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Heart patient's 'horrendous' 24-hour wait for ambulance

by Colin Cameron
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The Scottish Ambulance Service has apologised after a Mid Argyll man suffering heart problems waited almost 24 hours to be transferred to specialist care in Glasgow.

On the morning of June 24, Tom McKay mentioned to his wife Barabel that he felt as if something had been 'sitting on his chest all night'.

Having a history of heart issues, he attended Mid Argyll Hospital as a precaution and Barabel said blood tests showed Tom was having a heart attack.

Mid Argyll Hospital staff called for an ambulance to transfer Tom to a coronary care unit in Glasgow. This was expected to arrive within two hours - by 5pm that day.

He was still there the following morning. Barabel, in Glasgow at the time visiting family, was beside herself with worry and decided by 7am to take matters into her own hands. Through a friend, she

got in touch with staff at the constituency office of Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto.

Twenty one hours after he was admitted, an ambulance was sent from Tarbert to take Tom to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, arriving two-and-a-half hours later.

Since being admitted, Tom has made good progress after early scares - and a spell in Clydebank's specialist Golden Jubilee Hospital - before returning to the Royal.

Retired director of environmental services Tom and Barabel, both in their 80s, were hopeful of a return home to Lochgair at the end of this week, all being well.

'It was horrendous,' said Barabel of the 21-hour delay. 'It puts huge pressure on hospital staff, who are doing their best, and on families. The staff at Mid Argyll Hospital could do nothing to help. It must be so frustrating for them.'

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesman said: 'Managing the demand on the ambulance service, especially

during a pandemic, is very challenging and we prioritise our responses and our ambulance resources according to clinical need.

'In this case, we received a non-emergency request for transfer, however, all our resources were continuously responding to emergency and more acutely unwell patients and a revised transfer time was agreed with the doctor.

'We are sincerely sorry for the delay which occurred during a period of exceptionally high demand.'

Jenni Minto said she was pleased her constituency office was able to help, adding: 'In order such delays or confusion can be avoided in the future, I am seeking a meeting with the Scottish Ambulance Service as a matter of urgency to discuss this and other matters which are relevant to Argyll and Bute.'

Looking forward to getting home, Tom reflected: 'I just hope no one else has to go through that. It's the service that is broken, not the staff.'



Happy retirement Joan

Badden Farm Nursery children presented Joan Haycock with framed Jolomo prints of Islay to mark her retirement.

Joan has been with the nursery virtually since it opened in 2003 and has seen many changes over the years.

Nursery manager Jean Evans said: 'Joan has always been an absolute joy to work

with, always a cheery smile and encouraging words for us all and she has always shown the children such care and affection.

'The nursery will not be the same without Joan and we hope she will pop by often to say hello. Our sincere thanks for all your years of hard work, Joan. Wishing you a very long and happy retirement.'



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Lost Jura walkers thank rescuers after ordeal

Tourists lost on the wrong side of Jura are home safe after a Robinson Crusoe style rescue by two lifeboat fundraisers from Oban, writes Kathie Griffiths.

Stalwart RNLI supporters Phil Hamerton and Alison Rennie's small yacht just happened to be in the right place at the right time when they spotted stranded walkers Stephen and Ronnie Bert signalling and shouting for help from a remote shoreline.

The brothers' plan to climb

all three of Jura's Paps and camp out on one of them went horribly wrong when they could not get tent pegs through the rocky peak and thick fog surrounded them.

The pair, after managing to pitch their tent lower down the slope and a few sleepless hours later, had decided to try and walk back to their car but dazed by the fog got disorientated and headed down the wrong side of the mountain.

By the time they were picked up by Phil and Alison, they

had been walking for 19 hours and their water and food had almost run out. They were 'finished' like 'walkers from The Walking Dead' TV show said Stephen, a 47-year-old painter and decorator from Blairgowrie.

Before that, the brothers had got lost a second time after a different couple had picked them up in a boat and dropped them off further along the isolated coastline giving them directions over a mountain back to the road - but that route took them into a deep valley with no way out other than to turn back to the shore hours away.

'We didn't know if anyone would be looking for us. We were exhausted, soaked, walking through ferns. We had no choice but to head back to where we'd just come from.'

'We had been trying to get help but couldn't get a phone signal. When I finally managed to get through to the police I got cut off half way through trying to say where we were. I must have tried another 15 times but the signal went just a second in to each call. It was hopeless. We didn't know if anyone would be looking for us. We were exhausted, soaked walking through ferns and mud. We had no choice but to



Relieved but exhausted, Stephen Bert safe on board the yacht that rescued him and his brother Ronnie from remotest Jura.

through. We told him our story and he told us 'we need to get you home'. Hats off to him, that's exactly what they did after moving round a few vehicles.

'We want to say a big thank you to everyone out looking for us and to Phil and Alison who were brilliant - without them we could've been stranded there for days. Who knows what shape we would've been in.

Fundraising

'We'll be looking at doing some kind of fundraising - probably not a sponsored walk though,' said Stephen who once on mainland had to drive another four hours to get home.

Phil said: 'We only did what we'd like to think others would've done. We hope Stephen and Ron are recovering well.'

The brothers' next outdoor adventure might be sooner than expected. At the time we said we'd never climb another mountain but Ron's already been on the phone asking if I'm up for something this weekend,' said Stephen whose aches and pains, blisters and midge bites are on the mend.

POLICE FILES

Youth building vandalised

Two external doors and a window were damaged at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services building on Union Street, Lochgilphead, between 6.30pm on Wednesday June 23 and 5.30pm on Thursday July 1. Police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Speeding A83 motorist

At 2.16pm on Thursday July 1, on the A83 near

Lochgilphead, a motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The driver, a 22-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Failed to provide breath sample

At 10.30pm on Friday July 2, a vehicle was stopped by police on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, owing to the manner in which it was being driven. A man, aged 31, was arrested for allegedly failing to provide a breath specimen at the roadside and at the police station.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

head back to where we'd just come from,' said Stephen who with Ronnie keeps fit and is used to hillwalking and has bagged Munros.

'We had planned the trip in detail. We had all the kit and supplies and in hindsight we should've probably stayed put rather than try to get back to the car but that's easy to say now. We thought we had a way marker when we saw water below us but we didn't realise it was on the wrong side,' he added.

Sea sickness

Even safe on board Phil and Alison's yacht, the brothers' ordeal was far from over as it took five hours, with bouts of sea sickness, to reach Craighouse where they were met by a police officer.

A signal to let search authorities know Stephen and Ronnie were safe had been heard from the yacht, but Jura coastguard had been alerted earlier and a rescue helicopter dispatched from Prestwick.

Because Jura was shut for the night the police officer dropped the brothers - desperate for food, a wash and change of clothes - back off at their car where they had to spend the night before finally crossing to Islay in the morning.

Getting home was still not straight forward because the ferry was full and they had missed their booking the day before.

'We went to the little ticket office and we met the nicest man you could ever wish to meet after what we'd been

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Summer starts now with liveArgyll fun

Get ready for a summer of fun as the liveArgyll charity comes back to life.

LiveArgyll is delighted to be offering holiday activity camps for primary school-aged children. From July 12 to 16, children can attend the multi-activity camp at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, which will include indoor and outdoor sports, games and crafts.

There is also a football camp running from August 9 to 13.

Visit liveargyll.co.uk/holiday-programmes-2 for more information and to book.

Fitness fanatics can keep in shape with extended summer opening hours throughout the week at Mid Argyll Sports Centre and a range of fitness classes, from kettlebell classes to torque (indoor cycling) and high intensity interval training.

As part of liveArgyll's commitment to the health and wellbeing of communities, the charity is offering affordable leisure memberships, inclusive of gym, swim and fitness classes, with single and family options available.

The charity is also running a free pass scheme allowing non-members to try before

they buy and experience a free fitness class of their choosing, a gym induction or a free gym or swim session.

Lochgilthead library has reopened with amended opening hours of Monday 1pm to 4pm and Friday 10am to 1pm. It is also offering a click-and-collect service, where library users can order up to five books. You can use this service by visiting liveargyll.co.uk/liveargyll-click-and-collect. Archive and local study sections will remain on hold due to the current national restrictions.

Tarbert library is also open Tuesday 3pm to 6pm and Thursday 10am to 1pm.

LiveArgyll is awaiting guidance from the Scottish Government on when event and community venues can re-open but already has dates provisionally in the diary including Tidelines concerts and viral sensation Gary Meikle.

Go to liveargyll.co.uk/whats-on to find out more

For more information about membership or to keep up-to-date with the phased re-opening of liveArgyll services visit liveargyll.co.uk.



Enjoy plenty fun and games at a liveArgyll summer football camp.

Artwork unveiled at upgraded harbour

The sun shone on Tarbert harbour for a socially-distanced reception to thank those involved in recent shore-side improvements.

Held on the first weekend of July – the date when the village's famous seafood festival would have been held – limited numbers were invited to the open-air event, all of whom supported the Tarbert Harbour Authority scheme to construct a car park, toilets, showers and a laundry with washing machines and tumble driers.

The occasion also saw the official unveiling of striking original artwork adorning the new shower block.

