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Pylon renewal hub 'will be good for Mid Argyll'

by Colin Cameron
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Anyone passing on the A83 cannot fail to have noticed the huge site south of Lochgilhead, clearly being readied for something big.

And the Kilmory site's owner believes its ultimate use will provide a huge lift to Lochgilhead and wider Mid Argyll.

The three-and-a-half acre plot will be used as the main equipment storage depot for a multi-million pound project by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission to upgrade the Inveraray-Crossaig electricity supply line.

Work on the first phase is expected to begin in the next few months.

Owner MacLeod Construction Ltd will rent the site – plus another in Kilmory Industrial Estate – to main contractor Balfour Beatty for the duration of the project.

Kenny MacLeod, managing director of MacLeod



Kenny MacLeod believes the construction depot will give a boost to Mid Argyll. 06_a41MacLeod_BalfourBeattie_site02

Construction Ltd, is excited at the prospect for the region, and told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'There is a lot going on,' he said, 'and it's time

we told folk what's going on.' 'We are carrying out work to prepare the two sites for Balfour Beatty,' explained Mr MacLeod. 'It's not a big

money spinner for us, but we are looking to the future.'

He added: 'This can only lift the whole area. It will definitely be a good thing

for Lochgilhead and for the shops and businesses with all the people who will be working on the job.'

The site is part of the

'Kilmory Park' masterplan approved in 2016 – a joint venture between MacLeod Construction, Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise – and temporary planning permission has been granted for use as a storage depot.

The second area, in Kilmory Industrial Estate, is serviced and will be used for a complex of around 40 site office units plus a staff gym, and this is almost complete.

A spokesperson for Balfour Beatty said: 'As part of our contract to deliver overhead line works on behalf of SSEN Transmission, we will require office and storage spaces for equipment. The Lochgilhead depot sites will be used for these purposes.'

'During the two-year contract, the Balfour Beatty team will engage with the local community through educational school outreach as well as supporting the local supply chain and businesses.'

The next stage will be to

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Drink driving allegation

At around 6.10am on Tuesday October 8, on the A83 near the Corran roundabout Lochgilphead, a man, aged 52, was arrested for allegedly driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The man was charged with the offence and released to appear at court at a later date.

Failure to obey red light

Police stopped a car on the A83 at around 11.50am on Tuesday October 8, as the driver, a 52-year-old man, allegedly failed to obey the red traffic light at Aray Bridge, Inveraray. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving

On Wednesday October 9 at around 8.40am, a white articulated lorry was reported to have been

driven in a dangerous manner while carrying out an overtake manoeuvre, on the Lochgilphead to Tarbert road (A83) near Stronachullin. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Report sent to procurator fiscal

At around 10.25pm on Friday October 11, a 19-year-old man was stopped and searched on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. He was allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

Chef banned over Invergarry smash

A chef whose driving caused a smash that hospitalised the passenger of another car near Invergarry on February 11 was banned from driving for seven months and handed a £720 fine when he appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court last week.

Gordon Angus McNeill, 41, of 24 Cara View, Tayinloan, Tarbert, pleaded guilty to the charge of careless driving, which took place near where the A87 Kyle to Invergarry road joins the A82.

McNeill had just completed a morning shift as part of some agency work at a hotel on Skye and was heading home when the accident occurred at 2pm.

The court heard that McNeill's Jaguar had been negotiating a sweeping left-hand bend and had drifted into the middle of the road outside Invergarry.

Procurator fiscal Martina Eastwood said: 'McNeill's car was straddling the centre double white line as it met the Hilux and showed no sign of changing course. The driver of the Hilux had to take evasive manoeuvres to try to avoid a collision.'

The Jaguar and the Hilux then collided, with McNeill's vehicle coming to rest on the verge.

'Both airbags in the Hilux deployed and, while its driver was uninjured, the passenger was taken to Raigmore Hospital and treated for a fractured sternum,' added Mrs Eastwood.

Sheriff Eilidh MacDonald heard Mrs Eastwood explain that the driver and passenger of the Hilux had got out of their vehicle and spoken to McNeill, who had apologised and explained he might have fallen asleep at the wheel.

Defence agent Hamish Melrose told the court there was no suggestion McNeill had been driving at excessive speed at the time of the accident but that he did allow his vehicle to cross over onto the opposing carriageway.

'He apologised and accepted responsibility.'

'He's not really sure how this came about and said as a way of explanation that he may have fallen asleep - but it is not necessarily the case that he did fall asleep. That was just his first reaction at the scene of the accident,' said Mr Melrose.

Mr Melrose said McNeill, who is single, had been working on Skye for six months as an agency chef at the time of the accident.

'He has no previous convictions and has never had any endorsements on his driving licence in more than 20 years

of driving, and I am asking My Lady to take that into account in any sentencing.'

Mr Melrose also told Sheriff MacDonald that McNeill needed his licence to drive to work every day as his commute was 24 miles.

He currently works as an executive head chef at a hotel in Machrihanish.

But Sheriff MacDonald told McNeill it was a very serious matter: 'You are lucky more significant injuries did not occur, although an injury did occur which was significant and frightening,' she said.

'It is incomprehensible to me that you could not explain how your car strayed onto the opposing carriageway.'

'I therefore have no alternative but to impose a period of disqualification. You will be disqualified for a period of seven months and I impose a fine of £720.'



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	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
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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			
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Wed, 23 Oct 2019				13:43	10:43	16:13
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Sat, 26 Oct 2019				16:43	13:43	19:13
Sun, 27 Oct 2019				16:27	13:27	18:57
Mon, 28 Oct 2019				17:09	14:09	19:39
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

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The new site office complex - complete with gym - will be completed shortly.

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Pylon renewal hub 'will be good for Mid Argyll'

Continued from page one complete the depot entrance to the A83, and Mr MacLeod expects this to be ready in the next few weeks. He said: 'As soon as we get the entrance completed, Balfour Beatty want to move in.'

The existing line of pylons was installed in the 1950s and has reached the end of its operational life. The new line, which will initially operate at 132kV, will have the capacity to be upgraded to 275kV in the future, providing

additional capacity to cope with increases in electricity demand and renewable electricity generation.

Construction will be split into two phases, with the first from Inveraray to Port Ann, scheduled to begin in the coming months and expected to be complete towards the end of 2021. The second phase, from Port Ann to Crossaig, is expected to start in 2021 and be completed by summer 2024.

SSEN lead project manager

Ian Clark said: 'We are delighted to see Balfour Beatty's depot sites in Lochgilphead taking shape, marking the start of phase one of the project.'

'With Balfour Beatty, we are now looking forward to working closely with communities, interested parties and the local supply chain throughout the construction phase, and as a responsible developer, we will do everything we can to keep disruption to an absolute minimum.'

'No easy options' as council to save £9M

Argyll and Bute Council will have to make savings estimated at £9.2 million in 2020/21.

Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'There are no easy options left for making more savings. We've delivered £57 million in savings since 2010, we've had the third highest cut in funding of all of Scotland's councils in recent years and estimates show we will have to deliver another £9.2 million of savings next year.'

'The scale of the savings potentially required means that all options open to councils must be explored and identified, including some of the most valued services – the services which, if things were different, we would like to protect and grow.'

'The majority of the council's funding comes from the Scottish Government. As we don't expect to know until January next year exactly how much funding this council will get for next year, we have to identify as many savings options as possible just now so we can deliver a balanced budget in February.'

'We recently secured a rural growth deal of £50 million for Argyll and Bute.'

'While this is great news, this one-off funding cannot be used to bridge gaps in



Council leader Aileen Morton.

our budget; it must be used to deliver specific economic development objectives to be agreed with the UK and Scottish Governments.'

Protect

Depute council leader and policy lead for strategic finance Gary Mulvaney added: 'Delivering more savings will mean focusing on duties and growth: we must protect the services all councils have a duty to provide, and we must achieve the population and economic growth Argyll and Bute depends on to grow a successful future.'

'A number of options open to the council to take are outlined in the reports. More

must be found before the council meets to set its budget in February, and our officers will continue to explore where further savings could be found.'

'The views and ideas of our communities have helped us set our budget in previous years and are especially welcome when the decisions to be made are as difficult as those that will be needed to balance our budget in 2020.'

Reports that set out the challenge faced were considered at a full council meeting yesterday (October 17) and, if agreed, a consultation will be run, asking residents for their views on service priorities.

Man sentenced following sexual abuse of children

A 53-year-old man has been given a life sentence for sexually abusing children in Argyll and Bute.

William Rigby was sentenced at Glasgow High Court on Tuesday October 15.

Rigby pled guilty in March 2019 to sexually abusing three girls in Helensburgh. The offences took place in 2018 and between 2005-2007. The girls were aged four, six

and 11 years old when the offences began.

Detective Inspector Steve Martin, of the Public Protection Unit, said: 'The abuse displayed by Rigby towards his victims was horrific and some of the worst my officers have seen.'

'I want to praise the courage and strength shown by all of the victims. The account of the youngest victim led us

to two other victims and the arrest of William Rigby.'

'If you or anyone you know has been a victim of abuse or wishes to report abuse, you should feel confident in reporting to Police Scotland.'

'We would ask anyone who has concerns or information about any person who may pose a risk to children or who may have abused a child to contact us on 101.'

Council organised flood risk prevention public consultations

The third in a series of public consultation drop-in events is being held at Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, on Tuesday October 22 as part of Argyll and Bute Council's local flood risk management plan, writes Rachel Carruthers.

The event is an opportunity for informal discussion around the potential short-list of sustainable flood defence solutions that have been identified, as well as a chance to share local flood knowledge.

Flood

Representatives from the council and flood defence experts will be there to answer questions.

The event comprises 'drop-in' sessions from 5-7pm and 7.30-8pm to allow informal discussion around the potential options.

