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'Mixed messages' concern over Furnace GP surgery

by Colin Cameron
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Furnace has been without a doctor's surgery since the first lockdown and people are concerned for its future amid reported disagreements between the GP practice and NHS Highland.

The Loch Fyne-side surgery, also formerly a base for dental, podiatry and other services, has seen resources reduced in recent years for a number of reasons, including staffing problems.

Then came the pandemic and closure of the surgery.

The partners at Lochgilphead Medical Centre, which operates GP services in Furnace and Inveraray, said that Furnace residents had received the same service as other patients over the past year through a 'telephone first' system.

A statement from the practice continued: 'We have faced a few challenges which have prevented us from using the Furnace surgery building.

'Additional cleaning requirements to ensure clinical spaces are safe between patients mean that if we were using two buildings - Inveraray and Furnace - this would eat into patient consultation time.

'NHS Highland has requested that we are the 'responsible person' for the building. As we are not the sole user, we cannot be held solely responsible for the maintenance of the building.'

It said the practice was short-staffed but was recruiting.

'We are willing to re-start use of the building, however, we have no plans to at present as the Covid pandemic is ongoing.' It added the community would be updated via community council meetings.

An NHS Highland spokesman said: 'General practice face-to-face footfall has reduced significantly due to Covid-19 and the provision of NHS Near Me and telephone consultations ensure patients continue to have access to essential primary care services.

'The practice has also not notified NHS Highland of any intention to close Furnace surgery on a permanent basis.'

Convener of Furnace Community Council Lynda Syed said: 'This has been dragging on for years. There are a lot of elderly people in the area, many of whom don't drive, who are finding it extreme difficulty to get to Inveraray or use technology.

'And I don't see why Inveraray people can't be given appointments in Furnace.

'Why are we being given mixed messages? We are being told it's because of Covid on one hand and, on the other, it's because of a dispute. Why can't they just settle it?'

Furnace resident John Campbell said that one of the reasons he had moved to Furnace around four years ago was because there was a doctor's surgery nearby.

Mr Campbell added: 'They have a contract to fulfil at Furnace. They need to honour it.'

A day at the races

Covid was never going to stop the ladies from Danny's shop in Lochgilphead from heading for a birthday bash.

It may have been 11 months late, but the ladies - Anne Smyth, Fiona McLeod, Heather Williams and Sylvia MacDonald - got themselves glammed-up for belated birthday celebrations for Anne and Heather and a day at Ayr races on Monday this week.

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Careless driving

A car was involved in a collision with another vehicle at about 6.30pm on Friday July 16 on the A83 near Whitehouse. All those involved in the crash suffered minor injuries. A 52-year-old man was charged with careless driving and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Tailgating

At 5pm on Friday July 16, on the A83 near Ardrishaig, a car was reported to police for allegedly tailgating an ambulance while it was responding to an emergency. The driver was identified and a man, aged 62, was charged. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Speeding biker

A motorcyclist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit at 5pm on Sunday July 11 on the A83 south of Cairndow. The rider, a 36-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Bonnie baby delivery by yon bonnie banks

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There was a special delivery on the A82 - but less of the familiar Amazon variety and more stork-style.

On her way to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley on Thursday July 15, heavily-pregnant Tilly Martin had been having contractions before leaving home in Campbeltown.

Things seemed to be calm and steady - then baby decided, just before Luss, that he was waiting no longer.

Driving her daughter to Paisley was mum Donna Martin from Lochgilphead, who explained: 'Tilly was checked over at Campbeltown hospital, and things seemed to be going slowly.

'After complications with a



Left: Mum and baby Liam were both well after the trunk road drama. Right: paramedics look after Tilly by the roadside. Below: The air ambulance attended.

Photographs by Donna Martin.



previous birth she was booked into Paisley hospital. We thought we had plenty of time; when we left Campbeltown contractions were far apart

and not too bad. But by the time we got to the Rest and be Thankful her labour suddenly became intense so I called the emergency services and pulled into a lay-by just before Luss.'

The emergency services swung into action, as the Scottish Ambulance Service air ambulance and road ambulance crews were called out and Police Scotland closed the A82 by Loch Lomond for safety and to allow paramedics space to work.

Donna continued: 'The operator on the phone was giving us advice - and I helped deliver my grandson at 12.46pm.

'Mum and baby are doing fine.'

The dramatic delivery means that 16-month-old Lily, who was at home with proud dad Michael, now has a wee brother.

'I'd like to thank everyone who helped,' Donna continued. 'They were all brilliant and ensured Tilly and baby had all the care and support needed.

'What fantastic teams!' Weighing in at a healthy 7lb 4oz, he has been named Liam.

Mum and baby are both back home in Campbeltown, and Tilly said: 'He has been named Liam Marcus Johnson and has settled in at home very well.

'His big sister Lily is now warming to him.

'I thank absolutely everyone who helped out - the ambulance, air ambulance and the police.

'They were amazing, so helpful and very reassuring.'

'Missing' kayakers spark Islay lifeboat launches

A safety message has been issued after two lifeboat launches in a week for overdue kayakers.

Islay lifeboat was called out on July 12 and again seven days later, both for kayakers reported missing.

The volunteer lifeboat crew launched Severn class lifeboat Helmut Schroder of Dunlissit II on the afternoon of July 12 to search for an overdue kayaker off the south east coast of Islay.

The Coastguard UK rescue helicopter was also deployed.

Expected to be near Aros Bay, the kayaker was overdue without means of communication or a lifejacket, so a concerned family member dialled 999, asking for the coastguard.

They had been expected back around two hours earlier, having planned to go for a half-hour paddle.

The kayaker was found safe and well on land, having taken a different route to the one planned.

Islay lifeboat was again on the water on the morning of

July 19, searching for overdue kayakers off Gigha. The local coastguard team reported spotting two kayakers heading for Cara Island south of Gigha.

Helped by a local boat, a RNLI crew member reached the kayakers to confirm they were safe and well.

They had informed someone of their trip the previous evening, but a concerned member of the public alerted the coastguard after they didn't return to their vehicle by next morning.

Islay RNLI Coxswain David MacLellan said: 'The crew and those involved are, as ever, very pleased that all was well, and they were found safe and well.

'We would urge anyone planning to enjoy being out on the water this summer to tell someone how long you will be out and where you are going.

'Wear appropriate gear for the conditions including a lifejacket or buoyancy aid and take a means of communicating, even a mobile phone, just in case you need help.'

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Covid pressure leads to bare store shelves

by Fiona Ross
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Staff shortages as a result of the Covid pandemic have led to empty shelves at the Co-op in Lochgilphead and a plea by the store manager for customers not to panic buy.

According to store manager Mark Crawford, Covid cases at the store's distribution depot have resulted in a number of staff having to isolate and caused significant delays in transporting goods to the store.

Mr Crawford took to social media this week, admitting the empty shelves were 'unacceptable'.

He said: 'We have been having problems with stock availability for the past few weeks because of various issues at the depot, the main one being staff having to isolate as

there have been cases and other issues that have had knock-on effects. There is stock in the depot but it is getting it up here that is the problem.

'I know it is frustrating and unacceptable, but we are doing as much as possible in store. Please do not bulk buy or panic buy, although I know there is nothing to buy in bulk.'

Speaking to the Argyllshire Advertiser this week, Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto, above, said: 'This matter was raised with me earlier this month, relating to the Co-op on the Isle of Bute.

'I contacted the Co-op directly and they advised they have a shortage of HGV drivers due to outbreaks of Covid.

