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Stay alert, stay safe appeal to all bikers

As the Police Scotland national motorcycle campaign continues through the summer, an Argyll traffic officer is reminding bikers to drive with care on busy roads.

C a m p b e l t o w n - b a s e d Inspector Archie McGuire said: 'We have had a number of collisions over the past few days in Argyll involving recreational motorcyclists and I want to ask them to be aware that the roads are busier now, with more visitors to the area than they have been for a long time, and to drive with that mindset

"The people involved in the recent collisions, which thankfully they survived, have been experienced riders and I would ask that all motorcyclists remain alert, pay attention to the road ahead and allow plenty of room for other motorists while enjoying the roads of Argyll.

'There is plenty of advice available on the website live-fastdieold.scot, and I would recommend that motorcyclists have a look at that.'



As Police Scotland's national motorcycle campaign continues, an Argyll officer is reminding bikers to pay attention on busier roads. 51_a16PoliceTraffic10

Assault man fined

A 48-year-old man from the Glasgow area visiting his girlfriend became drunk and assaulted her, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

He admitted pushing her on the body causing her to fall against a wall to her injury and being threatening and abusive.

The incident happened on June 14 in the Tarbert area.

The man must pay £250 for the assault and was admonished for his behaviour.

Sheriff calls for report after assault on wife

Sheriff Patrick Hughes has called for a social work report after he found a man guilty of assaulting his wife.

'It is an assault, a minor assault, and you are a first offender. I want to make sure my sentence is the right one for you and your family,' the sheriff said as he called for the report, and deferred sentence for four weeks

The 45-year-old man admitted the offence, of pushing the woman on her body so that she fell onto a bed to her injury, which happened in the marital home in the Tarbert area on April 8 this year.

The incident happened after a heated argument. The woman told the court that as a result of being pushed, she had struck her hand against something as she fell onto the bed and it was sore and red; photographs of her injured hand were shown

Defence agent Ruben Murdanaigum said events unfolded after the man returned home from working down south; it was about a decision whether or not to purchase an item of furniture.

In his statement to the police the accused had said his wife 'was raging' at him.

POLICE FILES

Speeding motorist

About 10.03pm on Sunday March 27, on the A83 near Lochgilphead, a male driver was stopped and charged with exceeding the speed limit. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dunadd vandalism

Police are investigating after an unknown person placed a small flag pole at the top of Dunadd fort, Kilmichael Glassary at around 12.50pm on Wednesday June 23, damaging the top soil.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Offensive weapon

At around 8.25am on Thursday June 24 at Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead, officers detained a woman for a search, during which she was found to be in possession of knives. The woman, aged 66, was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon and charged. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of bail

About 7.25am on Monday June 28 in Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, a 48-year-old man allegedly breached bail conditions imposed by the court by being in company with a person that conditions applied to. Police arrested and charged the man who was held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Lochgilphead assault

On Friday June 11 in Union Street, Lochgilphead, a man was assaulted by a woman at



about 11am. A woman was later charged with assault and issued with a recorded police warning.

Abusive behaviour

Police were called to assist ambulance staff with an ongoing incident at about 12.45am on Sunday June 27. A 31-year-old man was charged with two incidents of abusive behaviour, resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Bus stop vandalism

On Thursday June 24 it was discovered that a bus timetable at the bus stop outside Ardrishaig Primary School had graffiti daubed upon it. Police are investigating the incident and appeal for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Man arrested

At around 9pm on Monday June 21 at Mansefield Road, Port Ellen on Islay, a 33-yearold man was arrested and charged with behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.



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Support wanted as Yvie joins celeb cancer trek

by Colin Cameron
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The winner of TV's I'm a Celebrity and a presenter of The Voice will team up with one of Mid Argyll's best-known figures to raise thousands for charity.

Yvie Young has supported a number of good causes over many years, but a brush with cancer brought home the impact the disease can have.

Recently coming through her two-year check up with flying colours following treatment for breast cancer, Yvie's current campaign – her biggest challenge yet – is helping raise awareness of the condition's



Emma Willis and Giovanna Fletcher, 2020 winner of I'm a Celebrity – both ambassadors for Coppafeel.

warning signs. The 47-year-old nurse from Lochgilphead was diagnosed with breast cancer in June 2018 and came through her treatment in February the following year.

The success of cancer treatment often hinges on early diagnosis, something the charity Coppafeel is on a mission to promote.

With around 100 other peo-

TV presenter Emma Willis will join the annual Coppafeel fundraising trek later this year in the company of celebrities.

Known as Come Fly with Gi 2021, the trek is spearheaded by Coppafeel ambassadors Giovanna Fletcher, 2020 winner of I'm a Celebrity alongside TV presenter Emma Willis.

Camping out for five nights in September, #TeamBoobs will take on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure climbing 3,984ft Ben Lawers by Loch Tay, plus tackling some of the most challenging sections of the Rob Roy Way.

Demand for places on the trek is huge, so after three years of trying this is Yvie's first acceptance. She joked: 'Usually they go to places like the Great Wall of China or the Sahara Desert, but the year I'm accepted it's the Scottish Highlands.'

The main aim of Coppafeel is to spread the word – particularly among younger women, and men, too – of the importance of checking for anything unusual that might suggest the early stages of breast cancer.

'Early diagnosis is so important,' explained Yvie. 'If you're not sure about something, get to your doctor. Trust your gut feeling and ask for a referral.'

Yvie now needs to raise £1,800 by August 12 and £2,250 by mid October, and

she's looking for the support of businesses and individuals.

'I have a huge kit list to buy, so if businesses want to help me get to my target, it would be very welcome,' said Yvie.

Companies and crafters around the area have already offered items to raise money, but if you would like to offer financial support, email yviegnome@aol.com.

In preparation, she said she has 'wired her jaws', adding 'I need to lose a bit of weight. I've changed my diet and want to get marching round the hills.'

Yvie added: 'I know times are hard, but the smallest amount of help is very much appreciated.'

Operational manager Jonathan Scott, back left, and Christopher Liddell welcomed excited Tarbert pupils to see what happens at their shellfish business.



Pupils at Tarbert are happy as clams

After a year of lockdown, a trip to visit Loch Fyne Seafarms must have felt incredible for Tarbert Academy primary school pupils.

The Tarbert-based firm invited classes for a tour, so P1 and P2 pupils went along on Tuesday June 22. The children got to touch the crabs, scallops and lobsters; learned how langoustines swim; and how to tell the age of a scallop.