Between 7pm and 7.30pm there will be a presentation to present the findings of the options appraisal, which



Flooding at Lochgilphead front green last November.

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will include a question and answer session.

On Wednesday October 23, in Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert, a similar event will be held, following the same format and times.

Public feedback will help inform the final phase of the flood study to identify

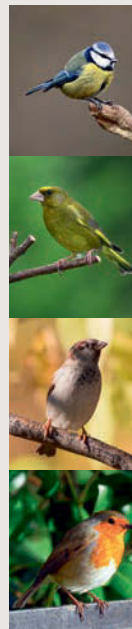
a preferred flood scheme solution, which may then be presented for consideration to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Scottish Government.

If anyone has any comments for the study team, these can be emailed directly to morag.hutton@aecom.com.

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Russell reveals mental health report

With World Mental Health Day as his platform, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell published the analysis report from his recent mental health survey.

The survey, which ran through June to August, received 349 responses with Mr Russell's constituents sharing their views on the current mental health services in Argyll and Bute.

Respondents of all ages and backgrounds, including service users, staff, family and friends of service users and volunteers, took the time to complete the survey.

A main concern raised by the survey was access to mental health services, with only 29.02 per cent agreeing they found it 'easy to access' services.

Comments regarding this indicated that most service users are referred by their

GP but there could be an improvement in signposting to online resources for lower level cases, in the hope of reducing waiting times.

Waiting times was by far the biggest concern of respondents, followed by the need for additional staff and support for current staff.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to suggest ways services could improve, with suggestions including developing local hubs for peer support; increasing counselling services and increasing crisis services and out-of-hours care.

Before publication the report was discussed and explored at a meeting with Scottish Government cabinet secretary for health and sport Jeane Freeman MSP and a number of representatives from Argyll's mental health services.

Mr Russell said: 'I am pleased to present my analysis report of the mental health in Argyll and Bute survey, especially as it is World Mental Health Day.

'This was an instrumental part of our meeting with Jeane Freeman last week which led to a mutual feeling that the concern expressed about mental health services in Argyll and Bute has to be heard and ensuring the best possible support is available is now the objective of all involved.

'It is crucial that mental health is given the same attitude and care as physical health and as it is a day of awareness it is a great opportunity to reflect on this.'

Michael Russell MSP presents his report to Jeane Freeman MSP.



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New vice chair appointed for NHS Highland



A new vice chairwoman of the NHS Highland board has been appointed.

Currently chairwoman of the Mid Ross Community Partnership and Highland Health and Social Care Committee, Ann Clark now takes on the role of vice chairwoman of the board.

She was appointed as a non-executive director of the board in April 2017, bringing with her an extensive background in researching, developing and implementing health and social care policy in the Highlands.

Ms Clark has a life-long interest in community empowerment and user involvement in the design and delivery of public service, serving as executive director of the Tenant Participation Advisory Service and Highland Community Care Forum.

She worked as head of policy at Highland Council where she was a member of the senior management team with responsibility for corporate and community planning.

Following a secondment to

establish the Scottish Health Council, she set up her own consultancy business, during which time she was also a research fellow at UHI Centre for rural health.

Additionally, Ms Clark has wide ranging experience as a member of committees



Ann Clark, newly appointed vice chair of NHS Highland.

and boards at national and Highland level, including eight years with the Scottish Consumer Council and several years with Highland Brook Advisory Service and Partnerships for Wellbeing, a charity providing health and social care services to vul-

nerable adults. In accepting the post as vice chairwoman, Ms Clark said: 'I'm delighted to be appointed vice chairwoman of NHS Highland. I am very much aware of the challenges we face in delivering much-needed service changes whilst, at the same time, creating a caring and inclusive culture and restoring financial balance.

'Above all, I am looking forward to working closely with my board colleagues to continue to develop the best possible health and social care services for the people in Highland and Argyll and Bute.'

Boyd Robertson, interim chairman, said: 'Over the last two years, Ann has made a significant contribution to shaping our thinking on health and social care and I am certain that, as vice chairwoman, she will be able to broaden her influence and contribute even more effectively to the planning of our services in the future. I very much look forward to working with her in her new role.'

Filming locations in Argyll

Argyll and Bute's popularity as a filming location is well established and the council is working to ensure that the trend continues.

A number of productions have come to the area so far in 2019, including BBC drama *The Nest*, starring Martin Compston and Sophie Rundle. Documentaries, adverts and other productions have also been filmed in the area this year.

Last summer during the filming of Hollywood movie *Then Came You*, known as *Love Me to Death* at the time of production, producer Matthew Weiner was full of praise for the area: 'Our experience of filming in Argyll and Scotland as a whole has been phenomenal.'

'We have never felt so welcomed and supported as Americans. Every view is a postcard.'

'Filming in Lochgilphead has been one of our highlights. It's a beautiful, historic lochside town which services film so well.'

A total of 140 cast and

crew members were accommodated at Drimsynie, Lochgoilhead as they filmed at locations across Argyll, including Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Cairndow.

The area's stunning landscape continues to attract fashion photoshoots too, with Urban Outfitters recently having visited the area.

The council recently implemented a plan to further enhance the area's accessibility and appeal as a film location, introducing a film location charging schedule for filming on council-owned locations.

The new charging schedule streamlines the process of providing the film industry a flexible range of options for film productions using council assets.

Additionally, there has also been an increase in the number of members of the public and community groups coming forward to register their property for filming, which enables the council to offer a fantastic range of unique locations for projects.

With recent productions



Last year's filming of *Then Came You* in Lochgilphead. 08_a24filmcrew08

such as Hollywood blockbuster *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* and big screen movie *Then Came You* having been filmed in the county, the spotlight is on the area as a desirable location for film

crews from around the world. Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth, said: 'We are working hard to make sure it's as attractive and as simple as possible for productions to

come to Argyll and Bute, and I'm pleased that it remains a popular location.'

'As well as providing a financial boost for our towns and villages when a set is established, it also puts our

area's natural beauty in front of more people's eyes.'

More information as well as detail on how to register a property as a film location, can be found online at www.filminargyll.co.uk

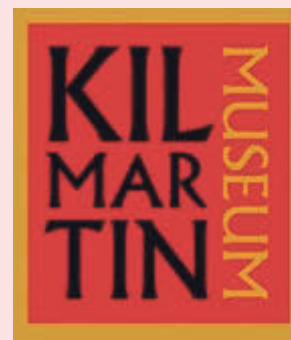


The famous standing stones at Kilmartin Glen.

Great Barrier Reef, Machu Picchu, Kilmartin Glen?

Kilmartin Museum has been exploring the idea that Kilmartin Glen could be recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Having gathered feedback from all aspects of the community, the museum staff is now inviting the public to meet for an afternoon to share its findings. The drop-in session, on



Sunday October 20, will give the opportunity to find out what other people in the community think about the prospect of the glen becoming a World Heritage Site and what this could mean for the area.

The event will be held at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church (formerly Living Stones, Kilmartin) from 3-6pm.

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Final push for ZamScotEd

Having followed the progress of the building of St Columba's school over the years, we are delighted to hear the project is near completion.

We wish the charity all the best in these final stages and hope funding and support is easily found as they continue to support the education of children in Zambia.

What's on the block?

It is hard to imagine where Argyll and Bute Council will manage to cut and save more than £9 million and we do not envy the job of councillors as they begin to consider next year's budget.

With no easy options, it is vital communities speak up and voice their opinions when the time comes.

MOJO magic

We would like to wish the enthusiastic organisers and performers the best of luck with this weekend's MOJO Argyll festival.

There is a host of talent in Argyll and it is great to see the festival go from strength to strength each year, providing a platform for these artists to be heard.

Action needed at Cairnbaan

Sir
During the summer I saw two serious road accidents involving visitors at the Cairnbaan junction.

For unfamiliar travellers coming from Cairnbaan, the junction is very deceptive. Not only so, but the road sign at 100m on the Cairnbaan side is leaning into a willow-tree, dirty, and obscured by foliage. It is effectively invisible.

I emailed the council some weeks ago, but have had no response. Worse, the sign has not been straightened, or the foliage pruned back – both quick and cheap operations. A second sign at the junction itself is badly needed.

Can we press the council to make this dangerous junction safer?

**The Reverend Canon Simon Mackenzie,
Lochgilphead**

Poverty needs to be SNP priority

Sir
Last week was Challenge Poverty Week across Scotland. New research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation shows poverty is increasing in Scotland again, from a low 20 years ago. Shocking, but perhaps not surprising given that our wages aren't keeping pace with increases in the cost of living.

In Westminster, our MP Brendan O'Hara, has highlighted how Universal Credit – a cruel policy introduced by the Conservative

and Liberal Democrat coalition – has pushed millions of people further into poverty.

He is not wrong but his party, the SNP, forms the Scottish Government and has the power to be doing much more. With a quarter of us living in poverty, it needs to. Where is the action to ensure secure employment on a real living wage? Why has the SNP frozen the Scottish Welfare Fund since 2013? Why isn't it doing more to tackle the cuts in council services we see every year?

Reducing poverty cannot be done in a week. We need our governments, at every level, to make this a priority every day – and with action, not words.

Polly Jones, Garelochhead

Thank you from Macmillan

Sir,
This year our World's Biggest Coffee morning fundraiser entered its 29th year.

In community centres, schools and workplaces, thousands of coffee mornings were held across Scotland to raise money and help us support people affected by cancer.

I would like to offer a huge and heartfelt thanks to every single one of your readers who held or attended a coffee morning – your energy and generosity never ceases to amaze us.

Whether it's specialist cancer nurses, support workers or benefit advisors, we can only offer the support that people with cancer need thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of our supporters.

The number of people who need our help is growing, and we want to offer support to everyone who needs it. We are almost entirely funded by the public, so every coffee morning held – every cup of coffee bought – makes a difference.

