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Skipness in bid to buy village store

by Fiona Ross
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The people of Skipness are planning to follow the lead of neighbouring Carradale and take over the village shop.

As Carradale Community Trust announced the opening of a new shop and post office on June 8 after two years of fundraising, plans to convert Skipness village store into community ownership have been given a vital boost.

The owner of the premises, Clonaig Estate, is reported to have agreed to sell the shop to the community and now a project to refurbish it – and the adjoining house – has been set in motion.

'We are hoping that by bringing the house up to a modern, habitable standard we will be

able to attract people to take on the shop,' said Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust co-opted director Bill McHugh.

The trust has already received enquiries from interested parties looking to take on the shop as part of a lifestyle change.

'Whoever takes it on will be expected to cater as best they can for the community's needs while also being commercially viable.

Enterprising

'We are looking for someone who is really enterprising,' said Bill. 'Hopefully the village post office can also be re-established as part of this process.'

The community trust will now approach Highland and Islands Enterprise for help with a feasibility plan and for-

mal community consultation.

An architect will then be appointed to appraise the buildings and work out costs.

'The house hasn't been lived in since 1980 so will need some work and maybe a small extension, subject to planning permission,' Bill added.

'We think providing accommodation will be important, as housing is in such short supply locally.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor and Argyll and Bute Council policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial development Alastair Redman said: 'Community shops have been successful in many parts of Argyll, elsewhere in Scotland and the UK, but the key thing is securing sufficient income to make the venture viable which



Making waves in Tayvallich waters

Artist Chris Rose, above, is one of four artists who will immerse themselves – quite literally – in an innovative underwater art project next week at Tayvallich - painting,

drawing and sculpting below the waves. The ground – or water-breaking – workshop is in celebration of the area's natural heritage. More on this story on page five.

will be a challenge in a small rural community such as Skipness. This venture would have my full support as local councillor for the area.'

To finance the purchase, the community will apply to the Scottish Land Fund, which has backed similar community acquisitions elsewhere in Argyll.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Robin Currie, also a councillor for Kintyre and the Islands, has supported the establishments of community shops in Islay, Jura and Carradale.

He said: 'I'm fully supportive of any community that wishes to take over its local shop as I

appreciate the importance of having a local shop.' The trust is hopeful that, with funding and planning permission secured, the shop could be up and running next spring.

Potential applicants are invited to email mchugh1951@outlook.com for more information from Bill McHugh.

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Collection tins boost as pier bid gathers momentum



by Colin Cameron
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Plans to purchase Inveraray Pier for the community are on track as donations to a public fund continue to rise.

The Inveraray Pier Fund was launched by Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers in the autumn of 2020, with a £100,000 target.

Current pier owner Geaspar Byrne, whose family business owns the Inveraray Inn, purchased the neglected structure in 2019, later offering the community an opportunity to take control of the pier, either by lease or purchase.

The pier campaign is a joint effort between the community council and [community development company] Inspire Inveraray.

Linda Divers explained:



The pier has been closed off to the public for many years as it fell into disrepair. 06_a21InverarayPier04

'Geaspar has been good enough to offer us the pier for the same price he paid for it, and our £100,000 target covers the purchase price and gives us a fighting fund to repair the stone pier.'

There are plans to apply for grant funding, but to get the ball rolling and show that community support is there, public donations are welcome.

The hope is that reopening the stone pier would enable it



Inveraray Pier in its heyday during the early 20th century.

to be fully utilised once more, after many years of closure as it fell into disrepair.

Access to Loch Fyne would be restored, allowing boats to tie up, dinghies, paddle boards or kayaks to be launched, and

opening up the possibility of landing crew and passengers from larger boats.

This week Linda Divers revealed that the fund stands at around £13,000 after collection tins around town

yielded more than £850. Linda said: 'Thanks to all the businesses in town that have a pier fund collection can and to everyone who has donated.'

'We emptied them today and an amazing £854.95 was inside them.'

'It hasn't been an easy year for fundraising so we are more than happy with what we have achieved so far.'

I can't thank you all enough.'

Anyone can support the community's bid to purchase Inveraray Pier by donating online – just visit the Go Fund Me page set up by Linda Divers entitled Inveraray Pier Fund.

To donate by cheque, payable to Inveraray CC, write 'pier fund' on the back of the cheque and post it to Mrs Aly Stewart, 23 Newton, Inveraray.

Email inveraray@btinternet.com for more information.

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	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
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Fri, 2 Jul 2021	12:19	09:19	14:49			
Sat, 3 Jul 2021				13:20	10:20	15:50
Sun, 4 Jul 2021				14:16	11:16	16:46
Mon, 5 Jul 2021				15:09	12:09	17:39
Tue, 6 Jul 2021				15:57	12:57	18:27
Wed, 7 Jul 2021				16:42	13:42	19:12
Thu, 8 Jul 2021				17:23	14:23	19:53
Fri, 9 Jul 2021				18:02	15:02	20:32
Sat, 10 Jul 2021				18:39	15:39	21:09
Sun, 11 Jul 2021	06:55	03:55	09:25	19:16	16:16	21:46
Mon, 12 Jul 2021	07:29	04:29	09:59	19:54	16:54	22:24
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Wed, 28 Jul 2021	08:59	05:59	11:29	21:14	18:14	23:44
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Fri, 30 Jul 2021	10:30	07:30	13:00			
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Police renew appeal for missing Campbeltown man after dog found

Police are appealing to walkers on the Kintyre Way route for any sightings of missing Campbeltown man Neil Scott, after his dog was traced in the area last weekend.



Ramu was located north of Earadale Point outside Machrihanish around 11.20am on Sunday July 11, after being seen in the area on Saturday evening. The dog was cared for at Campbeltown police station.

Neil, aged 58, was reported

missing from his home in Campbeltown on Thursday July 8 and the search continued as the Advertiser went to press.

Described as around 5ft 10in in height, of medium build with thinning grey/white hair, he was last seen wearing a black thigh-length winter coat with a hood and reflective white stripes on two zips on the chest area. He was also wearing faded blue jeans, a dark coloured cap and beige walking boots.

Inspector Ross MacDonald said: 'Officers are continuing to search the area for Neil, along with the local mountain rescue team and police helicopter.'

'The new Kintyre Way is a popular walking route and we would urge the public who think they may have seen Neil to get in touch with police, as well as continuing to keep a look out for him.'

'Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland through 101, quoting incident number 0984 of Thursday July 8, 2021.'

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

Reports were received at about 9.30pm on Sunday July 11 of a man allegedly behaving abusively to a woman at Fleming Court in Lochgilphead.

Police officers attended and a 31-year-old man was arrested.

He was charged with abusive behaviour, possession of a controlled substance and kept in custody for court. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Theft of vehicle

About 3pm on Sunday July 11 at Lochneil Street, Lochgilphead, police located an allegedly stolen vehicle, reported from outside Argyll and Bute.

The driver was identified and arrested for theft of a motor vehicle. He was later charged with the offence and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Car damaged

At around 3pm on Saturday July 10 at Point Sands Caravan Park, Tayinloan, a silver Fiat Ducato camper van reportedly reversed into

a car, damaging it, before driving off without reporting the damage. The matter was reported to police, with the vehicle identified.

Dinghy stolen

Police are investigating the theft, between midday on Friday June 18 and 10am on Sunday July 4, of a grey Avon Red Crest Dinghy with a blue outboard motor which had been tied to the foreshore at Tayvallich.

Any witness or anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

No scrub-up for Tarbert memorial

by Colin Cameron
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Work has been carried out to restore Tarbert war memorial in time for a re-dedication ceremony next month – but it won't be given a necessary scrub before the ceremony, according to a councillor



The ceremony, marking the centenary of the village war memorial, is to be held on Saturday August 7.

But with barely a month to go no work had been carried out, despite repeated requests from Councillor Anne Horn, pictured, to Argyll and Bute Council officials asking for it to be done.

On July 5 Councillor Horn told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I am disappointed that despite of months of emails requesting that Tarbert war memorial be cleaned and restored in time for the centennial commemoration in August, no work has started.'

'A great deal of thought, research and effort has gone into

ensuring that a fitting tribute is paid commemorating those who paid the ultimate sacrifice

and it would be appreciated if council officers could reflect the efforts of volunteers and have the monument refurbished without further delay.'

The Advertiser contacted Argyll and Bute Council, and on July 7 a spokesperson replied: 'We have appointed a specialist contractor to carry out the refurbishment work at the war memorial.'

After being asked for more detail on the timescale of the work, the council said on Tuesday July 13: 'The signwriter worked on refurbishing the lettering over the weekend and will complete the work this week, weather permitting.'

This has not satisfied Councillor Horn, who responded: 'I'm delighted that the signwriter is on site and doing fantastic work; unfortunately he has not been authorised by council officers to clean the monument

and this will leave the work incomplete for the centennial commemoration.

