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# Private money to fill public gap for tourism in Argyll

by Colin Cameron  
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A group representing Argyll tourism is looking to 'widen its revenue stream' as pressures on public funding continue to build.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AIRC) was formed in 2012 with its membership comprising local marketing groups representing around 1,200 business interests across the region.

From the outset, the co-operative has received funding from Argyll and Bute Council in three-year tranches, but over the past three years this has been reducing amid fears that core funding previously enjoyed of £50,000 per annum is unlikely to continue at that level.

Local marketing groups and destination marketing organisations (DMOs) – Kyles Marketing Group, Visit Cowal, Visit Bute, Explore Kintyre, Heart of Argyll, Oban and Lorn

Tourism Association, Explore Islay and Jura, Explore Inveraray, Three Lochs Way and Visit Helensburgh – collectively contribute around £10,000 annually in membership fees.

At the AIRC AGM on November 14, it was agreed that given funding pressures, direct membership should be broadened to include individual tourism businesses.

Gavin Dick, AIRC director representing Heart of Argyll and Kintyre, explained: 'This move is not specifically to do with council cutbacks.

'There are other uncertainties out there, not least the outcome of the General Election.

'The council has indicated it intends to continue to support AIRC.'

He added: 'It was the DMOs who voted for this because they can see the benefits of widening our revenue stream.

'The DMOs recognise the

multiplier effect AIRC can offer in terms of advertising and promotion.'

The tourism co-operative also receives core funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and an AIRC spokesperson said AIRC 'fully expects that to continue', while support has also come from CalMac, Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry and Land Scotland and others.

The AIRC has carried out several marketing campaigns for the region, including Wild about Argyll, Heart & Soul and the latest venture, West Coast Waters.

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## Furnace minister is honoured



The people of Furnace paid a touching tribute to the much-loved Reverend Dr Roddy MacLeod MBE, second from right, on a frosty St Andrew's Day. Karen Baird, left, chairwoman of Furnace community company, said: 'He has made a huge contribution to the life of the church and the community.' Also pictured are Rev MacLeod's wife, Jean, and Billy McCheyne. Full story, turn to page three.



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**Drugs search**

A flat in Burns Brae, Lochgilhead, was searched by police about 9.30am on Thursday November 28. A man aged 23 was subsequently arrested for allegedly being in possession of cannabis. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

# Santa's helpers wanted to make it a happy Christmas

by Colin Cameron  
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The Salvation Army is asking for help from the people of Mid Argyll to bring sackfuls of presents to some of the area's neediest children and most vulnerable adults.

Organisers of the Christmas Present Appeal work with social workers, child workers and community-based care companies to make sure those who would benefit from the appeal get a gift to open on December 25.

The numbers of youngsters and adults needing festive cheer are on the up.

When Oban volunteer Morvern Finlayson got involved in the appeal 11 years ago, there were just 71 children on the list; last year there were 210, from babies to teenagers, plus 87 adults.



**Kilberry's Jeanette Sheldrick and Morven Finlayson at Oban Salvation Army are looking for the support of Mid Argyll folk.**

In Mid Argyll new and unwrapped gifts can be handed in to the Bank of Scotland in Poltalloch Street, Lochgilhead, from now until Friday December 20.

'We could not do this without the support and generosity of the community who give us gifts so thank you to everyone who helps make it possible,' said Morvern.

On this year's wishlist are toys and activities suitable for babies right up to 18-year-olds, toiletries for teenage girls and boys, hats, gloves, scarves, make-up sets, books,

colouring sets and education materials, including pencils, pens and paper.

For older people, puzzle books are popular, as are notebooks, soap sets, socks, biscuits, sweets and other goodies.

Family games are also high up on the list, said Morvern.

Everything needs to be new and unwrapped. Gifts for older people are made up into a decorated gift box, thanks to one volunteer who saves and covers shoe boxes specially for this time of year.

Gifts for the children are handed to key workers with wrapping paper so the parents or guardians can see what the children are getting and have the joy of wrapping it themselves.

'We send a card with the gifts just saying "with love and best wishes",' added Morvern.



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The Winter Ball organisers pictured in their gladrags are Alison McDonald, left, David MacInnes and Claire Stanley.

## Having a ball for Kilimanjaro quest

Campaigner and fundraiser David MacInnes hit the big city last month to boost his drive for two very special charities, writes Colin Cameron.

Next October David and his team are taking on the formidable task of climbing the 19,308ft Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, in aid of Anthony Nolan and Bloodwise.

The team taking on the challenge is made up of leukaemia survivors, stem cell donors and charity supporters. Other members have friends or family who have suffered from leukaemia.

On Saturday November 23, Lochgilhead's David along with two others from the Kilimanjaro team held a highly successful charity winter ball in the Doubletree

by Hilton hotel in Glasgow. Guests enjoyed not only dancing but a raffle, live auction and silent auction. The ball raised £7,397.95 towards the Kilimanjaro target of £40,000.

David said afterwards: 'Thanks to everyone who came and donated, and to all the companies and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle and auctions.'

# Tree wise men come to Tarbert for Christmas

by Colin Cameron  
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Tarbert's big festive lights switch-on was left hanging in the balance after a Christmas calamity of Grinch-like proportions.

A Christmas tree erected in the village a week earlier had proved a bit disappointing – though it was better if you looked at it from a particular direction. Tarbert firm RDS Forestry kindly agreed to replace the tree with a more spruce alternative.

The new tree, described by Andrew Dixon of RDS as 'a beauty', arrived on the back of a contractor's lorry on the morning of Wednesday December 4, and the old one was taken away, tinsel flying in the wind as it left.

Enter Argyll and Bute Council.

A council lorry later arrived on the scene beside the beautiful bushy festive specimen. And council workers started to chop it up and throw it on the back of their lorry.

Andrew Dixon explained in a Facebook post on Wednesday: 'We liaised with the council who kindly said they would happily erect [a new tree] if we delivered.'



A few logs was all that was left of Tarbert's beautiful replacement tree.

'All agreed and we would drop new tree and remove the old one so that there was no hassle while the lorry was there.'

'Anyway, new tree was delivered this morning and the rest is history. I am still waiting for Jeremy Breadle to jump out with the camera.'

Adding to the council's woes is the fact that Tarbert expects its Christmas lights to be switched on at a community event today – Friday December 6.

Mr Dixon added: 'Now the chaps are out trying to find another one and McKerrals have also said they can help out and deliver it tomorrow (Thursday). Third time lucky...'

'It was a beauty as well!'

One of the festive event organisers in Tarbert is Margaret McNeill, who said: 'I have no clue what happened, but there was a miscommunication somewhere.'

'I feel so sorry for Andrew Dixon though.'

Speaking on Wednesday, she added: 'Getting answers from the council is proving difficult.'

The Advertiser asked Argyll and Bute Council for answers to some questions at short notice on Wednesday November 4, but no reply was received as we went to press. We will update this story on the Advertiser website with a council response when it arrives.

# Tribute tree planted in Furnace for Roddy

The people of Furnace paid a touching tribute to a much-loved personality in the village on a frosty St Andrew's Day, writes Colin Cameron.

Reverend Dr Roddy MacLeod MBE arrived on Loch Fyne-side as parish minister 34 years ago and has since been at the heart of the community. He received an MBE for his services to the Gaelic language and the community in December 2017.

In tribute to his many years of service, the community decided to plant a flowering cherry tree in his honour, and that he should be there with his wife Jean to perform the planting ceremony.

One man who knows Reverend Roddy better than most is Billy McCheyne, who has known the minister since he arrived in the village and worked at the manse to clear the formerly derelict property and garden.

Billy said: 'His sense of humour is legendary. One time we were clearing a jungle of a



Jean MacLeod and Rev MacLeod at the ceremony.

vegetable patch at the manse I asked him what they would grow on Uist. He replied "dockens and ministers".

'We owe a lot to this great man. You could always talk to Roddy and he would give you sound advice. This tree is just a small token of our appreciation.'

'He truly is a remarkable man and I truly don't think we'll see the likes of him again.'

Karen Baird, chairwoman of Furnace Community Company, an SCIO (Scottish

Charitable Incorporated Organisation), added: 'He has made a huge contribution to the life of the church and the community. You could rely on Roddy to turn up at every village event.'

'He did Gaelic with the school kids and was the Gaelic tutor for Lochfyneside Gaelic Choir.'

'He has been part of our village for so long and we wanted to make sure Roddy knew how much we appreciate all the things he has done for us over the years.'

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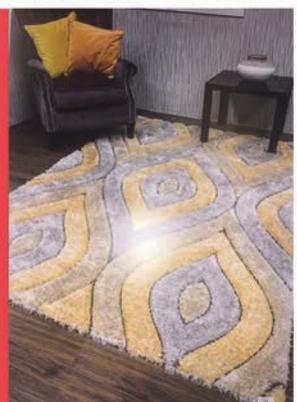
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# Tayvallich gets crafty for Christmas

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A bustling craft fair in Tayvallich raised more than £800 for a special cause as the village got into the

Christmas spirit. With stalls selling an impressive array of goods, many of which are locally produced, there was something for everyone in that hunt for the perfect Christmas gift.

The village hall was packed from the word go on Saturday November 30, and on a cold frosty day the plate of soup with a roll on offer was very welcome indeed.

The raffle for a Christmas hamper was won by Lynne Milne of Tayvallich.

At the end of a busy day for the volunteers and stallholders, an impressive £815 was raised towards a Christmas meal for the more senior members of the community, to be prepared and served in the village hall by local volunteers. Any surplus from this community event will go to the RNLI.

