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# Braving the shave and silence boosts charity

by Rachel Carruthers  
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Crowds gathered at Lochgilphead Co-op to support friendly staff as they raised money for the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH). As customers huddled to

see a head being shaved on Saturday February 8, a nervous Tina Holloway joked: 'I relished washing my hair this morning - really took the time to caress it with shampoo and say goodbye.' With supportive chants from members of the young Red Star 2008s football team,

who were in the store helping customers pack their bags to raise funds for their trip to Amsterdam, Tina took her place in the hot seat. Lilia Sinclair, from Casa in Ardrishaig, made sure the job was done properly. Shaving straight down the middle of Tina's head so there was no turning back, Lilia joked she was making her look like Coco the Clown - much to the amusement of the crowd.

With the 'haircut' complete and with hugs of support and compliments about how much her new look suited her, Tina was left feeling overwhelmed.

'The support has been incredible,' she said. 'I really didn't expect this many people to come out and for the kids to be chanting. It's all just been amazing. I can't thank everyone enough.'

As Tina went to check out her new 'do' in the mirror, Paul Foster stepped up to the fundraising plate. Readying himself for his sponsored silence/no joke afternoon, Paul set up his checkout



Tina Holloway and Paul Foster made quite the fundraising team. 06\_a07TinaBravetheShave02

with paddles to greet and thank customers. In the final countdown before his lips were sealed, Paul had to get one last joke out his system, choosing one especially for Tina: 'How much did it cost the cockney boy to buy his shampoo? A Pantene.'

At the time of writing the duo had raised £1,650.

Store manager Mark Crawford said: 'It all went really well. The turnout has been amazing and the support customers have shown is fantastic. We look forward to having more fundraising events in store, knowing we will have incredibly supportive customers behind us all the way.'



Lilia Sinclair gave Tina Holloway no get out, shaving right down the middle of her head first. 06\_a07TinaBravetheShave01



Last week your Argyllshire Advertiser launched a campaign against the threatened closure of Knapdale Ward in Mid Argyll Hospital.

The proposed closure of the dementia care ward could see care for some of society's most vulnerable people moved away from a dedicated facility to a 'care in the community' styled service, with some people receiving inpatient care outwith Argyll. We believe that once suggested improvements are made to the ward, Knapdale would be an invaluable, forward-thinking resource.

As the campaign continues, and we await the forthcoming community consultation, we would love to know what you think.

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# Consultation on HSCP budget opens to public

With spending needing to be reduced by £8.3 million, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has opened a public budget consultation.

HSCP delivers a range of health and social care services to communities, many of which are used by vulnerable people. At the same time, however, the resources available to the HSCP are declining in real terms year-on-year and the HSCP cannot continue to provide the same services in the same ways.

With uncertainty about future levels of funding, and an expectation the proposed level of funding will not cover the level of increased costs

which need to be borne by the HSCP, a budget consultation has opened to help inform decisions. Currently some of the main cost pressures are:

- Staff and supplier costs will increase on account of nationally agreed pay awards and the Scottish Living Wage

- The cost of new drugs is expected to outstrip funding made available

- Costs for GP out of hours services are increasing due to new contracts

- HSCP are delivering additional localised services

Peopple have increasingly complex needs which increases the cost of some care packages

- Demand is growing for

older and younger people services

- New national IT systems have to be contributed to

Judy Orr, head of finance and transformation for the HSCP, said: 'The financial picture facing us in the coming year means there will be changes to the health and social care we deliver.

'The HSCP is committed to listening to the views of people who will be affected by these changes to ensure we include these in our planning. All significant service changes will have specific detailed community engagement plans to involve staff, patients, carers, partners and the wider community.

This will happen throughout February, in parallel to an overall broad consultation about our budget priorities for 2020/21.

'This current consultation is about the HSCP's total budget and where we should look to find efficiencies. These are very hard choices and there are no obvious areas where money can be saved easily. It is important, however, that we involve the people of Argyll and Bute, who will be affected, by exploring every option for savings so they can express their priorities about where savings should be focused.'

The consultation, which was made available on Argyll and Bute Council's website on Wednesday February 5, is open until Wednesday March 4. To take part visit the council's website or [www.bit.ly/abhscpbudget](http://www.bit.ly/abhscpbudget). Alternatively you can email [nhs.abhscp@nhs.net](mailto:nhs.abhscp@nhs.net)



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

## Argyll families benefit from new government payment

Hundreds of Argyll and Bute families have benefited from new welfare payments introduced by the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government opened the Best Start Grant for applications in December 2018. The payment provides parents or carers who get certain benefits or tax credits with financial support during the key early years of a child's life.

In the first year of their introduction, payments worth £247,519 have been shared by 860 Argyll and Bute families.

The Best Start Grant provides payments to eligible families at the birth of chil-

dren, at nursery age and at school age.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'The SNP is determined to use our powers to build a social security system built on dignity and respect.

'The Best Start Grant provides crucial financial support to families at key stages of their children's lives and I'm delighted hundreds of families have already benefited. This is just one of the ways the SNP in government is working to tackle child poverty with the first payments of our innovative new Scottish Child Payment to be made this year.'

## POLICE FILES

### Assault

On Monday February 3, at around 7.30pm at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, a woman, aged 29, was arrested for allegedly assaulting a man. The woman was taken to hospital where she allegedly behaved in an abusive manner and assaulted a member of staff. The woman was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### £100 lights fine

At 8.25am on Tuesday February 4, on the A816 at the Riverside Filling Station, Lochgilphead, police stopped a car as the driver, a 45-year-old woman, failed to obey the red traffic lights. The woman was charged and a £100 fixed penalty ticket with three penalty points was issued.

### Speeding offences

Two men and one woman

were stopped by police for driving at excessive speed on the A83 at Lochgilphead on Wednesday February 5. They were all issued with £100 fixed penalty tickets with three penalty points.

### Phone and drugs

Police stopped a car on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, on Friday February 7 at 1.35pm, as the driver, aged 33, was driving while using a mobile phone. The man was charged and issued with £200 fixed penalty ticket with six penalty points. He was then searched, as were his home and other premises, and cannabis and valium were allegedly found. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Resisting arrest

In Tarbert, a 76-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and attempting to force entry to a house on Saturday February 8

at 9.50am. The man then allegedly struggled with police and resisted arrest. He was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Car damaged

The bodywork of a black Volkswagen Touareg was damaged by another vehicle sometime between Monday February 3 and Friday February 7, between 8.45am and 5pm each day, near the Harbro Store at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead. The vehicle failed to stop and report the incident. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

■ **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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	Low Tide	From	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til	
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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	
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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	
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## Budget cut higher than Scottish average

Argyll and Bute Council has had its Scottish Government funding cut by more than the Scottish average, meaning millions of pounds will have to be cut from council budgets in 2020/21.

Argyll and Bute's capital budget, for investment in roads, schools and other assets, has been cut by 21 per cent, compared to the Scottish average of 17 per cent.

Its revenue budget, for the day-to-day running of services, has been cut by 1.4 per cent, compared to the Scottish average of 1 per cent.

Council leader Councillor Aileen Morton slammed the cuts: 'Argyll and Bute deserves as much support and investment as other council areas. This level of cut will mean more impact on our day-to-day services. It also puts obstacles in place to growing the local economy at a time when Argyll and Bute needs to attract people and jobs to the area.'

'Argyll and Bute covers the second largest area and has the highest number of inhabited islands of all Scotland's councils. This means services can be more expensive to deliver. It also means the council must invest in services many other councils do not, such as air and ferry services, and yet the council's budget cut is higher than the Scottish average.'

'This is unwelcome to say the least.'

Councillor Morton did, however, welcome the news the Scottish Government is increasing its investment in ferry services by £1 million.

'We have raised the impor-



Council leader Aileen Morton slammed the cuts.

tance of investment in ferry services in Argyll and Bute with the Scottish Government and welcome this increase as what must surely be support for this area,' said Councillor Morton.

'The Scottish Government, via Transport Scotland, funds ferry services in other parts of Scotland. We have worked to secure similar support for Argyll and Bute to support our day-to-day costs and the replacement of the Lismore ferry.'

'The fact the Scottish Government has increased its budget by that amount is a positive sign at this stage for Argyll and Bute. What we need now is formal confirmation of our allocation.'

Reports outlining the council's budget outlook will be published on [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) in advance of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting to consider them on February 20.

The council will meet to set its budget a week later, on Thursday February 27.

# Ardrishaig halls get major facelift

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Work to upgrade the two halls that sit on opposite sides of the A83 as it runs through Ardrishaig is well under way, with one of them set to re-open in the near future.

Following the handover on January 20, MacLeod Construction Limited began work at Ardrishaig Public Hall on behalf of Ardrishaig Community Trust.

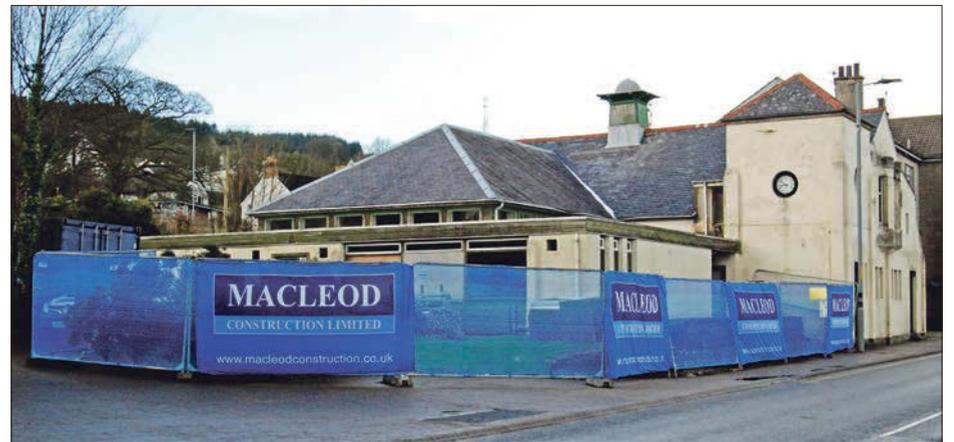
At the Ardrishaig Community Council meeting on Tuesday February 4, Edward Laughton, of the trust, gave a detailed presentation on the plans.

The renovation project has been split into two phases, the second of which is yet to be funded.

### Roof replaced

Phase one of the project will see the flat roof replaced; the old storage space at the back of the building demolished and drains improved; a new heating system installed; insulation for the main hall roof, which will not significantly change the acoustics of the room; new lighting; rewiring, which comes as an additional cost; general decoration and the main entrance moved to Bakers Lane, offering better disabled access.

The budget for this first phase cannot yet be disclosed due to commercial confidence but all costs have been covered by Ardrishaig



Work is under way at Ardrishaig Public Hall. 06\_a07ArdPublicHall01

Community Trust's income and money from the Public Hall Committee that was transferred with the hall when it was handed over to the trust.

It is hoped the work will be completed by June this year.

Meanwhile, across the

road, it was hoped work on the North Hall would be completed by today (Friday February 14).

Contractors S & C Crawford have been hard at work since signing the works contract on December 13, 2019.

