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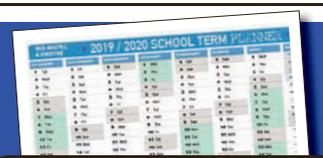
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Ruth Neville from Ardfern makes her voice heard. Photograph: Stephen Carter Photography.



Tarbert pupils with their banners.

Strike one

Pupils from the region's schools were out in force on Friday September 20 as they joined the Global Climate Strike movement.

With brightly coloured placards and banners, they made their voices heard in

Tarbert, pictured above, and Lochgilphead.

No return

Their point in short is that if human habits do not change, the planet's climate may quickly move beyond the point of no return.

High school pupils gathered in large numbers to make their point in no uncertain terms on Lochgilphead front green, catching the eye of drivers and shoppers.

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Shoplifting

A teenager was issued with a recorded police warning after allegedly stealing alcohol from Tesco Express, Lochgilphead. Police charged him at 12.30pm on Monday September 16.

Vandalism

Police are appealing for witnesses after the portside of a powerboat was damaged by another craft on Saturday September 21 at around 5pm at Tarbert Marina. No details were exchanged.

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

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Ardfern man jailed for trying to stab woman

A 69-year-old man has been jailed for a total of 18 months after being found guilty of trying to stab a woman at a barbecue in Ardfern and threatening to murder her.

Alexander Ramsay, who is currently in prison in Greenock, was also found guilty of having a cannabis cultivation in his shed, which officers unearthed when they arrested him.

At a sheriff and jury trial at Oban Sheriff Court, which ran for two days starting on August 26, witnesses stated that on March 31 this year Ramsay got out of his car, accused the victim of slashing his tyres, before lunging at her with a knife and threatening to murder her.

At the end of the trial, the jury agreed with the prosecution and found Ramsay guilty of attempting to stab the victim by majority deci-

Cannabis was found growing in his shed

sion; guilty of having a knife in a public place without reasonable excuse by majority decision and with shouting, swearing and brandishing a knife and uttering threats of murder by unanimous decision.

They also found Ramsay guilty by majority decision of being in possession of cannabis, a class B drug.

In his plea of mitigation at Oban Sheriff Court on Tuesday September 24, solicitor Ruben Murdanaigum, said: 'What you have is a one-off incident that brought him to the attention of the authorities. He deeply regrets being involved. He is very remorseful about his actions.

in the 1970s', adding that after spending time in custody, Ramsay moved to Adfern and away 'from what had been an active political life'.

Sheriff Simon Fraser said: 'The evidence was pretty clear. You lunged at [the complainer] with a knife and had she not reacted quickly, that knife would have entered her body.'

'Had that happened you could have well been facing a high court judge. Fortunately she was fast on her feet.'

'I am not satisfied a community pay back order is

appropriate in this case.' Sheriff Fraser was also not satisfied with Ramsay's position that the cannabis was for personal use, as it had a potential value of £8,000.

He sentenced Ramsay to 18 months for attempting to stab the victim; 12 months for having a knife in a public place without reasonable excuse; nine months for shouting, swearing and brandishing a knife and uttering threats of murder, and 12 months for being in possession of cannabis, all of which will run concurrently.

Argyll chief executive moves on



Mr Sneddon didn't seem too concerned after being 'kidnapped' by Viking raiders in 2017. 08_a27vikingfest36

Argyll and Bute Council's chief executive Cleland Sneddon is moving on to pastures new.

Mr Sneddon will take on his new role as chief executive of South Lanarkshire Council in the new year, replacing Lindsay Freeland who has retired.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are disappointed to lose Cleland after almost 10 years of dedicated service to the people of Argyll and Bute. He moves on with our very best wishes and thanks for his work. The search for a new chief executive officer for Argyll and Bute Council is under way.'

Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

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	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sun, 1 Sep 2019	07:09	04:09	09:39	19:35	16:35	22:05
Mon, 2 Sep 2019	07:53	04:53	10:23	20:21	17:21	22:51
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
Fri, 20 Sep 2019	09:36	06:36	12:06			
Sat, 21 Sep 2019	10:25	07:25	12:55			
Sun, 22 Sep 2019	11:25	08:25	13:55			
Mon, 23 Sep 2019	12:38	09:38	15:08			
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Wed, 25 Sep 2019				15:17	12:17	17:47
Thu, 26 Sep 2019				16:14	13:14	18:44
Fri, 27 Sep 2019				17:02	14:02	19:32
Sat, 28 Sep 2019				17:46	14:46	20:16
Sun, 29 Sep 2019				18:29	15:29	20:59
Mon, 30 Sep 2019				19:12	16:12	21:42

Overnight roadworks on two kilometres of A82

A £370,000 project will see more than two kilometres of the A82 between Tarbet and Crianlarich resurfaced.

The overnight work is due to start on Sunday September 29 and is expected to take two weeks. The improvements will take place between 7pm and 7am each night, with the project scheduled to be completed by 7am on Friday October 11. No work is planned on Friday October 4 or Saturday October 5.

The road will be closed in both directions during working hours to ensure the safety of road workers and motorists. A signed diversion route will be in place via the A82, A85, A819 and A83.

The A82 will be open during the day, however, a 30mph speed limit will be in place as traffic will be running on a temporary surface.

Emergency services will be allowed through the works at all times, with access for

residents, businesses and scheduled bus services maintained when it is safe to pass through.

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There is a risk that the outturn overspend could increase by £2m to £3m'

Argyll and Bute HSCP head of finance and transformation Judy Orr.

Glasgow health wrangle could add £1m to Argyll overspend

An overspend of more than £2 million is being forecast by health chiefs in Argyll and Bute for the current financial year – but health services are currently almost half a million in the black.

The biggest threat to the year-end spending figures is a long-running dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde over charges for services. The figures were revealed in a report presented to members of the area's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) integration joint board (IJB) on Wednesday September 25.

The HSCP was operating at an overspend of £435,000 as of July 31, but while £933,000 has been overspent on social work services, health has an underspend of £498,000.

The vast majority of the projected overspend for 2019/20 is on social work, at £1.932m, with a further £0.205m forecast to be overspent on health. Addressing the figures

for the year to date, head of finance and transformation Judy Orr said: 'Within health delivered services, the underspend is mainly due to successful appeal of rateable values following the last revaluation, rebates received and vacancy savings.'

'There are overspends on adult services linked to savings not being achieved in addition to increased costs for agency/locum staff and GP prescribing. There is also an overspend as we have not yet met our target for slippage on budget reserves which includes one-off, in-year allocations. Within social work, the overspends are mainly on learning disability joint residential and supported living and physical disability supported living arising due to service demands.'

'Within learning disability, the variance is caused by a failure to deliver planned savings along with spend above budgeted levels. There are

some offsetting underspends on central management costs within children and families and child protection due to staffing underspends and some slippage on expenditure and underspends on adult services central management costs due to phasing and reduced demand.'

'Efforts have been made in July to phase budgets more closely in line with historic patterns of expenditure and expected trends and to increase the correlation with the forecast.'

'On health, the underspend has increased by £137,000 and continues the trend experienced in the first quarter. The main cause is the revised tariffs for out of area patients. In addition, we have had a mental health long-stay patient from out of our area which accounts for £60,000 of the in-month movement, which is unusual.'

On the forecast year overspend, Ms Orr added:

'The biggest single area of social work overspend is on learning disability, where there has been a failure to deliver anticipated savings so far, along with higher than budgeted demand.'

'This links closely with the year to date position. Both are affected by the same factors. The next two largest areas of forecast overspend are physical disability and older people.'

The biggest threat to the financial position of the IJB remains an ongoing dispute over service level agreement charges with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, with the overspend liable to rise should no deal be reached.

Ms Orr added: 'The IJB made a decision to reject the increase [in service level agreement charges]. If this position is not accepted by Greater Glasgow and Clyde, then there is a risk that the outturn overspend could increase by £2m to £3m.'



The trust which looks after Tarbert Castle will hold its annual general meeting in October.

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Tarbert double bill next month

Two annual general meetings will be held in Tarbert on one night next month.

Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre will be the venue on Tuesday October 22 for the

annual meeting of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust at 7.15pm. This will feature the latest news from the group's trading company, known as Tarbert

and Skipness Renewables Limited.

The annual general meeting of Tarbert Castle Trust will follow at 7.45pm after a busy year at the castle.

Man fined £180 for shouting and swearing

Bad behaviour led to a £180 fine for a 29-year-old man when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Thomas Mullholland, whose address was given as The Caravan, Arduine Farm,

Lochgilthead, admitted behaving in a threatening and abusive manner, shouting swearing and acting in an aggressive manner at an address in Tarbert on June 28 this year.

'My client fully apologises

for his actions,' said Stephen MacSporran, defence agent.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said, as he handed down the fine: 'I do take into account your previous good character and what has been said on your behalf.'

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Team gears up for epic charity climb

by Rachel Carruthers
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Lochgilthead's David MacInnes is aiming high with his next fundraising challenge.

David and his team will climb Mount Kilimanjaro, in aid of Anthony Nolan and Bloodwise, in October 2020.

The team taking on the challenge is made up of leukaemia survivors, stem cell donors and charity supporters. Other members have friends or family who have suffered from leukaemia.

Brett Grist, who received stem cells from David, is part of the team. And if all goes to plan, the team will reach the

summit on the day marking Brett's five years of remission.

Some of the group met on Sunday September 22 to take on rain and wind as they climbed The Cobbler at Arrochar. Team members in England will have a harder time training, with fewer hills around them, but everyone intends to climb a few more munros together and the Scottish members are going to take advantage of their surroundings and climb the hills more frequently.

Next summer, in preparation for the big climb, a three peak challenge is planned and the team hopes to have as many others as possible join them, with all money raised

through this event counting towards the overall total.

Along with Alison McDonald and Claire Stanley, David MacInnes will be holding a charity ball in November at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Glasgow to help reach their target. The evening's auction will have incredible prizes, including a signed Andy Murray shirt and weekend camping tickets to Tiree Music Festival.

Over the years, the team has raised around £60,000 for the two charities through marathons, bike rides and other events. They need to raise £50,000, if they have a full team of 12, before next year's climb.



Starting training: Bailey the dog with David MacInnes, Matt Bosworth, Alison McDonald, Claire Stanley and Simeon Barnett. 06_a39DavidMacInnes01

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Argyll makes its mark on awards

Argyll businesses and attractions are among the finalists in this year's Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards.

Now in their fourth year, the awards celebrate and reward the best in the outdoor and leisure industry across Scotland.

Lochgilthead Caravan Park is up against stiff competition in the campsite category and Portavadie has made it to the final of the spa category. Glenbarr Stores is up for best B&B and Inveraray Castle has



been nominated in the best tour experience and visitor attraction category.

Argyll Holidays sites

have been nominated for numerous awards, including Hunters Quay for best value accommodation and self catering.

Fifteen sites will battle it out for the best holiday park award, with four finalists from Argyll – Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray; Drimsynie Estate; Hunters Quay and Loch Eck Caravan Park.

The winners, selected by a panel of industry judges, will be announced at a gala in Glasgow on November 1.



Some members of Loch Fyne Pipe Band model their new jackets.

Band look Fyne in new jackets

Feeling dapper in new tweed jackets, members of Loch Fyne Pipe Band show off their new look. The band used a grant, from the Cour

Windfarm Enterprise Fund, to make the stylish purchase from MacLeod Highland Supplies in Glasgow.



