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## Cash boost for Argyll

Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed the announcement of a £50 million Rural Growth Deal as a 'vote of confidence' in the area.

On Wednesday October 2, the UK and Scottish Governments announced investment of £25 million each in Argyll and Bute.

Local authority leader Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'This scale of investment is a transformational vote of confidence in the future of Argyll and Bute.'

'To deliver the change needed to build our economy, however, and with it a sustainable future for Argyll and Bute, we need significant investment. That is what we have achieved through our Rural Growth Deal.'

Along with its partners, the council had designed proposals to deliver success across Argyll and Bute, based on attracting additional skills, training and learning opportunities along with new residents, visitors and businesses; making more of the area's natural and built resources; and connecting high value business sectors with national and international business markets.

■ **Reaction to the Rural Growth Deal in next week's newspaper.**

# Mary's Meals on the up in Lochgilphead



Decorating the new shop are, from left, Mary's Meals operations manager Jim McNeill, head of operations Jim McGowan and volunteer Susan Campbell.

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by Colin Cameron  
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It has lain empty for a while, but the shop formerly known as Willie and Pat's is to have a new tenant – Mary.

Or Mary's Meals, to be exact.

The premises, on Lochgilphead's Argyll Street, were sold earlier this year and new owner Stuart McLellan has leased the 76 square metre shop to Dalmally-registered Mary's Meals charity, which has an existing premises next door.

Bursting at the seams, the opportunity was too good to turn down for the charity's bosses.

Mary's Meals head of operations Jim McGowan said: 'The Mary's Meals shop in Lochgilphead was the first to be opened and we are very excited that we can expand into the shop space next door, which is planned to open on October 23.'

**'I am just delighted and thanks to everyone for their support which allowed us to take this next step.'**

He added: 'Lochgilphead is now one of seven shops we have in Scotland and all of them help to support our vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education.'

The manager at Mary's Meals in Lochgilphead is Marina Campbell, who is excited about the prospect of moving into larger premises. 'I'm just delighted and thanks to everyone for their support which has allowed us to take this next step,' said Marina.

She continued: 'Look out for plenty of exciting new ideas and window

decorations – any ideas are welcome.'

Jim McGowan added: 'A big thank you to Marina and all the volunteers for the support they provide to the shop and the work they do in growing the awareness of our mission.'

Not in the business of spending money which could be used feeding hungry children, the charity is saving cash by using its own labour to decorate the new shop. Glasgow-based Jim McGowan himself came to do some painting, accompanied by operations manager Jim McNeill.

Mary's Meals grew from an earlier charity founded by Dalmally's Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow in 1992, Scottish International Relief. It started in 2002 by feeding 200 children in Malawi and earlier this year reached the milestone of feeding more than 1.5 million hungry children every school day.

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Ready for take off. Photograph: Marc Pickering.

# New resident or just a passing visitor?

Eagle-eyed photographer Marc Pickering spotted an unusual feathered friend making itself at home in Lochgilphead.

The peregrine falcon, noticed on Monday September 30, created a bit of a sensation

online, with some locals wondering if dead birds recently found in their gardens may have been victims of the powerful bird of prey.

The peregrine is renowned for its speed, reaching more than 200mph during its characteristic hunting dives, making it the fastest bird in the world. While its diet consists mostly of medium-sized birds, the peregrine will also occasionally hunt

small mammals, reptiles and insects.

Sharing the exciting images on his photography Facebook page, Marc commented: 'Discretion is advised if going to try and see the peregrine falcon.'

'These photos were taken from at least 50m away - I really don't want it to get scared off. A big thank you to Brian Thomsen for letting me know he had spotted it.'

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# Faroese firm joins forces with Scottish Salmon Co

A £500 million deal will see the Scottish Salmon Company (SCC) bought over by a Faroe Islands firm.

Bakkafrøst has agreed to take on 69 per cent of the shareholding from the current majority owner, investment fund Northern Link.

The Faroese firm is preparing to issue a mandatory offer for the remaining freely traded equity, which will force those shareholders to sell. The total cost is £517m.

SCC, which will be de-listed from the Oslo stock exchange, is one of the three biggest producers of farmed salmon in Scottish waters, operating at 60 sites and with more

than 600 workers - including many in Argyll.

The new owner believes there will be significant savings from supplying its own fish food to SSC farms and it wants to use the advantages of joint marketing of its Faroese produce along with that of the Scottish Salmon Company, both of which obtain premium prices.

Bakkafrøst believes there will be advantages from the two parts of the business learning from each other, including methods for reducing the problem of sea lice.

The deal should make it the fourth largest salmon producer in Europe.

## POLICE FILES

### Careless driving

A man, aged 85, has been charged with careless driving after two vehicles collided on the A83, near Furnace, around 8am on Monday September 23. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Vandalism

Police are appealing for witnesses after the bodywork of a white Ford Fiesta car was damaged sometime between 7pm on Saturday September 21 and 6.45pm on Monday September 23 outside a property in Kingsway, Tarbert.

### Car scratched

The bodywork of a black Seat Leon car was damaged outside a property on School Road, Tarbert, sometime between 8pm on Thursday September 19 and 9pm on Wednesday September 25. Police are appealing for anyone with any information to contact them.

### Garage theft

Items were stolen from a garage/outbuilding at a property on the A83, near Inverneill, after it was broken into on Monday September 2. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses.

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



Scottish Salmon Company is a key sponsor of Cowal Highland Gathering. 51\_CHG2019\_messingaround01



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# How well does Argyll and Bute look after people with autism?

by Colin Cameron  
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One year ago, Autism Argyll decided to end its 18-year existence, slamming the council as it did so for consistently failing to support its cause.

Yet, at an Argyll and Bute Council meeting just last week, Councillor Anne Horn once again aimed criticism

at the authority for a lack of action on autism.

So, what has changed in the year since Autism Argyll wound up?

The primary factor in the support group closing its doors was, said its members, a long-term lack of support from Argyll and Bute Council.

Speaking at the time, Autism Argyll chairperson

Alison Leask claimed the council's autism strategy and implementation plan were largely ignored by the authority.

She added: 'At senior manager level, Argyll and Bute Council has rejected our knowledge, rebuffed our experiences, frustrated our efforts, sapped our enthusiasm, drained our goodwill and defeated us.'

Addressing policy lead for health and social care Councillor Kieron Green, during the council meeting on September 26, Councillor Horn expressed disappointment at a lack of information on the autism strategy.

'The [council's] Autism Strategy Group was to finalise and sign off the strategy in December 2018 but it was not completed,' said Councillor Horn.

She continued: 'Autism Argyll folded almost a year ago and since their expertise had been so helpful in compiling the original strategy it is confusing why a former member of that group was not asked to contribute to the new guidance.'

Councillor Green said in response: 'Argyll and Bute Council approved the autism strategy in 2014 and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) now has overall responsibility for



Councillor Anne Horn.

advancing this.' He added that the council was working with housing providers to 'repatriate individuals with autism who are currently placed outside the area, where appropriate'.

#### Practitioner

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute HSCP has confirmed the HSCP recruited an Autism Spectrum Disorder

diagnostic practitioner, who started their role in February 2019.

Councillor Green concluded: 'For our young people with autism, co-ordination between the HSCP Children's and Families Service and Argyll and Bute Council Education allows for the best possible support as they grow and develop.'

## World's best pipe band hops to it

Cairndow brewery Fyne Ales has teamed up with Inveraray and District Pipe Band (IDPB) to brew a special beer in celebration of their recent world championship win.

The new batch of Piper's Gold, one of Fyne Ales' classic recipes, was brewed with a helping hand from IDPB's Pipe Major Stuart Liddell and piper Johan Van Der Wal, who visited the farm in September to help with the brew day and play a few reels for lucky visitors to the Fyne Ales' Brewery Tap and shop.

'We were thrilled the band were keen to work with us on a brew and Piper's Gold was really the only thing we could make after their incredible win last month,' said Fyne Ales managing director Jamie Delap.

