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# Protest fails to halt dementia ward plan

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Argyll's sole inpatient ward for dementia sufferers remains under threat after bosses deferred a decision on its future.

Ignoring heavy rain outside Argyll and Bute Council headquarters at Kilmory, protesters gathered to voice their opinion that Mid Argyll Hospital's Knapdale Ward should be kept open and enhanced for future demands.

Made up of members of the public, relatives of dementia sufferers, nursing and medical professionals, and trade union UNISON representatives, the protesters made their feelings known to members of the Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB) – the group overseeing health and social care in the region – ahead of its meeting on Wednesday January 29.

In the end, the IJB decided to begin a formal public consultation before meeting in late March to 'make a decision' on the future of the facility.

The future of Knapdale



Ward has hung in the balance since managers at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) closed the ward to new admissions in February 2018.

Since then a Dementia Redesign Group within the HSCP has been looking at the future of care for dementia patients in Argyll and Bute.

But staff and UNISON have slammed bosses over a lack of consultation about plans for

the unit. And the brother of one Knapdale Ward inpatient only stumbled across the closure plans the weekend before the meeting. He claims he was never consulted.

Four options have been considered by the Dementia Redesign Group, with the preferred option being to move to an enhanced community care model, with inpatient services provided 'out of area'. Knapdale inpatient ward would be closed.

The 'redesign' would save an estimated £200,000 within Argyll and Bute – but if 10 patients per annum require inpatient care, the additional payment to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde would potentially be £196,000, according to HSCP figures.

Campaigners prefer another identified alternative – Option 4 – which would develop Knapdale Ward to provide inpatient assessment/respice/day

**Soaked but unbowed – protesters outside Kilmory leave IJB decision-makers in no doubt about their feelings.** 51\_a05KnapdaleWardPro-test01

care/outpatient/information hub and a community team base along with the development of enhanced community teams.

UNISON also claims that staff calls for improvements to the ward have been ignored by HSCP bosses.

Ahead of Wednesday's meeting, a 3,000-signature petition entitled 'Save Knapdale Ward' was handed to IJB chairman Kieron Green by UNISON regional organiser Simon MacFarlane.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand, a former mental health nurse, said: 'This proposal will mean that those who suffer from and care for people with this horrendous illness will have to travel out of Argyll for inpatient care.'

'Surely [this is] inhumane.'

**More on this story in next week's edition.**

## Witness appeal after Ormsary tragedy

Police inquiries continue into a road crash in which two people died on the B8024 at Ormsary, near Lochgilphead.

The alarm was raised after a car was found on the shore of Loch Caolisport south of Ormsary around 9am on Sunday January 26.

The bodies of a 37-year-old man and 19-year-old woman were found nearby.

Police Scotland later confirmed that there was a third person in the car, a man, who was being treated in hospital earlier this week.

Sergeant Paul MacPherson, of Police Scotland's Road Policing Unit, said: 'Inquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances of this tragic incident which has resulted in the deaths of two people.'

'I would urge anyone with information which could help our investigation or who may have seen the car at any time overnight to let us know as soon as they can.'

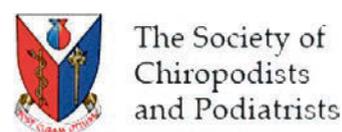
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**Vehicle damaged**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle in MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, was damaged sometime between 5pm on Friday January 24 and 10.30am on Saturday January 25.

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

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# 'Sympathetic' response to ferry funding appeal

## Council leader takes area's case to government minister

Argyll and Bute Council's leader has received a 'sympathetic' response to the area's need for ferry funding after taking the area's case to the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

At a meeting on Tuesday January 28, Councillor Aileen Morton raised the funding and service issues affecting ferries across the area with Paul Wheelhouse MSP.

Councillor Morton said: 'Argyll and Bute has the highest number of inhabited islands of all of Scotland's councils.

'Ferry services therefore play a key part in keeping our communities connected and in ensuring Argyll and Bute can support the national economy.

**'I am pleased our case received a sympathetic hearing. What matters, however, is action.'**

'The Scottish Government provides support for ferry services in other parts of Scotland. Argyll and Bute deserves the same kind of support.

'This is a fantastic area, with award winning businesses and people, and huge growth potential for local and wider economies.

'We are working hard to raise understanding, at all levels, of Argyll and Bute's challenges and opportunities.'

The focus of the discussion was the need for funding to support ferry services currently operated by the council, including the need for capital funding to replace the Lismore ferry.

Councillor Morton and chief executive Pippa Milne, however, also raised other ferry-related issues including the wish for more sailings to Mull, increased capacity for Islay, improvements to the Dunoon town centre service and resilience for the main Rothesay service.

Councillor Morton gave a cautious welcome to the meeting: 'I am pleased our case received a sympathetic hearing. What matters, however, is action. The minister confirmed his commitment last year to finding a funding solution for Argyll and Bute's ferries. This is still to be identified. Similarly, it was announced last week there will be delays to improvement work at the Rest and Be Thankful because of budget pressures. Argyll and Bute's transport connectivity is crucial to its success and we need to see our aspirations matched by the Scottish Government. I look forward



Scottish Government Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Paul Wheelhouse.

to continuing discussions with the minister after next week's Scottish Government budget announcement.'

The meeting came a week after the council's leader raised the challenges facing the area with Scotland's Minister for Public Finance

and Digital Economy Kate Forbes MSP.

In the past week, Councillor Morton has also written to all party leaders pressing the case once more for a funding settlement from Holyrood that recognises Argyll and Bute's unique challenges.

# Erskine Bridge closures prompt delay warning

Drivers are being advised to allow extra time to cross the Erskine Bridge in Glasgow over the next four weekends.

As part of Transport Scotland's strategic trunk road management programme, Scotland TranServ is replacing the bridge bearings at the south abutment of the bridge.

The work will take place over four weekends, starting Friday January 31, and will involve overnight closures and single lanes.

To complete the work as quickly and safely as possible, with minimal disruption to commuters and business, Scotland TranServ is implementing a staggered traffic

management approach, to minimise bridge closures to four hours, from midnight each Friday until 4am on the Saturday morning.

It will, however, be necessary to operate a single lane at other times across the weekends.

Lane management is currently identified as:

■ Friday 8pm to midnight - single lane open in both directions

■ Friday midnight to Saturday 4am - Erskine Bridge closed to all traffic, except emergency service vehicles

■ Saturday 4am to Monday 6am - single lane open both directions

■ All lanes open to traffic

from Monday 6am. During the overnight closures, diversions will be implemented.

At other times during the weekend it is expected lane management will cause significant delays.

The bearings to be worked on have been in place since the completion of the bridge in 1971 and now need replaced.

Live trunk road information can be found at [trafficscotland.org](http://trafficscotland.org) or by following @trafficscotland on Twitter.

An overnight diversion map and additional information will be available on the Scotland TranServ website nearer the start of the proposed project.



**Davaar Island Safe Walking Times**



	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sat, 1 Feb 2020	09:45	06:45	12:15			
Sun, 2 Feb 2020	10:34	07:34	13:04			
Mon, 3 Feb 2020	11:33	08:33	14:03			
Tue, 4 Feb 2020				12:44	09:44	15:14
Wed, 5 Feb 2020				14:00	11:00	16:30
Thu, 6 Feb 2020				15:04	12:04	17:34
Fri, 7 Feb 2020				15:55	12:55	18:25
Sat, 8 Feb 2020				16:40	13:40	19:10
Sun, 9 Feb 2020				17:22	14:22	19:52
Mon, 10 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 11 Feb 2020						
Wed, 12 Feb 2020	07:18	04:18	09:48			
Thu, 13 Feb 2020	08:05	05:05	10:35			
Fri, 14 Feb 2020	08:54	05:54	11:24			
Sat, 15 Feb 2020	09:46	06:46	12:16			
Sun, 16 Feb 2020	10:46	07:46	13:16			
Mon, 17 Feb 2020	11:59	08:59	14:29			
Tue, 18 Feb 2020				13:20	10:20	15:50
Wed, 19 Feb 2020				14:30	11:30	17:00
Thu, 20 Feb 2020				15:27	12:27	17:57
Fri, 21 Feb 2020				16:15	13:15	18:45
Sat, 22 Feb 2020				16:57	13:57	19:27
Sun, 23 Feb 2020				17:33	14:33	20:03
Mon, 24 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 25 Feb 2020				18:36	15:36	21:06
Wed, 26 Feb 2020	06:45	03:45	09:15			
Thu, 27 Feb 2020	07:15	04:15	09:45			
Fri, 28 Feb 2020	07:48	04:48	10:18			
Sat, 29 Feb 2020	08:24	05:24	10:54			

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



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## Landslide closes A83 near the Rest and Be Thankful

The A83 was closed in both directions near the Rest and Be Thankful yesterday due to a landslide.

More than 1,000 tonnes of material reached the carriageway in the early hours of Thursday January 30 following heavy rainfall.

BEAR Scotland staff were on site assessing the situation and when safe to do so planned to start the clear-up.

The adjacent Old Military Road was being assessed to consider if it was safe to use to use as a diversion.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north-west manager, said: 'Safety is our top priority, and we're doing all we can to assess the slope and the extent of the debris from

the steep hillside above the carriageway.

'The landslide is east of the normal landslide-susceptible area but is within the section of the A83 where we could use the Old Military Road. The Old Military Road will be assessed this morning to consider if it is safe to use. In the meantime, traffic will be diverted via the A882/A85/A819.

'Road users should also check Traffic Scotland for the latest information about the Rest and Be Thankful, and we'll be doing our best to keep stakeholders updated on progress.'

Ferry alternatives are also available via Western Ferries and CalMac.

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Recent storms have taken their toll on the masonry preventing the region's main trunk road from falling into the sea.

The first named Atlantic storm of 2020 struck on January 13, creating higher tides than usual and big waves on Loch Fyne's western shore.

Storm Brendan undermined a section of sea wall at Crarae on the A83 which had been cordoned off for safety reasons in the spring and summer of 2019.

On Monday January 27 traffic lights reappeared to keep vehicles away from the newly-undermined section.

Other sea defences were damaged in Storm Brendan, including a stretch at Ardrishaig. Inveraray

# Repairs needed after Brendan



sea wall had already been earmarked for repair at the Newton, and this work is due to begin in February.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland, responsible for managing Argyll's trunk roads, said: 'Following storm Brendan, we carried out a survey of the sea walls on the A83. A number of issues have been noted, including

the damage at Ardrishaig and Crarae. We are currently preparing schemes to repair the damage and, where necessary, traffic restrictions will be implemented temporarily to minimise loading of the walls.

'A lane closure is in place at Crarae to allow restoration works to commence as quickly and as safely as possible.'

Left, damage caused by Storm Brendan to the sea wall at Crarae. Below, the storm batters the sea defences at Crarae on January 13.

Photographs: Stephen Penman.



## NHS Highland change at the top

NHS Highland has announced that it is to have its third chief executive in just over a year.

Moving on from his role as chief executive of the board, Iain Stewart will take on an executive role within NHS Orkney, ahead of taking on the role of chief executive after the phased retirement of current chief Gerry O'Brien.

Mr Stewart was appointed as NHS Highland boss just over a year ago in the wake of allegations of widespread bullying within the organisation and had been overseeing plans designed to address concerns raised by an inquiry led by QC John Sturrock and to prevent further incidents.

Mr Stewart said: 'I would like to offer a huge thank you to all my colleagues across Highland and Argyll and Bute for their hard work and dedication which I have seen time and time again. It has been a pleasure working here.

'I know we have had our challenges but I firmly believe the work that has been put in towards our culture programme and financial recovery had contributed to making this an organisation we can all be proud of.'

NHS Fife chief Paul Hawkins will be seconded to NHS Highland in the interim.

## Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2019.

Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Fresh Connection, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:

**The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown,  
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# The voyages of the Fulmar



'Britannia at Rothesay' 51\_a05Fulmar01\_Britannia

Continuing the serialisation of a log book from the yacht 'Fulmar', recording her 1956 voyages and the adventures of her crew. The dog-eared log book was sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser along with an unsigned note saying the log book had been bought recently among a lot of assorted items at an Edinburgh fleamarket.

The 'Fulmar', a 41-foot gaff cutter built in 1901, was owned by Commander Ralph G Mowat, RN (Rtd). Information on Commander Mowat was unearthed after an appeal by this newspaper, but we would love to hear from any surviving relatives. The yacht won her class in the 1956 Tobermory Race from Bute to Tobermory, via the Crinan Canal, before setting off on a cruise from Crinan up the West Coast, around Mull and back home. Crew of the Fulmar (summer cruise) and their nicknames were: RG Mowat, 'Skipper'; Mary R Mowat, 'Mate'; G Paterson, 'Pilot'; S Stanger, 'Doctor'; JM Mowat, 'Bosun'; Chris Paterson, 'Tanky'; Robin G Mowat, 'Tar'; Shena R Mowat, 'Purser' and dachshund Ruddiger von Stoer, 'Major of Marines'.

## Part two Pre-cruise events

### A glimpse of royalty

The Mate, Skipper and Tar went to Tighnabruaich on Saturday afternoon, June 2, with more of our gear. There were heavy showers and a gale force westerly wind but they got aboard dry and the Mate got down to organising and sewing blankets, pillows, mattresses etc, and clearing up in the forecabin and cabins.

It cleared up in the evening and after watching Trojan Maid being launched (a boat with reverse sheer which worried the Mate), they went ashore and in this lovely but cold evening, with a clear sky and a dropping wind, went the 'Round Ardlamont' run after a visit to the hotel bar where they met Archie Bannatyne in a 'certain condition'.

It rained heavily during the night and the wind got up again, so they lay abed till after ten then spent the day tidying up and sitting in the dog-house while the Tar had a very long spell on the semi-rotary which was leaking badly. St Roma came alongside (they had to fend off our bowsprit) for a call and the Trojan Maid sailed and a gaff cutter (Rose Marie?) and a schooner, Charm, passed west - otherwise nothing was moving.

At about four they went ashore after a dull but quite pleasant wee break. The blue bells all the way were magnificent - never anywhere at any time have we seen anything approaching two big slopes of them just north of Luss.

The Bosun and three of his classmates went off in Fulmar on Thursday, June 14. They were in Glen Caladh, Tarbert, Crinan, Loch Melfort, Dunstaffnage, Loch Aline, Tobermory, Dunstaffnage again, and Puilladobhrain (where they went on the mud when trying to turn round in light weather at dead low water), Shuna (North end), MacNevan, Tarbert, and Rothesay, and

back to Tighnabruaich on Wednesday, June 27. They had no disaster but had some fog and at least twice walked about five miles each way to go to dances - to Easdale from Puilladobhrain and to Oban from Dunstaffnage. We were most disappointed to hear that the engine was still up to its old tricks - still ran perfectly for an hour or so then stopped. It was suggested that it might be the condenser and we fitted a new one but, as was proved later, with no success.

The Bosun left the Fulmar at Tighnabruaich and went to Port Bannatyne to race round Ailsa Craig in St Roma and the Mate, Purser (with a terrible cold), Tar, Major,

Queen' jetty where the Bosun joined them, being fetched off by the Purser who had but lately turned out after a long lie in an effort to kill her cold. The same two, taking the Major with them, went off to collect the Bosun's luggage at the pier.

It was a cold dull day with occasional spits of rain and blowing quite stiffly so the races were soon over and the anchorages (small craft at Craigmore, big ones astern of us in two lines, the very big ones out in the bay near the Britannia's attendant destroyer) soon filled up and made a very fine sight.

They dressed Fulmar overall to be upsidies with many others then sat about watching the scene after Biggar, the Purser and Bosun had visited Hamish Lawrence in his new Seewolf.

Unfortunately the evening set in with heavy rain and the Skipper turned in early but the others waited up to see the illuminations and Biggar and the Bosun went to Port Bannatyne to visit Harold Hagman in his new motor boat. The Purser's cold was improving but she turned in feeling not too good and was very sick during the night for no accountable reason. The Fulmar was one of the few yachts that got down the 'dress ship' flags, her ensign, and her burgee, with 'Colours' sounded off by Britannia. The Bosun hoisted the riding light just before dark as they were the nearest boat to the pier. Nysa was anchored close inshore from them, Tunnag to seaward, and Tai-mo-shan astern.

The Skipper was up early for 'Colours' and again Fulmar was one of the few boats who carried out the correct procedure. Some yachts had left their ensigns and "Dress Ship" flags up overnight. It was a dull cold morning with a light south-easterly breeze and rain not far off.

Before breakfast Alec and the Tar took the Major ashore for this run and gave Hunter of Nysa a lift off to his boat.

They got the sails up



The dog-eared but fascinating 1956 log book.

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Skipper, and Alec Biggar, joined her later on Friday, June 29. It was a poor but dry evening and they did not sail that night but were early away on Saturday under engine to Rothesay for the Royal Clyde Centenary Regatta (attended by the Duke of Edinburgh in the Britannia).

The engine went beautifully to the church in the East Kyle then stopped in its old way and main and jib went up in a hurry to a strong south wind. They had one or two tacks then got a fine leg across Port Bannatyne Bay to Ardyne in a big sea and 'going like a bomb'.

They saw the start of the races, including a spectacular one of 39 dragons, then passed astern of Britannia and anchored off the 'Gay

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The Fulmar. 51\_a48Fulmar01

immediately after breakfast and as they did so the Duke of Edinburgh passed close by (in plain clothes) on his way ashore for the church service.

Getting the anchor just as the rain came on they beat out to the small boat anchorage then turned and ran for Port Bannatyne, passing as close as was permitted to Britannia. As they rounded

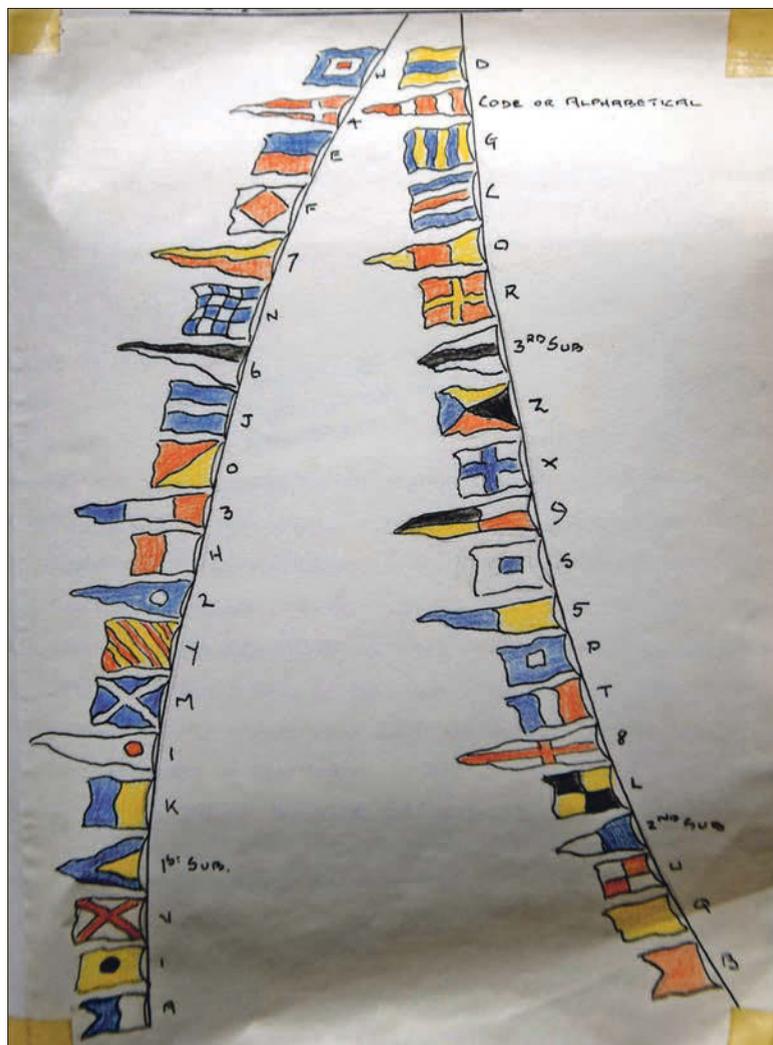
to come into Port Bannatyne Bay, Harold Hagman came out in this motor boat and Alex transferred to her for the run home to Rhu.

Biggar gone, they headed off for Ardlamont and they had a torrential shower which lasted to the church in the East Kyle then the sun broke through and the sky cleared and they had a very lovely

run in brilliant sunshine to Tighnabruaich having a little difficulty in getting the mooring as the wind was quite strong and dead on shore (and low water).

They had lunch during one heavy shower then cleared up during another and came home in the evening.

**Next week: Racing to Tobermory**



'Dress ship - our line of flags'.

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# All go for pipe band

There's been plenty going at Loch Fyne Pipe Band with excitement at securing two big gigs.

There was success for the band's Pipe Major John Hunt when he took part in the CLASP solo competition at the National Piping Centre in Glasgow.

Placing well in each of the four disciplines, some of John's highlights were taking second in the Strathspey and Reel, then first in the Full Piobaireachd. There was a strong international field taking part and John was delighted to claim first place overall in grade three.

Leading drummer Brian Hastings has been busy in the past few weeks refurbishing drums and taking delivery of new snare drums.

Custom bass heads, inspired by the art department pupils at Tarbert Academy, have been fitted to the bass drum and further items of uniform and equipment have also been bought.

These were partly funded by grants from A'Chruach Windfarm, Cour Windfarm,



Loch Fyne Pipe Band's pipe major John Hunt, right, finished first overall in the grade three category of the CLASP solo competition.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and Tarbert Co-op Community Fund.

The band is delighted to have been asked to provide support to headline acts in two upcoming concerts.

The first is on Saturday February 15 when Gunna Sound will perform at a

ceilidh night in aid of Tarbert Music Festival. The second date is supporting international star Eddi Reader on Saturday February 29.

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### Consultation needed on dementia ward plans

Since it was 'temporarily' closed to new admissions around two years ago, there has been the suspicion that plans were afoot to close Knapdale Ward completely.

The HSCP claims to have consulted widely on the future of the ward, yet patients' relatives, front-line nurses and medical professionals say they were never asked for their views. Indeed, the suggestion has been made that any opinions counter to the management view have been unwelcome.

Nobody is suggesting that Knapdale Ward is perfect, and common sense tells us that dementia patients are more comfortable and relaxed in their home environment. An enhanced community care model is an excellent idea – but healthcare professionals are adamant Knapdale Ward should be retained, with improvements made in discussion with staff.

It is needed, they say, as an option within Argyll when the home environment is no longer suitable for dementia sufferers, their families and carers.

Serious questions need to be answered. What is the enhanced community model? Is there capacity in Glasgow for Argyll patients? And how much will this (realistically) cost?

### Fascinating Fulmar

Sir,  
Part one of the voyages of the Fulmar in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser (Friday January 24) offered an interesting read but one of the accompanying photos caught my eye, as it captured an aircraft flying low, over the water near a sailing boat.

Looking closely, the image tells me that the aircraft is an American Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber.

The story surrounding the Fulmar is dated as 1956 and the text informs us that the Fulmar crew witnessed this aircraft flying low over the water.

The Avenger was an aircraft flown by US Marine pilots from aircraft carriers during the Pacific war and later used in the Vietnam

conflict. So it set my mind to wondering, what was such an aircraft doing low flying in the skies over Tarbert in 1956?