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There is no Planet B – students lead the climate change fight

by Rachel Carruthers
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Pupils from across Mid Argyll took time out of their school day to join the Global Climate Strike movement.

Parents and pupils of Lochgilphead High School had initially been given the impression that students would be prevented from demonstrating, but Argyll and Bute Council's stance softened and a second letter was issued to parents – two days later – stating: 'We cannot authorise pupil absence but this does not preclude any individual attending an event with the support of her or his parent.'

Threat

Defying a threat that they would not be allowed to attend the school Christmas dance if they took part in the strike, many pupils took to the streets anyway to join the global movement.

Supported by parents and members of the public, a

group of nearly 100 gathered by the front green to demand change, making their voices heard with chants of 'Climate change has got to go, wayhey, wayho.'

Parent Annie Loughlin explained why she was there: 'I have two kids and I am really worried about what the future will bring for them. I really care for our beautiful planet and we just need to stop and think about what we are doing to it.'

Sixth-year pupil and strike organiser Alfie Smith said: 'Although the school did not support this campaign at first, I'd like to move on from that. We were very impressed with the number of people who came along. It shows how much desire there is for political change.'

'We are keen to continue campaigning for the environment at Lochgilphead High School and will look at ways that we can all make a difference.'

Meanwhile, the P6/7 class

at Tarbert Academy, who had been studying climate change as a class topic, took the opportunity to raise awareness as they handed out leaflets they had designed to people around Tarbert harbour.

The Tarbert pupils' leaflet included tips on how we can make a difference, including simple things like putting on a jumper instead of turning the heating up and avoiding single-use plastic.

Amazing

Lochgilphead High School pupils Ruth Neville, Lily Walsh, Rosie Day and Rhona Love spoke for many: 'No one is listening,' they said, 'so we need to come together to make our voices heard.'

'It's amazing how many of us have come out today and collectively, with everyone else across the world, how can we be ignored?'

'Doing something locally can make a change and we want to be a part of that.'

Turn to pages six and seven for climate strike letters.



Senior pupils lead the crowd in a chant.



It is not just the younger generation concerned about climate change.



Making their voices heard, the students surrounded Colchester Square.

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Just the beginning

The weather was kind to the youthful climate change protesters and they certainly made their presence felt in Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

The fundamental mindsets of people across the globe has to change fast if we are going to make any impression on what seems to be a climate change juggernaut.

Do we need that plastic packaging on our fruit and vegetables? Is there an alternative to taking a flight to our destination? Could we buy local rather than importing produce?

It all starts with individual responsibility. If consumers change, big business will have to respond.

Some were unhappy the protesters were sitting on the Lochgilphead war memorial for a while to emphasise their point. This viewpoint is understandable, but the youngsters quickly hopped off once it was pointed out to them and no harm was done.

So well done to our home-grown Argyll protesters, who stood up regardless of the fact Lochgilphead High School was a wee bit slow to react positively. Happily, it got there in the end.

We get the feeling this is just the beginning of a movement that will grow, led by our younger generation.

Open Letter

An open letter to Michael Russell MSP and Kelly Scott, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) community liaison manager

Objection to pylons which break the skyline south of Tarbert as part of the SSEN Inveraray to Crossaig power transmission line.

Representing the significant interest groups in and around the ancient and picturesque village of Tarbert, we the undersigned would like to place on record our strong objections as follows:

We object to the industrialisation of the heritage views to the south of Tarbert where it is proposed the pylons climb over Achnaglach Hill. This hill stands approximately 200 feet above sea level and the pylons could stand in the region of 200 feet above that, and will break the skyline for those travelling by road from both north and south and by sea from the north east.

We feel this to be completely unacceptable at this point in time, as Tarbert's heritage is becoming more important because of an increased need for tourism. Positioning the pylons in such an exposed manner would have a significant negative effect on the visual attraction we have worked so hard to enhance.

Further, we feel very strongly that however important a project such as this might be to a sustainable future that, taken over the lifespan of the project, there is no good reason for not seeking to improve the visible beauty of our community.

To this end we would strongly recommend burying the power lines across the head of Loch Tarbert, thereby improving on what is already there.

We trust that the weight of the will of our community represented in this letter will bring success to our objections.

Yours sincerely,

**David McBride, convenor,
Tarbert and Skipness Community Council;
Peter M Bates, deputy convenor,
Tarbert and Skipness Community Council;
Donald McAllister, harbour master,
Tarbert Harbour Authority;
Robert McPhail, Tarbert Castle Trust;
Kenneth MacNab, Clyde Fishermen's
Association Tarbert Branch**

Climate strike action by school pupils

- letters of support from politicians

I'm very sorry that I can't be with you in person this afternoon to support you in your strike action, highlighting the injustice of climate change and the impact that it will have on our planet.

Without doubt, climate change is the most serious issue facing the world.

And although it is a global challenge, changes have to start with us as individuals. We have to change how we live our lives, we have to encourage others around us to change how they live and together, we have to demand that decision makers, locally, nationally and

globally change too. Despite all of us knowing that climate change is a reality, there are still world leaders who, for their own narrow political ends, continue to deny that how we currently live our lives is contributing to the rising planet temperature.

They are wrong...and what's worse is that they know they are wrong. Each of us has a moral responsibility to try and stop this impending catastrophe.

We have to highlight the terrible injustice of climate change, not just for future generations but also for the world's poorest people who, right now are suffering most from rising global temperatures.

You are speaking for the poor and the voiceless, and I applaud you for that.

Finally, thank you for all you are doing and in a what can sometimes seem like a very dark world, you are a cause for optimism and hope.

Brendan O'Hara MP, Argyll and Bute

There isn't a more important task facing all of us than saving our planet.

And what the climate strikers are telling their fellow citizens of the world is that the job is one that we all have to take on and one which will make all of us change the way we live and work.

As the local MSP for Argyll and Bute, and a former Environment Minister, I not only want to offer my support to you but also to acknowledge that I have to change too. It is not, and cannot be, business as usual for any of us. And 'any of us' means me and you.

Just this week the Scottish Government

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agreed to a citizens' assembly on climate change, so that the people of Scotland can have their say about what must be done now. Scotland is already a world leader in climate change legislation, with more on the way, but even more will need to be done.

On a personal level we need to examine how we live, how we travel and how we work. We need think about what we eat and what we wear. We need to consume less of the planets resources and resist the temptation to use now and put back later.

It won't be easy. It will be best done if we encourage each other rather than condemn each other. And it will only be successful if we believe that all of us, wherever we live and whatever we do, have a shared responsibility and then work out that belief in our daily lives.

Michael Russell MSP, Argyll and Bute

World Alzheimer's Month

As September marks World Alzheimer's Month, I'd like to share a little more about our work supporting couples and families living with Alzheimer's and dementia.

According to the Alzheimer's Society, unpaid carers supporting someone with dementia save the economy an estimated £11 billion per year. That's why we're passionate to do everything we can to support carers and those they lovingly care for to take a break and enjoy some time away from their everyday routines.

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Abby Kessock-Philip, Revitalise

YOUR PICTURES



In a slight departure from the norm, this week we feature a picture by one of our own staff, Colin Cameron.

This spider was spotted recently at Crinan Harbour close to midday as the final drops of morning dew left the grass. It was taken on the Wyvex Media-

issued Nikon D5300 with an 18-105mm lens. Look out for more photos from the Argyllshire Advertiser on Instagram.

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Conservation at St Conan's sparks conversations about careers

Youngsters from three Argyll high schools have been getting hands on with some conservation work at St Conan's Kirk at Lochawe.

The historic site hosted its first careers day last Friday with pupils from Oban, Lochgilhead and Hermitage schools all taking part.

Peter Hennessy, of the voluntary Friends and Trustees of St Conan's Kirk, helped organise the visit as a way of getting more young people involved in preserving the church for future generations to enjoy.

A great team effort from kirk volunteers and the conservators produced a highly successful outcome confirmed by written feedback from the students.

'As chairman of the Friends of St Conan, I was very pleased with student questioning, enthusiasm

and overall interest, which energised all participants,' said Mr Hennessy.

'What a great advert for our students and schools for the experts from all over Scotland.'

Experts from architects to graphic designers and stonemasons to sculpture repairers were on hand to lead demonstrations and workshops and to share their own stories of how they got into that kind of work, from qualifications to apprenticeships and placements. They also spoke about their roles in helping conserve the historic building.

'A big thank you to the teaching staff who accompanied the students and entered into the enthusiasm of the day,' added Mr Hennessy.

'We are also very grateful to the school contacts, Aisling Clark (Oban High), Fiona McBride (Lochgilhead



Lochgilhead pupils took a moment to take in the splendour of St Conan's on the shores of Loch Awe.

High), Isobel Cullen (Hermitage Academy) and Maggie Melville from Skills Development Scotland.

'With this kind of support and positivity, who would not want to repeat this kind

of event? Important bridges were built for future cooperation in other complementary areas. The Trustees and Friends look forward to developing more community/school initiatives.'

In total, 45 students participated, making their way around nine different stations, covering everything from monument restoration to specialist stone cleaning, masonry restoration, point-

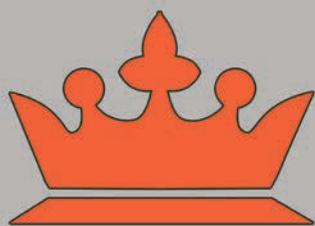
ing and the need for graphic design in advertising and information materials.

There was plenty of time for questions and answers, while students taking part are able to say they have helped conserve St Conan's.

Justin MacIver, an S4 pupil from Oban High School, is looking to embark on a career in construction when he leaves school and said: 'I especially enjoyed removing the old concrete on some of the walls and seeing how good everything looked when it was done.'

'It has been really good coming out here today and I would like to come back and help some more.'

The initiative was part of a commitment made by St Conan's to Historic Environment Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund in return for their support.



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Empty bags raise a packet for charity

by Colin Cameron
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Anyone who enjoys a wee bag of crisps now and then has the chance to boost charity while they munch.

Senior pupils at Lochgilphead High School are supporting work to combat the paralyzing condition Guillain-Barré syndrome in

the simplest of ways. They are collecting empty crisp packets.

Guillain-Barré syndrome is a rare but serious condition that affects the nerves.

It mainly affects the feet, hands and limbs, causing problems such as numbness, weakness and pain.

It can be treated – and most people will eventually make a

full recovery – but it can occasionally be life-threatening and some people are left with long-term problems.

The group of S6 pupils behind the current campaign has already collected two bin bags full of crisp bags, and they want even more.

The bags will be sent to the charity GAIN, which aims to raise awareness of Guillain-Barré syndrome and other inflammatory neuropathies.

Money back

Crisp manufacturer Walkers offers money back on empty snack packets – of any brand – for recycling, and this cash will be used by GAIN for awareness-building activities.

The scheme was brought to the school by head boy Michael McCurry, who himself was first introduced to the idea by Catherine Paterson who co-founded the Dochas carers' centre in Lochgilphead. The centre



Lochgilphead S6 pupils are right behind the bag collection scheme. 51_CrispCollecting03



Head boy Michael McCurry with two bin liners of crisp bags – but he wants more. 51_CrispCollecting04

was inspired by Catherine and her husband John after their experiences when John contracted Guillain-Barré syndrome.

'I thought the notion of collecting crisp packets was brilliant,' said Catherine, 'so I mentioned it to Michael one day.'

'Catherine suggested the crisp packet idea to me one day when I was in the Salty

Dog Cafe,' explained Michael.

After discussing it with teachers it was all systems go. Head girl Eilidh Logan designed snazzy posters to go around the school and the bags poured in.