'It is disappointing when so much voluntary work has gone in to this project but, again, not so much support from Argyll and Bute Council.'

'My utmost thanks go to the volunteers who have researched the history and made such an effort to allow the community to pay their respects.'



A re-dedication is planned to mark 100 years since Tarbert war memorial was unveiled.

Loch Fyne's Mediterranean look explained

A marine studies centre on Cumbrae has confirmed that the algal bloom which turned the Firth of Clyde and its sea lochs a vibrant turquoise colour in recent weeks was caused by the harmless plankton species *Emiliana huxleyi* (E.hux)

The now-dispersed algal bloom which affected the entire Firth of Clyde, extending into Loch Fyne, was suspected to be an E.hux or *karenia* variety but this was not confirmed until the Field Studies Council centre at Millport sent a sample to Aberdeen University.

Using an electron microscope, Marine Scotland researchers confirmed the microscopic sea algae as E.hux; a spherical-shaped species of coccolithophore which reflects sunlight just below the water's surface.

Dr Peter Miller, an earth observation scientist and an



The Adriatic? No – Loch Fyne pictured at the end of June from the Creggans Inn, Strachur.

expert on algal blooms, said in a social media post: 'I can confirm that it was coccolithophore E.hux that turned Clyde turquoise; hardly any other phytoplankton there. Non-toxic, 10µm across.'

As predicted by Dr Miller, the bloom was harmless and did little more than change the colour of the sea.

Algal blooms are unusual on

the west coast of Scotland; this one, scientists suspect, was brought in by water from the North Atlantic.

In addition to providing stunning vistas, coccolithophore blooms also play an important environmental role in helping to reduce the build up of greenhouse gases by absorbing carbon dioxide from the water.

Wee Bob escapes jail



For all you River City fans out there, Inveraray Jail had a visit recently from Stephen Purdon – who plays 'Wee Bob' in the Glasgow-set BBC Scotland soap

opera – along with his family. The Inveraray Jail Facebook page reassured his fans: 'Don't worry, he managed to escape!'



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Did the world's oldest man live to 180 years on Jura?

There is a grave in Jura's ancient cemetery, Kilearnadil, to an extraordinary man named Gillour MacCrain.

A plaque quotes the Hebridean traveller Martin Martin, who faithfully recorded what he was told on a visit to Jura around 1695.

MacCrain, he said, 'lived to have kept one hundred and eighty Christmasses in his own house. He died about 50 years ago'.

A later Hebridean traveller Thomas Pennant heard the same story in 1772, but added that MacCrain 'died in the reign of Charles I'. Hence the date on the plaque: 'He died around 1645'.

Martin, a Gaelic-speaking scientist from Skye reporting to The Royal Society, noted that Jura folk were especially healthy and long-lived. But 180 years old? Come on. Could so many intelligent Jurachs, who knew MacCrain and his family, be so credulous or complicit in a lie?

No, the islanders weren't stupid or joking, because Martin Martin and Thomas Pennant were told the gospel truth. Gillour MacCrain was not the world's oldest man by some 60 years. He was, in fact, a secret Roman Catholic.

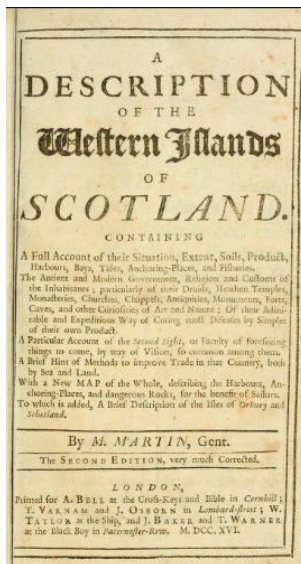
A clue lies in the weird wording: MacCrain didn't celebrate '180 Christmasses' in a church, but 'in his own house'. Why is his house relevant? To understand why, we have to travel back to this turbulent era in Scottish history.

By the time Gillour MacCrain died, just before King Charles I was executed in 1649, Scotland's church and state had cancelled Christmas.

When Scotland split from the Catholic Church in the Protestant Reformation of 1560, the new radical Presbyterian kirk swept away 'papish' feast days like 'Christ's Mass' or 'Yule'.

The persecution climaxed in 1640 when the Scottish Parliament made celebrating Christmas a punishable crime. Devout Catholics, like MacCrain, were forced to worship privately in their own homes.

The ban was repealed in 1712, but Scots continued to see the season-to-be-jolly as sinful. For 400 years, the Scots were pretty much the only people in Christendom who didn't celebrate Christmas, focusing instead on Hogmanay. Christmas only became a public holiday in Scotland in 1958.



Skye native Martin Martin, or Màrtainn MacGille Mhàrtainn, was a Gaelic scholar who was best known for his work **A Description of the Western Islands of Scotland (1703), above, and Kilearnadil graveyard, right.**

So how could MacCrain celebrate '180 Christmasses'? In MacCrain's lifetime, Scotland alongside the rest of the British Isles still stuck religiously to the Julian calendar: a solar calendar Julius Caesar adopt-



ed in 46BC to clean up the Romans' messy lunar calendar. However, it overestimated the length of the solar year by 11 minutes.

By 1582, more than 1,500 years later, the equinoxes and Christian holy days had drifted so far out of sync that Pope Gregory XIII decreed Catholic countries should adopt a more accurate 'Gregorian' calendar. As a corrective, it skipped 10 days from October 4 to October 15 that year.

But the Protestant United Kingdom, fearing a return to Catholicism, refused to replace its Julian calendar with Rome's Gregorian calendar until 1752.

Therefore MacCrain, like other Scottish Catholics, could celebrate two Christmasses each year from 1582: the first on December 25 on (Gregorian) Rome time, and the second, 10 days later, on December 25 on (Julian) Jura time.

If MacCrain died in 1647,

he would have had 65 extra Christmasses, and lived to a remarkable, but believable, 115. He may have been a couple of years older or younger.

After surviving one of Scotland's bloodiest centuries, staying quietly true to his Catholic faith through the Reformation, repression and wars of Protestant extremists, Gillour MacCrain had one last act of defiance in his epitaph: an immortal 'get stuffed' set in stone.

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New affordable homes for Tarbert

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is ready to build four new homes for affordable rent in Tarbert, writes Colin Cameron.

The three-bedroom terraced homes will be built next to the association's existing development at Oakhill.

The £904,000 development is the result of a funding partnership between the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and ACHA.

Lochgilhead-based building firm MacLeod Construction Ltd has been awarded the nine-month contract.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn said: 'I am delighted to hear work is to start on the Argyll Community Housing Association project in Tarbert.

'The project has taken some time to be realised and I thank ACHA officers for their efforts to bring the development together to provide much-needed family homes in the village.'

'It is great to get this much-needed housing project on site,' said ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor.

'It has taken longer than we had hoped due to title issues

and Covid-19 but we are there now. This development is part of ACHA's ongoing strategy to meet housing need in smaller communities in Argyll.

'It will add four new homes in addition to completed new builds in Dalmally, Kilmartin, Cairnbaan, Bonawe, Inveraray and Coll.

'I look forward to seeing the completed development in nine months.'

Below: The site in Tarbert where four new three-bedroom homes will be built by ACHA.



Wind farm donation puts puff in Mid Argyll's pipers

Mid Argyll pipers and drummers will have more opportunities to learn after a donation from a windfarm community fund.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band was last month awarded a £5,977 grant from A'Chruach Community Fund, part of Foundation Scotland.

The fund supports projects operating in the community councils of West Loch Fyne, Dunadd and Lochgilhead.

The pipe band funding will go towards buying new sheepskin bags for pipers, top level drumming tuition and new uniforms for players who have come through the Mid Argyll Pipe Band system and joined the band.

The committee and members thank the community council for selecting Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

A band spokesperson added: 'The grant will enable us to continue being as accessible as possible for all, and strengthens our commitment to providing a direct path for



Mid Argyll Pipe Band aims to use the funding to make piping and drumming more accessible in the area. 06_a30ardgala32

anyone who wishes to take up piping and drumming in Mid Argyll.'

Aquatic art project explores the seas

An extraordinary artist residency will begin next week around Tayvallich as a celebration of the area's natural heritage.

From July 18 to 24 four artists will immerse themselves in their craft when they begin their sub-aquatic project - painting, drawing and sculpting below water.

Wildlife painters John Threlfall, Esther Tyson and Chris Rose will be joined by sculptor Harriet Mead in their bid to capture the essence of the area's seascape in their work.

The residency has been organised to celebrate the Argyll coasts and islands' designation as an international Hope Spot which recognises its unique beauty, history and wildlife.