They were also told about lobster creels, and

why it is called a 'D' creel. They asked questions, which they had prepared in advance, and at the end were treated to a goodie bag containing a magnetic crab, pencils with lobster rubbers, stickers and a ruler.

P1/2 teacher Nicola Derevyankin said: 'It was a fantastic visit. Especially after lockdowns and everything else; it was great to be out and the staff were terrific.'

Charity stalwart Sandra celebrates

Suitably hatted for the occasion, Lochgilphead woman Sandra Johnston celebrated her 80th birthday earlier this week.

Sandra is a familiar figure around the town and well known for her tireless voluntary work with local community groups.

Chairperson of the Tarbert Soup Group and the Heads Up mental health group, as well as working with the PACT group which supports people with disabilities, Sandra has twice been named the Mid Argyll Volunteer of the Year.

Sandra is probably best known for the delicious meals she planned and prepared for the Lochgilphead Lunch Bunch, with menu favourites including her signature jelly fluff and sausage casseroles.

Sandra celebrated her birthday on Tuesday June 29 with her daughter Annabelle, in the sunshine of her garden.



Sandra Johnstone



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The commemorative plague.

Advantage Ardrishaig as courts re-open

Tennis and bowling taster sessions prove popular



Bruce Robertson shows he's still got what it

The sun came out for the official re-opening of the newly-refurbished tennis courts at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club - just in time for Wimbledon, writes Colin Cameron.

Long-standing member Bruce Robertson unveiled a plaque, donated by Midton Acrylics, to mark the occasion on Saturday June 26.

Bruce mentioned in his speech that he had played on the courts across seven decades, before showing he still knows how to wield a racquet as he and other former club members took to the court for a 'friendly' veterans' knockabout.

Keen players, from pre-schoolers to 'old-schoolers', then took to the courts to enjoy the greatly improved playing surface.

The club thanked Balfour Beatty for its assistance with the vital improvement work. Honorary membership certificates will be given to the crew who laboured through sun, rain and midges to resurface the courts.

Representing Balfour Beatty, David Nevin said how pleased he was that the job had been completed to benefit the community.

As well as free access to the new courts on Saturday and Sunday, two taster sessions were held to allow newcomers of all ages to try their hand at green bowling too.

Coaching

These proved very popular and with coaching and encouragement from club members Jamie Lang and Tommy McCrae, accuracy improved all round.

Both days were warm and sunny, with a good breeze to keep midges at bay, and the lovely surroundings of the clubhouse could be appreciated to the full.

Refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed in the cool shade of the clubhouse after some tough battles on the courts and green.



Poppy and Leon Quarton, with dad James, pick up bowling tips from Jamie Lang.

Anyone wishing to use the tennis courts and bowling green regularly is being encouraged to take out membership, which costs £20 for newcomers, and allows use of both venues throughout the season. Club secretary Fiona

MacLachlan can be contacted on 01546 602860.

For non-members wishing to play there is an honesty box and donations can be posted through the letterbox on the gable end of the clubhouse.

Councillors look ahead to meeting in person

A return to the Kilmory chamber could be a step closer for Argyll and Bute's councillors after an officer said plans to relax social distancing may allow for the move.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie asked how arrangements for attendance would work when face-to-face meetings become a possibility again.

Council executive director

Douglas Hendry said that if the Scottish Government relaxed social distancing measures as planned, it might be possible for all members to attend.

No council meetings have taken place in person since the middle of March 2020, with all business being conducted virtually. In April, the local authority resolved to continue virtual meetings up to a review at the full council's next meeting in September.

An update on the situation went before councillors at a virtual full meeting on June 24

Councillor Currie said: 'If we had a committee of 20, but the room that we were meeting in could only hold 10 face-to-face, how would we decide which 10 would be in the room, with the other 10 online?' Mr Hendry

responded: 'The short answer is that there is no quick answer to this, but the indication from the Scottish Government is that by the time we get to those meetings in August, if things continue as they are, restrictions on social distancing could be relaxed to one metre.

'That would make things easier for us. Thinking about the chamber, in relation to actual mechanics, we think the default position would be that all members are entitled to turn up in person at a meeting.

'We would like to put in place arrangements that would allow that to happen if that is indeed the case. 'There may be something

we can do after recess where, when we put out the agenda, we ask all committee members to confirm electronically whether they intend to be

there physically or virtually. If that was something which members bought into, it would allow us to plan in the days leading up to a meeting. Hopefully this is an indication of something we could do.'

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced last week it is hoped to reduce social distancing from two metres to one metre indoors from Monday July 19.





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New stone paving for front green

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The £1.5 million refurbishment of Lochgilphead's front green will include new paving slabs to complement the new-look Colchester Square.

Argyll and Bute Council has earmarked £80,000 to upgrade the front green's pavements by installing stone similar to that recently laid around the square and Argyll Street.

The extra funding for Lochgilphead is part of a nationwide regeneration project that has seen £821,000 allocated to Argyll and Bute Council.



Lochgilphead front green will have stone paving to complement the Achnaba slabs seen here being laid in Colchester Square earlier this year. 51_a11ColchesterSquare07

The Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) aims to revitalise town centres and neighbourhoods and the projects it funds must be delivered by March next year.

The initial phase of PBIP funding will also support the improvement of shop-fronts throughout Argyll through grants for business owners and £80,000 has been allocated to this part of the project.

This follows last year's Scottish Government Town centre scheme which supported more than 70 Argyll and Bute businesses.

Rothesay's Tower Street council building will also benefit from £100,000 worth of repairs to improve the building's appearance.

Policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial development Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'Local regeneration is a key priority as we continue to invest across Argyll and Bute enhancing the area as a fantastic place to work, live and visit.

'We are already seeing the benefits of transformational projects in our towns and settlements and the additional funding from the Place Based Investment Programme is welcome news for the area.'

Lochgilphead's new school run

Plans to make it easier and safer to walk, cycle and wheel to Lochgilphead's joint campus are being refined.

More than 100 people took

More than 100 people took part in a survey by Walk Cycle Lochgilphead as part of an Argyll and Bute Council scheme to make active travel safer between the joint campus, Lochgilphead town centre and Bishopton Road.

One route came out on top after consultation on three proposals in May with almost half the respondents going for the option through Union Street, avoiding the busy A83.

The popularity of the chosen route was largely based on it being considered a quick and cost effective solution, offering a direct journey and leading to reduced traffic speeds.

