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Spirited Furnace villagers help stranded A83 drivers



Inveraray primary pupils 'tap' of the class

People in Inveraray will be able to quench their thirst on the move thanks to a new Top Up Tap from Scottish Water.

Following an interesting talk from Scottish Water representatives at the school,

Inveraray Primary School's Eco Committee braved the rain for the unveiling of the new tap at the Avenue Arches.

Read the full story on page 11.

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by Rachel Carruthers
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Spirited Furnace villagers had visions of Whisky Galore! as a lorry transporting more than 100 barrels of the water of life overturned on the A83 alongside the Leacainn Burn.

The crash, on the afternoon of Thursday February 13, saw the road closed on the bends north of Furnace for nine hours and diversions put in place.

On Twitter, Transport Scotland confirmed 'specialist recovery equipment [was] required to clear the road' and that alternative routes should be used.

In true community spirit, the people of Furnace opened the village hall for those stuck at the scene and one individual, Richard Polanski, was thanked online for going the extra mile as he took cups of tea and biscuits out to drivers.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'The lorry, carrying barrels of whisky, overturned on the A83 between Furnace and Auchindrain.

Visions of Whisky Galore! as barrel lorry blocks road

'I would like to apologise for the disruption caused. It is not something I intend to be making a habit of.'

The incident completely blocked the road.

'BEAR Scotland, police, fire and ambulance services attended the scene and a diversion via the A816, A85 and A819 was put in place and publicised via social media. The lorry driver only suffered minor injuries. Recovery took some time but was completed with the road opened again at 11pm.'

An apology posted on the A83 Facebook page by the lorry driver was met with good humour and understanding. He said: 'I would like to apologise for the disruption caused. It is not something I intend to be making a habit of,' before thanking emergency services, hospital staff and the people of Furnace for offering hospitality to those in the queues.

'I will be back down that way in a few weeks,' he joked. 'Don't be afraid. I'm just wondering if you need me for a part in the rumoured film Whisky Galore!, the Furnace edition?' There is said to be no truth in the rumour villagers were later spotted bathing and filling bottles in nearby Leacainn Burn.

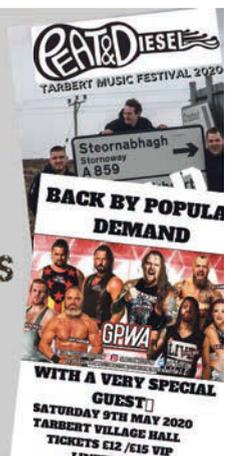
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POLICE FILES

Shoplifting

On Sunday February 9, at around 8.30pm, a 38-year-old man allegedly stole food items from the Tesco shop in Lochgilphead.

Police subsequently traced the man, charged him with theft and issued him with a recorded police warning.

Abusive behaviour

At 8pm on Wednesday February 12, a man, 26, was arrested in Inveraray for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner.

The man then allegedly struggled with police, resisted arrest and assaulted a police officer.

The man was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police assault

In Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, on Friday February 14, a 47-year-old

man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at around 3.40am.

In relation to the same incident, a 39-year-old woman was also arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and assault.

The woman then allegedly struggled with police, resisted arrest and assaulted police officers.

Both were charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs charge

A 29-year-old man was allegedly found in possession of cannabis when he was stopped and searched by police in Peterson Street, Lochgilphead, around 2.10pm on Friday February 14.

He was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

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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Political anger as HIE budget is cut

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Cuts by the Westminster government are the real problem, says Argyll and Bute's MSP, after Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) had its budget slashed for the second year running.

Michael Russell MSP said: 'The effect of constant Tory cuts to all Scottish budgets is always difficult to cope with, but the Scottish Government has continued to prioritise economic growth and will go on doing so.'

Highlands and Islands regional MSP Donald Cameron of the Conservative Party took a different view.

He said: 'According to the draft budget, HIE will get £58.2 million in the upcoming financial year - down from £61.1 million last year.'

'But given that in 2018/19



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

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the budget was £71.7 million this equates to a cut of £13.5 million over just two years.

'I find it quite extraordinary the SNP government has decided to target HIE for cuts of this magnitude.'

'With local councils across the Highlands and Islands struggling to deliver basic

services due to years of unfair financial settlements from the Scottish Government, the SNP has now unbelievably decided to take the axe to the one agency which might have mitigated the impact of those cuts.'

'Once again, we have confirmation that First Minister

Nicola Sturgeon only seems to care about the Central Belt.'

Highlands and Islands Labour MSP Rhoda Grant believes the Scottish Government has plans to merge HIE and Scottish Enterprise.

'This seems to be the death by a thousand cuts,' said Mrs Grant.

'When the government did a U-turn and retained the board of HIE three years ago, I suspected this would not be the end of the fight.'

SNP politician Mr Russell added: 'HIE is receiving substantial on going support from the Scottish government and acting effectively in working with a range of bodies across Argyll and Bute.'

'HIE has been effective in recent weeks in helping in Kintyre and will, I am sure, go on trying to help.'

Redundancy overspend costs council

More than £500,000 has been overspent by Argyll and Bute Council in redundancy packages, a report has revealed.

The authority could also face a further £172,000 bill for a possible VAT mis-declaration, along with £200,000 of unachievable procurement savings.

A report for the meeting of the council's policy and resources committee on Thursday February 20 stated its projected overspend for 2019/20 is nearly £2.5 million - an increase of £400,000 since the committee's last meeting in December.

The report said: 'The main overspend is in relation to social work, where there is a forecast overspend of £1.310m due to a combination of forecast slippage on the

delivery of agreed savings and a high demand for services. Within the remit of executive director Kirsty Flanagan, there is a forecast overspend of £0.349m. There are overspends resulting from a loss of income in public conveniences, loss of car parking income, loss of planning income, additional cost for street lighting consultant, additional glass collection costs and increased costs of essential repairs on vehicles.'

'These are offset by additional income from decriminalised parking enforcement and a planned underspend on roads maintenance.'

'Within the remit of executive director Douglas Hendry, there is an underspend of £0.191m resulting from an insurance saving on non-profit distributing organisation

schools. Within central budgets there is an overspend of £0.876m in relation to exit packages (£0.504m), unachievable procurement savings (£0.200m) and a potential VAT mis-declaration (£0.172m).'

The report also states the council currently has a year to date underspend of over £1.8m, and gives more detail on the social work overspend.

That figure, established by the integration joint board (IJB) of the area's health and social care partnership, has gradually decreased from £2.3m in June to £1.3m in December.

Argyll and Bute Council's 2020/21 budget plans were discussed at the same meeting and the full council will meet to finalise the budget on Thursday February 27.



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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
Mon, 10 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
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Fri, 14 Feb 2020	08:54	05:54	11:24			
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'Despicable' bin uplift charge plan scrapped



Mark Carter. 51_a49MarkCarter03

by Colin Cameron
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Argyll and Bute Council has abandoned plans to charge elderly and disabled people for bin men and women lending a helping hand.

Among many savings measures proposed to save money in the 2020/21 council budget was the introduction of a £100 per year charge for 'assisted bin pull-outs'.

The aim was to raise an extra £26,000 for council funds.

The proposal has now been scrapped over fears the equality rights of the elderly and disabled could be infringed by the charge.

Disabled Lochgilphead resident Mark Carter raised the matter with the Argyllshire Advertiser and we carried a

'It simply should not have reached this stage of the budget process.'

front page story on the issue in January.

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'We have to look at all options for making savings. At the same time, though, we want to take every opportunity to protect vulnerable residents wherever possible. We have therefore withdrawn an option to introduce savings for bin uplifts.'

As news broke that the proposed bin uplift charge had been scrapped, Mid Argyll

councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'If included, this measure would have discriminated against the elderly and those with a disability.'

'It simply should not have reached this stage of the budget process.'

'This is ironic, in that it is a service provided for the elderly and disabled – people who can't manage to put their bin out, even a wheelie bin.'

'I, and many others that I have been in contact with about this merciless attempted charge on our most vulnerable, think this [proposal] has been despicable,' said Mr Carter.

'It should never have been considered in the first place. In most cases that I have observed it would not have saved anything.'

Delayed Knapdale Ward consultation set for March

by Colin Cameron
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A public consultation on Argyll and Bute dementia services is to be held in early March – little more than a fortnight before health chiefs meet to decide the fate of Knapdale dementia ward in Mid Argyll Hospital.

The group governing health and social care in the region, Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB), met on January 29 amid protests over plans to shut the ward and move to an entirely community-based dementia care model.

At the meeting, board members agreed the new dementia care model should be put out to consultation. Three weeks later, no consultation has begun, yet a decision will be made at the board's March 25 meeting.

Asked by the Argyllshire Advertiser about the timescale for the consultation, IJB chairman Kieron Green replied: 'Since the IJB decision in January, officers have been organising the consultation. 'There are planned to be



Campaigners make their views known ahead of January's IJB meeting. 51_a05KnapdaleWardProtest01

a number of events across Argyll and Bute, including in Lochgilphead. These will give people the opportunity to comment on proposals for the redesign of dementia services which will encompass the future of Knapdale Ward.

'We are currently looking for dates early in March for a meeting in Lochgilphead and officers will be sending this to the Argyllshire Advertiser formally in due course so that this can be communicated to the public.'

Health managers have stated internal consultation has been carried out on the plans, but this is disputed by front-line nursing and medical staff at Mid Argyll Hospital who claim they have not been asked for their views on the revised dementia model.

Trade union UNISON supports staff in promoting an alternative vision of care – known as Option Four – including an upgrade of Knapdale Ward to support an enhanced community care team.

Public representative on the IJB, Betty Rhodick, emailed fellow board members earlier this week saying she was 'very disappointed that as yet the full consultation on the proposed redesign of dementia services has yet to occur'.

Mrs Rhodick added: 'I fail to see how a report can be brought to the March meeting when said consultation has not commenced. Is it a case of we get what we are told we get and asked if that is ok? The population not only deserve a say but are entitled to it.'



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Storm Dennis wreaks havoc in Tarbert

Hot on the heels of Storm Ciara came the high winds and heavy rain of Storm Dennis.

Some Argyll areas escaped Storm Dennis relatively unscathed but on Saturday February 15 in Tarbert, a high tide combined with wind and rain meant severe flooding.

With water spilling over the harbour wall and across Harbour Street and Barmore Road, fire services were called on to pump flood water out of properties around the harbour.



The water rose up around Earra Gael craft shop.



The water came across Harbour Street, Tarbert.

Save island school swimming lessons

Hundreds sign petition against funding cuts

A petition to stop Argyll and Bute Council withdrawing funding for school swimming for Islay and Jura pupils has gathered 872 signatures.

An annual payment to Islay and Jura Community Enterprises, trading as the Mactaggart Leisure Centre, which enables primary and high school pupils to benefit from school swimming lessons, is on the list of 2020-21 potential budget cuts to be decided by Argyll and Bute councillors at a meeting on Thursday February 27 at Kilmory.

Gary Scott, chief executive officer of Islay and Jura Community Enterprises, said: 'Islay and Jura are islands with many island lochs in which children play and fish during summer.

'Parents are worried about their children not being able to swim as the island has experienced drowning incidents in the past.

'The communities wanted a swimming pool to teach children to swim and they worked tirelessly over 11 years to raise £1 million to build the Mactaggart Leisure Centre and swimming pool. Since 1991, more than 3,000 children and young people have learned to swim and developed life-saving skills.

Most children leaving primary school now can swim a minimum of 25m unaided and some go on to join Islay Dolphins Swim Club.

'Parents worry much less when their children go to the beach or out in a boat because they have had swimming lessons.'

Iain Mackinnon, of Argyll and Bute Council, referenced Water Safety Scotland, Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy 2018-26: 'Argyll and Bute has a very long coastline and hundreds of rivers, lochs and reservoirs. A coherent and achievable water safety policy is essential in the drive to reduce deaths by drowning. For every life lost, the impact on families, friends, the community and the emergency services cannot be overstated.'