Glasgow-based artist Scott MacDonald, also a berth-holder at Tarbert harbour, was commissioned to produce an



original mural which marks Tarbert's rich fishing heritage as well as its current position as an important leisure sailing

destination. Scott's piece, produced in metal by celebrated sculptor Rob Mulholland at one side of the building, shows

From left: sculptor Rob Mulholland, Tarbert Harbour Authority chairman Duncan Cunningham and Tarbert harbour master Donald McAllister, and artist Scott MacDonald with part of the new artwork – a herring skiff with a shoal below.

fishermen working on one of Tarbert's iconic herring skiffs with a shoal of herring swimming below.

At the other side, a sailing boat, with its sails full, signifies the continued importance of sailing to the village.

Both the gaff ketch and the Loch Fyne skiff are based on boats built in Dickie's of Tarbert yard in the 1900s.

Speak up on Glen Aray pylons plan

Power company Scottish and Southern Energy is to ask the people of Argyll for opinions on the route of a new line of pylons through Glen Aray.

The company intends to upgrade the transmission line between a new substation at the head of Glen Aray, known as Creag Dubh, travelling down the glen to connect with the renewed Inveraray to Crossaig line, already under construction.

The one-month consultation will open on Monday July 12 and close on Friday August 13.

To comply with current Covid requirements the consultation process will be carried out by various means, including an online portal, email, telephone and virtual meetings where requested. Paper copies of the consultation brochure can be posted on request.

SSEN has also said a booklet has been

posted to households and businesses in the vicinity of the projects.

As part of this process, three days of online 'chat' sessions with company representatives are planned, starting on Wednesday July 14, with later sessions on July 15 and 29. Two online chat sessions will be held on each of these dates – between 10am and 1pm and 5pm to 7pm.

The project is part of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy to enable the connection of new renewable generation to the grid.

Between eight and 12 kilometres of new 275kV overhead line is to be constructed – on pylons up to double the height of existing towers, but spaced wider apart – between the proposed Creag Dhubh substation above Cladich and a connection point on the Inveraray to Crossaig

overhead line. Four new 275kV electricity substations will also be needed south of Inveraray and SSEN is also inviting views on preferred site options for these.

SSEN is at the centre of ongoing controversy over its plans for similar line upgrades at Dalmally and near Tarbert, where residents have been critical of its approach to community consultation and the siting of pylons. The company, though, maintains all required steps have been followed through the consultation and planning process.

More information on the Creag Dhubh to Inveraray project can be found by visiting www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv-strategy/ or contacting SSEN project community liaison manager Helen Batey by emailing Helen.Batey@sse.com or calling 01925 800833 or 07778 453993.

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Help stop Argyll being trashed

Growing numbers of staycationers are welcome in Argyll, bringing with them spending money the region badly needs after the economic ravages of Covid.

What is less welcome, though, is the litter and mess they often leave behind.

But the littering problem is not confined to visitors and residents young and old must also take responsibility for much of the detritus littering our streets, countryside and shoreline.

Now, though, communities are increasingly taking action to clean up their local areas.

And reinforcements have arrived.

Christina Saunders has joined local environmental charity the GRAB Trust as community litter volunteer co-ordinator and will be out and about Mid Argyll and Kintyre offering practical help and support to stem the growing tide of rubbish.

According to Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) littering is at its highest level since records began 17 years ago.

To counter this, the GRAB Trust has teamed up with Argyll and Bute Council and Keep Scotland Beautiful to support co-ordinated community action and deliver a new campaign message to encourage locals and visitors to foster responsible attitudes to litter and litter prevention and reduction.

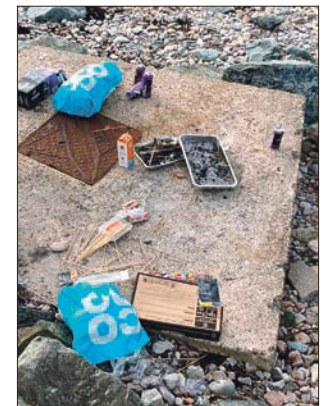
Community litter volunteer co-ordinators will be a point of contact for partner organisations, community leaders and groups. They will lead and support clean-ups including appropriate risk assessments, tools and materials and arrange for the collection of the gathered waste.

Campaign materials including point-of-sale for businesses and litter bin signs will encourage consumers to dispose of their waste responsibly using



GRAB Trust Community litter volunteer co-ordinator Christina Saunders on a beach clean with her daughter.

Right: There were complaints in Ardrishaig last week after people enjoying the seaside left this litter behind them near the harbour.



bins provided or by taking waste home when bins are full. Christina said: 'The most effective way of keeping Argyll and Bute beautiful is for us all

to do our part. Members of the public are encouraged to do their own five-minute litter pick or join in an organised community clean-up this sum-

mer. If you are part of a community group, a concerned individual or a local business and would like information or support regarding any of the resources that have been mentioned or setting up a litter pick in your area please get in touch.'

The trust wants to hear from you about:

What you and your community are doing to clean up

and support the environment

What your concerns are with regards to litter and waste?

Would you like help to clean up any litter hotspots and prevent this happening in the future?

Christina can be contacted via GRAB's Facebook page, by emailing christina.saunders@grab.org.uk or calling 07869 144787.

Call the police on louts, says forestry body

Scotland's forestry authority has advised anyone witnessing anti-social behaviour in the countryside to phone the police.

The call comes after Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) staff were verbally abused and a site of environmental importance in the Cairngorms National Park was damaged.

On June 26, a small group of young men camping at Glenmore were behaving aggressively towards the staff and intimidating other members of the public. Their actions also harmed wildlife and the site.

Maree Morrison, recreation



The damage and litter left by the Glenmore group. Anti-social behaviour in the countryside should be reported to the police on 101, says Forestry and Land Scotland.

ranger for FLS at Glenmore, said: 'We try to offer a really great experience for visitors and do so by providing advice and looking out for public safety and environmental

protection. It's such a beautiful area and some people simply don't understand what's ok and what's not. We have had real successes. We see our role as being here to help and

most of the time it's a great job, speaking to such a diverse crowd.'

FLS received complaints from distressed visitors about the group kicking ducks, collecting deadwood from the environmentally designated areas, using an axe on trees and washing in the loch, which is also designated for environmental protection.

They also received complaints about the group's fire which was lit on peaty ground and anti-social behaviour which included noise and litter.

Laura McNally, FLS area visitor services manager,

added: 'We engaged with the group of young men on Saturday to explain why they had to move their camp and to clarify appropriate behaviours but this fell on deaf ears and was met with abuse. Further engagement met with the same response.'

'Police Scotland officers attended and the group seemed to comply but simply moved their camp.'

'We've also seen other groups put on a show of good behaviour when they have to and we continue to work closely with police to learn lessons from this event.'

'Anti-social behaviour by a small group can spoil a visit for everyone else. This is the case no matter where it occurs. Our rangers will do what they can to manage a situation but public support is vital, especially if the rangers aren't in the area at the time. We would encourage members of the public to call Police Scotland on 101 or use the online form.'

'Concerted action raises the profile of incidents and provides Police Scotland with a detailed understanding of the issues and the intelligence they need to marshal their resources appropriately.'

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Cracking Celts and a pageant of Picts

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One of Mid Argyll's most quirky and colourful festivals has fallen victim to the impact of Covid for the second year running – but it is not all bad news.

The people behind Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival are looking ahead to a 'bigger and better' event in 2022, held on the town's newly-improved front green.

After four years, the festival was growing in popularity and the decision to cancel – with half the funding already in place – was 'difficult' according to organisers Lochgilphead Community Council and Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

Brian MacLennan of Lochgilphead Community Council said: 'We already had 50 per cent of our funding in place thanks to our first successful bid to Argyll and



Lochgilphead's colourful Celtic and Pictish Festival is set to be 'bigger and better' in 2022, say organisers.

Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2020, in recognition of the growing reputation and strength of this community event after four great years.

'The council kindly gave us an extension on the funding after we were forced to cancel last year's event due to the Covid pandemic.

'Things were certainly

looking better this year but, as time went on, we realised that by the time our usual festival date came round in early August it would still be looking precarious in terms

of arranging such a gathering, even in an outdoor setting.

'It wouldn't be impossible but the extra control measures we would have to put in place would seriously hamper the festivities and atmosphere.

'And though we would be able to use the Ropework Park as an alternative, our usual place on the front green is unavailable due to the long-awaited and exciting redevelopment work going on down there.'

Brian continued: 'The final decision also came down partly to finances as the extension of our funding from the council was until the end of March 2022.

'It seemed very unlikely that we would be able to hold the festival in that timeframe. Even if the public health risks were greatly reduced, the winter weather would have almost certainly made it impossible.

'The last piece of the puzzle fell into place when Argyll

and Bute Council agreed that – as requested by us and other Supporting Communities Fund recipients – a further extension to the funding awards would be granted until the end of 2022.

'This very welcome piece of news means we can now move on with organising the biggest and best Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival on the new front green in our usual slot of Saturday August 6 2022, jointly hosted, as ever, by Lochgilphead Community Council and Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

'I would like to thank Argyll and Bute Council for the further extension and all our supporters for their understanding.'

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'Never been more critical' to choose local in Argyll

A rallying cry has been issued for people across Argyll and Bute to show local loyalty this summer and back the region's businesses.

