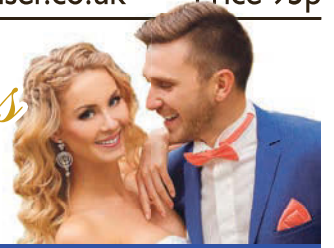




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# Celebrating the life of much-loved Carol

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A memorial service with a difference is to be held for a remarkable Mid Argyll woman who sadly died in the process of raising money for charity.

Carol Small decided to mark her 60th year by setting herself a challenge – to reach the summit of 19,341 ft high Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in the process.

She achieved that goal on New Year's Day, but fell ill on the final day of the descent and died in a Nairobi hospital on January 4.

Ormsary resident Carol had been a fundraiser for Macmillan for almost 20 years, inspired to help after both her parents died of cancer and had the support of Macmillan during treatment.

She undertook her first extreme challenge for Macmillan in 2002 when she raised more than £4,000 walking across the Sahara

desert. In her 60th year Carol wanted a new challenge and signed up to climb Kilimanjaro in December 2019.

She set herself a fundraising target of £5,000 and had raised almost £7,500 through her justgiving page before she left for the trip. Her justgiving page total now stands at £8,550.

The memorial event for this much-loved lady will be held on Saturday March 7 at Ormsary Village Hall between 1pm and 3pm, and everyone is welcome.

#### Proceeds

The Lochgilphead and District volunteer Macmillan fundraising committee, of which Carol was a member, will be providing coffee/tea and cakes with all proceeds going to Macmillan.

A keen photographer, Carol was also a member of Mid Argyll Camera Club, and there will be a display of her competition entry photos from over the years.

There also will be a quiz compiled by Carol's old quiz



Carol near the summit in the African snow.

team. Carol's sister Evelyn said: 'We want this to be a celebration of Carol's life and achievements and a chance for her friends to share their memories and stories.'

'The Ormsary and wider

Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead community have been a huge support to myself, my brother Colin and sister Lorna.

#### Donations

'We are very grateful for that and looking forward to

meeting more of them on March 7.' If anyone would like to support Macmillan, Carol's justgiving page, called 'Carol's Kilimanjaro Trek for Macmillan Cancer Support' remains open for donations.

## Council sets its budget

Educational support staff and school crossing patrols were in the firing line as Argyll and Bute Council prepared to set its budget for the coming year.

A raft of savings options were on the table at the budget meeting on Thursday February 27.

The budget papers also included a proposal to raise burial and parking charges by up to 20 per cent.

Were all the measures implemented, then the full-time equivalent of more than 55 jobs would be lost.

For the second year in a row, school crossing patrols were earmarked for cuts – though in 2019 the authority shied away from the proposal.

The options for 2020-21 are worth a total of more than £2.5 million of savings to the council.

Removing pupil support hours from primary schools would save around £200,000, with 14.7 full-time equivalent jobs going.

The removal of 1.8 full-time equivalent educational psychology posts would save an estimated £78,000.

The proposal to remove all 25 school crossing patrol points would save an estimated £113,000.

**Look out for reaction to the council budget measures in next week's edition.**



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**Drug driving**

At 12.15am on Wednesday February 19, a car crashed off the road on the A83 near Ardrishaig. The vehicle, two passengers and the driver, a man aged 18, were searched. One of the passengers, a 16-year-old girl, was found in possession of cannabis and issued with a recorded police warning. The driver was arrested for failing a roadside drug test and a blood sample was taken for analysis.

**No MOT**

A vehicle stopped by police on the A83 at Lochgilphead, at 11.25am on Saturday February 22 was found to have no MOT. The 18-year-old male driver was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

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# Councillor presses for proper engineering solution for the Rest

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The need for a permanent engineering solution to solve the A83 Rest and be Thankful question is once again in the parliamentary spotlight.

The A83 trunk road, a vital link between Argyll and the central belt, has regularly been closed by landslides over the past decade and more, resulting in disruption, added expense, lost business and reputational damage to Argyll and Bute.

On one occasion in January 2016, a Mid Argyll woman narrowly escaped being swept off the road into Glen Croe

in a landslide. Councillor Dougie Philand began a Scottish parliamentary petition in 2012 on behalf of council group Argyll First to press for a more permanent solution at the Rest. This petition was renewed in 2014.

Councillor Philand has continued to campaign for something beyond landslide mitigation on the lifeline route.

His petition is now to be considered by the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee at its meeting on March 5, as part of an evidence session with Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure

and Connectivity. Thanking the committee for its 'continued support', Councillor Philand added: 'With the events that happened recently where 1,000 tonnes of slurry, rock and trees closed the A83 on an unprotected area, it is absolutely clear the requirement for a permanent solution is absolutely necessary.'

'The process for permanent solution is currently in the national appraisal system but we have been informed by the minister at the last A83 task force meeting this would ultimately be scored against other priorities, which I understand.'

'As has been consistently voiced, however, the closure of the road as a result of landslides has enormous ill-effects in Argyll and this is our only direct route to the region.'

'I would make the plea that the committee continues to keep this petition live until a permanent solution has been delivered.'



The scene following the latest landslide which blocked the A83 last month.

Inset:  
Councillor  
Dougie  
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The then petitions committee travelled to the Rest in September 2014 but not a lot has changed since. 06\_a09Rest\_Committee

# Time to have your say on dementia care in Argyll

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A much-anticipated public consultation on the future of dementia services in Argyll and Bute starts on March 10.

The proportion of adults aged over 75 in Argyll and Bute will rise by 30 per cent by 2026, so steps are being taken to look at dementia services to meet this increase in demand in line with Scotland's national strategy.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) plans to close the Knapdale dementia unit in Mid Argyll Hospital and move to an enhanced community dementia care model.

Inpatient dementia services would be provided through an agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Many healthcare staff, along with patients' relatives,

councillors and trade union UNISON, however, support the retention of Knapdale Ward to incorporate inpatient, day care, respite and outpatient capacity in support of the enhanced community dementia team.

At its meeting on January 29, the group governing the HSCP, the Integration Joint Board (IJB), decided a public consultation should be carried out on the proposals, with a further report to be submitted to the IJB at its next meeting on March 25 when a decision will be taken on whether Knapdale Ward will be retained.

In a statement, an HSCP spokesperson said: 'The Health and Social Care Partnership has therefore been consulting with a range of interested parties including the public, carers, staff and partners to ensure all



The Knapdale Ward is within Mid Argyll Hospital. 06\_a09MidArgyllHospital06

views are taken into account. The next stage in this process is a series of community consultation events to provide interested parties with an opportunity to discuss the proposals in more detail. We

would ask anyone planning to attend to please register in advance by emailing nhs.abhscp@nhs.net and if you have any questions email us as well. Details of the events are outlined below and are

open to all members of the public.'

■Mid Argyll: Tuesday March 10, 2pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm, Baptist Church Hall, Lochgilphead  
■Oban: Wednesday March

11, 2pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm, Oban Fire Station

■Dunoon: Thursday March 12, 2pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm, Queen's Hall, Meeting Room 1

## NHS bullying spotlight turns to Argyll and Bute

Attention has moved to Argyll and Bute following last year's damning report into NHS Highland's management culture.

The review, led by John Sturrock QC, focused primarily on areas outside Argyll and Bute and revealed that hundreds of health staff had experienced 'inappropriate behaviour' or bullying at the hands of managers.

The findings of the Sturrock Report prompted an apology from Scottish Health Secretary Jeane Freeman.

In response to the report, NHS Highland has launched an 'Independent Culture Review' questionnaire, aimed at NHS Highland staff past and present in Argyll and Bute.

NHS Highland has stated the review's purpose is to 'understand the extent to which bullying, harassment and inappropriate behaviour is, or has been, encountered or experienced during their employment'.

As the review was launched on February

19, NHS Highland HR director Fiona Hogg said: 'The questionnaire has been designed around the needs of Argyll and Bute, as per the suggestion in the Sturrock Report, and is open to NHS Highland colleagues, past and present, from Argyll and Bute. The findings will help NHS Highland ensure it takes



Joanna Macdonald is encouraging staff to complete the questionnaire.

the right action to encourage reporting and address the causes of bullying and inappropriate behaviour.

'The online questionnaire can be filled in from a phone, tablet or personal computer, so is accessible to everyone who wants to take part. It will be open for six weeks and we will be promoting

it through internal and external channels to ensure that as many colleagues and ex-colleagues as possible have an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

'Progressive Partnership will be collating all the information received from the questionnaire and it is anticipated the final report will be published in late April.'

Joanna Macdonald, Chief Officer of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, added: 'This is an opportunity for all NHS Highland colleagues in Argyll and Bute, both past and present, to have their say and I would encourage them to fill out the questionnaire.'

The questionnaire will stay open until Friday March 27 and can be accessed online at <https://bit.ly/2vJ6UU3>.

If you would like to complete a paper copy, you can request one by emailing [info@progressivepartnership.co.uk](mailto:info@progressivepartnership.co.uk) or calling Progressive Partnership on 0131 316 1900.