The text said that the crew witnessed an oil tanker doing trials off Arran. My early research tells me that in 1956 an American aircraft carrier (possibly the USS Wasp) was carrying out simulated nuclear attacks in the waters around Arran. Could this vessel be what the crew of the Fulmar saw? It could easily be mistaken for an oil tanker and this might explain why the Avenger was in the area at the time.

So does anyone have any further thoughts or information on this interesting event?

**Bryan Passey, Lochgilphead.**

*Look out for the next episode of the Fulmar's adventures on pages four and five.*



The photo that caught Bryan's eye.

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### Tenants in rented properties should be able to keep pets

Sir,  
Dogs Trust believes that the benefits of pet ownership shouldn't be exclusive to homeowners, but open to private and social renters as well.

With the number of people privately renting increasing year on year, the news that the UK government is looking to make it easier for private tenants to have pets in their homes has never been more important.

The single biggest reason we see dogs handed in to our rehoming centres is due to a change in the owner's circumstances, such as being unable to live in a rented property with a pet. This can also stop people coming forward to adopt rescue animals.

This needs to change and we sincerely hope the proposed updates to model tenancy contracts will help ensure that fewer owners are forced to give up their beloved pets and that more people are able to consider adoption.

**Clare Kivlehan, head of outreach projects at Dogs Trust.**

### Fuel poverty is putting older people's health at risk

Sir,  
Here at Age Scotland, we are urging older people to switch energy suppliers as new Scottish Government figures show a rise in those living in fuel poverty.

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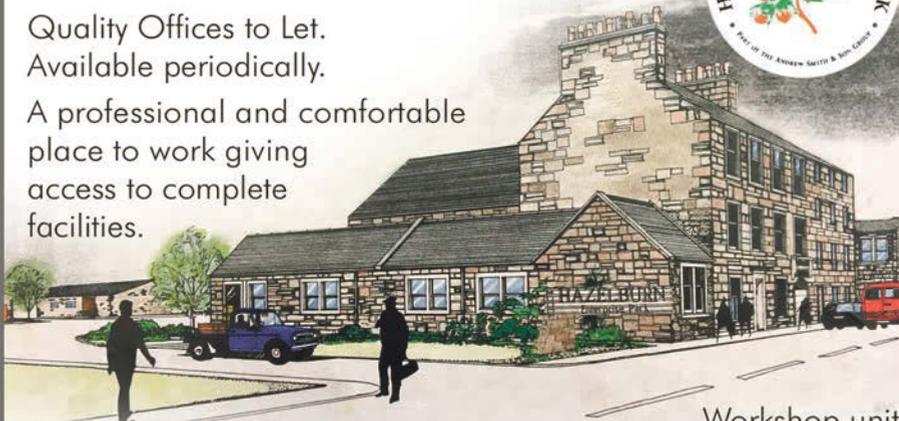
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The latest Scottish House Condition Survey: 2018 showed that one in four Scottish households was living in fuel poverty, with previous figures showing that more than half of single pensioners live in fuel poverty, and four in 10 pensioner couples.

It is simply unacceptable that tens of thousands of older people in Scotland are spending their later years worrying about energy bills or cutting down on other necessities to pay for heating.

Many are putting themselves at risk of health problems, such as heart disease, respiratory or circulatory diseases, by not heating their homes adequately. This leads to increased winter deaths, as well as GP visits and hospital admissions.

While the Scottish Government's Fuel Poverty Bill is a step in the right direction, there is a clear need for more action to make fuel poverty a thing of the past. We need to see the government and suppliers working together to ensure that every older person can afford to live in a warm, comfortable home.

We are encouraging all older people to see if they can save money by switching energy supplier. They should also check they are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to, including Pension Credits and Warm Home discounts, as well as help with home insulation and draft proofing.

People can get free, friendly advice via the Age Scotland Helpline on 0800 124 4222.

**Brian Sloan,**  
Age Scotland's chief executive.

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## A louder voice for businesses in Argyll?

Argyll and the Isles could have a stronger business voice to address challenges – and make the best of opportunities – within the region.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce raised the prospect of a pan-Argyll business network at a special meeting in Lochgilphead, with business representatives invited from far and wide.

The idea arose from meetings in 2019 during which one of the subjects under discussion was the Rural Growth Deal, at which point it was realised there was no single business voice for Argyll.

Businesspeople from Campbeltown, Oban and Lochgilphead attended the meeting, held on January 28 and hosted by MacLeod Construction, where chamber of commerce chairman David Smart said: "The intention is not to replicate the effort of organisations already in existence but to act as a hub or conduit for concerns."

The move was welcomed by Kintyre businessman Jim

Martin, who stressed the impact on the area of recent job losses at CS Wind and Campbeltown Creamery.

Mr Martin said: 'It would be useful to be connected to other business groups around Argyll to give us more influence.'

An important next step will be to look at the formation of a Kintyre business group to join the Oban and Dunoon Business Improvement Districts and Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce in the umbrella organisation.

### Rural areas

It is hoped Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce will get involved and the need to include rural and island areas is high on the list.

'Some of the benefits will be the potential for more clout with politicians at all levels and, hopefully, this will be a vehicle for bringing people together,' said Mr Smart.

The move is supported by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team and a follow-up meeting is planned.

# Warning after 'Amazon' scammers target nest egg

by Colin Cameron  
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A Mid Argyll woman has spoken out after she narrowly avoided having her retirement pot stolen by heartless fraudsters.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, said: 'I want to tell people what hap-

pened to me in case they are targeting this area.'

On Monday January 27 at 8.30am, she received a message purporting to be from Amazon Prime to inform her they had taken a £33.99 charge from her bank account.

She told them she had not asked for this and was given advice on completing an online form to claim reimbursement.

She was then told she had entered a decimal point incorrectly and that 'Amazon' had paid back £3,999.

The operative told her that if she didn't immediately repay the money he would 'lose his job'.

After a few comings and goings on the phone and talking to a 'supervisor' or two, the fraudsters persuaded the lady to install an app on her phone to allow payment.

Luckily the woman was wise enough to give details of a bank account with very little money in it.

She explained: 'They demanded I contact the bank and arrange for a bank transfer. I was on the phone for about three hours, but when I tried to put the phone down I couldn't end the call. They'd kept the line open.'

'But I didn't give them details of the account where I'd put my retirement lump sum.'

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**'They demanded I contact the bank and arrange for a bank transfer. I was on the phone for about three hours, but when I tried to put the phone down I couldn't end the call. They'd kept the line open.'**

She added: 'I then got a text from my bank asking whether I had made the transaction and, thankfully, they stopped the payment.'

She phoned the police to report it then, when she tried to use her bank account on Tuesday, she was unable to get access.

'The bank explained that by downloading the app the fraudsters would have had access to all my accounts, not just the 'small' one,' the lady explained. 'So I very

nearly lost my retirement money.'

Her bank disabled her internet banking facility and she is now having to open new accounts.

'These scammers spoke with Asian accents and were so plausible,' she added.

The advice on the Amazon website is: 'If you receive a suspicious phone call, email or text message claiming to be from Amazon asking for payment, personal information or offering a refund you do not expect, please do not share any personal information and disconnect any phone call immediately.'

'You can report spam calls via Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

'Please also note that Amazon will never ask for your personal information, or ask you to make a payment outside of our website, for example via bank transfer or emailing credit card details.'

Alternatively, call Police Scotland on 101 to report the scam.

## Scottish Water announces new domestic charges

Scotland's 2020/2021 household water and waste water service charges have been announced.

There will be an increase of 0.9 per cent on last year across all council tax bands – about £3 extra a year for the average household – Scottish Water has announced.

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# To rewild or not to rewild, that is the question

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Viewed from a plane, rural Britain consists predominantly of bare hills in the north and a southern patchwork of fields.

The northern landscape is mainly determined by excessive grazing by sheep and deer, while dairy, meat and arable farming have shaped the south. So how did Britain look before human interventions? Dense forest? Or open woodland?

Research now favours the latter.

Plants and animals evolved in equilibrium for thousands of years before humans impacted the landscape. Essential to this balance were 'keynote species' including aurochs (cattle), bison and tarpan (ancient horses).

By grazing, these animals trampled and eroded soils, dispersed seeds and redistributed nutrients, thereby keeping the forest open. This



Could the European wolf be reintroduced?

Photograph: Wikipedia.

in turn encouraged growth of large trees while also creating numerous habitats and micro-environments for a wonderful diversity of plants and smaller animals.

Now this biodiversity is se-

verely threatened by modern monocultures (grass, cereals, spruce), and massive quantities of pesticides, fungicides, fertilisers and 'weed' killers. It is no wonder that insect numbers have plummeted, many



Beavers have already made a comeback.

Photograph: Steve Gardner

bird species are endangered and wild-flower meadows have virtually vanished. So could we recreate this natural order on unproductive land and save our wildlife?

For Isabella Tree and her

husband Charlie Burrell the answer is a resounding 'yes'. In her book *Wilding*, Tree describes 'wilding' their 3,500 acre farm at Knepp, West Sussex, that had been unproductive for years.

They introduced longhorn cattle, Exmore ponies, deer and pigs but otherwise left well alone.

Within months they saw a difference – most scrub was cleared, producing an explosion of plant and animal species. And where grazers were deterred by spiny or unpalatable plants, oaks emerged that will eventually form an open woodland.

But Knepp is isolated. More rewilding sites are needed with wildlife corridors between them to support the populations and genetic diversity essential for long-term survival.

Surely parts of Argyll are ideal for rewilding. We already have beavers creating new waterways to support aquatic species – now how about some large grazers to open up the landscape and perhaps one day recreate the ancient Celtic rainforest?

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# Cairndow centre will link generations with lottery cash

by Colin Cameron  
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A Cairndow social enterprise has landed funding to create a heritage archive.

Here We Are, which sits in the Clachan development alongside the Tree Shop and Loch Fyne Oysters, has been promoting sustainable development and

recording local history for the past two decades.

After an earlier unsuccessful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Here We Are, in the form of Dot Chalmers and Fiona Campbell, re-submitted an application in October last year.

Last week Here We Are announced it had been awarded £90,200 over two years.

Dot Chalmers said: 'We are delighted to hear that we have been successful in our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.'

'This project will enable us to archive Here We Are, how it started and all the projects we have produced over the years.'

Since its opening in 2001, Here We Are has been involved in a range of projects and initiatives in the Cairndow area aimed at empowering the community, making it self-sustaining in the future while retaining vital connections to the past.

Projects have ranged from exhibitions on the village and community to renewable energy projects.

The centre has a wealth of information on Cairndow and the wider Kilmorich parish. Some years ago it undertook an ambitious project entitled Our Houses: Their Stories, a biography of the 107 Cairndow houses and of those who lived – and live



Dot Chalmers and Fiona Campbell of Here We Are.

– in them, their livelihoods and occupations.

More recently, in a project part-funded by Historic Environment Scotland, staff and volunteers worked with archaeologists, Ardkinglas Estate and a number of shepherds to present Shepherding on Ardkinglas Estate in the 20th Century.

These projects and others have meant that the Here We Are loft has become jam-packed with invaluable records and other material.

With the help of the

Heritage Lottery Funding award, that precious archive can now be sorted out.

Dot explained: 'We will design and develop a website that will display our collections, making them accessible to everyone. The project involves members of our community, school children and the elderly, whom we look forward to working with.'

'We would like to thank the National Lottery Heritage Fund for its support.'

## Vodafone restores Knapdale signal after three-week outage

Vodafone customers in south Knapdale were relieved this week to have their signal restored after three weeks without service.

The mobile phone service provided by Vodafone disappeared on January 5 to customers on the western shore of West Loch Tarbert between Torinturk and Carse.

