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Inveraray drummer rolls in with record tenth world title



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Make room for the MOJO movers

This year's MOJO Argyll was a night to remember for the audience and organisers. Six original, unsigned acts took to the stage on Saturday October 19 and quickly had the crowd on their feet. The dance floor was packed as the MOJO movers danced to rap, funk and rock artists. For more on this story, turn to page 10 and 11.

by Colin Cameron
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Inveraray and District Pipe Band's drumming inspiration has beaten all-comers to win his ninth world solo drumming title in a row – and his 10th overall.

In reaching this milestone, Steven McWhirter beat his own record of adult world titles, raising the bar even higher for all aspiring snare drummers.

He achieved the accolade at the annual Andante-sponsored World Solo Drumming Championships at Glasgow Caledonian University, where 154 snare drummers and 59 tenor drummers gathered from all over the world to compete.

Steven, lead drummer with Inveraray and District Pipe Band, was accompanied in his sets by fellow band member and piper Daniel McDermott from the Isle of Bute.

His 10th adult world title comes after previous wins in 2006 and a further nine consecutive titles from 2011.

At the championships, or-



Steven, left, playing with colleagues from the pipe band.

ganised by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, musicians were tested in two events; March, Strathspey and Reel (MSR) and Hornpipe and Jig, with the highest aggregate scorer winning the title. Steven won this year's contest by 16 points, coming first in both.

Second place again went to Gareth McLees, Field Marshal Montgomery, with Michael McKenna, St Laurence O'Toole, Eire, finishing in third place.

His victory means Steven has completed a rare quadruple success, also winning the World Pipe Band Championship, the Grade 1 Drum Corps Champion and the Grade 1 pipe band Champion of

Champions during 2019 with Inveraray and District.

'I feel very privileged to have both of these amazing trophies in the same year,' said 36-year-old Steven.

Writing on social media he said: 'Thank you to all who messaged over the past couple of days. It's very much appreciated. Massive thanks to my wife Gracie for her unwavering patience and support.'

Also taking part in the championships, held on Saturday October 19, was snare drummer Tom Monaghan of novice juvenile Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band. Tom, competing for the first time at the event, won his qualification heat and finished 11th overall.

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Held for court after disturbance

On Friday October 18 at about 10.45am, police officers were called to a disturbance in Main Street, Inveraray. A man, aged 30, was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. He was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Possession of drugs

At around 3am on Monday October 21 on Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, a vehicle was stopped and three men were searched. A man, aged 25, 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.

Abusive behaviour

Police officers were called to a disturbance in Ardfern at 10.40am on Friday October 18. A 50-year-old man was later arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Anyone with information in relation to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Optimism in the face of council cuts

Cautious hope has been expressed that further Scottish Government funding may mean fewer service cuts at Argyll and Bute Council.

The authority's leader, Councillor Aileen Morton, is seeking information on the impact of a push by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) for an increase in council grants by inflation plus three per cent would make.

Head of strategic finance Kirsty Flanagan stated the council could be left in a surplus position if that was to happen.

She said the authority could net an extra £9 million based on the mid-range forecast budget scenario, but was unsure of whether the extra funding would happen to the fullest extent.

COSLA intimated at its gathering in St Andrews on Friday October 11 that it would request to Holyrood



Head of strategic finance Kirsty Flanagan.

that budgets have a minimum uplift of inflation plus three per cent.

A minute from that meeting read: 'This ask will therefore be pursued vigorously in the negotiations with the Scottish Government.'

Councillor Morton asked the question at the meeting of the council's policy and resources committee six days later.

She said: 'Leaders have unanimously agreed that they have a budget ask of the Scottish Government that budgets have a minimum

rate of inflation plus three per cent. It is a complicated question, but what kind of difference would that make to the gap we are facing in our budget?'

Ms Flanagan replied: 'Our funding from the Scottish Government amounts to £193 million.

'On a crude basis, if there were no other calculations, and bearing in mind my mid-range scenario, there would be a swing of over £9 million.

'Based on the current budget outlook, it could put us in a surplus position. However,

that is with a three per cent increase.

'There are a number of things we would need to consider as to whether that would actually happen here.

'There are a couple of elements which could negatively impact on us, although I am not sure of the value of them.

Conditions

'If we did get additional funding, we need to be mindful that it may not all be direct funding. If there was an increase of three per cent, it may well come with conditions.

'An extra three per cent could make £9 million worth of difference, but it is very difficult to identify what the impact would be in Argyll and Bute.'

Councillor Morton then said: 'There are a number of options which are unpalatable, and still a gap to be identified, but we have to lobby the Scottish Government for funding to protect these services.

'But we must also agree a balanced budget in February.'

It was agreed to recommend to the full council later that day that the request by COSLA to the Scottish Government should be endorsed.

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Flood prevention findings outlined

The third in a series of public consultation events was held this week in Lochgilphead and Tarbert as part of Argyll and Bute Council's flood risk management plan.

The events, on October 22 October 23, allowed members of the public to hear and discuss potential plans to help prevent flooding.

Representatives from the council and flood defence experts answered questions and delivered a presentation discussing the results of their findings, explaining the chosen solution for each area.

In Lochgilphead, experts are recommending Property Flood Protection (PPF) to protect individual properties from flooding through flow

entryways such as doors and windows, brickwork and sewage systems.

Properties are adapted to better withstand flooding with measures including lifting of electrical sockets and flood-proof paint and flooring.

In Tarbert, it is thought a combination of permanent and demountable direct defences would be a preferred option. This would involve a permanent low wall with a demountable wall on top. The defence would tie in with high ground on either side of the harbour, totalling 515m of defence. Flood gates would be required to provide access to slipways and to provide vehicle access to the seaward side

of the harbour. PPF could also be employed as part of a formal scheme to protect isolated properties that are not protected as part of the direct defence option.

Public feedback will help inform the final phase of each 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.

Further information, including the presentation slides, can be found on Argyll and Bute Council's website.

If anyone has any comments or questions for the study team, email them directly to morag.hutton@aecom.com.

Funding advice for Argyll charities

Charities and community groups in Argyll and Bute are to benefit from a free workshop held by People's Postcode Lottery and Brendan O'Hara MP.

The event is designed to support smaller charities applying for funding from £500 up to £20,000.

The half-day event will take place from 10am until noon on Friday November 1 at the Queen's Hall, Dunoon.

The workshop will look at three charitable, grant-giving trusts funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery – People's Postcode Trust, Postcode Community Trust and Postcode Local Trust.

Last year, more than £8 million raised by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, was awarded to thousands of charities and good causes across Britain.

Projects across Argyll and Bute have received more than £260,991. To attend the workshop, contact funding@postcode lottery.co.uk.

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Front green revamp plans move forward

by Colin Cameron
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It has been talked about for years but now, at last, a scheme to improve Lochgilphead's front green has taken the first formal step to becoming reality.

On October 7, Argyll and Bute Council accepted a planning application to improve the green, considered by many to be Lochgilphead's shop window for anyone using the A83 through the town.

Plans for the site include a walking/cycling route, a seating wall parallel to the sea wall, a public square with space for events, children's play areas, a picnic area and a new avenue of trees.

The majority of funding for the £1.7 million scheme



Lochgilphead front green will be revamped, if plans are approved. 06_a08trees01

will come from the council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Scheme, set up almost three and a half years ago, with a further recent boost of £200,000 through the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.

Submission of the planning application comes after

months of detailed planning and public consultation and the move was welcomed by Lochgilphead Community Council.

Convener Andy Buntin said he was 'delighted' the project is on track and in line with the original timetable.

He added: 'After a number

of years of doubt and frustration, we see the results and are looking forward to being involved when the main contractor is announced.

'Credit to the council which put an extra sum of money from the small town fund to the kitty. Our thanks go to the efforts of our three councillors who have been a great help in the development.'

Councillor Sandy Taylor expressed frustration at the length of time it has taken to get moving, but said he was 'delighted to welcome this key achievement in our community-shaped' project.

'It is difficult to wait for something which we all want today,' added Councillor Taylor, 'but it will be worth waiting for and will provide a great uplift for everyone in Mid Argyll.'

Fellow Mid Argyll Coun-

cillor Dougie Philand also welcomed the news, saying: 'This is a major step forward for the town and, when completed, it will make Lochgilphead a place to stop and spend time.'

'Thanks must go to the community council which has been active to bring the plans to fruition and I hope Lochgilphead residents will be proud of the changes.'