The proposal would see a number of traffic management measures put in place, including wider pavements at the Lorne Street-A83 junction, priority given to cyclists on Lorne Street, a segregated contraflow cycle lane on Union Street and a staggered crossing route outside the school campus.

A number of 'rain gardens' are also to be introduced. These areas of grasses and wildflowers will border and divide roads and paths while providing flood prevention during periods of heavy rain.

Walk Cycle Lochgilphead is now inviting people to comment on the proposed route to finalise its design.

Visit www.walkcyclelochgil-phead.co.uk/proposed-route to get involved.

The long and winding road



The newly-unveiled Kintyre 66 (K66) tourist route sparked the imagination of our regular contributor Ann Thomas.

The Tarbert artist this week ponders the possible traffic implications for visitors drawn to the beautiful route.

The Kintyre 66 - described as 'Scotland's answer to Route 66 - is a circular loop taking in the unspoilt west and east coasts of the Kintyre peninsula from Kennacraig to Campbeltown, adding up, more or less, to 66 miles depending on the places visited.

Explore Kintyre and Gigha tourism and marketing group, the people behind the initiative, asks visitors to be mindful of other road users while enjoying the region's many attractions.





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This year's head girl is Brie Pannell and the head boy Archie MacColl Smith. Deputes are Amy Anderson, Jasmine McPhie, Donald Self and Tom West.



The prizewinners demonstrated 'determination and resilience', said head teacher Ann Devine.

Resilience and determination rewarded in Lochgilphead

After a challenging year, the hard work and resilience of pupils at Lochgilphead High School has been recognised with prizes, trophies and certificates.

Among the many achievements celebrated at the end of term was the school dux prize which was won by Donald Self. Ann Devine, Lochgilphead joint campus principal, said: 'Our annual celebration of achievement took place in a rather different style over the course of a week when pupils were presented with prizes during their

registration period. Individual and group photographs were taken and shared on our social media platforms. It was particularly pleasing to see such progress and excellence across the school during another difficult year. The prizewinners demonstrate the determination and resilience which characterise our pupils

'We are immensely proud of them and grateful to the teachers who have supported them and the parents who encourage them and work closely in partnership with the school.'

Prizewinners

Administration: David Gillies; Art and Design: Sophie Smith; Katja Fedchun; Biology: Mirren Angus; Innes Paterson; Business Management: Ryan Logan; Danni Bell; Chemistry: Alice Cinnamond; Arasi Kasirajan; English: Stuart Phillips; Arasi Kasirajan; Donald Self; French: Rosie Day; Ella MacKay; Geography: Chloe Wilson; Innes Paterson; Graphic Communication: Rosie Day; Toby Craven; Hospitality: Jodie McKee; History: Leila Ritchie; Todd Gontarek; Mathematics: Eilidh Flanagan; Lucas Gritten; Modern Studies: Fergus MacKay; Music: Holly Gilthorpe; Ciaran Stanton; Physical Education: Callum MacVicar; Drew Buckley;

Keiran Caskie; Physics: Ella Todhunter-Brown; Lucas Gritten; Practical Woodwork: Murray MacDonald; Sean Windham Wright; Spanish: Rosie Day; Nina Crossey. Trophies: Blair Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Sport: Leon Murphy; Lewis Wilson Memorial Trophy for Progress in Piping and Drumming: Christopher McCarton; Lewis Wilson Memorial Trophy for Progress in Physical Education and Sport: Mya Kidd; Peter MacCallum Memorial Trophy for Music: Rhona Love; Maryse Payen Cup for Speaking: Ellan MacKay; Donald Self; Lochgilphead High School Award for Employability: Best Student: Ruaraidh Logan; Mentor of the Year: Charles Cameron - Noremac; Senior Dux: Donald Self.



Lochgilphead High School senior dux Donald Self.

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Special milestones marked at **Tarbert Academy**

Important milestones were marked by Tarbert Academy pupils last week with celebrations, prizes and presentations.

Children in primaries one to three welcomed the pupils moving up this summer from the early learning unit. Their new schoolmates sang songs and were given leavers' certificates and books at a special assembly on Tuesday in which this year's primary one pupils were awarded the Miss C Galbraith prizes.

In their own leavers' assembly, the primary seven pupils shared with the rest of the school a presentation they had created depicting their learning journey. They received their leavers' hoodies and French dictionaries provided by the parent council.

The annual school prizes were also presented at these assemblies, including the prize for primary dux which was won by Sadie Johnstone. Due to current restrictions the secondary prizes were awarded in classes by the head teacher on Wednesday rather than at a whole-school assembly. The senior dux prize was awarded to Danielle Blair.

Tarbert Academy announced that, following a selection process, a new school captain and two vice captains have been appointed. After a few weeks of campaigning which included candidates making posters, canvassing opinion, creating a video presentation and a formal interview, Danielle Blair is the new school captain and Troy Bailey and Marion Anderson are vice captains.

Danielle's appointment as both captain and dux is a remarkable achievement and particularly of note as her brother Jamie Blair achieved the same feat last year.



School captains Marion Anderson, Danielle Blair and Troy



Senior dux Danielle Blair.



Mathilda Molle won the **Bunty Seeds prize for** progress and effort.



The Wm E C Seeds prize for progress and effort was awarded to Olek Paturai



Primary dux Sadie Johnston.

Tarbert Academy prizewinners

Miss C Galbraith Prizes, Primary 1: School Prize for Administration: Eden MacDonald: School Prize for Art and Design: Tansy Scott: I B Dickie Prize for Chemistry: Danielle Blair; Daphne Paterson Prize for English, Primary: Sadie Johnstone; Daphne Paterson Prize for English: Danielle Blair;

Rotary Club Prize for National 5 English: Milo Ingram; Miss Margery Irving Prize for French: Eden MacDonald; Colin C Blair Prize for History: Danielle Blair; J B Dickie Prize for Mathematics: Morvern Paisley; MacKay Prize for National 5 Mathematics: Kieran McKinven; Rotary Prize for S2 Mathematics: Sarah Kirk; School Prize for Music: Kieran McKinven; J B Dickie Prize for Biology: Morvern Paisley; J B Dickie Prize for Physical Education: Raphael MacLachlan; Bunty Seeds Prize for Progress and Effort: Mathilda Moller; Wm E C Seeds Prize for Progress and Effort: Olek Paturaj; School

Prize for Health and Food Technology: Eilidh Norris; School Prize for Practical Woodworking: Raphael Maclachlan; School Prize for Graphic Communication: Troy Bailey; School Prize for Higher Drama: Amber Blake: Tarbert Gaelic Choir War Memorial Award: Morvern Paisley; Head Teacher's Prize for Service to School: Charlie Prentice; School Prize for Business Management: Amber Blake; School Prize for French: Jayne Wilson; Primary Good Citizenship Award: Codi MacDougall; Certificate of Merit, Primary: Daria Derevyankin; Kaiden Stewart; Anand Davies; Primary Dux: Sadie Johnstone; Senior Dux: Danielle Blair; Certificates for Progress and Effort: Catriona Johnstone; Thom Baillie; Ruby Beagan; Eilidh Norris; Lewis Baillie; Gary Crawford; Jessica Wilkieson; Mathilda Moller; Keiran Blair; Kieran McKinven; Kaitlyn Prentice; Siri Dawton; Olek Paturaj; Tia MacLean; Jean MacPhee; Jayne Wilson.