With her latest novel for young adults, *Lily's just fine*, Carsaig author Gill Stewart was also spreading the word about her new book, *Gemma's not sure*, out in 2020. 51\_a49TayvallichSale04



Nick Walker BEM with Catherine MacLennan raising money for the Puffer Preservation Trust. 51\_a49TayvallichSale01



Enjoying a cuppa while they shop were, from left, Lochgilphead's Morgan Henderson with Aimee and Keira Anderson from Tayvallich. 51\_a49TayvallichSale03



Enjoying the craic at the craft fair were, from left, Roly MacArthur, Jean Howarth and Fiona MacArthur. 51\_a49TayvallichSale06



Artist Susan Berry with a print of one of her latest watercolours, entitled 'Highlander'. 51\_a49TayvallichSale07



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# Ardfern First Responders recognised after saving man's life

The Ardfern First Responder group was nominated for the 2019 national Scottish Ambulance Service awards after their rapid action saved a Barbreck man's life.

There were seven other groups on the shortlist and the Ardfern group were finalists in the volunteer category.

The Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) said of the Ardfern group: 'The team gives the community a sense of safety and support when an emergency happens in this remote area.'

'The volunteers of this group display exceptional leadership skills and clinical skills, and always ensure a great handover to SAS staff when they arrive. They work well under pressure and are a significant link in the chain of survival for cardiac arrest in rural Scotland.'

The Ardfern First Responder scheme started in 2012 and is a rural responder scheme.

Although Ardfern has a permanent local population of only about 400 inhabitants - larger during the summer and holidays - the group has had more than 30 volunteers come through the scheme, all of them out of a sense of responsibility towards providing a service to their local

community. Ardfern now has seven current and many ex-first responders out there in the community who know how to perform CPR, and are not frightened to do so.

This was the case in August 2019 when one of their responders Paul Mills was close by when a neighbouring farmer collapsed at Ardfern. His quick assessment of the casualty meant that a 999 call

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was made and CPR started instantly.

The responder on duty, Stephen Ryan, arrived with the bag, the defibrillator was used and after 20 minutes and several shocks there was a successful outcome.

The group has had 62 calls since starting, and there are lots of practical things first

responders do to make a difference:

■ Filling that vital gap between the 999 call and the arrival of the ambulance.

■ Location of casualty. In a remote area it can be very difficult for the ambulance crews to find the casualty quickly. A first responder vehicle with hazard warning lights on helps.

■ Patient reassurance. This can be really valuable particularly with the responders often knowing the patients, especially with older casualties who are often very frightened.

■ Helping the ambulance crew to get the casualty to the ambulance, often a problem in rural locations.

First Responders always need more volunteers, so if anyone is interested in becoming a First Responder please contact Sally Macleod in Ardfern.

The group would like to thank their local paramedics and ambulance crews for nominating them, particularly Dave Payne who has been consistently proactive in supporting the group. They would also like to thank Ardfern Yacht Centre for enabling their staff to be on call during the working day.



Ali Macleod, Sally Macleod, Paul Mills and Stephen Ryan at the Scottish Ambulance Service awards dinner.



The rural Ardfern area has a permanent population of around 400 people. 06\_a07ardfern bay01

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**Tree leaves**

There have been jokes a-plenty about the Tarbert tree calamity, and no doubt there will be many more.

Anyone can make a mistake, though, and there will be someone, perhaps in the council, feeling mortified.

The fact is, however, that two days before the lights were due to be lit in a village celebration, Tarbert had no Christmas tree.

As this is being typed we don't know what the outcome might be, but we strongly suspect that enough people will pull out the stops and get the village their tree.

And hopefully it's another beauty.

**Tree arrives**

What a lovely wee ceremony in a frosty Furnace last weekend. There can be few more popular characters than Reverend Dr Roddy MacLeod, or 'Dr Roddy', and it was a nice gesture by local folk to plant a tree in his honour.

We wish Roddy, and the tree, all the very best.

**Christmas congestion**

If you have been expecting your festive event to be featured and it hasn't appeared in the paper – don't worry, it will appear over the next couple of editions.

**Open letter following the BBC programme 'Meat: A Threat to our Planet'**

Last week's BBC 1 programme, 'Meat: A Threat to our Planet' gave an unbalanced and inaccurate view of the environmental challenges facing livestock production, potentially misleading UK consumers about how their meat is produced. By concentrating on the issue at a global scale, it failed to show the positives which sustainable production in the UK offers over the systems featured.

It also failed to note that, in 2018, UK beef imports from Brazil made up just one per cent of our beef imports, so the majority of what consumers here purchase does not come from the farming systems featured which deplete the rainforests.

The programme focused heavily on intensive farming practices in the US and South America. Little or no time was given to the other side of the debate and the significant efforts of UK agriculture to reduce our environmental impact. The UK industry did not have a voice in the programme, despite being produced and aired on a terrestrial station to a UK audience.

This was an inexcusable missed opportunity to present a solution to those who want to continue to enjoy meat but have become concerned about environmental impact, often on the basis of unbalanced reporting such as this. The UK is completely different to the farming systems shown on the programme,

using natural resources to produce meat as sustainably as possible, with a focus on animal welfare. The industry has taken huge strides to reduce its carbon footprint and further increase nutrient density in the soil.

In addition, we do not agree with the claim that meat production has a greater environmental impact than transport. The highest volume of CO2 is produced by the fossil fuel industries, with livestock farming contributing just 4 per cent of the UK's CO2 emissions. Given this statistic, cutting your individual meat consumption would, in fact, not reduce the UK's overall CO2 emissions nearly as significantly as structural changes in the energy and transport sectors.

It is fair to say the red meat industry has been used as a scapegoat in discussions around carbon emissions, most likely because reducing red meat intake can be easily portrayed as a 'simple' lifestyle change. Suggesting that people should reduce the amount of red meat they consume is not the answer to improving the UK's environmental impact and reducing carbon emissions.

Responsible and strategic livestock farming is a highly productive industry which produces a large amount of food for the population.

To redress the balance and to uphold its mission to provide impartial programming in the public interest, the BBC has an obligation both to remedy the misleading impression created by this programme and to give the UK livestock industry a voice in similar programming in the future. Highlighting that consumers should purchase meat which has

been produced through a domestic assurance scheme ensures it adheres to higher welfare standards and traceable environmental credentials and gives them confidence they can continue to enjoy meat in their diet.

**Jane King, Chief Executive of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB).**

**Alan Clarke, Chief Executive of Quality Meat Scotland (QMS).**

**Gwyn Howells, Chief Executive of Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales (HCC).**

**No mention of autism**

Sir,

I was extremely disappointed that at the Argyll and Bute Council meeting on November 28 the policy lead for health and social care omitted yet again to mention the reinstatement of the Autism Strategy Group or make any reference to autism.

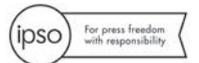
In fact when I questioned him on where he might be implementing policies relating to autism, he replied that he had made no progress as he had been busy with finance.

I am cautiously optimistic that the chief officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership has made a commitment that the Autism Strategy Group will meet mid January and no later than the end of January, and that, after a lapse of a year, some progress might be made.

There has been a serious neglect of children and adults with autism in Argyll and Bute by the administration of Argyll and Bute Council and I will continue to endeavour to

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have the issues addressed without further delay and bring some comfort to the families involved.

**Councillor Anne Horn.**

## A joyous evening

Sir,  
On Wednesday November 27 Age Concern organised a St Andrew's Night at Lochgilphead Bowling Club.

Myra Strathie and the others who helped her allowed us to have a lovely sit-down tea. There was also amazing entertainment from very talented youngsters.

What a joy the whole evening was, including the massive raffle.

Thanks to Age Concern and Myra for all your hard work. It is appreciated so very much.

**Name and address supplied.**

## No veteran left homeless

Sir,  
As we look forward to the festive period and temperatures continue to drop, we must spare a thought for those who have served our country but find themselves homeless.

The No Homeless Veterans campaign ([www.nohomelessveterans.org.uk](http://www.nohomelessveterans.org.uk)), funded by the Forces in Mind Trust, calls on local authorities, homelessness charities and advice agencies to 'Think Veteran'.

**Ed Tytherleigh, co-chair of the Cobseo (Confederation of Service Charities) Housing Cluster, London.**

## YOUR PICTURES



Reader Aileen Gillies sent us this gorgeous picture taken recently at Craobh Haven. The sun is setting over Scarba as the horses get a bite of hay before nightfall.

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A review by  
Philip Bowden-Smith

Saturday November 30 was a cold and frosty day and, whilst the audience had the luxury of warm hats and coats to fend off the chill of a 12 degrees centigrade hall, this was not afforded to soloist of the day, the 32-year-old Ukrainian/Russian pianist Vitaly Pisarenko.

When many would, however, have struggled with the cold, from his first entry he appeared unphased by it and indeed gave us a memorable exhibition of astonishing virtuosity and musicianship.

Each half of his well-balanced programme started with early Beethoven sonatas, beginning with his first, Op.2 No. 1. Dedicated to his hero, Haydn, this was delivered with the reverence it deserved and the clarity and drive of the final Prestissimo would have pleased the dedicatee no end.

The first half ended with two Chopin Polonaises – Op. 26 Nos. 1 and 2 – and his third Ballade. The second Polonaise was particularly impressive with its menacing opening figure and Vitaly's judicious use of the sustaining pedal lent great clarity to all three



pieces and indeed to all his recital.

After the intermission came Beethoven's Sonata Op. 31 No. 2. By this time Beethoven had developed his own individual persona and the three contrasting movements of this work were beautifully executed, particularly the Adagio with its slow melody and stuttering accompaniment and the contrasting fluidity of the final Allegretto.

