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Ambulance delays putting lives 'at risk' spark petition

by Fiona Ross

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A petition calling for more ambulance crews to be allocated in Mid Argyll has been organised by a group of families affected by delays.

Paula Cameron, Jessica McMullen and Karen Heafey are raising a petition following their own recent experience of ambulance delays and the stories of other local families who have been in touch with them.

Karen, who lives in Ardrishaig, told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'My concern is that someone's going to die. On July 14 my Dad had a massive heart attack and when my mum phoned for an ambulance she was told there wasn't one available.'

'He was howling in pain; my mum says it's a sound she'll never forget. She gave up waiting and asked her neighbour to drive her to the hospital.'

'My mum's four foot 11 and Dad's over six foot so it was a



Michael Heafey survived his heart attack despite no ambulance being available.

he would log a complaint.'

Karen's father, 59-year-old Michael Heafey, had triple bypass surgery and is recovering at home in Ardrishaig.

The petition plan comes as an official call has been made for the governance board of Argyll and Bute's health and social care partnership (HSCP) to investigate a number of complaints.

Betty Rhodick, the public representative of the HSCP's Integrated Joint Board, has asked an officer from the board to look into what she calls 'this disturbing matter'.

In her email to the IJB she said: 'I have been hearing disturbing reports that many patients requiring an ambulance are having difficulty.'

Ms Rhodick then lists a series of delays that have been

faced by patients and adds: 'It worries me that the mortality of our patients is being put at risk by the lack of coherent services working together.'

'I realise this is an operational matter with the Scottish Ambulance Service, but as this affects the physical and mental wellbeing of staff and patients, I would like an officer of the IJB to look into this disturbing matter.'

'I would also request that a paper, regards the progress of the investigations, is brought to the board at their earliest convenience.'

Paula Cameron told the Argyllshire Advertiser that her son, Rhys Chamberlain, lay unconscious on the ground while waiting 45 minutes for an ambulance in June at their home in Ardrishaig after suffering shock caused by a badly broken arm.

'When the ambulance got to us the crew were amazing and so are all the staff at the hospital. My concern is that there simply aren't enough crews

working at any one time,' she said.

Mid Argyll Councillor Dougie Philand has contacted the Scottish Ambulance Service's West of Scotland head Murray McEwan asking him to look at ambulance provision in Mid Argyll as 'a matter of urgency'.

In his email Mr Philand said: 'I'm contacting you again as a result of a number of incidents that have been reported to me over the last couple of weeks which are of deep concern to both me and the local community.'

'I have to say there is absolutely no criticism of the staff locally who go above and beyond their duty to service our local community and we are really grateful for their assistance.'

'What I'm getting at here is the system that is currently in place. So far we in Mid Argyll have been lucky that nothing serious has happened to our residents, but if the system you

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Help sought to count mink numbers

A bid to bring water voles back to Argyll's wetlands has begun in Knapdale, writes Fiona Ross.

A fleet of small rafts has been floated on lochs as conservationists try to assess the prevalence of the mammal's biggest predator with a view to establishing the feasibility of a water vole reintroduction to the area.

The American mink is one reason the water vole population has declined by about 90 per cent over recent years and no reintroduction of water voles can begin until the mink population is controlled.

Heart of Argyll Wildlife spokesman Pete Creech said: 'Mink are not native to the UK and as such have a detrimental

effect on lots of our wildlife as they are opportunistic predators and will eat anything they can catch. They have had a particularly devastating affect on our water vole populations UK wide.'

He explained water voles are integral to our wetlands and by eating different sedges they create more diversity, more flowers and more pollen.

With support from the Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation the mink rafts have been created to track the number of mink.

Pete explained how they work: 'The rafts have a damp clay plate inside the green tunnel. Mink are inquisitive creatures so will walk through

the tunnel investigating and leave their footprints in the clay.

'We can then assess the presence of any mink in that area where the rafts are placed and if necessary a trap can be inserted into the green box part in place of the clay.'

Pete and his colleagues are also checking to see what voles there are currently in Argyll and have found evidence of some on islands on Loch Craignish. The conservationists try to track the number of voles by walking the areas where they were last seen.

'We look for evidence of latrines, burrows and the little lanes they make when they crop grass,' Pete said.

A successful water vole reintroduction has recently been completed in the Trossachs and saw 1,000 water voles reintroduced to areas across the Cowal and Trossachs forest district. The project covers 110 kilometres and has resulted in water vole colonies being found up to 12 kilometres from their original release sites.

In the hope of a similarly successful outcome in Knapdale, the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation is hoping the public will come on board.

Pete said: 'We'd love to hear from members of the public who have any evidence of the presence of mink in Argyll. They can get in touch at info@heartofargyllwildlife.org'



One of the rafts that have been floated on lochs to count mink numbers.

Tarbert war memorial fund exceeds all expectations

The generosity of people from Tarbert and beyond will mean more renovations to the war memorial than originally planned, writes Fiona Ross.

The fundraising campaign to have the cenotaph cleaned exceeded its target by almost 200 per cent and now the community will be asked to decide what further improvements they would like to see.

Fundraiser Rowena Dennis explained: 'I raised the funds for

the cleaning through Go Fund Me. Approximately £500 was required to fund the cleaning, but the community kept on donating and we currently have £1,400 in the fund. Cleaning is under way by the local stone mason and it looks fabulous already. With regards to the remainder of the funds, we have taken inspiration from a number of war memorials around Argyll and we are waiting for quotes for various additions and

modernisations that are possible and appropriate. Once we have at least a couple of options and prices, I will go back to the community with a poll to gauge the preferences of the people who donated.'

The restoration has been timed to have the war memorial looking its best for its service of rededication on Saturday August 7. There will be a parade from Fish Quay to the monument at 2pm.

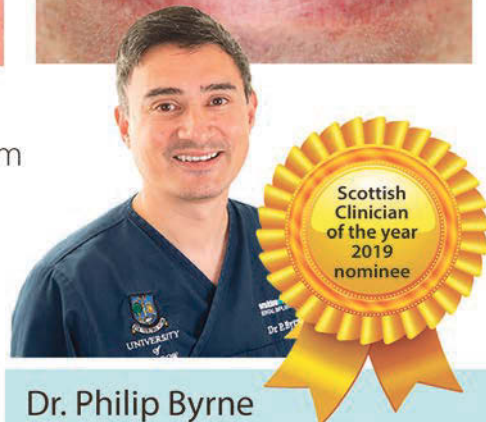


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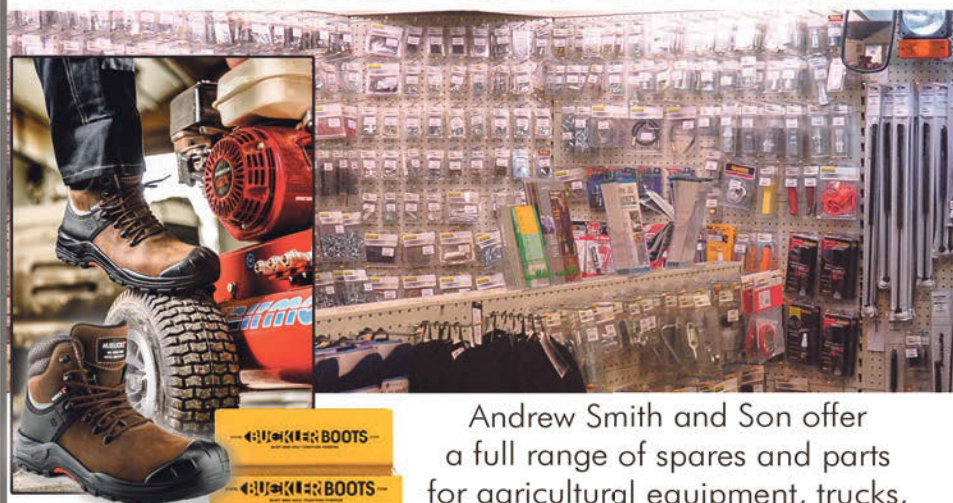


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Concern grows as staff crisis takes hold across Mid Argyll

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Many Argyll hospitality businesses are being prevented from capitalising on increasing numbers of international visitors as they cannot get staff.

It was announced this week that tourists from the European Union and the United States will no longer have to quarantine on arrival in the UK if they are double vaccinated.

While welcoming the easing of restrictions, businesses in Mid Argyll have expressed their frustrations to the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Loch Fyne Oysters managing director Cameron Brown said: 'Loch Fyne Oysters is delighted by this very welcome news. Staycationers and day trippers have made this a very busy season for us and our June and July revenues have been around 20 per cent higher than 2019.'

'However, because we were closed for most of the first half of the year we have a lot of catching up to do. As this change has happened later on in the season, we're hoping it may extend our busy season into October.'

