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**No stopping Lydia on her Beatson run**

The rain fell, but it failed to stop wee Lydia from running all the way from Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig to raise money for a cancer charity.

Three-year-old Lydia Parker from Lochgilphead was doing a sponsored run along the Crinan Canal on Saturday August 21 to raise money for the Beatson Cancer Charity. Her dad Michael is currently in the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre receiving treatment for stage three cancer.

With the help of mum Hannah and plenty of supporters, Lydia sprinted most of it and completed her run in just half an hour.

When she first came up with the idea to help make her daddy better, her target was £100 or 'dollars', as she put it.

A Just Giving page - 'Lydia's Sponsored Run' (as shown) - has been set up for anyone wishing to donate to Lydia's fundraiser. To date the total raised stands at almost £5,000.

Hannah said: 'There was a



Proud mum Hannah with Lydia at Miller's Bridge on the canal as they get ready to set off.

great crowd following Lydia on her run, and folk were shouting from windows and the road for her. She was delighted when she won the race

at the finish line and asked to do it all again. Her daddy was on FaceTime from the Beatson so he never missed it.'

# Wind farm boost for Inveraray Pier campaign

The woman driving the community campaign to purchase Inveraray Pier says she's pleased at the level of support the campaign is receiving.

Linda Divers, convener of Inveraray Community Council, last week announced an agreement with wind farm developer Ridge Clean Energy (RCE) to provide practical support to the pier campaign.

The move comes hot on the heels of another boost in the form of a £300 donation thanks to local artist Sue Armour, who donated proceeds from the sale of two paintings at the Stable Gallery - which took no commission - to the pier fund.

The Evans family, who bring

the shows to Inveraray green every year, are regular donors to good Inveraray causes, with one cause this year being the pier fund.

UK-based Ridge Clean Energy (RCE) is in the early stages of investigating the potential for a windfarm on Ladyfield plantation in Glen Aray.

As a policy, it works with the local community from early stages of a development and, for the Ladyfield project, RCE is working with the community company Inspire Inveraray and the community council to create a restoration plan to re-open Inveraray pier.

RCE aims to provide its

expertise and 'seed capital' to help draw up purchase and construction arrangements, develop the fundraising plan and the overall schedule.

Linda said: 'Hopefully things are moving in the right direction with the pier.'

'RCE has been a great help to us so far and we hope to continue working with it.'

'The fund is now standing at £15,100 which, when you consider the past year or so is pretty remarkable. It shows us that our efforts aren't in vain and people really do care about the pier. Once again thank you to all who have donated one way or another. Your generosity really is appreciated.'



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# Two in court after Dunoon blaze shock

## Third appears on house-breaking charges

The people of Dunoon have rallied round to support the affected businesses after four shops were burnt to the ground on the town's main shopping street, writes Colin Cameron.

Several nearby properties were also damaged by the blaze, which erupted in the early hours of Friday August 20 on Argyll Street.

Police quickly made two arrests in connection with the blaze – a man aged 30 and a 14-year-old boy – and they appeared at Greenock Sheriff Court on August 23 in relation to the charges, as well as others connected to an earlier rampage through the town, also involving a 16-year-old youth.

The 30-year-old, named by police as Gary Alexander of Dunoon, was accused of wilful fire-raising, alleged attempted housebreaking, alleged theft from a motor vehicle and alleged threatening or abusive behaviour. He made no plea and was remanded in custody for later court appearance.

The 14-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, faced charges of wilful fire-raising, attempted house-

breaking and threatening and abusive behaviour.

He was released on bail after making no plea.

A spokesperson for Police Scotland said the charges involved damage to properties in Carolina Lane, Dunoon, and causing fear and alarm to the residents.

During that time, a car was broken into and had items stolen and an attempt was made to break into Wilson's Garage in the town.

A 30-year-old male along with two youths aged 16 and 14 were charged in relation to these incidents and appeared in court on Monday August 23.

The 16-year-old also appeared at court charged with attempted housebreaking and acting in a threatening or abusive manner. He made no plea and was released on bail.

There are no reports of injuries during the blaze, but the shock to retailers and the Dunoon community has been widespread, the shops involved being respected family-run businesses.

As businesses and residents



rallied round in support, an online public fundraiser was launched, with a £10,000 target, to help the people affected by the fire.

At the time of writing, the crowdfunded total stood at more than £27,000.

**At its peak, five fire appliances attended the blaze, including Inveraray firefighters. Here, crews dampen down the fire mid-morning.**

Photograph: Harry Smith.

**Flames light up the Dunoon skyline early in the morning of August 20.** Photograph: Mary Harrison.



## POLICE FILES

### Vandalism to car

Between midday on Sunday August 15 and 7.30pm on Sunday August 22, at Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, a silver Skoda Fabia was vandalised by someone scratching the side of the car.

### Window smashed

A property at Macdonald Terrace, Lochgilphead had one of its windows smashed between 3pm and 7.40pm on Tuesday August 17.

### Offensive weapon

Police received a report at about 3.45pm on Thursday August 19 of a disturbance, with a male allegedly being abusive and brandishing a pole, following a road traffic collision on the A83 at Ardrishaig. Officers attended and a man aged 66 was charged. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drug possession

An 18-year-old man was stopped and searched by police and allegedly found in possession of a quantity of cocaine at around 8pm on Saturday August 21, in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. He was charged and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Anyone with information on any incident, can contact their local Police Station on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111.**

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# Retirement beckons for Lochgilphead minister

by Colin Cameron  
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Crafting and photography are firmly on the agenda as Lochgilphead Parish Church minister Hilda Smith contemplates retirement.

As Church of Scotland parish minister for the past 16 years, Hilda has become a much-loved part of the fabric of the district.

Her path has been rich and varied, starting with an MSc with Honours in German before studying Divinity.

Hilda explained: 'My first charge was Drumry St Mary's in Drumchapel, where I was minister for eight and half years.

I then took up a post as chaplain in Yorkhill NHS Trust which included the Sick Children's Hospital and the

Queen Mother's Maternity Hospital. I was there for four and a half years.

'During my time in Yorkhill, I was asked to conduct a wedding in Kilmartin for a family associated with the hospital.

'Charlie Ferguson was the piper and in conversation with him, he said there was a vacancy in Lochgilphead if I was interested. I wasn't and headed back to Glasgow!

'A year later when I sent for the list of vacancies with a view to moving back into parish ministry, Lochgilphead Parish Church was the one that jumped off the page.

'I applied, was invited to preach as sole nominee and inducted on September 1, 2005.'

She added: 'I firmly believe that ministers are called by God to a particular charge which inevitably means that

there comes a time when a minister is no longer called to that charge - and that time has come for me. That conclusion was reached after a lengthy period of discernment but, because the time is right, I am happy with my decision to take early retirement.

'I feel it is not only right for me but for my congregation though I am sorry to be leaving them at a time of change within the Church of Scotland.'

She added: 'It has been a real privilege to share with families in this area some of the most significant times in their lives.

'Thank you to everyone for allowing me to walk with you what was often a really tough road. It was also a real privilege to share with families in Messy Church and in our Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Groups over the years.

'Our Drop-In Cafe also allowed me a real opportunity to get to know so many people from the community who popped in for lunch or a cuppa.

'Working with different colleagues over the years was also a privilege, as was working with the children, young folk and staff in school.

'Sadly, because of Covid and the restrictions, I was unable to see those folk before leaving.'

Hilda is looking forward to having more time for photography and crafting - stamping, stencilling, die cutting and parchment craft.

'I hope, in time, to be running online workshops,' she said.

A garden party is to be held in her honour on Saturday August 28 in the church grounds and everyone is welcome.



Reverend Hilda Smith is retiring from ministry after 16 years in Lochgilphead parish.

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## MOJO 2021 – meet Catherine Fincher

MOJO is returning to Craignish Village Hall on Saturday October 16 with its unique showcase of original live music - all from Argyll performers.

To get you in the mood, over the next few weeks the Argyllshire Advertiser will be featuring the acts lined up to perform at the MOJO festival.

The first act to feature is the youngest to take this year's stage, 19-year-old Catherine Fincher, with her really cool tunes.

Catherine, from Lochgilphead, learnt the piano in her early years before joining the school choir as a teenager and finding her unique voice.

She also found the time to master the guitar and ukelele and Catherine's experience in playing music has been growing - particularly since delving into making her own music - with her recent performances attracting rave reviews.

Catherine's influences include Taylor Swift, Wild Child and Dobie and she hopes to continue making music while studying at university and to one day record her own EP.

Say hello to Catherine by liking her Facebook page, under the name Catherine Rose, and look out for more of her inspiring music through her videos or on

SoundCloud. A young star in the making, without a doubt.

Don't forget to check out the MOJO-Argyll Facebook page for the latest updates and information.



MOJO performer and rising star Catherine Fincher.



Author Jo Woolf and illustrator Dylan Gibson launch their new book.

## New climate book for schools

by Fiona Ross  
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A Scotsman thought to be one of the world's first climate scientists has been celebrated in a new book by Craignish writer Jo Woolf.

The book describes the life of James Croll who, despite having little access to education, made numerous discoveries about how the climate changes, why ice ages happen and how such transitions can be predicted.

The book was written by Jo Woolf, illustrated by Dylan Gibson and commissioned by the Royal Scottish Geographical Society to mark the 200 years since the scientist's birth, but also to highlight his work in the run-up to the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

Jo said: 'Croll's story is especially relevant today, as we are seeing the impacts of climate change. If he was alive today, I believe he would be pursuing solutions with absolute zeal. He proved that one person can achieve anything and

overcome anything, if they set their mind to it.'

The book, entitled James Croll and his Adventures in Climate and Time will be made available to school children throughout Scotland.

'It was a fun experience to write,' Jo added.

'It was great working with Dylan Gibson, the illustrator, because once I'd seen his initial drawings the character of Croll started to emerge in my mind.

'I wanted to bring him to life in a new way and I wanted him to speak directly so that we get the full force of his energy and enthusiasm.

'His story is inspiring and quite moving. He faced loads of difficulties yet he never lost his curiosity or his appetite for knowledge.

'Today James Croll is recognised as one of the world's first climate scientists because he worked out how the Earth's ice ages happened and he even predicted their pattern over hundreds of thousands of years.

'He lived in a time when

these radical new theories were just emerging. He refined them and added factors that no-one else had considered.

'Today we owe much of our knowledge about the causes of the Earth's ice ages to pioneering scientists like James Croll.'

Speaking at the launch of the book last week, Deputy First Minister John Swinney said: 'James Croll's research into climate change was ground-breaking and inspired generations of scientists in the decades that followed.

'It is a source of enormous pride that a man who has contributed so profoundly to our collective understanding of the world was born in Perthshire and I am therefore delighted to support the publication of this book.

'For centuries, Scotland has been at the forefront of scientific research and achievement. As we approach COP26, it is vital we harness this academic ingenuity so that Scotland may take a leading role in the fight against climate change.'

