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Health chief advises care as signs of life reappear

With the Scottish Government's decision to move to a Covid restriction level 'beyond level zero', signs that life is ever-so-gradually returning to some kind of normality are appearing across Argyll, writes Colin Cameron.

Many events have, of course, been cancelled but some have been held under the appropriate restrictions.

One such example was the successful Kilberry Loop Sportive cycling event, held last week, starting and ending in Tarbert - more on this on the back page. And this weekend the much-anticipated return of the paddle steamer Waverley will turn on Sunday August 15 into a gala day at Ardrishaig.

The Waverley is expected at 3.15pm and the Scottish Canals Egg Shed will be open, with refreshments, craft stalls and vintage buses. West Coast Motors is laying on a free shuttle bus to and from Lochgilphead.

Many groups and tourist attractions are beginning to re-

open, but as life begins to take on a more pre-pandemic feel, the health authorities warn the virus is still with us.

Dr Tim Allison, NHS Highland director of public health, said there had been 'quite a significant' increase in Covid cases in the health board area in the first week of August compared to previous weeks.

'We need, however, to be aware of what symptoms to look out for and, if you have them, the importance of isolating immediately.'

He said: 'It has been a very challenging few months for everyone and it is right that the new-found freedoms should be enjoyed. With relaxing of the restrictions and schools

about to go back we are, however, expecting a further rise in cases. A number of care homes, businesses and events are continuing to feel the impact of Covid - a reminder this virus is still here and can still do damage.'

Dr Allison added: 'I am acutely aware the majority of people will want to move forward and we can still do that. We need, however, to be aware of what symptoms to look out for and, if you have them, the importance of isolating immediately and arranging for a PCR test.'

'I'd also encourage LFD testing for those without symptoms which will help us keep on top of those who could have Covid but do not have symptoms.'

'More than 90 per cent of over-18s in the NHS Highland area have received their first dose, and Dr Allison concluded: 'The vaccine really is our way out of this pandemic and I hope, when invited, you do decide to get vaccinated.'



Representatives of the armed force read the names inscribed on the cenotaph.

Tarbert does its war heroes proud

The rededication of Tarbert's war memorial on Saturday brought crowds to the streets to pay their respects.

Retired and serving members of the armed forces came together at the muster point on the Fish Quay and were joined by the descendants of fallen soldiers and representatives of the wider community.

At 2pm, piper Ali Duff led the parade along

Harbour Street, the pavements of which were filled with villagers, visitors and shop-keepers paying homage to the men named on Tarbert's cenotaph.

A hundred years after the unveiling of the Tarbert and District War Memorial the village gathered again on Lady Ileene Road, this time for a special re-dedication ceremony.

More on this story on page 7.

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Proposals to tackle an ageing and declining population

More than a quarter of Argyll and Bute's population is aged 65 and over and nearly half of the council's staff is aged over 50.

The figures are revealed in a council document laying out the authority's financial strategy for the next 10 years.

The report also suggests the area's population is projected to fall by nearly six per cent in the period from 2018 to 2028 compared with a predicted increase of 1.8 per cent for the whole of Scotland.

It has also experienced a population decrease of 5.9 per cent between 1998 and 2018 and a working age population decrease of 11.2 per cent in that period.

The financial strategy was due to be put before the council's policy and resources committee at its virtual meeting on Thursday August 12.

Executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'The area has one of the oldest age structures in Scotland, with 25.5 per cent of the population aged over 65 and, in addition, is experiencing a net outmigration of peo-



Argyll and Bute Council executive director Kirsty Flanagan.

ple as well as natural decline in the population.

'Population decline is widespread among different geographies and island/mainland areas. The area also has the highest proportion of second homes of all local authorities in Scotland.

'EU exit is likely to further exacerbate the declining population trend for Argyll and Bute and others parts of the Highlands and Islands.

'Therefore, a targeted, inter-agency response is crucial to mitigate these trends. In particular, through the

Convention of the Highlands and Islands (COHI) it has been suggested that a sub-regional population response team is established, whose goal should be to rapidly impact on population issues in Argyll and Bute, the Outer Hebrides and Caithness and Sutherland, and bring forward a 'repopulation plan'.

'Demographic change will have significant impact on services as funding allocated from the Scottish Government is partly based on the population of an area.

'Furthermore, projected population changes will have an impact on all service areas, particularly education and social care, where there will be a need to manage the transition from current service delivery arrangements to new models that are built around the needs of the future population.'

Ms Flanagan added that the most recent assessment of the workforce provided a positive picture with an improvement in filling professional posts, with the flexibility afforded by working from home.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute has an ageing population and the council's workforce reflects this. Around 48 per cent of the workforce is aged 50 or over and this is the most prevalent workforce risk across teams.

'The council is managing this through structured succession and improving access to skills and training, more easily delivered through improved online learning. Managers are encouraged to review vacancies before filling them to ascertain the potential for a trainee to be brought in.

'This is the core of our 'Growing Our Own' approach, and has been very successful, particularly in teams like ICT and digital.

'However, managers continue to cite capacity demands as an ongoing barrier to taking on trainees or apprentices, as workload pressures have increased.

'Earmarked reserves have been set aside to support investment in trainees for the highest risk teams, although this provides only limited scope to fill posts.'

Argyll and Bute pupils exceed national examination averages

Secondary pupils across Argyll and Bute received their exam results this week – and figures show the region has performed better than the Scottish average.

Figures for Argyll and Bute this year show the following pass rates:

National 5: 87.33 per cent – 1.5 per cent above the national average.

Higher: 90.15 per cent – 2.9 per cent above the national average.

Advanced Highers: 91.41 per cent – 1.2 per cent above the national average.

All 10 secondary schools maintained their 100 per cent pass rate for National 4 – 13.9 per cent better than the Scotland-wide average.

This year's results were marked using the Alternative Certification Model (ACM), originally developed for National 5 courses in response to the cancellation of exams.

The ACM was later expanded to cover Higher and Advanced Higher assessments.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'Congratulations to every one of our senior pupils who

received their exam results today. I never cease to be amazed by the talent and ability shown by our young people here in Argyll and Bute.

'The last 18 months have been a difficult and uncertain time for everyone but our young people, with the support of their parents and teachers, have overcome any barriers and continued to work hard to achieve success. Their commitment and sheer determination to do well has clearly paid off and I am delighted for them.

'I know there will be some young people who might be a bit disappointed because they perhaps didn't get the results they had hoped for, but I want them to know that help and support is available.

'Exam results are only one way of progressing onto positive destinations.

'There are many, many ways that young people can access appropriate pathways into work, even if they didn't get the grades they wanted. Should anyone need further support or advice, I would urge them to get in touch with their school in the first instance.'

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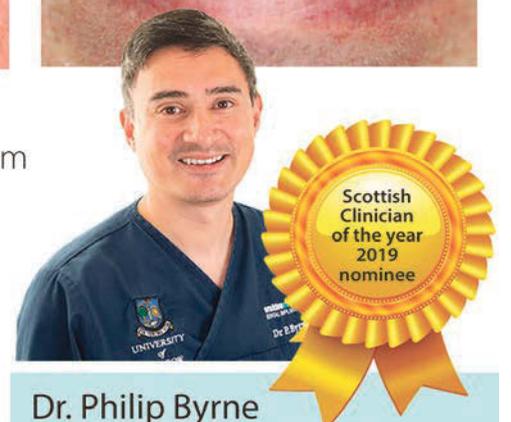
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New rowing era on Loch Fyne as handmade skiff is launched



Mrs MacPhunn enters Loch Fyne at Strachur pontoon. Inset: Hand-built by volunteers, the skiff will be available to anyone wishing to get involved in her sailing and maintenance.

Photographs: Leif Brag.

Loch Fyne's newest coastal rowing boat was launched last weekend after 18 months of painstaking work.

Built by hand by members of Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club, the wooden St Ayles skiff was launched from the pontoon at Strachur Bay on Saturday August 7.