Argyll's marine environment is the first in the UK to be awarded this title and it is an important accolade according to Friends of the Sound of Jura board member Jane Smith.

'The Hope Spot designation offers a wonderful opportunity for us all locally,'



Jane Smith, Friends of the Sound of Jura board member and artist, says the Hope Spot offers a 'wonderful opportunity'.

she said. 'We want people and businesses to have a think about what it means to them and how they can use it to benefit all the community.'

'For generations our local waters' world-class natural riches have sustained the coastal communities; we want to make sure they

continue to do so far into the future.'

The artists will be displaying their creations and hosting a meet and greet on Saturday July 24 at the Tayvallich Weekend.

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Global interest in historic castle

by Fiona Ross
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Kilberry has been owned by the Campbell family since 1550

The chance to own a piece of Argyll history has attracted a flurry of interest from across the globe.

Kilberry Castle was built just as Christopher Columbus was setting sail for the new world in the 15th century and has been owned by the Campbell family since 1550.

Now the 10-bedroom tower house is up for sale for offers over £650,000 and enquiries are coming in thick and fast.

Knight Frank selling agent Tom Stewart-Moore said: 'We've had more than 40 viewings booked in the first week of it being on the market, with interest from throughout Europe, the Middle East and the USA.'

'The romance of owning a castle, added to the amazing buoyancy of the rural market at the moment, has attracted huge numbers to this property.'

'With everybody watching Escape to the Chateau and the like, it's a wonderful oppor-



Kilberry Castle dates back to the 15th century and has been owned by the Campbell family since 1550. Dining in style in the recently-marketed property.

tunity for someone wanting a lifestyle change.'

Tom said there had been enquiries from a broad mix of people: some considering

the purchase as a primary residence and others as a second home.

There have also been some commercial enquiries, but

as Tom explained, anyone wishing to establish a business at the castle would have to seek permission for a change of use as it has been a family home

for all of its 600-year history.

Regardless of where the castle's future lies it is in need of some careful attention from its new owners and considerable investment.

'The whole place will need to be rewired, new plumbing and a heating system installed,' said

Tom, adding that the amount the new owner will have to spend could be anywhere from £1million-£2million.

With viewing requests increasing every day Tom expects the sale to go to a closing date at the end of July or beginning of August.



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Scotland heads towards level zero restrictions

People should continue to follow public health measures to protect one another as the whole of Scotland prepares to move to level zero on Monday July 19.

Confirming the change on Tuesday, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon urged people to adhere to protective measures and sensible precautions to help create conditions that allow Scotland to move beyond level zero on August 9.

From Monday physical distancing will reduce to one metre in all indoor public settings and outdoors.

Additionally, informal social gatherings of up to 15 people from 15 households will be permitted outdoors without physical distancing.

Gatherings of up to 10 people from four households will be permitted in all indoor public settings with one metre physical distancing.

Other changes include:

- under-12s will no longer count towards the number of households that can gather indoors in public spaces and homes

- hospitality settings can open



Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

until midnight, if their current licence permits that, and customers will no longer be required to pre-book a two-hour slot to go to a pub or restaurant but will still be required to provide contact details to assist Test and Protect

■ up to 200 people will be able to gather at weddings and funerals

Employers are asked to continue to support home working where possible until Scotland moves beyond level zero.

From 4am on Monday July 19 travellers who are fully vaccinated through a UK vaccina-

tion programme and children arriving into Scotland from amber list countries will no longer need to self-isolate and take a day-eight test, but adults and children over 12 will still take tests before travelling and on day two after arrival.

Anyone testing positive for or experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 will still require to isolate for 10 days.

The first minister said: 'We are easing restrictions next week - but we are not abandoning them.'

'We will also keep in place for now certain other measures - such as the requirement to wear face coverings, co-operate with test and protect teams, and comply with advice on good hygiene and ventilation.'

'As we continue to complete the vaccination programme, which does offer us still the route back to greater normality, we will make it easier for more restrictions to be gradually and sensibly lifted in the weeks ahead.'

The first minister will provide a further update to parliament in the week before the next review on August 9.

Roadside abuse affecting workers' mental health

One in four roadworkers has suffered mental health issues following verbal or physical abuse from the public, according to new figures, writes Colin Cameron.

A survey of Scotland's trunk road maintenance companies, including Amey, BEAR Connect and Autolink, has outlined some of the challenges faced by staff while doing their jobs.

The results of the survey come at the start of a week-long drive to highlight the issue.

The findings revealed that: One in four of staff surveyed said that the abuse they have experienced at work has affected their mental health.

Almost one in 10 staff said they have been subject to physical abuse in the past year.

One in five reported having missiles thrown at them in the past year.

Nearly two out of three roadworkers have been verbally abused by passing motorists.

John Willox, a BEAR Scotland operative, explained the impact of a recent incident: 'I was operating a Stop/Go board at a work site.

'A car pulled up, the driver got out and verbally abused me aggressively.

'Eventually he got back into his car and then tried to drive around me.

'He mounted the verge, knocked over the Stop/Go board and actually clipped the side of my body to get past.

'He continued to shout abuse at other members of the team and drove dangerously through the live works area, speeding off before the police arrived.

'It was lucky no one was seriously injured.

'Why do people think they can act like that and put others at risk?'

The trunk road maintenance companies, with the support of Transport Scotland, are committed to taking a zero tol-



erance approach in response to any further threats to their employees.

Minister for Transport Graeme Dey said: 'The abuse of our roadworkers is completely unacceptable and the results of the survey show just how big a problem it is.

'No-one deserves to face this kind of behaviour while doing their job.

'I find it particularly upsetting to hear of the impact these incidents have on the mental

BEAR Scotland managing director Iain Murray – abuse of road workers is 'totally unacceptable'.

health of staff, many of whom were carrying out essential maintenance of our trunk road network during the Covid-19 pandemic.

'The Scottish Government fully supports the efforts to raise awareness of these incidents and the call for action to tackle roadworker abuse.

'I would also like to thank front line staff for their contin-

ued hard work and dedication during the pandemic.'

Joe Docherty, HSEQ director for Transport Infrastructure at Amey and vice chairman of Safer Highways, said: 'We have spent the last few years seeking to educate the public about the human cost of abusing roadworkers, yet too many members of the public still seem to consider this a victimless crime.

'This survey demonstrates that more robust measures are required if we are to protect our workforce.

'In future, we will be gathering more evidence of abuse, including the use of road cameras and body cams, and ensuring those responsible are prosecuted to the extent of the law.

'We welcome the Scottish Government's support and hope that helps to bring about

a positive change in behaviour towards roadworkers.'

Iain Murray, BEAR Scotland managing director, said: 'It is totally unacceptable to expect regular verbal abuse that in the past has seeped over into physical abuse in your daily working life.

'It is not surprising that this survey reveals the wider impact of this on the mental wellbeing of our operatives – whether through being on the receiving end of an irate driver's ire or the impact of repeated negativity from road users.

'The only way to address this is with a zero-tolerance approach.

'We are continuing to invest in vehicle and body cams which will ensure this behaviour is captured and footage can be used in prosecutions against offenders.'



Frontline staff have suffered abuse at many places, including the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful.

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If you struggle to remember when to put your bins out, you can now call on Alexa to tell you.

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Over the next year, other council-related information will be added.

To access the service you will need an Amazon account and a smartphone/tablet or an Amazon Alexa device. In the Alexa App, click on the 'browse skills' button and search for Argyll and Bute council, it should be the first result you see. Or on the Amazon website sign in with your Amazon Account - www.amazon.co.uk/Argyll-and-Bute-Council/dp/B0943RNF5P/ref=sr_1_1.

Science matters

DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



Why catch a flycatcher?

We had a visit recently from Mark Wilson, a bird scientist at the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), his car laden with nets and poles.

He was hoping to enrol the spotted flycatchers nesting in a nest box on our garage in a BTO study that aims to find out where these and other summer visitors to Scotland spend the winter.

Spotted flycatchers are summer visitors to the UK, breeding here then flying off to overwinter somewhere in sub-Saharan Africa.

They naturally nest in scrubby woodland and, as their name suggests, eat flying insects. Recently, overall numbers of these little birds have declined dramatically in the UK but they appear to be holding up better in Scotland than in England.

It may be this difference in fortunes is due to factors such as habitat loss, climate change and/or pesticide use having

less of an impact in Scotland than in the south.

Alternatively, the migratory routes and destinations of these birds could differ between northern and southern breeding populations.

This study, which will include up to 20 adult spotted flycatchers and similar numbers of other migrant species - garden, willow and wood warblers as well as whinchats and tree pipits - is designed to check whether this is the case.

Mark set about trying to catch our birds with perch nets as they went back and forth to the nest box feeding their young. On catching the female, he fitted her with a tiny 'geolocator' backpack weighing just 0.3 to 0.4g and a red leg ring and then released her unharmed.