'But, as with many other businesses in Argyll, we are finding it very difficult to attract new staff and this has had an impact on our



The Tayvallich Inn is struggling to meet demand due to staff shortages.

business. Opening times for our restaurant and oyster bar have therefore been limited to noon to 5pm and this is very frustrating indeed.'

Similar concerns were expressed this week by co-owner of the Tayvallich Inn, Kathryn Masson, who welcomed the easing of restrictions, but explained the inn will remain at its Covid-restricted capacity, even though the law now allows them to host many more customers.

'Although we have the capacity to seat 240 people in a day, we are currently restricting our total to 140 per day and will have to keep to that, I'm afraid.'

Kathryn explained that although all their furloughed

staff came back to work when the inn reopened, many will soon be heading back to college and university.

'We have advertised for staff, but have had no response,' she said. 'Recruiting here is always difficult, but just now seems to be worse than usual. We have always tried to keep recruitment local but we're struggling now.'

Kathryn added she and her staff are constantly having to turn customers away.

'It's really difficult,' she said. 'People can see we have empty tables and don't understand why we can't book them in. We simply don't have the capacity in the kitchen or front of house to meet the demand we have from potential customers.'

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The high demand that has come from so-called staycationers has been noticed throughout the region over the last few weeks.

Frances Ryan, co-owner of the Crinan Hotel, said: 'So far this year, since we opened, every room has been full every night. This is something that normally only happens on Hogmanay so it seems to be a definite change in guests, many of whom had never visited this area. Fortunately we've had full sun and very few midges most days which has made it

a pleasure for them. We have been very lucky to have a loyal group of mainly local students who come to work here every year, however, we are always looking for extra help from local part-timers and will certainly be finding it more difficult when the university term begins.'

With the visitor economy worth more than £440 million to Argyll and Bute, the ability to cater for guests is crucial.

Visit Scotland regional director David Adams McGilp said: 'International visitors are an

important market for Scottish tourism and we look forward to welcoming back those that are now able to travel to Scotland.

'Pre-Covid, the international market counted for a fifth of overnight visits to Scotland and its expenditure was worth £2.5 billion to the visitor economy.'

'The relaxation of these restrictions will provide a welcome boost to tourism businesses as they continue to recover from the devastating impact of the pandemic. However, it is important all visitors to Scotland, whether domestic or international, stay vigilant, continue to follow the latest Scottish Government advice and remain respectful of local communities and our natural assets, while enjoying the spectacular offering we have.'

The Waverley returns to Ardrishaig

The historic Waverley paddle steamer is returning to Ardrishaig after a 20-year absence.

On Saturday August 15, the famous ship will stop in Ardrishaig as part of the 2021 cruising programme.

The visit will allow travellers to retrace royal steps as the route from Glasgow to Ardrishaig was taken by Queen Victoria and her family as they sailed through the canal in the 1800s.

Revenue and Regeneration Director at Scottish Canals David Blair said: 'We are delighted to welcome the Waverley back to Ardrishaig for the first time in 20 years.'

'This is a perfect opportunity to return to the gateway of the



The Waverley's visit to Ardrishaig in 1975.

Photograph John Goss: PSPS Collection.

Crinan Canal and allow our visitors to see the wonderful transformation that has taken place in Ardrishaig over the last few years.'

The ship's arrival, expected to be at 3.15pm, will be celebrated at the Egg Shed, Ardrishaig, with cakes, refreshments and craft stalls.

Waverley Excursions General Manager Paul Semple explained the significance of the visit: 'Waverley has a special connection with Ardrishaig in that her first public sailing in preservation on May 24

1975 was from Glasgow to Ardrishaig.'

'The sailing on that occasion was arranged by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society and this year's cruise is also a charter by the society. There will be some people aboard this year who were also there in 1975.'

'Calls to Ardrishaig by Waverley were never regular but seen as special sailings and it would be good to make Ardrishaig a feature each season with the permission of Scottish Canals.'

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Cash for Lochgilphead's historic buildings

Lochgilphead's historic buildings and shopfronts are to get a makeover with the launch of a new grant scheme to help building owners carry out repairs.

The small repairs grant is part of the £1.6million Lochgilphead conservation area regeneration scheme and includes money for the reinstatement of traditional features on shopfronts as well as repair work on private homes on parts of Argyll Street, Pottaloch Street and Lochnell Street.

Businesses and homeowners within this area can apply for grants for repairs to roofs, chimneys, leadwork, guttering, doors and windows. The grant also includes communal repairs to tenement properties that are overseen by an owners association.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial development Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'The small repairs grant is a welcome boost to regeneration works



Grants are available to repair historic buildings in Lochgilphead.

already happening in the town following extensive public realm improvements to the town centre and the current works at the Front Green.

'We have seen first-hand the positive benefits heritage-led regeneration projects can bring with improvements leading to new business opening, employment opportunities and people choosing to live here. This is a great opportunity for historic building owners to get help with repair costs.'

Details on how to apply for one of the grants can be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/lochgilphead-cars-grants

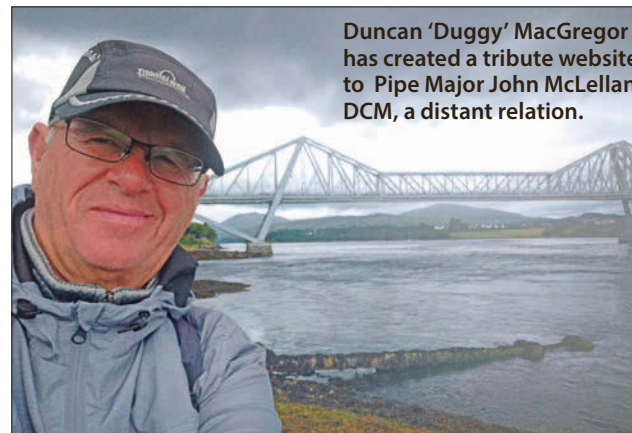
Lockdown inspires tribute to 'forgotten music genius'

Pipe Major John McLellan DCM, a composer from Dunoon and Jura whose First World War song may replace Flower of Scotland as the national anthem, is the subject of a tribute website and Spotify playlists created by Duggy McGregor while locked down in Oban, writes Sandy Neil.

Pipe Major John McLellan 'is probably Dunoon's, if not Argyll and Bute's best known composer of bagpipe music,' writes Dunoon-born Duncan 'Duggy' MacGregor on his tribute website, created during lockdown.

'Although John McLellan's name and music legacy is well established within the bagpipe music world, he isn't as widely known with the public as some of his famous contemporaries,' Duggy explains.

'The aim of this website is to remember the man and his music, and gather all the relevant



Duncan 'Duggy' MacGregor has created a tribute website to Pipe Major John McLellan DCM, a distant relation.

information about Jock into one place online. It was my late mother's wish that I create the website to Jock as she was his great niece, and she often talked to me about him and his accomplishments.'

Altogether, John McLellan wrote more than 160 melodies and songs. His most famous, The Road to the Isles, became one of Scotland's most popular tunes after it was covered by Sir Harry Lauder in 1926, followed by Andy Stewart, Moira Anderson, Kenneth McKellar, and Isla St Clair.

The Road to the Isles, which McLellan wrote when he was just 16 years old and living on the Isle of Jura, has endured the test of time, and many of McLellan's other compositions continue to be performed by pipe bands from Scotland and beyond, such as Bonnie Dunoon, Mary Darroch, Cowal Gathering, Dream Valley of Glendaruel, Glen Caladh Castle, The Sheiling, The Taking of Beaumont Hamel, My Home Town, Men of Argyll, Colonel McLean of Ardgour, and South Hall, to name a few.

McLellan also made a big impact on Scottish folk music,

with artists such as The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, The Battlefield Band, Calisaig, North Sea Gas and Skippinish recording renditions. Button accordionist Graham Irvine believes McLellan to be 'Scotland's forgotten music genius', but he was also a decorated war veteran.

John McLellan, or Jock as he was known, was born in St Andrew's Street, Dunoon, on August 8, 1875, one of six children to Neil McLellan and Mary Darroch McLellan, who hailed from the Isles of Islay and Jura respectively.

'They came to the Scottish mainland to find work in 1869, and after marrying in Greenock, decided to settle in Dunoon,' explains Duggy. 'Unfortunately, the family later endured great hardship, when Neil tragically died of pneumonia while still in his early 40s. John was eight years old when his father died, and his mother decided it was best for them to return to her native Jura.'

'John spent his formative years on Jura and while he was there it appears he learned to play the bagpipes, and a few other musical instruments too. He also learned to read music,

though there aren't any records as to who taught him, or indeed who helped him develop this amazing talent.'

In 1892 John turned 17 and joined the Highland Light Infantry (HLI), serving overseas in Malta, Crete, Egypt, and then, 1899, the Boer War in South Africa, where John won the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM). After taking a bullet in the ankle, Jock ignored the wound and continued to play his bagpipes to rally the troops. While he was recovering in hospital, he composed Lochanside and The Battle of Magersfontein, which is played by pipers to this day.