## Argyll and Bute councillor suspended

For the second time in two years, Councillor Alastair Redman has been suspended by his party.

The Kintyre and the Islands councillor was one of 25 Conservative members across the country suspended from the party in November 2019 over allegations of prejudicial social media posts.

His suspension was ended in May 2020 when he said: 'I'm delighted that after a long and thorough process I've been re-admitted to the party. I was an innocent man. I'm not a prejudiced person and never have been.'

A Conservative party spokesperson confirmed this week that he had once again been suspended

pending investigation, though no detail was given on the reasons for the suspension.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'This is a political matter for the Conservative Party and, as such, the council has no comment to make.'

Councillor Redman told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'What is important to remember is that this is just a temporary political suspension and that I will continue to work for my local ward day in and day out regardless of whether I represent a party or not. I believe this suspension will be dealt with swiftly. I am loyal to my party but my loyalty to my constituents and my service to them will always come first.'

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# Volunteers dive deep for vital seagrass meadows

A marine restoration project at Craignish is leading the charge in the fight against climate change.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 21-22, volunteers harvested 200,000 seeds at the start of Scotland's first community-led seagrass restoration project.

Snorkellers and divers gathered at the shore of Loch Craignish to harvest seeds which were then processed before being planted in hessian bags on the seabed.

At Loch Craignish, there are 10 small degraded meadows and the project aims to enhance a quarter of an acre of seagrass meadow, a vital



resource for locking up carbon that is even more effective than rainforests.

But approximately 95 per cent of seagrass meadows have disappeared around the UK

**Seagrass meadows brought back to life in Argyll.** Photograph: Philip Price/Seawilding.

coastline. The Scottish charity Seawilding invited members of the community to take part in the harvest and planting and learn about efforts to enhance the Loch Craignish seagrass meadows.

#### Groups

If successful, the team plans to roll out the methodology to other coastal community groups to restore seagrass in their sea areas.

Seagrass is a vital inshore marine habitat, which turns bare sand habitat into a structurally complex, productive



Volunteers help to harvest seagrass seeds.

ecosystem full of marine life.

It's also a key nursery ground for commercially important fish species such as cod, pollack, whiting and plaice, as well as herring and sea bass.

Funded by NatureScot's biodiversity challenge fund, the

project is run by Seawilding and members of the Craignish community, while Project Seagrass provides technical oversight and the Scottish Association for Marine Science provides environmental monitoring and eDNA sampling.

# New support for families bereaved by suicide

The launch of a new lifeline support service for families bereaved by suicide has been welcomed by campaigners and police officers in Argyll.

Scotland's National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group has launched a pilot service to support families who have lost a loved one to suicide.

This Scottish Government funded service will provide practical and emotional support to families who have lost a loved one to suicide and can be used by anyone affected by suicide in the past year.

The service is also intended to help reduce suicide, as evidence shows that up to 10 per cent of people bereaved by suicide may go on to attempt to take their own lives.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, area commander, Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Police Division, said: "Through Argyll and Bute being included in this pilot, our frontline officers attending incidents of suicide can now offer much-needed support to families and others bereaved by suicide.

The service can provide practical support including



**New suicide bereavement support service launched.**

making funeral arrangements and will also support families come to terms with their loss.

'I would encourage anyone who has lost someone to suicide over the past year to get in touch with the service either by email [suicidebereavementsupport@nhs.scot](mailto:suicidebereavementsupport@nhs.scot) or by telephone 08004 714768.'

The new service will operate seven days a week and will

make initial contact with bereaved families within 24 hours of a referral.

Specially-trained bereavement support workers will then provide customised support relevant to each family's circumstances.

Penumbra and Support in Mind Scotland, two of Scotland's leading mental health charities, are working in partnership to deliver the services across NHS Highland and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

Welcoming the new service, Frances Simpson, chief executive office of Support in Mind Scotland, said: 'Losing a loved one to suicide brings pain and trauma beyond words, and we know that people who have been bereaved need compassion, understanding and specialist support, not just in the immediate aftermath, but for many months after. Support in Mind Scotland is proud to be part of this vital new service and will work closely with our partners in Penumbra to make sure every bereaved person knows they are not alone and that they receive the help they need, when they need it.'



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# Ben Donich (Beinn Domhna)



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

Snuggled comfortably back from the Rest and be Thankful, Ben Donich may not seem as imposing as Beinn an Lochain or The Cobbler but it is a real treat for a morning or afternoon out on the hill.

What really makes this hill is its fascinating geology and rock slope failures, including deep fissures and giant jumbles of tumbled boulders the size of houses.

If you go in winter bear those fissures in mind.

From the car park head south along the forestry track for 200m, keeping right at the first junction.

After a further 200m at a break in the trees you will reach the main access path up Ben Donich, signposted, on your left.

The path now steadily rises zigzagging through the plantation for a short while before leading you through a fence

and onto the open hillside. The path climbs steeply up the ridge, flattens out awhile then steepens again, passing deep fissures - tension fractures - in the rocks en route.

These are a reminder of how fragile even giant mountains are when the huge weight of ice melted away after the last ice age allowing the landscape to lift and split or slip.

Behind one you can only imagine the amount of ice required to breach through the rock at the Rest and be Thankful into Gleann Mor and Glen Croe.

After 2km you reach the first of the subsidiary tops at 660m. There are good views back to Beinn an Lochain and along Gleann Mor.

Continue upwards for another 700m before a brief scramble down some rocks. This section of the mountain is worthy of exploration, taking

care not to drop down any deep holes. The fault line here means the mountain is literally coming apart with giant boulders slowly making their way downwards over time. A hint of the Quirang springs to mind.

From the tumbled rocks it is now less than one kilometre to the trig point. The summit offers excellent views of the surrounding hills, over to Loch Fyne and Loch Goil, with Kintyre, Cowal and Mull beyond.

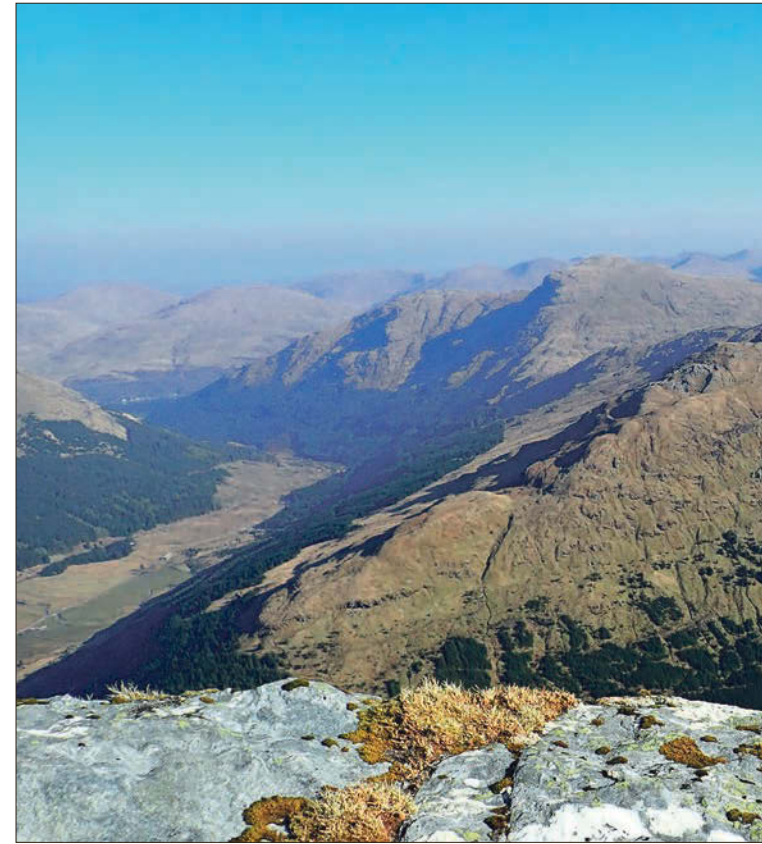
To really enjoy the hill's vistas and geology it is worth skirting round the northwestern edge of the summit's two tops before re-joining the path down.

You can get some cracking views down into Coire Leitirachain and of the vast boulders that have already fallen.

To return, retrace your steps to the car park.

For a full day out, you can also include The Brack, although it is worth noting the forestry road leading back up Glen Croe was closed for operations - summer 2021 - and walking up the main road is not a particularly pleasant proposition.

But you may find that extra time given to exploration takes longer than you think.



Ben Donich, as viewed from Beinn an Lochain.



A panorama from Ben Donich including Beinn Lochain, Ben Lui, Beinn Luibhean and Ben Imen, with Loch Restil and Gleann Mor below.

## Safety in the Outdoors

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

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

All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Please continue to adhere to current guidelines as set out by the government, exercise responsibly and use appropriate clothing and equipment for your chosen outdoor activity.

Inform a contact about your route/whereabouts. Don't forget your phone, snacks, drink, any medication/first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions. Most walks are dog friendly but please keep your dog under close control, especially around livestock and wildlife.

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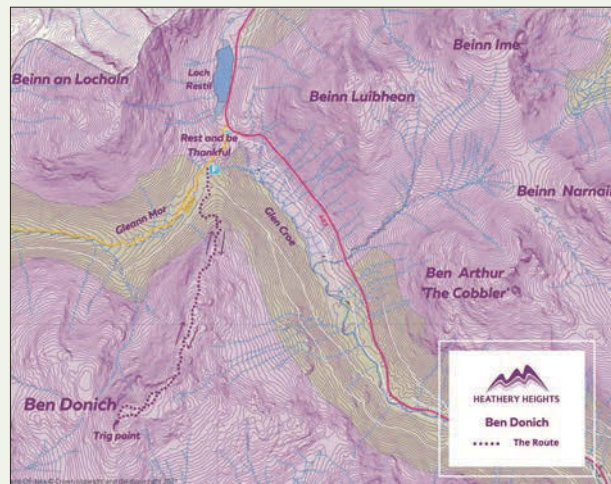
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 OS Explorer 39 (1:25 000)  
 Start/Finish/Parking: Small forestry carpark off the B828  
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 Public transport: NA  
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# Hotel couple leave fond Cairndow memories

It was an evening of reminiscence as Cairndow folk gathered to pay tribute to 45 years of service.

Fittingly, the venue on August 13 was the Stagecoach Inn for a presentation to Dougie and Cathy Fraser on their retirement from running the hotel business.

Thanks to donations collected around the village, Cairndow native Dot Chalmers and her daughter Kara were able to present flowers, a picture of Cairndow and vouchers for hospitality venues to the couple who, for once, could enjoy being guests rather than hosts.

Dougie was 10 years old - the same age as his grandson Fraser is today - in 1965 when his parents Roddy and Bunty arrived to manage the Cairndow Hotel.

When the Fraser family took on the hotel, for most of the 20th century prior to that point it had been unlicensed. It was only in 1955, when Mr and Mrs Willie Foulger came, that they successfully applied for a licence.