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# Ribbon is cut at new Cairndow childcare centre



The Argyll climate did not disappoint as rain and hail fell in torrents for the official opening of the region's newest family and childcare centre, The Fyne Den.

Braving the west coast weather was Aileen Campbell MSP, cabinet secretary for communities and local

government, who helped children cut the ribbon on Friday February 21.

Invited guests along with staff, parents, carers and their children, the design and construction team, funders and other supporters gathered at the purpose-built Cairndow centre to witness the ribbon

being cut by the cabinet secretary together with three pupils from Dunoon Grammar School, who had successfully won a competition for £3,000 for the project from the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI).

Over the past 10 years staff, dedicated voluntary committee members and directors of Cairndow Community Childcare, have worked with determination and belief in their own community and wider Argyll to create this new facility.

Living in an area of declining population, the group believes providing family-friendly facilities is vital for attracting new families to live and work in Argyll.

Having been based in Cairndow Village Hall since the group began in 2004, everyone is enjoying the purpose-built facility, which opened for business in



Pictured with their mum Helen, four-year-old Finn MacLeod and his one-year-old sister May attend the nursery from Lochgoilhead. 51\_a09CairndowChildcare\_OfficialOpening03



Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government Aileen Campbell MSP helps Sophie Sumsion cut the ribbon, with Breagha Nic a' Phi and Melanie Munro. 51\_a09CairndowChildcare\_OfficialOpening16

January.

Work will continue to develop the outside areas, but the official opening provided the chance to celebrate and demonstrate to the wider community what has been achieved.

#### Funded

The £2 million project has been funded in the main by the National Community Fund (formerly the Big Lottery) and the Scottish Government through the Regeneration Capital Fund Grant scheme, administered via Argyll and Bute Council, along with significant contributions from the Scottish Land Fund, Ardkinglas Estate, Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd and The Robertson Trust.

Community fundraising and individual donations along with grants from the An Suidhe wind farm trust, YPI in partnership with Dunoon Grammar School and Argyll and Bute Early Years have all helped to equip

and furnish the building.

The Fyne Den is the only facility providing all-day childcare, all year round within a 30-mile radius of its location.

Ms Campbell said: 'I was delighted to attend the opening of The Fyne Den and meet so many people who have been involved in delivering this purpose-built community childcare and family centre.'

'The Fyne Den is an excellent example of a community-led place-based approach, putting local interests and ambitions at the heart of any planning. The new centre will help to secure Cairndow's future as a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and raise families.'

Alison Hutchins, chairwoman of registered charity Cairndow Community Childcare, emphasised the importance of having readily-available childcare in any community – and also paid tribute to fellow board

member Virginia Sumsion. Alison said: 'Basically this has been Virginia's vision, her concept. Her patience and determination has taken us to where we are today.'

She added: 'I came here in 2009 and it was only because of the childcare in the village that I was able to come and work and live in this area. I've been lucky enough to have two children come through the nursery.'

The new facility includes three childcare rooms for children from three months to five years, a multi-purpose break out area, a family hub room and an adventure zone area for public use.

The adventure zone features an indoor play area constructed entirely of natural materials and includes a wooden construction inside an extensive sandpit providing endless opportunities for play for all ages. Future plans include installing outdoor equipment in a similar style.



Virginia Sumsion tries to blend into the crowd – but she was singled out for special praise by the chairwoman of the group behind the project. 51\_a09CairndowChildcare\_OfficialOpening10



Kilmartin mum Lauren Abbey plays with daughter Hazel at the new childcare centre. 51\_a09CairndowChildcare\_OfficialOpening02

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# Archive project celebrated at Here We Are open day

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Yet another example of the enterprise being shown at the head of Loch Fyne was evident, just along the road from Cairndow's new child-care centre (see facing page) as Here We Are held a special open day.

Based in the same Clachan complex as Loch Fyne Oysters and nestled next to the Tree Shop, Here We Are is a community-based enterprise which through its activities aims to 'show how a rural community, while loyal to its roots, makes its way in the modern world'. These initiatives aim to empower the community, making it self-sustaining for the future without losing vital connections to the past.

Since its beginning in 2001 Here We Are has gathered a wealth of information on local history and the people of Cairndow. Exhibitions have been staged and a permanent display is open to the public.

From Here We Are have grown enterprises Our Power – drying and selling woodchips for biomass boilers – and the Merk Hydro scheme which harnesses the significant rainfall at the head of the loch.

Most recently Here We Are has received £90,200 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to assist with archiving the vast quantity of material gathered over the years.

## Collections

The plan is to develop a website to display these collections, making them accessible to everyone, and it will involve members of the Cairndow community of all ages. Leading the project are Dot Chalmers and Fiona Campbell.

The open day on Saturday February 22 was intended to celebrate the Heritage Fund award while giving members of the public a sense of the archiving project and the wider work done by Here We Are.

Addressing an audience of

people attending the open day, Christina Noble, a major driving force behind Here We Are since its inception, said: 'Part of this is about teaching and training people for the future in cataloguing and archiving, including working with schools and history societies in Arrochar, Strachur and Inveraray.

'History is now – not just in ruined buildings but in the people. We need to record what is happening now because tomorrow it will be history. The important thing is the future, not just the past. I'm delighted that you will be able to get access to our archives when all this is complete.'

The inaugural meeting to set up Here We Are was held on January 20, 1998, and Christina concluded: 'What delights me most, though, is how the committee has remained so steadfast over 22 years and how much our capacity has grown. I could never have imagined it in the early days.'



Cairndow resident Alice Beattie and Christina Noble are delighted at the lottery award. 51\_a09HWA\_openday03



Christina Noble speaks at the event. 51\_a09HWA\_openday06



One of the display photos at Here We Are – a scene from 1990 showing Michael Pringle, Roddy MacDiarmid, Brian Cocker and Willie Findlay gathering sheep at Butterbridge. 51\_a09HWA\_openday09



Retired Cairndow shepherd Roddy MacDiarmid in discussion with Cathie Montgomery of Strachur and District History Society. 51\_a09HWA\_openday07



A healthy number of people from near and far enjoyed the Here We Are open day.

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While it is great to see the Knapdale Ward consultation has finally been announced, the arrangements do raise some questions.

With only three centralised venues, how are the views from island communities, those further afield in places such as Campbeltown and residents without transport to these consultation hubs to be gathered and fed in?

And what if you do not register prior to the event? Will your feedback still be taken into consideration?

Our understanding is that Lora White will be the key point of contact for collecting any comments or concerns outwith these arranged consultation events but some clarity is needed.

We urge you all, irrelevant of your stance, to speak up and if you are unable to attend email your views to [lora.white@nhs.net](mailto:lora.white@nhs.net). This is a decision that impacts us all.

### An open letter to Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O'Hara MP

Dear Michael and Brendan,  
I write to ask that you oppose the closure of the Knapdale Dementia Ward by Highland Health Board.

There has been no public consultation making it likely that this ill-conceived plan will be implemented.

You will no doubt be aware of the outrage this intention has generated in the Mid Argyll area, particularly in Lochgilphead where there is a long history of provision of high quality hospital mental nursing care – eroded in recent years to this single ward now under threat of closure.

I urge you, with all your strength and the authority your position in the community affords, to ensure this plan does not succeed.

Let me know if there is any way I can assist.

**Robert E Millar, by email**

### The compassion of local care

Sir,  
I have read with interest your news items regarding the closing of Knapdale Ward.

My wife died from Alzheimer's. Eight years on I am still full of admiration and respect for the Lochgilphead medical staff who cared for her in the last year.

Concerning the committee dealing with

the closure of Knapdale Ward I suspect, like most committees, they are considering it in a formal, sanitised, sterile environment. The local people need to keep pressing them on the practicality, caring and compassionate aspects of local care for such vulnerable people.

The legal documents ie Guardianships as against Power of Attorney, needed by close family, should also be discussed and if it is still available by Legal Aid. Not all solicitors might make this clear. If out-of-area care is being put forward by this committee then families certainly need to know the legal side also.

**Tom Cullen, Ardfern**

### League of distractors

Sir,  
The landslip at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful in January was yet another example of the lack of fairness and respect shown by the government in Edinburgh to communities.

Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said there should be 'no more prevarication and faffing about, no more talking about processes and procedures, no more delay' by the Scottish Government. I imagine that the vast majority of us agree entirely with Ms Morton. But is it realistic?

The dictionary defines faffing about as 'spending time in ineffectual activity'. It may be that I have the February blues but I am challenged to see any great improvements in Scotland over the period of the SNP Government. Our once internationally respected education system has been slipping down league tables.

'Baby Boomers' are faced with underfunded social care. Decades on and the dueling of the A9 continues. The much-promised jobs in the Scottish environment sector have been allowed to go to foreign companies. The partly nationalised ferry services have failed to match demand.

If things are as disappointing as I suggest, how are the SNP still in office after 13 years? The answer - 'distraction'. Independence is the issue which the SNP uses to distract from their poor performance in government. Even during the recent Westminster Elections the SNP switched its focus from Brexit to Independence. To distract attention away from the recent Scottish budget the First Minister has again stated that an Independence Referendum could be held in 2020.