And please remember, if you need information, support or a chat with Macmillan you can call us free on 0808 808 0000.

If you'd like to support Macmillan and do something amazing today, you can also visit macmillan.org.uk/getinvolved.

Thank you all so very much.

**Janice Preston, head of services for
Macmillan Cancer Support in Scotland**

Support for smacking ban

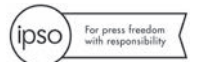
Sir
Having a few years ago, personally witnessed a small seven or eight-year-old child smacked and then being told to sit in a cold hallway one winters morning, in tears and sobbing, I welcome, hopefully, the ending of such abuse, with the introduction of this new law banning smacking.

I have also overheard the saying that 'you can beat the devil into a child'. My doctor brother-in-law always stated that 'sin binning' a child to stand in the corner of a room, facing only an empty corner wall for 15 minutes (or more if a tantrum ensued) was punishment enough.

It worked on my niece as she stated years later that she hated that corner ordeal but never her parents.

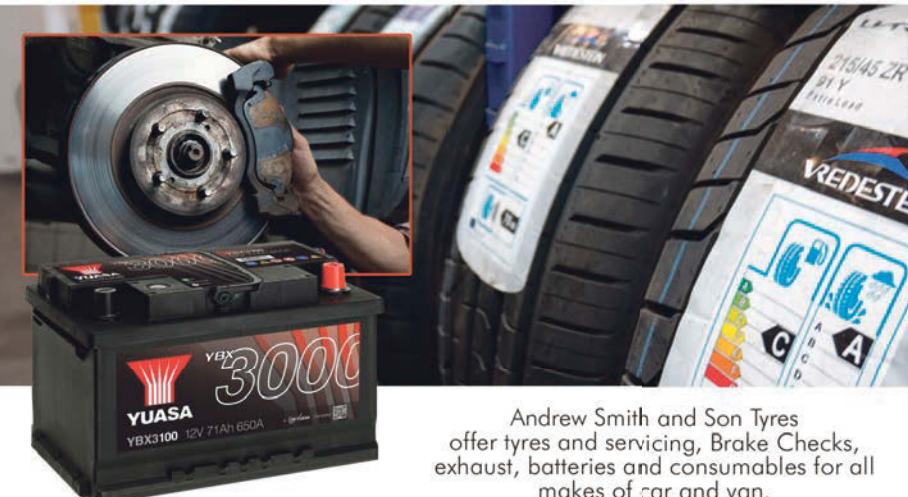
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Stephen Jones, Oban

Scotland should stay in UK

Sir

Brendan O'Hara was correct last week to write that the Tory Government's plans for a no-deal Brexit would cause financial ruin to local farmers and fishermen.

Mr O'Hara, however, ignored the effects of his own party's policy on Scottish businesses.

The SNP's plans would lead to a hard border between Scotland and England.

Just as the Tory government's plans will be very disruptive to businesses which export to Europe, the SNP's plans to leave the UK will cause disruption to the many Scottish businesses which sell their products in England.

To avoid all this disruption, Scotland should stay in both the UK and the EU.

Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat candidate for Argyll and Bute

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YOUR PICTURES



These basking cormorants were snapped by Ardrishaig woman Naomi Robertson. Naomi managed to capture this glowing shot while on a boat trip to the Corryvreckan with a group from the MS Centre, Lochgilphead.

Having since joined the Mid Argyll Camera Club,

Naomi said: 'I know in photography you're not supposed to shoot into the sun but in this case breaking the rules seemed to work and I'm glad I did.'

Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES!

The Into Film Festival is introducing free weekend screenings



Film education charity, Into Film is happy to announce that it is adding free family screenings to its Into Film Festival programme, and one is coming to the Campbeltown Picture House! *The Grinch* will be playing on Sunday 17th November at 10am and all bookings can be made here - www.intofilm.org/familygrinch.

VIEW ALL INTO FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS AT:
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Returning for its 7th year from 6-22 November, the Into Film Festival is the world's largest free youth film festival, and offers 5-19 year olds and their teachers from across the UK the opportunity to attend free cinema trips and access free resources.

This year's Festival will feature 3000 screenings and 200 special events, and is comprised of eight strands that can help navigate the programme: Mental Wellbeing & Identity, Language & Creativity, The Natural World, Exploring History, Debate, Fantasy & Adventure, Rebellion and Musicals.

Lifeboat responds to call for assistance

The RNLI Tighnabruaich responded to a call at 6.32pm on Sunday October 13 to assist a yacht suffering engine failure.

As night fell, the volunteer crew launched to assist a yacht with two crew stranded off Skipness. After an assessment was completed the 36' yacht was taken in tow to Lochranza on Arran.

Once the yacht was secured to the pontoon at Lochranza, its crew were passed on to Arran Coastguard for further support, and Tighnabruaich's volunteer crew returned to their station where the lifeboat was made ready for further service and all volunteers stood down.

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Loganair secures new contract to operate flights

The contract to operate the Scottish Government-supported flights to and from Barra, Tiree and Campbeltown has been awarded to Loganair.

The new contract, which will run from the October 25 and for the next four years, is worth around £21m.

The routes from Glasgow to the three airports will be operated using HIAL's Twin Otter DHC6-400 planes.

The service improvements that were announced earlier this year have been built into the new contract.

Commenting on the decision, cabinet secretary for transport, infrastructure and connectivity Michael Matheson said: 'I'm very

pleased to award the contract to operate these vital air links for the next four years to Loganair.

'We have listened to local communities to find out what we could do better and the improvements we announced earlier this year have been built into this new contract to make sure we are supporting them.

'These flights transport people, goods and services, playing a crucial role for service industries and ensuring that residents have access to specialist healthcare. They also enable visitors to reach the islands easily, boosting local tourism.

'I congratulate Loganair on winning this contract and I



Twin Otter DHC6-400 aircraft, pictured taxiing along the beach runway on Barra.

Photograph: Stuart Nicol Photography

look forward to seeing these enhanced services bring benefits to the communities they serve.'

Loganair managing director Jonathan Hinkles welcomed the decision saying: 'I'm

delighted that Loganair has been selected as the operator to maintain these vital air services, continuing our record of service to the three communities which first began in 1974.

'The award of this new contract represents a vote of confidence in Loganair to maintain these lifeline links for a further four years, and we will do all we can to ensure that confidence is upheld.'

Argyll residents are warned of pension scam

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (ABCAB) is warning that scammers are actively targeting people with pension savings across Scotland.

Most commonly 'cold-calling' potential victims, the scammers offer free pension reviews, promises of better returns and early cash release from your pension as a hook.

Their objective is to persuade savers to transfer their pension funds into unregulated investment schemes.

Penalties

Victims can expect to pay very high, unsolicited fees and tax penalties or simply see their savings disappear with little or no chance of redress.

Claudia Albrecht, Pension Wise guidance specialist at ABCAB, says: 'We are aware of a number of instances of these scams being reported by individuals across the region, so it's important to make people aware of the risk.

'Scammers are very persuasive, suggesting that they are experts doing you a 'good turn'.

'Typically they offer free

reviews and early access to your pension cash. In fact, many of these people are not registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and are promoting very high-risk, unregulated schemes, often with overseas investments unsuitable for most savers.

'Stay safe. The best thing

a concern about a potential scam, contact The Pensions Advisory Service on 0800 011 3797. It's important to report these calls when they do happen because the authorities may be able to prevent them potentially conning someone else.'

Savings

'If you want to review your retirement plans or access your savings, why would you do it through someone you don't know who has randomly called you?

You can get expert and impartial guidance through Pension Wise at your local citizens advice Bureau. Like all Citizens Advice services, our pension guidance is free, confidential and independent. Face-to-face appointments are available now.'

Anyone aged 50 or over with a defined contribution pension scheme is eligible for a Pension Wise appointment.

Call Pension Wise on 0800 138 3944 or go online at www.pensionwise.gov.uk to book your appointment.

Contact Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau to find out more.



is to put the phone down. Remember, since the law changed in January this year, no legitimate firm can 'cold call' you about your pension. So if this happens to you, whoever is calling you is acting illegally and is in all likelihood a scammer.

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ZamScotEd launches crowdfunding appeal



In January 2020, Mid Argyll charity ZamScotEd's school in Zambia will open the fourth and final classroom block – but help is needed to complete the project.

The classroom at St Columba's will be for Grade 12 pupils – the equivalent of S5/6 – and for the first time since the project began, pupils will graduate from the school with their equivalent of Highers.

Since the school opened with just one classroom block in January 2016, children in Zambia, who otherwise would not have been able to access secondary education, have been moving up through the school. This new block will give those who started back then the status of senior students heading for a bright future.

Nearing completion, the classroom block still needs desks, white boards,

some textbooks, and all the furnishings essential to any classroom. The gas also needs to be connected up to the bunsen burners in the science lab.

A crowdfunding page has been launched in hope of raising the necessary funds, with a target of £6,000 to be reached in 28 days.

Crowdfunding

ZamScotEd founder Marian Pallister said: 'We have wonderful support in Mid Argyll, but our crowdfunding project will hopefully reach out to the wider community and help us give those youngsters moving up to Grade 12 the classrooms they need and deserve.'

'We are hugely grateful to everyone for all their help.'

'We will go on paying the fees of the Mthunzi children and other vulnerable kids identified by head teacher Sr Veronica Nyoni, but this



St Columba's pupils in one of the completed classrooms.

project for desks and other fixtures and fittings will mean our first Grade 12 pupils will have the chance to work towards their big

exams as they should – and local carpenters will also benefit from the jobs this is creating for them.'

The charity has been

supporting the education of children in Zambia since the 1990s through the Mthunzi Children's Programme, giving them the opportunity

to attend secondary schools around the country. It was quickly realised how many other children living around the Mthunzi centre were unable to go to secondary school, and that is when the idea of building a school was born.