The skiff was built in a former cow byre at Glenbranter from sheets of 9mm marine ply, Douglas fir and oak. The vessel is named 'Mrs MacPhunn' after the wife of 'Half-Hung Archie' MacPhunn who came back to life while being rowed across Loch Fyne on his way to be buried at Strachur after being hanged at Inveraray.

The boat will be crewed by a team of four rowers and a coxswain and will be available to all members of the community once standard safety requirements have been met.

Upper Loch Fyne Coastal



And they're off – the crew mans the oars, with Derrick Anstee acting as cox. Photograph: Leif Brag.

Rowing Club was set up in Inveraray two years ago with the aim of building and operating a skiff on the upper reaches of the loch.

The club is a member of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association which encourages

boat building, rowing and racing of coastal rowing boats around the Scottish coastline. New members wishing to help maintain the boat and potential rowers and navigators keen to learn nautical skills are welcome to join.

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Making music together at Lochside

The creative juices were flowing this week in Lochgilphead at a workshop designed to collaborate with groups across Argyll.

People supported by Lochside, formerly known as Lochgilphead Resource Centre, played instruments including equinox drums, chime bars and rain sticks to create a new piece of music that will be showcased alongside work by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services and groups in Campbeltown and on Mull.

Over five days this week the workshops, run by the Hear My Music charity, were enjoyed by Lochside's budding musicians and staff.

Iain MacDougall and Iain Dettmer are supported by the centre and on Monday they formed a band with Hear My Music's Emily Carr-Martin and Patsy Reid.

Iain said: 'I love music, my favourite is Scottish music. It's amazing to be part of a band and writing new music.'

Lochside senior development worker Shirley Nicholson



Iain MacDougall and Iain Dettmer get with the beat at Lochside. 51_a33lochside03

played along with the newly formed band.

She said: 'It's about everyone working together. There's a joy about playing music like this and everyone is achieving so

much in creating something new.'

Patsy explained that a lot of their workshops have been online over the last year so she welcomed the chance to work

in person at Lochside. 'It actually feels strange, but really good, to be here, working in person with everyone and getting away from the screen, but there are advantages we've dis-

covered during the pandemic. We will be able to continue relationships with people all over Scotland more easily now that we know we can work together well on video chats.'

Argyll and Bute climate summit

An Argyll and Bute environmental action group is to host its own summit in the run up to the UN climate change conference.

Leaders from around the world will be in Glasgow in October for COP26 and Time for Change Argyll and Bute is keen to lead the way with an online climate event in September.

Based around the themes of food, energy and transport, the meeting will take place on September 20 during the Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week, a UK-wide series of events which aim to raise awareness about COP26. Local stakeholders and experts will discuss each theme in question and answer sessions which will also feature political representatives.

Time for Change Argyll and Bute secretary Freya Aitchison said: 'It'll be a celebration of climate action in our area as well as a time to reflect on what we can do better and faster.'

Tickets for the summit can be booked at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-bute-climate-summit-tickets-165643992641

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Views sought on £50,000 island living incentive

A proposal to offer large financial incentives to attract people to islands threatened by depopulation has stirred up debate in Argyll.

The Scottish Government plans to create and fund an Islands Bond to encourage population retention and growth in island communities. Before going ahead with the plan, it is inviting the public to give their views.

The consultation paper aims to identify islands where

population decline is becoming critical. In addition, the government says it is keen to work with young islanders to identify actions to encourage them to stay on or return to islands. It hopes also to ensure that policies aim to retain and attract Gaelic speakers to live and work in Gaelic speaking communities.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto has urged the community to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on its Island Bonds policy, which proposes offering 100 bonds of up to £50,000 to young people and families to stay in or to move to islands currently threatened by depopulation.

She said: 'One of the main priorities of the Islands Plan is to increase population and especially to encourage younger people to move to or return to islands. Providing financial

help in the form of the Island Bond might be one way of achieving this. The Scottish Government is proposing to invest £5million to encourage island repopulation. In the last couple of weeks, I have visited 10 of Argyll and Bute's 23 populated islands. A subject that has been consistently raised across them is how do we encourage young islanders to stay and how do we ensure we have good homes for them.'

The problem of jobs and housing for young people was also raised by Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant, however, she explained she thinks the £50,000 incentive could, in fact, exacerbate the situation.

She said: 'We must ensure policies devised to halt depopulation do not have the opposite effect. I am concerned this will simply inflate house prices



Above left: Rhoda Grant MSP has concerns over Island Bonds. Above right: Jenni Minto.

and do not count towards income when being assessed for a mortgage. That is why even in our island communities we see people migrating to towns to try and secure a decent living.'

Concerns like Rhoda's are, Jenni Minto believes, the reason why as many people from the communities affected should get involved with the consultation. She said: 'I don't think there is one simple solution, so we must look at all possible solutions in the context of what we hope to achieve. It is therefore important that those with the best experience and insight, those who live on or have grown up on the islands, make their voices and opinions heard in this important consultation.'

The Island Bonds consultation is available at consult.gov.scot

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and attract those who do not have a realistic idea of island life, while further pushing house prices out of reach of young people. I firmly believe the way to halt depopulation is to create jobs, provide further

education and build homes to provide opportunities to enable young people to stay. Currently those who live on our islands are often forced to work several jobs to make a living. Many of those are

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Wed 18 **Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic Night** | Argyll Hotel
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Doors: 7:00PM

Thu 19 **Young Folk Night** | The Heritage Centre
Tickets: £7 A delightful event that showcases the future of Kintyre's finest young musicians.
Doors: 7:00PM

Fri 20 **Festival Ceilidh** | The Victoria Hall
Tickets: £18 / £9 Scotia Ceilidh Band, Wee Toon Tellers, Dalriada Connections Band. Ceilidh dancing is allowed.
Doors: 7:30PM

Sat 21 **Community Events** | Various Locations
Tickets: Various **Harbour Tours** with Mull of Kintyre Sea Adventures from 10am @ Harbour.
Up the Close (starts 1PM) @ Springbank Distillery featuring The Democrats, FLING + more.

Sat 21 **Traditional Concert** | The Heritage Centre
Tickets: £18 All-seated event returns with performances from Da Birlinn and the Claire Hasting Trio.
Doors: 7:00PM

Sat 21 **West Coast Rocks** | The Victoria Hall
Tickets: £27 **A Glen Scotia Distillery Sponsored event.**
Doors: 7:30PM Tide Lines headline with Beinn Lee and Rhuvaal. Alison M Leith (MC). Dancing is allowed.

Sun 22 **Dalriada Connections** | The Heritage Centre
Tickets: £14 **A Kilkerran Distillery Sponsored event.**
Doors: 1:30PM Ross Couper & Tom Oakes, Ainsley Hamill with Alistair Iain Paterson, Lorne MacDougall, Ciaran Mulholland (NI) + many more local and visiting artists.

Sun 22 **Survivors Night** | The Victoria Hall
Tickets: £22 Slainte Davaar Allstars, Rhuvaal, Gilchristians, we.R.soul, Alex, Archie & Arran McAllister, Session A83. Alison M Leith (MC). Dancing is allowed.
Doors: 7:30PM

Drone medical flights hailed a success – and more to come

The success of the UK's first drone flights for medical samples and supplies has placed Argyll at the forefront of this life-saving technology amid proposals for a longer, larger-scale trial next year.

Argyll and Bute is the only NHS service to have had unmanned flights transporting clinical supplies and laboratory specimens, and plans are under way to make the area the epicentre for future trials.

Speaking this week to the Argyllshire Advertiser, Stephen Whiston, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's head of strategic planning, Performance and technology, said: 'We are at the forefront of this in Scotland and the UK and are leading the way for health services throughout the country. The success of the trials that finished in May is really good news for Argyll and Bute.'



From February to May 2021 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) collaborated with drone designer and operators Skyports to conduct a drone delivery project to provide a fast, frequent and reliable

clinical supplies transport service within Mid Argyll and Oban and the isle of Mull flying blood, Covid and other laboratory specimens between GP practices and hospitals.

