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Recruitment drive promise to ease ambulance crisis

by Colin Cameron
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A campaign to recruit more Argyll ambulance staff has had 'a great deal of interest' according to the service's top official.

It comes after numerous reports of delays in ambulance attendance across Mid Argyll - in some cases involving a full day waiting for crew to arrive.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand approached the Scottish Ambulance Service with the community's concerns and received a response from chief executive Pauline Howie who said the service had 'taken this matter very seriously'.

Explaining that it uses a computerised priority-based system 'to ensure that emergency ambulances are available to respond to the most serious

and life-threatening case in the first instance', she added: 'On those occasions where we are unable to allocate a timely response to patients, the Scottish Ambulance Service operates a welfare call-back process, which involves a designated clinical advisor calling the patient/family back.

'This contact is firstly to apologise for the delay and to reassess the patient's clinical condition. This protocol is to ensure contact is maintained with patients throughout the period prior to an ambulance arriving.

'These welfare calls also provide the chance to rapidly identify if the patient's condition has deteriorated and requires an escalated response time. We always strive to offer the highest possible standards of care to our patients.

'We appreciate it is really

disappointing when people are let down, unfortunately the high level of demand that we have been experiencing, as well as the volume of other significantly unwell patients, contributes to delays.'

Ms Howie added: 'The service is currently under significant pressure like the rest of the health and care system in Scotland and across the UK due to the ongoing pandemic.'

A review of ambulance cover in the area has been carried out and additional frontline staff are being recruited which, said Ms Howie, will 'reduce delays for patients and the likelihood of an incident like this occurring in the future'.

She concluded: 'There has been a great deal of interest in this initiative and we are optimistic we will see a significant increase in recruited staff as a result.'

Councillor Philand said: 'I have asked for a meeting with the Scottish Ambulance Service area manager to discuss what progress has been made.'

The lack of resources prompted three Mid Argyll women - Paula Cameron, Jessica McMullen and Karen Heafey - to start a petition following their own and others' experiences of ambulance delays.

To date, their petition to the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Government asking for more crews and ambulances has attracted almost 300 signatures.

Paula Cameron stresses, though, that Mid Argyll ambulance crews and hospital staff are 'amazing', adding: 'My concern is there simply aren't enough crews working at any one time.'



Orla Mochrie and Mara Taylor presented flowers to Hilda as Sandy Taylor handed over a gift from the parish. 51_a36Hilda_gardenparty04

A garden party for Hilda's retirement

It was an afternoon of emotion, memories, home-baking and good company as well-wishers gathered for a garden party in Lochgilphead to say farewell to Reverend Hilda Smith as parish minister - but she will still be around as she plans to stay in Mid Argyll.

Full story on page five.

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New Rest pit – welcome protection or waste of money?

The completion of the latest £1.1 million roadside pit at the Rest and be Thankful to catch debris from a landslide before reaching the A83 has been met with scepticism by a campaign group.

Announcing its completion, trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland said the catch-pit would provide additional resilience to the A83.

The 120m-long and 12m-wide pit is said to be capable of holding around 4,500 tonnes of debris from a landslide.

It is the fifth phase of pit construction to be completed along the route and connects to existing catch-pits in the area, giving an estimated capacity of almost 20,000 tonnes of



Rest and Be Thankful Campaign founder John Gurr. 51_a26JohnGurr01

landslide debris. Construction of the latest pit began in September last year following the initial clear-up of major landslides in 2020, with work taking place as repairs to the road and hillside were carried



out. Minister for Transport Graeme Dey thanked staff at Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland for their 'continued hard work on this vital project'. He added: 'Improving the

resilience of the A83 Rest and be Thankful is one of our top priorities, so the completion of this additional catch-pit is very welcome. The Scottish Government continues to treat

The latest roadside pit at the Rest and be Thankful.

Photograph: BEAR Scotland.

the issue with the seriousness and urgency it deserves, as we look to implement measures to maintain connectivity on a short, medium and long-term basis.'

A spokesperson for the Rest and be Thankful (RABT) Campaign, a group spearheaded by Argyll business leaders, said: 'Transport Scotland has spent £1.1m of taxpayers' money to dig a hole. How long will they waste money digging instead of investing in a permanent solution?'

As Transport Scotland investigates an alternative route

through Glen Croe as a long-term answer, RABT Campaign founder and former Kingfisher Group director John Gurr wants to see a different 'level of thinking' on the problem.

Transport Scotland estimates it will be a decade before a new route is built, but the campaign group wants a permanent solution by May 2024.

Speaking to the Argyllshire Advertiser earlier this summer, Mr Gurr said: 'It's about what could be done for an area that would encourage tourism, allow businesses to thrive and populations to grow.'

'Put in the infrastructure and people and businesses will follow; things become self-sustaining. It's there for big cities.'

POLICE FILES

No valid certificate

On Tuesday August 24, police officers conducted a firearms check on a registered firearms holder in Lochgilphead. He was allegedly found to be in possession of shotguns for which he did not have a valid certificate. A 48-year-old man was subsequently charged with the offence, the firearms seized and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

No car insurance

At about 3.20am on Friday August 20 officers on patrol in Lochneil Street, Lochgilphead, stopped a vehicle for having no insurance. The driver, a man aged 31, was issued with a ticket to present a valid insurance document at a police station within seven days. He subsequently has been charged with the offence. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive behaviour

Police received a report at 5.45pm on Monday August 30 of a man allegedly being abusive towards a woman in Harbour Street, Tarbert. Officers attended and a 37-year-old man was arrested. He was charged with assault and abusive behaviour and kept in custody to present to the court and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Hit and run

Around 7pm on Friday August 27 on the A819 Inveraray-Dalmally road, about two miles south of the A85 junction, a dark Volvo struck another vehicle, damaging the car and injuring the driver, before leaving the scene towards the A85. Police are appealing for anyone on the A819 or A85 who may have seen the incident, noted a dark vehicle with damage to it or who

might have dashcam footage to come forward. Anyone with any information can contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting incident number 3462 of August 27.

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Police appeal after man dies in A82 incident

Police are appealing for information following a fatal crash on the A82 south of Luss.

It happened around 8.20am on Sunday August 29 when a 31-year-old male pedestrian was struck by a lorry.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The road was closed for around nine hours for a full collision investigation.

Sergeant Kevin Craig, of Dumbarton Road Policing Unit, said: 'Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the deceased at this time.'

'We are conducting extensive enquiries into the circumstances of this incident and are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.'

The incident was one of two crashes near Luss over the weekend.

Police Scotland received a report of a two-vehicle crash on the A82 junction for Luss at around 3.20pm on Saturday August 28.

A 51-year-old man and a 76-year-old man were taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, with the 76-year-old's injuries described as serious.

A 77-year-old woman was taken to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow with what are described as life-threatening injuries.

The road remained closed for around five hours while officers carried out enquiries.

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Mid Argyll stitchers give global leaders the needle

Stitching groups joined forces this week to help send a message to world leaders at the COP26 conference in Glasgow later this year, writes Colin Cameron.

Stitches for Survival is a UK-wide initiative which is asking knitters, crocheters and stitchers to create a banner 1.5 miles long – representing the significant 1.5 degrees of global warming milestone – which will be displayed at COP 26 in Glasgow, after which it will be repurposed as blankets for the homeless.

The Knit and Natter Crochet and Chatter group in Craignish and The Castaways in Lochgilphead decided to participate and members have spent the past few months crafting their pieces each of which had to be 100cm by 60cm with a blue/green background.

The two groups met at the MS Centre in Lochgilphead on Tuesday August 31 to sew the panels together.

These will now be sent off to Glasgow to be joined up with other panels from around the UK.

Police investigate water death

Police enquiries are continuing into the death of a 61-year-old man rescued from water in the Craignish peninsula area.

Police officers were made aware of the man's death at around 1am on Sunday August 29.

A spokesperson for Police Scotland said: 'Enquiries into the death are ongoing, but there are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances.'

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.



Pat Barclay, Wendy Reynolds, Bronte Sidaway, Adele Sinclair, Jan Brown, Isobel Callen and Ruth Jones got together to stitch their panels together to make a Stitches for Survival banner to be displayed at the COP 26 conference in Glasgow.

Picture-perfect prize helps transport charity

A spectacular photograph of Edinburgh Castle has found a new home down south and raised a substantial sum for a Mid Argyll charity into the bargain.

Castle in the Clouds was taken in November 2020 by Adam Bulley, the grandson of one of the people using the services of Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) - and it became an online sensation.

It was viewed by more than three million people after being posted on social media by Adam, who works as a photographer, photography guide, filmmaker, videographer and musician in Edinburgh.