A new false ceiling in line

with the rafters has been installed, along with insulation and vents above it to prevent damp. The floor has been sanded, new lighting put in and the inside door has been moved to prevent the draft that often tunnels through the porch.

## Former military man to be rehabilitated

A former member of the armed forces left Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday last week and went directly to the care of a charity which specialises in the rehabilitation of service personnel.

Samuel Doyle, whose address was given in court as care of 36 Oakhill, Tarbert, had admitted a number of offences, including abusive behaviour towards his partner.

The 32-year-old also admitted drink-driving on Islay on

December 19 while on bail and disorderly conduct on the A83 in Tarbert on January 10 when he committed a breach of the peace and threatened a police officer with violence.

### Reports

After calling for reports on Doyle at a previous court appearance, Sheriff Patrick Hughes told him: 'You have served your country in armed conflict which cost you in terms of your own health.'

The sheriff placed Doyle on a community payback order for two years during which

he will be supervised while he works on his rehabilitation.

He will also be subject to two, six-month restriction of liberty orders which will run concurrently where he must remain in his home address from 7pm to 7am.

Doyle was also placed on a non-harassment order for five years.

For the drink-driving offence, he was banned from driving for 18 months and must carry out 70 hours of unpaid work in the community within nine months.

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# Community food forum launches

The Argyll and Bute Community Food Forum, a new initiative that aims to help combat poverty in the area, has been launched at an event held at the council chambers in Kilmory.

At the launch event on February 6, Provost Len Scoullar in his welcome address said: 'Today we are gathered for a very important reason and that is for the community food organisations to shape the forum, that will help them grow for the benefit of our communities. Argyll and Bute produces so much wonderful food and drink that it is ironic that there are too many occasions where people in our area need assistance to access nutritious food to stave off hunger.'

Pippa Milne, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council expressed her support for the initiative, explaining that funding has been secured through the Scottish

Government to promote a two-year initiative, supporting community food initiatives. Bute Advice Centre will facilitate the setting up of the forum.

John Weir, trustee of Bute Advice Centre, highlighted that in the UK 14 million people are living in poverty – 4.5 million of those are children.

Across Argyll and Bute the Community Food Forum will be a network through which independent foodbanks, food waste and community food initiatives can share experience, advice and ideas. It will also be a forum for those considering setting up a project.

The development of the forum will be determined by the participating members.

Each independent organisation, including, Hub Grub and Dunoon Foodbank; Bute Oasis; Hope Kitchen – Oban; Mull and Iona Community Trust; Tìree Community



L-R: Chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, Pippa Milne, with Julie Semple, Bute Advice Centre manager, and John Weir, trustee of Bute Advice Centre.

Council; Helensburgh Foodbank; Jean's Bothy – Helensburgh; Kintyre Foodbank; and Moving On Mid Argyll (MOMA), spoke about their own project, raising awareness of the support being offered, the successes and challenges they are facing and how they want the forum to develop. The Islay and Jura Store Cupboard will be fully involved in future.

In addition, speakers from a range of support agencies offering welfare rights, energy advice, money advice

and community development were also present. Julie Semple, Bute Advice Centre manager commented: 'This has been a hugely successful collaboration and our thanks go to Stuart Green and his team for their support in the smooth running of the event.'

'Already we have seen more advice service providers speaking with the foodbank providers in their area and making arrangements to offer support.'

'We look forward to the development of the forum in



Members of the forum gathered in the council chambers at Kilmory Castle.

supporting the most vulnerable in our communities.'

Following the event Sandy Taylor, convener of MOMA, said: 'I was delighted to represent MOMA at the first Community Food Forum last week. It was surprising to see the variety of voluntary work done in communities across Argyll and Bute to ensure that people having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of good, nutritious food. A few, like MOMA providing food for those in need through an emergency food bank,

others through community shops or lunch clubs. More importantly we learned about how the council, housing providers and advice agencies were helping individuals and families limited incomes go further and to reduce energy costs, whilst working together to address child poverty.'

More information on the event or the rollout of the forum, is available from Bute Advice Centre manager, Julie Semple, on 01700 502784 or email [juliesemple@buteadvice.org.uk](mailto:juliesemple@buteadvice.org.uk)

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## Gigha Community Fund makes first awards

A community fund, launched in November 2019 has awarded its first round of funding to three island projects.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has awarded an initial £1,273 to projects that benefit the residents of Gigh and help support a thriving and healthy community on the island.

An application to support children's story, song and rhyme sessions has been awarded £330. The project will encourage families and children in the Gigha community to spend time together and support the delivery of language, learning and social skills.

A sum of £273 has been awarded to Shopper Aide to support Gigha residents in attending the fortnightly Soup Group meetings in Tayinloan. The project supports social inclusion for Gigha residents as well as the opportunity to create stronger community links.

Finally, £670 has been awarded to support Active School sessions on Gigha. The project aims to create



Keith Wilson, of Gigha Community Fund Board, awarding Mari Sheriff, of Gigha Primary and Pre-5 Unit Parent Council, £670 for their Active Schools project.

opportunities for children and young people to gain access to a range of different sporting activities that are currently unavailable out-with school time on the island. The project further supports the development of local skills to ensure the long-term sustainability of this project.

Keith Wilson, member of the fund board said: 'We are so pleased to be able to support these three really crucial projects for our island. They will help both

young and old people on Gigha – with lunch visits to the mainland, story sessions for our youngest residents and helping develop new sporting and coaching skills.

The fund board has set another deadline of June 22 to submit an application for the next round of funding. To find out more about how to apply to the Gigha Community Fund, or to access an application form and guidance notes, visit [www.gigha.org.uk](http://www.gigha.org.uk)

# Relative of Knapdale Ward dementia patient hits out at Shetland comparison

by Colin Cameron  
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Belinda Braithwaite's husband was looked after with what she described as 'skill, compassion and dignity' on Knapdale ward for nearly four years at the end of his life.

She is highly critical of plans by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership to close the dementia ward and move to a community care model.

To back up the case for closure, the HSCP has used dementia care in the Shetland Islands as a comparison.

Belinda, however, believes there is no comparison between the situation in Mid Argyll and the 2014-17 Shetland dementia strategy.

She told us: 'Population densities and numbers are similar to here, but what it fails to add is that Shetland benefited from oil reserves money for community resources.'

She continued: 'Shetland has at least seven purpose-built care homes with day care provision and nine respite facilities.'

'Even an island with 500 people has a care home. They have hospital at home whereby someone goes to the



**'This really is a human rights issue. These patients don't have a voice to advocate for better care.'**

patient's home overnight, and they have extensive telecare provision.

'With all this in place they operate a 'step down, step up' model, where a patient or carers might need extra help

or admission to a care centre for a period and then home with appropriate support.'

Any patient needing inpatient dementia care would be sent to the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area under the plans.

'This really is a human rights issue,' said Belinda. 'Imagine trying to visit your loved one in Glasgow every day.'

'These patients don't have a voice to advocate for better care. They are a silent and a slightly hidden minority.'

## Retired nurse Dugald MacGilp has penned a poem about the threatened closure of Knapdale Ward.

*Let's close the last elderly ward  
in a short while*

*No problem there's others in  
Glasgow and Argyll*

*There will be none in  
Lochgilthead but so what  
They will have to use distant  
wards we've got*

*But very difficult visiting for  
family and friends*

*Some fifty, sixty, eighty miles  
visitors it sends*

*The closest relative can be  
seventy or eighty  
To them the problem of visit-  
ing can be weighty.*

*The patient themselves leave  
familiarity behind.  
Uprooted from friends, family  
and staff so kind.*

*Reassurance of local environ-  
ment in the past.*

*All community connections  
are gone at last.*

*The employment prospects  
here will sharply fall  
Dedicated ward staff what  
happens to them all?*

*They'll have to get by no one  
really cares*

*Could they get some security  
without any scares?*

*Each area needs a varied  
range of resources*

*Wards, day care, support and  
well trained forces*

*Nurses, social workers, medi-  
cal, OTs, carers and others*

*Then we can care properly for  
our fathers and mothers*

*As said before these patients  
don't have a choice*

*No fault of their own they  
don't have a voice*

*As the ageing population  
grows it's time to change  
Make sure people have the  
services.*

*The full range.*

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Knapdale Ward is situated within Mid Argyll Hospital.

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**Council budget cuts**

It is disappointing to hear Scottish Government funding to the area has fallen once more.

Councillors will soon be put in an unenviable position as they finally decide where the axe will fall on council services.

Serving the second largest area and with millions to be cut from the council's 2020/21 budget, the impact on day-to-day services, jobs and the local economy is a daunting thought.

**Investment in Ardrishaig**

It is encouraging to see investment being put into two key venues in Ardrishaig.

The two halls in the centre of the village are vital for community events and are being revamped which will certainly make for a more attractive area - hopefully encouraging more people to stop as they travel along the A83. Like many in the community, we are excited to see the end result.

**Congratulations Kyle**

We wish Kyle Selfridge all the best in his footballing career. He appears to have a natural talent, realised by many in the footballing world.

We look forward to hearing about his adventures in Sweden as he joins Ytterhogdals IK this season.

**Collapsing road to Skipness needs to be dealt with**

Sir,

A number of months ago a section of the B8001 to Skipness just north of Claonaig ferry terminal partially collapsed due to flooding from a burn.

Half the embankment fill was washed away and the road is undermined to its centreline. Subsequent heavy rainfalls have exacerbated the situation and the asphalt now has a longitudinal crack up to two inches wide which will very soon fail, thereby reducing the useable road surface to the width of a footpath.

This has been brought to the attention of Argyll and Bute Council's roads department repeatedly over these months, by emails and telephone calls, but the only action has been the placing of traffic cones to direct single lane traffic almost into the ditch, and the statement that 'someone is looking into it'. This is the only access to the village, the previous 4x4 only high road now totally inaccessible due to churning up by heavy construction vehicles.

Skipness has a fairly elderly community which depends on full-time access, not only for emergency vehicles, mail and agricultural deliveries, foodstuffs export, hospital and other medical appointments, but also for food and fuel supplies.

I hope that by putting this problem in the public domain in your letters page, the council will treat this matter seriously and urgently.

We look forward to their immediate action.  
**Peter Jensen, Skipness.**

**Forestry and Land Scotland should consider rewilding**

Dorothy Crawford, in her Science Matters column - headlined 'To rewild or not to rewild', and printed in the Friday January 31 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser - points out that parts of Argyll are ideal for the rewilding scheme that has shown such spectacular regeneration in the case of Knepp, in West Sussex.

Building on the successful reintroduction of beavers, which is beginning to be copied elsewhere, she suggests we could introduce large grazers, such as cattle, ponies and pigs, to open up the landscape and recreate the ancient Celtic rainforest.

There is, right now, the opportunity of the Forestry and Land Scotland Knapdale land management plan consultation, to do just that - by insisting that Forestry and Land Scotland consider rewilding as part of the strategy for that plan.

The rewilding of Knepp has shown the potential, not just for renewal of the soil and the landscape, but offers additional benefits in respect of tourism, as people flock to places where they can experience the richness of renewed nature.

I would hope that Argyll and Bute Council also take note as their Climate Change Environmental Action Group considers how to address the urgency of the climate emergency.