Having previously expressed support for the project, Councillor Donnie MacMillan, a member of the planning committee, declined to comment at this stage.

If the plans are approved, it is hoped tenders will go out in December, with work expected to begin by March 2020.

The front green design can be viewed at argyll-bute.gov.uk/frontgreen.

Apocalypse actors appeal

Argyll will be invaded by 'zombies' later this year and the drama club behind the apocalypse is appealing for budding young actors to join them.

S'DRAMash Drama Club is performing the play 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse in December and needs high school-aged zombies to come along and infest the stage.

No previous acting – or zombie – experience is necessary and there are no lines to learn, other than moaning 'brains' a few times. The lucky young actors will get covered in blood, guts and gore and get to feast on entrails and brains – all fake and vegetarian-friendly, of course.

Shuffle along to Lochgilphead Community Centre from 7pm to 9.30pm on Monday October 28 if you are interested in finding out more, or contact Sue Pannell at sdramash@yahoo.co.uk.



Sue Pannell with young actors in one of her past productions in Greenock.

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HSCP seeks people to join area planning groups

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is calling on communities to get involved in the planning of health and social care services.

One of the ways people can do this is through Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) which bring together NHS and council staff, community members, carers, represent-

atives from the third and independent sectors and community-based groups who work together to improve the health and well being of the community in which they live.

The HSCP has four LPGs: Bute and Cowal; Helensburgh and Lomond; Oban, Lorn and Isles and Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islands.


These LPGs are up and running but still need carer and community council representation to join each.

The HSCP is looking for individuals who have an understanding and familiarity of their locality; awareness and experience in health and social care services; ability to commit to regular locality planning meetings - at least

four per year, lasting around two hours per meeting; interest and enthusiasm for engagement and commitment to developing and delivering locality plans which reflect the needs and priorities of people across Argyll and Bute.

Register an interest or nominate community members (with the nominee's permis-

sion) by Friday November 15. Contact Laureen McElroy by emailing nhs.abhscp@nhs.net or by post at: FAO Business Improvement Manager, Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, Victoria Integrated Care Centre, Jeanie Deans Unit, 93 East King Street, Helensburgh, G84 7BU.



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Mid Argyll churches join forces

The parish of Glenaray and Inveraray is forging a new link with neighbouring Cumlodden parish, serving Furnace and Minard.

To celebrate the joining of the churches into a single congregation, a special service is to be held in Cumlodden Parish Church this weekend.

Following the recent retirement of parish minister Reverend Dr Roderick Campbell, the process of finding a replace-

ment is under way, but the weekend service of union will be conducted by Douglas Allan, moderator of the Argyll presbytery.

The service will start at 11am in the Furnace church on Sunday October 27, which means no service will be held in Inveraray.

Everyone is welcome to come along to help celebrate the bond between these two Loch Fyne-side churches.



Cumlodden Church is linking with Glenaray and Inveraray Church.

Call for new members for Argyll and Bute IJB

Argyll and Bute Integrated Joint Board (IJB) is the governance board of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and has responsibility for the planning, resourcing and overseeing of the operational delivery of integrated services.

Membership of the IJB comprises elected councillors from Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland Board members and individuals from a range of sectors and stakeholder groups including the Third Sector, Independent Sector, patients/service users, Trade Unions, staff and carers.

The IJB currently has a number of vacancies and is seeking new members to fill the following roles: unpaid carer; service user and non-

GP medical representative. Members of the IJB have a responsibility to:

Attend and participate in six board meetings and up to six board development sessions in 12 months.

Attend and participate in the business committees of the IJB, as appointed by the board, with a time commitment of between four to six meetings a year.

Undertake personal preparation prior to the meeting, including identification of any issues in advance of the meeting.

If you would like more information about the IJB or the role, contact Charlotte Craig, business improvement manager, at charlotte.craig@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01436 658839.



The isthmus between Arrochar and Tarbet. Photograph: Sue Furness.

Argyll places are making a name for themselves

The stunning photograph above shows the head of Loch Long looking towards Loch Lomond, across the isthmus between Arrochar, bottom left, and Tarbet.

Variations of the Gaelic word

'Tairbert' can be found in various parts of Scotland where a low-lying neck of land would allow boats to be portaged from one body of water to another. This, and umpteen other names found in Argyll, West Dunbartonshire, West

Perthshire and Inverness-shire, will be the subject of discussion at the Scottish Place-Name Society conference at Arrochar on Saturday November 2.

To book a place at the event, visit spns.org.uk

Do you know an extraordinary young person to nominate?

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■ **Youth Environment Award**

– for people who give time and effort to help protect the world for future generations.

■ **Citizenship Award** – celebrating work by a young person or group which improves the lives of people within their community.

■ **Youth Arts Award** – for a young person who has made a difference to their community by sharing their time or creations.

■ **Sporting Award** – recognising extraordinary sporting achievements or volunteering in sport.

Make sure you have your nominations in before midnight on Sunday November 17.

A nomination form can be downloaded from: form.jotformeu.com/Roanna/ab-award-nomination-form

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Talented Argyll

We have been overwhelmed this week by the musical talent across Argyll – from world-winning drummers, to the singers at last week's Mòd in Glasgow and the original performers on the MOJO stage in Ardfern.

It is encouraging to see such home-grown talent. Congratulations to each and every one of you and thank you for letting us in on your victories.

Good luck, Aileen

A wee word of encouragement to Aileen McGowan who will bravely shave her head in aid of Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland tomorrow (Saturday October 26).

If her husband Chris makes a mess of it, as they both joked, just remember winter is well on the way and a woolly hat won't look too out of place.

Brilliant book festival

The seventh annual Tarbert Book Festival takes place this weekend, giving enthusiastic readers a fantastic opportunity to meet with an array of authors and to enjoy the experience of a festival on their doorstep.

This year's varied line-up is proving to be as popular as ever and we hope the organisers enjoy a well-deserved Kintyre gin at the end of it all.

Thanks from MOJO

Sir,
After another successful, well-attended and awe-inspiring MOJO music showcase, I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a special night of superb original music from Argyll musicians.

Thanks first and foremost to our volunteers Julie, Lucy, Andre, Brian, Matt C, Laura, Alan, Lindsay and Linda for all their hard work.

Thanks to the sound engineering and effects team of Matt Walsh, Beri and Duncan, who made the night flow smoothly with music control and stage wizardry.

Thanks to our ticket outlets: Argyll Book Centre and Marmalade Deli, Lochgilphead; Oban Music Shop and Ardfern Stores.

Thanks also to our always-there Argyllshire Advertiser for its reporting and support.

And to Tizianna and the Craignish Hall committee, and to Rebecca from Ardfern Stores for her help providing the drink.

Special thanks to everyone who came. Your enjoyment, appreciation of the acts and your dancing gave us all a boost.

Lastly a huge cheer and applause to the Argyll original musicians: The Blue Moon Travellers; Lost in Berlin; The Camans; Ardfunk; 4Below and The Twisted Melons.

You all inspired us so much with your playing and performances. We wish you all the best with your future adventures in the world of music.

Dan Sloan-Griffiths, MOJO organiser.

Proud of Dunoon Grammar

Sir,
Congratulations to Dunoon Grammar School on being an award winner at the 2019 European Entrepreneurial School Awards in Helsinki last week.

Dunoon Grammar School is one of just 34 schools across Europe to have been selected – and the only one from the United Kingdom. This is a tremendous achievement.

Entrepreneurship is a fundamental requirement of a prosperous economy and it is a good sign for our area that our young people have enjoyed such success in their endeavours.

I am sure the entire community shares the pride and pleasure of the students, staff and families on their achievement.

Donald Cameron MSP,
Highlands and Islands Region.

Educational cuts madness

Sir,
I refer to the news Argyll and Bute Council's education department is proposing to make 14 pupil support workers redundant as part of next year's council budget.

This proposal to save £198,500, an average salary of £14,130 per employee, can be summed up in one word – madness.

I am not an education expert, but from 1995 until 2017, when I was councillor, I became aware in the budget process each year that councillors are presented with what are called savings options.

For instance, I see the estimate is a funding gap of £9.2 million, so I would assume around £12 million worth of savings will be put forward so that the most alarming proposals will be removed.

The Tory, Lib Dem and independent administration, which has a 21-15 majority, will decide the fate of the 14 pupil support workers in question.