It is for these reasons, 872 people have registered their disapproval of Argyll and Bute Council's potential cuts to schools swimming.

'This is a life-saving skill which must be protected to ensure the children of Islay and Jura are safe,' added Mr Scott. 'The people of Islay and Jura request all councillors vote to retain this vital service and make these island communities a safer place for children to grow up.'

Have your say on gender and disability inequality

The First Minister's National Advisory Council on Women and Girls (NACWG) is calling on Argyll and Bute residents to get involved in the national conversation on tackling gender inequality.

NACWG is encouraging people to join the movement and lend a voice in the latest discussion surrounding disability.

Disabilities affect more women and girls in Scotland than any other group.

Women continue to face equality disadvantages resulting in negative impacts on their everyday life.

NACWG welcomes individuals of any gender and those who don't identify within Argyll and Bute to bring real experiences and new voices to the circle to help shape recommendations to the First Minister.

Areas the council wish to examine include independent living, access to services and information and participation in society.

Established in 2017, the advisory council was formed to drive action and play a leading role in raising gender inequality in Scotland.

The council aims to bring people together focusing on a new spotlight every two months to share ideas and opinions on different gender equality issues. The NACWG is putting a spotlight on disabilities until the end of February, outlining the barriers faced by disabled women.

To get involved, people can come together to form a 'wee circle' with family, friends or colleagues discussing ideas and views related to inequality for women and girls with disabilities and submit their feedback online at onescotland.org/NACWG. Alternatively, they can share their thoughts on social media using the hashtag #GenerationEqual.

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Consultation plan 'unacceptable', says councillor

With almost four decades of experience in mental health, Mid Argyll Councillor Dougie Philand speaks with a fair degree of knowledge on the subject.

When the Argyllshire Advertiser contacted him for his thoughts as Integration Joint Board (IJB) chair Kieron Green announced 'early March' for the launch of consultation on the revised dementia care model (story on page three), Councillor Philand confirmed he had heard nothing from the health and social care partnership or the IJB about the consultation.

He added: 'It really is shocking and unacceptable that they will be starting this consultation in March, when a decision is to be made on March 25.'

He has previously described the proposal to place dementia sufferers at inpatient wards in the Greater Glasgow area, miles from their homes, as 'inhuman' and as he addressed protesters ahead of January's IJB meeting, Councillor Philand said: 'I was proud to be the first chairman of the IJB, but this is a sad day.'

'I was removed from the board because I had a conscience and I was aware of the consequences should certain decisions be made. I have 37 and a half years of experience working in mental health, so I know what happens at the severe end and I know we need inpatient facilities.'

'We have got such experienced staff, but they have been manhandled so that they are unable to take forward their ideas to provide a first-class service.'

'The national strategies all stress the importance of an inpatient and an outpatient capability. Yes, enhance our community care, but we must



Councillor Dougie Philand addressed carers, relatives, nursing staff and union members ahead of January's meeting of Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board. 51_a06KnapdaleWardProtest05

also have an inpatient facility in Argyll and Bute.

cognisance of this and consult in a meaningful way with staff, carers and patients.'

'We hope the IJB will take



OPINION

Retain and improve Knapdale Ward, say staff and patients' relatives

Health bosses in Argyll and Bute are planning to close the only specialist dementia assessment unit in Mid Argyll.

Knapdale Ward is situated in Mid Argyll Hospital and opened just 14 years ago.

Their proposal is to enhance community dementia teams, with inpatient provision purchased from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Relatives of dementia patients, experienced nursing and medical staff and the trade union UNISON, however, believe there is an alternative to closing Knapdale Ward and moving seriously ill patients to the city, miles from their families.

They support the retention and upgrading of the ward to reinforce and support an enhanced model of community dementia care.

The reinvigorated Knapdale unit would have some inpatient provision along with outpatient, respite and day care services. The unit would also provide an information hub and a base for the community care team.

The Argyllshire Advertiser supports this practical and sensible alternative.

To register your support for the alternative to closure – known as 'Option Four' – sign the petition organised by UNISON and have your voice heard.

Drop into the Argyllshire Advertiser office in Lochgilphead and pick up a 'Save Knapdale Ward' sticker to show your support.



Grab your stickers today and look out for public consultation meetings. 51_a08KnapdaleWard_stickers02

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Speaking up for dementia care

At the Argyllshire Advertiser we take pride in impartiality, believing our readers have the gumption to work things out for themselves without us reporting matters in a biased way.

In the past five years, the paper has spoken out on just two important issues. In 2016, frustrated at the lack of ambition and investment in the A83, particularly at the Rest and be Thankful, we launched our 'Invest in the Rest' campaign, the need for which continues to this day.

In the aftermath of the Nancy Glen tragedy in 2018, the Advertiser openly supported the campaign to 'bring the boys home' for the families' sakes.

Now we are backing experienced professionals who believe that to close the Knapdale dementia unit would be a mistake.

There is no denying it needs work, but they believe it could be a valuable resource to back up enhanced community care.

If the only option for inpatients is to be placed miles from families, where is the humanity? The overall saving will be minimal, so why go ahead?

We call on IJB members to listen to alternative options – and reverse what many clearly believe is a decision that has already been made.

Being British

Sir,
As inhabitants of the British Isles, we are all British with some degree of shared history and culture. But what is it about Britishness that is holding some of us back from seeking a better future for our country?

Is it the nostalgic British looking back to 'the good old days' when world maps showed large areas painted pink and 'Britannia ruled the waves', the last days of a declining empire? That empire that was built largely on slavery and oppression and the arrogant colonialism that so often left havoc in its wake.

Or maybe it is the deference to the British establishment with all its pomp and ceremony. A facade masking an ultra rich, privileged elite which feeds off a populace where many struggle to make ends meet in a very unequal society.

Or could it be the Britishness of the 'Mother of Parliaments' with its archaic voting system that has delivered a far right, populist, elected dictatorship? We have a prime minister whose 'puppet master', Cummings, is pulling the strings, aided and abetted by Farage and his hereditary peers and a large number of failed politicians and their cronies, with a few judges and bishops thrown in for 'good' measure. If that is the best we can aspire to, we really are down the rabbit hole in Alice's wonderland.

How much better to have a wider vision of a better, brighter future for our nation, which most of our children and grandchildren now seek. One where we can build a fairer, greener and more prosperous nation, with Scottish

inventiveness and ingenuity, and our wealth of resources used to deliver prosperity for all our citizens. An independent Scotland able to play a full part in the family of nations, along with our European neighbours and the rest of the world, working to build a safer, greener and more just and peaceful world. Surely that is a better goal to strive for.

Let Scotland flourish.
Cecilia Rees, Lochgilphead.

A83 landslide

Sir,
Have the lunatics taken over the asylum?

In agreeing with everything Blair Fletcher says in his letter published in the February 7 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, I'm sure that he and our dear departed friend 'Big D', had he survived, will be thrilled to learn that our movers and shakers have decided to proceed with HS2, at £106 billion and to give consideration to building a bridge to Northern Ireland at God knows what cost.

These projects are, of course, in addition to those highlighted by Blair.

With so many other basic infrastructure priorities, these proposals really do beggar belief.
Jim Moran, Lochgilphead.

CCN should engage with salmon farming industry

Sir,
It was saddening to read that the Coastal Communities Network refused an invitation

to attend a meeting about the salmon industry's sustainable future, but not unexpected. Most critics of salmon farming have their own narrative that they want to stick to and are unwilling to engage in discussions that might undermine this narrative. CCN say that they will only meet the industry if it is to discuss how it can be moved to closed containment.

CCN say that closed containment farms are commercially viable. However, there is not one single farm in the world that is yet producing harvest-size salmon on a commercial basis in closed containment. This is because there are still so many problems to overcome, some of which may never be resolved. Closed containment works well for very small fish, which is why some of these critics think it is an easy step to move to the production of larger fish. Perhaps, if they took the time to speak to people from the industry, they may start to understand why closed containment is not the solution that they think.

CCN and other environmental groups continue to make out that salmon farming has trashed the west coast in terms of the health of the sea. If all the salmon pens in Scotland were put together, they would take up the space of two 18-hole golf courses. This tiny area is spread over 250 sites between Shetland and Argyll. To put the area into context, the Isle of Arran has seven golf courses. It is difficult to understand how such a small area can be responsible for trashing the whole west coast.

If CCN were to engage with the salmon farming industry with an open mind, they might be better placed to comment on

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whether closed containment is realistic or not. Unfortunately, they are too busy making a scapegoat out of the salmon farming industry to accept any invitation to talk.

Dr Martin Jaffa, Callander McDowell.

EU border checks

Sir,
It is odd to note that according to senior cabinet minister Michael Gove, goods coming to the UK from the EU next year will face border checks.

I describe this as odd as, during the election campaign, Prime Minister Johnson had promised 'there won't be checks' for goods crossing the Irish sea and claimed a leaked Treasury document about checks on the Northern Ireland border was 'wrong'.

In his speech, however, Michael Gove has now confirmed that import controls on EU goods at the border will be imposed after the transition period ends on December 31 and said border checks would apply to 'almost everybody'.

Yet another sad example where telling the truth, even by a prime minister, is totally irrelevant in a world of spin and fake news.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

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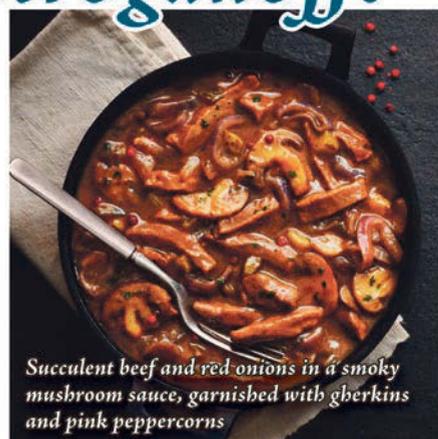
Syn FREE • Takes 40 minutes • Serves 4

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 tbsp Marmite • 1 beef stock cube
 - 2 large garlic cloves, peeled
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce • ½ tsp paprika



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Bursary helps James on 'life-changing' adventure

A young man from Mid Argyll was helped on his way to a trip half way around the world thanks to cash from a Mid Argyll group.

A bursary of £250 was given to James Urquhart in 2019 – the first award of its kind by the Natural History and

Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll (NHASMA).

The grant was awarded to help James, from Kilmichael Glen, fund a trip to Malaysia with the 19th Argyll Scout Group.

The bursary is intended to assist any young person or

group wanting to travel or engage in a project in keeping with the society's interests.

With the 2020 application period now open, details and an application form are available the website @Kist.scot. The deadline is the end of March, so time is getting short to apply.

James prepared a report on his 'life-changing' Malaysian experiences for NHASMA, published here:

Malaysia trip 2019

In July of 2019, I embarked on a trip with Scouts from all over the west region of Scotland to the Malaysian rainforest to work alongside the native Orang Asli tribe.

We undertook several projects in the remote village including the construction of a play park for the children of the tribe; converting a meeting room into a classroom



Local children make the most of the play park built by James and his fellow Scottish Scouts.



James gets stuck into a project with the Scouts.

to allow a primary school teacher to be recruited; and the creation of a field to allow fruit, vegetable and herbs to be grown.

I was most heavily involved in the construction of the play park. This was challenging due to limited equipment and unexpected materials. On arrival, we had expected to have been using bamboo to build the park but when we arrived there were only steel pipes. Nevertheless, we managed to finish the park, and all the other projects, on time. We succeeded in building a large swing fixed with concrete and an exciting obstacle course and were proud to see the children

of the tribe play in the park after completion. The village itself was very isolated and the villagers rarely travelled outside, partly due to the long distance to the nearest towns. Communication was difficult due to language barriers. However, we did spend time with the children, learn local dances and play football.

Belum rainforest, where we were working, is one of the oldest in the world and I was lucky to be given the opportunity to spend some time exploring it. I was taken on a boat ride through some of the rivers of the rainforest and travelled on foot to see a Rafflesia, the world's largest species of flowers and to swim

in a pool below a waterfall. The rainforest was very hot and humid with temperatures ranging from 35 to 40 degrees Celsius.