Ms Sturgeon has joined the top league of distractors. For Trump it is a wall; Boris's choice a bridge between Ireland and Scotland; Nicola's distraction a referendum.

**Finlay Craig, Cove**

### We all need to take responsibility

Sir,  
The death of Caroline Flack is of course a tragedy and the media has to take a measure of responsibility for this through their hounding of this poor woman. The same media who hypocritically now shred crocodile tears at her untimely death.

However, before we are quick to judge others,

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little is talked about the shared responsibility many of us have in her death. It is the elephant in the room and simply not highlighted as we don't want to face up to our potential complicity.

Putting it simply, if there was not a market for this salacious nonsense it would not exist. As a society we must take a long hard look as to who is feeding this machine – us. We are complicit, with many responding on social media to continue to feed this frenzy.

Sections of the press vilify and attack individuals, feeding off a voracious public hunger for sordid stories. If no one bought papers highlighting this, or viewed online content containing this it would not exist. We individually have the ability to put a stop to this bile.

So, if we are to be brutally honest with ourselves, those who indulge in feeding the media machine by viewing certain articles or who respond on social media all share a responsibility. It is maybe time we took a long hard look in the mirror as a society and faced this harsh reality.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh

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## YOUR PICTURES



While Storm Dennis was threatening, regular photograph contributor Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye made the most of the blue skies before its arrival.

During a walk at Port Ann on Sunday February 16 she captured this landscape.

Cheryl said: 'Storm? What storm? The brilliant blue sky eclipsed as a sea eagle glided overhead as we followed deer tracks down to the quay. Couldn't have asked for better.'

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# Access to free sanitary products in Argyll



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Speaking ahead of the stage one debate on the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill, Communities Secretary Aileen Campbell said: 'Being able to access period products is fundamental to equality and dignity, and Scotland is leading the world in delivering this. Due to our action and investment over half a million people have access to free period products for the first time ever in education and community settings across the country.'

'We will continue our world-leading action promoting wider period dignity through a certification scheme to encourage organisations to provide free

products. And we will continue to work towards removing the stigma surrounding periods through the current #TalkPeriods campaign. In addition, in partnership with Hey Girls, we are already developing a Locator App that helps people access free products.'

'We will also introduce regulations placing a duty on local authorities to make period products available in schools, locking in current good practice from the next school year in August.'

Recognising that this needs to be done in a way that protects people's dignity, avoiding embarrassment and stigma, Argyll and Bute Council wants to be at the forefront of removing the stigma associated with periods, and with normalising the conversation around menstruation. Excellent work is already underway in schools

to ensure that young people are comfortable talking about it, and products are available in schools for people to use.

Tampons and sanitary pads are now freely available for collection from a range of locations across Argyll and Bute. Reusable menstrual cups and pads are also available on request and can be posted to home addresses or collected from a main council office by arrangement.

Anyone who menstruates can access products. They will be available in male, female and disabled toilets, and stock may be located in either a box, a drawer, or in a drawstring bag. They may also be available through a free-to-use vending machine.

Products are available from Council Customer Service Points, and from Live Argyll's leisure centres, libraries and community centres, as well as from the Corran Halls

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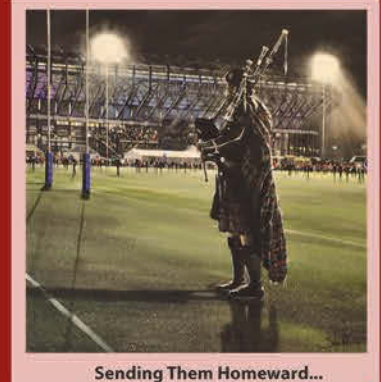


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# Pods provide short-term airport housing solution

by Fiona Scott  
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Plans for temporary staff accommodation to be situated at an island airport have been approved by council chiefs.

Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd has been given the go-ahead by Argyll and Bute Council to build two pods at Islay Airport.

A handling report by a council planning officer said the proposed pods were not sustainable on a permanent basis, but that permission for them to be used temporarily should be granted.

The planning officer said: 'The proposed housing pods, each with a floorspace of 21 square metres, containing a 2m-square bedroom, are not deemed to be sustainable as a permanent housing solution, and would therefore not be encouraged under policy.'

'Similarly, the proposal does



Islay Airport.

not match any of the defined criteria and a case requires to be made for exceptions under policy.

'The island has a housing shortage as identified in the most recent Housing Need and Demand Assessment and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, with there

being 12 cases of extreme need in Bowmore, Bridgend and Port Ellen.

'This proposal may not address this issue. However, without solutions to the housing demands of workers around Machrie and the airport, any new build on the island is likely to be seen as a

solution for workers' housing by businesses, with a 'nil sum' outcome for those on waiting lists.

'The potential new development sites identified in the Islay Strategic Housing Overview are proposals at this stage and cannot be given weight as medium-term solu-

tions within this planning context.

'Proposed developments at Bruichladdich and Port Charlotte are designed to include affordable house for the existing assessed needs, and not for accommodation related to the airport or golf course.

'Temporary accommodation within the area would lend itself as a solution for itinerant workers' accommodations, allowing permanent housing projects to address the continued shortfall for permanent/indigenous residents and workers, and therefore consideration will be given to this proposal as a temporary solution.

'The proposal will assist in the immediate short-term delivery of housing for itinerant workers at the airport.

'Sufficient evidence has been submitted to support the concerns of the airport and their difficulty in recruiting staff who are not already resident on the island.'

The report added that the accommodation pods were a flat-roofed rectangle, with all windows and doors facing away from the road and the car park.

## Go wheelie slow in Strachur

An initiative to encourage drivers on the A815 to stick to the speed limit has been launched by Strachur Community Council in partnership with Police Scotland.

The scheme sees residents, whose homes sit directly on the stretch of A815 roadway, being issued with 40mph signs that they can stick on their wheelie bins. The action is being taken to reduce speeding and to remind motorists, particularly on bin

collection day of the speed limit in Strachur.

Strachur Community Council is delighted to be the first area in Argyll to promote such a scheme and have paid for the stickers that will be attached to the bins. The idea is not to leave bins out for any longer than normal on collection day, but to give a regular reminder of the speed limits along the 40mph stretch of road. When the bins are put out, motorists will see a con-

stant reminder that 40mph is the limit and it will hopefully educate them each time they drive through Strachur.

Iain Wilkie, secretary of Strachur Community Council, said: 'Residents living beside the A815 or using the pavement have complained repeatedly to the community council about the speed of the traffic and all have been very supportive of this initiative.'

PC Laura Evans, Response Officer from Dunoon Police Station, has been working on the project with Strachur Community Council and said it would assist in tackling speeding in rural communities. 'Crucially it is hoped that this will assist in a reduction in speeding through Strachur by modifying driver behaviour. This initiative has been used in other parts of the country with excellent results,' she said.

PC Evans confirmed that enforcement remained a priority and that officers would continue to conduct regular patrols and be involved in specific operations to support the road safety initiative. Police said the initiative was to promote 'positive driver behaviour' which has been given a welcome by residents.



The wheelie slow initiative has been launched by Strachur Community Council.

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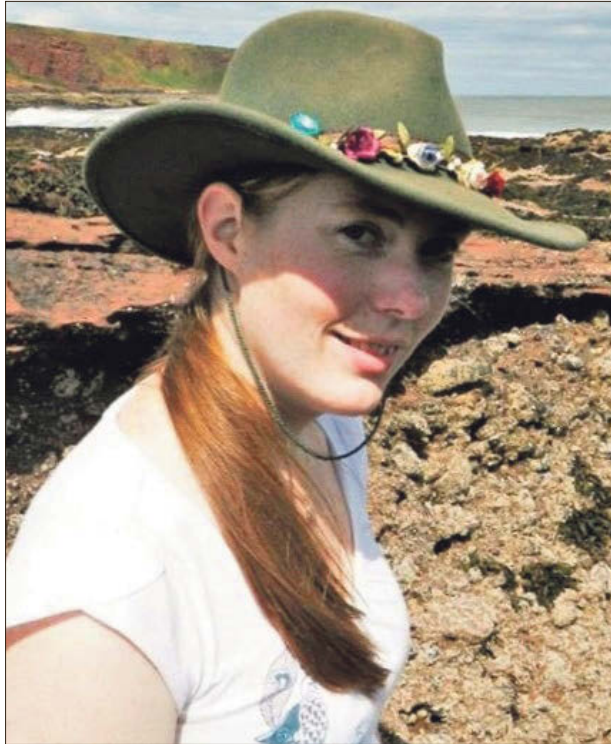
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# Making a splash at annual Porcupine conference



Those with an interest in marine biology are gearing up for an engaging weekend as the annual Porcupine Marine Natural History Society conference comes to Argyll.

Confirmed speakers for the two day event being held at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), at Dunstaffnage near Oban, include students, professional marine biologists and

The GRAB Trust beaches and marine litter project officer, Kerry Mackay, will be speaking at this year's conference.

interested amateurs who are covering an enticing variety of topics.

Everything from the latest research, conservation stories, taxonomy, and citizen science.

A flavour of the presentations that will be on offer are:

■ Education manager of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust Pippa Garrad will be speaking as the trust celebrate 25 years of marine mammal conservation on the west coast of Scotland.

