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Promise of more trees for green amid online protests

by Colin Cameron
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The fate of trees alongside Lochgilphead front green sparked lively online debate this week as improvement works continue in the town.

The £1.5 million front green project will involve the felling of a number of horse chestnut trees running alongside the A83 Poltalloch Street, but the news came as a shock to many Facebook users.

As the debate rumbled on, one tree expert suggested

a variety of trees should be considered to replace the 20-odd chestnuts. There was even talk of a 'save the trees' petition being started.

Argyll and Bute Council is overseeing the front green scheme and a council spokesperson explained: 'Trees are a vital part of the designs for the front green. A tree survey was undertaken in March 2019 to assess the health of the existing trees and the findings shared and discussed during public consultation events.'

'The survey identified a num-

ber of diseased and damaged trees at the end of their natural life cycle. Following advice from specialists, we have been planting new trees for a number of years to replace the ageing chestnut trees, which are not salt-tolerant and likely to struggle on an exposed site.'

'All the new species, including hornbeam, are more suitable for the ground conditions.'

The council spokesperson continued: 'All the healthy mature horse chestnuts will be retained as part of the final designs and protected throughout the works.'

'The overall number of trees will increase as part of the transformation. In addition to the avenue of trees along the A83, there will be new trees in the play area and to the rear of the public toilet building.'

Elsewhere on the front green, contractor Hawthorn Heights Ltd has begun drainage works after stripping away vegetation.

The project, which started at the end of May, is set to continue until January 2022.



The fate of horse chestnuts beside the front green sparked lively online debate. 51_a26FrontGreenTrees04



Rotary backs MACPool upgrade

A donation of £1,000 from Mid Argyll Rotary towards the redevelopment of Mid Argyll Community Pool was welcomed this week. Kim Ritchie of MACPool accepted the donation from David Renwick, Mid Argyll Rotary president. Turn to page three for more on this, and the latest on the project itself.

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DELIVERY THROUGHOUT ARGYLL

Community effort urged to contain Covid rise

Argyll cases increase by 142 in the space of one week

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Schools and businesses across Argyll have been forced to temporarily close as Covid cases rise in the region.

NHS Highland's Director of Public Health Dr Tim Allison described the outbreak as 'a significant situation'.

But, despite the increase in cases, Argyll and Bute has kept its Level One Covid status.

The latest Public Health Scotland figures showed that 142 cases of Covid were identified across Argyll and Bute from June 13 to June 19.

Hotspots include Oban, Helensburgh and Dunoon and, alongside a number of commercial firms, Oban's Atlantis Leisure Centre and Dunoon Grammar School have been closed for a spell amid a small number of positive test results and staff pressures due to isolation rules.

Schools around Argyll have reported isolated cases and have issued letters to parents assuring them that all precautions continue to be taken.

In sport, Oban Celtic Shinty Club suspended activity for one week as a precaution.

NHS Highland advises people in Argyll to minimise contact with others to limit further spread, and to use PCR testing to try and contain the outbreaks.

Community testing sites are available in Oban and Helensburgh by appointment



First Minister Nicola Sturgeon - Covid levels to remain unchanged.

to everyone, with or without symptoms.

To book an appointment contact NHS Inform online or by calling 0800 028 2816. Postal PCR kits are also available through NHS Inform.

Typical symptoms of Covid are a new, continuous cough; a high temperature or fever; and a loss of or change in normal taste or smell.

Other symptoms can include headache, sore muscles and joints, tiredness, sore throat, cold-like symptoms and diarrhoea and vomiting. Anyone that becomes unwell should isolate immediately and seek a PCR test.

Dr Allison said: 'This is a significant situation and we expect the case numbers to

'This is a significant situation and we expect numbers to rise further'

rise further. Please continue to follow all guidance from NHS Highland's contact tracing team.

'If you have been identified as a close contact, please self-isolate and get a PCR test.

'If you are identified as a close contact and your test is negative you must continue to isolate for 10 days as advised.'



on August 9 and Ms Sturgeon suggested home-working should be more feasible than it was before.

The government will continue to keep the need for travel restrictions under review and it is likely some targeted restrictions will still be needed after August 9.

The government is also working on plans for the return of schools, colleges and universities.

The first minister said: 'The virus is still with us. But the vaccines are protecting more of us.'

She added that all priority groups one to nine would be fully vaccinated by the end of next week and by July 18 all adults will have had their first dose. Second doses for all adults should be completed by September 12.

There could be booster jabs in the autumn and potential vaccinations for 12- to 17-year-olds.

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POLICE FILES

Vandalism to roof

At some point between Monday June 14 and Wednesday June 16 at Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead an unknown person threw a lump of granite at the roof of a house, breaking a roof tile.

Police are investigating and appeal for any witness or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Arrested

At about 9.30am on Saturday June 19, on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a 26-year-old man was stopped by police while driving his car. The man allegedly provided a positive breath test, was arrested and a blood sample later taken for analysis.

On warrant

A 52-year-old man was stopped by police on Union Street, Lochgilphead at about 10.50am on Tuesday June 8 after being identified as someone wanted on warrant by a court in England. The man was arrested in relation to the warrant and subsequently charged with resisting arrest. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vandalism and assault allegation

About 9pm on Monday June 14 in Hillfoot Terrace, Tarbert, a man was reported to police for allegedly assaulting a woman, damaging property belonging to the same party and being abusive to another male. Police attended and arrested a male aged 48. He has been charged with the offences and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Rotary cash helps boost 'on schedule' MACPool revamp

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A substantial donation is bringing the redevelopment of Mid Argyll Community Pool one step closer to completion.

Twenty-five years after playing a crucial part in fundraising for the original pool, Mid Argyll Rotary has donated £1,000.

It is part of a business sponsorship scheme which will see donor companies' contributions recognised with logos displayed in the new Activity Hub.

The rotary's insignia will adorn two of the cubicles in the new changing area.

Mid Argyll Rotary president David Renwick said: 'Mid Argyll Rotary is delighted to continue the long association with MACPool by supporting its redevelopment and wishes



Site manager Gordon Rahm - the project is really 'coming together now'. 51_a26MACPool02_site

all involved every success for the new activity hub.'

When completed the MACPool Activity Hub will offer soft play, an all-access café and multi-use rooms for hire in addition to improved

changing facilities for the pool.

The work, which started in March and is due for completion in October, is going to plan despite the challenges faced by many in the building industry.



An impression of the planned cafeteria area at Mid Argyll Community Pool.

Speaking at the cheque presentation on June 21, site manager Gordon Rahm said: 'It's great to see the concrete going in now, in fact the slabs went in today for the cafeteria so we can really see it coming together now and can start getting the walls and roof up.'

'We're on schedule and really bucking the trend in construction just now, where some companies are facing delays due to problems getting materials. We're fortunate to have very good relationships with our suppliers.'

Accepting the rotary's cheque on behalf of Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd, the organisation's chair Kim Ritchie said: 'We are so grateful to the Mid Argyll Rotary and to all of our local business sponsors for their generosity.'

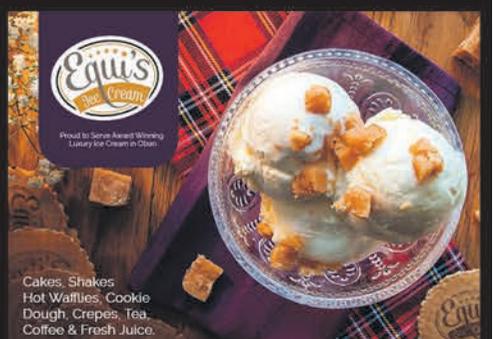
'Every contribution takes us a step nearer to our community fundraising target of £100,000 for the fit-out of our exciting new activity hub.'