I am grateful for the NHASMA bursary that contributed to transportation costs (flight to Kuala Lumpur then bus to Belum rainforest), accommodation and equipment such as drills, materials and other construction tools. The trip to Malaysia has been life-changing.

I have learned many new skills and been given the chance to see and learn about a remote culture very different from our own and explore one of the oldest rainforests in the world.



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The west region Scout group which headed to Malaysia in the summer of 2019.

Entrepreneurial award for Lochgilphead teenager

by Rachel Carruthers
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A Lochgilphead teenager was left 'shocked' and delighted after winning an entrepreneurial award.

The ambitious 16-year-old was announced as the winner of the Youth Entrepreneur Award at a prestigious award ceremony in Dunoon on February 6. A total of 34 finalists attended the 2020 Argyll and Bute Youth Awards in the Queen's Hall for what was a very humbling and emotional evening.

Shanice Honeyman's love of make-up started when she was just eight years old. Living in Glasgow at the time, she would travel an hour away to visit her make-up artist aunt who inspired her to learn more about the craft.

Her passion for make-up led her to start home schooling,

enrolling on a two-year online college course for make-up and special effects at the age of 12. Aged 14, she was qualified and insured in make-up artistry and launching her own business.

In a studio in Cairnbaan, the teenager now has her own space to see clients offering make-up appointments, teaching sessions, spray tanning, facial waxing, eyelash extensions and lifts. Keen to expand and grow, Shanice is constantly developing her knowledge of the beauty industry, going on courses to learn new skills and keeping an eye on beauty trends. In the next few weeks, the teenager will be working hard on intensive nail and brow courses, allowing her to meet the new demands of clients.

Starting her career when she was just 14, Shanice never expected to be winning

awards a couple of years later. She said: 'It blew my mind to even be a finalist. I didn't tell anyone because I didn't think it would be anything, so I was totally shocked when my name was announced on the night.'

'I really wasn't expecting it but it was such a good surprise. I was happy, excited, proud – just totally overwhelmed. It is a massive step in my career and it is just really encouraging.'

'My parents have sacrificed so much and helped me along the way, which I'm very thankful for. I couldn't have done any of this without them.'

Winner of the Youth Entrepreneur Award, Shanice Honeyman.
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Not all heroes wear capes

by Rachel Carruthers
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A proud Lochgilphead lad has been congratulated for overcoming difficult circumstances, winning the accolade of Unsung Hero.

Josh Blair, a 23-year-old trans man, was nominated for his work for the LGBTQ+ community and bravery, having overcome his anxiety to return to a place full of bad memories to make a speech that helped give education and health professionals a better insight into the difficulties and mental health issues some within the community face.

Attending the Argyll and Bute Youth Awards, Josh was humbled to receive the award: 'I felt privileged to be nominated but now I feel even more so having actually won. It was all so surprising.'

'I have never won anything for essentially just being myself. Anyone else in the category absolutely deserved to win, so it really is an honour.'

Throughout high school, Josh was a victim of bullying, struggling to understand who he was as a person and confused by his own thoughts and feelings. Labelled as a tomboy, butch and a lesbian, he accepted this as who he

was and suppressed his feelings. It wasn't until moving to Glasgow and being more involved with the LGBTQ+ community that he gained a better understanding of himself and being transgender.



Josh Blair received the Unsung Hero award.

Photo: Declan Lamb.

Returning home to Lochgilphead, Josh came out as transgender, ultimately finding his true self. Since then he has become a stronger advocate for the LGBTQ+ community that helped him find his own voice.

'I want to inspire people to be themselves,' he said. 'I want to be someone to look up to, to offer support and encouragement like I had. I felt alone and scared at first but people need to know they are not alone. It is OK to ask questions, there's support out there and the LGBTQ+ community is like a family in itself.'

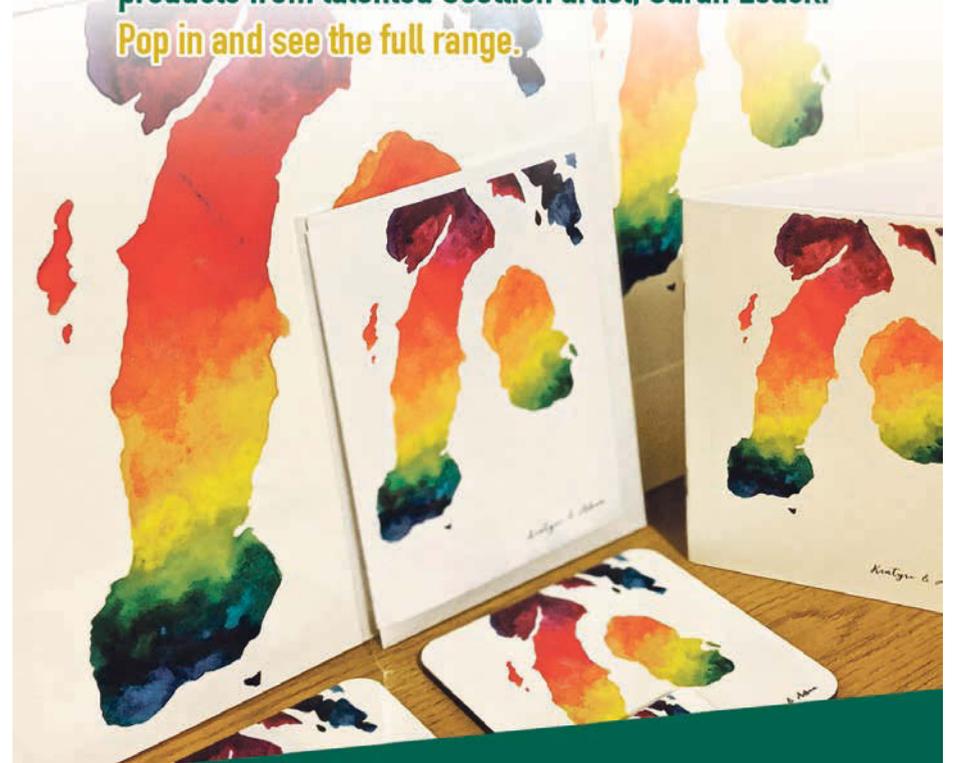
'I want to stand up and make a difference.'

Other winners on the night were: Duke of Edinburgh Outstanding Achievement Award: Oban High School's Support Department; Youth Environment Award sponsored by ACT: Hermitage Academy Eco Schools Group; Youth Sporting Award sponsored by Live Argyll: Mollie Aiken, Bute; Youth Volunteering Award sponsored by John Brown of Strone: SOAP, Dunoon; Youth Arts Award sponsored by Anne Paterson: Campbeltown Brass Band; Health and Wellbeing Award sponsored by NHS Health and Wellbeing: Freya Kennedy-Boyle, Bute; Youth Citizenship Award sponsored by Gateway: Rosie Sumsion, Helensburgh; Special Contribution Awards: Hannah Nicolson and Stephanie Thomas.

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A 'hole' lot is going on in Madagascar

by Rachel Carruthers
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Feedback Madagascar has broken ground on the first of 24 'BROARholes' following the success of record breaking brothers Ewan, Jamie and Lachlan MacLean.

The 24 boreholes will give clean water to 6,000 people living on the forest frontier in southern central Madagascar.

Feedback Madagascar was

founded by Craignish-born Jamie Spencer in 1993. The charity works hand in hand with some of the poorest communities in Madagascar to improve their lives and their environment.

By addressing people's primary needs, such as health, sanitation and agriculture, the charity allows them to focus on longer-term challenges, like education, legal tenure and livelihoods. In the

process, the charity not only saves lives and improves community health, food security, education and prosperity, it also encourages and enables people to look after the forests on which they depend. So far, over 164,000 hectares of forest, fauna and flora has been protected.

Taking part in the 3,000-mile unsupported rowing race across the Atlantic Ocean, the Talisker Whisky



The MacLean brothers celebrate at the finish line.



Ground is broken for the first BROARhole.

Atlantic Challenge, the MacLean brothers were setting out to raise £250,000 for two good causes – Argyll charity Feedback Madagascar and Children 1st.

Facing wind, rain, huge waves, fatigue and battery problems, the brothers rowed day and night, repeating shifts of two hours of rowing and one hour of rest.

More than 1.5 million oar strokes later, they completed the gruelling challenge in an incredible 35 days, nine hours and nine minutes, winning

the trio class, placing third overall and setting three world records in the process; they are the first three brothers to row any ocean, the fastest trio to row across the Atlantic and the youngest trio to row across the Atlantic.

In the time it took the brave MacLean brothers to row the Atlantic, Feedback Madagascar was able to undertake their feasibility study for the first BROARhole in Andranomena and begin the project.

Breaking ground on the

first BROARhole, Jamie Spencer said: 'The MacLean brothers have raised so much awareness for Feedback Madagascar since their record-breaking Atlantic row.'

'We're so happy that the impact of their fundraising and people's generosity is already making a difference in Madagascar. It could not become a reality without the support. Thank you.'

A full video of the exciting event is available to watch on the Feedback Madagascar Facebook page.



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Water load of fun in Inveraray

Young eco-warriors helped promote the benefits of staying hydrated on the go at the launch of Scottish Water's new refill tap in Inveraray.

Inveraray Primary School's Eco Committee was joined by Councillor Dougie Philand and Inveraray Jail's warder Robert Irons to be the first to try out the new blue tap at the royal burgh's Avenue arches, following the official opening by the Duke of Argyll.

The state-of-the-art Top-up Tap, the 20th to be installed across Scotland so far, will allow people to top up their water bottles with free, great-tasting water. The number of such taps is expected to rise to 70 over the next 18 months.

It is part of Scottish Water's Your Water Your Life campaign which encourages more people to carry a refillable bottle with them and drink tap water on the go to stay hydrated, save money and help protect the environment by reducing waste.

James Helbert, head teacher of Inveraray Primary School, said: 'Inveraray Primary School has a long tradition of learning for sustainability and have been awarded numerous Green Flags by Eco Schools Scotland.'

'Every year pupils and staff choose a global issue for learning and action. This year we are looking at water. We were delighted to attend the opening of our Top-up



Inveraray Primary School's Eco Committee were joined by Councillor Dougie Philand, Robert Irons from Inveraray Jail, the Duke of Argyll and his children and Lewis Peacock of Scottish Water. 06_a08InvTopUpTap03

Tap as we believe it will play a significant role in helping residents and visitors better understand the importance of staying hydrated and believe it will encourage people to re-use bottles instead of continually purchasing a new plastic bottle.'

Since the first tap was launched in Edinburgh in October 2018, more than 55,000 litres of water has been drunk from Scottish Water's

expanding collection of Top-up Taps – the equivalent of more than 167,000 standard 330ml single-use plastic bottles.

Right: Inveraray Primary School pupils demonstrated the new tap to the public. 06_a08InvTopUpTap04



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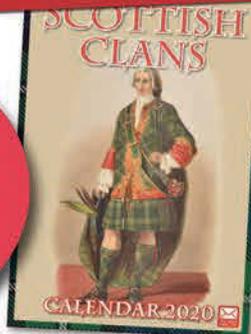
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The voyages of the Fulma



'That new lighter – will it work? Coo, it does!'.
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The serialisation of a log book from the yacht Fulmar, recording her 1956 voyages and the adventures of her crew.

The dog-eared log book was sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser 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 five Loch Aline and a nip of gin

The Mate had gone below when the sails came down and very shortly after we had anchored we sat down to a supper of lamb salad, strawberry tarts, coffee and biscuits. As we stood about on deck while the dishes were being washed, a boy from one of the motor boats passed in his dinghy. He was wearing blue shorts and red stockings which brought from the Pilot the remark: 'In Brodick, if you don't wear red stockings

you might just as well be in Lamlash.'

