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ACHA flat is bad for our health says tenant

by Colin Cameron

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Damp in a rented flat has forced a Lochgilphead tenant to throw out mouldy items and she also claims it is damaging her own and her son's health.

Shona Murray, aged 40 and originally from the Isle of Mull, says that her shoes, clothing and bedding have become so mould-covered in her flat on Lochnell Street that she has had to throw out items that were otherwise perfectly good.

She said: 'An ACHA official came round to have a look and they told me it was down to condensation. All they had to say was "have you got your vents open?" It's just ridiculous.'

She and her 14-year-old son James and Frankie, a pug/Border terrier cross, moved into the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) two-bedroomed flat in February.

It was, she says, damp from



the moment she moved in. 'You can smell it as soon as you walk in,' she says.

James' bedroom is particularly badly affected, with mould growing on the underside of divan drawers

under his bed.

'James suffers from asthma, and it has definitely got worse since we moved here,' claimed Shona.

A tenant of ACHA for many years on Mull, she feels disap-

pointed at her experiences in Lochgilphead. 'I am a good tenant,' said Shona. 'I don't miss rent payments and I don't owe them anything.'

Suffering from fibromyalgia and a degenerative spinal

condition, Shona maintains that just the fact of talking about her situation harms her health. 'Speaking about it gives me headaches, my heart races and I get sweats. It's just horrible.'

Shona with the latest pair of mould-covered shoes - and clothes hanging outside the wardrobe in case they fall.

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She concluded: 'James' asthma is only going to get worse, and I don't want to be here through the winter.'

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor responded: 'The association identified a small area of damp. We inspected the roof and carried out some lead work to the skew.'

'The small area affected had to have the plaster removed to allow it to dry. The area was tested last week and when inspected it was dry so arrangements are now being made to re-plaster the wall. There are no other signs of water penetration in the flat.'

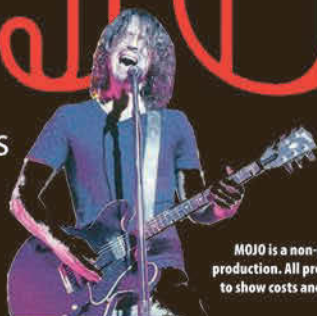
'The property has been re-rendered and no dampness was identified when the property was re-let.'

Mr MacGregor added: 'The association has located dampness data loggers to double check if there are any other issues. The results of this will be known shortly and if there is any evidence of further dampness we will take appropriate action.'

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Lochgilphead house plan is thrown out

Plans for a new house to be built in Lochgilphead town centre have been thrown out by council chiefs.

The proposals for the three-bedroom building on land at the rear of 57 Argyll Street were refused by Argyll and Bute Council's planning department.

Three complaints had been submitted to the authority, which deemed the application by John MacVicar unsuitable due to the size of the site.

John Peace Associates, representing Mr MacVicar, had previously said in a design and access statement that the proposed house would preserve privacy between Argyll Street houses and the Stag Park.

The council's head of

development and economic growth, Fergus Murray, said in a report on the handling of the application: 'By reason of the limited size of the application site in combination with the development pattern in the immediate locality and the scale and siting of the proposed three-bedroom house, [the planned house] would result in an over-intensive form of backland development.

'[This would be] with an unsatisfactory relationship with adjoining development to the detriment of the visual amenities of the locality and the residential amenities, [and] the occupiers of existing adjoining development in terms of loss of privacy, visual dominance and inten-

sification of activity, noise and disturbance.

'The proposed intensification of built development within an historic plot layout and the insensitively sited and over-intensive development of a traditional back court open space which forms part of the setting of frontage development, would be out of keeping with the traditional pattern of built development.

'[It would also be] to the detriment of the character and appearance of the Lochgilphead Conservation Area.'

The planning and access statement said that the proposed house would only be visible to neighbouring properties.



With Brendan O'Hara MP are, from left, Sergeant Iain MacNicol, PC Neil MacLeod, Inspector Julie McLeish, PC Charlie Takel and Sergeant Keith Evans. 51_a41Brendan_Police02

MP has eyes opened with police

'Very, very good' was the verdict of Brendan O'Hara as he spent a day with Lochgilphead's finest.

The Argyll and Bute Member of Parliament met civilian staff and police officers as well as spending a day out on the beat with PC Neil MacLeod.

'I really enjoyed it,' said Mr O'Hara at the end of his shift. 'It gives me an insight into just what officers do, and the interaction between the police and other agencies.'

'It was a real eye-opener for me.'

The visit, on Friday October 4, came about as part of the Give a Day to Policing initiative, under which MPs of all parties are invited by local forces to go along and see a variety of aspects of policing, from spending time with their neighbourhood team, seeing how the day-to-day business of policing works and meeting frontline officers.

At the final debrief meeting at Lochgilphead Police

Station, Mr O'Hara thanked Inspector Julie McLeish for a warm welcome.

He said: 'Huge thanks to Inspector McLeish and everyone at Lochgilphead Police Station for making my Give a Day to Policing so enjoyable and useful. It is hugely appreciated. Keep up the great work.'

Inspector McLeish said: 'It was good to give him an insight into local issues and what we do to help keep people safe. He certainly seemed to enjoy being out on patrol.'



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	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
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Tue, 1 Oct 2019	07:28	04:28	09:58			
Wed, 2 Oct 2019	08:11	05:11	10:41			
Thu, 3 Oct 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24			
Fri, 4 Oct 2019	09:40	06:40	12:10			
Sat, 5 Oct 2019	10:33	07:33	13:03			
Sun, 6 Oct 2019	11:46	08:46	14:16			
Mon, 7 Oct 2019				13:24	10:24	15:54
Tue, 8 Oct 2019				14:35	11:35	17:05
Wed, 9 Oct 2019				15:32	12:32	18:02
Thu, 10 Oct 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49
Fri, 11 Oct 2019				16:59	13:59	19:29
Sat, 12 Oct 2019				17:33	14:33	20:03
Sun, 13 Oct 2019				18:03	15:03	20:33
Mon, 14 Oct 2019				18:28	15:28	20:58
Tue, 15 Oct 2019	06:50	03:50	09:20	18:55	15:55	21:25
Wed, 16 Oct 2019	07:17	04:17	09:47	19:27	16:27	21:57
Thu, 17 Oct 2019	07:49	04:49	10:19	20:04	17:04	22:34
Fri, 18 Oct 2019	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Sat, 19 Oct 2019	09:12	06:12	11:42			
Sun, 20 Oct 2019	10:03	07:03	12:33			
Mon, 21 Oct 2019	11:03	08:03	13:33			
Tue, 22 Oct 2019	12:17	09:17	14:47			
Wed, 23 Oct 2019				13:43	10:43	16:13
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Sun, 27 Oct 2019				16:27	13:27	18:57
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Tue, 29 Oct 2019				17:50	14:50	20:20
Wed, 30 Oct 2019				18:32	15:32	21:02
Thu, 31 Oct 2019				19:14	16:14	21:44

Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight as well as tide times before you go.



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Vandalism

Between Monday September 16 and Monday September 30, the front bumper of a black Audi vehicle on School Road, Tarbert, was damaged. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Possession of drugs

At around 3.05pm on Tuesday October 1, a car was stopped on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, and a 25-year-old man was allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis. The man was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Using mobile phone

Police stopped a car on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, at around 11.50am on Wednesday October 2, as the female driver, aged 72, was seen driving while using a mobile phone. The woman was charged and a £200 fixed penalty ticket with six penalty points was issued.

Careless driving

On the A816, near Lochgilphead, a grey Vauxhall Vectra car was seen to be driven in a careless manner and at excessive speed on Wednesday October 2, at around 4.15pm. The car was stopped by police and the 38-year-old female driver was charged with the offence

and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket with three penalty points.

Theft

Between 9pm on Wednesday October 2 and 8am on Thursday October 3, a red and black mountain bike was stolen from outside a property in Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Charged

Within a property in MacIntosh Way, Lochgilphead, on Friday October 4, a 29-year-old man was allegedly found in possession of cannabis, cocaine and unidentified white tablets at around 7.40pm. He was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police warning

On Saturday October 5, at around 10.45pm on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a vehicle was stopped and two men aged 30 and 26 were found in possession of cannabis. Both men were issued with recorded police warnings.

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

Council apology after dead whales left for three weeks

by Colin Cameron
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Argyll and Bute Council has been under fire after the bodies of two whales, beached on the Kyles of Bute, were left lying for weeks after their deaths.

The local authority had undertaken to remove and dispose of the carcasses of the Sowerby's beaked whales which became stranded on September 17 at Kames, near Tighnabruaich.



The decomposing creature still lay on the concrete slip three weeks later.

Kames Coastguard Rescue Team joined other agencies in an attempt to save the mammals, which were initially thought to be a mother and calf.

A concerted effort to help the animals, between agencies including the coastguard, Bute and Cowal Vets, British Divers Marine Life Rescue, SSPCA, Barbara's Wildlife Rescue and many local people ended in tragedy when the local vet was forced to first

put down the smaller underweight male then the accompanying juvenile female.

After the hard work of so many – with a distressing outcome – anger built as the council failed to arrange uplift of the two bodies.

After being contacted by the Argyllshire Advertiser, a council spokesperson said on Monday October 7: 'We apologise for the delay in removing the animals. A contractor has been appointed to carry out the work, which will be completed as soon as possible.'

The animal which lay on the tank slip near Kames was removed on Wednesday October 9 for disposal at a landfill site, though it remains unclear whether both were uplifted. A post mortem examination carried out through the Scottish Marine Animal Strandings Scheme revealed that the 11-foot



Members of the Scottish Marine Animal Strandings Scheme examine the whale on the tank slip near Kames. Photograph: Elaine O'Reilly/Scottish Marine Animal Strandings Scheme.

long male was in very poor nutritional condition and the female, two and a half feet longer than the male, had not

eaten for a good while before stranding.

