't hide her delight as she sets a new weight over the bar record of 17 feet, beating the previous best – set herself in 2018 – by a clear foot.

51_CHG2019_LucyMarshall_17feet01



Left: The historic Cowal Stone. At 34lbs, it is twice the weight of a standard shot putt.

51_CHG2019_CowalStone01

Uist band Beinn Lee performed to a rousing reception in the live music tent. 51_CHG2019_BeinnLee01



The live music tent was packed for Skerryvore. 51_CHG2019_Skerryvore02



Headline act Skerryvore nearly blew the roof off the live music tent with a high-energy performance. 51_CHG2019_Skerryvore01

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An impressive eagle, and a birdie, at island golf course

They may not be everyone's cup of tea, given their occasional tendency to prey on livestock, but sea eagles are undeniably impressive.

Isle of Mull visitor Brian Redpath, 52, from Northern Ireland got the surprise of his life when a sea eagle chick being observed by Mull Eagle Watch put on quite a show for him.

Only days out of the nest at Craignure Golf Club, the chick had barely flown at all, preferring to walk everywhere.

But Brian was in the right place at the right time when the Mull Eagle Watch sea eagle chick finally took to the skies at Craignure Golf course.

RSPB Scotland's Mull officer David Sexton sent the photographs saying: 'After last year's sad failure we've been worrying day and night

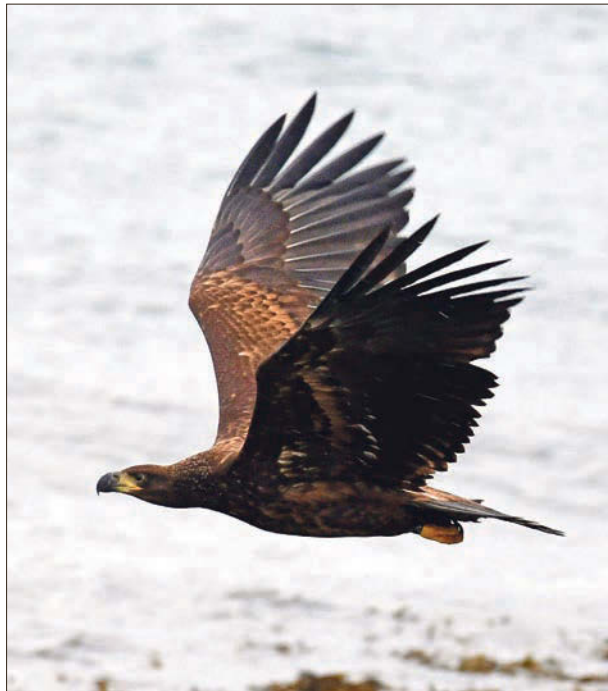
about this chick, so to see him taking his first flight and looking so strong and confident is just the best possible news.

'We can sleep a little more soundly now knowing he's on his way. Brian did an amazing job capturing these shots and we're so grateful to him for sending them to us. The chick and adult eagles are now showing very well on a daily basis for our visitors.'

First time

Brian said: 'It was just a case of being in the right place at the right time as the eaglet finally spread his wings and took to the skies for the first time.'

Mull Eagle Watch is run by the Mull and Iona Community Trust, RSPB Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry and Land Scotland, and Police Scotland.

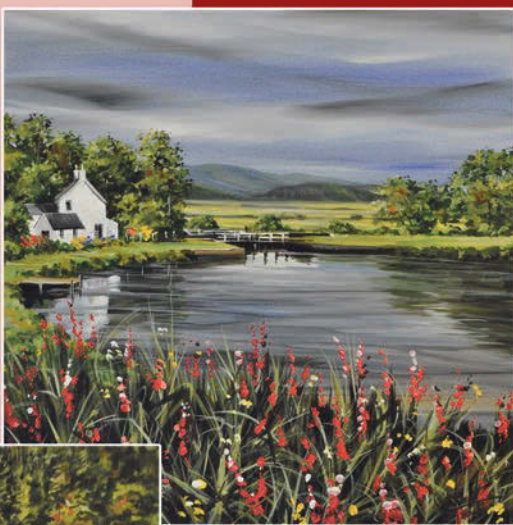


The sea eagle chick takes to the air for the first time.

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Taking time to have a wee blether

by Colin Cameron
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Everyone has a story to tell.

I was reminded of this a couple of weeks back, on a busy day at The Argyllshire Advertiser in Lochgilphead.

An elderly couple quietly entered the office, drawn in by our attractive range of locally-themed tea towels and mugs (available at great value prices, just call in) as souvenirs to take home from their holiday in the region. After a while the lady left to rejoin her daughter and grandchildren outside. But her husband stayed a little longer and, just for conversation's sake, I asked where their home was.

The gentleman, let's call him George, replied that they came from East Anglia. He quickly added: 'Of course, I don't come from there. I'm from London.'

As if realising where he was, George raised his eyes as we spoke, looked round the office and asked: 'You're in the newspaper business then?'

'I used to be a printer in newspapers,' he continued. He began to tell his story, and it was quite a tale.

'I was called into the boss's office one day when we printed out of Wapping.'

The boss, he said, was colourful tycoon Tiny Rowland.

George continued: 'He said to me, "I'll be closing this place down soon and I can give you a bit of money

now and you can leave, but you've been a good servant to me, George, and I want to do something for you if you'll stay on".'

He asked where George and his wife would like to live, and he bought them a house in East Anglia, a place they'd always loved. And a holiday on top of that.

At that point George winced and mentioned he was feeling some old injuries, and began to explain: 'I was in bomb disposal in the army, you see.'

'We went in after the end of the war when the Germans were rebuilding their cities. They kept finding our bombs, so we went in and dealt with them. Sometimes we would freeze them and we used to take them and blow them up in a certain unlucky German town.'

He went on: 'Then I went to Korea, and that was something else. The Chinese used to link mines together with string, so if one went off so did the other.'

'We were clearing a mine-field one day when my mate got killed.'

'He was in front and I was in the third row behind him. Joe was from London, too, and we had said beforehand that if either of us bought it, the other one would go and see the parents.'

He went on, eyes slightly glazing: 'I went to see Joe's mum and dad, and they were ever so grateful.'

Back from Korea, he stayed



George saw service in the Korean War, carrying out bomb disposal.

on for a while in the army but returned to civilian life in the mid-1950s and went back to complete his printing apprenticeship.

Shortly after Tiny Rowland's gesture, George's wife sadly passed away in East Anglia, but in time he remarried, and was in Mid Argyll holidaying with his second wife, leading to our chance meeting in August 2019.

Our blethering made me late (just a bit) for an appointment, but it was a pleasure to meet George.

It's good to talk.

The Big Sing comes to Tarbert

Members of South Argyll Guilds Together (SAGT) are inviting those who love to sing to join them at their Wee Big Sing in Tarbert.

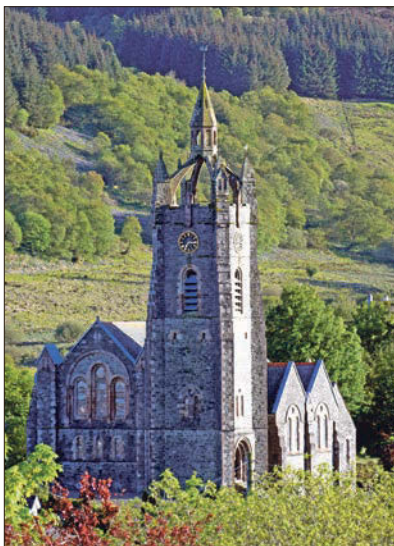
The Big Sing is a national event held at the Church of Scotland's General Assembly, bringing together almost 1,000 guild members and friends from across the world in celebration of congregational singing.

A SAGT spokeswoman said: 'It is always oversubscribed and held far from here, so, undaunted, we are holding our own, smaller version - hence the title!'

'This will be an event at which we will sing our favourite hymns, chosen by the guilds of the area; our very own Songs of Praise, if you will.'

The spokeswoman stressed that although the event is organised by the guild, it is not just for the guild, adding: 'If, like us, you feel congregational singing is one of the glories of the Presbyterian tradition, then come along and sing to the glory of God. Male voices would be especially welcome.'

The Wee Big Sing will be held at Tarbert Parish Church on Saturday September 7 at 2pm, followed by tea and biscuits in the church hall.