All but the Skipper and Mate went ashore on Centre Island for a stroll. The Major was still completely paralysed in his hind quarters but he was full of spirit and when the Bosun held up his hind legs (wheelbarrow race fashion) he galloped along. It was a quiet, peaceful evening with a very light northerly breeze but it was distinctly chilly and there was a magnificent if somewhat lurid sunset. The shore party back aboard, the Bosun took the Tar off in the dinghy and they landed on Eilean na

Beithe and while the former explored the island the latter played on a shingly shore – it was long after dark when they returned.

At half past ten we began to turn in and, as always on the first evening, this was a longer business than usual as pillows and blankets had to be allocated and pillowslips put on but by a quarter past eleven we were all in bed and shortly after that a light shower pattered on the deck. The problem of what to do with the Doctor's mattress was solved by the Pilot double banking his bunk. We were

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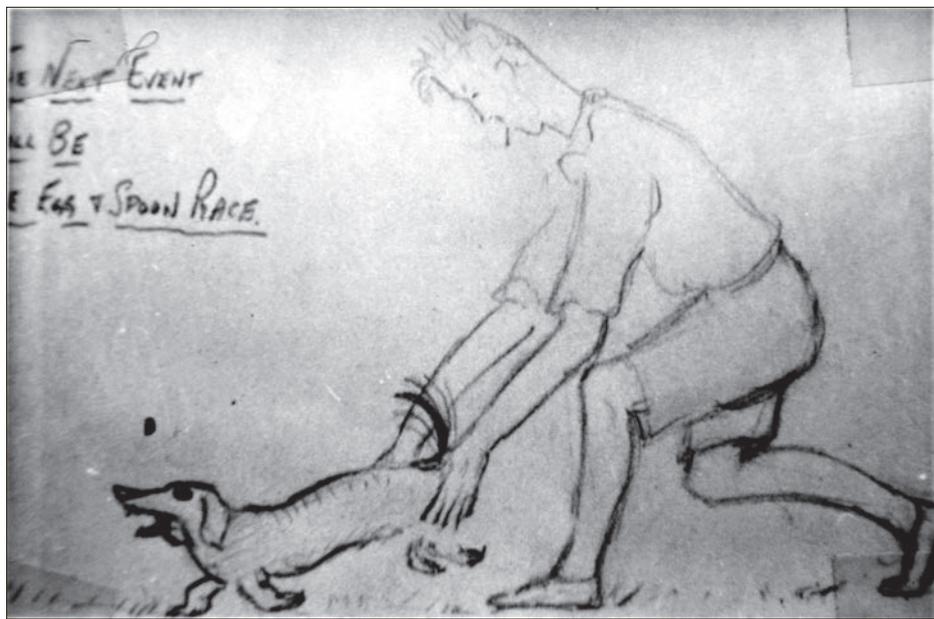
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all very glad to have had such a good day for the start.

It was noticed that voices were still coming from the ladies' cabin when the last of us in the main cabin fell asleep.

The Tanky brought an innovation to the Fulmar - 'Quickies' - a patent washing gadget that saved precious water.

Saturday July 28

We had a dead quiet night with, as far as any of us knew, no rain but the forecast was not good, promising north to north-east winds, force 2 to 6 with frequent heavy showers. The glass had continued its steady drop. When we turned out, a light but cold north wind was blowing from a well broken up sky.

We had a breakfast of bacon and eggs then the Bosun took the Major ashore for his walk. The latter was possibly a little better and was able to take a few steps on the deck, but ashore on the rough ground could do nothing. While they

were ashore the big motor boat with the red-stockinged boy left after very nearly going ashore on Seil Island while getting his anchor aboard.

At twenty past ten we were away under engine, but as soon as we were outside the sails went up to the north-easterly breeze and we set off for the Sound of Mull. There was no sign of the swell that is usually met south of Kerrera and we got along quite well, but we could not point any higher than a mile or so south of Loch Don. The Pilot went below and brewed a welcome cup of tea which warmed us up, then we took a tack right up to the south coast of Kerrera and had a close up view of Gylen Castle and the Skipper waxed historical.

Putting about again we passed close south of the Potlid Island, but when we were about halfway across to Loch Don the wind died and the strong ebb began to force

us south and about the same time the rain came on.

The engine was started and we headed up for Duart, but our progress was pitifully slow, and indeed at one period we but barely held our ground. The Lady Rock and Lismore Lighthouse seemed never to get any nearer closing. When the engine had run an hour we waited for the first sign of the old familiar falter but none came and we began to hope a cure for its stopping had been effected by replacing the HT coil.

This change was a despairing effort made because it was the only thing we had not tried, though all the pundits declare it could not possibly be the cause. The engine would either go or not go, they said, and it would never start if the coil was defective. We got one scare when it staggered for a moment, but the Bosun, who was at the tiller at the time, said we had just passed through a big mass of floating seaweed and may have got some round our propeller.

As we were to prove later the cure had been found and the engine ran impeccably all the cruise and the Skipper had a lot of unkind thoughts about all the many professional motor experts who had caused him a great deal of trouble, not a little acute anxiety and more than considerable expense through their failure to diagnose a not very obscure disease.

As we came up to the Black Memorial Tower Leonora crossed our bows making for Oban and another yacht (a beautiful new affair with every gadget aboard) passed close by south bound under



'Lindisfarne - Loch Aline'. 51_a08Fulmar03_Lindisfarne



'The Skipper had a new lighter'. 51_a08Fulmar05_CartoonLighter

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The voyages of the Fulmar

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engine though by this time quite a reasonable and, for then, favourable breeze was blowing from the north-east and our sails were drawing.

We learnt later that the owner's wife would not allow a sail to be set under any conditions as long as she was aboard – a pity, we thought, as she certainly was a lovely job and we felt it would have been better if the wife had decided to stay ashore.

At Duart we stopped the engine and were able to make good progress, but the rain got heavier and heavier and our sandwich lunch was taken below in relays. Then at about three with the turn of the tide the wind died completely and the engine was started again. Near the Grey Rocks we saw St Roma coming south under power so we altered course to intercept her then at slow speed turned back the way we had come for a few hundred yards while we exchanged news.

We heard a thoroughly bad forecast at mid-day, the wind had gone, the rain was

stotting in the glassy sea, and, though the glass had come back only a fraction, we decided to call it a day so, with the Bosun the only dissident, made for Loch Aline. As we turned inshore at Ardtornish we saw Seewolf to the north of us, becalmed but heading



The dog-eared log book from the Fulmar.

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south, and guessed she would be joining us later. Coming in, when between Morven Pier and the Ferry Pier, the Skipper held too close to the west shore and the bottom showed up suddenly far too

clearly for our peace of mind and a quick sheer out was necessary.

Through the narrows we turned to starboard and anchored at half past four in Kyle Bay in a flat calm and the rain coming down heavier than ever. Gratefully, we realised that it was not quite as bitterly cold as it had been out in the Sound.

Seewolf came in shortly after going very slowly and Hamish Lawrence called over that he had run a big end and was on his way to Oban for repairs and to hand over to brother Alec and his family. Soon after that we were joined by a small motor boat, Saguenay, flying a blue ensign which, in view of her size, the Skipper was sure she was not entitled to do and then a little later, while we were warming up with some coffee, Lindisfarne arrived and anchored close beside us with Guy Clephane in his usual tremendous (and noisy) form – he's a proper marvel is Guy.

Hamish Lawrence came across in his dinghy and came aboard for a gin and while



'Seewolf'. 51_a08Fulmar02_Seewolf

he was there Guy called over inviting Tanky and the Pilot across to Lindisfarne then sent the Pilot back to Fulmar to fetch the Bosun. Hamish gone, the Skipper began to put nine-inch tacklines into our line of flags as we had discovered at Rothesay at the Royal Clyde Centenary Regatta that without them our line was about fifteen feet too short and we wanted them to be right for the Queen's visit to Tobermory.

When the Pilot came back he and the Bosun got the tents up as the rain was by then torrential.

We had a supper of sausages and beans and while the dishes were being done the Bosun took the Major ashore. He was walking a little better, if very slowly, but there was, unfortunately, no concrete results from his exercise.

At nine o'clock we went in two loads across to Seewolf and were offered drinks OR tea, but the Skipper insisted on both. We were, however, not allowed any biscuits with our tea as to have them would have meant opening a new box and broaching Alec Lawrence's stores. The Tanky had not wanted anything but tea, but Hamish had given her a good strong gin which she tried to hide on a shelf behind her and it was only got rid of when the Pilot took it off her hands and quickly put it to its proper use. The Bosun was drinking beer and when he opened up the tin a goodly portion of it bubbled onto the fitted carpet in the cabin.

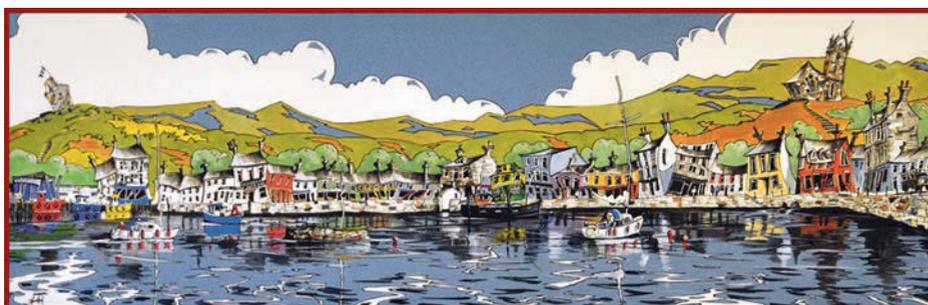
On board Seewolf were, besides the two paid hands, Hamish's mother and his two sisters. The old lady, well over eighty, was in grand form

and waxed eloquent on 'The old days' and the greatness of 'Belshaft'. Also on board was a great big collie who was obviously petted and spoiled beyond measure and he behaved more like a lap dog than the great big clumsy creature he was.

It was half past eleven before we went back to Fulmar all in one load with little enough freeboard for the dinghy considering the conditions. There was a nasty little lop on the water, the northerly wind was bitterly cold, and the rain was as heavy as ever.

As quickly as possible we got below and into our warm bunks, not even the Bosun wasting any time about it, though he did read for some time after all the rest were sound asleep.

Next week: part six – the voyage continues.



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Go Swim Loch Lomond funding

Go Swim Loch Lomond, Scotland's largest open water swimming event, is one of six events across the country to be awarded a share of £91,240 of funding from round 43 of EventScotland's National Events Programme.

Returning to the shores of Loch Lomond on August 29 for the second year, Go Swim Loch Lomond offers a range of distances suitable for all ages and ability, including a family-friendly 250 metre option, 750m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m and a 10,000-metre option for experienced open water swimmers.

The event also offers an adult and junior Swim-Run Aquathlon for those who enjoy a multi-sport challenge.

This is the second year the event has received funding from EventScotland and this year has been awarded £13,000 to support event delivery, marketing activity



Swimmers taking part in Go Swim Loch Lomond.
Photograph: Go Swim Loch Lomond.

and website development. VisitScotland regional director David Adams McGilp said: 'I am delighted that this popular event is to receive funding from EventScotland's national events programme fund.

'The funding will enable the event to build on its success and enhance the experience

for visitors and locals.

'The national events programme plays a vital role in maintaining Scotland's reputation as a great destination for events that celebrate our culture and heritage while delivering real economic benefits to their local communities.

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holiday experience – it is the heartbeat of the Scottish economy and touches every community, generating income, jobs and social change.'

Richard Pearson, Go Swim Loch Lomond race director, said: 'We're really excited to be able to develop on the success of our first year of Go Swim Loch Lomond. The event fits so well into our portfolio and we just love seeing people get out there, set themselves challenges, have an adventure but above all have fun. Go Swim Loch Lomond certainly meets that criteria.'

Applications are currently being sought from events for the next round of the national programme. The deadline is June 5 with events taking place from January 2021 onwards eligible to apply. Guidelines for entry are available on www.eventscotland.org.