In appreciation of the charity's work, the family donated a print of the picture to raise money for MATV funds.



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

butchers whilst popping up to see my folks in Campbeltown recently and that convinced me to put in a bid.

'The picture is now looking resplendent in our house in Cheshire and brings that touch of Scotland a little bit closer to home.'

'I'm delighted to support this fantastic charity and would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts in producing, framing and displaying the photograph.'

'With thanks from an ex-town resident.'

Volunteer drivers are always needed so if you have a vehicle and can spare an hour or two contact Catherine on 01546 603564 between 9am and 5pm weekdays to get more information.

A silent auction was held, helped by the Archway art gallery in Lochgilphead, which framed the picture, and Fergusons the butchers which made space in the shop for the image to be displayed.

The auction closed on August 23 and the highest bidder was a former Lochgilphead man now living in Cheshire – who prefers to remain anonymous.

MATV co-ordinator

Catherine Kennedy said: 'The auction went really well. His bid far exceeded what we thought we would get so we are delighted.'

The photograph now has pride of place in the winner's Cheshire home and he said: 'When I heard about the charity initiative online I was keen to try and support it in any way possible.'

'I viewed the picture at the

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Materials disruption and rising costs for road works and footpath repairs

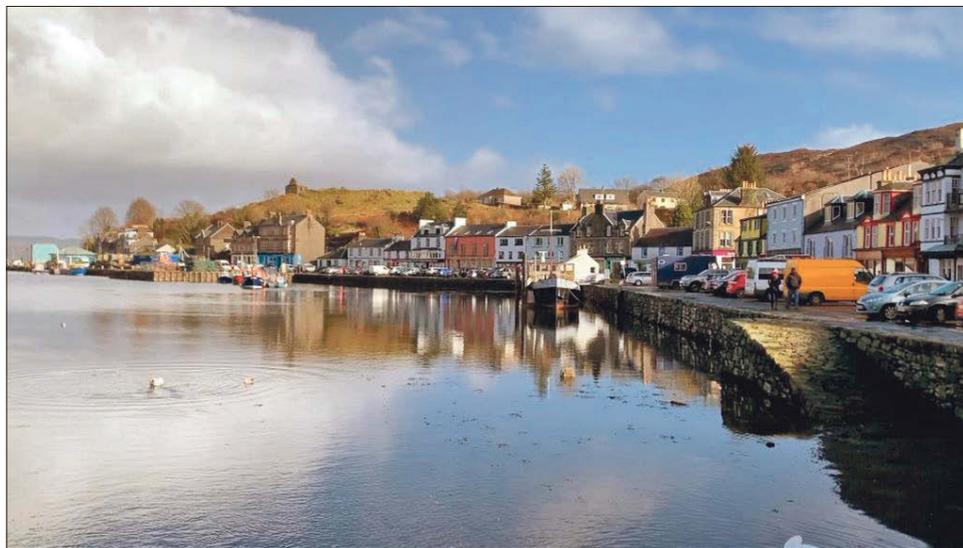
A £210,000 programme of footway repairs is earmarked for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, a report has revealed.

Argyll and Bute Council approved investment of £500,000 to make footpaths better across the region as part of its budget in February 2021, in addition to £400,000 for green transport and travel.

Details of the areas which will benefit from the £900,000 cash pot, to be used across Argyll and Bute, have now been revealed, with Northbay and Port Ellen on Islay earmarked for £61,000.

Councillors were asked to endorse the programme of footpath works at a virtual meeting of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee on Thursday September 2.

Harbour Street in Tarbert



Harbour Street in Tarbert, left, will see £44,000 spent on footpaths, while £39,000 will be spent at Lorne Street in Lochgilphead.

reconstruction programme. The year's programme will see 229.3 kilometres (142.5 miles) of road treated - equivalent to more than 10 per cent of the authority's total adopted network.

Ms Flanagan added: 'Members should note we are starting to see some disruption in material supplies, for example cement supplies in many local builders' merchants have been depleted due in part to demands from other large UK construction projects and the ability for some European cement production to be maintained on reported logistical challenges due mainly to limited numbers of truck drivers.'

'In addition to this, key materials such as cement and bitumen have seen double figure percentage increases in cost, which is reflected in the actual costs of works.'

has the next biggest planned allocation from the fund at £44,000, closely followed by Woodside on Islay at £41,000 and Lorne Street in Lochgilphead at £39,000.

Completing the list of proposals are Kilchenzie Housing in Kintyre at £16,000 and crossing points with dropped kerbs around Campbeltown at £9,000.

Council executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'Members' views were sought via a communication to the area committee chairs on potential schemes and where

possible these have been incorporated into the programme.' The same report reveals the council is starting to see some disruption to material supplies for its roads capital



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Bahrain billet leads to father and son reunion

There was a Middle Eastern reunion earlier this month for a Lochgilphead father and son aboard a Royal Navy ship.

Former Royal Navy marine engineer Chris Wragg waved off his son, serving on board Sandown-class minehunter HMS Shoreham, before the ship left Bahrain for the final time on her voyage back to UK waters.

They had not seen each other in 12 months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

When Cameron found out he would be drafted to HMS Shoreham, he and his father realised they would see each other again when the ship reached the Persian Gulf.

Originally from Lochgilphead, Chris left the Royal Navy in 2012 and now works as the waterfront manager at the UK naval support base in Bahrain, providing technical support to the UK mine countermeasure warships deployed as part of Operation Kipion.

Keeping the Royal Navy in the family, Cameron joined



Chris and Cameron met in Bahrain for the first time in a year. Photograph: SLT Domenic Hogg, navigating officer, HMS Shoreham.

BRNC Dartmouth in 2019 to commission as a warfare officer, making him the fourth generation of armed forces in his family. Cameron now spends his time in HMS Shoreham conducting 'specialist fleet time' training before qualifying as an officer of the watch.

Thoroughly enjoying his first overseas deployment as part of his training, he chose warfare because of its diverse roles. 'It is very exciting to have my first deployment in a warship based overseas and

particularly exciting to have one which is so close to my father,' said Cameron.

Proud father Chris said: 'My wife and I are incredibly proud of Cameron. It has been his ambition to join the armed forces since he was a young boy and we are very happy he chose to join the senior service.'

HMS Bangor will relieve HMS Shoreham as one of the UK's continuous mine countermeasure presence in the Gulf as part of Operation Kipion.

Sunshine and reflection on a lovely day for Hilda



Hilda was delighted to receive beautiful flowers on her retirement. 51_a36Hilda_gardenparty05



Enjoying the garden party were Furnace residents Helen and Neil MacDonald, who came along to pay their respects to Hilda on her retirement. 51_a36Hilda_gardenparty01



From left, Barbara Millar, Margaret McGinley, John McGinley and Robert Eric 'Bob' Millar enjoyed the occasion in tribute to Hilda. 51_a36Hilda_gardenparty02

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The people of Mid Argyll paid tribute to Reverend Hilda Smith at a highly sociable garden party in the sun.

After 16 years as Lochgilphead Church of Scotland parish minister, Hilda retired at the end of August and is now looking forward to having more time for hobbies including photography and crafting.

The church garden was bedecked with bunting on a gorgeous afternoon on Saturday August 28.

A marquee – erected with the help of 19th Argyll Scouts – provided shade for the many people who came along to enjoy delicious tea and cakes.

Session Clerk Sandy Taylor paid tribute to Hilda's contribution to the parish during her tenure.

Through good times and bad for the people of the area, he said, Hilda was a listening ear and was a source of comfort and support.

Addressing her directly, he continued: 'You have responded to the challenges faced by our church through the years.

'We have achieved a lot in that time, not least of which is our wonderful hall, behind which you were a driving force.

Leadership

'And in terms of your work with young people and families too, including the Messy Church, the weekly café and wider links with the community, a great deal has been achieved under your leadership.'

Hilda, who is not leaving the area, replied: 'It's the end of part of the journey and there will be more. It's not the end of the book, it's the end of a chapter. I know I've made the right decision in taking early retirement, but there's still something surreal about it.'

Initially studying German at university, with the intention of teaching, Hilda had no desire to go into ministry.

It was while she was conducting a wedding in Kilmartin when piper Charlie Ferguson mentioned there was a vacancy in Lochgilphead.

At the time it didn't suit, but when a vacancy list arrived a year later, it was Lochgilphead that jumped off the page.

Speaking at Saturday's reception she said: 'Lochgilphead was a great move for me. It's had its ups and downs, but you have supported me during my tough times, just as much as I hope I was there for you.