■ A talk about the east coast population of bottlenose dolphins will be given by Jack Lucas from St Andrews University Marine Mammal Unit.

■ Texa Sim, a PhD student at SAMS, will present information about the behaviour of harbour porpoises around fish farms.

■ The GRAB Trust's Kerry

MacKay from the Beaches and Marine Litter Project will speak about its work across Argyll, on community engagement and education to tackle marine litter.

■ Open Seas will talk about its case study from Gairloch around seabed protection.

■ Shane Wasik from Basking Shark Scotland will be talking



about its work studying feeding patterns and movements of basking sharks.

Other subjects being cov-

ered will highlight some of the work being carried out at SAMS by staff and students. They will present on topics ranging from studies on copepods, marine worms, kelp and the responses of different rocky shore species to climate change.

Speakers from further afield will present studies carried out in the interactions between juvenile fish and jellyfish, on limpet behaviour in Orkney, green turtles, stranding's of non-native molluscs on UK shores and a variety of other conservation related topics.

The conference will be held over March 14 and 15, with a field trip taking place on Friday March 13 to Clachan Seil. Bookings for the conference and field trip can be made on the Porcupine website: [pnmhs.co.uk/meetings/pnmhs-annual-conference](http://pnmhs.co.uk/meetings/pnmhs-annual-conference)

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# A golden year at Crinan

At the last lock of Britain's most beautiful shortcut, the Ryan family are celebrating 50 years at their beloved hotel.

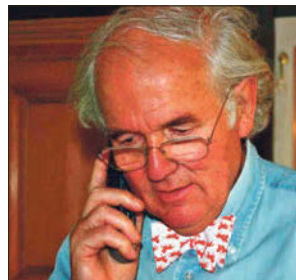
Arriving in Crinan just five days after marrying, Frances and Nick only intended to stay in Scotland for six months but quickly fell in love with Crinan. Frances' mother was from Oban and her grandmother from Tarbert, so Argyll was already a favourite place and Nick soon realised why.

For the first seven years Nick, a natural hotelier, managed all three hotels for James Scott – Stonefield Castle in Tarbert, the Cairnbaan Hotel and Crinan Hotel – before the couple jumped at the chance to buy Crinan Hotel when it came up for sale.

For 45 years Nick was 'mine host', entertaining and delighting guests, but Frances was always in the background in a supporting role. 'I was there picking up the pieces and learning how to run the hotel, doing the flowers and greeting people – it was a team thing,' said Mrs Ryan. In recent years, and following

the death of Nick in 2018, Frances took the reins, with daughter Julia and son Ross on hand to help out.

In the lead up to the celebrations Mrs Ryan wanted to take a moment to thank all who have made the family's time at Crinan memorable and successful: 'As companies



One of the greatest characters in hospitality, Nick Ryan.

which have worked with us for 50 years, special thanks have to go to Fergusons Butcher, local fishermen from Crinan and Tayvallich who have gone out in all weather to get the catch of the day, Peter Ciarella of Burgh Electrics, Baxie and Vallance at Glasgow market and Crinan Boatyard.

'And to some of the true personalities of the hotel over the years – Val Cameron, who was Nick's secretary before she took on The Square Peg, wonderful piper the late Charlie Ferguson and of course the Macleans; Maggie, Alan and Susie, Mary Gilbert, Lilah McHaffey and her sister Catherine and Lillia from Casa.

'A huge thank you also to all our friends in the area, our loyal customers and and of course all our wonderful team at the hotel.'

February 27 marked the special day and to celebrate the occasion one of Scotland's finest fiddle players will be entertaining guests on Saturday February 29.

Regular Crinan Hotel visitor Archie McAllister will be playing his fiddle in the hall during the evening so visitors will be able to hear him from the Residents' Lounge or the Seafood Bar while they have their supper.

Frances Ryan, right, with son Ross and daughter Julia.



## It has to be A2B!

For the past four years, Hamish Meryon has been delivering the goods with his A2B Courier Service, Oban, winning praise from customers along the way.

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Hamish, who learned his courier and logistic skills working for other businesses such as Oban Express, said: 'I started off with one contract

run and gradually built it up from there. It was just me when I started working out of my back porch. Now, we are down to Glasgow six days a week and we are currently doing one run a month down to England.'

While the company has grown in size, it has kept its nimbleness. If the demand is there, Hamish said that the whole business can rotate in a day.

Hamish and his team have three small parcel vans, a LWB, hi-roof Ford Transit Custom, two LWB hi-roof VW/Mercedes parcel vans

each with a 4.3m payload and the fleet's latest addition: a tail lift Luton Box-van.

A2B operates day and night from the old Tweed Mill yard on Soroba Road, where it has been based for almost a year after outgrowing its previous location at Glengallan Industrial Estate.

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# Be aware of illegal dumping in Argyll



Warnings have been issued about a growing menace that could leave owners of buildings and land with huge bills.

Argyll and Bute area Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch last week warned of an increase in cases where criminals exploit disused quarries, farm land and industrial units to illegally dispose of large quantities of waste materials – particularly baled waste.

The common method of transport for this activity is articulated lorries with curtain-sided trailers. In general the vehicles are unmarked ie with no company markings.

Mark Armstrong Neighbourhood Watch community support officer for north west Scotland said: 'Individuals have been known to approach farmers and landowners to "broker" a deal by offering cash in exchange

for storing the material which is then abandoned, leaving the landowner liable for expensive clear-up and disposal costs.

'Our partners at the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) need your help to target a crime that is blighting communities across the country.

'Working together we can gather information, detect offenders and ensure successful prosecutions of the individuals involved.'

The official advice is to report any of the following to SEPA's pollution hotline 0800 80 70 60, (24 hours a day, 7 days a week):

- Increased lorry traffic into disused quarries, farms and industrial units

- Curtain-sided trailers on countryside roads that appear

to be overfilled and bulging

- Increased activity at unusual hours at these location types

- New gates, locks, CCTV or signage on quarries and industrial units

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# Genetic control of lethal biting insects

...and could it be used against the midge?

Know which animal kills the most humans annually? Snakes? Dogs? Crocodiles? Hippopotamuses? Humans themselves?

No, none of the above – it's mosquitoes.

Of course, hardly anyone dies from a straightforward mosquito bite; it's the microbes that mosquitoes transmit that can be lethal. Most deadly among them is the malaria parasite, killing around 500,000 a year. But dengue fever, Zika and various other mosquito-borne diseases bring the annual human death toll to approximately 750,000.

With no vaccines available to prevent these infections, and the malaria parasite's propensity to develop drug resistance, scientists are now waging war against mosquitoes at the genetic level using various strains of an insect-infecting bacteria called Wolbachia.

These bacteria live inside insect cells. Some infections decrease the insects' repro-

duction rate while others reduce their ability to carry human-targeted parasites.

When Wolbachia-infected male mosquitoes are released and mate with uninfected, wild females, no viable eggs are produced – a process known as 'population suppression'. Alternatively, when Wolbachia-infected males and females are released to mate with, and infect, wild mosquitoes, this reduces their ability to transmit human parasites. This is called 'population replacement'.

Several field trials are underway to test these approaches in reducing biting mosquitoes, with a recently-reported study targeting the Asian tiger mosquito. This human virus-carrying species has spread from Asia to all continents excluding Antarctica in the past 40 years. Working in highly-infested residential areas in Guangzhou Province, China, and combining population suppression with population replacement, scientists let

loose Wolbachia-infected male mosquitoes as well as males and females infected with another strain of Wolbachia that blocks virus transmission. After releasing over 160,000 of the insects per hectare per site weekly, scientists reported a 94 per cent drop in viable eggs and an estimated drop in rates of human bites of 97 per cent when compared to control areas. Impressive, but many unknowns remain, such as how sustainable is it? Can it be scaled up? How expensive is it?

My additional thought is: could this approach reduce midge numbers in Argyll?

But then midges are part of the food-chain for much of our abundant wildlife, so maybe better to leave well alone.

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The tiger mosquito.

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# S'DRAMAsh in the spotlight

Travelling to Campbeltown to participate in the 71st Kintyre and District Scottish Community Drama Association One Act Play Festival, nine budding actors from Lochgilphead based drama club, S'DRAMAsh, readied themselves for their moment in the spotlight at the Victoria Halls.

The team, aged from nine

to 15 years old, performed *Bye Baby Bunting*, a play by Mark Green. Based on a true story, it tells of children who, working in a coal mine in 1837, are trapped by tunnel collapses. The play has a lot of humour, despite the tragic situation, but unfortunately the children don't make it out alive.

The youngsters did a sterling

job and adjudicator Dr Paul Dougal commented on the pictures they created on stage and how they were believable in their interactions with each other. He also congratulated the cast on their delivery of some of the fun elements of the play.

Unfortunately their performance was a little on the quiet side at times, so the group did not place and therefore won't be going on to compete in the next round in Dunoon. The group, however, are all eager to go to cheer on winners, No Refunds from Dunoon, and Carradale Drama Club who came second, when they compete in April.

