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We local HANG Spirited revival for Vital Spark

by Fiona Ross editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Inveraray's iconic puffer ship is to be transformed into Scotland's first floating distillery.

The Vital Spark's new owner, Ricky Christie, plans to distil rum on board the 77-year-old vessel and has started work on getting her ready for her new incarnation.

Named after Neil Munro's fictional puffer from the Para Handy series, the Vital Spark was bought two months ago by Ricky, owner of the North of Scotland Distilling Company.

'Transforming this wonderful old ship into Scotland's first floating distillery will marry the vessel's history with its place in the 21st century,' said Ricky. 'I've been working in the whisky industry for almost 50 years and set up Scotland's first craft distillery.

'Now I want to contribute to the Inveraray community by bringing new life to the Vital Spark. It was important to me to immediately tidy her up as soon as I took ownership so that she could bring pride to the town again.'

Ricky contracted marine specialists to shot blast the ship's hull and the hold to clean the exterior and will be looking to employ local tradespeople for the continuing refurbishment. 'We need carpenters, electricians and decorators,' he explained. 'We want to work with local trades and to bring the community as a whole on

board.' Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers has spoken to Ricky about his plans and said she hoped the proposals would tie in well with the community's plans for the pier. 'I think what Ricky's planning could work really well with the community's bid to buy the pier,' she said.

'He's already made a difference to the area by cleaning up and painting the Vital Spark so it's no longer an eyesore, but a real asset for Inveraray. I'm hoping we can work together for years to come.'

A £100,000 fundraising drive was launched last year by the community to buy and restore the stone part of the pier in the hope of re-opening it and allowing people back on to tie up boats, launch dinghies, paddle boards or kayaks and land crew and passengers from larger boats.

'I've always considered Inveraray a beautiful spot,' said Ricky. 'Unfortunately both the pier and the puffer had fallen into disrepair. I want to do what I can to help the town have a complete waterfront again. My dad was a naval officer before he got into the whisky business. We used to read the Para Handy books together and when, by accident, I came across the advert for the Vital Spark I decided I wanted to make her the 'smertest boat in the tred' again. Also, I lost my wife Cil last year and she was my vital spark. She set a high bar and, with this project, I want to make her proud.'

Work on the vessel is focussing on weatherproofing with an interim hold-cover being constructed.

'I want it shipshape and to withstand the weather, but we won't be completing the renovation until we have the exact specifications of the still we're going to install,' said Ricky.

Talks are ongoing with Forsyths still-makers on equipment for the floating distillery. 'I want to distil rum because of its seafaring connotations,' Ricky explained, 'but also because it's easier to distil, more manageable.'

In addition to producing the new brand of rum the owner is keen to get the Vital Spark back on the move. 'The main thing is I will not compromise the boat's visual aspect. The goal is to leave the boat in a better condition than I found it'



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The Vital Spark. Its new owner has plans to turn it into Scotland's first floating distillery.



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Behave on single-track roads, says sheriff **POLICE** FILES

With many tourists lacking experience of driving on single-track roads, motorists should remember to keep their frustrations in check.

That was the message from Sheriff Patrick Hughes at the end of a Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial last week during which he heard that one motorist became so frustrated when delayed that he and another family member blocked the road. They thought this was the only way they could get the slower driver to use a passing place.

David Murgatroyd, aged 57, of 11 South Ridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, was found not guilty of dangerous driving but guilty of behaving in a threatening and abusive manner, following a car and thereafter exiting his own vehicle and shouting, swearing, acting in an aggressive manner and ut-



Motorists are being asked to keep their frustrations in check when facing those less experienced on single-track roads.

tering an abusive remark. The sheriff said that the most concerning element of evidence was the fact members of the public set up an impromptu road block and how frightening it must have been for the couple blocked in by strangers. Sheriff Hughes said that the hundreds, if not thousands, of tourists across the West

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Safe Walking Times

Highlands who did not normally use these roads could cause frustration for more experienced drivers but that is no excuse. 'It gives me no pleasure in seeing a person of your age coming before the court as a first-time offender,' said the sheriff as he fined Murgatroyd, a financial director, £100 plus a £10 victim surcharge. The

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incident happened on August 3 2019 on the B8024 road from Kilberry to the A83 just south of Tarbert.

The Murgatroyd family and the other couple were staying at Port Ban Holiday Park but were unknown to each other; all were heading south. The Murgatroyd party split between two cars, setting off at different times to catch the Gigha ferry and the others to another campsite in Kintyre.

The couple's car was travelling in between the two family cars. When Murgatroyd's car caught up with the slower-moving couple he said he flashed his headlights and sounded the horn once to make them aware of his presence and as a way of asking them to pull into a passing space to let him overtake. For around eight miles and 24 passing places the car kept to low speeds and

would not pull over, he said, adding: 'He was intentionally trving to provoke.

The occupants of the first Murgatroyd family car were worried by the delay and telephoned the occupants of the other car. The family decided the only way they would get to the ferry in time would be for their first car to drive back, stopping the other car and ask them to let their second car through. The driver of the slow moving vehicle denied his slow speed was deliberate; he did not feel safe going any faster. His partner, who filmed part

of the encounter, said: 'I was terrified, absolutely terrified.' The camera phone footage

Murgatroyd family report what had happened.



warnings for thunderstorms and heavy rain forced the Rest and be Thankful to close this week, Military Road.

along the A83's parallel route through Glen Croe from 8pm on Tuesday after the Met Office issued amber warnings for thunderstorms and rain across most of mainland Scotland un-Construction work continues

area, including development of further debris catch-pits and improvements to hillside drainage. BEAR Scotland's North West representative Eddie Ross said on Tuesday: 'We've been

assessing the weather forecast over the next few days and have taken the decision along

was shown in court. The made the ferry in time and the other couple went straight to Campbeltown Police Station to



Assault charge

A man was allegedly assaulted by a woman about 9.10pm on Saturday July 24 at Kilmichael Glassary. A 63-year-old woman was subsequently charged with assault and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving

About 3.40pm on Thursday July 22, on the B8024 near Tarbert, the driver of a car allegedly overtook a cyclist and made contact with the rider. The driver of the vehicle, a navy Jaguar, was then reportedly abusive to the cyclist. A complaint of failing to report an accident and abusive behaviour has been recorded and police are continuing enquiries into the matter. Anyone with any information should contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Theft

A dinghy was stolen from Ardrishaig boat vard sometime between Thursday July 1 and Friday July 23. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with information about the theft of the grey Wavego 2.3m dingy, to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Dangerous driving

Police patrolling the A83 near Clachan on Saturday July 24 about 11.40am saw a lorry overtake another vehicle in a manner deemed to be dangerous. The 60-year-old driver was charged with dangerous driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.



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Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight before you go

In an emergency, dial 999 and ask for the Coastquard Gampbeltown

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with traffic diverted to the Old The diversion was set up

til 6am on Thursday morning. on strengthening the landslide mitigation measures in the

with Transport Scotland to direct all traffic to use the Old Military Road as a safety precaution.

'The forecast has indicated heavy rain throughout the night. It is difficult to monitor the impact of this on the hillside during the hours of darkness, with further heavy rain expected through the morning.

We're continuing to put road user safety first and will therefore reinstate the Old Military Road from 8pm as a precaution. He said the area would be assessed the following day to see if it was safe to re-open. 'Teams are continuing to

pay close attention to weather conditions in the area and are monitoring the hillside for any changes. As ever, we thank all road users for their patience in advance while we continue with our work.'

Argyll coastguard urges public to be water aware

by Fiona Ross editor@argyllshireadver

Following tragic drownings in Loch Lomond at the weekend, Argyll coastguards have called for visitors to the coast to take heed of the dangers around open water.

Coastal operations area commander for Argyll and the Isles Dave Graham said: 'We want to see people visiting our beautiful coastline in Argyll enjoy themselves safely and take away only happy memories.'

His comments come after HM Coastguard reported a tragically high number of accidental drownings around the UK coastline in the last few weeks.

The commander appealed for the public to follow safety advice by checking tide times and remember the sea has currents,



hidden depths and rip currents that can't easily be seen.

He also urged beach-goers to leave inflatables at home and always ensure they have a fully charged phone with them and call 999 and ask for the coastguard if they need to.

'Be careful,' Dave added. 'Think twice about what you're doing at the coast that might put you, your family and friends and even those who come to rescue you in danger. Watch out for each other and those you love. Get home safe.' The commander spoke to the Argyllshire Advertiser after a weekend of training exercises



held at Crinan basin involving Coastguard rescue teams from Tarbert, Crinan and Inveraray. The aim of the exercise was to test the understanding of roles and responsibility during a lost and missing person search, demonstrate the response and demonstrate use of the coastguard's deployable incident command post and mobile VHF aerial.

Dave said: 'All three teams, led by their station officers,

worked as one and performed very well to achieve their aims and find the missing person, in this case a training rescue dummy.'

All coastguard rescue teams are trained in lost and missing

Argyll coastguard teams practise crucial search skills at Crinan Basin.

person searches so they can respond effectively to people in danger at the coast.