Roddy and Bunty Fraser took



Left: The Fraser family in 1975 - Derry, Bunty, Marion, Roddy, Hilary and Dougie.

on the hotel from Ardkinglas Estate and in 1978 bought the hotel from John and Michael Noble.

Around 1976, Dougie and Cathy - whom Dougie had met at school in Dunoon - took over the hotel and together they ran the business for 45 years. For children Leanne, Nicola and Jamie the hotel was home and they all played their part in working at the hotel

over the years.

In the early days, guests, often fishermen, would stay for a week or so. In recent years visitors have been more likely to be travelling for a night or two or on a weekend break from the city. Speaking at the presentation, Christina Noble said: 'There were years of hard work, organising staff rotas, often cleaning and cooking and dealing with difficult,

occasionally inebriated customers, but there have also been great times.'

Another Cairndow man, John MacDonald, said a few words explaining that Dougie and Cathy expanded the premises to what they are today, highlighting the fact that many Cairndow families had memorable wedding, birthday, anniversary and even funeral occasions at the hotel, not to speak of curling, shinty and WRI events.

The hotel, he said, played a central social role for the community - in fact a good number of those present had worked in the hotel over the years.

'And all of us had drunk at the bar,' he added.

Dot, who works with Cairndow community hub 'Here We Are', handed over nostalgic photo boards she put together at Here We Are from a 'biscuit box' of photos which the Frasers kept below the bar. The boards feature 69 portraits and everyone is named, some with nicknames too, taken in the pub over 50 years.

The smiling - often rosy - faces testify to the fun and how the generations mixed, whether just for an everyday night in the pub or for an occasion.

Christina continued: 'It would no exaggeration to say that Dougie and Cathy put the Cairndow hotel on the map. And we all hope that with Covid restrictions now lifted, Shaun Donnelly the Frasers' tenant will host merry times in the future. And we are sure that though Dougie and Cathy will be enjoying their well-earned retirement, with many of their family still around we will continue to benefit from their company.'



At the presentation evening, Dougie, left, and Cathy, right, with John MacDonald and Cairndow folk looking on.



Dougie in full flow as 'mine host' to Cathy Mather, Patsy MacPherson and May Wilson at an SWRI Christmas dinner.



The hotel in 1955.

## Argyll Talking Newspapers return

Argyll Talking Newspapers volunteers are back recording again after a hiatus of 15 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Robin Finlay recorded a welcome back message to listeners to accompany the first recordings sent out. Precautions have been put in place to ensure peace of mind for listeners and volunteers.

'I am very happy to welcome back our listeners and our volunteers, some of whom have been working behind the scenes making arrangements for a return to providing the audio service,' he said.

'It's been a long 15 months and we're raring to go. Most of all we would love to hear from new listeners.'

Registering with Argyll Talking Newspapers is easy. Provide your name and address and

which local newspapers you would like to listen to. A usb stick - a portable memory device - will be posted to you each week in a special wallet and, after you have listened to your local news, simply post the wallet and usb stick back to the group.

If you need an audio box to play the usb stick, one will be provided. The service is free and you don't have to be living in Argyll and Bute to register for the service.

Argyll and Bute newspapers recorded are the Argyllshire Advertiser, The Oban Times, The Campbeltown Courier, Dunoon Observer, Isle of Bute News and the Ileach.

Contact Argyll Talking Newspapers by phoning 07710 242915 or email argyllpapers@yahoo.com or message www.facebook.com/argylltalkingpapers.

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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
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# Jean recognised as true rural hero in lockdown

A Strachur woman has been named winner of Calor's Rural Hero of the Year award.

Jean MacKechnie, who works full time as a private carer, gave up her spare time during the pandemic to provide a much-needed lifeline to adults and children in the area.

She also created opportunities to lift their spirits and keep morale high in the village during lockdown.

Launched in March by off-grid energy supplier Calor, the Rural Hero of The Year award is designed to celebrate those who have gone the extra mile in the past year and helped their community in a meaningful way.

It forms part of Calor's Rural Community Fund which has provided £85,000 in much-needed funding this year to 22 community groups

**Jean MacKechnie said she was touched to be nominated by friends and neighbours.**



based around the UK in off-grid, rural areas.

Jean, 52, was nominated for the award by residents who felt she had not only been instrumental in helping people get through difficult times but had also strengthened the community and brought out the best in people.

Jean was spurred into action when she saw the impact of lockdown, with people in her area finding themselves out

of work or struggling on furlough. She knew that practical help was needed and began by turning the old phone box in the village clachan into a free food shop to provide a vital lifeline.

She kept the community up-

dated on the help and support available to them using social media and messages through letterboxes and this inspired others to make donations and launch other helpful initiatives.

Not only this, but Jean took on the task of replenishing the phone box with donations of fresh and tinned fruit, vegetables, dry goods, toiletries and electricity meter cards. She looked after the phone box seven days a week for months.

On those occasions where a lot of food had been donated at the same time, she would make up meal boxes and deliver them to elderly or vulnerable community members and for young children she included a gift or a treat.

Recognising the struggles people were facing, she expanded the service by creating

treat hampers for different occasions, including all the food needed for a complete Christmas lunch for every family with children under 10.

Jean would pick up prescriptions or shopping for those self-isolating or shielding and would provide invaluable baby supplies and nappies to those families facing tough times.

Andy Parker, head of strategy and corporate affairs at Calor, said: 'A committee at Calor carefully considered every nomination before making their final choice of winner and it was heart warming to see the number of people who have made a real difference in their area.'

'Clearly Jean is a real hero in her community and has not only helped local residents through some difficult challenges, but she has also

managed to lift up their spirits and bring everyone together.

'Jean's contribution to the community has been absolutely outstanding and we are delighted to name her as the very worthy winner of Calor's prestigious Rural Hero of the Year award.'

Jean said: 'I'm touched to have been given this award and to have been nominated by my friends and neighbours in the village.'

'I just wanted to help people out and make sure they were okay during a tough time. It's touching they took the time and effort to nominate me for this award.'

Jean will be presented with a commemorative trophy from Calor and she will also receive a special prize recognising her outstanding contribution to community spirit.

## Leisure trust chief hails success in tough times

The chairman of the leisure trust operating Argyll and Bute's leisure services has hailed 2020/21 as 'another year of success and achievement'.

In liveArgyll's annual report, Andrew Nisbet paid tribute to workers in the leisure sector across the area for their continued efforts during the pandemic.

Mr Nisbet also highlighted the trust's investment in new services at leisure centres around the area, as well as the expansion of digital borrowing software for libraries.

The annual report was discussed by councillors at a virtual meeting of Argyll and Bute Council's community services committee on Wednesday August 25.

Mr Nisbet said: 'It is something of an understatement to say that 2020/21 was an extremely difficult year due to the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic presented for our organisation and wider society.'

'But, despite the challenges, this has been another year of success and achievement. [Our] successes are even



more remarkable given the vastly changed operating environment.

'At the outset I must pay tribute and record my thanks to our management team and our staff group who have responded admirably to each and every challenge they have faced.'

'Without their efforts and dedication, liveArgyll would not be in such a stable position to move forward and face any post pandemic challenges.'

'I would also like to thank our partner organisations, Argyll and Bute Council, Community Leisure UK, sportscotland, Creative Scotland and the many other organisations which individually and collectively provided us with support in various different guises.'

Mr Nisbet added: 'liveArgyll

as an organisation played, and continues to play, a key role in the community response to the pandemic.'

'Working with the NHS and Argyll and Bute Council, we supported a number of initiatives including making our facilities available for a variety of purposes not limited to but including storage of medical equipment, vaccination clinics and community testing centres.'

'A group of staff were also trained to support the national Test and Protect programme.'

'Across Argyll and Bute individual members of staff also supported a range of community initiatives including food support hubs, food and medicine delivery and community keeping in touch call programmes.'

'Undoubtedly there will be challenges ahead, however, we are in a stable position to meet these challenges and I am confident liveArgyll will not only be able to return to excellent pre-pandemic levels of performance but will build and improve upon these.'



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## Pier support

Sunny weather such as we've seen this week at one time would have had Inveraray Pier bustling with people enjoying a stroll with an ice cream, fishing from it or with leisure craft alongside.

For the best part of a decade it's been a crumbling ruin, sad to witness. But the amount of support for the community bid to buy the pier is really heartening.

It seems a shrewd move by the wind farm developer to get in early with the community and in many ways it's refreshing when other renewable energy companies are reportedly trying to wriggle out of their moral duty to 'put something back'.

But if it helps the community to buy and maintain the pier, it has to be a good thing.

## From the ashes

As a paper with a predominantly Mid Argyll and north Kintyre focus, we would not normally comment on matters Cowal, but our heart goes out to those affected by last Friday's Dunoon fire.

Thankfully no-one was seriously hurt, but the high street shops destroyed are a real loss to the town.

People, though, are rallying round in time of need.

That's what we do in Argyll.

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## No need for fire brigade

Sir,  
Last Sunday I was burning some garden waste in a garden incinerator when the fire brigade arrived at my home in Lochgilphead.

I have done this almost weekly for many years and it has never caused any problems.

The incinerator is metal, sitting on a stone base with a lid and I am always in attendance.

There's even a hose nearby.

Anyone could see what it was.

If the person who called the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service did so by mistake, that's fine.

But if it was a joke, it failed miserably. And if it was done with malicious intent as a hoax call, that's another thing entirely.

What would have happened if our firefighters were needed for an actual emergency while attending my bonfire of weeds?

Name and address supplied.

## Paltry pension increase of 25p per week 'an insult'

Sir,  
Anyone turning 80 years old in the near future shouldn't hold their breath for much of a state pension increase.

As I approach my big birthday, I have been informed I will receive just 25p more per week. That won't buy me a couple of slices of bread or a pint of milk. I couldn't even buy half a second class stamp with it. I have worked all my life, including more than 30 years for the NHS, until 15 years ago and this is my reward.

I've never felt more insulted; it's worse than a slap in the face. Quite frankly, it's a disgrace.

Rachel S Grant, Carradale.

## We need more commercial trees

Sir,  
Scotland must seize the opportunity to rapidly increase planting of productive forestry to offset the full impact of future timber supply stocks.

The UK as a whole - which currently imports 80 per cent of its annual timber requirement - is far too vulnerable to fluctuations in the global market.

Home-grown timber makes up only around

33 per cent of the UK market and while we are largely self-sufficient in fencing, there is significant un-met domestic demand for more structural timber and pallet wood.

Scottish-based timber manufacturers could potentially triple production to meet current and anticipated future demand and produce a greater share of the remaining 67 per cent of the market which is currently imported, predominantly from Scandinavia, Latvia and Germany.

There is also significant potential to expand Scotland's one fifth of forested land area so that we can be more self-reliant in our requirements for timber.

Sawmills in Scotland and UK produce high quantities of pallet and fencing products but mainly produce construction timber - kiln dried carcassing that is used for roof battens, floor joists and studwork for partitioned walls.

Already this year prices have risen 30 per cent as house builders and related industries struggle to secure supplies due to a huge increase in building activity post lockdown.