Geolocators record light levels at regular intervals, allowing the time of sunrise and sunset, and thus the latitude and longitude of the



The spotted flycatcher. Photo: Liz Cutting.

bird's location each day to be worked out. First, however, the geolocators must be recovered. So, in spring 2022 we are not only expecting the flycatchers to return, but also Mark, who will come to retrieve the tag.



Argyll beach clean volunteers wanted

The Marine Conservation Society will hold its annual Great British Beach Clean in September and wants Argyll volunteers to get involved.

The UK's beaches and seas are a haven for an incredible variety of wildlife which is at risk from pollution. Animals can get tangled in plastic packaging, become distressed or mistake pollution such as plastic bags for food.

Catherine Gemmell, Scotland Conservation Officer at the Marine Conservation Society, said: 'So many have found peace and enjoyment at the beach over the last year and with more of us heading to the coast this summer, we need as many people as possible to help give something back to our spectacular Scottish shores. With this year being designated as the Year of Coast and Waters, we look forward to seeing locals and visitors enjoying Scotland's world class beaches while looking after them at the same time.'

Sign up for a beach clean from September 17 to September 26 via the Marine Conservation Society website.



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CAB offers help with debt troubles

A third of Scots worry

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau is urging people to get in touch to address looming debt problems.

A recent poll by Survation, published in The Herald newspaper, has shown a third of Scots are worried about not being able to afford essential bills including housing costs, food and clothing in the coming year.

Additionally, 28 per cent of those surveyed said they could not afford to pay off more than the minimum from credit card balances.

Argyll and Bute's Citizens Advice Bureau manager Jen Broadhurst said: 'Prior to the financial pressures of Covid-19, our specialist debt advice team would support people exhibiting one or more signs of financial distress.

'This spiked in the early stages of the first lockdown, but as government initiatives came into play, the urgency to deal with debt problems was reduced for many householders.

'However, with recent changes to the UK Government's furlough scheme reducing payments, we are starting to see increased numbers of worried people approach us for free, confidential and impartial debt advice.

'There are more changes to come, with the furlough scheme set to drop to 60 per cent of government support next month and an end to moratorium arrangements for debt.

'Therefore it is vital people who are worried about meeting their living costs, or about debt they've been unable to deal with get in touch with us as soon as possible for support.'

So what support is out there for people who fall into debt?

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau has a range of specialist debt support available to people across the region worried about the impact their debt might have on their ability to afford essential living expenses.

Its qualified debt advisor Gregg Gillan has a wealth of

experience supporting his clients to budget better based on their current circumstances, contact creditors on their behalf and set up affordable repayments towards debts if possible.

This advice is 100 per cent free, impartial and confidential.

It is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is tailored to clients' own specific circumstances.

Gregg said: 'Debt is such a small word, but plays such a large part in most people's day-to-day lives.

'It is used to 'get by' more times than you'd expect and also used to cover unexpected items, like car repairs that someone may be reliant on for getting to and from work, or to support elderly relatives.

'The five most common reasons for getting into debt

'These people now sleep a little easier at night because they don't have creditors sending chase letters'

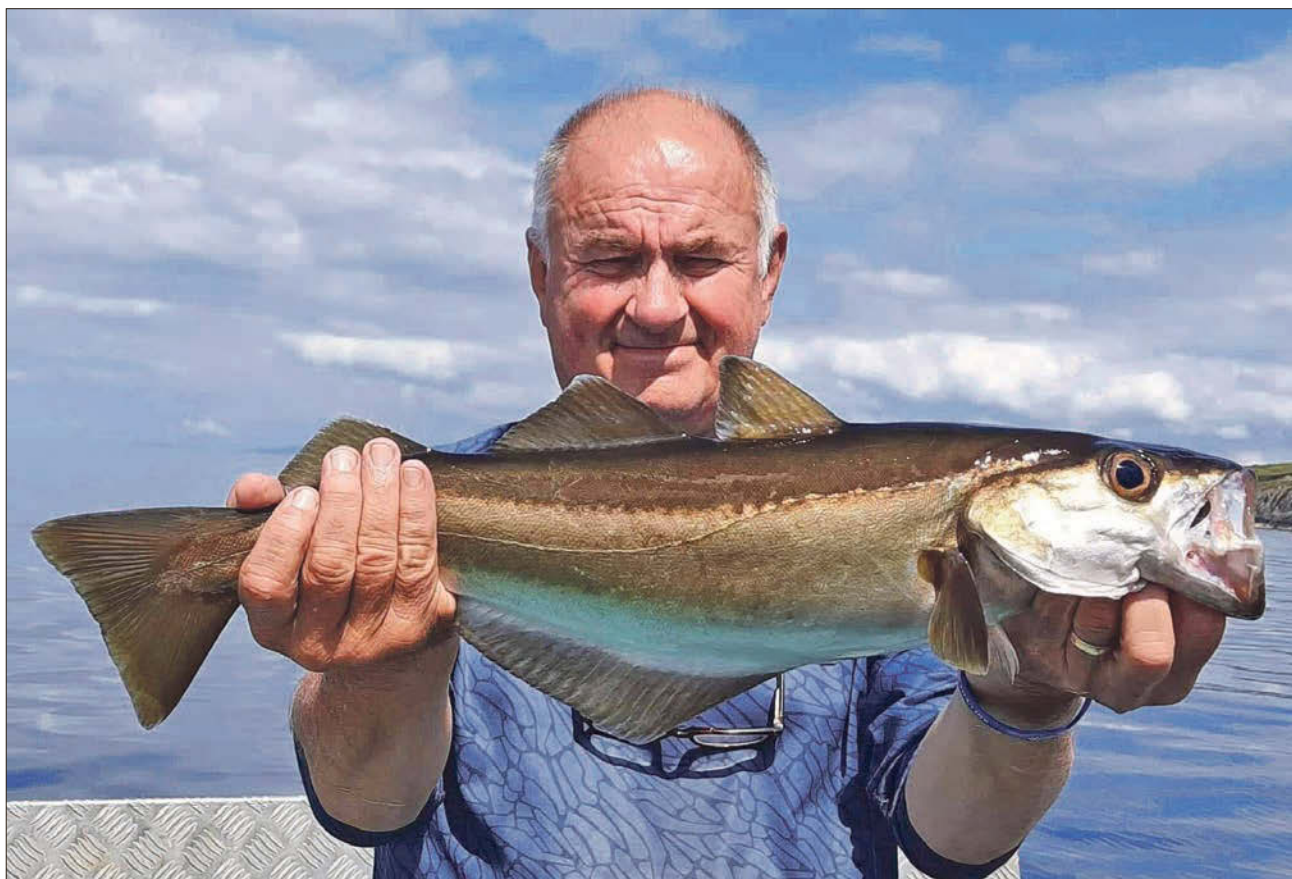
are: reduced income/benefits; change to/loss of employment; illness/death; lack of budgeting and separation.'

Gregg added: 'There are a number of options available to people the general public are not aware of.

'One of these is debt write-off. For the first quarter of this year, we have been able to write off close to £84,000 of debt for our clients.

'These people now sleep a little easier at night because they don't have creditors sending chase letters and can afford to meet their food and heating costs.'

Anyone wishing to book an appointment with Gregg to discuss any debt concerns, should call Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau on 01546 605550 or email info@abcab.org.uk



Perfect day for Gigha expedition

The weather couldn't have been better for the July Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club monthly trip.

Courtesy of Seadog Charters and skippered by Paul Timoney, the anglers headed out of Tayvallich as early morning cloud cover quickly faded to reveal blistering sunshine, which lasted throughout the day.

First port of call was the Sound of Jura to stock up on fresh mackerel for bait, but they were few and far between.

This seems to be the way of things this season with many areas reporting a scarcity.

Thankfully everyone had frozen bait with them, so the course was set for a spot of wreck fishing around the island of Gigha.

The first drift in around 100 feet was encouraging with quite a few plump pouting coming aboard, though several were undersized and didn't make the scoresheet.

A few more drifts produced more pouting and small ling.

A move to a deeper wreck also gave up pouting, dogfish and small ling on the drift.

In an attempt to add more points to the scoresheet, the anglers returned to the first wreck where they dropped anchor in the hope of tempting a few different species.

It turned out to be mainly dogfish again, apart from one nice pollack caught by Robert MacBrayne and one reasonable ling for Ronnie McGinty.