Michael concluded: 'Collecting crisp bags is just so easy to do, and we are supporting recycling, prevention of littering and charity benefits too.'

If you want to donate crisp bags, there are a number of collection points around Mid Argyll. Aside from Lochgilphead High School, you could hand them in to Mid Argyll Community Pool, Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Argyll Insurance in Lochgilphead, the MS and Dochas centres, Lochgilphead Community Centre and the Tayvallich Inn.

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Like looking in the mirror: Robert Robertson was surprised when fans greeted him wearing masks. 06_a39TarbMusicFest03

Last weekend saw the lochside village come alive as Tarbert Music Festival took over the pubs, hotels and harbour for a music lovers perfect weekend.

Kicking things off on Friday September 20 was the always popular Tide Lines. Drawing in a crowd from across Mid Argyll, the band put on show to remember but it was just as memorable for the band. A sea of die-hard fans, in Robert Robertson masks, certainly took the singer by surprise as the group made their way to the front of the stage for a dance.

The gig was in aid of Clachan village hall and organisers were thrilled that the concert was once again a sold-out event.

The local pubs and hotels were quickly filled up to continue the party. As a warm-up for their main stage gig on Sunday, The Mad Ferret Band drew in the crowds at The Corner House, while Gubbed had the Islay Frigate dance floor well used as they rocked the night away.

The jam session in the harbour marquee on Saturday afternoon brought together a host of musicians, while a fantastic £738.56 for festival funds was raised at the coffee morning held at Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

The Mad Ferret Band eased the Sunday survivors into the day's event at the quay but it was not long before the crowd were back on their feet

dancing and singing along. The great musical entertainment continued throughout the afternoon with performance from Gary Innes and Rhuvaal.

Speaking after the weekend event, organiser Margaret MacNeill said: "Thanks to everybody who helped out with the coffee morning. Special thanks also to all the bands and everyone who came to support Tarbert Music Festival. Saturday was busier than ever, helped by the good weather.

"Tide Lines brought something special to the weekend and the gig was sold out well in advance, so look out for more ticketed events in future."



Left: Claire Forrester and Heather Campbell at Tide Lines. 06_a39TarbMusicFest04



Findlay Brown finds himself the best seat in house see over the crowds. 06_a39TarbMusicFest05



Rocking in Islay Frigate on Friday night was Gubbed. 06_a39TarbMusicFest07

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The Mad Ferret Band gets the crowd on their feet for a Gay Gordons. 06_a39TarbMusicFest12



Dancers of the day: June McKay, Gwen McNicol, Clare Gilmore and Jacqui Letby. 06_a39TarbMusicFest013



Canine music fans. 06_a39TarbMusicFest09



Sam Willoughby of Tinks Faces and Balloons creates a fairy-princess masterpiece for Eilidh Brennen. 06_a39TarbMusicFest11



Campbell Johnson in search of sustenance for his dancing. 06_a39TarbMusicFest08

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Fire in the blood for artist

by Colin Cameron
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'Why are your pictures always on fire?'

The point of this question, posed by one of artist Iris Peplow's two brothers, becomes clear with one glance at her work.

Iris loves colour – more precisely, glowing oranges and reds – in her paintings. And Mid Argyll has been the subject of many of her recent colour-charged pieces.

The 23-year-old from Edinburgh has been at Crinan since Easter, working at the Crinan Hotel with owner



Her paintings have proved very popular in the Crinan Coffee Shop, such as this one featuring the Crinan lighthouse. 51_a39IrisPeplow_artist02

'The area is just beautiful, and I love walking around and capturing scenes as I find them. I love painting landscapes, and the Crinan area offers so much.'

Frances Ryan, herself an accomplished painter under the name Frances MacDonald.

'Frances noticed my work in Edinburgh and asked whether I wanted to come to Crinan for a while,' explained Iris.

'Part of the deal was that Frances would let me put on an exhibition of my work.'

Her work has been on display this September at the Crinan Gallery and coffee shop, with the exhibition due to end when she returns home at the end of the month.

Iris has her distinctive, vibrant style – but her trademark love of colour may not be entirely her own. Art runs in Iris's family, with her father being an Edinburgh art dealer and her grandfather Dennis a noted painter.

But it was the father of Dennis, Samuel John (SJ) Peplow – Iris's great-grand-

father – who really put the family name on the artistic map.

SJ Peplow (1871-1935) was one of the group of four artists known as the Scottish Colourists. Born in Edinburgh, he studied art in Paris and lived there from 1910 to 1912. On painting holidays in northern France he was introduced to the use of bold colour, inspired by the bright sunlight. He later experienced the same intensity of light while painting, usually far from signs of human habitation, on the island of Iona.

French painting proved a powerful influence for Peplow throughout his life and his work is described on the National Galleries Scotland website as '... characterised by tight composition, strong colour and assured handling'.

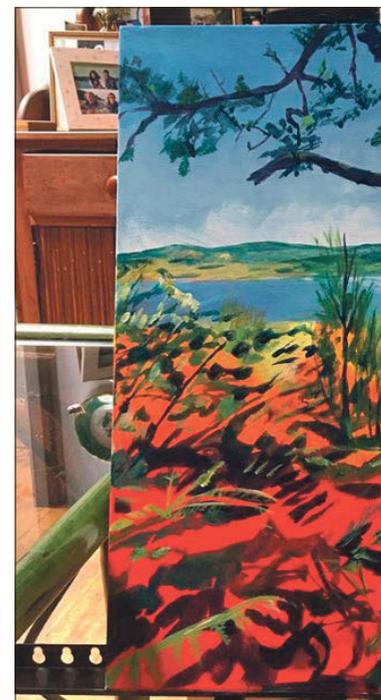
SJ Peplow's great-granddaughter has certainly inherited the gene for the love of colour, and there are those today who see distinct similarities in style between Iris and her famous forebear.

Art has surrounded Iris all her days, and she studied art history at the University of Glasgow and is keen to continue her studies at Leith School of Art. Her experiences in Crinan, however, have also taught her a great deal.

Iris said: 'I have exhibited before in Edinburgh, but it is miles different holding an exhibition in a place like Crinan. It is far from easy to organise, and Frances and her son Ross have been so helpful to me.'

She added: 'The area is just beautiful, and I love walking around and capturing scenes as I find them. I love painting landscapes, and the Crinan area offers so much.'

With her exhibition and visit to Crinan about to end, Iris concluded: 'I have really enjoyed my time here.'



'I want to thank Frances and her family – in fact everyone in the village has been really supportive. I didn't know the area at all when I arrived, but I'll certainly be back.'

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Iris



Iris found this bent tree in the Crinan Wood and couldn't resist painting it. She said: 'I got really into painting the ferns on top of the bright cadmium red.'



Iris has loved her time in Crinan and hopes to come back some day. 51_a39IrisPeploe_artist10



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Waverley fund gets £1M government head of steam

The last sea-going paddle steamer in the world will receive £1 million of Scottish Government funding to help it sail again, Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop has announced.

The Waverley Paddle Steamer has been in operation for over 70 years, transporting millions of passengers to a variety of locations throughout the UK, but is currently out of service and urgently requires new boilers.

The fault forced the cancellation of a planned trip by the Waverley to Tarbert and Ardrishaig earlier this year.

The Scottish Government funding will go towards replacing the twin boilers as well as other necessary maintenance and upkeep such as replacing the main electrical switch board, new cabling and installing new generators.

Ms Hyslop said: 'The Waverley has delighted gen-

erations of locals and visitors throughout its 70-year history and I am pleased to be able to announce this significant financial commitment to help the historic paddle steamer set sail once again.

'In 2020, Scotland's coasts and waters will be celebrated with a programme of activity designed to inspire more people than ever before to explore and experience our unrivalled shores.

'I look forward to seeing the Waverley, such a key part of our maritime and cultural history, back in service and able to play a central part in that celebration.'

'The trustees are delighted that the Scottish Government has recognised the Waverley's importance to Scotland's heritage and tourism with this generous grant towards our boiler refit appeal,' added Paul Semple, Waverley Excursions general manager.

He continued: 'Taken together with the donations received from thousands of individuals across the UK, it brings our appeal total to £1.9 million but more funding is required to reach our £2.3 million target to save the Waverley.

'The continued support we are receiving is extremely heartening and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated so far, we now hope that the corporate sector and grant-giving bodies will join the government in supporting the Waverley to return to service next summer.'



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Major survey of skate is under way

This week sees a major survey in the Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area (MPA).

The Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura MPS was designated to conserve a nationally important population of common skate, the largest remaining coastal population of the species.

Common skate display an unusually high level of residency in the area. This has been confirmed by an analysis of angler mark-and-recapture data and an acoustic tagging project that continuously monitored the movements of tagged skate in the Sound of Jura. These tagging projects showed the skate either stay within or repeatedly return to the area covered by the MPA.

As the marine environment does not always respond as we might anticipate, further marine science is needed if we are to ascertain if the status and condition of habitats and species is improving in response to MPAs.



Scientists measure a common or flapper skate before releasing it.

typically to 15 minutes, to minimise disturbance to the skate. Skate caught in this survey will be tagged and released and genetic samples will be taken to enable scientists to relate data on juveniles to adults.

Elasmobranchs (shark, skate and ray) are important components of marine ecosystems, but globally many species have suffered major declines due to fishing and habitat loss. Elasmobranchs are typically slow growing, have a late age of sexual maturity, often in their teenage years, and produce a low number of large and well-developed young.

The common skate is considered to be two separate species: the flapper skate (*Dipturus intermedius*) and the blue skate (*Dipturus batis*).

The flapper skate is the largest species of skate in Europe, measuring more than two metres from wing tip to wing tip and weighing over 100kg.

To understand if juvenile skate use the MPA, in addition to adults, Marine Scotland Science, in collaboration with St Andrews University and Scottish Natural Heritage, is undertaking the survey on

the research vessel Alba na Mara between September 23 and 30.

Various methods have been tried previously, such as cameras and fish traps, but juvenile skate have proven

elusive. Therefore, for this survey, trawl gear will be used at locations within the MPA where such activity can take place year round and in areas where it is restricted on a seasonal basis (a scientific permit

has been issued for the latter).

The seasonal restriction also maximises the chance of finding juveniles as the area has been undisturbed over the closure. The duration of each haul will be limited,

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'You're mad!' was the general opinion of most of my friends when they heard that a boyhood ambition to holiday on the uninhabited west coast of Jura was about to become a reality, writes Iain Thornber.

The trip was to chart a course through the Corryvreckan whirlpool, Europe's most dangerous tide-race, in order to spend a long weekend living in a cave among wild goats and spiders on an adder-infested island.

I had my reservations, but was not going to be deterred.

As a boy, I had been influenced by an islander's thrilling legends of giants, whirlpools, caves, Fingalian warriors and of the supposed treasures of Beinn an Oir, the Mountain of Gold. The Viking invaders called the island Deura – deer island – after the wild herds that roamed over it.

Years later, I had heard from Ian and Cubby Mackinnon from Jura that some of the large caves along the island's west coast were used as shelters by funeral parties conveying the bodies of friends, and relatives to the sacred burial-grounds of Oronsay and Craignish.

More recently, I had come across a little-known local tradition that Robert the Bruce and his henchman Angus Og MacDonald had hidden in one of the Jura caves after their skirmish with the MacDougalls at the Pass of Brander in 1308. And that it was here and not on Rathlin Island, off Ulster, that Bruce supposedly encountered the spider that inspired him to keep on trying to overthrow English rule.