Generous

With the help of Mission Scotland and Spanish organisations, as well as generous individuals and trusts, things have moved rapidly for the charity.

If anyone would like to support ZamScotEd with the final phase they can donate through its crowdfunder page: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/desks-for-st-columbas

Callum and friends stand United Against Cancer

A Southend man diagnosed with terminal cancer earlier this year has organised a massive day-long community event to help raise funds and awareness for four vital charities.

Callum Semple's cancer charity event is being held at MACC, Machrihanish, on Saturday October 26 and will kick-off at 2pm with a bed race in which adult and junior teams of six will race their beds over 450m and 320m tracks in a bid to win fabulous prizes.

This will be followed by a fun-filled day and evening which will include tug-o-war, charity stalls, children's entertainment, food and drink, live music and an amazing grand raffle and whisky auction.

Callum, who is still working in his role as an independent financial adviser, as well as looking after his farm, is determined not to let his condition drag him down and is urging people of all ages to join him on the day to stand United Against Cancer.



Callum Semple, right, and his friend Davie MacPherson will be United Against Cancer on Saturday October 26.

'I was devastated when I was told that my cancer was inoperable and that there was no cure,' said Callum, who was diagnosed with having small cell lung cancer on May 3 this year.

'My prognosis isn't good – I could have anywhere between three months and five years to live, but I'm feeling fine right now and want to do as much as I can with my family and to raise some much-needed money for these crucial charities.'

The charities Callum and his friends are raising money for are Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, the Beatson Cancer Charity

and Maggie's Centres. 'The work that they, and their superb volunteers, do on a daily basis makes the exhausting and difficult process that patients and their families go through a little less daunting and helps them feel so much more supported,' he added.

Callum has already had four rounds of chemotherapy and five of radiotherapy without suffering many of the terrible side-effects that some other cancer patients do.

Tickets are available from the Courier Centre, Jim Martin Supplies and Keeping it Local.

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Council wins award for work with refugees

Argyll and Bute Council's work in supporting refugees into employment has won a prestigious award at the COSLA Excellence Awards.

On Thursday October 10, the Supporting our Refugees into Work programme landed COSLA's Excellent People, Excellent Outcomes Award at the ceremony in St Andrew's.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Excellent work has been and continues to be done on this project, which extends the welcome given to our Syrian families by the community of Bute.'

The council works with partner organisations on the Supporting our Refugees into Work strategy, which sets out to help refugee families with integration. Moving into meaningful work is seen as a key part of the integration process.

Helmi's Bakery, one of the Syrian-owned businesses successfully launched on Bute, won regional silver and bronze awards at the Scottish Baker of the Year competition this year.

Cleland Sneddon, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'We couldn't have achieved this recognition without the unstinting support of the community of Bute.'

'I congratulate the community and the project team for their outstanding work.'

Expansion for CalMac's community fund

Demand from west coast youth groups for CalMac's new community fund has been so strong the company is expanding it.

The ferries operator is looking for a further round of applications from non-profit organisations looking for support for a project or activity that will benefit young people aged 26 and under.

Organisations based in a mainland port or island the company serves can apply for £500 to £2,000.

So far the fund has supported 39 projects from woman's football in the Outer Hebrides, to the Campbeltown Sea Cadets and a Gaelic youth club on Skye.

CalMac's director of community and stakeholder engagement Brian Fulton said: 'We have been bowled

over by the demand from groups up and down the west coast. There is clearly a need for this type of support within the communities we serve, so I'm delighted to announce the extension of the fund for another round this year.

'So far we have made awards to some truly innovative projects that will really make a difference to the lives of young people in our island and coastal communities.

'I'm really looking forward to seeing what this next batch of applications brings in.'

CalMac is the UK's largest ferry operator and last year carried nearly 5.5 million passengers and 1.4 million vehicles.

It services 26 routes to island and remote mainland communities across the



Young people on Jura will now have a wider range of activities to take part in thanks to CalMac's community fund.

Hebrides and the Clyde with a fleet of 33 vessels.

Organisations which have applied unsuccessfully are

welcome to submit a new application, but successful applicants cannot apply again.

Application form and full terms and conditions at www.calmac.co.uk/communityfund.



Tarbert fire crew models new kit

Tarbert fire crew recently got an upgrade as the latest kit was issued.

The crew at Tarbert received

The Tarbert fire crew resplendent in their new Personal Protective Equipment.

their personal protective equipment as part of an ongoing rollout of new PPE kits to firefighters across Scotland.

Receiving their new kit on October 10, the crew quickly took to Facebook to show it off and it wasn't long before a shower of compliments on how smart they look came in.

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Pipe band reels off prizes

Mid Argyll Pipe Band held its annual awards night in the Kilmartin Hotel on Saturday October 5.

Joint winners of the Royal Mail most improved chanter player shield were Euan McCartan and Harry Turner, and this presentation was made at the chanter class on Wednesday evening.

Thom Catterwell was awarded the overall most improved band member and he was presented with the Lewis Wilson memorial shield by Jamie Wilson.

The most improved drummer shield went to Ali

Cupples for the most notable progression throughout the season. Lead drummer Graeme McMillan presented the shield to Ali's mum Morag, as Ali was not able to be present.

Jenny Wright was awarded the windmill trophy for contribution to the band, due to Jenny taking part in the Kiltwalk fundraiser.

Catherine Lang, the band quartermaster, awarded the best dressed trophy to Alfie Campbell for his smart turnout and attention to his uniform.

The 'just for fun' best hair

competition run on the band's Facebook and Instagram pages was decided by public vote, and the results were as follows: third place, Stephen Clark; second, Scott McLean; and joint first, Martha Moir and Rhian McCuaig. The prizes were presented by Marina McCuaig and helper Sophie Hall.

The committee would like to thank all the supporters, band members, chanter class members, mums, dads and everyone else for coming along and making it a great night. Thanks also to Richard for the fantastic buffet.



Jenny Wright receives the windmill trophy from Alan McLean.



Morag Cupples accepts the most improved drummer shield on behalf of her son Ali, presented by lead drummer Graeme McMillan.



Catherine Lang presents the best dressed trophy to Alfie Campbell.



Jamie Wilson, left, and Pipe Major Craig Lang wait to present the Lewis Wilson Memorial Shield.



Joint winners of the best hair competition, decided by public vote, were Martha Moir and Rhian McCuaig. The prizes were presented by Marina McCuaig helped by Sophie Hall.

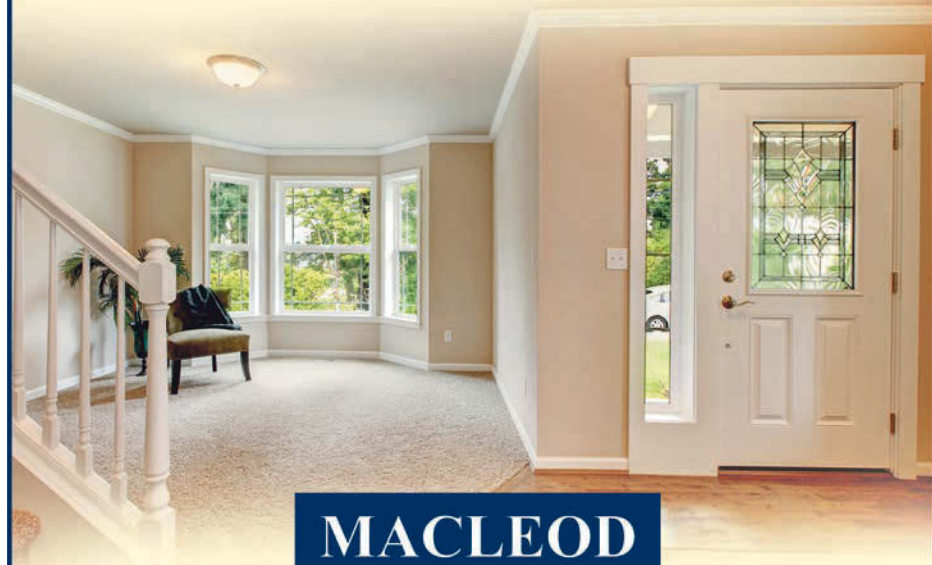


Most improved band member Thom Catterwell receiving the Lewis Wilson Memorial shield from Jamie Wilson, left, with Pipe Major Craig Lang to the right.

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Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell encouraged his constituents to get involved last year.



Last year Eva Blair was the runner-up in the Midton Acrylic's Star Baker competition.

Who wore it pink?

Today (Friday October 18) is Wear it Pink day and the Argyllshire Advertiser is keen to see how readers joined in this year's fun.

Back for its 18th year, the fundraiser calls on supporters to ditch their everyday colours and add a splash of pink to their outfit to raise money for breast cancer research.

Breast Cancer Now's Wear It Pink campaign, which takes place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, has to date raised more than

£33million. Last year, a pink Stetson and huge sunglasses transformed Argyll and Bute's MSP Michael Russell as he encouraged his constituents to get involved.

And Midton Acrylics was keen to take part, hosting a pink-themed baking competition.

Let us know how you got involved with the pink party by sending your photographs to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

Matthew retires, but will still volunteer

Matthew Ramsay says the time has come to hang up his hat, well almost.

He is retiring from his post as the Fishermen's Mission Port Officer for Oban and Kintyre.

He said: 'I have served the Mission for many years. I started as an honorary agent, then progressed to auxiliary and eventually ended up as the Port Officer for Mallaig, Oban and Kintyre. Someone was employed to cover Mallaig, so that left me with Oban and Kintyre. It meant a lot less driving for me and the odd ferry journey to Islay.'

'I loved my time serving the fishing communities and doing what they say I do best, visiting people and yarning.'

'I am going to continue as a volunteer, so will still be around, but just not in the same capacity.'