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YOUR PICTURES





We return to the natural world this week with our featured photographs, sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser by Ardrishaig resident Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye. Keen-eyed Cheryl spotted this Oystercatcher adult with three chicks on the shore. 'They blend really well with the stones on the beach,' said Cheryl, 'and they have already started to search around for food on their own.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



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Argyll Rally falls under Welsh wizard's driving spell

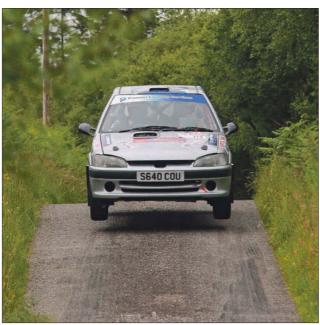
The Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally delivered a spectacular curtain-raiser for the Scottish Rally Championship amid the stunning scenery of Cowal – but it was a Welshman who grabbed the headlines.

Making a switch from the forest road event that has taken place since 2017, the Mull Car Club-organised rally took place on closed public roads, starting with a Dunoon town centre circuit last Friday evening.

The Argyll Rally made a return to the British rallying calendar four years ago after a 13-year sabbatical. Known as the Burmah Rally, the event originated in the early 1970s but failed to run after 2004.

It was revived in 2017 by Mull Car Club and this year became one of a few closed road stage rallies in the country.

It was the opener for the KNC Groundworks Scottish



The Lochgilphead team of Duncan MacLean and Ross Callander finished a creditable 79th of 120 entrants in their Peugeot 106 GTi. Photos: West Coast Photos/Gavin Brown

Rally Championship, joined by the Northern England Tarmacadam Rally Championship – and a field of 120 crews promised plenty of drama.

Castle Douglas driver Jock Armstrong with Tobermory's Cameron Fair on pace notes led the event in their Fiesta Ford Rally2 after the town stage but with three more stages in Cowal that night, it was short-lived as the Aberdeen/ Aberystwyth team of Freddie Milne and Patrick Walsh took the overnight lead.

Eighteen seconds behind Milne was the MINI WRC crew of Daniel Harper and Chris Campbell with David Wright and Paula Swinscoe third in their Fiesta R5.

Milne stayed ahead across undulating, narrow stages in Glendaruel, Strathlachlan and Whistlefield, opening up a gap approaching 20 seconds. A

one-minute chicane penalty on stage seven, however, dropped him out of contention, leaving Wright to pick up the top spot.

More drama awaited as a similar penalty befell Wright on stage 11. With Welshman Meirion Evans and co-driver Jonathan Jackson in their Polo GTi R5 mounting a last loop charge, it would be Evans who came out on top after 13 stages of an impressive two-day event.

'It's a great feeling,' said Evans at the finish. 'We did our job as well as we could and to be rewarded with a win is more than I could have hoped for after the first loop Friday night.

'For quite a short rally, it was so challenging. The margin for error was zero on every stage and you couldn't afford any lapse in concentration.

After a clean run throughout the weekend, Harper secured

second overall with Milne taking the final podium place.

His result gave him the Scottish Rally Championship victory, a small consolation after his impressive run.

Wright landed fourth with Armstrong taking fifth place and second SRC contender, as rallying returnee John MacCrone of Mull rounded out the top five with World Rally Championship co-driver Stuart Loudon alongside calling the notes.

Clerk of the course Chris Woodcock was delighted to see the rally return, despite the challenges of covid.

'There were certainly times we thought the rally could not go ahead over the last few months,' he said.

He thanked the organising team, local authorities, sponsors and the residents and businesses of Dunoon for their support and co-operation.

Mull Fiddle Week heads to Oban

Mull Fiddle Week is heading over to Oban to run some of its workshops for young people with learning disabilities.

The series of sessions, between Monday August 9 and Friday August 13 and part of a bigger week of workshops and performances in Tobermory, are free and in partnership with charity Hear My Music.

Hear My Music is a Glasgowbased charity helping people with complex needs and/or Autism to express themselves through music making.

These workshops are for ages five to 26 and will be led by two specialist practitioners who will work with individuals and also with small groups.

Event organisers are keen to hear from any groups in the Oban area who are interested in getting involved.

Individual sessions will last for 30-45 minutes and group sessions last for 45 minutes up to one hour. The structure will be clear and consistent, including the likes of a greeting song or exercise, a warm up and time to create something new.

During the sessions, participants will explore traditional music through different techniques including technology and other instruments. Nonverbal participants will be encouraged to make choices,

both personally and musically using visual aids, picture communication systems and a coloured notation system called Figurenotes used for composition.

Hear My Music practitioners specialise in the creation of new music with individuals who traditionally may struggle

to be heard or have autonomy over their choices.

There will also be a collaborative element to the week where the creative output from all Mull Fiddle Week participants will be included and woven together in a shared performance at the end of the week. This may need to be done through pre-recorded material or video-link-up but there might also be the chance of an in-person performance on Mull on the Friday.

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Cancer hero

Nothing keeps Yvie down for very long. Her last epic charity challenge last October - walking 400,000 steps or 180 miles for Breast Cancer Now - was achieved despite an injured knee.

Now she's tackling the highest Munro in the southern Highlands and more (just the two and a half marathons) for a charity raising awareness among young people about breast cancer.

As we ease out of the pandemic, we are likely to see a rise in cancer cases as a result of people not being diagnosed during the Covid battle. Which makes the work of charities such as Coppafeel even more vital than it was pre-pandemic.

If there are Mid Argyll businesses or individuals out there who would like to support her as she aims for a pretty high fundraising bar, it would be much appreciated by Yvie.