I would hope that by the time this letter is published the lunacy of the proposal to remove these 14 key people will be stopped in its tracks.

In my 22 years as an Argyll and Bute councillor, I witnessed many foolish budget proposals but this one is totally crazy.

It must be ceased because, if implemented, it will result in 14 excellent people losing their jobs and put immense pressure on those staff left behind.

Robert MacIntyre,
Serpentine Road, Bute.

Support for RAF veterans

Sir,
My father and his two brothers flew with the Royal Air Force (RAF) during the Second World War, one in Coastal Command, one in Bomber Command and one in Fighter Command.

I imagine it was unusual the three brothers flew in the three separate branches of the RAF and even more unusual that, come the end of the war, had all survived.

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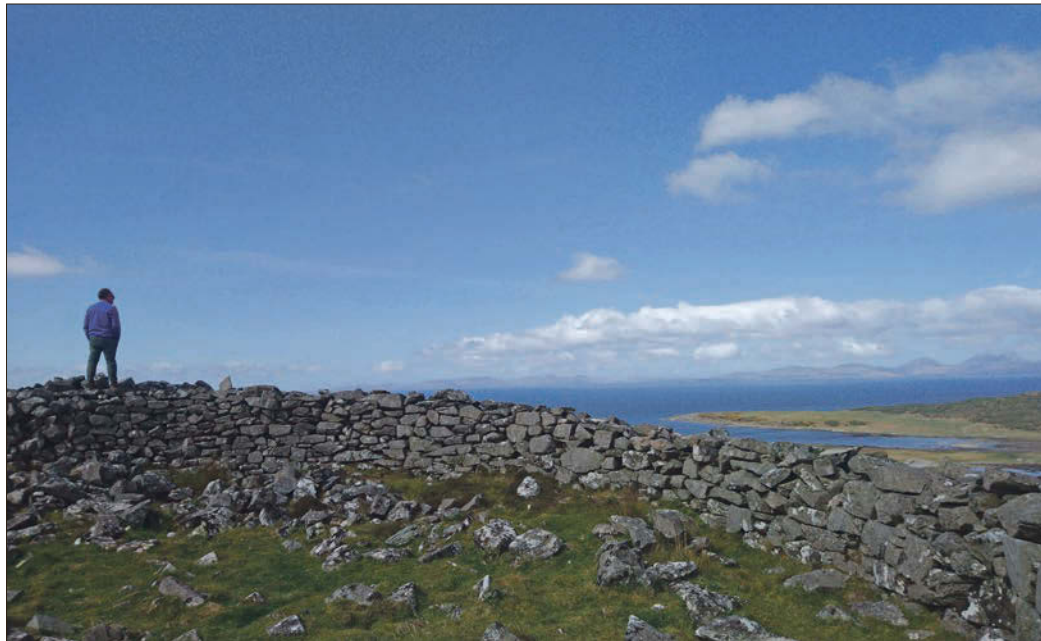
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Sue Holderness,
RAF Benevolent Fund Ambassador.

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YOUR PICTURES



David Carruthers became an unsuspecting model as his daughter Rachel snapped his photograph.

Using her Sony Xperia mobile phone, Rachel captured this moment at the top of Dun Skeig,

at the iron age hill fort that overlooks West Loch Tarbert.

Rachel said: 'He'll not thank me for this. I was really just wanting to capture the view on such a beautiful day but then spotted

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Guide dog Zooby enjoys outing to afternoon tea

Guide dog Zooby could not stop wagging his tail when he went along to the Argyll Talking Newspapers afternoon tea.

Like 'mum and dad' Val and Neil Gay, Zooby is a big fan of talking newspapers. So much so, that when the wallet containing the weekly Argyllshire Advertiser recording drops through the letter box, Zooby grabs it and Neil, who is visually impaired, cannot sneak it away from the dog until he falls asleep.

'He carries that wallet around all day,' laughed Val. 'We can't speak highly enough of the talking newspapers service. We look forward to listening to the recordings each week - eventually.'

Strachur couple Bob and Betty Acklam travelled to Lochgilphead's Baptist Church hall to attend the

afternoon tea on Saturday October 19.

Betty, who is visually impaired, said: 'We couldn't believe it when we recognised the voice of the man who reads the Dunoon Observer which we receive each week.'

'We tracked him down and introduced ourselves. It was so nice to put a face to the voice we know so well.'

The voice is that of regular reader George Burns, of Ardrishaig, who reads the Dunoon Observer, Isle of Bute News and The Heach with a team of volunteer readers who record twice weekly in Ardrishaig Parish Church hall.

The afternoon tea was a great success, raising nearly £600 in two hours, and thanks go to everyone who came along and supported it and to the volunteers who made it happen.



Guide Dog Zooby with Val and Neil Gay.



Bob and Betty Acklam with Dunoon Observer reader George Burns, seated.

'We can't speak highly enough of the talking newspapers service. We look forward to listening to the recordings each week - eventually.'

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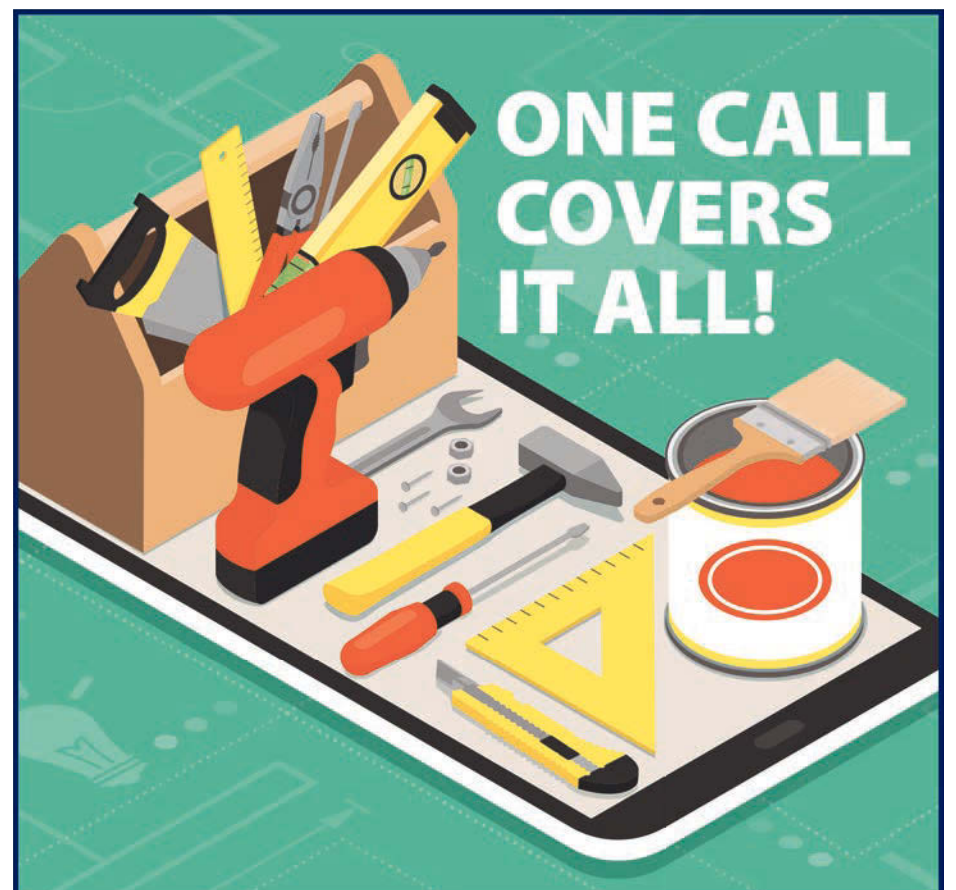
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Goodbye to golden locks

by Rachel Carruthers
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One brave Minard lady is readying herself to say goodbye to her long locks as she raises funds for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.

Aileen and Chris McGowan, originally from Airdrie, have been on a mission to raise funds for the charity that is close to their hearts, while showing their gratitude to hospital staff who cared for Chris during an anxious time.

In October 2019, Chris McGowan suddenly became unwell while at work. Luckily, he had the sense to take himself straight to Mid Argyll Community Hospital to be checked out and was very quickly diagnosed as having had a mini stroke.

The diagnosis resulted in Chris needing life-saving surgery. Once back in recovery, a bleed was found and Chris was suddenly rushed back into theatre. After receiving platelets, a blood clot was found and removed and

Chris was back on the road to recovery.

