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# Drastic bin charges on table in 'difficult times'

Disabled people might have to pay council for help to put refuse out for uplift

by Colin Cameron  
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People who have difficulty putting their bins out could be charged for bin men and women lending a helping hand.

No stone is being left unturned in one of the most difficult budgets for years at Argyll and Bute Council. Among the many drastic measures on the table to save money are a number of schemes to bring in cash – one of which is a proposed £100 per year charge for 'assisted bin pull-outs'.

Concerned at the prospect, disabled Lochgilphead resident Mark Carter submitted a Freedom of Information request to the council to ask how many elderly and disabled people use the service.

Argyll and Bute Council replied that 1,251 people use assisted bin collection in the region, including 58

in Lochgilphead. 'What the council is planning on doing is actually making money out of disabled people,' said Mr Carter.

He continued: 'All it will do is put the responsibility on to carers to do it and carers are under enough pressure already. It's just crazy.'

Councillor Dougie Philand said: 'Targeting the elderly and disabled in the council cuts this year is to be condemned.'

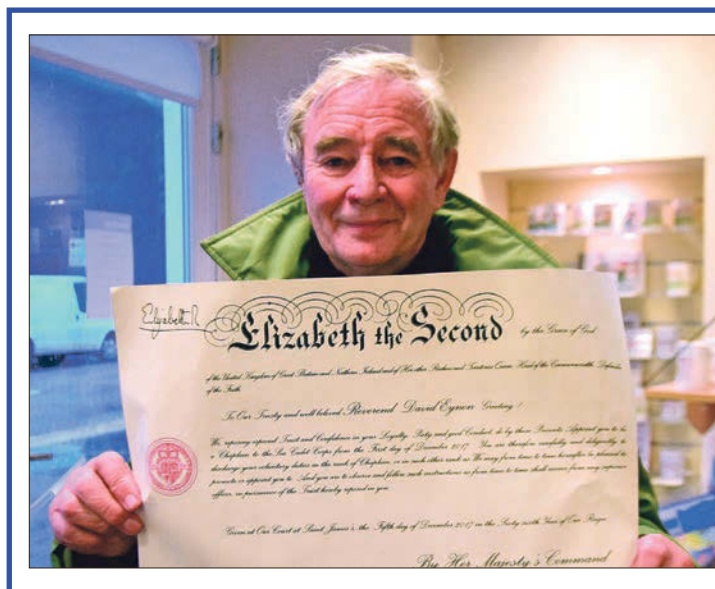
### Insult

'Assisted bin uplifts are vital to those who find difficulty in placing their bins ready for uplift and the revenue it will generate is an insult to those who suffer the most.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson responded: 'These are difficult times.'

'Over the past 10 years we have delivered £57m savings and have an estimated budget gap next year of £9.2 million.'

'We therefore have to look at



## Royal Commission for Lochgilphead chaplain David

Reverend David Eynon from Lochgilphead had a pleasant surprise during the festive season when he received a Royal Commission for his work as a chaplain to the Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force.

Full story on page 11. 51\_a02Chaplain02

a range of things as part of our budget savings. No decisions will be made until the council meets to set its budget.'

The council is due to set its budget for the coming financial year on February

27 – though that process was made no easier after Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid this week said he would not announce the UK budget until March 11.

Argyll and Bute Council

leader Aileen Morton said: 'It is concerning to see this latest announcement of national government timescales as it introduces uncertainty and makes everyone's job much harder.'

'It is the Scottish Government which provides the majority of our funding so we really need to know as soon as possible when we will receive confirmation of our funding from April onwards.'

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# Councillor urges Tarbert folk to go to sewer event

by Colin Cameron  
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The people of Tarbert are invited to a drop-in meeting to hear all about the village's new improved sewerage system.

Scottish Water is planning a £3.4 million investment in the Tarbert sewer network to reduce the risk of sewer flooding.



Councillor Anne Horn.

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This work, to be carried out by Scottish Water alliance partner amey Black and Veatch, will start in March and will last approximately 13 months. The project will involve installing 350 metres of a larger diameter sewer pipe under Barmore Road and Harbour Street. Once complete the increased capacity will help reduce the risk of sewer flooding.

Scottish Water will hold a community drop-in event on Tuesday January 14 where members of the project team will be available to discuss the project in more detail and answer questions.

The event will take place at the Templar Arts & Leisure Centre between 2pm and 6pm.

Tarbert councillor Anne Horn has urged residents to attend. She said: 'I am very pleased this Scottish Water



The increased capacity should help prevent scenes like this, pictured in Tarbert during June 2018. 06\_a27TarbertSewage02

project in Tarbert is now to progress and this major development will address the flooding and distress residents have endured for many years. I urge residents to attend the drop-in session, hear the finalised plans from representatives of Scottish Water, and have any further

concerns addressed at that time.'

Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water corporate affairs manager for the west area, said: 'Local residents affected by previous instances of flooding will be aware how important it is that this investment work is undertaken to help reduce the risk of sewer flooding in the area.'



Work will start to upgrade Tarbert's sewer system in March. 06\_a05Tarbert01

'We look forward to speaking with the community on January 14.'

'If anyone is unable to make it along on the day, information will be made available on a dedicated customer webpage following the event: [www.scottishwater.co.uk/tarbert](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/tarbert).'



## Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

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Sun, 5 Jan 2020				12:43	09:43	15:13
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Wed, 8 Jan 2020				15:33	12:33	18:03
Thu, 9 Jan 2020				16:15	13:15	18:45
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Fri, 17 Jan 2020	10:14	07:14	12:44			
Sat, 18 Jan 2020	11:16	08:16	13:46			
Sun, 19 Jan 2020				12:28	09:28	14:58
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Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight as well as tide times before you go.



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## POLICE FILES

### Theft by shoplifting

At around 5pm on Tuesday December 24, in the Co-op in Lochgilphead, two men and a woman allegedly stole some items. Police are carrying out enquiries in an effort to identify the persons and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

### Doormat damaged by fire

Between 5pm on Friday December 27 and 8.40am on Monday December 30, at the Argyll and Bute Council offices on Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, a large rubber door mat was damaged by a fire being set on it. Officers are investigating and are appealing for anyone with any information to contact them.

### Possession of drugs

On the A83 at Lochgilphead, a car was stopped and searched by police on Monday December 30 at around 6.55pm. A 22-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

### Possession of cannabis

At around 7.10pm on Monday December 30, on the A83 at Lochgilphead, a car was stopped and searched by police and a teenager was allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis. The 17-year-old man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drunk driver

On Wednesday January 1 at around 4am, a car was found to have been crashed in Blarbaie Road, Lochgilphead. Subsequently a man, aged 48, was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol and a blood sample was taken for analysis.

### Abusive behaviour

A 45-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner at around 1.15am on Thursday January 2 at Duncholgan, Lochgilphead. He was charged and issued with a £40 fixed penalty ticket.

### Theft of house name signs

Between 7.15pm on Thursday January 2 and 4.30pm on Saturday January 4, at Half Acre Hill, Craobh Haven, two house signs for 'Stalla' in the form of motorcycle number plates were stolen. Officers are investigating the incident.

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.





Nikki Thompson.

## What are the strange sounds haunting Ardrishaig?

An Ardrishaig woman has reported hearing an unusual, intermittent sound in the village – and has no idea what could be causing it.

Nikki Thompson wrote on Facebook about her experiences which, of course, opened the door to every wag in the district. Some jokingly suggested Nikki may be imagining things, others proposed rabbits or even woodworm as the cause. More serious suggestions were fish farm feeders or the noise from wind turbines – but none of these rings true with Nikki.

She told The Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I've been hearing a really weird noise in Ardrishaig for about a year now.

'It sounds like a macerator or something similar going off at intervals during the night into the early hours.

'Other locals have heard it too but no-one knows what it is. It's a mystery.'

It is not the first incidence of strange sounds being detected against an otherwise quiet background. In 2018, there were reports of a low-level 'hum' in various places around the globe.

Does anyone out there have any ideas what is causing the noise?

Contact the Argyllshire Advertiser by email at editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or call 01546 602345.

# Inveraray seawall in need of attention

by Colin Cameron  
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The long-term impact of wave action from Loch Fyne has left the sea wall at Newtown, Inveraray, in need of repair.

As the wall supports the A83, the project will be carried out by trunk road management company BEAR Scotland once permissions have been obtained.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said: 'We are in the process of obtaining a marine licence from Marine Scotland to allow us to carry out a project to repair sections and upgrade the sea wall at the A83 in Inveraray.

'The project will involve filling in voids at some sections of the sea wall, as well as re-pointing some stone

blocks. Around 2,000 tonnes of rock armour will then be installed at the base of the wall to help aid dispersion of the waves and avoid any scour at the structure.

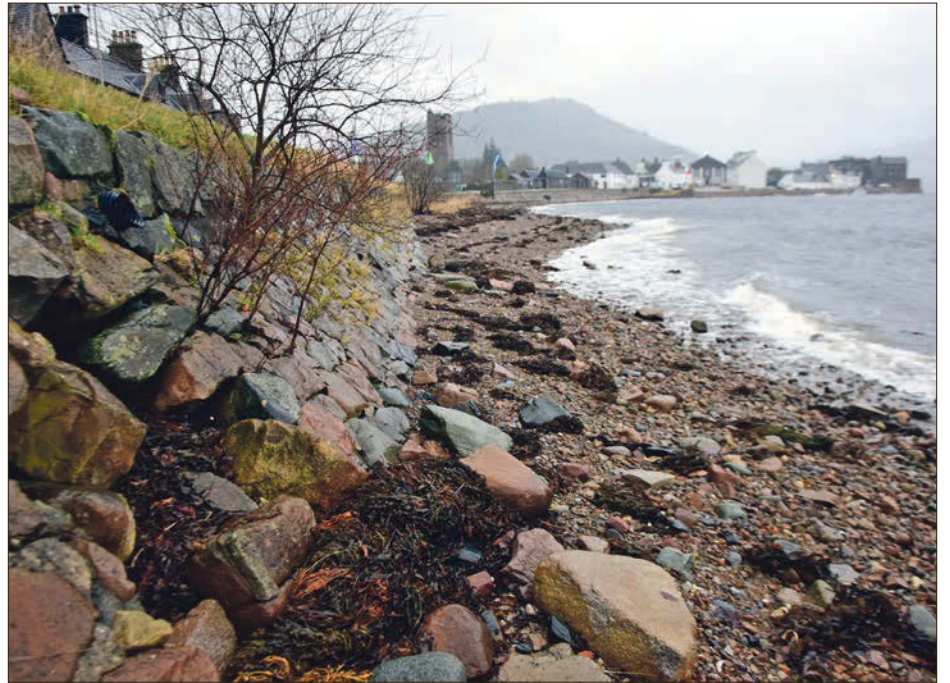
'The project is expected to begin in mid-February pending a successful marine licence application and no objections during the consultation period.

### Traffic lights

'To keep all roadworkers and motorists safe, temporary traffic lights will be in place for four to six weeks until the project is complete.

'Once completed, the project will help ensure the sea wall safeguards the A83 for years to come.'

A public consultation on the proposed works is expected to be carried out later this month.



A number of gaps have appeared in the protective sea wall. 51\_a02InveraraySeawall02



A section of damaged sea wall in need of attention.

## Meeting to discuss Strachur wind farm

Preparations continue for a nine-turbine wind farm in the hills between Strachur and Lochgoilhead, at a site almost due east of Inveraray, ahead of an application for planning permission.

Creag Dubh Renewables LLP will be holding an open meeting in Lochgoilhead on the proposed wind farm at Creag Dubh in Succoth Glen.

A 2017 scoping report by Angus Elder of Aberdeen-based Muirder Energy included a map showing the 'zone of theoretical visibility to blade tip height'. The map indicated at least some of the turbine blades would be visible from many parts of the western shore of Loch Fyne, including Minard and Inveraray.

At the meeting in Lochgoilhead Village Hall

at 7pm on Tuesday January 21, Creag Dubh Renewables will provide an overview of the proposed development along with opportunities for community investment in the project.

A question and answer session will also be held.