The MACPool redevelopment team is still actively seeking business sponsors to support the fit-out phase of the

project and interested parties can email Kim on theredevelopment@macpool.org.uk mailbox.

The MACPool redevelopment project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Sport Scotland, The Robertson Trust, Foundation Scotland, Ventient A'Chruach Community Fund, EB Scotland, Viridor Credits, CRF Hydro, Co-op Local Community Fund and local fundraising.

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One loud voice for Argyll and Rest and be Thankful

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A workable solution to the Rest could be thrashed out inside a week, according to the founder of a business-led campaign group.

Coming from a commercial background, chairman of the Rest and be Thankful (RABT) Campaign John Gurr is frustrated at the 'elongated' approach being taken by Transport Scotland.

The campaign group, made up of Argyll members representing no fewer than 1,500 varied businesses – from haulage to farming and tourism to public transport – was formed early in 2021.

'I thought to myself that the continual disruption at the Rest must really have an



Chairman of the Rest and be Thankful Campaign, John Gurr. 51_a26JohnGurr01

January 2020. The couple and their family are familiar with Kintyre after holidaying there for many years, but Mr Gurr says he's still finding his way around the 'hidden gem' of Mid Argyll.

He was with Kingfisher Group – owner of B&Q and Screwfix – for 30 years, latterly as director for the upstream supply chain, bringing products to UK and European stores from around the globe and responsible for a £10billion annual spend.

He wants to see a different 'level of thinking' on the Rest, adding: 'It's about what could be done for an area that would encourage tourism, allow businesses to thrive and populations to grow.'

'Put in the infrastructure and people and businesses will follow; things become self-sustaining.'

'It's there for big cities.'

He continued: 'If you think about the best investment to get a return on your money,

'We think it's an emergency. We wanted them to do something before last year's landslides happened.'

from a business perspective you'd put your money where the biggest return is – and that's where you have a bigger population.

'But we're talking about a connectivity that's vital to the survival of the region, and about being cut-off.'

The RABT aims to serve as a single, loud voice for Argyll and the isles.

'I don't think we've had a voice in Argyll that has shouted loudly enough to cause a pain in the side of a transport minister or Transport Scotland,' explained Mr Gurr.

The campaign has already made its presence felt.

Mr Gurr continued: 'We've sat down with Transport Scotland but were told what was happening. They weren't really listening.'

'But I think we've changed the tone slightly and they are now saying they have to fix it.

'Transport Scotland has come up with arguments as to why it needs to go through this elongated consultation process. We think there's another way.'

'They say they want to consult with the local community, but between us and the politicians, we represent the local population.'

'So if we sat down for a week in a workshop with Transport Scotland we could cut through all of that, come up with an agreement and a solution. We could do that tomorrow, and that's what our group and the MSPs have offered the transport minister.'

'They also want to be fair to landowners. You only need to pick up a phone and do a deal rather than taking years and involving lawyers and all the rest of it.'

'Then they talk about the environmental considerations. Look at the impact they've already caused with bunds and scars on the landscape – without these environmental consultations.'

'So they can't tell me that they can't overcome this.'

In the spirit of 'one voice' a cross-party group of constituency and regional MSPs has been set up – holding its first meeting with the RABT group earlier this week – and a briefing document drawn up for MSPs.

Mr Gurr added: 'They also need to make it an emergency, because the Scottish Government then has powers to just do it.'

'We think it's an emergency. We wanted them to do something before last year's landslides happened.'

'The government has a duty of care to its people. They should be providing the means by which the economy can thrive, and they are not doing it.'

'I think we want to shout about this and make it really uncomfortable for them.'

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impact on businesses, so it grew from there,' explained Mr Gurr.

Three significant landslides closed the lifeline A83 trunk road at the Rest and be Thankful in 2020 as heavy rainfall brought down more material on to the road than during every landslide combined since 2007.

The landslide risk is getting more severe and a Transport Scotland engineer recently revealed that an estimated 100,000 tonnes of soil and rock is on the move above the road.

Many millions have been spent on landslide mitigation, yet nature continues to get the better of the Scottish Government's efforts to date.

The RABT campaign estimates that the Rest cost its haulage members an extra £2.4m between August 2020 and March 2021, with extra time to every run all adding cost.

A current Transport Scotland review estimates that a decade will pass before a new route is built, but the group wants a permanent solution by May 2024.

It also seeks a two-way, 24/7 temporary alternative route to be built in 2021.

With a more business-like approach, John Gurr believes it could be done.

Following his retirement, he and his wife Louise settled in Inverneill from Hampshire in



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Adventurer Jamie returns to Keills in Olympian bid

Endurance athlete Jamie Ramsay was going to run, cycle and sail from London's Olympic stadium to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics – then Covid happened, writes Fiona Ross.

When the games were postponed and travel restrictions imposed, Jamie remained undeterred. The Scottish Adventurer of the Year 2016 decided to swap his continent-crossing expedition for a 10,000-kilometre cycle around the UK in support of Team GB.

On May 5 Jamie was under starter's orders at London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park when double Olympian Helen Glover fired the starting gun and sent him on his way.

With his tiny tent and minimum kit on his bike Jamie set off through Wales, England and Northern Ireland and this week enjoyed a nostalgic visit to Argyll.

Speaking at the shore of Loch na Cille, Tayvallich, Jamie explained the importance of this stretch of his journey.

'My family owned Keills Farm when I was a child,' he said, 'and we spent every summer here swimming, windsurfing and waterskiing. This is where my love of the outdoors began. Keills was the inspiration for my life as an adventurer.'

Jamie has run 17,000 kilometres from Vancouver to

Buenos Aires, cycled 4,027 kilometres across Australia, climbed Aconcagua, the highest peak in the southern hemisphere, and run 430 kilometres around the Scottish islands.

In 2016 he received the Scottish Adventurer of the Year and Physical Endeavour titles at the National Adventure Awards.

With the help of his sponsor and Team GB official supplier Whole Earth Jamie hopes to drum up support for British Olympians heading to Tokyo.

He explained: 'I was so disappointed not to be able to do the journey to Tokyo, but I've absolutely loved the opportunity to see more of my own country



A light jog in the Alps for Jamie, in December 2017; Jamie enjoying a nostalgic trip back to Keills, where he grew up.



and to be back in Argyll continuing the adventure.

'Hopefully this trip will help get the whole country behind the team as they head for Tokyo.'



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Down with litter – the Cubs worked hard to clean up the Macrae Park area.

Cubs' tidy job

A Mid Argyll sports pitch is looking spick and span thanks to the efforts of a group of community-minded children.

The 19th Argyll Cubs set to work on Tuesday June 15 cleaning up Macrae Park, a spot they had noticed was in need of a bit of a tidy.

'The Cubs identified that the shinty pitch at Lochgilphead had large amounts of rubbish and they worked hard to clear it,' said Cub section leader Ben Rusden.

Ben added that the litter pick tied in nicely with the Scouts' aim of doing a good deed every day.

Using pickers and waste bags provided by the Grab Trust, the Cubs cleared the area around the pitch and, in doing so, worked towards their environment badge.

Ben added that anyone interested in getting involved in Scouting, young or old, would be welcome to join them.

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Free school milk plan for pupils

Primary school pupils in Argyll and Bute could get free milk from the start of next term.

A report before councillors has recommended that the current 10p fee for a 189ml (one third of a pint) portion of milk in primary schools should be abolished from August 2021.

This would cost the authority £21,000, but with the roll-out of free school meals in primary schools from August, officials believe that charging for milk will no longer deliver significant income.

A decision on the charge was expected to be taken by the full council at its virtual meeting on Thursday June 24.