This is even noticeable in the DIY stores when trying to get timber for home projects.

Transport and energy costs will increase; emerging economies around the world will demand more timber and timber-producing countries may be required to use more of their own timber at home as they seek to meet stricter climate protocols and net zero targets.

Sweden is recording the lowest stock levels in 20 years and this trend is likely to be further exacerbated as current issues like wildfires, tree diseases and pests exert additional worldwide pressures on the supply of timber.

The UK can attempt to compete for diminishing supplies on the world market against growing economies such as China and India or do something to mitigate its exposure to these forces by planting more commercial forestry now so that we are more self-sufficient in the future.

Mick Bottomley, head of marketing and sales, Forestry and Land Scotland.

## Greens 'sell out' Highlands and Islands

Sir,  
As part of their newly-announced agreement

with the SNP government, the Scottish Greens have sold out the Highlands and Islands in their quest for power.

Within the new agreement, announced last week, the Scottish Greens have managed to retain their ability to disagree with their SNP colleagues on certain issues, however, have specifically said that with regard to Highlands and Islands aviation and HIAL they will follow the SNP's lead.

Given the ongoing issues with air traffic control management proposals in the Highlands and Islands, this exemption would appear to be aimed at ensuring the Scottish Government can force through controversial changes that would see jobs centralised in Inverness and a significant loss of local knowledge.

The fact this issue is specified in the document not only indicates that the SNP is very aware of the anger, resentment and damage that HIAL's proposals are causing to the affected communities, but that they don't care and have every intention of forcing through the proposals no matter what engagement they get from stakeholders.

By allowing this as an exemption, the Scottish Greens have indicated that they too are now aware but aren't particularly concerned with issues affecting the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, but are willing to sell out a huge swathe of the country if it means they can get the SNP's scraps.

Of further concern is what this indicates about the Scottish Government's level of respect for parliamentary process.

A petition from communities asking the air traffic management scheme to be halted while independent assessments are undertaken is currently before the petitions committee.

By including the Highlands and Islands as an exemption whereby the Greens must fall in line, Scottish Government are indicating that they know a contentious decision is on the horizon and want to be able to shepherd it through despite any and all logical and well-informed protests.

It is clear the Scottish Greens have no intention of properly vetting policies in relation to the Highlands and Islands and are happy to allow the SNP to run roughshod over the communities there.

Rhoda Grant, Labour MSP for the Highlands and Islands.

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## Thought for the Week

### Lessons to be learned from a humble sprat

I was interested to read in last week's fishing news that the sprat is making a strong recovery in the Clyde.

Some shoals have been observed 1.2 miles long and more than 100 feet deep.

It's a surprising recovery in the marine ecosystem with several factors outlined. It is wondered if, in time, this will mean the recovery of larger animal species in the area. Recovery takes time.

### 'Wait'

For a five-year-old to be told to 'wait until dinner' is hard enough, let alone something that had to be next week, next year or until Christmas.

From one generation to another it is a harder challenge. Walking down to Saddell Beach the other day I realised the beautiful tree-lined drive was the vision of those who never saw what I saw.

Those past century tree-planters only saw in their minds' eyes the glorious sky-reaching trees that I was enjoying.

They had vision to gift their actions to future generations.

They waited but didn't see. Our actions today influence and benefit future generations. Just because we do not see the result, doesn't mean we should not act. That's true environmentally and in the field of shaping character.

I'm glad my mother taught me to wait. 'Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up,' Galatians 6:9.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths,' Proverbs 3:5-6.

**Reverend Chris Holden, The Fishermen's Mission.**

## FURNACE

A refurbishment of Furnace's village hall will be completed within the next few weeks allowing community events to resume at the popular venue.

Work carried out on the hall since it closed has included redecoration internally and externally and repairs to guttering, drainage and rainwater pipes.

New flooring to be installed in September will complete the revamp leading to the hall being ready to re-open at the beginning of October.

Bookings for use of the hall can be made through Sharon MacInnes.

Comments from members are invited regarding a new approach to running the social club and the bar.

It is hoped proposals can be discussed at Furnace's End of Summer Bash which takes place on the afternoon of Saturday September 4 and will feature table-top sales, bingo, tombola, refreshments and haircuts.

## STRATHLACHAN

A restaurant on the shore of Loch Fyne is one of only two Scottish restaurants named in a new top 100.

The Estrella Damm National Restaurant Awards has named Inver at Strathlachlan on its new list, with Ondine in Edinburgh the only other Scottish venue to be featured.

Run by Pamela and Rob Brunton, the establishment is no stranger to accolades as Pamela was The Good Food Guide's chef of the year for 2020 and Inver was one of the first restaurants to be awarded the new Michelin Green Star, which recognises sustainable gastronomy and distinguishes restaurants taking responsibility in the conservation of resources and the protection of biodiversity.

The National Restaurant Awards judges described Inver as 'an emphatic celebration of Scotland's larder that displays great reverence to the provenance and quality of its local ingredients'.

Pamela came to Inver six years ago after honing her skills in famous restaurants throughout the world including Noma in Copenhagen and Faviken in Jarpen, Sweden.



Suggestions are invited for phone box's new life.

## ISLAY

A community consultation has begun to find a new life for Loch Gorm's old phone box.

A questionnaire has been distributed locally and online to gauge opinion from the people who live and work in the Gruinart area.

The phone box adoption survey asks respondents to explain what the iconic installation means to them and invites the community to share stories about it.

It also asks if they are in favour of adopting the phone box from BT, which has made clear it will no longer maintain it. Overlooking Loch Gorm at the Samaigmore end, the phone box has not been used for its original purpose for many years and is described as being in a poor state of repair. Suggestions made so far regarding the phone box's future include to house a defibrillator, to be an information point or a community library. Additional ideas are invited by the committee which comprises chairperson Peter Leckie, secretary Petra Pearce and treasurer Sharon McHarrie.

## TAYVALLICH

A series of monthly meetings for residents of Tayvallich and the surrounding area continues on Tuesday August 31 with an information night hosted by an ecologist farmer from Wales.

Matt Swarbrick from Henbant Permaculture will speak at the Sustainable Tayvallich monthly meet-up to share what his family has learnt from 10 years of permaculture farming in North Wales.

Matt explained: 'We use permaculture, holistic management and agro-ecological methods to produce vegetables, meat, eggs and milk, but on a small and regenerative human scale that provides food and fuel for our home, our visitors and the community.'

Information about the monthly meetings is available on the Sustainable Tayvallich website, which states the challenges posed by the changing climate may seem scary and overwhelming-but the project offers a chance to imagine what it would be like if the community saw these challenges as an opportunity for everyone.

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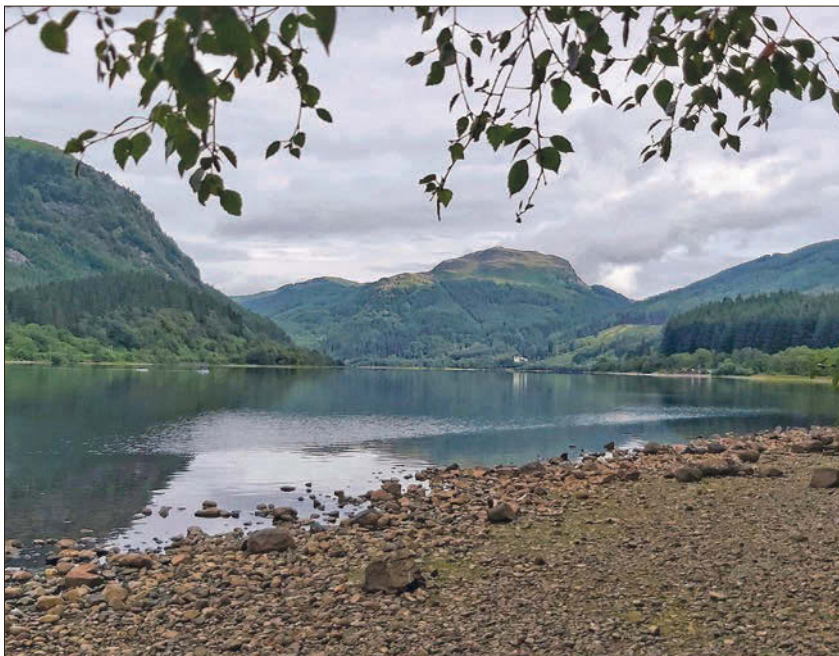
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April Claridge-Elstob of Peninver sent us this photograph of an eerily misty Davaar Island, off Campbeltown, taken on the evening of July 17.



Mid Argyll's Dougie Philand, an Argyll and Bute councillor, sent us this stunning photograph which he described as 'a wee boat at Castle Sween' framed by a spectacular sunset.



A recent visitor to Arrochar and the Trossachs, Hazel Dunbar, said she 'had to capture the beauty of the area' and sent us these lovely images of Loch Lubnaig in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.



This week we have a selection of images for our regular 'Your Pictures' feature, which is attracting an increasing number of very welcome readers' photographs. Remember they don't need to be gorgeous photos of landscapes - they can be on any subject for family consumption. Send your favourite photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)



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Founded and run by a husband and wife team this small distillery also offers Gin & Rum School classes where you spend an afternoon with the Master Distiller learning about the production and recipe development and distill your own bottle of gin or rum!

Their signature range includes Devil's Staircase Highland spiced gin, named after part of the West Highland Way in Glencoe, as well as Drookit Piper Highland citrus gin with fresh summery flavours of pomelo, lime and lemon.

In 2020 Pixel Spirits launched their limited edition Artisan Range which also includes White Rum and Golden Rum, they are one of the very few distilleries making rum from scratch in Scotland, fermenting, distilling and ageing it themselves! This year Pixel Spirits' newly released White Rum was the overall style winner of un-aged column & pot distilled rum in one of the biggest and most prestigious industry awards, International Wine and Spirits Competition. True local gem for all gin & rum lovers!

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# Recipe

## Cullen Skink with Cheddar Topping

From Neil Forbes, Cafe St Honoré

Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 550g smoked haddock pieces
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 large onion, peeled and diced
- 1 large leek, washed, sliced and chopped
- 500ml double cream
- Knob of butter
- 2 handfuls of fresh breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons curly parsley, chopped
- Zest of half a lemon
- 1 handful grated cheddar
- Good salt and pepper
- Extra parsley for garnish

### Directions

Sweat the onions in the butter in a thick-bottomed pan until translucent. Then add the potatoes and cream. Cook until the potatoes are just soft, then add the leek and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes.



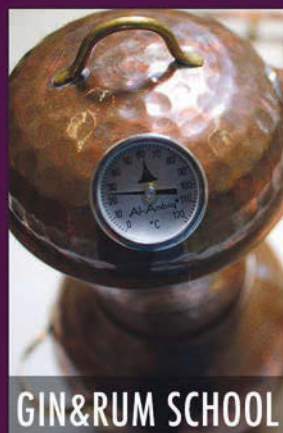
Reduce the heat and add the smoked haddock. Stir gently until the fish is cooked, and spoon into bowls. Make the topping by mixing the breadcrumbs, cheese and parsley. Add to each bowl and place under the grill until bubbling and golden. Serve with a sprinkling of parsley.