Pupil power

Schooling is another part of life which has been greatly affected by Covid, and it is fantastic to see the work of pupils in this unique time being recognised.

And we shouldn't forget the dedication

of teachers and other staff during the pandemic.

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Assurances sought on **Scottish Greens deal**

An open letter from groups representing land, river and coastal workers to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP

First Minister.

We write jointly to you with an urgent request that you prioritise safeguarding the employment of land, river and coastal workers in Scotland as you progress partnership discussions with the Scottish Green Party.

Our respective groups represent many thousands of workers who have given service, knowledge and skills to the cause and betterment of Scotland for centuries.

We respect your right to hold discussions with the Scottish Green Party or any other party. We understand and support the national priorities of addressing climate change and feel our respective memberships offer much to the country in this joint endeavour.

We will not be able to participate fully, however, while major question marks hang over jobs, families, homes, communities and the collective futures of our memberships.

The Scottish Green Party has made public its opposition to sectors it deems not to fit its vision of a Scotland tackling climate change.

The prospect of a party with so little public voting support potentially holding significant influence over key decisions affecting so many workers' livelihoods is causing considerable cross-sector concern and many questions.

We have no evidence available to us which enables us to trust the Scottish Green Party to commit to protecting jobs as part of any socalled 'just transition'.

No concrete solutions have been offered to date for the people at the sharp end who are making a living in rural and coastal Scotland but could potentially stand to lose much if Green policies are delivered.

We also understand the concerns amongst workers in the oil and gas sectors, whom we have communicated with

The Scottish Greens' election manifesto commitments will tear apart some sectors, such as game and angling.

The party has not endeavoured to engage with workers in all sectors or heard the steps signatories have already taken to help Scotland on its climate journey and what these organisations can do in the months and years ahead.

There are considerable concerns regarding future national food security and the planting of millions of trees in the wrong places, seemingly with inadequate oversight.

This will impact upon opportunities for future generations of farmers, whilst changing Scotland's landscapes and biodiversity forever.

There are major worries regarding punitive prohibitions to sustainable fishing around coastal waters and further erosion of livelihoods in coastal communities.

Our collective view is that, if afforded too much influence, the Scottish Greens' policy priorities will devastate already fragile communities, instigate major job losses, worsen social inequality and the mental health of workers who already feel under persistent pressure from the extent and direction of environmental aspirations which are often driven, sometimes with little consultation, by powerful Non-Governmental Organisations.

Removing the livelihoods of thousands of workers who have much to deliver is, in our view, not the solution to address a climate or biodiversity crisis or the need to rebuild the Scottish economy hit hard by the pandemic.

Our combined memberships operate in sectors which generate hundreds of millions of pounds for the Scottish economy annually.

Rural and coastal communities have already been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 and are additionally coming to terms with major changes following Brexit.

There are also worries about the direction of international trade deals in the farming world and genuine concerns over lack of clarity on agriculture support payments.

We ask you to provide solemn assurances to signatory parties that Scottish Government will not sacrifice our members' livelihoods and futures in any power sharing agreement with

the Scottish Greens and that you will protect their interests and what their vocation means to them, their families and the cultural heritage of Scotland.

We ask also that you instruct your ministers to engage with any signatory parties who have yet to be involved in climate/biodiversity discussions, to hear their views and consider what they can deliver to Scotland on the journey to 'net zero', whilst continuing to prop up the economies and communities in which they continue to serve.

The Scottish Gamekeepers Association; National Sheep Association; NSA Scotland; SGA Fishing Group; The Game Farmers Association (UK); Scottish Field Trials Association; Angus Glens Moorland Group; Grampian Moorland Group; Southern Uplands Moorland Group; Tayside and Central Scotland Moorland Group; Loch Ness Rural Communities; Speyside Moorland Group; Tomatin Moorland Group. Statement in support due from coastal fishery members of Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance.

Communities ignored

I'm very concerned the views of our community councils have not been listened to concerning the [ward electoral] boundary changes.

Residents of Islay, Jura and Colonsay are confused that the Islands Act, supposed to empower our islands, is being referenced in these boundary changes which will lead to those of us who live on the islands having less representation.

It's disappointing our community councils' wish to retain the existing ward boundary seems to have been in the Boundaries Scotland recommendations.

Contrary to the views put forward, it seems we are to be turned into an 'islands only' ward with no Kintyre connection and one less councillor.

Ileachs find it hard to understand that our communities' wishes should simply have been disregarded and dismissed in this way

> Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward.

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Thought for the Week

I once received an anonymous letter. After a cursory glance, it went into the bin, but the final sentence stuck in my mind.

'You were an odd-ball at school,' it said, 'and you still are.'

Well that would kind of stick in your mind, wouldn't it?

That's why, at my funeral — which won't be for some time vet, I hope — I want the coffin to be carried from the church to the tune of Still Crazy After All These Years.

I suppose you'd have to be a bit crazy to retire from one career then embark on another rather than taking life easy.

And for many people, getting involved in religion at all seems a pretty odd-ball thing to do.

Mark's story about Jesus tells how those around him were saying he was 'out of his mind'

Even his own family seemed to think it.

Why? Because he was healing anyone and everyone in need and casting out demons and doing all this even on the Sabbath.

He was, in other words, breaking the rules to make sure everyone could experience God's grace.

Maybe it is just a wee bit crazy for Christians to think that, by their faith and witness, they can help to bring change to this world giving, as a beautiful hymn puts it, bread to the hungry, land to the dispossessed, rights for the weak, roofs over the heads of the homeless, renewal for oceans plundered and poisoned, peace to the killing fields and justice for all.

But wouldn't it be great if we could say, 'yes, it sounds crazy, but it has to start somewhere and it may as well be with me'?

Reverend William Crossan, Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown.

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DUNOON

Ferry will not return until next week

Ferry operator CalMac has been hit with further disruption to the passenger service between Dunoon and Gourock.

The MV Argyll Flyer has been plagued with technical problems since entering service on the Firth of Clyde in 2011 and has faced thousands of cancellations in that period.

The ferry was expected to return to service earlier in June, but on June 26 CalMac confirmed the vessel would not return to service until July 5 at the earliest.

The company explained that further investigations and trials of the vessel's engines were needed before it could sail again.

The route will be served by just the MV Ali Cat, which itself faces technical difficulties with a gangway.

The temporary facility being used is said to be inaccessible for wheelchair users, people with mobility issues or those travelling with prams and young children.

INVERARAY

Route to rival NC500

The Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa is the start and finish point for a new tourist route which Crerar Hotels says will rival the North Coast 500 and the Kintyre66.