John left the army in 1903 and after his return to Scotland he joined the Govan Police Pipe Band, later the City of Glasgow Police Pipe Band and Strathclyde Police Pipe Band.

John became Pipe Major of the 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1919, a year after the Great War ended, and remained in that post until he retired in 1930.

When John died in Dunoon Cottage Hospital on July 31, 1949, the Anglo Boer War Association recorded this tribute: 'McLellan's fame as a composer of pipe music as well as a piper spread far from his native shores, and he will long be remembered in every corner of the world where Scotsmen foregather.'

'Considering Jock wrote many of his most popular tunes over 100 years ago, and during his life he never actually published his own collection of pipe tunes, it's amazing so much of his music is now available online,' writes Duggy.

You can read more about Pipe Major John McLellan DCM at johnmclllandcm.weebly.com

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Abusive behaviour

About 8.10pm on August 1, police received a report of a man allegedly being abusive to a man and a woman on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. A 48-year-old man was charged with the offence. A report has been sent to the fiscal.

Drink driving

A 59-year-old man was arrested at Carsaig car park near Tayvallich for allegedly failing to provide a breath specimen

at the roadside after his vehicle was reported due to the manner of its driving. The incident happened at 9.15pm on July 27. A blood test was taken prior to a report being sent to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of undertaking

On July 27 about 7pm in Kilmichael Glassary, a man reported a woman allegedly breaking the conditions of her undertaking. A 63-year-old

woman was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Unreported crash

A red Mitsubishi was damaged while parked in the Tesco car park in Lochgilphead, about 3.20pm on Wednesday July 28. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Investment for new Gigha campsite to boost tourism

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An investment of £475,491 will see major improvements to facilities for campers on the Isle of Gigha, pictured right, from next spring.

In response to increased visitor numbers and concerns about problematic parking and camping, the island's heritage trust sought funding for a new site with toilets and showers and camping pitches as well as electricity points and waste disposal facilities for motorhomes.

Just over £200,000 of the build costs have been funded through VisitScotland's rural tourism and infrastructure fund, administered on behalf of The Scottish Government. The rest of the funding has come from the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, Highlands and



Islands Enterprise and Argyll and Bute Council.

Jane Millar, development manager for The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, said: 'We are delighted to have secured funding from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the Gigha camp and motorhome project.

'Gigha currently has an accommodation shortage, which has a knock-on effect on the island's tourist season. The number of visitors to Gigha has steadily risen from 2015 and during peak times we cannot accommodate all visitors. Therefore, the new facility will be welcomed by visitors who

wish to spend more than a day on Gigha.'

The chosen site location is within walking distance of the island's ferry slip and so fits with Gigha's wider strategy to reduce use of vehicles on the island.

Jane added: 'We look are looking forward to improving our visitors' experience and supporting a sustainable approach towards tourism for our community. The Isle of Gigha camp and motorhome site is due to welcome its first visitors in spring 2022.'

VisitScotland's regional director for Argyll David Adams McGilp also welcomed the beginning of this new infrastructure programme.

He said: 'VisitScotland is focused on the recovery of the industry, building a destination and visitor experience which allows tourism and events to

flourish now and in the future. We'll continue to work with, and support, businesses to ensure we rebuild this vital part of Argyll and Bute's economy.'

'I am delighted VisitScotland's rural tourism and infrastructure fund is able to commit such a substantial investment to improving Gigha's facilities and amenities. Visitors can now enjoy the island's stunning scenery and birdlife in more comfort, reducing the impact on the local community whilst supporting tourism jobs and businesses.'

'Tourism is a force for good – creating economic and social value in Argyll and Bute and enhancing the well-being of everyone who experiences it.'

The Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund was established by The Scottish Government and to date, £9 million of grant funding has

been awarded to 45 projects across rural Scotland since the start of the Fund in 2018.

Argyll and Bute Council has contributed £10,000 to the project through a new 'staycation' funding scheme.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'Tourism is a vital industry to the people of Argyll and Bute supporting so many of our rural communities. As we help to support ongoing recovery, it's fantastic that the rise in domestic tourism is having a positive impact on the local economy.'

'At the same time, we want to encourage responsible tourism and help provide appropriate amenities and facilities to cope with the increase in demand.'

After a hugely challenging time for the industry, the RTIF funding in addition to the Council's Staycation funding of £10,000 is welcomed.'



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Tayvallich showcase for Argyll produce

A new marketplace has been created for food produced in southern Argyll.

The Southern Argyll Food-hub is a new project that will be run by the Tayvallich shop and cafe with £5,000 from the Regional Food Fund. The hub will promote and sell locally produced food online and in the Tayvallich shop and cafe.

'The idea for the food-hub was born after realising there wasn't a market to support produce from southern Argyll,' explained Nicolas Mes, who

runs the cafe and shop with his wife Zelda.

Zelda added: 'It's about promoting an ethos of customers knowing where their food comes from, saving food miles, supporting local business and working towards sustainable growth. The producers we're working with include Hinba coffee from the Isle of Seil, Diverse Preserve jams from Brigend, meat from Little Keills, milk from Wee Isle Dairy and bread from Knapdale Artisanal Bakery.'

The first showcase for the food-hub will coincide with the Artmap open studios week from Friday August 20-28.

A stall providing samples and information on the produce be set up in Tayvallich.

'We want to promote our local food to international tourists, but we'd also like to provide an example for local producers from other neglected rural regions,' said Zelda.

The Regional Food Fund is delivered by the Scotland Food and Drink Partnership and the Scottish Government.



Tayvallich shop and cafe has set up a new project to showcase food produced in southern Argyll.



Siobhan Canavan and Maureen Brankin, of Cairnbaan, with AmcoGiffen senior site agent Gordon Paterson at the old phone box which now houses a defibrillator.

Lifesaving new role for Cairnbaan phone box

A new lease of life has been given to Cairnbaan's old phone box in the hope it will provide vital first aid in the case of a medical emergency.

A defibrillator has been installed inside the phone box at Lock Eight on the Crinan canal after BT handed it over to Cairnbaan residents.

Once the community took ownership

of the phone box, engineering firm AmcoGiffen, which has been working to replace the canal locks during the last few months, offered to cover the cost of refurbishing it. Their donation funded the purchase of the defibrillator and signs, and paid for painters to restore the box to its original bright red.

As part of their Save a British Icon and

Save Lives campaign, which promotes the installation of defibrillators in old phone boxes, the Community Heartbeat Trust will offer training on its use to residents.

Siobhan Canavan said: 'It is a welcome addition to the life of the canal, its residents and canal users on foot, bicycles boats, paddleboards and canoes, or even in a pram.'

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Argyll and Bute Council has been awarded £1,742,819 to help residents make energy efficiency improvements to their properties.

The improvements include external and internal wall insulation, underfloor insulation, cavity wall insulation and loft insulation.

The Scottish Government's Energy Efficient Scotland area-based scheme aims to make Argyll homes warmer and more energy efficient and also offers a special grant of up to £14,000 to householders who meet certain criteria to be considered in extreme fuel poverty.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'Hundreds of people in Argyll and Bute have already taken advantage of the area-based scheme, not only making their homes warmer and more energy efficient, but saving money on fuel costs in the process.'

'The scheme will have a long lasting benefit for households by helping to reduce fuel poverty and carbon emissions,

playing a part in creating a climate friendly Argyll and Bute. I would urge people to make the most of this opportunity and sign up while they can.'

The scheme contributes towards the Scottish Government's targets of alleviating fuel poverty and of achieving net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2045. It also contributes towards the local housing strategy's aim to improve the overall quality and condition of housing as well as Argyll and Bute Council's decarbonisation plan through reducing energy use.

Anyone who would like to register for the programme should contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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Beating the drum for fun at Lochside

A generous donation from Loch Fyne Pipe Band will have everyone at Lochside resource centre moving to a new beat, writes Fiona Ross.

The pipe band decided to give a bass drum, carrying harness and bass beaters to the Lochgilphead centre after the band received funding for new drums.

Flora Currie, who is one of the people supported at Lochside said: 'The drum's wonderful, I'm so excited I can hardly speak. I'm delighted with it.'

Flora was speaking as she was handed the drum by lead drummer Brian Hastings, who volunteers at Lochside. He said: 'The band got a grant from Cour Community Windfarm for new drums and took the decision to offer our old bass drum to the centre.'

'We are delighted to do this and hope Flora and other clients will be able to make



Drummer Brian Hastings hands over the drum to a delighted Flora Currie.

good use of this drum. We are a community band so it's nice to be able to help another community organisation.'

Grateful

Senior development worker at Lochside Shirley Nicholson said: 'We are so grateful to the pipe band.'

'They have always given us so much support and we really appreciate the connection we have with them, particularly with Brian whose volunteering here has been so appreciated.'

'The drum is a brilliant donation and everyone is eager to get a shot of it.'