A last gasp effort of a final drift between the wrecks failed to deliver anything of

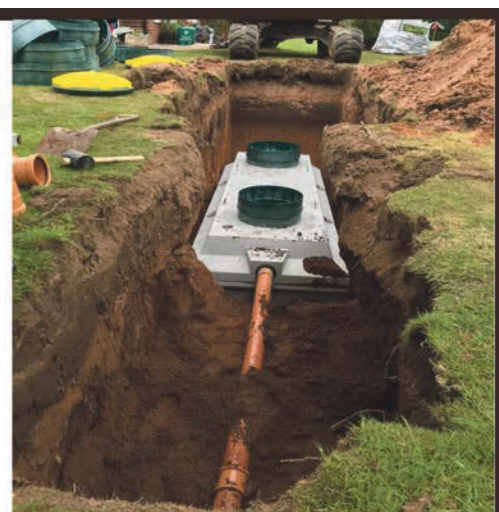
consequence and ended the day. The top three were: 1

Robert MacBrayne; 2 Steven MacBrayne; 3 Gordon Law.

Robert MacBrayne with a fine pollack.

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Appeal for Mid Argyll help as Covid soars in Zambia

Thanks to the generosity of the Mid Argyll community, ZamScotEd has been able to help St Columba's Community Secondary School in Zambia meet government restrictions as the Covid cases soar, writes Colin Cameron.

Schools have been closed in Zambia as Covid cases reached more than 170,000, but the Zambian education department has now put rigorous inspections into place so that the current term can continue.

St Columba's, the school initiated and supported by the Argyll-based charity ZamScotEd, is in one of the poorest areas on the outskirts of the capital city.

In 2020, when the virus first began to take hold in Zambia, ZamScotEd funded sanitiser, masks and other basic needs.

The new regulations require even more stringent controls in schools so head teacher Sr



Just a few of the items St Columba's has bought with the ZamScotEd donation.

Veronica this support. We join her in thanking everyone and hope we may be able to raise extra cash because these items are going to be needed on a regular basis as the pandemic continues.'

ZamScotEd funded the building of the first teaching block at the school, provides a range of assistance for teaching materials and annually pays for the education, uniforms and school shoes of the most vulnerable children in the area. This includes 35 children supported by the neighbouring Mthunzi Children's Programme.

Covid restrictions in Scotland have curtailed the usual fund-raising activities of the charity at a time when the school is in need of additional help because of the pandemic.

Donations can be made on ZamScotEd's JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/ml

Veronica Nyoni once more turned to the charity for assistance.

Funds were transferred and the school has bought essentials including disinfectant,

mops, Covid thermometers for all three entrance gates, sanitiser and material for masks,

which are currently being made ahead of government inspection.

Provision of a booster pump for the water supply will also help with hand washing.

Marian Pallister, founder and chairwoman of ZamScotEd, said: 'It is only thanks to the continued generosity of the Mid Argyll community that we are able to give Sister

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HIE funding to help Argyll tourism recovery

More than six jobs are being created with Argyll and Islands Tourism Co-operative.

It follows the award of £350,000 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) towards two key areas of tourism activity: product development and community engagement.

It will lead to 6.5 new full-time equivalent posts to help rebuild the tourism sector across Argyll and the islands.

The cash injection comes following the approval by HIE in September 2020 to support 'strategically important' direct marketing organisations, as part of wider support for the sector's recovery, with £3million in funding.

The new AITC roles will work towards 'inspiring, enabling and delivering destination recovery'.

More collaboration among businesses, communities, public and third sector partners will be encouraged.

AITC will provide support and advice to communities looking to improve conditions for visitors.

The project also aims to ensure tourism businesses



Iain Jurgensen, chairman of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative.

services. Our funding is about making sure the group is as effective as possible in rebuilding the sector post-Covid.

'We look forward to working with AITC and our tourism businesses to make the project a success.'

Iain Jurgensen, chairman of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, said: 'Tourism in Argyll and the Islands had been growing year-on-year prior to the onset of Covid-19.

'HIE's investment will enable AITC to significantly increase our work on the ground throughout the area with communities, businesses and sector groups working together to get tourism back on its feet and equipped to face the future.'

'We are excited to be leading this project for the area and look forward to continuing our partnership and collaboration with HIE.'

have the skills and knowledge to rebuild their operations, access new markets and thrive in the longer term.

Morag Goodfellow, HIE area manager for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Tourism is so important to this area, for the economy and rural employment.

'It is also one of the sectors that has been hardest hit by the pandemic.

'It's important we do all we can to help the industry recover and that's what this funding is about.'

'AITC provides valuable co-ordinated support for businesses and communities involved in providing visitor

Look out for butterflies

The Butterfly Conservation charity has launched this year's Big Butterfly Count.

Butterfly Conservation's records show that many species of butterfly had a poor spring or a delay in their emergence following unseasonably cold and wet weather in many parts of the country.

The speckled wood butterfly was particularly low in numbers this spring, but the small tortoiseshell, comma, green-veined white, large white and red admiral were also all down compared with their 10-year average.

The UK is experiencing an increasing number of extreme weather events and the intention is to understand the effect these changes have on native butterfly species and the likely long-term impacts on biodiversity.

The Big Butterfly Count, July 16 to August 8, is an annual citizen science event open to everyone - www.bigbutterfly-count.org

Taking part requires 15 minutes in an outdoor space counting the amount and type of butterflies and some day-flying moths seen. In



The Scotch Argus. Photo: Iain Leach/Butterfly Conservation.

Scotland, the Scotch argus has been added to the guide. It is common in Scotland but has declined in the southern part of its range.

Chris Packham, vice president of Butterfly Conservation and wildlife broadcaster, said: 'Because butterflies and moths make excellent indicators of the impacts of climate change and other human environmental factors, collecting data on their numbers is really important.'

Dr Zoë Randle, senior surveys officer at the charity, said: 'This information will not only help us to protect these species, but also inform what effect the changing climate is having on our biodiversity.'

YOUR PICTURES

Aimee MacTavish from Balliemore, Kilmichael Glassary, sent us this week's two featured photographs.

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Highland cows enjoying lush grazing at Slockavullin.



A gorgeous sunrise over Loch Fyne, as seen from Minard.

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Community enterprise

In changing times for Argyll, with amenities disappearing at an alarming rate, people are increasingly doing things for themselves.

A local shop is an important part of any community, serving not just as a place to buy teabags but also as a social hub where people meet and have a blether.

More power to the elbow of the people of Skipness in their plans to run the shop for the community's benefit. We wish them well.

As we do, of course, the Inveraray community in its plan to buy and run the pier. It has been so sad to see the link between the water and town effectively broken for years now. The people will have the town's interests at heart, and they are very appreciative of any sum of money towards their ultimate aim.

Electric Elaine

Congratulations to Elaine MacEachern on her success after such a long spell away from racing. Her talent and will to win are still there, and with the help of her family, supporters and sponsors, who knows what adventures lie ahead?

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Check your wages

Sir,
Students and seasonal staff are being reminded by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to check they are being paid the National Minimum Wage.

All workers, including temporary seasonal staff, are legally entitled to be paid the National Minimum Wage. Last year (2020-21) HMRC helped 155,000 workers across the UK to recover more than £16 million in pay which was due to them.

HMRC is reminding workers to check their hourly rate of pay and any deductions or unpaid working time.

The National Minimum Wage hourly rates are currently:

£8.91 - Age 23 or over (National Living Wage)
£8.36 - Age 21 to 22
£6.56 - Age 18 to 20
£4.62 - Age under 18
£4.30 - Apprentice.

We want to ensure Scotland's seasonal workers and students are being paid what they are entitled to and, as the economy re-opens, help employers if they are unsure of the rules.

Workers should check their hourly rate and look out for any deductions or unpaid working time which would reduce their pay. It could take them below the minimum wage.

HMRC investigates every complaint made about the minimum wage, so whether you are selling sun cream, giving a hotel room a clean or serving a strawberry smoothie, if you think you are being short-changed you should get in touch. Anyone not being paid what they are entitled to can complain online at www.gov.uk/minimum-wage-complaint.

If they want to speak to someone, they should phone the Acas Pay and Work Rights Helpline on 0300 123 1100, who may transfer the call to HMRC. Employers can also contact the Acas Helpline for free help and advice or visit GOV.UK to find out more.

Steve Timewell, director, individuals and small business compliance, HMRC.



Lochgilphead front green – from before the Second World War?

Barbecuing from the heart

Sir,
This week marks the 25th anniversary of barbecue week and many of us will be heading outdoors to fire up the barbecue.

Foods traditionally cooked on barbecues, such as burgers and sausages, can be high in calories, fat and salt.

You can cut down on saturated fat by swapping red meat, sausages and burgers by threading cubes of chicken, firm fish or tofu onto skewers with slices of pepper, courgettes, mushrooms, red onion and cherry tomatoes before grilling.

Why not switch from white bread rolls to wholegrain rolls or wholegrain pitta, brown rice or jacket potatoes.

Include plenty salad and vegetables to make your barbecue colourful and nutritious.

Avoid using too much salad dressing as it can be high in calories.