The event will be held at Tarbert Parish Church. 50_c36tarbertchurch01

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The Arrochar Alps will play a big part later this month in raising money to fight the cruelty of brain tumours.

On September 28, Brain Tumour Research will be organising a series of Walks of Hope around the UK to raise money and awareness of its cause. In Scotland, charity fundraisers will be tackling the 2,946ft Cobbler in a seven-mile trek.

Joe Woollcott, of Brain Tumour Research, said: 'We're meeting at the Slanj pub in Tarbet at 10am on September 28. They are kindly providing us with free parking and food and a drink to come back to.'

'We estimate it will take between four and six hours to complete, and at the peak there should be magnificent views of Loch Lomond and beyond. Pray for clear skies.'

Anyone who wants to join in the fundraising trek



would be very welcome. Other Walks of Hope will be held in Bedfordshire, Bristol, London, Newcastle

and Warwickshire on the same day.

Joe explained: 'Please wear walking boots/shoes and suit-

able clothing for the Cobbler. It's always a good idea to bring a waterproof in case of rain, water to keep yourself

hydrated and sun cream in case it is a hot day. Dogs on leads are welcome, though this walk is not suitable for

The target – Ben Arthur, otherwise known as the Cobbler – and 2,946 feet high.

wheelchairs or pushchairs. To take part, visit the www.braintumourresearch.org website, click on 'Fundraise' and follow the instructions from there. The entry fee is £10 per adult or £30 per family of four, including T-shirts and finishers' medals.

Joe concluded: 'If you can raise £100, you can help us to achieve our target of £80,000 and get us closer to a cure.'

Devastating

Brain tumours can affect anyone at any age. In fact, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet historically just one per cent of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

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The first online map showing seven weekly organised health walks in Argyll and Bute has been launched.

Created by walking charity Paths for All, the new map shows when and where local walks are taking place as well as information about how to join them.

More than 670 walks have been registered in Scotland, from Lerwick to Dumfries and Galloway, and the charity is encouraging the public to get online and join their nearest Health Walk to improve their wellbeing.

The walking map aims to make it easier for people to become more active while meeting new people in their local community. The walks are free, low-level and last around 30 minutes.

Ian Findlay CBE, chief officer at Paths for All, said: 'Regular walking is such a powerful tool that can do



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wonders for your social, mental and physical health and we hope that this new map will make it easier for people to get involved in Health Walks.

'People are often surprised by how a simple weekly walk can become such a big part of their lives. We see people build strong friendships on Health Walks and discover little bits about the local history and wildlife of the places where they live that can give them a whole new meaning and stronger sense of community.'

The volunteers who lead the walks have been trained, know the most accessible routes for people of varied abilities and ensure a warm welcome to new walkers.

There are also specialised walks, especially for people with dementia and those who have been affected by cancer.

Ian added: 'There's room for everyone on our Health Walks and we encourage you all to have a look at what's taking place in your local area and join in.'

'We expect this fantastic tool to be a big success and look forward to seeing more routes and organised walks being added to the map over time as the walking community across Scotland grows.'

Across Argyll and Bute, there are organised walks listed in places including Oban, Dunoon, Rothesay, Glendaruel, Islay and at Blarbuie Woodland in Lochgilhead. The list of walks for all abilities is growing all the time.

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CHARTS showcase comes to Oban

Argyll artists will be showcasing their work in an inspirational programme of exhibitions, experiences, workshops and discussion at St John's Cathedral in Oban this month.

The day, organised by CHARTS, a network of creative people and organisations living and working in Argyll and the Isles with the objective of supporting, connecting and growing the creative industries sector, will provide an immersive cultural environment to meet, learn and experience a diverse and talented network of culture, heritage and arts professionals.

Plans

There will be an opportunity to meet representatives of the recently constituted CHARTS SCIO, and learn of its plans for the ongoing support of the sector.

Highlights include talks from Cove Park and Cultural Documents; performances from Clair Tierney, Mark Neal and Eilidh Steel; demonstrations from Archipelago folk school; workshops from

Jamie Smith and Deville Studios; exhibitions from Lynne Cameron and Argyll Papers; plus lots more to discover.

Talking ahead of the event, visual artist and contemporary abstract painter Lynne Cameron said: 'I think it's a great idea to bring artists together in this kind of showcase event. Although I love the silence and solitude of working in my island studio, I'm looking forward to meeting other people in the network and having the chance to share my paintings in this way.'

CHARTS are delighted to be hosting the event in the beautiful setting of St John's Cathedral in the heart of Oban.

St John's Provost, the Very Reverend Margi Campbell, said: 'We are so delighted to welcome this really exciting day to the cathedral. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience our rich heritage and culture, music, arts and crafts that are so much a part of Argyll and the Isles in a building which is celebrating



The inside of St John's Cathedral.

155 years since it was first built in 1884 as a small church in the fields.'

The evening will see the premiere screening of five short films, each capturing a different element of culture,

heritage and arts in Argyll and the Isles, with these and further performances being live-streamed globally.

Music, dance, piping, the Gaelic language, art, craft, history and heritage will all

come together to promote and celebrate Argyll's creative talents.

David Price, chairman of CHARTS, said: 'Our challenge, recognising the extraordinary artistic and

geographic diversity of Argyll and the Isles, is to give as many of our creative individuals and organisations as possible an opportunity to showcase their talents. Cutting-edge technology enabling live-streaming into and out of the event will be an important contributor to achieving this objective.'

Encourage

Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for Communities, Housing, Islands and Gaelic, added: 'There is so much on offer across the day, so I would encourage people to get their free tickets and go along for a look.'

The event takes place on Saturday September 14, with an open exhibition between 11am and 5pm, and an evening reception between 6pm and 8pm. For more information, visit www.chartsargyllandisles.org.

The video was produced by Inner Ear and features a few of the participants in the programme. The music was provided by Eilidh Steel and Mark Neal.

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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

Ardrishaig meets Brazil – with a ceilidh twist

The vibrancy and energy of the Brazilian street festival is coming to Ardrishaig – with more than a hint of Scottish flavour.

After the success of LOOPING: Scotland Overdub at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Scottish Dance Theatre is taking this exciting show on tour.

Collaborating with a range of leading artists in dance, music and performance, Scottish Dance Theatre will

bring an afropunk street festival-inspired ceilidh culture experience to Argyll.

Scottish artists have re-imagined the Brazilian hit show LOOPING: Bahia Overdub with a Scottish twist, creating the political dance party that is LOOPING: Scotland Overdub.

With a fresh electronic dance score mixed live by DJ Torben Lars Sylvest, the full company of dancers will take to the stage to bring

this street festival ceilidh to people of all ages.

The performance features text produced in collaboration with acclaimed writer Kieran Hurley (Beats, Rantin') and moves by Felipe de Assis, Leonardo França and Rita Aquino of the Brazilian dance collective, 7Oito, made famous at the 2016 Panorama Festival in Rio.

Joan Clevillé, artistic director of Scottish Dance Theatre, said: 'The spirit of meeting and sharing runs through the veins of the company and is at the core of LOOPING: Scotland Overdub.'

'This immersive piece celebrates diversity and inclusion by creating an open space where difference is celebrated.'

'Shaking our expectations around ceilidh culture, Brazilian theatre collective 7Oito and Glasgow trailblazing playwright Kieran Hurley have joined forces with our dancers to create a unique performance experience, a political dance party where



The Scottish Dance Theatre show will shake up ideas about ceilidh culture.

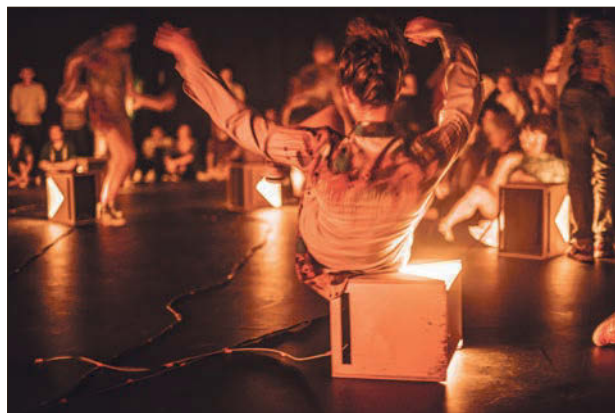
audiences are invited to imagine new worlds, new ways of living and co-existing together.