Argyll tour boost for mobile cinema

As it continues its summer tour of Argyll and the Islands Scotland's Screen Machine's owner has welcomed Monday's lifting of Covid restrictions.

The change to physical distancing rules will allow cinemas to operate without physical distancing measures, including the popular mobile cinema, now in its 22nd year.

However, Regional Screen Scotland which owns and operates the Screen Machine cinema has consulted with audiences and decided to retain some physical distancing for the next two months. The company will sell a maximum of 60 seats per viewing, which is 75 per cent of the Screen Machine's capacity.

Regional Screen Scotland director Robert Livingston said: 'Since the reduction to one metre distancing last month we've already seen a very warm response from audiences, and with a lot of great movies in the pipeline, we're glad more people will be able to come and enjoy them.'

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Ambulance complaints spark petition

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have is going to continue then something more serious will happen. As a matter of urgency could I ask that you look at this, please.'

A spokesperson for the Scottish Ambulance Service told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'The Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) is a national service and ambulances are not restricted by geographical area. We will always dispatch the closest, most appropriate response to all emergency calls and have a wide range of resources which can be deployed depending on the nature of the incident and the condition of the patient.'

'Managing the demand on the ambulance service, especially during a pandemic, is very challenging and we prioritise our responses and our ambulance resources according to clinical need. We are continuing to invest in new ambulance staff, new ambulances and the latest equipment across the country.'

Cycling route is danger to drivers, says resident

by Fiona Ross
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A popular cycling route has been slammed as a 'dangerous nightmare' by a resident living just off the B8024.

Nellie Carsten says she is too scared to leave her home due to an unprecedented number of cyclists using the single-track road between Tarbert and Kilberry, which she claims is a death-trap because of overgrown verges.

'Although they cut the grass, the council hasn't cut the trees or shrubs along this road for years so the visibility is awful and makes the road incredibly dangerous,' said Mrs Carsten.

'You can't see passing-places or the cyclists and I'm really afraid someone is going to get hurt. I am frightened to drive on the road and only venture out once a week for food and



medication that I can't do without.'

Mrs Carsten added that the number of bikes using the road is unprecedented and said she thinks it is due to people practising for the popular Kilberry Loop Sportive.

'I've never seen so many

cyclists on the road and they're not using it to get from A to B, they are using it as a race track. I'm sure the race is a great event, but the cyclists training for it are making life hard for those of us who live here, just by their sheer number and the fact that the passing places are

unusable because they're so overgrown.'

Mrs Carsten has called Argyll and Bute Council with her concerns.

A spokesperson for the council said: 'The council has completed seasonal grass cutting of the verges along all

The Kilberry Loop Sportive is a popular event, but Mrs Carsten is worried cyclists in training are at risk due to trees and shrubs along the route blocking drivers' visibility.

35 miles of the B8024. Council inspectors will carry out routine inspections to determine if any overhang is causing an obstruction to the route.

'Once the inspection is complete, letters will be issued to landowners requesting that essential maintenance is carried out.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn said: 'If the condition of the shrubs and trees on the B8024 is on council land then this will be inspected and dealt with urgently. If the problems lie with private landowners then they will be advised that they should take action to clear the areas causing concern without delay.'

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Pandemic leads to reduction in reported crime in Mid Argyll

A sharp drop in crime in Mid Argyll has been attributed to Covid-related restrictions.

The Scottish Police's most recent crime figures reveal the number of crimes and offences were down 21.6 per cent across Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire compared with the same period last year.

Sergeant Matthew Shaw of Lochgilphead police said: 'During lockdown, we saw many crime types reduce.'

'Businesses and annual movement patterns that traditionally cause increased demand for the police service in this area, such as the weekend night time economy from pubs and the influx of holidaymakers during the summer, did not occur due to restrictions on

movement and temporary closures on such businesses.

'Consequently, demand types associated with these two examples, such as unruly behaviour through intoxication or road traffic incidents, were seen to reduce.'

With many Covid-related restrictions due to be lifted on Monday, police are anticipating changes to how crime impacts on communities.

Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor added: 'As restrictions ease, we will continue to report on changes to the policing requirements of communities and the challenge of maintaining higher detection rates in the context of reported crime, which is closer to pre-pandemic levels.'

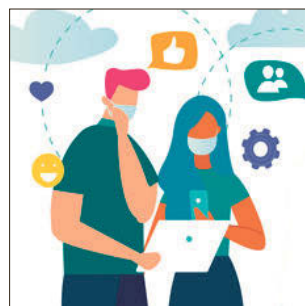
Results day support for school pupils

Following a year of disrupted learning and an unprecedented assessment process, school pupils will receive their qualification grades on Tuesday August 10.

As a result of the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic and the cancellation of exams, an alternative certification model was developed to decide National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher results this year with teachers tasked with grading their pupils.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'For the second year in a row, young people have been unable to sit their exams and teachers have had to work closely with the SQA to assess pupils' work.'

'Despite these challenges, our children and young people have taken lockdown life in their stride. Their ability to



adapt and overcome in and out of school has been phenomenal and inspiring.'

Amid the uncertainty for pupils and parents, a results helpline has been set up and will open at 8am on Tuesday to offer advice on options and opportunities. The number to call is 0808 100 8000.

The Skills Development Scotland results helpline gives young people the chance to discuss options and next steps including vacancies at

UK universities and colleges, clearing, apprenticeships, jobs and volunteering.

Oban-based careers adviser Zoe Fletcher has volunteered to be part of the helpline. She said: 'This has been a year like no other for young people and it is important to reassure them there are options and opportunities for them. It's important to let them know that whatever their results might be, we can help.'

Education Secretary Shirley-Anne Somerville said: 'The free helpline offers young people an excellent source of advice and guidance and I'd appeal to learners who have questions about their next steps to use this valuable resource. Whether it's practical advice about options, or reassurance following SQA results, the advisers are ready to help.'

A free appeals service is also available directly to learners

for the first time and is seen as the fifth and final stage of the alternative certification model.

The grounds for appeal include an appeal against the academic judgement made, an appeal against an unresolved administrative error and an appeal on grounds of discrimination.

Pupils can register to appeal directly on the SQA website: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/98202.html>

Helpline advisers will also be available on social media, by direct message to My World of Work on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/myworldofwork/> or Instagram at <https://instagram.com/mywowscotland>.

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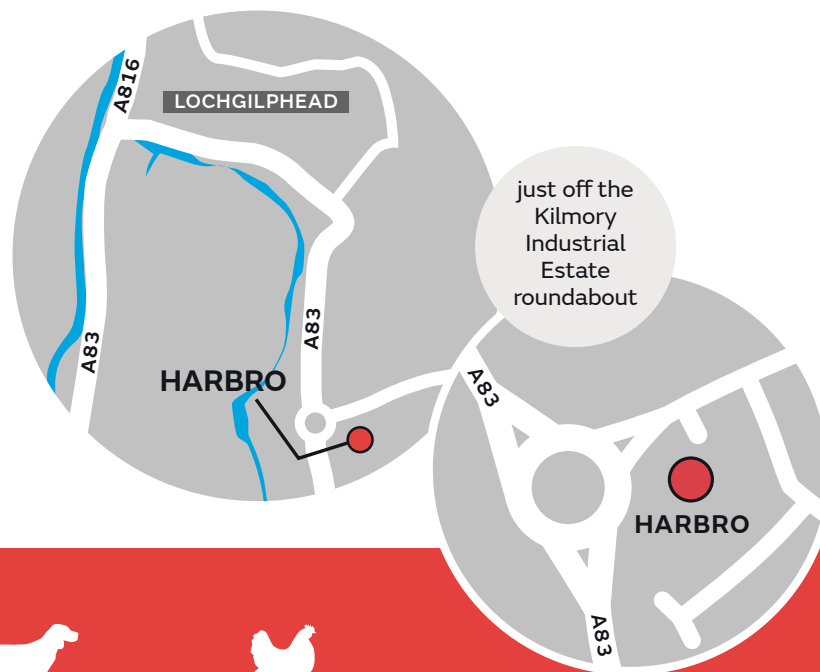
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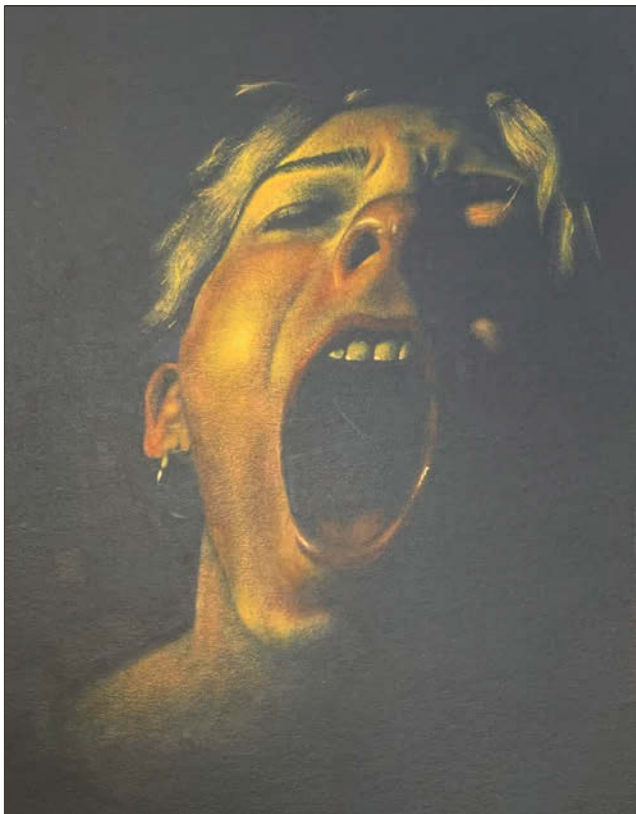
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Breathtaking lockdown artwork



G's inspiring painting.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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One of the organisers of a project showcasing youngsters' lockdown artwork said one painting 'literally took his breath away'.