S'DRAMAsh director Sue Pannell said: 'They all did a brilliant job and although they weren't placed I am extremely proud of them for working so hard in only a few weeks to pull off the production they did. The team can't wait to get started on their next project which they will decide on in the next month or so.'

Any young people interested



S'DRAMAsh ready to perform *Bye Baby Bunting*. KC\_c09sdramash03



On stage at the Victoria Halls, Campbeltown. KC\_c09sdramash04

in joining S'DRAMAsh, aged between nine and 18 years, are invited to go along to the

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# Drama festival winners take a bow at the Victoria Hall



The winning Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club troupe on stage. KC\_c09dramafest01

The Victoria Hall was filled to capacity last weekend as the wonderfully responsive audience, who had battled gales, floods, sleet and hail to be there, were rewarded with three fantastic evenings of entertainment at the 71st annual Kintyre-Argyll District Drama Festival.

Teams - young and not so young - from all corners of Argyll gave excellent performances, bursting with youthful enthusiasm, music, dancing, spectacular sets, laughter, drama and tragedy.

This was proof Argyll abounds with creative talent. The festival's adjudicator was Dr Paul Dougall, formerly vice dean in the faculty of education at the University of Strathclyde and head of department of applied arts.

He has worked at festivals across Scotland and internationally for more than 40 years. His interest in drama and dance has been ongoing since his retirement, through his research activity and the dance studio he runs in his home town of Hamilton.

The winning team was Benderloch and North Connel, with Penguin Diplomacy, a funny play set on an island in the South Atlantic, excellently presented on all levels. The two-person troupe won three awards - first place, best stage presentation and highest marks for acting.

Second place went to Campbeltown's Accent Players, with comedy Young Souls, about odd experiments in a nursing home. The team was also presented with trophies for the highest marks for production and for the best comedy performance.

Peninver Players came third

with its hilarious production of Costa Del Packet, a tale of a group of ladies whose holiday in the sun turned out to be very different to what they expected.

Benderloch and North Connel presented another wonderful comedy, Rebel Alliance, about two wedding guests. This won the 'best moment of theatre' prize.

In the youth section, first place went to The No Refunds Theatre Company from Dunoon, with a powerful production of Chatroom by Enda Walsh. Difficult issues, such as online bullying, were tackled in an imaginative way.



Carradale Youth Drama Club also addressed difficult themes, sometimes through comedy, sometimes through drama, in their play Mountain High, by Dave Buchanan. This won them this year's new trophy, the Hilda McSparran Memorial Cup, for the most entertaining play.

Dalintober Drama Club's play, An Inspector Calls, was a joyous production, filled with songs and spectacular dance routines. The young cast members were praised for their excellent work.

S'DRAMash, a new junior team from Lochgilphead, presented a poignant play, Bye Baby Bunting, about children working in a coal mine in the 1830s. The production was

highly commended, particularly for the groupings and beautiful pictures created.

This year, four teams go through to the next round - two youth and two senior teams.

Benderloch and North Connel and Accent Players will appear in the Beacon Theatre, Greenock, from March 26 to 28, and No Refunds Theatre Company and Carradale Youth Drama Club will perform in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, on April 18.

Prizewinners: First place, winning the Rex Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnemore. Second place, winning the Charteris Rose Bowl: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Third place, winning the Dunaverty Trophy: Peninver Players, Costa Del Packet by Anthony Booth. Youth winners, winning the Galbraith Cup: The No Refunds Theatre Company, Chatroom by Enda Walsh. Best production, winning the Enniskillen Quach: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Best stage presentation, winning the Campbeltown Drama Club Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnemore. Best moment of theatre, winning the Visitors' Quach: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, The Rebel Alliance by John Finnemore. Best comedy performance, winning the John Bryce Salver: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Team gaining the highest marks for acting, winning the Jenny Black Memorial Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnemore. Most entertaining play, winning the Hilda McSparran Memorial Trophy: Carradale Youth Drama Club, Mountain High by Dave Buchanan.



Carradale Youth Drama Club, winners of the trophy for most entertaining play.

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'Three red dots in line - photography for beginners'. 51\_a09Fulmar02\_Camera

In view of the forecast and of what we could see ahead of us we decided to tie down two reefs. We got the tack and clew lashed down and had started on the reef points when we began to doubt the wisdom of proceeding. The wind was fresh and getting stronger every minute and the sea was increasing similarly – to go on would mean getting a proper hammering and the prospect of a north-east gale would mean our intended anchorage in Tobermory would probably be most uncomfortable ('most uncomfortable', we were to learn later, was a masterly understatement).

The decision of whether to turn back or not was left to the Skipper for as usual, on these occasions, the Pilot steadfastly refused to offer any opinion, but he did agree that the Skipper was right when he decided on the former course. Round we came, the jib was broken out, and we scampered back to Loch Aline. At the narrows the jib was furled and under engine only we ran up to Kinlochaline and let go off the boat-house at ten past five. The Mate, Tanky, and Tar, down below and unaware of our change of plan were quite bewildered when they heard the chain run out and the first named came on deck to find out where we had got to.

The Saguenay had preceded us to this anchorage and the Lindisfarne came up a little later and Guy said that Kyle Bay, in the rapidly rising gale, was getting almost untenable. In Kinlochaline we were very comfortable though, even here there was quite a loup on the water and we were sheering about a good deal in the squalls. It was raining very heavily but the Bosun took the Major ashore, but still without any concrete results.

At six we had a cup of tea with cake and biscuits and by the time this was finished it was blowing a full gale. The weather forecast was bad and our only consolation was that it was ever so much worse for the South.

#### Record low

In the Channel the barometer had reached a record low level for July and force 9 and 10 winds were commonly reported all over England and Wales. With us the glass had turned and was .02 up since mid-day. Then with the exceptions of the Bosun, who was in the dog-house, and the Tar, who played patience, we spent the next hour or so dozing in the cabin.

At half past eight we had a supper of scrambled eggs and meat roll for those that wanted it, then we put up the tents and down the angel and veered a further five fathoms

of chain, making it twenty out in three fathoms of water.

We could see out in the Sound of Mull that a huge sea was running and down by the narrows the top of the water was being swept off in spindrift.

The squalls where we were were very fierce but, there being no sea, we were lying quite comfortably and never once put a pull on the anchor though we did suffer rather badly from bobstayitis.

Two motor boats came up for shelter. One, Ormidale, anchored off the west shore opposite us, but the other (unknown) let go out in the middle of the loch and kept steaming to her anchor for as long as we could see her.

It was a wild night and at eleven o'clock to cheer himself up the Bosun made coffee for himself and the Pilot and half a cupful for the Tanky. While they were having it the rest of us started to turn in.

That gale was news and in our sheltered corner we had no idea how bad it was. Even in Crinan warps were carried away and yachts set adrift in the basin. All round the coast were reports of vessels in distress; one, a steamer in the Channel, being rolled right over.

**Next week:**  
**Part seven: High seas and low provisions**



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# Spring Weddings 2020

A spring wedding what could be nicer – after all the dark, drab days of winter to arrive at a church or venue with the grounds full of bulbs in bloom and trees in bud.

To see everyone in their bright wedding outfits and smart kilts, the bridal flowers and the rooms all decorated for the occasion.

We send our best wishes to all of you tying the knot at weddings and ceremonies this springtime. We hope you and your guests have a wonderful day and here are a few ideas and inspiration for those who will follow you, who are now planning their big day.



## Now is the time to get started

Argyll and Bute and Lochaber are such popular places to get married that it is important to start planning early.

If you want a spring wedding you need to be booking 12 months in advance – so start looking now.

Churches and venues, especially the popular ones, are starting to fill up with bookings, not just for the ceremonies themselves but for receptions and parties as well.

If your wedding is going to be planned around work or school holidays it is important that you act fast – especially if guests are coming from away and need to book accommodation. There will also be tourists on holiday as well and you want to make sure you get your first choice.

It is also wise to get your bookings sorted out as soon as possible for photographers, for stills and video, hair and beauty and cars. Make

sure you book your florist now as well.

Parking can be a problem, so it often makes sense to hire a minibus or coach, depending on the number of guests you have because space can be very limited around some village churches.

It is also a good time to start working on your draft guest list.

It is never too soon to start looking for your wedding dress.

Once you are sure you have the vital framework of your special day in place you can start to relax – slightly – and get down to the fun of choosing your invitations, theme, colours, menu the all important cake (traditional, chocolate, cupcakes or all three).

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WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL

## Moving melodies by Meadows Orchestra

The sound of classical music drifted from Lochgilphead Parish Church as Mid Argyll Arts Association hosted the Meadows Orchestra Wind Band.

At the concert held on February 22 the evening started with Dvorak's Serenade for Winds in D Minor, Op. 44, which is partly a tribute to Mozart's Harmoniemusik and was written in only two weeks.

The beginning was strong and grandiose and the Mozart influences could be heard from the onset. In the second movement the orchestra had a fun little game of pass the parcel with a descending sixteenth note phrase moving onto a whirling oompa coming through evoking the Czech folk music.