The latest wave of the Scotland Loves Local campaign launched this week with a clear message: It has never been more critical to choose local.

Scotland's Towns Partnership (STP), spearheading the campaign with support from the Scottish Government, says positive personal decisions now can help the region's recovery from Covid-19 and build a stronger future.

STP chief officer Phil Prentice said: 'The power of choosing local and supporting the region's businesses should not be underestimated. As individuals, making the right choice has never been more important for our communities.'



STP chief officer Phil Prentice: The importance of shopping local 'cannot be underestimated'.



'People throughout Argyll and Bute have really embraced the spirit of Scotland Loves Local (SLL) to support their communities. As more options open up, we cannot afford to overlook the people and busi-

nesses who have been there when we needed them most during the pandemic.

'We need people to make a conscious decision to support those around them - whether for shopping, services, a meal

with friends or a day out. By choosing local we will make a tremendous difference to the fabric and fortunes of our communities.

'If there is a positive which has come from the pandemic it is the way we have all embraced local life. We must enhance that during recovery so that we do not fall back into unsustainable habits of the past. The future of businesses and jobs around us depends upon it.'

The Scotland Loves Local campaign, launched last summer championing the message for people to think local first, has supported projects and groups across the region.

The Choose Local message is being supported by a major marketing campaign in which local businesses and organisations are being urged to get involved.



The Scotland Loves Local gift card will give people another way to support businesses in their home region.

Photograph: Stuart Walker Photography.

Details about how to do so can be found at www.lovelocal.scot.

This summer will also see the rollout of the Scotland Loves Local gift card, which will give people another way in which to support businesses in

their home region. Businesses are being urged to sign up to accept that ahead of shoppers being able to buy the cards. Purchases are processed via the Mastercard network, with the initiative supported by the Scottish Government.

Community Wealth Minister Tom Arthur said: 'The gift card is a quick and efficient way to encourage spend and drive sales growth in our local economies.'

'In the coming months we will further bolster the Scotland Loves Local campaign with the second tranche of our SLL Fund, helping communities revitalise their own towns or neighbourhoods, building wealth and delivering greater, greener and fairer prosperity.'

For more details about the Scotland Loves Local Gift Card, go to www.lovelocal.scot/giftcard.

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Few answers as concerns over council support services prompt questions

People in Argyll and Bute are being urged to get in touch with the council if they need extra social work support.

The pledge was prompted by concerns raised at a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council over services at Lochgilphead Resource Centre.

The authority's policy lead on health and social care, Councillor Kieron Green, was responding to concerns raised by another councillor regarding services at the centre.

Councillor Anne Horn also sought indicative dates for the opening of the Fyne View residential establishment in Inveraray and for the area's autism strategy to be published.

Councillor Green replied he would give Councillor Horn a full update on the Lochgilphead situation after the June 24 meeting.

Councillor Horn said: 'I have been approached recently by carers of clients who usually attend Lochgilphead Resource Centre.

'There is some concern about plans for clients being changed

without consultation. I am sure you can imagine this has consequences for families, some of whom have work commitments, and has a huge impact on them, especially if clients have to be kept at home as there are staff shortages.

'We really need to get on top of this.

'As part of person-centred care, it just cannot happen if we don't have these consultations.

'Fyne View has had continuous delays in opening, even with the help of Councillor Sandy Taylor.

'One of the future clients' guardians has been down doing some external work to try and speed this along, but the continual delays are having an impact on families and causing real concern.

'Do you have a date when this will open? We have been assured it will be July 15, but it looks like there are further snags to be addressed before then.

'I also know you have assured us for several meetings now that the autism strategy is

being worked on. Do you have an indicative date for that? It is causing concern that the strategy has not been in the public arena.'

Councillor Green responded: 'For some time this has not been able to operate as people have become accustomed to for individual service users.'

'I understand that needs have been assessed and individual support was being provided, but that might not be the case for all service users due to the pressure on staff time.

'If the council is unaware of individuals having significant challenges, I would urge them or their families to get in touch with social work.'

'On Fyne View, I have not had a firm date on the operation of that really good project that we are bringing back into use.'

'I will endeavour to get a date for that.'

'On the autism strategy, again I have not had a firm date and will get back to you and Councillor Douglas Philand, who also raised it at our last meeting.'



Among the successful applicants, Inveraray Community Council will receive money to pull together a community action plan for the town.

Council cash boosts groups

From swimming clubs to climate action groups and outdoor activities to community gardens and woodlands, these are just some of community projects set to benefit from the council's Supporting Communities Fund.

The fund is available to groups including voluntary, charities and social enterprises, and this year Argyll and Bute Council received 93 applications.

Vital support in latest round of funding

The fund attracted 23 applications from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area requesting a total of £43,622.96.

Two applications were deemed ineligible by the council and, of the remainder,

12 were recommended to be awarded funding from the total of £22,500 available for the area.

Among the community groups to receive funding are:

■ Inveraray Community Council: £2,500 for the hire

of a consultant to complete a community action plan

■ Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Lochgilphead: £2,500 towards booklets by the Scots Literacy Project and outreach using these to boost wellbeing in older, isolated members of the community

■ Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust: £1,500 for restoration of the White Shore path

■ Tarbert Soup Group: £2,204

towards healthy cooking and eating sessions for younger people between eight and 18

■ Live Music Now Scotland: £2,184 to support six inter-generational music residencies for people in Ardfenaig and Kintyre care homes and pre-school children in Ardrishaig and Campbeltown.

Applicants who were unsuccessful in this round will be given information on alternative sources of funding by

the council, while successful projects must report evidence of the impact of their award by June 2023.

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, policy lead for support services, said: 'This has been an incredibly challenging time for charities and community groups who work tirelessly to provide services and community facilities to people across Argyll and Bute. The pandemic has had an impact on fundraising for many of the groups.'

'We are delighted to award a range of projects from helping our most vulnerable residents to nurturing our youngest and helping to protect future generations. We are so impressed by the dedication and commitment of the people making a huge difference to the area.'

The next round of the Supporting Communities Fund will open in 2022.

Second batch of ecosystem cleaners in Loch Craignish

A second batch of native oysters has been released into Loch Craignish as part of a scheme to bring the species back in numbers to the coast of Argyll.

Following an initial release of 60,000 oysters on the loch seabed in October 2020, another 60,000 were put down in June by the community-led 'Seawilding' project.

The group plans to restore one million native oysters to the loch.

On a sunny June day, around 30 socially-distanced volunteers spread the young oysters on to three pre-surveyed sites.

In Seawilding's summer 2021 newsletter, it is reported the young oysters are growing well, with very low mortality in nursery cages.

On the seabed the young oysters suffer some predation from crabs and starfish but initial surveys indicate high survival rates and good growth.

Danny Renton, Seawilding



Volunteers spread 60,000 native oysters in Loch Craignish in June as part of the Seawilding project.

project co-ordinator, said: 'We're learning a lot along the way so, as planned, we're rolling out this knowledge to other coastal community groups.'

'Seawilding has partnered with Community Association of Lochs and Sounds (CAOLAS) to introduce 20,000 native oysters to Lochaline in the Sound of Mull - this project starts in July - and we're now fundraising for a larger project to work with community groups

to restore native oysters in Wester Ross.'

Native oysters are said to act as 'ecosystem engineers', filtering and cleaning the water, restoring biodiversity and sequestering carbon, potentially helping enhance Scotland's inshore marine habitats.

Seawilding is also carrying out a project to restore seagrass beds to Loch Craignish, in the first community-led initiative of its kind in Scotland.

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Electric anticipation for Kilberry Loop Sportive

With just a month to go until cyclists from across Scotland saddle up to take on the 40-mile Kilberry Loop Sportive, organisers have announced a new category for ebikes, writes Colin Cameron.

For those unfamiliar with eBikes, they are bicycles with an added battery which is powered by pedalling. The battery fuels a small motor which can give you the push you need for hills or rough ground – perfect for some of the tougher hill climbs on this spectacular 40-mile sportive. The non-competitive event is being held on August 7.

Kilberry Loop Sportive organiser John Hardie explained: 'The popularity of ebikes has soared over the last 18 months and we felt the time was right to open the event up to include

them. They are a great choice for people who want to take up cycling, but are concerned about their age or lack of fitness. They are also popular with mountain bikers. Because ebikes can help with the hard slog of hills – they allow riders to get a bit more technical with the downhills.'

As well as the introduction of ebikes, the sportive is looking forward to welcoming friends old and new.

The Kilberry Loop Sportive is a great way to cycle in company, in an outstanding setting, with some cyclists returning year after year to ride the route. But there is always room for more and entries remain live on the British Cycling website.

New faces at Tarbert's The Gather, Phil and Corrin Green, are excited to be supporting a



the event and look forward to waving the cyclists off from the former heritage centre and welcoming them back in the afternoon.

Corrin said: 'We'll be there on the day from early morning to meet everyone and provide pre-registration refreshments and throughout the day as we wait for the cyclists to return.'

'We hope everyone who is waiting for the cyclists to return will come and enjoy the lovely atmosphere and while we can't guarantee the sunshine, we can guarantee a

warm welcome. We have lots of facilities and will have a dedicated physio space set up for anyone who needs it.'