Dave added: 'We're very proud of our coastguard rescue officers in Argyll.

'The dedication to training and incident tasking is exceptional, especially considering they are all volunteers and do this over and above other work and family commitments. My team and I can't thank them enough.'

To find out more about volunteering for HM Coastguard visit www.gov.uk/volunteer-as-a-coastguard or email area17@mcga.gov.uk





Sculptor Harriet Mead works in Carsaig on her new creation inspired by the Sound of Jura.



Wildlife artist Chris Rose dives for inspiration in the waters off Danna.

Sound of Jura celebrated by underwater artists

by Fiona Ross editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Four members of the society of wildlife artists have snorkelled, sketched and explored the waters around Danna, Tayvallich and Carsaig as part of an underwater art project.

The unusual event was organised to celebrate the Sound of Jura's designation as an international Hope Spot, part of a global network of worldclass waters recognised for their richness and diversity.

The week-long event culminated in an artists' meet and greet at Tayvallich on Saturday where locals and visitors could see the art produced and discuss it with the creators.

Wildlife painters John Threlfall, Esther Tyson and Chris Rose drew underwater with pencil on heavy paper, then applied paint when they got back to dry land. They were joined by welder Harriet Mead, who collected donations of scrap steel and unwanted tools from locals to create intricate sculptures inspired by her swims in the Sound.

'The artists were amazed at the richness of the marine life in the Hope Spot,' said event organiser and Tayvallich resident Jane Smith. 'They were lucky with the weather because the sunlight made the orange sponges and pink corals glow under water. The surface of the sea looks uniform, but when you put your head under the water there are so many shapes and colours of seaweed, shoals of fish, anemones, crabs and sometimes bizarre creatures that we had never encountered before and had no idea what they were.'

Pension complaints upheld by report

Campaigners across Argyll and Bute have had their complaints about pensions upheld by the parliamentary ombudsman.

The Argyll and Isles Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group says its years of campaigning have been vindicated by last week's Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report which says the government failed to communicate state pension age changes for women.

Approximately 6,700 women in Argyll and Bute are affected by changes brought into force to bring female pension rules in line with those for men.

'I have lost £50,000 due to the changes,' explained co-founder of WASPI Argyll and Isles Ann Greer. 'It's not the change itself but the lack of communication which we are angry about. It's time for the UK government to fully compensate all women affected by state pension age maladministration.' The ombudsman's report states: 'We consider that, if the Department for Work and Pensions had made a reasonable decision in August 2005 and then acted promptly, it would have written to affected women to tell them about changes to their State Pension age by, at the latest, December 2006.

'This is 28 months earlier than DWP actually wrote to them. It follows that these women should have had at least 28 months' more individual notice of the changes than they got. The opportunity that additional notice would have given them to adjust their retirement plans was lost.'

Ann said: 'We need action to remedy this or even more older women will be living in poverty, exacerbated by gender pay and the pension gap. We await further updates from WASPI UK and its legal team as to the next stage in the process.'



Argyll and the Isles WASPI group welcomes the report.

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Have a holiday in your garden

August is usually the month when many of us go on holiday and leave our gardens to fend for themselves.

But this year is slightly different, with a lot of us either staying at home or opting for getaways in the UK.

If you are planning a trip away from home then a little thought before you go and some tender loving care when you return will be enough to make sure your garden survives the summer.

Try and arrange to have your containers and baskets watered, bearing in mind water saving advice, or set up a system that can supply water on a regular basis to your tubs and baskets.

Move any baskets and containers out of full sun to a position where they are shaded at the height of the day.

Stand terracotta pots on gravel trays topped up with water, so the pots can gradually absorb the reservoir of liquid or make a few holes in the lid of a plastic water bottle, cut off the bottom of the bottle, turn upside down into the plant compost then fill with water, which slowly drips into the soil.

You can apply the same watering principles to your veg patch as well. August and September

are months of gathering, harvesting, bottling and jam



th making for all 'grow your own' to gardeners. If the weather remains good

in some areas, however, you can still sow quick-maturing salad crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and chicory. Create your own 'moveable'

salad patch by planting them

in troughs and containers. Cherry tomatoes from the vine, sweetcorn on the barbeque, a warm salad of tender green beans and a home grown side salad, with some flowers for the table picked from the garden - lovely!

A sweetly fragrant plant that

Sweetly fragrant Phlox works well as a cut flower but can also be used to attract bees and insects into the garden.

works well as a cut flower but can also be used to attract bees and insects into the garden is Phlox.

Flowering in mid-summer through to the end of the autumn, Phlox is a superb hardy herbaceous perennial originally from North America,

Properties

with scented star-shaped pink, white and purple/blue flowers. It is the ideal border plant, often used in cottage gardens, but is also good as a cut flower and can grow quite tall so may need some support.

Phlox likes a well-nourished soil that has been enriched with rotted compost or manure and prefers full sun, although it can tolerate partial shade. In late autumn, cut the stems down to the base then mulch in early spring.

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential but other jobs for this month from the Royal Horticultural Society include:

Deadhead flowering plants regularly

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Wind farm funding boost for walkers and pipers

A village community and two pipe bands have been given a cash boost from an Argyll wind farm fund, writes Fiona Ross.

Ventient A'Chruach The Wind Farm Community Fund has allocated £9,000 to three grassroots projects in Mid Argyll.

The funding, which was distributed by Foundation Scotland, saw the Lochgair Association awarded £1,650 to install an interpretation and information board to promote the environmental and historical assets of Lochgair.

The project will indicate to residents and visitors points of interest in and around the village, including paths for walking and cycling, spots for photography and opportunities to study wildlife and sites of historical interest.



Lochgair Association spokesperson said: 'We are all delighted to be given the goahead to develop an information and interpretation display board in Lochgair.

'This project was conceived by our keen naturalists, walkers, photographers and local history enthusiasts as a way of celebrating and highlighting our village's assets to our friends and relatives.' Two pipe bands also received

money in the latest awards. Loch Fyne Pipe Band received £1,320 to buy kilts, jackets and waistcoats for new members and members who have outgrown their existing Mid Argyll Pipe Band has welcomed the cash boost from the wind farm fund.

uniform. A band spokesperson said: 'This award means a huge amount to all of us at Loch Fyne Pipe Band.

'It costs almost £1,000 to kit out a piper and this kind grant will allow us to buy kilts and jackets for players who have very little in the way of uniform.

The second pipe band receiving funding was Mid

Argyll Pipe Band which received £5,977 for sheepskin bags, drumming tuition and full uniform for members in Lochgilphead, West loch Fyne and Dunadd.

A band spokesperson said: 'This funding will provide additional support for members of Mid Argyll Pipe Band to get the best experience from being part of the group.

'It will also assist us in our ethos of providing affordable tuition and gateways to the world of pipe bands for everyone who wishes to be part of our organisation, irrespective of background.'

Community fund co-ordi-nator for Foundation Scotland Eimear Cassidy said: 'It's wonderful to see the fund support many grassroots community groups in these challenging times.

Organisations throughout Mid Argyll can apply for the next round of funding through Foundation Scotland at https:// www.foundationscotland.org. uk/a-chruach



Looking for treasure above Kilmartin Glen.

New trail to unique treasures of the past and forest habitats

Kilmartin Museum and Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation (HAWO) have teamed up to form a treasure hunt trail.

Based at 12 sites in and around Kilmartin Glen and Knapdale, the self-guided route moves through the cultural and natural heritage world of Mid Argyll, visiting the Kilmartin Glen monuments, Argyll Beaver Centre, national nature reserves and forests.

Information is online at www.kilmartin.org/education and www.argyllbeavercentre.co.uk or from the Argyll Beaver Centre and Lochgilphead's Argyll Book Centre.

A Kilmartin Museum spokesperson said: 'We want to make the trail as accessible as possible so we have included links to web-based information to accompany each of the sites, especially helpful for those who cannot visit the area in person.'

Everyone taking part is being encouraged to take photographs at each site and post them to the Kilmartin Museum and HAWO Facebook and Instagram pages. A HAWO spokesperson added: 'We are really looking forward to seeing everyone's photographs of our beautiful area.

For those completing the trail's question sheet there is a chance to win an A4 portrait of their pet or favourite animal, drawn by HAWO ranger Oly Hemmings, and a signed copy of Kilmartin Museum's guide book, In the Footsteps of Kings.

Kilmartin Glen is home to internationally significant

prehistoric and early historic sites and monuments, making it one of Scotland's most important archaeological landscapes. The prehistoric monuments include the concentration densest of rock art anywhere in Britain, a unique Neolithic and Bronze Age linear cemetery, the remains of one of Scotland's largest timber circles and Dunadd Hill Fort which was first fortified around 2,400 years ago.

Knapdale Forest is home to an internationally important range of habitats and species. Temperate Rainforest is one of the rarest and most threatened habitats on Earth. Answer sheets can be emailed to info@ heartofargyllwildlife.org or education@kilmartin.org by August 31 or can be dropped in to Argyll Beaver Centre.