**Mary MacCallum Sullivan,  
Ardrishaig.**

**No farmers, no food, no future**

Like many who live in the Kintyre and Islands ward, and the wider Argyll and Bute constituency, I continue to be baffled by the relentless attacks on our already struggling farming industry by so called environmental activists who claim that agriculture, an industry that can be traced back to 20,000 BC, is somehow responsible for climate change.

This latest pearl of wisdom from the urban based intelligentsia is a complete attack on the culture and economy of rural Scotland and should be treated with all the contempt it deserves.

Locally-sourced beef, lamb, pork, milk, eggs and other produce from our hardworking, and at times hard-pressed, farmers and crofters is an ideal part of our everyday diet. All our local and national farms adhere to extremely high levels of welfare standards for their livestock in every possible way.

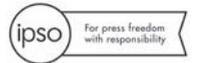
So I would implore my constituents to ignore the anti farming hysterical nonsense you might hear from a handful of activists and the perpetually offended Twitter-mobs who are just a very small section of our society who do a lot of shouting but do not speak for the vast majority of our nation.

I encourage all local residents to continue buying locally farmed meat and produce as it's good for you, it's good for our economy and it's good for our environment.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,  
Kintyre and Islands ward.**

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## Cutting winter bus services would be horrifying

Argyll and Bute Council should have got bus drivers to hand out leaflets to people actually using the buses for their Islay service questionnaire.

I disagreed with question six which read: 'I would be happy to have an increased timetable during the summer months if this meant a reduced timetable during the winter months.'

My answer was more funding, not cuts for lifeline bus services during winter months to suit the summer visitors. Any reduced winter services would be horrifying.

Many bus users are not in good health, and one is more than 100 years old. I am told other islands have better bus services. A good way to push even more Ileachs off the island would be to reduce the winter lifeline bus service and a good way to increase 'second homes' for summer visitors from far off lands spending little in our economy.

Perhaps the council should reduce the number of councillors from 36 to 11. The small ward of Kintyre and the Islands has three, travelling about enjoying themselves doing the same job when one councillor would do. Why not set up a Facebook page for each ward so constituents can post issues and get a quick 'open' response?

**Colin M Campbell, Port Charlotte, Islay.**

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## YOUR PICTURES



This week's featured photograph was submitted by Agnieszka Lewicka. Agnieszka caught this shot of shooters waiting their turn at Tarbert Gun Club's

winter league shoot on Sunday February 2.

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## What's your favourite recipe?

# Slimming World beef stroganoff?

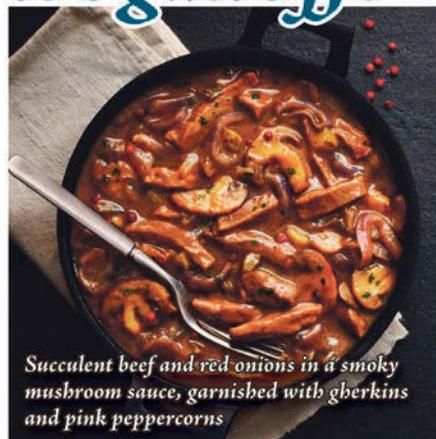
Syn FREE • Takes 40 minutes • Serves 4

### Method:

1. First, put all the sauce ingredients in a medium-size saucepan. Add 450ml boiling water and bring to the boil over a high heat. Cover, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove from the heat and, without draining, whizz until smooth using a stick blender or food processor.
2. Spray a deep, non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a high heat. Add the mushrooms and red onion and fry for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the steak and stir-fry for a further 5 minutes, then add the gherkins, peppercorns and sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir through the quark. Season to taste and serve with your favourite Speed vegetables.

### Ingredients

- Low-calorie cooking spray
  - 300g mushrooms, sliced
  - 1 red onion, sliced
  - 600g lean sirloin steak, visible fat removed, thinly sliced
  - 60g small gherkins, finely chopped
  - 2 tsp pink peppercorns
  - 100g plain quark
- For the sauce:
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
  - ½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained
  - 150g cauliflower, cut into small florets
  - ½ tsp Marmite • 1 beef stock cube
  - 2 large garlic cloves, peeled
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# Argyll school pupils dig deep for simulator training

Pupils across Argyll have benefited from industry standard training as they had a go on a plant operator simulator.

Iain MacAskill, of D A MacDonald, joined pupils at Tarbert Academy, Lochgilphead High School and Oban High School to share industry knowledge and offer them the chance to experience operating plant machinery.

The simulator, which uses the same controls as a real digger, tested the pupils' co-ordination and skill, rating them on how the truck was loaded and health and safety, all against the clock.

Mr MacAskill said: 'It is a fantastic machine and a great way to engage with those who could be interested in this line of work. It has been brilliant to bring this to schools in the area and wouldn't have been possible

without funding from the Construction Industry Training Board and Sibbald for the use of their machine.

'There is a national shortage of plant construction workers so this is a great way to engage with a view to realising apprenticeships. We get to meet potential future employees and they get to find out more about the industry. It's good for them and it's good for us.'

On Tuesday February 4, pupils in Lochgilphead were attempting to beat the fastest time of two minutes, six seconds achieved by a Tarbert Academy pupil the previous day.

S3 pupil Connor MacTavish commented on the experience: 'It's been really useful to have something like this come into school. I've used a real digger before and it is the sort of thing I want to do in the future so it has been good



Connor MacTavish, Cameron McIver, Joe Anderson and Craig O'Meara with Iain MacAskill of D A MacDonald. 06\_a07DiggerSim02

to have some more experience and someone come in to tell us more.'

Neil McKnight, head teacher of Tarbert Academy, said: 'It went down extremely well with our pupils - Iain

was with us all day and there was a continual line of pupils waiting for a shot.

'We were delighted to welcome Iain and his excavator simulator to Tarbert Academy. It presented our

pupils with a fantastic opportunity to try out a very realistic simulation and to give them an idea of the skills that they could develop if they were accepted into an apprenticeship in construction.'



Craig O'Meara tries out the excavator simulator at Lochgilphead High School. 06\_a07DiggerSim01



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# Food from Argyll shines at speciality show

Business contacts were made and orders were generated when members of Food from Argyll showcased the area's exceptional food and drink, and the benefits of living and working in Argyll and Bute, at Scotland's Speciality Food Show.

The show, held at Glasgow's SECC, attracts buyers from delicatessens, farm shops and specialist food retailers from throughout Scotland

and the north of England. More than 4,500 visitors attended the show over three days.

Food from Argyll members who exhibited over the three days were Isle of Bute Cheeses, Hinba Coffee Roasters, Highland Fold Ice Cream, Shellfield Farm, Argyll Coffee Roasters and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers.

Virginia Sumsion, of Food from

Argyll, said: 'The Speciality Food Show was an ideal platform for the group of Argyll producers, all of whom were relatively new to the market. Buyers were interested in them individually, and as a group, and the visitors and other exhibitors provided valuable feedback and information for the producers.'

'We were able to speak to media representatives about Food from

Argyll and they were keen to find out more about us and come and visit in 2020. Overall, it was three days very well spent and thanks to the support from Argyll and Bute Council we made the most of the space available and enabled the producers to achieve their aims without having to outlay excessive time and funds which trade shows can often require.'

Councillor Jim Anderson, deputy policy lead for economic growth, said: 'The quality of Argyll and Bute's food and drink offering is second to none.'

'We recognised the valuable role this sector plays in growing the local economy and we want to do all we can to support local businesses looking to introduce their products to new markets.'



George Williamson and Rachael MacIndeor join the Lochgilphead team as customer services assistants.

## ACHA apprentices stick with Lochgilphead team

After successfully completing a modern apprenticeship with Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Rachael MacIndeor and George Williamson have secured positions as customer services assistants within the organisation.

Rachael started with ACHA in October 2016, followed by George in August 2017, and both have participated in an intensive development programme, undertaking both internal and external training whilst working in various offices throughout Argyll.

### Enjoyed

Rachael said: 'I have really enjoyed the experience of completing my Housing Modern Apprenticeship. It was a great opportunity for me to be able to work and learn at the same time and I am very grateful to have been offered the chance of continuing my career in ACHA.'

'I have found the apprenticeship to be a great alternative route to starting my career,' added George. 'It has provided me with work

experience as well as a professional qualification to help further my career within the organisation. I would recommend an apprenticeship as a great option to anyone as you are getting hands-on experience whilst also studying to further your knowledge.'

Whilst gaining work experience, George and Rachael have also attained the CIH (Chartered Institute of Housing) Level 3 in Housing Practice, a qualification to provide a broad knowledge and understanding of key areas in delivering housing services.

Yvonne Angus, ACHA's regional manager, commented: 'We have welcomed the opportunity to give young people the chance of valuable work experience as well as being able to obtain a recognised qualification.'

'We are delighted that after all their hard work, Rachael and George have secured employment within the Lochgilphead team. Congratulations to them both in their achievements so far.'

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The fascinating album is owned by Lochgilphead businessman Kenny MacLeod, who kindly loaned the album to the Advertiser.

In its red leather binding, the book appears to have been used to press flowers at some point in its history, as a pressed remnant of a small blue flower remains among its pages.

The scenes in the album can be dated to before 1877, since

one of the Inveraray photographs shows the pier with no wooden structure - which was added that year to accommodate larger steamers. The castle's pointed towers were constructed in the 1880s.

The landscapes captured are remarkable for the open vistas, with neither Sitka spruce, jungle of scrub or any motor vehicles to be seen.



Inveraray Pier and Loch Fyne.



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The inspection assessed environment, experiences of those using the suite, and changes which have taken place through consultation.

The overall result was described as being of a high standard, 'well above that

of a normal NHS setting'. Particular reference was made to the focus on cleanliness and the lengths gone to provide a 'home-from-home' environment, based on a person-centered approach to caring for those using the facility, and staff were commended for their efforts.

Members of the Sunroom Users' Group, established in 2017, who have driven forward the refurbishment of the suite, were also congratulated for their work; their tasteful choices leading to a 'modern, fresh, homely, calming environment'.

Campbeltown Macmillan nurse Maggie Wilkieson added her gratitude to the community, acknowledging that without its ongoing generosity, the quality of the refurbishment would not have been possible.

The assessment was

concluded by comments congratulating staff efforts to engage with users 'being among the best seen, and a recommendation has been made to Macmillan Cancer Environments that a case study or similar of the Sunroom facility is produced to highlight the good practice adopted by staff'.

Assessors suggested, despite limitations of space, improvements to enhance spiritual wellbeing may be achieved by further development of the outside space, and also the chapel and the quiet room.

This will be considered over the next few months and anyone wishing to contribute ideas or discuss the assessment more fully can contact Maggie Wilkieson, QN, Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist, by calling 01586 555822.



The newly refurbished Sunroom at Campbeltown Hospital.



Macmillan nurse Maggie Wilkieson, who was awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse in 2019.

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Kilmory Lochan.

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## Dun Mor Fort circular from Lochgilphead

This is one of those walks that starts off as a bit of a leg stretcher from sea level but soon reaches easy forestry tracks before meandering along smaller paths up and over the ancient fort of Dun Mor, purportedly once a stronghold of the MacIvers and a fabulous viewpoint, dropping down

to the tranquil waters of the lochan in Kilmory's Woodland Park followed by an easy amble back, perhaps to find sustenance in one of Lochgilphead's fine eateries.