'I am thrilled by the prospect of presenting this work

in a range of communities around Scotland and I can't wait to see the reaction to the show in Ardrishaig.'

Scottish Dance Theatre's performance is at Ardrishaig

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Artmap Argyll – the trail of pleasant surprises



A surprise awaited around every corner on the Red Dot trail.

The 12th annual Artmap Argyll open studios celebration led visitors round studios and workshops across some of the most

beautiful and undiscovered parts of Argyll. Around 40 artists of all kinds threw open their doors over the last two weekends in August and, as ever, the variety of work and sheer creativity were exceptional.



Photographs taken using a pinhole camera by Tayvallich artist Nils Aksnes, capturing colours from the coast of Sound of Jura.



Artists Kat Robertson, Louise Oppenheimer and Karen Beauchamp at the Steamer Terminal Artmap exhibition in Ardrishaig.

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Come dressed for adventure – come as an alien, a space princess or an astronaut – and remember in space everyone can hear you sing!

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Bold colours in the 'neo naive' style by first time Red Dot participant Kate Bauen, based at Tíree Art Studio. She said: 'More than 80 people attended over the two Artmap weekends, a wonderful turnout by island standards.'



Artists from Arran paid a visit to Arthur Ker's studio, number 13 on the Red Dot trail.



Colin Woolf, whose studio is on the Lunga peninsula near Craobh Haven, with Autumn Gold, an oil on gesso painting of Glen Garry with red deer and a golden eagle overhead.



Tayvallich-based artist Caroline Hunter grew up on the Orkney Islands. She is famous for her understated yet powerful seascapes and opened up her studio-cum-garage during both Artmap weekends.



Colin was demonstrating his technique of painting with a feather from a woodcock.



Even a caravan counts as a Red Dot, as Jane Smith proves in Tayvallich.



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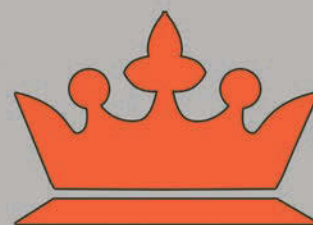
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A striking piece by screen printer Jane Smith from Tayvallich, a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists.



Kat Robertson from Ardfern describes herself as a 'stream of consciousness' artist who enjoys sharing the creative process.



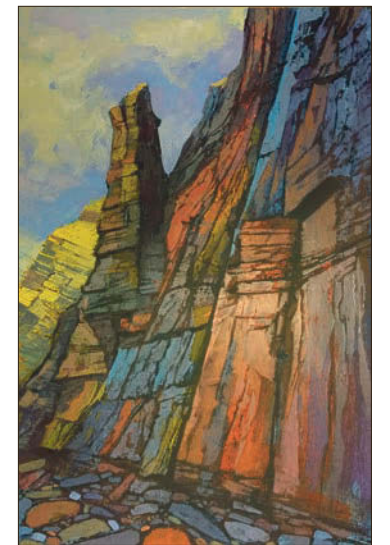
Based at Knipoch near Oban, artist Morag 'Mogs' Mellor draws particular inspiration from light playing on the hills and the sea.



Year-round swimmer and snorkeller Charlotte Goodlet from Carsaig makes stunning collages from the beauty of nature beneath the waves.



Wild swimmer and sculptor Melanie Chimielewska uses the grace and beauty of sea creatures to inspire her work. She is pictured working on her latest piece in her studio at Castleton, near Lochgilphead.



Pinnacle Rock on the Isle of Hoy, a painting by Ford artist Arthur Ker. The piece is one of a series developed from sketches made by Arthur during a recent extended stay on the Orkney Islands.



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Stuart Herd's life and art

A life full of work, travel and experience which has informed the vision and style of his art and won admirers world-wide

Highland coos, Argyll creelers, lonely phone boxes and yachts in full-sail all look down from walls around the world, a testimony to the talent of Tarbert-based artist, Stuart Herd.

His work has found its way into so many collections; visitors to the West Highlands and islands cannot get enough of Stuart's vision of the Highlands and his take on life here. Local people love his work because it reminds us all that, yes, we do live in a breath-takingly beautiful part of the world that we forget to stop and appreciate as we rush through our daily lives.

Stuart can take an old boat, left to rot on the shore, a shabby shelter on a seafront or an old phone box and turn it into a thing of beauty. Or a Highland cow, standing getting soaked in the rain into something joyous.

Perhaps it is his earlier training and work as a photographer that gives him the ability to find the perfect angle for his landscapes.

After photography college he worked for commercial studios, paid his dues as a press photographer and onboard cruise ships and also travelled the world on solo adventures staying in Jamaica working as an art auctioneer; it all conspired to be the perfect apprenticeship that helped him develop his unique style.



Born in Scotland and growing up in the south of England, with grandparents in Lochgilphead, Argyll was a place Stuart, aged 48, knew and loved and he chose to return here, and began working on his art while also earning a living framing pictures.

He still works from his studio in one of the old net

stores in Tarbert but also has a gallery in the village and has also opened one in Ullapool.

Stuart also met and married his wife here and they now have a son and the family lives in Tarbert.

As well as his own galleries and creating jobs in both, Stuart also exhibits in other leading galleries around Scotland and is

regularly in demand for commissions.

A visit to his studio finds paintings in progress and other paintings packaged, waiting to be shipped to clients all over the world.

Stuart also triumphed over a chance-in-a-million accident eight years ago which saw him injure and eventually, after operations, lose an eye; which

prompted his decision to establish a gallery business along side his art.

Some collectors choose one of his themes, be it landscapes, seascapes, winter, telephone or post boxes, fishing boats, yachts or more; others like to curate a portfolio from them all.

But one thing many of these landscape painting collectors might not know

that Stuart is also one of the world's leading, and sought after, stadium artists. He has drawn in pen and ink, with meticulous detail, sporting stadiums all across the UK, Ireland and Europe. Each is a scene during a match and the limited edition prints mounted in club colours are collected by sports fans from far and wide.



Choosing an independent school



Would this big decision help your child thrive?

How has your child settled back into the new school year?

Are they glad to be back and thriving on school life or do you think your child is not being stretched enough to realise their full potential? Perhaps there are areas where they need extra help.

Remember that every child is unique and so are their needs. No matter how good their state school is, there will always be an element of 'one-size-fits-all' in some aspects of school life. If, for some reason, your son or daughter is the one who is finding it hard to make that fit, you cannot help but wonder if they would be better off in the independent sector.

It is a big decision to make and one which has implications for all aspects of family life and finances.

But the extra-curricular activities and enhanced pastoral care of the independent sector can look like money well spent in providing for your child's future, when you consider the pressures that state education is under.

Class sizes can be a key point for children from remote or rural areas like the West Highlands and islands who have attended state primary schools with smaller classes, who may find themselves overwhelmed by the size of secondary schools.

More than 70 independent schools in Scotland, of which 19 are boarding schools, educate 4.1 per cent of pupils nationwide; 52 are mainstream, 21 offer additional support.

Independent education is one of the most important decisions you will make for your family and to help inform that decision you can visit the website of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools: www.scis.org.uk. The Scottish Council of Independent Schools is an educational charity which represents and promotes the interests of the independent schools across the country. Between them, they have more than 29,000 pupils.

Independent education IS affordable

One of the biggest mistakes people make about private education is that they cannot afford it and never consider the idea.

Good financial advice, prudence and parents and grandparents working together over savings and inheritance all make independent education achievable; some people look at using money from pensions or remortgaging property, others look at paying school fees as a way of working within inheritance tax legislation.

There are many ways to make it work and one of the best things to do is consult an expert financial planner.

School fees are paid from post-tax income and one way to help finance an independent education is via a school fee plan.

This is a convenient and manageable way for parents to pay for independent school fees and extras such as music tuition and trips, splitting the costs into regular monthly direct debits, like any other household bill.

At least £349 million has been given annually in fee assistance in the independent education sector in Scotland, with just under 27 per cent of all pupils receiving some form of assistance.

Lomond School

Situated in the coastal town of Helensburgh, on the edge of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, Lomond School offers a unique setting for girls and boys from nursery to senior 6 to learn and grow. A culture of hard work exists throughout the school and excellent academic achievement is supported by small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff, superb facilities and a significant emphasis on pupil happiness, health and wellbeing. As the only boarding school in the west of Scotland, Lomond School provides a number of options to suit families living in the West Highlands. Boarding is available from age eight and families can choose to take up flexi, weekly and full boarding, supported by a new travel service on Sunday and Friday evenings which can stop at a range of destinations along the Helensburgh to Oban route, travelling via both Lochgilphead and Crianlarich.