Addiction charity changes name

One of Scotland's biggest drug and alcohol charities Addaction – which has services across Argyll and Bute – is set to change its name to We Are With You on February 26.

Research shows that one in six people across Scotland and England have experienced issues with drugs, alcohol, mental health or self-harm, but millions are struggling alone. Stigma and shame are major barriers preventing people accessing help.

Services and staff at Addaction (We Are With You) are spread across the UK. And although feedback describes them as warm, non-judgemental and approachable, surveys reveal this isn't reflected in the charity's name. Three times as many people surveyed chose the name We Are With You over Addaction – with the new name being described as more 'inclusive', 'approachable' and 'reassuring'.

The charity now hopes to break down barriers, reach a broader audience and help more people with its new name and hand-drawn visual identity, created by Scottish-based studio Touch, as well as a more user-friendly website.

Acting CEO of Addaction Laura Bunt said: 'Through changing our name to We Are With You and creating a new visual identity and website, we hope to be more accessible to people who use or might use our services. This could be someone who just wants some advice on staying safe or to make some small changes, through to those looking for bigger lifestyle changes or structured treatment.

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The Isuzu D-Max emerged victorious, beating strong competition from rivals in a highly contested sector.

Judges were impressed by the economy and refinement of the innovative 164 PS turbo diesel engine, that provides impressive performance and builds upon the Isuzu D-Max's reliable workhorse character.

With a 3.5 tonne towing capacity and over 1.1 tonne payload, the Isuzu D-Max was also praised for providing a quieter, more economical driving experience. The 1.9L turbo diesel engine meets Euro 6 standards without

the need for the addition of AdBlue, unlike most of the Isuzu D-Max's competitors.

The breadth of the Isuzu D-Max range also impressed judges; with single, extended and double-cab formats available, as well as a wide choice of trim levels. Coupled with the attractive five-year/125,000-mile warranty package and 5 years' roadside assistance (in the UK & Europe), the Isuzu D-Max proved it was truly built for the professionals who use it.

What Van? editor and judge James Dallas said of the win: "With competitive prices, an

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The award-winning Isuzu D-Max, has won WhatVan? Pick-up of the Year for 2020 (3rd year running). The

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- Subaru's 2nd award for "Best in Class" by Euro NCAP
- The all-new Forester e-BOXER achieved the highest score ever in its class*2 in the Child Occupant Protection test

This award is given to the best performing model of each class in the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) 2019 safety performance test and marks the second time that Subaru has received this prestigious safety recognition.

The all-new Subaru Forester e-BOXER achieved the maximum five star overall rating with outstanding scores in all four assessment areas (Adult Occupant, Child Occupant, Vulnerable Road Users, Safety Assist) and achieved the highest score ever in its class for "Child Occupant Protection" in the Euro NCAP 2019 assessment protocol.

Euro NCAP commented in the official crash test report: "In both the frontal and side barrier tests, protection of all critical body areas was good for both dummies and the Forester scored maximum points in this part of

the assessment. The front passenger airbag is automatically disabled when a rearward-facing child restraint is put in that seating position. Tests showed that the system worked robustly and the system was rewarded. All of the restraint types for which the Forester is designed could be properly installed and accommodated in the car." In addition to Child Occupant Protection, the Forester also performed the best score ever for Subaru in the Adult Occupant Protection.

Its superior crash safety performance has been achieved thanks to the Subaru Global Platform, a cutting-edge re-design of the body and chassis that has increased body strength by 40% compared to the outgoing Forester and allows the frame structure to absorb more energy in the event of a collision.

The all-new Forester e-BOXER is now safer than ever and comes with a suite of driver-assist and safety features as standard: EyeSight driver assist technology (providing Pre-Collision Braking, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, and other functions), Subaru Rear Vehicle Detection, Reverse Automatic Braking and a Driver Monitoring

System. A brand-new technology for Subaru, this system uses facial recognition technology to detect if the driver's gaze has wandered or if the driver is dozing off and alerts occupants if this occurs.

Forester has grown to become Subaru's top-selling model in the UK and is a popular choice amongst customers who trust it to be safe, capable and reliable. The fifth generation Forester commemorates Subaru's heritage and marks the future of 'Confidence in Motion' with e-BOXER

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- The fifth generation Clio has been revised inside

and out with more dynamic look and greater technology

- Available with an extensive range of equipment and advanced driver assistance systems

- New E-TECH hybrid engine available from summer 2020 allowing for up to 80 per cent of urban driving time in 100 per cent electric mode

- All-New Clio customers benefit from a five-year warranty package
- Available to order now and priced from £14,695 OTR

The All-New Clio has triumphed in the latest UK Car of the Year Awards 2020, winning the 'Best Supermini' title.

The UK Car of the Year Awards judges were quick to praise the attributes of All-New Clio. Alex Grant, UK Car of the Year judge, said: "The fifth-generation of Renault's best-seller has matured into a product capable of rivalling premium-brand models. All of the Clio's signature agility is retained, now paired with the best cabin in this segment, advanced connectivity

options and a sophisticated hybrid system claimed to offer 80% fully-electric driving in town."

Judge Nargess Banks, commented: "It's one thing to make great premium cars for those who can afford them, but there is much more genius in distilling good engineering and thoughtful design to a car for the masses. The new Clio delivers enough style without trying too hard."

Commenting on the win, Vincent Tourette, Managing Director, Groupe Renault

UK said: "The All-New Clio is at the very heart of our brand and we're very pleased it has picked up yet another important award – All-New Clio is a model that sets new supermini standards with a revolutionary interior, a host of innovative technology and continues Renault's strong tradition for safety, having already been awarded a best-in-class five-star EuroNCAP rating. With the arrival of the E-TECH hybrid version and the launch of All-New Captur and New ZOE, Renault's

small car range is all new and genuinely does cater for all needs."

One of the many highlights of the interior is the availability of the new, larger 9.3-inch EASY LINK infotainment screen and a 10-inch TFT instrument cluster – features normally reserved for larger and more expensive cars. From the outset the designers wanted to give the All-New Clio a true premium feel, with soft touch plastics, satin finish metal trim and new, more enveloping seats all helping



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Available to drive away today - the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV and its full electric counterpart, the e-2008 SUV. Prices for the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV start at £20,150, while the PEUGEOT e-2008 SUV will be available from £28,150*, with deliveries starting from late April 2020.

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PEUGEOT is marking the start of 2020 by taking home three awards from the independent SME fleet motoring news magazine Company Car and Van. The all-new PEUGEOT e-208, which is arriving in UK showrooms soon, has taken the award for 'Small EV of the Year 2020', with Company Car and Van Editor Andrew Walker stating, "The PEUGEOT e-208 is a far more attractive, exciting, classy and enjoyable car than all of the current electric car competition." He also points out the car's strong appeal to company car

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PEUGEOT's second win goes to the head-turning 508, which swept the competition aside to be crowned Medium Car of the Year 2020 in the awards, with Andrew commenting, "The PEUGEOT 508 is a great all-rounder and for fleet customers, the diesel will achieve mid-fifties mpg. While many cars are bland to look at nowadays, the 508 bucks the trend, with movie-star looks that don't take away any of the

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It wasn't just PEUGEOT's latest cars that were honoured in the 2020 Company Car and Van awards either. 2019 saw the UK launch of the multi-award winning PEUGEOT Partner van, which has proved popular with customers both in the retail and fleet sectors. "The Partner now sits right at the top of its sector and will give the Transit Connect and Caddy a few sleepless nights", reckons Andrew, "PSA Group really are on a roll with their CVs and this



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- Even small dents can hide underlying structural damage
- Damage to paintwork lets water in and raises the risk of rust
- When it comes to selling, any unrepaired damage suggests you've neglected the car

yourself it doesn't look good but it's only a minor blemish. Or the car is getting older, so a minor dent here and there doesn't really matter.

"Or you tell yourself you'll get it fixed sooner or later, just not today. So, you put it on the back burner of your to-do list and somehow it never seems to get done.

"Next thing you know, six months or a year have gone by and that car dent is still there. And who knows what's happening to your car underneath the dent?"

GEM has compiled a list of good reasons for fixing car dents as soon as they happen, not when you eventually get around to it:

1 Safety

When it comes to car maintenance, safety is always the top priority. Even small dents can hide underlying structural damage that isn't obvious on the surface. For

example, today's flexible bumper covers with plastic outer coatings are designed to minimise damage in low-speed collisions. Yet, the underlying damage can often be much worse than it looks on the surface – and that could compromise safety for you and your passengers.

2 Rust issues

Dents cause unsightly blemishes on your car. But a further problem is that a dent damages the paintwork. Cracks caused by even a very small impact can allow water to seep underneath the paint where it will reach the unprotected metal part of the car. Over time, the water will cause the metal to oxidise, causing rust.

3 Longer-term paint damage

When you ignore the damage that occurs with a dent, the paintwork isn't going to get better. Weather conditions,

everyday wear-and-tear, and even washing your car can cause the cracks in the paint to grow larger. This can lead to flaking and peeling, leaving the underlying sealant exposed. If the car dent is severe enough to damage the sealant as well, peeling paint can leave bare metal exposed. Once this happens, it's only a matter of time before it starts to rust.

4 Reduced resale value

No matter how well your car runs, the exterior appearance is a vital factor when it comes to selling. Few things lower the value of a used car as effectively as unrepaired damage, even if it appears minor. Add paint damage and rust spots and the price a buyer is willing to pay goes down even more. Furthermore, unrepaired dents are a sign of a neglectful owner. Potential buyers may wonder what else is wrong

with the car because you didn't take care of the engine, brakes, or other parts. Unless your car is old and in poor condition overall, fixing any dents should bring you a better price.

5 Cheaper to put right

Repairing car dents right away will always cost less than if you wait. It doesn't take long for rust spots to appear or paint to start flaking away. In times of bad weather, or if there's a lot of salt in the air (as you'll find in coastal locations), the damage will spread even faster.

6 Pride

If you care about your car's appearance, it doesn't make sense to leave a dent unrepaired. So, the next time someone opens their car door into yours or you bump into someone else when parking, don't wait. Get the damage assessed and repaired by experts.

It may be human nature to put off small tasks that don't seem urgent, but road safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is urging car owners to have any damage put right as soon as possible.

Delaying repair to car body damage – however minor – can put safety at risk, due to the complex protection systems in place on all modern cars, according

to GEM. Additionally, the longer you leave a dent unrepaired, the costlier it's likely to be to put right – and damaged or dangerous bodywork could constitute an MoT failure under the new testing regulations.

GEM's road safety officer Neil Worth said: "If it's a large dent, most people will get it fixed right away. But when it's only a small dent, it can be easy to put off. You tell

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Melodic Meadows Orchestra comes to Lochgilphead

An Edinburgh orchestra is preparing to delight a Mid Argyll audience with an exciting performance this weekend.

For 40 years, the Meadows Chamber Orchestra, under its principal conductor and musical adviser Peter Evans, has performed regularly and with critical acclaim to audiences in Edinburgh and beyond.

A tradition of imaginative programming and exciting performances has given the orchestra a unique place in Scottish musical life. In recognition of its promotion of contemporary music, the orchestra has received several Awards for Enterprise from the Performing Rights Society.

At its Lochgilphead performance, the orchestra will perform Antonín Dvořák's Serenade for Winds in D Minor, Op. 44 and Mozart's Serenade in B-flat Major, k361 – Gran Partita.

Dvořák's Serenade, Op. 44 is partly a tribute to Mozart's Harmoniemusik but espe-



The Meadows Chamber Orchestra will perform in Lochgilphead.

cially more so to Mozart's Serenade in B-flat Major, which he heard performed in Vienna not long before writing this piece.

Possibly inspired by what he heard, Dvořák wrote Op. 44 very quickly, taking only two weeks at the beginning of 1878. The character of

this Serenade mixes classical forms with Dvořák's affection for folk music.