Gigha-based Kenny Wilson was one of several youth workers and artists from across western Argyll who encouraged 11 to 17-year-olds living within the catchment areas of Campbeltown, Tarbert, Lochgilhead, Islay, Oban and Tobermory secondary schools to submit any kind of visual artwork. It came after a conversation and shared concerns about the well-being of young people during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown.

The results proved to be quality over quantity with just two submissions which were exhibited via a dedicated Instagram account.

Kenny interviewed one of the young artists – known only as 'G' in accordance with the project's safeguarding policy

– to find out what motivated her to take part and why she submitted the image she did.

G, who was joined by her parents during the interview, said: 'I used a photo taken pre-Covid of my best friend, who I was really missing.

'I loved the photo as, in real-time, it was an incredibly happy moment. We were both laughing a lot, so the creation of this painting was, at times, an overwhelming emotional process, taking me through the space of disconnect and isolation.' Kenny said: 'Only four or five times in my life have I looked at a painting or image and had a really strong emotional reaction to it. Sometimes this has happened to me in an art gallery, at other times in exhibitions, but on this occasion it was G's image that affected me so. It literally took my breath away. I discovered that G submitted this image because it expressed how she felt at the time of lockdown: trapped, lacking motivation and missing friends. G could

have submitted other images from her personal portfolio but she told me this one spoke loudest of all.'

G described the artistic process of bringing the image to life: 'I used acrylic paint with a dry brush technique, taking a highly saturated colour palette ranging from warm purples, through reds, orange and yellow spectrums, painted onto a black base canvas.

'The style was inspired particularly by the work of Scott Hutchison, who explores time and the 'self', creating extreme, expressive faces in a saturated colour palette. He challenges our perceptions, testing what is real or an illusion, just as my happy photo moment flipped to a darker, tethered place.

'I also drew on the early work of Ken Currie whose study of Glasgow's industrial workers as unsettling pale shadow figures standing alone and partially visible, in a world in isolation, really influenced how I felt.'

Kenny said: 'The interview I



Artwork by a youngster known as 'S' also impressed the project's organisers.

had with G was as fascinating as the image she shared which, for me, aptly described the feelings so many young people expressed during lockdown. I am glad she submitted this because it has become my 'image of the past year', one that even Covid could not suppress.'

The organisers plan to hold another youth art showcase in 2022 but, as suggested by G, they will wait until after exam season in the hope of encouraging more young people to take part.

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I'm really not sure my talents are being exploited to the full.

It's been a busy few weeks here on the croft and one of us is putting on muscle, shedding pounds and falling asleep on the sofa at 9pm.

Sadly, it's not me. The heavy lifting of shearing, dosing and fence-building has turned out to be the husband's area of expertise – which should come as no surprise as some time in the previous century he got all sorts of certificates from agricultural college.

My proficiency is the ability to serve the purpose of an inanimate object.

If you need a cardboard cut-out to make a flock of very stupid sheep run in a particular direction, I'm your woman.

Or if your requirement is for a shelf to hold hoof spray, clippers and a dosing bottle then look no further.

Although I'm assured my role is crucial, I do feel a 3D printer could quickly wheech out a cardboard doppelganger that would be equally useful.

The only folk who would notice would be the midgies who would have less of a feast.

The 3D me would free up time for me to have fun with my new friends who arrived this week.

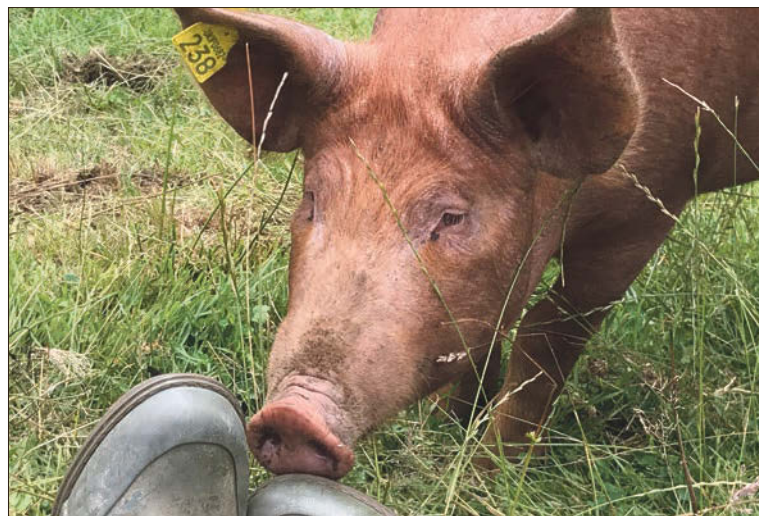


A 'roar' is introduced to a younger family member.

Fourteen organically-bred little pigs were fetched from another farm in Argyll and have now taken up residency in our woods and paddock.

They range from squeaky wee black weaners to medium-sized ginger Tamworths.

They haven't yet learned I'm a bit needy so they scampered in all directions when I served breakfast this morning rather than coming for a cuddle and a scratch as their



The new arrivals at the croft introduce themselves.

predecessors had learned to do. The variation in size is part of our plan to supply the shop and pub with a consistent stock of steaks, bacon, burgers and sausages as we ran out at an alarming rate last time.

We hadn't anticipated the demand; because so many of our neighbours are vegetarian we expected to have a glut of pork in our own fridge.

But the carnivores soon came out

of the woodland and our gammon steaks and chilli, herb and apple-infused burgers were soon to be smelled sizzling on barbecues throughout the village.

Like so many, much more professional, farms we have diversified into something approaching a petting zoo.

The main difference is that rather than charging tourists we are hosting our large and growing family, many

of whom have had their plans for Florida and the Maldives Covid kyboshed.

Two of our guests have spent almost their entire lives in lockdown so their parents are delighted to bring them out to the wilds of coastal Argyll and let them get up close and personal with our four-legged family.

Our niece will be two in November, but already life has become confusing. She is a budding David Attenborough and is quite the expert on animals and their sounds.

However, she insists our Highland Cows should say 'roar' and refuses to concede that they're 'moos'.

Cows should be black and white, while orangy yellow beasts with fluffy tails and wild fringes are lions. Fact. Throughout her five-day stay with us she continued to roar at our imposters and we gave up the bovine argument.

It seemed fine to let her live with this version of reality until it occurred to me that when travel restrictions allow she might find herself on an African plain running up to a 'roar' for a cuddle and a ride on its back.

This is why we don't run commercial visits – I can't even begin to imagine the insurance claim that would ensue.



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Patience goes a long way

Job vacancies in the UK's hospitality sector are higher than ever before and businesses throughout Argyll are feeling the pressure.

One in five hospitality workers left the industry during lockdown, many finding less stressful, better paid options in warehouses and in haulage. This added to Brexit, travel restrictions for foreign workers and the so-called pingdemic, where people are told to self-isolate if they've been in contact with someone with Covid, has created the perfect storm.

With international travel opening up this week and restrictions easing on physical distancing within pubs and restaurants, demand is set to further outstrip supply.

The visitor economy is worth more than £440 million pounds to Argyll and Bute, so a lack of staff waiting to greet them is a major concern. Perhaps if hospitality work were held in the same esteem here as it is in the US and other parts of Europe where it is an aspirational career choice then more people might be attracted to the sector.

As customers we can play a little role in this by understanding that our local hotels, pubs and restaurants have faced an unprecedented challenge over the last 18 months and they're still not out the woods. We might not get seated at our preferred time, at our favourite table, but a smile and wee bit patience can go a long way.

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Counting butterflies

Sir,

On behalf of the Butterfly Conservation organisation I am making an urgent appeal for your readers' help to count the UK's butterflies.

The 2021 Big Butterfly Count is well under way and we are urging the UK's citizen scientists to help us understand how the year's weather is affecting some of our favourite insect species.