In the report, executive director Douglas Hendry said: 'At the council's budget setting meeting in 2015, the catering and cleaning service proposed the introduction of a 10p charge per portion of milk to all pupils who paid for a school meal but who also wished to have milk with it.'

'The purpose of this charge

was to offset the higher than average purchase costs that the council paid for milk provision, with the expectation that it could generate in the region of £30,000 per annum.

'In 2017 the council took a further decision to extend this 10p charge to all pupils in primary schools, whether those pupils were in receipt of a free or paid meal.

'This measure was mitigated by the inclusion of milk-based desserts to ensure that pupils were able to receive their required calcium intake from school meals.

'This extension was expected to generate an additional £10,000 per annum.

'In real terms, due to a decline in uptake of milk arising from the charge, the additional income generated for milk in 2019/20 was £21,700.

'During the course of 2021, a number of significant policy changes have been introduced by the Scottish Government which will impact on how school meals are provided in future years.'

The changes referred to by Mr Hendry include the implementation of healthy eating in schools regulations, which were introduced in April, reducing the amount of sugar and red processed meat that pupils can consume.

They also include the roll-out of free school meals in later primary years, which will begin in August and continue until fully implemented across all primary ages a year later.

Mr Hendry added: 'With approval, officers propose removing the 10p charge for the provision of milk for pupils in primary schools.'

'Enabling milk to be provided free of charge will help to provide some of the nutritional benefits to children and young people that can no longer be provided through desserts.'

'This change would also mean that both education staff and catering staff would no longer be required to count, cash, bank and record 10p payments from parents, which can be a time-consuming process.'

Pioneering Cairndow hub helps people stay healthy

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There is no need for Cairndow folk to worry about whether the A83 is open when faced with medical appointments beyond the Rest.

As part of a series of community initiatives, Cairndow Village Hall and Recreation Committee has pioneered a 'NEAR ME' hub at the village hall in partnership with NHS Highland.

The service, manned by trained volunteers, is housed in a newly-refurbished clinic room within the hall and is intended to reduce the need for people to travel to access acute services from both NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Highland.

The initiative was funded by the National Lottery, while equipment was funded

by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

And, with NHS Scotland boards developing social distancing policies and increasing the number of online consultations, the new facility puts Cairndow in a great position to access virtual services.

The area's GPs will also be able to connect to patients using the facility.

The service will also help minimise exclusion, as some residents will not have the technology at home to access a remote service.

On June 10, hall committee chair Sharon Hepburn and secretary Debbie Donald told the story - to an online audience in the hundreds - of becoming the first mainland Scotland Non-NHS NEAR ME hub.

But the NEAR ME devel-



Left: The Cairndow NEAR ME hub is now up and running, bringing healthcare closer to the community. Right: Cairndow Village Hall's popular book exchange is just one of many community projects by the hall committee.

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opment is just part of the wider vision to promote health and well-being within the community.

Strachur Medical Practice GP Dr Alison Macbeth has offered to advise patients on using gym equipment

available in the village hall to improve their wellbeing, while a pilot project to stream live exercise classes to the hall is being looked at in conjunction with liveArgyll and Kirstin Roberson of the HSCP.

The hall has also been

granted funding to allow its book exchange to host events for Scottish Book Trust Book Week in November and there are hopes that the hall may become a drop-off/pick-up point for liveArgyll libraries.

Thanks to the huge effort

of volunteers the Cairndow Village Hall community greenhouse and raised beds are now available for use and the garden is there as a meeting place.

The hall committee has also joined Keep Scotland Beautiful initiative It's Your Neighbourhood.

In partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society, It's Your Neighbourhood supports community projects across Scotland which make places cleaner and greener.

Sharon said: 'Cairndow Hall and Recreation Committee is delighted to join this scheme.'

'It links to the work on the hall community garden and greenhouse, but also all the hard work done by village volunteers to keep the verges, drystone walls, graveyard, and other public areas immaculate and at their best.'

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Third Covid cancellation for music festival

For the third year running, the sound of music will be missing from Mid Argyll.

Organisers of the popular Mid Argyll Music Festival, traditionally held each March, have made the difficult decision to cancel the event for 2022.

The festival was one of the first local events to call off for reasons of public health, just before the first UK coronavirus lockdown was imposed in March 2020.

It was again cancelled for 2021 as the pandemic continued.

This week a statement from the Mid Argyll Music Festival Committee said: 'In light of the ongoing issues resulting from the pandemic it is with great regret that the MAMF

committee has agreed to cancel the proposed 2022 festival.

'The committee has been in consultation with the British and International Federation of Festivals for Music Dance and Speech, and many festivals across the UK have been cancelled due to a lack of music tuition in schools caused by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

'Choirs and brass bands are only now being allowed to re-start rehearsals in limited circumstances and, given that most performers at our festival are school pupils, it was considered unrealistic to plan for next year.

'The committee remains hopeful that with the success of the vaccination programme across the country we will be in a position to programme our next festival for 2023.'

The festival features entertaining competitions in song, instrumental, verse and choral categories for all ages.

'Amazing' Tarbert gets behind Connie's shave

A Tarbert woman shaved off her hair – as a way, she says, of giving her partner a laugh, writes Colin Cameron.

But there was another more serious purpose behind her actions.

Connie Laing decided to take on the Macmillan Brave the Shave Challenge to support the charity's work after her partner Chris was diagnosed with terminal cancer last month.

'Chris saw an advert for Brave the Shave on TV,' explained 60-year-old Connie, 'and he said to me "you should do it – you'd look good bald!". Ever the joker, I decided to do it. Anything to make him laugh.'

She added: 'Macmillan is supporting us through this very hard time.'

Connie faced the shears on Friday June 18 at her home on the village's Pier Road.

Speaking after losing her locks, Connie said: 'Thanks to



Before - With a full head of hair, Connie looks forward to the razor.



After - Connie's still smiling as she sports a sleek new look.

Janette MacIver for doing the shave, and Chris and I would like to thank everyone who has supported us and donated to this amazing charity.'

Describing the total as

'amazing', Connie said more than £940 was raised between online donations and collections around Tarbert, particularly Cafe Ca'Dora. She added: 'We are forever grateful to Tarbert. It's an amazing wee village.'

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Heather's Treks – The mo



Heather Thomas-Smith runs Heathery Heights (www.heatheryheights.co.uk), an outdoor adventure and discovery company based in Lochgilphead, offering guided walking adventures, outdoor activities, training and experiences. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world, walked across Scotland numerous times, climbed many of its peaks and now lives in Argyll amongst the scenery she loves.

For those regularly travelling the A83 between western Argyll and Loch Lomond – when not side-tracked by the saga of landslides and roadworks at the Rest and be Thankful – the imposing Beinn an Lochain is hard to miss.

Its sheer sides loom over Loch Restil and its craggy face (the Old Man's Face) is clearly seen when looking up from Glen Kinglas.

Imposing it certainly is and its steep sides may seem quite daunting.

Once classified as a Munro, accurate measurement later showed this hill to fall some 14m short but it makes for a grand day out as a Corbett and in its own right.

The views are spectacular, and the steep airy ascent and descent of the northeast ridge is exhilarating with some very light scrambling and a wee bit of exposure.

This is a hill to save for dry, clear weather to really appreciate both the views and the interesting summit area, which is worthy of exploration.

Whether you are an early bird or night owl this hill makes for a great morning or afternoon out.

Leaving the layby, drop northwest down to the Easan Dubh to cross just south of the falls. A slightly boggy path now rises ahead leading you to the north nose of the ridge where it veers left and south.

This first small steep section takes you on to the ridge, which snakes its way in a south-westerly direction all the way to the summit. The next 250m offers brief respite with glimpses of the way ahead.