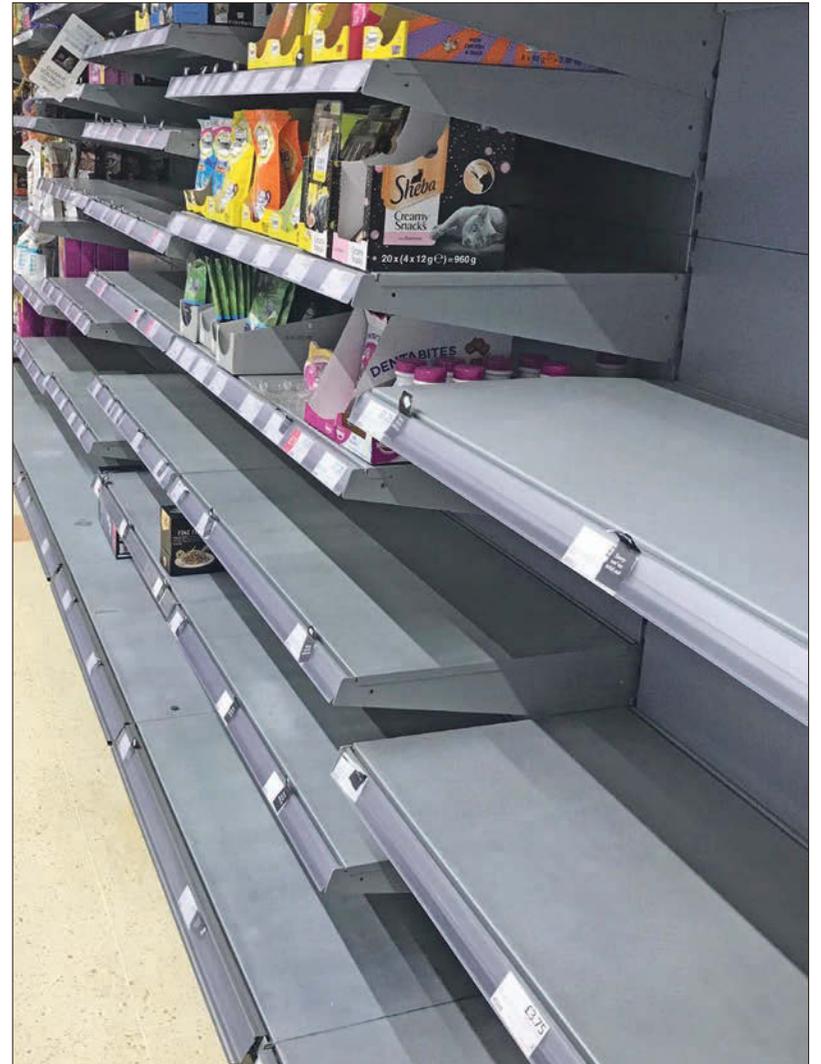


'Constituents have been in touch with concerns about shortages in the Lochgilphead store and the Campbeltown store and I am in contact with the Co-op again to ensure it is doing all it can to provide for its communities.'

When asked to comment about the shortages, a Co-op spokesperson said: 'We have experienced some minor disruption to some supplies locally, but we are working closely with our suppliers to ensure consumers still have access to the same great selection of goods.'

Low stocks at Lochgilphead Co-op are 'frustrating', says Lochgilphead store manager Mark Crawford.

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Cheery Ronnie is Tarbert hero at volunteer awards

Volunteers from across the region put on their best bib, tucker and PJ bottoms for the online Argyll and Bute TSI Volunteer of the Year Awards, writes Fiona Scott.

Winning the Mid Argyll Regional honours was Ronnie Johnstone, whose work for Tarbert Soup Group is legendary.

Ronnie was nominated by Heather Bellshaw as throughout the lockdown and beyond he delivered lunches to elderly people twice a week, as well as sorting and delivering food boxes, driving the van around rural areas and supporting those in need.

This was always done with a cheery and positive attitude, a smile and a chat or a wave from the van.

'He really worked hard and gave everything his all,' said Heather.

The Regional Hero awards were split into six areas - Helensburgh and Lomond, Cowal and Bute, the Islands, Mid Argyll, Oban and Lorn and Kintyre.

'We received 78 nominations across the nine categories for the Volunteer of the Year awards and judges had a tough time selecting the winners as the standard has been



Mid Argyll's regional volunteering hero - Ronnie Johnstone from Tarbert.

exceptionally high,' said Takki Sulaiman, chief executive officer of Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, at the event on Friday July 16.

'We are lucky that in Argyll

and Bute there is a strong culture of volunteering and during the past 18 months our communities benefitted from an increase in those coming forward as demand soared.

'These awards provide a platform for acknowledging the important contribution of all volunteers and not just those who were lucky enough to win.'

Jenni Minto, MSP for Argyll and Bute, was one of the guest speakers on the night. She said: 'It was a real privilege to

'Volunteering has always been at the heart of how our communities work'

speak at the Argyll and Bute TSI Awards. Volunteering has always been at the heart of how our communities work.

'Before the pandemic, a quarter of people in Argyll and Bute formally volunteered - with many, many more providing hours and hours of unrecorded volunteering.

'We need to keep this volunteering spirit going, capture it, rejuvenate it and celebrate it.'

Also speaking on the night were Ishbel Smith, founder of Heart in Mouth and trustee of Mary's Meals; chairman of liveArgyll Andrew Nisbet and Pete McDill, chairman of Argyll and Bute TSI.

Argyll and Bute volunteer awards:

Covid Volunteer: Lily Davies and Lois Cook, Dunoon

Helensburgh and Lomond Regional Hero: Fraser Gildea

Cowal and Bute Regional Hero: Lesley Slaven, Dunoon

Islands Regional Hero: Kevin Byrne, Mull

Mid Argyll Regional Hero: Ronnie Johnstone, Tarbert

Oban and Lorn Regional Hero: Alan Macdougall, Oban

Kintyre Regional Hero: Steve Byrne, Campbeltown

Volunteer Sports Coach of the Year - over 25: Simon Kershaw Yates, Helensburgh

Volunteer Young Sports Coach of the Year - 12 to 25): Poppy MacKillop and Isla MacGillivray, Oban

Young Primary Sports Leader of the Year: Faraid Winterton, Dunbeg

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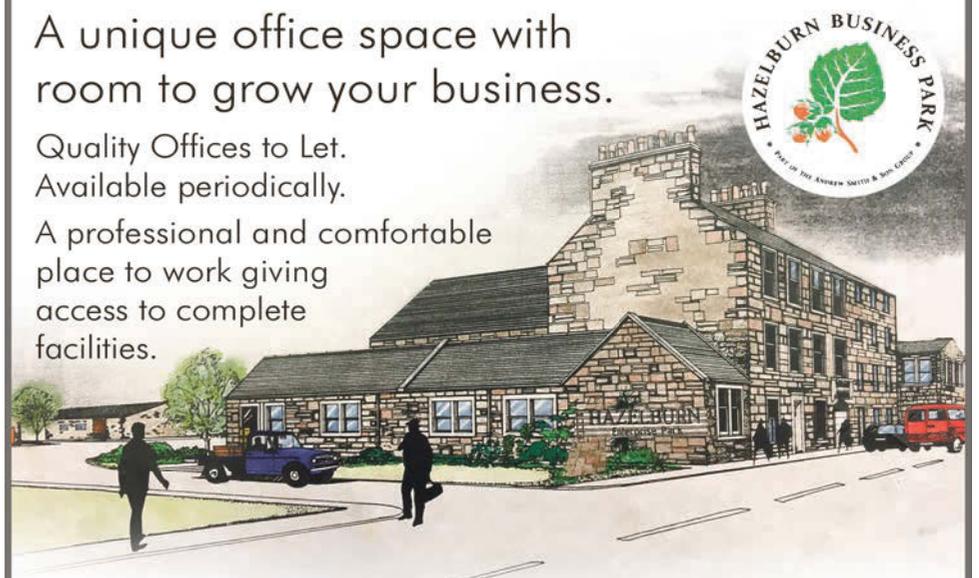
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Brexit an 'existential threat' to Argyll's seafood sector, says MP in parliament

The seafood sector on the west coast of Scotland faces an 'existential threat' as a result of Brexit rather than the 'sea of opportunity' that was promised, an MP has told parliament.

Firms from Islay to Oban are facing 'huge' transport and logistical problems, falling prices, loss of markets, red tape and labour shortages, according to MP Brendan O'Hara.

Mr O'Hara, who represents Argyll and Bute for the SNP, said the feedback came from Easdale Seafoods at Balvicar; Fiona McFarlane's Islay Crab Exports; Jamie McMillan's Lochfyne Langoustines, Tarbert; and Jonathan McAllister's fishing business in Oban.

He made the comments on Tuesday July 13 during a Westminster Hall debate called by Alistair Carmichael, Liberal Democrat MP for Orkney and Shetland.

'From Oban in the north to Islay in the south, they all tell a story of an industry struggling with falling prices and loss of markets; an indus-



Left, Jamie McMillan, Lochfyne Langoustines and Brendan O'Hara, above, Argyll and Bute MP.

try drowning in bureaucracy and red tape and one struggling to cope with labour shortages and facing huge transport and logistical problems,' he said. 'This is an existential threat to the industry in the west coast of Scotland.'

He said prices for catches for Jonathan McAllister's business had 'fallen by a third' since 2019. What was once a 'routine' job of landing catches in Northern Ireland had become 'wrapped up in customs red

tape'. Staff at Easdale Seafoods now required a 'forensic knowledge' of French customs procedures and VAT regulations. The firm had needed to adapt quickly and 'spend an awful lot of money to stay afloat in this sea of opportunity', he said.

A shortage of qualified HGV drivers is another complication facing Easdale Seafoods and Islay Crab Exports, he said.

Mr O'Hara told the debate: 'Most pressing [on Islay] is the shortage of

workers. Jobs that were once filled by EU nationals lie unfilled and they now desperately need double the number of processors they currently have. Economically we live in a very fragile constituency and this situation is unsustainable. It was laid out starkly by Jamie McMillan of Lochfyne Langoustines. He employs 23 people in the village of Tarbert.