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New powerline goes live from **Inveraray through to Port Ann**

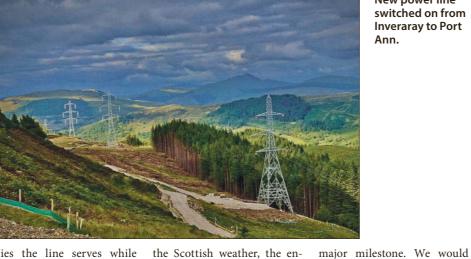
The switch was flicked this week on the first phase of multi-million-pound the Inveraray to Crossaig powerline project, transporting electricity as far as Port Ann, writes Fiona Ross

The first part of the line is now live after 21 months of work by SSEN Transmission and its delivery partner Balfour Beatty.

The 40-kilometre line has taken more than 750,000 manhours to deliver and has seen 129 new overhead line towers erected.

SSEN Transmission Project Director Keith Inglis said: 'This has been the first major upgrade to the transmission network in the region since its original construction during the 1950s.

'Energising this new section of line ensures a secure supply of electricity to the commu-



nities the line serves while also supporting the transition to net zero emissions and a low-carbon based economy.

'Energising on schedule is a testament to everyone's hard work and dedication, given the challenges presented by

the Scottish weather, the environment and landscape, and the unprecedented challenges associated with the pandemic. 'We fully appreciate the efforts of Balfour Beatty and the wider supply chain, that

have been key to reaching this

New power line switched on from **Inveraray to Port** Ann.

also like to thank the com-

munities along the route for

their interest and engagement

'This has been another key

factor in the successful deliv-

throughout the build.

ery of the project goals."

Pre-construction work on the second section, from Port Ann to Crossaig, is under way and has seen trees felled and access tracks created in preparation for the new line.

'It has been a great privilege to support SSEN Transmission with this critical infrastructure project,' said Balfour Beatty Operations Director Andy Smith.

'We look forward to helping it supply electricity to communities across the north of Scotland both now and in the future.

Once complete, it will initially operate at 132kV with the capacity to be upgraded to 275kV.

The network in the region will be reinforced to enable the connection of up to 600 MW of new renewable generation, as part of the transition to net zero emissions

Scenic cycle event returns to Kilberry

A 40-mile cycle event featuring some of Argyll's most scenic views has been given the goahead after being cancelled last vear.

The Kilberry Loop Sportive, organised by Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club and registered with British Cycling, will take place on Saturday August 7.

Starting at The Gather in Tarbert, the route takes cyclists north out of the village on the A83 before heading onto the B8024 single track road.

Cyclists then head east before following the West Loch Tarbert coast road north past Tarbert Golf Club before turning back onto the A83 to return to The Gather.

Event organiser John Hardie said: 'The Kilberry Loop has always been a fun, friendly event and this year we envisage an emphasis on having a great day out as we get used to being back together doing the things we enjoy. The last year has been difficult, but we're now seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.



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Argyll to host world's most luxurious endurance race

The world's most luxurious endurance race is coming to Argyll and entries are open for anyone willing to pay £15,499 for the pleasure.

Participants in the Highland Kings ultra-marathon will run 120 miles in four days, primarily through Argyll, camping each night on private estates with access to an athletes' lounge with physiotherapist, masseuse and hydrotherapy pools.

The day-long stages along the route from Glencoe to Arran finish first in Dalmally, then Loch Fyne, followed by Portavadie and finally Dougaire on Arran.

Along the route local suppliers and producers are set to benefit from the event which runs from April 25 to April 29 2022.

Spokesperson for event organisers Primal Adventures Rebecca Silva told the



Argyllshire Advertiser: 'The event is very much about using local suppliers and produce. We are actively working with people along the route to supply everything from camping grounds in private estates to ground transport and the boat to take runners to and from Arran.

'But, most importantly, we have Michelin-starred chefs doing the catering and they will be using local ingredients.' The run will be the first of its kind on Scottish soil, combining trail running over rugged west coast terrain with transfer by speedboat and luxury accommodation at the end of each day. Each runner will have their own bell tent that will be erected on their arrival each night by a support crew including coaches, mentors, physiotherapists, masseurs, nutritionists and Michelin chefs.

Among the coaches are an ex-commando with the Special Forces, a world champion sky-runner and the winner of the 130 kilometre Oman Ultra Trail race.

The event will culminate with a gala dinner on the final evening with explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes as guest speaker who welcomed the event's addition to the ultra



marathon circuit. 'Highland Kings brings together the best of Scotland across a breathtaking landscape for the trip of a lifetime,' he said.

Potential participants with enough cash but doubts about their fitness might be reassured to know the organisers

will offer a bit of hand-holding before and during the run. The event's website says: 'While Highland Kings is a four-day ultra-marathon over testing terrain, you do not have to be an elite athlete to take on the challenge. Our team will support you every The Highland Kings ultra-marathon will be the first of its kind on Scottish soil. Photograph: Scott Seefeldt/ Trashhouse Panda.

step of the way from sign-up through to April 2022. We'll help you progress mentally and physically for seven months in the lead-up. If you can jog for 30 minutes, complete a local parkrun or cycle for an hour, we're confident you can become a Highland King.'



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

Walk information

Route: Cnoc nam Broighleag from Loch Glashan car park Distance: 10kms (6.25 miles) Ascent: 480m Time: 4 - 5 hours Terrain: tracks, road and rough pathless terrain; uneven and steep, walking poles useful Map/s: OS Landranger 55 (1:50 000) OS Explorer 358 (1:25 000) Start/finish/parking: forestry car park Grid reference: NR923922 Public transport: nearest bus routes 428, 926. Lochgair Hotel Toilets: No

Many know and regularly climb the Scottish Munros, sometimes unwittingly because the hill is there or a hill bagger wants to complete a round.

Many also know and ascend the many Corbetts - Scottish hills with a height of 2,500 – 2,999 feet with a 500-foot drop all round.

Then there are the Grahams, Donalds, Marilyns, Tumps and Humps.

Of these, the Marilyns make a fine list. Compiled by Alan Dawson, the Marilyns are hills with at least a 150m drop all round.

They include many Munros, Corbetts, Grahams and sub-2,000 hills.

There are 2,009 of them in the British Isles and 1,218 of them in Scotland.

Argyll, alone, has 174, with 15 lying on the mainland between Inveraray and the Mull of Kintyre.

The wee hill of Cnoc nam Broighleag is one of them.

Reaching it is not straightforward because of forestry but once up it has fine views and is a mass of purple heather and blaeberries in summer.

This round also takes in the West Top - a Tump - and smaller hilltops to the south and west which show off the interesting geology of this corner of Argyll.

From the car park, head west along the road towards Loch Glashan, taking the right hand fork after 350m.

The road drops you under the dam. Ignore the first right and left - dead ends - and continue down to the hairpin bend over the burn before heading north west to the top end of the dam. Your first view down Loch Glashan offers a good view of the dam, part of the Loch Gair Hydro-electric Power Scheme. Back in the 1960s, when the reservoir was partially drained, evidence of an old Crannog, an early Christian-



Viking dugout canoe, paddle and many other remains were excavated, harking back to an age when it was just a small loch. Continue past the dam for 150m and turn sharp right onto a forest track heading south east. Follow this for 850m to another fork.

Turn left onto the less-used track, now a haven for wildflowers, butterflies and bees. Keep your eyes open for wild strawberries.

Continue for a further 850m. The track rises gently, crossing a burn on a zig-zag, passing a turning area on your right before reaching a small burn.

Directly after the burn, at NR933931, you will see an overgrown heathery track with a ditch to its right heading straight up into the forest*.

You will need to take this, but it is easier to follow the ditch initially to get past a few overgrown trees.

Hopping on to it higher up,

deer have created a narrow path through the long heather before the track enters the forest.

Keep going until you emerge from the trees.

Look ahead and up to your right - east - you will see a small col you need to reach to the right of some craggy ground. It is easy enough to contour straight across in winter but when the bracken is up it is easier to drop right then up the side of the bracken joining a bit of a deer track. This also comes up from the firebreak* which meanders up to the col.

Once the ground flattens out at the col, keep left beside the high ground heading north east until you reach a fence corner.

Now head left along the fence over a small rise, 60m.

To the north you will see Cnoc nam Broighleag's West Top and Cnoc nam Broighleag summit to the right, above



Lochan Dubh. It is easiest to head for the col between them then ascend each from this point, starting with the West Top. A direct ascent can be made but the heather is very long.

You are also now in blaeberry

heaven. Your walk may now be delayed if you like them as much as we do.

After summiting, leave the trig point heading north along a pleasant meandering ridge to Creag Chaise, just 0.75km away. It is very pretty when

Safety in the outdoors

The described routes and accompanying information are there to be used as a guide and do not replace the use of map and compass and the skills required to use them.

While every effort is made to ensure the route is accurate at the time of publication, please be aware track and path closures can happen at any time.