The prospect of exploring this piece of Jura in mid-May, with no bracken or midges, was enhanced by having a companion, Brian Wilson, author and conservationist, who had passed this way before on a solo canoe journey around Scotland. Moreover, I discovered from his book, *Blazing Paddles*, that he was a survival instructor. His presence was reassuring.

The main purpose of our visit was to explore the many caves for signs of early occupation. The early inhabitants of Jura probably did not live only in caves, but some of these primitive refuges had yielded archaeological finds, including some 9,000-year-old bone and flint implements. Few of the caves on the northern section of coastline had been thoroughly investigated.

I was keen to go, yet bothered particularly by one thing: adders, Scotland's only poisonous snakes. Tales of 'huge serpents' crawling into the caves at night for warmth had an unsettling effect and the advice from the Mackinnon brothers that they were likely to be less frisky in May than in June determined the date but did little to assuage my concerns.

Where to linger and which cave to choose? It was preferably to be free of dead goats in varying stages of decay. An hour's search and we settled on one near the head of Glentrosdale Bay, with a 20ft high entrance, fully twice that deep and half as broad, where there was not only fresh running water, but a plentiful



Jura's wild and rugged north-west coastline and caves and, inset, Glegarrisdale, the scene of a battle between the Maclaines and the Campbells. Photographs: Iain Thornber

supply of driftwood thrown up on the nearby beach.

For sheer desolation and raw landscape, the north coast of Jura is unique. The crumbling cliff which extends more or less the entire length of the west coast is punctuated by a few shingle beaches and deep streams. Raised beaches, relics of the Ice Age, are now high above the level of the sea but still have shoreline birds nesting on them whose eggs are a welcome treat for hungry adders, and provide a feeling of uncharted territory, much akin to an Arctic wilderness. We had visitors that first night.

In the gloaming, a herd of wild goats, keen to gorge themselves on the tangle of succulent kelp stems left behind by the most recent high tide, descended from the high ground. An hour later 30 of them stood at the entrance to our cave snorting, head-shaking and hoof-stamping, clearly annoyed by having their lodgings taken over. More driftwood was put on the fire to deter them and they ambled off seeking shelter elsewhere.

They belonged to the largest herd of feral goats in Britain. Robert the Bruce had held them in esteem when they discouraged his pursuers above Loch Lomond from entering a cave in which he was hiding. Consequently, he issued a decree that goats should never be molested.

Gaelic lore has references to these creatures

killing adders and, subsequently, giving me some peace of mind!

Our plan was to investigate as many of the 40 or so caves shown on Ordnance Survey maps between the Gulf of Corryvreckan and Loch Tarbert. Soon, however, we discovered caves by the hundred. One, though, was distinctive in being a bothy used by shepherds and stalkers not that long ago. It had stone benches and had been wood-lined.

We wondered whether this was the place in which the Edinburgh scientist Dr John Walker might have worked during his classic experiments conducted on Jura in 1812, concerning the boiling-point of water at sea level and high elevations. However, the remains of sheep-shears, brass cartridges and empty whisky bottles were less to do with past research and more with recent times.

Caves are more numerous further south along this inhospitable coast. They are graveyards for livestock, especially the young goats and deer born in January and February. We found the remains of a kid and a yearling deer calf lying side by side. They must have lain together for warmth, only to be overcome by cold and hunger. It was a pathetic sight.

Near Glegarrisdale, there is a cave shown on the Ordnance Survey map as Maclean's Skull Cave. Allegedly, the skull belonged to a Maclaine of Lochbuie who had been killed on the field in front of the old house, which is now

looked after by the Scottish Mountain Bothy Association, in a fight with the Campbells in 1647.

We could find no trace of the skull or its rock-shelter, but we did have our share of excitement when we discovered a large and very much alive stag sheltering from the scorching heat in another cave nearby as it rushed out. I was knocked to the ground and, when I struggled to my feet, realised that I was wrapped in a spider's web that was thick with huge wefts of ancient-looking gossamer.

Later that day, beyond Glegarrisdale, I discovered more of these webs and saw the large, grey and white spiders which make them.

All too quickly our time had come to an end but before departing we took the opportunity to visit Breacan's Cave where this Scandinavian prince is said to be buried. Close by its entrance, we found the smooth side-slabs of a prehistoric stone cist or coffin. It had been robbed many years ago and nothing now remained to suggest this had been a royal tomb.

We may not have made any startling historic finds, but at least we could confirm that there are sufficient caves on the west coast of Jura to hide an army – and that some of them contained spiders.

A return to this fascinating coastline to discover more was planned, as what could be more in the tradition of Robert the Bruce than to try, try and try again?

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I'm a little worried about some of our missing members! Over the last few weeks, we seem to have lost some of you!! I know personally how hard losing weight can be, but I also know the only way to succeed is to come to group on the good and the bad weeks. This is a journey that may take months or possibly years, but you will all get there. Please if you are one of our missing members reading this, come back next week, let me help get you back on track. 13 weeks to Xmas, will it be 1st+ lost?, who doesn't want that! Is staying away going to bring the same results? Look forward to seeing you all back next week. ps- I also know from experience that it's rarely as bad as you think it is."

Its only £4.95 a week and if you haven't been for a while, or have had a break and want to get back into your Slimming grove, its only £14.85.

Rhona Galbraith Consultant

Hi, I'm Rhona and have been a SW consultant, for 8 years. I cover Lochgilhead/ Campbeltown and absolutely love my job. Running between five classes then offering driving lessons in between keeps me on my toes but I love to help people achieve their goals. Announcing the weeks weight loss gives the members a real boost and makes it all worth while so come along to one of our classes and meet our friendly groups. We cant wait to see you!.

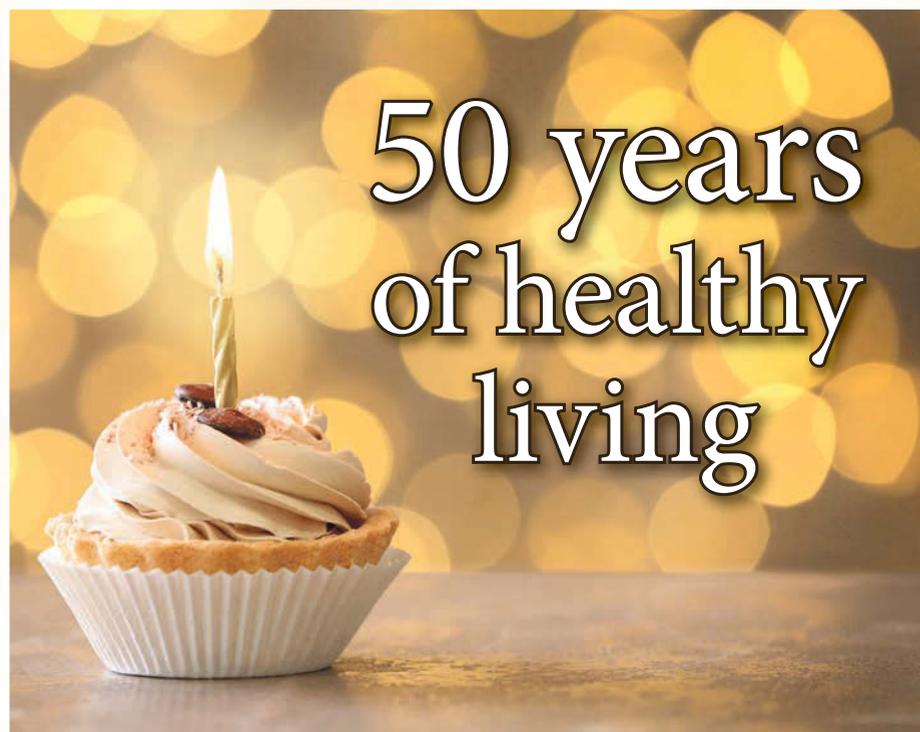


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Food Optimising is Slimming World's healthy eating plan. Based on the principles of energy density and satiety, Food Optimising empowers members to make healthier food choices, satisfy their appetites and lose weight - without calorie counting or obsessive weighing and measuring.

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1. The concept of Free Foods promotes consumption of plenty of low energy dense and highly satiating foods, eg poultry, fish, lean meat, pasta, grains, vegetables and fruit.
2. Healthy Extras help provide a good overall balance of nutrients in addition to those obtained from Free Foods, with particular emphasis on calcium and fibre-rich foods, eg milk, cheese, cereals, wholemeal bread, nuts and seeds.
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Autumn Property REVIEW

The value of residential devel



A new report commissioned by Homes for Scotland (HFS) has revealed the wider value created by building the homes Scotland requires.

The report, launched on September 18, 2019, and entitled *The Value of Residential Development*, shows that each new home built in Scotland supports four jobs across the economy, over 80,000 jobs in total.

It has also revealed that home building in Scotland contributes around £570m annually to government finances.

The report found that new homes contribute to improved health and education outcomes, particularly through upgraded housing stock and reduced overcrowding. It also indicated that home building is a major driver in regeneration.

Yet HFS's paper also highlighted that Scotland is only building at 80% of the level required to meet housing need and demand and that Scotland and the wider UK perform relatively poorly on an international scale in terms of housing development intensity.

The report arrived on this year's Scottish Housing Day. The report has drawn on evidence from national and international literature over several decades.

Discussing the report, Nicola Barclay, HFS chief executive, said: 'Building the homes that Scotland requires is crucial to our country's wider social wellbeing and economic success. Today's report highlights the different measures which can be used to assess this value in areas which are often not recognised.

These include the environment, the regeneration of areas of deprivation and training and apprenticeships. What it also shows, however, is that we still aren't building at the level required to meet housing need and demand and to unlock the broader benefits this would offer. This is detrimental to our growing population in terms of affordability, market volatility and increasing intergenerational wealth inequality.'