'I loved my time serving the fishing communities and doing what they say I do best, visiting people and yarning.'

'I have to mention Sheena. Without her keeping me right at times, I couldn't have done what I did.'

'I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over all these years.'

Right: Matthew Ramsay, who is retiring from the Fisherman's Mission, with his wife Sheena.

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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

High school pupils make TV debut

by Rachel Carruthers
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A STV series is soon to turn pupils from Lochgilphead High School into local celebrities as they make their TV debut.

Hayman's Way follows actor David Hayman as he travels around Scotland unearthing the people and places that make Scotland unique.

In the episode, which airs

on Monday October 21 at 8pm, David Hayman visits the islands of Seil and Easdale and uncovers Scotland's rich prehistoric past in Kilmartin.

Hayman makes the most of his time in Argyll also taking a boat trip to the Corryvreckan whirlpool and is even treated to a mouthwatering meal from The George's head chef Eric Lionnet as he explores Inveraray.

The school previously



Louis MacMillan became the new star of the show during filming of Hayman's Way.

had links with Kilmartin Museum having been invited to help on a dig at Dun Mhuirlich near Tayvallich, which led to the starting of an archaeology club. This link resulted in the pupils being invited to be a part of filming.

On the day of filming pupils were taken to Kilmartin Museum where they met the

cast and crew and chatted over a hot chocolate before the hard work began.

Heading out to Nether Largie, the pupils were encouraged to explore the southern cairn and were filmed weaving in and out of the cairn and lifting up rocks.

Crew even gave pupils the opportunity to get involved



From left: Jura MacMillan, Holly Smith, Louis MacMillan and Alfie Smith chat with David Hayman on set.

with the filming, passing the responsibility of holding and positioning lighting equipment over to them, as Brendan O'Hara directed.

Filming for the Argyll episode took place in April 2015 and although it has not yet been aired it is available on the STV Player, so it came as a bit of a surprise to guidance

teacher Jamie Wire when a pupil announced they had spotted him on TV.

He commented: 'It's funny how it has all come to light now as the pupils were all in S1-3 and now only three remain in school, all in S6. Our remaining pupils had almost forgotten about the whole thing.'



Pupils offered a helping hand on set, helping Hayman find his best side.

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Time for some MOJO magic

It will soon be curtain up for the third MOJO festival.

This year the celebration of original music is set to be bigger and better than before, with bands from all over Argyll ready to grace the stage.

MOJO organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'MOJO Argyll is a small, down-to-earth team of volunteers helping local original artists to get heard. We do it purely for our love of unique, raw music and keenness to see what talent we

have in our own backyard.'

'MOJO is non-profit making and non-funded and all proceeds from the event are shared between the acts and set up costs.'

The fantastic line-up of unsigned acts include Lost in Berlin; The Blue Moon Travellers; The Camans; Ardfunk; 4Below and The Twisted Melons, who will close the night.

This year organisers are hoping to document the event and are looking for volunteers

to capture some of the MOJO magic on Saturday night. If anyone is able to offer their time to photograph or video on the night contact organisers via the MOJO - Argyll Facebook page.

Join the bands at Craignish Village Hall on Saturday October 19 for a night to remember. Tickets can be bought at Lochgilphead's Argyll Book Centre, Marmalade Deli, Oban Music and Ardfern stores for £8 or £10 at the door.



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Tayvallich village hall was the scene for a Viking invasion when Danish band Himmerland took to the stage.

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those borders, Himmerland are an embodiment of world music.

The band took an appreciative audience on a musical global tour of traditional tunes and their own compositions on Saturday October 12. Foot-tapping polskas and haunting melodies showed the band's Scandi heritage.

Inspirations from the

East celebrated the music of Eastern Europe. Ghanaian percussionist Ayi Solomon took over lead vocals for the African rhythms of Request to the King; his nifty dance moves were just as impressive when he stepped out from behind his drum kit.

Even Australia got a look-in on Spider in the Fiddle, a tune dedicated to a spider that



Himmerland took to the stage in Tayvallich village hall.



Founder of the band Eskil Romme on saxophone.



Danish bass player Emil Ringtved.



Jens Ulvsand thanked the audience for coming to experience the 'unique experience of live music'.

stowed away Down Under, hidden in a violin case. The samba beat of the closing number brought everyone home via Latin America.

The evening ended with a thank you from Swedish bou-

zouki player Jens Ulvsand, who commented that 'when it's so easy to download recorded music digitally to your phone or PC, to listen to anything you want whenever you want it, it's important to

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Bun-sgoil Inbhir-Aora (Inveraray) under-13s with their conductor Josie Campbell, competed in the unison singing. 17_DM_ModMonday10



Feorlin Renton, 10, Bun-sgoil Inbhir Aora (Inveraray), took home the Mrs Roderick B Munro trophy after winning the girls' 9-10 solo singing learners competition. 17_DM_ModMonday06



Right: Solo singers, left to right, eight-year-old Ella Fyfe from Sgoiltean Ceann Loch Gilp (Lochgilphead), and Carly Cranston and Sophie Philips, both aged seven, pupils at Bun-sgoil Àird Driseig (Ardrishaig). 15_SN_ModMon_01

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Majestic Line sail through to award finals

The Majestic Line has made it through to the final of the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards.

The cruise line has been nominated in the Innovation in Tourism category, an award that celebrates a business using innovation to commit to the future of tourism in Scotland.

A spokesperson for The Majestic Line commented: 'This is a great achievement for us after the recent launch of our fourth small ship, Glen Shiel.'

'The innovation category includes expansion, especially when it benefits local

communities and in our case we demonstrated this by providing employment during the build of the ship at Ardmaleish Boatbuilding Co on the island of Bute, plus the need for additional crew to manage the ship.'

These esteemed awards, now in their 15th year, identify, highlight and reward excellence throughout the hospitality and tourism industries within the Highlands and Islands.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony and dinner in Inverness next month.



May Taylor tries out the hyperbaric chamber.

Breath of fresh air for SWI

Lochgilphed SWI's monthly meeting saw the group visiting the MS Centre, Lochgilphed, writes Rachel Carruthers.

During the evening, centre manager Karen McCurry

explained about the work they do and gave a tour of the centre, showing all it has to offer.

The group had fun trying some of the exercises in Brain Gym and some members

even tried out the hyperbaric chamber.

Lochgilphed SWI would like to thank Karen for her time and sharing her enthusiasm for the work she and her team do at the centre.

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Cobbler climb in aid of brain tumour research

A series of Walks of Hope, organised by Brain Tumour Research, took place all around the UK to raise money and awareness of its cause.

In Argyll fundraisers with personal connections to the cause tackled the 2,946 foot Cobbler in the Arrochar Alps.

Around 55 people took part in the seven-mile walk on Saturday September 28, collectively raising nearly £10,000.

'It was a brilliant day,' Joe Woollcott, organiser of the Cobbler Walk of Hope commented. 'We were lucky with the weather and the Slanj pub in Tarbet was great as our base of operations on the day and for drinks after.'

'Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the



Left to right: Kevin Scullion, Gerry McCarron and Jim Timmony from Scottish Enterprise, who took part in support of one of their colleagues.

age of 40 than any other cancer, yet historically just one per cent of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease. That's why we organise events such as these - to raise money so we can build a network of experts in sustainable research at dedicated centres of excellence while influencing the government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally.'

Benmore Botanic Garden weather report



September 2019

Highest max air temp: 21.3°C on 21st
Lowest max air temp: 13.6°C on 18th
Average max air temp: 16.5°C
Lowest min air temp: 4.9°C on 8th and 16th
Highest min air temp: 13.9°C on 25th
Average min air temp: 8.9°C
Highest min at grass level: 13.2°C on 25th
Lowest min at grass level: 1°C on 16th
Average min at grass level: 6.2°C
Air min below: 0°C on 0 days
Grass level min below: 0°C on 1 day
Hail on: 0 days
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Gale on: 0 days
Greatest rainfall in one day: 36.1mm on 10th
Rain 0.2mm or more on 23 days
Rain 1.0mm or more on 20 days
Rain 5.0mm or more on 14 days
Trace (between 0.0mm and 0.1mm): 1 day
Total with measurable rain: 26 days
Average relative humidity: 89.5 per cent
Total rainfall for month: 253.3mm (10.0 inches)
Total rainfall for year: 1777.0mm (70.0 inches)
Total rainfall for September was 17 per cent greater than the long-term average.
The first autumn ground frost was recorded on September 16 and with the last spring frost being on June 12 that gave a summer ground-frost-free duration of 95 days which is a little shorter than average.
September's average daily maximum and minimum air temperatures were around the norm for the time of year.



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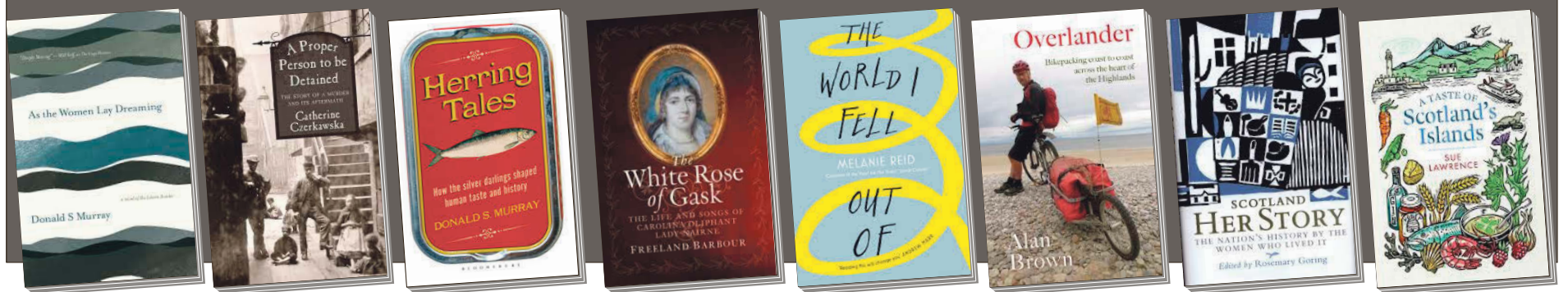
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The committee behind the Tarbert Book Festival promised a varied programme and they have lived up to expectations. It is their aim to bring writers to Tarbert so that local book lover's who might not otherwise have the opportunity, experience the buzz of a festival for themselves.