The hotel firm's Crerar450 takes in 450 miles between all seven of the company's properties, including Loch Fyne, west coast islands, the Great Glen, Glencoe, Ben Nevis, Loch Ness and the Cairngorms.

The drive begins at the Loch Fyne Hotel with lunch before travellers set off to Oban, Mull, Ballachulish and Inverness. It's off through east coast hotels after that before returning to the Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa.

Chris Wayne-Wills, chief executive officer of the Crerar Hotel Group, said: 'The Crerar450 is an extensive route, but well worth the journey.

'As someone who regularly makes this journey,



Volunteers get ready to plant wildflowers in Kilmartin.

KILMARTIN

Hundreds of wildflowers have been planted in the centre of Kilmartin by villagers of all ages. The residents worked over consecutive days

last week turning turf and cutting them in preparation for wildflower plugs. The work at Kilmartin's meadow by the green follows a similar wildflower project in Slockavullin.

Wildflower sites are also planned for Kilmichael Glassary and Bridgend.

I can personally vouch for the beauty road-trippers will take in along the way.

'And with the finest food and drink and sumptuous accommodation on offer, the route is ideal for those who want to take a road trip but make it more luxurious.

ISLE OF BUTE

BID for Bute

Moves to set up a Business Improvement District (BID) on Bute have been backed by councillors from Oban where a similar scheme is well established.

Argyll and Bute Council last week approved plans to hold a ballot of business owners on whether to set up such a project, which sees businesses work together and invest collectively in improvements to their environment. Oban has had a successful Business Improvement District (BID) since in 2012.

Oban South and the Isles councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'What they are doing in Oban has transformed the town and it is great the council plays such a big part in it.'

Councillor Jim Lynch added: 'It has been an excellent thing for Oban and I look forward to the ballot result.'

The main aim is to use an annual levy on businesses to deliver projects and events over a fiveyear period which improve the environment for businesses, customers and visitors to the island.

If the plan is approved, the levy could raise £134,000 a year for BID projects - and more than £600,000 over five years.

The postal ballot will take place over six weeks and starts on July 29.

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The Softer Crofter

A cocktail of green

We've created a wee tropical nook on this windswept edge of Argyll.

The veggies inside our Polycrub have no idea they're growing on a cold, salty ridge on the north Atlantic coast.

With its profusion of chillies, onions, limes and tomatoes, the greenhouse/polytunnel smells like a salsa-drenched burrito bowl and looks like a misplaced wee bit of the Amazon.

The long, furry arms of dozens of squash plants twist all across the ground, their huge yellow flowers now sprouting glossy green and yellow courgettes.

The rocket, wasabi, coriander and basil have all gone feral and have escaped the confines of their neat little wooden beds and are heading for the door.

They'll get a heck of a fright if they do manage to make the great escape.

This week our wee bit of hillside has been pummelled by rain and faced unseasonably low temperatures, even for Scotland.

Out there in the real world the locals are doing fine. Potatoes, broccoli, turnip are quite the thing, braving the elements and taking their own sweet time.

In contrast, the hardier



breeds that have been cosseted with shelter and warmth in our cosy wee haven are struggling.

In an attempt to lengthen our harvest, we're growing some crops inside and out, but the brassicas got too excited too early and have bolted and gone

Huge leafy cauliflowers have produced spindly miniature florets or none at all.

Dr Google tells us the soil has been too warm for them, but the abundance of cauliflower leaves will be welcome news elsewhere on the croft as it's a firm favourite with the always-ravenous saddlebacks.

And it's not just the pigs eating the scraps from the Polycrub.

Thanks to a great foraging course, I know not to chuck the sorrel, fat hen and chickweed in the compost.

We've had some interesting





salads since I've managed to reassure the family I'm not about to serve them hemlock well, not deliberately.

The challenge now is ensuring none of the leafy abundance goes to waste.

Thanks to the lovely Nigella, our fridge is lined with jars of her green sauce - a zesty coriander, lime and chilli combo that adds spice to any meal.

At our kitchen table it accompanies everything, from venison fillets to fish fingers.

Alongside it on the kitchen shelf is rocket pesto, dill dip and tonnes of mint sauce, but I've been struggling to find any kind of preserve that will use up the glut of sage that's taking over a large corner of the Polycrub.

Adding a wee bit to apple sauce or frying it up alongside our bacon is fine, but we just couldn't use enough of the stuff.

That was until a desperate web search introduced me to the wonderful world of mixology.

Turns out I'm a bit late to the

Cocktail-making has shaken up the booze world throughout lockdown and while we've

From far left: Green sauce with everything; The Amazon? No. it's a

prodigious Polycrub:

back pigs.

Nothing is wasted on the croft, thanks to the saddle-

been carefully nurturing our Chardonnay vines in the hope of a glass or two in years to come, everyone else has been shaking, stirring and blending a wild mix of concoctions. Well, if you can't beat them...

We've joined the party now – in style. Anyone for a Sage Gin Martini? A Smoky Sage? A Blood Sage? A Sage Margarita? It appears there's no limit to the boozy uses for this prolific little herb.

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Nominations open for farming awards

scheme is back - and nominations are invited.

The AgriScot Scotch Beef and Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year awards, sponsored by Thorntons Solicitors and supported by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), will showcase the best in beef and sheep production.

Recognising the achievements. innovation and forward thinking of beef and sheep producers, the awards help to raise the profile of farmers producing top-quality Scotch Beef PGI and Scotch Lamb PGI.

The Kingan family, Alistair and Suzi, and Margaret and Russell, of Kingan Farms near Dumfries, were awarded AgriScot Scotch Beef Farm of time the competition was held.

A family partnership, Kingan Farms is a beef finishing system with a turnover of approximately 1,400 cattle per year on 475 hectares of owned and tenanted land across four

'Winning the award was just fantastic. For ourselves and the team, it was really important to be acknowledged for all the hard work that we do,' said

Alistair added: 'There are other farmers out there who are doing equally as good a job as us and they should stand proud and put themselves forward for these awards.'

Their delight was mirrored Kevin Stewart from Sharpitlaw Farm in Kelso, who KINGAN FARMS

was announced as AgriScot Scottish Sheep Farm of the Year in 2019.

Operating on 500 hectares across three predominantly upland units from a base at Sharpitlaw, the farms carry 1,250 ewes and 1,080 feeding lambs. 'We applied for the award because we knew we did things a bit differently, but we also knew we were pretty

good at it. Winning it was wonderful recognition for a lot of years of hard work, not just by me but by the people that work with me as well,' said

Margaret,

Suzi and

Alistair

Kingan with QMS

chairper-

son Kate

Rowell.