Within the boarding house, Burnbrae, the school provides a warm and secure environment with a distinct family feel. Like home, young people can meet with friends after school or at weekends and, as pupils mature, they can experience more freedom and prepare for life beyond school.

Academically, the school punches above its weight. Even though it operates an open presentation policy and is a non-selective school, Lomond is celebrating another outstanding SQA performance, with pass rates far exceeding the national average. Two new records were set this year with a 96% pass rate at National 5, and with almost 90% of all National 5 passes at A or B grade. Furthermore, 20% of leavers this year have been accepted to study dentistry, law, medicine or veterinary medicine. The school offers a wide range of subjects across all levels including economics,

business management, health & food technology and drama. Pupils can keep their options open by choosing a broad range of subjects with eight National 5s studied over two years and up to six Highers in S5 and four Advanced Highers in S6.

A recent HM Inspection commended Lomond as a 'vibrant, welcoming and very well-resourced school'.

The report stated: 'At all stages of the school, children and young people are highly motivated and actively involved in their learning. They are respectful, hard-working and respond very well to the overall high-quality learning experiences.'

Whether pupils join in sixth form or complete their whole education at the school, Lomond's young people leave with a strong sense of achievement and a real appetite for lifelong learning.



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- to provide impartial information, advice and guidance to parents
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Re-think your ideas about boarding

'We are now in a new era of boarding that can be as flexible as families need it to be, with schools offering flexi, weekly and full boarding.

'Flexi boarding is increasingly popular and could involve the child staying for just one or two nights a week, providing a good introduction to boarding for younger students.

'Even just staying for a couple of nights a week gives students extra time for activities and clubs, while being fully supported doing their homework in the evenings too.

'Having this extra time to carry out schoolwork means that when children do go home, they can enjoy pure family time without the stress of taking schoolwork home.

'This quality time is especially valuable for working families – they can dedicate their down time to having fun, instead of having to pester their children to do their homework!' – **Aileen Kane**, chief operating officer at the Boarding Schools' Association.



Statically speaking

- there are **29,495 pupils in 74 independent schools** – 4.1 per cent of pupils in Scotland
- there are **19 mainstream boarding schools with 2,772 pupils** – 35 per cent of boarders are from overseas
- **SCIS schools provide at least £51 million annually in fee assistance, with 24.1 per cent of all pupils receiving some form of assistance**
- **3.3 per cent of senior school pupils receive 100 per cent fee assistance**
- **the independent sector employs over 3,689 teaching staff**
- **there is one teacher for every eight pupils in SCIS schools**

(Information 2018 census of independent schools carried out by SCIS)

'Go make the world a better place'

'We work in partnership for the good of children and the wider community.

'I am inspired by the consistent commitment that I see from independent schools. From our ancient foundations to our modern aspirations, we are dismantling the ivory tower cliché and working with our partners to build a new future where we are more appropriately seen working shoulder to shoulder with our partners.

'I know that independent schools care deeply about all children, wherever they are educated.

'It comes with the territory of being a teacher – to make a difference, to help children. We commission our students, as they leave our schools, to go and make the world a better place. We must do the same' – **Shaun Fenton**, who chairs the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, speaking at the organisation's spring conference this year.



Strathallan School

At Strathallan School, our mission is to provide an outstanding education that gives opportunities for all pupils to perform to the very best of their abilities. Each individual, no matter their passion or interest, is supported and inspired to shine during their time at school. Our pupils excel academically, compete in sports at national and international levels, succeed in scholastic championships and play as part of nationwide orchestras and ensembles. In the 2018-19 academic year, 60 of our pupils played as part of a national sporting team and we became British and Scottish Champions across six sports.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We strive for excellence in everything we do, and academically our focus is on preparing pupils for higher education and beyond. Our flexible curriculum and innovative teaching means we can support every pupil, whatever their ambitions

and style of learning. In 2019, Strathallan students achieved their best A Level results in almost a decade, with a quarter of all A Level students awarded straight A* or A grades. Our leavers go on to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, international study, work placements, the armed forces and professional sporting careers.

GLOBAL CITIZENS

We make the most of our self-contained, rural location every day, but at our core, we are a truly international community with pupils and alumni around the globe. This diversity of community and experience means Strathallians leave our school with the maturity and cultural intelligence to succeed, wherever they go.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL TO EXCEL

Our pupils find confidence in themselves at Strathallan. They have the freedom and space to develop their own skills in

an idyllic environment with the support of a close, caring community.

We ensure there is something for every one of our pupils, and any parent choosing Strathallan will quickly realise that their child will be known here for who they are, for their individual abilities and for their potential.

Young people leave Strathallan with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their chosen career, and the confidence to make their mark on the world.

'I look back at my time at Strathallan with fondness. The quality of education in the classroom, in the creative arts and on the sports field was of the highest possible level. With Strathallan on my CV there are no doors that are not open to me' – Former pupil

Open morning, Saturday October 12, 2019. Register online at www.strathallan.co.uk/open-days.



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- Parent testimonial



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TARBERT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Friday September 20 – Sunday 22

We have said it before and we will say it again – Tarbert knows how to throw a party

The village of Tarbert Loch Fyne is not just famous for its fishing fleet; it has a dedicated core of people who have worked tirelessly over the years to create a name for the village as a festival destination of choice and a great source of entertainment for Argyll folk and tourists alike.

The upcoming music festival is one of a collection including the traditional boat, Scottish Series, seafood, book and Christmas festivals and the centuries old Tarbert Fair.

You have just got to admire their dedication and community spirit and go along and experience it yourself by joining in a weekend of great music.

The village will be bursting at the seams with a full programme of music and a variety of bands playing in various locations throughout.

And that's not counting all the impromptu music sessions that break out.

The big gig in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday night, with Tide Lines as headliners, has sold out already. It is a ticket only event and organised by Clachan Village Hall to raise funds for the new hall. Please remember this is a ticket only event and that under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday on the quay is a free, open air concert and

is held from approximately 1.30pm to 6pm, everyone is welcome and this year the music is provided by Rhuvaal, Mad Ferret Band and Gary Innes Duo.

Saturday 10am-noon there is a coffee morning in the Templars Hall to help boost music festival funds.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band will play on Saturday at Loch Fyne Pipe Band on Sunday.

Check out the venues around the village for bands and jamming sessions.

Festival polo shirts and tee-shirts are on sale at venues throughout the village.



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What's on

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Saturday afternoon: Matt McAllister
Saturday night: Two Bob Rocket

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NFUS survey to define 'crucial role' played by non-UK workers



A key post-Brexit goal of NFU Scotland is to ensure continued access to non-UK workers, both permanent and temporary.

Last week, the farmers' union called on the government to make essential decisions affecting the availability of non-UK labour with urgency. Writing to the Home Secretary Priti Patel MP, the union underlined the 'critical role' in Scottish food and farming of non-UK nationals in filling seasonal, temporary and permanent positions in delivering 'high-quality Scottish produce from field to fork'.

Governments, MPs, MSPs, the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), researchers and others regularly question the scale of the problem.

The survey, launched on Monday, seeks to address the fact that much of the

information on the vital role of non-UK staff is anecdotal – especially on permanent workers.

Ahead of an expected consultation from the MAC and to better inform NFU Scotland's lobbying, farm-based and agri-food businesses are asked to complete the short survey by Monday September 23.

The survey is available to all online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFUSNonUKLabourUse>.

There are two sections, one for non-seasonal workers and one for seasonal workers (eg, those who come in the summer for harvest work). For permanent staff, the union is also keen to establish if non-UK workers have applied to the UK Government's EU Settled Status Scheme.

On seasonal workers, the union is asking further ques-

tions on the success or otherwise of the pilot Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS).

In its letter to the Home Office, NFU Scotland called for 80,000 SAWS permits to be made available.

President Andrew McCornick said: 'We are absolutely convinced that without non-UK workers, many farm-based businesses and the agri-food supply chain will be unproductive and unable to maintain the provision of food to UK consumers. But we need facts and figures to back up our lobbying effort on this and I urge anyone affected to complete this short survey.'