The pipers weren't afraid to get their hands dirty alongside head brewer Malcolm Downie on the original Fyne Ales kit, where Piper's Gold was first brewed in the early 2000s, and even popped over to help add the hops on the big kit where Mills and Hills was being brewed.

It's been really inter-



Stuart Liddell and Johan Van Der Wal enjoy a well deserved taste of Piper's Gold.



Johan Van Der Wal, Stu MacLachlan and Stuart Liddell play a tune in Glen Fyne.

esting to learn about the brewing process and there's definitely a parallel with

the pipes – in brewing, it's all about controlling the variables – adding the right amount of malt, or getting the hops added at the right time or a tiny change in variation in temperature can massively alter what the final beer is like and in piping it's the same, it's about controlling the variables,' added Stuart.

The day concluded with a drive along the glen accompanied by Fyne Ales farmer Stu MacLachlan who joined the champions with his own pipes for a few tunes in the hills of Glen Fyne.



Pipe Major Stuart Liddell is put to work.

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## Bid to improve church access

Tarbert Parish Church is raising funds to improve access to the landmark church.

Plans are being drawn up for a planning application for disabled access and toilets.

A delicious selection of home-baking was served at the coffee morning on Saturday September 28 and a raffle was drawn to help raise £511 at the last count, all of which will go towards the cost of this project.

Organisers said: "Thank you to everyone who came for tea and cake, provided the cakes and raffle prizes and helped at the church coffee morning."

# Council 'ready for Brexit'

Argyll and Bute Council is ready to meet the challenges of the UK's impending exit from the European Union, a report has insisted.

A paper produced by the authority for a full council meeting on Thursday September 26 indicated possible difficulties for the area after Brexit.

These include a possible reduction in food choices and rising costs, but the same document adds work is ongoing to ensure Argyll and Bute is ready.

It also states an assessment model by national council

governing body Cosla classified the authority as 'ready' earlier this year.

The UK is due to leave the European Union on Thursday October 31. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has repeatedly said it will do so with or without a deal.

The report by council chief executive Cleland Sneddon said: "The UK Government's withdrawal from the EU raises a number of risks and opportunities."

"The council and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) undertook early in the year a full risk assessment

and subsequently produced an action plan. The most significant risk relates to export of fish and shellfish and a national approach has been ongoing for some time with input from the council's regulatory services manager, who is also the council's/HSCP tactical lead.

"Members should be assured that work is ongoing to respond to the uncertainty surrounding the EU exit."

"Preparation work has been undertaken having regard to national planning assumptions and a risk register and action plan are in place to

mitigate the key risks to our area. This work continues.

"We are embedded and actively engaged in national frameworks and discussions on a wide range of issues."

"All our business continuity plans have been revised to provide assurance that our core council/HSCP services can be delivered in the event of a no-deal EU exit. Such work has included the provision of fuel supplies. From a contingency planning perspective, we have established systems in place to work with our partners responding to emerging issues

and report into the National Multi-Agency Co-ordinating Centre, which relates directly to Scottish and UK Government.

"The council/HSCP were classified as ready using the Cosla assessment model in the lead up to the original leave date of March 29 and remain at this level. Members should be assured the tactical team continue to meet regularly to monitor all potential risks and opportunities, ensure satisfactory contingency arrangements are in place and report regularly to the strategic management team."

## Free gateway to a better business future Tarbert Castle work party

Free training is available for businesses in everything from book-keeping to social media and video production.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service delivers training designed to help businesses start-up and grow.

It takes place across Argyll and Bute and covers a wide

range of topics. The council's policy lead for economic growth, Councillor Alastair Redman, encouraged businesses to take advantage of the support. He said: "We have talented people developing successful businesses across Argyll and Bute. Starting up a business and keeping it growing can be extremely tough,

though, for example in developing new skills to keep up with emerging challenges or opportunities. This is where Business Gateway can help. The service provides practical training and support to help businesses grow. Training is free, so I would encourage local companies, and anyone interested in starting up their

own business, to find out how Business Gateway can help you."

A business start-up workshop is planned for Tuesday November 19 at Whitegates, Lochgilphead.

For other workshops dates and venues or to book a course visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com) or call 01546 604555.

A much-needed work party will be held at Tarbert Castle tomorrow (Saturday October 5) – weather permitting.

A number of regulars are away so anyone with some spare time would be made particularly welcome.

Meeting at 10am, the group will carry out general maintenance around the grounds and preparation work for trees due to be planted next month. Fixing non-slip edges to the timber steps is under way, but there is more to do.

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Eli Pickering, manager of Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead. 51\_a21elipickering01

## Book and a brew in Lochgilphead

Books are My Bag is a nationwide campaign run by the Booksellers' Association to celebrate bookshops.

Launched in 2013, the campaign gives booksellers, publishers and authors the chance to work together to encourage readers to shop in their bookshops and support their high streets.

Every year more than 1,000 bookshops take part in the Bookshop Day by holding special events, creating bespoke window displays and more.

Joining the celebrations tomorrow, Saturday October 5, Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, will be serving coffee and cake all day, with proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

# Proposed Tarbert pylons – plea from history

Plans by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks to erect new, taller pylons across the Tarbert isthmus have sparked anger among residents who, among other concerns, fear the village skyline and beauty will be ruined by the structures. The pylons comprise a short section of a huge project to upgrade the existing transmission network between Inveraray and Crossaig, near Skipness. In the article below, Tarbert man **Ian MacIntyre** reminds us of Tarbert's significant role in Scotland's past, and how its future might be impacted by the proposed new pylons.

For more than 1,000 years Tarbert has played an important part in Scottish history.

The oldest financial records known to exist in Scotland record the work, started in 1325 and carried out by Robert the Bruce, in rebuilding an earlier castle at Tarbert. Two men were paid to accompany Patrick the Fool on his journey from England to provide entertainment for the King and his guests while residing at Tarbert.

Also recorded is a figure for 'making a suit for the King at Tarbert'. Bruce visited Tarbert on many occasions. His final visit was in the year of his death.

Tarbert is believed to have been one of the earliest Royal Burghs in Argyll. An early reference as such was made in 1328. It is also said to have had one of the earliest paved streets in Scotland.

King James IV also had a close connection with Tarbert. The addition of the 'keep' to the castle, part of which still stands today, was constructed at his direction. While this work was under way, James summoned parliament to meet him here to discuss matters local to the area. This meeting took place on July 24, 1494.

Over the years, many travellers of note have passed this way and commented on Tarbert and its scenic surroundings.

In 1772, Thomas Pennant arrived by sea at East Loch Tarbert and described the

scenery as 'picturesque'. CGS Teighnmouth (Lord) passed through the Kyles of Bute in 1827 and commented that 'it offers no scenery worthy of notice'. He continued to note that 'the romantic little harbour of East Loch Tarbert – with the overhanging keep of its ruined castle – form a scene singularly picturesque'. He became a frequent visitor to Tarbert.

In 1843, Lord Cockburn (circuit judge) described the Kyles as 'rugged and picturesque' but, arriving at his destination, exclaimed: 'But Tarbert! East Tarbert! How is it that I had never even heard of that curious little bay? There it lay, calm and silvery, like a scene from a theatre. A striking and beautiful spot.'

In the modern era, many thousands of tourists visit Tarbert each year. Since the beginning of 2019, more than 30,000 visitors have been recorded as accessing the Tarbert Castle site.

Tarbert Harbour Authority manages one of the largest marinas in the Clyde area. Around 130 resident berth holders and more than 1,000 visiting leisure craft during the sailing season add considerably to the numbers who arrive at Tarbert and appreciate the attractive surroundings.

The present plans for the power line, however, as exhibited by SSEN, will present a view on entering the harbour despoiled by a line of monster pylons.

The current proposal sug-

gests that four or five of the 200-foot pylons will dominate the western skyline. The visual impact of this scheme as presently proposed will have a negative effect on the experience of everyone who lives in, or visits, Tarbert.

Tarbert was designated as a conservation area in the 1970s. Argyll and Bute Council imposes restrictions on works likely to have a visual impact on its appearance.