Try rubbing a spicy marinade on pieces of

courgette, pepper, onion, corn-on-the-cob and mushrooms and grill them on the barbecue.

Support Heart Research UK's vital work into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease by visiting www.heartresearch.org.uk

Dr Helen Flaherty, head of health promotion at Heart Research UK.

Lochgilphead front green

Sir,
In view of the upgrading at present on Lochgilphead front green, I thought the postcard, above, would be of interest.

It must have been taken before or at the very start of the Second World War as the railings were removed for use during the war, though I don't think they were ever made use of.

There were also cannons on the front green and I wonder if anyone has a photograph of them?

Avril Stewart, Lochgilphead.

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Thought for the Week

The past 16 months of lockdown restrictions have forced us as individuals, families and friends to make significant sacrifices in how we have had to engage with life.

Many folk have felt the strain of loneliness, many have missed family gatherings to celebrate special occasions like birthdays, family holidays have been called off, numbers at funerals have sadly been restricted and some couples have had to postpone wedding plans.

Thankfully, this is now changing and we are re-emerging back into life in our different communities.

This has opened up fresh opportunities of interaction with people again, allowing you to meet up with friends, family, work colleagues and your team mates on the sport fields.

Reflecting on these fresh opportunities of social interaction, I am drawn to the scripture found in Matthew 5 v 14 – 16 that encourages believers to go out into their respective communities for a specific purpose of shining their faith lights and doing good work for all those people in need.

I believe this scripture is calling us as people in our different communities to do just that.

We all have our own unique areas of influence and, in these spaces, we can make a difference, whether it is a phone call to encourage someone or going to visit someone who has felt the strain of loneliness or buying someone a fresh bunch of flowers or even to have a good old blether.

Let's be excited in this new season that is upon us, recognising and embracing all the fresh opportunities of service that we can be part of in our respective communities.

Pastor Ryan Taylor, Lochgilphead Baptist Church.

TAYVALLICH

The Tayvallich Weekend will be back on Saturday July 24 with a treasure chest of fun for all the family.

Pirates young and old are invited to dress the part and join an interactive outdoor adaptation of Treasure Island at the playing field next to the community hall.

The Walking Theatre Company's production will have staggered start times of 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm and prizes for the best dressed pirate.

Organisers suggest booking tickets - suggested donation £10 - well in advance as numbers will be limited.

After the performance, there will be live traditional music from Rumskee who will be playing from 4pm to 6pm with everyone welcome to bring a picnic and refreshments.

TARBERT

After a difficult year of cancellations, restrictions and limited income, Loch Fyne Pipe Band is finally marching to a happier tune thanks to a cash boost this week.

Established just four years ago, the pipe band plays a central part in the community in Tarbert and the surrounding area and now its members will be setting out in style thanks to their new kilts and jackets.

Band members were measured up for the new kit by David Ogilvie from Highland Tailors thanks to a grant from the A'Chruach Community Fund.

Provided by Ventient Energy, the developer and owner of the A'Chruach Wind Farm, the fund supports community-led activity.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Cyclists, walkers and wheelers have until Friday July 23 to have their voices heard regarding the new route proposed for safer active travel from Lochgilphead town centre to the joint campus.

Consultation in May, which looked at three proposed routes, saw one come out on top, with almost half the respondents opting for a route that would include Union Street while avoiding the busy A83.



All aboard for Tayvallich Weekend.

The popularity of the chosen route was largely based on it being considered a quick solution and cost effective, as well as the fact it would provide a direct journey and lead to reduced car speeds.

Now the public is being asked to have a look at the chosen route and to give feedback that will shape its final design.

Visit www.walkcyclelochgilphead.co.uk/proposed-route to get involved in the consultation.

ISLAY

A public meeting will be held on Saturday July 17 to discuss plans for a new community building in South Islay to be owned and run by residents.

In addition to the building at the playing fields, a number of new and revitalised outdoor activities are proposed, including mini-golf, walking trails, pitch and putt, tennis courts, bowling green and playpark. There are also plans to expand the existing motorhome site.

Following much debate over the last three years over how best to develop the playing fields, South Islay Development directors have called

Saturday's meeting to present and discuss their proposals.

If agreement can be reached, a revised planning application will be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council and technical work with the design team will begin.

The development has already secured £1 million funding and £300,000 more is expected to be raised from targeted funders over the next few months.

Scottish Government guidance has, however, stated an external income must be generated by the new community building and the adjacent facilities so they can be properly maintained and managed.

The consultation meeting is open to anyone and will run at the playing fields from 11am to 2pm with presentations on each hour followed by question and answer sessions.

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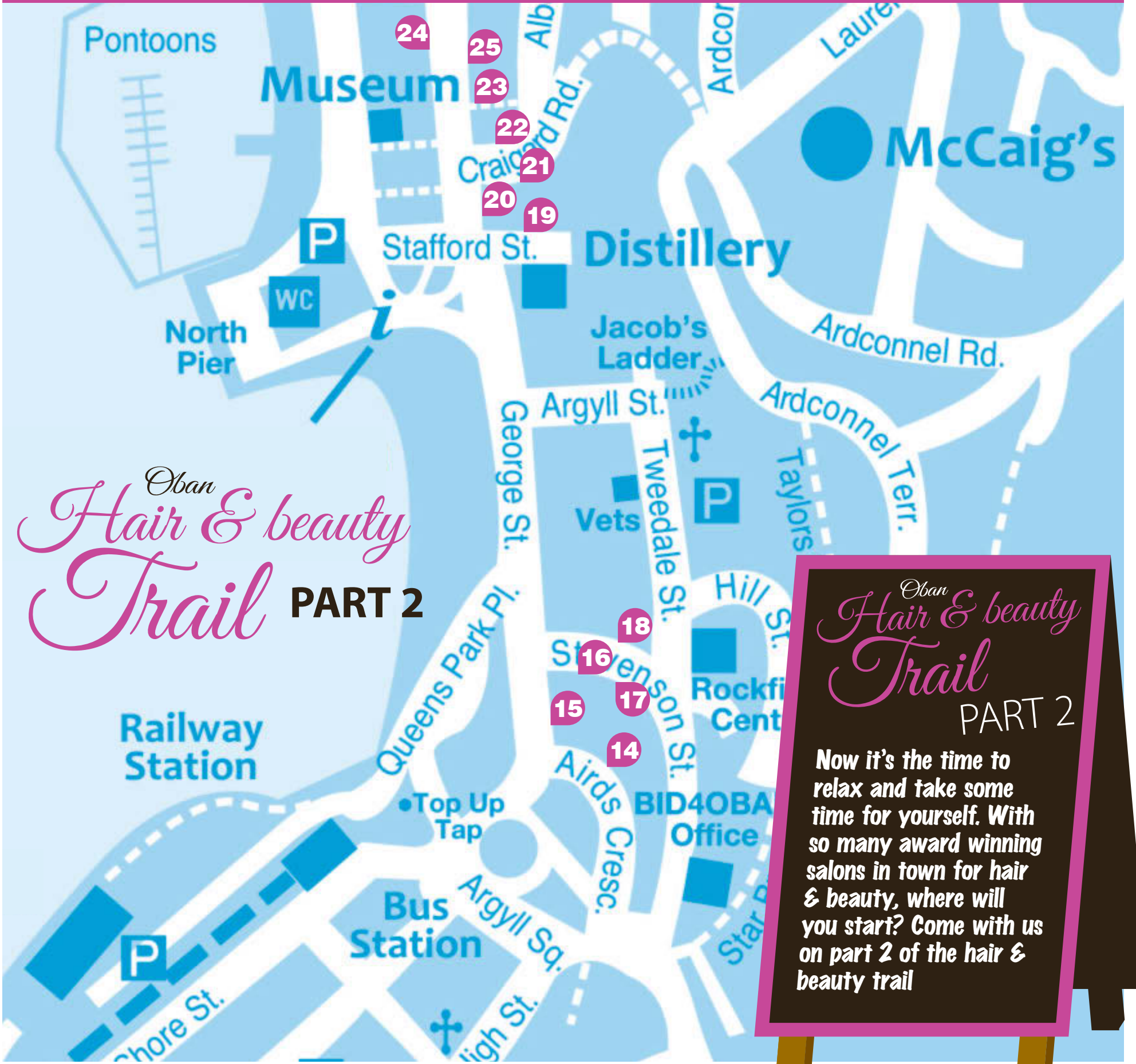
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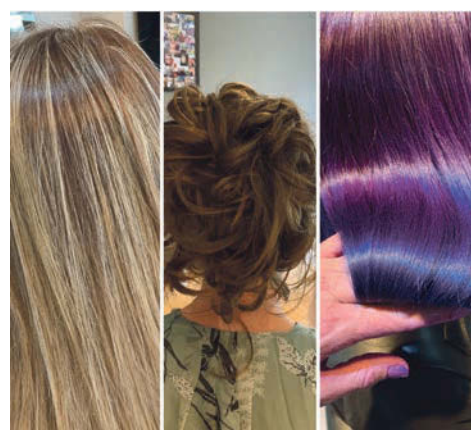
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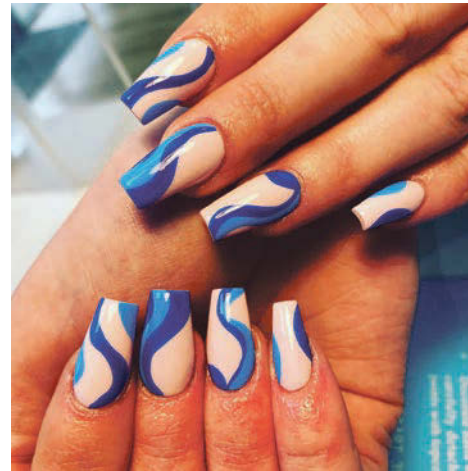
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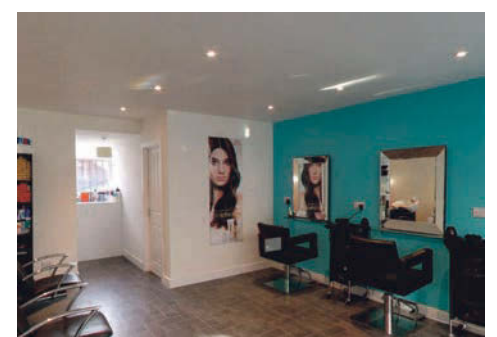
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23. Spruce