One Vodafone customer in the area, a woman with a sick and elderly husband, told the Advertiser she was having to rely on neighbours to relay messages as she has no landline.

A spokesperson for Vodafone said on Friday last week: 'The issue in south Knapdale is the result of a technical fault with a mobile antenna.'

'Unfortunately, due to the location and height of this particular site, we require a specialist climbing team, and relevant safety approvals before we can carry out the necessary repairs.'

On Monday January 27, the company told the Advertiser that the problem had been resolved over the weekend and the site was back up and running.



Shepherd Roddy McDiarmid explains the finer points of his art to George Findlater of Historic Environment Scotland during an Ardkinglas shepherding exhibition at Here We Are in 2017.

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# MS centre too hot to trot

by Rachel Carruthers  
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There was a buzz of excitement and anticipation in the air as courageous fundraisers geared up for a Burns night celebration with a twist, all in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Centre Mid Argyll.

The brave 'soles' participating in the fundraising fire walk, on Friday January 24 gathered at the centre in Lochgilhead for some fire walking training and a feed before the big event.

## Haggis-themed

Hyped up and fuelled by their haggis-themed buffet, the 40-strong group paraded

to Lochgilhead front green, led by pipers Donal Bremner and Christopher McCartan, of Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Warmed by the roaring fire, a crowd of supportive spectators anxiously awaited their arrival ready to witness the spectacle.

Dancing, prancing, scurrying and proudly marching the whole barefooted group, including inspirational service users from the centre, made it across the hot coals with all 10 toes intact.

Claire Cameron, of Multiple Sclerosis Centre Mid Argyll, said: 'We are blown away with the support we have been shown once again and

we would like to thank our fire walkers and of course everyone who donated and turned out on the night to cheer us on.

## Fire walk

'Thanks also have to go to Mid Argyll Rotary and the Fraser Shaw Trust for helping fund the fire walk, Barr's Irn Bru for the donation of drinks for our Burns supper, The Square Peg for the donation of delicious cupcakes, Renewi for the skip hire and Blaze, the fire walk team, for making it happen.'

With donations still pouring in, an incredible £8,982.71 had been raised at the time of writing.



Nicola 'the sizzling hot dog' Wilson and Maggie 'the fire fairy' Dodd's costumes were a particular highlight of the night.

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MS Centre's Clair Cameron took it all in her stride.

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Inspirational Fiona MacInnes, of Lochgilhead, made her way across the glowing embers.

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Mid Argyll Pipe Band pipers Christopher McCartan and Donal Bremner led the parade to the front green.

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The brave 'soles' taking on the fire walk.

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Barbecued hot dog anyone? Nicola Wilson, from Oban, danced her way across the hot coals.

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Five brave Kennedy family members all took part, including Michael, whose boys were delighted to see him make it across safely.

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# Changing the world, one toilet at a time

There was nothing bog-standard about an Ardrishaig coffee morning as safe sanitation was the hot topic of conversation.

The coffee morning, held by Ardrishaig Church Eco Group, was in aid of Toilet Twinning – an initiative created through the partnership of international charities

Christian Outreach for Relief and Development and Tearfund, in response to the global sanitation crisis.

Figures from UNICEF state that two billion people do not have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet and that 663 million people live without safe, clean water – and Toilet Twinning aims to

combat that. Through Toilet Twinning, it costs £60 to build a toilet for an individual family and £240 to provide a block of toilets for a school or a displaced people's camp.

Flushed with excitement, around £570 was raised for the cause at the coffee morning held on Saturday January 18.

Ardrishaig Church Eco Group are supporting the toilet twinning scheme.

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L-R: Isobel MacMillan, Isabella Souden, Mollie Hood, Dadie Ferguson, winner of the giant teddy who was yet to be named, and Phyllis Angus enjoyed the busy atmosphere.

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Anne Watson and Jean Hodgson with a model of the dry latrines Toilet Twinning provide.

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## Dochas Centre launches new mental health support group

A new monthly support group for those caring for people with mental health issues has been introduced by the Dochas Carers Centre.

Mid Argyll Mental Health Carers Peer Support and Chat Group is for anyone helping to care for a family member or friend who is struggling with a mental health issue. Sharing information with and talking to people who understand the situation because of their own experience often helps others find the right support and make better informed decisions.

Working in partnership the mental health network Acumen, the group aims to provide informal support, information and an opportunity for a chat in a relaxed setting with refreshments.

The first group will be held at the Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday February 4, from noon to 2pm. Initially the group will run monthly for six months.

For more information contact Audrey Baird at Acumen, [audrey.baird@acumen.network.org](mailto:audrey.baird@acumen.network.org), or Doris Linstead at the Dochas Centre on 01546 600022.



The Dochas Carers Centre on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. a05dochas02

## Burns hits the right note with Inveraray senior citizens

Members of Inveraray Senior Citizens' Wednesday Club were in fine tune at their last meeting when they enjoyed a musical afternoon.

At the get-together on January 22, the group enjoyed a celebration of bard Robert Burns, with singing and recitations from Jake MacKay and Friends.

Everyone joined in for a sing-a-long with Jane, who was handing out the song sheets ... and accepting no excuses.

The afternoon included a delicious afternoon tea.

# Firewalk blazes a trail for charity

A Kilmory-based company has teamed up with an Argyll charity for a year of fantastic fundraising.

Every year staff at Midton Acrylics choose a local charity to support.

The 2020 charity is the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Argyll, and staff can't wait to start fundraising through company events including the competitive bake-offs, sponsored runs and more.

MS Centre manager Karen

McCurry said: 'Thanks so much to all the Midton team. We are grateful and excited about this partnership.'

### Fun year

'It's going to be a fun year and know we will work well together to make this fundraising and awareness campaign a big success.'

To kick the fundraising off, Lee Maclean and Tristan Bowden of Midton took part in the nerve-racking firewalk on Friday January 24.



Tristan Bowden, of Midton, braved the firewalk in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Centre Argyll.

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Dunbeg Primary School's sports day was a big success.

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## Schools continue to make the grade in delivery of sport

A record number of Scottish schools, including eight from Argyll and Bute, have received a prestigious award from sportscotland in recognition of their commitment to putting sport at the heart of the school ethos.

The sportscotland School Sport Award is presented for innovation and achievement in delivering school sport and physical activity, with 747 schools across the country now in possession of an award. It recognises schools that put young people at the forefront of decision-making and planning of school sport and PE while increasing participation opportunities.

The number of gold schools across Scotland now stands at an all-time high of 399, an increase of 40.5 per cent from last year's total of 284. A further 274 schools achieved silver and 74 bronze after a significant number of schools progressed towards the gold award.

In Argyll and Bute, Cardross Primary School, Dalintober Primary School, Dunbeg Primary School and Salen Primary School were all awarded gold status, Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Academy silver, while Carradale Primary School and Southend Primary School received bronze.

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# Going the green mile for mental health

Walkers were asked to wear something green as they walked a mile, Lochgilphead style, to raise awareness of the issue of mental health.

In the same way that the colour pink has become associated with breast cancer, mental health awareness is represented by green.

The January 25 walk – sup-

ported and funded by mental health group Acumen along with the See Me programme and Argyll and Bute Council – was intended to demonstrate support for people who have experienced poor mental health, plus their families and friends.

The day started at 10.30am with Tai Chi, led by Lynda

Syed, at the Octagon in Blarbuie Woodlands, then a walk down to Manse Brae where more supporters were waiting.

From there, the group walked to Campbell Street and on to Lochgilphead Community Centre for soup, sandwiches and an opportunity to chat.

Audrey Baird, development worker with Acumen, said: 'One of the legacies we hope to see following today's event is the formation of a mental health forum for Mid Argyll. This will be a place for sharing, where people who have concerns about mental health can talk to people who have lived experience and get in touch with the various service providers.'

Audrey is also looking for mental health 'champions' in Mid Argyll – people who care and are motivated to make a difference. She said: 'It's about empowering them, so



Walkers gather at Manse Brae. mp\_a05MentalHealthWalk02



Positive support through Lochgilphead for mental health.

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they know the right people to speak to in order to make that difference.'

She added: 'Mental health affects everyone. It's nothing to be afraid of, so let's talk about it.'

The Lochgilphead walk follows similar successful walks in Oban and Campbeltown.

**Rosie Morrison, pictured right, came from Campbeltown to support the walk along with Ailsa Wilson of Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis.**

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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## String quartet a sellout

Someone once said it takes a lot of research to write a good review – then no-one reads it.

This is just a report, not a review, of a lovely afternoon spent in a warm, comfortable room in Kilmory Castle listening to wonderful music.

The young Fyrish String Quartet musicians played to a packed room and their

programme of different composers was beautifully balanced.

Their joyous performance could not help but bubble over and give the audience enormous pleasure. Haydn and Puccini were followed

by a Burns tribute, in which the special arrangements of four songs were so skilfully

played one could imagine the instruments actually singing the well-known words.

In the second half, the Grieg string quartet in G minor was evocative of Norwegian landscapes.

This was followed by a clever choice of contrasting folk song inspired music from Denmark.

It was interesting to note clear similarities with our Scottish dance music.

The players shared their enthusiasm and love of their instruments with amazing tone control and lifted everyone's spirits and energy levels.

It was well worth the effort getting to the January Mid Argyll Arts Association concert.

Anne Beckett

The Fyrish String Quartet delighted the audience at Kilmory Castle.



## Time for tea in Tarbert

Carr Gorm carers shared in special Christmas celebrations with some of the people they support.

Eight guests from Tarbert, Kilberry, Clachan and Skipness attended the Christmas tea with their families on December 20, at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert.

Organisers of the tea said: 'It was a great success bringing people together, some of whom rarely get out.'

'Special thanks go to Stevie Ellis of the Comm for donating funds and giving us the use of the bingo machine, Cafe Ca'Dora for providing delicious soup, sandwiches and cake and to Dalriada Trio for the fantastic musical entertainment.'

Above: Donald and Meg MacKinnon enjoyed the festive afternoon.

Right: Maureen Wilson with her daughter and son-in-law, Betty Rentoul, Nancy Barker and Mary Bruce loved the Christmas get-together.



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# Inveraray hosts braw Burns night



Celebrating in traditional-style, Inveraray Burns Club marked the birthday of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns, with its annual Burns supper.

Club president, namesake of the poet, John Burns chaired the proceedings

held at Inveraray Inn, which commenced with a minute's silence for recently deceased Inveraray legend Donald Clark.

Michael Kidd enthusiastically addressed a massive haggis which had been piped to the table by renowned pip-

er Stuart Liddell and carried by Kenneth Welsh, a guest from East Kilbride. Before a sumptuous meal, grace was said by Reverend Roderick Campbell after which the loyal toast was proposed by Liz Welsh, Kenneth's wife.

Stuart Liddell then treated the audience to an incredible and very talented display of piping which led to the Immortal Memory, the main toast of the evening. This was delivered by Roderick Campbell who highlighted Burns's relationship with the Kirk and his philosophy in life which showed just how much he was a man before his time.

Club treasurer Jim McMillan proposed a very witty Toast To The Lassies which was ably replied to by immediate past-president Sylvia Stark and throughout the evening Cumnock folk duo and regular visitors



The guests and entertainers at Inveraray Burns Club's celebrations.



Kenneth Welsh presents the haggis as Stuart Liddell pipes it in.

to the club, Beltherskyte, entertained with a mixture of Burns songs; from Jacobean and his best-known love songs, to traditional folk tunes. A highlight of their performance was performing all verses of Auld Lang Syne in the traditional music to which it was set, rather than

the music to which it is normally sung nowadays.

Michael Kidd recited 'A poet's welcome to his love begotten daughter', written by Burns to commemorate the birth of his oldest daughter. With the use of a visual aid, belonging to his daughter or perhaps grand-daughter,

Michael delivered it with passion and emotion which conveyed Burns's feelings for new life and his regard for family responsibility.