Creag Dhubh Renewables LLP is a partnership comprising members of Scotland's agricultural sector which aims to develop, build and operate wind energy projects throughout Scotland while keeping and building strong relationships with communities.

Creag Dhubh Renewables is keen to offer opportunities to communities surrounding Strachur and believes Creag Dhubh has great potential to make a significant contribution to Scotland's renewable energy targets.

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# Kerry GRABs the waste problem in Mid Argyll

Recent recruit Kerry MacKay has wasted no time in getting stuck into other people's waste in her role as Mid Argyll and Kintyre project officer with recycling organisation The GRAB Trust. In this article, adapted from the trust's quarterly 'Flotsam and Jetsam' bulletin, Kerry outlines some of her activities.



Staff and pupils from Achahoish Primary School were joined by Hendrix Genetics Salmon UK staff and Kerry MacKay from GRAB Trust for their annual beach clean.

Glassary Primary School pupils drove almost an hour to the stunning Kilmory beach for a Marine Conservation Society (MCS) survey and beach clean.

We collected 1.75kgs of litter and played the limpets game before heading back to the school. We did the Plastic World workshop, looking at the global problem of plastic in the oceans and technologies that have been developed to address the issue. This includes the Fishing for Litter game where speed and accuracy with the litter pickers can win your team a prize.

Glassary Primary School invited me back for another day of fantastic learning. In the morning, I worked with P4-7 doing a Waste Free Christmas workshop followed by the new World Climate Summit

workshop, which involves the children role-playing as world delegates in the UN Paris Climate Summit, discussing and deciding their emission targets that I programme into a simulator to see if they can agree to limit global warming to two degrees C or less.

This workshop highlights the global scale of the issue, with the rich countries getting tables and chairs and the poorest countries sitting on the floor. The children got really engaged and were disappointed when time was up.

After lunch, I did a storytelling and drawing workshop with the P1-3 class. We even had megalodon sharks and a 'Save the sharks' news article drawn by the pupils.

Achahoish Primary School arranged a beach clean with the fish farm Hendrix

Genetics. I was invited to help them do an MCS survey, with the pupils working closely with fish farm employees. We then did a beach clean and collected 10kgs of litter plus a large heap of tangled netting and rope.

Lochgilthead Cub Scout Group were keen participants in an evening of marine litter-themed games. We played the limpets game, then teams battled it out on the Sea and Learn floor mat game, covering reduce, reuse and recycle topics. Finally, we played the Fishing for Litter game based on fishermen in Indonesia to learn about a plastics economy and test their maths skills.

Mid Argyll Duke of Edinburgh Award Group allowed me to share beach clean ideas in an evening session with the new Bronze

Award participants. I pitched the idea of adopting a beach and organising beach cleans and MCS surveys for the volunteer section of their award. I am thrilled at least two participants to date have confirmed they plan to do this and I look forward to supporting them.

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated so far. I look forward to meeting many more of you in 2020.



A fine example of the 'Save the sharks' artwork by Glassary Primary School's P1-3.

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## BROAR brothers lead Atlantic challenge

Having been out on the open Atlantic Ocean for almost a month, the three brave MacLean brothers are well on their way to their destination of Antigua.

And, at the time of writing, Ewan, Jamie and Lachlan were leading the trio class and were placed third overall in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

Their goal is to become the first three brothers to row any ocean and to raise £250,000 for Argyll charity Feedback Madagascar and Children 1st. On Thursday December 12, Team BROAR finally pulled away from La Gomera in the Canary Islands on their way to Antigua – 3,000 miles away. As part of their training, the brothers rowed 300 miles up the west coast 'pillaging' whisky from distilleries to raise money for the charity, with whisky donated by distilleries from Lochranza on Arran to Talisker on Skye, via Islay, Jura, Crinan, Oban, Mull and Ardnamurchan.

The donated whisky will be made into a unique 'BROAR



The MacLean brothers on the oars off the Canary Islands, but conditions have become tougher since.

Blend' by a team of experts, led by their father, whisky writer and star of 'The Angels' Share, Charles MacLean. This unique and limited edition BROAR Blend will be sold to raise money for Feedback Madagascar.

Facing wind, rain, huge waves, fatigue and battery problems, the brothers are rowing day and night, repeating shifts of two hours of rowing and an hour's rest. The crossing is expected to take between 40 and 60 days across shark-infested waters and busy shipping lanes.

Craignish man Jamie Spencer, director of Feedback

Madagascar, said: 'We would urge you to donate to their cause. Every drop will make a difference and each pound will help them in the darkest moments of their journey.'

'If you can make a donation to support them – even if it's just the price of a dram – we will make sure they hear about it and we promise we'll get a glass or two of the amber nectar to them when they reach Antigua.'

So far the MacLean brothers' efforts have raised more than £100,000. To support Team BROAR in their challenge, visit [virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Broar](http://virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Broar)

# Auction for French candelabra which once lit up Kilmory

A pair of ornate 19th-century candelabra which used to adorn the Argyll and Bute Council headquarters building were expected to fetch £30,000 as they went to auction.

Strictly speaking of course, Kilmory Castle was not occupied by the council at the time, but the building was home to the 'exquisite' metre-high ormolu and hard-stone-mounted candelabra while it was owned by the Campbell-Orde family.

They were commissioned by Ferdinand-Philippe duc d'Orléans, oldest son of King Louis Philippe, in 1839 as part of a surtout de table – an elaborate centrepiece – for the formal dining table in the Palais de Tuileries in Paris.

The candelabra remained in the palace until the revolution in 1848 when a mob broke in and the candelabra (along with many other valuables) were saved and taken to the Louvre for safe keeping. Five years later, they were auctioned off by the Duke's family and were acquired



Kilmory Castle – once home to the Campbell-Orde family.

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by Sir James Watts of Abney Hall in Manchester in 1853.

That was the last time their whereabouts were known, and they were considered 'missing' as part of a private collection for almost 170 years. It later emerged they passed to Sir James's grand-daughter, Lady Eleanor, and then to her son, the late Sir John Campbell-Orde, whose family has now consigned them to auction.

Kilmory Castle or Kilmory House in Lochgilphead was the home of the Campbell-Ordes until 1938. It then had several owners and uses until it was taken over by Argyll and Bute District Council in 1974.

'The history of these candelabra is quite extraordinary,' said Works of Art specialist at Woolley & Wallis auctioneers, Mark Yuan-Richards.

'To be given the chance to market something that was made for a royal palace and had been considered lost for over a century and a half is a privilege that doesn't come along very often.'

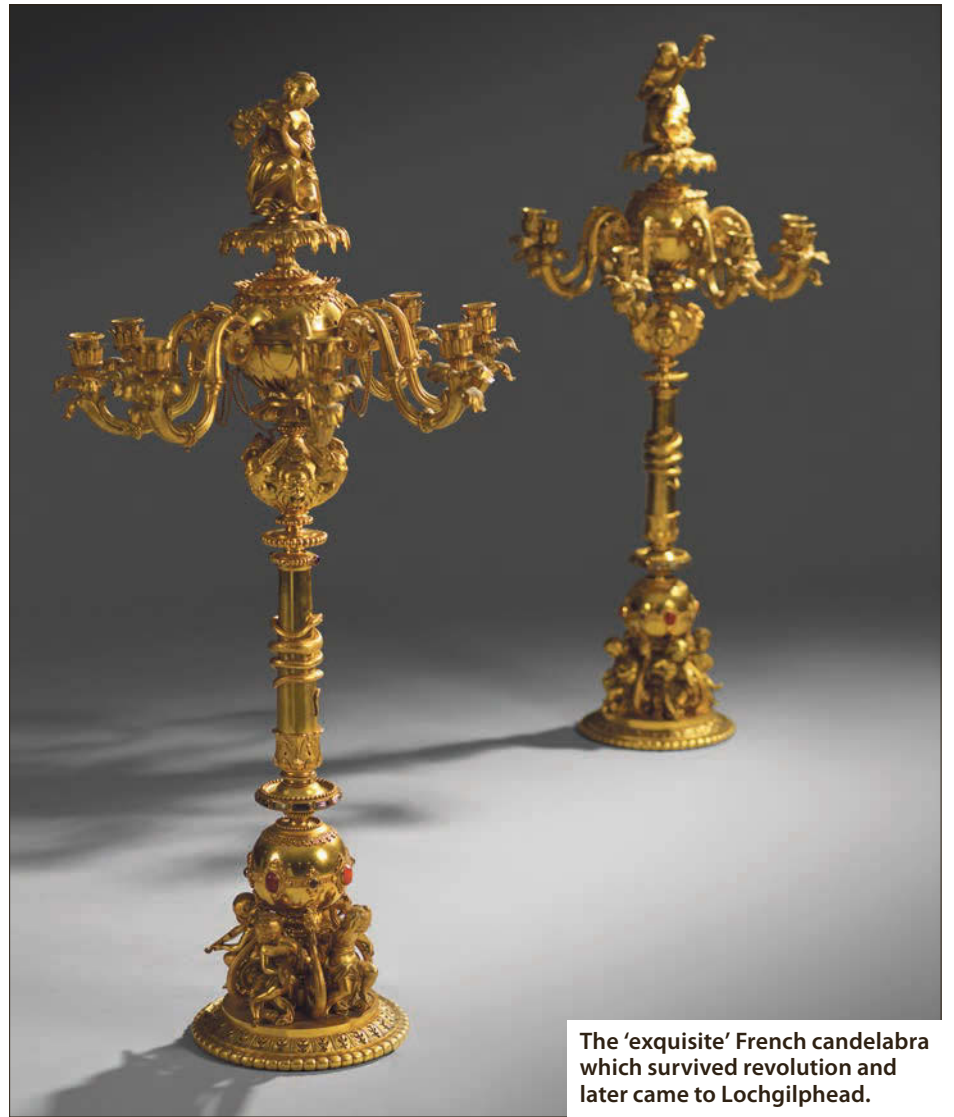
'The Duc d'Orléans himself never knew the fate of his surtout de table, as he tragically

died in a carriage accident just three years after they were delivered to the palace. His widow remained there until the 1848 revolution, but France at that time was not a safe place for royalty.'

One of a number of lots consigned from the collection of Sir John Alexander Campbell-Orde, 6th Baronet, the candelabra were up for sale in Salisbury on Wednesday January 8, where they were expected to make around £30,000.

'It's very difficult to put an exact value on something this rare as you can't really put a price on provenance,' explained Yuan-Richards. 'The workmanship (by Guillaume Denière) is exquisite and they are expensive objects in their own right; but it is not often that something with royal provenance comes onto the market.'

Other items in the Campbell-Orde collection include a pair of Italian tables thought to have been used in Belem Palace in Portugal (now official residence of the president) and Kilmory, and a George III clock, also from Kilmory.



The 'exquisite' French candelabra which survived revolution and later came to Lochgilphead.

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A detail of the Guillaume Denière-designed candelabra.

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**Kilmory deficit**

Councillors will be put in an unenviable position when they finally decide (once again) where the axe will fall on council services.

But exactly how much Argyll and Bute will have to spend will not be known until the daffodils are beginning to pop through the ground.

The delay is just another layer of stress for everyone concerned – officials and council members.

The proposal highlighted on this week's front page is just that – a proposal – and along with all the other suggested means of dealing with the deficit, nothing will be decided until the budget meeting. But the fact it is being brought out as a possibility tells us all we need to know about where we are in Argyll and Bute.

**Kilmory riches**

And what would newly-appointed council chief executive Pippa Milne not give to have just a few of the trinkets mentioned on page five still lying around Kilmory?

**Eerie Ardrishaig**

What about the mysterious noises around Ardrishaig?

There is endless scope for hilarity, needless to say. But does anyone out there have a (sensible) answer?

**Let us grow better trees**

Sir,

Even on the dreichest of dreich January days my heart is filled with joy as I anticipate the welcome return to Tarbert of Kilmory gardeners with their full truck load of Primula and other colourful flowers. These are nurtured at council headquarters for transfer to a peat bed on our brick 'island' at Tarbert Co-op corner.