A post mortem report noted: 'The inshore waters

around Tighnabruaich are not suitable habitat for this species and it is not surprising they had not fed recently.'

Flash flooding across Argyll



A816 near Lochgilphead between Meadows and Cairnbaan was flooded.

Motorists were advised to drive carefully on the roads in some parts of Argyll as recent flooding caused disruption.

A band of heavy rainfall overnight on October 5/6 across an area from south Kintyre and Islay to Mid Argyll forced the police to close many routes.

On the morning of Sunday October 6, Police Scotland reported its officers were working with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, BEAR Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council to deal with a number of weather-related incidents resulting in road closures due to flooding and landslides in Argyll.

Police reported that a number of roads in Campbeltown were closed due to flooding, including Saddell Street and Millknowe Road, with officers working with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in these locations.

On the east side of the Kintyre peninsula the B842 was closed for a time at Peninver

following a landslide which was later cleared.

Extensive flooding was reported on roads around Campbeltown Airport, particularly the Moss Road which was closed between Stewarton and the airport entrance.

The low-lying section of the A816 near Lochgilphead between Meadows and Cairnbaan was also flooded. This main route to Oban was closed by police as a precaution and later re-opened.

Caution

Elsewhere, flooding was experienced on the Isle of Islay on roads including the Bowmore-Port Ellen route, while further north caution was advised on the A85 between Oban and Tyndrum due to debris on the road at Lochawe village.

Flooding remained a problem on Wednesday October 9, particularly along the B8025 to Tayvallich, near Glenyalvon as the changeable autumnal weather and heavy downpours continued.

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The scene on Remembrance Day 2018 in Lochgilphead, and anyone looking to lay a wreath this year is asked to contact the organisers well in advance.

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Remember Remembrance Day

A month before the nation pays its respects to those who have sacrificed so much in conflicts past and present, preparation for the Lochgilphead Remembrance Day ceremony is well under way, writes Colin Cameron.

Speaking for the organising committee, Betty Rhodick said: 'I would ask any individual or organisation wanting to lay a wreath at the Remembrance service on Sunday November 10 to contact

me as soon as possible.' She added: 'Everyone is very welcome to come along to Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall afterwards for tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches.'

Poppies will be in the shops very shortly and to add a little colour to proceedings, Mrs Roddick said: 'It would be much appreciated if shops would take a little time to dress their windows to add to the sense of remembrance and respect.'

Could you help build Argyll charity's future?

by Colin Cameron
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Calling all joiners and builders out there.

One of Argyll's most popular charities needs some practical help in Lochgilphead.

As featured in the October 4 issue of the Argyllshire Advertiser, Mary's Meals is expanding in the town's Argyll Street.

The Argyll-based charity feeds more than 1.5 million children in schools every single day across some of the world's poorest nations.

Such is the charity's popularity in Mid Argyll that it badly needed larger premises – so when the



Paint-covered senior managers Jim McGowan and Jim McNeill with volunteer Susan Campbell, shop manager Marina Campbell and the owner of the new premises, Stuart McLellan.

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former Willie and Pat's shop next door became available, Mary's Meals jumped at the chance and will open to the public in late October.

Mary's Meals would, though, rather spend donors' cash on feeding children than on expensive

shop fittings and decor. So last week senior management from Glasgow donned overalls to paint the new Lochgilphead shop.

And to avoid diverting money from the charity's core purpose, they are now looking for help with

sourcing and fitting a shop counter and shelving – it doesn't need to be fancy.

So, if anyone can help with materials or labour, any donations would be welcome.

Call the Lochgilphead branch of Mary's Meals to help on 01546 602 223.

Council's Supporting Communities Fund opens

Applications are being invited for a grant scheme aimed at supporting community projects within Argyll and Bute.

Groups can apply for up to 100 per cent of the total funding costs for their project or activity from the Supporting Communities Fund, with a maximum award of £2,500 available.

The application period for the grant opened on Monday (October 7) and will close on Friday December 6.

Applications that meet Argyll and Bute Council's criteria will be scored and recommendations made to the relevant local area committee for a decision to be taken by councillors in the spring of 2020.

The fund is aimed at supporting community projects



Councillor Rory Colville.

and helping to kick start new projects. It is open to all community groups, and applications must be able to provide evidence of direct benefit to the community.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for community development, said: 'I'm

pleased that the council is once again committed to helping excellent project ideas from our communities come to fruition.

'There will be a lot of good ideas out there that need a financial boost and I encourage any community groups with fresh ideas to apply to the Supporting Communities Fund.'

Advice and support on funding is available from the council's Community Development Team, which can be contacted at 01436 657647 or via email address communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Application forms can be found on the Argyll and Bute Council website and hard copies are available via the Community Development team.

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How to spend £50 million? We should know by December

by Colin Cameron
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The welcome has been warm across the political spectrum for the Rural Growth Deal for Argyll and Bute.

Work has been going on for the past three years by Argyll and Bute Council and partners to finalise a bid for a joint UK and Scottish government-funded scheme.

This came to fruition at the beginning of October with the announcement of a £50million Rural Growth Deal - with £25million each coming from the Scottish Government and Westminster.

It is hoped that spending priorities under the Rural Growth Deal can be agreed with the two governments by the end of this year.

The council's new policy lead for economic growth, Councillor Alastair Redman, hopes that the funding can further boost the 'huge success story' of the area's economy.

Councillor Redman said: 'This £50million investment from the UK and Scottish governments is very welcome indeed and much needed.'

'There can be little doubt that our Argyll and Bute economy is a huge success story with key business sectors like food and drink. In particular our world-famous whisky and aquaculture industries, tourism, marine science, defence industries with a focus on engineering [are] all seeing the most potential for growth, but with this success comes many challenges.'

'The main priorities for Argyll and Bute with this new investment will be transport and infrastructure, skills and

education, digital connectivity, housing and our growing low carbon economy.'

'While this investment will not resolve all of our constituency's challenges relating to economic growth it is certainly a welcome step in the correct direction.'

The local authority intends to make more of the area's natural and built resources and connect high value business sectors with international markets.

Council leader Councillor Aileen Morton added that the deal represented 'a transformational vote of confidence in the future of Argyll and Bute'.



Councillor Alastair Redman.

The deal has been well received by Mid Argyll and Kintyre and the Islands council members. Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'By providing attractive businesses, this should increase the skill base of our workforce to compete and retain staff which in turn will assist to keep people working and living in Argyll and Bute and assist future growth.'

'This is an exciting initiative and thanks must go to the UK and Scottish governments and Scottish local authorities for having confidence to invest in Argyll and Bute.'

Councillor Anne Horn commented: 'I very much

welcome the Rural Growth Deal monies for Argyll and Bute.'

She added one note of caution: 'At present I am without clarification whether any of the funding will be retained for Ministry of Defence plans for HMNB (Faslane) as this would impact on developing the priorities identified in the Rural Growth Deal bid.'

Councillor Donnie MacMillan added: 'This is great news for Argyll and Bute.'

'We now need to agree priorities with the Scottish and UK governments and work with partners to develop detailed business cases. We will be exploring other sources of funding, so hopefully the total investment will work out much greater than the £50 million announced.'

'Officers have worked really hard with others to get to this stage and I very much welcome the announcement,' said Councillor Robin Currie.

'Hopefully investment will be made in attracting more people to come to live in Argyll and Bute and for the people who remain or come to this area, that there are improvements in essential infrastructure, roads, transport, connectivity, housing and businesses.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said he was am delighted to see the deal come to fruition, having been 'in at the beginning' of the plans.

He said: 'It is a unique opportunity for major improvements that will help every community and every resident in Argyll and Bute. I hope the necessary plans can be speeded up to allow money to start to flow as early as next year because the sooner we all



Transport and infrastructure improvement is badly needed across Argyll and Bute.

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see its effects, the better.

'Such investment is vital because the key issue in this area is depopulation.

Developing the infrastructure to allow business growth and improving communication are vital tasks which will

determine the very survival of some communities and progress on these matters is, thankfully, now in sight.'



Councillor Donnie MacMillan - welcomed 'great news' for Argyll and Bute.



Will any be spent on Faslane? asks Councillor Anne Horn. 06_a17electionHorn01



The sooner investment starts the better, according to Michael Russell MSP. 06_a18hustings_russell01

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ACHA tenant

It has been a while since we carried a story where a tenant has a complaint about a housing association property. But it always seems to involve damp in the home.

Fair enough, the Argyll climate isn't exactly Mediterranean. But the recurring theme of damp seems to suggest a deeper issue.

Perhaps it is time for significant investment in existing housing stock as well as new homes within Argyll and Bute.

Deal or grow deal

I don't know why, but we are mildly (and pleasantly) surprised at the level of political agreement over the Rural Growth Deal.

The council, seemingly, got less money than it was asking for – but in cash per head terms we did quite well in comparison to other rural or City Deals.

It will be interesting to see what additional investment can be attracted to bolster the £50 million pot.

Everybody loves Raymond

A joke is never far from Raymond Flanagan's lips, but his colleagues were deadly serious when they said they would miss him.

Or was it his tablet they will miss...

We wish Raymond all the best in his next chapter.

Farmers and fishermen face Brexit 'ruin'

Sir,
In the House of Commons last week I accused the prime minister of viewing my hard-working Argyll and Bute constituents as simply 'expendable'.

And I warned him that his 'new' plan for Brexit; the one in which Northern Ireland retains free and unfettered access to the European Single Market would leave Argyll and Bute's farmers and shellfish producers facing financial ruin.

I know that for almost 40 years our shellfish producers and hill farmers have built up sophisticated trade links with the European Union, with our world-renowned seafood in particular, being taken from our seas and delivered fresh to some of the best restaurants right across Europe.

I know that any form of Brexit will be deeply damaging to Scotland but a Brexit deal in which Northern Ireland, just 12 miles across the water, will be given a massive competitive commercial advantage over Argyll and Bute food producers is completely unacceptable.