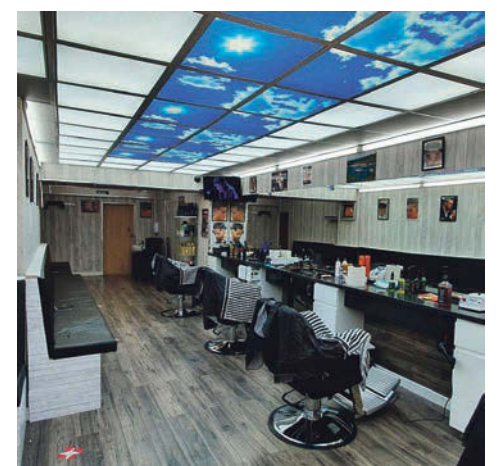
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Future food leaders invited to THRIVE

Scotland's farming and rural college is leading the way for young food and drink entrepreneurs with a new interactive programme.

Applications are open for the two sessions which are part of THRIVE - a collaboration between Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), Queen Margaret University and Abertay University - to help grow Scotland's food and drink sector.

Up to 60 places are available on the online Saturday workshops in November which will bring together expertise from all three institutions as well as external industry professionals.

They will help students and recent graduates gain an understanding of the skills and

knowledge they need to start a business in the sector - whether offering new products or a service to the industry.

Dr Carol Langston, reader in rural entrepreneurship at SRUC, said: 'This programme is an ideal opportunity for a student or recent graduate to explore their business idea and start planning their start-up journey.'

'It is also an invaluable occasion to build their personal network in the food and drink sector, which is vital to helping to build a successful business.'

Dr Jon Wilkin of Abertay University said: 'These workshops will be hugely valuable for students and recent graduates looking to get into the food and drink sector.'

'With COP26 coming to



Glasgow this year, the eyes of the world will be on our approach to sustainability and this project is a great example of an initiative that can help new businesses or entrepreneurs set up ventures with climate change in mind.'

Miriam Smith, innovation and enterprise manager at Queen Margaret University, said: 'Venturing into the world of entrepreneurship is an exciting but daunting prospect for anyone, especially when funding and knowledge is limited.'

'So many business ideas don't

Food and drink entrepreneurs are invited to pitch their ideas for a place on an online workshop later this year.

even get off the ground. We want to ensure our graduates have the very best chance of success and are equipped to develop their business idea so they can turn it into reality.

'THRIVE will provide students with an outstanding insight into the food and drink industry by equipping them with the essential skills for product development along with marketing, legislative and business knowledge that will be essential in executing their vision and creating a sustainable food business.'

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Rural insurer's donation to support Kintyre helipad

South Kintyre Development Trust is one of 32 charities in Scotland to benefit from a fund set up by a rural insurance company, writes Colin Cameron.

In response to the challenges faced by communities across the UK as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, NFU Mutual announced £2.75m of funding for charities in 2021.

The insurer has donated £2m through its Agency Giving Fund to help charities across many sectors to keep their life-changing services going. In Scotland, NFU Mutual agent and branch offices have nominated 32 charities to receive a combined donation of more than £206,000.

The funds have been issued over 16 weeks from the end of February, offering support as lockdown measures continue to impact communities.

Nominated by the Campbeltown agency, South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) received more than £6,400 to enable it to manage and maintain the Robert Black Memorial Helipad.

South Kintyre Development Trust manager Eric Spence said: "This is a vital lifeline service and will save lives by reducing transfer time for critical patients to and from hospitals in Glasgow."

"This donation will ensure the helipad is able to be used as and when necessary all year round."

"SKDT has also supported the community throughout the pandemic and lockdowns."

"We took the lead in setting up the Kintyre Community Resilience Group which, working closely with other community groups including Shopper-Aide and Kintyre

Foodbank, used volunteers to ensure our most vulnerable citizens could continue to access the food and medicines they needed.

"We also distributed more than 2,000 face masks, 4,000 bars of soap and 1,000 bottles of sanitiser to ease the transition out of lockdown."

Mark McBrearty, NFU Mutual regional manager for Scotland, said: "The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on everyone, including our customers and their communities."

"Charities like South Kintyre Development Trust are making a wonderful difference to communities across Scotland in these challenging times and we are proud our agents have nominated a wide range of local causes to benefit from NFU Mutual's national fund."



Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust manager.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/01067/PP	Alterations and change of use from chandler's shop and store to form 2 flats	Former Chandlery Shop And Store, Harbour Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
21/01110/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 capping to skewers and repointing of stonework as necessary and installation of replacement air source heat pump.	Skipness Parish Church, Skipness, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XT
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On the ball Lochside edge out young Inveraray side

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup – first round

Southern Section

Inveraray W/O v Lochaber

Inveraray were given a walk-over when Lochaber were unable to field a team for their tie at the Winterton.

Inveraray now meet Kyles Athletic at the Playing Fields, Tighnabraich, in the second round on Saturday.

Mowi South League A

Inveraray 1

Lochside Rovers 2

The meeting between the Inveraray second team and Lochside Rovers at the Winterton was brought forward to Wednesday July 7 with a 7pm throw-up.

And it was Lochside who followed up a league draw with Bute and a league win over Ballachulish with a 2-1 victory at Inveraray.

The young Inveraray side were peppered with the experienced Graham MacPherson in goal and the influential Euan McMurdo, but Garry MacPherson was missing.

Lochside were without David Cameron as work duties left him on Mull, whilst Jordan Kerr was delayed due to work commitments so started on the bench.

The Oban side's starting attack consisted of Innes Jackson, Alexander MacDonald, Robbie Brown and Lewis Buchanan.

After scoring four goals against the Lochaber seconds



Lochside's Calum McMillan, left, tussles for possession with Campbell Watt of Inveraray. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

Lawson.

stick. Inveraray switched their attacking formation with three forwards pushing up and one staying deep, but it was the Lochside centre line of Evan MacLellan, flanked by Callum Kirsop and Jamie Anderson, who took a grip on the match.

Lochside introduced youngsters Matthew Sloss and Daniel Pearson for valuable game time.

Steven Cameron pulled a goal back for the hosts on 77 minutes. A long ball from Euan McMurdo was palmed away by Lochside keeper Dougie MacDonald but he lost sight of the ball as it dropped and full forward Cameron lofted the ball into the roof of the net to make it 2-1.

Inveraray pressed for a leveller but Scott Robertson and Ross Campbell, the latter playing at the back during the second half, as well as Calum MacMillan were outstanding for Lochside.

Mowi Central League

Oban Celtic P Kilmory P

The game between the Oban Celtic seconds and Kilmory at Ganavan was postponed because of the travel restrictions affecting Kilmory's young squad.

four days earlier, Lewis Buchanan wasted no time getting back on the goal trail as he netted with two minutes played.

Buchanan's fine head-height shot from the left of the penalty spot powered past the keeper to make it 1-0.

Lochside enjoyed most

of the first half play in the Inveraray half but were unable to seriously threaten the home goal whilst, at the other end, Lochside keeper Dougie MacDonald didn't have much to do.