But the council has apparently raised no objection to this visually damaging proposal. Similarly, VisitScotland is reported as having raised no objection as well as closing all its tourist offices in Cowal, Mid Argyll and Kintyre in the past year.

With the recent decline in the Loch Fyne fishing industry, Tarbert is increasingly dependent on tourism to provide employment.

Other issues include the sterilisation of ground under the proposed line of overhead wiring. Opportunities to extend social housing will be restricted under the present plan.

Ofgem administers a £5 million fund set up to mitigate the impact of electricity infrastructure on national parks and 'scenic areas'.

Tarbert, along with its harbour and the isthmus linking it with West Loch Tarbert, without doubt, constitutes a scenic area.

Reconsideration of this proposal is essential.



Ian MacIntyre believes Tarbert's beauty, famed across the ages, will be damaged by new pylons. 06\_a43ianmacintyre01



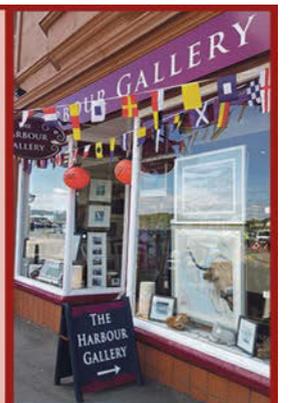
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**A grip of autism**

To an observer, it seems that Argyll and Bute Council is, at best, confused over its approach to autism.

The people who know this best are those affected by the condition and their families and their view of senior council officials was made crystal clear when Autism Argyll gave up banging its head against a brick wall a year ago.

Little seems to have changed since then.

A council Autism Strategy Group is apparently being bypassed in the formulation of a strategy, yet the councillor in charge of health and social care says the strategy is the responsibility of the HSCP.

Yet again, it is people affected by autism who are losing out. Someone needs to get a grip of this in Kilmory and at the HSCP.

**Tri-ffic success**

The weather helped, but the Mid Argyll Triathlon seemed to be a major success yet again. The smooth running – so to speak – of the event must take some doing, so the small team of organisers deserves great credit.

**Exciting times**

Congratulations to Marina and the volunteers at Mary's Meals on securing Willie and Pat's shop. Exciting times lie ahead.

**Help from lawmakers**

Sir  
I notice that letters from Mike Russell and Brendan O'Hara in support of the climate strike on Friday September 20 made much of us, as individuals, doing whatever we can to protect the environment.

I agree that we can all have an influence, but help from legislators would make our choices easier.

For example, why is it often cheaper to fly from Glasgow to London, rather than taking the train? If VAT was added to air travel and this used to subsidise train tickets, it would be easier to choose the environmental option.

Jane Smith, Tayvallich

**Argyll's superfast broadband**

Sir,  
During my period as MP for Argyll and Bute I campaigned to bring superfast broadband to the constituency and was successful in obtaining government money to support this.

Recent years have been very frustrating watching the SNP government fail to follow up on this good work. In its 2016 manifesto the SNP promised to 'deliver superfast broadband to 100 per cent of premises in Scotland by 2021'.

Three years on, hardly any progress has been made. In Holyrood last week, the SNP minister responsible for delivering this promise admitted that it would be 'challenging' to deliver it. The reality is that the SNP still has

not awarded the contracts and their promise cannot now be kept. As a result, many rural homes and businesses in Argyll and Bute have been left behind in the race to improve access to online services and technology, with some households barely able to get internet speeds of one megabit per second.

I can assure your readers that if I am re-elected to parliament, I will pick up where I left off and campaign relentlessly to bring superfast broadband to all premises in Argyll and Bute.

Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat candidate for Argyll and Bute

**Scotland's life expectancy lagging**

Sir,  
I would like to comment on the recently released National Records of Scotland and Office of National Statistics life expectancy figures.

It is great news that there has been a vast increase in the number of people living well into their 90s and beyond. Whatever their secret to long life is, it is certainly working.

But there are still considerable numbers of people in Scotland dying much younger than this. There is a clear general link between levels of poverty and overall life expectancy.

Recent trends show that the increase in life expectancy has been lagging behind England and that there is stagnation overall in Scotland. Reducing health inequalities and poverty is vital to achieving the Scottish Government's

aim of making Scotland a better, healthier place for everyone, no matter where they live.

More investment in our nation's health and social care as well as reducing wealth inequalities is needed to improve quality and length of life.

Brian Sloan, chief executive, Age Scotland

**Tories and Brexit**

Sir,  
It doesn't seem long since the last Tory Party conference where Ruth Davidson was being hailed as their possible new leader.

She was unusually coy in her refusals, stating that rather than that she was going to be the next First Minister in Scotland.

It is reported that she is not attending the conference this time. Perhaps she knew that her would-be successor would be performing U-turns, rubbishing her policies, while trying to sook up to Boris and his Brexiteers.

David Hay, Minard

**Being autism-friendly**

Sir,  
Shops, cafes and other businesses can be a sensory overload for many autistic people.

They can be crowded, unpredictable, loud, bright and can mean an extremely stressful experience – with staff and the public not knowing how to help.

Sadly, this means many of Scotland's 58,000 autistic people find going to cafes and shops too stressful and simply avoid them altogether.

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They close themselves off and their world shrinks – one of the reasons why two thirds of autistic people tell us that they feel socially isolated. That's why here at National Autistic Society Scotland we are promoting a week of autism hours from Saturday October 5 to October 12, where retailers and businesses can offer a more autism-friendly service.

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**Nick Ward, Director of National Autistic Society Scotland**

## Still no ferries

Sir,  
New figures have revealed the cost of the SNP's ferry chaos.

The administrator of the Ferguson Marine shipyard now says that £50 million is overdue to the Scottish taxpayer – nearly £5 million more than previously revealed.

Nicola Sturgeon's government rushed to nationalise the yard, despite Finance Secretary Derek Mackay admitting he has no idea how much it will cost the taxpayer.

Meanwhile businessman Jim McColl – who saved the yard in 2014 and still sits on Sturgeon's council of economic advisers – accused this SNP government of a 'circus' and 'appalling behaviour' for failing to resolve the contract dispute. This is a shambles and island communities are still waiting for these ferries.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and Islands ward.**

## YOUR PICTURES



These teasels were photographed by Ardrishaig woman Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye next to the Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory looking towards Islay across the North Channel.

Cheryl said: 'The observatory is always manned,

very informative and there are seals on the beach below.'

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# Tourism businesses shortlisted for Scottish Thistle Awards



A boutique B&B offering views of Loch Long and the strategic destination management organisations for Argyll and the Isles are among the nominees representing Argyll and Bute as the shortlist for this year's Scottish Thistle Awards regional finals are unveiled.

Ashfield House and Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) have made it through to the west

regional final of the Scottish Thistle Awards, alongside the Helensburgh-based Scottish Submarine Trust. They will represent the region at the west regional final at Òran Mór in Glasgow on Thursday November 28.

Ashfield House at Arrochar has been shortlisted in the Most Hospitable B and B/Guest House category, sponsored by Abbey UK. AITC Ltd is a regional finalist in

the Working Together for Tourism category, and the Scottish Submarine Trust has been shortlisted in the Innovation in Tourism category, sponsored by Geotourist.

The Scottish Thistle Awards, now in their 27th year, help shine the spotlight on individuals and businesses going above and beyond to create a destination and visitor experience worth talking about.



Cristina Sanchez-Navarro, owner of Ashfield House and David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director.



Delegates gather for the 2019 Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative conference, held at Drimsynie, Lochgoilhead, courtesy of Argyll Holidays.

They champion the best of the Scottish tourism industry, celebrating innovation, success and excellence in the sector.

This year saw almost 600 entries submitted, including more than 1,000 nominations from members of the public keen to give hotels, restaurants, B and Bs, visitor attractions and individuals the opportunity to earn the recognition they deserve from their industry peers.

Rebecca Brooks, chairwoman of the Scottish Thistle Awards industry panel, said: 'Once again, the Scottish Thistle Awards have attracted entries from right across the country, with the regional winners earning their place at the prestigious national final in March, where they will join the country's tourism elite to be honoured with the highest accolade in the Scottish hospitality and tourism sector.'