The trials were conducted with Scottish and UK

Government support and were funded by the European and UK space agencies. In total, the drones covered a distance of 14,000 kms over 422 flights, transporting 1,660 diagnostic specimens benefitting 884 patients and removing

More medical supply drones are planned for Argyll.

11,640 hours from current arrangements.

The drones, which have a wingspan of 2.4 metres and a cargo capacity of 5kg, fly themselves following a pre-programmed flight path with on-board systems monitored by a pilot based at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban.

Stephen explained the draft reports of this trial are positive and funding applications have begun for a longer and more extensive trial in Argyll next year.

He said: 'The lessons learned from our three-month project have proved invaluable in assessing the benefits of this technology to improving health care, but also identifying areas for improvement and development to provide a resilient and cost effective service.'

'The HSCP is therefore working with Skyports for a final

phase three project starting in 2022 which will have a longer timeframe providing a six-month drone delivery service potentially covering the west of Argyll including the islands.'

Stephen explained the drone flights improve the speed of access to medical results and therefore reduce delays in diagnosis and treatment.

As well as flying samples between Argyll and Bute's own medical centres, the drones can fly specimens to labs in Glasgow for more specialist tests.

'We are delighted with the support from the community, particularly through the pandemic,' Stephen added.

'We've had lots of engagement on social media and we've also been encouraged by the staff's enthusiasm to get onboard with a project that deals with the challenges of rural areas.'



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Tarbert's war memorial rededicated

The service had been a year in preparation and had seen a huge amount of work by members of the community to learn more about each of the men listed on the monument.

This group was led by Aggie Dennis, a Royal Navy veteran and now local watch commander for Scottish Fire and Rescue.

The rededication followed in the footsteps of the unveiling ceremony almost to the letter, opening with the Gaelic choir singing the hymn 'O God, our help in ages past'.

Reverend Lyn Peden and Rev Rodger Crooks addressed the crowd before calling everyone to prayer.

The names of each of the men recorded on the monument were then read out by representatives of the army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and merchant navy. Originally there had been 68 names carved into the stone. These were joined by an additional 28 names following the Second World War. Each one of the names represented a member of the community who had



Tarbert war memorial was rededicated to mark its centenary.

been lost. Many of those men were represented by relatives who still live in the community.

Kevin McKeavney sounded the Last Post on his bugle to mark the start of the two-minute silence, which was broken by Ali Duff playing the pipe tune 'Flowers of the Forest' as organisations, local

businesses, community members and families laid floral tributes around the base of the monument.

It was then time for the official rededication of the memorial, read by Aggie Dennis, to the memories of the men whose names are engraved on the monument.

The national anthem was sung, followed by the reading of 'In Flanders Fields' by Tarbert Academy's school captain Danielle Blair and vice captain Troy Bailey.

The Kohima Epitaph, read by Aggie Dennis, closed the service.

Following the ceremony Aggie said: 'Today is about remembering why our monument is here. Remembering the families who waved their sons, brothers, fathers and uncles off to war and who didn't return. It's about remembering who they were and making sure they are never forgotten. We are indebted to their relatives who have given us their photographs and stories.'

'To our team of volunteers who did online investigations,



Left: Service organiser Aggie Dennis opened proceedings.

discovering where some of our fallen men are buried, many miles from their village home, their work has been invaluable and will go on as a living history, a legacy of their lives.'

'I'd like to thank everyone

from each of the organisations who paraded with us today, thank you for standing together with us.'

'And finally, to our community. This last year has seen the best we have to offer. From

finding information about our fallen men, to fundraising to have the monument looking pristine, as it did in 1921, to look over our village for the next 100 years and beyond. We did our heroes proud today.'

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Now is your chance to own a special piece of photographic art – and support a Mid Argyll charity into the bargain.

Castle in the Clouds is a stunning image of Edinburgh Castle taken during lockdown by Adam Bulley, the grandson of one of the people using MATV's services. So pleased are they with the service that the family decided to donate a print of the stunning picture to raise money for the charity's funds.

But this is no ordinary photograph. It was viewed by more than three million people after being posted on social media by Adam, who works as a photographer, photography guide, filmmaker, videographer and musician in Edinburgh.

Taken from Salisbury Crags in November 2020, the picture of Edinburgh Castle emerging from a blanket of haar was

deemed the best image of the city captured during the pandemic and said to be the most popular shared by VisitScotland over the previous 18 months.

MATV is offering the print for sale by silent auction and Lochgilphead businesses have rallied round to help.

MATV transport co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy explained: 'The Archway art gallery in Lochgilphead kindly framed it for us and Fergusons the butchers have generously let us use their window to display and place bids in their shop. It is very good of local shops to support small charities like ours, especially at the moment.'

People will have the opportunity to bid until August 23 and a number of offers have already been submitted. Catherine continued: 'We are so grateful

to the family for giving us this photograph. I had seen it online during lockdown and had admired it, not thinking Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers had a connection to the photographer.'

MATV helps adults who are unable to access public transport due to age, disabilities or condition in Mid Argyll and Tarbert to local and further afield medical appointments and for shopping or social events. The charity has never been busier, with more than 6,000 miles travelled in July alone. Volunteer drivers are always needed across the region.

'If anyone is interested in helping us in any way, they would be most welcome,' added Catherine.

To submit your bid for Adam's stunning photograph, you can either: place it, sealed, in the box in Fergusons butchers,

Lochgilphead; send a direct message to Catherine Kennedy on the MATV Facebook page or telephone MATV on 01546 603564 between 9am and 5pm weekdays. And remember, bidding closes on Monday August 23 – so don't miss out.



Top right: From left, MATV committee member Maureen Bryne, Wilma Meikle of the Archway Gallery, MATV co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy and Maureen Sloan-Griffiths, also of the Archway Gallery, with the newly-framed photograph.



Right: The spectacular image of Edinburgh Castle, captured as it emerged from thick sea fog on a November evening.



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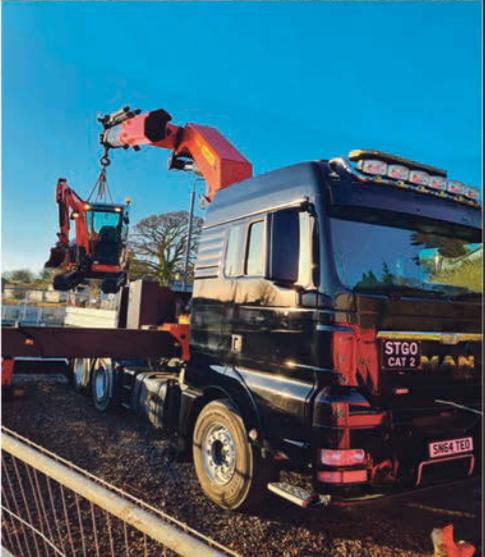
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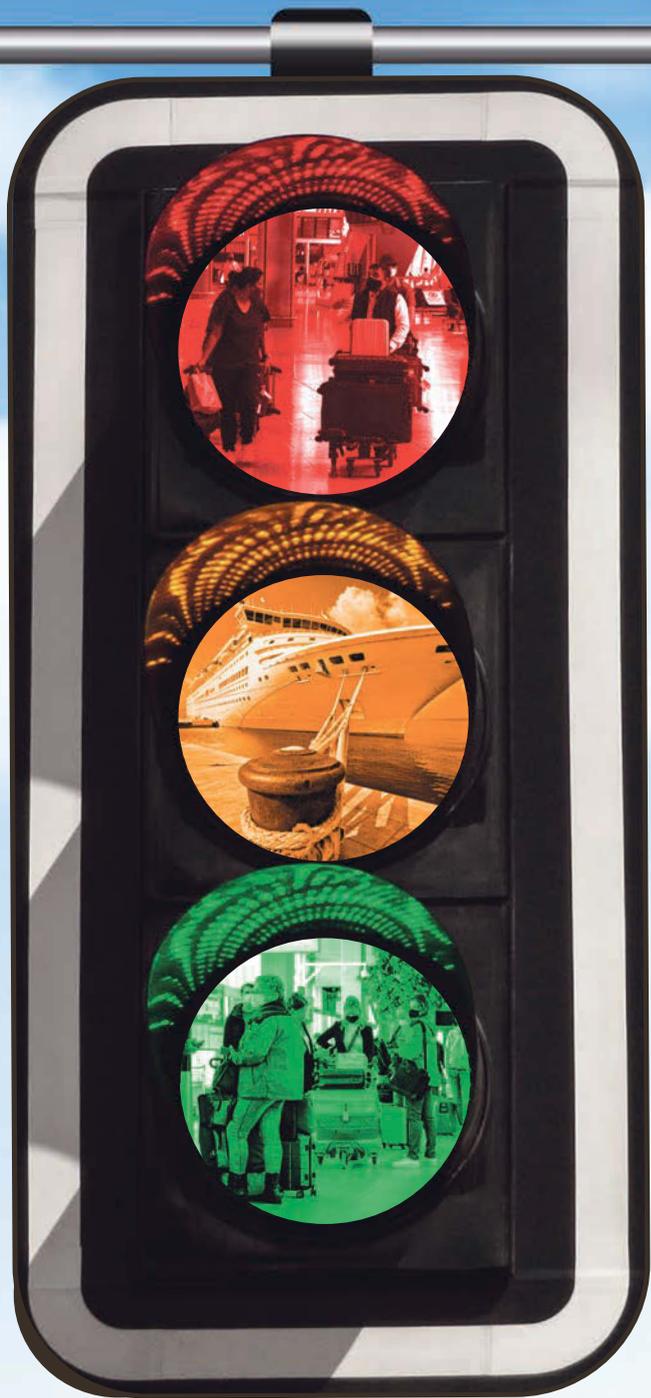
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Travelling abroad has changed