Templar Arts and Leisure Centre hosts all the daytime events, in its wonderful building which overlooks the village's fishing harbour.

With a choice of cafes, restaurants, and accommodation all close at hand this has to be one of the most compact festivals around – and with free parking.

As always there will be a short break between each event to allow people to purchase copies of the publications featured, meet the au-

thors, and have them sign the books for you. On Saturday evening the festival moves to the beautiful Stonefield Castle Hotel just a short drive from the village centre.

The evening begins with a short tasting session sponsored by Kintyre's own gin from the Beinn an Tuirc distillery, before being entertained by musician Freeland Barbour, who will discuss his new publication about his ancestor Lady Nairne. This lady wrote much-loved and evergreen traditional songs such as 'Will Ye No' Come Back Again', and 'Charlie is My Darling'. Freeland will be joined by actress Gerda Stevenson who will bring to life some of the traditional songs. This is going to be as very popular event.

Seventh Tarbert Book Festival Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October 2019

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Saturday: Donald S Murray, Rosemary Goring, Melanie Reid, Freeland Barbour with Gerda Stevenson

Sunday: Alan Brown, Catherine Czerkawska, Sue Lawrence

TARBERT BOOK FESTIVAL 2019				
Date	Time	Venue	Author	
Saturday 26th October, 2019	10am	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Donald S Murray	A history of Scotland's love of herrings
	11.30am	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Rosemary Goring	Scottish history from a female point of view
	1.30pm	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Donald S Murray	The tragedy of the lolaire sinking and its impact
	3pm	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Melanie Reid	Injury, loss and 'the art of getting on with it'
	7pm	Stonefield Castle Hotel	Freeland Barbour	Beinn an Tuirc Gin tasting followed by Freeland Barbour A musician's story of a musical ancestor
Sunday 28th October, 2019	10.45am	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Alan Brown	Crossing Scotland by bike, the scenic way but with less comfort
	Noon	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Catherine Czerkawska	Family history with a tragic surprise
	2pm	Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre	Sue Lawrence	Gastronomic island hopping

Tickets available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/tarbertbookfestival or locally at Ian Y MacIntyre and Lochfyne Gallery

Saturday October 26 Templar Arts and Leisure Centre All tickets are £10 each

10am - Donald S. Murray: Herring Tales: How the Silver Darlings shaped Human Taste & History; a light-hearted and informative narrative about the history our love affair with the silver darlings

11.30am - Rosemary Goring: Scotland: Her Story: The Nation's History by the Women Who Lived It; brings to life the half of history that has for too long been forgotten or ignored!

1.30pm - Donald S. Murray: As the Women Lay Dreaming; a deeply moving novel of the lolaire disaster, about passion constrained, coping with loss and a changing world. It explores how a single event can so dramatically impact communities, individuals and indeed, our very souls.

3pm - Melanie Reid: The World I Fell Out Of; on Good Friday, 2010, journalist Melanie Reid fell from her horse, breaking her neck, and fracturing her lower back. This is an unflinchingly honest memoir and a reminder that at any moment life can be turned upside down.

Stonefield Castle Hotel

Tickets for this evening event cost £15 each

7pm - A tasting of Kintyre's very own gin from the Beinn an Tuirc Distillery

Followed at 7:30pm by

Freeland Barbour: The White Rose of Gask: The Life and Songs of Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne; Freeland is one of Scotland's leading accordionists and he writes about his ancestor, who wrote more than 80 songs including the iconic 'Charlie Is My Darling' yet never acknowledged her authorship. Freeland is joined by actress Gerda Stevenson, to bring to life some of Lady Nairne's traditional songs.

Sunday 27 October Templar Arts and Leisure Centre All tickets are £10 each

10.45am - Alan Brown: Overlander, Bike packing coast to coast across the Heart of the Highlands; Alan's epic traverse of the Highlands without comfort or high-tech gear on a 'mongrel bike' all the way across Scotland.

Noon - Catherine Czerkawska: A Proper Person to Be Detained; on Christmas 1881 John Manley was fatally stabbed during a drunken quarrel. A few generations later, Catherine finds more than she bargained on when she begins to tease out her relative's tragic death.

2pm - Sue Lawrence: A Taste of Scotland's Islands; Sue's new book tours the islands of Scotland selecting the best of the food they have to offer and suggesting delicious recipes with which to enjoy it.

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At the United Auctions' sale in Dalmally on Friday October 11, 958 suckled calves were sold.

An excellent show of quality bred suckled calves was presented to a large following of regular buyers attending this event.

Bullocks (569) averaged £609.15 (-£9.84) to £1,030.00 for a 558kg BRBx from Dunans and 219.04p (-11.46p) to 284.1p for a 264kg LIMx from Dall Farm.

Heifers (389) averaged £547.16 (-£5.43) to £935.00 for a 518kg LIMx from Dunans and 211.65p (-11.26p) to 272.3p for a 202kg SIMx from Auch Estate.

Show results:

Autumn Born Bullock: Tombuie; Autumn Born Heifer: Lephinkill; Spring Born Bullock: 1 Dall Farm; 2 Tombuie; 3 Duntuim;

Spring Born Heifer: Dall Farm; Champion: Lephinkill; Reserve Champion: Dall Farm.

Leading prices per head:
Bullocks:
AAx: £640(2), Potalloch; £620(4), Craig Farm; £620, Ballymeanach.

BSx: £750, £730(2), £665, £660(2), Tiretigan; £635(2), Machrins; £610, Kiloran.

BRBx: £1030, Dunans.
BAx: £790, £740(2), Tom Na Coille; CHx: £1010, £950(3), Dunans;

£940(2), £920, Bragleenmore; £910(2), Dunans; £900(2), Bragleenmore; £900(2), Dunans;

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LIMx: £1,010, Feringa Farming; £925, Ardchatten; £890, Barguillean; £890, £880(3), Craignafeoch;

£850(2), £840, Barguillean; £840(2), 16 Carnoch; £840(2), Craignafeoch. LRx: £635, Garvie.

SALx: £705(3), Machrins; £670(6), Otter Estate; £645, Dunans; £645(2), £635(3), Machrins.

SIMx: £920, £900, Tom Na Coille; £885, Tombuie; £885, Tiraghoil; £830, Tombuie; £820, Arileod;

£795, Dunans; £760, Musdale; £740, Barguillean; £730, Ballymeanach; £720(4), Barguillean; £710, Tiraghoil;

SHx: £710(2), £690(2), Bragleenmore.
Heifers - AAx: £670, Blairmore; £630(2), Craig Farm.

BSx: £750, Barnakill.
BAx: £700, £680, £620, Tom

Na Coille. CHx: £910, Lephinkill; £840, 16 Carnoch; £790, £760(7), Bragleenmore; £760(3), Tiraghoil; £750(2), Barnakill; £750(2), Bragleenmore; £740, Dunans.

LIMx: £935, Dunans; £890, Tom Na Coille; £830(3), Ardchatten; £820, 16 Carnoch; £750, Barnakill; £720, Tom Na Coille; £710, Caolis Coll; £700, Ardchatten; £700, Feringa Farming.

SALx: £550(3), Machrins.
SIMx: £760, Ballymeanach; £735(2), Tombuie; £690, Tigh Na Croit; £660(2), Auch Estate; £660(2), Duntuim.

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Bullocks - AAx: 255p(5), 237p(4), Scotstown; 236p(5), Blairmore;

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SALx: 259p(2), Brenchoille; 256p(3), 251p(3), Machrins; 247p(2), Brenchoille.

SIMx: 264p(2), Dall Farm; 246p, Kiloran Farmers; 243p(7), Old Manse Farm; 241p(2), Ballymeanach; 236p, Blairmore; 236p, Duncroisk; 236p, Craigmore.

SHx: 224p, Blackmount.
Heifers - AAx: 249p(6), Scotstown; 249p(5), Blairmore.

BRBx: 224p, Blairmore.
CHx: 244p(3), Tullochmhor; 235p(8), 234p(6), Ederline Estate.

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SALx: 229p(2), High Balantyre.
SIMx: 272p, Auch Estate; 247p(2), Old Manse Farm; 241p(2), Auch Estate; 236p(5), Old Manse Farm; 233p(2), Duntuim.

Young handlers are future of breed

by Kathie Griffiths
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Highlanders descended on Oban Livestock Centre last weekend with the biggest turnout of young handlers ever witnessed at the autumn show.

Highland Cattle Society show announcer Angus Mackay told spectators; 'What a wonderful sight, it really is. These young people are the future of the breed. We will be seeing a lot of them in years to come.'

Logan Ross from Stirling took the title of champion young handler for the 14-and-under age section, beating stiff competition from others aged eight upwards.

Ethan Braines, eight, from County Durham was back in the arena again after last year and he was joined by others including brothers Jack Halford, eight, and Tom, 14, from Kipper Lyn in Northumberland. Their younger brother Oliver, five, will be making his debut next year, keeping it a family affair. Young handlers need to be at least six to show in the ring.

The champion sash from this season's 122nd annual show went to Heather the 12th from Tordarroch UK led by Sarah Noble, reserve champion

Highland Cattle Society autumn show champion Heather the 12th from Tordarroch UK, led by Sarah Noble.



was Anna of Eilean Mora. There were 104 entries registered for the show, delighting Highland Cattle Society president Gordon McConachie.