All well and good, but may I suggest our council horticulturists' remit be extended to include arboriculture – the growing of trees. I would, however, impose a total ban on pathetic Sitka Spruce, a tree which has often been called a 'vegetable' or 'cabbage wood' by joiners.

We all know that Sitka's quick growing, wispy leading shoots and weak branches are totally incapable of supporting the imposed loading of electric cables and Christmas lights.

Yes, give us the good hard European Larch for long lasting fencing and cladding. Bring on Norway Spruce or any other decent evergreen which sits towards the hard end of the softwood spectrum for Tarbert's 2020 Christmas tree.

Duncan I MacDougall, Tarbert

**Second air ambulance for SCAA**

Sir,

2020 is set to herald a major advancement in the provision of emergency pre-hospital care in Scotland.

This spring, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) will launch a second life-saving air ambulance helicopter, flying expert clinical care to the scene of serious illness and injury and airlifting patients onwards to definitive hospital care.

The new helicopter – callsign Helimed 79 – will operate from a new base at Aberdeen International Airport, providing an identical service to the charity's existing helicopter, Helimed 76, based at Perth Airport.

Working in tandem with Scotland's two government-funded helicopter air ambulances (based at Glasgow and Inverness), SCAA's two helicopter air ambulances will play a critical role in the country's 999 response network, flying help and hope to communities in every part of the country.

Since the charity's first service launched in 2013, SCAA has touched the lives of thousands of patients.

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People have walked, run, abseiled, dressed up, dressed down, baked, cycled, climbed, collected, sung and sponsored friends – an endless array of innovative and thrilling fundraising tasks – all to help fuel a service that needs your support today to ensure it is there for you tomorrow.

Sustaining a second helicopter air ambulance is a major challenge for SCAA but with the people of Scotland behind us we are

confident we can deliver more help, to more people, more often as we add to the capacity and resilience of these vital national lifesaving resources.

Thank you to everyone who is already supporting SCAA and to those who will get behind us in the future and help fuel the life-saving flights that could impact on your family, your friends, your colleagues or your community.

A happy and safe New Year to all from everyone at SCAA.

**John Bullough, chairman,  
Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance**

**Waiting times too long**

Sir,

The latest treatment waiting times statistics in Scotland show that only 83.3 per cent of patients with an urgent referral for a suspicion of cancer started treatment within 62 days during the last quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2019). The target is 95 per cent.

Despite the best efforts of NHS staff, this report tells us that some people in Scotland are waiting too long for cancer treatment. For many, this is an anxious time.

The Scottish Government's commitment to tackle long waits is welcome, especially as demand on cancer services is rising.

To help the NHS cope, a long-term workforce plan is urgently needed. This needs to address staff shortages now and in the future.

**Marion O'Neill, Cancer Research UK's  
head of external affairs in Scotland**

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### Central belt-obsessed

Sir,  
I was at my first surgery of the new year and the decade in Tarbert recently.

I heard numerous concerns raised about local and national issues. These included concerns of planning regulations possibly holding back housing development, local council budget cuts brought on by a reduction of the block grant from the Scottish Government, burdensome regulations thrust upon our fishing industry, planned intrusive local pylon positioning, and slow internet along with sub-par mobile phone signal particularly being experienced by many farmers outside of Tarbert.

We will always face very different challenges than the urban populations of Scotland and having a population that is more dispersed will mean it will take more resources to deliver services, but this is no reason for these essential services not to be delivered.

We in rural Scotland are constantly treated as a backwater by, at times, a seemingly disinterested and central belt-obsessed Scottish Government.

This is particularly true for Argyll and Bute, so it is essential that governments and utility companies alike step up to the plate and give our rural constituency and my hard pressed council ward the funding and recognition we deserve.

**Councillor Alastair Redman**  
Kintyre and Islands ward

## YOUR PICTURES



Aileen Gillies of Lochgilphead sent us this atmospheric photograph, taken near her native village of Ford. The photograph features the scene at Loch

Ederline at Ford on the morning of Christmas Eve.

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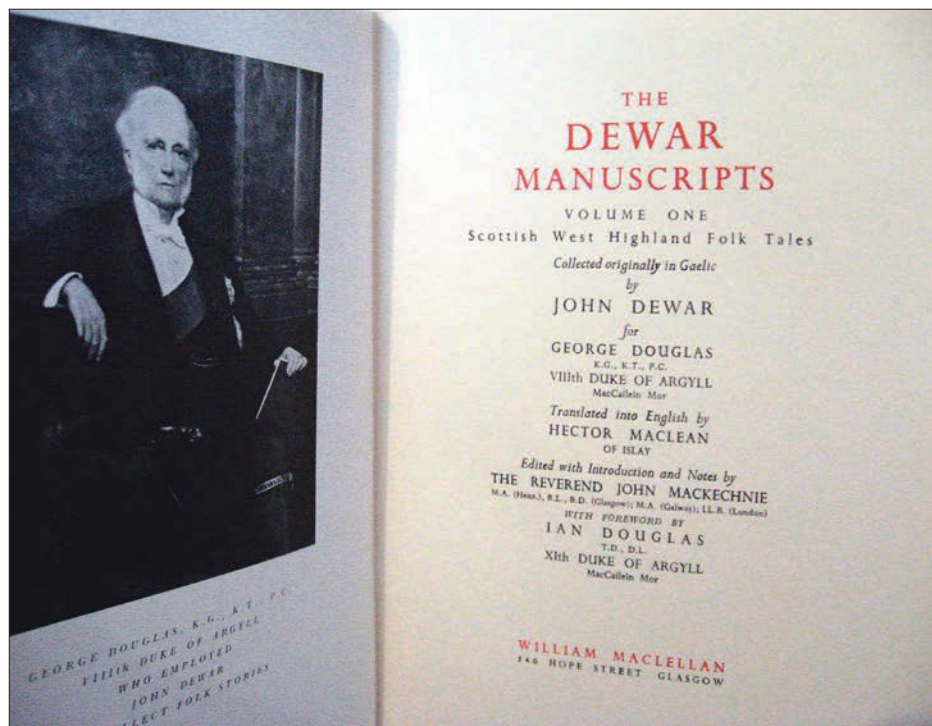
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# Technology to the rescue Argyll 'peoples' history'



The 1963 edition – now to be completed in 10 volumes.

150 years on, handed-down home truths wait to be told from Scotland's first ever oral history project. Journalist Gerry Burke turns the pages of John Dewar's treasury of Gaelic despatches, the largest collection of translated Gaelic tales ever gathered in Scotland.

A hand-written treasury of tales of west Highland life in the times of clan power struggles and domestic strife will finally make the printed page in full, after 150 years.

Thanks to technology, the collected stories from a host of people all over Argyll and the isles, Arran and Perthshire, Lochaber and Loch Lomond are being dusted down again.

The huge anthology of action dramas and intrigues could have provided the plots for Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson, and might yet inspire some new Outlander plots for Diana Gabaldon.

The accounts are drawn from as far back as Robert the Bruce's time and their retelling in English, with a new Gaelic translation from the original, is the result of an ambitious project by a team of dedicated volunteers at home and abroad. The bulletins of hard lives and brutal deaths of

celebrity rogues, clan collisions and disputed throne wars and post-Jacobite hostilities will be published in a geographical series of 10 starting in 2021.

In these accounts, legendary big names borrowed by Hollywood dispense with scripted lines and staged actions. Tooled up with claymore and other hardware Rob Roy, for example, does not throw down a sassenach gauntlet for challenge. He has a glove which he appears to carry on his person for the purpose of conveying challenge. He hands it to Charles Stewart of Ardsheel to do likewise, confirming his acceptance they will cut and thrust the following morning. Rob planned the use of the rising sun as part of his cunning plan and it worked to a degree but the ageing chief lost – bloodied but unbowed and still belligerent. The release of a first volume of the celebrated Dewar Manuscripts was a bit-

tersweet publishing triumph in 1963, and became history itself when the print schedule for the rest of the series was unexpectedly cancelled.

The first 'sumptuous' edition, with extensive academic commentary and interpretation, ran out of ink after the first 397-page tome. A potential educational resource that was beyond the scope and ambition of the Scottish curriculum is now a prized collectors' item.

The extraordinary trove was compiled by a 19th-century investigative reporter from sources in the southern half of the west highlands and islands, whose inside knowledge included a secret that would last for more than 200 years. Arrochar-born John Dewar's adventurous mission was encouraged and promoted by three dukes of Argyll, was financed by a flamboyant 20th century whisky baron and ended in bankruptcy for its absent-minded, sometimes recklessly-adventurous publisher.

The bequeathed eyewitness trove of traditions and unofficial histories includes an almost-forensic account of the Appin murder of Kidnapped fame, jotted down before Robert Louis Stevenson put pen to paper. John Dewar, quite sensationally, had the hidden identity of the killer, which was a family-guarded secret for more than two and a half centuries, and his information was confirmed by Anda Penman, an 89-year-old descendant before she died in recent times. Donald Stewart, a nephew of the laird of Ballachulish, was finally blamed for one of the most notorious crimes in Scottish history.

The huge archive was commissioned by George, the 8th Duke of Argyll, a leading statesman and politician of his day. Its origins were verbatim interviews and conversations Dewar conducted in his native Gaelic with those who related the recollections of the deeds and interactions of their ancestors and their neighbours.

## The men behind the 1963 Dewar Manuscripts publication

Bill MacLellan, the publisher who produced the 1963 volume, died aged 80 in 1996. His passing was widely lamented, not least by up-and-coming writers and artists who sometimes benefited from his unconventional business methods. Some established figures today believe he was let down in his time by a London establishment glitterati who were dismissive of the Scottish arts and literature sector for political and cultural snobbery.

The last paragraph of his obituary in the Glasgow Herald read: 'When no other publishers knew that Scottish art and letters existed, Bill MacLellan did the best he could for them and lost his family's little business in the process. We must wait for a thorough history of our native culture before his part in it is properly recognised.'

Charles Hepburn, who put his hand into his pocket for the 1960s volume, died aged 80 in 1971. He and business partner Herbert Ross invented the world-famous Red Hackle whisky blend after First World War service with the Black Watch and employed veteran comrades on the workforce. They used converted Rolls Royces with tongue-in-cheek livery as despatch vans in Glasgow.

Mr Hepburn used some of his fortune as a major patron of the arts providing Glasgow university with Hepburn House for its History of Art department. He was a benefactor of the College of Piping and the Scottish Rugby Union. He paid for Murrayfield to have the first underground-heated rugby ground.



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# of forgotten



**Ronnie Black and his wife Máire hard at work digitally photographing the Dewar Manuscripts.** Photograph: Friends of the Argyll Papers.

He had reskilled himself as a collector and scribe of traditional fireside tales after injury, working as a woodman on the Argyll estates. His notes, hand-scribed using a self-taught version of Pitman's shorthand, were then transcribed into copperplate scholar-Gaelic script and mailed for eventual translation into English.

His enthusiasm and reliability was such that he was kept on the duke's payroll as a self-directed roving reporter, tramping the old drovers' tracks and ferry routes recording all manner of tales and anecdotes untainted by poetic creativity.

He reported to the duke's 'news editor', the renowned Celtic scholar and author John Francis Campbell of Islay, who consulted with the 'commissioning editor' at Inveraray Castle. He stated in 1873: 'As a personal, minute, picturesque description of life in the Highlands as understood by the grandsons of the persons described, this beats any novel that I ever read.'

Dewar told his tales unadorned but they conveyed a wealth of detail overlooked or dismissed by contemporary writers who felt increasingly-sophisticated literary tastes might require a more refined diet.

Duke George was adamant that Dewar, who had moved from Glendaruel and based himself at Rosneath on the Gareloch, should stick to the narrative and Campbell, quite candidly, passed the instruction on. He told Dewar: '... I don't want you to drop a curtain on the murders or other misdeeds of the clan. On the contrary, I want them written as they are told and the more the better, but as some few get praise from MacAuley [the historian and author] there must be some good recorded of

somebody in Argyll and I have seen none of it so far in the history of John Dewar. Don't let us make out to be worse savages than we are but let us tell the truth and shame the de'il.'

Dewar did not hold back with the home truths. He told it like he saw it and the unadorned reports came in like Reuters foreign news despatches.