All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Please continue to adhere to current guidelines as set out by the government, exercise responsibly and use appropriate clothing and equipment for your chosen outdoor activity. Inform a contact about your route/whereabouts.

Don't forget a phone, snacks, drink, any medication/first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions. Most walks are dog friendly but please keep your dog under close control, especially around livestock and wildlife. Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.



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the Blaeberry

the heather is purple against the lush greens and the small ridges are lovely on a summer's day. Its small summit lies above a small col over a fence. From Creag Chaise you can see your next target, a small hill across a lush green valley and some ridges to the southwest.

Return along the ridge for 120m to the small col and fence.

You can follow the north side of this down to the valley bottom, go through the gate then head east to where the fence goes over a small ridge ahead. It is best to keep south of the fence nearer the trees where it is drier underfoot before veering to the tiny col.

You are essentially following the fence south east then south west but it is drier to head south straight up onto the small ridge from the col.Follow this to its end before dropping south back towards the fence and heading up the right hand side of the valley.

Where the fence and valley come together after a bend in



Map of the route.

the fence cross it after 10-15m and head south up through the long heather to the small summit of Creag Fheargach. There are fabulous views up and down Loch Fyne. From the summit, head north to the fence - keeping slightly right is easier underfoot but beware of holes in the heather. Cross the fence and head left,

south west, on the col and drop



The hill loch of Lochan Dubh.

down. Keep right and head towards Lochan Dubh. This has hundreds of water lilies in early summer and is a haven for wildlife.

Skirting southward on the eastern edge of the lochan directly next to it is easiest for the most part – you will cross its outflow then after 200m reach its south west corner. Continue south west and you will reach the fence you originally ascended to. Follow it left until you reach its corner and cross to retrace your steps back down to the forest track or firebreak.

*An alternative is to walk on for a further two minutes and take a firebreak on the left just after some logs lying across a ditch. Keep left until the ground opens out, then a route can be made up to the col, evidence of a deer track helping through the bracken. Whichever route you use it is probably easier to use the same one coming back.

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The Highland Kings ultra marathon's five-figure price tag has enraged fell runners and endurance athletes who have taken to social media to express their disapproval.

Mountaineer Cameron McNeish has called the event 'completely bonkers' and 'a direct antithesis of what ultra-marathons are about'.

At a cost of £129 a mile to run around Argyll, an area which celebrates its free and open countryside, the event might seem ludicrous to those of us who swim, cycle and run here every day. It throws into sharp relief the struggles communities face to sustain their economies, particularly at this challenging time. However, with barriers to international tourism set to continue, perhaps we should welcome any crumbs that might fall from these athletic visitors' Michelin-starred table.

For fitness fans with shallower pockets or more thrifty inclination there's a splendid alternative. The Kilberry Loop Sportive is back to take cyclists on one of the UK's most spectacular routes overlooking Jura, Islay and Gigha. The event's £25 entrance fee is simply to cover costs, but in the event of any cash left over it will head straight for the coffers of Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club.

There are still spaces left for both events; the choice is yours.

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Myrtle the Turtle brings a smile to Minard

Sir, Please find attached a portrait of Myrtle the Turtle. Myrtle likes to relax on Minard beach during the summer.

As you can see, she recently had a makeover when my family and I enjoyed another sunny day in Argyll.

I hope she continues to cheer up the passing visitors and locals.

I would like to thank the very kind lady working in Kintyre Electrical and Hardware in Tarbert.

When I told her my plan, she gave me the green paint pot free of charge. What a lovely gesture. Martin Ball, via email.

Afternoon tea to support breast cancer charity

Sir, As someone who has recently lost a loved one to breast cancer, I've seen first-hand the devastating impact this disease can have.

Four days before the UK went into national lockdown, I lost my beautiful mum to secondary breast cancer.

I was 11 weeks from giving birth to my daughter Sofia Lily. She would have been my mum's first grandchild.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented situation for us all, but losing my mum and grieving during this time has been incredibly difficult.

I desperately want to do everything I can to support Breast Cancer Now, which provides essential support services so that people living with the disease, like my mum, are supported all the way through their breast cancer experience. But they can only do so with your readers' help.

Since the start of the pandemic, Breast Cancer Now has faced huge disruption. Its researchers lost thousands of precious hours in the labs and they've been forced to cancel hundreds of community support events, taking away a crucial lifeline for many.

That's why I'm joining the thousands of others across the UK and having an afternoon tea this August. Whether it's a cuppa in the garden or

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Myrtle the Turtle has been given a make-over.

delivering delicious treats to friends, anyone can take part. And no matter how you choose to have your afternoon tea, all money raised will help Breast Cancer Now provide world-class research and life-changing support for anyone affected by breast cancer.

So if there was ever a time to pop the kettle on and get baking, that time is now.

To claim a free fundraising pack register at breastcancernow.org/cuppa

Andrea Springthorpe, Breast Cancer Now supporter.

Pancreatic cancer patients are starving

Sir

Shockingly, despite pancreatic cancer being one of the deadliest common cancers, half of all diagnosed patients are not prescribed the inexpensive tablets they need to stop them starving.

As chief executive of Pancreatic Cancer UK, I am deeply concerned so many patients are missing out on this medication – called Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT) – which is just as vital for people with pancreatic cancer as insulin is for those with diabetes. There is a lack of awareness among health professionals, who do a wonderful job caring for people, but don't specialise in the disease or treat pancreatic cancer patients as frequently as those with other more common types of cancer. PERT enables patients to digest food, helping

them to tolerate treatment and to manage debilitating symptoms from the cancer – including pain, diarrhoea and extreme weight loss.

A simple prescription could give so many people with incurable pancreatic cancer more – and better quality – time with their loved ones.

We need action across the NHS to raise awareness of PERT tablets and ensure everyone who needs them is prescribed them.

No-one should have to watch someone they love waste away from pancreatic cancer.

More than 26,000 people have already joined our Transform Lives: Prescribe campaign, urging the NHS to implement targets to make sure PERT tablets are prescribed routinely.

Readers can show their support for the campaign and help stop people with pancreatic cancer from starving at transformlives.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/

Diana Jupp, chief executive, Pancreatic Cancer UK.



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Thought for the Week

In this sunny weather, many of us head to a beach, perhaps to enjoy a swim or just have a leisurely stroll.

What better way to relax and enjoy Argyll's spectacular scenery?

At the start of his account of Jesus' life, Mark tells how Jesus walked along the beach beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two fishermen, brothers Simon and Andrew, hard at work.

Jesus stopped to talk with them, not about the weather or how successful their fishing was that day, but to call them to follow him. Jesus then walked a little further along the beach and called James and John, another two brothers who were also fishermen, to follow him too.

They knew exactly what Jesus was calling them to do. It was radical and life changing. He wanted them to leave their old way of life of catching fish to start on a completely new way of life of following him.

Things would never be the same for them again. Old attitudes, lifestyles and ambitions had to be abandoned to go the Jesus way.

Yet, without hesitation, they made the choice to leave everything to follow Jesus. Since then, many have heard Jesus call them - not audibly in person, but in the Bible - the trustworthy, accurate, eyewitness record of Jesus' words - and have made the choice to follow him, trusting him not just for this life, but also for eternity. It was

the best decision we ever made. As you next walk along our beautiful coastline, remember Jesus meeting the brothers and ask yourself, have I responded to Jesus and started to follow him as my Saviour and Lord?

Dr Rodger Crooks, Free Church of Scotland, Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

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Sailing club wind competition

While plans for this year's regatta have been blown off course by Covid restrictions, Tayvallich Sailing Club has its sights set on a raft of new activities.

On August 7, a flotilla of boats will head out to Loch Sween for a 'cruise-in-company' down the loch.

Back on dry land, there will be a 'guess the windspeed' competition running in the days building up to the event in which amateur meteorologists will bid to come up with the closest estimate of the windspeed on Jubilee Green at 2pm on August 7.

For a minimum donation of £2, guesses can be made and lodged at Tayvallich shop.

This competition is part of a fundraising drive aiming to offset the financial challenges the club has faced due to the pandemic.

Its annual regatta, which was cancelled last year, is a crucial source of cash to finance its operations, the large part of which is providing sailing instruction and boat safety skills to children aged between five and 15 years in the Tavvallich area.

The club aims to raise £1,500 to cover insurance and boat maintenance.

Organisers are also looking for sailing instructors to help with its Cygnets group which will start back at the beginning of the new school term.

The Cygnets, a class of young sailors, was established in 1995 to encourage children in the village to go boating safely.

Experienced sailors who would like to help get the next generation at the helm should contact Jilly Wilson at jilly@thesquarepegonline.co.uk

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Support Achamore Gardens

Shoppers can now support the renowned Achamore Gardens while buying their groceries. The popular visitor attraction has been shortlisted for a Tesco community grant and will be among nominated charities voted for by customers at the Campbeltown Tesco from now until September.