Breeders and buyers from all over the country bustled around the busy centre, drawing a good crowd from the public too.

Mr McConachie said despite the threat of Brexit, there was still a good presence from the likes of Germany, France and Denmark in particular.

'There might be some uncertainty but as a society we've been working with the government to make sure we have everything in place for after October 31 as far as we can,' he said.

Cattle bought at Monday's sale have to spend four weeks in quarantine before being allowed abroad.

Breeder Andrew McPhee from Strathpeffer, who has been a regular at the show for 15 years, was hoping to get a

sale after winning fourth and fifth rosettes for his fold.

'Winning at the show is just a bonus; it's getting a sale that's important. Buyers from Europe might be feeling a bit nervous because of Brexit but time will tell,' he said. Last year a bull at the show sold for £11,000.

Trophies and prizes were presented to winners at the society's dinner at Oban's Royal Hotel on the Sunday evening.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01966/PP	Engineering works to watercourse (realignment of watercourse)	Carradale Substation, Carradale, Argyll And Bute
19/01609/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East Of Carrick House, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/02018/PP	Environmental enhancements including formation of new play area, area of hard-standing, picnic area, shelter, tree planting, path enhancements, raised levels and seating wall	Front Green, Pottaloch Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
19/01944/PP	Temporary change of use of land, ground works, hardstanding and fencing to form works compound, including siting of modular buildings and storage of construction materials and equipment, formation of new accesses and formation of permanent car park	Land West Of Auchindrain Museum, Furnace, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute
19/02051/PP	Change of use of vacant land to garden ground and erection of two timber outbuildings (retrospective)	Claonaig Old Church, Claonaig, Skipness, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YG
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Flood Study Area	Public Consultation Event Venue	Date	Time
Lochgilphead	Lochgilphead Community, Education Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX	Tuesday 22nd October 2019	5pm to 8pm Presentation and Q&A at 7pm
Tarbert	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Harbour Street, Tarbert, PA29 6UD	Wednesday 23rd October 2019	5pm to 8pm Presentation and Q&A at 7pm

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Meeting

On Friday October 25, Kintyre Christian Fellowship will hold a meeting in the Free Church.

On this occasion the guest speaker will be Mr William Harrison from Newton Stewart, who is no stranger to the Fellowship who have very much enjoyed his ministry in the past and look forward to hearing him again.

The meeting is for everyone, whether they regularly attend church or not, Everyone is really welcome to go along. The evening starts at 7.30pm.

Tea dance

The Monday Social Club are hosting a tea dance this coming Saturday, October 19, from 2pm to 4pm at the Masonic.

Soloist Lorna Hume will be heading up the entertainment which also includes music from the McMacs. In addition there will be a bar, refreshments and a raffle.

Entry is £5 with all proceeds going to the Monday Social Club. All welcome.

National Islands Plan

The first National Islands Plan is now before the Scottish Parliament for consideration.

The proposed plan follows an extensive consultation which saw more than 60 events and meetings being held on islands across Scotland, including Gigha, and attended by almost 1,000 people of all ages and backgrounds.

The connected online consultation also received over 400 responses. Islands Minister Paul Wheelhouse said the plan marks an important step forward. He added: 'Since spring, we have visited 41 of Scotland's islands and engaged online.'

'I hope this unparalleled level of engagement with islanders, captured in the proposed National Islands Plan, reflects the priorities identified by the people who live and work on Scotland's islands.'

The proposed National Islands Plan provides a framework of improvements for Scotland's island communities.

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Joyce Andrews and friend.



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Coffee morning

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Many hardy coffee morning goers braved the wild weather and flooded roads to attend.

There was a selection of delicious cakes and loads of coffee and tea, a raffle and a baking stall - full of lovely home-made cakes and biscuits.

Glenbarr would like to thank everyone for attending and being so generous with their gifts and time and donations.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

I love to wander along the beaches and watch the waves crash over the rocks in their race to get to the shore.

Then, after rushing, they dither about whether they want to be on the sea or the sand.

Watch them as they roll to the edge of the shore then retreat again to the safety of the sea - afraid to commit.

Often it's hard to cross boundaries in life when there's safety where we are.

However, the line between sea and shore has changed now.

Where soft golden sand nestled at the edge of the beach at A'Chleit, there are only jagged black rocks.

These golden days of summer have given way to the storms as we dip into autumn. The landscape and seascape have changed, and maybe we also have to change.

At times in our lives we will worry about the boundaries we face, and maybe we will be afraid of what the future might bring.

We would rather be in the sunshine of life, safe on these gentle sands.

We would rather be on the still waters than in the midst of the storms.

We may be afraid of these black jagged rocks which suddenly appear unexpectedly.

But there have to be shadows to complete life's picture.

Next time you take a photo, look at the shadows and you will notice that they are always surrounded by light.

As we journey through life, whenever we are in the shadows it's good to remember that we too are always surrounded by light.

The shores may change, the tides may come and go, but one thing is constant - and that is God's love for each one of us.

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MCQUILKAN - Peacefully in the Sunshine Room at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 12, 2019, Robert McQuilkan (Robin), aged 77 years, 41 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, beloved husband of Sandra McKinven, much loved dad of David and Mary, a loving granda to Robyn and a loving brother and brother-in-law.

MCSPORRAN - At the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 14, 2019, Martha Stewart (Hilda) in her 87th year, 44 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Iain McSporrán, much loved mum of Stewart, Iain, Malcolm and the late Alastair and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday October 19, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLACK - Donnie and extended family thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and comfort received following the sad loss of Irene. Thanks to Margaret Sinclair for the comforting service at Greenock Crematorium, to good friends Georgie and George Dickson and to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for their professional services. Thanks to all staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Tarbert Medical Centre, Carr Gomm and the Home Care Team for the care Irene received. Friends please accept this invitation to the interment of Irene's ashes at Clachan Cemetery on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 12 noon.

SEMPLE - Margaret and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad passing of William. Our thanks to Dr Elder and staff at Carradale Surgery, and doctors and nurses at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow for their care of William. Thanks also to Rev Steve Fulcher for a lovely, comforting service, to David McEwan for beautiful music, T. A. Blair Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient services and to the Glen Restaurant for excellent catering. Finally, many thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for Carradale Church and R.N.I.B raised £920.

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TUITE - The family of the late Katie Tuite would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, messages, phone calls and cards received following their recent sad loss. Thank you to the Doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward, the community nursing team and all the Carer's for their care and attention to Katie. Grateful thanks to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and compassionate arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to the Kilmartin Hotel for catering. Finally our thanks to all who attended at the Crematorium and Church to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £350 for Glenaray Ward, Mid-Argyll Hospital. Katie will be sorely missed by us all.

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MUIR - Precious memories of a loving dad and father-in-law and grandad. Love Angela, Kenny and Kerr.

RENNIE - Andy, October 17, 2013. Loved and missed every day, Dad. - Iain, Andrew, Rosemary and families. xxxxx

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Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Meeting to be held on **Friday 25th October** at 7.30pm
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Tea/coffee served after meeting.
Everyone most welcome

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MacKinnon's pure gold as he takes third Mull win

It was worth the wait. Three years on from the last Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally and 50 years on from the first, the Hebridean island once again echoed to the sound of 150 rally cars competing along some of the world's most entertaining roads.

And for the first time since new legislation was passed in Scotland earlier this year, the roads were closed by Argyll and Bute Council.

For competitors and fans, absence has undoubtedly made the heart grow fonder. In August, 53 minutes after entries opened for the first Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally since 2016, two things happened – the list, including reserves, 174 in total – was full and the event's website melted.

Not long after, there wasn't a bed to be had on the island during rally week. Once again, this Tobermory-based event doubled the population of the island and generated revenue measured in the millions of pounds.

Clerk of the course Andy Jardine said: 'At the start of the year, when we were working really hard with Argyll and Bute Council, Police Scotland and EventScotland to put our plans together, we didn't know if the change in legislation would get through Parliament in time.'

'Holyrood didn't let us down and the people who came here demonstrated why that legislation is so, so important.'

'Just for a moment, let's put the rally aside and take a walk through the town. It's packed. It's not the school holidays, the summer's gone and it's raining. The hotels are full, restaurants are doing a roaring trade and the chip van's working overtime.'



Paul MacKinnon drove a stellar event to win by almost two minutes. Photographs: LindsayPhotoSport.

'And everyone's smiling. Or they would be if they weren't asleep! Three years has been too long without this rally. Like we said before the start, autumn's normal again. It's been amazing.'

'I have to say a huge, huge thanks firstly to the volunteers who have braved the elements through the nights to make this happen. They're the absolute troopers. We have to thank the competitors and the spectators for coming and joining us and, of course, Beatson's Building Supplies. We couldn't ask for a more enthusiastic sponsor for this rally.'

'As well as those guys, Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council and EventScotland who funded this year's Mull Rally as part of VisitScotland's directorate have been absolutely brilliant. The golden anniversary of

this rally will live long in the memory.'

Motorsport UK chairman David Richards returned to the island in rally week for the first time since co-driving in a Ford Lotus Cortina in 1975.

'It's been a great event,' said David. 'I wanted to come up here after we've spent quite a lot of time and effort helping the Scottish Government on the closed-road legislation and the results have been fantastic.'

'To see so many volunteers, so many marshals putting so much time and effort in is great. And, of course, the organising team led by Andy [Jardine] and Iain [Campbell] who came directly up here from Wales Rally GB last week is tremendous.'

Event sponsor John Marshall was another man smiling come the early hours of Sunday morning in Tobermory. The owner of Beatson's Building Supplies, who placed his Ford Fiesta R5 ninth overall, said: 'This has been an incredibly tough event and I have to thank the car for getting me here, but I absolutely love this place, this island and this rally.'