Dun Mor is also a great spot to catch the sunrise or sunset – just take care ascending or descending in poor light and take a head torch. If you are lucky, you may see roe deer, a red squirrel or a fox, or hear the eerie euphony of tawny owls as the light fades.

1. Starting from the Lochgilphead Community Centre (or the library), head directly up Manse Brae for 200m; just ahead is a sharp left-hand bend. Instead of following the road, go ahead on a path for 50m with houses on the left and woodland on your right. At the path junction (there are steps to your left), veer slightly right then immediately left. The tarmac path will head up the left hand side of the houses, a few steps, over a tarmac turning area and then left over a stream with a further sign to the hospital. As soon as you

have turned left you will see a smaller gravel path heading 90 degrees to your right. This is your route which now leads into open country.

2. Continue until you have passed a reservoir on your right. The path will now become a track and just ahead you will reach a sharp corner. Do not turn left but take the first path straight off the corner on your right. You will pass through some of the notorious Japanese knotweed and it is initially quite muddy after rain but once you go into the trees it does get drier. The path meanders peacefully through the woods for ½km before reaching a forestry track and more open country.

3. Stay on this track for nearly 1½km, ignoring a track to your left, passing pampas grass, roadside oregano and brambles until you reach a T-junction with tall mature woodland directly ahead. Turn right.

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# View from a great (little) fort



The view to Arran from Dun Mor.

The track will cross a small stream before starting to veer right. At this point you need to look out for an information board on your left-hand side. As soon as you reach it you will see a tiny path leading off to the left that will take you steeply up to the ancient fort of Dun Mor. Although not much remains of the fort itself, much of which has tumbled below, the views to Arran and Loch Fyne are stunning and you may well have the space to yourself.

5. To continue, the path drops off very steeply to the south\* and care needs to be taken over the rocks before dropping into the forest. Now an obvious path leads you under the forest canopy. You may wish to seek the cup marked stone but otherwise continue and the path will drop you out onto a track near a house. Turn right.

6. Follow the track for a short distance and just as it veers left slightly there will be a path on your right back into the trees. Turning right on to the path follow this for 250m until you see a break in the wall on your left with a small path leading through by a birch tree.

This will lead you round the lochan clockwise and back to the track you first left to go over Dun Mor. The path around the lochan is very

pretty and is quite different to the earlier parts of the walk; on a still day the reflections can be quite stunning. Once you have reached the north western end of the lochan you will need to carefully cross a stream before turning left up the bank to remeet the track. Do not try to cross if in spate but walk anticlockwise round the lochan all the way to the track and turn left.

7. Turn left and continue straight on past the barrier ignoring three tracks leading left until you reach the back of a garden nursery on your left-hand side. Sections of this can be quite muddy. Continue past both the nursery and a turning right into a field and eventually the track will do a sharp left bend and lead you

to a T-junction and tarmac path.

8. Turn right along this tarmac path, the high school and Loch Gilp will be on your left. The muddy bit is now over! Keeping in a northerly direction along the tarmac path, over a pedestrian crossing and along Kilmory road will lead you directly back to the top corner of Manse Brae from where you can turn left back down to the community centre and thence to your eatery of choice.

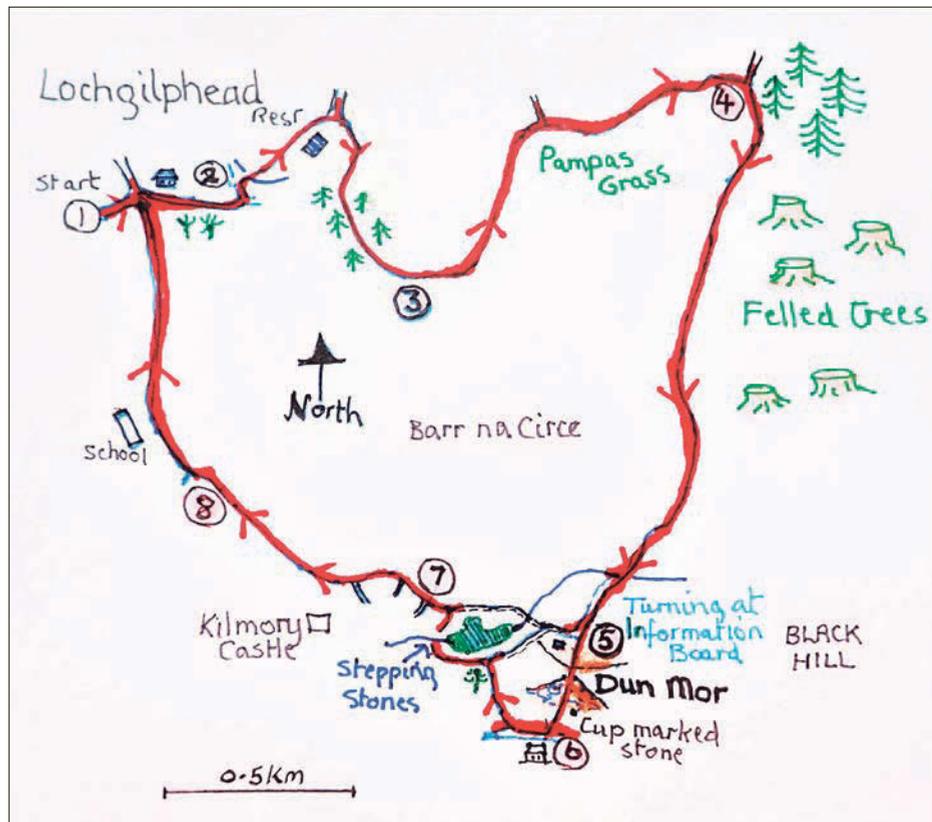
*\*For those not wishing to go over the fort return to the track, turn left and continue for a further ½ km until a path veers left to rejoin the other route but with the turning to go through the wall to the Lochan on the right.*

## Safety and conduct in the outdoors

The described route and accompanying information are there to be used as a guide and do not replace the use of map and compass and the skills required to use them. While every effort is made to ensure the route is accurate at the time of going to print, please be aware that track and path closures can happen at any time. All walks are undertaken at your own risk. Please ensure you use appropriate clothing and equipment for your chosen outdoor activity. Don't forget to consider informing a contact about your route/ whereabouts, taking other items such as a phone, snacks, drink, any medication/first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions. Most walks are dog friendly but please keep your dog under close control, especially around livestock, and respect the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.



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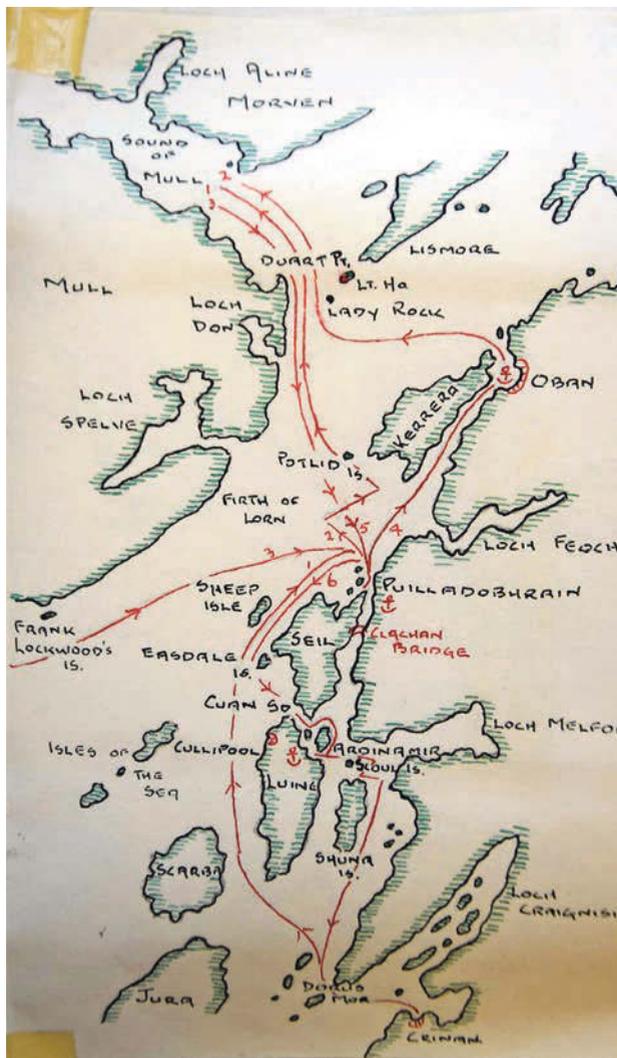


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# The voyages of the



'Track chart - Crinan to the Sound of Mull'. 51\_a07Fulmar01\_chart

This is a 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 accompanied by an unsigned note saying the log book had been bought 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 and their nicknames: 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 four The cruise begins

As crew for our cruise we were lucky, as we have been for the four previous years, and were able to get both the Doctor and Pilot to come again. The Purser, however, found the lure of the theatre too great and she decided to spend her holidays working with a repertory company in Aberdeen.

Again we were lucky in having a ready-made substitute in Chris Paterson, the Pilot's wife of nearly a year's standing. We gave her the rank of

Tanky - a piece of gunroom slang meaning the midshipman who trots around with the navigator or, in other words, the Pilot's Mate.

### Friday July 27

As usual at the beginning of a cruise we got up early - 5.45am - and quickly finished up our packing, loaded the car, shut up the house, and were on our road by ten minutes past seven. It was a fine bright morning with a light southerly breeze and quite promising though the weather forecast the night before had been not too cheerful. It was dead low

water at Renfrew Ferry and as there was a big convoy of army transports crossing from north to south there was no delay in our getting across and at 8.35am we were at the top of The Rest having had an easy and practically trafficless trip up Loch Lomond. Twenty minutes later we had Inveraray behind us.

We called in at the BRS Depot at Lochgilphead (after taking a wrong turning looking for it) and collected our three boxes of stores and at ten to ten arrived at Crinan having passed several yachts already making their

## 'The Bosun - that awful shirt'.

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way east. The basin was busy with in it, amongst others, Arcturus, Vivien, Makoya, Boomerang, and Tookay, most of which were homeward bound. The Fulmar was lying at the back of the basin outside a motor boat and Vanda and as we unloaded the car we had a long carry round and everything was dumped on the basin wall before being taken aboard.

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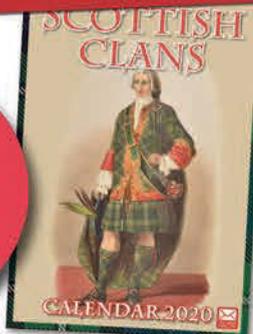
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# Fulmar – part four



Luckily it was turning into a lovely day. The only fly in the ointment was the poor Major – he had developed a paralysis of his back legs the day before and could do nothing but sit where put and look pitifully about and only occasionally managed to drag himself a foot or two.

The Mate and Bosun, after being treated to tea on board Vivien, got down to unpacking and stowing our gear and while they were about it the Doctor arrived with his gear and plentiful supplies of medical comforts, a huge cake, packets of chocolate and a big box of chocolates.