'His exports are down 40 per cent and the cost of getting it to market has soared with three hours of every day now spent dealing with Brexit-related paperwork. His costs are £300 to £500 a day on customs fees alone.

'That is the reality of Brexit for the fishing communities of Argyll and Bute. That's the reality of the 'sea of opportunity'. That's why we voted against Brexit.'

Mr O'Hara directly quoted Fiona McFarlane of Islay Crab Exports.

'If people had all the information and knowledge of what Brexit really meant they would have voted differently. Someone should be held

accountable to the country for misleading the people.'

A Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs spokesperson said: 'The UK and the EU have agreed an historic Fisheries Framework Agreement that reflects the UK's new status as an independent coastal state and works to protect and promote the rights of fishermen across the UK.'

'Whilst the export situation has improved since January, we know there are still challenges for the seafood sector, including additional costs and administrative burdens. We are therefore working with the industry on longer-term opportunities to improve export systems and reduce certification burdens, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises.'

'The UK Government's commitment of up to £23 million has provided targeted support to Scottish businesses and a further £100 million has been dedicated to rejuvenating the industry and coastal communities across the UK in the longer term.'



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Front green revamp progressing well despite global challenges

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Landscaping of Lochgilthead's front green is progressing well in the face of global challenges.

Drainage and land-raising work is on schedule, despite multiple difficulties facing the construction industry.

The combination of a global manufacturing slowdown, Brexit and the Covid pandemic has left some businesses struggling to source construction materials, but the contractors working in Lochgilthead, Hawthorn Heights, are managing to buck the trend.

'Work is progressing well despite all the global challenges



es we have at the moment,' said Argyll and Bute Council business, regeneration and commercial development policy lead Councillor Alastair

Redman. Working on the site, labourer Thomas Logue explained: 'We're doing not too badly with getting materials, although I know it's been

Full-steam ahead for landscaping work at Lochgilthead's front green

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difficult for some people in the industry.

'If there are any delays with getting hold of pipes or something we just work on another part of the job, so we've not been held back at all.'

Talking this week to the Argyllshire Advertiser, Thomas, from Northern Ireland, said this was his first time in Argyll and his experience of the area has been positive.

He said: 'I'd never been here before and I wasn't sure what to expect, but it's actually great. We're staying in a wee flat here in the town and it's been brilliant.'

'People are so friendly and keen to talk. There's always someone stopping at the fence to ask us how we're getting on.'

The £1.5million redevelopment will see the installation of a new playpark and public events square as well as walking and cycling paths.

The major work, however, is drainage and landscaping to help ease the impact of flooding.

'Just now we are laying the plastic layer that will protect the tree roots when the stones are spread,' said Thomas.

'It's hot work in this weather, but we've been able to batter on because we've had no rain or anything else to delay us.'

Councillor Redman added: 'A key benefit of the project will be an improved place to allow people to spend more time in the town and have community events with raised ground levels and much-improved drainage.'

'It's an ambitious project to create a much-improved public space in the heart of the town centre.'

'I am looking forward to the Front Green being re-opened to the public early in 2022.'



A warm Tarbert welcome for the paddle steamer Waverley as she arrives at the pier.

'Doon the watter' to Tarbert – and a warm musical welcome

Passengers on the PS Waverley have been treated like royalty as they arrive at Tarbert on trips 'doon the watter'.

Waiting to greet them has been piper John Hunt.

Pipe Major of Loch Fyne Pipe Band, John regularly pipes – under invitation of Tarbert Harbour Authority – for the arrival and departure of the Waverley when she comes into Tarbert on her cruises up and down Loch Fyne.

Though the pipers of Tarbert-based Loch Fyne Pipe Band cannot yet get back to practices, John continues to keep the band represented in the community and is always willing to support events as a solo piper, as he has been doing for almost 30 years.

Band drummers have been able to get back in limited numbers under strict Covid measures.

A recent grant from the A'Chruach Wind

Farm Community Fund/ Foundation Scotland meant the band committee could buy kilts and jackets for players who have either outgrown or need new uniforms.

Loch Fyne Pipe Band lead drummer Brian Hastings said: 'This is especially welcome as opportunities for income generation have been wiped out as a direct result of the pandemic.'

'There is, however, much more to do regarding uniforms as we have attracted some new players into the band.'

'We hope that as Covid restrictions ease we can get back to doing what we formed to do - entertain communities and teach anyone who would like to learn.'

Anyone wishing to learn, or join the band, should make contact through the Loch Fyne Pipe Band Facebook page or email LochFynePipeBand@yahoo.com



Pipe Major John Hunt has played for the Waverley's passengers for many years and continues the tradition, courtesy of Tarbert Harbour Authority.

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New tool will speed up the search for missing people

A vital new tool to protect people with dementia has been launched this week in Argyll and Bute, writes Fiona Ross.

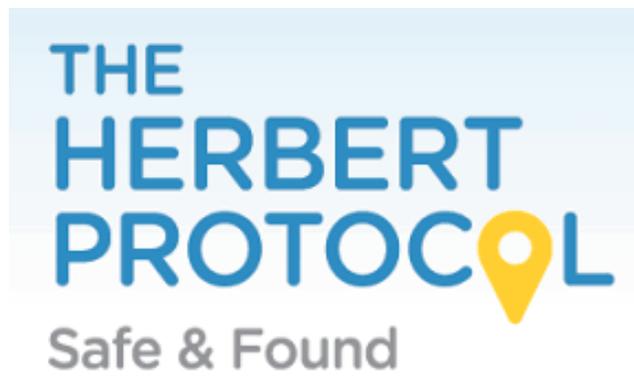
Families concerned about vulnerable relatives can now create a document that could save critical time in the event a dementia sufferer goes missing.

In partnership with care sector agencies, Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Policing Division has launched a system to provide information that can play a key role in tracing a missing person.

Known as the Herbert Protocol, the scheme creates a file of important details including contact information, medication required and locations that might be significant to the person with dementia.

These details can be used by officers responding to a missing person enquiry.

Welcoming the initiative,



Superintendent Douglas Wilson said: 'Across Argyll and Bute, Police Scotland regularly responds to missing person reports.

'When dealing with complex vulnerabilities, including dementia, it is very important we are able to quickly obtain important information to guide our enquiry at an early stage.'

'We are delighted to see our partner agencies using and encouraging families to use this system to obtain information in advance in a way that can be provided to police should the need arise. This scheme can provide families with peace of mind knowing that they are prepared should they need to report a loved one missing.'

'We hope our officers will



A new tool has been launched to trace missing people. The QR code can be used to get the form.

families to get involved with the scheme.

He said: 'If you live with or care for someone suffering from dementia I would urge you to consider completing a Herbert Protocol form, even if the person has no history of going missing.'

'If the member of your family is within a care setting, please discuss this with the care provider.'

The form can be found and downloaded at www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire/ or by scanning the QR code

never need to ask for this information, but experience of the Herbert Protocol in other parts of the UK has shown that having this information to hand helps us protect vulnerable adults if they go missing.'

The Herbert Protocol is being supported by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee, whose chairperson Alex Davidson urged

Dog fouling targeted in new campaign

Argyll and Bute Council has launched a campaign to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pet.

The four-week social media campaign features pictures of dogs beside quotations which say how the pets feel when their owners make the effort to clean up or let them down by not bothering.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie led the call for dog owners to be responsible.

He said: 'This is something I know most communities feel strongly about and we need to tackle it together.'

'Most people clean up after their dogs, but we need to remind the one in 10 that don't pick up that this isn't acceptable.'

'To tell us, in confidence, about a dog owner who does not clean up after their dog, call us on 01546 605514 or online at Report It argyll-bute.gov.uk.

'Provide as much detail as possible and we may be able to take action. Sometimes a warning is enough to deter further offences.'



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Kilmartin quarry extension approved

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Councillors have given the green light for an extension to a Kilmartin sand and gravel quarry after controversy over the plans.

Objectors had claimed the move could scupper the archaeologically-rich Kilmartin area's vision to become a world-class travel destination.

The main concern was the potential for noise after Argyll and Bute Council officers allowed an increase to the quarry's maximum decibel limit from 34db to 45db in May 2020, which villagers claimed was done despite requests for a public hearing on the matter.

Around 50 objections were received to the planning application by the quarry operator MacLeod Construction Limited.

Objectors had raised concerns about a potential increase in noise levels

When the company applied to extend the quarry later that year, calls grew for a public hearing.

In response to the objections in December 2020, Jane MacLeod of the Lochgilphead-based firm said that output from the quarry, traffic levels and noise levels would not increase as a result of the extension.

At a discretionary planning hearing on June 28, Argyll and Bute Council members approved the extension application, which had received more than 200 letters of support.

Mairi Coleman of MacLeod Construction Ltd said: 'We are pleased our planning application to extend the Kilmartin quarry was approved unan-

imously by Argyll and Bute councillors. The quarry has been operating in the area since 1982 and is a valuable resource to residents and businesses in Mid Argyll.