For the the third movement the audience was given a swelling spiritual andante con moto, which was fitting while sitting in a church with beautiful solos from the upper winds. In the finale,

the group attacked the grand movement with ferocity which pulled the audience up by the boot straps compared to the lyrical movement prior. The enjoyment could clearly be seen in the players.

Following an interval of tea and coffee, the orchestra grew to 13 players for Mozart's Serenade in B flat Major, K361 - Gran Partita. Before things got started, the audience was given a small history lesson on why the band had grown in size and about some of the instruments including the basset horn.

The start was delicate with a fresh but very typical Mozart sound. The menuetto was light with the upper winds almost dancing along. The adagio in the third movement was lead by a tremendous oboe solo accompanied by a pulsing bass line, that not even the hailstones on the roof could detract from.

The contrast of the grander romance to the tranquil yet operatic fifth movement was



Meadows Orchestra Wind Band performed at Lochgilphead Parish Church.

a pleasant change of scenery through to the last two movements which both had finale like qualities; one a theme and variation and the other a 'Turkish' style rondo and,

in true Mozart style, the end was clean, firm and splendid.

Overall the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance and as they bustled out of the church

into the cold night they were still murmuring about their favourites parts.

Mid Argyll Arts Association's next concert will be held on Saturday

March 21, when Ugly Bug Trio return to Argyll to perform 1920s' and 30s' stomps, blues and rags at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

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# Keep that MOJO burning - Ardfunk

Now the dust has settled on the MOJO stage, the Argyllshire Advertiser takes a look at what the talented Argyll musicians are up to following their rockin' performances.

The last of our follow-ups with the MOJO 2019 lineup turns the spotlight on the cool, lively legends that are Ardfunk.

Hailing from Ardfern, organisers of MOJO were beyond delighted to have the new eight-piece group in the festival line-up, giving them the opportunity to get their fellow villagers, and everybody else, buzzing. They certainly did not disappoint with a memorable stage presence that had everyone on their feet from the outset.

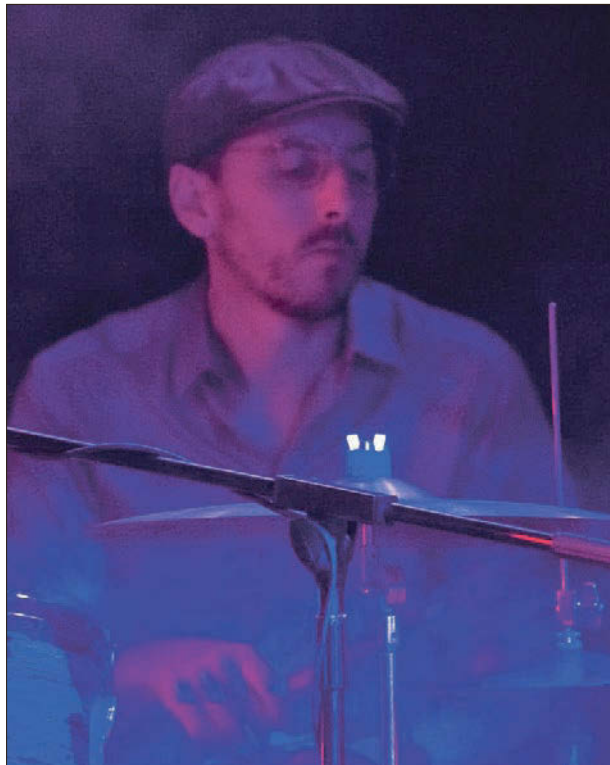
Formed in 2018, Ardfunk encapture plenty of soul, jazz and RnB fusions of funk and reggae with choice covers but more recently have been hard

at work creating their own material, which has taken off big style.

Making up Ardfunk there is Nicky Coventry and Angie Bird both on lead and backing vocals; Elaine Purdy on backing vocals; Abi Gregory jamming on the saxophone; Ruari Edmond rocking out on keyboards; bassman Nigel Frydman; Tom Fisher on drums and Robert Potter-Irwin rocking out on the guitar.

Reflecting on the band's performance MOJO organiser Dan Sloan-Griffiths said: 'Bursting out on the stage with big and bold funkiness, Ardfunk created an immediate buzz. It was such an entertaining performance with not only the individual players standing out but weaving together their talents in a delightful collaboration of sound.'

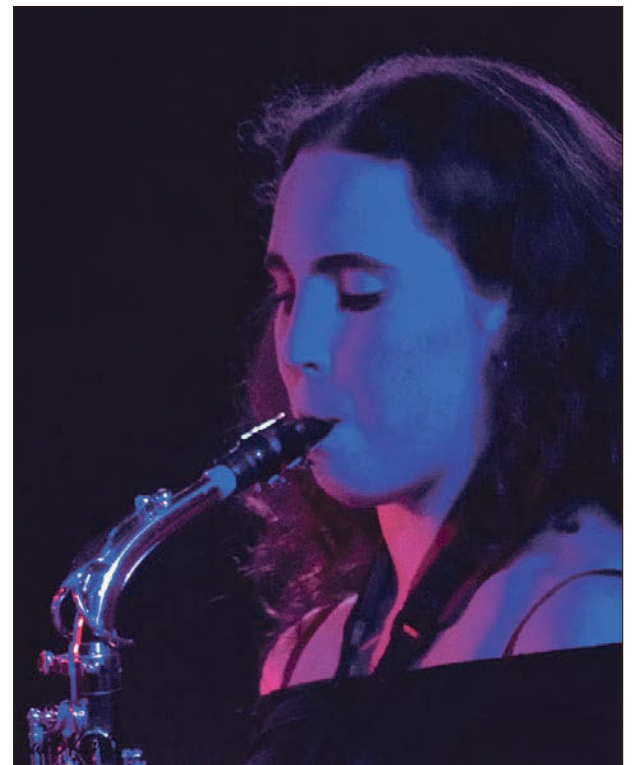
'Such a smooth set got



Ardfunk drummer Tom Fisher. Photographs: Michael Kent Photography.

everybody moving and grooving and then into this showcase, the guest appearance of the Cosmic Rapper

Robbie delivered an engaging and energetic rap overlay that really kicked in. The audience loved it.



Saxophonist Abi Gregory performing on the MOJO stage.

'We are going to be hearing a lot more from Ardfunk in the future I'm sure, with gigs and recording work so watch

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From left, Nigel Frydman, Angie Bird and Robert Potter-Irwin.

## Meet the 2019 MOJO lineup - Ardfunk



Ardfunk's bass player Nigel Frydman.

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**The burning questions for the 2019 MOJO lineup following their brilliant performances at last year's festival.**

Nigel Frydman, bass funkman of Ardfunk, answered on behalf of the band.

**1. What drives your music?**

The funk.

**2. What are the band's aims?**

To have a seriously good time entertaining people.

**3. How do you practise with so many members and who has the tour bus?**

We get together in small groups mostly and also practise a lot remotely. West Coast Motors has the bus.

**4. What has been the best moment so far in doing your own music?**

MOJO is the best.

**5. How do you wind down after a gig?**

We PARTY!

**6. Who are your main influences?**

Marva Whitney, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Toots and the Maytaks amongst many others.

**7. What advice would you give to original music players in Argyll?**

Go for it. Make a start.

**8. What's next?**

Continue writing and we would love to get into the studio to record our songs.

We have a few gigs coming up for friends' parties and we have a funky night in the summer to be announced.

We are also doing a support slot in the Craignish Village Hall for Samson Sounds, a well-known dance band from Glasgow.

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# Kate's cup of creativitea

by Rachel Carruthers  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A new monthly creative session is to be launched, offering downtime and a space to learn new craft skills.

Creativitea Saturdays is the brainchild of textile artist Kate MacDonald: 'I wanted to get started with some creativity coaching and was brainstorming some ideas. For all my other workshops I bake and we enjoy cake while getting crafty, so that is how Creativitea came about.'

Brought up by parents working in the theatre, Kate's first play pen was a costume skip so it was no surprise she developed a love of fabric and textiles.

Kate, who is a carer for both her parents and husband, previously worked under the name Calico Kay Originals before rebranding as Needlesmiths.

'Everything in my life was involving needles at that time. Needles for my husband's dialysis, needles for sewing, for embroidery - it was all about

needles, so it seemed fitting,' explained Kate.

As a carer, Kate knows all too well the importance of a break and time for oneself, which is what encouraged her to launch this all-inclusive workshop.

'From a personal perspective I know how important it is to do stuff that is not the day-to-day grind.

'I absolutely love textiles and upcycling - I'm a fabric head, not a petrol head.

'I have hoards of fabrics so these workshops will help reduce my stash while transforming something old into something new. It is about other people making stuff and realising how creative thinking and making can help make you feel better and reduce anxiety.

'It is hugely rewarding and a fantastic opportunity to make new friends.

'I want people to go away feeling like they have achieved something.

'It's not a learning workshop, like many of my others, it is about doing something,

having fun, creating and relaxing. It will be sort of guided but not at all at the same time. There is no right or wrong, it is about downtime for people.'

The first of the Creativitea Saturdays will take place tomorrow (February 29) at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre Argyll, Lochgilphead, from 2-5pm.

All materials and tools will be provided and there is no set cost, instead it is suggested people pay what they can afford or think the afternoon is worth.