'On behalf of the panel, I would like to congratulate all shortlisted entrants and wish each and every one of them the very best of luck at the regional finals.'

The Scottish Thistle Awards are led by Scotland's national tourism organisation, VisitScotland, and supported by a panel of industry representatives including the Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards, Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, the Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions (ASVA), the Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland, Scotland Food and Drink, Scottish Tourism Alliance, the



Leading Scottish chef Gary MacLean as at the 2019 AITC conference, extolling the virtues of Argyll food and drink.

Scottish Licensed Trade Association, sportscotland and Wild Scotland.

VisitScotland regional director David Adams McGilp said: 'I am delighted to see such a strong representation from Argyll and Bute at the Scottish Thistle Awards west regional final. These entries show the strength and depth of the tourism industry in the region, from high quality accommodation and the organisations going the extra mile to put the region on the map. Those individuals and businesses should feel very proud to have been shortlisted in the regional final and I wish them the very best of luck.'

Regional finals will take

place in different locations around Scotland covering areas such as Central Fife and Tayside, Lothian and Borders, West, the Highlands and Islands, organised by the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, and Aberdeen City and Shire, which is organised by Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards.

The Highlands and Islands regional final, organised by the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, will take place at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness, on Friday November 1.

The west regional final will take place at Òran Mór, Glasgow, on Thursday November 28.

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## Victorious Vicky is student of the year

More than 300 students and guests assembled in the spectacular setting of Oban's Argyllshire Gathering Halls for Argyll College UHI's annual graduation ceremony.

Guest speaker at the event was David Duke MBE, founder and chief executive of Street Soccer Scotland, a non-profit social enterprise that uses football to create positive change in the lives of socially disadvantaged adults and young people. He is also global ambassador for the Homeless World Cup organisation.

More recently, David set up Change Centre Scotland, a social enterprise aimed at tackling homelessness by creating personal development and self management centres. He was awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

Giving an inspirational address, David recounted his own story and the importance of his college

education, an HNC in community work, in part, for helping him turn his life around.

Fifteen of the students graduating on Friday September 25 studied in Lochgilhead. Student Victoria Johnston, of Ardrishaig, was named Further Education Student of the Year. Vicky returned to education after a 20-year gap to take an access course in business, administration and computing and received three nominations for this award.

Her tutors said: 'Vicky actively sought feedback on her work and took on board any suggestions to improve. Vicky's work was always handed in before deadlines and she was supportive of fellow students.'

'Facing some serious health issues, the last year has not always been easy for her, however, Vicky continues to be focused and determined. She is an inspiration.'

Above left: Guest speaker David Duke MBE.

Above right: Victoria Johnston receives her award from David Duke.



Left: Lochgilhead students glammed up for the graduation ceremony.

# Social prescribing's 'staggering' results



A column by Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum

Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum is sorry to hear Cleland Sneddon is to leave Argyll and Bute Council.

In his chief executive's blog in July he talked of the Oban Healthy Options (LOHO) service: '...social prescribing – a non medical approach to improving health and well-being. And the results are staggering'.

He went on to share a before and after story of the impact of this service on the life of one family.

The mother 'had fallen ill relatively young in her 60s and for two years had been largely housebound

and effectively chairbound. Even a move to a specially-adapted house, though making caring easier, didn't substantially improve her quality of life'.

Cleland described how she 'can now toilet herself, shower and feed herself, has a level of independence that she thought she had lost forever – and the impact on her family has been equally dramatic.

**'We hope his understanding of these issues will leave a positive legacy'**

While they remain close and see each other every day, the daughter no longer has to be at her mum's by 6am every day to get her up, hurry back home to get her children ready for school then dash back to mum's and so on...every day of every year'.

It is a heartwarming and

inspiring story. We were particularly impressed with the way the chief executive had insight to acknowledge what we believe to be the core ingredient for the success of this initiative – a specially-designed bespoke exercise, balance and strength programme.

The amazing variety of community events, the enthusiasm of volunteers and the knowledge gained from experience could all be replicated here.

Without the commitment to professional input in identifying and overcoming barriers to onward progress, it can feel like battering our heads against a brick wall, for providers and public.

We hope his understanding of these issues will leave a positive legacy from which we will yet benefit.

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# What's in an Argyll place name?

Place names are so much part of our everyday surroundings we forget that they can tell us something about local history, writes Colin Cameron.

These names could give a clue to former occupations or work practices, to a person closely associated with the location or simply be a perfect, short-form description of that place in physical or topographical terms.

Looking into the wide diversity of names to be found on the maps of West Dunbartonshire and Argyll, place-name enthusiasts are meeting shortly in Arrochar for the autumn conference of the Scottish Place-Name

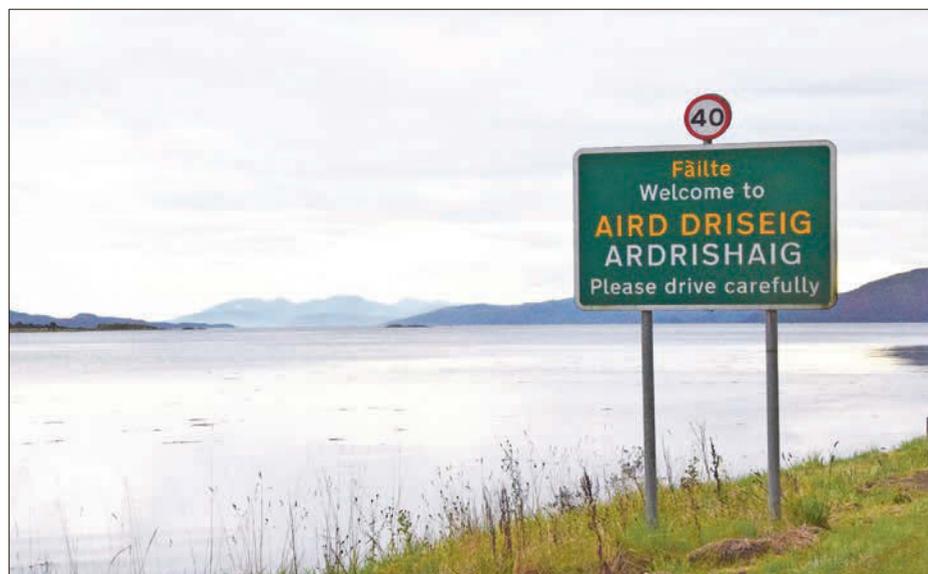
Society, being held in the Three Villages Hall on Saturday November 2.

Arrochar was an obvious choice as venue for this all-day gathering, which is also open to non-members, as two of the main subjects under discussion have links with the district.

Hundreds of place-names from Argyll, Arran, West Dunbartonshire, West Perthshire and Lochaber were recorded by Arrochar man John Dewar (1802-1872) who was paid by the Duke of Argyll to travel around west Scotland recording oral history. When written up in Gaelic this resulted in the

7,000-page Dewar manuscripts which contain numerous place-names (settlements, rocks, caves, fords and other natural features), including many not known from other sources.

The place-names of Arrochar parish itself take up another section of the conference. A group of local people were so inspired during a place-name workshop held as part of a Hidden Heritage project that they got engaged in a spin-off study of names within the parish, which stretches from the top of Loch Long across to the northern half of Loch Lomond and beyond Ardlui.



There are plenty of intriguing Gaelic-derived place names in Argyll. 51\_a40Ardrishaig andArran01



The village of Achnamara sits on the edge of Knapdale Forest at the head of Loch Sween.

The end result is a publication entitled Gaelic Place Names of Arrochar Parish, a guide to the meaning behind the names.

But the conference will be casting farther afield for other studies, such as a look at South Kintyre place-names which get mention in a poem called Flory Loynachan, penned by Campbeltown native Dougie Macilreavie some 190 years ago. Or the intriguingly named talk on Sneaky Swans which looks at the place-names found around Scotland using different forms of the word Ealaidh.

A high point of the con-

ference talks involves the Cobbler and its neighbours in the Arrochar Alps with a look at the names recorded by 16th century cartographer Timothy Pont of the mountain heights in this part of Scotland.