**Ian Douglas, the 11th Duke of Argyll.**

Brigadoonery had no place in his unvarnished black and white sketches.

JFCampbell, in 1867, must have been another sceptic with regard to the 'tartaneering' promotion by Walter Scott for the Edinburgh visit of George IV, the first by a reigning monarch for nearly 200 years. His curiosity about the validity of clan tartans prompted him to set Dewar on an investigative mission worthy of a Channel 4 Dispatches programme and would still have resonance if his findings ever get a hearing – a fanciful swatch of fussy, fabric, fashion designs with more colour than historical substance, by JFC's account.

Ronnie Black, honorary fellow in the department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, and author of recently-published Campbells of the Ark, is directing the project with Gaelic

academic Dr Chris Dracup. It will publish 5,000 pages of Dewar's work in 10 volumes, mainly regional, beginning with Islay, Jura and Colonsay in 2021.

The collaborative project follows the opening to the public in 2012 of the Argyll Archives with a professional archivist, and the formation of the Friends of the Argyll Papers three years later.

Mr Black said: 'The Dewar Manuscripts are the peoples' history. I think it can be fairly claimed to be Scotland's first-ever oral history project. They are of great interest for many reasons, one being the prominent part played by strong, courageous women.'

The manuscripts, seven at Inveraray Castle and three in the National Library of Scotland, have all been digitised, enabling transmission worldwide for volunteer transcribers. The original Gaelic has been newly-translated, mainly by Mr Black, who states the publisher Birlinn will do the new publishing job that stalled all those years ago.

At the time, Ian Douglas, the 11th duke, wrote: 'For too long have Gaelic traditions been regarded as mere fairy tales and ghost stories. This collection shows that the old Highland people cherished and preserved the memory of the mighty deeds of their fathers and handed the story of these down carefully to such as should come after them.'

John Dewar apparently wrote until his death, aged 70, at a brother's home in West Bridgend, Dumbarton, in 1872 – nine years after the great west coast journalist, novelist and Para Handy tale-teller Neil Munro was born in Inveraray.

■ **This article has also appeared in Argyll Media publications.**



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# Distillery given go-ahead despite island concerns

Diageo Limited has been granted planning permission to build a new distillery at the Port Ellen Maltings, despite an objection being received from Islay Community Council.

An Argyll and Bute Council planning officer said the proposed new distillery represented an opportunity to enhance what a report described as 'an economically fragile area'.

A planning and access statement by Diageo said: 'The development proposals will see a re-establishment of Port Ellen Distillery.'

'Currently serving as maltings to the majority of Islay's distilleries, Port Ellen will be brought back into production in an innovative combination of tradition and experimentation.'

'The proposals involve removal and replacement of several buildings included within the listed designation.'

'The buildings relate to the 19th century distillery and were predominantly ancillary buildings around the perimeter of the distillery part of the site and over the years have been significantly altered.'

'The removal of these buildings opens up the site, providing previously unseen

## 'This proposal will generate employment opportunities and investment in the settlement'

views to and from the former malt drying kiln.

'It also allows space for the development of a new distillery building to the west and visitor building to the east, with the re-introduction of Kiln Square in-between.'

Community councillor Rachel Whyte said in a representation to the council in July 2019: 'We are concerned the development may reduce water and foul treatment capacity overall and consequently further jeopardise much-needed housing development in Port Ellen.'

'We request to know how many workers will be employed at the distillery and whether Diageo has considered how the housing needs of any new staff will be addressed.'

'We also share concerns about lack of detail regards flooding, foul drainage and air quality.'

'Port Ellen residents need

assurances the development will have no hazardous or polluting impact on their environment and that air quality is maintained.'

Answering those concerns, the planners' report stated: 'The proposal represents an opportunity to enhance the conservation area, setting of listed buildings and provide an overall improvement to this part of Port Ellen.'

'Islay is considered an economically fragile area and this proposal will generate employment opportunities and investment in the settlement.'

'The design is consistent with the provisions of the development plan in terms of impact on listed buildings and the wider conservation area.'

'The proposal has demonstrated a minimum and acceptable impact on the water environment through a flood risk assessment and drainage impact assessment. There are no adverse comments from consultees and no third party representations.'

'The proposal also offers a unique opportunity to reopen an iconic whisky brand from the island and a chance to improve the realm around the maltings.'



An artist's impression of the new distillery and courtyard.



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# Lochgilphead chaplain gets rare royal honour



A gift with a difference was delivered to a Lochgilphead minister over the festive season.

Reverend David Eynon, a

**Reverend David Eynon, in his chaplain's uniform, with his wife Janette.**

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chaplain for volunteers in the Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force, received an historic commission from Her Majesty the Queen.

The commission recognises the immense contribution made by volunteer staff as

leaders of the national uniformed youth organisations sponsored by the Ministry of Defence.

Lochgilphead resident Reverend Eynon, who works as chaplain for TS Queen Elizabeth in Clydebank and serves the Clyde North region, told the Argyllshire

Advertiser: 'This is the first Royal commission [of its kind] created for 155 years.'

The 72-year-old added: 'I feel proud and honoured to receive the commission on behalf of Her Majesty's Command from the district officer. It was a real surprise over Christmas.'

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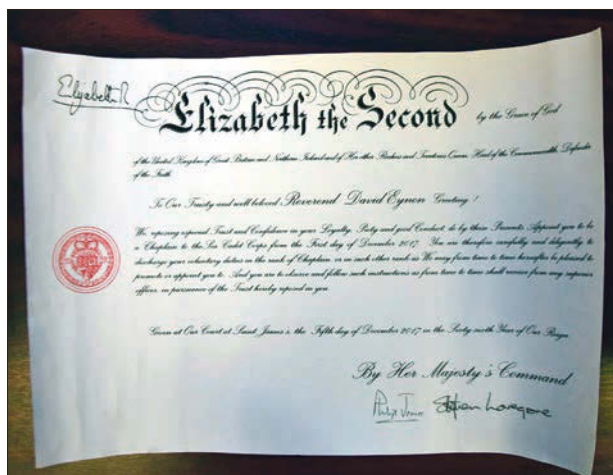
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This new Scottish Government benefit is delivered by Social Security Scotland, and is an investment in everyone.

This support is there to help when you need it and you are encouraged to find out if you are eligible for Funeral Support Payment.

If eligible, the amount you get will depend on what funds were left by the person who died, and the eligible costs incurred. If the person who died left financial assets we will recover this payment from their estate.

Social Security Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government to deliver a number of benefits and, once fully operational, will deliver benefits for people on low incomes, disabled people, carers, young people entering the workplace and to help people heat their homes.



The certificate of commission from Her Majesty's Command. 51\_a02Chaplain01



Reverend Eynon is chaplain to TS Queen Elizabeth in Clydebank. 51\_a02Chaplain03

For more information or to apply for Funeral Support Payment visit [mygov.scot/benefits](https://mygov.scot/benefits) or call 0800 182 2222



# Piping and drumming support aims to reverse 'silent decline'

Pipes and drums formed the centrepiece to the recent Hogmanay celebrations – but an Edinburgh music charity is warning of a threat to our musical heritage.

Pipe bands are well supported in Mid Argyll thanks largely to the dedication of volunteer tutors, committee members and parental support, but more than 30,000 young Scots would learn to play if they had the chance, according to the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT).

With council finances under severe pressure across Scotland, opportunities to learn piping in schools are becoming fewer.

In response to the issue SSPDT – in partnership with councils, education authorities, schools and local communities – is set on a mission to bring the opportu-

nity to learn pipes and drums to thousands of youngsters across the country.

By developing local and long-term models of learning from an early age, into further education and adulthood, the charity aims to give every young person in Scotland the chance to learn.

Alexandra Duncan, chief executive of SSPDT, said: 'It is clear that there is a huge unmet demand to learn pipes and drums among Scotland's pupils.

'When bands in our towns and communities vanish quietly, and when there is no tuition in local schools either, we lose a precious cycle of teaching and learning – and it's this silent decline that we're trying to address with partners.

'Piping and being part of a band gives young people a sense of belonging and



Mid Argyll Pipe Band has a core of volunteers helping keep the tradition alive in Mid Argyll. 51\_a33MA530\_MAPB4

develops a wide range of life and employability skills, including teamwork, individual and shared achievement, discipline, commitment and self-confidence. We believe it can change lots of young people's lives for the better.'

To support sustained learning from an early age SSPDT embeds tuition models within learning communities which comprise a secondary school and associated primary schools.

Working together with schools and councils, the charity supports free tuition for all, or in fee-paying programmes supports an 'inclusion' mechanism for pupils from less affluent families, helping to address inequalities in access to music tuition and providing additional opportunities to those eager

to learn. The trust also helps to establish steering groups which administer tuition and bring together parents, teachers, members of local bands and other people from within the community to engage self-employed tutors, complementing the services already provided by the council.

#### Support

Groups in Argyll have already taken advantage of support from the trust. In 2017, Fèis an Tairbeirt received £6,000 from the SSPDT towards the start-up costs of a piping and drumming tuition programme at Tarbert Academy and Tarbert and Clachan primary schools.

The following year the fèis benefited from the loan of 10 sets of bagpipes across a three-year period from the trust.

In December 2019, SSPDT awarded Kintyre Pipe Band Association £6,000 over three years towards drumming tuition costs.

Alexandra added: 'We believe that traditional music should be cherished and the skill to play the pipes has the potential to become one's lifetime pleasure.

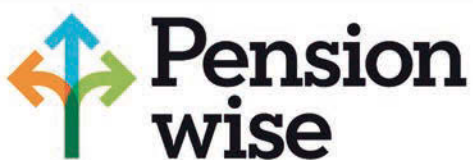
'The demand we have seen so far proves that piping and drumming is still popular but the lack of opportunities for learning puts it at risk – there is still a lot of work to be done.'

The trust has helped 47 schools pipe bands to form so far and is currently supporting projects in 22 local authority areas.

For more information on SSPDT and its work, visit [www.sspdt.org.uk](http://www.sspdt.org.uk)



Kintyre Schools will benefit from £6,000 over three years towards drumming tuition costs. 51\_CHG2019



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## Awe-struck over mental arithmetic

This week's artistic offering by regular contributor Ann Thomas concerns two subjects which arguably are becoming increasingly important to the human race.

Ann imagines our regular cartoon family on the banks of Loch Awe, trying to work out just how much water is contained in an extra foot in the water's height.

To her grand-daughter's astonishment, the family's grandmother manages to work it out simply using her brain along with a pen and paper.

The cartoon could relate to the overuse of technology as opposed to brain cells or the effect of climate change on our natural environment.

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# New beginnings for health and social care?

A column by Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum – an independent voice linking health and social care users and providers.



January keeps alive the memory of the Roman God Janus. Having two heads, he could look forward and backward at the same time.

About this time last year, the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) withdrew our administrative support, following quickly afterwards with the news that a better way of communicating with the public was going to be a revival of communication cafes.

We are not aware we have yet had one in Mid Argyll.

Being gloomy about the past has never seemed particularly profitable. Why not use the facility of two heads to paint two alternatives for the future?

We have a partnership struggling with financial pressures and the mismatch between supply and demand.

Our GP practice explained the problem to us some time

ago from their perspective. Some of us like the changes they have initiated, some do not. But at least we are clear about what is going on and can comment with a knowledge of the background.

In the case of the partnership that is not so at present. It is not unreasonable to suggest local services are being withdrawn by stealth.

You may find they are being replaced in a different way by different providers and with even more precarious financial underpinning.

Perhaps you never find these alternatives because they are accessed in a different way and you may not hear about them.

They are time limited and if not renewed will just disappear, leaving a folk memory

of what we once had – think about our dementia services.

We could get the two headed god to swivel his head in a new direction. He is supposed to be the god of new beginnings.

Given the right kind of information and treated with respect, the public could assist in finding innovative, effective ways of planning the future.

Find out what help needs to be provided by professionals, what comes under personal responsibility and what can, and already is in some cases, provided by the community.

There is evidence all around us of what people can achieve when they are acting on behalf of loved ones. We hear it in the forum.