As I said to the Prime Minister, surely if this deal is good enough for Northern Ireland, it is good enough for Scotland. Sadly, however, he appeared uninterested in the fate of this already fragile rural economy, and refused to even consider the effect of this disastrous policy on our communities.

With the true extent of the damage Brexit will cause here in Argyll and Bute becoming

clearer every day, today I forwarded to Mr Johnson an e-mail I received from one west coast fisherman who wrote desperately seeking clarification on these new proposals, and who signed off his correspondence from 'a soon-to-be-unemployed and bankrupt fisherman'.

This is the reality for too many people in Argyll and Bute but it is a reality the prime minister is not interested in.

Brendan O'Hara MP, Argyll and Bute

Tarbert Music Festival

Sir,
We would like to thank everyone involved for being part of the Tarbert Music Festival.

We appreciate all the donations towards the coffee morning, raffles and Margaret's collecting bucket, in which she raised £966.

To continue offering this free festival we need to raise some pennies, so watch out for our fundraising events during the year.

Margaret MacNeill, on behalf of the committee

Addendum: Due to personal circumstances I am conscious that I did not thank everyone for donations and support of the seafood festival, so once again a huge thank you to everyone. We could not have had such a successful weekend without you all.

Margaret, Duncan and Kerry, Tarbert

Climate protests

Sir,
I write regarding the recent climate protests by school pupils in Lochgilphead. Had the

little eco-warriors carried bin bags instead of placards they could have picked up all the litter that emanates from Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Plastic bottles, sweet and chocolate wrappers, energy drink tins, crisp packets and polystyrene food containers adorn all routes to and from the campus.

Perhaps to help save the planet litter patrols would be better than pointless gestures.

Phillip Hallas, Lochgilphead

Better health and social care integration

Sir,
Older patients stuck in hospital beds in Scotland as a result of delayed discharge are effectively ageing 30 years in just three weeks, a new Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee has warned.

The report looks ahead to the Scottish Government's 2020-21 budget and highlights the significant extra costs of keeping patients in hospital longer than they need to be there compared to intermediate care, care homes or home care.

Keeping older patients in hospital when they are ready to be discharged is seriously damaging to their health and more investment is needed in our social care system, so that every older person can swiftly access the care they need and are entitled to. New evidence provided by the Scottish Government to the committee has also revealed that delayed discharges also cost the NHS an average of £234

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Older people tell us they are afraid of going into hospital in case they never leave and spending time in hospital unnecessarily can put patients at greater risk of infection and mobility loss.

It can also have a severe impact on their mental health, increasing the risk of loneliness and isolation.

We urgently need more recruitment and intensive investment in health and social care, and much better integration between services.

Brian Sloan, chief executive, Age Scotland

Parents wrongly criminalised

Sir,

The Scottish Conservatives have rightfully voted against a recent bill that could see loving parents wrongly criminalised. No-one wants to see violence against children but the smacking bill is not the answer.

It makes the law less clear and increases the chance that normal parents are wrongly accused of harming their child.

We in the Scottish Conservatives would rather help and support families than bring in bad law that could turn children against their parents.

This is yet another case of the separatists' Orwellian over-reaching and their constant imposing on everyday family life, just like their failed Named Person policy.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and Islands ward

YOUR PICTURES



Our reader's photograph this week comes from Dunoon reader Neil Lea. The gorgeous but wintry scene is of the Vital Spark puffer lying at Inveraray Pier.

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BRIDGING THE RETIREMENT GAP

Ever-increasing life expectancy means larger retirement pots are now needed. This means the ageold practice of stopping work at 65 is being replaced by phased retirement; many are reducing hours or responsibility, but extending their working lives by several more years, bringing with it a host of new financial considerations.

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Raymond bids farewell – but he’s open to offers

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A well-known figure in Mid Argyll, particularly in youth development circles, is taking a well-earned break as retirement beckons.

A reception was held in honour of Raymond Flanagan, youth worker for

Mid Argyll with Argyll and Bute Council, as he stepped down from a role he has held for the past 17 years.

Tables groaned with food prepared by youth volunteers, and by Raymond himself, as guests arrived.

Speaking at the ‘do’ in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Friday October 4,

Martin Turnbull, the council’s community learning manager said: ‘Raymond very quickly became an important part of the team after joining in 2002. Everybody knows Raymond and everyone has had support from him as well as a bit of wind-up at times.

‘But if Raymond is known for anything, it’s for tablet, football and his enthusiasm for Lego.’

He continued: ‘We are genuinely sorry to see you go, and we wish you all the best for the future, and hope you have plenty of time to make us some tablet – drop in any time – to go and see Celtic, play a bit of golf and get into the Lego.’

Colleagues and youth volunteers presented Raymond with a bonsai tree and a tea mug with stirring spoon, while the council handed over an inscribed quich to



A special Lego cake for the occasion. 51_a41RaymondFlanagan05



The council’s community learning manager Martin Turnbull makes the retirement presentation to Raymond, who proudly clutches his bonsai tree gift. 51_a41RaymondFlanagan06

mark the occasion.

At one point in proceedings Raymond stood as if to make a speech and, in typical style, announced: ‘Right, when are we going to get into the food? I’m starving.’

Speaking afterwards he said, in a more serious vein: ‘I’ll miss my colleagues and I’ll miss all the kids, and I’ll miss working with Mid Argyll Youth Forum. And that’s it basically.’

‘But I’m also looking forward to new chapters. I have plenty to keep me going with golf and everything else.’

Raymond added, perhaps not entirely seriously: ‘I don’t turn 60 until December, so I’m open to offers!’



Raymond – ever ready with a joke – at his retirement reception. 51_a41RaymondFlanagan01



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Care savings proposal is a cause for concern

Concerns have been raised over proposals put before health chiefs to restrict care packages for older people in Argyll and Bute.

A possible move to limit packages to patients with 'top priority concerns' was one of a number of ideas proposed as part of a financial recovery plan by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

A report which was put before the HSCP's integrated joint board (IJB) presented a total of 13 savings options which would save a total of £386,000 if they were all implemented.

The proposal which generated most controversy was worded: 'New care packages for older people's services restricted to those with critical priority 1 needs only, with lower priorities signposted to alternative third sector services and/or assisted

with telecare services where possible.

'Aim is to contain spend on new care packages to no more than 30 per cent of funding released from any care packages terminating.

'Where that allows, some of the highest priority 2 cases will also be accommodated.'

Dr Angus MacTaggart, a GP representative for the HSCP, who practises on Islay spoke out against the plans for care packages: 'I would like to voice significant concerns relating to the proposed changes to home care.

'The proposed restrictions on funding are draconian, short sighted and discriminatory, and at odds with our aims.

'For example, [it will affect] those with severe and enduring mental health issues, or those with significant difficulty with daily living routines, or those with ter-

minal illnesses or who have recently been discharged from hospital.

'If approved today, this policy will have significant consequences on how we function as an organisation whose objective is to provide compassionate healthcare.

'It will lead to severe bed pressures in hospitals. It is clear that this policy has not been fully risk assessed and will lead to real and significant harm.'

Respect

Councillor Kieron Green, chairman of the IJB, said: 'We respect the professional opinion which you have given and have discussed this on the morning of this meeting.

'Even if we approved all these savings, it is likely that we would have to consider bringing forward more savings in the future.

'I think that bearing in mind the professional advice

we are being given, I would be minded to say that for this particular item, officers need to go back.

'If it is possible to deliver any aspect of this saving, bring it back to a future meeting of the IJB.'

Betty Rhodick, a public representative on the IJB, said: 'If you are going to have people going back into hospital through a lack of care, you are talking about us - the public.

'We need to get it right in cutting services, and care is not the way to go. Speculate to accumulate and we will end up saving money.'

Councillor Gary Mulvaney, who is part of the finance and policy committee of the IJB, said: 'I can certainly accept your suggestion that we have a further look at this, but what I would say is that those who wrote this paper are professionals.

'We will look at it again in a



Councillor Kieron Green, chairman of the IJB.

month's time, assess the risks and see where it takes us.'

The proposal will be revisit-

ed at the board's next scheduled meeting on Wednesday November 27.



Ardbeg Distillery on Islay.

Alarm over US whisky tariff

News that the United States plans to slap tariffs of 25 per cent on imports of Scottish malt whisky has been met with concern and disappointment in Argyll.

More than £1 billion worth of Scotch whisky was exported to the US last year and there is concern the new tariff, which comes into force on October 18, could impact that.

Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP Donald Cameron said he is 'alarmed' that such a trade dispute could hit communities in places such as Islay very hard.

'It's a bitter irony that an argument between the European Union and the United States about subsidies for airlines should embroil the malt whisky industry,' he said.

'EU trade negotiators need to get back into talks with their American counterparts and sort this dispute out before it does any more harm.'

Neil MacKay, chairman of Oban and Lorn Tourism Alliance, said: 'Twenty-five per cent is a really major sum and it is verging on extortionate. We are very lucky that the Oban Distillery is a wonderful resource in our town and a very popular one. This

could really affect business for the Oban Distillery.'

However, Mr MacKay's concern did not end with Oban. He added: 'For Argyll and the Isles, whisky is a vital, vital part of the economy. The distilleries are phenomenal. Is it a matter of time until they start doing the same with the likes of gin, which has had a boost in the last few years, with nearly every island having its own gin? It could have some long-term effects.'

Karen Betts, chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association, said: 'This is a blow to the Scotch whisky industry. The tariff will undoubtedly damage the Scotch whisky sector. The US is our largest and most valuable single market.'

'The tariff will put our competitiveness and Scotch whisky's market share at risk. We are also concerned that it will disproportionately impact smaller producers. We expect to see a negative impact on investment and job creation in Scotland, and longer term impacts on productivity and growth across the industry and our supply chain.'