The first movement is a march, a typical introduction for a serenade and the mood is humorous, perhaps mocking the pomposity of the form. The second is a minuet, with a beautiful opening

theme first played by the clarinets. The clarinets lead the way into the trio, which takes a much faster tempo and evokes Czech folk music and dance with its use of hemiola, a rhythmic device that displaces the beat in triple meter. The third movement opens with solo state-

ments from the upper winds and although it grows denser, more intense and darker in tone, it is essentially lyrical and even pastoral. The finale also suggests a dance, putting its simple and somewhat sardonic material through four varied segments. The music builds to what seems to

be its conclusion but instead up pops the piece's opening march.

In some respects, Mozart's Gran Partita is two pieces for the price of one. Its monumental first movement is followed by two contrasting examples of each type of symphonic movement.

The musical ambition of the entire work is proclaimed at the start, with the full sonority of the first four notes answered by an expressive, sweet phrase on a solo clarinet. Immediately the music's driving principles are sonority, colour, texture, concertante effects, the juxtaposition of contrasting styles and the mutability of musical ideas. This is not one of Mozart's most learned scores but its sensuousness and variety are unsurpassed.

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Race night proves a winner in Tarbert

The going was good for one of Tarbert's annual events, the Corner House Race Night, which was held on Saturday February 1.

Big-hearted locals dug deep to support two charities close to Corner House's heart, and at the end of the evening, when the winners were declared, both Myaware and Parkinson's UK had romped home with £1,915 going to each charity.

Myaware is the only charity in the UK dedicated solely to the care and support of people affected by myasthenia. Meaning 'muscle weakness', myasthenia is a rare autoimmune condition which can affect all genders and ages, with Myaware providing help and support to people, and their families, who have been diagnosed with the condition.

Parkinson's UK is the charity working to help improve life for those affected by

Parkinson's disease. In the UK, 145,000 people are living with Parkinson's, with two people diagnosed every hour.

Normally held at the beginning of December, the race night moved to its new fixture of the beginning February to stop too many diary clashes with the start of the festive season.

The Corner House's Duggie MacNeill thanked everyone for coming out to support the event saying the people of Tarbert are 'absolutely amazing'. He continued: 'Once again I am humbled by the generosity of our community, and on behalf of the lives which will be touched by this fundraising, I'd like to say an enormous thank you.

'As always, there are people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to turn fundraising events into great nights out. On behalf of me, Margaret, Martin, Allie, Tracy and



Duggie MacNeill and Martin Jeffries with cheques for Myaware and Parkinson's UK.

Craig, our heartfelt thanks go to Ricky Graham for compering the evening, to

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Oban Mòd registration deadline

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The committee has sent out this year's junior and senior syllabi.

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The village hall was jam-packed with 24 tables of

four quizzers enjoying the fun while testing their grey matter.

Quizmaster Roddy McDiarmid and May MacPherson, who took charge of the cater-

ing and much more besides, have been running the event for 20 years.

But the 2020 quiz, held on Friday February 14, was their last as organisers.

The evening was a big success, topped off with the customary huge raffle, featuring no fewer than 139 donated prizes. Three special raffle prizes were also up for grabs - 'Buster', the massive toy dog, another large (unnamed) cuddly elephant and a spectacular hamper filled with all kinds of goodies.

The evening, which was sponsored by Cairndow businesses, raised £1,950 which will be split between world champions Inveraray and District Pipe Band and Inveraray Shinty Club.

As for the serious business of the night, the winning team was captained by John MacDonald of Cairndow. A team from Arrochar came

second, with John Smylie's Inveraray team in third place. The prize for the team leading at half-time went to Davy MacPherson's team, also from Inveraray.

Roddy McDiarmid said: "Thanks to everyone who came to the quiz, donated prizes and supported this year's event, and to the local ladies who supplied the fantastic home baking.

'May deserves a great deal of credit for all the work she put in this year, as she has done every year.'

He added: "This is the 20th year of us doing the quiz, and I think it's time for a change.

'We would love for someone else to take on.'



Prizes galore for John MacDonald of the winning Cairndow team, presented by May MacPherson.



Roddy announces the raffle, ably assisted by Greta Cameron.

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Historical societies hold joint meeting

The February Inveraray History Society meeting introduced a much wider community concept as they gathered to hear about historical archaeology.

A joint evening with Dalmally Historical Society was arranged to hear eminent archaeologist Dr Gavin MacGregor speak about his investigations into the heritage of Glen Strae and Glen Orchy.

Good turnout

Invitations to Strachur, Appin and Lorn Historical Societies ensured a good turnout at Inveraray Church hall and it is hoped that this joint meeting will be a forerunner of future gatherings, bringing historical societies in Argyll together to share experiences and expertise.

Dr MacGregor related how his work with Clan Gregor since 2012 has taken his investigations from Stronmilchan



Dr Gavin MacGregor mingles with the audience, sharing experiences and answering questions.

to the more recent and extensive excavations at Tigh Mor. Based on a hillside, looking down towards Kilchurn Castle, the Tigh Mor project has been developed over several years and has included

many volunteers, including primary school pupils.

Evidence

The project has shown evidence of rural life in the 13th and 14th centuries and has clearly demonstrated

how archaeology can bring people of all ages together to help develop a site and create a wider interest in their local heritage.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday

March 3, in the Nicoll Hall. Patsy Dyer will speak on 'Man's Relationship and Mythology with Plants', drawing on her work at botanical gardens in America, the UK and at Kilmartin.

Ardfern ceilidh

Toe-tapping tunes and a busy dance floor are on the cards for a Craignish ceilidh.

Ardfern ceilidh band All about the Cake will take the stage and have the dancers reeling all night. Following their set, the evening will transform into a disco, making sure there is something for every dancer in the hall.

Held on Saturday February 22 at Craignish Village Hall, there will also be a licensed bar, raffle and whisky roll.

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.

Sharing memories

It was an afternoon of reminiscing for Inveraray Senior Citizens' Wednesday Club at its latest gathering.

Meeting on Wednesday February 12, the group was entertained by Ken McTaggart's slide show and talk on 'The Changing Face of Inveraray'. His many photos and stories were fascinating as those present listened intently.



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ACHA holds annual tenants and members conference

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) held its annual tenants and members conference in Inveraray.

Themes covered at the conference focused on three areas – involving young people, improving performance and investing in your home.

The session on involving young people included presentations from Iona MacDonald and Hannah Nicolson, trainees with ACHA and Argyll and Bute Council respectively. Their experiences of what worked for young people and needed to be considered was well received by attendees.

Iona MacDonald said: 'This was my first time attending an ACHA tenants and members conference. It was a great way to interact with tenants and members. Our presentation was about ACHA involving young people. The attendees welcomed this idea and we received good suggestions and feedback. Everyone was very

positive and friendly. I had a great day.'

Workshops based on the three themes were held and recommendations agreed. These will be fed into the ACHA board's strategic planning days, due to be held on Wednesday February 26 and Thursday February 27, as priorities for consideration.

The themes for next year's conference were agreed by this year's attendees and will focus on how ACHA handles customer complaints, improving and maintaining estates and how to reduce household fuel costs.

Commenting at the end, Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'This is a key event in ACHA's calendar involving our tenants and members debating and setting priorities. Hearing the perspective of Iona and Hannah in involving young people was extremely helpful in developing plans to include young people more within ACHA.'

Cardio room to get hearts racing

by Rachel Carruthers
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A new fitness suite in the centre of Lochgilphead will make fitting in a workout easier.

Based at the community centre, the cardio room provides a fitness and exercise area that is easily accessible to members of the public who cannot or would not be comfortable working out at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Run by LiveArgyll, the room is equipped with state-of-the-art cardiovascular machines including treadmills, cross trainers, bikes and a rowing machine.

Graham Gillies, of LiveArgyll, said: 'Whether your goal is health and fitness or weight loss, our air-conditioned cardio gym is equipped with everything you will need for a full cardio

workout. Our comprehensive range of equipment will have a programme that will cater for all your needs, from fat burning to interval training. Take your pick of treadmills, bikes, cross trainers, stepper or Concept 2 rowing machine to tailor a workout that suits your goals.

'The gym is ideally suited to people who prefer a more intimate environment to work out in or anyone who finds it difficult to use our facilities outwith the town centre.

Goals
NHS guidelines for healthy living recommend a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week in conjunction with two days' strength training and it is hoped the gym will help users achieve these minimum goals.

'It has never been easier to



A new cardio room has been opened in Lochgilphead Community Centre.

use our fitness centres, with gym inductions no longer compulsory unless you are aged between 14 and 16.'

Further information is available from Lochgilphead

Community Centre 01546 604788 or Mid Argyll Sports Centre 01546 603228. For more information about LiveArgyll visit www.liveargyll.co.uk.



ACHA tenants Isaac and Irene Owens, of Rosneath, Sandra MacKenzie, from Tarbert, and Cathy Grant, of Glendaruel, during one of the conference workshops.

Historic steamship boilers fail

Steamship Sir Walter Scott, which sails on Loch Katrine in the Trossachs, has been taken out of service after cracks were discovered in both boilers during a rigorous annual inspection of the 120-year-old vessel.

Specialist surveys concluded the boilers are beyond repair, forcing the ship's trustees to withdraw the vessel for the forthcoming season.

Sir Walter Scott Steamship Limited managing director Gordon Allan said: 'This is a major setback as we were

looking forward to a special anniversary year celebrating 120 years of the steamship sailing.

'This follows a downturn in business linked to major landslides on the lochside last August. We were well on the road to recovery with the prospect of a bumper season ahead.

'The immediate priorities now are taking steps to safeguard the 55 direct jobs and many indirect jobs dependent on our Loch Katrine operations and ensuring we are in

a position to honour existing group business contracts as well as independent travel and walk up business this season.

'We are fortunate we have other boats available so I am confident with the goodwill of the general public and the commitment and enthusiasm of our staff we can continue to trade successfully and offer a high quality visitor experience while we consider ways to bring the Sir Walter Scott steamship back into service as quickly as possible.'



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Celebrating Scotland's food and farming industry

Driven by grassroots members, farmers and crofters have been seeking an opportunity to remind people about the fantastic story of food and farming in Scotland, and to thank them for their support.

Writing on the NFU Scotland's blog, vice-president Martin Kennedy announced that such an opportunity will come on Saturday May 23.

'All too often, an ill-informed small minority have used media platforms to paint our industry in a bad light or tar us with the same brush over production standards in other parts of the world.

'The facts suggest that the public truly value what we

do, what we deliver, and we want to meet them and thank them.

'Whether it is meat, milk, cereals, fruit or veg, Scottish farming produces safe, nutritious food grown and reared sustainably, and at the same time delivers so much for the environment through climate change mitigation and biodiversity.

'All that results in a massive contribution to the rural economy.

'So let's come together on May 23 to get that message across.

'Events being planned for that day will give the opportunity for all involved

in farming and crofting to get in front of as many of our consumers as possible to showcase just exactly why we should be proud of what we produce in Scotland.

'This national day of celebration, to involve events in towns and cities across all our regions, will raise public awareness of the benefits of eating Scottish produce to the next level.

'There's a lot of excellent information available from other industry organisations and we will build on that to get the true facts and our story out there.

'This will include some of the excellent work that's been



NFU Scotland vice-president Martin Kennedy.

done by our own climate change policy experts within NFUS and Scotland's research institutes, independently produced and scientifically-verified, to ensure the information we put into the public domain will be factual.

'The one thing we can all do is give a little time to try and help the industry.

'NFU Scotland and others will provide the information that's required and events will be coordinated through our team of regional managers.

'We want every member and their families to be involved.

'We know we can provide the man power, so this is a plea to everyone to be a part of this which I sincerely

believe could be a game changer.

'We've got something to be extremely proud of, let's take this opportunity on May 23 to shout it from the roof tops.'

Further details will be provided on regional events being planned in the weeks ahead.

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Cost of dog attacks falls by almost one third

NFU Mutual statistics have revealed that farm animals worth £113,000 were attacked by dogs in Scotland last year – down 30 per cent on 2018.