Now a series of steeper sections and zigzags lead you towards the 637m top over the next 850m.

It takes up to 1½ hours from the bottom to reach this point depending on how many photo stops and breathers you take!

The views over towards the cliffs offer some lovely rocky outlines to capture your imagination.

The section ahead now looks tricky and is steep. However, after dropping down slightly,

Looking across to Beinn Ime and the Arrochar Alps.



the path skirts upwards via the north side avoiding any difficulties before veering back southwards onto a leveller section of the ridge.

The steep section is easier without sticks in your hands in a couple of places.

The next 450m climbs steadily before steepening again just before a small lochan, off to your left. Note the lochan (not marked on the OS Map, grid ref NN 220080) as you will be coming back past this on your return.

The path narrows with some feeling of exposure for the last 200m with close views of the rocky face just to your right.

You arrive at the summit quite suddenly.

Enjoy the panorama – views towards the rest of the Arrochar Alps, Loch Fyne, Ben

Donich, The Brack, Binnein an Fhaidhleir and beyond are stunning.

I now highly recommend exploring the top starting with dropping – carefully – down the north ridge slightly to get a good view of the Old Man's Face.

It is best to descend to the southwest on to the col between the summit tops then veer northwards, dropping just 20m or so in height, to get a good view of the cliffs and ridge you have just climbed.

There is an interesting dint in the hillside caused by ancient slips which makes a good vantage point (which holds snow in winter like a giant bowl).

Returning to the summit col you can now visit the south top before descending the south ridge on a small path towards

a lochan. Leaving the path you can summit the small top at 834m (grid ref NN 217074).

En route – if you feel inclined to explore further – there are tiny lochans where the land has slipped since the last ice age leaving pockets of water on the western slopes.

The views from this southern top towards Ben Donich and down Glen Croe are lovely.

Return northwards for 250m passing the lochan and – before



Clockwise from above: The old man's face on the slopes of Beinn an Lochain; Beinn an Lochain from the north; Rowan the collie 'could probably lead my clients for me he knows the route so well', says Heather.

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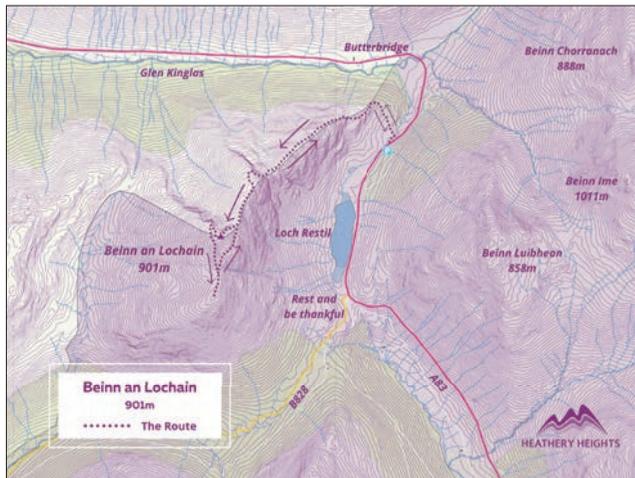
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A map of the route.

the path steepens – look out for a faint path leading right that follows a flatter area on the east side of the summit tops.

This lovely little route skirts directly under the summits with the steep ground sweeping off below.

After contouring round for 400m you will reach the lochan at NN220080 that you passed on your ascent.

Just beyond you can rejoin the main path to return back down the way you came. Take care going down and enjoy the views north.

Safety in the Outdoors

The described routes and accompanying information are there to be used as a guide and do not replace the use of map and compass and the skills required to use them. While every effort is made to ensure the route is accurate at the time of going to print please be aware that track and path closures can happen at any time. All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

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Inform a contact about your route/whereabouts. Don't forget your phone, snacks, drink, any medication/first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions.

Most walks are dog friendly but please keep your dog under close control, especially around livestock and wildlife.

Walk Information:

Route: Beinn an Lochain (Corbett)
Distance: 6.8km (4.25 miles)
Ascent: 843m
Time: 3-3 ½ hrs walking; allow 1-2 hrs' exploration
Terrain: Narrow path on ridge; pathless off ridge. Very steep

and uneven sections.
Map/s: OS Landranger 56 (1:50 000)
OS Explorer 39 (1:25 000)
Start/finish/parking: A83 layby (on west side) near Easan Dubh Fall
Grid reference: NN234088
Public Transport: N/A; Toilets: No

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EU settlement scheme deadline one week away

EU Citizens living in Scotland, who have not yet applied to join the EU Settlement Scheme, are being urged to apply now to avoid missing the deadline of June 30.

The latest figures show that as of April 30, 268,500 applications have been made by people living in Scotland. The number still to apply can't be confirmed as there is no official data on the number of EU citizens living in Scotland, but it could be a large number.

The Scottish Government is now running a new campaign, up until Wednesday June 30, calling on EU citizens who were living in the UK at December 31, 2020, to apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme so they can carry on living, working and studying in Scotland. Irish citizens and people with indefinite leave to remain do not have to apply. However, even if you already have a permanent residence document or have lived in the UK for a long time,

you will still need to apply. The campaign will run on radio, digital, social, and press.

Jenny Gilruth, minister for culture, Europe and international development, said: 'Our message to everyone from the EU who lives and works here remains this: Scotland is your home, you are our family, and we want you to stay here with us.'

'Scotland is a better place because you are living here. Please apply. And please stay with us.'

'The UK Government's EU Settled Status Scheme means that I must, sadly, reiterate that it remains critical that all EU citizens must complete an application by June 30 2021.'

Those who do not apply to the scheme may not be able to continue living or working in Scotland.

For more information on the support available, visit www.mygov.scot/stayinScotland

To download the Stay in Scotland toolkit or graphics, visit www.gov.scot/stayinScotlandtoolkit

Case study: Benedikte Ranum

Norwegian Benedikte Ranum, who now lives in Doune, outside Stirling, has gone through the process. Here's what she had to say:

How did you find the process?

Initially, I had some misgivings about applying for settled status. I had lived in the UK most of my adult life, and had studied, worked and raised a family here. It felt odd having to prove that I had the right to remain in the country I'd considered my home for all these years.

But as it turned out, the process couldn't have been easier. The online application guides you through a series of simple steps, and the instructions are very clear.

If you have a biometric passport, you can even scan it rather than having to post it to the Home Office. I also got the reply much sooner than I had expected, saying I had been granted settled



status.

Around the time I applied, there was also a letter from the Scottish Government, reassuring me and other people in my position that we are wanted in this country. I'm pleased about the efforts that are being made to create a friendly and welcoming environment for those of

us who are Scots by choice rather than by birth.

What would you say to others who have yet to apply?

I would say just go onto the website and get it done. The chances are it will be a lot more straightforward than you think. And if you do get stuck, there's help

freely available – just contact Citizens Advice. Even if you don't have access to the internet or have problems with English, there's help available.

And the sooner you start the application process, the more time there is to iron out any issues before the June 30 deadline.



Volunteers hard at work laying marking tapes ahead of the grand reopening of the tennis courts.

Smashing day ahead for tennis court opening

Balfour Beatty work crews have completed their resurfacing work at Ardrishaig tennis courts; now all that is needed is to bang in 4,200 nails to hold down court marking tapes.

Volunteers at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club, however, stepped forward to get on with the task of creating court markings and stringing the nets ahead the grand opening.

The official reopening of the courts will take place at 2pm on Saturday, June 26, as

part of the club's open weekend. While open to the public, the club committee has asked everyone attending to observe social distancing as required.

A representative from Balfour Beatty will be present and former councillor Bruce Robertson will perform the opening ceremony. Bruce, an Ardrishaig man, played on these courts throughout his life in Mid Argyll, right up into his seventies.