The pandemic has changed the way we travel abroad. The Government has put in place a traffic light system – green, amber, red – designed to tell you the actions that need to be taken on return from overseas travel. Other changes have been made because the UK has left the EU. Here we answer your most frequently asked questions.

What do I need to do if I want to travel abroad?

- Check the rules and advice for the country you're going to. Some countries require proof of a negative COVID-19 test result or a vaccination certificate. Before you return, take a COVID-19 PCR test. To board your transport to the UK you need proof of a negative result from a test taken in the three days before the service departs.
- You will also need to complete a passenger locator form and book any COVID-19 tests or quarantine hotel packages needed ahead of your return to the UK.
- The rules for testing and quarantine when you arrive back in the UK depend on which countries you've been in or

travelled through in the 10 days before you arrive.

Are there additional requirements when travelling to and from Europe?

- Check your passport is valid using gov.uk/check-passport
- Allow plenty of time if you need to renew your passport. Check your travel insurance covers all your needs including healthcare and you have a valid Global Health Insurance Card or in-date European Health Insurance Card.
- Check you have the correct driving documentation for your destination at gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu
- Make sure you have the right documentation if you are travelling with your dog or cat.

What happens if I catch COVID while I am abroad?

- Coming down with COVID on holiday can be a big and costly problem, so it's best to make sure you know what you must do if the worst happens - and if you can afford it. Some countries insist you enter a quarantine hotel - and you may have to pay for it.
- Make sure you have the money needed or adequate insurance before you go.
- If you do need medical treatment in a country covered by the EHIC/GHIC scheme the UK Government will fund this treatment as usual.
- Always check FCDO Travel Advice for the latest entry requirements and local COVID-19 rules for your destination country and when preparing for your return to the UK.

Before you book don't forget...

Due to the nature of the pandemic, advice on travel is constantly changing. Before you book a holiday or business trip, it is wise to check the traffic-light status of your planned destination and what rules are in place for leaving and re-entering the UK. To do this visit gov.uk/travel-abroad

'Finding out what we had to do wasn't so bad'

Matthew Milner and his Polish-born wife Maria travelled to Torun in her homeland this month to see his wife's parents. The 38-year-old, his wife and their five-month-old son Anthony took the trip to the city which features a historic Unesco heritage site. Matthew, who explained that the London couple have both been double vaccinated, said: "My wife's parents wanted to see their grandson. And the fact we were both double vaccinated was reassuring. "We knew the guidance had changed so to find out what we needed to do, we did a mixture of Googling and

checking the official Government website.

"I was intending to return to work in the office on our return and we saw that being double vaccinated meant we didn't have to isolate for 10 days after our Day 2 test. We also found out we would only have to do the 'Day 2' test when we got back home and that made life quite easy for me to get back to work. "Finding out what we had to do and what had changed wasn't too bad." Mr Milner said that during the flight booking process passengers are also given instructions and links for what travellers have to do.



TORUN TRIP: Matthew and Maria Milner with son Anthony visited Poland.

Travelling abroad has changed

For more information please visit gov.uk/travel-abroad

All together >

Ardrishaig designer transforms Artmap

The brochure for this year's artist trail across Argyll has been transformed by a young designer from Ardrishaig.

Grace Carroll has created a new image for Artmap Argyll Open Studios, an annual event involving artists from all over the region that this year takes place over the last two weekends of August.

The third year student at Glasgow School of Art was approached for the commission by Artmap's Arthur Ker who said: 'It was a pleasure to work with Grace on the publicity material for Artmap Argyll Open Studios. The annual event's red dot trail guides visitors to artists' studios by a network of numbered red dots and direction arrows and Grace brought a fresh, youthful vision to the project.'

'Her finished designs, using coloured arrows and red dots, capture the essence of the



Arthur Ker and Grace Carroll peruse the new Artmap.

Open Studios experience in simple abstract form. The response from Artmap members to Grace's designs has been enthusiastically positive.

'Considering Grace is still a student at Glasgow School of Art, she showed a maturity and professionalism way beyond her years which bodes well for her future career. The fold out leaflet and map was a new format for Artmap and for Grace but she took the challenge in her stride.'

Grace has been mentored since the age of 15 by the Templars Arts and Leisure Centre (TALC) in Tarbert

where she trained in conductive screen print and weaving.

Nicole Heidtke from the Tarbert arts centre said: 'Grace has the ability to solve design problems like a professional combined with the creative struggle of an artist.'

Arthur added: 'Artmap Argyll thank TALC for suggesting Grace for the project and for the fantastic work they do mentoring young local talent for careers in art and design. We wish Grace all the best for her final year of studies and look forward, hopefully, to working with her again in the future.'

Pedal-power goes on trial

Businesses across Mid Argyll have been invited to trial a new mode of transport to reduce their carbon footprint.

At a taster session hosted by the Multiple Sclerosis Centre Argyll on Thursday August 5, a variety of organisations took to the road on electric cargo bikes.

The large, electric-powered cycles were made available by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) and offered to businesses to try out for up to a month.

Cargo bikes are being hailed as a zero carbon alternative to a car or small van as they have a storage area and can cover up to 50 miles on a single charge.

The ACT Now project is inviting all Mid Argyll businesses and organisations to trial an electric cargo bike.

There is a choice of two models. These cargo bikes have huge potential as a zero carbon alternative to a car or small van.

A spokesperson from ACT said: 'The electric cargo bikes are a great move forward in sustainable deliveries, especially in towns and cities that have plans to significantly reduce carbon emissions.'

'They can get through congested environments with ease.'

As well as these bikes with electric pedal assistance, ACT has free upcycled bicycles available to encourage people to commute by bike to and from work.

Details about how to apply for the Bikes



MS Argyll outreach worker Claire Cameron cycling with a precious cargo - her niece Eilidh Cameron and nephew Rhys Chamberlain.

Back to the Community scheme are available on the ACT website www.act-now.org.uk.