The winners of both awards will receive a £500 cheque plus a £250 voucher to celebrate their success at a restaurant in the Scotch Beef Club - the club run by QMS with members serving top quality Scotch produce. The awards will be presented at AgriScot at Ingliston in November.

AgriScot chairperson Robert Neill encouraged beef and sheep farmers across Scotland to nominate someone they know or apply themselves for either award: 'No matter the size or location of your farm, breed of livestock, or grazing system, we strongly encourage entries from producers across the country.

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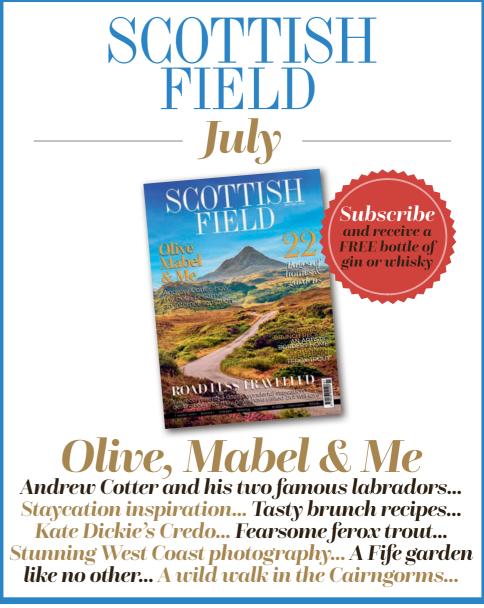


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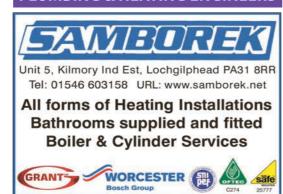
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The Oban Times Newspaper Group wants to recruit an experienced, dynamic, and ambitious senior journalist to take up the role of Chief Reporter of the Group's stable of weekly newspapers in the West Highlands.

This role has been created for a talented and ambitious manager to lead the reporting teams at Head Office in Oban and various satellite offices The successful candidate will be a clear thinker, who will add further zest to our team, and have the ability to use their knowledge and expertise to mentor, encourage, and develop the reporting staff.

They will require:

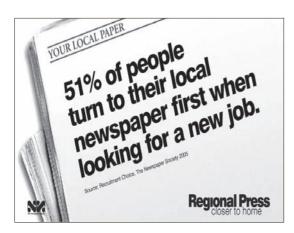
- A good news sense, be organised, and have an impeccable eye for detail
- A passion for accuracy and able to understand and conform quickly to house style
- · Ability to work effectively and enthusiastically, leading the team on several projects simultaneously
- · Experience of working on digital platforms
- · Effective communication skills
- Digital and social media awareness
- A full driving licence is essential

The Chief Reporter's duties will include:

- · Sourcing major news stories and developing investigative reports
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Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy Virtual Public Consultation

SSEN Transmission invites you to share your views with us

What is being consulted on?

We would like to invite you to join our virtual consultation exhibitions to share your views and feedback on our proposals for our Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy which aims to enable the connection of new renewable generation to support the transition to net zero emissions. This strategy is comprised of three elements:

(1)Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Connection

Following previous rounds of consultation on this project, we are now looking to hear your views on our Preferred overhead line within for the Creag Dhubh application Notice (PAN).

Creag Dhubh to Inveraray 275kV Overhead Line This is a new project which would involve between 8-12 km of new 275kV overhead line constructed proposed new substation at Creag Dhubh, and a connection point on the Inveraray to Crossaig overhead Crossaig overhead line. We are inviting views as to our Preferred Route Option, within which the replacement overhead line will be located.

Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Substations To complete the **Argyll and Kintyre** 275kV Strategy all the connected substations require upgrade to 275kV capability, as a result we are progressing with a new project which would involve construction and operation of four new 275kV electricity substations, south of Inveraray. We are inviting views regarding preferred Site Options identified for each of

these substations.

Consultation starts on Monday 12th July 2021 and closes on Friday 13th August 2021. We kindly request that feedback forms are submitted by

If you have any questions about the project or are unable to join the virtual consultations and you would like a paper copy of the consultation brochure please contact the Community Liaison Manager by email, phone or post:

The team will be available for live instant message chat sessions on:

> Wednesday 14th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 15th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

Thursday 29th July 2021 10am-1pm & 5-7pm

How can I get involved? The virtual consultation exhibitions are part of a 5 week long consultation and have been designed to be fully interactive, allowing for presentation of key project information and plans, as to engage directly with the project team via the chat portal, the consultation brochure, other supporting documents and feedback forms can be accessed on the project www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/

Helen Batey

Community Liaison Manager Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ

projects/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv-strategy/

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is again open for applications. Completed applications must be in by 23:59 on 31st July 2021 and is open to all local charities and voluntary organisations.

MACC Charitable Giving Fund

Application forms are available to download from www.machrihanish.org, by emailing enquiries@maccdl.co.uk or phone 01586 551555. Decisions will be announced at the AGM in September. of the business community read the regional press





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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.

Site Address Proposal 21/00992/PP Renewal of planning permission 18/00844/PP (Erection of Land North Fast Of Home Far dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank) Argyll And Bute lvy Cottage, Keills Tayvallich, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8PQ Change of use of land to form residential curtilage 21/01017/PP

Repair and replacement of slate roof including replacement of all slates to west (rear) elevation with new Spanish slates keeping any salvaged slates for repairs to east (front) elevation. Lead consider the results of the results o 21/01109/LIB elevation. Lead capping to skews and repointing of

stonework as necessary

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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (CAMPBELTOWN)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF SPECIFIED TURNS
AND TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON WAITING,
LOADING AND UNLOADING) (NO. 2) ORDER 2021

LOADING AND UNLOADING) (NO. 2) ORDER 2021
THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting specified turns, waiting, loading and unloading on that length of the A83 Tarbet – Lochgilphead – Campbeltown Trunk Road from Old Quay Roundabout, Campbeltown in a south easterly direction along Hall Street, Campbeltown to its junction with New Quay Roundabout, Campbeltown and thereafter from said junction in a north westerly direction along Hall Street, Campbeltown to its junction with Old Quay Roundabout, Campbeltown a distance of 495 metres or thereby. Prohibition Of Specified Turns Prohibition Of Specified Turns

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BIRTH

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ENGAGEMENT

JORDAN - MCFADYEN

- Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Ashleigh, eldest daughter of Stephen and Michelle, Campbeltown to Campbell, younger son of Calum and Heather, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

McGEACHY - Peacefully at home, Seafield, Machrihanish, on June 28, 2021, Mary Christine Reid, in her 74th year, much loved partner of Leslie, loving and adored mum of Wendy and Trudi, beloved granny of Kieran, Leanna, Jaymey, Zara, Laurance and Kelsey and great granny of Sian, Arran, Willow, Max, Lucas and Ruby.