Kate MacDonald's new creativitea sessions will start this weekend.



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And if selfish is too strong a word, how about the idea of putting more emphasis on your own wants and needs.

Retirement today offers a world of choice – and that also includes the choice not to retire, or to work part-time; today you can decide when you want to move into this phase of life.

You might want to learn something new – for the sheer joy of studying a subject that has always fascinated you.

Or you might be in a position where the knowledge you have gained is much-needed and invaluable to others setting out in your career. Are your skills transferable and other people in different walks of life could benefit?

Perhaps you want to pursue your favourite sport – now is the time to perfect that golf swing; go walking long distance paths or trekking or longer sailing expeditions beckon. Now is the time to do it because now you have the time to do it!

After a lifetime of working to pay off your mortgage you might want to stay home and enjoy your house – after all, we do

live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world. Is it time to downsize, renovate or extend?

Are there hobbies that you have had to neglect because you have been working, now calling for you to take them up again?

You are also in a perfect position to lend a hand and volunteer – so many different organisations need your help, so may be your retirement won't be all about 'self' after all.

## Life changing

Retirement is one of those major points in our lives, just like starting work, changing jobs, marriage, moving house and the birth of our children.

And at times like these – or preparing for them – it is good to stop and take stock, reorganise or re-group.

Would you benefit from a good tidy out, Marie Kondo-style – lots of charity shops would welcome the extra stock!

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Joan Stewart from Shopper-Aide said: 'Through my experiences I have found out that through volunteering, you get back a lot more than you give.' She added that 'by harnessing the skills and generosity of members of our local community we are providing those in need with help and hope'.

We have volunteering opportunities for social care experience; community work; IT skills, team work and delivery drivers.

Our volunteers assist Kintyre's older people (over 60s) to remain independent in their own homes and feel more connected within the local community. All our volunteers are registered with PVG.

So what do I need to do to volunteer? All you need to do is to call us here at Shopper-Aide for a chat and we will do the rest. Giving somebody who lives alone an hour of your time is making our community a better place and helping to improve the lives of others.

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# Mind Your Head and help tackle mental health

The Farm Safety Foundation has launched its third annual Mind Your Head campaign to raise the issue of mental health amongst farmers and the affect this can have on farm safety.

It is a sad fact that farming continues to have the poorest safety record of any occupation in the UK.

The majority of young farmers, 85 per cent believe there is a definite link between mental health and the overall safety of farms.

**'Smiling depression'**

Threats to mental health include 'smiling depression', loneliness, PTSD, rural isolation and mental health in young farmers.

Mental health is one of the biggest problems facing the industry; farming faces many

stress factors, which are placing increasing pressure on workers and putting them at greater risk of mental ill health.

These include extended amounts of time working in isolation, a blurring between work and home life, and financial uncertainty.

Brexit, changing consumer habits, and the climate crisis present further threats to the industry. The total income in the UK from farming decreased by a massive £971 million between 2017 and 2018, and 42 per cent of UK farmers would have made a loss between 2014 and 2017 without direct payments from the EU.

Stephanie Berkeley, manager of the Farm Safety Foundation, said: 'It is

encouraging to see more discussions about mental health, more awareness of the various mental health conditions and more emphasis on the support available to the farming community, however, more still needs to be done.

'Let's be clear, this isn't someone else's responsibility, this is on our watch and, in these challenging times, it's down to each and every one of us to look out for our friends, colleagues, neighbours and ourselves.'

Visit the Farm Safety Foundation's website [www.yellowwellies.org](http://www.yellowwellies.org) and social media channels, where stories, advice and services can be accessed and a film highlighting these issues can be seen on YouTube.

**Will Brexit result in big changes to trade and farm support?**



Kev Bevan has been responsible for collating data from all sectors and forwarding to Scottish Government on annual basis. This meeting will be an opportunity to debate trends and examine how Scottish Agriculture will be affected post 2020.




Monday 2nd March 2020 Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown from 7.30pm  
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The second funding round is now open for applications until the 30th April 2020.

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The Order, which is required to facilitate duct installation on the footpath will be in operation from 00:01 hours on 1st March to 00:01 hours on 2nd March 2020, and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers  
Transport Scotland, Buchanan House,  
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**Energiekontor UK Ltd  
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that Energiekontor UK Ltd, Sovereign House, 212-224 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8HQ has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm within Argyll and Bute, approximately 1.6km east of Tayinloan (Central Grid Reference NR 751474). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be up to 95.2 MW comprising 17 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 180 metres. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been produced.

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

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

Location	Opening Hours	Address
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The EIA report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at [www.energiekontor.co.uk](http://www.energiekontor.co.uk) or at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from Energiekontor UK Ltd telephone: 0141 354 6544 at a charge of £600 hard copy and £15 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

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

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

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Those taking part will be put in touch with Ryedale Auctioneers where they can decide if they want to go ahead and auction their finds, making a bit of cash.

If you would like to take part in the series email [takepart@clearout.tv](mailto:takepart@clearout.tv) or call 0141 300 3214.

**GIGHA**

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has appointed Collective Architecture to work with islanders to take forward plans for a new housing and hub development.

The new housing will be specifically designed to help older residents stay on the island and younger people be able to rent their first home. The chosen site at Ardmish is close to all island services and by combining housing for young and old people around a central hub, this development aims

**DUNOON**



Shonna Derrett, left, and Mary Galloway, right, present the cheque to Cowal Elderly Befrienders.

No strangers to challenging themselves or fundraising for charity, Mary Galloway and Shonna Derrett pushed the boundaries again by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in January. This time the proceeds of their efforts are going to Cowal

Elderly Befrienders, who never gave up in their endeavours to coax Mary's mum and Shonna's Aunty Betty to join them each week, and Alzheimer's Research, which both relatives sadly suffered from in their last few years.

Cowal Elderly Befrienders received a cheque for £2,330 and Alzheimer's Research £1,120. The ladies thank everyone who sponsored them, especially Noremac Argyll and C & J Shellfish.

to help foster a spirit of intergenerational living. Collective Architecture will

also be looking at plans for the restoration of the renowned Achamore Gardens. The

architects will initially look at improvements to car parking and access around the gardens.

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

At last the storms are abating and we can walk upright again.

Some would say we need the storms, the turbulent times in our lives, to appreciate the calm days.

Once again, the Christian calendar turns to the time of Lent when Christians prepare themselves for Easter and everything it involves.

During Lent, we think of Jesus struggling with his own demons in the desert of life, in the difficult times when he is aware of what the future holds for him – and for what he holds for the future.

He will struggle in the desert of doubt and despair; he will be tried and tested till he thinks he will lose his sanity; he will fall to his knees in prayer – and that is when he will know that God is with him.

Jesus will spend time in the wilderness of life, both the literal wilderness and the spiritual wilderness, and he will come through that desert renewed and soaring on the wings of eagles.

He will be broken, but not beaten; cast down, but not cast out; tested but not thwarted.

Jesus will come through the darkness of that desert into the life-giving light of God. He will see through the sandstorms, past the mirage of doubt and ahead of him, he will see the narrow road, the less travelled road – and that is the road he will choose.


His call has always been: 'Come, follow me.'

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It is Lent – decision time – what will you decide?

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**RENNIE**  
Graham and Maggie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lewis Max, on February 19, 2020, in the Hague, Holland. A wee brother for Isla. Second grandchild for John and Christine and seventh for Gerald and Arja, Holland.

DEATHS

**BLACK** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on February 19, 2020, Flora Blair (Flo), in her 92nd year, 49 Main Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Daniel Black, much loved sister of Marie and Esther and the late Dugald, Alex, Margaret, Cathie, Archie, Bill and Jenny, and a loving aunt and great aunt.

IN MEMORIAM

**BROWN** - Janet Nicolson MacLean, passed away February 28, 2011. Mum's room is empty, she's moved away, She departed this life and has gone to stay, There is no struggle, but with great ease, She closed her eyes and took her leave.  
- The Brown family, home and away.  
In my rose garden of memories, I see you standing there, An angel in disguise, Who taught me how to care Miss you, Granny.  
- From the grandchildren, home and away.

**CURTIS** - Brian, born August 7, 1943 and died February 29, 2016. Much loved and sadly missed.  
- Mary Ann and family, home and away.

**DOCHERTY** - In loving memory of my son, John Anthony Docherty, who died February 26, 2018. Of all the special gifts in life, However great or small, To have you as my son, Was the greatest gift of all.

A special time,  
A special face,  
A special son,  
I cannot replace.  
With an aching heart,  
I whisper low,  
I miss you son,  
And I love you so.  
You will never walk alone.  
- Love, your heartbroken Mum xxx.

**MACVICAR** - Christina (MacInnes), died March 1, 2007. Forever loved.  
- Johnnie.  
Missed every day.  
- Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael.

**DOCHERTY** - In loving memory of my brother, John Anthony Docherty, who died February 26, 2018.

You always made my troubles feel so small,  
And you were always there to catch me when I'd fall.  
In a world where heroes come and go,  
Well God just took the only one I know.  
- Love you wee sis KD xxx.