Act Now is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times



	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sun, 1 Aug 2021	12:20	09:20	14:50			
Mon, 2 Aug 2021				13:25	10:25	15:55
Tue, 3 Aug 2021				14:30	11:30	17:00
Wed, 4 Aug 2021				15:29	12:29	17:59
Thu, 5 Aug 2021				16:20	13:20	18:50
Fri, 6 Aug 2021				17:05	14:05	19:35
Sat, 7 Aug 2021				17:44	14:44	20:14
Sun, 8 Aug 2021				18:21	15:21	20:51
Mon, 9 Aug 2021				18:56	15:56	21:26
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Sun, 15 Aug 2021	10:48	07:48	13:18			
Mon, 16 Aug 2021	11:48	08:48	14:18			
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Fri, 27 Aug 2021	09:03	06:03	11:33			
Sat, 28 Aug 2021	09:43	06:43	12:13			
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Mon, 30 Aug 2021	11:18	08:18	13:48			
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John Lowrie Morrison's 50-year love affair with Tayvallich celebrated with an exhibition of new work inspired by the area's beauty

It was an autumn day more than 50 years ago that John Lowrie Morrison first discovered the place he now calls home. The acclaimed artist was studying at the Glasgow School of Art when he drove to a place called Tayvallich that his father had told him he had to see. Now, on Saturday, August 14 John will be celebrating the village and its surrounding coast and countryside in an exhibition at the Archway, Lochgilphead, entitled Tayvallich and Environs. 'My Mum and Dad used to cycle all over Scotland on their tandem and it was this place Dad recommended I take a

drive to,' John explains. 'It was the late 1960s, I remember it was autumn and the beauty of the place just caught me. I fell in love with Tayvallich that first day and have been painting it ever since.' Although John has been depicting this part of Argyll for decades there is a freshness to his work that instills every painting he creates. 'Each time I paint this place, it's different,' he says. 'I love bringing things from the past into the present with a fresh new painting. I have an incredible memory for colours and places and it's

that feeling, that memory, that I paint.' John explains his process is to go through the thousands of sketches and photographs he stores in fire-proof metal drawers. 'It comes right away to me what I should be painting,' he says. 'When I pick up a drawing or photo and I see it's 25 years ago I want to paint the scene as it was, but bring it back to life, bring it into the present. Sometimes the paintings are gestating inside me for that length of time.' To see the fruits of John's love affair with Tayvallich and Environs pop into the Archway, Lochgilphead from August 14.



Tayvallich & Environs

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JOHN LOWRIE MORRISON OBE
At The Archway Gallery
From 14th August



The Archway, 7 Union St, Lochgilphead 01546 606894 www.thearchway.co.uk

Tentative steps to gatherings is welcome

How brilliant is it to see events returning to our area?

After 17 months of isolation and no social gatherings, at long last there is the prospect of getting together for all sorts of reasons.

Putting a slight dampener on things is the pesky virus, which is still a danger and still around, but the official advice is to get vaccinated and stay cautious in gatherings, particularly indoors. Hand hygiene, keeping an appropriate distance and masks remain important weapons against the spread of the virus.

And if you suspect symptoms, get a test and follow current advice.

There is no point in becoming blasé and reckless after all the suffering and sacrifices made to get to this point.

On another note, the Waverley will be a welcome sight in Ardrishaig after 20 years without a visit. The last time she was due, a year or two ago, it never happened due to a breakdown, so fingers crossed it happens this weekend.

And well done to West Coast Motors for laying on a free shuttle service.

If you are heading along to Ardrishaig Pier, remember the advice about remaining cautious about Covid to help keep the recovery going.

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Don't blame cyclists

Sir,
The article published in the August 6 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser with the headline Cycling route is danger to drivers, suggests the cyclists who use this national cycle route are creating a danger for drivers.

The Kilberry Loop Sportive, it suggests, has increased the number of cyclists on the B8024 as entrants practice and train for the event, making life hard for residents. I feel it will be more dangerous for the cyclists than the drivers but the reality is the build up to this event has a very small impact on the number of cyclists using this route.

As event organisers we take our responsibilities very seriously. A sportive is a non-competitive event. This event is British Cycling approved; the police are informed, as are all residents. All entrants are made aware they must abide by the Highway Code and show courtesy to all other road users on pain of disqualification and censure from British Cycling.

The demographics of the entrants show a good number are drawing their pension – or will be soon.

I have lived in Tarbert for 35 years and regularly cycle along this B road. There may be a few more cyclists around this summer, the majority of whom are on touring bikes, carrying all their worldly possessions, going at a leisurely pace enjoying the scenery. To suggest the road is a 'dangerous nightmare' and a 'race track' is as sensationalist as it is absurd. I believe this article has diminished the seriousness of the issues raised by the resident concerned by including such provocative language.

While it is unacceptable Mrs Carsten is 'too scared to leave her home' those responsible for the hedgerow should fulfill their responsibilities and make the B8024 safe for all users, residents, cyclists and drivers – but don't blame the cycling event for her fears.

John Hardie, event organiser, Kilberry Loop Sportive, endorsed by Colin MacFarlane, president of the Mid Argyll Tri & Cycle Club.

Crash barrier danger

Sir,
Crash barriers are being erected on the A83 between Furnace and Minard.

Less than half a mile further towards

Campbeltown, there is a part of the road where only a very narrow verge separates the road from a drop of a metre to the loch shore. I wonder why this stretch of road is missing out.

The stretch currently being worked on has a footpath between the road and the crash barrier. Before the barriers were in place, if a car left the road a pedestrian on the footpath might have had a chance of escape into the soft scrub at the edge of the road. Now, a pedestrian unlucky enough to be in the path of a car leaving the road has a greater chance of being severely crushed between the vehicle and the crash barrier.

Is there a reason why crash barriers on roads with footpaths are not placed between the traffic and the footpath?

Elizabeth Hay, Minard.

Help ease loneliness

Sir,
Lots of us would appreciate a moment's peace and quiet. But what if that moment lasted for days on end, with nothing but the television to break the silence?

This is the reality for too many older people. A lack of contact with others made the pandemic especially difficult and hundreds of thousands of older people in Scotland can still go up to half a week without hearing from or speaking to another person.

The Big Wheesht is returning for its second year and Age Scotland is urging as many people as possible to sign up for this sponsored silence with a difference.

Throughout September the challenge asks individuals, families, businesses and other organisations 'can you haud yer wheesht?' and raise money to support lonely older people across Scotland.

Fundraisers can choose to take part in a variety of ways, from switching off their phones to unplugging from social media, hosting a silent disco or simply taking part in a period of sponsored silence. The fun event has a serious message at its heart, aiming to highlight just how many older people in Scotland still live with unwelcome silence daily.

Age Scotland's recent research found that an estimated 218,000 over-50s feel lonely all or most of the time, with 53 per cent feeling even lonelier as a result of lockdown.

Around one in four – 24 per cent – said they did not normally see someone during the course

of the week, rising to 28 per cent among those who lived alone.

Donations to The Big Wheesht will go towards the charity's national 0800 12 44 222 friendship line, which helps older people stay connected by offering support, comfort and reassurance to those in need.

Chronic loneliness increases the risk of stress, anxiety and depression and doubles the risk of dementia. By joining us for The Big Wheesht this year, you'll be helping to raise awareness and tackle the devastating impact a lack of interaction can have.

We will be dealing with the ongoing impact of lockdown loneliness and isolation for a long time to come and the more money raised, the more calls our dedicated friendship line team can offer.

Anyone who would like to take part in Age Scotland's Big Wheesht can register online by visiting www.age.scot/bigwheesht.

Brian Sloan, chief executive, Age Scotland.

Bike power in Mid Argyll

Sir,
The ACT Now project thanks the MS Centre in Lochgilphead for hosting the eCargo bike event on Thursday August 5.

ACT Now and the MS Centre work in partnership to reduce food waste in Lochgilphead, through the Co-op Food Share scheme, so moving to promote sustainable transport continues the theme of a cleaner, greener Argyll and Bute.

ACT Now, a Scottish Government Climate Challenge Funded project based in Lochgilphead, has eCargo bikes supplied by the Energy Saving Trust and Hitrans which we supply for free, long-term hire to Mid Argyll businesses and organisations. Should any Mid Argyll business or organisation wish to trial an eCargo bike please contact me at jamie@act-now.org.uk for more information.

