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Furnace comes together for End of Summer Bash

Ross Munro, above, was justly proud of his painted stone at Furnace village's End of Summer Bash. This was just one of many activities that took place on a variety of stalls during the day of events which helped to raise funds for the on-going refurbishment of the village hall. Turn to page two for more on the event.

Action still needed on staff bullying

by Colin Cameron
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Work remains to stamp out bullying behaviour affecting Argyll and Bute health and social care employees, a survey has revealed.

A widespread culture of staff bullying was revealed in a 2019 report into NHS Highland by John Sturrock QC.

As the Sturrock inquiry had focused on the northern part of the health board, a 2020 NHS Highland-commissioned staff survey was carried out in Argyll and Bute and showed 68 per cent of respondents said they had experienced bullying and harassment.

In total, 446 (29 per cent) of 1,540 NHS staff at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, plus 62 former employees, responded.

As a result, a number of measures were introduced, and in August 2021 the results of the first Listening and Learning staff survey were released. Of 10,438 survey forms issued, 4,234 NHS and council

staff – 39 per cent – took part.

A health board press release accompanying the results said the survey showed the organisation was 'moving in the right direction'.

The responses revealed teams knew what they were doing and did it well, supporting each other and looking after each others' wellbeing. There was a sense of positive change under way.

But other survey comments suggested more needed to be done to increase staff understanding of the HSCP's vision and priorities and to involve staff in decision-making.

Two questions on bullying and harassment were included. Responses showed experiences of bullying and harassment had reduced, but 56 employees said it was still happening.

Argyll and Bute HSCP Chief Officer Fiona Davies said: 'We want everyone working at the HSCP to feel listened to and to know that their feedback will be acted on. It is encouraging to hear that teams are so supportive of each other and that

instances of bullying are decreasing and are the exception.

'We are clear that bullying and harassment will not be tolerated in the HSCP.

'We still need to learn from those areas where engagement is high and apply that learning where teams are feeling disengaged.

'We will continue to do all we can to explain our priorities, strategy and structure, and to support new ways for our people to meet and interact with senior leaders.'

Trade unions, including UNISON, are working with the HSCP and NHS Highland to address staff behaviour and bullying.

Dawn MacDonald, UNISON branch secretary for NHS Highland healthcare branch, said that communication of progress being made on these issues had been 'insufficient'.

She continued: 'We need tangible actions to come from these work streams as quickly as possible, then need to implement these actions, so they can reach frontline staff

and stop staff being bullied. Overall the process is taking too long.

'Issues remain and we must see much more meaningful progress swiftly. UNISON will continue to push for this on behalf of our members.'

A former mental health nurse and long-term advocate of an independent probe into HSCP bullying, Councillor Dougie Philand said his real concern was that 38 per cent of staff reported they had experienced bullying and harassment, and 15 per cent of those said it was still happening.

Writing to NHS Highland chief executive Pam Dudek, he said: 'What alarms me is, with a total response rate of 39 per cent, one does not need to be a mathematician to work out that potentially there is still a massive problem within the organisation.

'I have always asked for an independent QC investigation into the bullying and harassment within Argyll and Bute and believe these figures substantiate this.'

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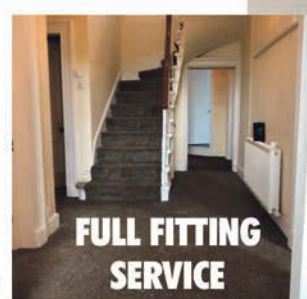
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Furnace turns out in force for summer celebration

Furnace village was a riot of colour last Saturday as residents and visitors donned their brightest clothes to celebrate the End of Summer Bash.

Happily, the rain held off as more than 100 people turned out to enjoy a wide variety of stalls, activities and refreshments.

Karen Baird, chairwoman of the Furnace charity committee, which organised the event, said: 'It was a great event and, as always, Furnace turned out in force.'

'We were particularly pleased that there were so many stall holders from all over Argyll, offering such a variety of goods, from cakes and hand-made cards to jigsaws and dog treats and cosmetics.'

'It would be good to see them all back again for our planned indoor markets.'

'To date we have raised over £600 for the charity which will help towards the refurbishment work on the village hall which is currently under way.'

One of the activities most



Eryn Ross selects her colours for stone painting.

popular with children and adults alike was stone painting, but outdoor bingo proved a hit too as the school carpark was taken over for a fun session.

More activities are planned for October when the newly

Two million children fed

Mary's Meals charity announces milestone

An Argyll-based global charity has this week announced that it has supported more than two million children.

Mary's Meals was founded by Argyll fish farmer Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow in 2002 to provide food in schools in some of the poorest countries.

The first shop the charity opened was in Lochgilphead and it now has seven outlets across Scotland and has provided meals to 2,058,099 children.

The success of the Argyll Street venue saw Mary's Meals expand into the neighbouring shop in October 2019.