'There are two full-time permanent employees at the quarry itself, while quarry products support four lorry drivers, four mechanics, five machine operators, administration and management staff and, of course, a construction workforce of approximately 200 - as well as external consultants and many hundreds of sub-contractor employees.

'We are more than happy to agree to meet with Dunadd Community Council on a twice-yearly basis to discuss operations in the quarry

and how we maintain strong communication links with the community.'

Conditions attached to the council's approval maintain the noise rating limit of 45 decibels at any residential property and include requirements to limit dust, control pollution and maintain access to public paths.

Quarrying works are restricted to between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday with no routine work on Sundays and public holidays without the council's advance permission.

No new ground can be broken without archaeological involvement and, after extraction is completed, reinstatement work should be carried out within nine months.



Oban rock band Citizen 9 playing at MOJO 2018.

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Last call for Argyll MOJO musicians

A final call is being made to Argyll musicians to showcase their talents at the 2021 MOJO festival in Ardfern.

With a number of acts already showing interest, time is short to be included in the final line-up for this feast of original music, with the deadline for submissions Saturday July 31.

Organisers remain hopeful MOJO can be held as planned on October 16 - but should Covid interfere, the same acts will be carried

forward to the first available opportunity after that.

Anyone taking part must perform a 30 to 40 minute set of original music and be aged 16 and over.

To apply, send a short description of your music, accompanied with a demo - video, EP, Soundcloud, YouTube are all accepted - via the MOJO Argyll Facebook page by July 31.

Previous MOJO artists can re-apply, provided it is with new material.



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New video showcases Cowal's Christian roots – and routes

A new short film, produced on behalf of the Faith in Cowal group, features a rich religious heritage via pilgrim routes on the Cowal peninsula.

Narrated by Jim Ritchie, it includes a captivating backing track written by Skye Beautyman, Gordon Whyte and Ciaran Whyte and performed by the eXp Youth Work School of Music.

Faith in Cowal project lead Dan Romani explained: 'After launching a network of pilgrim trails in Cowal a few weeks ago we have produced a video that we hope will entice people to come and try them out.'

'It reveals fascinating landmarks in all their glory including Kilmorich church in Cairndow, the carved stones at Kilmodan and Lochgoilhead and Kilmun Church on the banks of Holy Loch, highlighting the natural beauty of the peninsula.



'It's aimed at anyone visiting this stunning part of the world, be they cyclists, rambles or campervan enthusiasts and was created by Glasgow-based company Code Word Zebra with production by Subtle Sensor and features a number of Dunoon residents as extras.

There's such a strong footprint of early Christianity in Cowal and we are delighted this short film brings it to life in such a vivid way,' added Dan.

'We hope the video and the 200-mile network of trails will appeal to visitors to the area.' Fifteen historic sites are in-



Far left: The unusual hexagonal Kilmorich Church is one of the ancient Christian sites included in the The Cowal Pilgrimage.

Left: The new video showcases the religious heritage and pilgrim routes in Cowal.

cluded in the trail, all playing a significant role in the birth of Celtic Christianity.

The Church of Scotland funded-project involves 19 trails divided into five loops which criss-cross the peninsula.

The walks offer a mix of forestry roads, woodland tracks

and existing heritage trails as well as more challenging terrain for serious hikers.

Some of the sites that book-end each trail date as far back as the fifth and sixth centuries as well as more ancient landmarks such as Auchnaha Cairn that are thought to be

Neolithic in origin. The video, along with information about the pilgrim sites and detailed walking guides for The Cowal Pilgrimage, can all be found on the Faith in Cowal website.

Alternatively, view the video on YouTube by searching The Cowal Pilgrimage.

Treasure Island
Tayvallich Community Hall
Saturday 24 July
2/2:30/3pm; £10 suggested donation to cover costs

Join the Walking Theatre Company's interactive outdoor adaptation of this fabulous classic adventure.

Pirates of all sizes and ages are invited to join our intrepid adventure to find the buried treasure and escape from Long John Silver! Open-air event: dress for the weather and wear suitable shoes for walking. Prizes for best-dressed pirates!

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West Coast Rocks Concert | Victoria Hall | 7.30pm*
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Wed 18
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Beinn Tuirc Gaelic Night | Argyll Hotel | 7pm
Catherine Tinney headlines a great night of tunes, stories, songs supported by Iain MacPherson, Norman MacKinnon and more.

Thu 19
Tickets: £7

Young Folk Night | Heritage Centre | 7pm
This hugely popular event features some of Kintyre's finest young musical talent showcasing the future of our musicians.

Fri 20
Tickets: £18/£9

Festival Ceilidh | Victoria Hall | 7pm**
Come join us for a Ceilidh Night with a difference with songs and tunes from Scotia Ceilidh Band, Wee Toon Tellers and Dalriada Connections Band.

Sat 21

Up The Close | Springbank Distillery | 1pm
This years Up the Close event has still to be confirmed.

Sat 21
Tickets: £18

Traditional Concert | Heritage Centre
Our Trad Concert is an all-seated event and this year returns with performances from Da Birlinn and the Claire Hastings Trio.

Sun 22
Tickets: £14

Dalriada Connections | Heritage Centre | 1.30pm
A Kilkerran Distillery sponsored event (includes sponsors miniature) With Ross Couper & Tom Oakes, Ainsley Hamill & Alistair Iain Paterson, Ciaran Mulholland (NI), Lorne MacDougall and Ross Conner Trio and many local & visiting artists.

Sun 22
Tickets: £22

Survivors Night | Victoria Hall | 7.30pm*
Slainte Davaar Allstars headline and are joined by Rhuvaal, Gilchristians, we.R.soul, Alex, Archie and Arran McAllister plus much more. Alison M Leith as MC.

* All concerts in the Victoria Hall will have tables and chairs with table service
** This years Festival Ceilidh will be run in line with safety guidelines on dancing
All concerts have reduced capacity this year so get your tickets early

Tickets

10am Thursday July 29th

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Let the live music sing out again!

The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival is back for 2021 with a great line-up of music across various venues in Campbeltown from August 18 - 22.

Things will be slightly different this year due to safety regulations, but the festival organisers have assured everyone that the event and concerts will be as close to normal as possible.

The Victoria Hall concerts will be set with tables and chairs with all concerts having much lower capacities in line with Scottish Government safety guidelines.

This means that tickets for the concerts in the Victoria Hall will be restricted to 250 on the Friday night and 350 on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets for the Heritage Centre and Gaelic concerts will be released at half their normal capacities. So get your tickets early to ensure you can go.

More tickets may be sold for the Heritage Centre and Gaelic concerts if capacity levels ease.

The headline acts across this year's ticketed concerts are Tide Lines, Da Birlinn, Scotia Ceilidh Band, Claire Hastings Trio, Ross Couper and Tom Oakes, Catherine Tinney, Ainsley Hamill, Slainte Davaar Allstars and the Wee Toon Tellers.

This year's Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert in the Victoria Hall on Saturday August 21 will headline with Tide Lines who have taken the Scottish music scene by storm and sold-out festivals and concerts since their debut in 2016.

This four-hour concert starts at 7.30pm and will also see the debut of Beinn Lee, an exciting six-piece band from Uist.

Opening the concert will be the hugely popular Rhuvaal who performed a unique set for last year's virtual event on Davaar Island.

That same night the Heritage Centre opens its doors for the festival's Traditional Concert which has a real treat for the audience with double headliners Da Birlinn and the Claire Hastings Trio. Da Birlinn are a dynamic three-piece band featuring Peter Morrison and Ross Couper, lead players with the Peatbog Faeries, and they are accompanied by Seumas MacLennan on bouzouki.

BBC Radio Scotland's 2015 Young Traditional Musician of the Year Claire Hastings will be known to those of you who tuned into last year's Virtual MOK Fest.

Clare is a Scottish folksinger and ukulele player and will be joined by Jenn Butterworth on guitar and Jeri Foreman on fiddle.

The festival opens on Wednesday August 18 with Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic Night in Ceol Campbeltown.

Headlining the concert will be Gaelic singer Catherine Tinney, who hails from the Isle of Skye.

Catherine is another musician who performed at last year's virtual festival, and we will get a chance to see her live this year.

Expect the usual selection of local and visiting guest artistes including Norman MacKinnon, Iain MacPherson as well as firm favourite Chris McIntyre and Beinn an Tigh.

This year's Festival Ceilidh features the Scotia Ceilidh Band, festival favourites The Wee Toon Tellers and the Dalriada Connections Band.

As expected in a night including the Wee Toon Tellers, the event will have a mixture of great songs and tunes and will give the audience a chance to get a night out in a relaxed and safe atmosphere to hear some great music.

Organisers hope dancing will also be allowed by the time of the event.