'There is complete reliance in the soft fruit and field vegetable sectors on a non-UK seasonal workforce. While the SAWS pilot scheme is certainly a step in the right

direction, it will not provide nearly enough permits if shortages such as those experienced in 2017 and 2018 arise.

'Should the Home Office end free movement in the event of a no deal on October 31, then the government must act with urgency now to ensure up to 80,000 seasonal permits are available for a non-UK workforce to undertake work next season.

'On permanent workers, the proposal for all permanent staff coming into the UK to be working in a job that pays upwards of £30,000 is unworkable within the Scottish context and sets an arbitrary threshold with no basis in the reality of employment patterns within Scottish agriculture or food and drink processing.

'If the proposed immigration scheme is not amended



Andrew McCornick, president of NFU Scotland.

to provide access to lower paid workers, then the Shortage Occupation List must be expanded. Gaining facts through this survey

will allow us to submit the strongest evidence for a differentiated proposal for workers in Scottish farming and agri-food.'

Trade slower at Dalmally sheep sale

United Auctions held its second sale, of 3,804 lambs and sheep, at Dalmally Auction Mart last Friday, August 30.

All classes met with a slower trade on the week with averages levelling out at £44.08. Most lots were down between £3/£4 on the week.

Principal lots and prices: Top price per head: Lambs: SUFFx: £54.00 - Glenbrooke; £44.50 - 6 Leanish (Barra); £44.00 - Maam Farm. BELTx: £54.50 - Blarghour Farm. TEXx: £75.00 - Tiretigan Farm; £61.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £61.00 - Clachan Farms (Kilninver); £58.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £58.50 - Barguilean; £58.00 - Tiretigan Farm; £57.50 - Innissheroch; £57.50 - Stonefield Farms. CHEV: £55.00 - Glenbrooke; £49.00 - Braefoot; £46.00 - Curacao; £45.00 - Bragleenbeg; £45.00 - 83 Borve (Barra). CROSS: £55.50 - Feorline; £55.50 - Keilbeg; £53.50 - Ricruin. MULE: £63.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £54.50 - Stonefield Farm; £53.50 - 83 Borve (Barra); £53.00 - Glenshellach. HAMPx: £47.50 - Glenbrooke. BF: £54.00 - Feorline; £44.00 - Innissheroch; £43.00 - Maam; £40.00 - 83 Borve (Barra). Ewes: TEXx: £53.00 - 83 Borve (Barra); £49.00 - Tombuie. CHEV: £45.00 - Braefoot; £42.00 - 6 Leanish

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Top prices per kilo: Lambs: SUFFx: 151p - 6 Leanish (Barra); 149p - Glenbrooke; 148p - Maam Farm; 148p - Greenfield; 148p - Glenbrooke. BELTx: 180p - Blarghour. TEXx: 171p - Evanachan; 170p - Ederline Estate; 169p - Glenshellach; 168p - Duntuim; 167p - Tiretigan; 166p - Ormsary Farmers; 164p - Antuim; 163p - Crunachy; 163p - 83 Borve (Barra); 162p - Keppoch Farms; 161p - Clachan Farms (Kilninver); 160p - Blarghour; 160p - Blarmafoldach. CHEV: 161p - Blackmount; 155p - Bragleenbeg; 153p - Blackmount. CROSS: 160p - Ricruin; 157p - Caddleton Farms; 156p - 56 Tangasdale (Barra). MULE: 155p - Ormsary Farmers; 152p - 83 Borve (Barra); 151p - Stonefield Farms. HAMP: 161p - Glenbrooke Farm. BF: 138p - Tullochcan; 135p - Feorlin; 132p - Maam; 132p - Stroneskar; 132p - Maam; 130p - Balantyre Farm.

NFU Mutual appoints new chairman

Richard Percy will step down as chairman of NFU Mutual at the end of September after 16 years with the UK's leading rural insurer – seven of them as chairman.

Richard said: 'It has been a huge privilege to have served the Mutual over the past 16 years. I am extremely proud of being part of this business which has grown strongly in the wider rural community and food processing sectors and, at the same time, developed its service to protect farm businesses through good times and bad, while keeping at the forefront of technological change.'

Lindsay Sinclair, NFU Mutual group chief executive, said: 'Under Richard's chairmanship, NFU Mutual has continued to flourish and I would like to thank him for

the part he has played in the company's success.'

Richard joined the NFU Mutual board in 2003 and became chairman in 2012. He previously held a number of roles at the National Farmers' Union (NFU), including serving as an NFU Council member. He lives and farms in Bovingdon in Hertfordshire.

Jim McLaren, who has served on NFU Mutual's board since 2012, has been elected to the role of chairman with effect from October 2019.

A former NFU Scotland president, Jim is a mixed beef and arable farmer from Perthshire. He was awarded an MBE in 2017 for services to agriculture. His beef enterprise consists of a herd of pedigree Simmentals and a

bull finishing unit. His arable enterprise runs to more than 1,000 acres, growing mainly winter wheat and spring malting barley, with some land let out for potatoes, peas and carrots.

Jim was president of NFU Scotland from 2007 until 2011. He is a past chairman of Quality Meat Scotland, having held the position from 2011 to 2018, and a past non-executive director of Scottish Agricultural Colleges (SRUC).

Jim said: 'As a mutual insurer protecting over three quarters of UK farmers, and a strong supporter of the National Farming Unions, NFU Mutual is one of the countryside's leading organisations and as chairman I am looking forward to helping further develop its services.'

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Gaia Silvan sold her artwork in 2018. 50_c36smallholders01

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For a wonderful family day out, look no further than Clachan Smallholders Gathering in the village on September 7.

There will be something for everyone.

Where else could you take part in a medieval jousting contest (on foot), throw things at people in the stocks, see vintage tractors, eat and buy lots of delicious local produce and crafts and end the evening with a great social.

'We are a small community-based event offering a good day out for all the family, mum, dad, children, everyone,' said Gareth Roberts, a member of the organising team.

There will be plants on sale and plenty of home-grown vegetables.

Kintyre Knitwear will be among the stalls offering clothes, jams, chutneys,

marmalades, home-baking and bread.

There will also be green woodworking and plenty of games and fun for children.

The daytime event has loads of excellent stalls, face painting, children's activities, refreshments, crafts, plants and local produce. Loch Fyne Pipe Band and UQA choir will also be performing.

The daytime fun runs from noon until 4pm with evening events from 7pm until midnight.

The day ends with an evening social at Tayinloan Village Hall, as the need for a new village hall in Clachan means this can no longer be held there. Music will be provided by Famous Last Words, Endorphins, Dave Bagley and DJ Malc.

Clachan Village Hall is the heart of village life, home of annual pantos and dramas, concerts, sales, talks and socials. Everyone has been working so hard to keep the old hall going



Woodcarver Henry Murdo displayed some impressive pieces at last year's event. 50_c36smallholders06



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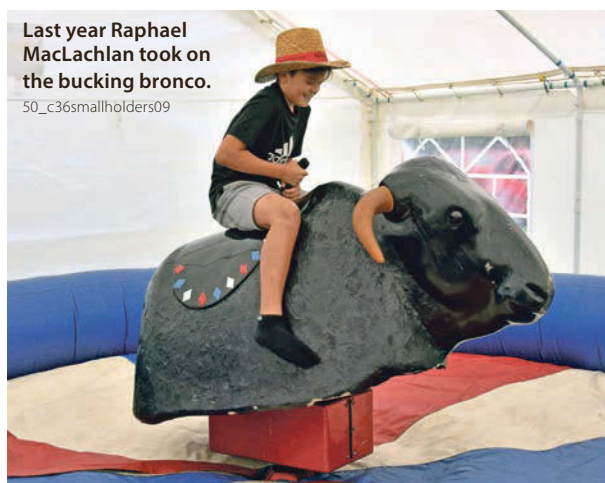
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Last year Raphael MacLachlan took on the bucking bronco.

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as well as fund raising for a new one.

You can help by turning up and supporting the gathering, making a donation online and by taking part in a survey.

A fundraising team spokesperson said: 'It would be a great boost towards our new village hall if anyone who has used or visited Clachan Village Hall for any purpose to please fill in the feasibility study we have commissioned with Community Links Scotland by following the link given below.

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Morvern Paisley and Francesca Grant paint Charlotte and Anna Hales' faces in 2018.