John Hardie added: 'It's so good to be back, holding an event in Tarbert.'

'We're absolutely delighted to have The Gather on board for this year's event and we hope it will remain at the heart of our event for many years to come. We are looking forward to working with our 20 volunteer marshals again; these are the people who add to the atmosphere of the day.'

'They're there to keep you safe, to cheer you on and give you that added motivation to keep pushing up the hills. We are also indebted to Tarbert Enterprise Company, Tarbert Harbour Authority and William Duncan & Co



Riders set off from The Gather building for the 2019 Kilberry Loop Sportive.

Accountants which continue to sponsor the sportive.

'Whether you're a novice or experienced cyclist, want a relaxed day out cycling in company or you're challenging yourself to hit a new personal

best, the Kilberry Loop Sportive has something to offer you – and yes, there's a goodie bag for everyone.'

There is still time to register through the www.britishcycling.org.uk website.



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Now is the time to tour round Argyll and Bute

People of Argyll and Bute are being urged to help their local tourism industry recover from the Covid-19 pandemic by enjoying a day out within the area.

Tourism body VisitScotland has launched its Now Is Your Time campaign, highlighting new places to explore and showcasing the attractions of Scotland.

And with the school summer holidays here, residents are encouraged to explore what brings tourists from all over the world to our beautiful region.

The tourism sector has been devastated by the pandemic, lockdown and travel restrictions. Domestic tourism remains one of its most valuable markets in Scotland.

David Adams McGilp, regional director of VisitScotland, said: 'The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the tourism and events industry and we all have a part to play in helping it recover.'

'With the first part of this



Inveraray Castle – one of the jewels in Argyll's crown.

'A day out can be anything from visiting an attraction, enjoying a meal or exploring a new location.'

new campaign, we hope to share just some of these experiences and encourage people across the region to get out and explore all the wonderful attractions and locations we have on our doorstep.

'Argyll and Bute is home to some fantastic days out that suit all ages and interests. Now is the time to get out and enjoy them. The Scottish tourism and events industry need the support of people living in

Scotland and we're asking everyone to support tourism by taking days out and considering a staycation.

'A day out can be anything from visiting an attraction, enjoying a meal with family and friends or exploring a new location.'

'VisitScotland is focused on the recovery of the industry, building a destination and visitor experience which allows tourism and events to flourish now and in the future. We'll continue to work with, and support, businesses to ensure we rebuild this vital part of Scotland's economy.'

Among the attractions highlighted in the campaign are Inveraray Castle and Kilmartin Glen.



MS Argyll manager Karen McCurry. 51_a34KarenMcCurry01

A grand lift for MS Argyll

Lochgilphead-based MS Argyll has been awarded £1,000 thanks to nominations from supporters of the therapy and support centre.

The funding is through the Movement for Good awards from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

Karen McCurry, manager of MS Argyll, said: 'Members of the public were invited to nominate causes close to their hearts, with 500 gifts of £1,000 available from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which will give out £1m to charities this summer.'

'We are delighted to have won and thank every single person who took the time to register their nomination for MS Argyll.'

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Rural Argyll needs more registered childminders

Taynuilt childminders Dee and Brian Pennock are backing a council campaign to recruit more child carers in rural areas.

Mr and Mrs Pennock, who took up childminding in 2008, have lost count of how many youngsters have passed through their door in that time but it has filled their home with laughter and pride.

Now the pair are urging others living in rural areas to think about following their footsteps – particularly to fill a need for more childminders for tots aged up to three.

Argyll and Bute Council's early years team will help guide anyone interested from initial inquiries up to registering with the Care Inspectorate. Financial help is also available for equipment such as push-chairs and stairgates as well as small home changes.

Dee said: 'Our home is always filled with laughter and there is never a dull moment.'

'If ever a problem crops up and we feel we need some advice there is always plenty to be had from so many in early years.'

'During the last 13 years we've lost count of the number of children that have passed through our door but we always feel a lot of pride when we hear that one of them is doing well, just graduated, secured their first job, gone on to become a midwife or doctor, engineer or electrician.'

'There is a pride to be had in the fact that perhaps, just maybe, we may have had a little hand in their success.'

We've both enjoyed working

Dee Pennock with some of the little ones she childminds

together at home making our living doing something we both love.'

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said registered childminders provide an outstanding service and are an absolute integral part of our childcare strategy.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute is a beautiful, yet very rural local authority, so it's really important we get as many people as possible to consider a career in childminding.'

'Not only do childminders enable children and young people to thrive in a loving, homely environment, they are fully committed to providing an extremely high standard of childcare,' she said.

And added: 'Being a childminder is a fantastic, rewarding job and we're here to help guide and support any potential new recruits through the process. I would urge anyone considering it to get in touch with us in the first instance to find out more.'

Interested? Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/how-become-childminder or call 01369 708503.



Free milk for primary pupils

All primary pupils in Argyll and Bute are to be given free milk in school.

Argyll and Bute Council's decision comes ahead of the roll-out of free school meals in primaries from August 2021 and the adoption of new Healthy Food in Schools Guidance in April.

A 10 pence charge was introduced in 2015 for all pupils who paid for a school meal with milk to offset the cost to the authority.

The charge was extended in 2017 to cover all primary school pupils whether they were having a free or paid meal, though milk-based desserts were provided to ensure pupils received their required calcium intake from school meals.

The council believes the removal of this charge will deliver nutritional benefits for Argyll and Bute's youngsters and help families experiencing financial hardship in the pandemic.

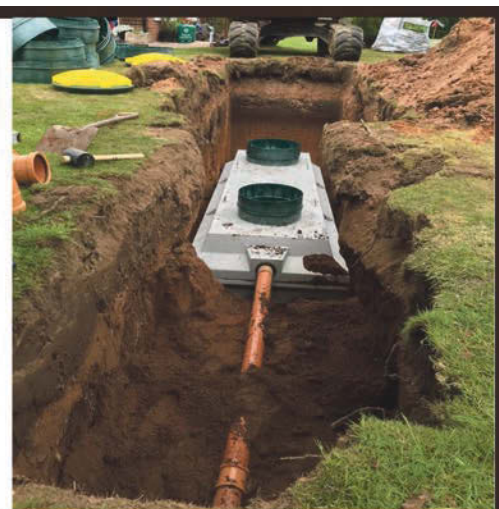
Education and catering staff will no longer be required to count, cash, bank and record 10 pence payments from parents, which can be time consuming.

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial development, said: 'Providing milk free of charge will assist the wider aim of improving nutrition for our young people in line with the new Healthy Food in Schools Guidance and will also assist families at a time when many people are facing financial challenges.'

'The small loss of income for the council is far outweighed by the benefits we would expect to see which include saving time for staff in our schools on administering the charge and a possible boost for milk contractors and farming communities as milk consumption increases.'

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Warm Argyll welcome for Gurkha walker Jim

by Fiona Ross
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Argyll's famous lengthy coastline has provided fundraiser Jim Morton with his greatest challenge yet, writes Fiona Ross.

Jim is aiming to walk every inch of the UK's coastline to raise money for the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

'Everyone I've met in Argyll has relished telling me this coastline is longer than France's,' said Jim, when we caught up with him on a rest day in Lochgilphead.

'I've fallen in the water twice since we got here scrabbling around rocks, I've torn my boots in thick forest, been electrocuted by fences and been eaten alive by midges.'

Despite these struggles, Jim has found this section of his

Support is there from Jim's wife Sue in their motorhome and West Highland terriers Shona and Maisie.

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expedition to be one of the best thanks to the reception he's been given.

'I've been overwhelmed by the hospitality and generosity of everyone I've met in Argyll,' he said. 'We had a lovely meal given to us at the Crinan Hotel, a free breakfast at the Cairnbaan hotel and people inviting us to stay in their driveways.'

For much of his 7,500-mile trip, started back in April, Jim is being supported by his wife

Sue, who is driving their motorhome around the country accompanied by their West Highland terriers Shona and Maisie. Sue explained: 'We've both given up work to do this.'

'I'm having a great time seeing such a beautiful part of the country.'

For his part, Jim is fulfilling a lifelong ambition. 'In 1967 I decided I wanted to be the first person to walk the entire coast of the UK, but before I had the

chance someone else did it.' Now, aged 60, Jim has returned to his dream and decided to raise money for a good cause at the same time. 'I was in the Royal Navy and the first ship I sailed on was HMS Gurkha. We had Gurkhas on board with us and ever since I've been a keen supporter of Gurkha charities,' said Jim.

The Gurkha Welfare Trust carries out a number of projects in Nepal, but since the earthquake there in 2015 it has focused much of its efforts on rebuilding schools and communities. 'So far on this trip,' Jim added, 'I have raised enough money to build a house, but I'm hoping to raise much more.' To donate, visit the Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-morton11 or go to his Facebook page entitled 'I may be gone a while'.



Jim is flying the flag for the famous Gurkhas on his trek around the UK coastline. 51_a28Jim_coastwalk01

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Kenny does the double at Lochgilphead

The Lochgilphead gents open saw 49 golfers take to a course in pristine condition thanks to the efforts of Jim Hunter, David Campbell and the volunteers who helped prepare it.