Next we heard Bela Bartok's Suite Op. 14. This was typical Bartok from beginning to end – spikey, angular and generally very speedy and played with incredible precision. When I said to Vitaly that it sounded fiendishly difficult

he retorted: 'It's actually quite easy; I learned it in three days.'

While not normal fare for our audience this, hopefully, was an interesting introduction to Bartok's sound world and certainly formed a good bridge between Beethoven and the final work in this recital – Stravinsky's Firebird.

Firebird is probably Stravinsky's best known work apart from, maybe, his Rite of Spring, and both were originally written as ballet scores. However, due to their popularity, over time these and other works of his have been transcribed by various people for all sorts of instrumental combinations, and the Agosti

Vitaly Pisarenko performed at the Mid Argyll Arts Association concert in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

transcription of Firebird for piano solo that Vitaly played as his finale is probably the most well known. It makes huge demands on the soloist as Agosti endeavoured to encapsulate Stravinsky's rich orchestration into a work for only two hands; it only works in the correct hands and Vitaly's were just such hands.

This was an electrifying rendition and not just for the sheer virtuosity as there were gorgeous quiet sections as well. The thunderous applause at the end said it all.

Virtuosity is a given nowadays and over the years we have heard some fine pianists at Ardrishaig, but it was Vitaly's musical integrity and attention to detail which was a cut above and truly inspirational. This was indeed a recital to remember.

The concert, in Ardrishaig Public Hall, was staged by Mid Argyll Arts Association in association with Argyll and Bute Concert tours.



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## A garden of festive delight

Not your common or garden evening of entertainment, a special festive concert will be held next week near Minard.

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## Argyll college recognised at awards



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Argyll College has been 'highly commended' in two categories at the College Development Network annual awards.

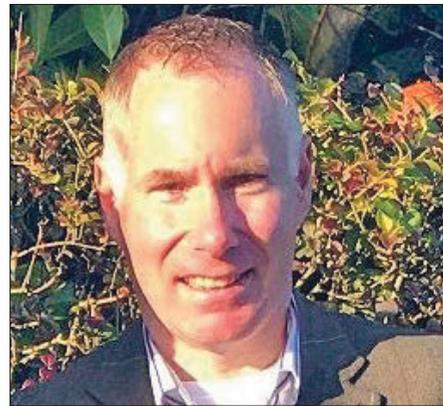
The awards recognise the talent, skills and achievements of colleges, their staff and learners, showcasing the impact the sector is having on learners, communities, and the wider economy.

At the awards ceremony on Thursday November 21 at Radisson Blu in Glasgow, hairdressing tutor Elaine Smith and former Oban High School pupil, Finlay MacDonald collected a highly commended award for innovation for a computer game 'Game of Tones' used to teach how colour neutralisation works – a fundamental concept within the hairdressing curriculum.

Finlay is one of the college's newest employees, having recently taken up the post of IT Modern Apprentice.

In the digital learning category, tutor Susannah Wilson collected another highly commended prize for a pilot project which utilises screen capture videos to provide personalised, formative feedback to students. This has proven to be a really effective way of improving students' experience, enhancing engagement, and increasing student satisfaction.

College Principal Martin Jones said: 'We are really delighted to see our efforts in Innovation and digital learning being recognised in this way. I congratulate all of our staff who've been involved in these projects.'



Gary Mulvaney (Conservative).



Brendan O'Hara (SNP).



Alan Reid (Liberal Democrat).



Rhea Barnes (Labour).

# Meet the candidates vying to be Argyll and Bute's new MP

On December 12, four election candidates will battle it out to become Argyll and Bute's MP, writes David McPhee.

Voters in Argyll and Bute will have to choose between Rhea Barnes (Labour), Gary Mulvaney (Conservative), Brendan O'Hara (SNP) and Alan Reid (Liberal Democrat).

The Argyllshire Advertiser spoke with each of the candidates before next week's election.

Rhea Barnes said: 'I am a student, hospitality worker, law clinic volunteer and local girl from Taynuilt. I welcome the opportunity to stand for Labour and fight for a better future for my home.'

'Argyll and Bute is a beautiful place to live but there are problems – bills go up, the NHS fails, public services are cut and privatised, and wages stay the same.'

'I know we can do better as a country and in a wealthy, moral and modern society I believe nobody should be too poor to live.'

'I have been through the system and I understand when things don't work so let's do something about it.'

Gary Mulvaney said: 'We need an MP who is able to push our needs from within government, not a member whose party's sole obsession is independence and the politics of grievance and division.'

'As a local councillor of 17 years, I know the issues that affect our towns, villages and the 23 islands we inhabit and, having worked in business, I understand the challenges they face too.'

### Vote tactically

'There is so much to do and I am ready to get started. The Lib Dems and Labour cannot win here this time, so unionists need to come together, lend their vote and vote tactically to stop Nicola Sturgeon.'

Brendan O'Hara said: 'There is no such thing as a good Brexit for Argyll and Bute. Our shellfish producers, our farmers and our tourism industry will suffer.'

'That's why in my four years as your MP, I have vigorously opposed a hard Tory Brexit. Brexit also threatens our NHS, with President Trump saying a UK-American trade deal could allow giant,

profit-driven US drug corporations access to the NHS.'

'Are we to be part of an isolationist UK, adrift from Europe or can we be a progressive, outward-looking, independent European nation?'

'A vote for the SNP says that Scotland has the right to choose its own future – one far removed from the chaos of Brexit.'

Alan Reid said: 'I was the MP for Argyll and Bute for 14 years until 2015 when I lost the seat despite increasing my vote. I am standing again because I want to stop Brexit and have no more independence referendums.'

'The divisions these cause are bad for the country. We need to concentrate instead on attracting more jobs to Argyll and Bute and improving our public services, particularly the NHS and more child care.'

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# Argyll and Bute candidates face environmental grilling

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Forget Brexit, never mind independence, and even the NHS can be shelved when it comes the single most important issue in next week's General Election.

And that, according to youthful campaign group Time for Change Argyll, is quite simply climate and the environment.

Worried about climate change and degradation of habitats and species, the group organised an event at Lochgilphead High School advertised as an environmental hustings.

All four Argyll and Bute candidates turned up to face an audience of approaching 90 people.

With Ardfern-based wildlife guide and photographer Philip Price in the chair, the candidates were asked to give their view on environmental issues and their parties' stance on the various strands of environmental policy.

First to speak was Labour candidate Rhea Barnes, who said: 'We are on the precipice

of environmental disaster. The time to act is now.'

She added: 'While acting as individuals towards zero waste, we are at the mercy of our neighbours, and big business runs rampant in Scotland.'

She claimed that Labour would aim for zero net emissions by 2030 and invest £10 billion over the next decade in the restoration of habitats.

## Invest

Conservative candidate Gary Mulvaney said the Conservatives would invest £1 billion in other countries' efforts to 'go green'.

He said: 'The Conservatives are very focused on a green revolution. Next year we welcome the world climate change conference to Glasgow, and I would welcome Time for Change Argyll to go along.'

He added: 'Things will only change if we in Argyll and Bute, Scotland, the UK and internationally work together.'

'There is no Planet B,' said Alan Reid, candidate for the LibDems.

He continued: 'We should

put Brexit and independence behind us and concentrate on combating climate change.'

The LibDems, he said, would plant 60 million trees annually, invest in habitat recovery and make a 'massive investment' in public transport.

SNP candidate Brendan O'Hara began by saying that it was 'undeniable' that the world was in a climate emergency.

He added: 'I am pleased the Scottish Government has set challenging climate change targets, and I don't think the UK Government is doing enough.'

Mr O'Hara talked about the 'abundance of renewable energy' we have in Argyll, from wind and wave to tidal power.

He continued: 'Energy decisions are being taken by a Westminster government still in thrall to the nuclear industry and devotees of fracking.'

'There is an opportunity for cleaner, greener energy. It won't be easy, but doing nothing is not an option.'

A clearly passionate audience fired all kinds of questions at the candidates ranging from cycle routes, oil production public transport, CO2 emissions, renewable energy and the ongoing Global Climate Strike campaign by young people.

With subject matter straying regularly beyond reserved Westminster matters into devolved areas of responsibility, the chair clearly came to the conclusion that it was pointless to make any distinction, though the candidates struggled at times to match their Westminster briefing notes



The candidates - from left, Brendan O'Hara, Gary Mulvaney, Alan Reid and Rhea Barnes.

to Holyrood issues.

The chair wound up proceedings by thanking the audience, the candidates and Time for Change Argyll, adding that he respected the fact that when they didn't know

the answer to a question, the candidates admitted it, rather than trying to waffle.

The UK General Election takes place on Thursday December 12. Remember to cast your vote.

Look out for a podcast of the entire Time for Change Argyll hustings on the Argyllshire Advertiser website from Friday December 6.

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Kevin McGlynn



The audience listens intently.



The school hall was packed for the event.

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# Christmas celebrations with a Scottish flavour in Furnace

Furnace folk had no shortage of things to do and ways to spend their money last weekend, writes Colin Cameron.

The cash, though, was well spent as the Guild had their Christmas event in the village hall while Furnace and Minard Primary Schools were holding their Scottish Christmas Fair across the

road on Saturday November 30.

Many people supported both, and with the occasion coinciding with St Andrew's Day, the school pupils and staff went to great lengths to make Christmas Scottish, with everything from Scottish produce to a tartan teddy.



Angela Burnett was on hand with delicious cakes for sale.

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Norma Jack and Jack Wilson were selling the chance to win the key to the Scottish teddy's cabinet.

A special festive refreshments hamper was won by Brian Elder, while the key to win the Scottish teddy was found by Douglas Armstrong.

At Sarah MacDonald's stall visitors were given the chance to 'Find the Elf', where Sarah Shackleton was the lucky winner of a £30 Love to Shop

voucher. The busy afternoon of fundraising gathered welcome funds for the school.