Dr John Boyle, director of Research & Strategy at Rettie & Co, who led the research team, said: 'Homebuilding has economic value, supporting over 80,000 jobs in Scotland and the potential to support 100,000 if levels could be restored to where they were pre-recession. Residential development also makes a very important contribution to government finances. However,

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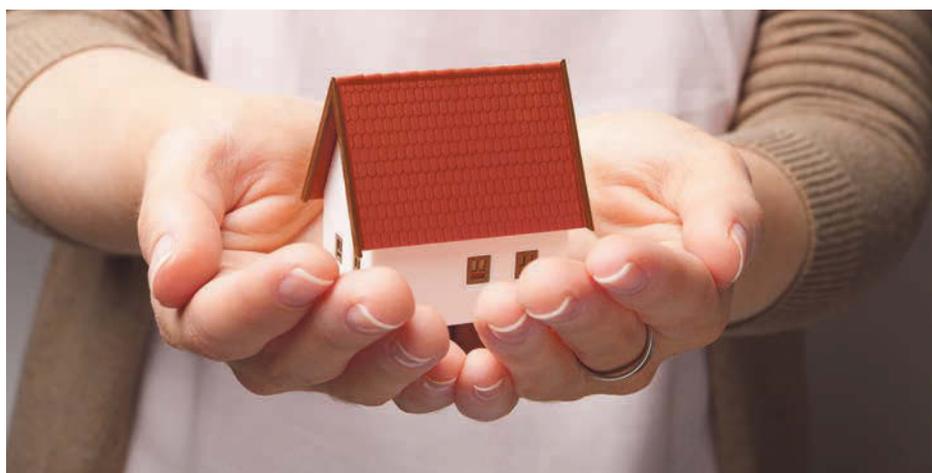
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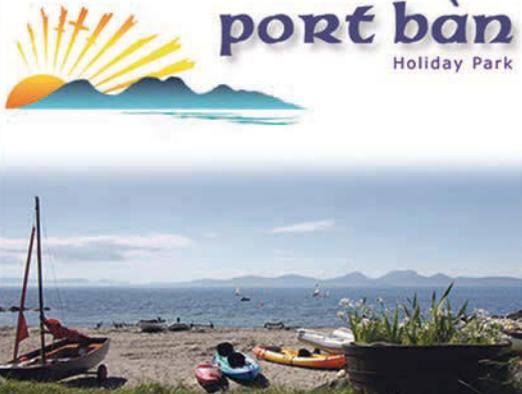
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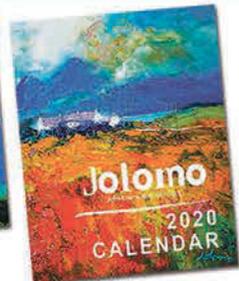
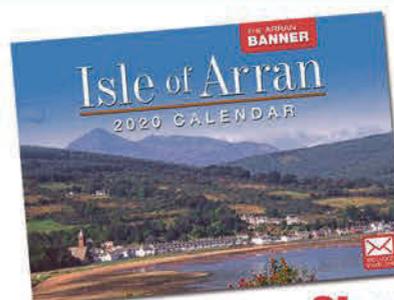
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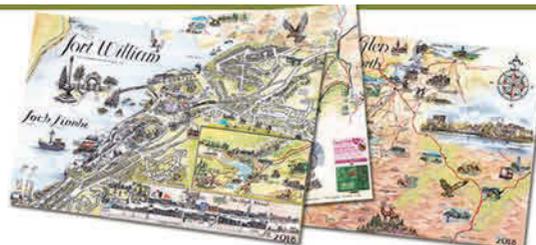


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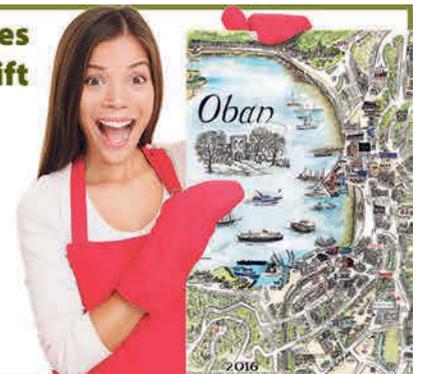
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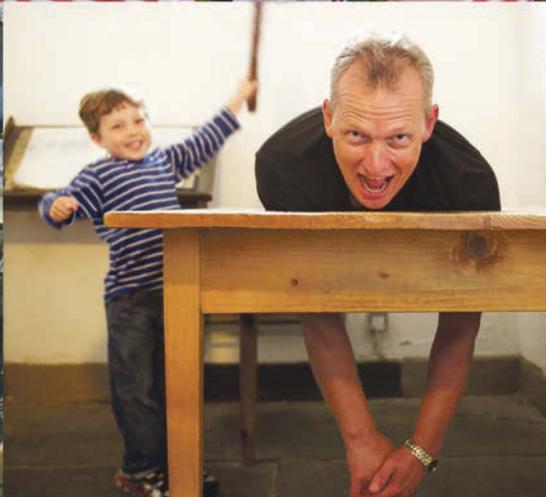
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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

French skiff comes home

The Rose of Argyll made a voyage to its namesake last week, passing through the Crinan Canal.

Built in 1964 at the James Adam & Sons shipyard on the River Clyde, the Loch Fyne skiff was originally used for fishing herring.

She sailed off the Scottish and English coast until the 1990s, but after being damaged in the Guld of Morbihan, France, she was abandoned to her fate.

Rediscovered by Benoît Cayla and Cyrille Hébert, an exhaustive repair and restoration was begun. She is now home-ported in Douarnenez, Brittany.

Travelling from Ullapool to Brittany, the crew were keen to make a trip up Loch Fyne to take her back to her roots and find some herring.

Without an engine and sculling down the canal, the crew said rowing in this way when out at sea is 'like a type of dance to keep you entertained until the wind picks up'.



The Rose of Argyll makes her way to Loch Fyne through the Crinan Canal. 06_a39RoseofArgyll02



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MOJO rocks with 4Below

This week the spotlight shines on 4Below as introductions to the fine Argyll musicians playing original music at the MOJO showcase on Saturday October 19 continue.

Based in Oban, 4Below started in August 2018. Within weeks, the trio produced a blistering set at MOJO, where they played tracks from their debut EP Alpha to a responsive audience. It was a great first live performance.

The band came a close second in a vote to play at this year's Oban Live, achieving an incredible 8,383 votes. They have just completed their 2nd EP Beta and aim to bring more fresh and gutsy music back to the festival second time around.

There is a change to the line-up, with the addition of two experienced guitar-playing brothers, Stuart, rhythm, and Andy Mason, lead. The lads are firm friends of the band from way back and have supported 4Below from its inception.

New for MOJO, too, the



4Below on stage.

band has generated a bit of an 80s retro live sound, taking synths and cleverly adding them to a more streamlined rock structure – making a new creation but retaining that 4Below edge we know so

well. Watch out for a mystery guest musician who is going to be mixing it with them for a real bonus stage-stomping track you won't forget.

4Below continue to explore new possibilities and sounds

with their alternative rock profile and, true to form, they are already working on EP number three.

MOJO organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'We are happy to have 4Below at the festival

again. Not only do they give a great performance, we hope this will give the band more openings for the future.

'They are certainly enjoying their journey, and so are we.'

The MOJO festival of

original music will be held at Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, on Saturday October 19. Tickets go on sale from Saturday September 28. Check out the MOJO – Argyll Facebook page for details.



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Duo in tune for Ardrishaig audience



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Classical music duo Katherine Aitken and Rebecca Taylor will lead the audience on a journey through Lieder and Chanson.

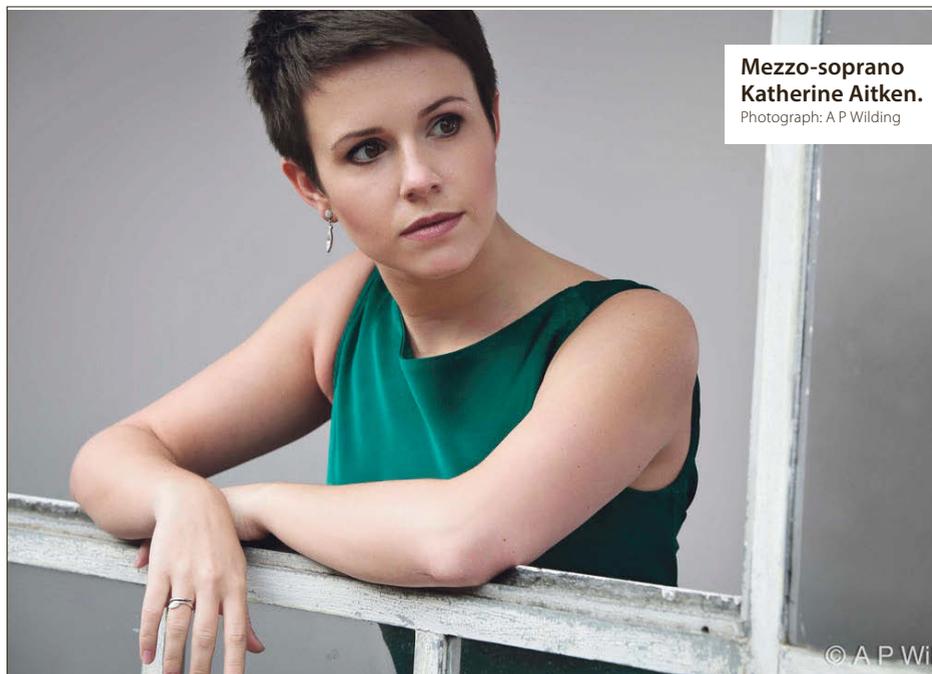
The words Lieder and Chanson both mean song and are usually used to describe when a solo voice is accompanied by piano.

The genre began around the time of Mozart and a flourish of great German poetry.

Now one of the most individual forms of chamber music, the fusion of words and music gives composers the chance to express their most intimate emotions. French composers from the late 1800s to the present day also adopted the genre and Chanson was born and developed.

Katherine, a Scottish mezzo-soprano, is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and Royal Academy of Music, London.

She was a member of the



Mezzo-soprano
Katherine Aitken.
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Studio Opéra de Lyon where she performed the roles of L'Enfant in Ravel's L'Enfant et les Sortilèges and Valetto in Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea.

Accompanist Rebecca read music as an organ scholar

at Lincoln College, Oxford, before attending the Royal Academy of Music, where she completed the MA in piano accompaniment.

Winner of the Maureen Lehane Accompanist Prize, she accompanied the Welsh

candidate in the 2015 song prize competition of BBC Cardiff Singer of the World.

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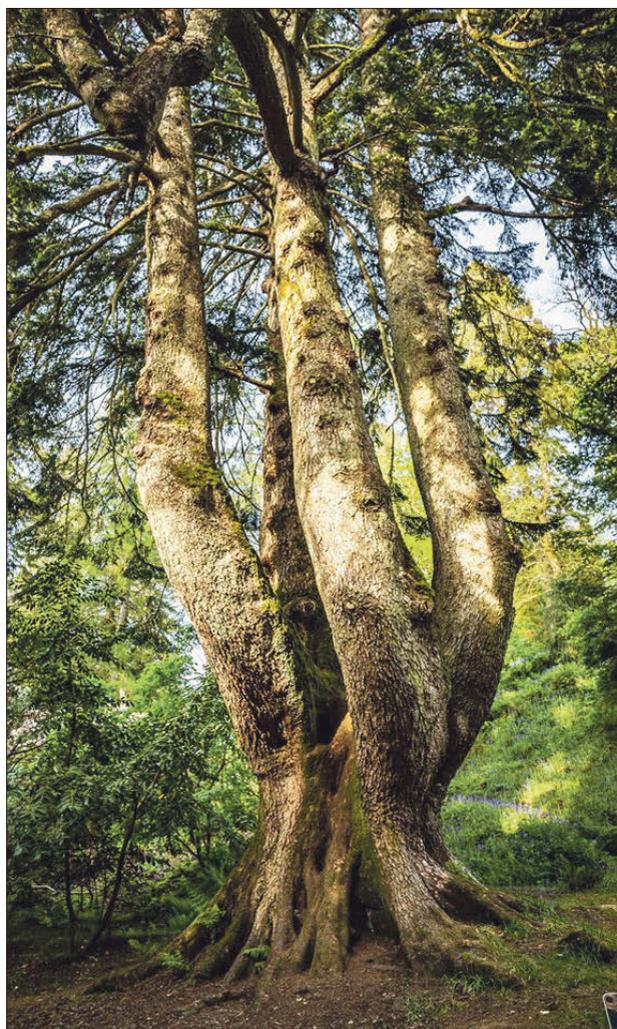
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A fine specimen in Ardkinglas Woodland Garden at the head of Loch Fyne.

Celebration of trees returns to Argyll

Some of Scotland's most beautiful and unusual trees will be again be celebrated this year when the Scottish Tree Festival returns to Argyll for its second year.

Organised by national garden tourism group Discover Scottish Gardens and supported by VisitScotland, the festival aims to inspire people to take a trip outdoors and enjoy Scotland's spectacular array of diverse woodlands and gardens.