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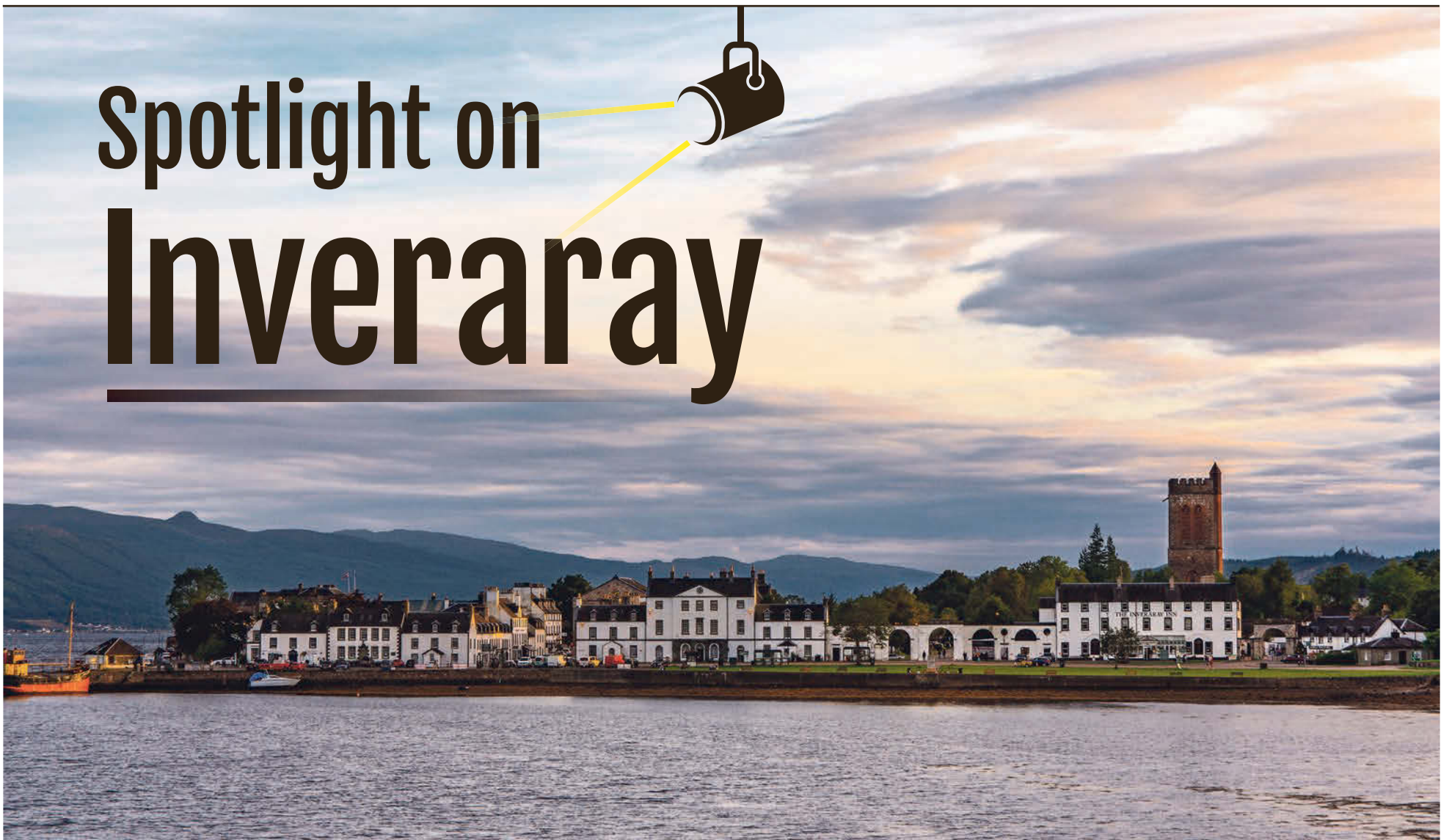
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# Spotlight on Inveraray



## There is nowhere quite like Inveraray.

A true gem in the heartland of Argyll, the Royal Burgh of Inveraray shines on the shores of Loch Fyne.

Home to the chieftain of the Clan Campbell - the Duke of Argyll - Inveraray Castle lies near the town. But their relationship was once a little more intimate.

Where Inveraray now sits, 250 years ago not a house stood. Deciding the village, then right beside his ducal residence, was a little too close for comfort, the (then) duke decided to demolish it and build a new town a little further away.

The New Town of Inveraray was built between 1753 and 1776 and today is one of the earliest and best-preserved planned towns in Scotland.

These days it is the perfect place for a break or day-trip. Inveraray offers a wide variety of excellent hotels and restaurants; distinctive independent shops where quality and locally-sourced products can be purchased and character oozes from every corner of the town.

There are world-class visitor attractions, including Inveraray Jail and the castle itself.

But it is the natural splendour surrounding Inveraray which sets apart the the whole experience. Loch Fyne and Loch Shira sparkle in the sunshine towards distant hills, while the hill of Dun na Cuaiche, with its quirky folly, keeps watch over the scene.

A visit to Inveraray is truly something special.





# Harbour Gallery



A welcome addition to Inveraray's main street is the Harbour Gallery.

Opened earlier this year as lockdown restrictions eased, this is the third such gallery opened by Tarbert-based artist Stuart Herd, following his original Tarbert outlet. Another opened in Ullapool in 2015.

The decision to open in Inveraray was taken by Stuart at Christmas and the shop opened at the end of April.

'So far it's been great,' Stuart explained. 'We've had amazing support from locals and visitors.'

The gallery features Stuart's own work, both original pieces and a variety of prints of all sizes.

Alongside stunning west coast scenes, a particular subject of interest to Stuart is rugby union. The new Inveraray premises also showcases his incredible rugby artwork, something that has grown in popularity with each passing season.

In addition to Stuart's work, visitors to the Harbour Gallery in Inveraray can browse fascinating memorabilia relating to Argyll.

Stuart added: 'It was a gamble opening it during lockdown, but it's been a good move and I hope people enjoy what's available in the Harbour Gallery.'



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## The Courtyard

It would be hard to imagine a more striking site for a shop than The Courtyard, with incredible views across Loch Shira.

The product range within the shop, though, more than matches the venue for quality.

Around six years after opening her original gift shop in Inveraray, Jenny McKillop decided to move to a bigger and better retail outlet, with stunning views, in the town's former tourist information centre.

At the start of 2020 her plans became reality - then Covid arrived.

'We were only open for six days then lockdown came, so that was a bit of a nightmare,' Jenny explained.

'I wondered if I'd done the right thing, but it's worked out fine.'

An independent gift shop, The Courtyard specialises in local suppliers where possible to keep things original and reduce the company's carbon footprint.

Beyond the shop's impressive facade, you will find a selection of products from Arran Aromatics, Highland Soap Company, silver jewellery and accessories, bone china, cards and home-wares. There is even an art gallery to show off local artists' work.

'There's something for everyone - visitors and locals - and it's been so busy,' Jenny added.

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## Skippers Bistro

Enjoy a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and great local food at Skipper's Bistro.

Management of the restaurant, conveniently situated beside the A83 at Argyll Caravan Park, was taken over by Colin Mitchell and Anne McGeady in the spring, and they were delighted to open their doors to customers on May 21.

Colin and Anne have wide and varied experience in the hospitality industry, from major football stadia to hotels, restaurants and bars - most recently the Goil Inn in Lochgoilhead.

Colin said: 'At Skippers, we have pulled together all our experience to offer a welcoming, relaxed and friendly restaurant.'

'We offer a full menu and enhance this at the weekends with our specials board which can see anything from langoustine to vegetarian pasta offerings. All our produce is locally sourced where possible.'

'We have some entertainment planned for later this year and will be looking at more for next year. We are also exploring the party and wedding side of the business.'

He added: 'Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the atmosphere we have here at Skippers, enjoy our large beer garden overlooking Loch Fyne and sample the delicious food we have on offer.'

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## The Chocolate Box

The Chocolate Box is, quite simply, filled with all the chocolates you could ever want.

The shop was established in 2019 by Denise Brolly, who set up The Sweetie Jar in the neighbouring town of Lochgilphead three years earlier.

Denise said: 'Owning my own confectionery business was something I had always dreamed of since working in a sweet shop as a teenager. I've been on a very steep learning curve ever since but wouldn't change it for the world.'

It is only fair to warn the visitor that a visit to The Chocolate Box will involve wall-to-wall tempting treats and a fantastic selection of sweets and confectionery gifts.

The Chocolate Box features a wonderful selection of old-school retro sweets, delicious hand-made chocolates beautifully displayed, fudges, Scottish tablet, children's favourites and lots more.

If you can't get to the shop, there is always the website - [www.thesweetiejarargyll.co.uk](http://www.thesweetiejarargyll.co.uk) - to help find that special wee treat, all from the comfort of your armchair.

Courteous staff will give you a warm welcome and will be happy to help with all your confectionery needs.

And look out for a name change soon as The Chocolate Box becomes The Sweetie Jar to match the Lochgilphead shop.

*Stepping into The Chocolate Box will take you a walk down memory lane. From rows of colourful, sweetie filled jars to handmade chocolates, there's something for everyone.*