Jamie Joyce, ACT project officer.

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The Dochas Centre will begin operating on a restricted basis from 16th August.

Weekly drop-in and monthly support groups will have limited places. Drop-in every Thursday 10.30-12.30 pm, Parkinson's every first Thursday 1-3 pm, Autism every last Wednesday 10-12 pm and Dementia every last Wednesday 1.30-3.30 pm.

Please call us 01546 600 022 to reserve your place.



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Thought for the Week

I drove across the Erskine Bridge last week and was astounded to see the north bank of the Clyde parched and brown as the African savannah.

This is our share, here on the west coast, of a planet on fire.

How have we let this happen? To inflict such violence on our Mother Earth? And – like all violence in the end – on ourselves?

Those who commit abuse have usually been raised in violence.

That is how they experienced family love – it is all they know.

So what violence have we experienced to become such perpetrators?

Spirituality is at the heart of the answer. Underlying our crisis lies a false image of God. And of not-God.

If reality is chemical and mechanical, we shall try to take control: we know best.

If the market-place is reality, we shall cheat and steal.

If reality is violent, arbitrary and unjust, we shall be the same.

If the god we envisage only rewards those he thinks worthy, and punishes the unworthy, we in imitation shall build a society where the unemployed and mentally ill are cast aside into penury and homelessness and strangers are victimised. And the earth burns.

But the true image is of a love shaped through the mysteries of menstruation and ovulation; through the ecstatic joy of sucking at the breast.

It is a helpless, infant love, warmed by the sweet breath of feeding cattle; which sinks beneath the river waters among the fish and water-weeds and under the earth as food for microbes and fungi.

And among the dead, to enliven their spirits.

If we hold that love, that beauty, that truth to our hurt spirits, it can renew us, and in us, the face of the earth.

**Reverend Canon Simon Mackenzie,
Lochgilphhead Scottish Episcopal Church.**

Emotional send-off as nurse works her final day on Gigha

Gigha's long-serving nurse has donned her blue uniform for the final time.

Anne Shaw worked her final day as Gigha's senior community nurse on July 29, after more than 22 years on the island.

The event was marked with an emotional piping tribute and a socially distanced gathering of islanders to pay tribute to Anne's long and dedicated service.

Flowers, cards and gifts were presented by children Ella Park, Syd Vipurs, Matthew Sheriff, Brogan Bannatyne and Martha and Maisie Teale, with John Martin toasting Anne's commitment to Gigha.

Anne Shaw's retirement surprise was an emotional event. Anne arrived on Gigha in 1999 to cover maternity leave and is first to say she is glad for the longest 'pregnancy' in history!

Although asking on her first day where the Marks & Spencer supermarket was, Anne simply 'got' Gigha and has been an active member of the community since.



Flowers, cards and gifts were presented to Anne Shaw by Gigha children.

Retirement has been well earned. After a nursing career spanning more than 49 years, Anne, who is married to Tom, is looking forward to putting her feet up.

The islanders said: 'Enjoy your retirement Anne. It's well deserved.'

Col Glen Boat Club launches new skiff

COLINTRAVE

As the upper Loch Fyne skiff entered the water at Strachur – read all about it elsewhere in this edition – another St Ayles skiff slipped quietly into the Kyles of Bute just down the road.

The Col Glen Boat Club skiff 'St Modan' was launched on Saturday August 7 at Colintrave.

The idea of building a skiff for Colintrave and Glendaruel was first proposed in 2017 and a year later work began. After plenty of hard work by volunteers, interrupted by a pandemic, the skiff is ready for use.

The launch was followed by a popular taster session for people aged 14 and over.



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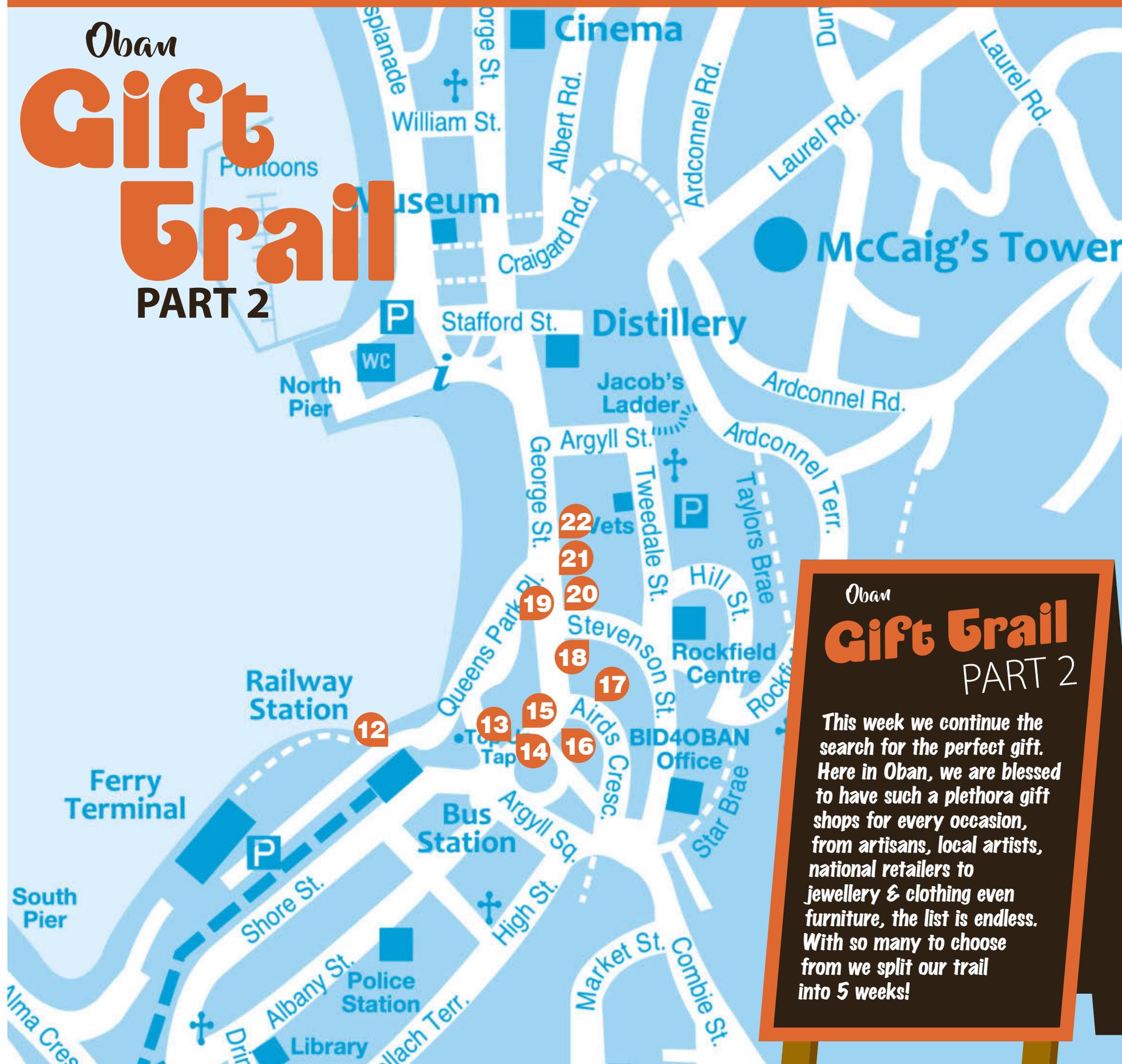


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Argyll farmers meet politicians

New farming entrants Ricky and Kirsten Rennie of Garvachy Farm, Minard, last week hosted a meeting between local NFU Scotland board members and politicians.

In a welcome first on-farm gathering since the pandemic, union members representing Argyll and the Islands met with two of the region's MSPs on Wednesday August 4.

Argyll and Bute constituency MSP Jenni Minto (SNP) and Ariane Burgess, Highlands and Islands regional MSP of the Scottish Green Party discussed a range of topics with the farmers present. Issues aired included the



A welcome on-farm meeting took place at Garvachy.

impacts of white-tailed eagles; how farmers and crofters respond to the climate and biodiversity crises; the development of future support schemes and how to support agricultural activity on the West Coast.

Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland regional manager for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Thank you to Jenni Minto MSP and Ariane Burgess MSP for taking the time to meet with members.'

Eyes and ears wanted to fight rural crime

A crime-fighting charity is looking for anonymous information as rural areas continue to suffer at the hands of criminals.

Crimestoppers issued a fresh appeal for the public's help in the wake of a new NFU Mutual report highlighting crime levels in rural areas during the pandemic.

In the year to April 2021, Crimestoppers received nearly 2,700 anonymous reports about rural crime across the UK.

Despite a 14 per cent increase on the year before, it is believed a number of incidents are not being reported, prompting the charity to launch an awareness-raising campaign to encourage more people to speak up.

Information has been received on crimes including the illegal hunting of deer and game; tradesmen burying asbestos under earth mounds and the theft of plant and machinery from farms and building sites.

In its latest published claims statistics, rural insurer NFU Mutual estimates countryside theft last year cost Scotland £1.7million.

Crimestoppers has been working with the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime,

Mitie and Neighbourhood Watch to help raise the profile of rural crime through its four-week UK campaign.

Key themes will be wildlife crime, environmental crime and theft, all of which have a harmful impact on rural communities.

The campaign will initially focus on wildlife hunting and poaching, with advice on how to spot the signs and prevention tips.

Angela Parker, national manager for Scotland at Crimestoppers, said: 'Our charity knows how damaging crime in the countryside can be to communities, rural businesses, farmers, wildlife and the environment.'

'By telling us anonymously what you know can make all the difference.'

'Working together, we can help protect our precious countryside and rural environment, communities and business from the harm caused by these criminal gangs.'

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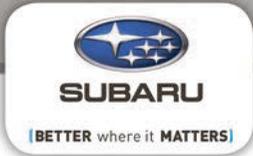
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TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES AND CHARGES) (MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY) 2021

The Council are responsible for enforcing parking restrictions across Argyll and Bute. Effective traffic management has a number of benefits, including supporting the local economy by ensuring parking turnover, safeguarding access for blue badge holders, for deliveries, for loading and for emergency vehicles as well as ensuring road safety by managing inconsiderate and irresponsible parking.

The proposed Order is to introduce control measures to allow the effective management and enforcement of the off street car parks listed below. The control measures include restricting the vehicle categories per car park, use of the car park (for example off-street trading), address inappropriate parking and maintain safe access.

Off street car park areas with no parking charges (Bowmore Car Park, Bowmore; Port Askaig Car Park, Port Askaig; Port Ellen Car Park, Port Ellen; Gigha Car Park, Gigha; Old Quay Car Park, Campbeltown; High Askomil Car Park, Campbeltown; Westport Car Park, Nr Campbeltown; Burnside Square Car Park, Campbeltown; Bolgam Street Car Park, Campbeltown; New Quay Car Park, Campbeltown; Carradale Car Park, Carradale; Seal Point Car Park, A83 south of Clachan; Machrihanish Car Park, Machrihanish; Peninver Car Park, Peninver; Keills Car Park, Nr Southend; Mull of Kintyre Car Park, Nr Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse; Tayinloan Car Park, Tayinloan; Craignish Car Park, Nr Ardferrn; Ardrishaig North Car Park, Ardrishaig; Ardrishaig South Car Park, Ardrishaig; Crinan Harbour Car Park, Crinan; Crinan Ferry Car Park, Nr Crinan; Furnace Car Park, Furnace; Highbank Car Park, Lochgilphead; Tarbert Car Park, Tarbert; and Tayvallich Car Park, Tayvallich).

Full details together with plans and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the traffic regulation order can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders or viewed during normal office hours at the following location:

- Post Office, 66 Frederick Street, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, Argyll and Bute PA42 7BD

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing providing their full name and address, to Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT or by emailing TRO-Objections@argyll-bute.gov.uk by 6th September 2021. Letters of objection will be replied to after the closing date of the period for objections.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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PLANNING

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

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
21/01188/PP	Erection of temporary awning/tent structure (retrospective)	Kilmartin House, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RQ
21/01093/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	Barvrack Borrow Pit, Land North East Of Freasdail Wind Farm, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
21/01234/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, aviary and the temporary siting of a static caravan	Plots 2 And 3 Land At Dippen Farm, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/01348/PP	Removal of existing pontoon, installation of replacement pontoon and associated works	Lifeboat Station, Old Quay, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ED
21/01247/PP	Remove 5 single glazed timber sash and case windows and replace with 5 double glazed timber sash and case windows of the same style and finish	2 Blacks Land, Arkland, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE
21/01180/MIN	Use of existing 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 Port Ann-Crossaig overhead line project	Oakfield Borrow Pit, Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/01181/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	Inverneill 2 Borrow Pit, Brenfield Wood, Ardrishaig, Argyll And Bute
21/01182/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	Meall Mhor Borrow Pit, Kintarbert Woodland, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
21/01010/PP	Construction of first floor with pitched roof above existing detached garage to facilitate storage/office space and construction of elevated access walkway. Installation of 2 rooflights, 1 window in gable and 1 rear door	Ardtornish, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TT
21/01174/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	Freasdail 2 Borrow Pit, Land East Of Freasdail Wind Farm, (Borrow Pit 2), Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
21/01292/PP	Upgrade to existing footpath and associated works	Land North West Of Balmore, Isle Of Gigha, 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 Council's 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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Please note that any comments made to Energiekontor are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority. Please note all comments should be received no later than 6th September 2021.



If you are unable to view the material online, would like further information, or would like to organise a telephone or video call with a member of the project team during the consultation period please contact the Project Manager, Craig Potter at:

Email: Craig.Potter@energiekontor.com
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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

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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.

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Margaret Johnson,
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MARRIAGES

LANG - BROWN - At Portavadie on Saturday, July 24, 2021 Craig, son of Dougie and Mandy to Cheryl, daughter of Kenny and Andrea. A special day.

TAYLOR - MCPHEE - Both families are delighted to announce the marriage on August 3, 2021 at Seamil Hydro Hotel by the Rev. Gary McIntyre of Suzanne, daughter of Logan and Frances Taylor of Cambuslang to Alasdair John, son of Alasdair and Fiona McPhee, Campbeltown. A wonderful day.

DEATHS

CLARK - Peacefully at the Perth Royal Infirmary, Perthshire, on August 3, 2021, Mary Jean Graham Scally, in her 77th year, The Paddock, Muchart, Clackmannanshire, dearly beloved wife of the late John Reginald Clark and a deeply loved mum, nanny and aunt. A shining light who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Mary's funeral will take place on Saturday, August 14. The cortege will leave the Highland Parish at 11.30 a.m. We will travel along Argyll Street, Main Street and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Mary may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Family flowers only please.

COLLETT - Peacefully at home, 17 Glenside, Campbeltown, on August 7, 2021, Agnes McLellan Scally, in her 89th year, loving partner of the late Jamie, dearly beloved mum of Elizabeth, George, Martha, Marlene, Wilma, Fiona and Margaret and a loving granny and great-granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WAREHAM - John, Mary and Eddy would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of condolences on the passing of Mum (Peggy). Our special thanks to Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professionalism and attention to detail, Rev. William Crossan for the personal and uplifting service at home and at the graveside, Campbeltown hospital staff and community nurses and to all who took the time to pay their respects on her final journey to Kilkerran cemetery, it was very much appreciated by the family.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Love from Jean and family.

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Promise for Star despite friendly defeat

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Pre-season friendly	

Red Star welcomed high quality opposition to Lochgilphead's Ropework park in the form of Blantyre RGM from the Central Scottish League.

Despite a positive first half

display on Saturday August 7, where the local side missed a hatful of chances, it was the more experienced Blantyre outfit which eventually ran out comfortable winners as they took control in the second half.