More than 70 nationwide events will be held from September 28 to December 1, including several in Argyll and the Isles, to showcase the region's rich and varied tree life. The festival returns after a successful first year with continued participation from the National Trust for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

In Argyll and the Isles, Ardmaddy Castle Gardens,

south of Oban, Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute, Ardkinglas Woodland Garden – home to the recently measured 'tallest grand fir in Britain' at 63.85m or 209 feet six inches – and stunning Benmore Botanic Garden in Cowal will all be part of the festival. Each will be showcasing magnificent displays or hosting activities for all the family.

Ann Steele, head of heritage gardening (policy) at the National Trust for Scotland, said: 'The Scottish Tree Festival is a great way to reflect on and acknowledge the important role trees play in our everyday lives. The benefits of trees extend beyond their beauty; from social and communal to economic, health and environmental benefits. Scotland is lucky to have some of the most extraordinary species, rich in heritage and diversity. We look forward to welcoming visitors of all ages to our events.'



Beautiful Benmore Garden, near Loch Eck.

VisitScotland regional director David Adams McGilp added: 'I am thrilled to see the Scottish Tree Festival return to Argyll and the Isles for its second year. This festival gives visitors the chance to experience Scotland's rich autumn colours and enjoy unique stories surrounding the trees. Promoting events that share the tourism wind-

fall in lesser known parts of Scotland and outwith peak times of the year is key for VisitScotland. Events like this are a great way for visitors to discover new attractions and ensure the benefits of tourism are felt across the country throughout the year.'

For more information about the festival, visit the Discover Scottish Gardens website.

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Crofting day gains ground at inaugural Gathering Pace

by Fiona Scott
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Following on from a successful inaugural event at Glachbeg croft on the Black Isle, the Scottish Crofting Federation's social crofting initiative moved to Elchies in Moray last weekend.

Jointly funded by Moray Leader and Highland Leader, the initiative furthers the principle of green care – the promotion of social, mental and physical wellbeing through working with the land and animals.

The project is aimed at both crofters and smallholders living in the Highland and Moray regions and is quickly gathering interest from a range of people, including service providers, social workers, teachers, support services and families interested in social crofting opportunities. The project seeks to develop the inputs from crofters, and others who are interested in developing a formal

network, to explore this emerging labour market as an opportunity for diversification.

Attendees at Sunday's meeting came from across the country – Lochaber to Lossiemouth – and the hosts, Elchies of Speyside, multiple award winners for their high quality goat meat and mutton, gave an overview of their business model which includes a number of community targeted activities such as work with local schools and children of all ages and abilities.

Presentations were then given by Stephen Wiseman and Ruairidh Milne from N4H (Nature for Health, for Happiness, in the Highlands) who explained some of the research into benefits of outdoor activities.

Focus groups then explored what the project could achieve to help crofters enter this field of activity, before a final word from Karrie Marshall, author, international speaker and founder of Creativity



Valuable input came from all attendees working in focus groups.

in Care, a community arts company working with a wide range of people.

Julie Comins, of Elchies, said: 'It is wonderful to be able to host initiatives like this. Our ethos is to make farming accessible and understandable to everyone and today we

have seen that there are real benefits to be had both for crofters and those who can experience the provenance of our food through the land we live in.'

Ailsa Strange, Gaining Ground project administrator with the

Scottish Crofting Federation who launched their new social crofting digital hub at the event, added: 'Elchies presents a very different perspective on social crofting to the model we experienced at Glachbeg – both are valid and both are exemplars that can signpost what we are trying to achieve with this project.'

'We are looking forward to creating some real, usable and valuable resources from the outputs of these meetings which will inform and guide crofters into this emerging opportunity.'

'A new website has been launched at social.crofting.org and we are asking interested individuals and organisations to sign up to our Gaining Ground email network and join us on Facebook.'

For further information visit the website or contact Lucy Beattie, Tina Hartley and Ailsa Strange by emailing: gainingground@crofting.org

NFUS calls for member evidence for migration advisory committee

Union extends survey for Scottish farm-based businesses and agri-food sector on permanent and seasonal staff needs

In light of a new consultation from the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), NFUS Scotland is to extend the deadline for its survey on the importance of permanent and temporary non-UK workers.

A key goal of NFUS Scotland is to ensure continued access to non-UK workers, both permanent and temporary, post-Brexit. It has a critical role in Scottish food and farming, filling seasonal, temporary and permanent positions and delivering high-quality Scottish produce from field to fork.

The survey launched at the start of September to gather information on the vital role of non-UK staff will now be extended to Monday October 7 considering the MAC consultation launched last week looking at salary thresholds for migrants and a points-based (Australian) system for immigration.

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

There are two sections, one each for non-seasonal and seasonal workers – 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 question on the success or otherwise of the pilot Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS). The union has previously called for 70,000 SAWS permits to be made available.

NFUS 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 deliver food from farm gate to the plate for UK consumers.'

'Facts and figures will back up our lobbying effort on this and I urge anyone affected to complete this short survey ahead of submitting our response to the most recent MAC consultation, which closes on November 5.'

'The MAC is consulting on salary thresholds and how the Prime Minister's preferred new points-based immigration system, such as the type used in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, could be applied in the UK context.'

'NFUS has always been clear that the MAC's previous 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.'

'I am pleased this is now open to review, but NFUS must be in a position to feed in the strongest possible evidence to ensure any wage or skill thresholds applied within the UK Government's new immigration system genuinely meet the needs of the Scottish agri-food labour market. 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.'

Sheep have a vital role in helping to tackle climate change

The National Sheep Association (NSA) is contributing to the climate change emergency by not only encouraging sheep farmers to engage with the challenges it presents but also to correct the many misleading statements being made that suggest sheep farming is causing a problem rather than being one of the solutions.

The association's concern is that alternative ways of managing land and vegetarian type foods are being proposed as being options to reduce warming while increasing evidence is showing that the opposite is true.

Despite the 'fake news' constantly being hoovered up by the mainstream media, NSA says that by eating sensible amounts of British lamb from extensive grass-based systems, consumers can feel confident their food choice is helping to protect our future.

NSA chief executive Phil Stocker explains: 'Contrary to mainstream media messages, sheep, by their very existence, are excellent for the planet and are part of a circular recycling of natural elements.'

'Their reliance on fossil fuels is minimal compared to processed foods based on soya, almonds or palm oil – and we all know that Britain's grass-



lands are highly appreciated for their association with our native wildlife whether it's birds mammals or insects.'

Mainstream media bases its 'best thing we can do for the planet is to stop eating meat' advice on global statistics, which consider sheep and beef farms from across the globe – including large intensive units housing tens of thousands of animals.

Mr Stocker continued: 'UK sheep farms have sheep spread across the countryside – often in areas that are simply not suitable for other types of farming – and are used in other systems to help naturally rejuvenate the soil for arable crops. Sheep can be used in so many ways to benefit the environment and naivety from mainstream media risks increasing our environmental footprint.'

Livestock is also widely criticised for its methane emissions which, NSA says, is again, misleading.

Mr Stocker added: 'Methane shouldn't be ignored; it is an emitted gas that has an impact on global warming. However, we now know that it doesn't behave in the same way as the other major warming gases and the calculations should take this into account.'

'Methane has a short, rotational life cycle that means providing livestock numbers remain stable, methane levels won't build and build.'

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Good trade at Kintyre sheep sale

A catalogued entry of 100 rams and 600 breeding and store sheep attracted a big crowd to a sunny Campbeltown Show Field on Saturday, leading to good trade when C & D Auction Marts held its annual sale of breeding sheep, in conjunction with Kintyre Agricultural Society.

Shearling rams averaged

£305 overall with Bluefaced Leicesters selling to £600 from J and M Turner, Kildalloig, to J Armour and Co, Brennanlea. Other Leicesters to £450 (twice) from Dalbhraddan.

An NC Cheviot shearling from Sue Francis, Balure, went to Ballywilline Farm at £600.

Suffolks topped at £520

and £450 from Glenahervie and £500 and £450 from Gartvaigh. Texels made £520 twice, firstly from Machrihanish Farm and then from Low Tirfergus with High Dalrioch at £480.

Beltex went to £450, twice, from Killoccraw with Charollais to £400 Inverae Cottage. Ram lambs topped at £320 for a Texel from Low



John Thomson from C & D Marts, right, presents Stuart McConnachie with the Royal Highland Society medal for winning the 2019 ploughing match.



John Thomson presents Harry Gemmill with the new cup donated by the Burnside Bar for the champion native bred sheep at the August show.



John Mclachlan in the ring with one of his Bluefaced Leicesters from Kildalloig.

Bigger lambs slow to cash at Dalmally

United Auctions recently held a sale of 3,045 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Market.

In keeping with current market trends prevailing in prime markets, bigger lambs were slow to cash, while smaller sorts maintained their values against last year. This resulted in the sale average being £1.81 p/head back on the corresponding sale last year, whilst levelling out at £36.96.

Principal lots and prices: Lambs: Suffolk x: £46.00, Ardsheal Farm. Texel x: £55.50, Couston Farm; £55.50, Tullochcan; £54.00, Stroneskar; £52.00 and £50.00, Tullochcan. Cheviot: £48.00, Benmore Home Farm; £46.00, Glenshero. Cross: £52.00, Brackley; £49.00, Kilchattan; £48.00, Ichrachan. Mule: £56.50 and £53.00, Achalic Farm. Blackface: £47.00, Stroneskar;

£46.50, Auchreoch; £45.50, Littleport; £45.00, Achnaba; £44.00, Auchreoch; £44.00, Eden Taggart; £44.00, Benmore; £44.00, Saulmore; £43.00, Meggernie Estate; £41.50, Castles Estate; £40.00, Balliemeanoch (Lochgilthead).

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Cast ewes: Texel x: £27.00, Inerlair Cheviot: £27.00, Lochdochart. Cross: £43.00, Homefield Croft; £40.50, Grishipol; £39.00, Ben Sgoltaire; £36.00, Barachander Farm. Mule: £38.00, Alistair Annies Croft (Colonsay). Blackface: £35.00, Grishipol; £32.00, Benmore

Home Farm; £32.00, Craig Farm.

Rams: Blackface: £320, £280, £220(2), £200(2), Castles Estate.

Top prices per kilo: Lambs: Texel x: 166p, Garrogie Estates; 164p and 160p, Daltote; 155p, Balnahard; 155p, Brenchoille; 155p, Dunans; 154p, Daltote; 154p, Tullochcan; 151p, Garrogie Estates; 150p, Dunans. Cheviot: 157p and 156p, Brackley; 156p, Benmore Home Farm; 151p, Rhynachulaig. Cross: 159p, Balnahard; 157p, Ichrachan; 153p, Blarmafoldach. BF: 144p, Achnaba; 142p, Eden Taggart; 139p, Meggerine Estates; 138p, Castles Estate; 136p, Littleport; 135p, Benmore HF, Garraron and Melfort and Butterbridge Farms; 134p, Garraron and Melfort and Garrogie Estates; 132p, Homefield Croft and Garrogie Estates.

Tirfergus. In the gimmer section, Mules sold to £115 and £112 from Skernish and £112 from Low Ranachan with Blackfaces also to £115 from Brennanlea, Beltex crosses £120 Kildalloig and Blue Texel gimmers from Low Ranachan at £130.

Low Ranachan had Blue Texel ewe lambs at £95 with Texel and Beltex ewe lambs £75 and £62 off Ifferdale.