Contrast that with discussion of the name Tarbet or Tarbat, which can be found in various parts of Scotland, and is associated with a relatively flat ground of an isthmus where boats could be portaged from one stretch of water to another.

Bringing earlier place-name studies into the digital age is another theme.

Late 20th-century scholar

Professor WFH Nicolaisen collected the historical forms of several thousand Scottish place-names with a view to creating a reliable single volume scholarly dictionary.

While his plans for a dictionary never came to fruition, he left behind an impressive collection of place-name forms, handwritten on paper slips. Now work is under way to digitise this resource to make it widely available, along with other useful material, on the website of the Scottish Place-Name Society ([www.spns.org.uk](http://www.spns.org.uk)) where details can be found for those wishing to attend the Arrochar conference next month.

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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Duo delight in Ardrishaig hall

By Eve Maxwell  
Mid Argyll Arts Association launched its new season last Saturday (September 28) at Ardrishaig Public Hall with a fantastic duo.

Katherine Aitken – a graduate of both the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music, London – is a Scottish mezzo-soprano with a rich caramel chocolate quality to her voice. Her partner Rebecca Taylor read music as an organ scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford before attending the Royal Academy of Music where she was a Junior Fellow and completed the MA in Piano Accompaniment.

The audience were introduced to the pair with an intense piece by Mozart about burning letters and

it certainly woke us up. We moved onto Schubert's Du Bist Die Ruh, which was beautifully controlled by both singer and pianist.

This was contrasted with Schubert's angsty Gretchen am Spinnrade and I commend Rebecca Taylor for playing the right hand part with ease. The journey then moved through Schumann and into Brahms where the audience murmured in agreement at the rollercoaster of emotions before us.

As we reached Wolf the themes took a darker turn in a short but intense piece about crying tears of blood. Swiftly moving onto Strauss and Mahler the audience were given songs of simple love, a sing off between a cuckoo and a nightingale and a man in great pain which reined the



Katherine Aitken and Rebecca Taylor in Ardrishaig.

audience in with a spiritual lull.

The second half opened with a stunning rendition of Faure's Apres Un Reve. Through Debussy's impressionist piece, Rinaldo Hahn's Operatic journey and into Du Parc comforting his love with a dream like harp created by the piano.

The duo then gave us a contemporary piece by Joseph Horowitz which comprised of snippets from the mon-

ologues of Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth and the music tracks her descent into madness. It was a refreshing choice and made the audience consider new composers.

As a light and fun ending we were given I Can Be A Sexy Lady', a piece about poor mezzos and how they always play boys and not much else in operas. I highly recommend you view it on YouTube for a bit of light entertainment.

The partnership between the two is one I have not seen all that often and you can tell that they really enjoy working together.

## Shock, horror and delight

By Anne Beckitt  
Friday September 13 saw the return visit to Ardrishaig by Dundee dance company Scottish Dance Theatre.

Only the new artistic director Joan Cleville and one of the technical team had been here before but the dancers had been told to expect a warm welcome in Mid Argyll and that they found.

Nobody really knew what to expect from the production Looping and it was certainly an unexpected experience.

Audience members arriving were most taken aback to find that actual seats were limited, being placed around the hall for those who needed to sit. No rows neatly arranged as normal. Youngsters and others were invited to stand in spaces round the room and to move as they wished.

The piece has its origins in Brazil, having grown out of the street carnival situation – all equal, all different – and then translated into a Scottish setting. Brazilian rhythms and Scottish ceilidh music were blended skilfully to entice the audience to

join in when invited by the dancers to be a part of the whole group.

A spoken text helped understand how the themes developed, what and why we have so many stereotypes, how we deal with this and how we could perhaps deal with it all better.

Question and answer time afterwards with the company members was extremely interesting and the coffee, tea and baking afterwards provided more time to chat about the performance.

### Fascinating

It was fascinating to hear how varied the interpretations of different people in the audience, right across the age range, were.

The Mid Argyll Arts Association also arranged for a dance workshop the next morning, held in Lochgilphead Sports Centre, which was greatly enjoyed by the 19 attending.

The generosity of the friends and families who offered hospitality to all the company overnight is much appreciated and contributed considerably to the pleasure of the whole event.



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# Rwandan 'agripreneurs' taken on Argyll safari

By Agnes Wilkie

It is not something you might expect to see on a sunny, but decidedly cool, autumn Saturday morning on the beaches of Kintyre, but for 24-year-old Regis it was impossible to resist stripping off and plunging into the icy waves of the Atlantic for a quick swim.

Regis is one of four delegates currently touring Scotland as part of the Scottish International Young Farmers Clubs International Plus programme.

Regis, along with fellow Rwandan farmers Celestin Nakuredusenge, Benjamin Michel Rusinanbakwe and Jean Damascene



Damascene and Celestine with a couple of ladies, the like of whom they won't see often back home.

Manishimwe arrived from the landlocked central African state to Scotland last week. Choosing Argyll as their starting point, they are on a fact-finding trip to learn from their Scottish counterparts how they might develop

their fledgling farming businesses into a profitable, sustainable industry. Dubbed 'agripreneurs', the four young men are leading the way for a country ravaged by the 1994 genocide and now focused on transforming the economy



Questions galore with Alex Russell at Argyll Bakeries, Campbeltown.

through the nation's natural resources. As well as visiting farms, processing plants and spending time with members of the National Council of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC), they are being introduced to the

delights of ceilidhs, a tour of the Scottish Parliament and a very special trip on the Hogwarts Express. The visit is part of a long-term relationship between the SAYFC and its Rwandan counterparts.

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The visitors loved their visit to Glen Scotia distillery.



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# Band of brothers play out MOJO

Our last MOJO lineup introduction this year will also be the last act of the night, writes Rachel Carruthers.

On the back of performing at Jura Music Festival, The Twisted Melons are all set to play MOJO festival out in style.

From Campbeltown, the trio of Johnson brothers first started out playing separately in cover bands more than 20 years ago, before coming together to start their own band in 2000.

The Twisted Melons are: Mark Johnson (drums); Stephen Johnson (bass) and Paul Johnson (guitar and vocals).

With an appetite for rock and working on their own original material, they immediately got into gigging. Their first album, Local, received a great response encouraging the band to produce further albums including the inspiring West of the Rock last year.

Citing influences such as The Monkees, AC-DC, Donovan and The Who, they have adapted a whole pleth-

ora of music genres in their act over the years to generate a sound they now term as psychedelic beat pop.

Since relocating to the Glasgow area the brothers have played venues all over the city, including King Tuts, and had the exciting opportunity to perform at the commonwealth games in 2014.

MOJO organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'The band's experience is evident, as you will see on the MOJO stage. You can't help but notice their confidence and tightness as they put across their high energy power groove. It's inspiring and entertaining in equal measure. We are certainly looking forward to them playing at this year's MOJO.'

MOJO will be held on October 19 at Craignish Village Hall. Tickets are now available from Argyll Bookshop, Lochgilphead, Ardfern Stores and Oban Music Shop. Turn to page 17 for details on how to win tickets to MOJO Festival.



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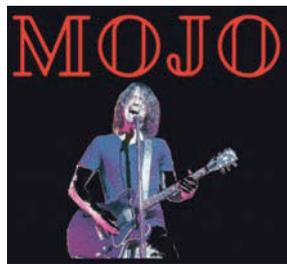
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pair of tickets for this celebration of original music and home-grown talent.

MOJO, to be held on Saturday October 19, will showcase bands of all tastes and backgrounds from all over Argyll in an event that is sure to have something for everyone.

For your chance to win one pair of tickets, simply answer the question below and return it to: MOJO competition, The Argyllshire Advertiser, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8NB by Friday October 11. Don't forget to include your name, address and email address.

**Question: Which band will bring the curtain down in style on MOJO 2019?**

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LiveArgyll, the charitable trust charged with the management of Argyll and Bute's health and wellbeing, has put out a call for new volunteers. This is an opportunity to volunteer in a rewarding position and make a positive contribution. There are volunteer vacancies across all of LiveArgyll's operations, including within sports, swimming, library events, technological assistance and even visiting housebound neighbours.