The stroke affected Chris, a keen runner, both physically and mentally, and running had become a challenge for him, and living life at a slower pace was a massive adjustment.

In February this year, he returned to work at MacLeod Construction Ltd and by spring he was slowly beginning to get back into his running.

Bravely, Chris decided to set himself a challenge, to complete the Glasgow 10k in June. Running with his son Christopher and son-in-law Paul O'Neil, they completed the strenuous event, raising an incredible £1,000 in the process.

Proud wife Aileen now feels it is her turn to step up to the mark and has bravely or foolishly – she is still uncertain – agreed to let Chris shave her head.

Providing a bit of mad fun for guests at The George Hotel, Inveraray, the couple will host a fundraising

afternoon including a raffle of incredible prizes and the main event – the head shave.

Aileen said: 'I can't believe the generosity from everyone. I would like to thank everyone for their kind donation and support and all those who have donated raffle prizes – I'm just so grateful.'

'The nurses, doctors, surgeons, specialists were amazing and we can't thank them enough, so we want to do our bit to show our gratitude and support them.'

All are welcome to join in the fun at The George Hotel, Inveraray, on Saturday October 26 from 2pm.



Aileen and Chris McGowan are raising money for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.



Chris, left, with son-in-law Paul O'Neil, son Christopher, right, and granddaughter Layla at the Glasgow 10k in June.

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Another magical MOJO

by Rachel Carruthers
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The roof was raised and the dance floor was full as MOJO returned to Craignish Village Hall for the third year.

A mix of genres, from rap to rock, was showcased as The Blue Moon Travellers,

Lost in Berlin, The Camans, Ardfunk, 4Below and The Twisted Melons had their moment in the spotlight on Saturday October 19.

Dan Sloan-Griffiths reflected on the night: 'From all the hard work from our small volunteering crew at MOJO, it was so good to see our efforts

unfold into a night of absolute music pleasure.

'From the laidback acoustics of the first act to the power energy groove of the headliners, it was a brilliant showcase of live original music from our six talented acts.

'We all were as one in a feel-good, buzzing electric

atmosphere, sparked by the bands' diversity and amazing talents, the great sound engineering and the appreciative audience.'

Home-town band Ardfunk unsurprisingly raised the roof as the crowds grooved to the funky beats. The soulful music from the eight-piece band made it impossible for the audience not to get to their feet for a boogie.

Lost in Berlin proved a hit, with many admitting it maybe wasn't their usual taste in music but he was definitely extremely talented with powerful lyrics that really hit home with the audience.

His tongue and cheek performance of a rap about the demise of businesses in Lochgilphead got the crowd involved as they echoed 'shut down' back to him.

'We are so proud of all our acts and thrilled Ardfunk had its own Ardfunk performing, adding to the delight of the crowds,' Dan added.

'This is what we're all about at MOJO – a place to show



Robbie Mactavish, Samantha MacBrayne, Liam Paterson and Jacqui MacDonald had their dancing shoes on.

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Russell Taylor, stage name Lost in Berlin, wowed the crowd with wordsmith wizardry. phone_a43MOJO03



Pam Bevan and Tatiana Quick were all smiles on the night.

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off the amazing musicians we have here in Argyll and to give them and us future inspiration for more of the same. It's been a joy to be involved in seeing that grow.'

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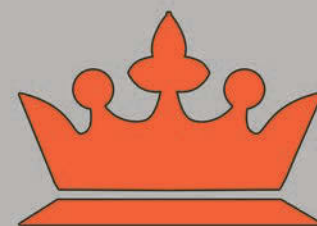
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Above: Headliners The Twisted Melons closed the show on Saturday.

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Right: Ardfunk were joined by cosmic rapper 'monade eider', right.

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Lucy Walsh and Julie MacLean manned the bar.

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Peg ladies in the pink



The Square Peg staff transformed into Pink Ladies.

'Grease' was the word at The Square Peg, Lochgilphead, for Wear it Pink day.

Staff from the shop and sandwich bar donned pink ladies jackets on Friday

October 18 to take part in the Breast Cancer Now fundraising campaign.

In its 18th year, Wear it Pink encourages supporters to add a splash of pink to their outfit

to raise money for breast cancer research and The Square Peg ladies were keen to get involved with some even spraying their hair pink. Special pink cupcakes were

also sold in the sandwich bar, with all the proceeds made from the sale of them being added to the donations from supportive customers. A total of £521.60 was raised.

Festival a book lover's dream

The annual Tarbert Book Festival, now in its seventh year, will run on Saturday October 26 and Sunday October 27.

Saturday will see four authors take the stage: 10am - Donald S Murray, Herring Tales; 11.30am - Rosemary Goring, Scotland: Her Story; 1.30pm - Donald S Murray, As the Women Lay Dreaming and 3pm - Melanie Reid, The World I Fell Out Of.

All daytime events will be held at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

There will be a short break between each event to buy copies of the publications featured and to meet with the authors.

On Saturday evening, the festival moves to the Stonefield Castle Hotel.

The evening starts at 7pm with a gin tasting session, sponsored by the award-winning Beinn an Tuirc Distillery.

Musician Freeland Barbour will be the guest star of the night, sharing his new publication about his ancestor Lady Nairne, who wrote much-loved traditional songs like 'Charlie is My Darling' and 'Will Ye No' Come Back Again'.

Freeland will be joined by actress Gerda Stevenson, who will bring some of the traditional songs to life.

Sunday sees Alan Brown in the spotlight at 10.45am discussing his book Overlander.

At noon, Catherine Czerkawska shares A Proper Person to Be Detained and at 2pm Sue Lawrence takes a look at A Taste of Scotland's Islands.

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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

Spooky party planned for Inveraray pensioners

Inveraray senior citizens welcomed Antonia Baird, community development officer with Argyll and Bute Council, to their latest Wednesday Club meeting.

Antonia talked about the community planning project and handed out questionnaires for completion. There was much discussion in the hall of the questions.

The next meeting of the Wednesday Club will be on October 30 for a Halloween party at 2pm in the Nicoll Hall. New faces always welcome.

The group's committee will also be holding a stall at the FirstAid4Gambia craft fair on Sunday November 3.

Homebaking will be for sale and a selection of great prizes will be up for grabs in the tombola. All proceeds made from the stall will go towards club funds.

Wildlife Trust hosts talk on beaver project

The Scottish Wildlife Trust and Royal Zoological Society of Scotland are hosting a public event to give an update on the Scottish Beavers Reinforcement Project, writes Rachel Carruthers.

Members of the public will be able to meet with project staff at the Cairnbaan Hotel on Monday October 28, at 6pm to find out more about the second year of work to reinforce Mid Argyll's beaver population and have their questions answered by the team. Over the past two years, the project has introduced a number of adult beavers from Tayside into Knapdale Forest to bolster the population released during the Scottish Beaver Trial.

All animals were screened by qualified vets prior to release to ensure they were healthy and disease-free.



An adult beaver at Knapdale. Photograph: Steve Gardner.

Surveys this autumn have confirmed beavers released in the first year of the project have successfully bred and given birth to kits. The reinforcement project is led by Scottish Beavers, a partnership between the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland and the Scottish

Wildlife Trust created to continue the work of the Scottish Beaver Trial. It is taking place on land managed by Forest Commission Scotland and has been licensed by Scottish Natural Heritage, which is also coordinating the monitoring requirements at the site.

Lochgilphead bonfire night will be held at the front green.



Bonfire night crowdfunder

Weather permitting, this year's Mid Argyll Round Table bonfire and fireworks display will take place on Saturday November 2.

The Co-op community fund will be partially funding the event but a crowdfunding page is also being launched to raise funds.

An earlier appeal was made for volunteers to help

build the bonfire tomorrow (Saturday October 26).

Heavy lifting, mud and banter are promised and the working party will begin at 9am, meeting at the Bank of Scotland.

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Classical music duo come to Ardrishaig

Ardrishaig Public Hall will once again be the venue of choice for an afternoon of classical music.

Mid Argyll Arts Association will welcome Maximiliano Martín and Scott Mitchell to the stage tomorrow (Saturday October 26).

Spanish clarinetist, Maximiliano Martín, is thought of as one of the most exciting and charismatic musicians of his generation. He combined his position of principal clarinet of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra with solo, chamber music engagements and masterclasses around the world.

Martin made his debut as a soloist and chamber musician in many of the world's most prestigious venues including the BBC Proms Cadogan Hall, Library of Congress, Washington and Mozart Hall in Seoul.