'Ministry is a privilege. It is a privilege to walk beside people through good times and tough times. Friendships have developed through this.

'It's great to have seen these kids growing up and to get to know them and their families.

'I enjoyed the work at the school too, getting to know the teachers and children and it's a pity Covid meant I wasn't able to go in and say goodbye.'

She added: 'Thank you for the flowers and gift. I'm always delighted with flowers and they're really lovely.

'This is fantastic today and I want to thank you all.'



Well-wishers gathered in the Lochgilphead sunshine to say farewell to Hilda – and enjoy a nice cuppa and a cake. 51_a36Hilda_gardenparty06



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HRH enjoys Argyll visit to Gathering in summer sun

The welcome matched the warm weather when Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal visited Oban to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Argyllshire Gathering.

The first stop for The Princess Royal on Thursday August 26 was Mossfield Park for the Gathering's morning activities. Escorted by the Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod and accompanied by her husband Sir Timothy Laurence, the princess was introduced to a number of Gathering members and supporters including Dee Bradbury OBE, the first female president of the Scottish Rugby Union.

Mrs Bradbury has played a key part in developing youth rugby in the area, with girls' and boys' matches featuring on the event programme. The captains of the winning youth teams were surprised and delighted to be presented with their trophies by HRH.

The princess also presented medals to piper Stuart Liddell of Inveraray, who won the 150th Argyllshire Gathering invitational solo piping competition, and to Pipe Major Iain Lowther, the composer of 'Dr Whittow's Salute to the 150th Argyllshire Gathering' in memory of the spouse of one of the Gathering stewards, Helen Malcolm, which was the winning composition in the bagpipe tune competition.

After taking an interest in heritage displays from a number of local organisations, meeting Gathering volunteer

Princess Anne is welcomed by Lord-Lieutenant Jane MacLeod



HRH Princess Anne, accompanied by her husband Sir Timothy Laurence, left, chats to the Duke of Argyll, Torquhil Campbell, at the Argyllshire Gathering.

stewards and enjoying athletics, dancing and musical performances, Her Royal Highness moved on to a tour of Oban High School where she was met by head teacher Peter Bain, head boy Angus Files and head girl Hannah Crowe.

Her Royal Highness was presented with gifts, including specially engraved crystal glasses, by Hannah and Angus on behalf of the school community. The Princess told them she had thoroughly enjoyed her visit to the school and wished them well for the year ahead.

Speaking afterwards, Hannah said: 'It was an

amazing opportunity to meet her today. She asked us lots of questions and really helped us to stay relaxed.'

Angus added: 'It was a real privilege to be able to show the princess around today. We really hope she enjoyed her visit as much as we did.'

Showcase

The final stop was Atlantis Leisure, where a number of local voluntary groups were taking part in a community showcase.

The Princess spent time talking to organisers and volunteers, hearing about the work they do to support people dealing with a wide range of issues including mental health,

recovery from addiction, young carers, mobility issues and more.

'She showed such an interest in us and what we do, she was so friendly,' said one volunteer, while another added: 'We were so grateful and amazed at how much time she spent with each of us, chatting and asking us lots of questions.'

Lord-Lieutenant Jane MacLeod said: 'Everyone involved with the visit has remarked on the genuine warmth shown by Her Royal Highness during her time in Oban.'

'Her presence at the 150th Argyllshire Gathering, especially after the event could not



The Princess Royal meets Deputy Lord-Lieutenant Neil Matheson, Provost David Kinniburgh, Deputy Provost Roddy McCuish, Councillor Elaine Robertson, Argyll and Bute Council Chief Executive Pippa Milne and Douglas Hendry, Executive Director. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



take place last year, has been a real boost and made the day even more special.

'We are always very happy to give the warmest possible welcome to The Princess Royal when she visits Argyll and Bute and we hope she will be able to visit us again very soon.'

Enjoying a chat with members of Oban High School traditional school of music after they performed during her visit to the school campus.

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Wheels keep turning for pupils

School transport services for children living between Imeraval and Port Ellen primary on Islay have been reinstated following a review.

News that Argyll and Bute Council has u-turned on the controversial decision to axe school transport for some island-based pupils has been welcomed by Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron.

Scottish Conservative MSP Donald Cameron wrote to the council on behalf of several residents who were deeply concerned at the initial decision.

Well-founded

He has since been informed that residents' concerns were well-founded and that the original service would be back in place for the new term.

Donald Cameron MSP said: 'I am delighted Argyll and Bute Council has listened to parents' concerns and has reinstated the bus service ahead of the new term starting.

'This route was never safe for young children to walk to and from school and I hope this is the end of the matter.'

Stuart tops invitational piping competition

The pipe major and pipe sergeant of Inveraray and District Pipe Band featured prominently in the list of winners at last week's Argyllshire Gathering invitational solo piping competitions.

Pipe Major Stuart Liddell won the 150th Anniversary Piobaireachd and medley contests in Oban, with the band's pipe sergeant Alasdair Henderson taking second prize in the prestigious piobaireachd.

Benderloch's Angus MacColl came out on top in the Strathspey and Reel competition.

The overall invitational winner was Stuart Liddell.

With Covid stopping pipers from overseas taking part, the usual Gold Medal competition was replaced by an Argyll Invitational competition

This year saw the playing for

the first time of Dr Whittow's Salute to the 150th Argyllshire Gathering on the march to Oban's Mossfield from Argyll Square.

Results:

Argyllshire Gathering Invitational: 150th Anniversary Piobaireachd: 1 Stuart Liddell; 2 Alasdair Henderson; 3 Finlay Johnstone.

150th Anniversary March Strathspey and Reel: 1 Angus MacColl; 2 William McCallum; 3 Stuart Liddell.

150th Anniversary Medley: 1 Stuart Liddell; 2 Sarah Muir; 3 William McCallum. Overall Winner: 1 Stuart Liddell.

March Grade A: 1 Steven Leask; 2 Angus John MacColl; 3 William McCallum; 4 Sarah Muir; 5 Angus D MacColl.

March Grade B: 1 Andrew Hall; 2 John Dew; 3 Sandy Cameron; 4 Jonathon Simpson; 5 Ruairidh Brown.



Stuart Liddell of Inveraray and Dunoon native Alasdair Henderson were placed first and second respectively in the Argyllshire Gathering invitational 150th Anniversary Piobaireachd.

Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

Strathspey and Reel A: 1 Stuart Liddell; 2 Alasdair Henderson; 3 William McCallum; 4 Calum Watson; 5 Pipe Major Ben Duncan.
Strathspey and Reel B: 1 John Dew; 2 Ross Miller; 3 Fraser Allison; 4 Ruairidh Brown; 5 Callum Wynd.
Jig: 1 Stuart Liddell; 2 William McCallum; 3 Steven Gray; 4 Pipe Major Ben Duncan; 5 Sarah Muir.

MOJO 2021 preview: Charles 'Che' Martin

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

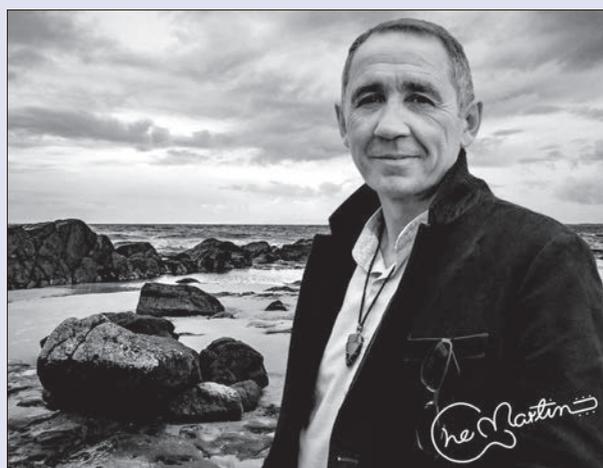
To get you in the mood, over the next few weeks the Argyllshire Advertiser will be featuring the acts lined up to perform at the MOJO festival.

Charles Martin from Campbeltown is the second act to feature in our series.

Preferring to be known as Che, pronounced 'Shay', he has had a love of singing since he was a boy, but it wasn't until he reached his 30s that he finally took up singing covers and playing guitar.

That was back in 2000 and from then Che kept up his interest by doing the odd covers gig and performing karaoke - until his big inner MOJO break unexpectedly came in 2017.

This was entirely due to Scotland not doing so well in World Cup qualifying, so he decided to create his own



unique and upbeat version of our national anthem called This is Scotland in his own indie folk style.

Over the last four years, Che has gone from strength to strength, writing and playing his own music around Campbeltown bars, at the Kintyre Songwriters Festival and most recently at Kintyre Music Festival to a great response.