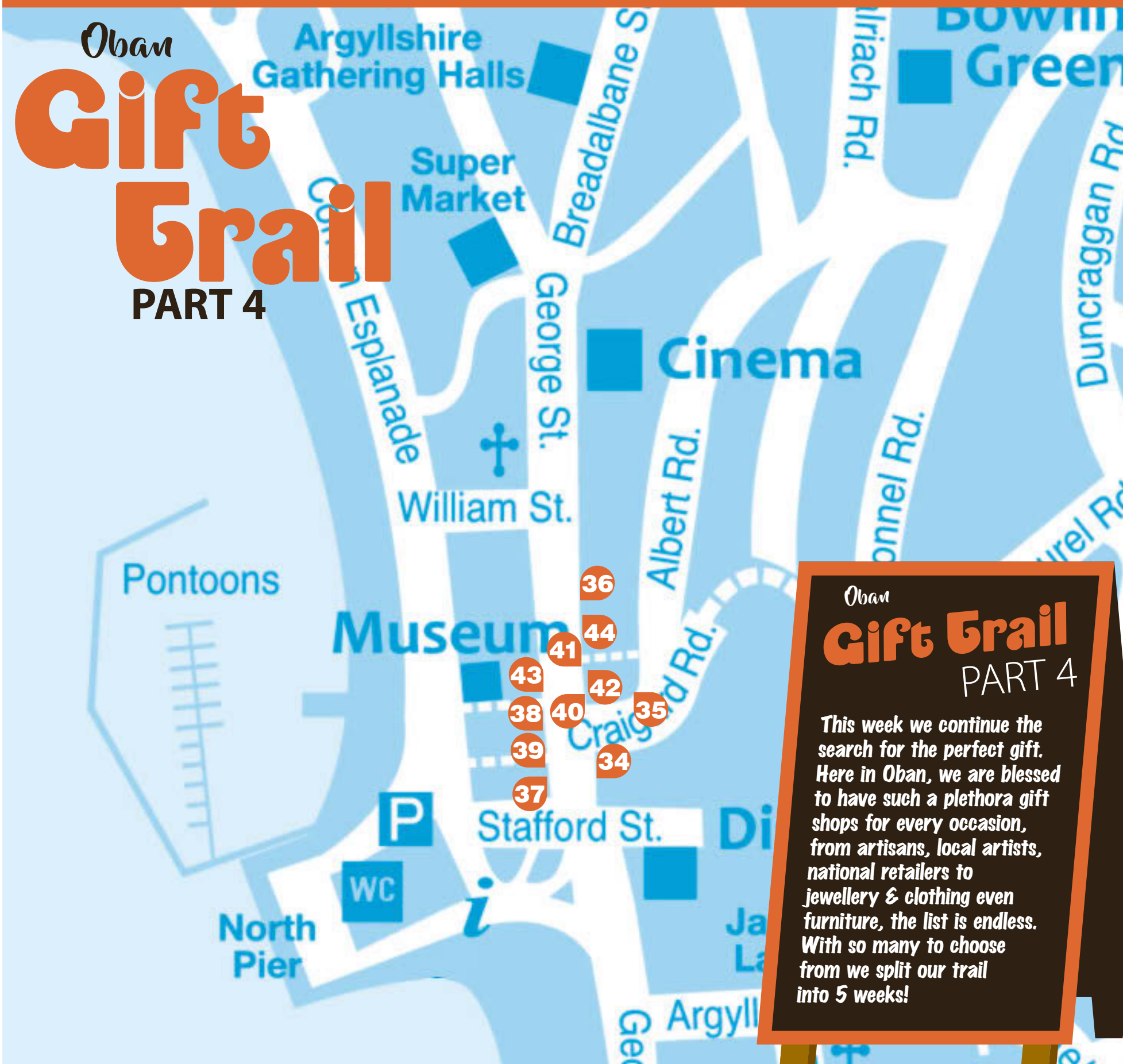


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You will find us on the Main Street, Inveraray.  
We are open 7 days a week from 10:00am - 4:00pm and if you can't visit us at the shop then you will find us online at  
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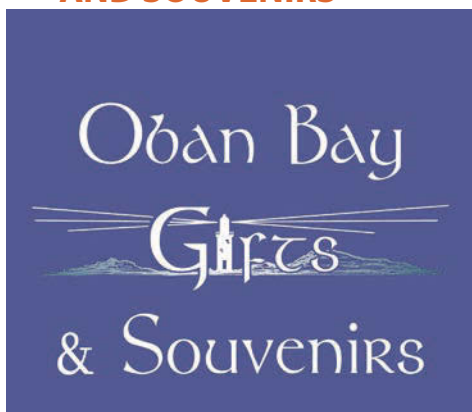
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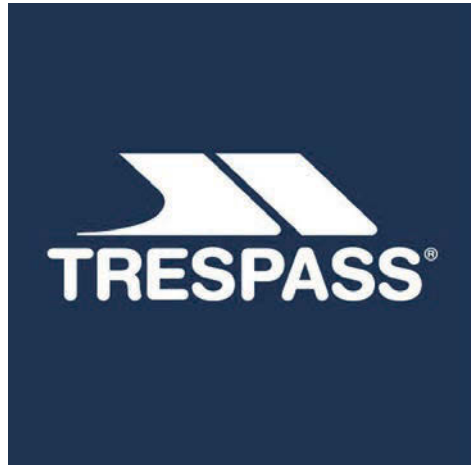
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**Principal lots & prices**  
 Lambs - SuffX - £96.00, Dalvuie; £89.50, 56 Tangasdale; £89.00, Balnagown Croft; £89.00, 17 St Brendan Road; £86.50, Mid Farm; £84.50, Strongorm; £83.00, 56 Tangasdale; £80.00, 3 Killeen. BeltX - £120, £95.00, Tyree; £94.00, £89.00, Blackcroft Farming. TexX - £98.00, Tyree; £94.00, Fanmore; £90.50, Balnagown; £90.00, 17 St Brendan Road; £89.00, 3 Baligrundle; £89.00, Tyree; £87.50, Strongorm; £85.00, Tyree; £84.00, Barguillan; £84.00, Barbreck Farm; £83.00, Saulmore; £82.50, Poltalloch; £81.00, Keilbeg; £80.00, Balligarve; £80.00, Kengharair; £80.00, Strongorm. Chev - £96.00, 122 Craigston; £90.00, 78 Borve; £88.50, Lagganulva; £86.00, 103 Borve; £84.50, Dalvuie; £84.50, 56 Tangasdale; £84.00, 123 Craigston. Cross - £87.50, 122 Craigston; £75.00, Strongorm; £70.00, Tyree. Mule - £75.00, Tyree; £74.50, Fiart; £72.50, Frackersaig; £71.50, Poltalloch. Chev Mule - £85.50, £72.00, Caddleton Farms; £69.00, Tyree. Hamp - £71.00, Pennygown. BF - £47.00, Kinlocheil.  
 Ewes - TexX - £91.00, Fanmore. Chev - £77.00, Dalvuie; £75.00, Caddleton Farms. Cross - £56.00, Dalvuie. Mule - £75.00, £61.00, Poltalloch. BF - £48.00, Glebe.

# Mid Argyll Blackface breeders' welcome return

The Mid Argyll Branch, District 6 of The Blackface Sheep Breeders Association, is up and running again.

On Saturday August 14, they held their first successful sheep show in Kilmartin, with competitors from as far afield as Islay. Due to restrictions, it was by invitation only but the event was well supported. The classes were judged by Mr John Macgregor, Allanfauld.

The day finished with a prizegiving and raffle. The weather held up and a good day was had by everyone.

**Confined results**

- Tup 2 shear and over: Maclean, Largie
- Shearling: R & I Shaw, Acharonich
- Senior ewe: R & I Shaw, Acharonich



The Confined Champion was the Junior Ewe, from R&I Shaw of Acharonich, while the Open Champion was R Mackay of Millpark.

- Tup lamb: Maclean, Largie
- Junior ewe: R & I Shaw, Acharonich
- Gimmer: Maclean, Largie
- Ewe lamb: D Shaw
- Group: R & I Shaw, Acharonich
- Confined champion: junior ewe R & I Shaw, Acharonich



- Reserve champion: Maclean, Largie
- Male champion: Maclean, Largie

**Open results**

- Shearling: Macpherson, Balliemanoach
- Tup 2 shear and over:

- Macpherson, Balliemanoach
- Tup lamb: Maclean, Largie
- Senior ewe: Macpherson, Balliemanoach
- Junior ewe: R & I Shaw, Acharonich
- Gimmer: A Currie, Ballachlaven
- Reserve champion: gimmer

- A Currie Ballachlaven
- Ewe lamb: R Mackay, Millpark
- Group: R & I Shaw, Acharonich
- Open champion: R Mackay, Millpark
- Opposite sex to champion: tup lamb Maclean, Largie



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# Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association celebrates 120 years

This month sees the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association celebrate its 120th anniversary. It formed in August 1901.

This week we look back at its remarkable history.

The second half of the 19th century saw an enormous increase in the reputation and numbers of the Blackface breed. After 1860, the number of Cheviot hill flocks in Scotland steadily declined, displaced by the hardier Blackfaces, which also became increasingly popular for crossing with lowground breeds such as the Border Leicester.

By the late 1880s, a writer could state that the breed was the most numerous and widely distributed in Britain and gave the opinion that it 'may ultimately become the most extensively farmed breed in the world'.

Much of this was the result of the work of a small number of Blackface breeders whose work improving the size and quality of the breed laid the basis for its growing popularity. It was these breeders who favoured the establishment of the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association, partly to display their pride and confidence in the breed, but equally to promote the further development of the breed.

It was against this background that a group of prominent Blackface sheep breeders met on Tuesday August 20 1901 in the Clydesdale Hotel in Lanark to discuss the formation of an association to protect the general interest of Blackface breeders 'since theirs was the only important breed having no association to protect its interest'.

Presiding over this meeting, and a driving force behind the move to establish an association, was one of the most prominent figures in Scottish agriculture, Charles Howatson, 'The Laird of Glenbuck'.

Howatson was a leading expert of the need to adopt the best techniques and practices and this had already led to his involvement in the establishment of the Scottish Farmer. He was also a breeder of Blackface sheep who had attained an almost legendary status in his own lifetime – in the year that the Blackface Sheep



A photograph from 1930 of Woolfords rams and, inset, Charles Howatson, 'The Laird of Glenbuck'.

Breeders'

Association was established, he won the prize for best shearling at the Highland Show for an unprecedented 10th year – and he was to continue to do so for another two years.

The committee formed to frame a constitution for the new association was a 'who's who' of leading Blackface breeders at the start of the 20th century. Apart from Howatson, it included John Archibald of Overshiels, whose family has played a role in the development of the breed since the 1850s, which rivalled that of Howatson, together with James Hamilton of Nether Wellwood and James Cadzow of Stonehill, members

of families which were to play a dominant role in the development of the breed in the first decades of the 20th century.

Some of the earliest supporters of the establishment of the Blackface Breeders' Association had argued that the association should maintain and publish a flock or stud book common to the breed. However, the general consensus at the meeting seemed to be that it would be impractical to keep a flock book – a view supported by Howatson, even though he was reputed to be able to tell potential buyers the pedigree of any particular ram stretching back for six generations, and the decision not to compile a flock book has, of course, remained unchanged to this day.

The other major topic

of discussion concerned the ideal characteristic of the breed – the principal argument revolved around the merits of long wool with 'feeders' such as William Anderson of Cramalt clearly opposed to '18 inches of wool trailing on the ground' and arguing that the carcass not the wool was the thing to work for.

Predictably, no clear consensus could be reached and similar arguments continue to excite breeders to this day – although wool in those days would have paid a shepherd's wage, and nowadays the wool cheque doesn't cover the shearing costs.

The new association properly came into existence the following month.

Howatson was to become the first president of the association, a position he held until 1912 when ill health forced him to stand down. He was replaced by James Moffat, who had been vice president since the establishment of the association.

Thereafter the association adopted the current practice of biennial presidencies, with the vice president succeeding to the presidency, subject to the approval of membership at the annual general meeting.

The new association immediately turned its attention to the issue of showing and judging sheep, since it was felt that greater consistency needed to be achieved in the interests of breed development. Howatson was therefore asked to represent their views on the matter to the Highland Agriculture Society.

The Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association was up and running and 120 years later has just over 1,300 paid up members.

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Alec Telfer, current president said: 'It is with great pride that I join the list of illustrious names who have headed the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association since its inception in 1901.'