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The 54-acre garden was created by Colonel

Sir James Horlick, with the assistance of gar-

dener Kitty Lloyd Jones, in 1944 and is home to

Horlick's renowned rhododendron and camellia

collection as well as many unusual plants and

trees from around the world that thrive in the

Development manager Jane Millar said: 'The

grant will help the gardens buy additional

equipment and plants to develop smaller sec-

Community fuel depot plans

A new community fuel station on Tiree is a step

closer to reality after Argyll and Bute Council

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tions such as Horlicks first garden.'

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TIREE

awarded planning permission. The proposal by Tiree Enterprises Limited for the site at Crossapol, on land to the east of MacLeod's store, was approved this week.

No representations were received from members of the public to the proposed development which will see an unmanned petrol station with two underground tanks and one overground diesel tank built next to the store.

In addition to a camera and tannoy system to allow contact to be made between the store and customers filling up on the forecourt, the plans also include an automatic number plate recognition system linked to the payment terminal network.

A council planning officer said: 'This proposal is considered to represent an essential infrastructure project which will serve this small island community providing local economic benefit consistent with policies and guidance.

'No adverse comments have been received from consultees or third parties regarding the proposed development.'

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- 200g dried guinoa
- breasts, roughly shredded
- 4 red apples, cored and cut into bite sized pieces
- 4 celery sticks, thinly sliced
- Small bag of baby spinach leaves · Bunch of spring onions, trimmed and
- thinly sliced • 2 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and finely
- chopped, to serve · Small handful of fresh chives, finely chopped
- Small handful of fresh mint, finely chopped

Chicken and guinoa salad

• 200g fat-free natural fromage frais • 3 tbsp fat-free vinaigrette

• 2 tbsp roughly chopped bottled gherkins

Method

- 1. Cook the guinoa according to the packet instructions, then drain and set aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, put the chicken in a large salad bowl with the apples, celery, spinach and spring onions.
- 3. Mix all of the dressing ingredients together in a bowl and pour over the salad.
- 4. Add the cooked quinoa and toss to mix well. Scatter over the eggs and fresh herbs to serve.

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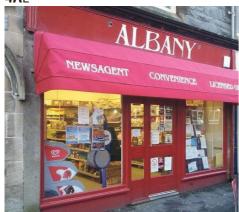


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Around the markets

Caledonian Marts Ltd, Stirling, Thursday July 22, sold 135 cattle comprised of 46 bullocks, heifers and young bulls and 58 OTM cattle as well as 31 calves and stirks.

Prime heifers averaged 248ppkg at 590Kg. Prime bullocks averaged 253ppkg at 612Kg.

at 612Kg. Prime heifers sold to 278ppkg for a Limousin twice from Learielaw, Broxburn and Penston, Macmerry purchased by G Kirk, Butchers, Denny, D Comrie, Butchers, Comrie and D Campbell, Butchers, Callandar respectfully and to £1633 for a Limousin from Bruckley, St Andrews purchased by T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk.

Prime Bullocks sold to 262ppkg Twice for a Limousin from Bruckley, 5t Andrews and Learielaw, Broxburn purchased by D Comrie, Butchers, Comrie and T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk and to £1642 for a Limousin again from Bruckley, 5t Andrews purchased by W Stark, Twechar. Bulls (Under 30 months) sold to 210ppkg for an Aberdeen Angus from Highland Wagyu, Dunblane and to £1555 for a Limousin from J H Garbutt, Sketewan. Pitlochrv.

Sketewan, Pitlochry. Other leading prices: Heifers per Kg 278p Learielaw (Twice) & Penston; 272p Learielaw; 268p Faskine; 265p Penston 260p Bruckley; Bullocks per Kg 262p Learielaw & Bruckley; 260p Faskine; 258p & 255p Penston. Heifers per Head £1633 Bruckley; £1851 & £1534 Learielaw; £1532 West Shirva; £1,517 Pirnhall. Bullocks per Head £1642 Bruckley; £1638 Nethermyres £1619 Learielaw; £1596 Faskine; £1582 Nethermyres. Also forward were 58 0TM Cattle with mainly feedings cows forward. The 0TMs averaged 143ppkg selling to 178ppkg for a Limoisin from J H Garbutt, Sketewan and to £1470 for a Simmental from J Graham, West Balgothrie. Dairy Cows sold to 138ppkg from J & J Kinloch, Walton and to £1160 for the Same Beast. Other leading prices: Beef OTMs per Kg 178p & 177p Sketewan; 175p Malletsheugh; 169p Gryffewraes; 168p West Balgothrie; 163p Learielaw. Beef OTMs per Head £1470 West Balgothrie; £1420 & £1370 Sketewan; £1290 Gartfairn; £1260 Blairsgreen. Dairy Cows per head £1160 Walton; £1030 Gibblaston; £960 Hillend (Twice)

Hillend (Twice) The next sale of prime cattle, young bulls, OTM Cattle and young calves and stirks will be on Thursday August 5.

United Auctions Stirling, Thursday July 22, sold 3,493 prime sheep comprising of 2,745 new season lambs to average 261.30ppk and 748 ewes and rams.

OI 2,745 new Season Tambs to average 261.30ppk and 748 ewes and rams. New Season Lambs (2,745) – Cretlevane (Tex) £140.00; Wester Balgair (Tex) £138.00; Wester Middleton (Tex) £136.00; Auchenrivoch & Woodhead of Aberdalgie (Tex) £135.00; Harviesmailing (BTex) £138.00; South Ballaird (BTexX) £134.00; Mid Derry (BTex) £133.00; Lintibert (BTex) £129.00 x2; Little Raith (Suf) £129.00; Kilmux (Suf) £128.50; Little Raith (Suf) £127.50; Crofthead (Suf) £126.50; Roughlands (Lley) £129.00; Harviesmailing (Cont) £126.00; Mid Derry (Blue Tex) £124.00; Drimsynie (Cha) £123.00; Bangour (Cha) £118.50; Sharry (Cha) £113.50; Blackcastle (Dor) £117.00; Ardgate (Mule) £94.50; Ardgate (BF) £91.00.

194.50; Ardgate (BF) 191.00. New Season Lambs (2,745) – High Milndovan & West Balgair (Tex) 305.00ppk; Easterton (Tex) 303.00ppk; South Dundonald (Tex) 300.00ppk; Hardiston (Tex) 293.00ppk; Harviesmailing (BTex) 294.00ppk; Oatfield (BTex) 292.00ppk; Cretlevane (BTex) 289.00ppk; Oatfield (BTex) 288.00ppk; Mid Derry (Blue Tex) 279.00ppk; Crofthead (Suf) 276.00ppk & 269.00ppk; Ardoch & Threepland (Suf) 266.00ppk; Wester Middleton (Tex) 265.00ppk; Shanry (Cha) 273.00ppk; Bangour (Cha) 260.00ppk x2; Shields (Con) 267.00ppk; Harviesmailing (Con) 252.00ppk; Blackcastle (Dor) 244.00ppk; Ardgate (Mule) 226.00ppk; Ardgate (BF) 222.00ppk.

Ewes (748) – Elmscleugh (Tex) £186.00; Tillyrie (Tex) £170.00; Westhall (Tex) £168.00; Wester Balgair (TexX) £151.00 x2; Wester Middleton (TexX) £151.00 x2; Wester Middleton (TexX) £151.00; Wester Balgair (Tex) £140.00; Lochend (BFL) £150.00; Dunbrach (BFL) £111.00; Blackcastle (Suf) £138.00; Wester Middleton (Suf) £134.00; Catcune (Suf) £132.00; Drimsynie (Cont) £139.00; Tillyrie (Cont) £132.00; Glenrig (Cont) £131.00; Shanry (Cont) £130.00; Drimsynie (SufX) £128.00; Fulfordlees (SufX) £124.00; Halkerston (SufX) £117.00; Assloss (Mule) £125.00; Tillyrie (Mule) £124.00; Wester Middleton (Mule) £120.00; Stacks (Mule) £118.00; Lossit (Chev/Mule) £124.00; Cowdens (Zwa) £119.00; Balthayock (Lley) £113.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £19.00& £488.00; Island View (BF) £90.00; Dykeneuk (BF) £89.00. Tups – Westhall (Suf) £169.00; Nether Birkwood (Tex) £164.00; Elmscleugh (Tex) (140.00)

£160.00; North Deanhead (BFL) £140.00. United Auctions, Stirling, Monday July 26, sold 6,006 store lambs and feeding

sheep at their opening sale. Averages: TexX- £88.45 (+£15.37) on the year BTexX- £87.39 (+£16.00) on the year SuffX- £87.25 (+£11.43) on the year Chev-£76.00 (+£16.00) on the year Mule- £81.10 (+£7.24) on the year Chev/Mule- £81.64 (+£10.47) on the year Leading prices: Store Lambs- Low Craigton (Suf) £104.00 & £100.50; Duntuim (Suf) £94.00; Nether Moneynut (Suf) £92.00; Falgunzeon (Tex) £112.00; Ashfield (Tex) £104.00; Nether Moneynut (Tex) £102.00; Townhead (BTex) £98.50; Low Tirfergus (BTex) £98.00; Kinburn (BTex) £97.00; Woodyett (Chev) £76.00; East Mitchelton (Mule) £92.50; Auchentiber (Mule) £88.00; Ardgate (Mule) £87.00; Low Tirfergus (Chev/Mule) £85.00.