The evening concluded in the normal style for the club, with the singing of The Star of Rabbie Burns and Auld Lang Syne.

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2. Meanwhile, heat a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Add the bacon and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes, then turn off the heat.
3. Lightly beat the eggs, season and stir in the fromage frais, 1 level tbsp Parmesan and most of the chives.
4. Add the bacon to the drained spaghetti and mix well over a low heat, then remove from the heat and stir in the egg mixture. Toss thoroughly so that the eggs thicken in the residual heat, making a sauce that coats the pasta.
5. Divide the spaghetti between 4 bowls, then divide over the remaining Parmesan and chives. Serve hot and enjoy!

**Ingredients**

- 400g dried spaghetti
- Small handful of fresh chives, finely chopped
- 4 eggs
- 4 tbsp fat-free natural fromage frais
- 6 back bacon rashers, visible fat removed, chopped (or Quorn bacon-style pieces - see tip)
- 2 level tbsp grated fresh Parmesan

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# Kintyre children go global

Kintyre children were treated to a special performance by the McDougalls in Whitehouse Village Hall, thanks to a new community interest company.

The five-star Scottish theatre group brought its Go Global Languages show to the peninsula on Friday January 24 and, with a generous invitation from West Kintyre Promotions, school pupils attended free of charge.

A wonderful afternoon was had by everyone, as Aunt Aggie and Max took the children on a magical journey around the world, learning words and phrases along the way.

Max McDougall said: 'It is a real thrill to come round to Kintyre and it is such a great idea to bring small schools together in this way.'

'We can't wait to return later in the year with our new show.'

Francesca Grant, from West Kintyre Promotions, commented: 'We exist to bring unique events to the area and by making the show free for school groups we made sure



The McDougalls' show took Kintyre children on a world tour.

it was accessible and open to everyone in the community. We are grateful for the schools' attendance and to Whitehouse hall committee,

West Kintyre Community Fund, JW Filshill, JM Breckenridge and UnLtd for supporting our venture. 'Hopefully, this is the first

of many and by supporting our bigger shows you can be assured we will continue to produce this type of community event.'

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**'By making the show free for school groups, we made sure it was accessible and open to everyone in the community.'**

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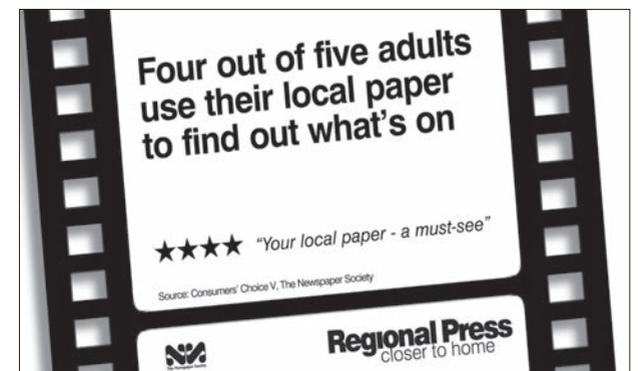
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# Red Star young team have fundraising to a 'tea'



The young football players got busy to help raise money for a trip abroad this spring.

Lochgilphead Red Star 2008 youth team is hoping to take part in a tournament in Holland over Easter – the only Scottish outfit to enter their section of the Amsterdam Cup.

The team served soup, sandwiches and home baking to hungry visitors to Lochgilphead

Parish Church Hall on Saturday January 25. A separate sale of home-made cakes combined with the raffle and entry money contributed to a total raised of £430.

This excellent sum will be added to the total raised so far – but more is still needed, so look out for more fundraising events in coming weeks.



Lynne Long, Donald Bowness, Leanne MacLachlan, Ross Hamilton and Roslin Stewart enjoying life in the kitchen.

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Jodie Allan hard at work serving hungry customers.

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Coaches Bryan MacDougall and Bryan Crawford with some of the young players.

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# Plan to succeed



## E-planning system in Scotland has made planning easier

Applications are now easier than ever, so do not be daunted by the thought of planning permission.

A wealth of information about the subject is available online.

At its most basic, you need permission for a new building, or to make a major physical change to an existing one, like a change of use from industrial, commercial or agricultural into domestic or a large alteration to an existing property. This could be a complete renovation of a run-down home, a large extension, an extra storey or significant outbuildings.

'Permitted development' allows small alterations and extensions. It cannot be stressed enough that you need to make sure what you are doing falls under permitted development rights. Nothing is more costly or heartbreaking than being issued with an enforcement notice and being ordered to demolish.

Even if the work falls under the category of permitted development, it pays to get a Certificate of Lawfulness. This says the work has been carried out lawfully and is a significant help when you come to sell the property. A lack of this certificate can cause headaches when it comes to mortgages and insurance. If you are buying a property which has had permitted development work carried out, always check to make sure this certificate is there.

If you want to build new, extend or convert a listed building, in or out of a conservation area, you will also need extra consent. In some cases this also applies to the interior; anything that affects the fabric of an historic property.

Planning permission in principle - formerly known as outline planning permission - does what it says. It establishes that, yes, in principle, what you are proposing to build is

acceptable. Approval of matters specified in a condition then goes on to approve the conditions involved in the planning permission in principle. Work should only begin when this approval is in place. Pre-application advice offered by planning officers is available through your council. The best advice is always talk to your council first.

### Need permission? The answer lies online

One of the biggest changes in planning - and a welcome one - is the move online.

Ninety per cent of all planning applications are now handled by eDevelopment.scot, the online service run by the Scottish Government. All the nation's local authorities and planning authorities use this service as does the construction industry, agents, home owners and self-builders.

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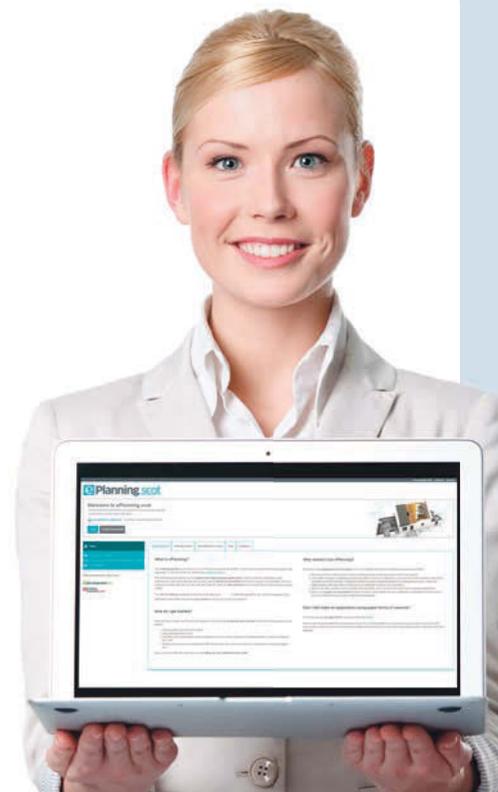
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## How much of your self-build will you build yourself?

### Turnkey v hands-on

For people who have never considered a self-build project for their new home, that phrase can be very misleading.

'What? You are going to build it yourself?' people ask you in horror.

If you are a tradesman or woman, then yes, you might well contribute your labours to the property, whether your skill is ground work, roofing, joinery, plastering or decorating.

It makes common sense to have some free labour on the project.

Or your skills might lie in administration and logistics and the idea of bringing together a team of specialist trades, sourcing supplies, handling the paperwork arranging the finance and having everyone and everything in place doesn't faze you.

If that is the case, then go for it!

Don't dismiss this part of the self-build.

The fine art of having the right people, materials and plant where you need them at the right time, helps to keep costs down.

The decision to project manage yourself is often based purely on financial circumstances, with self-builders choosing to take on the job themselves in a bid to save money.

But you are still a self-builder if you go for the turnkey option, just as much as if you were using a cement mixer on site.

A turnkey project, with everything from finding the land through to planning permission to garden landscaping, can be worth its weight in gold.

Any builder, contractor or trade will tell you the thing that drives them crazy the most is a client who drags their heels in getting back to them. They cannot carry the cost of this extra time and it will be added to your bill.

Often there will be decisions that have to be made there and then.

So if your work is demanding, you have to be out of contact due to this or have to travel, it makes common sense to go for the turnkey approach.

Or you could decide to appoint a main



contractor on a design and build basis.

At the heart of the self-build is a desire to have a unique house that you want, one that meets you and your family's needs and reflects your own personal tastes and desires.

The 'self' is still very much there in a turnkey project as you build the house that best reflects this.

Always remember, whatever route you decide - be it project-manage yourself or a turn-key project - it is vital you have an excellent system to store all paperwork and emails.

## Building warrants

If you are fulfilling your dream of moving to Scotland and building your own home, be aware Scottish planning and building legislation differs from England and Wales.

Building Warrants apply here. The nearest England and Wales have is building control approval.

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# First of all build up your money



**There is so much help and advice out there, so when you build your dream home don't think raising cash is a nightmare**

Getting the right help is invaluable when financing your self-build.

You need an independent financial advisor and there are plenty who specialise in this market. What an architect is going to do with your ideas, your financial advisor is going to do with your money. Each of them takes your ideas and aspirations and turns them into workable plans – one for the building and one for the money to build it.

Not all lenders deal in self-build mortgages and you will benefit from having someone who knows how to hunt down those who do and those offering the best deals for your circumstances and ambitions.

The good news about building your own home is that you almost certainly get more house for your money. The bad news is you need more money for the house to begin.

Buy an existing property and the mortgage arrives in a lump sum. Build and the money will come in stages as work on the property progresses.

A house buyer's deposit is far smaller when compared with the initial lump sum a self-builder needs to buy the land and get the first stage completed on site before the mortgage kicks in and cash arrives to fund the next stage. That is why so many people sell their homes and live on-site in a static caravan; their old home is helping build their new one.

The self-build home buyer is always 'in arrears' though some 'advance' mortgages can be found where the cash arrives at the start of each stage of construction.

The self-build mortgage traditionally has six stages

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- The insulation you install will not only save money on heating bills. It could save you money on your financial package. Remember to investigate building societies and 'ethical finance' where good deals are offered to people building eco-friendly properties.
- A self-build mortgage may also be suitable if you are taking on a renovation, conversion or extending your existing property.
- Many lenders, be they banks or building societies, will often only loan money on a fixed-price contract, or on an all-trades basis under the direction of a suitably-qualified project manager.
- Do not forget 'package deals' where you buy a kit house and building services from an existing company – and perhaps even the land – often offer, or source, financial packages. This can save a lot of leg work and grief.

Some building societies might loan up to 80 per cent of the total cost of the land and construction costs or valuation, whichever is the lower, making the build process more flexible.

## Get the VAT back

Remember to keep on top of your paper work and claim back VAT where eligible.

The government has funds and grants for self-building and renovating some properties but make sure it is the government giving you the cash and not the other way round.

There are circumstances where you qualify for zero-rated VAT and a reduced VAT rate at source if any VAT registered business should supply labour or labour and materials.

Once the project is completed, you can reclaim any VAT paid on qualifying materials bought at 20 per cent VAT along with any five per cent VAT invoices. The rules and regulations can be daunting and there are specialists you can hire to help you.

Applying for a reduced rate VAT certificate helps.

There are plenty of experts out there who will help you.

## Government help can secure your dream

*The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative, which will run until August 2021, to assist self-builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgages*

The Self Build Loan Fund operates across Scotland in rural and urban areas.

Those eligible can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self-build mortgage. Borrowers must provide

a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown.

It funds the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home.

The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf - after the trust ran a successful pilot scheme in the Highlands.

The fund cannot be used to buy house plots, as the plot must be in the ownership of the applicant to provide the Scottish Government with security for the loan.

When you apply, you must demonstrate you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance.