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Morag is new HIE area manager



Morag Goodfellow has been appointed area manager for Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) in Argyll and the Islands.

Morag joined HIE in 2009 and has been based within the Argyll and the Islands team for the past nine years, most recently as head of regional development, based in Lochgilphead.

She has played a key role in developing some of Argyll's recent infrastructure projects such as The Fairmile Building business hub in Dunoon and the European Marine Science Park in Oban.

Originally from Caithness, Morag studied economics at Glasgow University.

She completed a master's degree in land economy before embarking on a career as a chartered surveyor, working in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Oban.

She said: 'I am delighted to be taking up this role, leading the Argyll and the Islands team.'

'I am very fortunate to live and work in such a beautiful

region, which has so many natural benefits to help drive our economy.

'From tourism to whisky, aquaculture to marine science, there are significant opportunities for growth and innovation in all these sectors. There are also challenges of course, including helping businesses adapt to leaving the EU and attracting new

talent to areas still experiencing population declines.

'I look forward to continuing to work with the team and our partners, including Argyll and Bute Council and North Ayrshire Council. Collaboration is the most effective means of strengthening the economy and community resilience of Argyll and the Islands.'



Morag Goodfellow.



Harry and Ava Maitland of The Wee Isle Dairy on Gigha, a 2017 runner-up at the awards, with Graham Nicolson, group buying director at Aldi and awards host Fred MacAulay.

Who deserves a rural award?

Time is getting short to nominate your local hero for a special award.

The Scottish Rural Awards recognise excellence in Scotland's countryside – a celebration of the enterprise, innovation, dedication and community spirit of those who live in rural Scotland, including Argyll.

Now in its sixth year, the Scottish Rural Awards is partnered by Scottish Field and the Scottish Countryside Alliance, in association with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.

Plenty of Argyll nominations are being sought ahead of the glittering awards ceremony, to be held in Glasgow on April 2 next year.

Businesses can nominate themselves, and are welcome to enter more than one category. People can also nominate a friend or family member's business. The deadline for nominations is November 4.

And the Scottish Rural Awards want to know who is being nominating – post on Facebook or Twitter using #SRA2020.

The all-new award categories for 2020 are:

- Best Scottish Artisan Food Award
- Best Scottish Artisan Drink Award
- Rural Business Diversification Award
- Best Rural Business Start-Up Award
- Best Farming Business Award
- Best Rural Employer Award
- Rural Hospitality Award
- Best Rural Innovation Award
- Best Rural Skills Educator Award
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Scottish Water calls for money-saving efficiency

Using the Scottish Government's climate week, Scottish Water is taking the opportunity to call on more people to reduce their daily water usage.

It has been confirmed that around 80 million litres of water have been saved across Scotland in the past year after water efficiency advice and devices were given to thousands of households.

The reduction in water consumption is enough to fill 32 Olympic-size swimming pools or 53 million kettles.

Scottish Water has been working in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust and Home Energy Scotland, promoting water efficiency to help households save water, energy and money and the latest figures show it is working.

This summer, Home Energy Scotland has been at events throughout the country giving



A huge amount of energy goes into making tap water safe to drink.

communities water efficiency advice and distributing water saving devices to 30,000 households so far.

As a result of these measures it is estimated that the saving of 80 million litres of water could equate to a carbon

footprint reduction of about 240 tonnes of CO2 equivalent – enough to heat almost 90 houses for a year.

These new figures have prompted Scottish Water to renew its call for more people to use water wisely and take simple measures, such as taking shorter showers or boiling only the water you need in a kettle.

The more people do this, the further water supplies will go and this will leave more in rivers, lochs and reservoirs and so help the environment.

Brian McCarthy, Scottish Water's reservoirs and supply demand manager, said: 'These new figures show that a massive amount of water has been saved by people across Scotland after we have issued great water efficiency advice and provided devices such as shower timers and tap aerators to thousands of households.'

'We would urge everyone to do what they can to reduce consumption of this precious

resource and in turn help the environment and save money through reduced energy bills.'

Water use accounts for six per cent of UK carbon emissions, which is the same as the aviation industry. One per cent of this is from collecting, treating and pumping drinking water to homes.

A huge amount of energy goes into making tap water safe to drink and Scottish Water is one of the largest single users of electricity in Scotland.

The remaining five per cent is from heating water in the home, with around one fifth of household heating bills spent on heating water. By using water wisely, a family of four can save 0.7 tonnes of CO2 and more than £100 in reduced energy bills each year.

For advice on how to use water wisely visit www.scottishwater.co.uk/en/Your-Home/Water-Efficiency

Science matters

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A modern epidemic in sight

An epidemic of short-sightedness, or myopia, is sweeping the world.

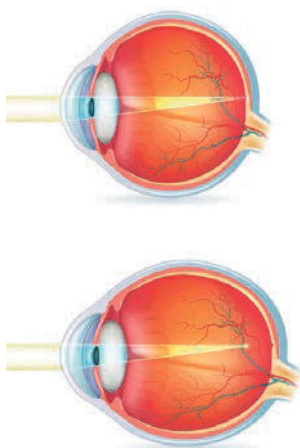
The problem was first noticed in East Asia, where now up to 96 per cent of teenagers are short-sighted. In Europe and US, this figure is around 50 per cent compared with 25 per cent 50 years ago.

Estimates suggest that very soon 2.5 billion people, that is a third of the world's population, will be myopic.

Babies' eyes grow rapidly, reaching near-adult size by 10 years of age. Myopia results when this growth is altered and the eyeball is elongated. This causes the lens' focus to be shifted from the retina to slightly in front of it, resulting in blurred vision. Although vision can be corrected with glasses, contact lenses or surgery, it increases risk of eye diseases – retinal detachment, glaucoma and cataracts – in later life.

So what is the cause of the myopia epidemic and how can it be prevented?

For years, myopia was claimed to be a genetic problem, but to account for the re-



NORMAL VISION
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cent dramatic rise there must be additional environmental factors.

As this rise coincided with Asian children spending more time studying (15-year-olds in Shanghai have on average 14 hours per week of homework), and most children, irrespective of nationality, poring over smartphone and computer screens, too much close-up work seemed the obvious answer.

Some experts still back this theory, but several large comparative studies on children's daily routines do not. Instead, the only environmental risk factor uncovered by these studies is lack of time spent

outdoors. The results show that children who spent less time outdoors have a greater risk of myopia regardless of time spent studying. The key to protection from myopia seems to be the eye's exposure to bright light.

The scientific reasoning behind this finding is unknown, although animal experiments suggest that a deficiency of light-stimulated chemicals in the retina can block normal eye development.

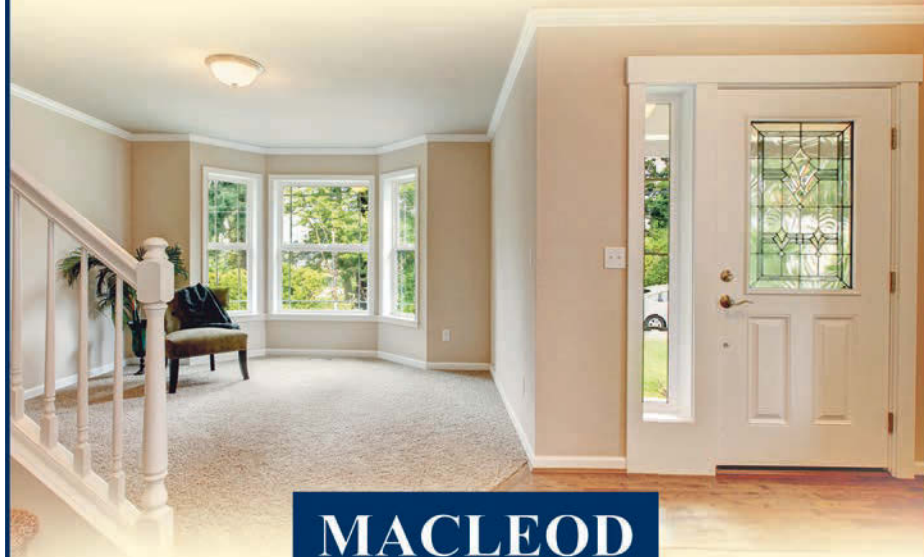
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Ready, set, dance – trio smash ultra challenge target for school

by Rachel Carruthers
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Running shoes on and ready to make their daughters proud, Norma Litster, Ailsa McCrae and Kara Smith took on an ultra challenge to raise money for their daughters' dance school.

Running as a relay team in the Dunoon Ultra Marathon the group were raising funds for Katrina Martin School of Highland Dance.

Embracing the elements on Saturday October 5, the ladies took on the challenging hilly terrain, completing the tough course in six hours and 10 minutes.

At the time the paper went to print a fantastic £465 had been raised, smashing their goal of £300. Funds raised by the runners will be used to buy new dancing

equipment and to help the dance club support some children who are competing in various events.



Left to right: Alisa McCrae, Norma Litster and Kara Smith.



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Porridge Day is oatly delicious

With a change in temperature, it seems like a fitting time to fill up on a warm breakfast and celebrate World Porridge Day, writes Rachel Carruthers.

Volunteers at the Lochgilphead Mary's Meals shop joined in the worldwide fun, topping their porridge with fruity faces yesterday (Thursday October 10).

Now feeding more than 1.5 million children in 18 countries around the world,

Mary's Meals sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest nations. The food attracts children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

World Porridge Day was launched in 2009 by the charity to celebrate the difference the daily meals they provide to chronically hungry children makes.

Karen Gray, UK director of

communications and fund-raising at Mary's Meals, said: 'We celebrate World Porridge Day because it is a mug of vitamin-enriched maize porridge that Mary's Meals serves to thousands of children every school day in countries, including Malawi, Zambia and Liberia.'

The charity is also asking people to post, tag and share their #PorridgeSmiles to help raise awareness of its life-changing work.