Joining the local players on Saturday July 3 for the competition – generously sponsored by Amco Giffen – were members of Dalmally, Cardross, Vale of Leven, Machrihanish, East Kilbride and Irvine golf clubs. With the sun shining down and not a cloud in sight, the competition was fierce and several players thought they had it in the bag at various points during the day.

At the end, though, with a fantastic nett score of 59, the victor was Lochgilphead's Kenny Crawford, who took the double as he also won the senior trophy.

An emotional Kenny was delighted to be presented with the first major trophies to come his way. Runner-up was Alex Macaulay with a nett 59, followed by Euan Gilmour in third place with a nett 61.

In the scratch competition, Russell Calladine was first with a superb score of 61 strokes, followed by Ryan McGlynn



Some of the successful players from the gents open at Lochgilphead. From left: Bobby Willan, Alex MacAulay, Ryan McGlynn, Kenny Crawford and Russell Calladine.

with 63, and Bobby Willan on 65 strokes in third place.

The gents enjoyed breakfast rolls before play and a tasty buffet following play, as

well as celebratory drinks. Lochgilphead Golf Club captain James Scott thanked all the players, staff, and volunteers on the course and in the

clubhouse who made the day such a success.

The ladies open on Sunday August 22 is the club's next planned open competition.



Ollie the otter.
Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

Kevin and Ollie win award

An Oban photographer with Tarbert and Mid Argyll connections was celebrating this week after winning a photography competition.

Kevin McGlynn topped the adult professional category in the UK Wild Otter Trust's 2021 photography competition.

Announcing the winners on its Facebook page, the trust said: 'The standard of entries was so high and the judges so busy... that it took us a little longer than we expected to whittle the hundreds of entries down to just a handful of winners.

'Thank you again to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners. The standard of entries was incredible and truly impressed the judging panel. Looking through the winning photos truly shows the beauty of this species and its environment. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did.'

Kevin's winning photograph featured Ollie the otter, who has become something of a social media sensation, with Kevin's photographic help, over recent months.

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This week we feature two images of contrasting subject matter, but each memorable in their own right

Left: Kilmartin's Rosemary Neagle sent in this image of a delicate damselfly. She explained: 'After a long time trying to get a close up photograph of the Beautiful Demoiselle, I finally managed to capture this image of it sheltering from a shower under foliage. It's normally seen on a warm day darting to and fro over streams.'



Above: The Argyll skies have been ablaze with spectacular sunsets over recent weeks, but Inveraray man Donald John MacDonald was out and about early enough to capture this gorgeous sunrise over Inveraray on Monday June 28. Looks like a warning to any sheep farmers out there.

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Like every other public body, the Scottish Ambulance Service must be under financial pressure – still feeling the effects of the financial crash and years of austerity that followed. But the impact of the Covid pandemic will also be huge.

Between staff who contract the virus, close contacts and others self-isolating, numbers must be down. Then there's the pressure of dealing with Covid patients, as well as the volume of non-coronavirus physical and mental health problems built up during the pandemic and now surfacing.

But a 21-hour delay? For a patient with a history of heart problems and apparently showing indications of a heart attack? Anecdotally we gather that lengthy delays are not uncommon. The service needs help.

No fault can be apportioned to front line staff – they bear the brunt, as ever.

Between the Rest and be Thankful, less-than-reliable ferries, retreating services and an ageing population, it's not easy living in Argyll – but waiting a day for an ambulance should not be happening.

Thankfully Mr McKay seems to be recovering, but the outcome could have been different.

Community harm from windfarms

Sir,
Community councils in Kintyre and South Knapdale have been overloaded with windfarm applications during lockdown and the pace seems to be accelerating.

Currently we have eight windfarms in operation and two under construction. These 10 sites have 167 wind turbines and a capacity of 253 Megawatts between them. The maximum height of the turbines is 150 metres.

There are a further 12 windfarms in the planning process. These will have 178 turbines between them, designed to produce 898 megawatts. The maximum height of these turbines is likely to be 230 metres.

If all of these go through, we will have a total of 22 windfarms with 345 turbines between them producing 1,151 megawatts. Of those turbines, 45 are likely to be 200 metres-plus in height.

Our community councillors are unpaid volunteers and do their community council work in their own time.

Kintyre and South Knapdale community councils have had no worthwhile offers of assistance from either the Scottish Government or Argyll and Bute Council.

We have supported a petition calling on the Scottish Government to increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms. At the same time, we have seen some developers being less than enthusiastic about providing community benefit grants and refusing any meaningful community shared ownership.

We are not against windfarm developments and we recognise the government's need for more renewable energy sources, but we need to prevent any development that will harm our communities and their economic well-being.

Bob Chicken, on behalf of the six Kintyre and West Knapdale Community Councils.

Little understanding of rural Scotland
Sir,
Scotland's rural economy will be put at risk if

the Scottish Greens are given the opportunity to influence the Scottish Government.

Last week a letter was sent by a dozen organisations, including gamekeepers and moorland groups, to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon warning a SNP-Green deal would tear apart rural jobs.

Essentially the Scottish Greens are an urban-based party with little interest or understanding of what makes rural Scotland tick.

It is no wonder so many rural organisations have expressed their alarm at the talks between the Greens and SNP, leading to the real possibility of the Greens exerting even more influence over government policy.

We simply cannot afford to lose jobs and livelihoods in often fragile coastal and rural communities where there are few, if any, alternative sources of year-round employment.

Rural Scotland must not be sacrificed to the political interests of the SNP, who failed to win a majority in May, and are now left scrabbling around for the support of a fringe party like the Greens.

Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and Islands.

A summer message to pupils, staff and parents

Sir,
We're at the end of the school year and what a year it has been.

Nothing could have prepared us for the challenges we've had to overcome in the last 12 months, particularly in our schools, but the way in which staff, pupils and parents have coped is remarkable.

Pupils adjusted to new ways of learning with confidence; teachers became accustomed to providing lessons on a digital platform; our central education teams went above and beyond and parents continued to provide their children with support as they juggled their own work and transformed their homes into makeshift, temporary classrooms and offices. When we entered lockdown in March 2020, I don't think any of us expected it to last as long as it did. A

year later and things are just slowly starting to get back to normal.

Schooling today, however, still looks different to how it did before. For the second year in a row, young people have been unable to sit their exams and teachers have had to work closely with the SQA to assess pupils' work. School leavers who have gone onto further education have done so without the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the student experience; P1 and S1 transitions have had to take place virtually and annual school events have been held without the usual parental/community involvement.

Despite these challenges, our children and young people have taken lockdown life in their stride. Their ability to adapt and overcome in and out of school has been truly phenomenal and inspiring.

I know the last year hasn't been an easy ride for staff, pupils and parents but the ability you have shown to adjust to these unprecedented circumstances has blown me away.

People really came together to support each other when things got tough and I think that's what makes Argyll and Bute so unique. We all look after one another, through the good and the bad, and I couldn't be prouder to be the policy lead for education.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every one of you for the hard work and dedication you have shown to education. While we're not out of the woods just yet, I have no doubt we will come out the other end of this stronger than before.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic, well deserved summer break.

Have fun and stay safe.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, policy lead for education, Argyll and Bute Council.

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Thought for the Week

Campbeltown Grammar School took a knock recently, being almost at the bottom of national academic league tables.

League tables also apply to sport and they can bring elation to some and despondency to others. Education is, however, more complex than winning a match.

Physicist Albert Einstein, who didn't speak until he was four and didn't read until he was seven, was expelled from school for being impatient and unruly.

Naturalist Charles Darwin was considered by all his masters and his father as being an ordinary boy, rather below the common standard of intellect.

Neither would have shown up well in league tables, yet they excelled in life.

In selecting the people he wanted to be his closest associates, Jesus chose manual workers. Manual workers are important; people to take away our rubbish, people skilled in plumbing to repair leaks and unblock drains, lorry drivers to ferry goods to our doors, the list goes on.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus tells a story about a man who was attacked by robbers who beat him and left him half-dead.

A priest passed him by, likewise a Levite, both failing to help the man in distress.

Both men were well-versed in the fine details of Jewish Law. They were well educated.

Only a generous-minded Samaritan came to the rescue. He helped the man from his plight and saw to it that he would be well cared for.

That, Jesus said, should be our pattern for life – being alert to the suffering of others and doing what we can to help.

Like our town, Campbeltown Grammar School has a fine record in responding to charitable concerns.

That places it high up any league table that really matters.

David O McEwan, St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown.

COWAL

A bid to boost the population of one of the country's rarest fish, found in a Cowal freshwater loch, has been declared a success.

The endangered powan is found naturally only in Loch Eck and Loch Lomond and is threatened by habitat destruction and an invasive fish species that eats its eggs. Faced with the prospect of losing this highly valued piece of Scotland's natural heritage, a project was launched to introduce eggs and fish to new loch sites and so establish new populations.

Now, after 30 years of conservation work and monitoring, a team of researchers has concluded the powan has established itself happily in its new homes.

Scientists from Glasgow University working with colleagues from Konstanz in Germany have found the rare fish have adapted to their new environments by changing their body shape as well as their DNA.

Professor Colin Adams of Glasgow University said: "This study is important for biodiversity and conservation management. Actions to conserve fish populations need evidence of their success.