Once the ribbon is cut, people will be free to try out both the courts and, if they

wish, to try their hand at green bowling too.

Equipment for both sports will be available for use by visitors on Saturday and on Sunday June 27, also from 2pm.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available on both days, and there will be some non-alcoholic fizz served at the opening ceremony.

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Travelling tabby's website cat-apulted to award level

Argyll College UHI student John Frace has been named at the Herald Higher Education Awards as the university student who has made an Outstanding Contribution.

Judges were looking for someone who has inspired and motivated others or made efforts to improve student experiences and that of the local community, or in John's case, the nation.

In March last year, John created Scotland's Coronavirus Tracker website which has attracted 1.5 million users, and at the height of lockdown had more than 1,000 people logging on every day for the 3pm update.

John's Twitter following has exploded to 22,800 followers, including Professors Devi Shridhar, Jason Leitch, Linda Bauld, and the first minister.

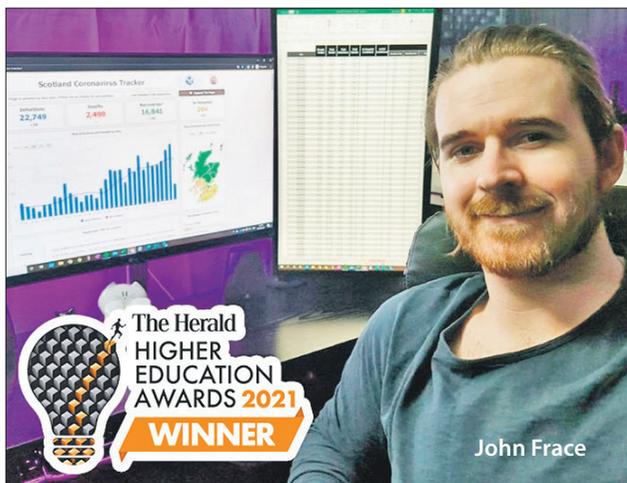
It is estimated that John has

Creator of coronavirus tracker used by professors is praised for effort

spent 1,500 hours (187 working days) over the past year on the site, whilst also keeping up his full-time studies with the University of the Highlands and Islands. His selfless efforts have helped to improve many people's experience of the most challenging year they have faced.

On receiving the award on Thursday June 17, John said: 'This is a huge honour, it's a bit overwhelming, and I want to thank everyone who's supported the page. I'm so glad I've been able to help out and provide some clarity during this awful year.'

'I have received countless messages from people saying how the page has helped to ease their anxiety or make informed decisions for their



family, which makes me so happy to hear.'

Professor Linda Bauld, who attended the event, said: 'People all around the country

have stepped up to contribute to the pandemic response but John stands out as someone who has gone above and beyond. With his website he

has provided easily accessible analysis and visualisation of coronavirus statistics from Scotland and the UK, alongside local data and international comparisons.

'These data are publicly available but often difficult to navigate from official sources.'

'John has provided a vital public service, volunteering thousands of hours of his time to keep people informed.'

'I have a daily file for media interviews and consult John's website every day as it is a one stop shop of information.'

'If I'm speaking to a regional radio station I can instantly find the figures for that area on his dashboard.'

'To examine which local authorities have had more or fewer cases in the past week I

can find that in seconds on his 'local data' pages. Plus to track progress with the vaccine programme his visualisations have been invaluable.'

'I am personally indebted to him for all he has contributed - as thousands of others around the country are. I know he has a bright future ahead, and one day I look forward to buying him a cup of coffee in person.'

John, who is known as @TravellingTabby, is in his third year of a Business and Management BA (Hons) degree with the University of the Highlands and Islands.

In 2020, he completed a HNC in Digital Design and Web Development with Argyll College UHI which he praises for his success of his Covid Tracker website.

Fiddle teachers of the future are getting tuned up for a special music week in Mull this August

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Top Scottish fiddle player and composer Patsy Reid will be running a mentoring course for would-be teachers and tutors on the island and across Argyll and Bute as part of the first Mull Fiddle Week.

Trainees will begin their training in the months leading up to the event that starts on August 9 and will take part in a series of teaching workshops and online tutorials. This will allow them to become familiar with the repertoire and how to teach it.

Patsy's depth of knowledge of traditional fiddle music makes her teaching style both innovative and creative, says one of the week's organisers Laura Mandleberg.

All tutors as well as trainees will benefit from being on Mull working closely with Patsy, sharing new skills and ideas which will ultimately benefit the young participants joining in workshops and performances during the actual week.

Patsy, who has 20 years of teaching experience, is a huge fan of Mull Music Maker's work describing the charity's workers as 'such a passionate and dedicated team making a real difference to the musical landscape on Mull.'

Supporting the Fiddle Week concept, she said the initiative would allow the group to further develop its commitment to the promotion and preservation of the traditional music of Mull and the wider Highlands, while offering all young people the opportunity to develop essential musical and social skills.

Patsy said being able to offer some places during the special week to fiddle players who are interested in developing their knowledge and understanding of violin pedagogy and the art of teaching in general was 'fantastic'.

To find out more about Mull Fiddle Week opportunities, email laura_mandleberg@hotmail.com



Mull Fiddle Week Training Opportunity

9th-13th August, Tobermory, Isle of Mull

- Open to all students/young musicians (over 18s) wishing to develop skills and gain practical experience of teaching music to groups of young people
- Successful applicants will receive online training prior to Mull Fiddle Week with lead tutor, Patsy Reid
- Places are FREE (assistance with travel and accommodation also available)*
- Contact laura_mandleberg@hotmail.com for an application form and further info.

*Spaces limited. Priority will be given to applications from Argyll and Bute. Deadline for applications 30th June



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Thriving

For their age, the chestnut trees beside Lochgilphead's front green seem on the small side.

We don't profess to be arboriculture specialists, but it's obvious that it is a tough place for a tree to thrive. Between strong salty winds, regular salt water flooding and possibly even rooting among man-made infill, it can't be easy. Then there's the traffic fumes from the A83.

Hopefully initial concerns over the trees has been eased a little by the council's advice from people who are experts.

And isn't it great to see the work carrying on apace on the green project?

Refreshing

For years we have been told what's good for us at the Rest by central belt and urban-based officials and consultants.

It is refreshing to get John Gurr's business perspective on what is needed.

With enough support, there is no doubt the campaign group will get the Argyll point of view across in no uncertain terms to people for whom the issue is just theoretical.

Tunnel possibility should be properly investigated

Sir,

I tend to agree with Mr Moodie's view (Argyllshire Advertiser letters, June 18) that the best option at the Rest may be a new surface alignment up the south western side of Glen Croe.

A tunnel, however, remains a possibility which should be properly investigated.

The inclined tunnel proposed by [Transport Scotland consultants] Jacobs would have increased emissions from climbing vehicles and runaway hazards from descending ones, and so should be viewed with some scepticism.

Mr Moodie mentions the need for escape exits, but I would point out that the Laerdal Tunnel doesn't have these, and neither do the Norwegian and Faeroe undersea road tunnels.

They do have well-thought-out provisions for emergencies which include 24/7 remote monitoring and control of turn-back arrangements.

The point is that if we are seeing relevant experience in mountain road tunnels we won't find it around south east England.

Jacobs dismissed the south west side of the glen as having 'much the same slip risks as the existing alignment'.

This is patently not the case.

The slopes of Ben Luibhean have far more run-off gullies than on the south west side, which suggests unusually high rain impact on them.

On the other hand a walk over the two forestry roads on the opposite side of the glen reveals only one small flash flood site on the lower road, and none at all on the higher one.