Callum Connelly helps Jacqueline Fisher at her stall selling bottle lights and Christmas baubles.

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School pupils flew the flag at their Christmas Fair.

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# What next in artificial intelligence?

In 1997 IBM's supercomputer Deep Blue beat the then world chess champion, Garry Kasparov, at his own game.

Chess players around the globe were astonished, believing until then that chess required too much first-hand knowledge for a machine to assimilate. But that was just the beginning.

The science of artificial intelligence (AI) has made huge strides since then, often using success in games to demonstrate progress applicable to other fields.

After non-random, two-player games where one person's gain is the others loss (zero sum) like 'checkers' and 'Go' were conquered,

the challenge became multiple-player games with build-in randomness (for example the throw of a dice) and hidden information. And to quote from a recent report, 'No other popular recreational game captures the challenges of hidden information as effectively and as elegantly as poker.'

So for the past 20 years one big challenge for AI scientists has been to develop systems that can play and win at poker. Zero sum two-player, no-limit poker was conquered in 2018, leaving multi-player poker as a major goal.

The commonest form of poker played by elite human professionals worldwide is

six-player no-limit Texas Hold'em poker. In this variant each player's hand contains two hidden and five communal cards. The number of players and the hidden information considerably increase the complexity of the problem for AI scientists.

Nevertheless, a recent report\* describes Pluribus, a superhuman AI playing against groups of elite professional players each of whom had won over \$1 million from the game.

Pluribus learned to play by repeatedly playing against itself to refine its technique. It then played games involving either five humans and one AI or one human and five

## Science matters

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Computers can now beat even the best of human poker players. Photograph: Shutterstock

AIs. In both formats 10,000 hands were played and Pluribus' very high win rate proved it to be stronger than its human opponents.

But this advance is not all about games; it amply

demonstrates that computers can now act as an alternative to human intelligence. Many real-world, complex, multiplayer, imperfect-information situations, such as auctions, cybersecurity,

medical diagnosis, financial trading and military strategy could benefit from this kind of algorithm.

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# Loch Fyne lights up for Christmas



Billy McCheyne (centre of photograph with dog) performed the official switch on. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Furnace06



Lamps are lit ahead of the Furnace festive switch-on. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Furnace01

by Colin Cameron  
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It was Furnace which led the Loch Fyne-side way on Saturday November 30 as the community gathered for the big 6pm switch-on.

Lamps created a wonderful atmosphere on a cold winter's night and a healthy crowd of all generations gathered at the tree to count down to Billy McCheyne's big switch-on.

Then it was back to the hall for mulled wine, mince pies and a performance by the children from Furnace Primary School. All donations go towards covering the event and upkeep of the hall.

Inveraray Community Council organised an excellent festive lights switch-on event later the same evening, complete with Santa, a pipe band and burgers.

The evening also saw the announcement of Inveraray's Unsung Hero for the year.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band led a chilly lantern-lit parade through an eerily dark Inveraray with the street-lights turned off for the occasion.

After the switch-on, it was over to Inveraray fire station for more musical entertainment from the pipe band, with refreshments served by Inveraray Shinty Club volunteers to wash down delicious burgers served by Lorraine Bell, Jim Divers and Marianne Hunt.

Last year's Inveraray Unsung Hero was Donald John (DJ) MacDonald, and he was given the prestigious job of riding beside Santa on his sleigh along Inveraray Main Street before officially switching on the town lights. The Unsung Hero for 2019 –

organised by the community council and voted for by the public – is Sheena Stewart, warden at Chalmers Court sheltered housing for almost 28 years.

As she was presented with her award by Inveraray Community Council convenor Linda Divers, Sheena said: 'I'm absolutely gobsmacked. I'm overwhelmed and humbled by the kindness shown to me from the community.'

She joked: 'It's a long time since I've been speechless.'

Sheena's framed award certificate read: 'Thank you for all you do to make our community a better place to live. Congratulations!'

As well as beautiful flowers, a bottle of bubbly and her certificate, Sheena received a voucher for a meal for two at the Inveraray Inn.

Linda Divers said afterwards: 'Thanks to Balfour

Beatty for putting the lights up, and to the Inveraray firefighters for the use of their station and the donation for the burgers and the sweets for the kids.

'We also appreciate the support of Inveraray Golf Club, Christmas Dove, Loch Fyne Whiskies and Bogey Doyle. Thanks to the Inveraray Inn team, Cathie and Amy for manning Santa's grotto; Lorraine, Jim and Marianne for the burgers and the shinty boys for the bar.

'We really appreciate the fantastic contribution, too, of Mid Argyll Pipe Band, who were great.

She added: 'And thanks, DJ, for switching on the lights.'

**More photographs, pages 16. Look out for big festive light switch-on events in Tarbert on Friday December 6 and Ardrishaig the following evening.**

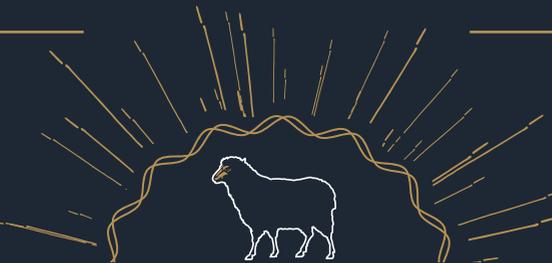
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Mid Argyll Pipe Band led the parade in Inveraray. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Inveraray09



Donald John MacDonald (right) had the honour of performing this year's Inveraray Christmas lights switch-on. He is pictured on the sleigh with Santa.

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Lena, Sara and Ranya Bakali had a great time at Santa's grotto. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Inveraray16



Children and families excitedly follow Santa's sleigh with lamps at Inveraray. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Inveraray07



Cooking and serving the burgers at Inveraray fire station were, from left, Marianne Hunt, Lorraine Bell and Jim Divers. 51\_a49ChristmasLights\_Inveraray11



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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL



Iain MacPhail and his Scottish Dance Band were guest performers at the November meeting of Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

## Inn for a great night of music ...

It was standing room only at the Inveraray Inn when Iain MacPhail and his Scottish Dance Band were guest artistes at the November meeting of Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Supporting players on Wednesday November 13 were Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

### 'Moothie'

Also playing were Alex MacKinnon, Helen Murray and Willie Buchanan on accordion, all accompanied by Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard; Miller Frondigonn on 'moothie' and Jake and Agnes on 'moothie' and

keyboard. All their selections were much enjoyed.

The guest artistes, with Iain on lead accordion, Brian Griffin on second accordion, Judith Smith on fiddle, Ishbel Hodgson on keyboard and George Darling on drums, delighted the audience with a very well rehearsed programme in both sessions, finishing off with a sing-a-long medley.

Club chairman, Niall Iain MacLean, thanked all the artistes for yet another great night of music and the club looks forward next week to fiddle maestro Archie MacAllister and his trio making a welcome return.

## Mid Argyll and Tarbert will sparkle

Twinkling lights will brighten Tarbert's sky as Santa makes a visit to the village on Friday December 6.

The festive switch-on will take place at 6pm, with the popular Tarbert Christmas Fair running from 4pm to 8pm at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

Ahead of the light-up, a children's parade will take place from the village coast-guard station, before carols are sung around the tree.

Santa will be in his grotto in the Templar Hall before and after the light switch-on from 4.30pm to 5.15pm then from 6.15pm until 7.30pm.

The lights are up and ready to sparkle in Ardrishaig, thanks to MacLeod Construction Limited.

The Christmas lights switch-on and party, organised by Ardrishaig Community Trust, will be held on Saturday December 7.

Soup and hot dogs will be served from 5pm and Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Ardrishaig Primary School will keep the crowds entertained before the big switch-

on at 6.30pm. The party will then continue in the North Hall, with a visit from Santa and plenty of fun for all the family.

In Lochgilhead, shoppers can enjoy late night festive shopping when business owners keep their doors open late on Thursday December 12.

Shops open until 8pm include The Square Peg; Marmalade Deli; Danny's ironmongers, Argyll Book Centre; R&S Stovecraft; Breagha; Mary's Meals; The

Mail Box; Bluestone; Argyll Pharmacy; Love Dove Studio; The Sweetie Jar; West Coast Home; Argyll Gift Company; D&Ds Wool and Crafts, The Archway gallery and Fyne Tackle.

This is a fantastic opportunity for shoppers to experience an evening shopping in Lochgilhead for that perfect gift while supporting local businesses.

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The senior citizens enjoyed a great afternoon of music.



Jim, Jake, Jane and Agnes in full flow.

A toe-tapping afternoon of music was enjoyed by Inveraray Senior Citizens as they celebrated St Andrew's Day in the town's Nicoll Hall.

Jake MacKay and friends entertained the Wednesday club with some great tunes and a singalong favourites.

Club organisers wish to thank Jake, Jane, Agnes and Jim for their continued support and entertainment.



Be ready at the Ropework for plenty of wild fun and games. 06\_a32PictFest31

# Annual Celtic and Pictish festival picks new venue

Lochgilphead's annual Celtic and Pictish festival will move from the front green in 2020, organisers have announced.

Run by Lochgilphead Community Council, the colourful festival celebrates ancient heritage including music, art, crafts, and more warlike traditions.

With a major redevelopment of Lochgilphead front green due to get under way in the spring of next year, the community council has announced that the next festival will be held on the town's Ropework Park on Saturday August 1.