On Sunday afternoon Campbeltown Heritage Centre will again open its doors, this time for the Kilkerran Dalriada Connections Concert.

This concert has some real treats for the audience with the fantastic duo of Ross Couper and Tom Oakes headlining and performing a mixture of infectious melodies, Celtic grooves and fiery, driving rhythms.

Tide Lines will be heading on the Saturday night at the Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert in the Victoria Hall.



Ainsley Hamill, who headlined the festival's Gaelic Night in 2019, will also perform accompanied by Alister Iain Paterson.

Expect the usual selection of local and visiting artistes including Ciaran Mulholland (NI) and Lorne MacDougall.

The legendary Survivors' Night later that evening will feature Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars, who last year broadcast to the International Space Station performing David Bowie's Space Oddity.

A host of other bands including Rhuvaal, we.R.soul, Alex, Archie and Arran McAllister will also perform.

Firm festival favourite The Young Folk Night starts the events in the Heritage Centre on Thursday August 19 featuring some of Kintyre's finest young musical talent.

News on the Saturday afternoon open air events plus other festival attractions will be announced shortly.

Tickets for all concerts will be available from A P Taylors, Main Street, Campbeltown and online from Ticketweb at www.ticketweb.co.uk on July 29 at 10am.

For more updates go to www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk.



YOUR PICTURES

Islay fisherman Tom Redman took a moment recently to reflect on a sunrise burning with shades of orange, peach and gold as he made for the open sea from Portnahaven harbour.

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After effects

The ripple effect of Covid, from infections to close contacts, is being felt across the UK.

Supermarkets are struggling to keep shelves filled and many other aspects of life are being affected as people isolate at home.

Then there is Brexit. Compounding Covid-related staff shortages, many Argyll industries are struggling without EU nationals. People who would have worked in fishing, seafood processing, the tourism and hospitality industry and elsewhere are simply not there. There are economic problems, but public health must come first. The Brexit ship may have sailed, but it remains up to each of us to stay cautious about Covid and think about others.

Fair to Furnace

As one Furnace resident recently suggested, perhaps it's because we were able to walk into the doctor's without an appointment in the past that people sometimes struggle with modern GP services.

But it doesn't seem fair that the people of Furnace and Minard are left in limbo without their surgery - and with no clear idea of plans to re-open.

Furnace, we understand, used to be the main practice on west Loch Fyne-side. Now it seems to be in danger of being sidelined altogether.

Plea from Scottish Water to save water in warm weather

Sir
Scottish Water is reminding residents and visitors to use water efficiently in warm weather.

Demand across the country was so high last week that Scottish Water had to provide 100 million litres of extra water per day, compared with normal levels at this time of year.

As temperatures soared in much of the country, this increased to more than 200 million litres extra per day over the weekend.

Scottish Water is tankering extra water into some parts of the country to maintain supplies, including Tighnabruaich and Portavadie.

Water levels in reservoirs are at 74 per cent. This is a fall from 77 per cent last week and from 90 per cent in late May.

Current levels are below average for this time of year but the main issue is demand for water from customers, which has increased considerably during the warm weather.

When garden water use increases dramatically, for things like sprinklers and paddling pools, that places considerable strain across our infrastructure to move the water as quickly as customers need it. If people across the country - residents and visitors - can take some simple steps to reduce their water use, they can make a big contribution towards our efforts to maintain normal supplies for everyone and there will be fewer tankers on the roads.

People can help protect water supplies by:

- using a watering can instead of a garden hose
- not using jet washers, which use an average of 36 litres of water

- not using paddling pools, which use an average of 400 litres of water, but if pools are used try quarter filling them and using the water for your garden afterwards

- turning the tap off when brushing teeth
- using washing machines and dishwashers only when fully loaded

More information on saving water is available at www.scottishwater.co.uk/savewater.

Kes Juskowiak, Scottish Water.

Don't cut Universal Credit

Sir,
The Poverty Alliance has this week written to Therese Coffey MP, secretary of state for work

and pensions, after her department refused to disclose any analysis on the potential impact on poverty of cutting Universal Credit by £20 as planned this autumn.

The refusal came after a Freedom of Information request by the Poverty Alliance, with the Department for Work and Pensions' reply deeming the disclosure of the information to not be in the public interest.

With the risk the cut could pull hundreds of thousands of people across the UK into poverty, we have written to the secretary of state calling for the release of the government analysis and urging her to listen to the voices of people struggling to stay afloat across the UK by keeping the £20 lifeline.

Governments have a moral responsibility to take decisions that protect people from poverty.

The UK Government increased Universal Credit by £20 because they knew it would otherwise fail to meet people's needs. That was the right thing to do.

Yet ministers are now planning to cut that £20 at a time when so many are struggling to stay afloat and are compounding that decision by refusing to be straight with the public about what the impact of that decision will be.

That is because they know it will sweep hundreds of thousands of people across the country into poverty.

To allow this to happen would be a moral failure. This is a simple case of right and wrong.

It is not too late for the government to change course.

If it is serious about 'levelling up' then it will keep the £20 lifeline and begin to build a social security system that protects people from, rather than drives them into, poverty.

Peter Kelly, Director of the Poverty Alliance.

Argyll a place called home

The poem below was sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser by Ardrishaig reader Kenny Rowan.

It will chime with anyone who comes from this beautiful, unique part of the world.

Argyll

Have you ever sat and wondered about life for a while

With its ups and downs and living in Argyll
And no matter how far or where you may roam

It's Argyll that's the place you always call home

Have you ever sat and wondered how life might have been

If you upped your roots for a land that's more green

Settled down in a city like London or Rome

But Argyll would still be the place you call home

Have you ever sat and wondered about a life on the sea

And imagined what travelling the world would be

A life on the oceans over sea and over foam

But Argyll would still be the place you call home

Have you ever sat and wondered about east and west

And the age-old question of which is the best

You can twist and turn with your mind still torn

But Argyll is the place you would still call home

I guess what I'm asking is about life in Argyll

With its hills and glens and lochs by the mile

Roads that are twisted and no signal for your phone

But it's still the place you are proud to call home

Kenny Rowan.

Local radio listeners search

Sir,
I am searching for local radio listeners to help with a research project.

A lecturer and programme leader for BA Journalism at Edinburgh Napier University, I am working on a study of local radio in Scotland for my PhD.

I want to find out what people make of radio in Scotland, how often they listen to the radio, which stations they like and which ones they avoid? How satisfied are they with the stations' local news provision.

Scotland is in a peculiar position of not having any local public service radio, neither in major urban areas or in rural parts, except for a few limited BBC Scotland opt-outs.

I am looking to recruit participants for a focus group, lasting around 45 minutes, to be held online in July - face-to-face might be possible subject to government lockdown rules.

Email Alex via a.kocic@napier.ac.uk to find out more.

Alex Kocic, Edinburgh.

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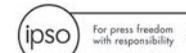
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Thought for the Week

Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of us should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than ourself.

Each of us should be concerned not only about our own interests, but about the interests of others as well, based on Philippians 2:3-4.

Over the past 16 months, communities have done a brilliant job looking out for one another in all sorts of ways and generally sticking to whatever regulations have been in place.

Many people regard the move to Level 0 as positive news, but it raises the anxiety level for others as people mix more freely. Whilst looking forward to enjoying our new-found freedom, we are aware we still need to take care.

An old story, entitled 'Who's job is it?', came to mind. It's about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but

Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

It will be interesting to see how well we all do with the easing of restrictions. But of this we can be sure: if anybody thinks it's okay to do what they like, as long as somebody sticks to the rules, you can be sure that nobody will be kept safe!

It is only if everybody plays their part that we can keep moving forward. Have a safe summer.

Reverend Christine Fulcher, Church of Scotland, South Kintyre Team Ministry.

CAIRNDOW

Readings from top author

News of a special literary event coming to Cairndow has attracted a great response from readers young and old.

Multi-award-winning author James Robertson will host events for children and adults as part of Scottish Book Week in November.

He will read from his new Scots language book Giraffes Cannae Dance at the event on Saturday November 20.

The author, who translated The Gruffalo into Scots, will deliver his reading in the Fyne Den in the afternoon and follow that in the evening with a reading for adults of his new novel News of the Dead.

Winner of the Saltire Society and the Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year awards, James will also host question and answer sessions and book signings.

The event is being organised by Cairndow Hall and Recreation Committee.

A spokesperson said: 'This is quite a significant event for a small community and hopefully will lead to more events like this in the future.'

'It is a collaboration between the Scottish Book Trust and publishers and links with other work and projects being delivered by the hall committee.'

James' new works are due to be published later this summer by Penguin.

ARGYLL AND BUTE

Wildfire risk increases

Warm weather and rising wind speeds have increased the risk of wildfires, according to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Area Commander Bruce Farquharson said: 'We are in the height of summer and this current warm weather could bring with it the potential for wildfires, which can devastate vast areas of land and wildlife.'