Over the past years he has

performed concertos with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, European Union Chamber Orchestra, Orquesta Real Filarmonía de Galicia and many more. In May 2017 he premiered a new clarinet concerto, 'Llanto', specially written for him by New Zealand composer Lyell Creswell.



During the Saturday afternoon concert, Scott Mitchell will accompany on piano. The award-winning Scottish pianist has performed extensively as a chamber music pianist and accompanist throughout Europe, South America and the Middle East.

As a recording artist, Scott has released numerous CDs, most recently recording a performance of Dave Heath's piano concerto, 'The Passionate', with the BBC Concert Orchestra, released on the Freestyle Classics label.

Scott is a senior staff accompanist and senior lecturer in piano accompaniment at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, where he was recently made a Fellow. He is also a member of the accompaniment staff at Edinburgh Napier University and one of the founding members of the Cantilena Festival on Islay, a festival for strings that takes place on the island every summer.

The duo will perform a programme of Widor, Poulenc, Debussy, Saint-Saens and Chausson. The performance begins at 3pm and tickets cost £12 or £10 for concessions. Entry is free for students.



Scott Mitchell will accompany on piano.



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Results: Chanter 10 years and under: 1 Rio Arkell, Campbeltown; 2 Arran Brown, Campbeltown; 3 Cameron Ralston, Campbeltown.

Chanter 11-12 years: 1 Ryan Gillies, Innellan; 2 Barnaby

Munns; 3 Freya Borthwick; 4 James Cameron.

Novice bagpipe: 1 Ryan Logan, Ardrishaig; 2 Heather McGee; 3 equal Sofaidh Stoddart and Archie Munns.

Bagpipe 12 years and under: 1 Charlie Devlin; 2 Harry Devlin, Quarriers Village. Piobaireachd 14 years and under: 1 Joshua Reilly, Glenrothes.

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Campbeltown Creamery.

Creamery cash pours in

The crowdfunding campaign by dairy farmers trying to save Campbeltown Creamery has smashed its initial and secondary targets in just 72 hours.

The effort is part of a bid by 29 Kintyre dairy farmers to buy out the creamery from First Milk, which plans to close it.

In 2018, First Milk announced plans to sell Campbeltown Creamery as part of a move away from smaller-scale brands.

This created an opportunity for a farmer-led buyout, aimed at saving the creamery

and securing its future and the production of the award winning Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

The group is encouraging suppliers, customers, businesses and anyone with a love of cheese to contribute, with further information available at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mokcheddar

Pledged

Already 943 supporters have pledged their cash to the cause, helping to raise £86,688 at the time of going to press.

One of the lead farmers, Thomas Cameron, said: 'It

has been the most incredible week for dairy farmers in Kintyre.

'We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the support and love that our supporters have shown our beloved Mull of Kintyre cheese and Kintyre itself.

'The monetary donations received from the campaign to date are an essential part to help us fund the takeover. These donations have totally surpassed our expectations and continue to do so.

'We have exceeded our £50,000 target in less than 72 hours.

'As a result, we would like to stretch our campaign target to £80,000 to further help us fund this process as well as accommodate all those who wish to donate and pass on their messages and stories about what Mull of Kintyre cheese means to them.'

Thomas explained how the additional funding would be used: 'When we, the dairy farmers, take over, we are effectively starting afresh.

'It will take nine months for us to produce our first batch of cheese ready for consumers. This is due to the maturation period of turning

the grass-fed milk supplied by Kintyre dairy farms into the award-winning Mull of Kintyre cheddar we all love. As a result, this will require a large amount of funding to produce the cheese without having the sales of the finished Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

'This funding is being met by a number of different sources, with one of the largest sources being the farmers themselves. Other sources of funding are likely to come from loans/borrowing.

'If we can reduce the amount of borrowing required, the

business will be more viable and as a result more likely to succeed in the long term.

'That's where the stretch funding of our campaign comes in. It will help to reduce the amount of money required to be borrowed by the new business.'

He added: 'We cannot thank our supporters enough for their generosity so far and hopefully the success of this campaign and the amazing comments on it will help to encourage funders and retailers to align themselves with this unique, award-winning product.'

Prime sheep and lambs at Stirling

United Auctions Stirling sold 6,627 prime sheep, comprising of 4580 prime lambs selling to an average of 155.25p and 2047 ewes and rams, on Thursday October 17.

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New season lambs - (4580) - Strageath Hall (BTex) 208.00ppk; Lochelbank

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Ewes - (2047) - Dalreoch (Tex) £142.00; Ballochneck (Tex) £98.00; Westerton (Suf) £83.00; Blarनावaid (BFL) £81.00; Sauchans (Cha) £79.00; Logie (Chev) £72.00; Priorletham (Zwa) £71.00; Lilyburn (Mule) £61.50; Lilyburn (BF) £56.00 Tups - Dalreoch (Tex)

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This is why getting organised as soon as possible is so important. In the run up to Christmas people's diaries start to fill up very quickly; the best bet is to use the party for work as an event which opens, rather than closes the party season.

So it is a good idea to have a couple of alternative dates to send round in an email or pin up on the notice board. There are lots of school concerts and parties to factor in; Argyll is a very sociable place.

Another idea which is becoming very popular is 'layering' your party, be it for work, a club or a large gathering of friends.

Plan to meet for drinks after work or early in the evening and then go on for a meal with drinks afterwards.

That way people with other commitments that night can come to one or all of the night's fun as and when suits them. This is also a great way to include everyone. Mums and dads can go for the first part of the evening, or go home from work and return later.

This layered approach also helps people who live out of town, or those who might be on a tight budget and would prefer not to go out for the whole evening.

Remember that a Christmas party can also include a trip to the cinema or a concert or dance – and there are plenty on offer this Christmas.

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Business Spotlight

Coorie Doon this Autumn at th

A long-term love affair with Tayvallich turned into a more permanent relationship when Brian Masson and his wife Kathryn took over the Tayvallich Inn almost three years ago. And it has gone from strength to strength ever since.

If you haven't been before, or for a while, you should think about taking the scenic drive down one autumnal afternoon or evening. You'll be glad you did - and you'll want to return again and again.

The pub has been tastefully refurbished recently and the outside area is very inviting for a bit of alfresco lunch - the views are as good as the food!

The kitchen has been redeveloped to cope with an increase in custom and whilst Kathryn is a great cook and likes to get stuck in, head chef Pedro has recently taken over the top spot, creating beautiful dishes to tempt every taste bud.

The dining area and bar

now have a fresh, open feel. Paintings by local artists and specially-commissioned glass art adorn the walls of the restaurant, adding to the contemporary but warm feeling in the room.

The bar, with its centred stove and sheepskin throws over rustic wooden chairs give it a really cosy feel, perfect for a pint and/or a glass of wine, following a brisk walk on a crisp day.

Brian and Kathryn have introduced a new range of tempting gins and real ales, but good food remains the vital ingredient. Brian said 'We aim for freshly-prepared food using local suppliers. 'Seafood is our speciality, and we serve hand-dived scallops which are landed in Tayvallich. Our langoustines and crab are caught in the Sound of Jura, and our meat comes from Oban.'

The Tayvallich Inn can accommodate up to 80 people in the restaurant, bar and outside

decking

area, and is proud to employ local people. Brian continued 'we are keen for people to take a trip out to beautiful Tayvallich and enjoy a good meal in a friendly atmosphere.'

The winter warmer menu is launching early November and will include classic dishes, including seafood gratins, a pie of the day and sticky toffee pudding. The winter opening hours will be Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday).

If you fancy a wee night out in Tayvallich, here's a date for your diary! At the Tayvallich Inn on November 9th, there will be music from Archie McAllister on fiddle and Iain McFadyen on vocals and guitar. It should be a great night. Why not book a table first and enjoy some food before the entertainment starts?

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PLANNING

These applications listed below may be inspected between 09:00-12.30 -13.30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD. They can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and at your Local Customer Service Point (check opening times).