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Repair and maintenance of housing falls by £451 million in Scotland as housing stock increases to 2.6 million

Repair and maintenance of public and private housing in Scotland has fallen by £451 million since 1997. At the same time, the number of homes in Scotland has increased by 341,650, meaning there has been a real-term per property decrease in repair and maintenance work of £313 since 1997.

The Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) was introduced in February 2014. It requires social housing landlords to make sure their homes are energy efficient, safe and secure, not seriously damaged and have kitchens and bathrooms that are in good condition. Despite the consultations and introduction of standards – 34 per cent of Scottish homes failed to meet the Living Homes Standard last year, which was

developed by the public across the UK to define what a good home should provide.

Mark Robinson, Scape Group chief executive, commented: 'There is a clear connection between the quality of housing and the mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of the people that live there. A home shouldn't negatively affect your health or hold back your opportunity to succeed in life. We are not doing enough to bring our homes up to a decent standard. £755 per property is totally inadequate. A new boiler, either combi, system or heat only, costs between £500 and £2,000, before taking into consideration installation costs.

'New windows cost from £3,500 to £7,000 on a typical three-bedroom semi and damp proofing internal walls

is estimated at £70 per metre or £280 per wall. It looks as though this is down to two key factors. First is the growth of the private rented sector in Scotland. Landlords are spending less on their properties than owner-occupiers. Secondly, despite the strides made building more social homes in Scotland, there is not enough funding to repair and maintain existing stock.'

The number of people living in private rented homes in Scotland has increased rapidly since 2000, with most recent data estimating that there are 360,000 private rented homes in Scotland. Although the Scottish Government did consult on the safety and condition of private rented housing in 2017, the policy outcomes are yet to be implemented.

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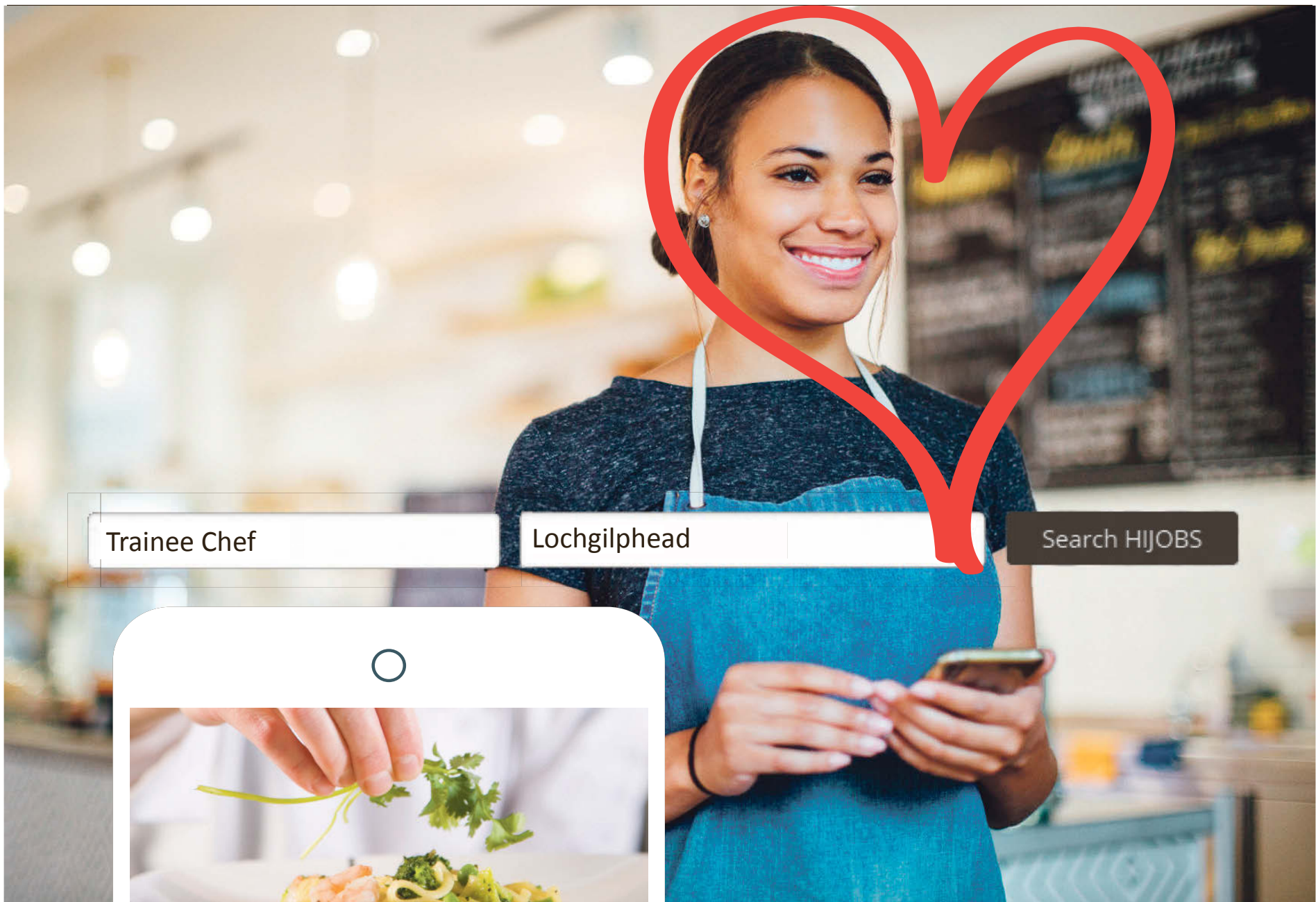
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Net Support Manager

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Loch Nevis, Mallaig

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Ardrishaig Community Trust AGM
25th September 2019
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Kintyre Dialysis Support Group AGM
Monday 16th September 7.00pm
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Argyll and Bute Council
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01743/PP	Renewal of planning permission 16/00981/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Land South East Of Redcliff, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
19/01739/PP	Upgrading works to existing garden paths and steps, formation of high level decking area including access steps (retrospective)	Top Flat, Mazagon, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TW
19/01688/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of treatment plant and erection of carport to existing building	Land 220 Metres North West Of Barmulloch, Kilmichael Glen, Lochgilhead, Argyll And Bute
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19/01678/PP	Erection of extension and refurbishment of existing windows and door	5 Paterson Street, Lochgilhead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JP
19/01288/LIB	Internal alterations, repairs to windows including installation of secondary glazing and installation of replacement downpipe	1 - 3 Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6HA
19/01721/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 16/02220/PP - Demolition of the Old Dairy building and erection of 2no. dwellinghouses	The Old Dairy, Kintyre Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
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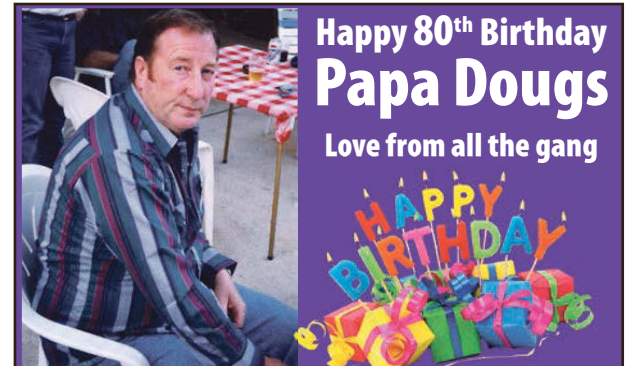
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I would like to thank all my family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers and presents I received for my 80th birthday.

Thanks again, Isobel Dott.



THANK YOU from Lesley Garbutt

I would like to thank all of my family and friends for the wonderful 60th birthday celebrations. Funds raised from donations on the day amounted to £200. Marie Curie received £100 and MACHICC Cancer Care received £100.

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Tales of murder, riot and theft in old Argyll

Argyll author Lindsay Campbell has unearthed more tales of crime and punishment from old Argyll, and they make fascinating reading.

Daughter of a police constable, Lindsay has always had a passion for tales of true historical crime, and the circumstances which lay behind these deeds.

Her latest book, *Accused and Persewed* – true tales of murder, riot and theft in old Argyll, has recently been published – and one of the cases it covers is the famous Ardrishaig Murder.

The author will be visiting Argyll Book Centre on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, on Saturday September 14 to meet fans and sign copies of the book between 2pm and 4pm.

MINARD

Fyne Art Group to host open day in village hall

Argyll Fyne Art Group will host an open day and exhibition in Minard Village Hall on Saturday September 7.