Caledonian Marts Ltd, Stirling, Monday July 26, had forward 312 Store Cattle at their fortnightly sale.

Bullocks averaged 224ppkg selling to 250ppkg for a pen of Herefords from T M Drummond, Low Barbeth, Leswalt and to £1430 for a pen of Limousins from I Methven, Cattermills, Croftamie. Heifers averaged 221ppkg selling to 241ppkg for a pen of Limousins from W J F Ramsay & Sons, Cardryne, Stranraer and to £1210 for a Simmental from D Mckenzie, Ardgate, Gartocharn. Black & Whites averaged 189ppkg selling to 200ppkg from Low Barbeth, Leswalt and to £780 from A H S Drummond, Glenside, Stranraer. Other leading prices Bullocks per Head £1,480 Cattermills £1,460 & £1,330 Hill 0' Harthill £1,270 Hill 0' Harthill & Inshanks £1,220 Camregan £1,150 Inshanks £1,150 Cairney & Cardryne Heifers per Head £1,210 Ardgate £1,110 & £1,100 Camregan Bullocks per kg 250p Low Barbeth 249p Glenside Farm 247p Lochnell 245p Cardryne & Glenside 244p Inshanks Heifers per kg 241p Cardryne 237p Camregan (Twice) & Inshanks 232p & 231p Cardryne 230p Back Of Moss Our next sale of store cattle will be on Monday August 9.

United Auctions, Stirling, Wednesday July 21, sold 536 store cattle,107 rearing cattle, 151 out of spec cattle, cast cows and bulls, and 243 breeding sheep. Bullocks (254)– averaged 239.15p to 277.50p per kg for a 382kg SimX from Newpark, and to £1410 for a 627kg CHX from Mains. Dairy Bullocks (34) – averaged 194.07p to 204.00p per kg for a 429kg HFX from Mahaar, and to £1190 for a 625kg HFX from Mains. Heifers (231) – averaged 227.09p to 276.30p per kg for a 418kg CHX from Mahaar, and to £1385 for a 654kg CHX from Mahaar, and to £1385 for a 654kg CHX from Mahaar, and to £1385 for a 654kg CHX from Mahaar, and to £1386 for a LimX from Gateside, and to £1140 for a LimX from Sateside, and to £1570 for a LimX from Newpark, and to £1570 for a LimX from Newpark, Dairy Cows (28)- averaged 126.50p to 144.30p per kg for a HFX from Balgownie Mains, and to £1130 for a MOX from Claylands. Out of Spec Cattle (4)- averaged 217.36p to 225.10p per kg for a AAX from Towncroft, Gateside 225.30p; 301-350kgs - Colmslie £745, Gateside 225.30p; 301-350kgs - Colmslie £745, Gateside 225.30p; 301-350kgs - Cowans £1335, 275.60p; 501-551kgs - Cowans £1335, 275.60p; 501-551kgs - Cowans £1335, 275.60p; 501-551kgs - Gateside £855, 256.00p; 351-400kgs - Gateside £855, 276.30p; 451-500kgs - Low Drummore £1125, 239.40p; 501-551kgs - Laigh Glenstockadale £1190, 222.00p; 552-601kgs- Crookedstonemuir £1360, 246.40p; 652-701kgs- Mains £1385, 211.80p. Young Bulls: 251-300kgs- Greenyards £570, 205 00n: 351.400kgs - Greenyards £570, 205 00n: 351.400kgs - Greenyards £570,

652-701kg5-Mains £1385, 211.80p. Young Bulls: 251-300kgs- Greenyards £570, 205.00p; 351-400kgs- Greenyards £820, 232.00p; 401-450kgs- Gateside £990, 230.20p; 401-450kgs- Gateside £1140, 232.70. OTM Cows: £ per head- Newpark (Lim) £1570, Ardtornish (CH) £1550, Blackburn (Sim) £1510, Blackburn (Lui) £1370, Lindertis (AA) £1270, Towncroft

(BRB) £1250, Hunting Faulds (Sal) £1190, Claylands (MO) £1130, Muircot (HF) £1110. PPK- Newpark (Lim) 223.00ppk, Towncroft (AA) 222.40ppk, Blackburn (Lui) 210.30ppk, Balleny (CH) 209.30ppk, Blackburn (Sim) 206.90ppk, Townhead (BRB) 183.30ppk, Hunting Faulds (Sal) 163.90ppk, Auchnotteroch (HE) 161.50ppk, Balgownie Mains (HF) 144.30ppk. OTM Bulls: £ per head- Drumsleed (Sim) £1690, Drumsleed (BS) £1270, Auchencloigh (AA) £1070. PPK-10 Beechwood Dr. (Sim) 203.80ppk, Drumsleed (BS) 172.60ppk. Out of Spec Cattle: £ per head- Newhouse of Glamis (Lim) £1730, Auchencloich (AA) £1330, Hunting Faulds (Lui) £1290.

PPK-Towncroft (AA) 225.10ppk, Newhouse of Glamis (Lim) 218.40ppk, Hunting Faulds (Lui) 205.40ppk. Rearing: Cattle: United Auctions, Stirling, sold 107 rearing cattle. An excellent show of stirks was met with an even stronger trade with an ever increasing demand for stirks once again.

The sale was topped at £785 for a pen of 3 CHX blks from M/s Mitchell, Ardtornish, St. Andrews. On milk calves topped at £470 also from M/s Mitchell, Ardtornish.

Leading Stirk prices- Ardtornish (CHX) £785; Ardtornish (CHX) £720; Newpark (SimX) £725; Newpark (LimX) £720; Glenarthy (LimX) £705; Coldcothill (SalX) £670; Holmes of Caaf (BBBX) £400. On Milk prices-Ardtornish (SimX) £470; Ardtornish (CHX) £410; Towncroft (AAX) £440; Rossiebank (LimX) £365; Barbreck (LUIX) £380; Claylands (HO) £195. Store sheep: United Auctions, Stirling, sold 233 breeding sheep. Leading prices - Gimmers: Renton Home (SufX) £198.00; Wardhead (SufX) £195.00; Renton Home (SufX) £180.00; Kinaldy (Chev/Mule) £172.00. Ewes & lambs: Claylands (Suf ewes and Suf lambs) £112.00 per life.

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New Crofting Commission convenor

Mathieson has been appointed convener of the Crofting Commission following the resignation of Rod MacKenzie. Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands Gougeon invited Mairi Commissioners to select a new convener after the East Highlands commissioner stepped down from both roles. This change will remain until

the election of a new board in 2022.

Commissioner Mathieson said he was disappointed that Rod has resigned but said he would carry on the progress his predecessor had achieved over the past four years.

'Like all organisations, the past 12 months have been difficult with very little access

Lochaber's Malcolm Mathieson appointed following resignation

to Great Glen House and staff having to adjust to home working,' he added.

This has brought about challenges to the commission, but our staff have risen to that challenge and there are some exciting projects currently being undertaken which will continue to improve our operating performance over the next nine months.'

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Commissioner Mathieson is also a partner in Moy Farm, an 1,800-acre hill farm near Fort William. In addition, he is the owner of Lochaber Lodges, a diversification project of Moy Farm.

Malcolm understands crofting issues and crofting communities due to his family ties to Skye and North Uist.

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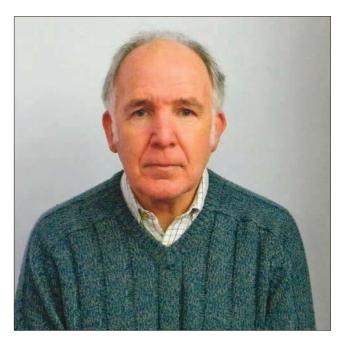
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Bill Barron, chief execu-tive officer of the Crofting Commission, commented: 'The management and staff of the commission were disappointed that Rod decided to leave the post of convener but are delighted continuity has been achieved by Malcolm being appointed as his replacement.

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Right: Malcolm Mathieson is the Crofting Commission's new convenor.





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Counting down to August 10

The SQA, Scottish Qualifications Authority, will announce Scottish Higher grades on Tuesday August 10.

SQA decided that all Scottish Higher students will receive teacher-assessed grades in 2021.

The grades are awarded on a student's performance in mock exams and course work; grades will be decided on the basis of up to four pieces of work from each student.

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20 FEATURE

Cùrsaichean Ceum aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig – Cuir iarrtas thugainn airson 2021/22!

A bheil thu am beachd do chuid Gàidhlig a thoirt air adhart gu ìre oilthigh? A bheil ùidh agad ann an eachdraidh is cultar na Gàidhlig no a bheil meas mòr agad air ceòl traidiseanta agus am bu mhath leat barrachd ionnsachadh? No is dòcha gum bu mhath leat Gàidhlig a theagasg agus a toirt do dhaoine eile?