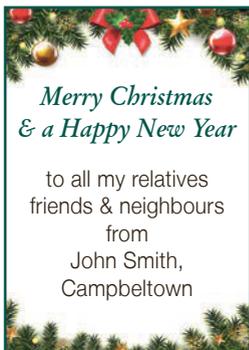
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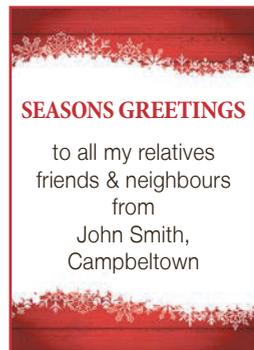
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# Billy keeps them guessing in Tayvallich



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Tayvallich resounded to gasps of amazement and peals of incredulous laughter when award-winning magician Billy Reid brought his show,

Watch Closer, to the village hall on Friday November 29.

Scottish Close-Up Magician of the Year, Billy had a large crowd of all ages hanging on his every word and move as he wowed them with his cunning stunts.

In his introduction to the show, Billy asked the audience to practice their 'Oohs' and 'Aahs', but the rehearsal turned out to be unnecessary because these reactions erupted spontaneously during the performance.

Balloons burst to reveal confectionery; cards seemed to travel in time and space; mind reading had everybody wondering 'How on earth did he do that?'; and balls shape-shifted to lemons and limes. Classic magic tricks were brought up to date with the aid of a camera and projector as Billy's hands were projected larger than life on a screen at the back of the stage. There seemed to be no place to hide and yet the audience were still flummoxed.

Billy, a native of Glasgow, has a naturally engaging style and his patter and personality had the punters in his pock-



Billy Reid with two young volunteers.

ets: almost literally, when one young volunteer had to vouch for the whereabouts of a deck of cards.

The touching finale was a sustained card trick portraying the lyrics of Dougie MacLean's alternative national anthem, Caledonia.

Billy encouraged everyone

to follow their dreams, as he did three years ago when he gave up his day job to pursue a full-time career as a magician. Billy caught the magic bug as an impressionable 10-year-old, and perhaps the magicians of tomorrow in the audience will have been similarly inspired.



Billy's tricks were projected, larger than life, on a screen at the back of the stage.

## Rotary Christmas fayre comes around again

One of the Christmas highlights for children all over Mid Argyll is Santa's grotto at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

Each year the jolly chap in the red suit sets up camp in the hall to hand out some fantastic presents.

Santa Claus comes each year thanks to an invitation by Mid Argyll Rotary, and there will also be tea, coffee and homebaking served on the day, courtesy of the 19th Argyll Scouts. Look out, too, for the ever-popular raffle.

It is going to be a fabulous festive occasion on Saturday December 7. Santa will be in residence from 2-4pm, with an audience - with present and a photo included - costing £6 per child.

Don't miss out on your chance to join in the festive fun, and all proceeds from the day proceeds go to good causes throughout the area.

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# Community and Christmas at Craignish hall

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Craignish Village Hall's annual Christmas market and cafe had a winter wonderland feel, complete with carols, mulled wine and delicious food.

As well as being a major fundraiser for the hall, this year three charities will also benefit from proceeds including Feedback Madagascar, Seed for Life Feed for Life and Samos Volunteers.

Open Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, two

dozen stalls were packed with beautiful hand-crafted items including jewellery, cards, clothing and fresh baking and they were buzzing with happy shoppers.

Bea's Kitchen provided scrumptious organic hot meals 'cooked with love'

including wild venison pie and beetroot and red onion tart tatin.

Organisers were delighted to welcome many younger entrepreneurs this year, selling a range of home-made goods including bags, metal pieces and artwork.

Craignish Primary School produced a great selection of decorations, many made from recycled materials, and baked goods.

A raffle was also held to raise funds for the hall. This annual event was greatly enjoyed by everyone and the organisers would like to thank volunteers and stall holders for their time and help in once again making this a real community calendar highlight.



Bea's Kitchen helper Bonnie Stephen with hot mulled wine.



Liam Byres of LJB Metal Works sells his wares.



Edie Elliot with her acrylic paintings.



Janine Calder's Catchacarrot vegan cakes.

## Sausage casserole



### Ingredients

- + 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
- + Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- + Low calorie cooking spray
- + 300g button mushrooms
- + 300ml vegetable stock
- + 1 tsp sweetener
- + 4 carrots
- + 12 Slimming World Syn-free Pork Sausages
- + 1 tsp freshly chopped rosemary and 2 tbsp freshly chopped parsley
- + 4 celery sticks

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas 5. Chop the carrots, celery and onion, place in a large pan with the herbs and stock. Season well, bring to the boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer gently for 5-6 minutes.
2. Place the sausages on a baking sheet, spray with low calorie cooking spray and bake for 15-20 minutes. Remove from the oven and cut into thick diagonal slices.
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# The NFUS roadshow ploughs into Tarbert

National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS) ploughed into Tarbert last Friday as part of a 15-date policy roadshow.

A good turnout of farming and crofting members from across the region attended the event, and one in Oban later the same day, which saw NFUS vice-president Martin Kennedy, director of policy Jonnie Hall and regional board chairman John Dickson in attendance.

In a week that saw him meet farming and crofting members on Skye, Benbecula, Lewis and Harris, Mr Kennedy said: 'At a time of great change, it has never been more important for the union to meet with members to discuss the huge range of issues that they face.'

### Opportunity

'By the time the roadshows finish next week, we will have had 15 meetings around the country giving every member the opportunity to discuss the urgent policy matters that will inevitably impact on them in the months and years ahead.'

'With great turnouts so far, issues have ranged from convergence, Brexit and future support to climate change, species management and supply chains and it is clear every sector faces a period of significant change.'

Mr Hall added: 'Politics and policy are rapidly shaping our industry's future at a time when farming and crofting



NFUS director of policy Jonnie Hall, regional board chairman John Dickson and NFUS vice-president Martin Kennedy, who were present to answer questions at Friday's roadshow. 15\_T49\_NFUSRoadshow

face unprecedented physical and financial challenges.

'From convergence, Brexit and future support to climate change and supply chains, every sector of Scottish agriculture faces a period of significant change. At the

same time, Scottish agriculture must also make the most of any new opportunities.

### Prosperous future

'Our priority is to secure a prosperous future for Scottish agriculture and all that it underpins.'

'These 15 roadshows present an opportunity for members to have their say on urgent policy matters that will inevitably impact on them in the months and years to come.'

Starting on Thursday, November 7 in Castle Douglas,

the tour took in Dingwall, Thurso, Kirkwall, Irvine, Inverurie, Perth, Broadford, Benbecula, Stornoway, Lerwick, Tarbert, Oban and Carfraemill before finishing at Stepps near Glasgow yesterday.

## Don't miss annual winter show

Kintyre Agricultural Society will be holding its annual winter show at Ballygreggan Farm tomorrow, Saturday December 7.

The show, which begins at 10.45am, is once again kindly sponsored by SRUC.

A spokesperson said: 'Some of the finest dairy cattle in the country will be on show but unfortunately, due to work commitments and illness, the Clydesdale horse and the pony section has been postponed but it is hoped that a show for the horses may be arranged in the New Year.'

The society is very grateful to the Millar family for hosting the show at Ballygreggan once again.

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## Last sheep sale of the year in Oban

Oban - United Auctions Tuesday November 26 sold 959 sheep of all classes at the last sheep sale of the year at this centre. The 559 lambs averaged £40.42 (+£7.54) and 298 Ewes averaged £34.21 (+£13.65). All classes of sheep sold very well and to an active ringside of buyers.

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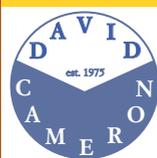
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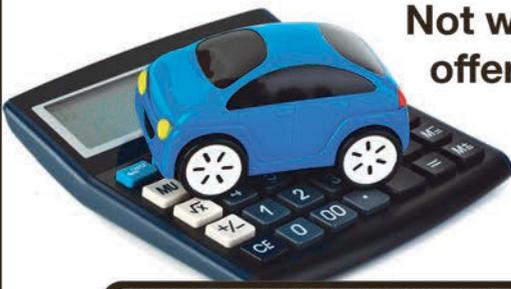
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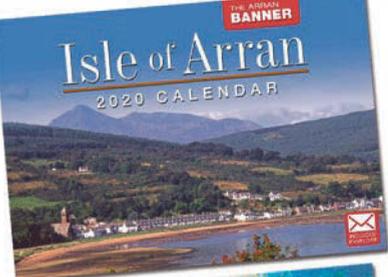


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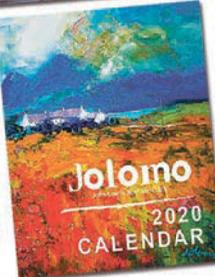


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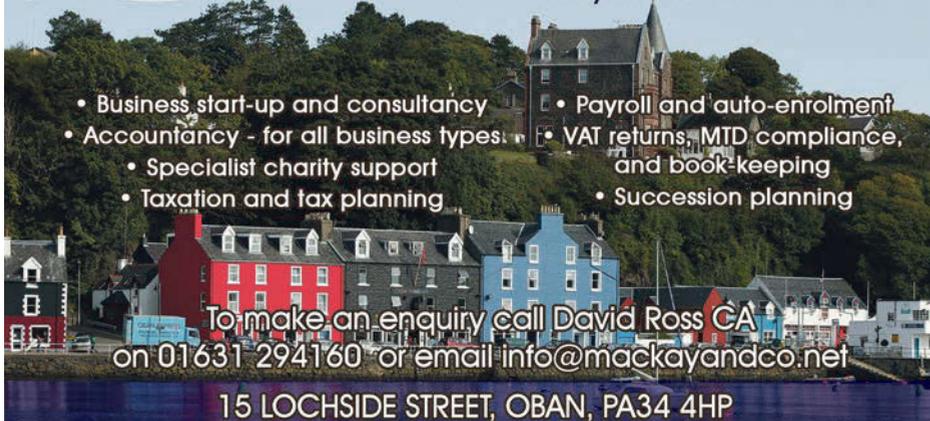