**DOCHERTY** - In loving memory of our cousin, John Anthony Docherty, who died February 26, 2018.

"I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still remains."  
Good night John Bhoj.  
- Love, Paula and Aiden William x.

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of Christopher Beaton MacDonald (Chris), slept away on March 4, 2013, a devoted and loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always.  
- Eva, Christine and Christopher.

**MACKINLAY** - In loving memory of Alex (Snr), loving partner of Nan, much loved father and papa, who died February 24, 2015. Always remembered. Sadly missed.  
- Love from all the family.

**MACNICOL** - In memory of Campbell, who died February 14, 1972. A loving thought, a silent tear,  
A constant wish that you were here.  
- Hamish.

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- Johnnie.  
Missed every day.  
- Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael.

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**LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
**Sunday 1st March**  
11.15 am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan  
**Monday 2nd March**  
Guild 2.00pm  
New Hall  
**Tuesday 3rd March**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am  
New Hall  
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 4th March**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm  
**Friday 5th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**



SC002493  
**Sunday 1st March**  
The service will be conducted by Rev Chris Fulcher and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
**Friday 6th March**  
World Day of Prayer  
Kirk Street Hall 7.00pm  
All welcome

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7.00 - 9.00pm  
**Sunday 1st March**  
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Pastor Steve Davies  
All welcome  
Joint Evening Service 6.30pm  
Held at the Free Church  
Speaker Steve Davies  
**Wednesday 4th March**  
Bible Study 7.30pm  
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Pastor Steve Davies  
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www.springbankchurch.org.uk  
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(except 1st Saturday of the month)  
**Sundays, Holy Mass 10.00am**  
All welcome  
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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  
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**CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH**



George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Duncan Peters  
11.15am Sunday School  
6.30pm Joint Service  
Preacher: Pastor Steve Davies  
**Monday 2nd March**  
4.00pm Road to Recovery  
**Wednesday 4th March**  
12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe  
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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**



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11.30am Morning Worship  
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7.00pm Alpha Week 4 Meal and video  
**Saturday 29th February**  
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10.30am - 12.30pm  
Café Connect  
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Mr J Malcolm  
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# Young Dookers' delight as sponsors donate new kit



P1 to P3 with coach Denis McGarry and sponsor Linda McRae. 51\_a09Tarbertkidsstrips02\_p1\_3

Tarbert's young footballers are looking resplendent in new kit kindly donated by sponsors A & L McRae and C & J Shellfish.

Around 30 players from Tarbert Soccer Centre, ranging in age from P1 to S5, gathered to model their new strips along with coaches, parents and Julie Eastaugh of C & J Shellfish and Linda McRae representing A & L McRae.

Councillor Anne Horn also came along to show support for the soccer centre.

Jonathan Scott of Tarbert Soccer Centre said: 'We want to thank A & L McRae and C & J Shellfish for their sponsorship. We are grateful for all the help and support we receive from many businesses and individuals in the area.'



P3 to P5 pupils with coaches Lewis Preston and Mhairi MacDougall. 51\_a09Tarbertkidsstrips03\_p3\_5



P5 and P6 pupils with coaches Finn Scott and Jonathan Scott. 51\_a09Tarbertkidsstrips04\_p5\_6



P7 pupils with coach Tracy McNeil. 51\_a09Tarbertkidsstrips05\_p7



Alexander McLean and James Walker, representing S1 to S5, with coach Donnie Sinclair and sponsor Julie Eastaugh. 51\_a09Tarbertkidsstrips06\_S1\_5

## New venue for indoor athletics event

Mid Argyll Athletic Club is reminding boys and girls in Kintyre that the annual indoor Sports Hall Athletics competition will be held on Sunday March 1.

Previously held in the Victoria Hall, this year will be the first time the event has been held in the new Campbeltown Grammar School.

The competition, organised by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, is the last of four area events being held in Argyll this winter.

Successful athletes from the area competitions will qualify to take part in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 22.

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

the excitement of track and field athletics indoors. Mid Argyll Athletic Club spokesman Bill MacCallum said: 'This event provides an ideal opportunity for young boys and girls to try athletics for the first time.'

The Kintyre competition will start at noon on Sunday March 1, with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

There will be awards for the overall winner in each age category and medals for all competitors.

Age groups for the event are: under seven, under nine, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17. Age is taken as on September 1 2019. There is an entry fee of £2 per competitor or £5 for families of three or more competitors.



Morgan Sinclair competed in the intermediate class on Just William.

## Pony club finally trots into 2020

Argyll South Pony Club finally held its first event of 2020 on Sunday February 23.

Rain and wind every weekend since Christmas had prevented the young riders from having fun with their ponies but thanks to the generosity of Mary Broadfoot the first dressage day of the year was held in the indoor school at Stronachullin Farm at the weekend.

The event was well supported and 14 tests were judged by visiting dressage judge Mary Kingshot from Helensburgh. Tuition was provided before each test by Sheila MacCallum and parents and committee members were delighted to step back into their usual catering and organisational roles.

Argyll Riding Club members joined in with the young pony clubbers and a good time was had by everyone. All the riders were praised as their horses and ponies were in tip-top condition in spite of the recent bad weather.

The next event will be show jumping at Tarbert on the weekend of March 14 and 15. More details will be shared on the club's Facebook page.

Novice RC: 1 Gillian MacVicar, Barney; 2 Colette Benham, Blake. Novice PC: 1 Willow Ryan, Minstrel;



Willow Ryan on Tony.

2 Freya Urquhart, Joey; 3 Willow Ryan, Tony; 4 Amy Kate Anderson, Ophelia; 5 Rebecca Baillie, Fergus. Intermediate: 1 Amy Anderson, Stella; 2 Cerys Baird, Dancer; 3 Zoe Prentice, Molly; 4 Colette Benham, Blake; 5 Morgan Sinclair, Just William. Open: 1 Josephine Boase, Valerie; 2 Shelagh Oakes, Pery.

## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints 5, Stedfast 1; Greater Glasgow AFL Division 3 - Kirkfield United v Oban Saints GG, postponed; SAFL - Premier Division 1 - Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft, postponed; Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star, no games; Premier Division 2 - Strathaven v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints v Bridgewater; Greater Glasgow AFL Division Three - Kilbarchan v Oban Saints GG; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Carlton YM v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon v Busby; Parkhall v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Strathaven.

## Sports club lottery numbers

Numbers drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery on Monday February 24 were 5, 9 and 15. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £900.

Also drawn on Monday, Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers

were 1, 6 and 11. There were no winners, so next week £200 will be up for grabs. This week's Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers were 1, 7 and 15.

There were no winners so next week's prize pot will be £200.

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The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:  
**C MacDonald, Oban**  
&  
**I Campbell, Oban**

**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**

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## Limited spaces left for popular football festival

Campbeltown and District Junior Football Association (CDJFA) has limited spaces left for its annual football festival.

The event will take place on Saturday May 30 at the Meadows Millenium Playing Fields.

The Boys 2011s section is now full, with only one space left in the 2012s, 2010s and 2008s. There

are also limited spaces in the 2014, 2013 and 2009 events. In the girls competition, there are spaces in sections 2011-2009 and 2008-2006.

**Teams**

Last year, the CDJFA Football Festival welcomed 60 teams from Lochgilhead, Tarbert, Ardencaple, Oban, Helensburgh, Lochnell, Islay, Port Ellen,

Port Glasgow, Arran and Dumbarton Riverside and local teams. Organisers look forward to seeing them all back, as well as welcoming more teams.

Email [cdjfafestival@yahoo.com](mailto:cdjfafestival@yahoo.com) to book a space, for more information and to receive a welcome pack.



## Derby win for young Red Star

Oban Saints	4
Lochgilhead Red Star	6
GDYFL - Under 13s	

Travelling to Oban, Lochgilhead Red Star 2007s readied themselves for a local derby against Oban Saints on Sunday February 23.

In a match which turned out to be one of Star's toughest games of the season, the first half was a scrappy affair with both teams struggling to get a foothold in the match as midfielders battled hard for possession.

Star gradually began to impose themselves and the goals flowed with Semple scoring four and Gibson one. Oban also scored two, leaving the score at half-time Lochgilhead Red Star five, Oban Saints two.

The second half was tight. Oban pulled a goal back after the restart and dominated possession for spells. Red Star did enough to keep their noses in front as Gibson added his second of the day before Oban scored their fourth just before time up.

Final score Lochgilhead Red Star 6, Oban Saints 4 and another win for the Lochgilhead youngsters.

# Winter warm-up for Inveraray shinty team

Glasgow Mid Argyll	4
Inveraray	2
Pre-season friendly	

Inveraray Shinty Club's preparations for the new season continued last Saturday (February 22) with a friendly match in Glasgow.

Wintery showers and a chilly wind swept the venue - a 4G pitch in Bishopbriggs - as Lewis Montgomery and Lewis MacNicol scored the goals for the Loch Fyne-side outfit. GMA eventually ran out 4-2 winners.

The 2020 shinty season gets under way on Saturday March 7.



A flashback to winter shinty in the pre match warm-up.



Goalscorer Lewis MacNicol in action. Photographs: Stephen Lawson.



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