More than 100,000 butterfly counts have been submitted since the Big Butterfly Count launched on 16th July but, with a week of counting to go, more data is needed.

Butterfly Conservation's current records show that many species of butterflies, including some well-known favourites such as the Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma are down in number following a cold and wet spring.

Taking part requires you to spend 15 minutes in any outdoor space counting the amount and type of butterflies - and some days flying moths - you see. It is easy to do and the more people who do it, the greater the benefits to our understanding of nature and how to help it. It's easy to upload the results either through the free app or via www.bigbutterflycount.org.

By taking part in the Big Butterfly Count you are making a real contribution to science and our understanding of how climate change and habitat loss are affecting these species.

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Sunburn's cancer risk

Sir,

Cancer Research is urging readers to enjoy the warm weather safely as new figures have revealed that around four in 10 Scots say they are more likely to protect their skin abroad than in the UK.

According to the YouGov survey, which asked people in Scotland about their behaviour in the sun, a fifth of adults said they are planning to spend more time outside in the sun in the UK this year compared to a usual summer. And with almost a third saying they've been sunburnt in the UK over the last 12 months, being safe in the sun is vitally important.

Whether on holiday or doing everyday activities, it's important to protect skin by covering up, seeking shade and regularly applying sunscreen.



Naturalist Chris Packham gets onboard with the big butterfly count.

It's so important that everyone remembers to protect themselves this summer. Avoid getting caught out by checking the UV index on the weather forecast or online. If it's three or above it's time to think about sun safety, especially if you have light or fair coloured skin or burn easily.

Whatever you are doing, remember the three-step method to enjoy the warm weather safely: cover up, seek shade and regularly apply sunscreen.

For more information and tips on sun safety visit cruk.org/sunsafety.

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Virtual festival for carers

Sir,

The Scottish Young Carers Festival will sadly not go ahead in its usual format in 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. This would have been the festival's 14th year, providing young carers with a much needed break from their caring responsibilities. Young carers provide unpaid care for a family member or a friend, who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems.

Carers Trust Scotland and the Scottish Government have been working with young carers and their services to continue the deliv-

ery of an online festival, and have responded to young carers' feedback from last year to make this year's festival the best it can be.

Scottish Government funding is providing more than £100,000 for Carers Trust Scotland to administer a small-grant scheme to eligible young carer services. These services will be able to apply for funding to provide fun and respite to the young carers they support. The outcomes of this scheme are broad to ensure that services can take a local, tailor-made approach in supporting their young people and provide meaningful respite in a safe way.

Furthermore, Carers Trust Scotland will bring the fun to young people through our online Festival activity. On Tuesday 3 August, the Scottish Young Carers Festival 2021 webpage will launch, where young carers can access over 40 pre-recorded workshops. These will cover a whole range of topics including Just Fun, Life Skills and Self-Care, at the request of young carers. There will be the opportunity for young carers to take part in dozens of activities including; mindfulness, magic, comedy, arts and crafts, and learning a language.

For more information about the Scottish Young Carers Festival, please visit: carers.org/scottish-young-carers-festival

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Football is one of my passions.

A few months ago the game was thrown into confusion when it was announced that some of the biggest clubs in the UK and Europe were about to form an exclusive breakaway organisation, a European Super League.

However, the rich owners of these clubs had miscalculated the depth of feeling and backlash from football supporters: so much so that the proposed Super League had to be abandoned.

It was all about money and greed.

The whole debacle set me thinking beyond football, to the near universal belief that the way a life is measured is based on merit and success and often wealth.

I was opposed to the Super League, and although I generally value a society where people who work hard can advance and prosper, it doesn't directly apply to Christianity.

The 'I must succeed' mentality has the tendency to produce a belief which, in its simplest form, suggests that 'good people automatically will get to heaven' because of their own efforts.

It's in our human nature to think that qualification for entry to heaven comes from our good deeds and achievements.

On the contrary, it's not about achieving but about accepting, accepting our salvation involves surrender to what Christ has done for us on the cross at Calvary.

'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...'

Those were Paul's words to the church at Ephesus.

Christianity is not a merit-based faith; I am grateful we cannot earn salvation by our works.

It is through the gift of God's grace available to every one of us.

Ken Watson, Campbeltown Community Church.

DUNADD

Dunadd turbine opportunity

A new wind farm development proposed for Mid Argyll could be an investment opportunity for the community, according to the potential developers.

The plans for 26 turbines on a site south west of Inveraray were presented to the Dunadd community council last week by Statkraft, Europe's largest renewable energy producer.

Speaking to the meeting the Statkraft employees explained that if consent were given the Car Duibh wind farm could have turbines of up to 200 metres tip height and could be an investment opportunity if the community was interested in being involved in that way.

A community benefit fund would also be set up and linked to the amount of energy produced. Responses to the plans were invited and had to be submitted by Friday July 30.

The proposed site is located in the same area as the Ardconnel wind farm which had planned for 15 turbines before being refused in May 2014 on the grounds of adverse visual impact.

The 3,500-acre estate on which the Ardconnel development was to be built is owned by former Conservative MSP and now Argyll and Bute councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor.

DUNOON

Kirn plans approved

Plans for three holiday letting units near Dunoon have been given the go-ahead by Argyll and Bute Council planning chiefs.

Greenside Garden Centre's plans for the Tigh Beag building at 113 Marine Parade, in Kirn, have been granted planning permission after no representations were received from the public.

The building, which will be converted and altered under the plans, forms part of the larger Dunclutha Children's Home site, which has been the subject of several other planning applications in the past.

The existing building is a semi-detached cottage which was used for several years as a residential home, children's nursery and office.

A council planning officer said in a handling



Up to 26 wind turbines proposed for site near Dunadd.

report: 'It is proposed to convert the vacant semi-detached building Tigh Beag into three residential units for holiday letting purposes.

'The holiday letting venture will be part of the general business of the tearoom based in the main building at 113 Marine Parade and all managed by the owner.

'This will add to the diversity of business that is proposed for number 113 and further allow visitors to the area to enjoy surrounding gardens and uses within the larger site.

'Each unit can have up to a maximum of four people staying and two car parking spaces per unit are proposed within a car parking and turning area to the west of the converted building.

'The redevelopment of Tigh Beag, in close proximity to the former Dunclutha building, will provide an enhanced setting for this prominent Victorian villa within a special built environment area.

'The modernisation of the existing building to create improved tourist accommodation together with associated landscaping and car parking proposals will help to revitalise the building and

surrounding part of the site to the benefit of the wider special built environment area.'

The officer added: 'It is considered that the proposed ancillary tourist development set within the larger Dunclutha site is acceptable in terms of uses and design and raises no amenity issues.

'The tourist accommodation use proposed will help not only to revitalise the vacant Tigh Beag building immediately adjacent to Dunclutha Villa within a special built environment area but act as a catalyst for future development within the larger neglected site.'

ISLAY

Sea safety signs required

The large number of visitors travelling this summer to Islay for the first time has prompted calls for information to be made available regarding water safety.

Swimmers can face strong currents and riptides in the water off some of the island's beaches and, although many locals are aware of which areas are dangerous, concerns have been expressed about those without this crucial information.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'On certain beaches some signs might be needed as we have had a huge number of first-time visitors to our island as a result of the pandemic staycations.

'Many of these first-time visitors will have limited knowledge of our tides and which beaches to be more careful on.

'I have raised this matter with the relevant department and hopefully we will see some appropriate action from our council.'

LOCHGILPHEAD

Christ Church, Lochgilphead is inviting all friends and visitors to the return of its Summer Fair. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the summer sunshine in the open air and browse a range of craft stalls, along with books and bric-a-brac, and, of course, a Strawberry Tea.

The event takes place on Saturday, August 14, from 11am-3pm.

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Recipe

A little hot in the kitchen today?