With occasional support from a cello player, his performance has been likened

to Johnny Cash's cool and concise style with Che's influences including Johnny among many other greats like The Doors, Neil Young and Lou Reed.

Che hopes to keep gigging and do some recording soon and the MOJO organisers look forward to his set in October, which is sure to be memorable.

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

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Every dog has its day



To mark International Dog Day on August 26, just for a bit of fun and via our social media channels we asked readers for photographs of their pooches.

Siobhan Purcell from Tarbert sent us these photos of Brochan the 'bullweiler' - a cross between a rottweiler and bulldog.

As well as being a big canine character and part of the family, Siobhan

explained that Brochan also serves as a post traumatic stress disorder support dog for her partner Ali Duff - aka The Hairy Piper.

'Brochan's his rock,' said Siobhan.

'She makes him laugh when he's down and supports him in his darkest moments. She's the happiest dog ever - at her happiest when bouncing about in the waters of Argyll.'

From Ardrishaig, Maggie Crow sent in a photograph of her beautiful Romanian rescue dog, Bertha, enjoying the sun.



Brochan the bullweiler is 'the happiest dog ever' according to her human housemate Siobhan. And never happier than when crashing around in the waves.

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Pandemic leads to 900 complaints on businesses

Council officials had to take enforcement action against 23 businesses in Argyll and Bute as part of Covid-19 measures, a report has revealed.

The authority also says it has investigated almost 900 complaints from the public about businesses since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

But there has also been 'high levels of compliance' across the area in controlling the spread of Covid-19. The information was provided in a document for a virtual meeting of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee on Thursday September 2.

No information is given on the businesses in question or where in Argyll and Bute they are.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'From March 2020, the council has aimed to support businesses to ensure they have appropriate guidance and advice to be 'Covid safe' and to ensure businesses that were not permitted to open remained closed.

'This approach has achieved high levels of compliance, protecting public health in



controlling any potential spread of Covid infection.

'This work has been demanding and challenging over this period and environmental health and trading standards officers have been in direct contact with 2,780 businesses to assess their Covid measures.

Complaints

'There has been officer contact with a total of 2,780 businesses, [and we have] investigated 896 complaints from the public about businesses, provided advice via our website, through business groups, Business Gateway and through specific business enquiries.'

More than 450 businesses were revisited and in 23 cases

Argyll and Bute Council developed a Covid memorandum of understanding with Police Scotland to co-ordinate enforcement activity and 'engage, educate, encourage and enforce'.

formal enforcement or prohibition notices were issued. The spokesperson added: 'The Covid pandemic and the public health control measures, including lockdown, significantly impacted on all aspects of everyday life.

'New statutory powers were placed on local authorities and Police Scotland to regulate the public health restrictions across businesses, domestic dwellings and public areas.

'In response, the council developed a memorandum of understanding with Police Scotland to co-ordinate enforcement activity and agree priorities, an enforcement strategy - engage, educate, encourage and enforce - and authorised officers from regulatory services, including environmental health and trading standards officers, to carry out this work.'

The Softer Crofter

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A boisterous breakfast time

I should be careful what I wish for. Our gang of baby boar and toddler Tamworths are not as stand-offish as they appeared during their first day on the croft.

On their second day with us I sat, friendless and needy, on a dryish patch in their paddock. That was all it took.

Rather than being just a pair of stomping, burst wellies, I'd come down to snout-level and could be thoroughly sniffed, nuzzled and nipped.

Delighted to be one of the gang, I maybe slightly misjudged the vibe, not realising my initiation would involve bloodshed.

We are, of course, bringing them up veggie, so I'm glad to say the bloodletting didn't involve our organically-bred weaners tasting flesh for the first time. They nibble at boots, sleeves and zips, but have yet to break skin.

The bleeding was pretty



Enthusiastic Tamworths set up a maul.

much my own fault. Crouching to turn over a trough that had mysteriously travelled the length of their wee woodland and been upended in the process, I heard the stampede before I saw them: 14 squealing pigs running straight for me.

We should get this lot trained up for Murrayfield. I don't know whether to describe it as a ruck or a maul, but it was certainly effective in taking me out the game.

For obvious reasons, rugby matches are played on nice soft

grass and, unlike our piggy paddock, not encircled with a thin line of barbed wire.

There was actually no pain, so sharp are the wee barbs the pigs shoved me on to. Just a sudden wet warmth on my shoulder and a soaking hand.

Pulling my jacket - and flesh - off the fence, I explained to my new pals that breakfast would be slightly delayed and made my way to the bathroom and into the shower which quickly resembled the famous scene from Psycho.

The puncture wounds looked clean, however, so I taped myself up and resumed the breakfast service.

It was only later in the day when I consulted Doctor 'Google' that I realised I should maybe think a bit more about the holes in my shoulder and arm.

The risk, I read, of contracting tetanus from a puncture wound isn't that high unless there's any soil or livestock about.

A quick call to the lovely

people at the local surgery confirmed that a booster vaccine would be wise unless I had travelled somewhere fab and tropical recently.

While day-trips along Loch Fyne can seem quite exotic and have served us very well over the last wee while, I don't think Tayvallich to Tarbert counts as foreign travel.

But now, having popped into the medical centre for my third jag in recent months, I should be all set to head somewhere exciting as soon as restrictions

allow.

Just the small issue of what to do with my enthusiastic new pals if I were to leave the country.

Hopefully my lovely neighbours won't be reading this and will happily volunteer to do the breakfast shift.

Or perhaps normal people are perfectly capable of maintaining a professional relationship with livestock and will thus avoid being impaled to a fence.



Deceptively cute baby boar.

Second Cowal Virtual Gathering celebration

The sights and sounds of Cowal Highland Gathering entertained a global audience as Cowal's Virtual Gathering beamed a three-day programme packed full of piping, Highland dancing and heavy athletics across the world.

Cowal's Virtual Gathering 2020 was such a success organisers took the decision to host another virtual three-day event for 2021.

World champion Highland dancers spoke candidly about the challenges of online lessons in a series of interviews and shared their top tips for staying focused.

An exclusive dance, choreographed by Rachel McLagan and performed by some of the world's top dancers, was unveiled to huge acclaim.

Donald MacPhee, one of the world's finest solo pipers, spoke passionately about his own career in piping and gave an insight into how the marriage of Highland dancing and piping can be a lifelong love affair.

Fans of heavy athletics

Dancers and pipers share their passions

weren't forgotten either as a special feature-length competition, filmed under Covid-19 restrictions, brought some of the best known competitors to Cowal's Virtual Gathering where they showed how ready they are to get back into the stadium to compete.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Highland gathering without a ceilidh and Inverhooley Ceilidh Band were online to entertain Gathering fans whether they were having a garden party or simply a lover of great traditional music.

Cowal Highland Gathering chairman Ronnie Cairns thanked everyone who joined Cowal's Virtual Gathering saying: 'Cowal Highland Gathering is a historic event

for so many different reasons. It holds the world's oldest pipe band trophies, it is the home of the World Highland Dancing Championships and hosts Scotland's only international heavy athletics championship. I thank everyone who has so generously given their time, their photographs, shared their memories and taken part in this year's event.

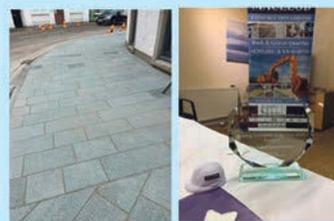
'The Cowal Highland Gathering audience is like no other.

'They have the ability to lift competitors with their cheers and for the last two years they have lifted our virtual gathering organisers to put together a programme which is worthy of the event.

'If you joined us online we thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hope we can meet you in person in August 2022 when we can once again gather in Dunoon Stadium.'

Catch up on all the events via Cowal Highland Gathering's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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Cause for hope?

The response from the Scottish Ambulance Service to Councillor Philand's earlier approach has encouraging aspects and others which leave room for concern.

The recruitment of more ambulance personnel is good news and let's hope they are trained and on the front line before too long.

Our hard-pressed ambulance staff do a fantastic job with the resources they are given, but the needs of a large, dispersed rural area with geography like nowhere else in Scotland need to be understood by bosses.

We could well be barking up the wrong tree, but it looks like emergency ambulances are deployed with the help of a computer algorithm, so maybe this needs tweaking to take account of geography.

Whatever happens, it must happen soon, before there is a tragedy due to delays.

Freedom

While Covid is far from gone, we are starting to see events able to be held thanks to vaccination.

It was really refreshing last weekend to get out and about as football, shinty and garden parties were held in the sun.