### You also need to show that:

- This will be occupied as your sole and only residence
- You own the house plot
- Have full planning permission
- Are ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined build cost and construction programme
- Can demonstrate that you will be able to repay the loan upon completion

Conversions and extensions of properties cannot be financed by this grant.



## Need finance to build a home?

### What is the Self-Build Loan Fund?

The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative to assist self-builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance. The fund is available Scotland wide to support additional housing provision across rural and urban areas.

Eligible individuals can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self-build mortgage. Borrowers must provide a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown. The SBLF is designed to fund the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home. The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf and the Self Build Loan Fund Officer responsible for this is Neil Walker who has 33 years experience in the banking and financial sector and is well placed to provide assistance and guidance.

### Who can apply?

A key purpose of the fund is to create additional, new homes for permanent residency. To apply you need to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance for a new home - not a conversion or extension
- Intend to occupy the property as your sole and only residence
- Own a house plot
- Have full planning permission in place and be ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined elemental build cost and construction programme
- Be able to demonstrate you will be able to repay the loan upon completion of your build.

### Not ready to apply?

If you don't presently meet all of the criteria, or have any concerns, get in touch to discuss your case.

### Further information?

For further information, please contact the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust;

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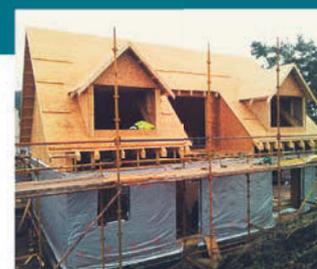
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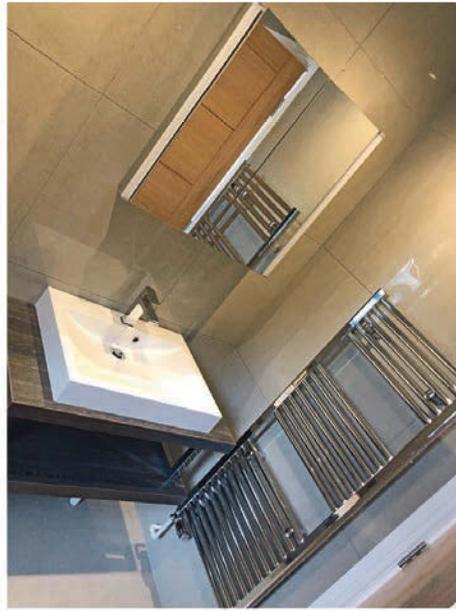


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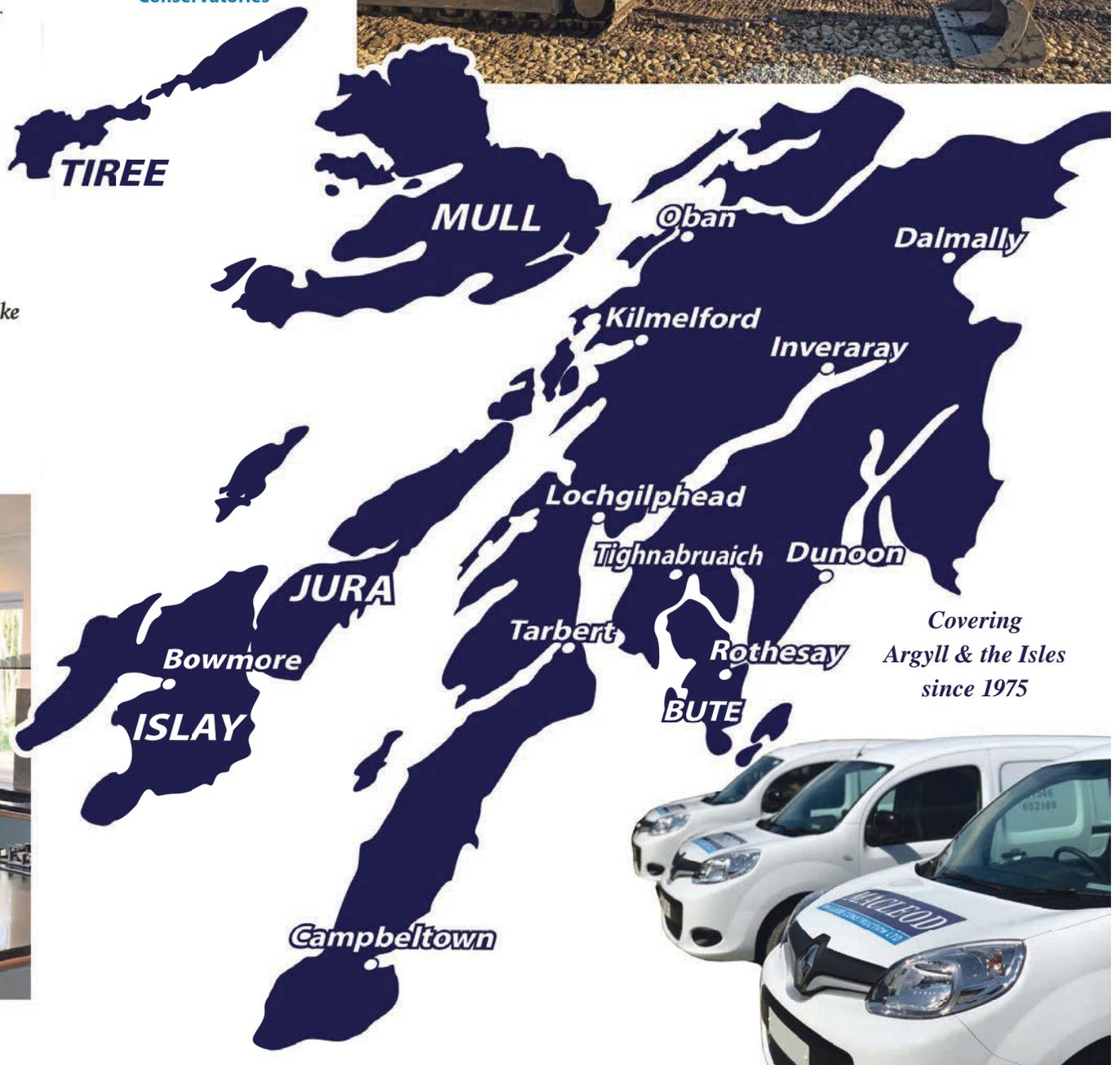
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And both of these mean a far less stressful self-build experience.

Using a building consultant or designer to draw up plans might be suggested as a way to save on costs, but hiring a chartered architect means you are tapping into the services of a professional who has studied for seven years, by far the longest training period within the building industry.

Only when qualified can they be listed with the Architects Registration Board and apply to the profession's chartered bodies to use the initials RIAS or FRIAS, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, and RIBA, Royal Institute of British Architects.

You and your architect should decide in advance whether expenses will be included within the agreed fee or charged separately.

Calculating the cost architects' fees are part of the overall cost of any project and usually calculated in three ways.

Percentage is based on the total construction costs in the building contract including site works. Agreement is needed on the services provided, nature of the work and an approximate construction budget.

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REMEMBER you need to reach an agreement with your architect whether expenses will be included within the agreed fee or charged separately.

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# Kit yourself out with a new home

## Our favourite way to build in the West Highlands and islands

The kit home is the most popular way to build in the West Highlands and islands and some leading kits come from manufacturers in the region.

The kit emphasises ease of transportation with maximum time in the factory and minimum time on site before it is wind and water tight and ready for all trades to work alongside each other completing the project.

This is an added benefit in an area like the West Highlands and islands where the weather can be unpredictable and often very wet. Entire rooms can arrive, sealed, on site. The hard work has been done undercover in the factory and the time spent on site getting the property weather-tight is minimal.

Today's technology means a kit home is totally customisable.

Want to flip the interior lay out or think the porch would be better over there? No problem!

Today's kits have flexibility built in as standard and some kit home manufacturers can take your architect's drawings and use their production techniques to build your home from start to finish and give you a bespoke service.

The one proviso for a timber frame home design is making sure you know what you want at the design stage. Alterations once the kit has been constructed will be costly.

One advantage of having a kit home supplier build your home for you is they will have their own team of proven tradesmen and women who have worked together before and know the product inside out – literally! You are saving on time, but paying for expertise and experience.

You might decide to put the work in the hands of a building firm you know and trust. In the West Highlands the chances are that good building companies will have worked on all the big name company kits and have a proven knowledge and understanding of the product. Or you are in the building trade yourself and can put together your own team.

**Kit homes came into the nation's consciousness in the aftermath of the Second World War but your grandparents and great-grandparents would not recognise the luxury kit homes of today.**

**This year the UK celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe. The threat of bombing ceased, servicemen and women began to return home and the country slowly returned to a peace-time economy.**

**One big problem was housing or the desperate lack of it. The first kit home most people encountered was the 'prefab' a tiny, single storey utilitarian construction designed to fill a need. Photographs exist of Dunbeg, near Oban, showing rows of these houses., now all long gone.**



## Installing the heart of your home



When designing a new house, it makes sense to consider the heating system as early as possible since the SAP calculations can impact significantly on the overall design and cost of the building. Specifying a wood burning stove as part of your heating plan can help you achieve a worthwhile reduction of emissions for the SAP calculations. In practice this offers useful carbon 'credit' which can be traded off against other design aspects of the house.

A stove is an extremely efficient space heater that can be run economically in the super-insulated modern houses of today. It also provides a valuable and comforting source of heat during a prolonged power cut in an otherwise electric reliant system.

And, of course, it goes without saying a stove is a great looking visual asset which gives a 'heart' to the home and provides the

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# Trades and materials – the best are right on our doorsteps

## You do not have to travel far to resource the best

Your new home has come to the point when the actual work begins. The plans, the finance and all the approvals are in place. Here comes the really exciting bit.

Nothing will compare with the feelings you get at the beginning and end of the self build journey.

The day the first hole is dug and the first time you walk through the front door of your completed home will stay with you forever.

The people who are going to make that happen for you are the tradesmen and women.

In an area of smaller, closely-knit communities like ours, word of mouth and personal recommendation really counts and chances are you will have gone into this project with the names of who you want to work on your dream already in place.

If you go for a turnkey build, your builder will have employees of their own and call on

specialist trades when needed. You will see the vans of well-known local businesses and self-employed contractors on sites all over Argyll and Lochaber.

Don't be surprised if people you hardly know come up to you and say, 'Oh I see you had . . . do your electrics. They did ours.'

When you decide to self-build you join a large, informal club.

Another good thing is the majority of these businesses, large and small, have apprentices who are going through college and working on their qualifications and are making a big contribution to helping grow the local economy and skill base.

They are making sure the next generation of trades are getting a good start.

The West Highlands and islands also have a good number of quarries dotted about the area which supply aggregate and stone. When it comes to sourcing aggregate and stone - and very high quality at that - you can be assured you are keeping your carbon footprint as low as possible.