According to the insurer's statistics, farm animals worth £1.2m were savaged by dogs in the UK last year. Despite welcome falls in the figures in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, where co-ordinated campaigns have helped change attitudes among dog owners, England saw a rise in cost of 15 per cent.

A survey of over 1,300 dog owners commissioned by NFU Mutual reveals that more owners now put their dog on a lead if they see a sign warning them livestock are nearby (95 per cent compared to 90 per cent in 2018).

However, 63 per cent of dog



Mid Argyll farmers and NFUS members joined union officials, representatives from the police, vets and Argyll and Bute Council last summer to publicise the 'Your Dog – Your Responsibility' campaign. 06_a26NFUSdogattacks01

owners let their pets roam free in the countryside despite half admitting their dog does not always come back when called.

Rebecca Davidson, rural affairs specialist at NFU Mutual, said: 'As the main insurer of Scotland's farmers, we're

encouraged that dog attacks on farm animals in Scotland are starting to fall – but more needs to be done to put an end to livestock worrying.

'A significant number of dog owners still don't realise that their much-loved pet is capable of attacking and killing

large numbers of sheep. Even if a dog doesn't make contact, the distress and exhaustion of the chase can cause sheep to die or miscarry their lambs.

'We're also alarmed that more than half of owners are leaving their dogs unsupervised outside their homes

when they are out – particularly when one in six admits their dog has already escaped.'

One of the trends most concerning farmers is a steady increase in dogs allowed outside unaccompanied when their owners are out (56 per cent in 2020, rising from 43 per cent

in 2018). Police are increasingly finding that unsupervised dogs are escaping from owners' gardens and roaming fields, attacking livestock. This concern is supported by one in six of survey respondents admitting their dog had escaped from home in the past.

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Caledonian Marts sale report

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Scotbeef's Bill MacKinnon was judge for the day and thanks must go to the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association - District 8, and Harbro for sponsoring the show. A good show of Blackface hoggets forward for quality, and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

Results: Champion and first prize (40.1-44kg): C Little, East Bracklinn - 42.1kg at £103, or 245ppkg.

Reserve champion and first prize (44.1kg+): Remony Estate Partnership - 48.9kg at £110 or 225ppkg.

Blackface Hoggets up to 40kg: 1 C Malone, Pitcairn 37kg - £88.50; 2 H P Frame, Turdees 37.8kg - £88.50; 3 Glenturret Estates 37.7kg - £86.50.

Blackface Hoggets 40.1kg-44kg: 1 C Little, East Bracklinn 42.1kg - £103; 2 Remony Estate Partnership 42.3kg - £101; 3 Glenturret Estates 41.1kg - £97.

Blackface Hoggets 44.1kg+: 1 Remony Estate Partnership 48.9kg - £110; 2 R and R Braes, Burnshot 45.8kg - £107; 3 R and R Braes, Burnshot 46.3kg - £108.

The overall average for show hoggets was 233.9ppkg (+56.5p on the year).

A good show of sheep forward for numbers, with 1790 hoggets levelling out at 231.8ppkg (+1.21p on the week or +46.7p

on the year). Heavy Hoggets (45.6kg+) again in demand, and averaged £113.22 (+£1.60 on the week).

Top price of the day went to W M Bell and Son, Craigend for a 61kg Beltex at

£137. Mr Bell also topped the price per kg at 300ppkg for 6 cracking 43kg

Beltex at £129, and averaged £124 for 134 sold.

Leading prices:

Prime hoggets per head

Beltex X: £133 and £130 Craigend.

Beltex: £132 and £129 (twice) West Lundie.

Texel: £125 Whitecross.

Texel X: £122 Kincairig.

Continental X: £121 Meadowfield.

Continental: £120 Leysbent and Letter.

Suffolk X: £121 Bankhead.

Suffolk: £116 Ditch.

Mule: £96 Bankhead.

Cross: £90 Middlepart.

BF (outwith show): £90 Glenturret Estates and Allanfauld.

Prime hoggets per Kg

Beltex X: 296p, 295p, 293p, 291p, 287p, 286p, 284p Craigend.

Beltex: 274p and 272p West Lundie.

Texel: 270p Bankhead.

Texel X: 267p Plean Cottage.

Continental: 264p (Twice) Leysbent.

Continental X: 263p Meadowfield.

Suffolk: 242p Longriggs.

Suffolk X: 240p Meadowfield.

Mule: 218p Bankhead.

Cross: 216p Middlepart.

BF: 228p West Lundie.

Also forward were 508 cast ewes and rams. With over 50 per

cent of the sale being Blackface ewes, the entire sale would be dearer on the week.

Heavy ewes averaged £101.57 selling to £177 for two tremendous Texel ewes from R McNee, Woodend, Armadale. Light ewes averaged £77.83 selling to £82 for Blackface ewes, also from R McNee, Woodend, Armadale. Cast rams sold to a top of £138 for Bluefaced Leicesters from G Allan, Glenquay, Glendevon.

Other leading ewe prices

Suffolk: £130 Kinnaird (Scrymgeour); £121 Kinninmonth; £112 Easter Coates.

Texel: £127 Allanview; £120 Braco Castle; £110 Kinninmonth; £106 and £105 South Cassengray; £104 Bankhead Farms; £102 Lawhead of Stobwood NCC; £113 South Cassengray; £96 West Dron; £92 Kinninmonth.

Beltex: £113 Bankhead Farming Berrichon Du Cher; £108 Kirkton Border Leicester; £105 Kinninmonth Mule; £104 Wester Newburn; £98 Woodend £96 Hilltarvit Mains; £95 Straiton; £90 Wester Newburn and Easter Coates.

Continental: £100 Kinninmonth; £99 Craigend (Bell); £98 South Cassengray; £94 Broadslap, Kinninmonth, Braco Castle and Bankhead Farming.

Blackface: £78 Woodend; £73 Beannie; £70 Allanfauld; £69 Queenshaugh and Beannie.

Other leading ram prices

Suffolk: £129 Carden; £128 Kinnaird.

BFL: £124 Beannie; £112 Carden.

Texel: £108 Easter Dullatur.

BF: £86 Drummond Estates; £82 Spittalhill and Braeleny.

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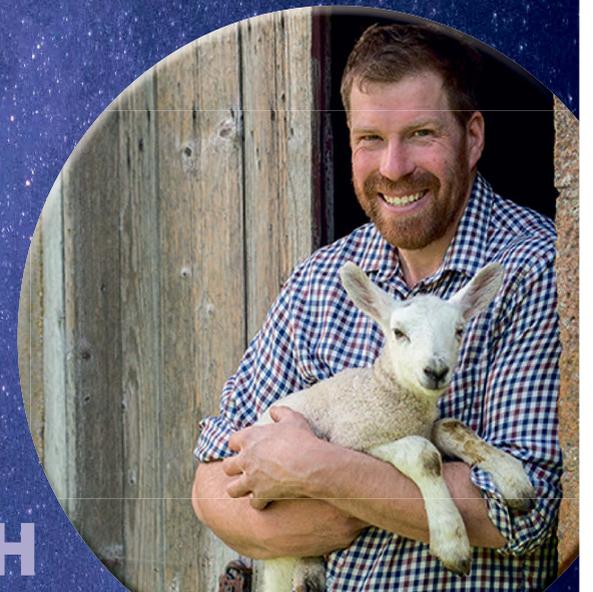
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Islay High School shared the news on its social media page, writing: 'Well done to Kinga, Innes, PJ, Ross, Stewart, Sarah and Mirren. The online semi-final runs from February 17 to March 13. Best of luck to them all.'

The competition, run by the London Institute of Banking and Finance, challenges teams of school children to invest virtual money on the London Stock Exchange.

The top three teams from Islay made a combined profit of more than £38,000 trading with a virtual £100,000, between October and January.

DUNOON

Support for the transformative Dunoon Project is rapidly growing, with more than 500 people signing up to back it.

The project, which involves building a gondola to carry people from sea level to a visitor centre on the summit of Kilbride Hill behind Dunoon, depends on the successful community purchase of Corlarach Forest. For a successful bid, community support is vital.

After a drop-in session held last month the project now has the 100 members required to show community support for the project but the steering group behind it is encouraging others to register their support, helping to make the case for the transfer of land to the community even stronger.

OBAN



The exterior and main tower of Dunollie Castle will benefit from a £141,000 grant.

Dunollie Castle, Museum and Grounds has received a boost of its restoration work after being awarded £141,6054 from Historic Environment Scotland.

HES has announced funding

of £842,802 to support conservation repair projects to historic buildings throughout the country.

The money was awarded to the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust for works to

the exterior and main tower of Dunollie Castle in Oban.

This project forms part of a wider regeneration programme for the 15th-century castle which includes the museum grounds.

The next opportunity to find out more, and show your support, is at Queen's Hall, Dunoon, on Tuesday February 25 between 3pm and 7pm.

KILMARTIN

Kilmartin Museum and Blarbuie Roots Project are, once again,

teaming up for a seed swap. Take your surplus seeds along to Kilmartin Museum between 11am and 3pm on Saturday March 7.

Seeds can be swapped so avid gardeners have the chance to try out something new. If you don't have any seeds to swap,

you can make a donation for what you take instead. Blarbuie Roots Project will be on hand to discuss volunteering or renting a raised bed at their site in Lochgilphead.

For further information, contact Sally Wilkin on 01546 501589 or by email: sallywilkin@cooptel.net

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Today at Glenbarr school, as well as having a great time with the children, I was fascinated to see their frog spawn already developed into tadpoles.

Amid the storms and the awful weather which seems to go on and on, there are intimations of spring. In the midst of the gales and the wildest of storms, symbols of new life arise.

The snowdrops bring that first sign of hope, then the tiniest of daffodils emerge to brave the storms. New growth appears on bushes and trees, birds find their voice and life begins to emerge from the darkness of winter.

Someone told us that: 'A farmer would rather have a wolf in the sheepfold than a dry February' ... as a dry February heralds an awful summer.

Well, by this wonderful reckoning we should be experiencing a veritable heatwave this summer.

Here in Argyll, we are close to the elements: we can watch for a space in the storm to walk the dogs; we can wait for the rain to pass before we venture to the shops; we can watch the skies and judge the tides.

We watch for amber or red lights to chart the progress of the ferries. We are an island people and we respect the weather.

And what beauty in these storms. The sea changes from blue to green to ultramarine and the waves chase each other on the crest of a rainbow.

Yet it will be good when the storms pass, when the sea is calm, when the sand returns to rock ravaged beaches, and when we can walk erect again.

It will be good when nature is at peace and the winter struggles are over.

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Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of John, elder son of Peter and Sheila-Anne, to Lorna, daughter of Robert and Catherine, on February 9, 2020.

DEATHS

CAMERON - After a short illness, with her family by her side, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 11, 2020, Catherine Brown Cameron, née MacGeachy, of Embo, 5 Castle Park, Kilmartin, and formerly of Barbreck, Campbeltown, dearly loved wife of the late Colin Cameron, much loved mother of Shona and Sheena, much respected mother-in-law of Gordon and Russell, adored granny of Cameron, Sinclair, Craig, Julie and Rosie, and great granny of Katie and Jessica. Funeral service will be held in Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin, today Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11.00am, followed by interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown at 2.15pm. Donations to Marie Curie (Mid Argyll).

LAING - Peacefully at home, on February 15, 2020, with Connie and Chris by her side, Irene Mary Laing (née MacQueen), in her 90th year, of Rosemount, Pier Road, Tarbert, beloved wife of the late James Laing, adored mum of Connie and John, dear sister of Connie MacQueen, cherished nanny of Mark and Fiona, and a dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 2.00pm, at the Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. A memorial service will be held in Tarbert Free Church at a later date.

MCELHINNEY (Simpson) - Peacefully at home, on February 7, 2020, in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, Kenneth, much loved husband of Patricia, and a very special dad to his three daughters and all grandchildren. A very precious brother of Catherine, Sadie, the late Ena, and uncle to Joyce, Kenny, Scott and Lewis. Will be loved and remembered always.