Christina Litster, left, and Margaret Walker share their #PorridgeSmiles. 06_a41MarysMeal01



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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL



Himmerland will spread happiness in Tayvallich Village Hall.

Great Danes invade Tayvallich to spread warmth

Tayvallich is set for a Viking invasion when Danish band Himmerland play the village hall.

Himmerland are five experienced musicians, inspired by varied cultures, who perform music from their own country and beyond.

Named after the home area of founder Eskil Romme, Himmerland cast their musical net wide, from Ireland to Africa and Eastern Europe and even samba. Their mix of roots music crosses styles, cul-

tures and frontiers. Since forming in 2010, Himmerland have toured internationally with great success, including a collaboration with Scots performer Mairi Campbell, who brought her show Auld Lang Syne to Tayvallich earlier this year. Along the way, the band have recorded award-nominated albums.

Cultural life

The band members span a range of ages and backgrounds. Eskil is an organic farmer who plays saxo-

phone and composes music. He is closely involved in Danish cultural life and hosts a boutique festival every June, the Halkær Festival, to celebrate 'Nordic, Celtic and organic cultures, independence and the environment'.

Jens Ulvsand on bouzouki and vocals has been an integral part of the Swedish folk music scene for the last 25 years. Percussionist Ayi Solomon is from Ghana, while Jonas Lærke Clausen on violin and vocals

and Emil Ringtved on electric bass and vocals are part of the upcoming generation of skilled young Danish musicians who blend traditional music with modern influences.

Diverse

Gathering material for the band's repertoire is a challenging but rewarding process as five diverse musicians find what they call their 'shared soul'.

Wherever they play, Himmerland spread warmth and happiness with

their unique blend of traditional Danish ballads, whirling fiddle tunes, stunning improvisations and exciting new music composed and arranged by band members.

Himmerland will play Tayvallich Village Hall on Saturday October 12 starting at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm). Tickets are £12 or £5 for under 16s. Pay at the door or email info.tayvhall@gmail.com to book tickets. The venue is unlicensed but people are welcome to BYOB.



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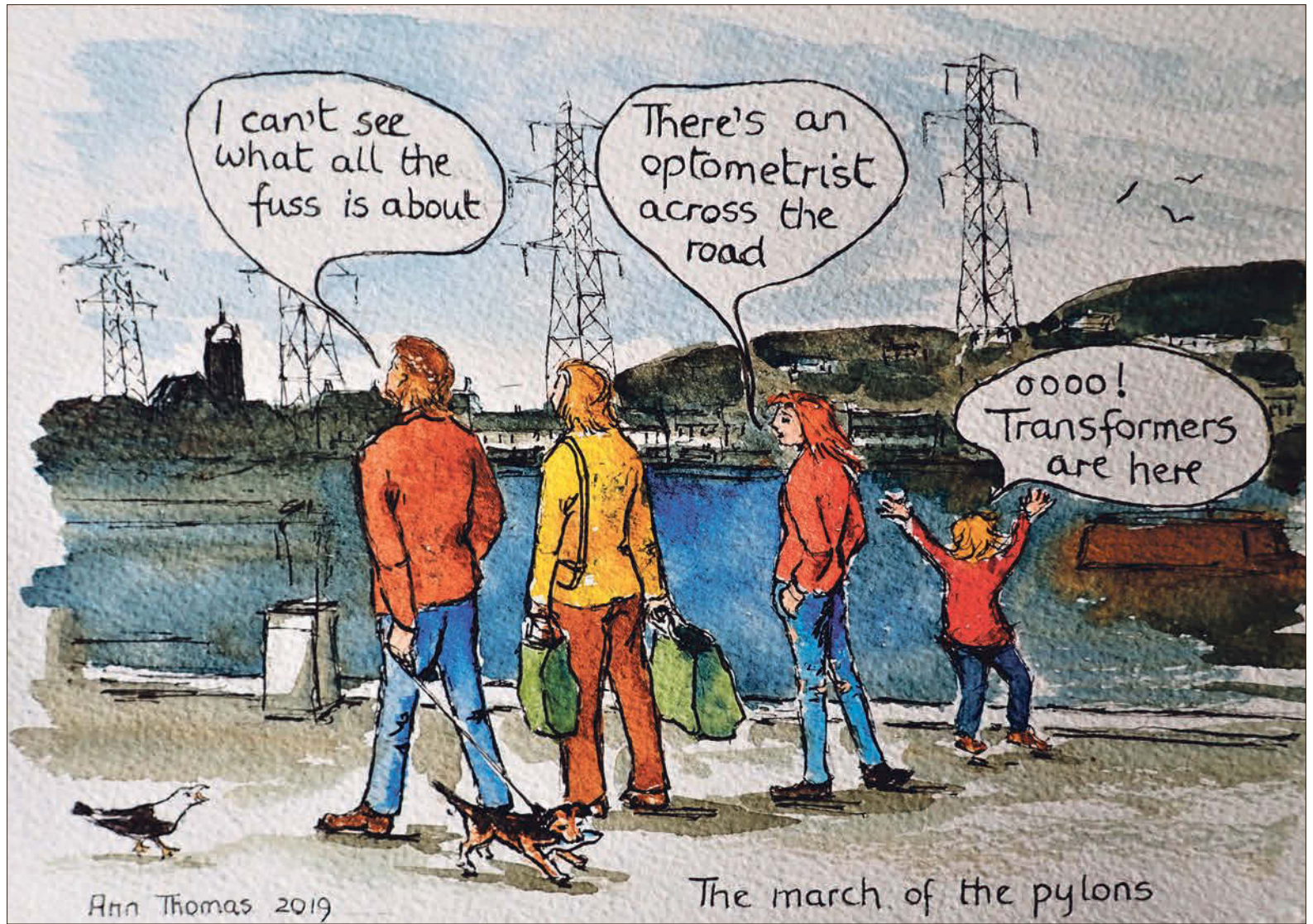
This week's edition sees the very welcome return of artistic contributor Ann Thomas from Tarbert.

The subject of Ann's musings is the proposal by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks to erect new, taller pylons across the neck of land between East and West Loch Tarbert as part of a much larger project to upgrade the power transmission network between Inveraray and the north east Kintyre coast near Skipness.

Many Argyll people oppose the plan for pylons close to Tarbert which, they say, will ruin the village's scenic beauty at a stroke.

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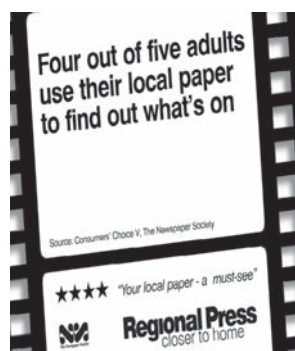
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Cowal Highland Gathering shortlisted for two awards

The Argyll event billed as 'the world's most spectacular Highland gathering' has been shortlisted in two of the UK's most prestigious tourism awards.

Cowal Highland Gathering is the only Scottish finalist in the National Outdoor Events Association Awards (NOEA) Large Festival of the Year category. Now in its 16th year, the awards bring together the very best of the UK's events and festivals, all vying for industry recognition by winning.

This news came hot on the heels of the announcement that the gathering is one of only three finalists in the Best Cultural Event or Festival in the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards (HITA). These awards – now in their 15th year – celebrate the best in the hospitality, cultural events, festivals and tourism industry in the Highlands and Islands.

This news is a feather in the cap for the gathering which celebrated its 125th anniversary in August. For generations this major event has entertained people from across the world, and in recent years transformed itself to become one of Scotland's great family-friendly days out.

Cowal Highland Gathering chairman Ronnie Cairns said he was delighted the gathering had received this recognition from two such well-respected industry organisations.

'These are two prominent organisations, so we're thrilled to have been shortlisted by both,' he said.

'The gathering has been on a journey of transformation over the last few years, and while our historic events – the World Highland Dancing Championships, the Cowal Pipe Band Championship, the incredible heavy athletics and wrestling – will always



Scottish Backhold Wrestling - just one of the attractions at Cowal Highland Gathering.
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be at the heart of our event, we're proud to bring a range of new entertainment and attractions to broaden its appeal and make sure everyone is entertained.

'Being shortlisted in both the HITA and NOEA awards is a positive indication we are moving in the right direction and we're delighted the hard work and dedication of our events team is being recognised.'

The winners of the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards will be held in the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness on Friday November 1 and the National Outdoor Events Association Awards will be held in the Pump Rooms, Bath on Wednesday November 27.

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Argyll life and history through the lens

Inveraray History Society opened its new season with an excellent and entertaining presentation by David Fiddes of Strathlachlan.

On the evening of Tuesday October 1, David presented audio visual sequences of four facets of Argyll life which he had photographed – featuring his early life at Glendaruel, Dunderave Castle from

dereliction to renovation, St Conan's Church, Loch Awe and Argyll castles and stately houses, some of which have been renovated and are open to the public.

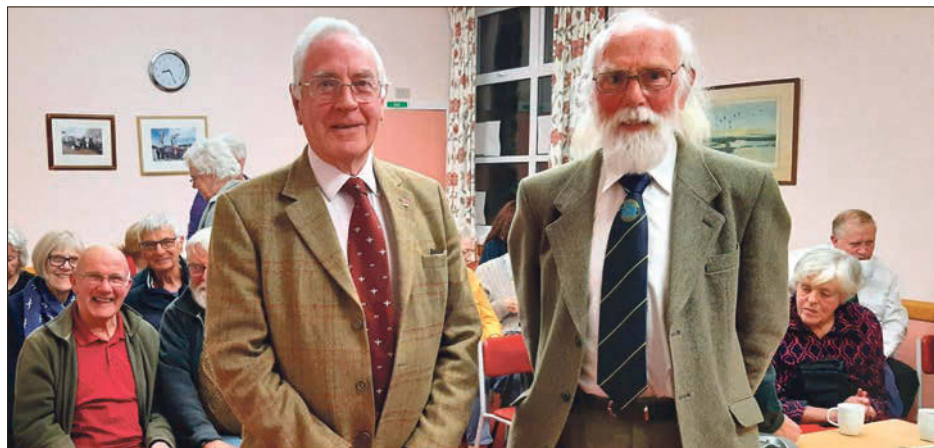
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The accompanying music and commentary lent an atmosphere of history and pride in Argyll, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the

large attendance.