Red Star started the match well and forced a number of good chances before Joseph Harper put the home side in front, reacting quickest

after a mix-up in the Blantyre backline. The hosts should have been further ahead, going close with efforts from Aaron Moore and Euan Finlay, who struck the post. Blantyre drew themselves level from a set piece which was met with a free header. Star failed to show the same energy after the break and the visitors took advantage of a goalkeeping fumble to

take the lead. Blantyre added a further three goals in the next 20 minutes to put themselves in command at 1-4 up.

The game could have been made interesting late on, but Aaron Moore could only divert an effort wide and it was Blantyre who finished the scoring with a late effort to make the final score 1-5.

Red Star manager Colin Weir

has been using pre-season to blood some of the youngsters coming through from the 2004s side, with several of the boys acquitting themselves well as they make the move into adult football.

On Saturday August 14, Red Star begin their Centenary Cup group section at the Ropework when they play Cardross. Kick-off 2pm.



Kyles advance in Camanachd Cup as Inveraray thump 'Dour

With the Macaulay Cup final to look forward to next weekend, Kyles Athletic continued a successful season as they overcame Beaulieu on penalties to reach the semi-finals of the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup.

The draw for the semi-final ties was made earlier this week in Oban, where the Camanachd Cup Final will be played at the town's Mossfield Park on September 18.

Conducting the draw were Argyll and Bute councillor and Camanachd Association director Roddy McCuish, fellow Oban councillor Elaine Robertson and Andrew Spence of the Oban business organisation Bid4Oban.

Kyles Athletic were drawn to play Kinlochshiel, while Kingussie or Kilmallie will face Oban Camanachd or Lovat in the other semi-final.

The matches will take place on August 28 and September 4 at neutral venues to be announced.

Steven MacKenzie, Camanachd Association president, said: 'It is an exciting day in the shinty world as the remaining teams can now see

a clear path to the final. The confirmed semi-final is undoubtedly a mouth-watering prospect, with Kyles looking to return to the final for the first time since 2013 and Kinlochshiel eager to make the first final in their history. In the other tie, there is still a lot to play for, but whatever the makeup of the semi-final it is sure to be a fantastic match. I wish the best of luck to all teams involved.'

Roddy McCuish said: 'It is fantastic such an historic competition like the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup is once again culminating in Oban.

'Mossfield is steeped in shinty history and the town will be buzzing come cup final day.'

Kyles reached the semi-finals by narrowly defeating Beaulieu 3-2 on penalties after extra time at Braeview Park, Beaulieu, ended two goals apiece.

The closest to a goal during the regulation 90 minutes of the match on August 7 came when Kyles were awarded a second-half penalty but Robbie Macleod's effort went wide.

He atoned for that miss four minutes into extra-time

when he turned home Innes MacDonald's low cross.

Kyles were given another boost when home defender Angus Renwick attempted to clear the ball for a corner on 98 minutes but turned it into his own net.

David MacLean scored for Beaulieu on 104 minutes then, to the delight of the home support, Jack MacDonald made it 2-2 five minutes later.

With no further scoring, referee Steven MacLachlan took the tie to penalties.

Kyles Athletic won the shoot-out 3-2.

Robbie Macleod, Thomas Whyte and Callum Miller all converted for Kyles, with David MacLean and keeper Duncan Anderson doing likewise for Beaulieu.

Elsewhere on Saturday, the Mowi Senior League C tie between Inveraray and Aberdour saw the Fynesiders overpower the Fife outfit by six goals to nil.

But it took Inveraray 40 minutes to break down the visitors' resistance at the Winterton.

Allan Cameron broke the deadlock five minutes before the break and Fraser Watt



Andrew Spence of Bid4Oban and Councillor Elaine Robertson, chairwoman of Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee and Common Good Fund, make the draw for the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-final.

Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

added a second on 65 minutes. David MacAllister made it 3-0 on 70 minutes, whilst Fraser Watt completed his hat-trick with strikes on 78 and 80 minutes.

Coll MacKay made it 6-0 with five minutes remaining.

Inveraray and Aberdour were both in last week's Alvance British Aluminium

Balliemore Cup quarter-final draw. Inveraray will visit Ballachulish and Aberdour make the long journey north to Skye. Inverness host Beaulieu and Bute have home advantage against Strathglass. The ties are scheduled for Saturday August 14.

Saturday's Bullough Cup second round tie between

Kilmory and Aberdour second team was postponed as a result of Covid restrictions.

Inveraray and Oban Celtic meanwhile agreed to rearrange their Bullough Cup tie to Wednesday August 11.

Next Saturday, August 21, Kyles Athletic will face Kingussie in the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final.

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Golfing harmony at Lochgilphead

Sunday saw couples take to the Lochgilphead golf course to compete for the Harmony Trophy, originally sponsored by The Fraser McGlynn Trio.

Competition was fierce, not to mention the challenge of the weather – but players were fortunate to pick a dry time window within an otherwise showery day.

Scoring was superb, with the pairing of Douglas Whyte and Susie McLean returning a superb score of 48 points beating Jim and Ele Hunter by six points.

Refreshments were provided in the clubhouse following the competition where the usual 'if onlys' featured here and there in the chat.

The Lochgilphead Ladies Open will be held on Sunday August 22 and tee times are filling fast.

Contact Ele Hunter on 07714 233006 if you would like to play.



Susie McLean and Douglas Whyte beat Jim and Ele Hunter by six points to win the Harmony Trophy.



Left: Cyclists line up ready to set off from The Gather. Above: Alison McBride of Tarbert and Morag Prach gearing up for the event. Photographs: Kilberry Loop Sportive.

Welcome return of the Kilberry Loop Sportive

Sporting events officially returned to Tarbert last weekend with more than 70 cyclists taking part in the 2021 Kilberry Loop Sportive.

This 40-mile ride, organised by Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club and registered with British Cycling, has been a fixture on Tarbert's events calendar since it was first staged in 2018.

Having been cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, organisers worked hard to make sure the event could go ahead on Saturday August

7 under current Scottish Government restrictions.

The Kilberry Loop Sportive, which starts and ends at The Gather, Tarbert, is open to cyclists of all abilities and is the perfect first step on the road to competitive cycling.

The route is testing – taking in Loch Caolisport, Kilberry and back through Torinturk – but the rewards are huge, with breathtaking scenery from every angle. For those riders cycling in company and making the most of the opportunity to enjoy the day,

the photo opportunities are endless. And for those cyclists who want to push themselves, the route is exciting enough to get the adrenaline flowing.

Event organiser John Hardie was delighted to see live events back in the village and said: 'I'm absolutely thrilled at how today's event has gone. I felt quite emotional as the first riders left the start line.'

'The last year and half has been difficult but hopefully we are now back on the road to normality.'

'I'd like to thank Phil and

Corrin at The Gather who so warmly welcomed us. Their hospitality has been second to none.'

'A huge thanks to all our marshals across the 40-mile route who supported and cheered on our cyclists and whose smiling faces cheered everyone on, no matter how tired their legs were.'

'To our registration team, first aiders and, of course, our cyclists we really couldn't do it without you. We hope you will all return in 2022 and bring your friends too.'

MacArthur wins James Mundell Open

Thirty three members and visitors gathered at Glenralloch last Saturday for Tarbert Golf Club's James Mundell Memorial Open.

The course was in superb condition for the event; the only disappointment was the poor turnout.

That said, the golf was of a high standard with two of Argyll's finest golfers, Bobby Willan and Steven Gilmour, returning one-under-par 65s to head the scratch event.

Tarbert's John MacNab returned 72, as did Graham Hill from Kyles.

Iain MacArthur, who has been playing his way into the season, proved he was the man to beat when he returned 76-16 for nett 60 to take the clubhouse lead.

Lewis Preston came second on 64 by virtue of the better inward half, while fellow member Jamie Stuart was third, edging out former dooker Allan Blair by virtue of the better last six holes. Both players finished on 64.

The longest drive went to Steven Gilmour with Gordon Whyte closest to the pin at the eighth. A club spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to those who supported the event, especially the Lochgilphead and Kyles members, and former dookers who travelled a fair distance.'

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