The two million milestone was celebrated on Wednesday September 8 in the remote desert region of Turkana, Kenya where communities serve much-needed meals to



Lochgilphead Mary's Meals volunteers, in the charity's first shop, during the 2019 Backpack Project, from left: Margaret Walker, Eleanor McKenzie and Flora Currie.

children attending early childhood development centres.

Magnus said on Wednesday: 'Today we celebrate an amazing moment in the Mary's Meals story. Today, two million children ate Mary's Meals in a place of education.'

'When we set out on this path we were overwhelmed by people's goodness in donating – and that's been the story ever since.'

'I thank you with all my heart on behalf of each of those children, for every bit of hard work, for every gift given, for all those unique things each person brings to this enormous Mary's Meals' table.'

'Thank you, and please let's keep going forward. For every one of those children that ate

today, many more are still waiting for Mary's Meals to come to their school, so we go on. But this happy day shows us that this vision of ours is possible.'

Mary's Meals not only feeds children attending schools in Africa, but also brings daily meals to children in non-formal education centres in India, the sons and daughters of vulnerable migrant workers in Thailand, young people engaging in education while awaiting trial in prisons in Niger and Madagascar, children affected by the ongoing conflict in Syria – through feeding programmes in Aleppo and neighbouring Lebanon and many thousands of young learners in Haiti.

New protective work on the Rest to take nine months

Landslip mitigation measures costing £3.5 million began at the Rest and be Thankful this week and are expected to take nine months to complete.

The latest phase of the A83 project will see the construction of another catch-pit next to the trunk road, at the foot of the steep-sided channel formed by the major landslides in August and September last year. The new concrete catch-pit is designed to capture landslip debris material and prevent it from reaching the road.

The timescale for its completion will be subject to weather and hillside conditions and temporary traffic lights will be in place on the A83 throughout the construction period.

This project follows the fifth phase of catch-pit mitigation that was completed next to the A83 in August.

Once constructed, this pit will provide another 1,600 tonnes of debris storage capacity, bringing the total volume protection of the catch-pits to approximately 21,600 tonnes.

Transport Minister Graeme Dey said: 'Improving the resilience of the A83 Rest and be Thankful is one of our top priorities, so I welcome the start of construction of this sixth catch-pit.'

'We appreciate that the timescale to develop an alternative route is frustrating for the local community, but we will look to bring forward the programme where we can.'

'The Scottish government remains committed to ensuring continuity of access to the Argyll and Bute Region.'

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's North West Representative said: 'Construction of the new catch-pit is a complex operation given the nature of the area within which it is to be built, and we will have geotechnical specialists on site daily to monitor the works as they progress over the coming months.'

He added road-users should plan their journeys in advance by checking the Traffic Scotland website for up-to-date travel information and thanked the local communities for their continued patience.

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Failure to stop

On Friday September 3 at about 12.30pm, a vehicle was reported for colliding with another car at Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, before leaving without exchanging details. An investigation by police has located the car and driver. Enquiries continue.

Driver fails to stop for police

On Thursday September 2 at about 11.30pm on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, a 38-year-old man was driving a car when police attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to stop when

requested before driving dangerously and crashing the vehicle into a wall. He was arrested and charged with drink driving, dangerous driving and failing to stop for the police. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Racial harassment

On Wednesday September 1 at Tower View, Inveraray, a report was made to police of a man acting in a racially abusive manner towards a woman.

Subsequently police have identified and charged a 57-year-old man with racially aggravated harassment. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

'Long over due' Bowmore water works to start

A £3million Scottish Water improvement project to upgrade the water network in Bowmore, Islay has been hailed as much needed, writes Fiona Ross.

Work is due to get under way on Monday October 11 to replace almost four miles of water main on streets across the town to help prevent bursts on the network.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman, who lives on Islay, said: 'This is very welcome news indeed and is long overdue.'

'My constituents in Bowmore have been saying to me for some time that their water network was in need of upgrading. These works alongside improvements to pavements and roads in the area which will take place after Scottish Water has done its work will send a clear message that our island's infrastructure is future-proofed for growth.'

Bowmore residents and visitors planning to travel to the island can access information about the project via the Bowmore water mains



Bowmore will gain from £3 million-worth of water improvements.

improvement project page on Scottish Water's website.

They can meet the project team virtually, watch video fly-throughs showing the project scope and ask any questions about the work.

The infrastructure replacement will be delivered in phases by McFadyens Contractors (Campbeltown) Ltd and is expected to take around 18 months to complete, with traffic management measures in place at various times and locations.

Scottish Water's corporate

affairs manager for the west Georgina Reid said: 'Some of the water mains serving our customers in Bowmore are over 100 years old now and there have been a number of bursts on the network.'

'This major upgrade work is vital to add resilience to the water network for the future and help reduce the chance of pipes bursting.'

'We would like to thank our customers and visitors to Islay for their patience while we deliver this important water main improvement project.'