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# Renault Clio Lutecia Limited Edition adds even more flair to iconic supermini range



The award-winning Renault Clio range is now even more attractive with the addition of the eye-catching Lutecia Limited Edition.

Boasting Diamond Black metallic paint as standard, which is set off by contrasting brass detailing, the Lutecia Limited Edition has a stylish, elegant appearance that perfectly lives up to its naming that is derived from the ancient name for Paris.

The special edition, of which only 300 will be available in the UK, adds even more sophistication via a high level of standard equipment that is designed to enhance connectivity, convenience, comfort, and safety. Its rarity and extensive specification ensure the Lutecia Limited Edition is certain to be a hit with Clio buyers who are looking for a highly desirable version of the iconic supermini.

Sitting above the S Edition in the Clio range, but also with additional features to the flagship R.S. Line version, the Lutecia combines its bold, standout styling with an efficient drivetrain. Customers enjoy the simplicity of the latest Clio variant being available solely with the turbocharged petrol TCe 90 engine, which fuses nimble performance with frugal fuel economy of up to 53.3mpg and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 119g/km.

The Lutecia Limited Edition will be priced from £20,200 on-the-road. It is available to order now with first deliveries starting in September.

Standard features exclusive to the Lutecia include a heated leather steering wheel, heated seats, Blind Spot Warning, Adaptive Cruise Control with Detector, 17-inch Viva Stella alloy wheels with brass detailing, modal fabric upholstery made of Tencel™ fibre with brass piping and a brass-coloured front grille. In addition to the equipment of the S Edition, it adds extra tinted windows, 9.3-inch EASY LINK touchscreen with satellite navigation and shark fin antenna.

The generous equipment of the Lutecia Limited Edition also encompasses climate con-



trol, MULTI-SENSE including ambient lighting and selectable driving modes, front parking sensors and rear-view camera, electronic parking brake with autohold, electric windows and 7-inch TFT driver infotainment display.

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The arrival of the Lutecia Limited Edition further strengthens the latest generation Clio range. It reaffirms how the most recent Clio combines features that are usually reserved for larger and more expensive cars, with competitive running costs and advanced technology that works to protect drivers and other road users.

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For further details on the Clio range, call **01499 302150**

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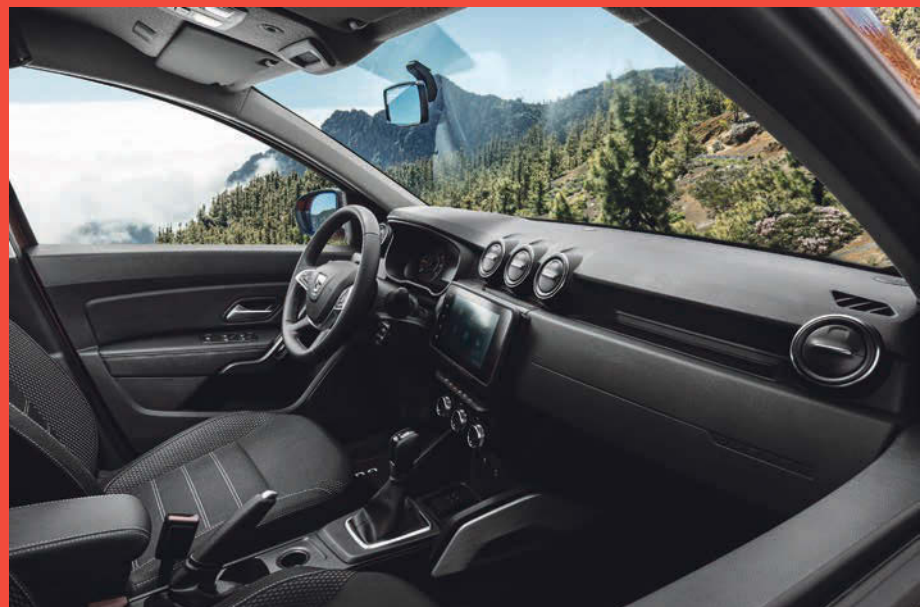
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# PEUGEOT e-208 and 2008 collect double honours at DieselCar & EcoCar Top 50 New Car Awards 2021

The PEUGEOT e-208 and 2008 have both won awards at the 2021 DieselCar & EcoCar Top 50 New Car Awards. Winning the Best Electric Supermini and Best Compact SUV respectively, the models have been praised for their range, handling, efficient powertrains and design.

Not only was the PEUGEOT e-208 the recipient of the Best Electric Supermini at this year's awards, it also placed fourth overall in the

DieselCar & EcoCar Top 50 models on sale for 2021. Praised for its innovative interior design as well as generous suite of driver aids, including its infotainment system and large boot, the full electric e-208's impressive 217-mile range (WLTP) was also a key factor in its award win. Featuring a 50kWh battery connected to a 100kW (136hp) electric motor, the PEUGEOT e-208 also supports up to 100kW rapid charging with a 0 - 80% charge taking just 30 minutes.

Similarly, the PEUGEOT 2008's modern look was an appealing factor in its category win, this time for the Best Compact SUV. The model's strong design with upright grille and distinctive 'tooth' design LED day time running lights is just one of elements that received a string of positive comments from DieselCar & EcoCar, alongside highlighting the 2008's neat handling, efficient petrol, diesel or electric powertrain options and PEUGEOT i-Cockpit® featuring a 3D Digital Instrument Panel as key selling points.

**Ian Robertson, Editor of DieselCar & EcoCar said:** "The PEUGEOT e-208 stunned us on the road and feels poised and agile, and with a 217-mile range, it's our favourite electric supermini this year. The 2008's strong design, which when backed up with its efficient powertrain options, made it the obvious choice for our Best Compact SUV award this year. PEUGEOT has come in strong at this year's awards, with two further models, the 3008 and 5008, also being placed in our Top 50 New Car listings."



DieselCar & Eco Car recognised both the new PEUGEOT 3008 and 5008 as being vehicles of note, placing the 3008 in 12th place and the 5008 in 31st place in its 'Top 50' models on sale this year.

**Julie David, Managing Director of PEUGEOT UK, said:** "I am delighted to hear the news from DieselCar & EcoCar that the PEUGEOT e-208 and 2008 have been named winners in the 2021 awards. We are thrilled to see our work being held in such high-regard, and are grateful for the recognition in the Best Electric Supermini and Best Compact SUV categories."

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first time with efficient plug-in hybrid technology alongside advanced petrol and diesel engines. With reservations now open, the new 308 SW will arrive in showrooms in early 2022.

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From launch, the new 308 SW will also be available with PEUGEOT's advanced petrol and diesel engines. Buyers have a choice

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**Julie David, Managing Director, PEUGEOT UK, said:** "The new 308 SW is the latest PEUGEOT model to give buyers the ability to choose the powertrain that best suits them. By 2025, our entire model line-up will feature an electrified variant. With a practical and bold design, as well as a class-leading levels of technology, the new 308 SW offers buyers a unique and standout proposition in the compact estate segment."

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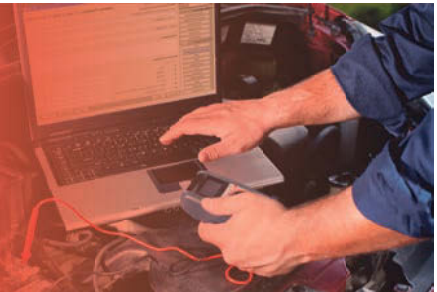
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## Argyll and Bute Council

### 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](http://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](mailto: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
21/01178/PP	Variation of Condition 1 attached to permission PPA-130-260	Escart, Skipness, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YG
21/01150/PP	Re-painting of shopfront	Zing Organics The Old Post Office Building, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6SX
21/01082/PP	Change of use of agricultural land to site 8no pre-fabricated beach storage huts, installation of toilet/shower unit, siting of 3no static caravans, installation of private sewage treatment plant and extension of car park	The Farm Stall High Bellochantuy, Bellochantuy, Argyll And Bute
21/01162/LIB	Erection of extension and decking including installation of replacement windows and internal alterations, installation of air source heat pump and solar panels	South Lodge, Ardpatrick, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YA
21/01246/LIB	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
21/01390/LIB	External alterations to include demolition of rear extension, repairs to windows and installation of replacement rain water goods. Alterations to facilitate new internal layout	The Manse, Ardmish, Isle Of Gigha, Argyll And Bute, PA41 7AA
21/01179/PP	Variation of Condition 3 attached to Consent PPA-130-2059 to allow operational period of 30 years	Escart Farm, Skipness, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YG
21/01248/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant, air source heat pump and formation of access	Land South Of Keppoch Farm, Kiberry, Argyll And Bute
21/01483/PP	Formation of diverted rural access track	Land At Ardailly To Ardailly Mill And Croft, Isle Of Gigha, Argyll And Bute
21/00346/PP	Change of use from retail (class 1) to office (class 2)	18 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8NE

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.

To find out more about living and working in Argyll Et Bute visit us at: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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## 19th Argyll Scout Group AGM

to be held on **Monday 30th August 2021 at 7pm** via Zoom. All welcome.

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## MARRIAGE

**MCFADYEN** - At Kildalloig, Campbeltown on August 14, 2021 Charles, elder son of Calum and Heather, Campbeltown to Fiona, daughter of Peter and Kate, Southend.

## DEATHS

**GRAY** - William Robert passed away at home in Lochgair on August 17, 2021, after a short illness aged 76. Husband, best friend and soulmate to Margaret for 50 years. Devoted Dad to Catherine and Marion and proud Grandad to Magnus, Samuel, Arlo and Hamish. Much loved older brother to Rhoda and Pat. Grateful thanks to the Lochgilphead palliative care team and MacDonald Funeral Directors. Family flowers only please, but donations in Bill's memory to Macmillan nurses may be made if wished via MacDonald's.

**MCNAB** - Peacefully at home, with family by her side, on August 18, 2021, Isobel Lilian Mary (née Hopkins) in her 76th year. Dearly beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Eleanor and Colin, mother-in-law of Gordon and Gwen. Proud and adoring Nana of Jamie, Anya and Saul. Funeral service will take place at 12 noon on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Glen Shira Cemetery, Inveraray. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Donations can be made in Isobel's memory at the service or directly to the Beatson Cancer Charity.

**ROBERTSON** - Suddenly at home, 12 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, on August 23, 2021, Thomas Robertson (Tucker) in his

86th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Irene Brown, loving dad of Johnnie and the late Marina, beloved papa of Catherine, Leona, Denise, Tammy, Margaret and Thomas and a loving and much loved great papa. Tucker's funeral will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church (today) Friday, August 27 at 1.00 p.m. Thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. The cortege will leave the Church at 1.30 pm. We will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the service in the church alternatively you may pay your last respects to Tucker along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACVICAR/WILLIS** - Flora, Nicky and all the family would like to thank everyone for the many kind words, messages, cards and expressions of sympathy following the passing of Issy. Your support and the memories you have shared have brought us all great comfort and allowed us to remember the amazing woman she was. £250 was raised for Anthony Nolan.