From October, LiveArgyll will have a new system in place both online and in person at our halls, gyms and libraries to facilitate applications for any volunteer post. While applicants will go through a series of protocols, the number of positions available means that there really is something to suit every personality. Volunteering can boost self-esteem and wellbeing, as well as looking great on CVs and other job applications, and the tangible results volunteering brings to communities is undeniable.

The positions include: sports coach and assistant sports coach, which will see volunteers working with children and young people for half an hour at a time; swimming and fitness programme volunteers, which helps foster a lifelong skill and love of fitness and swimming; Reading Buddies, who will help both children and adults fall in love with books; Tech Buddies will teach PC and internet skills to those less technologically confident; Bookbug volunteers to deliver the national programme of song and rhyme to the youngest members of our communities; homebound volunteers bring the joy of reading to someone who cannot leave the house; events, halls and theatres volunteers can build valuable experience and gain technical knowledge that translates directly to careers in creative industries; and museums and archives assistants, who will be responsible for preserving the history and culture of Argyll and Bute.

While many of the roles require a level of responsibility more suited to adult volunteers, there are still a number of positions that are ideal for those aged 14 to 18. In particular, assisting with fitness, swimming, reading, technology and



sports coaching are great opportunities for adolescent heroes to make a difference.

Volunteers will work alongside paid LiveArgyll staff in most instances, being sure of a guiding hand and someone available to provide solutions to more complex demands. Depending on which role applied for, time commitments range from weekly to one-off, and many require only 30 minutes per instance.

Volunteering is a fun way to improve your own self-con-

fidence and learn new skills, to make friends and provide a real boost to your community. It can offer an invaluable lifeline, especially to those in more vulnerable positions, and the benefits of volunteering at a young age can last a lifetime. Contact LiveArgyll by emailing [volunteering@liveargyll.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@liveargyll.co.uk), or pop in to one of our libraries or leisure facilities to see each of the roles in more depth and find out how you can apply to make a difference.



Gordon Pattullo, box, and Malcolm Ross, drums, were a class act at the Clydesdale Club last year.

## Accordion and fiddle club tunes up for new season

The new season of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club gets under way on Wednesday October 9.

Guest artistes for the opening night are accordion maestro Gordon Pattullo

from Coupar Angus, with Malcolm Ross on drums making a welcome return to the club.

Margaret Mather encouraged supporting players to join for a tune. 'Without

you there would be no club, so why not look out your accordion or fiddle and head for the Inveraray Inn?'

This season, the club has opted for a new starting time of 7.30pm for each session.



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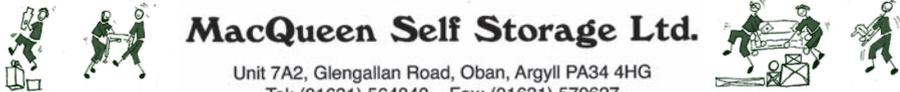




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With entries from all over Scotland and the north of England, it is the premier sale of Highland cattle, which at Oban Livestock Market, Upper Soroba, Oban.

The October sale is of predominantly females consisting of heifers, cows in calf or calves at foot with a small selection of males. There will also be a dispersal of the Jedderfield

fold with 26 animals on offer.

Traditionally, the sale of females has been held in the autumn, with the sale of males in February before the bulls are put out with the females.

The Highlander has been synonymous with Oban for a great number of years.

New folds, as herds of Highlanders are known, are founded every year both at home and abroad, and in recent years Highland cattle societies have been set up in Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Holland, Finland,

France, Switzerland and Norway and there are also Highlanders in Luxembourg, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Poland and the Faroe Islands.

In the British Isles, folds are found from the furthest south to the extreme north on many different types of ground, varying from the slopes of the Sussex Downs, the fenlands of East Anglia, to the wind-swept machair of the Outer Hebrides.

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## Record entry of Angus bulls at Stirling sales

United Auctions is set to welcome a record entry of Aberdeen-Angus bulls for a second consecutive year at Stirling Bull Sales in October.

Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers will also see entries of Beef Shorthorn, Limousin and Simmental bulls up on the year.

The Autumn Bull Sales run from October 20-22, with 698 pedigree bulls and females across nine breeds on show and sale at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

The Stirling Bull Sales is supported by independent property consultancy Galbraith.

Sunday judging on October 20 will include Aberdeen-Angus, Beef Shorthorn and Limousin cattle, with their sales taking place the following day along with the sale of Maine Anjou, Lincoln Red, Salers and British Blond bulls.

The pre-sale shows of Charolais bulls and Simmental cattle will take place on Monday October 21 and they will then go under

the hammer on Tuesday October 22.

A highlight of this year's national event will be three major dispersals of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus and Charolais.

On Monday, Aberdeen-Angus breeders will have the opportunity to secure great bloodlines from two successful and well-established herds.

First through the ring is the total sale of Ben Marsden's Liley herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle from Penistone, South Yorkshire. It includes the sale of multiple show champion Liley Kinannie and senior stock bull Shadwell Earl P773.

Next will be the complete sale of the autumn calving portion of the Forfar-based Wolfaw herd from D & P Murray, comprising 20 cows with calves at foot.

Meanwhile, the complete sale of the Lesliepark herd of pedigree Charolais from Denny-based breeder G Russell will take place on Tuesday morning. The sale

comprises 15 cows with calves at foot, four maiden heifers and stock bull and offers excellent genetics from a successful herd with a selection of female lines from some of the breed's well-known herds. Included in this sale will be this year's junior female and overall junior champion at the Charolais National Show, Lesliepark Nora.

John Roberts, United Auctions' group sales director, said: 'It's great to see a record entry of 109 Angus bulls this year and the increase of Beef Shorthorn, Limousin and Simmental bulls forward.'

'This year's busy programme of high-quality bulls and females has something for every buyer.'

'The set of sales will be led by a dynamic team headed up by sales director David Brown with Ross Forthingham, Raymond Kennedy and Murray Rainnie who will be sure to keep the buzz going from the first day to the last.'

## Around the markets

**Dalmally, Friday September 27:** United Auctions ends their week of sales in the West of Scotland with another successful Breeding Sheep Sale when they sold 7008 head at Dalmally Auction Mart.

Cross Bred Gimmers including Mules sold to £142 for Mules from Achalic and averaged £96.19 (+ £8.71). Blackface Gimmers sold to £980 from High Staward and averaged £100.72 (+ £16.83). Swale Cross Blackface Gimmers sold to £98 from Orchilmore and averaged £88.72 (+ £19.09). Cross Bred Ewes sold to £82 for Lleyen Crosses from Steall, Fort William and averaged £64.07 (- £0.73). Blackface Warranted Ewes sold to £270 from Tay & Torridon Estates and averaged £59.90 (+ £13.50). Cross Bred Ewe Lambs sold to £90 for Mules from Ashburn Cottage, Ardeonaig and averaged £66.36 (+ £5.79). Blackface Ewe Lambs sold to £78 from Crammie and averaged £41.14 (- £4.68). Overall, a very satisfactory level of trade was obtained throughout the day and further stamps this event as a premier one for Breeding Sheep in the

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## Good turnout for Islay Beef Herd competition

Islay Beef Herd competition was held last Saturday, September 28. The judge was Mathew Ralston, who had the hard task of having to judge the 20 herds.

### RESULTS

**Individual cow** - 1. Neriby, 2. Brybruich, 3. Octofad.

**Team of cows** - 1. Neriby, 2. Ardnave, 3. Brybruich, Equal Craigens.

**Individual autumn calf** - 1. Ardnave

**Individual spring calf** - 1. Ardnave, 2. Neriby, 3. Craigens.

**Best Individual calf** - Ardnave.

**Team of autumn calves**

- Ardnave.

**Team of spring calves** -

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**Best team of calves**

- Ardnave.

Highland herd - 1. Easter

Ellister, A Wiggins; 2. Easter

Ellister, L Dawson.

**Small herd** - 1. Brybruich, 2.

Cruach, 3. Torrandarroch.

Native breed herd - 1.