Members draw and paint using a variety of media and techniques including pens, pencils, pastels, watercolour and acrylic, producing a variety of works including landscapes, seascapes, abstracts and portraits.

Participants range from beginners to experienced amateur artists, and this is a great opportunity to meet them and see how they work.

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CRAIGNISH



John Hamilton of Lochnell Oysters, Dr Cass Bromley of Scottish Natural Heritage and Dan Renton of CROMACH check the native oysters.

Regeneration of native oysters

The CROMACH (Craignish Restoration of Marine and Coastal Habitat) community group has updated progress on its scheme to regenerate native oysters.

Spring

The Loch Craignish Oyster Regeneration Project began in the spring and involved introducing a thousand juvenile native oysters, courtesy of John Hamilton of Lochnell Oysters, in cages near

Ardfern on the shoreline in an important first step to restore this essential keystone species to a loch where it was once abundant. The project, funded by Sea-Change, and supported by Scottish Natural Heritage, is the first community-led native oyster restoration project in Scotland.

A recent inspection, along with John Hamilton and Dr Cass Bromley, policy

and advice officer, Marine Fisheries, revealed that around 70 per cent of the oysters are still alive – mortality rates which are normal for juvenile native oysters in the wild.

Regeneration

CROMACH will soon be working with Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation to run an educational programme on native oyster regeneration for local school pupils.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

We heard from friends in Australia that last Sunday was officially the first day of spring.

It seems strange to think of spring approaching as we dip into autumn in this northern hemisphere.

It is hard to think of 'seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness' being, for our friends in Australia, associated with the months of April and May.

And as for Christmas in the sunshine – well that seems so different. What about In the Bleak Midwinter or Frosty the Snowman?

What do folk sing in Australia? We are so used to our own seasons that it is hard to imagine everything upside down, as it were.

However, it reminds us of what an amazing world we inhabit, what variety there is, what colour to enchant us, what different animals and birds to delight us.

I often think of that lovely hymn which has the words that remind us that the voice of prayer is never silent.

As we waken, we keep the circle of prayer revolving as our friends across the world slumber, and then as we go to sleep they continue that never ending circle.

'The voice of prayer is never silent.' Yet in some parts of the world, prayer is forbidden.

In North Korea, no-one is allowed to even bring a bible into that country. No form of religion is allowed.


I cannot imagine a country without the opportunity to worship in our own way, or to come to God without fear of persecution.

Many of our Christian friends throughout the world are denied even the basic right to worship, yet remain strong in their faith.

How I admire them. May our prayers be with them, and may the voice of prayer never be silenced.

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MARRIAGES

TURNER-AXMAR - At Glasgow Registry Office on Saturday, August 31, 2019, Gary, younger son of David and Susan, High Balevain Farm, to Emelie, only daughter of Tomas and the late Ewa, Hässleholm, Sweden. A wonderful day was had by all.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

GROGAN - James to Flora, at the Salvation Army Citadel, on September 4, 1969.



LAING - IRWIN
At Highland Parish Church, on September 5, 1969, by Rev C M Henderson, Peter to Margaret. Present address, 36 Davaar Avenue.

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DEATHS

MACTAGGART - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on August 30, 2019, John Norman Mactaggart, in his 79th year, Kilkivan, Drumore, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Helen, loved and adored father of Claire and Alice, father-in-law and friend of Christian and loving grandfather of Daniel, Suzanna and Max. Funeral service in Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday, September 6, 2019 at 1.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

SAMBOREK - Suddenly at home, 19 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, on August 29, 2019, Annie Samborek, née McNicol, in her 87th year, beloved wife of Sandy, much loved mother of Alex and Peter, dearly loved nana of Jenna, Jenna and David and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, September 5, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

WATSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 30, 2019, Zandra Noal, in her 93rd year, Ardnacraig, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Roy Watson, much loved mum of Ivor and Stanley, loving granny of Julie and Kerrie and great granny of Layla, Amaia, Emily and Torrin.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Inserted by Cath and family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of Dad, Callum, who passed away on September 5, 2018. Loving husband of the late Cathie. Sorely missed by Catriona and all the family.

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SC002493
Sunday 8th September
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 8th September
11.15 am Morning Worship
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Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 10th September
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 12th September
Congregational Board Meeting
New Hall 7.30pm
Friday 13th September
Lunch Club 12 noon
New Hall

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Friday 6th September
SKY Youth Group Meeting in Southend 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Sunday 8th September
Family Communion Service 11.00am
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Thursday 12th September
Bible Study 7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
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Sunday 8th September ST KIARAN'S DAY
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141
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Rev Tony Wood
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Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

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Saturday 7th September
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 8th September
11.15am Worship Service
David Timothy
11.15am Sunday School
3.30pm Service in Tayinloan Village Hall
Monday 9th September
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 11th September
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
All welcome
www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk
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Sunday 8th September
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin
with Sunday school and refreshments after the service.
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am
(Term-time only)
Church Activities
Visit our website and Facebook page

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Our Sunday service is held at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Sunday Services
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St Columba's, Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
All welcome
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Lochgilphead
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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr Ronald Campbell
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(SC0002876)

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Kilmartin
Sunday 8th September
- 11.30am
Rob MacLeod
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Charity number SC001002
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10am Bellanoch Church Morning Worship
All welcome
Sunday 7th September
10.30am - 12.30 pm
Cafe Connect
Achamara Hall
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Saturday 7th September
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Tarbert Guild
Tarbert Church 2pm
Sunday 8th September
Skipness service 10am
Dr John L Morrison OBE
Tarbert service 11.30am
Matthew Ramsay
Kilberry service 11.30am
Rev S Fulcher
Monday 11th September
Kirk Session
Church Hall 7.00pm
Charity No: SC002622
Skipness Charity No: SC004280
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland
Sunday 8th September
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Sunday service will be led by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Sunday service will be led by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
All welcome



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Oban ladies are on song for shinty charity

Ladies from the Oban Lorne Ladies Shinty Club have joined forces with Highland-born accordionist, broadcaster and ex-Scotland international Gary Innes for a new charity single to raise funds for women's shinty.

Feel the Power will be released today, Friday September 6, the day before The Mowi Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup final – the blue riband event for women's shinty that is broadcast live on BBC Alba.

All proceeds from the single will be donated to the Women's Camanachd Association to help with equipment and the general development of the game.

Recorded in GloWorm Recording Studios in Glasgow, women from the local club, alongside a player from the Glasgow Mid Argyll team, joined some of Scotland's top musicians in the studio to contribute their vocals and clapping prowess to the track.

Singing for Oban were Annmarie Maclean, Caroline Smith, Shelley MacCuish, Pamela MacNab and Claire Douglas.

Alongside the choir of female shinty players, other musicians appearing on the track include



From left, Annmarie Maclean (Oban Lorne Ladies Shinty Club), Caroline Smith (OLLSC), Shelley MacCuish (OLLSC), Orla MacCarthy (Glasgow Mid Argyll GMA Shinty Club), Gary Innes, Siobhan Miller (backing vocals) Kim Carnie (backing vocals – also from Oban originally), Mischa Macpherson (lead vocals), Pamela MacNab (OLLSC) and Claire Douglas (OLLSC).

Mischa Macpherson on lead vocals with Kim Carnie and Siobhan Miller on harmonies as well as Mark Scobbie (Mànran) on drums, James Lindsay (Breabach) on bass, Innes White on guitars with Rory

Matheson on keys. At the start of this year Gary was asked to be the Camanachd Association's first official ambassador and he wanted to mark this accolade in a meaningful way. Having released his single The

Caman Man to huge critical acclaim in January 2017, Gary felt it was time to give the female shinty community an anthem, too, and ensure that proceeds would help advance the sport he loves.

'Women's shinty has gone from strength to strength over the past few years, both on the field in terms of the talent and discipline and off the field in the area of sport development,' he said.

'I have always felt that the growth and longevity of women's shinty is incredibly important but, now I have a potential budding female shinty player in my life in the form of my little baby girl Gracie, it's even more important to me that the sport is still going strong and accessible to her if she'd like to take it up in later years.'

Thank you

'I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the musicians who gave up their time for free to come and record on the single and also the girls from Oban and GMA who came along to be a part of it, too – they certainly got into the spirit of it once the nerves wore off. I think the red wine did help a little!'

Born in Spean Bridge, Gary is one of the founding members of award-winning Scottish super-group Mànran, as well as the presenter for BBC Radio Scotland's longest running radio show, Take the Floor.