There are some promising footballers and shinty players out there too, which bodes well for the future.

Power to make decisions

Sir,
Ireland – what a confident, well-resourced country it is.

In contrast, the UK has had the weakest economic recovery of any country in north-west Europe since the 2008 financial crash, with our citizens having the lowest wealth per head.

The UK's weak economic recovery stands in stark contrast to Ireland, which has seen a massive increase in GDP per capita of 37.8 per cent – six and a half times that of the UK, over the same period.

In addition to Ireland, the UK has also fallen behind Luxembourg, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Belgium, France, and Austria.

An analysis from the House of Commons library, using International Monetary Fund data, revealed the UK had the lowest growth in GDP per capita of any country in north-west Europe between 2009 and 2021, at just 5.8 per cent.

Now, 13 years on from the financial crash, it continues to have the lowest wealth per head of any country in northwest Europe.

On average, independent countries of Scotland's size or smaller have seen an average increase in GDP per capita of plus 20.6 per cent, an increase of three and a half times that of the UK.

They all have the power to make their own decisions.

Tricia Grey, Ayefyne, Lochgilphead.

Homelessness and mental health support

Sir,
There is no question that the pandemic has had a real impact on people's mental health right across the country.

We've had the anxiety and uncertainty around the virus itself coupled with isolating, being separated from loved ones and missing out on the daily interactions we probably took for granted before.

For people experiencing homelessness, all this has come on top of having nowhere to call home.

Working as part of a team of clinical psychologists at homelessness charity Crisis, I see at first-hand how people facing homelessness

are disproportionately affected by mental health issues. Many of these are linked to previous and devastating trauma and are only made worse by the circumstances they are forced to live in.

Part of our work at Crisis is to ensure our clients have the psychological support they need to establish a life away from homelessness.

Keeping this going through the pandemic has been a real challenge and Crisis staff have been finding all sorts of creative solutions.

In the early days of the pandemic our coaches worked rapidly to provide phones, tablets, laptops and data to our clients who needed it and adapted our services, including our psychological support, so we could provide a continued lifeline over the phone and online.

With lockdown and restrictions now eased, it is a relief for our clients to feel less of the added mental pressure that we've had from the circumstances of the last year and for face-to-face support to be more of an option again.

Whether in person or online, all our work is only made possible by the fantastic people and organisations who support us, meaning we can continue to help people across the country to leave homelessness behind for good.

On behalf of Crisis and the thousands of people we support each year, we would particularly like to thank the players of People's Postcode Lottery, across Scotland and elsewhere, who have helped fund the vital work of our clinical psychologists in such difficult times.

Peter Oakes,
lead clinical psychologist at Crisis.

Unfit-for-purpose Islay ferries

Sir,
Recent disruptions with our ferry service from Islay to the mainland have once again shown us just how much we depend on a fit-for-purpose service with reliable, newer vessels in operation.

Unfortunately this is currently not the case as our ferry fleet has been underfunded for many years, if not decades, as a result of decisions made by urban-centric central government.

Our frontline CalMac ferry crews and port staff are hard-working and an asset to our island and mainland communities, however, they can only work with the tools they have at hand.

The 36-year-old MV Hebridean Isles is one of the oldest in the state-owned fleet and while it was no doubt good in its day that day has passed

a long time ago.

Problems with our Islay ferry service have also been exacerbated with the continued poaching of one of our ferries in the summer months for other areas that CalMac operates in.

On numerous occasions, distillers on Islay said they were facing major problems in transporting whisky to the Scottish mainland because of a capacity crisis on the ferry links.

The feeling amongst many of my constituents is that it is we on Islay, Jura and Colonsay who always end up getting a raw deal.

This simply cannot be allowed to continue.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward.

Opening the heritage careers door to young people

Sir,
Thanks to funding from the Scottish Power Foundation, an Argyll and Bute scheme is offering young people a new route to gaining employment and skills in heritage.

Heritage Horizons, run by the Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles (CHARTS), and Argyll and Bute Heritage and Museums Forum, aims to address the issue of an ageing workforce in the heritage and museums sectors by offering skill-building opportunities for young people.

The project will work with Argyll heritage venues in areas of high unemployment, developing 14 accredited placements for young people.

Participants will discover traditional building skills, learn how to guide visitors, or 'takeover' the social media accounts for a museum: all with the aim of improving their future employability.

The project, which runs until May 2022, has three main strands of work: providing work experience placements for young people aged 18-30 who will study for a Trinity College Arts Award; accredited workshops and events; and a series of school visits.

For more information, contact project co-ordinators Kirsty MacNab (South Argyll) at kirsty@chartsargyllandisles.org or Pamela Campbell (North Argyll) at pamela@chartsargyllandisles.org.

Seymour Adams, Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles Board.

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Thought for the Week

Sometimes we cannot see the wood for the trees, but looking back, things become clear and fall into place.

In the Bible, there is a story of Jacob, who was going through the biggest crisis of his life so far.

God visited him, but Jacob did not realise it was God until next morning.

Then Jacob said: 'Surely the Lord is in this place, but I knew it not.' (Genesis 28:16)

Sometimes you can only see and understand when you look back and reflect.

Time and time again I see the Bible was written down by people who experienced real life, with all its ups and downs.

People who experience good times, yes, but also illness, death, bullying, debt, cheating, hunger...you name it.

Just like us.

One Bible writer states: 'All peace and prosperity have long since gone...I have forgotten what enjoyment is.' (Lamentation 3:21)

Some people have felt like that these last months of the Covid pandemic. But it does not have to remain that way; the same Bible writer states: 'I have hope. Great is Thy faithfulness.' (Lamentation 3:23)

The writer recognised God was still there.

If you are feeling fed up, neglected, abandoned, lonely - there is hope.

We talk a lot about looking forward, our freedom as Covid restrictions are eased, and the hope for a better future; but if that future is not a rosy picture for you, why not look back and see where you have been, and recognise God has walked the path with you.

'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me.' (Psalm 23)

**Reverend Steve Fulcher,
Church of Scotland - South Kintyre
Team Ministry.**

The MacDougalls return with a splash

TARBERT

After an enforced absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic, popular children's theatre group The McDougalls made a triumphant return to Tarbert last weekend.

Their Big Splash show goes on tour in October but Tarbert was treated to a special preview performance on Sunday.

The crowd danced and sang along with Max, Auntie Aggie and, of course, Morag the rabbit as well as a host of new characters in this all-new show.

Auntie Aggie said after the show: 'I love packing my mint imperials into my handbag and heading round to Tarbert. It's like a wee holiday!'

The McDougalls play to sell-out audiences all over the UK and will be back in December with their new Christmas show, The McDougalls in Toyland.

These events are organised by West Kintyre Promotions, a community interest company committed to bringing the best entertainment to Kintyre at affordable prices.



The McDougalls made a big splash when they returned to Tarbert.

MINARD

Minard Community Association is planning a community beach clean on Sunday September 5, with the support of recycling and anti-litter charity the GRAB Trust.

The plan is to cover the Loch Fyne shoreline from Minard Castle to Quarry Point, starting at 1.30pm. A community barbecue will round off the day.

The organisers have been lent equipment by the GRAB Trust.

If you would like to take part, contact Margaret Moncur in advance - or message the Minard Community Noticeboard Facebook page. Bring gloves and bags will be provided.

Covid precautions will be followed and the organisers ask that anyone feeling unwell or who has been in contact with anyone unwell or with known Covid does not come along. If possible,

complete a lateral flow test before attending. The GRAB Trust offers grants of up to £250 to formally-constituted groups for litter picks in Argyll and Bute carried out before September 30.

Prior authorisation must be obtained from the GRAB Trust and applications made using the online form at the www.grab.org.uk/beach.html web page.

The grant can be spent as the group decides, but as funding is limited a claim does not guarantee a grant will be awarded.

Claims must be made on or before October 31 for cleans completed prior to September 30.

KENNACRAIG

Full marks for creativity to whoever came up with this slight amendment to the road sign on the A83 at Kennacraig.

While we cannot, of course, condone the defacing of a trunk road sign and these foolish things, it's hard not to admire the skill - right down to the choice of font style to match the official lettering.

In fact, it's difficult to tell how the person behind this could have done more than this.



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YOUR PICTURES



It's fair to say this week's featured photograph is a stunner.

Catherine Munro of Inveraray was up and about early to capture the sun rising behind Binnein an Fhìdhleir above Glen Kinglas on Wednesday August 25.

Taken from Inveraray, the image shows the early morning light reflecting on Loch Fyne as a blanket of dawn mist hangs over its eastern shore.