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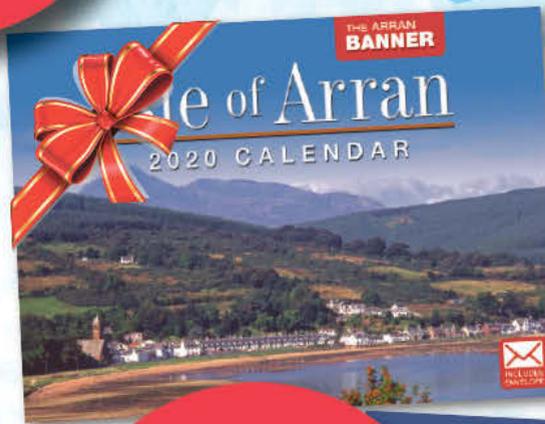
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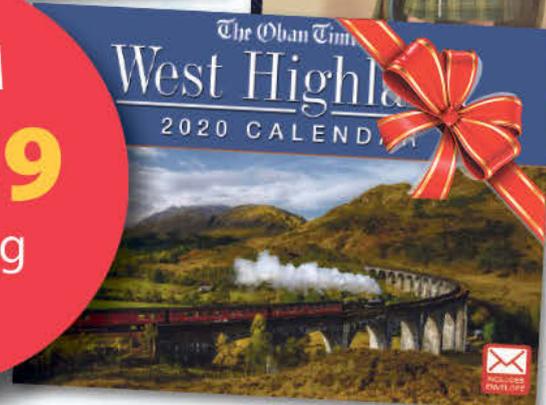
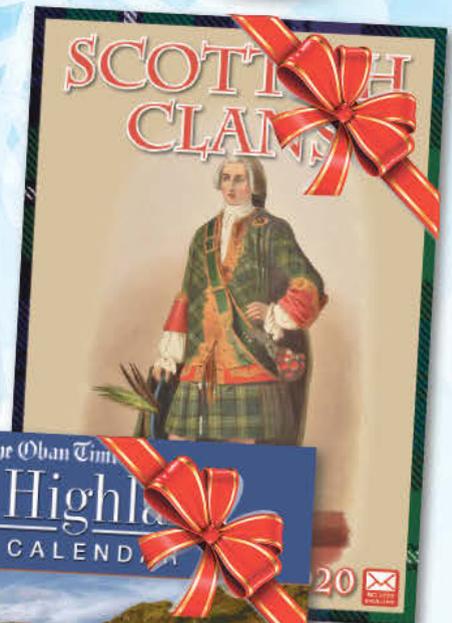
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Candidates should be able to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities, such as community work. Commitment and experience are as valuable as qualifications, although in some areas specialist experience will be an advantage. You will be required to work with senior and professional staff, so experience of achieving results through demanding board or committee work is important, as is the ability to grasp complex issues quickly and express yourself clearly. Residence within a reasonable distance of the port and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port are highly desirable. The position of Trustee is non-remunerated.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority is committed to the principles of public appointment on the basis of merit and aptitude with openness and transparency of process. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment, but candidates must fully support the objectives of the Board. If you wish to be considered for election please write to The Office Manager, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Tarbert PA29 6TR to request an information pack

Closing date for Applications: 31 January 2020.

## Save the Royal Way

"The Royal Way" is an ancient public right of way following the route of least gradient from Tarbert Harbour to Tarbert Castle.

In recent years hundreds of people openly, peaceably and as a right walked the route, including the section from Tarbert Academy, via Baluachrach, to the scheduled monuments of Tarbert Medieval Burgh & Environs and Tarbert Castle.

However, a planning application now threatens the Royal Way's existence. The application is for a change of use of land near the new house "Cairnview", Baluachrach from "vacant land" to "residential garden ground". The applicants have stated that if the application is approved they will permanently close the right of way.

As present custodians of our people's rights and cultural heritage we cannot allow that to happen.

Argyll & Bute Council has a statutory duty to "assert, protect and keep open" public rights of way and a procedure to gather and use evidence of people's use of rights of way.

However, they need people to provide their evidence and this notice is a call to people to stand up and declare their use of the threatened section of the Royal Way.

The Council uses an online form to gather evidence from people who wish to claim that a right of way exists or may exist. To submit evidence of your use of the Royal Way please either complete the "Public Rights of Way Questionnaire" at: [argyll-bute.gov.uk/public-rights-way](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk/public-rights-way), or contact the Access Team by your preferred means.

Those wishing further information or assistance may also contact the Campaign Secretary, Save the Royal Way by phone at 01880 820 404 or find us on Facebook.

## Argyll and Bute Council

### PLANNING

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

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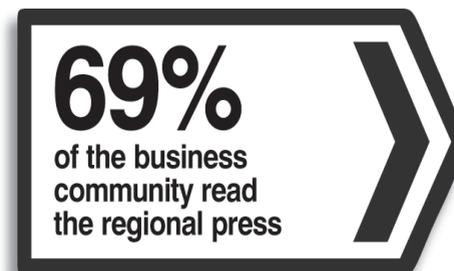
Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/02417/LIB	Internal alterations to form tea and cocktail lounge	1 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JJ
19/02431/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Land North Of Fairfield, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
19/02418/PP	Change of use of hairdressing salon (Class 1) to tea and cocktail lounge (Class 3)	1 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JJ
19/02406/PP	Refurbishment and extension to existing lean-to greenhouse	Garholm, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU
19/02415/LIB	Renovation works to shop front including display of fascia sign and external wall mounted menu display case (non illuminated)	2A Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AG

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

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ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017  
ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT)  
REGULATIONS 1990**

Notice is hereby given that ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd, (company registration number NI028425 registered address The Soloist, 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1 3LP) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate Sheirdrim Renewable Energy Development on land approximately 11 km south of Tarbert on the Kintyre Peninsula in Argyll and Bute (Central Grid Reference 181302, 657098). The proposed Development would have an installed capacity in excess of 100 MW comprising of up to 19 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres, with an installed capacity of around 114 MW and two ground mounted solar arrays with an installed capacity of around 20 MW, producing a combined output of around 134 MW. A battery storage facility would also be installed with storage capacity of around 38 MW of energy. The proposed Development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an EIA Report has been produced.

ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location Name	Normal Opening Hours	Address
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The EIA Report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at [https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim\\_renewable\\_energy\\_development.aspx](https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim_renewable_energy_development.aspx); or at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (telephone: 0141 614 0451) at a charge of £1,000 hard copy and £15 on CD/DVD or USB. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx](http://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx); by email to the Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot); or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 10th January 2020, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

**General Data Protection Regulations**

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the Help page at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal data. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email: [Econsents\\_admin@gov.scot](mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot) or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.



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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
A83 REST AND BE THANKFUL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 55A  
OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they have determined that the project to address the landslide risk on the A83 trunk road at Rest and Be Thankful which is within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park is -

(a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 2011/92/EU ("the Directive") on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and Council;

(b) a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the Directive, but that having regard to -

(i) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive, (ii) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment using Annex III criteria and the consultations with the following statutory consultees: Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and Argyll Fisheries Trust and Board.

(iii) The works are located on the A83 trunk road at Rest and Be Thankful, Glen Croe, between Tarbet and Cairndow. The works will involve the excavation of one debris pit to intercept debris flows as well as an extension of the culvert system along the east bound carriageway. The slopes above the pit will be stabilised with soil nails and mesh as necessary.

There are no environmentally sensitive areas or sites of cultural heritage interest within 300m of the works. Detailed consultation with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park has been carried out to ensure appropriate mitigation measures for effects on the landscape are incorporated into the works design.

The Environmental Screening Assessment concluded that there would be no likely significant effects on the environment from the works. It should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

In accordance with section 55A(5) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 -

(a) the criteria set out in Annex III that are relevant to the project are:

- (i) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (ii) the production of waste;
- (iii) pollution and nuisances;
- (iv) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
- (v) the existing and approved land use;
- (vi) nature reserves and parks;
- (vii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

(b) the main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (i) potential impacts from noise and air quality will be temporary for the duration of the works and there are no nearby sensitive receptors;
- (ii) pollution prevention guidelines will be adhered to at all times to prevent spillages of fuels and mobilisation of silt and therefore preventing risk to human health and the water environment;
- (iii) consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on the licence required under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 for the re-section of the culvert has been carried out, and all licence conditions will be adhered to at all times to ensure protection of the water environment;
- (iv) there will be minor loss of habitat, however the habitat is abundant in the area and is not suitable for protected species;
- (v) excavated topsoil will be re-used on site where possible and the waste hierarchy will be applied;
- (vi) extensive consultation with the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park has been carried out to ensure that the final appearance will not be significantly different from what currently exists.

(c) the following features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (i) the scheme does not lie within a densely populated area and is not near to any environmentally sensitive areas or sites of cultural heritage interest;
- (ii) works will take place out with the key tourist period;
- (iii) works will take place as day-shifts;
- (iv) works will take place during the winter which is out with bird nesting season;
- (v) works are not located within an Air Quality Management Area or Noise Management Area;
- (vi) the waste hierarchy will be applied to any waste arisings;
- (vii) environmental best practice and guidance for the prevention of pollution will be adhered to at all times;
- (viii) the works will have longer term benefits and will help to reduce the effects of landslides on the water environment and human population, including the travelling public.

**M. POLLAND**

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers  
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TIREE

Tiree Music Festival (TMF) has sold out for the 11th year in a row, seven months ahead of the event, organisers have announced.

No fewer than 2,100 tickets have been snapped up in a matter of weeks.

TMF will be held between July 10 and 12 next year, with a fantastic line-up of folk, trad and pop acts, family activities and spotless campsites in store.