"This work shows translocations were a successful way to help Scottish powan. The translocations worked as an emergency measure, but the best mitigation is preserving the original populations."

BUTE

An author who based himself on the Isle of Bute while writing his first novel has hailed the island as the perfect place for creative inspiration.

Thanks to his Bute holiday home's remote location and rustic nature, Andrew Neil MacLeod had the ideal backdrop for writing his supernatural tale of 18th-century Scotland.

He said: "When I wrote this, I had just moved into a newly-bought house in Rothesay with no furniture, no internet, no hot water and a leaky roof, so I picked up the stub of a pencil and started to write. I fed myself on a diet of fish suppers, wine, walks by the pier and visits to the local library, while I mentally planned out the series."



MULL

Plans to make Ulva Pier bigger have been given the go-ahead by council chiefs.

No objections were received from the public or from statutory consultees to the proposals by North West Mull Community Woodland Company which include extra berths and a hard standing area for storing fishing gear.

The pier is used by the fishing community as well as by the ferry taking children from Ulva to school on Mull.

Planners were told the ferry is a small open passenger boat and is susceptible to

wind-driven waves generated across the short fetch to the south, so it is proposed to build a small rubble mound breakwater to the south of the pier to make a sheltered area.

The extension means users will be able to access the pier during all tides. The current one is not accessible at low water on spring tides and has limited access at high tide because it is mostly under water.

The proposal is to lengthen the pier by 4.5 metres into deeper water and heighten it by 0.5 metres.

Planners were told the development would not impact the historic or natural environment of the site.

Although he was born and raised in Glasgow, Andrew admits to a fascination with Edinburgh's old town and has set his debut work there in 1773.

Andrew's book, *The Fall of the House of Thomas Weir*, is the first in a trilogy called *The Casebook of Johnson and Boswell*, published by Burning Chair Publishing.

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Chanelle who founded the business, joined by her friend Lauren, pride themselves on the principle that they offer affordable and bespoke training for all. Top-class qualifications, business start up and self-employment are within everyone's reach with Klarna, Payl8r and they can also provide a personal interest-free payment plan; they do not credit check.

Their research shows that Beauty Click Academy fees in Glasgow are consistently the best value. The most popular are the classic lashes and definition brow courses and now they have brought their BC Bootcamps to Glasgow which offer the opportunity to gain 13 GTi qualifications in three months. These include how to run your own business.

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For the full story visit The Beauty Click's webpage and social media.

ARGYLL AESTHETICS

A former Nurse who has dedicated more than 30 years of her life to healthcare is now on a mission to put a smile back on people's faces. Shirley MacFarlane has established Argyll Aesthetics Oban at 8 Argyll Square offering a range of non-surgical medical cosmetic treatments to both men and women.

The services include Collagen Induction Therapy which can remodel scar tissue, erase fine lines and wrinkles with the SkinPen a specialist medical device, anti-wrinkle injections, dermal fillers and injectable moisturisers. Joining Shirley in the clinic is Dr Melanie Gray, an experienced dental surgeon who will be offering non-surgical face lift treatments with PDO thread lifts and teeth whitening.

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The discreet clinic was a gift from her husband John on Valentines Day 2020 - just prior to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It opened on November 25th a month before the second lockdown but is now open again and proving popular.

Shirley, who was brought up in Oban, took early retirement last October after ending her career working locally with the District Nursing Team in Oban and as a Practice Nurse at Easdale Medical Practice.

It closed the chapter on more than 30 years of caring for people which saw her start as an auxiliary nurse at the former County Hospital in Oban before a move to London in the late 1980s.

In London, she spent time working as a nanny to a couple whose child was a best friend to a young Princess Beatrice, which saw her visit Buckingham Palace and effectively rub shoulders with the Duke and Duchess of York.

She went on to rise through the ranks at major hospitals in Hammersmith and Charing Cross, as well as managing in the National Spinal Injuries Unit in Glasgow before a return to Oban in 2004, taking up a post in A&E for over 8 years prior to a move to community nursing.

Shirley said: 'I am really excited about bringing these aesthetic treatments to Oban and aim to deliver a quality professional service with the consideration and care for the client's wellbeing being pivotal to all care administered.'

People come in with a smile on their face and leave with an even bigger smile on their faces.

It feels really good putting the key in the door every day and knowing that everyone who comes in leaves happier.

Argyll Aesthetics Oban can be found across a range of social media channels or at <http://www.argyllaestheticsoban.com/>

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Your brow and lash treatments should be bespoke and offer you the best combination for your personal look and lifestyle.

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A consultation with Kelly helps choose the right mix of treatments for you and for your brows, colours and lash lifting to give the perfect combination; plus she also offers luxury dermaplaning facials to complete your new, enhanced look which can be a bold or a subtle as you desire.

And another treat is in store for Brow Clinic customers because Kelly is now joined by Jayne Gillies from Omorfiá Nails and Beauty; you can contact her via Facebook, business page or Instagram to book.



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From left: Gearbox woes cost Alister MacArthur and Christopher Robertson a finish in their Talbot Sunbeam. Duncan MacLean and Ross Callander's Peugeot 106 GTi had clutch problems – but the pair finished strongly. Innes and Kirsty Mochrie took the Class One honours in the mighty Metro. Photographs: West Coast Photos/Gavin Brown.

Gearbox gremlins, clutch glitches and flying Metros

A round-up, by Gavin Brown, of Mid Argyll crews in the Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally, held on June 25/26 and won by Welsh driver Meirion Evans and co-driver Jonathan Jackson.

Alister MacArthur and Christopher Robertson were teamed up once more in their Talbot Sunbeam and looking forward to tackling the new stages around the Cowal peninsula.

The two blasts round Dunoon town centre stage were a suitable shakedown for the pair and they headed out into the evening stages starting with Glendaruel.

The car was performing well and good runs through stage three then the challenging

stage four Bealach Maim, over the hill road to Otter Ferry, got the confidence levels up and a good rhythm in place with the only issue being the excellent pace meant they closed the one minute gap and caught the car in front and, with very few passing opportunities, definitely lost a good bit of time following them for the last mile of the stage.

Stage five, Loch Fyne, saw the pair lose second gear but they managed to get through the 6.75 miles and finish the

evening having climbed from their start number of 97 up to 51st overall and fourth in Class 7. The car was trailered back to Lochgilphead to see what was amiss with the gearbox. After a very late night the car was back on the trailer and heading for leg two on the Saturday morning. During the first stage of the morning, Glendaruel two, they also lost first gear, making continuing the rally impossible. The gearbox finally let go on the road section on the way back to Dunoon. This was a disappointing end to what was looking like a great event for them.

Innes Mochrie was back out in the mighty Metro, once

again guided by his daughter Kirsty, using pace notes for the first time. The Metro's suspension was tested to the maximum on the bumpy, twisty stages with some huge jumps which resulted in several bouncy landings for the Lochgilphead pair. That said, the car ran faultlessly all weekend and their times were consistently quick.

The two runs through the loop of four stages on Saturday saw the pair within a second of their previous times on three of the four stages, slightly slower on the second run through, until the last stage where they knocked four seconds off the morning run to secure 60th

overall from a start position of 95 but, more importantly, lifting the Class one honours. Another trophy for the increasingly full cabinet.

Duncan MacLean and Ross Callander were out in the wee 106 GTi again and were only one stage in when the clutch started to give Duncan severe problems. Nipping back to service to try and sort this out, they incurred a stage maximum on stage two but, importantly, were still in the rally. The clutch continued to give some problems when it got hot. Into the second day and the stage times in daylight with the knowledge from the previous night's loop meaning

Duncan soon had the 106 singing and the stage times reflected this.

As with other crews, the re-running of the same loop in the afternoon offered the crews the chance to use that knowledge to increase the speeds and adjust the lines. Duncan was quicker in all but one stage in the afternoon with the final two tests completed significantly quicker than in the morning.

The problems on Friday night meant they were always going to struggle to finish anywhere further up the leader board, but a finish is welcome and will surely help build confidence for the rest of the season.

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Organisers 'reluctantly' cancel Kintyre Agricultural Show

Kintyre Agricultural Society's directors have unanimously, but reluctantly, agreed to cancel this year's show.

The decision to cancel the Kintyre Agricultural Show, scheduled for Friday August 6, came after 'much discussion' at a meeting on Tuesday June 29.

'Up until a week or so ago we were very hopeful we could have something in place,' a society spokesperson said, 'but it was felt that with Covid cases still rising, including locally, it would not be appropriate to hold a show.'

'Even if restrictions are eased nearer the time, we would still be required to restrict the number of people attending and in an open field it would

prove difficult for us to steward and provide the protection from Covid that would be required.

'We also looked at holding the show later in August, after restrictions are due to be lifted on August 9, but with finding a suitable date and the possibility that all restrictions are not lifted by that date, it was felt this was not possible.'

The directors have agreed a virtual show will take place via the Kintyre Agricultural Society Facebook page and are asking exhibitors to submit entries.

Details of the format will be posted on the society's Facebook page or interested parties can contact secretary

John Armour by emailing tirfergus01@btconnect.com or calling 01586 810231 during the day or 01586 552404 in the evening.

The spokesperson added: 'The directors are very grateful to companies and organisations that offered support by sponsorship, programme advertising or by taking a stand or stall at the show and we hope you will all be willing to provide that support again in 2022.'