**MCEACHRAN** - Barbara, Ross and Beth would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Malcolm. Our grateful thanks to Kenneth Blair and staff for such professionalism and detail, Rev. William Crossan for a very fitting and uplifting service at home and at graveside, Queen

Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow and Campbeltown Hospital staff. Finally to all who paid their respects on his way and at Kilkerran Cemetery, we appreciated this very much.

## IN MEMORIAMS

**GARDNER** - Edwin Paul, died August 23, 2015. Always loved Always remembered Treasured and cherished memories.

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**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of Roddy, died August 31, 2016, A loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered every day.

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- Your loving husband Stewart and daughter Heather.

**WEIR** - In loving memory of Tina Weir, who passed away on August 24, 2020. May the winds of love blow softly And whisper for you to hear That we will always love you And hold your memory dear

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building as required by the Scottish Government [www.springbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch> [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**South Kintyre Team Ministry Sunday services** 10 am **Saddell and Carradale Church** SC002609

10 am **Highland Church, Campbeltown** SC002493 11.30am **Southend Church** SC005484

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## SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 29th August 2021** Worship service 11am Covid 19 measures in place If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046 Major Ruth Russell Scottish Charity Number SC009359

### NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002 **Sunday 27 August** Tayvallich Church 10am Morning Worship Mr James McLellan Booking required Tel 01546 870635 Covid restrictions apply Further information can be found on the church website [www.northknappdale.org](http://www.northknappdale.org)

### CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 29th August** 11.15am Worship Service Rev Alec Stewart

11.15am Sunday School 7.30pm Sunday Fellowship (by Zoom)

**Wednesday 1st September** 12 noon Prayer and Bible Study All welcome [www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk) Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

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### LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

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# Young Red Star side hit Busby for six in opener

Busby AFC	0
Red Star	6

SAFL Centenary Cup

Lochgilphead Red Star finally got their season under way last weekend at Busby.

They got off to a flier as they brushed aside their opponents at Overlee Park, Clarkston.

Manager Colin Weir named a young side, with four players from the successful 2004s set up making their debuts from the start.

Leon Murphy started in goals, with Gregor Brown and Kyle Selfridge starting either side of Coll McCallum in the

back three. The midfield five consisted of wing backs Craig Aitken and Andy Weir flanking the midfield trio of Fraser Talbot, Keiran Caskie and Lee MacLean. Aaron Moore and Stuart MacLean led the line-up front.

It was the two strikers who combined to open the scoring early in the contest.

Aaron Moore's strong run down the right hand channel saw him get the ball across to strike partner Stuart MacLean who gave the keeper no chance from 10 yards out.

Star continued on the front foot and it was 0-2 after 10 minutes when Coll McCallum



**Red Star manager Colin Weir named a young side, with four players from the 2004s making their starting debuts.**

met a Craig Aitken corner and powered home his header from close range.

Busby, as ever, proved to be physical opposition and tried to force their way back into the

match but it was Star who always looked the more likely to score and added a third from a quick throw-in from Craig Aitken which released Aaron Moore down the left channel.

The Star captain did well to keep his composure before firing home under the Busby keeper.

Lee MacLean added a fourth

of the afternoon before half-time, again coming off the left channel to slot neatly past the keeper for 0-4.

Star should have added to their tally on the stroke of half time but Andy Weir saw his spot kick saved by the home keeper and it remained 0-4 at the break.

Despite a scrappy opening to the second half Star quickly regained control and added a fifth from a free-kick which Craig Aitken dispatched, albeit with a slight deflection and Star were cruising at 0-5.

Star rang the changes for the last half hour with Angus Lewis, Euan Finlay, Neily

Russell and Joseph Harper replacing Fraser Talbot, Stuart MacLean, Keiran Caskie and Craig Aitken.

Further chances fell to Euan Finlay and Angus Lewis before Neily Russell rounded off the scoring with a cool finish at the second attempt to give star a 6-0 win and see them sit top of their section.

Tomorrow Red Star look to progress to the quarter finals of the Centenary Cup but will face a tough ask against strong opposition in Glynhill, who play in the division above.

The game is at the Ropework in Lochgilphead and kicks off at 1pm.

# Kilmory make Bullough progress as Kingussie win Macaulay Cup final

## Artemis Macaulay Cup final

A round-up of the shinty action from Saturday August 21

### Kyles Athletic 1 Kingussie 4

Kyles Athletic's plans to contain the Kingussie attack suffered an early blow when James Falconer scored on six minutes.

For all Kingussie's pressure, they just had that 1-0 advantage at the turnaround as the rain fell.

The second half began in a similar fashion, with Kyles goalie John Whyte making some excellent saves.

Kyles were reminding their opponents of their threat before Kingussie's second came on 69 minutes, Kieran MacPherson turning home a rebound.

James Falconer got his second goal on 75 minutes, but Kyles pulled a goal back on 78 minutes when Innes MacDonald's lofted ball from wide on the left was misjudged by Kingussie keeper Rory MacGregor.

The ball dropped under the bar to make it 3-1.

Kyles took a lift from the goal, but Lee Bain settled any Badenoch nerves late on to secure the victory.



**Neil McVicar for Kyles and Kingussie's Roddy Young do battle in the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final.** Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

3-1 on 64 minutes, picking a great time to score his first goal of the season.

Oban Camanachd pushed Daniel Cameron and Daniel Sloss up front for the closing stages, but Lovat were resolute.

In the Tulloch Homes Camanachd semi-finals, Kinlochshiel and Kyles Athletic meet at Taynuilt Sports Field on Saturday August 28 then Kingussie face Lovat at An Aird on Saturday September 4. Both semi-finals throw-up at 4.10pm and are live on BBC ALBA.

## Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup

Inveraray's second-round tie with Oban Celtic at the Winterton in the Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup was postponed because of Covid restrictions affecting the Oban side.

## Bullough Cup – second round

**Kilmory 3 Aberdour 0**  
Kilmory were 3-0 victors against the Aberdour second team at MacRae Park.

With supporters making their return, they home guard had plenty to cheer as Bruce Johnston scored after 33 minutes to secure a 1-0 interval lead. Bruce Johnston went on to complete his hat-trick with goals on 60 and 71 minutes.

## Mowi South League A

**Ballachulish 7 Inveraray 1**  
Ballachulish beat the Inveraray second team 7-1 at the Jubilee Park.

Jack MacLean gave the hosts the lead on eight minutes but Robert Wood levelled a couple of minutes later.

Ballachulish built an interval lead with Jack MacLean on 31 minutes, David Grant on 33 minutes and Kier Irbhinn on 39 minutes making it 5-1 at the break. Donald Pearce on 70 minutes and Alan Clark on 78 minutes made the final score 7-1.

## Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup – quarter final

**Oban Camanachd 1 Lovat 3**

Lovat reached the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-finals after beating Oban Camanachd 3-1 at Taynuilt Sports Field

The constant rain made for difficult conditions and Fraser

Heath put Lovat ahead on 21 minutes.

Malcolm Clark equalised on 29 minutes, before Lovat regained the lead through Greg Matheson on 32 minutes.

Marc MacLachlan made it



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# Young Argyll golfers enjoy masterclass at Carnoustie



Young Argyll and Bute golfers enjoyed a day to remember as they picked up tips from some of the world's leading professional players.

Eilidh Flanagan, aged 13, and seven-year-old Lilly Cameron of Lochgilphead Golf Club were joined by nine-year-old Connor McCrae from Tarbert Golf Club and Rothesay's Scarlet Brown, aged 12, in

**Argyll and Bute golfers were among 100 young players invited to a golfing masterclass.** Photograph: Warren Little via Getty Images.

Carnoustie for a masterclass ahead of the AIG Women's Open.

One hundred junior golfers from across Scotland aged between six and 16 took part in the exclusive masterclass on August 16 – the conclusion to The R&A's Golden Ticket giveaway campaign.

The lucky winners received top tips from some of the world's best players, as well as enjoying an exclusive behind the scenes look at the championship.

Scotland's Catriona Matthew, Open winner in 2009, along with 2018 champion Georgia Hall, Emily K Pedersen

and Annabel Dimmock passed on their wisdom to the next generation of players at the iconic Carnoustie Golf Links.

Clubs had no easy task selecting the 100 participants to receive a coveted golden ticket.

Some of the juniors won their tickets through writing competitions, detailing what their club and the sport means to them, while others won through video submissions and poster design competitions.

Others won through skills challenges and junior medals held at their clubs.

# Record score wins at Lochgilphead open

Saturday August 21 saw ladies from near and far take to the Lochgilphead course to compete in the annual ladies' open.

Some had played the course before, but it was also great to see some new ladies attending.

After the horrendous weather on Saturday, it was with some relief that the day dawned looking a little overcast but with no rain.

The course was in fantastic condition thanks to Jim Hunter and his team who finished the preparations in Saturday's pouring rain.

The day was sponsored by Empire Travel Lodge, which provided prizes for stableford, scratch and senior prizes.

The winner on the day was Margaret MacKinnon of Lochgilphead, with the best round she has ever played at the course, returning 44 points beating Rona Young from

Tarbert by one point. Jane Hepburn of Lochgilphead was third with 42 points.

In the scratch category, Liz Kerr from Shiskine was first with 81 strokes, beating Christine Cameron of Glencruitten by a single stroke.

In third place was Susan Butchard of Brodick, also with 82 strokes. Rona Young from Tarbert also won the senior trophy.

Hole prizes were won by Patricia Weir of Kyles of Bute, Margaret MacKinnon, Jane Hepburn, Lorna Campbell of Carradale, Fiona Henderson of Shiskine, Mary Wilson from Tarbert and Christine Cameron from Glencruitten.

Ele Hunter thanked all the local sponsors and everyone who contributed to make this such a successful day in the club's calendar.



**Winners of the Empire Travel Lodge-sponsored open, left to right, Fiona Henderson, Susan Butchard, Jim Hunter, Margaret MacKinnon, Liz Kerr, Rona Young and Jane Hepburn.**

Club treasurer Kirsty Flanagan thanked Jim and Ele of Empire Travel Lodge for sponsoring the event.

# One point between top two at Tarbert

The Tarbert Golf Club championship began at Glenralloch last Saturday and, typically, the rain also arrived.

Despite the overhead conditions, the greens were in superb condition, Angus MacFarlane taking full advantage with a level par 66 to take the clubhouse lead, with John MacNab and Iain Macalister shooting 71 respectively to move into second place.

The same trio lead the nett trophy on 63.

The weather was much improved on Sunday, as morning starter Angus MacFarlane added a 73 to his 66 for a 139 aggregate after 36 holes.

John MacNab had the best round of the day with a 69 to move into second place on 140 with defending champion Kenny MacFarlane on 146.

In the nett trophy, John is in the lead on 124, followed by Bruce McLean on 127 and Iain Johnstone junior and Kenny

MacFarlane on 128. The final two rounds take place this weekend along with the senior championship and the second round of the John Reid Quach.

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