Dumping his stuff with the rest on deck he and the Skipper then went to the hotel and drank success to the cruise. They learnt that the night before had been a bit of a night and Arcturus was still showing its effects rather markedly.

## Fresh stores

While the Mate continued the storing the Bosun got petrol and paraffin and the Tar went up to the farm for milk and at half past twelve they, with the Doctor, had lunch. Meanwhile, the Skipper had gone to Ardrishaig and got a lot of fresh stores (bread, fruit, vegetables, etc) a new screwdriver, and meths. Being too early for the steamer he, after having had a beer at The Anchor, sat on a seat near the pier and had his lunch of six cookies and a sausage roll and listened to the test match on a portable set a man sharing the seat had with him (it was the lively period when Evans was hitting sixes and fours off every ball).

The Pilot and Tanky duly came off the steamer and by half past one all were aboard and the final gear stowing was completed. The car was parked on the steep hill between the farm and the basin

and the batteries were disconnected then, while the Bosun, Doctor and Pilot, shifted Fulmar to outside Melora on the east wall, the Skipper and Mate went up to the shop and got some strawberry tarts.

At half past two the Karma came in from sea and we went into her water but had to wait in the lock for a wee motor boat whose owner had not turned up but was due soon. While we waited, a man from a big Belfast motor boat that was lying in the basin spoke to the Skipper and complimented him on the sailing directions and thanked him for them. The Skipper did his best not to look smugly gratified. We filled in the waiting time by having a cup of coffee and one was handed up to the Doctor who was waiting to see us sail.

## Beer was indulged

At five past three we were away under engine being waved on our way by the Doctor and promising to be at Tobermory on the following Friday to pick him up. As the wind was light west-south-west we kept the motor going until we could fetch the Dorus Mor then up went the sails and beer was indulged in to mark the start of the cruise.

We went nicely for a little but the wind fell very light. An unknown yacht and Mimosa were coming south and, against the flood tide, were making nothing of it. We passed close by the latter and spoke to John Hamilton then as we headed up for the Ardluing buoy we could see her being pushed slowly back to the northwards stern first. We, too, were being carried too far to the eastward and the engine went on to get us into the Scarba Sound stream and we kept it going till up to Leica Point where the wind



'The Mate'. 51\_a07Fulmar07\_Mate



'The Tanky'. 51\_a07Fulmar08\_Tanky

came away again, this time from the true west.

The tide rips at Fladda were in very good form and we fairly roared through the narrows and on up to Easdale but thereafter the breeze went fluky and light varying between north-west and south-west but, as the sun was shining brightly, it was very pleasant slipping along slowly in the smooth water. There was no sign of the usual heavy swell one expects to meet either side of Easdale Point. Away up to the north between Duart and Loch Don we could see half a dozen boats, led by Cerigo, making their way south.

At six o'clock we heard a poor forecast promising rain and strong winds to come and listened for a while to the test match and heard of the collapse of the Australians in the first innings. The glass was slowly but steadily coming back and we feared the forecast was probably on the right lines.

As we came round the north-west point of Seil Island and headed over for Dun Island off Puilladobhrain, the wind died and the sea turned to glass so we got the sails down and stowed and the

motor was started up.

As we approached Puilladobhrain we saw a varnished yawl coming down from the Oban direction under power and she passed in just ahead of us. As we were to learn later she was the Sol and at her helm (and the only one aboard) was a 'bearded ancient' with a shock of white hair and a white beard. As we rounded the Fulmar Beacon we passed Kerlo coming out. In the anchorage were two motor boats and as we went slowly up to the south



'Mimosa bucking the flood at Fladda. Nae wind.'

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end of the pool we passed far too close to the bows of one of them owing to the Skipper misjudging the tidal drift. One of the crew came hurriedly out onto her fore-castle and frowned at us as we

slipped past with only inches to spare.

It was dead calm when we anchored at half past seven but we were sorry to see that the drop in the glass was now being accelerated.



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as they receive donated backpacks.

School and gym bags can be sent to: Mary's Meals Warehouse, 25 Glentamar Road, Glasgow, G22 7SF.

Backpacks can also be sent filled and donors are encouraged to recycle where possible. The recommended items to fill your old backpacks with are: notepads, pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, pencil cases, towels, shorts or skirts, T-shirts or dresses, flip-flops or sandals, small balls (eg, tennis ball), soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and a spoon. If sending a filled backpack, please label the bags appropriately, stating whether they are for a boy or a girl and what age it is suitable for.

Drawstring gym bags are not accepted and clothing for children aged between four and 12 years is suitable. Do not be tempted to put in toys or sweets as this can cause problems during delivery.



Children enjoying a meal at school, thanks to Mary's Meals. Photograph: Chris Watt.



## Burns day celebrations held at Badden Farm Nursery

Children at Badden Farm Nursery, Lochgilphead, celebrated Burns day in style, as they were joined by resident piper Iain Campbell. Iain entertained the children with some Scottish tunes while they tucked into their haggis, neeps and tatties.

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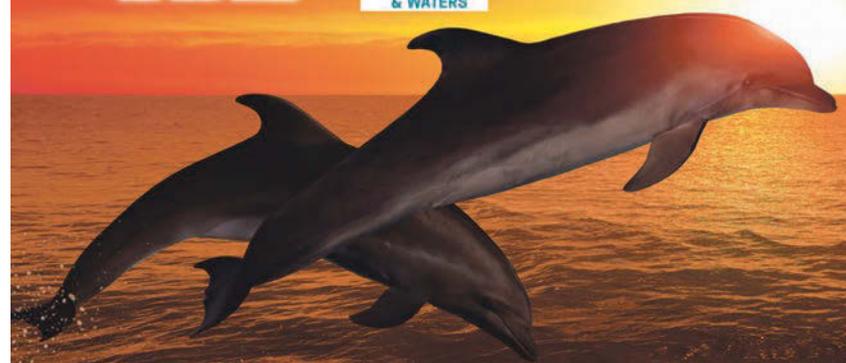
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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Former Fèis tutor returns to Tarbert

### Craignish Primary School car wash cafe

Craignish Primary School pupils are standing by to wash cars, trucks, bikes and vans while drivers enjoy a cuppa and home-baking.

The P6/7 pupils are holding the car wash to raise funds for their residential trip to Benmore Outdoor Education Centre in June.

The event will run from 11am to 2pm on Sunday February 23 at Ardferris fire station, while tea and cake is served in the school.

A former Fèis an Tairbeirt tutor is returning to the village to perform a concert as part of a debut album launch.

Dithis is the debut album by sibling duo Joy and Andrew Dunlop. Hailing from the village of Connel, the pair were steeped in the rich, musical tapestry of Argyll from an early age but developed their talents in different ways. Joy immersed herself in Gaelic song traditions and Andrew followed a classical path.

Dithis is a meeting and melding of their two worlds, marrying traditional Gaelic material with classical leaning accompaniments to create a unique sound.

Following creative residences on the Isle of Mull, Dithis explores the pared-back relationship of piano and voice, with light touches of harmonium and glockenspiel.

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Joy and Andrew Dunlop will perform at Stonefield Castle.

unity and understanding that pushes traditional musical boundaries, whilst maintaining a distinctive air of authenticity.

Inspired by her love of and curiosity for Gaelic song and

culture, Mòd Gold Medallist and Inter-Celtic dance champion Joy continued her education at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, while Andrew pursued classical conservatoire training in Manchester

and New York. After a decade of performing across the UK and further afield as part of various bands and groups, however, Joy and Andrew have reunited forces to create their first album together.

The concert will be held at Stonefield Castle Hotel, by Tarbert, on Sunday February 23.

Curtain up is 2pm and tickets are available online from Eventbrite.

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# Mid Argyll pipers impress in Edinburgh

Three young pipers from Mid Argyll had their moment in the spotlight as they took to the stage in the capital with a national youth pipe band.

Lochgilphead High School pupils Camron MacPhail, Christopher McCartan and Ruairaidh Logan passed the

two-stage band auditions back in March 2019 and have enjoyed being a part of the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland (NYPBoS) since, performing at key events like the Belfast International Tattoo.

NYPBoS describes itself

as 'a non-competing, cutting-edge performance pipe band for 10- to 25-year-olds in Scotland'.

'Decade', the band's major concert and farewell to director Alisdair McLaren who took up the role in 2009, took place on Saturday February



Ruaraidh Logan with Alisdair McLaren, director of the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland.



Christopher McCartan, back row, Camron MacPhail and Ruairaidh Logan, right, performing with the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland. Photograph: Piping Hot Photos.



National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland performing at Edinburgh's Corn Exchange. Photograph: Piping Hot Photos.

8 at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange, with all three boys soaking in the atmosphere as they performed to an appreciative audience.

Ruaraidh Logan commented: 'It was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget. I feel proud and privileged to be part of the NYPBoS. It was great to play with such fabulous musicians

in a quality venue, under the leadership of Alisdair McLaren. I'd like to wish Alisdair the best of luck back home in Australia.'

'My first youth band concert went very well and it is definitely something I will never forget,' added Christopher McCartan. 'Everyone has been working very hard over the past few months to try to

get all the sets going well. This is the first time I have played in the Corn Exchange and it was brilliant. Although I was quite nervous, everything went to plan. Alisdair has taught me as part of the young stars seasonal schools from the age of nine and I know that he has helped me a lot in getting to this stage in piping.'

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The Boccia team members,

coaches and supporters need to raise in excess of £500 each to be able to stay and compete at the Liverpool competition.

To kick their fundraising efforts off, a race night will be held tomorrow (Saturday February 15) at the Lochgilhead Masonic Lodge. Starting at 7.30pm there are fantastic prizes.

Read about the team's training on page 34.



Some of the young footballers on hand at Lochgilhead Co-op. 06\_a07RedStarBagPack01

# Footballers lend a hand in aid of Amsterdam trip

Fundraising efforts for Red Star 2008s continue as they hope to raise money for a team trip to Amsterdam in April.

On hand to help shoppers at Lochgilhead Co-op on Saturday February 8, the enthusiastic footballers eagerly waited at the end of checkouts ready to help pack customers' bags.

As the only Scottish team competing in the 2008s section of the Amsterdam Cup,

the Easter trip to Holland is a massive achievement for the group.

### Fundraising

For a final fundraising push, the team will host another coffee afternoon on Saturday April 4. Much like their previous event, held on Saturday January 25, soup, sandwiches and home baking will be served up, with a chance to take home some tasty treats from the baking stall.



Coach John Gillies puts the team through a training session in Lochgilhead. 51\_a07Boccia09

# Craignish ceilidh to help hall funds

An Ardfern ceilidh is set to have dancers reeling as funds are raised for Craignish Village Hall.

Held on Saturday February 22 at the village hall, there will be a licensed bar and plenty of toe-tapping tunes.

Ceilidh band All About the Cake will perform on the night and, following their set, the evening will transform into a groovy disco so the keen dancers can carry on with a boogie.

Entry at the door is £3 for adults and £2 for children, with special family entry being offered for £5. All proceeds will go towards Craignish Village Hall funds. Doors open at 6.30pm and the band will begin at 7pm.