Daniel Gillespie, artistic director for Tiree Music Festival, said: 'It's unbelievable to see demand for the festival continue to grow each year.'

'With every year that passes, people are moving faster to secure their place among the family-friendly party on Tiree.'

LOCHGILPHEAD

The movies are coming to Lochgilphead once again this weekend.

Be ready for plenty of laughs as Mid Argyll Arts Association screens comedy classic Groundhog Day.

The 1993 film follows the misadventures of Phil Connors (played by Bill Murray), a TV weatherman who, during an assignment covering the annual Groundhog Day event in Pennsylvania, is caught in a time loop, repeatedly re-living the same day. Andie MacDowell and Chris Elliott co-star.

The critically-acclaimed film will be shown at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) hall, opposite Lochgilphead Community Centre, at 7.30pm tomorrow, Saturday December 7.

Admission will be £7.50 for adults and concessions £6. Tickets at the door.

Sponsored by your local Citizens Advice team - They need you!

Volunteers now required in Mid Argyll. Call 01546 60 5550 or email info@abcab.org.uk to find out more.



LOCH LOMOND



The statue of the famous Tom Weir at Balmaha. Photo: Paul Saunders Photography.

As the fifth anniversary approaches of the unveiling a statue at Balmaha in honour of Scotland's most loved mountain man, Tom Weir, the site has been targeted by thieves.

They broke into donations posts and stole funds earmarked for maintaining the popular

statue and associated picnic area.

Thoughtless

James Fraser, chairman of the Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs charity, added: 'Fortunately, we regularly empty the donation posts so the amount stolen will not have

been substantial but, nonetheless, this thoughtless act serves as a reminder that we need to remain vigilant and increase our efforts to protect this very special heritage site which has been visited by almost a million visitors over the past five years.'

ARDFERN

Having recently completed her third visit to volunteer in a refugee camp on the Greek island of Samos, close to the Turkish coastline, Ardfern woman Pam Gregory was inspired to write the second edition of her cookbook Displaced Dishes.

The original book was inspired by the refugees and,

with the first edition sold out, the second is now in the pipeline.

Pam, 73, explained: 'Working in the camp is the most inspiring, hard and totally uplifting work I've ever done and think more people should be given the opportunity to hear about this kind of opportunity.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

She was such a wee star that she was hardly even noticed in the night sky even though she twinkled as best she could.

The other stars mocked her and said she would never be a shining light.

The other stars made really lovely patterns and had exotic names like The Milky Way, Orion's Belt and The Great Bear, and sounded so important.

The wee star wanted so much to be part of that.

Then one night there was a lot of excitement in the heavens and the angels were saying that a very important baby was going to be born and that he would be God's own son.

And strangely he was going to be called a king - yet he was not going to be born in a palace, but in a stable.

When they heard that God wanted a special star to point others to the stable, the other stars laughed and said: 'Well, we're not going to shine over a manky smelly stable ... we are made for better things.'

So they told God about this and God said: 'Well, I'm sorry about this, but I need a star to shine over the stable because I came to be with the ordinary people - not the ones who think they are important.'

So God asked the angels to go round the heavens and see if they could find a star who would shine over the stable at Jesus's birth and point people to him.

And the angels chose the little star because she had God's light in her.

And as baby Jesus slept safely in his crib, Joseph went out and said to Mary: 'There is the brightest star I have ever seen in the sky tonight.'

'I know,' said Mary, 'it is Jesus's star.'

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MORRISON  
- SPOONER

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of George John, eldest son of George and Sandra, Inveraray, to Amy Louise, eldest daughter of Michael and Carol-Ann, Helensburgh.

DEATHS

**DOUGLAS** - Doreen Marie (previously Scrutton), née Best. Peacefully, on November 26, 2019, at Oxtou House Care Home in Glasgow, Doreen, aged 90 years, much loved mother of Shaun, Kerry, Nichola and Erinclare and sister to Adrienne. A celebration will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, commencing at 11.00am, at the Pollockshields Burgh Hall, Glasgow, to which all family and friends are welcome. No flowers, but donations can be made to the Womankind charity.

**GALBRAITH** - Suddenly on December 3, 2019, at the R.A.H. Paisley, Archie (Baldy) Galbraith in his 84th year, of 26 Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead and formerly of Ormsary Estate. Beloved husband of Annie and a much loved father of Christine and the late Finlay, cherished grandpa of Neil, Mhairi and Iain, much respected father in law, dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday December 10, 2019, at 12.30pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

**MCKERRAL** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, after a long illness, surrounded by his family, on November 29, 2019, David Keith McKerral, in his 67th year, 106 Milknoe, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Nan McMillan, much loved brother of Richard, Nancy, Jane, Adam and the late Pat, and a loving uncle and great uncle.

**SCOTT** - Peacefully, at Northwood Care Home, Helensburgh, on November 24, 2019, Harold Dunsmore Scott, in his 88th year, of Bannockburn Buildings, Tarbert, dearly beloved husband of the late Sandra Scott, née Jackson, much loved father of Ewan and Craig, step-dad of Rachelle and Karen and loving papa of Chloe, Murray and Jude.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**ROBERTSON** - Agnes and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and baking received on the sad loss of Mac. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Acute Ward, Macmillan and Community nurses and ambulance crew for their care given to Mac. Also to Rev William Crossan for a lovely service, the Argyll Hotel for the purvey, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £748 for Macmillan nurses and Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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**SMITH** - Lorna, Russell and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits and cards received following the sad loss of James. Grateful thanks are extended to the local care teams for all their attention and care over the last few years, especially for their care which allowed James to remain at home, and also to Laurene for taking James on his weekly social visits. Our thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a comforting and uplifting service and Iain Malcolm for such a personal tribute to James; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services; to The Stag Hotel for excellent purvey and to Morna for the beautiful flowers. A final thank you to all who paid their respects at church and graveside, especially those who travelled a great distance. Your support and kindness was greatly appreciated. The retiral collection raised £800 for Marie Curie, Mid Argyll and MS Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead.

IN MEMORIAM

**CAMPBELL** - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

- Ivor, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

**MCAUGHTON** - Treasured memories of John, died December 9, 2013. Loved and missed every day.

- Betty and family.

**YOUNG** - In loving memory of our dear Shona, who died on November 26, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Love from all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

**Sunday 8th December**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
All welcome  
**Monday 9th December**  
Session Meeting in Kirk Street Hall at 7.00pm

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Sunday 8th December**  
11.15am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan  
**Monday 9th December**  
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm  
Church Hall  
**Tuesday 10th December**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
BBs Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 12th December**  
Choir Practice 7.30pm  
**Friday 13th December**  
Lunch Club Christmas Meal  
12.00 noon New Hall

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Friday 6th December**  
SKY Youth Group  
Joining Kintyre Christian Fellowship at Springbank Church 7.30pm  
**Sunday 8th December**  
Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
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**Wednesday 11th December**  
Bible Study 7.30pm at the Manse  
Enquiries 01586 551200  
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ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Sunday 8th December**  
Advent 2  
Morning Prayer followed by AGM 10.45am  
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown  
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Rev Tony Wood  
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**Saturday 6.00pm**  
(except 1st Saturday of the month)  
**Sundays, Holy Mass**  
10.00am  
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SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Service  
Army Kidz  
**6.00pm Community Carol Service**  
in Lorne & Lowland Church  
with Campbeltown Brass and local school choirs  
**Wednesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm CAMEO  
Major Ruth Russell  
All welcome  
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CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 8th December**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
4.00pm Carol Service in Tayinloan Village Hall  
**Wednesday 11th December**  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
**Sunday 15th December**  
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight  
All welcome  
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Sunday 8th December**  
11.00am Family Service  
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(Term-time only)  
Pastor Mark Jasper  
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SC043322  
We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL

**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Meeting to be held on **Friday 6th December at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown**  
Panel Night - "Any Questions"  
Questions can be handed in at the door  
Tea/coffee served after meeting  
Everyone most welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

**Sunday 8th December**  
Advent 2  
What's Behind Window 2? (Isaiah 11:1-3)  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm  
All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

**Sunday 8th December**  
11.00am Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's, Poltalloch**  
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**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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Kilmartin 11.30am  
Mr Jim Malcolm  
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SC001002  
**Sunday 8th December**  
10am Bellanoch Church  
Advent Worship  
**Saturday 7th December**  
11.30am - 2pm  
Achnamara Hall  
Winter Gathering  
Lunch & Crafts  
All welcome  
www.northknappdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 8th December**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Dr John L Morrison OBE  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mr James McLellan  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Mr James McLellan  
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Tarbert and Kilberry  
Charity No: SC002622  
Skipness Charity No: SC004280  
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Church of Scotland  
**Sunday 8th December**  
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## Victory and narrow defeat for Red Star youth teams

Red Star 2007s hosted Park Villa from Glasgow on Sunday December 1.

A first meeting between the teams saw the Lochgilhead boys maintain their excellent start to the season with a 14-3 victory. Star started positively, playing as well as they have done so far this season and overpowered Park Villa to lead 9-0 at half-time.

The second half was much closer but Star added five more goals and conceded three for a final score of 14-3. This was a terrific performance.

Red Star 2004s headed through to Clydebank on Sunday to face current league champions Drumchapel Amateurs.

Another competitive and close game between the teams ensued. Drumchapel started strongly with some excellent passing and movement to show what a good team they are.

Star struggled to cope with them and found themselves down 0-3 at half-time.

An impressive second half performance by Star showed they also have some excellent quality and qualities as the clawed the game back to 3-3.

As Star chased the winner Drumchapel pounced to score a fourth and, whilst Star would have equalised again, an excellent save by the Drumchapel keeper secured victory for his team.