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Anglers hook record skate haul

A record-breaking haul of skate left a group of anglers on a big-fish challenge in the Sound of Jura exhausted and broken.

They smashed the current boat record, landing 45 flapper skate with a combined weight of an incredible one and a half tons.

The six lads travelled from Glasgow and Elgin to fish aboard the Tayvallich-based charter boat Seadog and for five of them, who had never caught a flapper skate before, it was a baptism of fire.

Skipper Paul Timoney said: 'The boys almost doubled the boat's previous daily record of 23 skate.'

'It was an outstanding achievement and beyond a red letter day for us. It just goes to show the quality of fishing here on the west coast.'

He went on to say it was non-stop action all day with numerous triple and quadruple hook-ups.

The heaviest skate weighed in at 180lbs, with the combined weight amassing an

Charter boat lands 45 flappers



Ricky Scott with one of the record-breaking skate landed on Seadog.

impressive 3,309lbs. Paul said that as far as he was aware no other charter boat had caught as many skate in one day.

Once measured and photographed, all the skate were safely returned to the deep via a purpose-built ramp.

Zander inspires cousins to climb UK's highest peak

Two young cousins conquered the UK's highest peak for the youngest member of their family.

Andrew Livingstone, aged eight, and Gavin Boyle, 13, a second year pupil at Lochgilphead High School, joined family and friends on the expedition on August 21 to raise money for the charity SANDS (Still birth and neonatal death society).

Their auntie Gail Williamson is proud of the lads' efforts, saying: 'The boys joined myself, my partner, sister and friends to climb Ben Nevis.'

'They did absolutely amazingly and were supported throughout the walk by everyone encouraging them all the way up. They are super proud they made it to top of the biggest mountain in the UK. It was a huge challenge for them but they made it to the top and raised £700 for the charity.'

Gail, originally from Lochgilphead, continued: 'We chose SANDS after I was diagnosed with a rare and



Gavin and Andrew helped raise £700 for the SANDS charity.

life-threatening pregnancy related condition when having my little boy Zander.

'He was eventually born on February 5 by emergency



At the misty summit are, from left, Steven McNeill, Claire Cameron, Andrew Livingstone, Gavin Boyle, Gail Williamson, Kirsty Gray and Catherine Livingstone.

section once they had realised I had something called HELLP syndrome. Thanks to the amazing doctors at Wishaw General, they quickly realised what was wrong and Zander was safely delivered.

'SANDS provides support and research to help recognise

the symptoms of this and other illnesses during pregnancy.

'The boys were committed to supporting and raising money for their baby cousin and couldn't wait to get back to school on Monday to tell all their friends what they had achieved.'

Council hails success in education service

The annual health check on Argyll and Bute's education shows 'fantastic successes' according to the councillor responsible for the service.

At a meeting of the council's community services committee on August 24, councillors were given the annual performance review, with a number of areas of 'positive progress' noted, giving the following examples:

■ The education counselling service is supporting a large number of chil-

dren and young people since being established in February this year.

■ Argyll and Bute is one of only 11 local authorities in Scotland able to deliver 1,140 hours' Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) provision to all entitled children by the original deadline of August 2020 - before it was extended by the Scottish Government until August 2021 as a result of Covid 19.

■ ELC pupils spend a minimum

of 50 per cent of their time in high quality outdoor learning.

■ A Nurture Strategy has been developed to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in schools. As part of this, a principal teacher of nurture was appointed and a staff member from each school has received training from the educational psychology service.

■ The application process for clothing and free school meal grants is now

online, making the process easier, particularly during the pandemic. As a result, over the last 12 months there has been a 15 per cent increase in the number of families applying for clothing grants and a rise of 33 per cent in free school meal grant applications.

Policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'Our education service works tirelessly to ensure our children and young people are

given every opportunity to reach their full potential.

'The annual performance review shows a number of fantastic successes, but there are many, many more things to be proud of on top of these positive performance indicators.

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Ri linn a' ghalair Covid bha tòrr againn, sean agus òg, a' tighinn beò air-loidhne, a' zoomadh ar càirdean 's ar caraidean, ag obair 'taobh a-muigh na h-oifise'. Ach b' e seo àm cuideachd nuair a thàinig e a-steach oirnn, 's dòcha na bu mhotha na riamh roimhe, gun do bhuin sinn dhan t-saoghal fhisigeach a tha ceithir-thimcheall oirnn.

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See for yourself

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WHAT IS A BURSARY?

Often called fee assistance, a bursary is awarded on proven financial need and gives children from lower income families the opportunity to receive an independent education. A bursary is generally awarded from P7 through Senior School and up to 100% of the fees can be met by the school.

APPLYING FOR A BURSARY

Your child will have to meet the school's normal entry requirements, but they do not have to be of the academic standard required to win a scholarship. Schools will want to know about all your financial circumstances, so be prepared to fill in detailed forms providing evidence of need.

Each case will be looked at individually, and schools will consider pensions, investments, the value of your property, rent or mortgage paid as well as assets and liabilities.

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

A scholarship is awarded as a result of a competitive selection process and can be awarded for academic ability, sport, arts or general excellence. Scholarships vary widely between schools. Some offer fee remissions, whilst others hold dedicated funds in trust for pupils.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Each school will have their own application procedures, so visit the school's website for more detailed information or speak to their bursar.

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT ABOUT A BURSARY OR SCHOLARSHIP?

A school's website and admissions materials will offer a comprehensive guide to their financial assistance process.

SCIS TOP TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR A BURSARY OR SCHOLARSHIP

- Enquire about fee assistance at least a year before you hope to enrol in the school
 - Let the schools know as soon as possible that you are interested in financial assistance
 - Most schools will have a deadline for applying for fee assistance so make sure you don't miss it
 - Make sure you leave plenty of time to complete the application and sort out any accompanying documents you may need to prove your income.
- Unfortunately, schools only have a finite amount of funding available and therefore not all applicants will be successful. The Educational Trusts' Forum offers information and advice on finding fee assistance. If you are considering sending your child to a Scottish Independent School, SCIS can help you with your search – use our find a school tool or get in touch with us today.

Pupils achieving potential

Belief and confidence in each of Kilgraston's Sixth Formers' own abilities is key to success, says the Head of the school's Sixth Form Deirdre McCormick.

Encouraging independence and a 'can do' approach will pave the way for a bright future wherever each girl wants to be, studying at a top university or making their mark on the world of work with a graduate apprenticeship.

Mrs McCormick said: "Sixth Form at Kilgraston focuses on fostering a belief and genuine confidence in each individual's abilities and vision for their future.

"Our aim is that each pupil will leave school with independence and a 'can do' approach."

The Kilgraston Sixth Form staff have 30 years shared UCAS experience, helping pupils reach their potential - bespoke guidance to each pupil starts early to shape their future choices.

"Our University and College Application Programme starts early, offering individualised support and guidance to help our pupils make important decisions that will shape their future and get each girl where she wants to be, whether it's a top university in the UK, an institution overseas or a move into the world of work with a graduate apprenticeship," added Mrs McCormick.

The exam results say it all. In 2021, pupils celebrated an impressive new record with 100 per cent of girls achieving Grades A to B at Advanced Higher level and 95 per cent achieving Grade A to B at Higher level.

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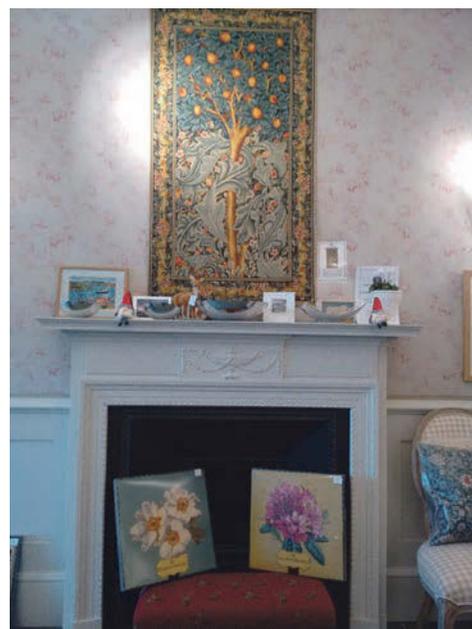
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Around the markets

Oban, United Auctions, Tuesday August 24: sold 5452 sheep of all classes. 4557 lambs averaged £63.48 per head (+£5.71). This being the third sale of the season and with 1300 more lambs sold on the corresponding sale last year, lambs in general were smaller. Nevertheless, a sound trade was obtained for all classes of stock.