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## Council staff get on their bikes for charity

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Using spin-cycles at LiveArgyll leisure centres, staff will follow a virtual route around all 81 school establishments in the area, starting at Southend Primary in South Kintyre, and finishing up at Aringour Primary on the Isle of Coll.

The event will take place from 7am until 7pm on Friday March 13, with staff participating for various lengths of time. While some will take part during their lunch hour, and before and after work, others are taking annual leave and plan to cycle throughout the whole day.

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Covers band None The Wiser. L-R: Paul Convery, Jo Smith (front), Dave Bracken (drums), Davey Garner.

## Dancing diners at Grey Gull

Guests and diners will be entertained to a musical evening as The Grey Gull hosts None the Wiser for a home turf gig.

Excited for the night Jo Smith, singer with None the Wiser, said: 'It's a few years since we played a gig on the doorstep, as suitable venues are thin on the ground. We have rehearsed in

Ardrishaig since we first formed way back in 2011 and it's not often I get to walk home after a gig.'

The rock covers band, playing everything from Abba and Blink 182 to Queen and the Zutons, will take to the stage on Saturday February 15 from 9pm.

## Benmore Botanic Garden weather



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Lowest min at grass level: -6.8°C on 10th  
Average min at grass level: 1.1°C  
Air min below 0°C on 5 days  
Grass level min below 0°C on 13 days  
Hail on 1 day  
Snow/sleet on 2 days  
Thunder on 0 days  
Gale on 4 days  
Greatest rainfall in one day: 53.9mm on 29th  
Rain 0.2mm or more on 28 days  
Rain 1mm or more on 26 days  
Rain 5mm or more on 18 days  
Trace (between 0mm and 0.1mm): 3 days  
Total with measurable rain: 28 days  
Total rainfall for month: 366.7mm (14.4 inches)  
Total rainfall for year: 366.7mm (14.4 inches)

January was wet, with total precipitation 31 per cent above the long-term average. It may have felt cold, especially as it was windy at times, however, the number of days with recorded air frost was 50 per cent below the norm; likewise, ground frosts were down by 28 per cent.

The average maximum daily air temperature was 1.9°C above the norm; this represents a significant rise, a trend suggested by some climate change projections. The average minimum daily air temperature was 2.2°C above the norm, incredibly mild for the time of year.



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# Women in Agriculture Scotland formalised



Following on from the recent publication of the Scottish Government's Women in Agriculture Taskforce report, the industry group Women in Agriculture Scotland (WiAS) has been formalised.

The taskforce, co-chaired by Sutherland farmer Joyce Campbell and Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy Fergus Ewing MSP, issued its final report in November 2019.

Joyce Campbell said: 'I welcome the formalisation of this group and I urge everybody

within Scottish agriculture to recognise that by supporting women to realise their full potential, we will create a fairer and more successful industry.'

WiAS was formed five years ago and aims to support, inspire and develop women in Scottish agriculture to achieve their aspirations and create a more progressive, successful and inclusive industry. The group, chaired by June Geyer, has held events on a biannual basis since 2015. The most recent was in

Edinburgh at RBS Gogarburn in November 2019. The event, entitled 'You Don't Know What You Don't Know', was a great success and speakers included a Stirlingshire farmer and businesswoman Katy Rodgers as well as representatives from Enterprise Scotland, Savills, and the Women in Agriculture Taskforce.

Anyone interested in finding out more or signing up as a member should email [womeninagriculturescot@gmail.com](mailto:womeninagriculturescot@gmail.com)



Left to right: the Women in Agriculture Scotland Group – Katrina Barclay, RHASS; Gemma Cooper, NFUS; Catherine Sloan, Turcan Connell; Aylett Roan, Roan's Diary. L to R seated: Emma Patterson Taylor, SAOS; June Geyer, chairwoman; Mairi White, RBS.

## New-look QMS cattle and sheep assurance standards launched

Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) has revamped its cattle and sheep assurance standards, making them more user friendly, with simple easy to read content that clearly explains each standard and its importance.

Around 10,000 livestock farmers who are members of Quality Meat Scotland's cattle and sheep quality assurance scheme will shortly receive this year's updated standards document, published on January 24.

Over 90 per cent of Scotland's breeding cattle population, around 80 per cent of breeding sheep and almost 100 per cent of significant pig farming businesses are members of QMS farm assurance schemes.

The standards behind the six QMS quality assurance schemes – which also cover pigs, feeds, haulage, auction markets and processors – are reviewed regularly and updated annually to ensure continuous improvements are made to keep pace with legislative, technical and other changes.

Alan Clarke, chief executive of Quality Meat Scotland, said: 'Before any changes are incorporated into these standards they are thoroughly discussed and agreed by the committees which oversee the annual review process. Membership of the cattle and sheep standards committee includes representatives from relevant areas of the industry including farming, processing and auction markets as well as the Scottish SPCA.'

This broad range of knowledge and expertise helps to ensure any changes necessary to meet consumer and retailer expectations, and to keep pace with technology and other changes in our industry, are also practical and workable at grassroots level.

'Although our quality assurance standards are predominantly used by scheme members and farm assessors, they are also publicly available to a wider audience including consumers and retailers. With reassurance about the way animals are looked after becoming ever more important to consumers, confidence

in these standards is essential to underpin the integrity of our premium Scotch brands,' added Mr Clarke.

The majority of the standards in the new document were already built into the assessment process of the previous standards. The key changes relate to a previous recommendation that farms receive an annual veterinary visit and that the annual review of the Animal Health Plan health and performance records is carried out in conjunction with a vet. This is now an official requirement.

After a successful pilot roll-out of spot checks, a further programme of planned spot checks is included as part of an on-going focus on farms which have, on several occasions, failed to meet full compliance with key risk standards. The existing process, which sees spot checks undertaken where concerns are raised about a farm which is in the scheme, will also continue.

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Two-year-old champion and overall champion male, K2 of Cladich owned by Queenie and Jon Strickland of the Cladich Fold. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



Overall female champion, Diorbhail Dhubh 3rd of Craigowmill, owned by Mr K W W and Mrs E M Brown and brought by Malcolm MacNaughton. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

# Highlanders on show at historic Oban cattle sale

by David McPhee  
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Sunday was an historic day for the Dalmally-based Cladich fold, which won the overall male championship at the Highland Cattle Society 129th Spring Show and Sale in Oban.

This was the first time Cladich has won this particular category in its history, dating back to 1882.

A large crowd made its way to the Oban centre, despite Storm Ciara trying to throw a spanner in the works with ferry cancellations.

The show took place on Sunday February 9, with the sale taking place on Monday.

The overall male champion was K2 of Cladich, a two-year-old bull from Cladich. Handler Stuart Campbell, who has worked at the farm for nine years, said it was 'tremendous' to win the overall male champion.

Speaking to The Oban Times, he added: 'This is what you aim for. When you start out in the career, you aim for a champion bull at Oban.'

'It is our first time winning



A large crowd surrounded the pens as the show took place on Sunday. DM\_t07\_HighlandCattleShow

the overall male – we have been in the breed since 1882.'

Mr Campbell dedicated the win to Cladich's owners, Queenie and Jon Strickland.

'They put so much into Cladich,' he added. 'It is good to give a reward back to them,' he said.

The bull, which was also the two-year-old champion, sold for 6,500gns.

The overall female champion was three-year-old heifer Diorbhail Dhubh 3 of Craigowmill from Ken and Eva Brown's Craigowmill fold at Ledlanet, Kinross.

The heifer was brought out by Malcolm MacNaughton

and sold for 5,000gns on Monday.

The biggest sale of the day went to Mr & Mrs AA MacDonald Ardbhan Kyles, Bayhead, North Uist. Their senior bull sold for 6,800gns.

The overall winner of the young handler competition went to Emily Armstrong from Balemartine Fold, Tiree.

In conjunction with the Royal Highland Society and the Highland Cattle Society, Emily will now front the parade of animals on the first day of the Royal Highland Show, carrying the Highland Cattle Banner. Emily was encouraged

by her late father Mark Armstrong to keep Highlanders and with his passing Emily, her mum Fiona and her wee sister Eva have kept the Balemartine Fold going, making the long journey from Tiree to Oban to show and sell.

Although Ciara has scuppered the Armstrong's plans of getting home within the next couple of days – it will give the young handler some extra time to celebrate her win.

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Despite the weather, Liz Craig kept smiling and proved if you want to get ahead get a warm hat. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



This senior bull fetched the top price, going for 6,800gns. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



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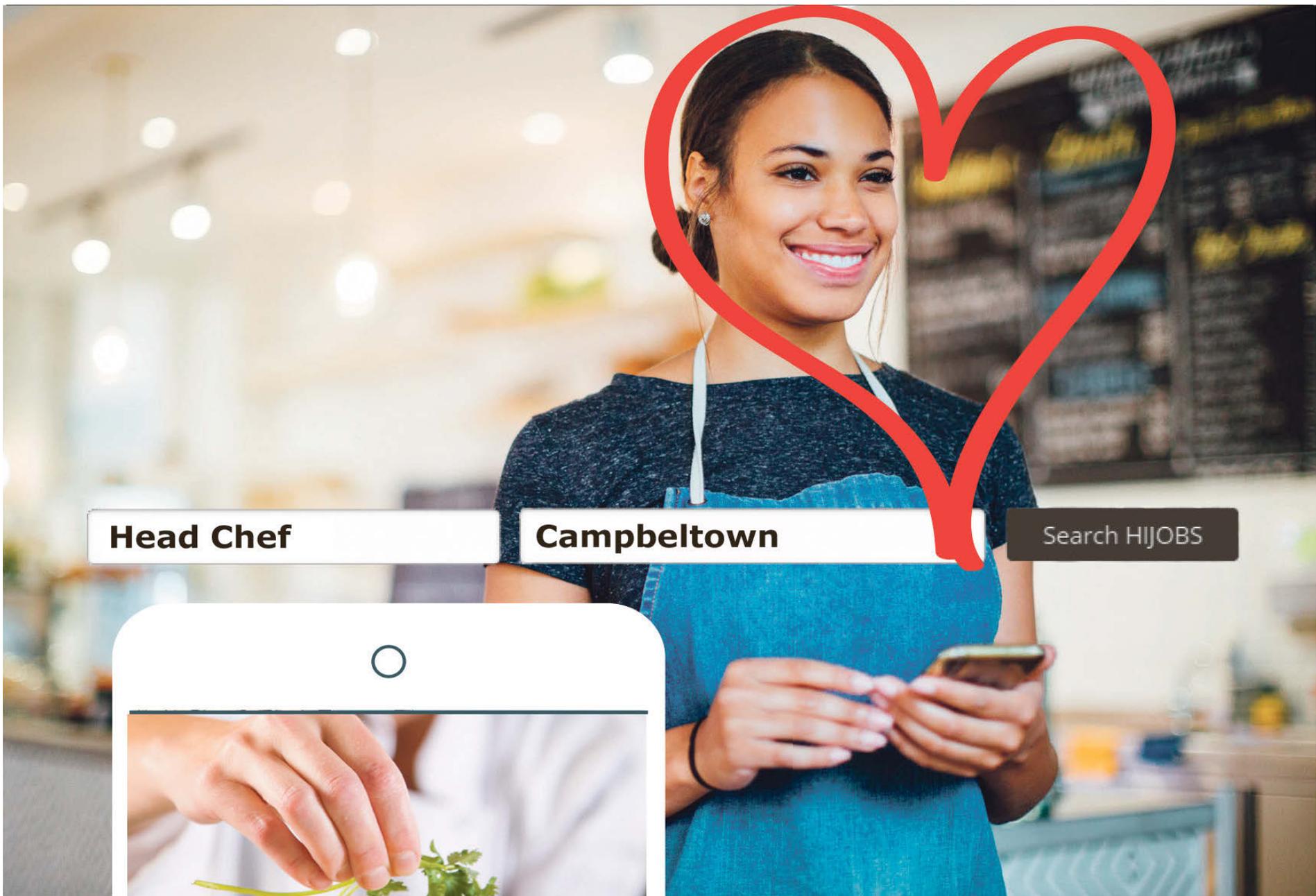
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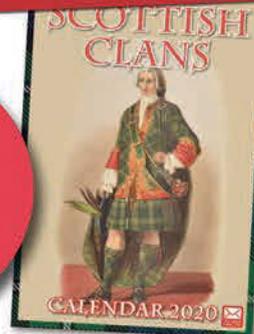
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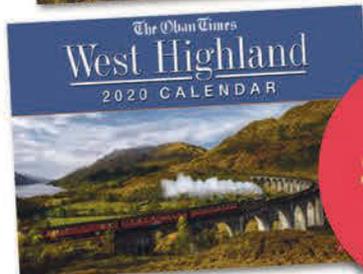
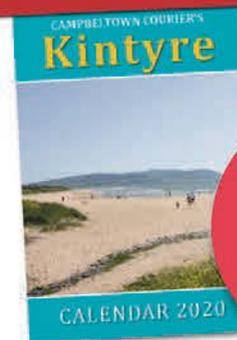
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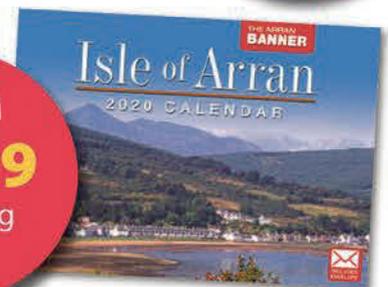
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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20/00102/PP	Formation of temporary access road to facilitate approved Blary Hill wind farm	Land West Of An Acaill, Glenbarr, Argyll And Bute