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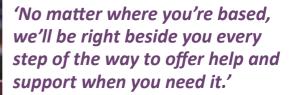
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Ben Alderton NC Music

"I've enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of a team to create an album from concept, to marketing, to production. I have also enjoyed being able to record music with others and experiment in



different genres I wouldn't usually play."

Alexandra Oancea: HNC Childhood Practice

"I am studying HNC

Childhood Practice to gain insight into the realities of an Early Years Practitioner through the placement offered with the course and as a stepping-stone to pursue a PGDE as a teacher. I have enjoyed the



exposure to online learning. The course was a good mix of team working online and self-study."



Why choose a career in the construction industry?

There have rarely been more employment opportunities in the UK construction industry than there are at present.

Companies are crying out for a new generation of qualified workers due to a skills shortage driven by new infrastructure projects, the UK government's plans to build 300,000 homes a year, digitalisation of the industry and a rate of retirement that's outstripping recruitment.

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Competitive pay

The construction industry is highly competitive, meaning that the salaries are, too. Most technical trainee roles can start on £25,000 a year, while more experienced technical workers can earn £45,000 and above. Trades roles including plant operation, bricklaying, scaffolding, groundworks, benching, paving and kerbing also pay well, generally, with higher skilled workers earning from £14-£20 per hour.



Variety and choice

The construction industry is extremely varied and offers something for everyone – from carpenters, plasterers, plumbers and bricklayers, to engineers, surveyors and project managers. What's more, no two jobs are the same or in the same location. This means you can work in a huge variety of projects during your career, and will have the opportunity to work across the country and, possibly, abroad.

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The wide variety of roles and projects brings many opportunities to progress. Construction is also viewed as a very meritocratic industry where hard work pays off – after all, many company CEOs started out at the bottom. And, unlike other sectors, construction workers are frequently presented with opportunities to gain new skills and move into different roles.

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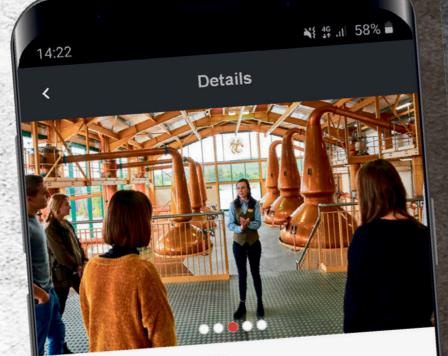
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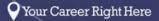
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West Highland Housing Association is a charitable organisation working in the Oban and Lorn area. In part due to an expansion in the number of properties under management, we are recruiting for the following staff for our office based in Oban (some of our staff are currently working from home due to the Coronavirus restrictions).

Digital Lead, EVH Grade 6 Salary £28,766 - £31,448

You will support the Association through the development of ICT&D and work with the Group's ICT&D to ensure consistency where required in relation to data security, Microsoft 365, data integrity, business information and telephony. You will assist with the review, design, mapping, and improvement of business processes using appropriate technologies or smarter ways of working to free up resource capacity

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This is a new role in our Organisation. The purpose of this customer focused role is to lead a small team delivering the customer facing and administration aspects of our reactive repairs service. Your team will be responsible for repair diagnostics, customer support and advice, logging, issuing and tracking repairs and representing the customer's best interest. You will be experienced in a customer service environment and have access to your own vehicle.

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Please send CV and a covering letter by 9 August 2021 to: The Staff Partner at Albany Chambers, Albany Street, **Oban PA34 4AL** or by e mail to mail@simmers.co.uk

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The Oban Times

Chief Reporter

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

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To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk Comhairle Earra – Ghàidheal agus Bhòid



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JIMÉNEZ-COWAN Clachan Seil. Edu & Mairi are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Archie Román on July 4, 2021. Grandson to John & Lesley Cowan of Oatfield, Campbeltown and José María liménez Román and Manuela Fernández Sánchez of Ciudad Real, Spain.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCKINLAY-CONLEY are Both families delighted to announce the engagement on July 14, 2021 of Nicole, daughter of Scott and Aliceanne McKinlay, Peninver, Campbeltown to David, son of Alan and Julia Campbeltown Conley, SEMPLE-BULLICK Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of William, only son of Duncan and Judy Semple, Dippen Farm, Carradale, to Lucy, only daughter of Maurice Debbie and Bullick, and Debbie B Castlekaria M Belfast, on July 23. Manor,

DEATHS DUNCAN - (Bearsden/ Carradale). Suddenly in her 97th year after a short illness, Morag Duncan (nee Sarah Macmillan) passed away on Thursday July 15, 2021. Dearly loved wife of Jim and loving mother of Katy, Sarah and Colin. Motherin-law of Jim and Simon and proud and adoring grandmother of Kirsty, Emily, Charlotte and Lydia. Funeral service in line with current Covid restrictions will be held at Clydebank Crematorium 13.30 on Monday at August 2. Family flowers only please.

After a short GRAY illness in Jakarta. Indonesia. On Tuesday July 20, Terry Gray, in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Lennie. loving Dad to Tim and Rachael. Son of the late Nan McMillan. Formerly of 20 Princess Street Campbeltown. A loved nephew, cousin, brother, uncle and friend to many. Terry was laid to rest in Jakarta on Thursday, July

22. **SCOTT** - Peacefully at the Bridge of Weir Care Home, on July 23, 2021, Marion Galbraith Smith (Maisie) in her 95th year, formerly of Meadowpark Élemings Land, and Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Tommy Scott, much loved mum of Ann and the late Patricia, motherin-law of Jim and Ken, devoted granny to Nikola, David, Ruth and Leigh and a loving and much loved great granny. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Maisie's funeral will take place on Monday August 2. The cortege will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish following a short prayer at 1.00 p.m. We will travel up Longrow, along Lochend Street, Saddell Street, High George Street the Esplanade Street, along and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anvone wishing to pay their last respects to Maisie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Family flowers only please.

SINCLAIR - On July 22, 2021, peacefully at home, Anne (Nance) Euphemia Sinclair, nee Muir, in her 83rd year, beloved wife of Iain Sinclair, much loved mother of Peter and Margaret, and a loving grandmother to David and Amy, a very well respected member of the community and dear friend of many. Sadly missed by all. Owing to current restrictions, a private funeral service and interment was held at Carrick Cemetery on

Thursday July 29. WAREHAM - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on July 21, 2021, Margaret Mary Lane (Peggy) in her 93rd year, 5 Castlehill Court and formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jake Wareham, much loved mum of John, Mary and Eddie, mother-in-law of Hilda, loving granny of Shelley, Sean, Jonathan, Craig and Eddie and a loving sister, aunt and good friend to all who knew her. SMITH - On July 24, 2021, peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Wendv Smith Juliette of Glenellen, Tarbert, in her 79th year, a much loved wife, mother, sister and grandmother. A private Funeral Service owing to current restrictions

will take place at Tarbert Parish Church on Wednesday, August 4, and interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations desired to Parkinson's UK. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The McALLISTER tamily of Campbell the late Campbell McAllister would like to thank everyone for their many flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Campbell, special thanks to Rev Fulcher for his Steve comforting words at the graveside, to Kenneth

Blair and his staff for their professionalism and thoughtful attention to detail and to those who came to pay their respects along the route to the Kilkerran Cemetery.

SINCLAIR - Elizabeth, would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, support and kind words following the sad & sudden loss of Duncan. Our thanks to all attending medical staff & police officers for their care and attention. Thank you also to Rev Dorothy Wallace for a uplifting and personal service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and compassion at this difficult time. Finally our thanks to all who attended at Graveside to pay their respects

MEMORIAMS

DICKSON - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole, who fell asleep July 30 2010. "In life all we truly have are memories. We love them, kiss them and hug them for all they are worth. To us those memories are life.

Our life together." Love you always mum, dad, Alex, William, Keith and Heather xxxxxx Mummy, my forever angel, love you to the moon and back.