NOBLE - Peter, Boat builder, Girvan and peacefully Peninver, at his own home on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Dearly loved husband of Irene Wilson, loving grandfather father, great-grandfather and of the family. Service private due to current restrictions. Donations, if desired in aid of Fishermen's Mission C/O J & J Lindsay, 115 Wilson Street, Girvan KA26 9AR

REID Peacefully at home, Thornhill, Campbeltown, on June 25, 2021, John Ronald Reid, in his 85th year, dearly beloved husband of Moira Millar, much loved dad of Iain and Mary, father-in-law of Claire and Jason and loving grandfather of Cameron, Owen, Anthony and Lily.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FINLAY - Robin, Craig, Morven and the family of the late Sheila Finlay would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and acquaintances and the many people who

gathered on the streets for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Our warm and sincere thanks to piper John Hunt, to Collette Morgan Macmillan Cancer Nurse, to the wonderful staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital and in particular Glenaray Ward. Our thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professionalism and attention to detail and to Cameron MacDonald for his dignified and lovely funeral services. Donations received in Sheila's Memory have amounted to over £800 for Macmillan nurses.

FLETCHER - Wilma, Mairi and family would like to thank everyone for all the thoughtful cards, messages and flowers received following the sad loss of Eddie. Our sincere thanks to all doctors, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Medical Practice for their care and support. A special thank you to Jacqui and Hayley for the compassion they showed Eddie in his final hours. Thanks also to Rev Steve Fulcher for his $comforting \, service \, and \, to \,$ T A Blair for outstanding professionalism meticulous attention to detail.

ROBERTSON - The memory of my dad Ian Robertson will last forever and words cannot express the feeling in my heart at this time. Thank you all for being with me during this difficult period. Your thoughts, generosity, kindness and words of sympathy to me, the Robertson and McKechnie families are greatly appreciated. Love wee Margaret.

IN MEMORIAMS

HARRISON - In loving memory of my dear wife, Sandra, passed away on July 1, 2018.

There will never be a day when I don't think of you and wish you were here by my side.
- Andy.

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HARRISON - In loving memory of a wonderful mum, granny and greatgranny, Sandra, who passed away on July 1, 2018.

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They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but

always near, Loved and missed and

Loved and missed and very dear.
Forever in our hearts.

- Margaret and Craig. Our wee Granny, Your wings were ready, But our hearts were not. Always loved and forever missed.

- Christopher, Hannah, Erin and Josh. Sleep tight GG,

Love and miss you always.

- Your wee boy, Logan.

HARRISON - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny Sandra, who passed away July 1, 2018.

Loved and remembered every day.

- Andrew, Helen and family.

MACAULAY/WILSON-

In loving memory of our beloved Rhona, who passed away on July 4, 2017.

Loved, remembered and missed every day.
- From her loving family.

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ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear mother, granny and great great

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Sunday 4th July

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11. 15am

Mr C Holden

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Please phone Mrs Jean Smith To book your place as numbers are limited due to covid

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There will also be a service

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Ardrishaig at 11:00am Also

A Time for Quiet Wednesdays at 12:45pm in Ardrishaig Church

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SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021 11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Hilda Smith Covid restrictions will apply, including social distancing which has the effect of reducing the number of people who can attend. Places must be booked in advance, by telephoning (01546) 606218 after 5.00pm.

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Awesome Elaine's back and aiming for the top

by Colin Cameron editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

After a spell away from the track, Mid Argyll motocross star Elaine MacEachern is back in the saddle.

The 23-year-old Ormsaryraised rider now lives in Renfrew and works as an Openreach engineer.

After competing at elite level in the World Motocross Championship as a teenager and holding her own at tracks

across Europe and as far away as Indonesia, Elaine never lost her taste for the sport. Her talent seems pretty intact, too.

So far this season she has competed in the Acerbis Amateur Nationals and last weekend made the long journey south to Exeter for round two of the PP Sports ACU British Women's Motocross Championship.

The trip was worth it as Elaine ignored a gashed arm, which required stitches, to



Elaine in action last Saturday at Exeter, where she took first place. Photograph: Live Motocross



take first place overall and now leads the championship by nine points going into the final round next week.

And she clocked up the fastest lap of the weekend.

Elaine said: 'A huge thanks to my Dad David and Douglas for taking me and letting everything run like clockwork all weekend. Thanks as well to all my sponsors who make it possible for me to race week in, week out."

She added: 'Racing so far this season has kicked off well, but I'm competitive and I like to be on the top step.

'It's been great being back racing. I'm having fun and working hard at my training and riding to improve and try to better myself week in, week out on the bike.

'It's what I love to do and it's awesome to be able to compete again.'

Successful pair set sights on Gullane

Seven pairs took to the course on Sunday June 27 for the Lochgilphead Golf Club Ping mixed doubles, all hoping to score enough to make the draw to play at Gullane on September 17.

The competition was fierce but the eventual winners, with 40 points, were Ali MacColl and Colin Penman.

They played well and here's hoping they make it to Gullane.

The course is closed on Friday July 2 to complete preparations for the gents' open on Saturday. There are still some slots available. Contact Colin Penman on 07554 061762 to book.

Golfers gear up for **Wee Joe Shield**

Tarbert golfers are preparing to swing into action as they compete for the Wee Joe Memorial Shield at Glenralloch on Saturday July 3.

The event, run by the MacFarlane family, always attracts a large number of members and guests who play for the shield while raising funds for charity.

Participants are asked to turn up for 11am with the competition starting shortly afterwards. The entry fee is

The final round of the ladies' club championship, which got under way this week, is set to take place next





Athletics Argyll and Bute at Lochgilphead's Ropework Children aged between two and three-and-a-half can join the Didee class at 10.30am. At 11.20am there's the Littles class for ages three-and-a-half to five, then it's the

Mini class at 12.10pm for five to eight-year-olds. To book a place for your young athlete visit the sco. miniathletics.com website and search for local classes

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