'The 50th anniversary of the Mull Rally is a really special one and for Beatson's Building Supplies to be sponsoring it at such a milestone event, well that's pretty special for me.'

Local star Paul MacKinnon (Ford Fiesta R5) celebrated his third victory on the

Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally in the early hours of Sunday morning, taking a comprehensive win from Lancastrian Mini John Cooper Works WRC driver Daniel Harper.

MacKinnon led the 17-stage, 148-mile event from start to finish, belying his lack of time in the car and early set-up issues to clinch a 0:01:41 win.

'That's fantastic,' beamed the winner at the finish. 'After the disappointment of 2016 [when he went off the road] and then having to wait for three years, this is just fantastic. The car's been great and I have to say Daniel [Harper] has driven really well. We really had to keep it all going this afternoon.'

'But that last stage, jeez, I thought we'd seen everything, but that was an absolute nightmare.'

'The conditions were atrocious. I couldn't see a thing in the fog, but I just feel so relieved and so chuffed to make it.'

'The only downside is going back to work next week. Rally Mondays are such a come down after the adrenaline of the previous week. This amazing car will be gone, replaced by a bunch of bills and a big hangover. The only thing we can do is push on with the celebrations and make it a rally Tuesday!'

A Mull regular since 1993, Harper admitted he was happy with second after total

brake failure through Ben More and Scridain.

'I think it was a heavy landing that broke the brake pipe,' he said. 'But we came through two stages with nothing. We put the car back into road mode, but still trying to bring it through wasn't easy.'

'The moment came on the Hill Road. We flew just a bit further than I thought we would over a crest. We were in the ditch for a good hundred yards after that. Look, I'm happy to get it home and we'll be back for more next year. I love this place.'

Ahead of the event, much of the talk was of who would win the Mk 2 Escort battle. Those honours went to David Bogie. The five-time Scottish Champion delivered an inch-perfect drive to score a maiden Mull podium with third.

Nine-time winner Calum

Duffy's hopes of top two-wheel drive went out the window when he spun twice and stopped to change a puncture that was not punctured on the second run over Mishnish Lochs. He dropped more than two minutes, but recovered to finish fourth with a stunning final stage to edge Jonathan Mounsey's Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6 by one second.

Eddie O'Donnell rounded out the top six in his Escort.

Stevie Irwin (Vauxhall Nova) and Mark Constantine (Opel Corsa) were the class winners outside of the top 10.

Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally...loving live World Rally Championship reporter Colin Clark spearheaded an all-new initiative for this year's Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally, delivering coverage of the rally via Facebook Live to hundreds of thousands of fans around the world.

Clark said: 'It's been a genuine honour and privilege to work with such a committed and enthusiastic team. When we first talked about covering the event live, we did so sitting in a warm coffee shop looking at a map and fondly remembering full 4G.'

'The reality was a wee bit different, but I have to say, I'm very, very proud of what we achieved on this event.'

'To walk through Tobermory and have people coming up to you, shaking your hand and thanking you for what you've done for the event is astonishing and truly humbling.'

The reach of the Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally live shows have been huge, with people watching from as far afield as New Zealand, Dubai and Canada combining to generate more than 150,000 views.



Second-placed Daniel Harper kept the pressure on MacKinnon until he suffered problems on the final loop.



David Bogie won the all-important race to be first Escort home in his gorgeous Mk 2.



David Muirhead leads Alex Dickson down the rocky Top Chief track during Saturday's practice.

Enduro series success for Kintyre riders

In my report a few weeks back, I mentioned that myself, David Muirhead and Alex Dickson had raced all the rounds of this year's mountain bike POC Scottish Enduro Series, and that we were due to race at Fort William in the season finale. That race took place over the course of last weekend, writes Simon Freeman.

The series featured five rounds at different venues, and each race was set up like a car rally, with untimed uphill transition stages leading to various timed downhill sections, the results of which were amalgamated into an overall race time. The stages varied massively in length, from as little as 90 seconds to an absolute behemoth we endured at Laggan in April which took us 16 minutes to ride! The topography and trail surface differed wildly from venue to venue but also from stage to stage, and the taped trails we raced down last weekend at Fort William epitomised this eclectic set-up.

So how did we do?

David was fastest of the three of us, as he has been all season. He finished in a time of 24 minutes, 42 seconds. He races in the Senior category (ages 19-29), so it is a tough school littered with sponsored riders and crazy kids. He finished 29th in seniors on the day, and 95th overall out of an entry of 255 riders.

Having failed to finish the race at Laggan earlier in the year due to a mechanical breakdown, David has been constantly playing catch-up but he still managed to finish in a brilliant 22nd place overall in the seniors category for the season.

Alex has ridden consistently all year and has managed to tread the fine line between wrecking and ruling perfectly at every round. He

had one of his very few crashes on the last stage at Fort William which cost him a few seconds, but he still returned a very respectable time of 25:58 to finish 32nd in the Masters category. The Masters section almost always attracts the largest entry and it is full of well-heeled chargers on very expensive steeds, so for Alex to finish in 37th place in that championship (180 names featured on that championship table!) in his first full season is a highly respectable result.

Puncture

I have continually been either on par or just slower than Alex on nearly every stage of the year, and nothing changed here. I know if I've kept within a few seconds of him I have done just fine, and I managed my ride to achieve this perfectly right up until the last stage where a cruel puncture right on top of the hill put paid to any chances of a good result to finish the year. With four top 10s already in the bag for the season though (a rider's four best results out of the five rounds count), I managed to hold onto fifth place in the Grand Veteran's championship which was some consolation for a day that finished with me feeling, well, a bit deflated.

Competing in this series has been a brilliant experience for us. We have had some hilarious times racing our bikes through some of Scotland's very best scenery, and we have loved camping out of the back of vans.

The organisers at No Fuss Events have done an outstanding job of setting up a professionally-run race series in some difficult locations and have always managed to tread the right side of a precarious line, providing us with stages that have been just barely on the rideable side of ridiculous!

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We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline.

You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the

competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company. The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Winners agree to have their photograph taken for publicity purposes. Winners' names and home towns will appear in the newspaper. Employees of Wyvex Media, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/destroyed within 30 days of the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.



Please remember to enclose £1 for 20 crosses. The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 20, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Twenty crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Send to 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB or hand in to any of our offices as detailed above.

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T Campbell Sept '18 **£2500**
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L Currie Nov '18 **£800**
L Nicolson Dec '18 **£3900**

LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



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

A Livingstone
Isle of Islay

J Hill
Oban

Mull gold for
MacKinnon

Enduro
success for
Kintyre riders

Five-star show from Pupils on the road

Argyll derby match this weekend

Carlton YM	0
Campbeltown Pupils	5
SAFL Premier Division One	

Campbeltown Pupils stormed to a five-goal victory last Saturday away to SAFL stalwarts Carlton. A high-energy showing in Paisley saw the McFadyens-sponsored side run out convincing winners.

With the match going ahead at the Kibble's grass park despite the heavy rain overnight and during the week leading up to the game, the surface was in surprisingly good condition, allowing the Pupils to get into their attacking flow early on.

Up against a home side not lacking in height and physical stature, the Pupils had to be ready to contend with some lofted early balls from back to front by the hosts, whose game plan seemed to be to get the ball to their forwards as quickly as possible, but the Pupils' defence of Fraser Wylie, Ross Souden, Ryan McConnachie and Stuart Crossan stood up to the task well.

The Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils' quick passing and individual pace and skill in the final third caused the hosts problems early on, and Ryan Gilchrist and Gregor McFadyen both had almost identical attempts to score, but snatched at their shots at the vital moment.

However, the Kintyre Park side would not be denied for

long, and scored after 16 minutes through a sharp passing move that released Gregor McFadyen, who buried an arrowed shot from the edge of the box to continue his excellent goalscoring form.

The visitors then made it 2-0 after 25 minutes, when an enterprising move out of defence found right-back Crossan, whose ball through to Johnny McCormick allowed the right winger to cut inside onto his left foot and release a thunderous first-time drive into roof of the net for a great goal, his second of the season.

Pressure

After seeing their deficit doubled, Carlton for their part put their Kintyre visitors under a bit of pressure from several corners and free kicks, but the Pupils' defensive discipline continued to win over.

Into the second half, the Pupils made it 3-0 when Donald McCallum scored another great goal, in a move started by Liam Renton, whose in-swinging corner was cleared to the edge of the penalty box where the ex-Dumbarton man McCallum made space to drive a deflected shot into the top corner of the net.

At this point in the match, all three subs were used, with Ellis Robertson and Michael McKinlay replacing the excellent deep-lying midfield pairing of Ryan Gilchrist and Liam Renton, and Ross Brown entering in the fray

in a direct swap with winger McCormick. The youngster Brown quickly got involved to create the Pupils' fourth goal, outpacing the Carlton full-back to draw out the last defender and square the ball across for Scott Souden to cheekily chip it over the home keeper into the net.

The rampant Pupils completed the scoring in the 85th minute after hesitation between a Carlton defender and his keeper allowed McFadyen to nip in, touch the ball round the keeper to score a simple but well-earned second goal, for his brace on the day and his fourth of the season.

At the other end, the Pupils were determined to keep their second consecutive clean sheet in league action, and while young keeper Alistair Ferguson spilled a deflected free kick in the latter stages, he bravely dived at the feet of the striker to smother his effort.

The Pupils' management noted how Ferguson's kicking and distribution was first-class throughout the match.

A Pupils spokesman said: 'It was a great team effort, with our attacking players working together to cause problems all game. At the back, we defended high balls and direct play really well.'

The Pupils are on league action again on Saturday when they welcome Argyll rivals Lochgilphead Red Star. Kick-off is 2pm, with Kintyre Park the expected venue.



Pupils' Liam Renton on the ball with Ryan Gilchrist looking on at Saturday's match in Paisley.



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