The slopes above the higher forest road also tend to ease somewhat, particularly those in the eastern corrie of Ben Donich.

I haven't ploughed through the tree cover, but any significant flash flood events in recent decades would have left their marks on these roads, and I didn't find any.

The whole argument for that side of the glen turns on its reduced exposure to these risks, and not on the details of road construction there.

These in any case do not appear to be insuperable, after all the forestry lads made a road there with a lot fewer resources than Transport Scotland.

Arthur Blue, Ardrishaig

Tighnabruaich safe from the sea for 500 years

Sir,

I write in response to the story in the June 18 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser on the potential for sea level rise to flood the main road in Tighnabruaich.

This is a typical example of much of the disinformation on climate change dispensed by groups like Extinction Rebellion which is intended to cause fear and alarm, rather than to accurately inform.

According to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, sea levels have been rising continually at between 1.8mm and 3.8mm per annum since they were first determined in the 1880s.

Sea levels are currently estimated to be rising at a rate of 3.2mm per annum with no indication of that rate increasing, even with the increase in global temperatures.

Based on this rate, sea levels will rise by 9.3cm (3.7 inches) by 2050.

Given that the main road in Tighnabruaich is some two metres above the high tide mark, there is no prospect of the road being under water by 2050; in fact it should be safe for the next 500 years!

Donald McCallum, Strathaven,
Lanarkshire

Grateful for support to keep children safe

Sir,

Since April last year, our trained Childline counsellors have delivered more than 73,000 counselling sessions with young people who were struggling with their mental and emotional health.

More than 5,000 of these counselling sessions were with children aged 11 or under, an increase

of nearly a third when compared to the year before.

However, as a charity that receives 90 per cent of our income from the public, we know this is something we have not achieved alone, and we are hugely grateful for the dedication and commitment of our supporters.

One way that the public can support us is through the People's Postcode Lottery, and since 2018 players have provided crucial funding to the sum of almost £6 million to the NSPCC to help the charity keep children safe and well.

The funds have been used to support our vital services across Scotland.

This includes our schools service programme; helping primary school children speak out and stay safe from abuse, and our service centre in Govan, providing therapeutic services to families.

And, of course, Childline, which provides free and confidential counselling to children and young people in need of support.

Childline is a lifeline for many children and over the past year thousands of young people have needed it more than ever due to the challenges they have faced during the pandemic.

Local lockdowns, school closures, isolation and the impact of being separated from family and friends led many children to get in touch with the service over the phone or online.

We can only make a difference for children together, and we simply couldn't continue to run services like Childline without the public's support.

To find out more about how you could help us be there for children through fundraising, get in touch at ScotlandFundraisingTeam@nspcc.org.uk

Paul Cockram, head of fundraising, NSPCC
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Thought for the Week

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. **Matthew 10:39**

We live in times when money, success, beauty and physical condition have become an end in itself; a world where the value of a person is measured by popularity, wealth and extravagance, and celebrity is the way to become someone; where the seeking of sensations gives rise to the next divorce and affair.

What matters is the brand name, which and how many; it can't be just any. We want the best, the most fashionable and the latest. And when we encounter difficulties, we take offence at God, although in the midst of our daily efforts we've completely forgotten about Him.

Suffering, difficulties and diseases have been part of our lives since the beginning. We cannot run away from them.

Properly lived, they can bring us closer to those who love us and to God.

Running away from them into a world of illusions, denial, and dissatisfaction only multiplies the sadness that grows with the next 'unmet want'.

Following Jesus, you have to rely on His will, and it is not always in line with fashion and global trends. On the contrary, it happens that it is often completely opposed to them, that it requires downgrading success, fashionable clothes and an attractive appearance. And so it requires not pursuing wealth, knowing people will reject, mock and misunderstand you.

So, what's changed for Christians since the year 1 AD?

Not much. The most important commandment is still: 'Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbour as yourself.'

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. Psalm 89:15

Father Tony Wood, St Kieran's RC Church, Campbeltown.

CRAIGNISH

Coastal skiff underway again

After a long period interrupted by Covid, building work on Craignish Coastal Rowers' community skiff is back underway.

Volunteers are busy making a start on getting the boat ready for the water as restrictions slowly relax.

The coastal rowing club is grateful to Craignish Community Company for donating money to allow the build to make progress, and to Ardfern Yacht Centre for its aid and assistance.

If you are interested in getting involved, email row@craignishboatclub.org.uk.

KINTYRE

Denzil's newest novel tops sellers' list

A new novel by Campbeltown author Denzil Meyrick has flown to the top of the Amazon audiobook bestsellers' list - ahead of new books from the likes of Lee Child, Barack Obama and Stephen King.

Released earlier this month, For Any Other Truth is the latest thriller featuring DCI Daley.

The Kindle edition also became an instant bestseller on that platform while the print edi-



Denzil Meyrick's latest novel is flying up the charts.



Volunteers work to prepare the Craignish skiff for the water.

tion went straight onto Waterstones' bestseller lists and sold out three times in one day on Amazon.

The book is the ninth instalment in Denzil's DCI Daley series set in Kinloch, a fictional town based on Campbeltown.

When a light aircraft crash-lands at Machrie airport, DCI Jim Daley and his colleague Brian Scott rush to the scene, but it soon becomes clear that both occupants of the plane were dead before take-off.

Meanwhile in Kinloch, fisherman Hamish is unwittingly dragged into danger when he witnesses something he shouldn't, and hotel manager Annie is beginning to suspect her new boss may not be as he first appeared.

And just as Chief Superintendent Carrie Symington thinks she has finally escaped the sins of her past, she finds herself caught in an even deadlier trap.

As the action spills across the sea to County Antrim - all under the scrutiny of the security service - the search is on for any other truth.

WEST LOCH FYNE

Community fund opens up

Groups and charities are being invited to apply for the latest round of grants under the An Suidhe wind farm community fund.

Linked to the extensive set of turbines on the hills between Loch Fyne and Loch Awe, the fund offers grants up to £9,000 for community groups within the areas of Inveraray, Furnace, Eredine and Dalavich. In exceptional circumstances, larger grants may be awarded, considered on a case-by-case basis.

More information and application forms can be found through the Foundation Scotland website, or call 0131 524 0300.

The fund, which opened a decade ago, is provided by RWE Renewables and Green Gecco, the owners of An Suidhe wind farm. An annual amount of £28,500 will be paid into the fund for the operating life of the wind farm. In 2020 the contribution to the fund was just over £36,000.

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'Tartan Pimpernel' war hero honoured in Paris

Minister helped save 2,000 men from occupied France in Second World War

An Islay minister nicknamed the Tartan Pimpernel who helped orchestrate the safe return of around 2,000 servicemen from occupied France during the Second World War has been honoured in Paris.

Reverend Dr Donald Caskie, whose nephew Gordon Caskie lives in Campbeltown, has been commemorated on a marble plaque outside the Scots Kirk where he was the minister 81 years ago.

About 100 people attended the unveiling ceremony on June 10 including local church members and representatives from Mairie de Paris – Paris City Hall – and the Scottish Government.

School pupils read in English and French extracts from Dr Caskie's book, *The Tartan Pimpernel*, which tells how he fearlessly worked with the French Resistance to help trapped or imprisoned airmen, seamen and soldiers escape Nazi-occupied France.

Lord Wallace, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was unable to attend the ceremony due to Covid-19 travel restrictions but said that it is a fitting

tribute to an 'inspirational, distinguished and courageous' man.

Dr Caskie was the minister at the Scots Kirk when the Germans invaded France in 1940.

Frequently denouncing the Nazis from the pulpit meant he had more to fear than many after the invasion.