Lochside manager Gareth Evans replaced Robbie Brown with Jordan Kerr from the re-

start. Kerr went into defence and Louis MacFarlane, who played the first half at buckshee back, went up front.

It was Lewis Buchanan again, this time three minutes into the second half, who doubled Lochside's lead with his sixth goal in two games.

Buchanan didn't catch the

ball as cleanly as he would have liked, but his effort beat MacPherson to make it 2-0. Graham MacPherson made a superb reflex save above his head on the hour to deny Lewis Buchanan a hat-trick whilst, a minute later, he saved Callum Kirsop's 30-yarder, again above his head with his

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DEATHS

DICKSON - On July 9, 2021, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Agnes (Nan) Dickson, in her 89th year, beloved daughter of the late George and Barbara Dickson, much loved sister of William, George, Duncan and the late Adam, dear aunt of Eileen, Stephen, Andrew, Alison and Karlina and a great aunt of all the family. A private funeral service will take place at Carrick Cemetery on Friday, July 16, for those wishing to pay their respects, the cortege will leave from Nans home, 4 Oakfield Tarbert at 11.15am, continue to her favourite spot at the concrete and then back through Harbour Street on route the cemetery.

DOHERTY - Suddenly at his home, Ardlamont, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, on July 9, 2021, Brendan John Doherty, in his 68th year. Beloved son of the late Thomas Doherty and Connie Embery. Much loved brother of Margaret, Eileen, Mary, Michael and the late Anne. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A private family service will be held in St. Margaret's Church on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Followed by interment at St. Brendan's Chapel Churchyard, Skipness at 12.45pm. For those wishing to pay their respects the funeral cortege will leave St. Margaret's Church at approximately 11.15am, travelling down Argyll Street, turning onto Poltalloch Street and then pass through Ardrishaig at approximately 11.30am en-route to Skipness.

MAGUIRE - Peacefully at home, 125 Longrow Campbeltown, on July 11, 2021, Edward James Maguire (Eddie) in his 75th year, dearly beloved dad of John and Kevin, much loved brother of Brian and a loving uncle. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Eddie's funeral will take place on Friday, July 16. The cortege will leave St Kierans RC Church at 1.00pm after a short prayer, we will travel up John Street, along Argyll Street, down New Quay Street, past the Cross, up Main Street, into Longrow and onto Patchan Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Eddie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MAULE - Suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness, Elizabeth (Betty) Maule, née Pennel, aged 92 years of Kames Cottage, Lochgair. Beloved wife of the late Stan Maule and much loved mother of Alistair. Loving sister of Walter, and the late Jim, John and George. A dear aunt and cousin to all the

family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much respected former work colleague to many. A graveside service was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

WILSON - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on July 7, 2021, Dulcie Jean Wilson née Wheatley, in her 90th year, formerly of Kelmscott, Lochpark, Carradale, a much loved sister, sister-in-law and friend to many. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Dulcie's funeral will take place in Cardross Crematorium. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DAVIDSON - Joan, Tracey and families 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 Rene. Thanks also to the hospital nurses, district nurses and Doctor Lazerus. A special thank you to all the carers who supported Mum and allowed us to keep at her at home. Our thanks to the Ardsiel Hotel for their excellent catering. Sincere thanks to the Reverend W. Crossan for his support and comforting words at the church and graveside. Thanks to Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professionalism and thoughtful attention to detail. Our thanks to those who came to pay their respects at the church and along the route to the (Kilkerran) Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

KERR - In precious memories of John Kerr, died July 13, 2020, age 86 years. John, I loved you then, I love you still I always have, I always will, - Ishbel.

KERR - Precious memories of our dear Dad, died July, 13 2020. There is no one else on earth so special as you were to us. We hold you forever our precious Dad, In our hearts and memories you made us laugh every single day, you really were the best Dad. And even though you are not here, the time we had was precious. We wish we had just one more chance to see your tender smile. To laugh with you again our Dad just for a little while. So Dad, this is not goodby and this is not goodnight. Because you're still here by our side. Holding us so tight. Love you forever Dad. - Iona, John and Paul xxxxxxxxx

KERR - Precious memories of our Grampa, died July 13, 2020.

Heaven has received another angel, The night sky another star. Your life has become a loving memory, We know you will never be far. We know you are watching over us, As our life's go on. We will treasure the memories we have of you, We can't believe you're a year gone. We love and miss you with all our hearts but As long as we have our loving memories, We will never be far apart. Lots of love, - Peter-John and Feuna xx

KEYTE - In loving memory of my brother Stuart, who passed away July 19, 2020. Always on my mind Forever in my heart - Campbell and family.

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife Fiona, mum, granny and GG, who passed away July 15, 2017. Loved and missed every day. - John and family.

MCLEAN - Remembering with love, Charlie McLean. Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. A loving husband, father, son and brother. Always remembered with love from all of the extended family at home and away.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of my dear mum, Jane Brown Bell, died July 14, 1985.

Close in my heart your memory is kept Of the mum I loved and will never forget. - Your loving daughter Norma, Jim and family.

WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories that leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed. - Johnnie.

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Malcolm tops the Archie MacNab leaderboard

Good scoring was anticipated as 19 members gathered at Glenralloch in Tarbert for the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup.

The Tarbert course was in superb condition, with weather to match on Saturday July 10.

Of the early starters, James Smyth set the early pace with 40 points, followed by brothers Bruce and Peter McLean on 39 points with John and Bruce MacNab a point back on 38.

New clubs in the bag and fresh from lessons by PGA professional Ken Campbell, the day, however, belonged to Malcolm McAlpine, who shot to the top of the leader board.

Birdies

His round of 69 included six birdies, with a red hot putter contributing to a fantastic 47 points to give him the first round lead by seven points. The magic twos came from Graham Prentice and Iain Macalister.

The Archie MacNab Memorial Cup second round is on Saturday July 17.

On the following Saturday, July 24, Tarbert Golf Club will host a par three open for ladies and gents.

The winner of the 18-hole event will head to Swanston New Golf Club on August 21 to play for an all-expenses-paid trip to Sawgrass in Florida, home of the US PGA Players' Championship. To enter, visit the Tarbert Golf Club website.

Elaine takes moto British title – now watch this space

by Colin Cameron
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Ormsary woman Elaine MacEachern has crowned a spectacular return to competitive motocross by winning the PP Sports ACU British Women's Motocross Championship.

Sitting on 259 championship points, she held a narrow nine-point lead at the top of the table over second-placed rider Kathryn Booth going into the final round at the Skelder Bank circuit in Whitby over the weekend of July 10-11.

Elaine had been away from racing for three-and-a-half years since competing in the 2017 World Motocross Championship as a teenager on tracks across Europe and as far away as Indonesia.

Three-and-a-half months since her return to the track, the 23-year-old telecoms engineer, now living in Renfrew, went on to win three out of four motos at Whitby's hard-pack circuit to secure the title.

This was despite being unable to ride for two weeks beforehand due to an infected arm wound sustained in the previous round at Exeter.

Second place went to Kathryn Booth, ahead of Grace Richards in third.

Elaine said: 'What a feeling it



Ormsary rider Elaine MacEachern wins at Whitby to be crowned ACU British women's motocross champion, with Kathryn Booth and Grace Richards in second and third respectively.

is. Four out of four holeshots, three race wins and a second place was enough for me to become champion with 19 points to spare.'

She continued: 'A huge thank you to dad who has done everything for me, from driving miles and miles, prepping my bike to being my biggest critic and supporter. I honest-

ly could not have done any of this without him. A big thanks also to my mum and sister for putting up with the good and bad of the sport. They are my biggest supporters and encourage me behind the scenes.'

'Also a big thank you to Douglas Watt who left his family each weekend to be there to help my dad and I.

'He was the best time keeper and motivator, just what we needed.'

'And to the ones that made it possible for me to get to the tracks each weekend, my sponsors. An enormous thank you to them all.'

Cryptically, she added: 'I'm chuffed to be back - but what's next? Watch this space.'

Low scores and sunshine golf at Lochgilphead

Lochgilphead Golf Club gents turned out to play for the July medal in perfect weather.

There were some excellent scores and a few non-returns at various stages in the round on Saturday July 10.

Winning with 59 strokes was long-standing member Drew Swan with fairly new member Eddie Shaw two strokes behind on 61.

The ladies were competing for the Totally Tartan Claret Jug, sponsored by Ali MacColl of AMF Fabrics.

Fantastic under-par scores were everywhere, but Margaret MacKinnon came out on top with a tremendous 44 points, beating Jane Hepburn by four points.

Some Lochgilphead members headed to Carradale to support its open and a home competition saw Donna McKellar win round two of the Charity Cup with 18 points, beating Fiona McLeod on a countback.

In the gents' section Steven Gilmour won the Peter White Cup with a nett 60 strokes, beating Douglas Whyte by two strokes.



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