Mule and other ewe lambs made to £62, Auchaleek, and £60 Low Tirfergus. Blackface ewe lambs topped at £52 Coulinlongart. Store lambs to £51 Kildalloig.

The day was a social event too with Kintyre Agricultural Society presenting two awards from its show in August.

Stuart McConnachie was presented with the Royal

Highland Society Medal for winning the 2019 ploughing match in March and Harry Gemmill was presented with a new cup, donated by the Burnside Bar, for champion native bred sheep at the August show.

The awards were presented by John Thomson from C & D Marts, Longtown.

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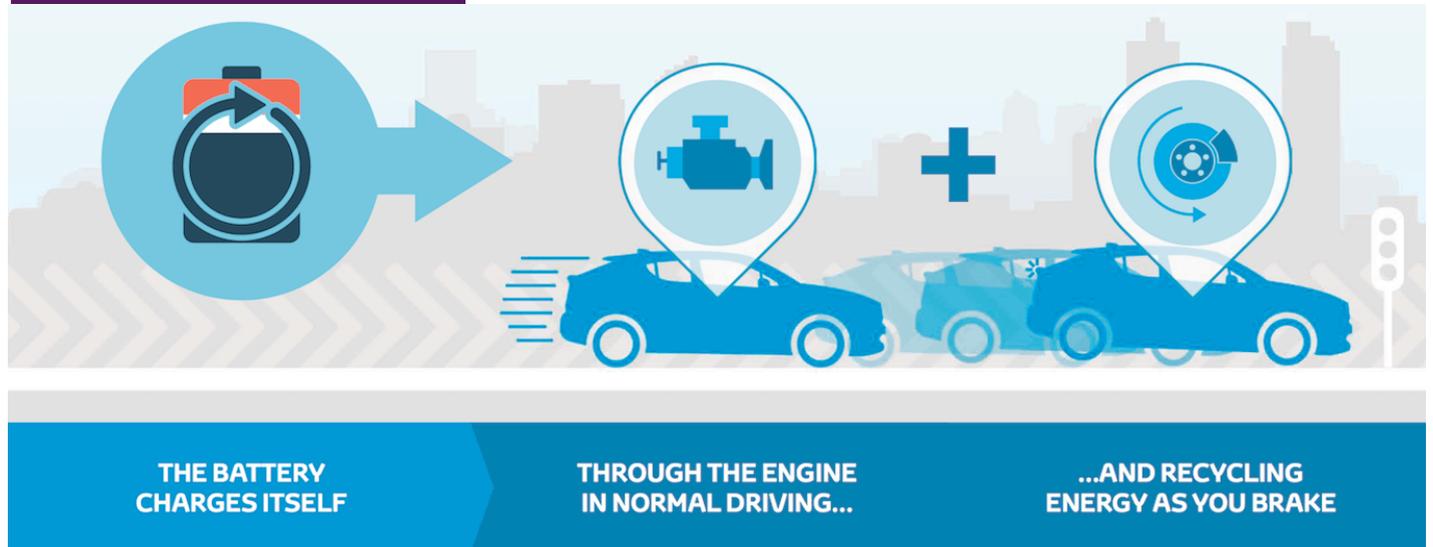
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Toyota's self-charging hybrids feature an electric motor and conventional engine, which work cleverly together, not just on the move but also when you stop or slow down. Every moment you are driving, your battery is charging thanks to technology like the regenerative braking system, which recovers energy that would normally be lost and stores it in the battery for later use.

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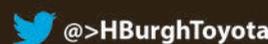


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Location	Latitude	Longitude
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(WGS84)

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REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01738/PP	Erection of 2no holiday lodges	Land West Of Strathholm, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/01872/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and formation of vehicular access	Land South East Of Knock Farmhouse, Upper Lochgair, Lochgair, Argyll And Bute
19/01416/MIN	Formation of borrow pit for the extraction of hard rock and siting of ancillary infrastructure including welfare facilities, storage container and mobile crusher for the purposes of overhead line project (Auchindrain)	Land North Of Auchindrain, Furnace, Argyll And Bute
19/01821/PP	Erection of summerhouse (retrospective) and installation of replacement timber cladding on porch	Lintbrae Cottage, Big Brae, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6UQ
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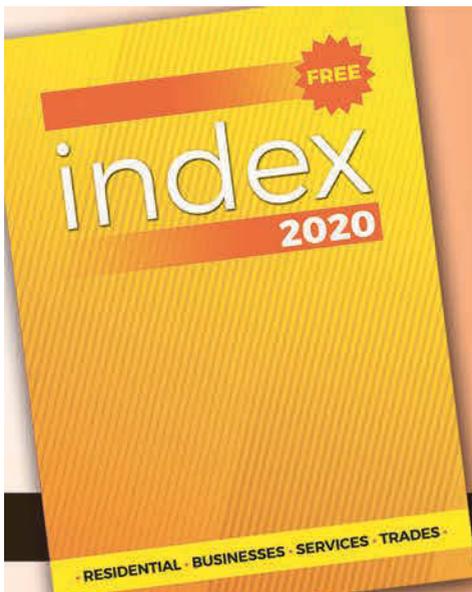
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ISLE OF BUTE

Teamwork wins award

The Isle of Bute Macmillan volunteer committee has been named the charity's 2018 fundraising group of the year for the UK in a recent awards ceremony.

The committee of six people has raised £250,000 since its formation in 1992 and received the award for exceptional achievement through teamwork.

In 2016, they raised £22,000 in a year to fund the refurbishment of two rooms in the local Victoria Hospital to provide palliative care.

Isle of Bute Macmillan committee chair Frances Martin said: 'We are all so grateful to the people of Rothesay and the surrounding areas on the island as without their continued support and generosity, our committee could not support our local people like we do.'

DALMALLY

Smooth road ahead

Work is under way to improve the road between Dalmally and Tyndrum.

The Transport Scotland project will see improvements to two sections of the route over a kilometre in the length on the A85 at Glenloch.

The £185,000 scheme was due to begin on Monday September 23 and expected to take six days to complete.

Work is taking place between 7am and 7pm each day with surfacing scheduled to be completed by 7pm on Monday September 30. To minimise disruption for motorists, no works are programmed to take place on Saturday or Sunday.

PORTAVADIE

Friends of Glenan Wood celebrate

A rare surviving tract of Scotland's once extensive ancient oak woodland is about to be purchased by a charity based in Portavadie.

The charity Friends of Glenan Wood has secured a grant of £326,750 to purchase the 361-acre site under the Community Asset

OBAN



McCaig's Tower was lit up for dementia awareness.

McCaig's Tower lit up for dementia

Oban's iconic McCaig's Tower turned orange in support of Alzheimer's Research UK's #ShareTheOrange campaign.

The campaign highlights that physical diseases cause dementia, using an orange to symbolise the weight of matter lost in the brain as

the condition develops. The campaign runs during World Alzheimer's Month, from September 16 to 30.

Illuminated

The tower was spectacularly illuminated in orange on Saturday September 21 from 8.30pm.

Hilary Evans, chief

executive of Alzheimer's Research UK, said: 'We want to put a spotlight on the seriousness of dementia and the huge impact it has on local communities. We hope turning McCaig's Tower orange drives intrigue in our ShareTheOrange campaign.'

Transfer Scheme from Forestry and Land Scotland.

The charity's chairman, Robin Webster OBE, said: 'That the wood has survived relatively intact is largely due to its inaccessibility by road for commercial logging purposes. In 2017, when we saw that it was about to go on the open market, a group of us felt compelled to act, motivated by a desire to acquire this special place to maintain and preserve it as

a fantastic natural resource for the local and wider community.

'Initial plans include improving paths and providing interpretive signage to help visitors learn more about the diverse flora and fauna found there.'

Opportunities to explain its intriguing history of human habitation will also be explored, including the abandoned medieval village of Glenan in the wood.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

The renowned atheist Richard Dawkins has written another book called *Outgrowing God*.

I'm not quite sure why Mr Dawkins seems compelled to keep writing books trying to convince people that God doesn't exist and that the Bible is nonsense.

It would seem to me that he has not engaged in conversation with some of the modern critical thinkers of the current times, but continues to beat a drum which lost its rhythm long ago.

If he were to engage with Marcus Borg, Dominic Crossan, John Selby Spong, to name but a few, I would feel his argument might have a little more credence.

However, Dawkins continues to bring out the same old arguments concerning the validity of scripture and shows a great ignorance of current critical thinking.

Mr Dawkins makes the mistake of thinking that Christians cannot apply logic and science to the stories of the Bible, regarding some as myths, some as parables and some as guidance instructions for a specific time and custom.

To make mockery of the story of Noah's Ark by assuming that Christians regard it as literal truth confirms how little Mr Dawkins actually knows about Christian faith today.

There is an old native American saying which says: 'I do not know if it happened this way, but I do know the story to be true.'

Perhaps Mr Dawkins should read the Bible looking for the nuggets of truth within it, rather than desperately trying to disprove every word.

I do not believe in the vengeful angry God Mr Dawkins finds in the Bible either.

Maybe Mr Dawkins hasn't been introduced to the God Jesus came to show us.

Something seems to compel him to keep searching.

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS

SOUDAN MACKENZIE - At Glassary Parish Church, on September 26, 1969, by the late Rev C M Henderson, John to Isabella. Present address, 19 Kilmory Road, Lochgilhead.

DEATHS

CROLL - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 17, 2019, Mairi Christeen MacKay (MC), in her 54th year, Bracara Road, Inverness, and formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved partner of Kristian McFarlane, much loved and loving mum of Ashley, Gregor and Gareth, loving granny of Aaron and Remy, beloved sister of Ronnie and a good friend to all who knew her.

LANG - Suddenly at home, Inchwood, Teapot Lane, Southend, on September 18, 2019, Doreen Olive Lang (Woodley), in her 98th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Lang, much loved mother of Frances, Neil and the late Duncan and Doreen, mother-in-law of Marjorie and a loving nan, great nan and great great nan.

MACKINNON - Suddenly, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on September 19, 2019, Ian MacKinnon, in his 82nd year, of 37 Highbank Park, Lochgilhead, beloved and loving husband of Andrina, cherished father of Sinclair, much respected father-in-law of Pam, dearly loved papa of Kerri, Hayley and Lesley and proud great papa of Harris and Emilee. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Thursday, September 26, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

STEVEN - Peacefully at home, on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Audrey Steven, (retired nursing sister), aged 80 years, of Ellanvannin, Auchenmalg, Glenluce, beloved wife of the late Forbes, much loved mum of Angus, Audrey and Robert, devoted grandmother of Ellen, Ewan, Kirsty and Victoria.

Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at Roucan Loch Crematorium, by Dumfries, on Friday, October 4, 2019, at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Parkinson's UK, on retreat from service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GALBRAITH - Senga would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Margaret (Pearly). Special thanks to Campbeltown Hospital, Dr Elder and Carr Gomm carers for their care, to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service, to T A Blair for their efficient services, and to all paid their respects at church and graveside.

MACQUARRIE - Marjorie and Donna extend their deepest thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and comfort received following the recent sad loss of Donnie. Thanks to Mrs Margaret Sinclair for the comforting services at Inveraray Church and Cardross Crematorium and to the organist and good friend, Mrs Ethel MacCallum, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, and to all the nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for the love and care Donnie received there. Finally, thank you to all who attended to pay their last respects, and the retiral collection raised £830, to be shared between Erskine Hospital and Cancer Research.

MACTAGGART - Following the death of John Norman Mactaggart, Helen, Claire and Alice extend their thanks to everyone for their expressions of sympathy and their presence at Cardross Crematorium, where the funeral was conducted by Ellen Gibson and directed by T A Blair Ltd, Campbeltown.