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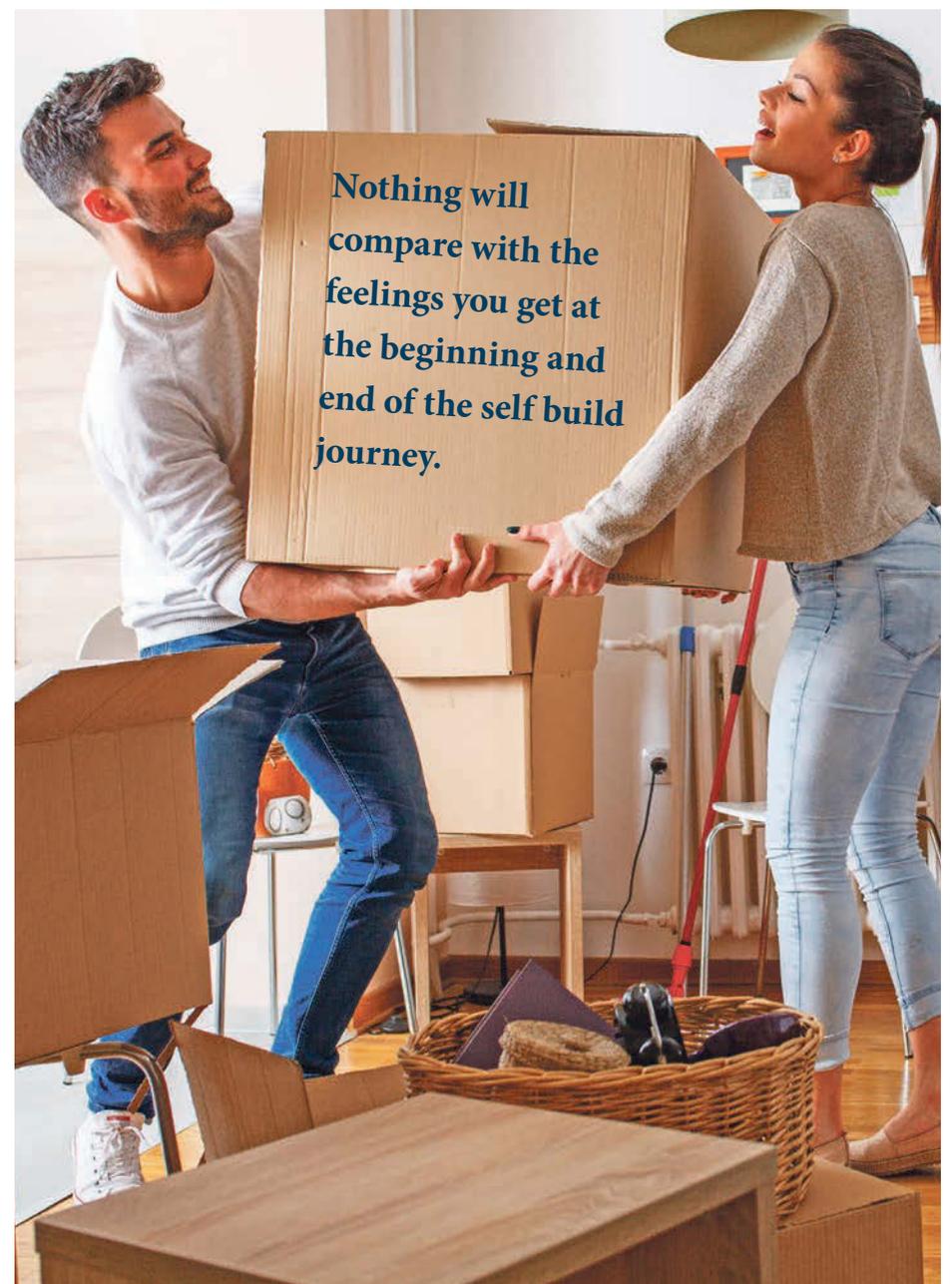
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This is a time to be ruthless. Storage is expensive. Ask yourself should I store, sell or scrap?

In the pre-build stage where you are planning and saving it makes sense to not replace major items.

When the time comes to store, ask yourself some tough questions: is it worth paying to store this mattress, divan bed, sofa or arm-chair or do we get rid and start afresh?

That can apply to all kinds of soft furnishings like rugs and especially lampshades; only glass or metal seem to store well.

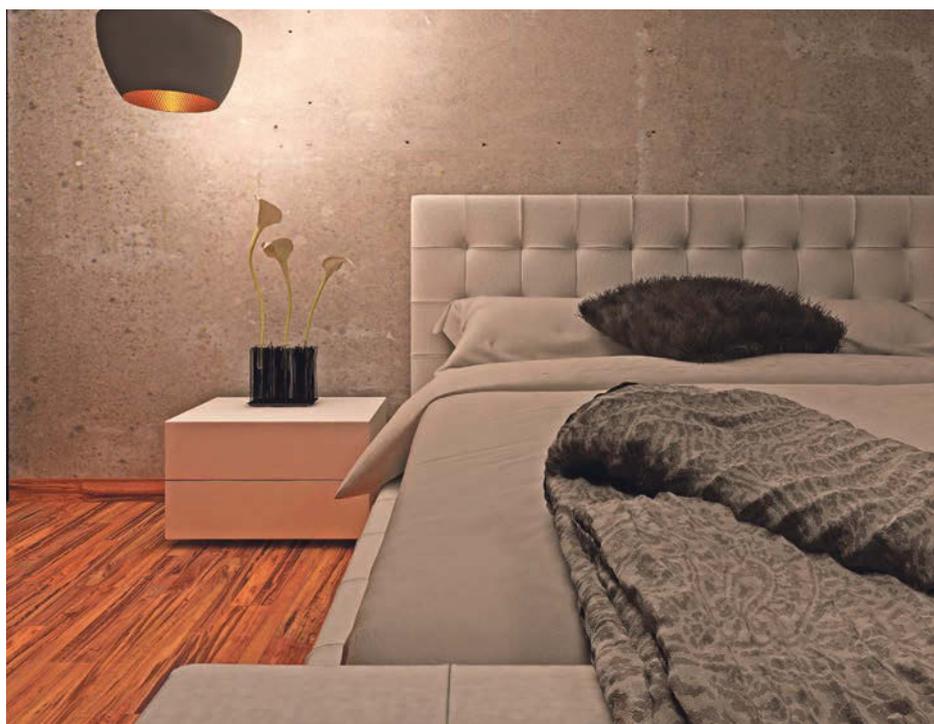
What worked in your old home might not fit in with the look you plan for your new one.

Everyone hates waste and we are all being urged to recycle. This is where our classified ads come in handy.

Your old stuff can make you money – or money for a good cause if you donate it to a charity shop. Someone, somewhere will thank you.

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# Hair-raising happenings at Lochgilphead Co-op

by Rachel Carruthers  
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Lochgilphead Co-op staff are on a fundraising mission which they hope will raise awareness and help overcome stigma around mental illness.

Trusting her hairdresser Nicky MacDougall, from Casa in Ardrishaig, Tina Holloway will have her hair shaved off to raise funds for the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH).

Explaining why she decided to take on the challenge, Tina said: 'I didn't really think before I opened my mouth. I was agreeing to do it before I even realised what I was saying yes to.'

'I always have crazy coloured hair and people often notice and comment on it, so I'm sure they'll notice when

I have none. Hopefully then they'll ask why I shaved my head and it will be a conversation starter, a way to get people talking and thinking about mental health.

'It's for charity and for a great cause,' she added. 'Mental health is close to many people's hearts and often I don't think people even realise it.'

'We just want to make people aware that there is always someone there to listen.'

Once Tina has said goodbye to her colourful locks, Paul Foster will step up to the mark to take over the fundraising efforts.

Customers may be surprised to be served by an unusually quiet Paul, who will have special signs made up to greet and thank customers, as he takes part in a sponsored silence/no joke afternoon.

The chatty checkout assistant, who normally always has a joke ready for his customers, admits it might be 'tough' but he is up for the challenge.

Tina will brave the shave in Lochgilphead Co-op foyer on Saturday February 8 at 1.30pm, while Paul will aim to keep his lips sealed from 2-6pm.



Right: Joker Paul Foster will be biting his tongue, while Tina Holloway braves the shave. 06\_a05TinaBravetheShave01



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# Increase in theft of agricultural plant warning



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Some advice from the police

on keeping your equipment safe and secure includes:

- Where possible, vehicles should be housed in a lockable garage or building, ideally with security lighting

installed to the perimeter.

- Vehicles should always be locked when not in use, with the keys kept hidden and locked away in a secure location.

- Keep recordings or photographs of serial numbers and vehicles as these can be crucial in recovery, should the worst happen.

Steps you can take to

prevent theft of quads and all-terrain vehicles:

- Invest in a bespoke quad security device, such as Quadvice or a quality padlock and chain, such as those approved by Secured By Design – a police-approved product scheme.

- Securing to a fixed point on the ground or something that takes time to remove will also act as a deterrent.

- Never leave your keys in the ignition, even if you only briefly leave your ATV unattended.

- Keep gates to yards closed as open gates can be an invitation to thieves.

Steps you can take to prevent the theft of tractors could be:

- Marking machinery with DNA marking devices and forensic marking products.

- Signing up to CESAR, an agricultural equipment registration scheme, which increases the chance of recovering stolen goods by helping police identify stolen machinery.

- Having the Vehicle Identification Number etched on windows. This makes the vehicle more detectable and less appealing to thieves because they have to grind out the numbers.

- Installing immobilisers, chip keys and trackers as these are a simple way to deter criminals or track vehicles and can be fitted easily by an experienced agricultural engineer.

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Thursday 6th February 2020	Woodlands House Hotel, Newbridge, Dumfries, DG2 0HZ

All meetings except Nairn will be 7.30pm prompt start with tea/coffee and biscuits being served from 7pm

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PIPPA MILNE, Returning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT.  
January 2020

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19/02563/PP	Change of use from public garden to public garden and Early Child Care and Early Learning Centre, siting of outdoor building and 4 toilet units	Kilmory Castle, Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RT

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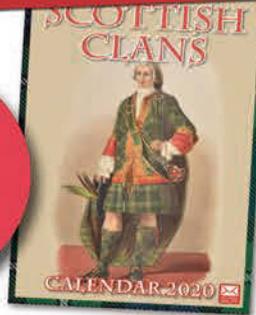
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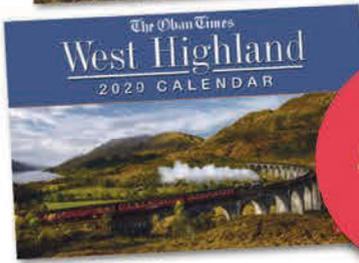
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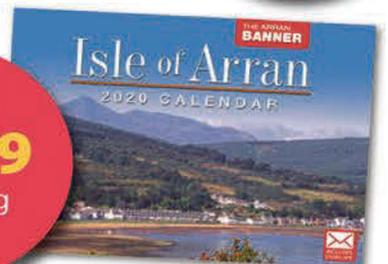
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Nearly two years later, in December 2019, ministers decided to reverse the council's decision and to grant planning permission for the new turbines.

Thirteen of the turbines will have a blade tip height of up to 126.5m, while the other will be up to 115.5m.

The council's decision, however, to block a consultation on a second proposed wind farm, at Killean, near Tayinloan, was upheld by the ministers. This decision was also originally taken in 2017.

LOCHGILPHEAD

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At the busy drop-in information session on Tuesday January 12, more than 100 people signed

up to become members, giving the Dunoon project group a real boost. Results of a positive feasibility study were on show at the event. These can now be viewed on the newly-launched website [www.thedunoonproject.org.uk](http://www.thedunoonproject.org.uk) where people can also register their support.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Whatever your politics are, whatever your beliefs are, whatever your thoughts are, this is an historic day.

Today the UK leaves the European Union and it is a significant date.

I never use the privilege of this column to make a political point, and I never will.

However, it is worth stopping to reflect on what we have done and what our hopes are for the future.

This date also coincides with the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, which also gives us pause for reflection.

I have been to the Holocaust memorial museum at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and nothing could have prepared me for that.

One enters a dark filled room where a list of the names of those killed by the Nazis is read continuously and each is represented by a candle – the symbol of hope.

What totally broke me was the list of children who suffered and died in that awful genocide. We emerged with not a word, for there were no words, only tears.

I cannot imagine the horrors of the concentration camps, the suffering, the degradation, the hopelessness.

Yet in the midst of all the horror, cruelty and suffering, there was hope and kindness and faith.

So today, on the brink of a new future, whether we voted for this or not, let us make of it what we can.