'While this decision is very disappointing, directors feel it is the right one to make at this time but we are all determined to work towards a return to normality with a full and exciting show in 2022.'



The convoy travelled to Campbeltown via the Moss Road.

First tractor run raises a grand total

Almost 30 tractors and lorries hit the road for Campbeltown Young Farmers' first tractor run, raising almost £1,000 for charity.

The vehicles set off from the Officers Mess car park at the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) Business Park last Sunday morning.

They travelled via the Moss Road to Campbeltown where they drove down Main Street and up Longrow before making their way east to Peninver. They then travelled

back to town, to the ferry terminal, where they stopped for a break to allow spectators to view the vehicles.

They continued on to Stewarton and Machrihanish before returning to MACC Business Park via the runway for soft drink refreshments and fresh baking.

There was also a raffle which, in addition to the £10 entry fee and donations, helped raise more than £900 for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

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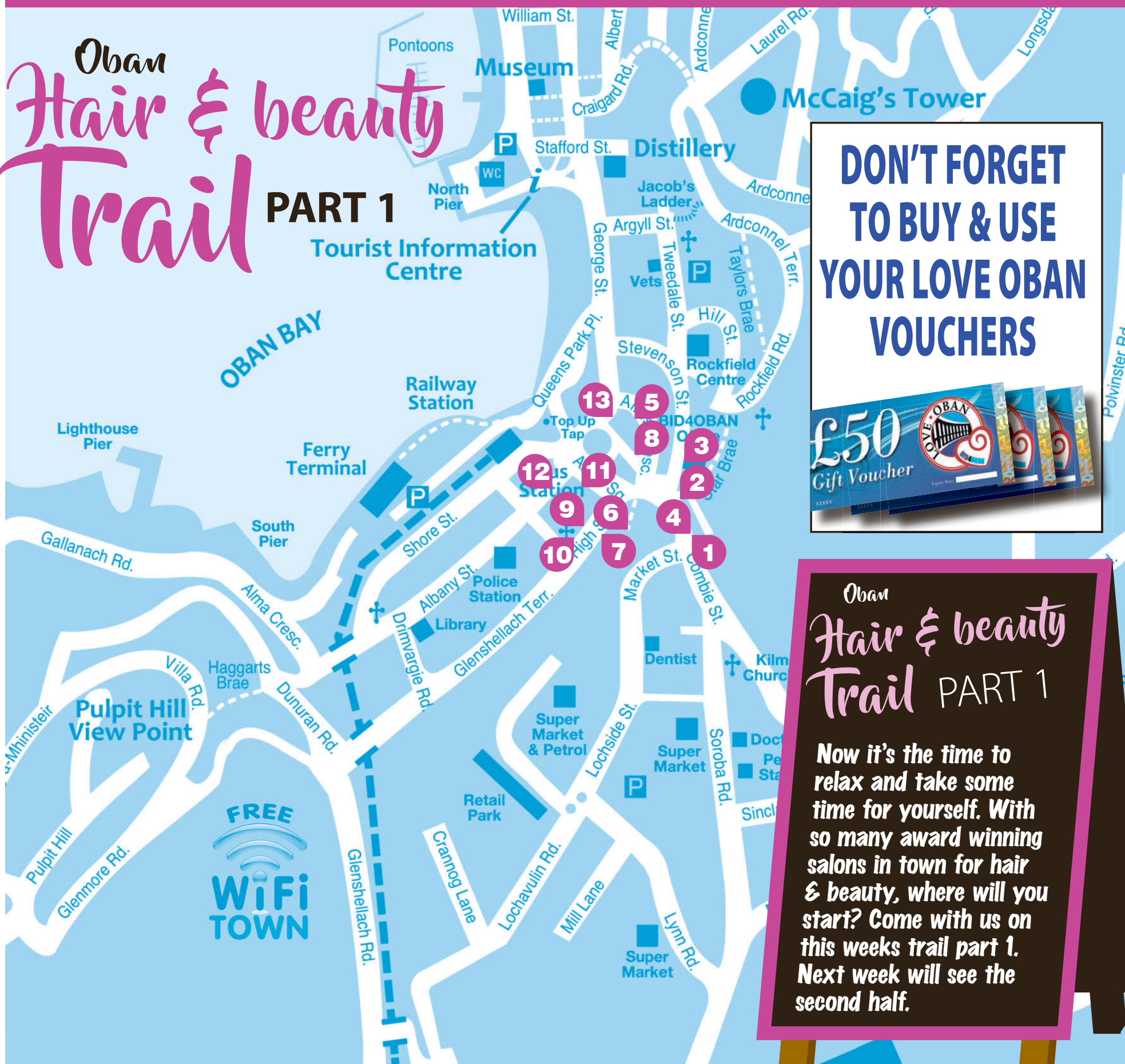
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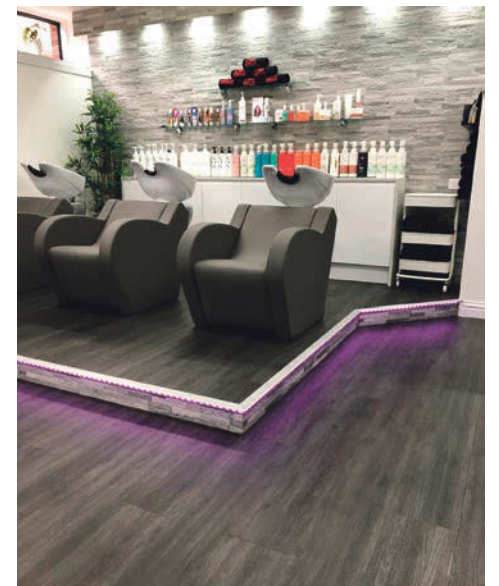
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/01124/LIB	External repair works to include; slated roof works, lead work, minimal chimney repairs, cast iron goods, associated timber repairs and decoration to cast goods and timber work	30-34 Barochan Place, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AX
21/00884/PP	Erection of anemometer mast up to 80m in height for a period of up to 24 months	Rowan Wind Farm, Kilberry, Argyll And Bute
21/01105/PP	Formation of forest tracks	Knapdale Forest, Achnamara, Argyll And Bute

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From Sandra Johnston,
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Margaret & Sheena MacKinnon (Tayinloan)

Would like to thank everyone involved for all their help, assistance and care after my trip and fall last Wednesday (30th June) in No.42 restaurant, Campbeltown after a very delicious lunch with my great grandson Sandy, and Sheena. The paramedics, the off duty passing doctor, Gordon and the restaurant staff, and all the hospital staff, but a special thank you to the very kind lady who called the ambulance and talked to me and Sheena till they arrived. Thankfully no broken bones, but several bruises and a black eye.

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ENGAGEMENT

McMURCHY - GALBRAITH - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on June 25, 2021 of Gina, daughter of Hector and Jean McMurchy, Campbeltown, to Craig, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Galbraith, Coledrain, Southend.

MARRIAGE

SEMPLE - JORDAN - Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Lorna, youngest daughter of John and Mary, to Morgan, son of Billy and Alison on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Southend Parish Church by the Rev. S Fulcher. A long awaited special day.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GRAY - LINDSAY - Bill to Margaret on July 12, 1971 at Killin Parish Church.

Present address: Bruachan, Lochgair.

DEATHS

BULLOCH - It is with sad news Agnes Mary Bulloch (Macmillan) passed away peacefully on the evening of June 21, 2021. A much loved and missed mum, sister, granny and auntie who was always first to help anybody, always the life and soul and with a great sense of humour. The funeral will be 1.30pm on July 9 at Clydebank Crematorium, thereafter at The Glen Lusset for a light buffet. Donations welcome for Cancer Research and the RAF Association charities.

CHRISTIE - Peacefully after a short illness at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on June 29, 2021, Margaret Christie, née MacKinnon, aged 66 years of 10 Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Brian Christie (former Strathclyde Police). Much loved mum of Claire and Stewart, adored nana of Eilidh, Kalin, Lauren and James. A much respected mother-in-law of Scott and Sandra. Dear sister to Hilda, Duncan and the late Emily. A dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. A private family service was held at Woodside Crematorium Paisley on Thursday, July

8, 2021. Donations can be made in memory of Margaret directly to Macmillan Nurses Mid Argyll or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. Sadly missed.

DAVIDSON - Peacefully at home, Creagdhù Mansions, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, with her two girls by her side, on June 30, 2021, Catherine McLean (Rene) in her 94th year, formerly of the Dellwood Hotel, dearly beloved wife of the late Bill Davidson, loving mother of Joan and Tracey, mother-in-law of David and Bruce, beloved granny of Martin, Debbie and Hope and great-granny of Rowan, Joel, Struan and Alba. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Rene's funeral will take place on Monday, July 12. The cortege will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 1.00pm we will travel up Longrow past the Dellwood Hotel, along High Street, down Princes Street, across the Esplanade and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Rene may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.