People living in and visiting rural areas have been urged to enjoy the countryside while following Scotland's Outdoor Code which prohib-



The Row Around Scotland baton is handed over in Tarbert Harbour.

its open fires during prolonged dry periods or in forests, woods, farmland or on peaty ground.

Mr Farquharson added: 'Please act safely and responsibly if you are out and about during the summer.'

ARDRISHAIG AND TARBERT

Coastal rowers skiff into town

A celebration of coastal rowing in Scotland has brought a fleet of small boats to the Argyll coast as part of a relay around the country.

Row Around Scotland 2021 was organised to mark the tenth anniversary of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association.

With 70 members from clubs throughout the country taking part, the relay aims to connect communities and promote Scotland's celebrated coastline and scenic waters.

Members of Arran Coastal Rowing Club were handed the baton on July 2 and rowed with it from Lochranza to Tarbert.

On this, the Arran club's longest row, the weather was dry and bright, but there was quite a swell in the unprotected water over towards

Cloanaig which made for some interesting and challenging rowing.

The first crew made the 20-kilometre row to Tarbert in just under three hours, then the baton was handed over to Arran's second crew.

The conditions were perfect for the baton to continue its journey, so the crew rowed out of Tarbert harbour and, on calm seas, made the 18-kilometre row to Ardrishaig.

On arrival, Sue Fenton from Isle of Seil Coastal Rowing Club was there to meet the Arran skiff and the baton once again changed hands with Arran passing the baton to Sue.

The following day, Arran club members accompanied the Seil rowers through the Crinan canal as the baton's journey continued.

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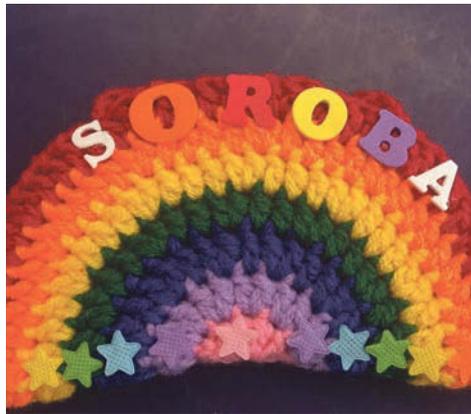
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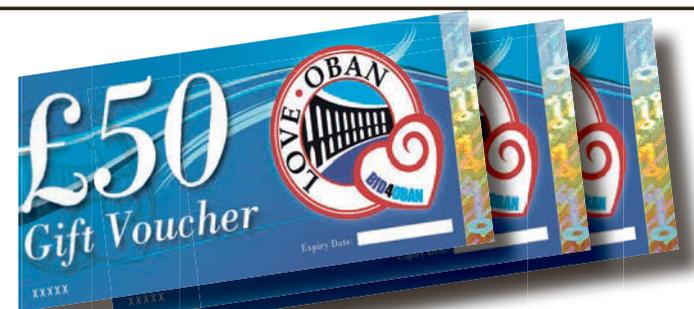


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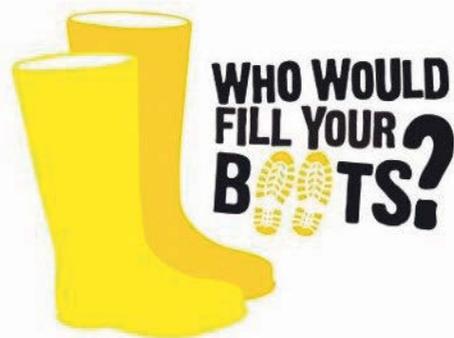
In Farm Safety Week, the Farm Safety Foundation, the charity behind the annual campaign, said that farmers over the age of 60 accounted for 53 per cent of those killed.

New figures reveal that fatal injuries on UK farms have almost doubled over the past year – from 21 fatalities in 2019/20 to 41 in 2020/21.

When comparing older and younger age groups, the fatal injury rate is more than four times higher for people aged 65 and over, compared to the 16 to 24 age group.

Seven members of the public also lost their lives on British farms in 2020/21 – five adults in incidents involving cattle and another two children.

In a recent survey, almost seven in 10 farmers identified



tiredness as a major risk with most having taken, or seen others take, risks due to being tired.

Farm Safety Week is an initiative led by the Farm Safety Foundation and supported by the Farm Safety Partnerships, the Health and Safety Executive, Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland and the Health and

Safety Authority, Ireland. With long hours, intense physical labour, low pay and at the mercy of the elements, farming is a difficult industry to work in. For a workforce that accounts for just one per cent of the British working population, the industry accounts for nearly a quarter of all workplace fatal injuries, giving it the poorest safety

HSE advice is to think a job through and then put the right measures in place to make it safer.

record of any occupation. A total of 41 people in England, Scotland and Wales were killed in agriculture, including 34 farm workers.

'Agriculture is a vital part of our economy and everyone involved is rightly proud of the quality and standard of the food produced,' explained Adrian Hodkinson, acting head of agriculture,

Health and Safety Executive. 'However, this appears to come at a significant cost to many farmers and workers in terms of serious injury, lifelong ill-health and in some cases death.

'The causes of farm incidents are well known and the things to stop them are usually straightforward: putting on handbrakes; fastening lap belts in cabs; getting ATV training and helmets; putting cows and calves in fields without footpaths and stopping things before trying to fix or unblock them.

'When we investigate life-changing farm workplace incidents we find, time and time again, that risks are not being removed or managed.

'It is far too common for people to accept risk is an inevitable part of the job. This isn't the case. The guidance is

easily available to manage the risks and prevent injury.'

His advice is to think a job through then put the right measures in place to make it safer.

He added: 'On a more positive note, I'm really encouraged there are now some very high-profile advocates for improvement who see the real benefits for attracting and retaining people and reducing costs.

'It's fantastic to see a real focus on maintenance of machinery and trailers, that many ATV users are getting trained and wearing helmets and cattle handling facilities are being improved.'

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Farm award looks for diversification

Applications have opened for the new AgriScot Diversified Farm of the Year award.

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Ceri Ritchie, sector manager at awards organiser SAC Consulting, said: 'Across Scotland, many farm businesses have successfully diversified to create new on-farm enterprises and income streams.'

'This award is the opportunity to showcase this forward thinking and innovation and to be an ambassador for Scottish farming.'

The Scottish Farm Business Survey results earlier this year

highlighted the importance of diversification as farm incomes come under pressure and are subject to the uncertainties of global climate emergency and changes in agricultural policy.

Sascha Grierson, senior project manager at SAC Consulting for the Scottish Farm Business Survey, said: 'The bright result on the horizon in the survey is the impact of diversification on business profitability.'

'Farms that diversify show a doubling of their farm business income with often fairly straightforward diversifications that do not require large amounts of capital.'

'Diversification has the potential for farmers to generate new income streams and provide a sustainable future for



Don and Emma Dennis of Gigha's Wee Isle Dairy which has diversified and gone from strength to strength making and selling ice cream using milk from their herd of dairy cows.

their farming business.' 'The Scottish agriculture sector has experienced some of the most testing periods in its history,' said Roddy McLean, agriculture director for sponsor Royal Bank of Scotland, 'but these challenges have brought into sharp focus the crucial role that AgriScot plays in bringing the industry together.'

'The recent challenges have also shown how important diversification can be in keeping a farming business healthy.'

'As a bank that is committed to the sector here in Scotland, we are delighted to sponsor the new Diversified Farm of the Year award for 2021.'

'This is an opportunity to showcase the talent that our industry has to offer and will hopefully inspire others to consider what they might do in the future.'

Do you know of a diversified farm business with a great story, worthy of recognition?

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WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK RETURNS FOR 2021



After the absence of West Highland Yachting Week (WHYW) in 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic, competitors are once again gearing up for the return of this much-loved regatta.

Starting on July 31 and running till August 6, the format will remain nearly the same as previous years with Craobh,

Oban and Tobermory the host ports. The Joint Regatta Committee (JRC) which runs the event says it aims to give a full week's racing. However, with the race committee likely to be working with restricted numbers, the emphasis will be on passage racing over the six-day series.

Two feeder races take place

on Saturday July 31 to Craobh Marina where the fleet muster for the start of WHYW. The Gigha feeder caters for boats from the south, whilst those from the north take part in the Oban to Craobh race.

On Sunday, the fleet race round Shuna off Craobh Marina and, after a second night at

Craobh, compete in the passage race north to Oban on Monday August 2.

The ever-popular Round Lismore race returns to WHYW on Tuesday. This year the tides suit an island circumnavigation. On Wednesday, the fleet race north to Tobermory up the Sound of Mull.

Thursday sees racing 'round

the cans' off Tobermory before the return to Oban on Friday August 6 in the Tobermory to Oban race to complete the points series.