Mulindry @ Balole,

2. Ballymeanach, 3.

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**Best overall herd** - 1. Neriby,

2. Ardnave, 3. Brybruich.

Organisers would like to

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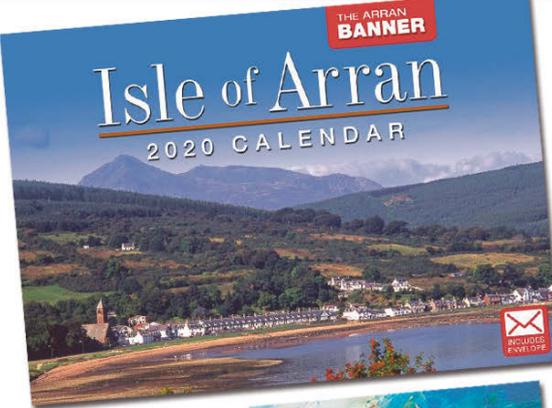
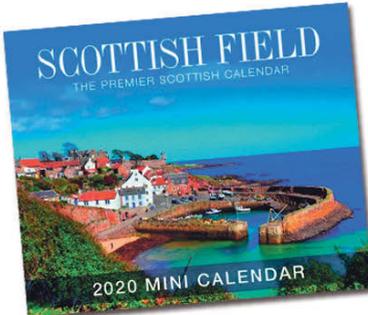
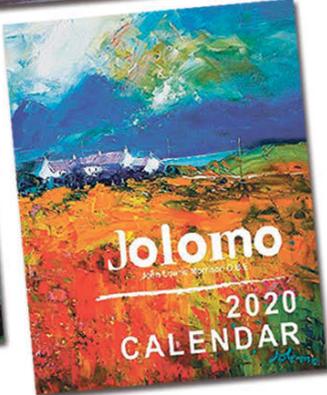
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# THANK YOU

I would like to thank family and friends for all the cards, letters, gifts and visits while I was in hospital.

Marion Reid.

# Thank You!

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Kilmichael Glassary's branch of the Scottish Women's Institute began its new session last month at Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church.

President Betty Rhodick welcomed six members to the first meeting. This was a business meeting and a discussion about upcoming events. Tea was served and a raffle for institute funds was drawn.

Competitions results: pretty teacup: 1 Betty Rhodick; 2 Jean McIvor; 3 Helen Rhodick; two fridge magnets: 1 Charlene Munro; 2 Amanda Brown; 3 Corinna Charwood.

Next on the agenda for the group is an open meeting with the topic 'lemons'. This will be held on Tuesday October 8 at 7.30pm in Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church.

The evening's competitions will be a round white soda bread and a greeting card of any craft.

Mrs Rhodick welcomed everyone to join: 'You do not have to be a member to attend. Everyone will be made welcome.'

**Discover unique glen on a guided walk**

As part of Highland Archaeology Festival celebrations, Kilmartin Museum is offering the chance to discover what makes the ancient landscape of Kilmartin Glen so unique by foot.

Guided glen walks, led by knowledgeable museum volunteers, will take place on Wednesday October 9 and 16 at 1.30pm.

Organisers recommend boots



Explore Kilmartin Glen with museum volunteers.

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Book in advance for this free event by phoning the museum or sign up on the day. For more information, go to the museum's website [www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org).

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**Scottish Bar and Brew award winners**

Around 150 representatives from the best bars in Scotland gathered on Monday September 30 at the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow to

celebrate their achievements. The inaugural Scottish Bar and Brew Awards 2019 showcased bars that performed well over the past year and are considered the best by the public.

The awards also celebrated top establishments that strive to be different.

Taking home the accolade for gastro pub of the year central was the Lord of The Isles, Craobh Haven, which was also a finalist in the Hidden Gem category at this year's The Scotsman Food and Drink Awards.

Kintyre were also well represented in the Scottish Bar and

Brew Awards with pub of the year south west being awarded to The Black Sheep Pub in Campbeltown.

Irfan Younis, chief executive officer of Creative Oceanic, said: 'We received a fantastic response from the public who were keen to vote for their favourite bars.'

'This industry has grown massively over the past few years and we wanted to reward those who have made a real difference by providing fantastic drinks and great hospitality.'

'The winners are an outstanding example of excellence whose dedication to be the best has made them stand out from the rest.'

**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

We were enjoying one of our favourite walks on Arran with our dogs at a place called Kings Cross Point.

It is nothing whatsoever like that crowded, frenzied, busy, noisy part of London.

It is a beautiful, well-kept area of fields with trees and bushes and is nestled close by the shore.

The peace is tangible and nature is at rest there.

Kings Cross is just before Whiting Bay, with gorgeous views across to Holy Isle and is accessed by a short walk down a track, so no cars invade the peace.

Our collies adore going there and are so pleased if we meet other four-legged friends on these outings.

This morning, to their delight, we met up with a couple with three friendly canines and so the games began.

Soon we noticed that two of the dogs were clipped together on a double lead of about four feet.

A little spaniel and a border terrier happily rushed over to greet us and then shot off to explore the area, joined amicably together.

The owners explained that the spaniel was deaf and almost blind, and so the border terrier was her guide dog.

What total trust the wee spaniel had in her friend and how her life was enhanced by the freedom this friendship brought. The terrier had a responsibility and he knew it.

As they bounced off together I reflected on this bond. The wee dog hadn't been 'taught' to be a carer, he just did it.

He couldn't logically know what it must be like to be deaf or blind, but he just knew the spaniel needed help and he gave it.

As author Dean Koontz said: 'Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one is a life diminished.'

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS



**FUGE - MOODIE**  
At Dunoon High Kirk, on October 1, 1969, by the Rev Allan MacLeod, Tom to Ann.

DEATHS

**BROWN** - Peacefully at his home, with his family by his side, on September 24, 2019, James (Jim) Brown, in his 85th year, of Innishail, Ford, by Lochgilphead, formerly of Drimvore, and the Island of Luing, retired postman and church officer, beloved husband of Violet and loving father of Lorraine and Morven, and a much loved and adored grandpa of Iona, Duncan, Rowan, Douglas, Roshan, Digby and Nisha. Brother of Mary-Margaret and respected father-in-law of Angus and Robin. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, October 3, 2019, followed by interment at Kilchattan Cemetery, Isle of Luing. Sadly missed.

**SEMPLE** - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 25, 2019, William Semple, in his 81st year, Brackley Farm and formerly of Barmollach Farm, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McLean, much loved dad of Catherine, Margaret and Tommy, loving grandpa of Peter, Craig, Fiona, Hannah, Paul, Emma, Neve and Willie-Jack and great grandpa of Eve.

**WHITEFIELD** - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, on September 26, 2019, with his family by his side, John, in his 84th year, loving husband of the late Nan, much loved dad of Graham, Joyce, Janice and Irene, dear father-in-law of Alison, Keith, Robert and Donald, adored grandpa of Craig, Ross, Lewis, Ashleigh, Rebecca, Keir, Aaron, Caitlin, Eoghan and Isla and great grandpa of Harper, Daisy and Heidi. A dear brother, uncle and friend to many. Funeral service will take place, today, October 4, 2019, at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin, at 12.00 noon. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland and Ardfenaig Residential Home comfort fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACKINNON** - Andrina, Sinclair and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following the sad and unexpected passing of Ian. Our thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and Lochgilphead Medical Centre for their care of Ian over the years. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting and uplifting service, in keeping with Ian's personality; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient arrangements; to the Stag Hotel for excellent catering, and to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £800 for the British Heart Foundation.

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**MCLELLAN** - Don would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sudden sad loss of Wanda. Thanks to Rodger Crooks for a comforting service and to David McEwan for the lovely music. Thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services and kindness, and to the Argyll Hotel for the purvey. Many thanks also to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

**LIPPE** - Precious memories of Feuna Margaret Kerr, who died October 9, 1992, aged 26 years. If all our prayers were answered, Feuna, Our dreams could all come true, We'd have nothing left to wish for, Because we'd still have you.  
- Love, Mum, Dad, Iona, John, Paul and Feuna.  
Love you always, Mum.  
- Peter John xx.