The other side of a difficulty is an opportunity. So in this new decade, can we find new ways of going on in the best way possible?

To contact Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum, email forum chairperson Barabel McKay at barabelmck@gmail.com

## Crinan Hotel 2020

We wish you a happy New Year, and thank you for all your support during 2019

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# Happy New Year, Happy New You!

**Now is the time to shine and be the best you that you can be – and you can do it with all this help!**

*It is a long way to Hogmanay 2020 – so do not give up at the first hurdle – there is so much help and advice at hand!*

The new year is just a few days old; your vacuum cleaner is still picking up the last of the pine needles, tinsel and glitter.

How are those New Year resolutions doing?

A quick reminder to yourself on December 31 about your ambitions,

be they health, finances, career, interests or ambitions, is always a good idea and helps set the tone for the coming year.

But chances are that by now they might be fraying a bit round the edges. Like the great American author Mark Twain said: 'New Year's Day – now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.'

The first New Year's resolution to make is: don't give up, just keep on that path that leads to the best version of you that you can be.

Remember that nobody is perfect – you are bound to slip up but the secret is in the name, New Year's



resolution. Just resolve that in 2020 you will do your best and not beat yourself up about the occasional failure, but celebrate the successes and never give up.

You will be amazed how good you will feel at 11.55pm on Thursday December 31, 2020, when you look back at all you have achieved.

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Our group support system combines individual attention and group participation in a carefully structured forum. Group discussions range from practical sharing of tips and ideas to a deeper understanding of each individual's danger zones and slimming pitfalls. On a practical level, there is a strong emphasis on sharing favourite recipe ideas and discussing local stores' and special offers on healthy foods. There is also a focus on basic cooking skills

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- Free online support from the Slimming World member website
- Slimming World magazine and recipe books



## Individual dietary needs

Food Optimising caters for members with special dietary requirements or conditions affected by diet, including diabetes, Coeliac disease, lactose intolerance and IBS.

Consultants and members have access to a variety of health fact sheets to help incorporate their dietary needs into Food Optimising, for example, highlighting gluten and dairy free products.

## What's your favourite Slimming World recipe?



## Free2GO - 11 to 15 year olds

It's no secret that young people are eating less healthily, have a less active lifestyle and are suffering from weight-related problems like diabetes at a much earlier age.

To help young people in the very best way it can, Slimming World has launched Free2Go - a specially devised healthy eating plan, which focuses on the power of Free Food and Healthy Extras and encourages the step-by-step reduction of less healthy foods like burgers, chocolate and confectionary.

## MEET THE TEAM



**Rhona Galbraith  
Consultant**

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

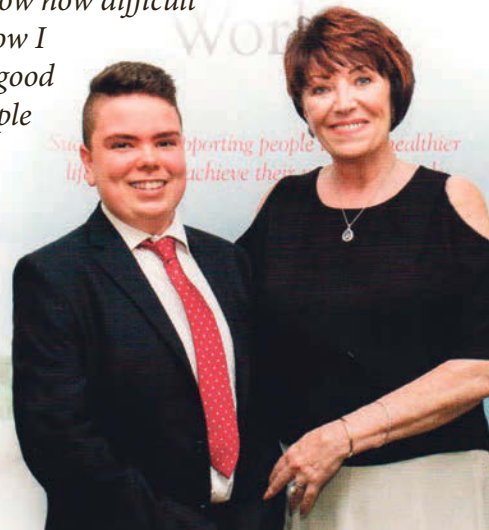
## Case Study

Thomas Munnely joined Slimming World with his mum, Anne, and following the Free2Go healthy eating plan for 11-15year olds. Since losing 3st, his life has changed dramatically.

*"As a child who has struggled with my weight I know how difficult being overweight at a young age can be. I hated how I looked in pictures and finding clothes that looked good was really hard. It's definitely easier for young people to make unhealthy choices rather than healthy ones. I was lucky enough to find a programme that helped me understand about healthy eating and getting more active. Now I help my mum plan the cooking too. My life has changed massively and I can now look forward to a healthy future"*



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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Feast of music as festival entries open

Returning for its 41st anniversary, Mid Argyll Music Festival is already gearing up for a jampacked year as entries for the 2020 festival open.

The week-long festival will give soloists, choirs, poets and musicians of all ages the opportunity to showcase their talents and in some cases even compete for coveted trophies.

Performers will be

welcomed at a new venue this year, as the festival's traditional venue, Ardrishaig Public Hall, will be undergoing refurbishment. Lochgilphead Parish Church and the church hall next door will become the temporary home of the festival, while all evening classes and the final will be held at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Running from Monday March 16 to Saturday March

21, organisers are encouraging students, teachers, families, poetry enthusiasts and musicians of all genres to enter. Entries must be submitted by Friday January 31 to festival administrator Lorna Clark. More information and the festival syllabus can be found at [midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk](http://midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk) or by contacting Lorna Clark at [midargyllmusicfestival1980@gmail.co.uk](mailto:midargyllmusicfestival1980@gmail.co.uk)



2019 saw 1st Lochgilphead Rainbows perform the song Banana in Ardrishaig Public Hall. 6\_a13MusicFest\_ThursdayEvening18



Brothers Ryan and Ruairidh Logan from Ardrishaig won piping competitions in 2019. Ryan took first in the novice march and received the George McAllister Memorial Cup, while Ruairidh won the march, strathspey and reel and the Hugh MacDonald trophy. 51\_a13MusicFestival\_SaturdayMorning08



Tarbert Academy Juniors won the Hollies Plate in the traditional/folk group competition with their performance of 'Mairi's Wedding' in 2018. 08\_a13MAMF\_FriPM03



Eve Maxwell, Alistair Cupples and Holly Renton who placed in 2018's secondary school years four-to six vocal solo class. 08\_a13MAMF\_ThursPM09

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The Shawshank Redemption is being screened in Lochgilphead.

## Saturday night at the movies

A screening of the award-winning film adaptation of Stephen King's 1982 novella, Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption will be hosted by Mid Argyll Arts Association.

Written and directed by Frank Darabont, the 1994 film, The Shawshank Redemption, tells the story of banker Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), who is sentenced to life for the murders of his wife and her lover, despite his claims of innocence.

During his time in prison Andy befriends a fellow pris-

oner, contraband smuggler Ellis 'Red' Redding (Morgan Freeman), and becomes instrumental in a money-laundering operation led by the prison warden.

It will be curtain up at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) Hall, Union Street, Lochgilphead on Saturday January 11 at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the door, priced £7.50 for adults and £6 for children and concessions.

There is free entry for members of MAYDS.

## Walk a mile, Lochgilphead style for mental health

People throughout Mid Argyll are being asked to come together to show their support for those who have experience of mental health issues.

In a demonstration of solidarity, a walking procession will be held through Lochgilphead on Saturday January 25, from Manse Brae to the community centre.

Rachel McLean, development manager at the ACUMEN network and a member of the organising group, said: 'We aim to raise awareness of mental health issues in our own communities and to provide an opportunity for people to connect, talk to each other and to challenge the stigma associated with poor mental health.'

She added: 'By walking through the town side by side we want to demonstrate that we are there for each other and that our communities are supportive of people with a whole range of abilities and disabilities. We hope that everyone who has experience of mental health issues – whether they are or have been affected personally or have friends or family who have been affected – will join with us to show that communities in Mid Argyll are caring communities.'

For the more energetic, the day will begin at 10.30am with a short session of Tai Chi at the Octagon in Blarbuie Woodland, followed by a walk into the town.

Others are invited to join the procession from the Manse Brae council office car park and through the town to Lochgilphead Community Centre where there will be hot drinks and refreshments, along with some information stalls, a blether and fun activities on offer.

The walk is being organised by representatives of groups whose work centres on mental health issues and follows similar successful walks in Oban and Campbeltown.



Members of the Forget-Me-Not Memory Choir performed at Ardfeinaig Care Home. 06\_a52ForgetmenotChoir01

## Choir says thank you to MAYDS

With reference to our article headed 'Ardfeinaig festive sing-song cheer' in the Friday December 27 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, the founders of the Forget-Me-Not Memory Choir, Louise Curtis and

Valda Parnaby, would like us to point out that Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) does not charge the choir for the use of the hall and offer their thanks as this is something the choir is extremely grateful for.

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# 'Plunge In' to Year of Coasts and Waters



by Rachel Carruthers  
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Communities up and down the west coast of Scotland are being encouraged to make a splash in 2020 as events and projects come together and grants are offered to help celebrate Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters.

Scotland's Themed Years have been running since 2009 as a way to celebrate a particular side to Scotland that is felt deserves recognition, and this year is the turn of coasts and waters. The idea of Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 is to spotlight, celebrate and promote opportunities to experience and enjoy Scotland's coasts and waters, while encouraging responsible engagement.

West Coast Waters, an initiative spearheaded by Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) and

supported by funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), was successfully launched in 2019 to bring together representatives of more than 2,500 tourism interests across the West Coast. The campaign will involve six high profile projects aimed at helping tourists explore the full range of visitor experiences along the length of Scotland's west coast.

These projects include:

■ **The Coast that Shaped the World:** this project, which has been awarded funding through the Natural Cultural and Heritage Fund, led by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), will develop a website, app and programme of digital exhibitions along the West Coast. Stories of coastal communities will convey how maritime cultural, and natural, heritage helped to shape the world. Local stories



Seil Coastal Rowing Club will be helping complete the Argyll stretch of an ambitious relay route, circumnavigating over 1,800 miles of the Scottish coastline.

will be mapped and gathered, creating a website and app to inspire potential visitors.

■ **West Coast Waters Hopscotch Trail:** in collaboration with ferry operator CalMac, this project will see the development of the UK's first island-hopping long-distance trail. Five circular itineraries will allow travellers to explore the islands and mainland coastline on a route tailored to their interests, including itineraries based on whisky tasting, wildlife and Gaelic culture.

■ **West Coast Waters Baton Relay:** sponsored by Scottish Salmon Company, the baton relay is an ambitious community-focused event. The relay will visit 20 communities over 20 weekends, between May and September.

■ **Scavenger Hunt:** where businesses have the opportunity to part of a treasure hunt that challenges participants to take in specific sights, places and experiences as they travel around coastal communities.

■ **West Coast Waters Trails of Discovery:** the promotion of new and existing visitor trails themed around the unique products and experiences available, including snorkel trails in the highlands; Argyll Sea Kayak Trail; the Hebridean Whale Trail; food and drink trails; cycling and walking trails; and the spectacular new sunset trail.

■ **West Coast Waters 2020 promotional campaign:** tying

all of the West Coast Waters initiatives together and providing a link to the Year of Coasts and Waters will be an overarching promotional campaign, West Coast Waters 2020. The high-profile campaign has received a grant from VisitScotland Growth Fund and will be used to invite visitors to immerse their senses in the wealth and range of marine tourism opportunities on offer.

Carron Tobin, West Coast Waters project manager, said: 'West Coast Waters is hugely exciting, with collaboration on a scale never experienced before.'

#### Welcoming

'We are all keenly looking forward to welcoming visitors to our coast and islands and helping them slow down, immerse their senses and explore the roads less travelled across the West Coast.'

For more information and to see how you can get involved with the Year of Coasts and Waters visit [www.westcoastwaters.co.uk](http://www.westcoastwaters.co.uk)

Also marking the occasion is SNH, which is launching a new £150,000 fund to help community groups join in the celebrations.

Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund will offer a range of grants, from small pots for schools and youth groups to awards of up to £10,000, and applications are now open for community-led ideas that will

engage and connect more people with Scotland's seas, coasts, lochs, rivers, streams and wetlands, as well as their unique wildlife.

Projects might include plans for restoring habitats or promoting and celebrating local environments or wildlife, and should leave a legacy from the year, for example through improved skills and knowledge or the creation of a community resource.

Small grants of up to £500 will also be available to groups of young people to connect with nature by visiting on of Scotland's many nature reserves.

SNH chief executive Francesca Osowska said: 'As Scotland's nature agency, we're really excited about the Year of Coasts and Waters. There is so much to celebrate about our coastlines and waterways, and we want to encourage and inspire people to explore and enjoy them.'