Youthful sporting success in Lochgilphead

Mid Argyll Athletic Club held its annual sports day at Lochgilphead Joint Campus and, despite the unpredictable weather, all the events apart from the high jump were completed outdoors.

Young athletes travelled from Dunoon, Campbeltown and Oban plus three families made the long journey from Bunessan on Mull for the event on Sunday September 1. The local entry was encouraging but, as has been the trend in recent years, the numbers in the older age groups remain a concern.

The top performance of the day was by Ruby Jo Phillips from Kilmichael Glassary who dominated in the under-13 contest, winning all five of her events.

Ruby Jo won the 60 metres and excelled in all four field events including a 1.35m high jump, 3.14m in the long jump, 6.45m in the shot putt and an impressive 17.43m throw in the javelin.

This age category had an entry of 10 girls including four from Kintyre, with Campbeltown Grammar pupil Kirstie Renton in joint second on points thanks to wins in the 200m in 33.4 and 400m in 82 seconds.

Niamh Quinn from Castlehill Primary had an impressive run in

the 800m, winning by a wide margin in 3min 11seconds.

The MacDonald twins from Lochgilphead dominated in the under-11 and this time it was Jorja who had the advantage over her sister Jemma. Jorja's wins in the long jump with 2.94m and the javelin with an excellent 12.25m helped to secure overall advantage and she also won the 60 metres and high jump with a new PB of 1.10m. Jemma won the 200m and 400m and Megan Johnston, all the way from Bunessan, won the 800m in 3min 23seconds.

Neve Bowden from Lochgilphead was the under-nine champion, repeating her success of last year. Neve won five of her events and impressed on the track with triple success in the 60m, 200m and 400m. The other event winner in this contest was Iris Ann Phillips from Glassary school who won the high jump

There was a tie in the under-seven, with Zara Whyte from Lochgilphead and Seren Johnston from Bunessan equal on points. Zara won the 60m and long jump and Seren won the 200m and javelin.

Ruairidh Charnock, Lochgilphead, was the winner in the boys' under-seven contest, winning all four

events including a 2.66m long jump. Ethan Bowden, also Lochgilphead, was runner-up and Ruairidh Lawns from Dunoon was 3rd overall.

In the under-nine, Quinn Soames from Bunessan dominated, winning all his five events and he impressed on the track with success in the 60m, 200m and 400m. Alexander Cunningham made his athletics debut in second place overall and some day may surpass his father's efforts in the sport. Bazyli Adamski from Craignish primary was in third place.

George Balkeen, Lochgilphead, was the under-11 champion, winning four events including a 38.7 seconds in a close finish in the 200m, just pipping Sean Quinn. Sean won the 60m and Lewis Hill was the 400m winner.

The entry numbers in the older boys events was disappointing with no local boys in the under-13s. This contest was won by Robert Kerr from Campbeltown ahead of Archie Johnston from Bunessan and a pupil at Oban High School.

The under-15s winner was Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead, who excelled in all four field events. Murray cleared 1.45m in the high jump, 4.23m in the long jump and



The MacDonald family from Lochgilphead had a successful day – from left: Jemma, Murray and Jorja.

later threw 8.38m in the shot putt and an excellent 23.90m in the javelin. Finlay MacLean from Oban was runner-up to Murray.

The two annual trophies in memory of the late Hugh MacArthur, a

founder member of the local club in 1984 who died in 2015, were contested in the under-nine age group. The winners, as mentioned above, were Neve Bowden from Lochgilphead and Quinn Soames from Bunessan.



Red Star (dark strip) in action at the Blackpool tournament earlier this year. Now they have their sights set on Amsterdam.

Young footballers are raising cash to go Dutch

A trip to the north of England has given the young footballers of Mid Argyll the taste for spreading their wings, and now they want to take on Europe.

After competing in the International Cup in Blackpool in May this year, Lochgilphead Red Star 2008s have decided to travel a bit further next year in what may be their last big tournament before going to 11-a-side. Parents, coaches, supporters and the players themselves are working hard to raise money for a trip to Amsterdam in April 2020.

Lochgilphead Red Star 2008s will be hosting a coffee morning in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on Saturday September 7 as part of

their fundraising efforts. With help from parents, coaches and family members, the players have been holding several fundraising events this year, the most recent being a bag pack at the Lochgilphead Co-op last month.

Look out for the biggest fundraising event of the year in a couple of months – a hypnotist night in Ardrishaig Public Hall on November 16. Tickets for the big night are now on sale from Sei Bella and the Riverside Cafe, or by contacting the Redstar FC 2008 Facebook page.

Before then, come along on Saturday September 7 to the church hall from 10am until noon for some delicious home baking and a selection of stalls.



Lochgilphead win for Garelochhead bowls pair

Gavin McGhie and Allan Roy Snr (pictured centre) from Garelochhead won the Mckerlie Pairs on Saturday August 31 at Lochgilphead Bowling Club, beating Kimberly McAdam and Colin MacInnes of the host club in a close final.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club would like to thank Stuart and Connor Crawford (pictured right) for sponsoring the event and Tommy and Phyllis Angus for their continued support with the raffle.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Iain Macalister wins golf championship at Tarbert

Kirsty enjoys maiden win at Lochgilphead Ladies' Open



Going in for the cleek – action from the Col Glen v Inveraray match. Photographs: Andrew Sinclair.



An Inveraray player tries to get away from his Oban opponent, but look at the feet ...



One of Col Glen's more diminutive players shows great technique versus Oban Camanachd.

Fast and furious youth shinty

The qualifying round for the under-17 South of Scotland MacQuisten Cup took place at the Winterton, Inveraray, on Thursday August 29.

Three teams – Inveraray, Col Glen and Oban Camanachd – entered the competition, playing against each other in

a round-robin format. The first match saw the home team take on Col Glen, which includes players from around Cowal. The teams were well-matched, with a hard-fought game providing plenty of entertainment for the crowd. Despite Col Glen having

the majority of possession, Inveraray came out the winners with a single goal from Coll MacKay.

Oban Camanachd then played Col Glen and the Oban side's ability shone through.

Oban started the game quickly and Ross Campbell

scored early in the game, but the terrier-like players of Col Glen were giving them no easy ride. Oban eventually added a second, also through Ross Campbell, which gave them breathing space.

Oban Camanachd repeated the 2-0 scoreline in the final

match of the evening against Inveraray. Play in this tie was fast and furious and Inveraray were performing well as the evening light faded.

Oban eventually found a way past the Inveraray defence, however, with goals from Lennon Campbell

and Ross Campbell sealing the win.

The results mean Inveraray will play Oban Camanachd in the final of the MacQuisten Cup at date and venue to be confirmed, to decide the South area under-17 champions for 2019.

Lottery results

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday September 2 were 7, 10 and 11. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £400.

Also drawn on Monday, Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers were 6, 12 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's prize will be £200.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 3, 11 and 18. There were no winners so next week's prize will be £300.



After a horrible start to the day, the weather improved for the TW Open at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

TW Open beats weather in fine style

The TW Open took place at Lochgilphead Golf Club on Saturday despite terrible weather in the build-up to the event.

Volunteers gathered at the clubhouse at 7am on Saturday August 31 amid torrential rain and, led by Simon Taylor, got to work to make sure the course was ready. Their hard work paid off and 56 competitors took to the course to try to win the prizes on offer, kindly donated by Taylor

Wishart Scaffolding. Simon's mum Reenie and sister Kirsty provided bacon rolls and continued providing food to the golfers all day.

The early pace was set by Ryan McGlynn, Colin Penman and Jim Hunter but by mid afternoon they had been overtaken by father and son David and Andrew Innis, ably assisted by Kenny MacAulay. Kenny's dad Alec won the nearest the pin competition.

David, Andrew and Kenny had to wait for confirmation of their victory as the last group to finish, Russell Calladine, Dan Briggs and Mike Leng, pipped Ryan's team to second and were only one shot shy of the overall winners. Russell had the consolation of winning the longest drive competition.

Particular thanks go to the teams from Tarbert and Dalmally who were rewarded with decent weather through

the day. The party continued in the clubhouse with local band Gubbed providing the entertainment. The night was rounded off with an impromptu piping performance from Pipe Major Craig Lang, fresh from Mid Argyll Pipe Band's victory at Cowal earlier in the day.



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