**SOUDEN** - In loving memory of our dear mum, Betty. You're always in our hearts.  
- From your loving daughters, Isabel and Elizabeth, and all the family.

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SC002493  
**Sunday 6th October**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
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11.15am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Mr J McLellan  
**Monday 7th October**  
Guild 2.00pm New Hall  
**Tuesday 8th October**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
**Thursday 10th October**  
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New Hall

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Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Guest speaker Mr Nigel Kenny from the Christian Institute  
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Held at Campbeltown Free Church  
Speaker Mr Steve Davies  
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Speaker: Calum Ferguson  
11.15am Sunday School  
**6.30pm Evening Service**  
Joint service with Community Church and Springbank Evangelical Church  
Speaker: Pastor Steve Davies  
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**Wednesday 9th October**  
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Mr C Holden  
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Mr C Holden  
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Church of Scotland  
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- 10.00am  
Sunday service will be led by Wilf Stout  
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**Inveraray Church**  
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# Graeme sets new triathlon



Jan Oliver from Tayvallich waits patiently to support her friends Fiona McCallum – who won the super vintage title – and Louise Logue. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon03



Tarbert-based GP Sally Ward in bike action in the team event. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon08



Oly Hemmings, proudly wearing her Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation gear, crosses the Bellanoch Bridge. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon13



Army-trained medic John Greenfield from Glasgow was on duty at the triathlon with colleague Jenny Murison. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon15



As ever, 19th Argyll Scout Group was there providing sustenance to the hungry triathletes and support to the event. Pictured from left are Joe Payne, Thom Catterwell and MJ O'Meara. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon22

Conditions were perfect for the 160 competitors who descended on Lochgilphead for the 2019 MacQueen Brothers Mid Argyll Triathlon, writes Colin Cameron.

With no fewer than 14 trophies up for grabs across an incredible range of age groups in both male and female categories, the scene was set on Sunday September 27 for some fantastic racing.

The triathletes began the event with a swim at Mid Argyll Community Pool of 500m or 25 lengths, followed by a 20km (12.4 miles) cycling course via Bellanoch and the Moine Mhor to the A816 Oban road and back to the swimming pool. After that, it was off the bike for a four-mile run along the Crinan Canal towards Ardrishaig and back to the swimming pool.

The race for overall victory was a three horse race between former Kilmartin man Graeme Neagle, now living in Glasgow, along with Dom Sharkey from Campbeltown and Glasgow's Dom James.

With the fastest swim (6 minutes 37 seconds) and cycle (28:12) times,

it was Graeme who was in pole position as the bikes were parked and the run began. In the event it was Dom Sharkey who had the fastest run of the day (25:22), but it was not enough to catch Graeme, who won the event overall in a time of 1:02:44, which is a new course record.

The battle for the first local home is always fiercely contested, with this year's victor being Stephen Whiston as the first male and Kirsty Sandercock the first female.

The organisers of the event, Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club, would like to thank MacQueen Brothers for their continued sponsorship of the triathlon, while the support of other sponsors – Midton Acrylics, Lochgilphead Co-op, Riverside Filling Station and MacLeod Construction Ltd – is also very much appreciated.

Race director John Anderson said: 'This year's triathlon was really good, with dry roads and very little wind.'

'Thanks to all the competitors and everyone who helped organise the event and assisted in any way.'

Mid Argyll Triathlon, now a regular fixture in the triathlon calendar, won the Triathlon Scotland 'Inspirational Event of the Year' for 2108 and offers an opportunity for novices to line up with some of the best age group triathletes from across Scotland.

John Anderson added: 'I think the greatest thing about this event is how people of all ages, from junior right up to super vintage (over 70 years of age) can take part and enjoy a challenge.'

First prize winners: Senior male: Graeme Neagle (1:02:44). Senior female: Francesca Vidler (1:13:51). Veteran male: Brian Campbell. Veteran female: Louise Ross. Super veteran male: Martin Duthie. Super veteran female: Hazel Manson. Vintage male: Dany McLaughlin. Vintage female: Carole Mallet. Super vintage male: Douglas Wood. Super vintage female: Fiona McCallum. Local Male: Stephen Whiston. Local female Kirsty Sandercock. Junior male: Jamie Glen. Team winner: The Rubber Ducks, University of Glasgow.



Lane counters monitor the number of lengths each triathlete has completed at Mid Argyll Community Pool. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon26



The transition between swimming pool and bike, with a 20km cycle ahead. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon34

# n record



Overall winner Graeme Neagle sets off on his run on his way to setting a new event record.



A delighted Fiona McCallum, first in the super vintage category, with her trophy.



Dr Adrian Ward, about to enter the final two miles of the run.  
51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon49



Junior winner Jamie Glen runs alongside veteran Thomas Kemlo in the finishing straight.



Performing marshaling duties in Ardrishaig at the halfway point of the run were, from left, Polly Payne, Anna Turner and Cameron Garrett – all connected to the Scouts. 51\_a40ModArgyllTriathlon46

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

- K Elder Oban
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**John nets Fishermen's Cup on last competition day**

The final competition of the season take place at Tarbert Golf Club on Saturday September 26.

Members were playing for the Fishermen's Cup, with John MacNab taking the honours with a 72-7 for nett 65, beating his brother Bruce who had 71-5 for nett 65.

On Saturday morning the fourball final took place, with Iain Johnstone and Iain MacArthur taking on Duncan Johnstone as Duncan's partner James Smyth couldn't play due to work commitments.

The two Iains were no match for Duncan, who was two under par for the holes played, with the match finishing way out in the country.

On Friday afternoon the mixed doubles final took place, with Mrs Rona Young and Duncan Johnstone taking on Mrs Georgie Dickson and John MacNab. Rona and Duncan combined very well and were never down in the match, eventually winning by a three and one margin.

**Club lotteries**

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery on Monday September 30 were 8, 10 and 11. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £800.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery draw numbers were 5, 6 and 18. There were no winners so next week's prize money will be £700.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 11, 19 and 20. There were no winners, so next week £600 will be up for grabs.

**Football festival fun**

It was a busy September for children from Red Star youths, with teams attending festivals at Haldane (Alexandria) and Lochnell thanks to sponsorship from Ardrishaig Community Trust and Vention Energy A'Chruach Community Fund.

Almost 50 youngsters headed off to Alexandria

in early September for the popular and competitive Haldane festival playing against new teams from across the West of Scotland.

Lochgilhead were represented by teams at 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 age groups with each working hard and testing themselves against some really good teams. Saturday September 28 had more than 55 girls and boys head to North Connel for the always excellent Lochnell Festival.

Facing teams from Ardencaple (Helensburgh), Campbeltown, Lochnell, Oban, Renton and Tarbert - depending on age group - Lochgilhead was represented by 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and girls' teams. All teams performed very well, playing some excellent football to demonstrate how well they have developed over the season. There was great football but fantastic team spirit and attitude.

This was a great effort by all the boys and girls involved and well done to the coaches supporting them.



The 2010 team.



2011 team.



2012 team.



2013 team.



Here come the the Red Star girls.

**Red Star 2004s fall just short**

Thorn Athletic	3
Lochgilhead Red Star	2
GADYFL 2004s	

Red Star 2004s fall just short in league opener

Red Star 2004s headed to Beith on Sunday September 27 to face league newcomers Thorn Athletic.

A hard game was expected against a strong Thorn team who, after playing in the Paisley First Division, decided to move over to the Glasgow League this season. Two well-matched teams served up an exciting game that was played in a competitive and combative manner.

Red Star started with the majority of the play before Thorn began to take a bit more control. The game was evenly poised - when Thorn took the lead.

The Lochgilhead boys were not for giving up and found an equaliser through McMurchy before half time to leave it 1-1 at the interval.

The second half started well for Lochgilhead as they took a 2-1 lead when McMurchy grabbed his second goal. This time it was Thorn's turn to fight back as they searched for an equaliser which eventually came their way before they kept up the pressure to take the lead again 3-2.

Star searched in vain for a third goal but the match ended 3-2 in favour of Thorn.



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