Thomas xxxxxx DICKSON - In loving memory of Carole who passed away on July 30, 2010. Sadly missed sister and auntie. Memories and feelings

never fade. My beloved sister. William, Gemma and family xxxxx

CHURCH NOTICES



Rejoice in the Lord always I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4 verse 4 Online.... or in person....? Our building is open and our Service will be in the church on Sunday, 1st August 2021

at 11am

If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to officespringbankchurch@gmail.com and you will be sent a link to join us

on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building - masks and

social distancing www.springbankchurch. org.uk

https://www.facebook.com/ springbankchurch Contact phone number 01586

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



South Kintvre Team Ministry Sunday services 10 am Saddell and **Carradale Church**

SC002609 10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493 11.30am Southend Church SC005484 Covid 19 restrictions apply Ministers Revd Steve Filcher

Revd Christine Fulcher 01586 830504 www.kintyreparishes.org.uk

SALVATION ARMY



Our meetings are Sunday 1st August 2021 Worship service New time of 11am. Covid 19 measures in place If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046 Major Ruth Russell Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002 Sunday 1 August Tayvallich Church 10am Morning Worship Local Worship Leaders Booking required Tel 01546 870635 Covid restrictions apply Further information can be had on the church website www.northknapdale.org

CAMPBELTOWN

FREE CHURCH

George Street,

Campbeltown

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Sunday 1st August 11.15am Worship Service

Calum Ferguson

11.15am Sunday School 7.30pm Sunday Fellowship

(by Zoom) Speaker: Rev John Wilson

Wednesday 4th August

12 noon Bible Study &

Prayer

All welcome

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church.co.uk

Scottish Charity Number:

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SCOTTISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church,

Lochgilphead

Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist

St Columba, Poltalloch

9am Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the month

6pm Evensong

3rd Sunday of the month

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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

A warm welcome

awaits you

in the Kirk Street Hall at

11:00 am

Guest Speaker: George

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Pastor Mark Jasper

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LORNE & LOWLAND

PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 1168

Sunday 1st August 2021

Morning Worship 11. 15am

Rev W Crossan

Covid 19 Guidelines apply

Everyone Welcome

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KILBERRY CHURCH

OF SCOTLAND

There will be a weekly

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Tarbert 11.30am -

Rev Lyn Peden

Please wear a face covering

and stay 2 metres apart for

the services Contact Rev. Lyn Peden

01880 820158 for pastoral care

Charity number Tarbert

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WESTLOCHFYNESIDE **CHURCHES** (Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair) Sunday 1st August 2021 There will be a service in Lochgair church at 10.00am

Led by the Rev. Dorothy Wallace There will also be a service in

Inveraray Church at 11.30am The service will again be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace Masks must be worn when attending either church. Charity No: SCO16665

ST. KIERAN'S. ST. JOHN STREET. CAMPBELTOWN 01586 552160 campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk Public worship: Sundays, 10am

(please book), Wednesdays, 10am (please book), Live streamed only: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 10am All liturgies are Live streamed: https://www facebook.com/campbeltownrcchurch A Parish of the R.C. Diocese

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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES Sunday 1st August Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am Also A Time for Quiet

Wednesdays at 12:45pm in Ardrishaig Church (Covid19 control measures apply) Weekly Reflections

are available at the church gates

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH



Sunday 1st August 2021 11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE Rev. Hilda Smith Covid restrictions will apply, including social distancing which has the effect of reducing the number of people who can attend. More info at www,lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead Parish Church of Scotland - SC016311

GLASSARY, **KILMARTIN AND** FORD PARISH CHURCH Barr Mhor Kilmartin Sunday 1st August 2021 11am Rev Walter Ritchie All very welcome Please remember to wear a mask

PERSONAL NOTICES



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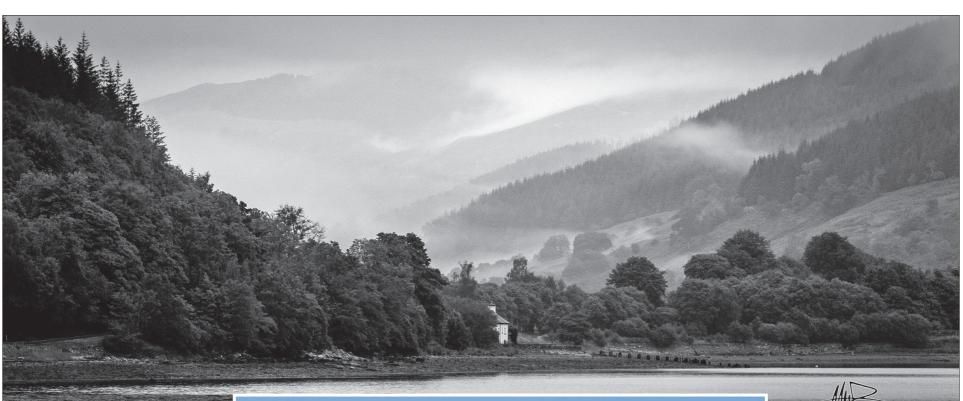
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YOUR PICTURES



Readers put Inveraray in focus



Above: Reader Michiel van Zanten, a keen amateur photographer, sent us this atmospheric black and white image of the Salmon Draught near the town with mist-filled Glen Shira looming in the background.

Right: Someone always on the go around Inveraray is Donald John MacDonald and he was in the right place at the right time to capture this photograph of a military cargo plane heading up Loch Fyne at low altitude, with Inveraray Bell Tower prominent in the foreground.

Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk







Inveraray's second round Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup tie on Saturday July 24 began with a minute's silence to mark the passing of former goalkeeper Charlie Bell.

In a shinty career that spanned the 1960s and 1970s, Charlie was a Glasgow Celtic Society Cup winner, a South Division 1 winner and a member of the Inverarav side that were Camanachd Cup runners-up in 1964 when they lost to Kilmallie in Fort William and in 1967 when they were beaten by Newtonmore in Glasgow.

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup second round

Southern Section Kyles Athletic 4 Inveraray 0

Following the mark of respect to Charlie Bell, the 3pm match between Kyles Athletic and Inveraray at the Playing Fields, Tighnabruaich, began with the home side taking early control. Roddy MacDonald put Kyles ahead on six minutes and Ross MacRae made it 2-0 on 12 minutes.

MacDonald Roddy got his second on 17 minutes to make it 3-0 and there was no further scoring until Colin MacDonald made it 4-0 a couple of minutes from time. Kilmallie 4 Bute 2

Kilmallie saw off Bute, win-

ning 4-2 in their 3pm throw-up at Canal Parks. Kilmallie's Steven Stewart

started a two-match sus-



pension following his red card against Kinlochshiel a fortnight earlier, while Daniel Stewart was out injured.

Kilmallie skipper Innes Blackhall gave his side the lead a six minutes. The ball broke to Blackhall out of the left and he sent a backhand shot into the bottom corner of the net. Leon MacMillan drew Bute

level on 18 minutes and it remained 1-1 until the break. Kilmallie regained the lead

on 54 minutes with Lewis Birrell finishing from inside the penalty spot. Ryan Stewart made it 3-1

on 62 minutes with the goal of the match - a volley which screamed into the net - similar to his strike against Fort William earlier in the month. Craig MacIsaac added a fourth from just outside the 'D' with 20 minutes remaining and although Leon MacMillan got his second for Bute on 79 minutes, it was Kilmallie's day.

The winning margin could have been bigger were it not for full forward Michael Rodger being denied twice by very good saves.

HIS Sutherland Cup - first round

Kyles Athletic 2 Glenorchy 1 The Kyles Athletic second team beat Glenorchy 2-1 in their noon throw-up at the Playing Fields, Tighnabruaich.

Luke Thornton scored the only goal of the first half on 13 minutes and Kieran Chrystal made it 2-0 five minutes after the re-start.

Arik MacKechnie halved the deficit on 71 minutes but Kyles staved in front to take their place in the next round.

Kyles Athletic's Scott MacDonald and Inveraray's Campbell Watt battle it out in their second round tie. Photograph: Stephen Lav

HIS Sutherland Cup - second round

Kilmory P Inveraray P

Kilmory's 2pm throw-up with the Inveraray second team at MacRae Park was postponed on Friday evening because of Covid restrictions.

Connor wins first match on junior golf tour

Nine-year-old Tarbert boy Connor McCrae has won his first match on the Junior Golf Scotland championship tour. Connor travelled to Hilton Park Golf Club last Sunday and came out top in the Stableford format to add to his expanding trophy cabinet. This is a huge achievement

for Connor,' said his mum Susan. 'He is determined it won't be his last and has his eye on the rest of the trophies for the remaining tour events. 'His next competition in the championship tour is at Playsport Golf in East Kilbride

on August 15. 'Following this, the tour is coming down here to hold a two-day event in Carradale and Machrihanish Dunes which Connor is very excited



Connor McCrae with his first junior tour trophy.

about since he is a member at Machrihanish Dunes. Connor is absolutely dedicated to being the best golfer he can possibly be. He spends hours practising and has spent almost every day of the holidays so far out on the course at his home club, Tarbert.

We are so proud of him and his hard work and dedication are paying off.'

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup

The draw for the quarter finals of the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup took place at Inverness Castle on Monday July 26. The draw is as follows: Kinlochshiel vs Oban Celtic

Oban Camanachd vs

Skye or Lovat Beauly vs Kyles Kingussie vs Kilmallie

The quarter finals will take place on Saturday August 7, with the draw for the semi-finals being made week commencing Monday August 9, with ties due to take place on August 28 and September

a great match as they took part in Tarbert Golf Club's Par 3 Open last Saturday.

The competition's different format and the good course conditions combined for some excellent golf.

Lochgilphead's Rvan McGlynn set the benchmark with a gross 61 less 2 for a nett 59 to take the clubhouse lead. This score stood for much of the day until Duncan Johnstone and Kenny MacFarlane matched it, with Kenny having the better inward half. However, it was Iain Macalister who took the honours with a nett 58 to secure a place in the finals at Swanston Golf Club next month.

A delighted Iain is looking forward to the chance to win a trip to Sawgrass, USA, home of the Players Championship next year.



lain Macalister, his granddaughter Willow and club captain Kenny MacFarlane.

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