He was repeatedly urged to return home and, after the Dunkirk evacuation, he locked the church and joined the mass exodus of Paris.

In the end, the crofter's son, said to have had the Celtic gift of 'second sight', rejected the chance of safe passage on the last ship bound for the UK on the grounds that his place should be given to a wounded man instead.

Dr Caskie believed that God had commanded him to stay in France and help stranded Brits and he was warned that he must only engage with civilians and would be arrested if he assisted servicemen.

While running a seaman's mission, he secretly helped airmen, seamen and soldiers, under the noses of the Vichy Police, escape the country



Reverend Dr Donald Caskie, nicknamed the Tartan Pimpernel and the commemorative plaque outside the Scots Kirk where he was the minister 81 years ago.

across mountains into Spain or by sea in a submarine or ship.

Dr Caskie, a Gaelic speaker whose codename was Monsieur Le Canard – Donald Duck – was eventually recruited by British Intelligence officers and was told that his mission was the last link of a

chain of safe houses that they had set up, which stretched from Dunkirk to Marseilles.

Lord Wallace revealed that Dr Caskie was one of his heroes when he was at school in Dumfries and Galloway.

'In my first year at Annan Academy, our rector read extracts from the Tartan

Pimpernel at morning assembly,' he recalled. 'The narrative of speaking out against oppression; standing up, in faith, for principles; acts of daring; acts of courage; saving lives; being betrayed and survival ensured that the next instalment was eagerly anticipated.'

'He was a man who placed his trust in his Lord and Saviour; a man who refused to take the easy way out; a man who took huge risks to rescue others.'

Dr Caskie was eventually arrested and imprisoned by the Gestapo and sentenced to death.

His life was only saved through the intervention of a German pastor and he spent the rest of the war in a prisoner of war camp.

Dr Caskie returned to Scotland after a spell in Paris and died in 1983 at the age of 81 and is buried at Bowmore on Islay.

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The importance of staying connected

As part of NFU Scotland's support of RSAB's #KeepTalking week, Vice President Robin Traquair has penned a guest blog on the importance of staying connected in the absence of in person Highland Shows for another year.

Robin writes: 'I have been going to the Highland Show for as long as I can remember, pleading with my parents when I was younger to be allowed a day or two off school so that I could attend.'

'It is not only a spectacle of the 'best of Scotland', but also a chance to catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while, maybe since the same day the year before. Standing in the Members, having a beer and a great time but

inadvertently sharing the ups and downs of farming life and realising everybody is in the same boat. You can't beat it!

'With the shows cancelled for another year it is more important than ever to look for other ways in which to connect.'

'We all know the pressures of farming. With the added pressures of lockdown causing new and different issues including forced isolation, we need to recognise our limits and it is essential to meet with your friends and colleagues whenever you can and are allowed to.'

To read the full blog go to: The Importance of Staying Connected – Robin Traquair Guest Blog (nfus.org.uk)

Around the markets

Caledonian Marts Ltd, Stirling, Monday June 21: sold 358 Ewes with Lambs at Foot.

Top prices of the day went to J Mitchell Carie Farm, Lawyers at £238.50 for a pen of 21 Texel & Mule Ewes with Twin Lambs. Top price per head went to A Wilson Redhouse at £82 for a Continental Ewe with a Single Lamb.

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United Auctions, Stirling, Thursday June 17: sold 2890 prime sheep comprising of 1342 spring lambs to average 287.62ppk and 367 prime hogs selling to average 196.47ppk also 1181 ewes and rams.

New Season Lambs (1342) – Lintibert (BTex) £162.00 x2; South Dundonald (BTex) £157.00; Lintibert (BTex) £151.00 x2; West Whitefield (Tex) £160.00; Little Raith (Tex)

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£108.00; Daleagles Hill (BF) £106.00 Old Season Lambs (367) – Springfield (Tex) 238.00ppk & 230.00ppk; Bogburn (Tex) 227.00ppk; Hallhill (Cross) 224.00ppk; Redheugh (Suf) 224.00ppk; Gateside (BF) 215.00ppk; Middlehill (BF) 214.00ppk. Ewes (1181) – West Carse (Tex) £192.00; Elmscleugh (Tex) £188.00 & £182.00; Grassmainston (Tex) £181.00; West Carse & Springfield (Tex) £180.00; Grassmainston (Tex) £178.00; West Carse (TexX) £174.00; Elmscleugh (TexX) £169.00 & £168.00; Easter middleton (Suf) £160.00; Springfield (SuffX) £133.00; Nethermill & Hetherleys (SuffX) £132.00; Easter Greenhill (Cont) £152.00; Hill of Errol (Cont) £136.00 x2; Hetherleys (Dor) £132.00; Lochelbank (BTex) £130.00; Cauldcoates (BTex) £122.00; Grassmainstotn

(BTex) £120.00; Easter Middleton (HB) £128.00; Langhill (Chev/Mule) £122.00; Carroch (Chev/Mule) £116.00; Gateside (BFL) £118.00; Sauchrie Mains (BFL) £104.00; Dyke (Mule) £116.00; Orchard (Mule) £113.00; Little Raith & Nethermill (Mule) 112.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £113.00 & £101.00; Claish (BF) £100.00; Sauchrie Mains (BF) £98.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £95.00; Brogan Farms (Rom) £104.00; Craighead of Bamff (Rom) £90.00; Hallhill (Chev) £98.00; Claish (Chev) £94.00; Coulshill (Chev) £92.00. Tups – Carroch (Tex) £173.00; Orchard (Tex) £159.00; Wester Arngibbon (BTex) £154.00; Gateside (Chev) £146.00; Carroch (Suf) £144.00; Hallhill (BDM) £130.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £117.00; Moulin (BF) £116.00.

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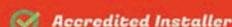
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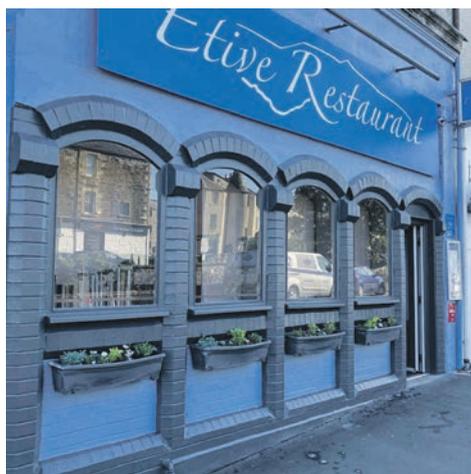
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The restrictions, which are required because essential works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the length of road, will be in operation from the 8th of July 2021 until the 30th of November 2021 or until the works are complete whichever is the earliest, but will only have effect in relation to part or parts of the length of road when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs to minimise the potential impact on those affected.

The alternative route will be signed in an appropriate manner. The Order is available for viewing on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders

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

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PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk or tel. 01546 605518.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00675/PP	Formation of vehicular access and diversion of watercourse	Carradale Substation, Carradale, Argyll And Bute
21/00856/PP	Installation of 39 bollards and 11 solar lamp stands	Land To The East And West Of Earra Gael, Harbour Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Councils website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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MARRIAGE

GUY - HEPBURN - At Loch Melfort Hotel on Saturday, June 12, 2021, Alan, youngest son of Ian and Alison to Rebecca, daughter of Neil and Jane, Lochgilphead. A special day.