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

| Ref. No. | Proposal | Site Address |
|--------------|--|---|
| 19/01512/PP | Alterations, extension and change of use of former nurse's residential accommodation to form dwellinghouse with associated garden ground and car parking | The Lodge, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU |
| 19/01982/PP | Erection of dwellinghouse with attached garage, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access | Land North Of Smiddy Cottage, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute |
| 19/02046/LIB | Retention of windows | 1 Cross Houses, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE |
| 19/02123/PP | Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank | Land North Of Dunmore Lodge, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute |
| 19/01990/PP | Erection of 10 metre pole and associated works | Land At Balliemore Farm, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8QA |
| 19/01684/PP | Re-painting of shop front exterior | 22 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AE |
| 19/02045/PP | Installation of replacement windows (retrospective) | 1 Cross Houses, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE |

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GM DUNCAN'S BEQUEST ANDREW GREENLEES TRUST

Campbeltown residents are being invited to apply for a £25 voucher for individuals and a £50 voucher for families from the town's GM Duncan bequest. The voucher can be used at selected retailers in Campbeltown.

Major George Melville Duncan, who died in 1958, bequeathed money to the then Campbeltown Town Council for the 'benefit of the poor of the Burgh in the form of gifts, of fuel, clothing and foodstuffs during the winter months'. Andrew Greenlees set up a Trust on his death which provided for the poor of Campbeltown.

Applicants should note that the application approval process comprises a number of filters to ensure that the use of the funds meet the terms of the bequest. The first of these filters is that only one application per household can be considered and that applications will generally not be considered where the income of the household is above £170 per person resident in the household per week. Only residents of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown are eligible to apply.

The trustees evaluate each application and determine awards in relation to each approved form.

Application forms are available from the Campbeltown Service Point, Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown, and should be returned no later than **Friday 8th November 2019.**



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SPORRAN - black, new, £10.00 Telephone 01586 830442

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The service from Marie Curie offers free, regular support in person or on the telephone from a trained volunteer. Volunteers provide companionship and emotional support, as well as practical help.

If interested, contact John Cardno, Marie Curie volunteer co-ordinator, on 07515 134703 or john.cardno@mariecurie.org.uk for more information.

The Helper service complements existing support offered in Argyll and Bute by Marie Curie Nurses who made more than 700 visits last year caring for people in their own homes.

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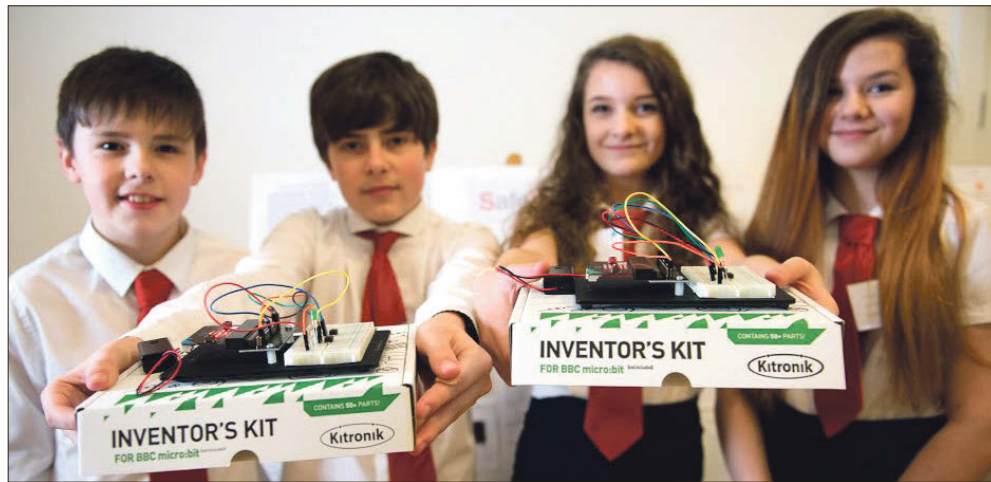
Constraint Managed Zone contracts

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has placed its first economically viable Constraint Managed Zone (CMZ) contracts, for 6MW worth of services on the isle of Islay.

Services have been secured for network outage support, which will be supplied by hydro power drawn from a reservoir to reduce reliance upon fossil fuel-based energy generation on the island during adverse network conditions.

The support provided through the contracts will also deliver cost effective alternatives to traditional temporary generation services for the homes, businesses and communities SSEN serves. CMZ

DUNOON



Dunoon Grammar pupils have been putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test.

Dunoon Grammar School top of the class

Dunoon Grammar has been crowned the UK's European Entrepreneurial School of the Year at a prestigious ceremony in Helsinki.

The European Entrepreneurial School Awards recognise outstanding schools that are championing entrepreneurship in education across Europe.

Schools are judged on how they involve staff and pupils in initiatives, the priority they give enterprise in strategic plans and the extent to which they include their community and business sector on entrepreneurial activity.

Dunoon Grammar was nominated for the award by Young Enterprise Scotland and is the first UK school to make the shortlist since the awards began in 2015.

Dunoon pupils and staff have flourished on a range of enterprise activities over the last couple of years and have won a variety of national awards and recognition for their creative flair and enterprising spirits from a number of national bodies.

Paul Gallanagh, Principal Teacher of Business and Computing, said: 'More than 650 pupils from Dunoon Grammar School have been key

players in this success through their creativity, drive and enterprising skills and spirit. Curriculum for Excellence has been instrumental in sparking this success. It was a real invite to innovate and empowered us to work in partnership with a range of local and national partners on a diverse range of pioneering initiatives.

'Our young people have flourished working on these hands-on enterprise experiences, scooping many awards in the process, and I would like to thank our partners for including our pupils in these initiatives.'

contracts are a central part of the 'flexibility first' commitment, whereby flexible options such as renewables and energy storage are considered when addressing network issues prior to investing in traditional reinforcement.

Since 2015, SSEN has sought to

manage this through Constraint Managed Zones, which provide opportunities for smart energy technology to compete with traditional forms of network management.

Stewart Reid, Head of Future Networks at SSEN, said: 'Services

to support periods of network outage are particularly important for our Highland and Island customers who can experience harsh weather conditions. We are delighted to be increasing the resilience of our service through the contracts signed today.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I don't think I've ever seen Mull so beautiful. As I approached Craignure, the sea was a wonderful tapestry of blues, greens and aquamarine.

As I drove off the ferry, the late afternoon sun highlighted all the glory of autumn as the hills and bracken were clothed in shades of red, gold and brown. The result was breathtaking.

I was to have the privilege of leading worship in the beautiful churches at Tobermory and Dervaig.

Hospitality on Mull is renowned and I was embraced in a welcome of love in so many ways.

It was to be a weekend of celebration as the Mull choir had just won several medals at the Royal National Mòd in Glasgow.

It is said Gaelic is the language of Heaven and after hearing these haunting beautiful harmonies, I can believe it.

It was even more poignant as all members of the choir wore a little pin badge on their chests.

Each badge was a small pebble taken from the shores of Ben Mhor in memory of their much-loved minister who had tragically lost his life in the very hills he loved so much. The pebbles were painted with an oystercatcher, the favourite bird of that minister, Johnny Paton, who loved the island and its people so much.

As I approached the lovely wee church at Dervaig I was embraced, and into my hand was placed a small pebble with the oystercatcher painted on it.


I could not have received a richer gift if I had been given the biggest diamond in the world.

As I led worship in that beautiful wee church, I was very aware that love surrounded us on both sides of time.

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ELLIS

To Amy (née Litster) and Mark, a beautiful baby girl, Rowan Jane, on September 30, 2019. A granddaughter for Alison and Jimmy, and Karen and Stephen. Auntie Sarah and Cali both over the moon!



LEISHMAN

Ryan and Michelle (McGrory) are delighted to announce the birth of their baby boy, Ramsay, on October 11, 2019 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for Brian and Eileen, and a tenth for Tommy and Jen. Mum and baby are well.



MCDANIEL

Shaun and Hannah (née Colville) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Murray Jeff, on October 1, 2019, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for Jane McDaniel, Clydebank and third grandson for Elspeth Colville, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BARBOUR - Robert (Bobby), peacefully at home, on October 22, 2019, in his 96th year, beloved husband of Betty, much loved dad of Elizabeth, Fiona, Robert, David and Ruth, and a proud grandpa. Funeral service at Mauchline Parish Church, on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Irvine. A retiral collection if desired, in aid of Gideon's UK (Ayrshire South Branch). Family flowers only.

KEE - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 17, 2019, William Thomas Kee (Willie), in his 89th year, Mingary, Machrihanish, formerly of Clydebank, dearly beloved husband of Ruby Kee, much loved dad of Elaine and Duncan, father-in-law of Iain and Clare and beloved grandfather of William and Finlay.