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Ingredients

- 200g dried quinoa
- 4 cooked skinless and boneless chicken 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 quinoa salad



For the dressing:

- 200g fat-free natural fromage frais
- 3 tbsp fat-free vinaigrette
- 2 tbsp roughly chopped bottled gherkins

Method

1. Cook the quinoa 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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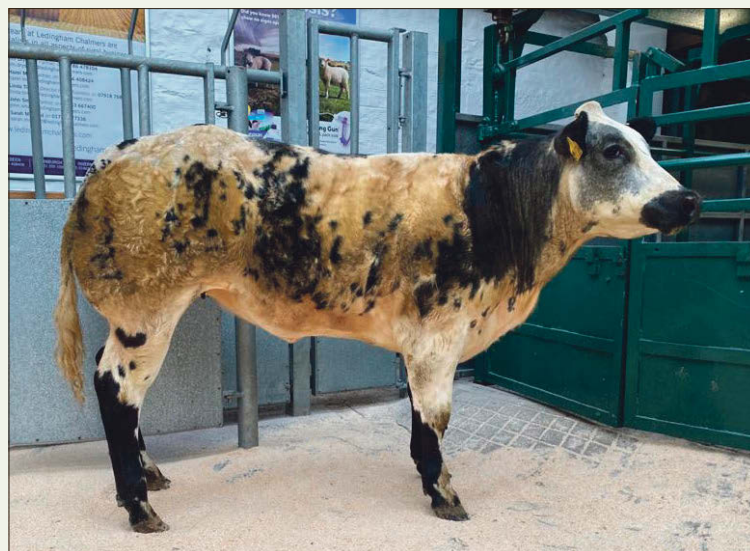
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Bullocks sold to £1500 for a 598k Charolais Cross from D W Semple & Son, Dippen to average £1133.48 (+£150.59) and to 345.8 p/k for Limousin Cross from Dunolliebeg Farm Partnership to average 252.49 (+20.69p). Heifers sold to £1480 for a 362k Limousin Cross from J Campbell & Sons, Succothmore to average £1033.42 (+£172.85) and to 408.8 p/k for the same animal to average 253.94 (+25.66). At the show prior to the sale, judging was in the capable hands of Mr. W Gray, Balquharrage Farm, Lennoxtown and his awards are as follows.
Bullock Class: 1st Dippen – Charolais Cross - £1500 to Mr. W Gray; 2nd Killocrow – Limousin Cross - £1200 to W & J Cameron, Burnside of Edingight; 3rd Achnaba – Limousin Cross to W & J Cameron.
Heifer Class: 1st Killocrow – BRB Cross - £1300 to Mr. W Gray; 2nd Strathnafenaig – BRB Cross - £1070 to J & A Steel, Craignathro Farm; 3rd Dippen – Charolais Cross - £1210 to A M Connon & Sons, Skilmalfilly.
Pen of Four Bullock: 1st Dippen - £1215 to W & J Cameron.



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BULLOCKS: AAX - £1470(5), Ballygreggan; £1470, Blasthill; £1405(2), Ballygreggan; £1195(3), Polliwilline; £1170(10), £1120(8), Blasthill.
BRBx - £1275, Dippen; £1255, £1225 Killocrow; £1215, Dippen; £1190,

Strathnafenaig; £1170(2), Succothmore; £1130, Uigle; £1110, Strathnafenaig.
CHARx - £1500, Dippen; £1320, Auchenrioch; £1310(4), £1275(3), Dippen; £1270, £1230(2) Glenehervie; £1230, Laggan; £1220, Glenehervie; £1215(3),

CHAMPION: BRBx Heifer from R & J Lines, Killocrow Farm. Sold for £1,300 to the judge, Mr Gray, Balquharrage Farm, Lennoxtown.

Dippen; £1200(3), Strath; £1200(4), East Laggan.
LIMx - £1270, Uigle; £1250(4), Dippen; £1240(2), Achnaba; £1230(3), Uigle; £1210(2), Killocrow; £1200, Strathnafenaig; £1200(2), East Laggan; £1200, Killocrow
SIMx - £1465(3), £1440(11), Balegreggan; £1200(3), Strath
HEIFERS
AAX - £1100 (4), Polliwilline
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west highland housing

WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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.

Asset Planning Assistant, EVH Grade 5 Salary £25,044 – £27,832

This is also a new role in our Organisation. You will provide a data collection and input role ensuring the organisation has an up-to-date information database on its assets and be the main user of our spatial information system, Cadcorp. You will be involved in procurement, our planned and cyclical programmes, and undertake a range of site inspections. We will want you to demonstrate good ICT skills and an ability to manage a diverse workload. You will need access to your own vehicle.

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If you want to speak to us about any of these posts, please contact us on 01631 566451 and we will be delighted to talk further about our work and our expectations.

Job packs can be downloaded from our website at www.westhighlandha.co.uk

We will only consider completed job applications – no CVs. please Applications should be received by noon on 17th August 2021 Interviews will be held in early September 2021

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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.

They will require:

- A good news sense, be organised, and have an impeccable eye for detail
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 - Experience of working on digital platforms
 - Effective communication skills
 - Digital and social media awareness
 - A full driving licence is essential
- The Chief Reporter's duties will include:
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As the position will be based in Oban, knowledge of the area would be an advantage.

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As well as writing for the newspaper of record for Argyll and the West Highlands, you will be expected to take photographs on the job, as well as contribute to our social media channels and podcasts.

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PERSONAL NOTICES

Jan Robertson wishes to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, presents and well wishes on her 80th birthday.

I would like to say a big thank you to all family, friends and neighbours for the cards, letters, visits and telephone calls received following my recent fall. Special thanks to all staff at QEUH and Campbeltown hospitals and Ambulance crews for their excellent care and attention. Thanks also to local care teams who are assisting me as I recuperate at home.

Janet Hamilton

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/01091/PP	Use of existing hard-standing area and construction of additional hard-standing area, both to be used as temporary overhead line construction compounds	Land South East Of Freasdail Wind Farm, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
21/01088/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of septic tank	Land South Of North Beachmore (plot 4), Muasdale, Argyll And Bute
21/01153/MIN	Formation of borrow pit for the extraction of hard rock and siting of ancillary infrastructure including welfare facilities, storage container and mobile crusher for the purposes of the Port Ann-Crossaig overhead line project	Crossaig Borrow Pit, Land Approx 600M North West Of Sunadale Cottage, (Sunadale Woodland), Carradale, Argyll And Bute
21/01154/MIN	Formation of borrow pit for the extraction of hard rock and siting of ancillary infrastructure including welfare facilities, storage container and mobile crusher for the purposes of the Port Ann-Crossaig overhead line project	Corranbuie Borrow Pit, Corranbuie, South Of Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
21/01280/PP	Change of use of public house to storage facility	4 Shore Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6BS
21/01316/PP	Erection of extension to shower block	Ardfern Yacht Centre, Ardferr, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8QN
21/01049/PP	Use of land for the siting of 4 shipping containers	Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6RP
21/01303/PP	Formation of footpath and associated works and upgrade of existing footpath	Land Between Boathouse Campsite And Grianan, Ardmish, Isle Of Gigha, Argyll And Bute
21/01314/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access off the B842	Plot 2, Land West Of Bel-Na-Mara, High Askomil, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Councils website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
Comhairle Earra – Ghàidheal agus Bhòid



Electricity Act 1989

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, The Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and Coronavirus (COVID-19): Planning Guidance on Pre-Application Consultations for Public Events

Notice is hereby given that **Ridge Clean Energy Limited** invite comments from members of the public regarding the proposal for Ladyfield Wind Farm (comprising of up to 22 turbines, with a maximum tip height of up to 200 metres), and Associated Infrastructure on land **approximately 4.7 km north of Inveraray in Argyll and Bute (centred approximately on National Grid References 210500, 715500)**. The proposed Ladyfield Wind Farm would have a generating capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW) and will be determined by the Energy Consents Unit of the Scottish Government, if a subsequent application is made.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in place of a public exhibition in a community building, a live and interactive web-based consultation event will take place on **Tuesday 17th August 2021 between 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm** via a web-link available on the project website at www.ridgecleanenergy.com/ladyfield. For parties unable to attend the web based consultation, questions or requests for clarification in respect of the proposal may be submitted by **Friday 3rd September 2021** via www.ridgecleanenergy.com/ladyfield; via energy@ridgecleanenergy.com marked 'for the attention of Ladyfield WF'; via written response to **Ridge Clean Energy, Noah's Ark, Market Street, Charlbury OX7 3PL**; or by calling Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd. on **0141 221 9997**.

Alternatively, hard copies of information can be provided upon request. Comments must be sent via the aforementioned options and to the above contact by **Friday 27th August 2021**; comments do not constitute a formal representation to the Argyll and Bute Council or the Energy Consents Unit. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist if a subsequent planning application is made. Full details of the proposal can be viewed on the project website at www.ridgecleanenergy.com/ladyfield.



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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (TARBERT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2021

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Harbour Street, Tarbert in a generally westwards direction to its junction with Lady Ileene Road, Tarbert, a distance of 140 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate the Tarbert War Memorial Rededication Ceremony 2021 and to enable members of the public to participate in this event, will be in operation from 7th August until 8th August 2021, it is anticipated that the road will be closed for approximately 10 minutes at some point in the day and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to a vehicle being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes, or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

An alternative route is not required.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org

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BIRTH

WELCH - Christina and Jonathan are delighted to announce the arrival of Lottie Mary on July 14, 2021. A beautiful wee sister to Archie and Millie. A new granddaughter to Karen and David, Ardrishaig and Lena and Archie, Castleton.

DEATH

BLACK - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Royal Infirmary Glasgow, on August 3, 2021, Billy Black, in his 78th year, of 10 Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead. Beloved Husband of Alice; much loved father of Alison and Willie and a much respected father-in-law of David and Christine. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10.30am, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made in Billy's memory to St. Margaret's Church Fund.