Let us make us a nation of people who will never inflict cruelty on other human beings, regardless of their beliefs, or colour, or creed, or sexuality, or religion, or any other factor.

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**GORRIE** - Catherine, Charles, Gavin, Kathleen and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad loss of John. Grateful thanks to local ambulance staff and to nursing staff of Glenaray Ward for their care and attention given to John. Sincere thanks to the Lithgow family for their generosity and kindness shown to the family; to Rev David Carruthers for an uplifting and personal service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and professional services; and to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. Our thanks are also extended to Crear for purvey and those on Ormsary Estate for their help and assistance. Thank you to all who attended at the church

and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £725 for the SCAA (air ambulance) and Glenaray Ward.

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Sunday 2nd February**  
11.15 am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev C Holden  
**Tuesday 4th February**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am  
New Hall  
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Wednesday 5th February**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
10am - 12 noon  
**Thursday 6th February**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm  
**Friday 7th February**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**



SC002493

**Sunday 2nd February**  
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**Friday 31st January**  
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Lorne & Lowland Church Hall  
7.00-9.00pm  
**Saturday 1st February**  
Men's Breakfast  
Ardshiel Hotel 8.00am  
Speaker Mark Hinde, Open Doors  
**Sunday 2nd February**  
Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Guest speaker Mark Hinde  
All welcome  
Joint Evening Service 6.30pm  
Held at Springbank Church  
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Pastor Steve Davies  
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Holy Communion  
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St. John Street, Campbeltown  
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**Saturday 6.00pm**  
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Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Service  
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Major Ruth Russell  
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**Monday 3rd February**  
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**Wednesday 5th February**  
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Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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11.30am Morning Worship  
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**Saturday 1st February**  
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Mr Jim Malcolm  
**Monday 3rd February**  
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2.30pm Church Hall  
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**Sunday 2nd February**  
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# Mid Argyll athletes leap into

A bustling Lochgilphead games hall was a hive of activity as young athletes from across Argyll came to compete in the Mid Argyll Athletics Club's annual indoor competition.

The event, which was held on Sunday January 26, is the first of a series of local area competitions being held in Argyll this winter. The number of entries – 42 girls and 27 boys – was up on 2019 and with several impressive performances throughout the three and a half hours of action, there was some intense competition.

The under-nine girls' contest was very competitive with an entry of 13 girls. Lochgilphead's Neve Bowden won the class by less than two points, ahead of Emma Litster, also from Lochgilphead. Eilidh Cameron from Glassary school was also in contention and finished third overall, thanks to her win in the javelin. Neve won the six-lap race and the long jump, triple jump and vertical jump, while Emma gained first places in the three-lap race, speed bounce and high jump.

The MacDonald twins from Lochgilphead dominated in the under-11s with Jemma the champion, but only a few points ahead of sister Jorja. Jemma won five of the eight events including a 24.2 seconds in the three-lap race and 52.3 in the six-lap, as well as wins in the long, triple and vertical jumps. Jorja won the speed bounce, recording 78 jumps and not too far below the Argyll age record. Ardrishaig's Jodie Allan was third on overall points and excelled in winning both the javelin with 14.75 metres and high jump clearing 1.22metres.

Ruby Jo Philips, of Kilmichael, was a clear winner in the under-13s, ahead of Emma Plummer from Lochgilphead and Beth Johnstone, from Tarbert. Ruby Jo won the three-lap race, shot putt, triple



Coach Simone Charnock guides the under-seven girls through the triple jump. 06\_a05athletics04

jump and high jump, clearing 1.35 metres. Beth won the long and vertical jumps and Emma won a closely contested six-lap race by inches. In the same age group Kyra Robertson won the speed bounce.

Inveraray's Eilidh Cameron and Kirstin Blair, from Crinan, tied for first in the under-15s contest, with Eilidh winning the two running events, shot putt and speed bounce, while Kirstin excelled in the four jumping events including a 49cm leap in the vertical jump.

The youngest girls age group was the under-sevens which had an entry of 10 girls. It was won by Zara Whyte, Lochgilphead, on 21 points, only two points ahead of Ellie MacVicar, who came all the way from Tighnabruaich. Zara impressed in winning the three-lap, six-lap and javelin and Ellie won the speed bounce and triple jump. Maddie McChesney from Glassary school was third overall.

The Argyll age records become harder to break each year as the indoor events have been contested since 1994 but a young lad from Inveraray did equal the under-nines high jump record which was just set as recent as 2016.

Jack Cardwell, who has just recently moved to Inveraray with his family, was the under-nines champion. A newcomer to athletics, he impressed with his high jumping, winning by a wide margin and equalling the record by clearing 1.14 metres. Ethan Kerr, from Tighnabruaich, was runner up to Jack and impressed with success in both the three-lap and six-lap races. Ardrishaig's Blair Houston was third overall with wins in both the long and triple jumps and speed bounce.

Tighnabruaich's Luke MacVicar was the under-11s champion, only one point ahead of George Balkeen from Lochgilphead. Luke won the three-lap, six-lap and the long and vertical jumps. Luke's success must have pleased his mum Nicola (then Nicola Irvine) who was the Argyll under-13s champion back in 1996. Runner-up George Balkeen won the javelin, triple jump and high jump.

Logan Allan, of Ardrishaig, won

the under-15s contest ahead of Joe Anderson from Kilmichael. Logan produced a good performance with marks in all eight events including 21.4 seconds in the three-lap and 47.3 seconds in the six-lap.

While entry numbers in the older



Alexander Cunningham gets his eye in for the javelin. 06\_a05athletics07

boys' age groups were disappointing for organisers there was a brilliant entry of 11 boys in the under-sevens category. Ruairidh Charnock, of Lochgilphead, was an impressive overall winner ahead of Ethan Bowden. Ruairidh won all seven events with some style and his 1.59 metres in the standing long jump was not far behind the Argyll age record.

The successful athletes from Sunday's competition will be invited to compete in the Argyll Final, which will be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 22. Qualifiers for the final will be advised by letter through their local club or school.

#### Results:

**Under-7 girls:** 1 Zara Whyte, Lochgilphead, 21 points; 2 Ellie MacVicar, Tighnabruaich, 19 points; 3 Maddie McChesney, Glassary, 17.5 points; 4 Hailey Roxburgh, Lochgilphead, 6 points.

**Under-9 girls:** 1 Neve Bowden, Lochgilphead 22 points; 2 Emma Litster, Lochgilphead, 20.5 points; 3 Eilidh Cameron, Glassary, 17 points;



Ruairidh Charnock's 1.59 metres jump was not far behind the Argyll age record. 06\_a05athletics08

4 Calliegh McNair, Kilmartin, 6.5 points; 5 Rowan Cockburn, Lochgilphead, 5.5 points.

**Under-11 girls:** 1 Jemma MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 26 points; 2 Jorja MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 23.5 points; 3 Jodie

Plummer, Lochgilphead, 17 points; 3 Beth Johnstone, Tarbert, 16 points; 4 Eleanor Dale, Ardrishaig, 9.5 points; 5 Kyra Robertson, Lochgilphead, 8.5 points; 6 Ruby Dunlop, Lochgilphead, 3.5 points.

**Under-15 girls:** 1= Eilidh Cameron, Lochgilphead and Kirstin Blair, Lochgilphead, 28 points; 3 Amber Bain, Lochgilphead, 16 points.

**Under-7 boys:** 1 Ruairidh Charnock, Lochgilphead, 27.5 points; 2 Ethan Bowden, Lochgilphead, 17 points; 3 Jack MacMillan, Lochgilphead, 7.5 points. 4 Dexter Forsythe, Kilmartin, 6 points.

**Under-9 boys:** 1 Jack Cardwell, Inveraray, 21 points; 2 Ethan Kerr, Tighnabruaich, 19.5 points; 3 Blair Houston, Ardrishaig, 18 points; 4 Olly MacVicar, Tighnabruaich, 9 points; 5= Alex Cunningham, Lochgilphead and Finlay Green, Ardrishaig 5 points.

**Under-11 boys:** 1 Luke MacVicar, Tighnabruaich, 23 points; 2 George Balkeen, Lochgilphead, 22 points; 3 Sean O'Quinn, Lochgilphead, 16 points; 4 Rory Shaw, Lochgilphead, 9 points; 5= Lewis Hill, Lochgilphead and Christopher Galloway, Lochgilphead, 5 points.

**Under-15 boys:** 1 Logan Allan, Lochgilphead, 32 points; 2 Joe Anderson, Lochgilphead, 24 points.



Athletics newcomer Jack Cardwell equalled the Argyll age record in the high jump.



Despite losing her shoes mid-race, Lily Galloway was still determined to finish her event.

# the finals



The MacDonald twins, Jemma, left, and Jorja, dominated in the under-11s category



Ruby Jo Philips cleared 1.35 metres in the high jump. 06\_a05athletics01

## Sports club lottery numbers

Numbers drawn in Tarbert Football Club's lottery on Monday January 27 were 10, 17 and 19. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Also drawn on Monday, Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw numbers were 5, 13 and 16. There were no winners, so next week's prize pot will be £500.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery numbers were 6, 8 and 16. There were no winners so £300 will be up for grabs in next week's draw.

## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Central Scottish AFL 1B - Oban Saints, no game; Greater Glasgow AFL - Oban Saints GG, no game; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 0, Parkhall 1; Easthall Star 6, Lochgilphead Red Star 0; Glynhill Moorcroft 7, Dunoon 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup sixth round - Wishaw HSFP v Oban Saints; Greater Glasgow League Division Three - Glenvale v Oban Saints GG; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carlton YM; Premier Division Two - St Convals v Tarbert.

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

- A MacDonald  
Oban
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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**



Mid Argyll athletes leap into the finals



Red Star 2004s' Ruaridh Green skips away with the ball despite a fierce challenge from two Shettleston players.

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The Dunoon goalie saves a shot from Red Star 2007s. 06\_a05RedStar07s01

**Tarbert Soccer Centre seeks coaches**

Tarbert Soccer Centre is looking for more coaches. No previous experience is needed as training will be given. It could be the perfect opportunity for parents of nursery children who will start primary one after the summer to get involved with the centre before their children start playing. Or, if you have been a coach before and would like to rejoin, the club would love to have you back.

Coaches currently do alternate weeks, so individuals are not expected to coach every week.

Sessions run for an hour as follows – Tuesdays: P5-P7 at 7pm; Tuesdays: secondary school age at 8pm; Wednesdays: P1 at 6pm; Thursdays: P2 at 6pm; Fridays: P3-P4 at 6pm

Anyone interested should get in touch via the Tarbert Soccer Centre Facebook page.

**Mixed bag for Red Star youth**

Red Star 2007s entertained Dunoon on league duty on Sunday January 26.

This was the third time the two teams had met this season, with Red Star winning the two previous games.

Despite a slow start, Star scored three times in the first half with a goal from Semple and two from Gibson. Dunoon clawed their way back into the game, pulling two goals back. Despite the setback, the Lochgilphead youngsters showed great character to keep their heads up and concentrate on the game.

The second half was equally tight until Red Star consolidated their lead with goals from Semple and Gibson, for a hat-trick, meaning Red Star emerged with a well-deserved

5-2 victory and three points. Later that day, Red Star 2004s faced last season's runners-up Shettleston Juniors. Despite a convincing win in Shettleston earlier in the season, a competitive game was expected.

Shettleston started positively and forced Red Star onto the defensive. But Star's Aitken scored direct from a free kick, leaving Shettleston to keep working hard before deservedly equalising near half-time.

The momentum stayed with the Glasgow team in the second half and they took the lead. But just as it looked as if time was running out, McMurchy collected a through ball and steered it under the keeper for Star's equaliser. Final score 2-2.



Tom West, of Red Star 2004s, challenges for the ball. 06\_a05RedStar04s01

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