ROXBURGH - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Hairmyres Hospital, on Friday, October 18, 2019, Janet (Milne). Funeral service at South Lanarkshire Crematorium, Sydes Brae, Blantyre, G72 OTL, on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 11.45am.

WOOD - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on October 17, 2019, Robert Alexander Wood, in his 83rd year, of McLullich Buildings, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Cathie (MacKay) and much loved father of Flora, Lachlan, Wilma and May. Much respected father-in-law of Lee, Moira, Iain and Angus, adored grandpa of Jamie, Lucy, Mark, David, Holly, Innes, Eleanor, Emily, Evan and Brodie and great grandpa of Jackson. Dear brother of the late David and Alison, and a good neighbour, former work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Sadly missed by all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCSPORRAN - The family of the late Hilda McSporrán would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind words, cards and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital, The Beatson, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, the Kintyre care team, and Carr Gomm for their support over recent

years, to the Reverend William Crossan for his heartfelt service, to Kenneth and all at T A Blair Funeral Directors and to Flora, Marion and their staff at the Ardshiel Hotel. Finally, thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and those who contributed to the collection for Macmillan Nurses and Lorne and Lowland Church.

O'SULLIVAN - Following the death of Diarmuid O'Sullivan, his wife, Margaret Harvey, and family sincerely thank all who extended their sympathy and particularly those who travelled to Ireland for his funeral.

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ARKELL - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad, granda and great granda (Eck), died October 28, 2012. It broke our hearts to lose you,

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MACINNES - In memory of Margaret, who passed away October 26, 2017. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Always in our thoughts.

- Neil, David, Alan and families.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

Sunday 27th October
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
Friday 8th November
Family Quiz Night in Kirk Street Hall
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 27th October
Kirk Session Meeting 10.45am
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev W Crossan
Monday 28th October
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Church Hall
Tuesday 29th October
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
BBs Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 31st October
Choir Practice 7.30pm
Friday 1st November
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 25th October
SKY Youth Group
Weekend at Port Ban
Sunday 27th October
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Wednesday 30th October
Bible Study 7.30pm at the Manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SCO14646

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Pentecost 20
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Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
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Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Friday 25th October
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Speaker: William Harrison
Sunday 27th October
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
7.00pm Scottish Bible Society
Speaker: Norman Liddle
Monday 28th October
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 30th October
12.00 noon Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
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Speaker - Pastor Mark Jasper
with Sunday school followed by refreshments
Sunday 3rd November
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www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322
We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL

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Guest speaker: Mr William Harrison from Newton Stewart.
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone most welcome

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'It is good to sing praises to our God'
Sunday 27th October
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10am Bellanoch Church Morning Worship
Saturday 26th October
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Sunday 27th October
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Rev Chris Fulcher
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Skipness Charity No: SC004280
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland
Sunday 27th October
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Joint Service to celebrate the Union between Cumlodden and Lochgair and Glenaray and Inveraray
Service will be led by the Moderator for Argyll,
Mr Douglas Allan
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Charity No. SC016665
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Golden year at Mull Rally

By Gavin Brown

The weekend of the October 11 and 12 saw an important date in the national rally calendar – some may even say world calendar – re-instated with the long-awaited and greatly anticipated 50th running of the Mull Rally.

Insurance issues had caused the cancellation of the 2017 and 2018 rallies, while closed roads rallying in the UK went through a major transition.

Some 150 crews arrived in Tobermory from Thursday afternoon to get through scrutineering. Many of the cars that went through early were looking to get some last-minute seat time and set up opportunity at the Shakedown stage on the Friday morning.

Friday saw the remaining cars through the safety and noise checks and ready for the ceremonial start that evening in Tobermory. Among these excited, nervous, eager competitors were a number of Mid-Argyll residents. No debutants but some new partnerships and some rekindled teams.

Innes Mochrie returned to the island with the Mighty Metro looking to continue his blistering form in the Mull Rally. The car is in constant development throughout the other 51 weeks of the year with other events entered around the UK all counted as prep for Mull.

This year saw a plea to the masses for a suitably qualified co-driver, as Innes's daughter, who has well and truly caught the rally bug, fell just short of the minimum age requirement. Lewis Griffiths travelled all the way from Wales to sit in the vacant hot seat for the world-famous event in the only-slightly-less-world-famous Metro.

Next level

Also returning to the island with his newly rebuilt class B Peugeot 106 GTi was Duncan MacLean, once more teaming up with Ian Parker who has taken his co-driving to the next level, being one of this year's Motorsport UK Academy Co-Driver programme candidates.

Duncan and Ian were seeded 135 and again this gave



2019 Mull Rally winners Paul MacKinnon and Paul Beaton. Photographs: West Coast Photography.

them ample opportunity to show higher seeded cars that the wee 106 was more than capable of getting around the tight and twisty roads of Mull just as quickly as the bigger, more powerful four-wheel-drive entrants.

Alister MacArthur finished building the M R Motorsport Talbot Sunbeam with about a week to spare, before he headed to the island to do some important recce with brand new co-driver Claire Tilley, a native of the island, who has competed in the event before but not in a tail happy Sunbeam.

The new livery looked great and Alister was well warned about rubbing chicanes before heading out on the stages.

The final Mid Argyll crew entered was the father-son partnership of Craig and

Ross Callander. The pair hadn't been in the same car since 2015, on Mull, which they both insist is down to Craig working offshore and Ross being based in Aberdeen now but mum Audrey tells a different story.

Gathering dust

The tarmac car used in 2015 was not going to be ready and the Callanders were determined to compete in the extra special 50th running of the rally, so the gravel car, which has been gathering dust somewhat, was wheeled to the front of the workshop, mildly converted to tarmac spec and given a wash.

All four crews were happy to see daylight for leg two although the weather was still as changeable with heavy showers and even a few hailstones thrown in for good measure.

Two short stages in the south of the island to start then a loop of three famous stages run twice in the afternoon.

Innes and Lewis continued to push hard but with some mechanical issues as the oil filter housing had become damaged in the previous night's efforts. Still making very quick progress across the island with Lewis possibly able to judge just how quick now that he could see the Mull countryside pass his window so swiftly. Leg two completed with no significant damage and now lying 46th overall, 16 seconds in front of a Focus WRC.

Duncan and Ian had a wee bit more adventure in the daylight with a half spin seeing the 106 lightened a wee bit, leaving the front bumper to be returned to service on

its own. Perhaps fortunate not to damage the radiator, they carried on with the passenger headlight grimly holding on over the jumps on the hill road. Leg two finished in 76th overall, now sporting a yellow bumper. Ian's road car was spotted entirely intact earlier in the day – I'm not so sure it finished that way.

Alister and Claire really got the bit between their teeth and the times were significantly better than the previous night's efforts with only a few 'moments' in the car, causing no more than a bit of confusion and not just a bit of laughter.

Bridge

Claire lost the notes, not uncommon on bumpy fast stages and was urged by Alister to look for a bridge in the notes as they were approaching one, and then catch up form there.

Craig and Ross, having taken a brave decision to switch to slick tyres all round, and gambling a little with the weather, were setting good times and pushing hard, maybe too hard in places, with Ross reminding Craig after a couple of very hard landings on the Ensay jumps that they were 'there for a finish'. Leg two completed in 77th place only 11 seconds behind Alister and Claire. All to play for in the final loop of stages in leg three later that night.

The final night stages in the Mull Rally are among the most atmospheric in Stage Rallying in the UK and further afield. The 'Big One' starts the proceedings with a 22 mile stage around Calgary bay and down Loch Tuath, testing both man, woman and machine in equal measures.



45th overall: Alister MacArthur, Lochgilhead, and Claire Tilley, Craignure. Photograph: West Coast Photography.

Shinty/hurling squad announced

The Camanachd Association have announced the squad for the senior men's shinty/hurling international.

The event, which is set to take on November 2 at Abbotstown, Dublin, will see the sport's greatest players come together to form one of the most formidable sides in international history.

Scotland international manager Garry Reid said: 'Once again, the depth of talent in the game and the commitment demonstrated from senior players to be part of the squad continues to impress the coaching team, yet challenges us to refine it down to the travelling squad of 20, with the original 32-player squad all showing

that, given the opportunity, they would quite easily fit the bill as international standard players.'

'We have, however, selected a squad that have all had previous experience at under 21 or senior level and who, on top of looking sharp and committed at international sessions, have demonstrated through the season attributes that have made them stand out at club level.'