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18:30 - 20:00 Presentation and Q&A Session (Refreshments from 18:00)  
Bowmore Village Hall, Bowmore, Argyll PA34 7JH

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Roads & Infrastructure Services 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILHEAD PA31 8RD

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In a 12-month period, numbers have increased by 4,000 which is a 'reel' reason to celebrate, says the Scottish charity's chairman Gary Brown.

A new board took over the community-run cinema three years ago and has 'upped its game' since, said Mr Brown.

Revamping the foyer area and moving the concession stand further back in the George Street building has had a part to play in breathing new life back into the venture.

'The next stage is very much in discussion but we're talking about turning part of the front building into a box office area and space for staff,' added Mr Brown.

**LOCH ETIVE**

A multi-agency response to reports of four kayaks being swept into Loch Etive from the River Awe resulted in a callout for Oban RNLi, Oban Coastguard, Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Fire and Rescue.

On Saturday February 1 at 2.24pm, the RNLi responded to news that kayaks had been washed from the River Awe into Loch Etive.

Three kayaks were recovered by a fish farm vessel before the RNLi Mora Edith MacDonald arrived on scene at 3.05pm. Before, however, a search could get under way a kayak club contacted the coastguard as they had lost three kayaks on the River Awe.

**CAMPBELTOWN**



**Fear Not, Yard No 33, built in 1976 at Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd for John McKenzie, Elgin, Arthur Duthie and Co Ltd Lossiemouth.** Photograph: Jim Millar.

An exhibition that the town has helped to create will be staged later this month at Campbeltown Town Hall.

'Top Skippers' Choice presents a snapshot of the online archive, which showcases the work of Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd through personal testimonies,

technical information, articles and more than 1,000 images from participants, gathered in the course of the past year.

Devised for South Kintyre Development Trust by Campbeltown-born artist and film-maker Jan Nimmo, Top Skippers' Choice celebrates the

50th anniversary of the launch of Campbeltown Shipyard's first boat. The project is funded by National Heritage Lottery Scotland.

The exhibition will run from February 15 to 22 from 10am to 5pm, opening from 11am to 4pm on Sunday February 16.

As all of the occupants who had lost them were well and accounted for, the search was called off.

**ISLAY**

SSEN and Argyll and Bute Council's roads department have

worked together to fix the street lighting power connection in North Bay, Port Ellen.

Councillor Alastair Redman, an Islay resident, said: 'I am delighted that at long last, and after both the roads department and SSE initially refused to

accept responsibility for the work and refused to fix it, our council roads and streetlight department has worked with SSEN to resolve the situation and has confirmed that the improvement to the street lighting cabling has now been made.'

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

Today is Valentine's Day and is, of course, associated with love.

We usually think of this as romantic love when people wait hopefully for a card that will let them know that they have either a secret admirer or that their partner has remembered the date.

However, love has many forms and faces and it is important for people to know they are loved, whether it is by their partner, a parent, a friend or by God himself.

Last Saturday there was a very special event held in Tayinloan to celebrate the official opening of the recently developed play park.

It was a wonderful afternoon and, against all the odds, the weather was kind to us.

We were piped on to the field by Calum where Mrs Pratt officially cut the red ribbon to declare the park 'open'.

Inside the village hall, we enjoyed home-baking and refreshments along with the most amazing cake made by Tan Black. It had models of play equipment and children on it and tasted as good as it looked.

A special badge had been designed with the inscription 'I was there', and was distributed to all present.

We hope that the play park will bring much happiness to children and villagers alike and that the sound of laughter will echo on summer evenings as folk have fun.

We hope it will also be a reminder to the children that they are loved and treasured in a community and that they will know just how important they are to us.

Nelson Mandela said this: 'History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of our children.'

Happy Valentine's Day! Know you are loved.

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Paul and Christina are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sophie, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, on Friday, January 31, 2020. A little sister for James and Lewis.

DEATHS

**KENNEDY** - Peacefully, with her family by her side, on February 10, 2020, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, Helen Richmond Kennedy, in her 95th year, (formerly of Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, and of Ford), beloved wife of the late John Kennedy, dearly loved mother of Alan and Colin, a much respected mother-in-law of Susan and Donna, cherished granny of Claire and Euan. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Ardfenaig Residential Home Comfort Fund. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MARTIN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 11, 2020, Catherine Helen McGuire (Cathie), in her 87th year, formerly of Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Martin (Jackie), much loved mum of John, Archie and James and a loving granny and great granny. Funeral private.

**PHILIPS** - Annie (Nan). Peacefully, after a short illness, on January 22, 2020, aged 102, wife of the late Bert, loving mother to son Derek, Ian and Anne and a loving granny and great granny. Very much loved, respected and adored by many and will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service took place at Perth Crematorium. A truly wonderful and inspirational woman.

**WALLACE** - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital, Robert Armour Wallace, in his 88th year, Fernbank, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Wallace, née Murchie, formerly of the Isle of Arran, much loved dad of Lesley, Susan and David, a loving grampa of Clare, Andrew, Findlay and the late Ian, and loving father-in-law of Rob, Linda and the late Tim. Funeral service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**CAMPBELL** - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009. Sadly missed but not forgotten.

- Ivor, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

**CAMPBELL** - John George of Carnasserie Farm, Kilmartin, who died on February 15, 2010.

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Missing you more than words can say.

- Ewan.

**COLVILLE** - In loving memory of Robert, passed February 14, 2013.

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- Doreen, Lynsey, Lorraine and families.

**MACFADYEN** - In memory of our 'Big' brother John, who passed away on February 16, 2018. Always in our thoughts.

- Helen and Alex.

**SARGENT** - Treasured memories of a dearly loved dad and papa, Roger, taken from us on February 17, 2019.

To lose you was a bitter wrench, The pain cut to our core, We cried until our tears ran out, And then we cried some more.

Miss you more than words can say.

- Senga, Billy and family.

**THOMPSON** - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife Rene, your son Scott, your girls Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

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LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Sunday 16th February**  
11.15 am Morning Worship

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**Monday 17th February**  
Guild 2.00pm New Hall

**Tuesday 18th February**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am New Hall

BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall

**Thursday 20th February**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm

**Friday 21st February**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**

SC002493

**Sunday 16th February**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Gordon Cosgrove and will be held in the church at 11.15am All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Friday 14th February**  
SKY Youth Group 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Sunday 16th February**  
Family Communion Service 11.00am

Pastor Steve Davies All welcome

**Wednesday 19th February**  
Bible Study 7.30pm All welcome

Pastor Steve Davies Enquiries 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.org.uk SCO14646

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11.00am Eucharist & Coffee

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Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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10.30am Morning Service

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**Wednesday**  
Lunch Club 12.15pm

CAMEO 1.30pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm

Major Ruth Russell All welcome

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George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 16th February**  
11.15am Worship Service

Rev Rodger Crooks 11.15am Sunday School

6.30pm Joint Service Speaker: Pastor Mark Jasper

**Monday 17th February**  
4.00pm Road to Recovery

**Wednesday 19th February**  
12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study

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**Sunday 16th February**  
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Congregation Led **Monday 17th February**  
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**Wednesday 19th February**  
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# Tarbert charity shoot hits the mark



Craig Samborek was joined by family and friends for the charity shoot.

A clay-pigeon shoot has helped to raise vital funds for an Oban-based mental health charity.

Held at Barmore Shooting Ground, Tarbert, on Saturday February 8, the shoot was in aid of Martyn's Monday Club.

Martyn's Monday Club is a peer to peer support group for men over 18 to help them through life when they are struggling to cope

with mental health problems. Organised by Craig Samborek, the charity shoot raised £400.

## Boccia team prepares for Special Olympics with fundraising drive

It may be a year and a half away, but Lochgilphead's Special Olympians are already preparing for the 2021 event on Merseyside.

Perhaps the greatest challenge they will face, however, is to raise enough money to get there.

Liverpool will host the 11th Special Olympics GB Summer Games in 2021 – the biggest multi-sport tournament the city has ever staged.

Hoping to be there representing Scotland West are veteran Olympians Flora Currie, Iain MacDougall and Campbell Ferguson.

The trio were hard at work practicing their Boccia skills at Lochgilphead Resource Centre when the Advertiser popped in to see how they are doing.

John Gillies will once again provide the coaching, assisted by his wife Mary, as preparations continue for the big event.

The boccia contests are held on badminton courts, where the lines are adapted to the rules of the game. Similar to regular bowls, the object is

to get your boccia closest to a target.

John said: 'They really enjoy it and they are all doing well. We play at the Resource Centre and anyone can join in. It's good fun.'