MEENAN - Jamie, Margaret and all the family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of Denis. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkinson and the community nurses for all their help and support. Thanks to Kenneth Blair for his professional services and kindness, the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and David McEwan for providing the music. Thanks to Fr Tony Wood for a beautiful Mass, which was a fitting tribute to a much loved and respected gentleman. Many thanks also to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

MACAULAY - In loving memory of our dear mother and granny, Marie, died September 29, 2016. You walk beside us every day. Still loved, still missed, always near. Forever in our hearts.

MACDOUGALL - Donnie, died September 29, 1984. Thirty-five years since we were all together, But happy memories last forever.

MACKINNON/CAREY - In loving memory of our dear granny (Peggy), who passed away on September 20, 1994. Also our dear Auntie Patsy, who passed away September 9, 2014. Forever in our hearts and thoughts, Loved and missed always. - Love, Annamarie, Allan and Jake xxx.

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First round blow for depleted Star

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West of Scotland Cup first round	

Newlands win 4-3 on penalties

Red Star travelled to Barrhead last Saturday (September 21) to play Newlands in the West of Scotland Cup. With victory in their grasp, the team was disappointed to exit the competition.

The sides exchanged goals in the first half with Callum McGuinness opening the scoring after half an hour of play. Newlands hit back just before the break.

Star were up against it for large spells of the second half but the back three of Andy Weir, Ricky Reid and Ben Forbes were solid, with Ally Lewis doing well in goal.

The visitors took the lead again with 15 minutes remaining when Angus Lewis fired home a goal of the season contender from 20 yards.

The Lochgilphead side were perhaps a bit naive as they chased the killer third goal, instead of playing for time in the corners.

They were punished with the last attack of the 90 minutes when Newlands scored from a corner which took a wicked bounce on the way through making the score 2-2.

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Louis swaps sporrán for spikes to win race

Tayvallich piper Louis MacMillan did a quick change into his running kit for a Lochaber 10k hill race – and came home victorious.

After piping off the runners in the Salomon Glencoe Skyline race on Sunday September 22, then picking up his pipes again at the start of the Loch Eilde Mor Race 10k, there was a short pause in proceedings while 17-year-old Louis MacMillan swapped kilt for running shorts.

And 50 minutes and 27 seconds later, the youngster crossed the finish line in first place.

Louis, who plays with Mid Argyll Pipe Band and was the volunteer piper throughout the Salomon Skyline Scotland event weekend, was almost 10 minutes ahead of the rest of the field of more than 100 athletes.

In second place was Steve Worsley, 56, of Inverness Harriers, in 1:00:01. He placed third in the Grey Mare's Trail 5k the day before.

Just behind Steve in third place in the challenging trail 10k with 475m of total ascent and a high point of 350m, was Alistair Nash, 48, who runs with the Saltaire Striders in 1:01:40.

Louis, who is in sixth year at Lochgilphead High School, described the Loch Eilde Mor Race 10k as a 'cool race'.

He added: 'It was a good challenge and fun.'

'The climb up was steep and the top section was crazy.'

'I thought at first it would be fine but then there was a massive bog. I ended up waist deep and I lost a shoe, which I had to stop to retrieve.'



Louis MacMillan swapped kilt for running kit - and won the 10k trail race. Photograph: No Limits Photography.

'Then came the run downhill on an Enduro style single track and that was steep but I just kept going as fast as I could. I am pleased to win.'

Budding athlete Louis won the C class at the inaugural Scottish Mountain Marathon this summer and became the British middle distance champion (UK orienteering league) earlier this month.

There was more Mid Argyll interest at the event with Neil MacNicol, formerly of Turnalt Farm, Barbreck, competing in the Salomon Glencoe Skyline race.

The 47-year-old, who now lives in Burntisland, completed the 32-mile mountain course in nine hours, 28 minutes, 40 seconds and was 23rd out of the 142 athletes taking part. He had the honour of being the first male veteran home.



Neil MacNicol was the winner of the veteran section in the Salomon Glencoe Skyline and 23rd overall.

Cup defeat for Red Star youths after great start to league season

After an excellent start to the season, Red Star 2007s and Red Star 2004s, with four wins out of four games each, both lost in their second round Scottish Cup ties last weekend.

Facing up to Dumbarton United at the Ropework, Lochgilphead, on Sunday September 22, it was a slow start by Red Star 2007s and the

away side raced to a 2-0 lead. A bit of tinkering by the Lochgilphead team saw them step up their play and pull a goal back through Daniel Semple, leaving the boys down 2-1 at half-time.

The second half was dominated by Red Star as they searched for an equaliser. All the pressure was in

vain though as Dumbarton United held out to win 2-1 and progress to the next round.

On the same day, Red Star 2004s were away to Dumbarton United.

The Lochgilphead boys had a 2-0 lead at half-time, through a long-range effort by Caskie and a tap in by Brown. Dumbarton United

came flying out of the traps at the start of the second half, catching the Lochgilphead boys cold to pull a goal back within minutes.

A second and then a third goal gave United the lead. A Red Star into equaliser came but it was a short lived revival as Dumbarton scored a fourth to secure a 4-3 victory.

Salmon firm funds Inveraray shinty equipment

Inveraray Shinty Club has been boosted by a donation from the Scottish Salmon Company's community fund.

The money will allow the club's junior team to invest in new training kit and goalposts, enhancing their ability to compete in games and tournaments. New portable goals will be used during outdoor training sessions and competitions.

Established in 2017 as part of the Scottish Salmon Company's Community Charter, the fund encourages Scottish Salmon Company staff to nominate groups, charities and organisations that support health and wellbeing for a funding grant of up to £250.

The young Inveraray team was nominated by Barbara Burden, canteen supervisor at the Scottish Salmon Company.

Craig Anderson, the company's chief executive, said: 'We are committed to supporting the rural communities where our staff live and work.'

'Inveraray Shinty Club does great work promoting health and well-being. We're delighted to support them with funding for new equipment and hope this will encourage others to participate.'

Euan McMurdo, chairman of Inveraray Shinty Club, said: 'We're so grateful to the Scottish Salmon Company for their generous donation.'

'Their support means a lot to us and will greatly benefit our junior team. It will also improve the quality of the training our club provides and encourage more participation from young people in the Inveraray area.'



The young shinty players resplendent in their new strips.



Niamh Reppke on Steel enjoying the Rustic Rumble course.

Perfect pony club day at Skipness

Ground conditions were perfect for the Argyll South Pony Club's Derby Day at Skipness.

It was a very busy day on Sunday September 22 as the derby had two parts to the competitions. The first was a colourful show jumping course – complete with a derby bank – in the Castle Field right in front of Skipness House. Part two was a Rustic Rumble over 10 cross-country type jumps around the edge of the nearby Chapel Field.

There was tuition in the morning over both courses and these coaching sessions were so popular that they were over-subscribed long before the entry closing date. A total of 26 entries filled the four classes and judges Anne McArthur and Janeanne Reppke were very glad of the electronic timing equipment which gave added precision to the calculation of faults.

Customers at the Seafood Cabin were treated to a ringside seat of the competitors' stylish jumping skills and everyone looked very smart and professional in their brightly-coloured cross-country hats and shirts.

As if by appointment, the rain arrived as the last pole was loaded

on to the trailer and the field gate clanged shut on the last horse box, leaving the lush green fields tranquil and autumnal in the evening light.

Argyll South Pony Club would like to thank the James family for allowing members to return to this special venue, and all who helped before and during the day.

There is just time to draw breath before the Points League starts with dressage at Ferry Farm, Tayinloan, on Sunday October 6.

Results: Class 1, Skipness Starter Stakes - 1 Willow Ryan, Minstrel; 2 Zoe Prentice, Cowal; 3 Louise Ralston, Nero; Alyssa McEachran, Tulip. Class 2, Bit Braver Handicap Sprint - 1 Leah McConnachie, Ted; 2 Hazel Selfridge, Kieran; 3 Allyssa McEachran, Tulip; 4 Isla McShannon, Frostie. Class 3, Claonaig Canter Steeplechase - 1 Katie MacKay, Eves; 2 Leah McConnachie, Ted; 3 Andrea McShannon, Nicole; 4 Leah McConnachie, Rua; 5 Morgan Sinclair, Just William; 6 Cerys Baird, Dancer. Class 4, Argyll South Derby Classic - 1 Leah McConnachie, Rua; 2 Katie MacKay, Eves; 3 Colette Benham, Blake; 4 Niamh Reppke, Steel.



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Big entry for Mid Argyll Triathlon

One of the biggest events in the region each year, the Mid Argyll Triathlon, is all set for this weekend.

Proud winners of Triathlon Scotland Inspirational Event of the Year 2018, the MacQueen Brothers Mid Argyll Triathlon provides an opportunity for novices to line up with some of the best

age group triathletes from across Scotland. Affiliated to TriathlonScotland, the national body for triathlon in Scotland, the event is now a regular fixture in the national events calendar.

Run by a small but dedicated committee, the event is centred at the Mid Argyll Community Pool in

Lochgilthead. With entries now closed, this year's event has attracted around 150 competitors, including 16 different teams.

The event, on Sunday September 29, will begin with the registration of athletes between 9am and 10.30am, with a sprint and team race briefing from 10.30.

Racing starts with eight swimming heats over 500m or 25 lengths, the first of which gets under way at 10.50am. After the swim, it's helmets on and racers take off on the 20km (12.4mile) cycling course, which heads for Cairnbaan and the Crinan Canal before traversing the Moine Mhor to the A816

Oban road and back to the swimming pool.

Competitors finish the day's exertions with a four-mile run along the Crinan Canal towards Ardrishaig and back to the swimming pool.

Prizes will be awarded at 2.30pm at Mid Argyll Community Pool. Every competitor will receive a

MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon performance T-shirt and a goodie bag.

The organisers thank MacQueen Brothers, Midton Acrylics, Riverside Garage, Mid Argyll Community Pool for their support and sponsorship, as well as the volunteers and marshals who help on the day.



The victorious Oban Camanachd team.



Oban Camanachd were too strong for Inveraray.

Sports club lottery results

Numbers drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery on Monday September 23 were 7, 15 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £500.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw numbers were 3, 4 and 15. There were no winners so next week's prize money will be £700.

This week's Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers were 1, 8, 19. There were no winners, so next week £600 will be up for grabs.

Inexperience shows as Inveraray youths beaten in shinty's MacQuisten Cup final

Oban Camanachd under-17s beat Inveraray to retain shinty's MacQuisten Cup on Sunday September 22.

Camanachd started the match at Taynuilt as firm favourites, with more experience throughout the team. On the attack from the off, the Oban side pressed for a goal and found

one within the first few minutes. The flow of play was always towards the Inveraray goal and it was soon apparent it would be a case of how many goals Camanachd could score. Inveraray's case was not helped when Kane Kirkhope was injured in the early stages of the game and had to come off.

As the game progressed, Camanachd changed their tactics to practice for their upcoming game against Newtonmore in the semi-final of the London Shield and, as the game progressed, the Inveraray side stemmed the goals going in.

The Camanachd Association's Argyll and Bute shinty development

officer Euan McMurdo said: 'Great credit has to go to both teams, Oban for producing some fantastic shinty and Inveraray/Oban Celtic for never giving up despite the scoreline finishing in double figures.'

'Thanks also to referee Des McNulty who managed the game fantastically throughout.'

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