DEATHS

JOHNSTONE - Peacefully at home, Auchencorvie, Campbeltown, on June 18, 2021, Maragaret Hope Walker (Hope) in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of Ewan Johnstone, much loved mum of David, Judy and Fraser, loving granny of Sarah, William, Amy, Calum, Charlotte, Emma, Eilidh and Andrew and a beloved sister of Frances. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Hope's funeral will take place today Friday, June 25. The cortege will leave Southend Church at 1.00pm, we will travel, Southend Village on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Hope may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

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MCMILLAN - Suddenly but peacefully at Islay Hospital on Sunday, June 20, 2021, William Boyd McMillan late of Eorrabus Farm, Bridgend, Islay. Dearly loved husband of Patricia, loving father to William, Peter and Kenny. Much loved Granda Bill.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully with his daughter by his side at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on June 2, 2021, Ian Robertson, aged 82 years, of 84 Roothing, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret McKechnie, much loved dad of Margaret and a dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend.

SMYLIE - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, after a short illness, on June 22, 2021, Douglas Smylie, aged 76 years, of 8 Coille Mhinnean, Furnace, Argyll. Much loved husband of Alma. Adored Dad of Maureen, John and Aileen. Much respected father-in-law of David, Trisha and Surry. Cherished Papa of Matthew, Rachael and Kieran. Dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and popular work colleague to many. Much respected member of the local and wider communities. A private family service will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church on Monday, June 28, 2021. Thereafter the interment will take place at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae at 12:45pm. Donations can be made in memory of Douglas to Macmillan Nurses Mid-Argyll - directly or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

IN MEMORIAM

COPE - In loving memory of Doug, who

passed away June 29, 2017. Always in my thoughts. - Jan.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of a dear mother Catherine, who died July 2, 2016. Always in our thoughts. - From the family.

MCMILLAN - Treasured memories of my dear wife Margaret, who sadly passed away on June 29, 2020. You left behind my broken heart, And happy memories too, I never wanted memories, I only wanted you. - Love Iain xx

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of our wonderful mum and granny, who died on June 29, 2020. Today and tomorrow, Our whole lives through, We will always, Love and miss you. Always in our hearts - Iain, Gary and families xxxxx

MCMILLAN - Treasured memories of my beautiful sister and best friend Margaret. They say that time will heal But neither time or reason Will change the way I feel I want to tell you something So there won't be any doubt Your so wonderful to think of But so hard to be without. Much love. - Maureen x

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of a dearly loved sister and Auntie (Margaret) passed away on June 29, 2020. It broke our hearts to lose you Things are not the same All we have are memories And your picture in a frame Love and miss you every day - Loving sister Jessie and nieces Nicola, Kerry and wee Emma.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19 verse 14 In person..... or Online...? Our building is open and our Service will be in the church on **Sunday, 27th June 2021 at 11am**. This week there will be a child dedication during our cafe church service.

If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to officespringbankchurch@gmail.com and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building - masks and social distancing www.springbankchurch.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch> Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



South Kintyre Team Ministry Sunday services

10 am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609
10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493
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Worship service
New time of 11am.
Covid 19 measures in place
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Major Ruth Russell
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Rev David Meredith
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4.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 30th June
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Lochgilphead
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Silverware beckons for shinty clubs

Cup action took centre stage on Saturday June 19 after Inveraray played a rescheduled league tie as an evening game earlier in the week.

Artemis Macaulay Cup – First Round: Inveraray 0 Glasgow Mid Argyll 1

Glasgow Mid Argyll edged out Inveraray in a 1-0 success at the Winterton.

The only goal of the game came a minute short of the hour. The ball was played through to former Oban Celtic player Ally McKerracher in the box. McKerracher was being tackled and was falling down but still managed to slot the ball into the bottom left corner of the net.

It was a tidy finish under pressure and one which won his side a trip to play Kyles Athletic in the next round.

Kyles Ath W/O v Aberdour
Kyles Athletic were given a walkover as Aberdour were unable to field a side for their tie. Kyles Athletic have home advantage against Glasgow Mid Argyll in the next round.

Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup – First Round: Bute 3 Col Glen 0

Bute were 3-0 winners in a hard-fought derby against Col Glen on a warm afternoon at the Meadows.

Scott Harvey gave the islanders the lead on 57 minutes before slotting home a penalty 12 minutes later.

A couple of minutes from time, Thomas Morrison finished the scoring to clinch a 3-0 victory.

Mowi Senior League C:

Inveraray 2 Oban Celtic 1
Inveraray came from behind to beat Oban Celtic 2-1 in their rescheduled league match at the Winterton on Tuesday June 15.

A mixture of drizzle and midges greeted the teams for this 7pm throw up.

Lennon Campbell gave Oban Celtic the lead on 15 minutes, but Coll MacKay drew Inveraray level on the half-hour with a 30-yard shot on the angle which took a bobble before beating the keeper. Inveraray took the lead on 65 minutes when Fraser Watt ran on to a long ball from the left before slipping the ball past the keeper for the Inveraray win.

Bullough Cup – First Round: Glenorchy 0 Inveraray 1

Inveraray veteran Euan McMurdo scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win over Glenorchy at Mart Park.

McMurdo's strike came after 37 minutes and Inveraray will now host Glasgow Mid Argyll second team in the second round.

Kilmory 5 English Shinty Association 0

Kilmory took to the field for the first time this season and beat the English Shinty Association 5-0 in their 3pm throw up at MacRae Park.

A first half double from Bruce Johnstone, on 21 and 32 minutes, gave Kilmory a 2-0 lead at the break.

Andy Cunningham made it 3-0 on 57 minutes and Johnstone rounded off an impressive four-goal haul with efforts on 71 and 74 minutes to make it 5-0.



Ladies stableford winner Fiona McLeod, left, with club captain James Scott and ladies championship winner Kathleen Young. Gents champion Steven Gilmour, left, and senior winner Alex MacAulay.



Kathleen and Steven claim champion titles

Last weekend saw the ladies and gents compete in the last rounds of their championships at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

On Saturday June 19 all of the ladies played an excellent round and the day finished with Kathleen Young leading by one stroke on 81, with Margaret MacKinnon hard on her heels with 82 strokes.

Jane Hepburn was leading in

the Stableford with 39 points; Eilidh Flanagan and Fiona McLeod chasing in joint second with 38 points.

Among the midges and rain on Sunday Kathleen improved her lead, finishing on 164 strokes to take the title of ladies' champion 2021, beating Margaret by two strokes. Jane lost her lead in the Stableford, which was won by Fiona.

A field of 17 gents took to the course for the third round of their championship on Saturday with Steven Gilmour holding the lead on 134 strokes; Ross Sinclair one behind and Ryan McGlynn in third place on 139 strokes.

The third round saw a change in placings. Steven retained first place on 200 strokes as Ryan took second

place with 207 strokes. Competition was fierce on Sunday, with fellow competitors watching Steven sink his last putt in the final game to claim the gents championship on 266 strokes. Ryan was second with 275 strokes.

Winner of the nett competition with steady golf was senior member Alec MacAulay, who also lifted the senior champion trophy.

The course was in great condition and Steven thanked everyone who worked hard preparing the course for the championship.

Greenkeeper Graham wins June medal at Glenralloch

Members gathered to play in the June medal at Glenralloch in perfect golfing conditions.

The course on Saturday June 19 was in fantastic conditions and it was fitting that Tarbert greenkeeper Graham Prentice took the honours with his best-ever score of 76, giving him a nett 55.

Seasoned campaigners Eddie White and Calum MacLean were on top form with 60 and 61 respectively to take second and third place. In the scratch section John MacNab took first

place with a 70 for his best performance of the season. Malcolm McAlpine secured the magic two pot having birdied the twelfth.

On Sunday it was the turn of the ladies, with Angela Vernel in sparkling form scoring a fantastic net 53 nett. She was followed by Sheena Ferguson on 59 and Jo Kerr on 61.

Saturday June 26 sees the gents play for the Fishermen's Cup and members are asked to gather at 12.30pm and be ready for play at 1pm.



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