The Liverpool event will be held from Tuesday August 3 until Sunday August 8, 2021. More than 2,000 athletes will take part in a wide range of



The balls – or boccia – used in the event. 51\_a07Boccia01

sports including athletics, boccia, football, gymnastics, swimming, and the motor activities training programme for people with multiple cognitive disabilities.

Special Olympics GB is a registered charity providing year-round sports training and competition opportuni-

ties for people with intellectual (learning) disabilities – transforming the lives of thousands of people through the power of sport.

Murton Mann, Special Olympics GB chairman, said: 'We are thrilled to be heading to Liverpool in 2021.'

'We are looking forward to the support of the people of Liverpool and businesses of the city at this very significant sporting event.'

'We are sure that the great city of Liverpool will provide a very successful and hugely memorable event for our athletes, their families, coaches and volunteers.'

'The people of Liverpool are well known for their warm embrace and love of sport. So, what better host venue for our Special Olympics GB athletes to enjoy this landmark event in the lives.'

'Liverpool is the most welcoming and inclusive city and we are proud to be heading there for our national Games.'

Beth Tweddle, Liverpool's triple World Gymnastics Champion who has com-

peted numerous times at the Echo Arena, said: 'I am delighted that my home city of Liverpool has been selected to host the 2021 Special Olympics. The city has been host to so many historical sporting moments over the years and this will be another event to add to the city's legacy. I am honoured to be involved in the event and cannot wait for the games to unfold.'

To be able to stay and compete at the Liverpool competition, Lochgilphead team members, coaches and supporters need to raise in excess of £500 each, and fundraising has already begun.

A race night will be held to help the team at Lochgilphead Masonic Lodge on Saturday February 15, starting at 7.30pm. See advert on page 18.

John Gillies added: 'We would welcome any support from people who would like to help us with our costs to get to Liverpool and other competitions.'

To find out more, call John on 01499 500695.



Team Boccia – from left, Campbell Ferguson, coach John Gillies, Flora Currie, Grant MacDougall and Iain MacDougall. 51\_a07Boccia11



Campbell Ferguson concentrates as he throws the boccia. 51\_a07Boccia04

## Mid Argyll girls excel in Glasgow

Travelling to the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, eight young athletes readied themselves for a day of stiff competition as they prepared to take part in the National Under 12s Superteams Championship.

Mid Argyll Athletic Club entered two teams of four girls for this popular event, which attracted 55 girls teams from all parts of Scotland.

All team members contested three individual events: 60 metres, long jump and shot putt, and then finally a 4 x 200 metres relay.

The Mid Argyll A team finished a very creditable ninth overall with all four girls contributing to a 609 points total. The A team consisted of twin sisters Gemma and Jorja MacDonald from Lochgilphead, Jodie Allan from Ardrishaig and Mirrin Bowden from Lochgilphead. Gemma recorded an impressive 9.39 seconds for second place in her 60 metres time trial, while Jorja was timed at 9.40 seconds winning her 60m heat. All four girls combined to record 2 minutes 18.7 seconds in the 4 x 200 metres relay.



Mid Argyll's A team, back row, and B team competed at the National Under 12s Superteams Championship.

The younger B team of Abby Charnock, Neve Bowden, Esmee Bain and Charlotte Dale were not so successful but gained valuable experience competing in the big arena and are all young enough to compete again next year.

## Red Star lose out to Busby

Busby	2
Lochgilphead Red Star	1

SAFL Premier Division One

Red Star travelled to Barrhead to play Busby but left empty-handed after some poor defending and wasteful finishing cost them on a day when they should really have taken something from the game.

It was Busby who opened the scoring after Star only partially cleared from a throw-in and fell kindly to a Busby midfielder on the edge of the box.

Star's goal came from Aaron Moore, who made a surging run from midfield to meet a Ben Forbes long pass. The Red Star captain controlled brilliantly before showing good composure to beat the keeper to make it 1-1.

Unfortunately for Star, they

switched off from a corner less than five minutes later and Busby restored their advantage at 2-1. The visitors should have levelled the match again as Callum McGuinness pounced on a rebound from an Aaron Moore free kick but he could only divert the ball wide of the post.

Stuart MacLean went close, but his effort sailed just over the bar on a frustrating afternoon for the Lochgilphead side.

Red Star have been handed a home tie in the second round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup against Premier Division side Motherwell Thistle. The date of this tie has still to be confirmed.

Star are back at home tomorrow (Saturday February 15) when they welcome fellow strugglers Carlton YM to Lochgilphead Joint Campus where three points are crucial. The game kicks off at 1pm.

## Sports club lottery numbers

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday February 10 were 5, 8 and 17. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £700.

Also drawn on Monday, Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers were 3, 8 and 15. Catherine Sinclair was the winner of the £400 jackpot, so next week's prize pot will return to £100.

This week's Tarbert Football Club numbers were 12, 14 and 15. There were no winners so £400 will be up for grabs next week.

## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup sixth round replay – Oban Saints v Wishaw HSFP, postponed; Greater Glasgow Division Three – Oban Saints GG 4, Colquhoun United 1; SAFL Premier Division One – Busby 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 1; Dunoon 0, Parkhall 2; Neilston 0, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Premier Division Two – Glenburn Athletic 4, Tarbert 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round replay – Oban Saints v Wishaw HSFP, Oban High School 3G, kick-off 1pm; Greater Glasgow AFL – Division Three – Oban Saints GG v Westerlands; SAFL Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carlition YM; Premier Division Two – Tarbert v FC Argyle.

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# Kyle takes off for Sweden

by Rachel Carruthers  
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Lochgilhead Red Star defender Kyle Selfridge has been signed by Scandinavian football team Ytterhogdals IK.

The Swedish club currently compete in Division 2 Norrland, the fourth tier of Swedish football.

Kyle was encouraged to take part in the trials held at Shettleston on January 19, and following the try-outs was taken to one side and told on the day they would like to sign him.

Starting out his footballing career aged eight, as a member of Lochgilhead Soccer Centre, the 21-year-old has grown as a player over the years playing for Oban, signing with Dumbarton FC aged 13, returning home to play for Tarbert before Ardencaple FC

and, for the past three seasons, playing for local team Lochgilhead Red Star.

Colin Weir, player-manager of Lochgilhead Red Star, wished the defender all the best saying: 'Kyle has been almost an ever present for the team throughout the past few years and was an important part of the team which won the Premier Two Championship in 2018.'

**Opportunity**

'We will miss Kyle on the pitch but wish him all the best with his move and are sure he'll make the most of this fantastic opportunity.'

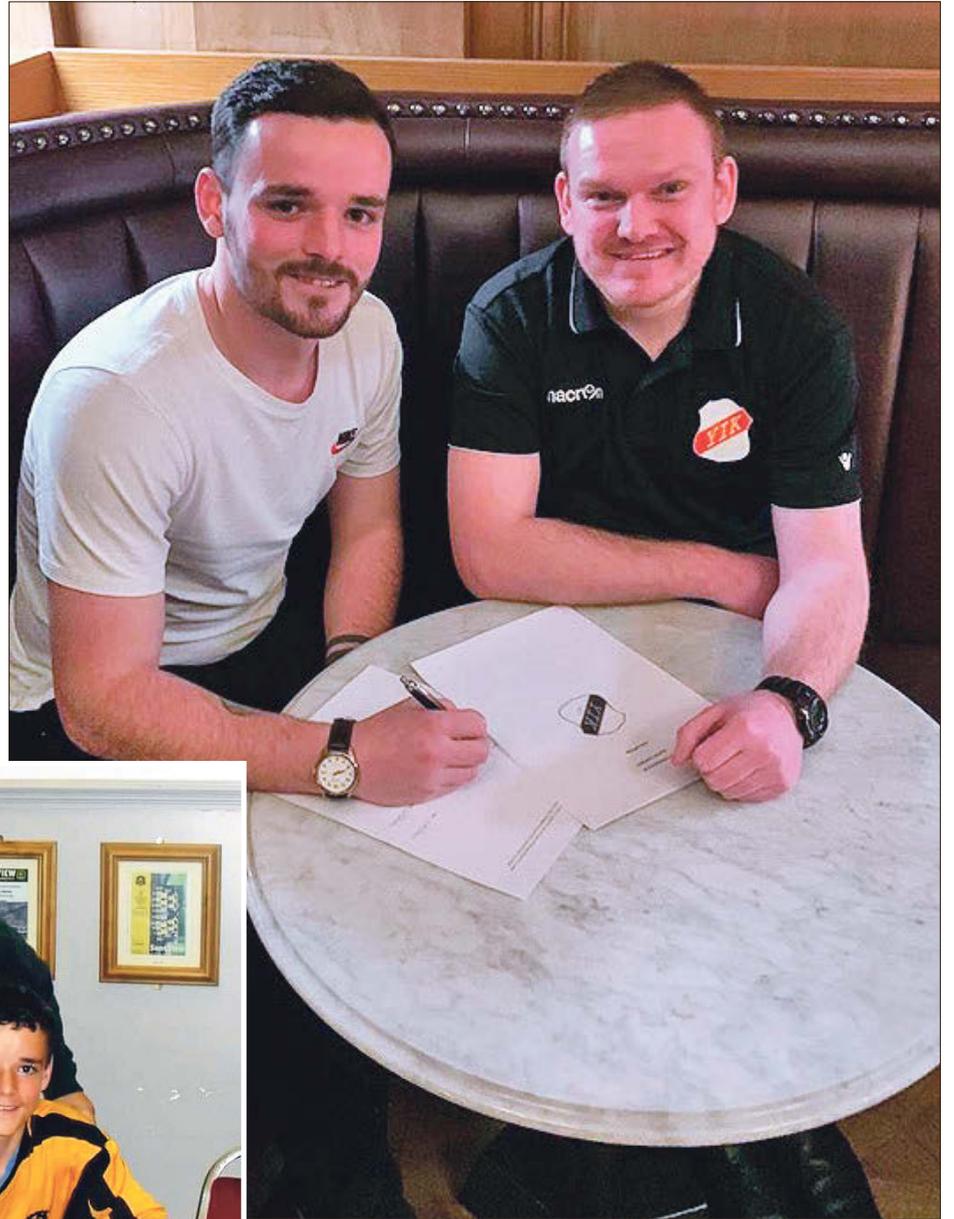
Travelling through to Edinburgh to sign his full-time professional contract on Tuesday February 4, Kyle said: 'It's all been really quick but it's such an amazing opportunity. I am delighted to sign for Ytterhogdals IK for this coming season. I

can't wait to get started and hopefully help the team go one better than they did last season.'

'Kyle is a player I have known for some time,' added Tony McNally, manager of Ytterhogdals IK. 'He has recently been involved in elite trials in Scotland where he caught the eye of myself and also a number of other teams who were keen to get his signature.'

'He can play in full back/centre back positions and brings a calmness about his game, good quality on the ball and will be another good addition to Ytterhogdals for the up and coming season.'

Kyle, who will be training twice a day five days a week, leaves for Ytterhogdal on February 18 for training starting on February 20, before Ytterhogdals IK first friendly on February 29.



Kyle Selfridge playing for Lochgilhead Red Star.

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Kyle, left, signing his contract with Ytterhogdals IK manager Tony McNally.

Kyle, aged 13, signing for Dumbarton FC with scout Alan McDevitt.



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