The next meeting on November 5 will focus on First World War battlefields in France and Belgium and will be presented by Kenny Stewart.

This will include information on where some local servicemen are commemorated. Anyone is welcome to go along.



David Fiddes, left, with Rev Roderick Campbell, the new chairman of Inveraray History Society.

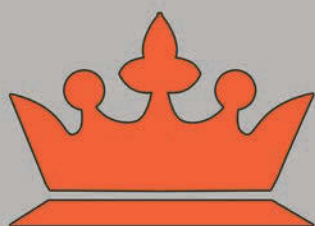


The happy fundraising wanderers rambling around Knapdale

Striding out for Children in Need

The Mid Argyll and Kintyre Ramblers were out and about on Saturday October 5 and raised more than £150 for BBC Children in Need.

Very welcome tea and scones were provided by Jenny Wardle.



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And the Gaelic Year goes to...

The Donald Meek Award 2019 for the Gaelic Book of the Year has been presented to the writer Donald Urquhart for *Turas* (Journey), his debut collection of poetry.

The presentation took place at a ceremony at the National Piping Centre in Glasgow on Thursday September 26. This is the first time that the foremost prize for Gaelic writing has been awarded to a collection of original unpublished poetry.

Additional funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig has allowed the competition to broaden in recent years, and two other authors were also awarded prizes.

Well-known poet Myles Campbell was in second place with *Gràs*, a collection of religious poems to be launched by Handsel Press at the Royal National Mòd in Glasgow this month, while Morag Ann MacNeil was awarded third prize for her children's story, *Artair sa Chaisteal*.

Alison Lang, Director of the Gaelic

Books Council, said: 'It gives us great pleasure to be able to recognise the talents of the writers who have received this year's awards, and we are grateful to our funders and to all those who support the Gaelic Books Council. Congratulations to John, Myles and Morag Ann; we look forward to seeing their books in print.'

Following the award, John Urquhart said: 'Without a doubt, this is the greatest honour of my life as a writer. I am delighted and especially thankful to the judges for such recognition for my book, *Turas* – a poetic look at my life experiences, along with a few thoughts on the twists and turns of the world.'

The Donald Meek Award was established in 2010 by the Gaelic Books Council, in collaboration with Creative Scotland, with a view to encouraging new and established Gaelic writers. This year's entries included poetry, children's fiction and academic research.

Pictured right: Donald Urquhart



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Review: Voices of Scotswomen in Peace and War

The sub-title of this book is 'spoken recollections of home life, employment and 1939-45 war service'.

It is the latest in an impressive series of oral histories by Ian MacDougall.

It chronicles the experiences of 19 women, born between 1918 and 1926, who joined the ATS, WAAF, WRNS and the Timber Corps during the Second World War.

Their unique stories make for fascinating reading. Many in Argyll will have known the redoubtable Margaret Harris, née Campbell, from Taynuilt, who died in 2014.

She gained a commission in the WRNS and eventually sailed as a cipher operator on the requisitioned liner Ile de France to New York. She probably speaks for the other women when she said that 'these years were the central experience of my life'.

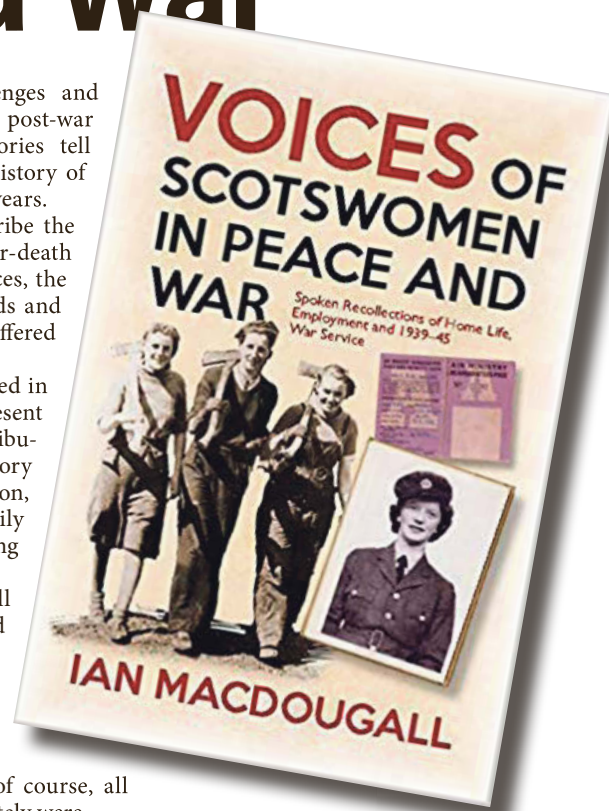
Like Margaret, all faced the

subsequent challenges and tribulations of post-war life and their stories tell much about the history of Scotland in these years.

The stories describe the trauma of near-death wartime experiences, the loss of close friends and the excitement offered by new challenges.

The lives described in the book also represent a valuable contribution to the history of work, education, housing and family life in a changing Scotland.

Ian MacDougall has done a splendid job in making such stories readable for everyone as if they had been written by family members which, of course, all the women ultimately were.



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Young farmers give cancer the kick

In fields across Scotland bale sculptures are mysteriously popping up.

The striking creations mark the return of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers national bale art competition. There was no theme this year but a requirement to raise awareness of a cancer charity.

For the first time Mid Argyll Young Farmers have taken to their forklifts and dug out their paint brushes to enter the bale art competition.

Inspired by the Rugby World Cup in Japan and wanting to show their support for the Scotland team, the young farmers constructed a kicker, ball and rugby post from round and square bales of hay

and haylage. Choosing to support the Mid Argyll Marie Curie Fundraising Group, the young farmers have also displayed a banner, kindly donated by the charity, alongside their sculpture.

The hope is that if passers by have enjoyed the spectacle they will show their appreciation by donating to Marie Curie, a charity which provides care and support to those with terminal illnesses.

Wishing to grow in numbers Mid Argyll Young Farmers Club hopes the show of artistic skills will also encourage new members to join.

If anyone would like to join please visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/midargyllfc



Backing blue; from left, Morgan Jordan, Alastair Dixon, Aileen Semple and Lorna Semple. 06_a41YoungFarmers01

Dalmally sale

United Auctions held a sale of 1,304 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart.

A small show of mixed quality sheep were sold in keeping with recent rates and to a good ringside of buyers on Saturday October 5. Lambs averaged £35.14 per head or 129.5 pence per kilo.

Principal lots and prices:

- Lambs:**
SUFFx: £52.00 – Boorach Beg.
CHEV: £40.00 – Kingairloch Estate: £40.00 – Couston Farm.
CROSS: £48.00 – Ardchnonnel Farm: £45.00 – High Balantyre Farm: £43.00 – Brenchoille Farm.
BF: £45.00 – Ederline Estate: £45.00 – Sonachan Farm: £42.00 – Dunloskin Farm: £42.00 – Achnaba Farm: £41.50 – Achnacone Farm.

Gimmers:
BF: £75.00 – Feorline.

Correct ewes:
CHEV: £53.00, £52.00, £50.00 and £47.00

– Rhynachulaig.
Cast ewes:
TEXx: £58.00 – Silvercraigs.
CROSS: £49.00 – Garrogie Estates.

BF: £55.00 – Tullochcan: £53.00 – Crunachy: £50.00 – High Balantyre.

Top prices per kilo Lambs:
SUFFx: 142p – Boorach Beg.

CHEV: 132p – Kingairloch Estate.

CROSS: 136p – Brenchoille: 135p – Dunolliebeg: 134p – High Balantyre.
BF: 170p – Ederline Estate.

United Auctions holds Islay lamb and sheep sale

United Auctions sold 5,133 lambs and sheep at the recent sale held at Islay Auction Mart.

The sale, held on Friday October 4, included the annual ram show and sale and the Islay breeding sheep sale.

The ram show was judged by Mr R Wilkie, Tillyboy, Echt, Aberdeenshire and his awards were:

Blackface Rams: 1 Robbie Brown, Newton Cottage £600; 2 G Currie, Upper Cragabus £450; 3 Elliot Bowman, Upper Cragabus.

Crossing Rams: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Newmains (Texel Ram Lamb) £400; 2 Morag Grant, Upper Cragabus (Texel Shearling) £350; 3 D Currie Balachlaven (Blueface Shearling) £300.

Show champion: Robbie Brown (Blackface).

Reserve champion: Sheena Woodrow (Texel Ram Lamb).

A good following of buyers ensured all stock was cleared at firm rates.

The lambs which averaged £54.56 per head or 147.2 pence per kilo, however, recorded a drop of £2.81 per head or 13 pence per kilo on the corresponding sale last year.

Top prices per head

Lambs:
SUFFx: £68.50 – Uiskentuie: £66.50 – Claggan: £66.00 – Starchmill: £66.00 – Islay Estates: £66.00 – Lossit: £65.50 – Kilchiaran: £65.00 – Croft 3 Port Mor: £65.00 – Octofad: £65.00 – Ardbeg: £64.00 – Islay Estates: £63.00 – Ballimartin: £61.50 – Duich: £61.00 – Octofad: £60.50 – Carrabus.

LLEYNx: £62.50 – Ardbeg. TEXx: £66.00 – Tallant: £65.00 – Pairc A Chlassan: £64.00 – Tormisdale Farm: £62.00 – Carrabus: £60.50 – Claggan.