'We know communities up and down the country will want to celebrate the year in their own way but we recognise that some might lack the resources to do so.'

'This new fund is a fantastic opportunity for groups to get involved, be creative, help their local environment and wildlife, and improve our coasts and waters.'

Applications for Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund will be open until February 28.



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# West coast writers receive Ignite Fellowship awards

The Scottish Book Trust, the national charity transforming lives through reading and writing, has announced the second Ignite Fellowship awardees.

The fellowship supports established writers who are embarking on a significant project. Argyllshire artist and writer Anoushka Havinden and poet Colin McGuire, from Glasgow, were selected by a panel including representatives from Scottish Book Trust and a professional writer, while Hebridean actor and writer Catriona Lexy Campbell has been selected as the Gaelic Ignite Fellowship awardee, funded by the Gaelic Books Council.

Anoushka plans to use the Ignite Fellowship to work on a poetry collection exploring the watery history, geography and life of the West of Scotland. She will draw on her experiences of living there, and is particularly interested

in the voices of women, myths and the natural world.

She said: 'I hope very much the work will live up to the faith shown in the project by Scottish Book Trust.'

'I hope to use the opportunity to help seek out and amplify some of the wonderful stories of this part of the world, and to produce a strong, evocative collection.'

## Classic

Catriona will be working on a screen adaption of her father, Tormod Caimbeul's debut novel, Deireadh an Fhoghair (The End of Autumn). Published in 1979, Deireadh an Fhoghair, widely regarded as a classic in Gaelic literature, tells the story of the last inhabitants of a community on a Hebridean island as they prepare to face the winter.

For his Ignite Fellowship project, Colin will draw on his work as both a poet and a mindfulness teacher, to

explore wellbeing and mindfulness to record the process of loss and grief after the death of his brother. He will research themes of mortality, loss and family legacy while delving into the affirmation of life through the use of mindfulness and expressive writing.

The Ignite Fellows will receive a £2,000 bursary and tailored creative support to suit their individual projects. The fellowship will run for one year, from December 2019 to December 2020.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: 'Scottish Book Trust was delighted with the high standard of applications for the second Ignite Fellowship.'

'We are sure our awardees will benefit from the tailored advice and support, and all of us look forward to hear more about Colin, Anoushka and Catriona's fascinating projects.'



Anoushka Havinden.



Catriona Lexy Campbell.



Colin McGuire.

## Is your beach the most beautiful in Scotland?

Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful is encouraging communities across Scotland to enter the annual Scottish Beach Awards.

The accolade celebrates well managed beaches, including those that are not designated as official bathing waters.

Revamped to celebrate the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020, the Scottish Beach Awards recognise the best beaches across the country and act as a benchmark for local environmental quality

all along Scotland's coastline. The awards now provide the opportunity to celebrate sites that are not designated bathing beaches.

Katie Murray, community and place manager at Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: 'Scotland's Beach Award is the only accreditation for beach management of its kind in Scotland. The award recognises our fabulous beaches and aims to drive up environmental standards along the coastline of our

country for residents and visitors alike.

'I would encourage communities, organisations and local authorities from all across Scotland to enter, and make sure that we can celebrate their hard work in providing beach users with beautiful beaches - free of litter, boasting clean facilities and displaying information to help users make informed choices.'

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He said start as soon as possible, adding: 'It costs on average £195,000 to put a child through private school education, based on P1 to S6 – an increase of more than 20 per cent since 2012 – so the sooner

you can start saving the better!' He recommends that you begin to save each month.

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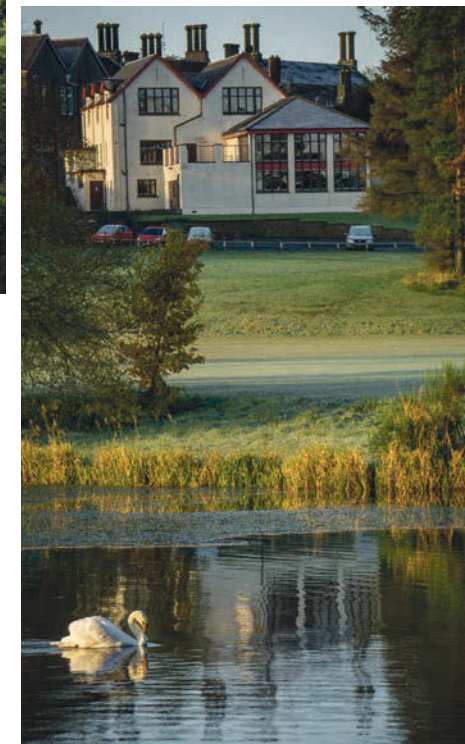
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## ‘Interesting times’

‘It is a fair bet that fewer people are wishing that we may live in ‘interesting times’. Independent schools in Scotland have seen 2019 draw to a close with the Non-Domestic Rates Bill now two-thirds of its way through the Scottish Parliament towards Royal Assent – planned for 2020. Running contrary to the 2005 charity test, this will reduce the financial space that allows schools to offer at least five times more in public benefit than they receive. The reasoning is still hotly debated, but Scottish schools are preparing themselves for the new reality if appeals for consistency fail.

‘As ever, our schools will be concentrating instead on what works, what is achievable, and what makes a genuine difference to young people’s lives.’ – John Edward, director of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools, a charity providing a listing of Scotland’s independent and private schools with relevant information and advice on finding the right school and financing your child’s education.



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# Lomond School – Applications open for 2020 scholarships

Following the success of the scholarship programme launched on the back of the school's recent 40th Anniversary Celebrations, Lomond School is pleased to announce they are welcoming scholarship applications for January and August 2020 entry.

The scholarship programme is open to applications for both day and boarding places from Junior 5 to Senior 6 with scholarships awarded for Academic Excellence, Music, the Creative Arts and Sport as well as the David Arthur All-Rounder Scholarship.

Like all young people attending Lomond School, in Helensburgh, Argyll, Lomond Scholars will benefit from the excellent systems in place

which help pupils to achieve their very best. Academic achievement is supported by small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff, superb facilities and a significant emphasis on pupil happiness, health and wellbeing.

The continuous encouragement, support and guidance provided by the school ensures that every pupil receives a tailored education and the personal support and guidance needed to help them achieve their full potential.

Beyond the classroom, Lomond School provides many opportunities for young people to further explore their interests with pupils enjoying a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and sports. They also have access to life-changing

experiences such as the recent trip to Tanzania where pupils worked with Moving Mountains Trust.

Principal, Johanna Urquhart said: 'Beyond the help and support our teachers and staff provide, the school itself has a

very welcoming environment where young people support each other and celebrate each other's achievements. In many ways this is the backbone of much of our pupils' success, at a time in their lives when peer acceptance and acknowledgement is so important. We are looking forward to providing more opportunities for young people to benefit from all we have to offer through our Scholarships Programme for 2020.'



## NEW SERVICE!

To support families living in Argyll and the surrounding area, Lomond School has recently introduced a weekly boarding option with travel services, allowing pupils to attend Lomond School during the week and return home for the weekend.

Contact the Registrar to find out more.

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## 2020 Scholarships

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# EID system for cattle is to be showcased in roadshow

A national consultation programme that showcases a state-of-the-art system of electronic identification of cattle in Scotland goes back on the road next week.

A second round of roadshows by ScotEID will explain the new scanning system to track and monitor Scotland's cattle herd in real time, reducing paperwork not only for farmers and crofters but for markets and abattoirs.

The latest phase continues until mid-March with 15 meetings taking place in regions across Scotland, and farmers and industry representatives are encouraged to learn more after the first phase of meetings were well attended and resulted in useful feedback being made.

ScotEID's Anna Robertson said: 'We look forward to meeting more stakeholders during our roadshow programme which continues until March. Please come along and join the discussion and find out more about future-proofing the recording process through electronic data transfer.'

'It's been great to have so



Scot EID continues its national consultation on the pioneering cattle traceability system.

many people coming along to find out more about technology that will shape the future of recording cattle movements in the industry for decades to come, bringing many benefits with it.

'Farmers appreciate that this advance in technology will reduce paperwork, reduce handling of animals which brings health and safety benefits and will pro-

tect the coveted Scotch Beef brand status.

'We're finding sectoral and regional differences. Where there is a small number of cattle or small pedigree breeds, the farmer might want to continue to read tags manually on their farm or smallholding, and that's fine.'

'In Orkney and Shetland, owing to cattle transportation by boat, we are already

working on testing readers on the pier for the onward movement of cattle.

'Some dairy farms operate low frequency in parlour systems, and that throws up points for further consideration. We're keen to hear views and comments to help deliver the best possible system to farmers.'

To attend any upcoming meeting, contact the ScotEID

team on 01466 794323 to allow for catering and seating arrangements.

ScotEID manages the database for recording animal movements in Scotland and has designed and developed the new recording system.

It will incorporate births, deaths and movements of cattle, replacing the British Cattle Movement Service's Cattle Tracing System for Scottish cattle keepers and provide an online line service and with the introduction of bovine EID and an Online Herd Register.

The new system embeds data experience from research and development and current data management by ScotEID, with the use of UHF technology bringing a number of new benefits.

The ScotEID database will bring together all farm livestock movement records within a central source and will lead to the removal of paper passports.

It will be straightforward to use, will improve the speed and accuracy of traceability and reduce manual handling of cattle.

## Dates to note

January 15 – Carfraemill Hotel, noon and 7pm  
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March 5 – The Machrie Hotel, Islay, 11am  
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March 12 – The Glenburn Hotel, Bute, 7pm

# Argyll and Isles AGM focuses on the younger generation

A discussion panel at the forthcoming NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands regional AGM will focus on the views of the next generation of farmers and crofters.

The AGM will take place tomorrow (Friday January 10), starting at 11am in Tarbert Bowling Club. The morning session will see the regional AGM and the presentation of the Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a panel session chaired by the region's Next Generation Committee

representative, Ian Dickson, from Scalpsie Farm on Bute.

The top line-up of panel members includes: Jenny Baillie, regional manager, Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC); Jenny Brunton, policy manager, NFU Scotland; Ian Davidson, national adviser, Scottish Land Matching Service; Colin Ferguson, chairman, NFU Scotland Next Generation Committee; John McCulloch, chairman, SAYFC West Rural and Agri Affairs Committee.

Regional board chairman

John Dickson said: 'As an industry, we need to focus on how we support the next generation of farmers and crofters to get them into the sector.'

## Encourage

'At NFUS, our challenge is how we encourage the next generation to also get involved in the union.'

'This panel will be an opportunity for members to hear views on the future for the next generation of farmers and crofters, in what are going to be challenging times ahead. And I would encour-

age those who are coming along to bring a young person with you – maybe a son, daughter, nephew, niece who is involved in your family business.'

'We want to ensure that young people have a bright future in the sector, and we want them to become involved in agri affairs, policy lobbying and NFU Scotland.'

'To help get the next generation involved, NFUS farming or crofting membership now entitles family members to also be signed up at no extra cost.'



NFUS Argyll and the Isles regional board chairman John Dickson.

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# NFUS welcomes cash pledge but seeks clarity and commitment

NFU Scotland has welcomed the UK Government's commitment to fund direct payments when the country leaves the EU.

A meeting planned between the union and Westminster this month will be used by the NFUS to see further clarity on last week's announcement and press for long-term commitment to farming.

'We will also look for further measures that will help farmers secure a fairer share of returns from the supply chain,' said union president Andrew McCornick. 'With the UK set to leave the European Union and the Common Agricultural Policy on January 31, it is essential that the farming industry knows where it stands with regards direct payments.'

'Farm businesses still rely upon these payments and, until we see a fairer redistribution of the share of the profit in the supply chain, direct support will remain important for almost all farmers and crofters.'



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

giving them confidence for next year.

The UK will leave the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Direct Payments Scheme, which supports farmers across Europe with subsidies in 2020. This will be replaced by a new system based on public money for public goods. The cash injection will allow the funding for direct payments for 2020 to continue at the same level as 2019 and supplement the remaining EU funding that farmers will receive for development projects until 2023 at the latest. We will guarantee the current annual budget to farmers in every year of the parliament.