PHEELY - Peacefully at home, on July 30, 2021, Chris Pheely in his 76th year of Rosemount, Pier Road, Tarbert. Beloved partner of Connie Laing. Adored dad of Sharon, Tracy and Brenda. Dear brother of Margaret, Michael and the late Jean, Brian and Linda. Cherished grandad and great-grandad. Respected father-in-law of Ian, Kevin and Enver. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 10 at 1pm at the

Main Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Donations in memory of Chris, can be made directly to Marie Curie Mid-Argyll and The Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FERGUSON - Janet and family of the late Peter Ferguson would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the sad loss of Peter. Special thanks to Campbeltown hospital and district nurses who supported and comforted Peter in his final days at home, extended thanks to Mairi McMillan (podiatry) for many years of excellent care. Thanks to Carr Gomm care team, Rev. William Crossan for a beautiful service and to T A Blair's funeral service for making everything run so smoothly.

Finally thanks to everyone who lined the route to pay their respects, it was much appreciated by the family.

MACLEAN - Roselyn and family of the late Calum MacLean would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many flowers, cards, home baking and expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Calum. Special thanks to Dr Toledo for the exceptional care and time taken with Calum. Maggie Wilkinson, the community nurses and the nurses in Campbeltown Hospital, angels everyone. Also to Rev William Crossan for his personalised service at

the graveside. To Kenny, Kelly and the staff at Blair's undertakers for the professional service and compassion at this difficult time to me. The Argyll Arms Hotel for the lovely afternoon tea. Finally to those many people who paid their respects at the graveside and on the route to Kilkerran cemetery, it gave comfort to see so many there. Anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of Calum can choose a cancer charity of their choice.

SCOTT - The family of the late Marion (Maisie) Scott would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the cards received following the sad loss of Maisie, special thanks to Rev William Crossan for his comforting words at the graveside, to Kenneth Blair and his staff for their care and thoughtful attention to detail and to those who came to pay their respects along the route to Kilkerran Cemetery and at the Cemetery.

SINCLAIR - Iain, Peter, Margaret and family would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and support received following the sad loss of Nance. Special thanks to all staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, the Tarbert Home Care team, Carr Gomm carers, Naomi and Tanya, and all family, friends and the community for the kind care and attention received, enabling Nance to remain at home over the last two years. Heartfelt thanks also to Rev Lyn Peden for her kind words

and comforting service at the graveside, and for providing transport enabling Iain to join the cortege and attend the service. To Stan Lupton and his staff for their professionalism, care and compassion, Council staff at the cemetery, Fyne Flowers for the beautiful floral tributes, John Hunt for his excellent piping, and all the people from Tarbert and further afield who came along to pay their respects along the route to Carrick cemetery. Thanks also to everyone who expressed their condolences on All Things Tarbert. Donations, if desired, in loving memory of Nance, for Tarbert Church of Scotland, Property Restoration Fund, can be sent to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors, Loch Awe House, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6TW.

IN MEMORIAM

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear Dad, Robert, died August 9, 2004.

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- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine and Brian, Robert and Lesley, Grant and Stephanie.

MCNEILL - In loving memory of John, a beloved husband, father and father-in-law, who passed August 5, 2020. So sadly missed.

- Fay, Douglas and Bunty, Tarbert and Inverness.

CHURCH NOTICES

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11.15am
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The MV Hebridean Isles.
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Three Argyll ferries cancel sailings in one day

Three CalMac ferries were out of service on Argyll's coast in a 24-hour period last week.

On July 29 the MV Hebridean Isles and the MV Finlaggan, which both serve Islay, were subject to cancellations and delays and sailings on the Gourock to Kilcreggan route were cancelled because of a vessel breaking down.

Due to a technical issue with the MV Hebridean Isles' starboard engine all sailings to and from Colonsay were cancelled.

That evening divers were called to check the MV Finlaggan's bow thruster to investigate reports that a rope had become attached to it. As a result the evening sailing from Kennacraig was cancelled.

On the same day the MV Chieftain which serves Gourock and Kilcreggan suffered a broken starter motor causing sailings to be cancelled.

A spokesperson for CalMac told the Argyllshire Advertiser on Friday: 'The Hebridean Isles was off yesterday and the Finlaggan operated an amended timetable, but she's been back since first thing this morning.

'Divers are checking the Finlaggan at 6pm as marine waste - a rope - has got caught in the propeller.'

She added: 'We're just waiting for a part for the MV Chieftain, which will be fitted very quickly once it arrives.'

Covid recovery grants available for community groups

A new Micro Grant Fund is available to help with the safe reopening of community facilities and the restart of activities following the Covid lockdown.

The Argyll and Bute Council fund provides one-off grants of up to £500 for village halls and community organisations, with a focus on supporting community facilities to re-open and other community-led recovery activities. It can be used to buy equipment, materials

and training. Applicants are able to apply for up to 100 per cent of the total funding costs for any eligible project or activity, up to a maximum of £500.

The funding is for non-profit community organisations whose activity is focused on Covid-19 recovery.

Application forms can be obtained at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/covid-19-micro-grants-fund-village-halls-and-community-organisations.

YOUR PICTURES



As his holiday on Islay drew to a close, reader Alan Frew from Helensburgh caught the mood of Port Ellen harbour in the summer sunshine.

Taken as his ferry was leaving the island last week the photographs celebrate the colour and character of Port Ellen in the midst of a busy summer season. With his Nikon D7200, 18-300 lens Alan captures the ferry's wake curving back to the bay and in his second photograph he frames the bright yellow cleat in the foreground with a blue mooring rope looped round and the yachts behind. Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



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League and cup shinty action



Andrew King of Kyles Athletic receives the man of the match award from David Thomson on behalf of the Macaulay Association after the Macaulay Cup semi final at Mossfield.

Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

Mowi Senior League C Inveraray 1 Glasgow Mid Argyll 4

Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA) were 4-1 victors against Inveraray at the Winterton.

Ewen Fraser on five minutes and Craig Anderson on 29 minutes had GMA two up before Fraser Watt pulled a goal back a minute before the break. Ewen Fraser got his second on 54 minutes with Craig Anderson doing likewise on 61 minutes.

HIS Sutherland Cup – second round

Glasgow Mid Argyll 1 Kyles Athletic 4

The Kyles Athletic seconds won 4-1 against the Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds at Peterson Park.

David Martin on 13 minutes and Scott Ferguson on 18 minutes gave Kyles an early advantage, with Cairn Limbert making it 3-0 on 41 minutes.

Former Skye player Angie Grant pulled a goal back a couple of minutes later but David Martin sealed the win a minute from time.

Kilmory W/O v Inveraray

The Inveraray seconds were unable to raise a team for their meeting with Kilmory at MacRae Park so the hosts were given a walk-over.

Artemis Macaulay Cup – semi final

Oban Camanachd 0 Kyles Athletic 1

Kyles Athletic reached the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final with a 1-0 victory over Oban Camanachd at Mossfield.

The only goal came on 50 minutes when Oban Camanachd fluffed a hit-in and Kyles earned a free-hit following a break forward. The set-piece was powered to the back of the 'D' by Thomas Whyte and, one-handed, Ross MacRae touched the ball to Robbie MacLeod who smashed a shot home. Oban Camanachd had a chance to level midway through the second half when referee Des McNulty awarded them a penalty, penalising a sliding challenge after consulting with the goal judge. Daniel MacCuish rocketed the spot-hit, but John Whyte made a good reflex save. Oban Camanachd's Daniel Cameron went up front after feeling a tight hamstring and twice went close. First, Cameron went one-on-one with keeper Whyte and tried to slip the ball under the Kyles custodian, but his effort came off the keeper's heel. Then a fierce Cameron strike came off the back of Andrew King's head whilst substitute Lewis Buchanan saw his shot come back of the outside of the junction between post and bar.



Inveraray and Glasgow Mid Argyll battled it out for league points at the Winterton last Saturday. Photograph: Andrew Sinclair.



Action from the Mowi Senior League C match between Inveraray and Glasgow Mid Argyll last Saturday. Photograph: Andrew Sinclair.

Kyles were well served by their midfield of Thomas Whyte, flanked by Conor Kennedy and Innes MacDonald, with Neil MacVicar replacing Whyte when he suffered a knock. Andrew King covered a lot of ground at the back.



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Glorious weather for Tarbert ladies' July medal



Columba pairs winners Helen Samborek and Frances Hardie.

Tarbert Golf Club's ladies gathered on Sunday July 25 for the July Medal, which was played in glorious weather conditions.

Joanne Kerr took the honours with a nett 58, followed by Rona Young and Georgie Dickson on 65.

On Monday August 2 the ladies played for the Columba Pairs which was won by Helen Samborek and Frances Hardie.

This weekend is the turn of the men when the James Mundell Memorial Open takes place on Saturday August 7. The entry fee is £10 and can be booked via the Scottish Golf App.



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