CHEV: £64.50 – Aoradh: £58.00 – Ardfarnal: £56.50 – Aoradh: £51.00 – Duich.

CROSS: £73.00 – Achnaclach: £67.50 – Stanalane: £65.00 – Ardbeg: £60.50 – Achnaclach.

MULE: £69.00 – Bola Na Traigh: £64.00 – Claggan: £57.00 – Duich: £56.50 – Islay Estate: £56.00 – Ballachlaven.

CHEV MULE: £64.00 – Ardbeg.

BF: £56.00 – Ceannacroic: £49.50 – 9 Cnoc Na Faire: £47.00 – Islay Estates: £46.00 – Kelsay: £45.00 – Islay Estates.

Feeding ewes:
SUFFx: £76.00 – Coille: £74.00 – Smaladh: £71.00

– Portantruan: £69.00 – 11 Charlotte Street: £63.00 – Uiskentuie.

TEXx: £81.00 – Claggan: £78.50 – Blackrock: £70.00 and £64.50 – Carrabus: £63.00 – Blackrock.

CHEV: £73.00 and £64.50 – Aoradh.

CROSS: £64.00 – Coille: £53.00 – Duich.

MULE: £59.00 – Starchmill: £59.00 and £55.00 – Islay Estates.

BF: £38.50 – Starchmill: £37.00 – Bola Na Traigh

Rams:
BFL: £650 and £500 – Coille Farm

BELTx: £600 – Blackrock: £400 and £300 – Coille.

TEX: £400 – 16 West End: £350 – Corncrake Cottage.

BF: £600 – Newton Cottage: £450 – Upper Cragabus Croft.

Ewe lambs:
MULE: £102 – Smaladh: £86 – Bola Na Traigh: £82 – Ballachlaven: £80 – Upper Cragabus Croft.

CHEV MULE: £68 – Corrary: £65 – Island BF: £58 and £50 – Ceannacroic.

Gimmers;
MULE: £110 and £108 – School Street: £102 – Keppols. TEXx: £82 – Keills.

BF: £64 – Carn Farm. Stock ewes: TEXx: £75 – Keills.

Warranted ewes:
BF: £51 – Kelsay: £48 – Lossit. MULE: £42 – Duich.

Top prices per kilo Lambs:
SUFFx: 165p – Smaladh: 164p – Islay Estates: 164p – Sannaigmore: 161p – Claggan: 161p – Islay Estates: 160p – Ardtalla Estate.

TEXx: 172p and 164p – Carrabus: 161p – Ardtalla Estates: 159p – Stanalane:

159p – Pairc A Chlassan. CHEV: 157p – Aoradh: 147p – Duich : 144p – Aoradh: 144p – Oransay.

CROSS: 164p, 157p and 156p – Achnaclach: 153p – Sannaigmore: 153p – Carrabus.

MULE: 164p and 159p – Kindrochaid: 159p – Smaladh: 159p – Islay Estates: 158p – Sannaigmore: 157p – Kinnabus Farm.

BF: 142p – Taigh Fhraoich: 139p – Kelsay: 137p – Ceannacroic.

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We require an individual with a pleasant and professional manner experienced in accounts preparation to join our accounts production department. The role would involve full preparation of accounts for a varied portfolio of clients. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will be experienced in a similar role. Being qualified or part qualified as AAT, ACCA, CA or similar would be advantageous. Salary offered will depend on level of experience and qualifications.

Please send CV and a covering letter by 28 October 2019 to: The Staff Partner at Albany Chambers, Albany Street, Oban PA34 4AL or by e mail to mail@simmers.co.uk
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PMG ENGINEERING SERVICES

PMG Engineering Services are looking for a **full time workshop supervisor** for Campbeltown depot.

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of the Board of David MacBrayne Limited
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An application pack and full details on this and other public appointments can be found at www.appointed-for-scotland.org/

The closing date for receipt of applications is 25 October 2019.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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John and Isabella would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many cards and gifts received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and it greatly enhanced this special occasion to think so many people were thinking about us.

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Pavilion opening to be extended

The opening date for Rothesay Pavilion looks set to be extended until April next year, according to a report that went before councillors.

The £14million project to restore the Grade A listed building is nearing completion but the charity which will take over its running has asked Argyll and Bute Council for further funding.

The Rothesay Pavilion Charity [RPC] fears that there is a revenue funding shortfall for the first two years of the five-year operating period from 2020/21 to 2024/25.

A report, discussed at a full council meeting on Thursday September 26, stated that the 'revenue grant' to be paid by the council to RPC has been agreed at £150,000 per year for the first five years, but other details were being kept confidential.

Councillor Gary Mulvaney, the council's deputy leader and its policy lead for strategic finance and capital regeneration projects, has admitted that the project has been 'both complex and challenging.'

The building was due to be handed over in September 2019.

INVERARAY

Conservation awards for caravan park

Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray is sweeping up conservation awards having recently received three David Bellamy Conservation Awards.

The caravan park can now be called a honey bee friendly park after winning a BBKA Honey Bee Friendly award. In 2016 this



The Hollow Mountain visitor centre at the Cruachan power station.

Hollow Mountain is a top visitor attraction

Drax's Hollow Mountain visitor centre at the Cruachan power station has been named as one of VisitScotland's top visitor attractions.

VisitScotland gave the centre, which is located at the power station on the banks of Loch Awe, the highest scores for hospitality and friendliness.

Sarah Cameron, Cruachan visitor centre manager, said: 'We're thrilled to be recognised among the best of the best in Scotland. Our dedicated team always go the extra mile to make sure the experience people have here is as engaging and educational as possible.'

'We have around 50,000

visitors a year, and they're often awestruck by how this power station has been built inside a mountain. The stunning scenery and wildlife – including the pine martens, which people love to watch – makes it a very special place to visit.'

Visitors can take guided tours inside the subterranean world of

the power station where they can see the machine hall and learn about its history and the feat of engineering required to build it.

In the visitor centre interactive exhibitions and displays help bring history to life and explain how electricity is generated.



Sarah Cameron, manager of the Hollow Mountain visitor centre.

award was created when the David Bellamy Conservation Award Scheme teamed up with the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) to run the Honey Bee Friendly Park Project.

The project aims to get as many parks as possible working to conserve Britain's bees.

The caravan park also achieved a gold award for its conservation efforts and a Five in Five

Woodlands award. The award is achieved when a park creates five habitats, over five years in a particular area, whether that be wildflower meadows, hedgerows or woodlands.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

They rise from the mist in an almost audible silence and have stood guard in the Glen since around 3,000 BC.

The famous Standing Stones at Kilmartin have an amazing story to tell, if we just knew how to listen.

Why did our ancestors build these wondrous vertical monuments? Why is there such amazing inter-connectedness between the standing stones throughout the United Kingdom and Europe? What is their significance? What is the meaning behind the stones? Why are they positioned to monitor the summer and winter solstice? What did the people who went before us want to tell us?

The song of their beginnings seems to whisper across the grasses. Let us now go on a wee bit further to Achnabreac and pause to wonder at the cup and ring marks there, which are the most extensive set of cup and ring marked rocks in Britain.

These are the latest works of prehistoric art to be discovered in Argyll, and are reckoned to be around 5,000 years old. But what do they mean?

The people who made their mark on the land would have lived, loved, danced, mourned, farmed, hunted, played and prayed.....just like us.

The mist hangs over them holding its quiet secret. I don't know what the story is, but I do know that I'm part of it. I don't know what clues the burial cairns hold, but I do know that I long to find out. I don't know what hands shaped and carved the markings, or how they lifted the standing stones, but I do know that somehow it is important.

I do know there is wonder in it all, and where there is wonder....there is God.

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STEWART - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 4, 2019, Jackie Thomson Stewart, in her 93rd year, Dalbuie, Southend, dearly beloved wife of the late George Stewart (Tony) much loved mother of George, Ann and Rory, loving grandma of Melanie, Jonathan, Emma, Marc, Rhuaridh, Mirren, Marcus, Louis and Callaidh and great grandma of Ella, Hannah, Arthur and Noah. Funeral service in St Kieran's Episcopal Church, Campbeltown on Monday October 14, 2019 at 1.00p.m. thereafter to Keil Cemetery, Southend. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

TUITE - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on October 5, 2019, Katie Tuite, nee Wilson, in her 85th year, of Hillview, Bridgend, Kilmichael Glassary. Beloved wife of the late Jack Tuite, much loved mother of John, and loving gran of Scott, Kellie and Ben. A much respected mother in law of Susan, loving great granny of Katie, Charlie and Ollie and adored by Megan and Ewan. A dear sister of Jim, and the late Mary, Betty and Margaret. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held today, Friday October 11, 2019 at Cardross Crematorium at 11.15am, thereafter a Memorial Service will take place at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church, Kilmartin at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Glenaray Ward, M.A Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - The family of the late Jim Brown would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, flowers and cards received following their sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, Collette Morgan and her team for all their care, attention and support given to Jim, both at home and hospital during his illness. The kindness and compassion shown to all was greatly appreciated. Our thanks to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting and personal service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring arrangements; and to the Atlantic Island Centre on Luig for catering. Our thanks to all who attended at church and made the trip to Luig and the graveside. The retiral collection raised over £800 for MacMillan Nurses & Glenaray Ward.

MORRANS - Janice and Angus would like to thank family and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of their mum, Cathie. Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Kintyre Care Team, Carr Gorm, T. A. Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services, the Lorne & Lowland Church, the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel, and special thanks to Helen Stimpson, and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside.

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IN MEMORIAM

GILLIES - Ian. In loving memory of a wonderful brother, uncle and great uncle. Quietly today, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. Love Christine, Audrey, Carolyn and families.

GILLIES - In loving memory of my dear Brother, Ian Gillies, who passed away October 12, 2018. Dearest Uncle to Mandy, Pauline, Layla and Archie. Missed by us all.

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- Catherine Ann.