It is in addition to the £206.6 million of funding awarded since spending round to support the farming sector in Scotland and Wales.

The Chancellor said: 'The funding is spread across two financial years with £449 million for the Scottish Government in 2020/21 and £24 million for 21/22.'

Last week the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid, confirmed nearly £3 billion of funding for 2020 to support farmers once the UK leaves the EU.

'When we leave the EU and are freed from the Common Agricultural Policy, we will be able to support our vital rural communities - who are a cornerstone of life in

the UK - with a fairer and less bureaucratic system,' said the Chancellor. 'Farmers can enter the New Year with confidence that they have our backing and will be able to

thrive after Brexit.'

This cash injection will maintain the level of funding for direct payments at the same rate as last year and will provide certainty for farmers,

## To CAP it all...

Under the Withdrawal Agreement, the UK will continue to participate in all EU programmes financed under the EU's 2014-2020 multi-annual budget.

The UK will leave the EU's CAP Direct Payments Scheme in 2020, earlier than other EU programmes, as 2020 direct payments are funded from the 2021 EU budget.

Remaining EU funding under CAP Pillar 2 (for rural development and environmental projects) will continue until the current EU funding is used up or 2023, whichever is earliest.

The UK Government will fund direct payments for 2020 domestically.

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The funding will be provided by the UK Government across two financial years with 95 per cent of funding provided at Main Estimates 2020 and flexibility over the release of the remaining five

per cent to enable DEFRA and the devolved administrations to meet their obligations under the 2020 Direct Payment Scheme.

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efficiency and forward-thinking powertrains also help in making it the Carbuyer Car of the Year for 2020."

Vincent Tourette, Managing Director for Renault UK commented: "We're absolutely delighted to accept this prestigious award for All-New Clio. Thirty years in the making, All-New Clio represents an exciting step change in the small car sector, particularly in its interior layout, which delivers unrivalled technology, quality and style. Yet All-New Clio also retains the eye-catching exterior styling that has made it the bestselling car in its class

in Europe since 2013. With the forthcoming addition of the E-TECH hybrid version, 2020 promises to see the Clio success story continue."

Revolutionary on the inside and evolutionary on the outside All-New Clio sets new standards for quality, technology and practicality. One of the many highlights is the interior, which features the option of larger 9.3-inch EASY LINK infotainment screen and a ten-inch TFT instrument cluster - features normally reserved for larger and more expensive cars. From the outset the designers wanted to give the All-New Clio a true

premium feel, with soft touch plastics, satin finish metal trim and new, more enveloping seats all helping push the car upmarket. With careful attention paid to ergonomics, the All-New Clio is the most comfortable and refined version yet.

Technology and safety are also at the heart of All-New Clio. All versions get features such as Active Emergency Braking System with pedestrian detection, Lane Keep Assist and Lane Departure Warning, while an advanced Level Two autonomous driver aid is available in the form of the Traffic and Motorway Assist Pack.

- All-New Renault Clio named Car of the Year at the 2020 Carbuyer Best Car Awards
- All-New Clio also took top honours in the Best Small Car category
- Judges praised All-New Clio's technology, high quality interior and grown-up driving experience
- Third gong for All-New Clio since deliveries began in October
- With revolutionary interior and evolutionary exterior, All-New Clio sets new small car standards
- Introduces Level Two autonomous driver assistance systems to its sector
- Clio celebrates thirty years of success, and has been Europe's best-selling supermini since 2013
- All-New Clio is the twenty third Renault to be awarded a five-star NCAP safety rating
- Range of efficient petrol and diesel engines, with petrol-electric hybrid option in 2020

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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS  
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT)(SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2017**

As directed by regulation 23(4) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) 2017, notice is hereby given that Renewable Energy Systems Limited ("the Company") has been refused consent by Scottish Ministers to construct and operate a 15 turbine wind farm known as Killean Wind Farm, with a ground to blade tip height of 149.9 metres, in lands at Killean Estate, Tayinloan, Argyll and Bute, in the relevant Planning Authority area of Argyll and Bute Council.

Copies of the decision statement and related documentation can be obtained on the Energy Consents website: [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot)

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**GRADUATIONS**



**RYAN MCCUAIG**

Ryan McCuaig graduated with a BEng (Hons) degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Edinburgh. Ryan is the elder son of Donald and Ailsa McCuaig, Kilmartin and eldest grandson of Iona Gillies, Kilmartin.



**AUTUMN-MARIE TAYLOR**

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Well he finally did it, Callum Brown has retired. I would like to thank Billy, Darren and Tom of McFadyen's Contractors for the send off they gave me and my co workers and past retired friends who managed to come along. A huge thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and gifts. I raise my glass of the good stuff to you all.

### Callum & Alison Brown

would like to thank the terrific paramedics, Dr Anderson and Anne & Jamie of the A&E department who took excellent care of us during our recent illnesses. Also to the Air Ambulance Service and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their amazing care and getting us back on the road to recovery. Finally, to our family, friends and neighbours, we can never thank you all enough for everything.

### Thank You

Maureen Johnson would like to thank all family and friends who came along to her Big Birthday Bash and made growing older so enjoyable! Grateful thanks to all for cards, gifts and messages, and for donations to Mary's Meals, who benefited by £500.

You are all wonderful!



### Happy 60th Birthday Granda

Lots of love, Lexie xxx



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ARGYLL AND THE ISLES

**Innovative products in Glasgow spotlight**

Six Argyll food producers are heading to Glasgow to represent Argyll at Scotland's Speciality Food Show.

The aim is to attract new trade customers, while raising awareness of the high quality food products available in Argyll.

Each producer has set up businesses within the last few years and will be showcasing traditional and innovative products.

Argyll now boasts several coffee roasters and two of them, Argyll Coffee Roasters from Tighnabruaich and Hinba from Seil, will be attending the show.

Also featured will be a new cheese made from Bute milk, Largie; ice-cream from Highland cows at Barcaldine, Highland Fold Ice-cream; gins from Beinn An Tuirc distillers based in Carradale, and newly-developed ready meals and pies from Shellfield farm, Glendaruel, using its home-produced lamb which graze around the Kyles of Bute.

Supported by Argyll and Bute Council's economic growth team, the Food from Argyll producers will be doing their best to showcase their products and the area and demonstrate the opportunities for new businesses setting up in Argyll.

Food from Argyll, formed in 2007, is a co-operative organisation which promotes a wide range of food producers. The Food from Argyll Café, inside the CalMac terminal in Oban, is run by the group as a showcase for its members.

Scotland's Speciality Food Show

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**CARRADALE**

**Exciting festival line-up unveiled**

Skerryvore is to headline this year's Carradale Music Festival.

In an exciting mix of acts unveiled by organisers just before Christmas, the trad superstars with Tیره roots will be joined by Kintyre band Rhuvaal, Matt McAllister and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. High energy Celtic rock band Face The West will be there, alongside rising stars in the 'pipe pop' genre, The Rollin' Drones.

With plenty other top acts from all over Argyll and beyond, the two-day festival in April will have something for everyone.

**KILMARTIN**

**Update on church project at meeting**

An update on the Kilmartin church project will be presented at a meeting later this month. Dunadd Community Enterprise will also provide an update on its wider progress at its annual general meeting.

The new Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford church in Kilmartin will be the venue for the meeting on the evening of Thursday January 30.

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

The year has not begun well. What dreadful loss of animal life as Australia burns – so far half a billion animals have died. People are homeless and fleeing for their lives. They cry for rain.

In Indonesia, the people are engulfed by floods and cry 'no more rain'.

Across the water, President Trump threatens war and fear lingers in the air as Iran sabre-rattles in retaliation.

It is only a couple of weeks since we heard of the good news about a baby born who would be the Prince of Peace.

We heard that people would beat their swords into ploughshares, we heard that nation would not rise up against nation, we heard that people would speak of war no more. We heard the trees of the fields would clap their hands, that nature would rejoice. We heard that good news was coming for all people.

Was it good news or fake news?

How do we hold on to hope when there is so much tragedy, so much pain, so much hurt?

Should we tuck ourselves away with the tinsel till next Christmas and forget about the angels' song?

But it was to this world of reality, in all its pain and horror and sadness, that Jesus came.

He came to a world just as troubled, just as broken, just as needy, just as hurting. He didn't walk away, he didn't give up on it. He loved it and he lived in it to make a difference. That is what he asks of us – to make a difference.

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## GOLDEN WEDDING

**MACDONALD - SMYLLIE** - At Cumlodden Church, on January 16, 1970, John to Sandra. Present address Arleigh, Cairndow.

## DEATHS

**DICKINSON** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 31, 2019, John Stevenson Dickinson (Jackie) in his 77th year, 4 Main Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved dad of Laura, John, Kristofor and the late Colin and a loving papa and great grandfather.

**FLETCHER** - Peacefully, on January 3, 2020, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, after a short illness, borne bravely, Duncan McColl Fletcher, in his 83rd year, of 16 St Clair Way, Ardrishaig, and formerly of Mo Dhachaidh, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Elaine, much loved father of Mairi, Steven and the late Fiona, dearly loved papa of Hannah, Naomi, Innes, Freya, Isaac and Eli, and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**HELM** - Peacefully at the University Hospital, Wishaw, on January 5, 2020, David Helm, in his 90th year, formerly of Woolfords Farm Cottages, Cobbinshaw, West Lothian. Dearly beloved husband of the late Agnes (Nan) Mitchell, brother to Donald and the late Andrew and a much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 6, 2020, George MacDonald, in his 87th year, formerly of Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved dad of Fiona and Georgina, father-in-law of Nicholas and loving grandad of Amy, Stephen, Alexander, Darren and Nicky. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday January 17, 2020 at 1.00 p.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 Alzheimers Scotland.

**MCMILLAN** - At The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow on December 30, 2019, Martin James McPhail McMillan, in his 46th year, 18f Saddell Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Edward and Jennifer McMillan, much loved brother of Joanna and Niel and a loving uncle. Funeral

service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Friday January 10, 2020 at 1pm 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 Campbeltown Fire Cadets.

**MCPHEE** - Peacefully at home 29 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on January 1, 2020, Agnes McMillan McDonald (Senga) in her 87th year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jock McPhee and a loving grandmother of Fiona Merchant nee McPhee. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 1pm thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**MOORE** - It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to John Michael Moore, who died on January 1, 2020, aged 77. He leaves his wife Judith, son Alexander, and granddaughter Marloe. There will be a Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium on Monday January 20, at 1.15pm and any friends who wish to attend will be welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Guide Dogs or SSAFA.

**RICHMOND** - Suddenly, after an illness bravely borne, with her family by her side, at Tullich Croft, Soroba, Oban, on January 6, 2020, Johan Richmond in her 60th year, of 19 Croft Park, Tarbert. Beloved daughter of James (Jimp) and Mary (McGlynn) Richmond. A cherished cousin, niece and very dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Tarbert Parish Church on Tuesday January 14, 2020, at 12 noon, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations to Tarbert Nursing Aid. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**WAREHAM** - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 6, 2020, Catherine Girvan, in her 84th year, formerly of Roy Place, High Street and Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Wareham, much loved mum of Catherine, John and the late Robert and Joanne, loving granny of Dean, Danielle, Kylie, Kerri-Ann, Michael and Chloe and a beloved great granny. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 1pm 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 Elderberries.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**HATTON** - The family of the late Jim Hatton would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and baking received during their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for all their excellent care over the years, also to Collette Morgan and the healthcare assistants for aiding Jim to be at home, and to Dr Phillips for all his kindness to Jim. Thank you to Rev David Carruthers for his personal and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their professional services, to Morna for the beautiful flowers, Craig Lang for piping and Nikki for all your help. £860 was raised for Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead.

**MACCOLL** - Morna and Alasdair would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and all who sent cards, flowers and messages of condolence following the sad loss of their mum Elma. Grateful thanks to Campbeltown Community Care Nurses, Macmillan Nurse Maggie and Marie Curie for all their help and care given to mum. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional and compassionate services, and Rev Anne McIvor for a lovely service. Thanks also to Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent and warming lunch. Finally, sincere thanks to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £680.66 for Cancer Research UK.