FARRELL - Mary V. (née Maguire) of West Seneca, NY, (born in Campbeltown) passed away on June 30, 2021. Devoted wife of David J. Farrell; beloved mother of Patrick (Julie), Gladys Widmer (Stephen Kougher), Maryanne, and Shawn Farrell; loving grandmother of Jeremy, Braden, Kayla, Liam, and Samuel; sister of Hugh, Jean, Gladys, Maureen, Patricia, John, Catherine, Zillah, Malcolm, Ruth, Campbell, and Thomas; also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, Baby Jaxson, and other extended family members.

FERGUSON - Peacefully at home, 103 Longrow, Campbeltown, on July 6, 2021, Peter John Ferguson, in his 70th year, dearly beloved husband of Janet O'May, much loved dad of Peter, Janie, Donna, Annette and Robert and a loving granda, great-granda and pops. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Peter's funeral will take place on Wednesday, July 14. The cortege will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 1.00 pm we will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Peter may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MCALLISTER - Peacefully on July 2, 2021, Campbell Stewart McAllister, in his 55th year, much loved dad of Morbheinn, Iona and Heather, beloved son of Judith and the late Stewart McAllister and a much loved brother of David and Joanne.

MONCRIEFF - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital with her family by her side, on Friday, July 2, 2021, Patricia Helen Moncrieff, in her 83rd year, of Dundorran, Inveraray. Beloved wife of Donald, dearly loved mother of Bob and Colin; adored granma of Aidan, Kyle and Matthew. Much respected mother-in-law of Maureen and Rachel. A private family service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Friday, July 9, 2021. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made in Pat's memory directly to Macmillan Nurses or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

ROBERTSON - Suddenly at home, 5 Lochend Street, Campbeltown, on June 25, 2021, Helen Mary Ann Robertson, in her 73rd year, dearly beloved daughter of the late Robert and Mary Ann Robertson and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Helen's funeral will take place in Cardross Crematorium. Helen's ashes will be interred with her parents in Kilkerran Cemetery at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHNSTONE - Ewan, David, Judy and Fraser would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, media messages, flowers and other expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Hope. Thanks also to the hospital nurses, district nurses and doctors involved in her care throughout her long illness. A special thank you to all the carers who supported Hope through her struggle, and without whom we would have found it difficult to cope. Our thanks to Drumfearne Tearoom, Carradale for their excellent catering. Sincere thanks to Reverend Steve Fulcher for his pastoral support and comforting words at the service and graveside. Our thanks also to those who came to pay their respects at the church and along the route to Keil cemetery. Finally, our thanks to the funeral directors T. A. Blair for their professional and caring service.

REID - Moira, Iain, Mary and the rest of the family of the late John Ronald Reid, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to Rev W Crossan, Dr Toledo and the community nurses for their care and support along with Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professionalism and thoughtful attention to every detail. Finally, thank you to everyone who paid tribute at

the church and on the route to the cemetery.

SMYLIE - Douglas. The family Alma, Maureen, John and Aileen would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their attendance at the funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace and Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae. Sincere thanks to the Rev. Dorothy Wallace for conducting such a poignant and moving service. Thanks to everyone at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors who dealt with everything very professionally and sympathetically and for their care and compassion, which made a sad time a bit easier; also thanks to The George Hotel, Inveraray for the buffet afterwards. Thanks to all for their care of Douglas at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead and the Lorn and Island Hospital, Oban. Thanks to everyone who sent cards and flowers to the family and to all who in accordance with the family's wishes donated to the Mid Argyll Macmillan Nurses. All your expressions of kindness and friendships at this delicate time is very much appreciated by Douglas's family.

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And it will hold forever
'Till we meet again.
Most loved and missed daughter, sister, mother and grandmother, aunt and niece.
Ae fond kiss and then we sever,
Ae farewell alas forever.

MCGEACHY - RENTON - In loving memory of our dearly beloved sister and sister-in-law, Amanda. Dearest Mandy you are always with us and in our hearts you will remain and the family bond will reunite, when we're all together again. Loving you always. Forgetting you never.

- Linda, Diane, Kathleen, David, Doreen and brothers-in-law.

MCNEILL - Jean. In loving memory of a devoted wife, mother, granny and great-granny, who died one year ago on July 10, 2020. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Forever in our hearts.
- Love Hamish, James and Jennifer and all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. —Jeremiah 29:13
In person..... or Online...?
Our building is open and our Service will be in the church on **Sunday, 11th July 2021 at 11am** when Kelvin Moller from Clachan will be preaching.

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
11.30am Southend Church SC005484
Covid 19 restrictions apply
Ministers
Revd Steve Filcher
Revd Christine Fulcher 01586 830504
www.wkintyreparishes.org.uk

SALVATION ARMY



Our meetings are **Sunday 11th July 2021**
Worship service
New time of 11am.
Covid 19 measures in place
If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046
Major Ruth Russell
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor Kilmartin
Sunday 11th July 2021
11am
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell
All very welcome
Please remember to wear a mask

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 11th July
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 14th July
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Lochgilphead
Sunday 11am
Holy Eucharist
St Columba, Poltalloch
9am Holy Communion
1st Sunday of the month
6pm Evensong
3rd Sunday of the month (SC013787, 31391)

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



A warm welcome awaits you in the Kirk Street Hall at 11:00 am
Pastor Mark Jasper 01586 554 092
pastor@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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SC043322

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 11th July
Morning Worship 11.15am
Rev W Crossan
Covid 19 Guidelines apply
Everyone Welcome

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There will be a weekly service at Skipness 10am and Tarbert 11.30am - Rev Lyn Peden
Please wear a face covering and stay 2 metres apart for the services
Contact Rev. Lyn Peden 01880 820158 for pastoral care
Charity number Tarbert SC002622 Skipness SC004280

WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES

(Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)

Sunday 11th July 2021
There will be a service in Cumlodden church at 10.00am
Led by the worship team
There will also be a service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am
The service will be led by Caroline Wood
Masks must be worn when attending either church.
Charity No: SC016665

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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 11th July
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Also
A Time for Quiet Wednesdays at 12:45pm in Ardrishaig Church (Covid19 control measures apply)
Weekly Reflections continue to be available at the church gates

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH



SUNDAY 11TH 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.
More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk
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Motocross action at Achnashelloch

A strong field of motocross riders came to Achnashelloch Farm in the last weekend of June for round two of the ScotMX Scottish Championship.

The Mid Argyll track, prepared by Stewart Campbell, would show who could ride hard pack after the deep sand of Tain in round one.

See the full report with action shots at www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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Great day at Wee Joe Memorial Shield

Superbly hosted by the MacFarlane family, 36 members and guests gathered at Glenralloch on Saturday July 3 for the Wee Joe Memorial Shield. After a brilliant day, £570 was raised for the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group.

Playing conditions at Tarbert Golf Club were ideal and, with the course in superb condition, good scoring was anticipated.

Kenny MacFarlane returned to top form in his late father's event and took first place – his gross 68 giving him 44 stableford points to take top spot.

Andrew Henderson was second with 43 points and Peter Bates third on 41. Longest drive at the second was Kenny MacFarlane and closest to the pin at the eighth was Jamie Stuart.

A good turnout is anticipated for the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup on Saturday July 10, to be played on a Stableford basis.

Red Star youngsters make debut in Oban

Oban Saints 4
Lochgilphead Red Star 0
Pre-season friendly

Oban Saints secretary David Buchanan was grateful to close neighbours Lochgilphead Red Star for stepping in at short notice to provide the opposition at Oban High School 3G pitch last Saturday afternoon after Callander Thistle called off.

Strict matchday protocols, including no changing rooms and no supporters inside the perimeter fencing, were followed by both sides.

Two first half goals each from Lewis Cameron and captain Craig MacEwan gave Saints a fairly comfortable victory over a Red Star side featuring a number of youngsters which bodes well for the future of the Mid Argyll club.

Lewis Cameron opened the scoring in the 13th minute, giving Red Star keeper Ally Lewis no chance with a free-kick from 24 yards.

The visitors were dealt a blow when they lost skipper Aaron Moore through injury after 20 minutes, allowing young central midfielder Keiran Caskie a run-out on his first

team debut. A Red Star foray into Saints' territory saw Ryan Caskie run on to Andy Weir's ball over the top, but Saints' veteran keeper David Dunlop forced Caskie into looking for a cutback which Ruaridh Horne intercepted, mopping up the danger.

In the 24th minute, Saints captain Craig MacEwan headed home to double the home side's advantage.

Saints kept up the pressure and four minutes later added a third with MacEwan completing his brace.

A second change and first team debut for the visitors

came on the half hour mark when young Woody Hoad replaced Ryan Caskie on the right of midfield.

Ten minutes from the break Horne sent David Beaton scurrying forward to cross for Lewis Cameron, who cushioned the ball home.

Confidence

Saints posed nowhere near the threat in the second half and the visitors gained in confidence as the match progressed with Lee MacLean impressing in midfield.

Red Star gaffer Colin Weir made it a hat-trick of debuts when he gave hard-working

central midfielder Angus Lewis a rest and sent on Craig Aitken.

The young full back made an instant impact, racing forward on the left to fire off a shot which Dunlop was pleased to see fly over his crossbar.

The visitors deservedly kept their second half clean sheet intact when Lewis saved with his feet to deny James Ford from close range.

Red Star's preparations for the new Scottish Amateur Football League campaign continue with a trip to Bute on Saturday July 17 to face Rothesay Brandane.

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