NICHOLSON - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 12, 2020, Jeanette Anderson Nicholson, in her 74th year, Lornedale, Airds, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of Donald-John Nicholson, much loved mum of Donald-Andrew and Nicola-Jane, mother-in-law of Sally and Keith and a loving granny of Craig, Jamie, Sean and Jennifer.

RICHARDSON - Peacefully, on February 10, 2020, Myra, née MacNab, aged 83, dear daughter of the late Duncan and Barbara MacNab and sister of Malcolm, Lena and the late Donald. A cherished wife and mother.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDONALD - The family of the late Malcolm wishes to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and all those involved in his sudden death. Thanks to all who travelled the distance, in terrible weather, to pay their last respects, to Roddy MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, to Rev Hilda Smith for a fitting service, to Morna for beautiful family wreath and to the Glynhill Hotel for light lunch. The family are truly grateful to you all.

WALLACE - Lesley, Susan, David and families of the late Robert Armour Wallace express their heartfelt gratitude to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, baking, phone calls and visits following their sad loss. They would especially like to thank Rev W Crossan

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WILLIAMSON - The family of the late Flora Williamson (née Conley), 5 Lorne Campbell Court, would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received following their very sad loss. Sincere thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital, district nurses and Fiona Cook at Lorne Campbell Court. Our thanks are extended to Rev W Crossan for comforting and memorable services at Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown and Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow, to Rhys and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for professional and efficient arrangements, to David McEwan for beautiful music played in church, and to Argyll Arms Hotel for purvey. Thank you to all who attended at the church and crematorium to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Campbeltown Hospital raised £525.80.

IN MEMORIAM

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10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Service
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
CAMEO 1.30pm
Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Friday 21st February
SKY Youth Group Meeting in Carradale 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sunday 23rd February
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Wednesday 26th February
Bible Study 7.30pm
All welcome
www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 23rd February
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin
with Sunday school Refreshments after the service
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am (Term-time only)
Pastor Mark Jasper
pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322
We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm
All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sunday 23rd February
11.00am Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
All welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr Ronald Campbell
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SC002876)

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH

Kilmartin
Sunday 23rd February
10.00am
Rev Walter Ritchie
All very welcome
(SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SC001002
Sunday 23rd February
Bellanoch Church 10.30am Choir Practice 11.30am Morning Worship
Mr David Logue
Saturday 22nd February
Achnamara Hall 10.30am - 12.30pm
Café Connect
All welcome
www.northknappdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 23rd February
Skipness Service 10.00am
Dr J L Morrison OBE
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev Chris Holden
Kilberry Service 2.00pm
Rev Chris Holden
All welcome
Tarbert and Kilberry Charity No: SC002622
Skipness Charity No: SC004280
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact CFulcher@churchofscotland.org.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland
Sunday 23rd February
Cumloddan Church 10.00am
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Westlochfyneside
Charity No SC016665
All welcome

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Ormsary man in Oman 2020 endurance event

An Ormsary man is to embark on the challenge of a lifetime as he cycles more than 1,000kms in a bid to be crowned BikingMan Oman 2020.

Lindsay McCrae, 49, will be one of only 100 cyclists to take part in BikingMan Oman, part of a series of ultra-endurance cycling events where competitors test their limits of strength and stamina.

In 2014, Lindsay bought a road bike through his employer's cycle to work scheme and what started out as an active commute with a few races thrown in for fun, soon became an opportunity to challenge himself in some

of the toughest races on two wheels.

His first big win came in the gruelling City to Summit duathlon from Edinburgh to Ben Nevis. The race was a half marathon of road running, a 184km ride through Glen Coe then back on foot for the final off-road marathon up Ben Nevis, finishing in Fort William.

Made his mark

Bitten by the cycling bug, he went on to win Revolve 24 at Brands Hatch race circuit, completing 433 miles and ascending 37,000 feet in 24 hours. Adding a second-place finish in last year's BikingMan Portugal event against some

of the sport's top athletes means Lindsay has made his mark on the endurance scene.

Lindsay said: 'In my first few races I just wanted to see how I would get on but now I'm definitely in it to win it. I think I'm just stubborn and that's what keeps me pushing on when other people take rest breaks.'

Lindsay, who works in sales/technical support for an aquaculture equipment company in Inverness, fits his training around his job, spending one to two hours on a turbo in his garage three or four times a week, with longer rides of two to five hours at the weekends. His father's greenhouse in Ardrishaig was a useful training venue to shelter from the elements over the Christmas holidays as he prepared for his biggest challenge.

The BikingMan Oman race starts in Muscat, Oman's capital city, before heading out on the Arabian Peninsula, through the Hajar Mountains, across the Ash Sharqiyah Desert and along coastal roads back to the capital. The competitors will climb more than 9,300m during the race - the equivalent of climbing Ben Nevis almost seven times.

Unlike cyclists on the Tour de France, BikingMan athletes are unsupported so must carry all their food and equipment with them.

For Lindsay, one of the



Lindsay trains in his father's greenhouse in Ardrishaig.



Lindsay McCrae will cycle more than 1,000kms in a bid to be crowned BikingMan Oman 2020. Photo: Epic Action Imagery.

biggest challenges will be the weather. 'Temperatures at the moment are around 15 to 28°C but can reach higher which can be difficult to manage on the steeper sections of the course.'

'That's where my nutrition and hydration strategy will need to be spot on.'

But in case it all sounds like

hard work, Lindsay highlights one of the main benefits of his high-octane adventures: 'The best part is definitely refuelling after the race. I will burn about 25,000 calories over the 40 to 50 hours of my target time, so my recovery will mainly involve eating cakes and other calorie rich foods.'

Lindsay grew up on the

Ormsary Estate and attended Lochgilphead High School.

His family still live in the area and will be following his adventures closely over the five days of competition.

The race takes place from Saturday February 22 until Thursday February 27. Lindsay will cover 1,060kms in a bid to take the title.

Magnus Bradbury backs Royal Bank RugbyForce

Oban's Magnus Bradbury helped launch a Royal Bank of Scotland grassroots rugby programme last Wednesday.

The Scotland international and former Boroughmuir player is one of the elite stars supporting the Royal Bank RugbyForce campaign this year.

He features in a series of short films encouraging clubs across Scotland to sign up to the scheme in 2020.

'Community clubs play such a vital role in nurturing the next generation of rugby talent and many professional players take their first steps onto a rugby field at a local club,' he said.

'Royal Bank RugbyForce,

delivered in association with Scottish Rugby, is an excellent initiative which supports grassroots clubs and it's great to see them getting the funding they need to develop the rugby stars of tomorrow.'

Now in its twelfth year, the nationwide rugby initiative supports amateur clubs by providing funding to improve facilities and attract new members. It also encourages clubs to become community hubs with a sustainable future.

Since launching 12 years ago, more than half a million pounds has been distributed.

This year's campaign will see a celebration of the grassroots game.

On August 8 and 9, the bank and Scottish Rugby will host a Royal Bank RugbyForce weekend when clubs will host events for their community and unveil how they will use bank support as they prepare for the new season.

Magnus joined fellow Scotland internationalists Blair Kinghorn, Sarah Denholm and Rachel McLachlan to urge clubs to think how they could use Royal Bank RugbyForce support and apply.

For 2020, Royal Bank RugbyForce will offer two clubs a package to help them create a unique RugbyForce day including event management, activation assistance

and a visit from a Scotland international - making it easy for them to show attendees how they can benefit from being involved in their local club.

Another eight clubs will be offered £1,000 in financial support, with all other entrants being in with the chance of being awarded £250.

All qualifying clubs will receive support packs to help them host their own Royal Bank RugbyForce weekend.

Applications for funding can be made via the Royal Bank RugbyForce website at www.scottishrugby.org/clubs-and-schools/support-for-clubs/rugbyforce



Boroughmuir Rugby Club youth player Ollie Blyth Lafferty, 13, women's Scotland internationalist Sarah Denholm, men's Scotland internationalist Magnus Bradbury, men's Scotland internationalist Blair Kinghorn, women's Scotland internationalist Rachel McLachlan and Boroughmuir Rugby Club youth player Zak Griffiths, 14, at the Royal Bank RugbyForce launch last Wednesday.



Left to right: prizewinners Allan MacDonald, Robert Wood, Kenny Kirkhope, Campbell Watt and Kane Kirkhope.

Inveraray shinty players recognised at awards night

A formal occasion on Saturday February 15 allowed outgoing Inveraray Shinty Club chairman Euan McMurdo to thank and recognise the club's sponsors and helpers.

They were: The Inveraray Inn, The George Hotel, D A MacDonald and Londis, which not only helps financially but always provides the club with enthusiastic support.

The shinty club also thanked Brian and Audrey, of Londis, who will be moving away later in the year, recognising the great asset they have been to the Inveraray community and wishing them all the best for the future.

Other individuals who help the club throughout the year were thanked, including Roddy and May MacPherson, who have helped raise funds for the club through their annual quiz night and selling lottery tickets, and D J MacDonald, who also sells weekly tickets.

The club also thanked all the individuals involved with making

the club an asset to the community, from helping raise funds through the club's annual open day for the newly-formed baby and toddlers group and helping to raise the majority of funds through grants for the new community minibus.

Once the formalities of thanking everyone had been completed, awards were presented.

Winners

These went to Campbell Watt, second team top goal scorer; Allan MacDonald, first team top goal scorer; Kane Kirkhope, Jock MacCallum trophy for most improved/most promising youngster; Kenny Kirkhope second team player of the year; and Robert Wood, first team player of the year.

With the recent bad weather, the club has failed to get any momentum going for pre-season, however, it starts its campaign on Saturday March 7 with the first team at home to Glenurquhart and the second team away to Kilmory.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round replay - Oban Saints 0, Wishaw HSFP 2; Greater Glasgow AFL - Division Three - Oban Saints GG 3, Westerlands 0; SAFL Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon, postponed; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carlton YM, postponed; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 0, FC Argyll 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints v Stedfast, Oban Community Pitch, kick-off 1pm; Greater Glasgow AFL Division 3 - Kirkfield United v Oban Saints GG; SAFL - Premier Division One - Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft; Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star no games; Premier Division Two - Strathaven v Tarbert.

Sports club lottery numbers

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday February 17 were 6, 11 and 20. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £800.

Also drawn on Monday, Inveraray Shinty Clubs's lottery draw numbers were 3, 9 and 18. Gillian Kerr and Sharon Hepburn shared the £100 jackpot, so next week's prize pot will return to £100.

This week's Tarbert Football Club numbers were 4, 14 and 16. Jo McBride was the winner of the £400 jackpot, so next week £100 will be up for grabs.

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new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline.

You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the

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

C MacDonald
Oban
P Lang
Campbeltown

Star battle on for win despite Storm Dennis

Lochgilhead Red Star 1
Glasgow Red Star 0
GDYFL Under 16s

In the battle of the Red Stars, the real winner was the wind, as Lochgilhead Red Star 2004s sneaked all three points against their Glasgow namesakes.

Storm Dennis proved to be the real menace as both teams struggled to play football in the strong wind. The Lochgilhead boys, playing against the wind in the first half, took an early

lead through Brown. With a strong wind at their backs, Glasgow Red Star tried to impose themselves but a combination of the gusting wind and solid defending restricted their chances to score.

In the second half, the Lochgilhead youngsters had the majority of possession but found it difficult to create many clear-cut chances and when they did the Glasgow Red Star keeper was in good form. With no second half goals, the game finished 1-0 for Lochgilhead Red Star.



Ruaridh Green puts up a strong fight as Innes Paterson is on hand to help out. 06_a08RedStar2004s04



Keiran Caskie battles for the ball. 06_a08RedStar2004s11



Gregor Brown waits to head the ball. 06_a08RedStar2004s10



Woody Head breaks through with the ball. 06_a08RedStar2004s09



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