Leading Lots & Prices
Lambs – SuffX - £88.00, Mid Farm; £77.00, Achnacree Beag. TexX - £98.00, £90.00, Auchnasaul; £89.50, Caolis Coll; £87.00, Oban Seil Croft; £86.00, Kilbride Croft; £84.00, Fiaraidh Grazings; £83.50, Caolis; £83.00, Auchnasaul; £83.00, 15 Keil Croft; £82.50, Balnagown; £82.00, Feringa Farming. BeltX - £79.00, 15 Keil Croft; £77.50, Achnacree Beag; £73.50, Achuaran. Chev - £78.00, Rhulios; £78.00, 2 Allasdale; £73.50, Ballard; £73.00, Achnacarron; £72.50, Tyree; £70.50, Garraron; £70.50, Ardnacross; £70.00, Cuan Croft; £70.00, Torloisk. Cross - £76.50, Saulmore; £74.00, Kilbride Croft; £70.00, 15 Keil Croft. Mule

- £74.50, Achalic; £73.00, Saulmore. Chev Mule - £87.00, Ardnacross. BF - £47.00, Plocaig; £46.00, Gorteneoran; £45.00, Pennygown.
Ewes – TexX - £69.00, Ardtornish; £69.00, Pennygown. Chev - £95.00, Caolis Coll; £89.00, Feringa Farming; £78.00, Cailaich; £74.00, Barndromin; £70.00, Auchnasul Drimmin. Cross - £71.00, Dunmor. Mule - £65.50, Ardachy; £64.00, Ricruin. Chev Mule - £67.00, Ardachy; £63.00, Achnacree Beag. BF - £61.00, Ardtornish.

Lochboisdale, United Auctions, Saturday August 28: sold 2686 sheep of all classes. 2527 lambs averaged £67.97 per head. Lambs in general were lacking bloom due to the inclement spring weather. All classes nevertheless sold well and to a good following of mainland buyers.

Leading Lots & Prices
Lambs – SuffX - £103.00, Truimsgharry; £98.00, 6 Middlequarter; £93.00, 409B Smerclate; £91.00, 6 Rhughashinish;

£90.50, 325 North Boisdale; £90.00, 3 Middlequarter; £88.00, 409/410 Smerclate; £87.50, 6 Rhughashinish; £86.00, Dunskeellar; £85.50, Truimsgharry; £85.00, 6 Rhughashinish; £85.00, 6 Frobost; £85.00, 9 Milton; £83.50, 269 Daliburgh; £83.50, 1 Sollas; £83.50, 287 Kilphedar; £83.00, 217B Stoneybridge; £83.00, 6 Ormidate; £82.00, Truimsgharry. BeltX - £97.00, 18 West Gerinish; £85.00, 1 Malaglate; £82.50, 18 West Gerinish. TexX - £105.00, 1 Malaglate; £100.50, Dunskeellar; £100.00, 340 North Boisdale; £95.00, 6 Rhughashinish; £92.00, 383 Garrynamonie; £91.00, 35 Eoligarry; £87.00, 409B Smerclate; £87.00, 383 Garrynamonie; £86.00, 325 North Boisdale; £85.00, 356 South Boisdale; £85.00, 391 Garrynamonie; £83.50, 183 Snishval; £83.50, 6 Milton; £83.50, 5 Dunganachy; £82.50, 471 Lochboisdale; £82.00, 472B South Lochboisdale; £82.00, 4 West Gerinish. Chev - £97.00, 49 Balgarva; £88.50, 6 Ormidate; £83.00, 8 Gearradubh; £82.00, 6 West Gerinish; £80.50, 12 Ardveinish, Barra; £80.00, 1 Lincilate.

Cross - £79.50, 5 Howmore; £77.50, 91 Bualadubh; £77.00, 6 Middlequarter; £76.00, 6 Ormidate. Mule - £84.00, 90/110 Borve, Barra; £81.50, 325 North Boisdale. BF - £76.50, £65.00, 5 Howmore; £65.00, 90/110 Borve, Barra; £62.50, 369 South Boisdale; £61.00, 319 Kilphedar; £61.00, 468 South Lochboisdale.
Ewes – SuffX - £80.50, 57 Clachan. Lley - £57.00, 3 Knockintorran. TexX - £71.00, 383 Garrynamonie; £68.00, 391 Garrynamonie. Chev - £85.00, 12 Aird; £65.50, 471 Lochboisdale; £62.00, 392 Garrynamonie; £60.00, 217B Stoneybridge. Mule - £62.00, 269 Daliburgh.

Dalmally, United Auctions, Friday August 27: sold 2360 sheep of all classes. 2071 lambs averaged £64.80 (+£7.27). In keeping with recent trends trade for all classes was firm though not as fiery as previous sales. A good ringside of buyers was in attendance and all stock was cleared as satisfactory levels.

Principal lots and prices per head;
Lambs – BeltX - £81.00, Blarghour. TexX - £113.00, Craigmormore; £94.00, Clachan Farms (Kilniver); £86.00, Silvercraigs; £85.50, Innischeroch; £84.50, Home Farm; £83.00, Stonefield; £82.50, Ardchatten; £80.50, Silvercraigs; £80.50, Stonefield. Chev - £74.00, Achnacree; £74.00, Keppochan; £73.00, High Balantyre; £71.50, Maam; £70.00, Kilchoan. Cross - £87.00, Castles Farms; £69.50, Auchnasul; £67.00, Ederline Estate. Mule - £80.50, Ormsary Estate; £79.00, Home Farm; £78.00, Stonefield Farm. Chev Mule - £73.00, Keppochan. BF - £64.00, Innischeroch; £61.00, Tullochcan; £60.50, Blarmafoldach.
Ewes – TexX - £84.50, Boorach Beg; £70.00, Lephinkill. Chev - £68.00, Kilchoan. BF - £36.00, Boorach Beg.
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Lambs – BeltX - £257p, Blarghour; 225p,

Brenchoille. TexX - 252p, Silvercraigs; 251p, Craigmormore; 250p, Ormsary Estate; 248p, Craigmormore; 248p, Tullochcan; 248p, Clachan Farms; 247p, Ardchatten; 247p, Home Farm; 245p, Ardconnel; 244p, Stonefield; 242p, Innischeroch; 239p, Clachan Farms; 235p, Ederline Estate; 234p, Carse Estate; 233p, Drimmin Estate; 233p, Castle Farms; 232p, Drimmin Estate; 231p, Colquhalzie Farms; 230p, Lephinkill Farm. Chev - 240p, Blackmount; 238p, Maam; 236p, Blackmount; 232p, 229p, High Balantyre; 228p, Keppochan; 227p, Kilchoan; 224p, Maam; 224p, Achnacree; 222p, Ardconnel; 222p, Kilchoan; 220p, Maam. Cross - 233p, Braeglenbeg; 232p, Auchnasul; 230p, Maam; 224p, Drimmin; 221p, 14 Lochiel Road; 220p, Ederline Estate. Mule - 227p, Ormsary Farmers; 221p, Stonefield. Chev Mule - 243p, Keppochan. BF - 215p, Blarmafoldach; 214p, Tullochcan; 212p, Carse Estate.

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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
21/01448/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of vehicular access	Land West Of Bell-Na-Mara, High Askomil, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (DISABLED STREET PARKING – MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY) (VARIATION) (NO.3) ORDER 202_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an amendment to an existing Order in accordance with the introduction of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will introduce new disabled bays within Oban. The effect of the order will be to make it an offence for anyone to park in the marked disabled persons' parking places unless they are the holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the terms of the national blue badge legislation.

This order affects the following streets in **ARDRISHAIG** – Brae Road; **BOWMORE** – High Street; **CAMPBELTOWN** – Dalaruan Street; Davaar Avenue; Fisher Row; Ralston Road; Smith Drive **CARRADALE** – Glenfyne Terrace **DRUMLEMBLE** – Rhudal Cottages **LOCHGILPHEAD** – Brodie Crescent; Coronation Terrace (on Oban Road) **STEWARTON** – Burnside Cottage; **TARBERT** – Kintyre Street;

Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "Argyll and Bute Council (Disabled Street Parking – Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay) (Variation) (No.3) Order 202_." together with Plans, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing providing their full name and address, to Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT or by emailing TRO-Objections@argyll-bute.gov.uk by 27th September 2021. Letters of objection will be replied to after the closing date of the period for objections.

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

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TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (DISABLED STREET PARKING – OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES) (VARIATION) (NO.4) ORDER 202_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an amendment to an existing Order in accordance with the introduction of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will introduce new disabled bays within Oban. The effect of the order will be to make it an offence for anyone to park in the marked disabled persons' parking places unless they are the holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the terms of the national blue badge legislation.