The squad is as follows:

Goalkeeper:

Stuart MacDonald (Lovat)

Defenders:

Rory Kennedy

(Newtonmore)

Steven MacDonald

(Newtonmore)

Robert Mabon (Kingussie)

Andy MacKintosh

(Newtonmore)

Andrew King (Kyles Athletic)

Daniel Grieve (Lovat)

Blair Morrison (Caberfeidh)

Finlay MacRae

(Kinlochshiel)

Midfield:

Donald Nixon (Kinlochshiel)

Craig Mainland (Lovat)

Fraser Heath (Lovat)

Michael Russell

(Newtonmore)

Forwards:

Kevin Bartlett (Caberfeidh)

Greig Matheson (Lovat)

Roddy McDonald (Kyles)

Craig Morrison (Caberfeidh)

Andrew MacCuish (Oban

Camanachd)

Daniel Cameron (Oban

Camanachd)

Savio Genini (Kingussie)

Wins on the road for youth teams

Red Star 2007s made the trip through to Dunoon to start their league campaign with an Argyll derby.

After successfully topping their league cup group, the youngsters were looking forward to getting their league campaign off the ground.

A fine performance saw the boys from Lochgilhead run out winners by 7-3 in a competitive game against a good Dunoon team on Sunday October 20.

The Star youngsters played some nice football and backed it up with a sound display of teamwork, working hard and supporting each other.

The win continues an encouraging start to the season. Scorers for Star were Gibson

with four and Semple with three.

The 2004 Red Star team were also away playing last season's runners-up Shettleston in Glasgow.

A tough game was expected and it remained close for the first 60 minutes by which point Star had a 3-1 lead before adding two more goals in the latter stages of the game

for a fine 5-1 victory.

A solid hard-working performance from everyone with two goals each from Mclean and McMurphy and one from Caskie.

Excellent results for both teams. This Sunday (October 27) both teams are at home on the astro with the 2007s kicking off at 11.30am and the 2004s at 2pm.

Sports club lotteries

Numbers drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery on Monday October 21 were 7, 17 and 20. Ewan Jenkins was the lucky winner of £800, so next week's prize pot is back to £100.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw numbers were 2, 8 and 14. R Gillies and I MacDougall were the winners of the £1,000 jackpot, so next week the prize money will return to £100.



Father and son duo Craig and Ross Callander came in 44th overall.



Innes Mochrie, Lochgilphead, and Lewis Griffiths finished 41st overall.

The four cars made it through this mammoth test, stopping at Knock Farm to take on more fuel and then straight into stages 15 and 16, reverse of the afternoon's south stages.

At the regroup at Caignure, before final service and heading for the last stage of the rally, the crews were sitting: Innes/Lewis 40th; Craig/Ross 45th; Alister/Claire 47th and Duncan/Ian 65th.

Flying finish

Just the final 15 miles up the iconic and traditional final stage, Glen Aros, turn right at Dervaig crossroads and a final blast across the Lochs, named Achnadrish in this direction, and over the final flying finish on the approach to Tobermory.

Innes made good progress, emphasising the fact that he relishes the dark and wet conditions and would have been further up the final classifications had it not been for very nearly parking the Metro in the lounge bar at the Bellochroy Hotel in Dervaig, when the CV joint sheared and made steering the Mighty Metro 'interesting'. The car was nursed to the finish dropping nearly two minutes but achieving the all-important finish - 41st overall and seventh in class, once again doing the car and crew proud.

Craig and Ross started the final stage with 36 seconds of a lead over Alister and Claire with the Sunbeam being pushed as hard as

it dare to finish the 15 miles, only one second adrift of the Impreza in 45th place and 14th in Class C; Craig and Ross taking 44th, 15th in Class E and bragging rights for the next few months. Duncan and Ian and the two-tone 106 kept it between the fences in the dark and wet and picked up yet another spot, finishing the rally in 64th place and seventh in class B.

The last duty of the day was to get to final time control, officially finishing the rally and picking up the all important Finisher's Mug and Tobermory Malt miniature.

The event was won by local driver Paul MacKinnon in a Ford Fiesta R5 with Paul Beaton in the co-driver's seat. The WRC Mini of Daniel Harper and Chris Campbell were second just over one and a half minutes adrift. David Bogie and John Rowan picked up the final podium place in his immaculate Class D Ford Escort MkII, finishing just ahead of the local legends, Calum and Iain Duffy, in the 'wee two litre'.

A brilliant event which was sorely missed in the past two seasons but which has firmly embedded itself in the hearts of all who travelled to Mull, are lucky enough to live there or who have simply read about it in the past week or so.

Fifty weeks to go folks, so get that corner of the garage sorted out and start building. A date for next year's diary for sure.

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Jerry Hatricks deliver first European trophy

By Jimmy Litster

At a time when PM Boris is struggling with his European agenda, captain Anderson from Lochgilphead Walking Football Club had no such difficulties.

Faced with taking his team into Europe for the first time to participate in the inaugural Lagos Strollers European Cup, Anderson and his Jerry Hatricks outfit saw off opposition from Portugal, Spain and England to deliver Scotland's first European football trophy since Aberdeen in 1983.

It didn't start off well for the captain. With Monday's five matches delivering only one win, it was a rather downbeat team which gathered for the team meeting that night.

Stuart 'The Forest' Johnston couldn't see the wood for the trees, The Sneddon couldn't see the goal for the hanky protecting his head from the sun, Iain 'Caravan' MacDonald was thinking too much about camper vans, whilst Tom 'The Gin' Kilcolm didn't live up to his name and went nearly teetotal.

Captain Anderson delivered when it mattered though. With Colin 'The Cat' in goal, Sneddon was deployed at the back alongside MacDonald. Johnston and Kilcolm were pushed further forward, with the captain and 'The Scribe' Litster in midfield.

As Dinah Washington once sang, what a difference a day makes.

In their first game on Tuesday the Jerry Hatricks won 3-0. Goals from



Lochgilphead Walking Football Club, left to right, Iain Macdonald, Colin Campbell, Tom Kilcolm, Stuart Johnston, Jimmy Litster, Cleland Sneddon and Russell Anderson.

Johnston, Anderson and Litster gave a renewed sense of hope.

The second match v Algarve Tavira though was all about the captain. A fabulous five goal haul and a carpet burn saw them run out 7-0 winners.

Match three versus Browns from Vilamoura was always going to be a tough test and thanks to a fantastic rearguard action from

Sneddon and MacDonald, allied to goals from Litster and Johnston, Jerry Hatricks came out 2-1 victors.

Knowing victory in the penultimate match against the Lagos Tigers would all but see them through it was left to Kilcolm to make his mark. A fantastic solo effort in a 4-0 win capped a great team performance. Tom would have run around with the customary shirt over the

head celebration, however he found the snug fit just too much to pull over his head.

By the time the final game took place, the team had done enough and run out of steam.

Victory was secured and captain Anderson's coat was no longer on that shooonly peg. Ex-Liverpool legends John Aldridge and Alan Kennedy presented the trophy.

Thanks were extended at the after match banquet to the

organisers, Lagos Strollers Walking Football Club, for an excellent tournament and to all the players for their sporting attitude throughout the matches.

Lochgilphead walking football takes place every Tuesday at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, 5.30-6.30pm. Ladies and gents welcome.

You never know, it could be you on that next European jaunt to glory.

Star come up short in Argyll derby

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Red Star made the relatively short trip to Campbeltown for an Argyll Derby.

A Donald McCallum goal 15 minutes from time secured the bragging rights for Pupils and left Star coming back up the road empty handed.

Star had an opportunity early on in the game from an Aaron Moore free kick which was well drilled and forced the Pupils young keeper into a smart save. Both sides had decent spells of possession in the first half, however, there weren't many clear cut chances.

Ally Lewis kept Star level later on in the first half when he saved from another well struck Pupils free kick, before tipping an effort over the bar just before half time.

Into the second half and it was Pupils who looked the fitter side and they were able to pin Star back shooting towards the pavilion end.

The winning goal came for Pupils with 15 minutes remaining. John McCallum broke clear down the right hand channel, before squaring the ball to brother Donald whose shot beat Ally Lewis in the Star goal despite the keeper getting a leg to it. Tomorrow Star are at home to Busby in their first home league match of the season. The game will be played at the Ropework, weather permitting, with kick-off time to be confirmed.



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