The WHYW committee has committed to making the event happen despite restrictions imposed by COVID. However, no formal social events have been

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organised and competitors will have to work to the guidelines imposed by host ports.

Gavin Marshall, chairman of the JRC, said: 'We are all committed to seeing WHYW 21 take place. The JRC has worked hard to make this happen and accommodate all racing preferences. In addition to the normal spinnaker and white sail classes, we are offering two classes for shorthanded crews with boats with no more than two people aboard. For those who like their 'bubbles' small, this may be an attractive option.'

This will be the 73rd birthday of the event run under the auspices of the Royal Highland Yacht Club and Oban Sailing Club. The only other regattas missed since the event's inception in 1882 were the war years.

It is an historic event and Tunnock's is once again committed a front-line sponsor, marking their long support of the regatta.

Gavin continued: 'Regardless of coronavirus restrictions, WHYW is able to go ahead largely due to the generosity of our main sponsor Tunnock's. Other sponsors include Owen Sails, Noble Marine Insurance, Scottish Sea Farms and Islay Gin. We are extremely grateful for their support.'




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Sir Boyd Tunnock, grandson of founder Thomas Tunnock, who heads up the renowned teacake and biscuit confectioners, has been a regular and successful WHYW competitor in his Moody 38 Lemerac.

Sir Boyd said: 'After missing last year's event due to Coronavirus, Tunnock's is delighted to be back as the main sponsor of this famous regatta. We have been supporting the event for well over a decade now. The team on Lemerac always look forward to competing and will enjoy racing again this year.'

He added each boat would receive a goodie bag of Tunnock's products, something that each competitor should not consider racing without!

The heart of the success story of WHYW is the format of a 'moving regatta' linking the three ports of call – Craobh, Oban

and Tobermory. Racing is normally complemented by an excellent apres sail social programme but this will not be happening this year to help safeguard competitors.

WHYW has always offered something for everyone, including families, to take part in. This can either be in the restricted sail or white sail classes or, for those seeking on the edge competition, the spinnaker classes.

The Joint Regatta Committee wishes to underline the importance of adhering to COVID guidelines for each port of call and keeping safe throughout the event.

Craobh Marina manager Alistair Spence said: 'The Craobh Marina team look forward to the challenge of accommodating the WHYW fleet for the opening two nights of the regatta and wish all competitors fair winds and fair weather.'

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said: 'We are delighted to be welcoming West Highland Yachting Week back for 2021. We would urge WHYW participants to follow instructions from our marine staff when they approach

the pontoons and follow their directions.

Many sporting events are just getting started again after the pandemic lockdown restrictions and the West Highland Week

Joint Regatta Committee has put a huge amount of effort into making 2021 happen.

Gavin Marshall said: 'Despite the uncertainty of organising such an event, the sun has

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I. About

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This paid traineeship, in association with Screen Scotland, will not only introduce you to the world of film and TV making but will teach, train and develop your skills. You will be gaining on the job experience, learning a wide range of skills and knowledge from your mentor and the rest of your team. There will also be the opportunity to participate in external training courses relevant to the industry and your department. No previous experience is required.

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II. Positions Available:

We are looking for 1 x person from the Highlands and Islands to join our traineeship in one of the following departments:

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| Assistant Director Trainee | Start Date 11th October 2021 |
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| Video Assist Trainee | Start Date 13th October 2021 |

III. The Roles Explained:

If you are unfamiliar with any of the above job roles, please go on this link to the ScreenSkills website which will explain what each of the above job roles are and what they do:

<https://www.screenskills.com/starting-your-career/job-profiles/film-and-tv-drama/>

No previous TV/Film experience is required, but please do have a look at the above jobs and have a think about which job you would like to apply for. Think about your skills and interests and which jobs would lend themselves to your experiences so far. In your cover letter, please let us know how you think your skills could transfer to that job role and why you would like to gain experience in that department. If you are interested in more than one department please note this in your CV and cover letter.

IV. Applying:

If you would like to apply to any of the above positions, please email your CV and a cover letter to GO2Highlands@gmail.com with the subject reading your NAME followed by the JOB ROLE. For example JOE SMITH PRODUCTION TRAINEE.

Please make sure your CV is clearly labelled with your NAME and the JOB ROLE. E.G JOE SMITH PRODUCTION TRAINEE. Please can you also include in your CV your address.

If you are applying for all other Traineeships – Please send all CVs by Friday 30th July 2021. The interviews will take place from the week of the 16th August 2021. All interviews will be done via Zoom.

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- Digital and social media awareness
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The Chief Reporter's duties will include:

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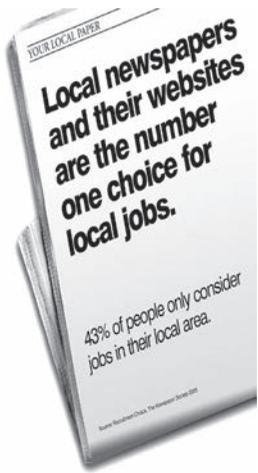
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SSEN Transmission invites you to share your views with us

What is being consulted on?

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

1

Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Connection
Following previous rounds of consultation on this project, we are now looking to hear your views on our Preferred Alignment for the overhead line within the selected route (Route Option 3). This event will also be the first formal public consultation for the Creag Dhubh substation Pre-application Notice (PAN).

2

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

3

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

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

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

The team will be available
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sessions on:

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

How can I get involved?

The virtual consultation exhibitions are part of a 5 week long consultation and have been designed to be fully interactive, allowing for presentation of key project information and plans, as well as providing an opportunity to engage directly with the project team via the chat sessions. The virtual consultation portal, the consultation brochure, other supporting documents and feedback forms can be accessed on the project webpage:
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PLANNING

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

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| 21/01210/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 16/00941/PP (Erection of wind monitoring meteorological mast (up to 80.5 metres high) for a temporary period of 5 years) – extension to time period for a further 3 years | Land East Of Loch Nan, Gartnagrenach Forest, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute |
| 21/01126/PP | Demolition of existing kennels, erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and water treatment/tool shed, installation of sewage treatment plant and upgrade of existing access | Land East Of Gortan Cottage, Carse, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute |
| 21/01250/PP | Alterations, erection of single storey rear extension, installation of external flue and change of use of flower shop (Class 1) to takeaway premises (Sui-Generis) | 25 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JL |
| 21/01198/PPP | Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 17/01474/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank) | Land North East Of Skerrish, Glenbarr, Argyll And Bute |
| 21/00903/PPP | Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and detached outbuilding/garage | Land North Of Taigh Mohr (Plot 2), Laggan Wood, Kilmartin, Argyll And Bute |
| 21/00674/PP | Installation of an 18-panel domestic ground-mounted solar PV array | Taynish House, Taynish Road, Taynish Mill, Tayvallich, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8PW |
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Innes and Kirsty Mochrie from Lochgilphead. Photograph: Gavin Brown.



Duncan MacLean from Lochgilphead and Del Galbraith, Minard. Photograph: Gavin Brown.

Rally crews fly at Machrihanish

Months of frustration and boredom exploded on to the runways and perimeter roads at Machrihanish when the 2021 Marshall Construction Scottish Tarmac Championship opened for business on the weekend of July 10/11, writes John Fife.

Organised by Dunfermline Car Club, this year's long-awaited Mach1 Stages was a non-spectator event and featured four 10-mile and four one-mile stages on the Saturday and four 13-mile stages on the Sunday.

Given the array of talent and new cars, accurate pre-event predictions were few and far between.

The rally was won for the third time by number one seeds Alistair and Colin Inglis, despite the fact they were having only their second run out in a new RHD Ford Fiesta R5.

They were followed home by two more Fiesta R5s, those of Gordon Morrison and Calum MacPherson and Tom Blackwood and Gordon

Winning completing a Ford Fiesta R5 podium lockout.

Results:

1 Alistair Inglis/Colin Inglis (Ford Fiesta R5) 97:49; 2 Gordon Morrison/Calum MacPherson (Ford Fiesta R5) +00:22; 3 Tom Blackwood/Gordon Winning (Ford Fiesta R5) +01:31; 4 Ian Forgan/Chris Lees (Ford Fiesta R5) +01:43; 5 Bruce Edwards/Jim Smith (Darran GTR) +03:15; 6 Kyle Adam/Steven Brown (Ford Escort Mk2) +04:15; 7 John Bradley/Ryan Crozier (Ford Mk2 Escort) +04:51; 8 Gerry Fitzelle/Mark Mason (Ford Escort Mk2) +05:36; 9 Alistair Dalglish/David Dalglish (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo9) +05:42; 10 Joe McQuillan/Shannon Turnbull (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo9) +06:10.

Class winners:

Cameron Craig/Terry Mallin (Peugeot 205); Jamie Miller/Ian McCulloch (Citroen C2-R2 Max); Bradley/Crozier; Edwards/Smith; Inglis/Inglis.