This order affects the following streets in **DUNBEG** – Lorn Road; **OBAN** – Breadalbane Street; Colonsay Terrace; Croft Avenue; Miller Street; Lonsdale Crescent; Sinclair Drive; and **MULL** – Portmore Place (Main Street).

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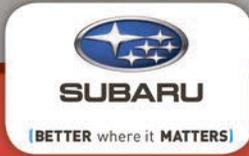
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DEATHS

McMURCHY - Peacefully at home, 2 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on August 25, 2021, Rachel McKenzie, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Neil McMurchy, step mum to Roy, a much loved granny Rachel to all Roy and Marlyn's family and a loving and caring aunt to the extended McKenzie family.

RAMSAY - On August 25, 2021, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Elizabeth (Betty) Ramsay, née Anderson, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late John Ramsay, much loved mother of Heather and Carol, dear mother-in-law of John and Richard, and a dearly loved gran and great-gran, sadly missed by all. A graveside service was held at Glen Shira Cemetery, Inveraray on September 1.

SINCLAIR - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 18, 2021, Mary Sinclair, in her 89th year, 5 Isle View, Machrihanish, dearly beloved daughter of the late Jessie and Duncan Sinclair, formerly of Ballygrogan, loving sister of Cathy, Donald, Margaret and Jessie and a beloved aunt and great aunt.

STROTHER - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 28, 2021, James Gilbert Strother (Jim) in his 84th year, 23 Argyll Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine McSparran Conner and a loving uncle and great uncle. Jim's funeral will take place in the Highland Parish Church on Saturday, September 4 at 11.00 a.m. A cremation service will be held on Monday, September 6 at 11.15 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the

service in the church or at Cardross Crematorium. Please remember to observe social distancing.

WILLIS - Peacefully with her family by her side, Valerie "Val" Willis, of 2 Union Place, Lochgilphead and formerly of Ford. Loving wife of the late Ian Willis, and adored mother of Nigel and Alistair. Much respected mother-in-law of Karen and Andrea. Beloved Granny of Nicky and Great-Granny of Alexander. Funeral Service will be held at Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Monday, September 6 at 11am, thereafter a service of committal at Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm. Numbers are limited at church service, therefore those who are unable to attend or be present in the church, will be able to show their respects as the funeral cortege makes its way up and down Argyll Street immediately following the church service. Family flowers only please. Donations to Mary's Meals.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ROBERTSON - Johnnie, Marianne and all the family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and messages of support received on the sad and sudden death of Tommy. Our grateful thanks to Rev. William Crossan for a personal and uplifting service. Kenneth Blair and staff for their professionalism and outstanding care. To Carr Gomm, hospital staff, paramedics, fire brigade, social workers and Argyll Hotel for the fine purvey. Finally thanks to everyone who paid their respects on his way to Kilkerran Cemetery and also at the graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear mum Mary (Molly), who passed away on September 6, 2020. Loved and missed every day. Remember me as I used to be

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I am at peace now; I am me
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- Love from your daughters Betty, Fay, Mary and Vi xx

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MACFARLANE - Treasured memories of Joe, a much loved husband, dad and grandad who died September 6, 2014.

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MACLENNAN M.B.E - Cherished memories of our much loved Dad, Murdo, died September 1, 2013. Sometimes we just look up, smile, and say we know that was you.

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- Love always, Lorne, Leone, Darren and Laurene x
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Sunday 5th September 2021
11.00 am
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Young Kilmory side beaten by experience

Mowi Central League Kilmory 0 Lochaber 3

The Lochaber second team made their first visit to MacRae Park and went home with both points after beating a Kilmory side sprinkled with youth 3-0 in this Mowi Central League fixture.

In a closely-contested match Lochaber's greater experience finally won through.

David Langan scored on

37 minutes to give Lochaber an interval lead and added a second a couple of minutes after the re-start.

Darris Riddle made it 3-0 on 66 minutes.

Kilmory's young players stood up to a tough physical test and can be proud of their progress.

The Alvanche British Aluminium Balliemore Cup semi-final between Skye Camanachd and Inveraray at

Spean Bridge was postponed because of Covid restrictions as Skye suspended all shinty for a week.

Elsewhere, Kinlochshiel reached their first Camanachd Cup final after beating Kyles Athletic 2-0 at Taynuilt, and now await the outcome of this Saturday's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi final between Kingussie and Lovat to be played at An Aird in Fort William.

SHINTY



An unusual challenge from Lochaber's Ali MacDonald on Sandy Leiper for Kilmory as the pair enjoyed a great tussle in the middle of the park. 51_a36Kilmory_Lochaber02



The ball's in there somewhere - a bourach in the Kilmory defence before the ball is cleared. 51_a36Kilmory_Lochaber01

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Angus MacFarlane wins Tarbert championship

The final two rounds of the Tarbert club championship were held at Glenralloch over the weekend of August 28 and 29.

Greenkeeper Graham Prentice had the course in superb condition.

The third round of any championship is known as 'moving day' and that was definitely the case on the shores of the West Loch.

A superb 68 from Peter McLean senior and a 69 from Iain Macalister saw them move in the right direction.

Thirty-six hole leader Angus MacFarlane shot 75, as did John MacNab, with Angus retaining a one shot lead over John and two from Iain.

Recent open winner Iain MacArthur shot nett 60 to continue his recent good form.

Conditions were a bit over-cast on Sunday for the final round of the championship, but the golf was good with Angus taking a three-shot

Club championship winner Angus MacFarlane.



Angus MacFarlane (281); 2 John MacNab (286); 3 Iain Macalister (291).

Nett trophy - 1 John MacNab (254); 2= Bruce McLean and Iain Macalister (259)

Senior champion - 1 Iain Macalister (144); 2 John MacNab (146); 3 Peter McLean (149)

John Reid Quaich - 1 Iain Macalister (124); 2 Bruce McLean (125); 3 Peter McLean (126).

lead by the turn. John rallied to birdie the 15th and 16th but an eagle two from Angus at the 16th was the icing on the cake and his final round 67 to

John's 71 gave him a five shot victory overall and his third championship success.

Final totals:
Club Championship - 1



Above right: Nett winner John MacNab with club captain Kenny MacFarlane.



Right: Senior champion and John Reid Quaich winner Iain Macalister.



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Red Star edged out in tight Centenary Cup tie

Red Star 2
Glynhill Moorcroft 3
SAFL Centenary Cup - 1

Lochgilphead await other results to find out if the team makes it through

Lochgilphead Red Star played host to Premier Division side Glynhill Moorcroft last Saturday in an entertaining encounter and were unfortunate not to take something from the match in front of a healthy Ropework crowd.

The visiting Renfrew-based side took the lead in the SAFL Centenary Cup section one match after just nine minutes when a long clearance breached the Star defence and their striker scored with a controlled effort past Jake Weir in the Star goal.

The visitors could have doubled their lead after 20 minutes when the ball once again fell to their dangerous forward but this time Jake parried the ball to safety with an excellent stop.

RJD-sponsored Star began to find a way back into the match with striker Cammy MacDonald causing plenty of problems and he could have equalised in spectacular fashion when his turn and shot from 25 yards came crashing back off the underside of the bar.

MacDonald was heavily

involved in the Star equaliser as he pulled in a Lee MacLean pass before dinking a neat chip into the box which was headed home by Stuart MacLean to bring Star level at 1-1.

This is how it remained until half time and Star came out well at the start of the second half with Craig Aitken delivering a number of threatening crosses into the box.

It was no surprise when it was an Aitken cross from the left which was met by MacDonald with a sliding finish to give Star the lead at 2-1.

This was, unfortunately, his last involvement in the game as he was forced off with a dead leg with veteran forward Robert Docherty taking his place.

Glynhill found an equaliser themselves with a touch of fortune as their midfielder's deflected effort left Jake Weir with no chance, although Star will feel the goal was avoidable after giving up cheap possession in their own half.

With 15 minutes to go, the visitors found a winner when their midfield player produced a spectacular curling effort which again left Weir with no chance and the game was once again turned on its head.

Star tried to force another equaliser late on but the visitors' defence remained resolute to frustrate the home side and secure their place in the quarter-finals as group winners. Star need to wait for other results to see if they make it through as a best runner-up.

On Saturday September 4, Star are in Scottish Cup action as they welcome St Peter's to the Ropework in what will likely prove another tough test against good opposition. The game kicks off at 2pm.



Stuart MacLean heads home the first-half Red Star equaliser. 51_a36RedStar04

Cammy MacDonald had a good game before being forced off with injury in the second half. 51_a36RedStar01



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