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SC002493

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All welcome

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 13th October
11.15am Morning Worship
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Tuesday 15th October
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall

Thursday 17th October
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Friday 18th October
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

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Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
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1.30pm CAMEO
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Major Ruth Russell
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Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
3.30pm Service in Tayinloan Village Hall
Monday 14th October
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Wednesday 16th October
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Sunday 13th October
Family Service 11.00am
Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am
(Term-time only)
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Sean invades Islay for Big Scottish Breakfast

STV weather presenter Sean Batty made a flying visit to Islay, taking part in fundraising events for the Big Scottish Breakfast, an annual STV Children's Appeal fundraising event.

Packing as much into a day as he could, Sean's first stop was the Port Mor Community Café, Port Charlotte where he enjoyed a cuppa and a chat

with the staff on Tuesday October 1, before heading to the Argyll College campus in Bowmore to meet members of Islay Youth Action.

Sean then joined parents and children at Bowmore Primary School for some maths based activities before doing what he does best and presenting a weather forecast with the children.

As the guest of honour he

attended Port Ellen Primary School's annual harvest afternoon tea party. With members of the community also in attendance the pupils had a fantastic audience to perform for as they sang, danced and played musical instruments.

The final stop on Sean's whistle-stop tour of Islay was The Machrie Hotel and Golf Links where he ran a mini golf clinic with a golf professional and joined some youngsters for a game.

The STV Children's Appeal charity was launched in 2011 by the Hunter Foundation and STV. In eight years, it has raised more than £19 million to help children and young people affected by poverty in Scotland.

The money raised by the charity stays in Scotland and 100 per cent of donations are spent on the children who need it most. All overheads are met by STV and The Hunter Foundation.



The weather man joined some Islay youngsters for a game of golf at Machrie Hotel and Golf Links.



Sean Batty enjoyed a cuppa and a chat with the staff at Port Mor Community Café.

Bid to save Campbeltown Creamery gets mooving

A group of 29 Kintyre dairy farmers have launched a bid, and associated crowd-funding campaign, to save Campbeltown Creamery, producers of the world-famous Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

Nestled on the southern tip of the Kintyre peninsula within a climate that ensures all-year grass growth for the dairy herds which graze there,

Campbeltown Creamery has been producing cheese using the finest milk from the 29 farms in the area, since 1923 and making award-winning Mull of Kintyre cheddar since the 1970s.

Those 29 farms, all modern, committed and family-owned, have launched their campaign to purchase the creamery and the Mull of Kintyre cheddar brand from

current owners First Milk. The group, the Mull of Kintyre Milk Supply Cooperative, will fund the purchase through use of a levy from every litre of milk produced, in addition to external funding which is currently being sought.

A key element of the funding is the launch of the crowdfunding campaign which seeks to raise £50,000 towards the purchase. The group is encouraging the community, foodies, suppliers, customers, businesses and anyone with a love of cheese to contribute and further information can be found at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mokcheddar

In 2018 First Milk, a British farmer-owned dairy co-operative, announced plans to sell Campbeltown Creamery as part of a move away from smaller-scale brands. This created an opportunity for a Kintyre farmer-led buy-out, aimed at saving the creamery and securing its future and the positive impact it has upon the area.

The dairy farming sector in the Kintyre Peninsula and nearby Gigha contributes £3.2m per annum to the local

economy. In turn, when additional upstream impacts are considered, a further £2.55m is added. The dairy sector in the area provides 117 jobs directly on farm and a further 49 indirectly across Kintyre.

Dairy farmer Thomas Cameron said: 'We are currently facing a huge and exciting opportunity with a clear mission – to secure the future of the Campbeltown Creamery for the benefit of the Kintyre community. We will also be in a position to save a well-known brand and contribute to Scotland's reputation as a Land of Food and Drink.'

Award-winning

'Mull of Kintyre cheddar is said to be enhanced by the Angel's Share of whisky that remains in the creamery building from its past life as a distillery. The multi-award-winning cheese is made with milk that all comes from within a 15-mile radius and from farms that are committed to securing their land for future generations and to contributing to the local economy.'

'Dairy farms in the area need the creamery in order



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to thrive and the creamery needs us. Given the challenges of sustaining a vibrant economy in this remote part of Scotland, the role of the dairy sector in Kintyre is fundamental to its success.

'Our farmers are young, enthusiastic, committed to sustainability, investment and the next generation and have strong integrity – they are just the right group of people to secure this deal.'

'We have produced a great video which shows just why the Campbeltown Creamery is so pivotal to the area and why Mull of Kintyre cheddar is so important to Scotland and I encourage everyone to please support us by heading to the crowdfund website and spreading the word.'

NFU Scotland Milk

Committee chairman John Smith commented: 'This is a bold and inspiring bid from producers in Kintyre to preserve their creamery and to continue making world-famous, award-winning Mull of Kintyre cheddar.'

'These hard working family farms have built their businesses with a view to continuing to milk cows; building and promoting the Mull of Kintyre brand locally and nationally and are looking positively to the future.'

'Dairy farmers in Kintyre have a fantastic story to tell, producing high quality grass-fed milk in a beautiful part of the country. Funders will take the Mull of Kintyre brand to the next level by getting behind a cheese that has real provenance.'



Videographer Raymond has his work cut out while filming for the crowdfunder at Kilmaho farm in Kintyre, owned by Linda Maclean and her family.



Sally, Louise and Fiona – still smiling after their triathlon efforts.

Anything is possible for these triathlon ladies

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Overall winner Graeme Neagle grabbed the Mid Argyll Triathlon headlines as he set a new fastest time for the course – but there were achievements galore right through the list of entrants.

Taking part in the MacQueen Brothers-sponsored triathlon, held on Sunday September 29, was Tayvallich woman Louise Logue, taking on her first triathlon at the age of 67 along with her daughter Sally, 37.

Also entered was 70-year-old Fiona MacCallum, a fellow North Knapdale jogscotland member with Louise.

Louise described her first experience of a triathlon: 'I felt privileged to be able to compete at this later stage in life and to have Sally compete with me was just the icing on the cake. I was determined to keep a steady pace and get to the end and enjoy the challenge.'

'I'm a slow swimmer so I was in the first solo heat,' she explained. 'Sally was in a much later heat so she was able to cheer me on at the first transition.'

'I was doing my second transition while she was swimming so I was finished and able to cheer her on at her second transition and at the finish.'

Run together

Louise added: 'Fiona and I run together in jogscotland north Knapdale, which I lead. She is a much stronger swimmer than I am, so she was well ahead. I had a much faster bike, so caught her again at the end of the cycle.'

Fiona, in fact, was the winner of the super vintage trophy for women.

Louise concluded: 'Our husbands and partners came to support us, and another of my daughters, Julia, came with her family. She wouldn't have believed it if she hadn't seen me with her own eyes.'

'Anything is possible if you put your mind to it.'

Football results and fixtures

Saturday's results: SAFL Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Lochgilphead Red Star postponed; Premier Division Two – Tarbert 4, Cardross 3; Central Scottish Premier 1B – Oban Saints no game; Greater Glasgow AFL Division Three – Rannoch 0, Oban Saints 6.

This Saturday's fixtures: SAFL Premier Division One – Carlton YM v Campbeltown Pupils; Glynhill Moorcroft v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division Two – Duncanrig v Tarbert; Greater Glasgow AFL Division Three – Oban Saints no game; Scottish Amateur Cup, second round – Oban Saints v Vale of Earn.

Sports club lotteries

Numbers drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club lottery on Monday October 7 were 3, 17 and 20. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £700.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery draw numbers were 5, 18 and 19. There were no winners so next week's prize money will be £800.

This week's Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 2, 6 and 10. There were no winners, so next week £900 will be up for grabs.

Bob MacIntyre back in the swing

After missing the recent Open de España with a wrist injury Oban European Tour golfer Bob MacIntyre returns to action this week in the \$7,000,000 Italian Open played at Olgiata Golf club in Rome starting on October 10.

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

- G Gibson, Oban
- &
- A Russell, Campbeltown

Anything is possible for these triathlon ladies

Football results and fixtures

Cammanachd defeat seals relegation for Inveraray

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Inveraray lost out to the Camanachd Cup finalists at Mossfield in Oban – a result which means the Royal Burgh side will be playing its shinty in the National Division next season.

In goal for Inveraray for the match on Saturday October 5, Scott MacLachlan was on form and he denied Oban Camanachd's Daniel MacCuish, Daniel MacVicar and Andrew MacCuish, before play switched to the other end and it was Inveraray who took the lead on 24 minutes. John Kennedy played the ball between the penalty spot and the D where Allan MacDonald let the ball run across his body before turning and blasting home, giving Cameron Sutherland no chance in the Oban goal.

There were harsh words in the Oban Camanachd dressing room at half-time and a revamp saw Keith MacMillan replace Gary McKerracher whilst the forward line switched to a three-one formation with Andrew MacCuish on the D.

The switches paid dividends when the home side drew level just four minutes into the second half when Daniel MacCuish ran forward and Daniel MacVicar volleyed the ball into the net to make it 1-1.



In the yellow of Inveraray, Allan MacDonald battles with Oban Camanachd's Garry MacKerracher, left, and Gary Lord. Photo: Stephen Lawson.

Oban Camanachd took the lead on 58 minutes when Andrew MacCuish's turn and shot flew past the keeper.

Just a couple of minutes later, Andrew MacCuish turned provider as he found Scott

MacMillan who finished with a low drive from the left although his effort may have taken a slight deflection.

Two of the game's best young goalkeepers were on show, and Inveraray's Scott

MacLachlan saved his side from a bigger defeat though Oban Camanachd did have to rely on Cameron Sutherland, who made good saves near the end from Garry MacPherson and Allan MacDonald.

The win for Oban Camanachd means that they and Kyles are the only sides, other than championship favourites Kingussie, in the title race as the season moves into the closing stages.



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