A great second half for the Lochgilhead boys, who were unlucky not to get a draw.

## Sports club lotteries

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday December 2 were 14, 16 and 18. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £700.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery draw numbers were 5, 9 and 19.

There were no winners, so next week's prize pot will be £600.



South Argyll's Sean Wright and Innes Patterson block the Boclair attack. 51\_a49Under16Rugby03



SAS's Ethan Thomas breaks the Boclair line. 51\_a49Under16Rugby01

# South Argyll Schools dig out hard-fought win

### Report by Lee Buckley

An Argyll schools rugby team produced an impressive performance to grind out a hard-fought victory against East Dunbartonshire opposition.

South Argyll Schools (SAS) under-16 boys' team, made up of players from Lochgilhead, Tarbert and Campbeltown high schools, competed in their final regional schools quaiich group game of the season against Boclair/Bearsden on Thursday November 28.

After St Thomas Aquinas failed to raise a team for the first game of the group, SAS were then narrowly beaten away to Lomond School and at home to Shawlands Academy. The games were

well contested, and the Argyll boys could have won both matches. Two lapses of concentration against Lomond let them in for easy tries and only two points separated the teams in the Shawlands game at the end, when SAS had been in the lead for large parts of the match.

The whole team thought it was important to finish the group with a good home win.

The boys set out their stall early at MacRae Park when a contested ruck ended with a good turnover from SAS number seven McLean and a great pass out to winger Gritten from number eight McColl-Smith, who then released MacKay. The fullback

ran 80 yards to score under the posts and then convert his own try. SAS were next on the score sheet when captain Donald Self went over the whitewash. MacKay converted and SAS were 14-0 up.

Some good play from both teams was making for a great game, enjoyed by a large home crowd. Pupils were given the chance to watch the game and they made their voices heard and, spurred on by the crowd, Euan MacArthur was next on the score sheet and once again MacKay converted the try.

The first half finished 21-0 to the home team.

The second half started with Boclair coming back at SAS

and, after some good running, they pulled a try back.

SAS found themselves under sustained pressure and soon Boclair had a second try. Only one try was converted, and the score was 21-12. Another try, this one converted, for Boclair and the pressure was really on.

South Argyll thought they had secured the game when Ellis went over and grounded the ball only to realise he had gone over the deadball line. No try and the pressure was on again. Minutes later, after some great forward work to turn the ball over, McArthur again went over for South Argyll's fourth try. Another two points from MacKay

made the score 28-19.

After the restart Boclair went all out to get another score. Great defensive work from the SAS backs kept Boclair out for a sustained period of attack until, with only seconds to go, the scored their fourth try.

As the conversion attempt fell short the final whistle blew and South Argyll celebrated a hard-fought win.

While South Argyll did not get out of the group stages they can be very pleased with third place, only one point behind second spot.

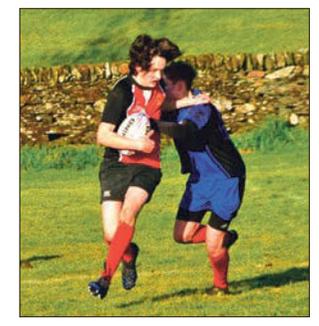
**Look out for more photographs from the match on the Argyllshire Advertiser website.**



Great defending from SAS pack, with captain Donald Self, Ruaridh Condie, Kian MacDonald and Robbie Herd. 51\_a49Under16Rugby017



A full-time pep talk for the lads from coaches Lee Buckley and Duncan 'Brochan' Aitken. 51\_a49Under16Rugby28



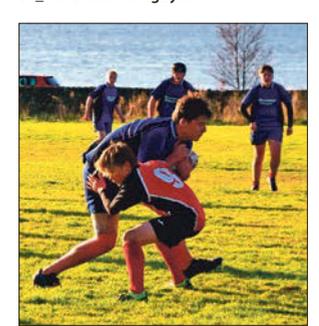
SAS's Lucas Gritten attacks down the wing. 51\_a49Under16Rugby06



SAS's Gordon MacLean winning another line out. 51\_a49Under16Rugby15



South Argyll's Euan MacArthur strips the ball from Boclair's attacker with the help of team-mates Gordon McLean and Donald Self. 51\_a49Under16Rugby08



SAS scrum half Calum Patterson making the big hit to stop a Boclair attack. 51\_a49Under16Rugby18

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Pictured above are shooters Darren Clark, George Williamson, Brian Baird, Stephen MacSporran and Adam Curr.

## Winter league shoot in the Tarbert sunshine

Tarbert Gun Club held its December competition of the winter league series on Sunday December 1.

White frost and low winter sun added to the difficulty of seeing the targets for the 11 teams comprising a total of 59 shooters – or at least that was the excuse used by some for missing a target.

Roy Laird is the man in form, winning last month's shoot and just a second barrel cost him another win this month. Roy himself claims it is Specsavers that are making the difference.

It is early days yet in the team event, but Ronald Jenkins' lot are

building up a clear lead. They must have been at Specsavers too. Father and son John and Ian Winnard are both on good form; Ian tying with John Weir for High Gun and John winning his class.

### Results:

Class A: 1= John Weir and Ian Winnard; 3 Ronald Jenkins.  
Class B: 1 Bob McColl; 2 Steven Sloan; 3 Jack Campbell.  
Class C: 1 Roy Laird; 2= Michael Harvey and Craig Samborek.  
Class D: 1 John Winnard; 2 Ian McVicar; 3 Shaun Johnson.  
Class E: 1 George Williamson; 2 Duncan McLean; 3 Arron Robertson.



Oban Saints players Lewis Cameron and Scott Maitland, front row left.

## Oban Saints players in international squad

Oban Saints players Lewis Cameron and Scott Maitland turned out for the Scottish Amateur International Select in a friendly match against Camelon Juniors at Falkirk Stadium

last Tuesday evening. In an entertaining game, the SAFA Select defeated the East of Scotland Premier Division side 2-1. Lewis set up both goals for the SAFA Select.

## Bob MacIntyre's coach teaches youngsters

Oban's European Tour golfer Bob MacIntyre's coach, David Burns, held the last of his quarterly sessions at Glencruitten Golf Club on Sunday for 12 junior members and coaches.

The club would like to thank Oban Rotary for funding these sessions over the past three years. Weekly junior coaching will resume again on March 1, 2020.

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# Pier Garage owner steps in to support Argyll football

When Kris Gordon became aware that primary four teams from all over Argyll were coming together in Lochgilhead in November to play football, he stepped in to offer support by covering the costs for the events.

Kris, proprietor of Pier Garage in Ardrishaig said: 'It is a fantastic event and it is great seeing kids from Oban, Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Tarbert and Campbeltown getting together regularly and having great fun playing football.'

'I wanted to help out and had a chat with the organisers who said the biggest challenge was meeting the cost of hiring the facilities.'

Parents of the Lochgilhead Red Star Primary 4 team



Pier Garage's Kris Gordon, left, with youth football teams from across Argyll.



Kris Gordon.

## Shinty: 2020 Macaulay Cup draw

The Draw for the 2020 Artemis Macaulay Cup was made on November 29 at the Camanachd Association AGM in Fort William, by Les Kinvig and Davie Thomson from the Macaulay Association.

The Artemis Macaulay Cup Final will take place at Mossfield Park, Oban on Saturday August 22, 2020.

### Round one – May 2

Kyles Athletic v Aberdour.  
Oban Celtic v Ballachulish.  
Oban Camanachd v Bute.  
Inveraray v Glasgow Mid Argyll.  
Lochaber v Newtonmore.  
Fort William v Kinlochshiel.  
Kilmallie v Kingussie.  
Caberfeidh v Lovat

### Round two – June 13

Oban Celtic / Ballachulish v



Oban Camanachd / Bute.  
Kyles Athletic / Aberdour v  
Inveraray / Glasgow Mid Argyll.

### Round two – June 27

Lochaber / Newtonmore v  
Kilmallie / Kingussie.  
Fort William / Kinlochshiel v  
Caberfeidh / Lovat.

### Semi-finals – July 25

Oban Celtic / Ballachulish v  
Oban Camanachd / Bute.  
Kyles Athletic / Aberdour v  
Inveraray / Glasgow Mid Argyll.  
Lochaber / Newtonmore v  
Kilmallie / Kingussie.  
Fort William / Kinlochshiel v  
Caberfeidh / Lovat.

### Final – August 22

Mossfield Park, Oban

were equally delighted and a spokesperson added: 'We are a young and growing team and because of our amazing location, we discovered teams from across Argyll were only too happy to come and meet each other here and play and thanks to Kris we can do this more often.'

'The kids run non-stop all day and you can see them developing their skills with each session.'

Asked if he would be joining in the football any time soon, Kris was keen to point out he is not quite so good with his feet as he is with his hands.

In addition to investing in local football, Kris has been investing in his father's long established and successful ga-

rage business at Canal Basin in Ardrishaig since taking over in 2016.

The business has been modernised and has moved premises. Kris said: 'I am much more electronically minded than my father, where has made a success of mechanical repairs, I have focused on the technology side and have spent a lot of time getting up to speed on the increasing tech seen in cars today and recently passed my level 2 assessment for hybrid and electric vehicles.'

Kris pointed out: 'We are a local business supported by loyal customers who are local and I was keen to give something back, so I am pleased we are able to help out.'

## Football results and fixtures

Scottish Amateur Cup - 4th round: Rothie Rovers 0, Oban Saints 3; SAFL Premier Division - Glynhill Moorcroft 4, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Saturday's fixtures - Central Scottish 1B-Oban Saints v Blaytyre RGM; SAFL Premier Division-Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Premier One-Lochgilhead Red Star v Parkhall.



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