**MACKAY** - The family of the late Malcolm MacKay would like to thank friends, neighbours and family for their support and messages during their recent loss. Special thanks to the staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and The Lorn and Islands District General Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Malcolm during his short illness. Further thanks to Ross MacPherson, Calum MacPhail and Ethel McCallum for their beautiful music in the church, to Margaret Sinclair for her service, Roddy and Fiona from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional services and Donald and Kris Clark and the staff of the George Hotel, Inveraray for their hospitality. Sincere thanks to all those who paid their respects at the church and the graveside and donated generously to the retiral collection which raised over £1,200 for MacMillan Nurses.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Carol, died January 11, 2019. Remembered with a smile and always in my thoughts.

- Mandy x.  
**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of a dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006. My brother, my friend, thinking of you every day. Missing you.  
- David and Anne.

**GILCHRIST** - In memoriam of Flora (Florrie) Law Gilchrist, who sadly passed away on January 13, 2019. Much loved aunt of Peter and George, and family friend of Bettina. Sadly missed.

**HOUGHTON** - In loving memory of my dear parents Muriel and Davie and brother Michael. Loved and missed everyday.  
- Linda and family.

**JOHNSTONE** - Treasured memories of our mum, Sarah (Morag), passed away January 12, 2018. Also our dad, Donald (Donnie), passed away August 8, 2003. Always in our thoughts.

- Catherine, Romey, Neil, Donald, Sarah and family.  
**MCLEAN** - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on 6 January 2008. Our dearest Nana - we love and miss you always.

- Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen and family. Precious memories of our dear Mum - forever in our hearts, Rene and Flora. Also our beloved sister and a much-loved and missed auntie, Carolin McLean - Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2018.

**MCMILLAN** - Neil Brodie. In loving memory of Norman, who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2010. Here's to the past and its memories bright.


Here's to the future, these fond thoughts will light. Here's to the loved ones, gone over the hill. Here's to the road we are travelling still. Ae fond kiss. Va pensiero.  
- Kate.

## CHURCH NOTICES


**LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
**Sunday 12th January**  
11.15 am Morning Worship  
Rev. W Crossan  
**Tuesday 14th January**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am  
New Hall  
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 16th January**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm  
**Friday 17th January**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

## CHURCH NOTICES

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Friday 10th January**  
SKY Youth Group meeting at Springbank Church 7pm - 9pm  
**Sunday 12th January**  
Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
All welcome  
**Wednesday 15th January**  
Bible Study 7.30pm  
Pastor Steve Davies  
Enquiries 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.org.uk  
SCO14646

**ST KIERAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
  
**Sunday 12th January**  
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Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflection 10.45am  
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**Sundays, Holy Mass 10.00am**  
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**SALVATION ARMY**  
  
**Sunday 12th January**  
10.30am Morning Service  
6.30pm Evening Service  
Major Ruth Russell  
**Wednesday 15th January**  
Lunch Club 12.15pm  
CAMEO 1.30pm  
Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm  
Major Ruth Russell  
All welcome  
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

**CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
  
**Sunday 12th January**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Calum Ferguson  
11.15am Sunday School 4pm Service in Tayinloan Village Hall  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
**Monday 13th January**  
4pm Road to Recovery  
**Wednesday 15th January**  
12.00 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
All welcome  
www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
  
**Sunday 12th January**  
Family Service with Sunday School  
Refreshments after the service  
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We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL  


**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It's good to sing praises to our God"  
**Sunday 12th January**  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm  
All welcome

**ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH**  
Lochgilphead  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**All Saints, Inverary**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sunday 12th January 11.00am**  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)**  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
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**GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Kilmartin  
**Sunday 12th January 10.00am**  
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Charity number SC001002  
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6.30pm Achnamara Hall  
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Rev Chris Holden  
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Church of Scotland  
**Sunday 12th January Cumlodden Church 10.00am**  
**Inverary Church 11.30am**  
WestLochfynside  
Charity No. SC016665  
All welcome

# Mid Argyll rugby players pictured in their prime

A black and white photograph featuring a Mid Argyll Rugby team, handed to the Argyllshire Advertiser by Tayvallich reader Donald Carmichael, has generated a great deal of interest.

After we asked our knowledgeable readers to tell us a little more about the photograph, Lochgilphead's Murray MacFarlane visited the office to offer some background information on the image.

Murray named every member of the team in the photograph, but added: 'I was playing rugby as stand-off at that time as well, so I must have had a hangover or something when the photo was taken.'

He recalled that Mid Argyll Rugby Club played in the Glasgow District League and only just missed out on promotion to the national leagues

during the 1980s. The picture, he said, was taken at the Argyll and Bute Hospital pitch.

'We had some good players at that time,' said Murray. 'Gary Casci was the captain, I think, and then there was Tommy Walker, who played for the Scottish schools at stand-off.'

The photograph also attracted more than 3,100 views on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page and 30 separate comments, including one which suggested the photograph might have been taken around 1984/85.

If you have any more memories of this photo, or wish to submit another old sporting photograph, contact the Argyllshire Advertiser by email: [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk) attaching photos ideally in jpg format.



The team, named by Murray: Back row, from left: Davy Holden, Graham Martindale, Andrew Barr, Gary Casci, James Carmichael, Tommy Walker, Davy Anderson, Donald Carmichael, Davy Laing and Robert Herbert. Front row, left to right: Jim McKirdy, Duncan Aitken, Alisdair Dewar, Davy McLaren, Russell Anderson, James McLellan, Robin Ridley and Colin Stewart.

# Inveraray bowls for festive fun



Getting into the festive feel of things, Inveraray Carpet Bowling Club recently held its annual seasonal competitions. The Christmas Turkey Pairs competition was held on December 16 and saw Duncan Robertson and Archie McColl-Smith crowned the winners. Taking the runners-up position were the duo of Danny Kennedy and Richard Maclugash. Scott MacIntyre and Gretha Stevenson took the coveted winner's position at the New Year's Bottle Pairs competition, held on January 3, challenged by the pairing of Archie McColl-Smith and Allan Duff who were the runners-up. Pictured are members and trophies, back in 2017. 06\_a12invbowls2017\_01



Action from the Lochgilphead Sports Hall Athletics competition in 2017.  
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## Under starter's orders

The annual Mid Argyll leg of the Sports Hall Athletics competition will be held on Sunday January 26.

The competition is promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, based in Lochgilphead, and will be held in the games hall and gymnasium at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

This winter's event marks the 26th anniversary since the first competition was held in November 1994. This will be the first of four local area events being held in Argyll this winter promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club with support from Mull Athletic Club, Campbeltown Running Club and Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

Dates for the local events in Campbeltown, Oban and Mull have still to be confirmed and will take place in late February and March. Successful athletes from the local area competitions will qualify for the Argyll Final at the Atlantis centre in Oban on Sunday March 29.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events, bringing

the excitement of track and field athletics indoors in a warm and dry environment.

The Mid Argyll competition will start at midday on the January 26 with entries from 11.30am.

There will be awards for the overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors. Age groups start at under seven, then under nine, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17. Age is taken as on September 1, 2019, and an entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied or £5 for families of three or more competitors.

### Training

Mid Argyll Athletic Club meets for training indoors every Monday evening at Lochgilphead Joint Campus from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for primary school ages up to P6 and 7.30-8.30pm for primary seven ages and all high school ages. The minimum age for the first session is seven years.

New members are welcome and also any new parents interested in coaching.

## Tarbert club on target for 2020

The first competition of the new year at Tarbert Gun Club also served as the January leg of the club's winter league.

A full house of 12 teams turned out and the early shooters had to put up with windy conditions which made the clays dance. Later teams scored higher as the wind eased.

Ronald Jenkins' lads increased

their lead in the team event, securing three wins in a row.

Results: Class A: 1. John Paton, 2. Matthew Peden, 3. Ally McDonnell. Class B: 1. Jack Campbell, 2. Billy Bergart, 3. Bob McColl. Class C: 1. Roy Laird, 2. Shaun Doy, 3. John Cupples. Class D: 1. Charles McEachren, Shaun Johnston, 3. Stu Charnock. Class E: 1. Ian Smith, 2. Stef, 3. John Smith.

## Mid Argyll sports club lotteries

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday January 6 were 2, 5 and 15. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Also drawn on Monday, Tarbert Football Club's lottery draw numbers were 1, 16 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's prize pot will be £800.

## Argyll football fixtures

Fixtures: Saturday January 11 – Scottish Amateur Cup, fifth round – Oban Saints v Renfrew Town, kick-off 1pm at Oban High School 3G; Greater Glasgow Premier League, Division Three: Oban Saints v Kirkfield United; Scottish Amateur League: Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round – Claremont v Dunoon; Glenburn Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star; Neilston v Tarbert; St Convals v Campbeltown Pupils.

Result: Saturday January 4 – Greater Glasgow Premier League, Division Three – Lovat Arms 0, Oban Saints GG 6.

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Mid Argyll rugby players pictured in their prime

Inveraray bowls for festive fun

# Hard work pays off for karate students

## Soccer centre seeks history on silver anniversary

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre's committee is looking for old photos and stories as preparations to celebrate the centre's 25th anniversary begin.

The organisation is particularly keen for Argyllshire Advertiser readers to get in touch with stories and images from the soccer centre's formation in 1995 up to 2012.

New Lochgilphead Soccer Centre chairman Stuart Green explained: 'While some of us have been involved for a long time, none of us go that far back and it would be great to hear from those involved either as a coach, player or spectator.'

'We are planning to do something at our annual awards in June to celebrate this terrific achievement and would like to share images from our history if readers can help us out. We are particularly interested in stories relating to players who went on to play for either the Red Star first team or continued playing elsewhere. Amusing stories or anecdotes would also be welcome.'

Stuart added: 'I want to thank Lochgilphead firm Midton Acrylics for offering to help to update the soccer centre logo to commemorate the 25th anniversary.'

If you have anything to share, contact Stuart at [spg22@btinternet.com](mailto:spg22@btinternet.com) or on 07795 800570.



Kara Blair, Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club's 2019 student of the year.

Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club students with club instructors Sensei Wallace Simpson, far left, and Sensei Ethan Lekalake, far right. Back, left to right: Wallace Simpson, Chloe Burnett, Catriona Johnstone, Kay Neville, Jamie Day, Beth Gregory, Fergus Bennett, Eve Salmon, Milly Quarton, Campbell Shaw, Leon Quarton, Wayne Lee, Ethan Lekalake. Front, left to right; Finn McClymont, Neve Bowden, Kara Blair, Magnus Hampton, Joseph Brown, Kirby Chen, Sophie MacCallum, Mirrin Bowden, James Snelgrove and Ruby Dunlop.

## Success and commitment recognised at club's end of year grading test

Success and commitment were recognised when Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club held its end of year grading test on December 15.

Results: Tenth Kyu (red belt): Louise Pendreigh; Neve Bowden; Kirby Chen; Magnus Hampton and Joseph Brown.

Ninth Kyu (red belt with blue stripe): Chloe Burnett; Calum MacNeill; Violet Turnbull; Kara Blair; Aiden Law and Poppy Quarton.

Eighth Kyu (blue belt): Jamie Day; Fergus Bennett; Andi MacFarlane; Catriona Johnstone; Siri Dawton; Kay Neville and Emma Skrzypowska.

Seventh Kyu (blue belt

with yellow stripe): Sophie MacCallum; Milly Quarton; Ruby Dunlop and Beth Gregory.

Fifth Kyu (yellow belt with green stripe): Mirrin Bowden; Leon Quarton and James Snelgrove.

Fourth Kyu (green belt): Eve Salmon.

Third Kyu (green belt with

brown stripe): Campbell Shaw; Morven McVey; Mina Ritchie; Ella MacKay and Wayne Lee. A special student of the year award was made to the member instructors felt showed the most effort and commitment throughout the year. Kara Blair, in her first year at the club, was chosen as the 2019 recipient.

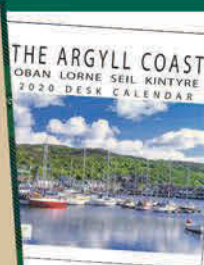


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