Second in class 2, Citroen C2, were brothers Robbie

and Keith McTaggart, with Campbeltown-based Robbie behind the wheel.

Tarbert's Keith said: 'We had a slow start on Saturday due to a few electrical problems with the car which lost us time over the first four stages.

'After rectifying the problem, we were very competitive in the last four stages of the day.

'Sunday was much the same story as we managed to keep pace with the class competition or do slightly better, resulting in a very strong second in class.'

The brothers are grateful to their sponsors: Campbeltown Motor Company, Corner House Tarbert and Cairndow Mechanical Services.

The 2021 Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge also got under way at the Machrihanish event when the excited crews lined up at the start line.

As the crews completed an excellent day's sport, the top step of the podium was filled by Archie Swinscoe and Barry Young - but who was going to

be second? By one second, Tom Johnstone managed to push Owen Paterson down to the third step before crews lined up at the end for the socially distanced photograph.

Junior 1000 results:

1 Archie Swinscoe/Barry Young (Skoda Citigo) 57:08; 2 Tom Johnstone/Ian McRae (Skoda Citigo) +01:53; 3 Owen Paterson/Callum Shanks (Peugeot 107) +01:54; 4 Letisha Conn/Emma Morrison (Skoda Citigo) +02:03; 5 Erica Winning/Ellya Gold (Nissan Micra) +10:51; 6 Rian Walker/Stuart McBride (Skoda Citigo) +40:50; 7 Max Speed/Alan Gilbert (Peugeot 107) F/F.

Visit www.jaggybunnet.co.uk for a detailed report on all the stages plus more rally news from around the country.

More photographs from the event at www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk/sport



Robbie MacTaggart, Campbeltown, and Keith MacTaggart, Tarbert. Photograph: Gavin Brown.



Winners Alistair and Colin Inglis. Photograph: Gavin Brown.

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MARRIAGE

CAMERON-MILLAR

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Fraser son of Jennifer and the late John, Southend, to Alison, eldest daughter of Robert and Myra, Machrihanish on Friday July 2, 2021 at Carskief House, Southend by Rev. Steve Fulcher. A long awaited special day.

MCFADYEN

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of David, eldest son of Billy and Pam McFadyen to Laura Jane, daughter of Jean McLachlan and Stuart McCallum, and step-daughter of John McLachlan, on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Carskief House, Southend. A very special day.

DEATH

KING - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on the July 7, 2021, Janet Danskin McCallum Taylor (Janeta) in her 81st Year, Robinhood Cottage, Waterfoot, Carradale, and formerly of Burnside, Glasgow, dearly beloved wife of Frank King, much loved mum of Graeme, Stuart and Niall, loving grandma of Rebekka, Robson, Adelle and James and a loving sister of Wilma. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Janeta's funeral will take place on Friday,

July 23, in Carradale. The cortege will leave Saddell and Carradale Parish Church at 1pm. Travelling through the village to the harbour before going to Brackley Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Janeta may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MACLEAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on July 15, 2021, Malcolm Stewart MacLean (Calum) in his 75th year, Calrose, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Roselyn Farmer, much loved dad of Julie and the late Greig, father-in-law of Charles and adored papa of Erin and Niamh.

WILLIS - Peacefully, after a long struggle, with her family by her side, on July 20, 2021, Isabella Willis (Issy MacVicar) in her 55th year of 7 Meadows Place, Lochgilphead and formerly of Ford. Beloved youngest daughter of Flora and the late Donald MacVicar. Cherished Mum of Nicky, a much respected mother-in-law of John and adored Granny of Alexander. Dearly loved sister of Mags, Iain and Archie. A special aunt, niece and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A graveside service will be held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Wednesday July 28, 2021, at 12noon.

For those wishing to pay their respects the funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.45am, travelling along Bishopton Road, passing the Riverside en route to Achnabreac Cemetery. Please observe social distancing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DICKSON - The family of the late Nan Dickson, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfenaig Care Home, for the excellent care and attention Nan received during her stay there, thanks also to Rev Rodger Crooks for his Service at Carrick Cemetery, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Piper Iain Campbell for his excellent playing and to everyone who lined the route to the Cemetery to pay their respects, it was very much appreciated by the family.

MAULE - Alistair and Susan would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, messages of support and cards received following the sad loss of Betty. Special thanks to the staff of Glenaray Ward for their kind care and attention given to Betty.

Our thanks are extended to Rev. Dorothy Wallace for a personal and uplifting service; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for dignified and professional services; to the Cairnbaan Hotel for fine purvey. Finally our thanks to all who paid their respects as the funeral cortege made its way to Achnabreac Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

GAULD - In loving memory of my dearest husband John, who passed away on July 22, 2020, dearly loved and remembered every day, always in my heart. 'It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone, A part of us went with you, The day God took you home'. Thinking of you always, - Margaret and all the family.

MACGILP - In loving memory of Alasdair who died July 24, 2017. Loving you always, forgetting you never In our hearts you will stay forever. -Sina and family

THOMSON - In loving memory of Graham, sadly taken on July 26, 2019. A loving husband, father, father-in-law, papa and granda. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts - Love Esther and family. Ne Obliviscaris

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Record-breaking athlete Murray

A rising athletics star shone at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus Sports Day at the end of May.

S3 pupil Murray MacDonald contested six individual events and a relay race.

He won all six events – and the relay – and set new school records in the four field events. His 5.40m long jump, 1.50m clearance high jump followed by a 13.10m shot putt and 28.22m javelin throw were all records previously set between 2004 and 2007. Murray still had the time and energy to win the 80m and 800m track events.

Mid Argyll Athletics Club coach and stalwart of Argyll athletics Bill MacCallum said: 'Congratulations to Murray on his amazing performance.'

Inveraray scratch trophy heads back to Tarbert

The Inveraray Gents Open was held on Saturday July 17.

With excellent playing conditions, the course proved a difficult test for competing golfers. The scratch category provided the tightest of finishes, with three players finishing on 82. The result was settled by countback over the final six holes.

The winner of the scratch competition was Bruce McLean of Tarbert Golf Club, who narrowly edged out Peter McLean, also from Tarbert.

Third spot went to Steven Gilmour of Machrihanish Golf Club.

In the nett competition, the prizes were all won by Inveraray players. John MacDonald won the title with DJ MacDonald second after he beat Duncan Robertson on countback with a better inward nine.

Duncan Robertson also won the trophy for best Inveraray scratch score with



From left: overall scratch winner Bruce McLean, left, with nett champion John MacDonald and best Inveraray scratch scorer Duncan Robertson.

an 86. The club thanks all the visiting players from Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Carradale, Torrance House, Dalmally,

Machrihanish, Glencruitten, Cardross, Whitecraigs, Dunaverty and Cowglen golf clubs for supporting the event.

Inveraray Golf Club also thanks The George Hotel for its continued sponsorship of the event.

Archie MacNab trophy success for Malcolm

Another wonderful Saturday at Glenralloch was enjoyed by everyone who gathered for the second round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup.

The Tarbert course is in superb condition with the greens as good as anywhere.

Malcolm McAlpine enjoyed a seven-shot lead going into the second round and although he couldn't match his incredible first round, he added 34 points to give a total of 81.

This gave him a comfortable five-shot victory over Bruce MacNab on 76 and John MacNab on 75. The best scores on the day were from B MacNab on 38, JS MacNab on 37 and Duncan Johnstone 37.

Tarbert brothers Bruce and Peter McLean enjoyed success at the Inveraray Open with Bruce edging out Peter on the better inward half to take the scratch prize.

The ladies recently completed their club championship with Angela Vernel winning the title.

The GolfinScotland Par 3 Open, open to ladies and gents, takes place on Saturday July 24. The winner will head to Swanston New Golf Club in August for the chance of heading to Sawgrass, Florida, home of The Players Championship.

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Chris McIntosh.

Golfer Chris steals the show at sunny Lochgilphead

Lochgilphead Golf Club gents headed out on Saturday July 17 to play the third of their charity cup rounds.

Conditions on the course were excellent and the golf matched it.

The winner was David MacKinnon with a six-under-par score of 58, beating Graham Dick by four strokes.

Excellent scores were the name of the game for the ladies too as they competed for their July medal. Donna McKellar

returned a fantastic seven-under-par score of 59, beating Kathleen Young by five strokes.

On Sunday, it was The Captain William Todd trophy, which is open to all ages. There was a great turnout and competition was fierce with more excellent scoring. Chris McIntosh stole the show with a fantastic 46 points, beating Keith Cowan by three points. Some handicap reductions will be following.

On Friday, junior members Alexander Cunningham, Lilly Cameron and Kenzi Campbell represented the club in a flag competition at Buchanan Castle Golf Club organised by Scottish Golf.

They had a great day and came away with second place.

■ We have been asked to point out that Kenny Crawford's winning score in the Lochgilphead gents open on July 3 was 58, not 59, as reported in our July 9 edition.



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