Call for Holyrood debate on Rest and Be Thankful

Scotland's parliament must address the repeated landslides and closures that continue to plague the A83, according to an MSP for the area.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron, pictured, has called for a parliamentary debate on the next steps for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful and the plans to deliver a permanent, long-term solution to the problem.

The Scottish Conservative MSP lodged a parliamentary motion which is marked for a members' business debate, and it must secure the signatures of MSPs from at least three political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament.

Mr Cameron said: 'I welcome the progress that has been



made in terms of identifying a new route into Argyll and Bute to replace the existing A83 Rest and Be Thankful pass, but it is clear that the timescales to deliver the new route

do not meet the urgency that is expected by local residents and businesses, who are at their wits' end.

'There is clear consensus for Transport Scotland to act with greater urgency, and I feel it is right that MSPs from all parties have the opportunity to discuss this issue given its immense importance to the people of Argyll and Bute.'

The push for a Holyrood debate comes following calls from the A83 Rest and Be Thankful Campaign group, representing 1,500 businesses

across Argyll and Bute, for Transport Scotland to speed up its plans to deliver the new road.

A spokesperson for the campaign said: 'We are asking for the Scottish Government to recognise the RABT as an emergency, cut through the business-as-usual approach and deliver a change that will not only improve lives and livelihoods, but also reduce the carbon footprint of what is also considered a climate emergency.'

'We need the Scottish Government and parliament to deliver on their pre-election promises of a rapid solution for the RABT.'

Mr Cameron added: 'I would encourage residents who want to see change, to email their MSP, and ask them to sign the motion.'

Covid concerns hit Tarbert Music Festival

With cases of Covid infection rising to more than 800 per 100,000 in Argyll and Bute, plans for the return of some large-scale events are being put on hold.

An estimated one in 66 residents of Argyll and Bute have the virus, with 703 confirmed cases recorded in the week up to September 6.

This has led organisers to cancel Tarbert Music Festival, scheduled for September 17.

But a gig coinciding with the weekend's events will go ahead.

A spokesperson for the festival said: 'It is with the heaviest of hearts that we are having to cancel this year's music festival. This is not the decision we wanted to take, however, with rising Covid case numbers across Scotland we do not feel that having an event at this time is a responsible thing to do.'

But sold-out Peat and Diesel gig to go ahead



'The health of everyone in the village has been at the heart of our decision and while we were all looking forward to getting together to listen to some great music, and doing that Tarbert does best, unfortunately this isn't the right time.'

Organisers hope next year's Tarbert Music Festival will

be bigger and better and thanked everybody involved for their support and understanding.

A separate event scheduled for the festival weekend is still going ahead, following an announcement by organiser West Kintyre Promotions.

The popular and entertaining Hebridean band Peat and Diesel are due to play a sold-out show in Tarbert Hall.

A spokesperson said: 'We are still planning to go ahead with the Peat and Diesel show on September 17.'

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Ask residents for winter help, says ex-leader

A scheme for residents to participate in winter maintenance has been scrapped this year amid claims communities are not keen to be involved.

Argyll and Bute Council voted last week to remove £50,000 of funding for community resilience and instead use the cash as part of its general winter budget.

At a meeting of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee on Thursday September 2 council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'I have attended a number of community council meetings which have discussed this over the last winter and there was no appetite for them to get involved in such a scheme.'

However, Mr Currie's predecessor as council leader, Councillor Aileen Morton argued at the meeting that council bosses should reach out to communities to get them involved in Argyll and Bute's winter maintenance.

Ms Morton said: 'In my view, the council has the failing here.'

'We are the ones who have not engaged with communities.'

'I accept that in the last couple of years it will have been really difficult to do community engagement.'

'I also don't anticipate it being deliverable in the next couple of months. But there has been no serious effort to do this.'

'The report we got a couple of years ago told us that in Aberdeenshire and one of the Ayrshire councils, a strong message was going out.'

'We have never really tried to do this, so we need to show it is being taken forward



'No appetite' for community involvement in winter maintenance.

and can be built up.' Councillor Elaine Robertson backed up Ms Morton's point, saying: 'When I read this, I was disappointed too, because I do know of some communities that would like to take this up.'

'I have to admit that over the last year, the community councils have not been operating as normal, but I am reassured if we say it can be put back into the budget.'

Ms Morton added: 'If we accept the recommendations then I will not move an amendment, but I do have a concern.'

'There have been many winters when we wouldn't have needed communities to step up because the weather has been mild.'

'But there are other events that can be really extreme, such as the Beast from the East.'

'We wouldn't want communities to be out there in the first day or two, but it would give us additional capacity.'

'I accept what has been said about picking it up in future years, and that we need to focus on arterial roads, but things

like snow-clearing are focused on the economy.'

'Communities would sometimes prioritise areas that we would not.'

'I would not expect to roll it out everywhere in one go, but it is about engaging with a couple of communities if we are to start a campaign in future.'

Mr Currie, responded that there was nothing to stop the share being reallocated in future years: 'I am quite satisfied with the recommendations as they are.'

'It would be absolutely nothing to put something back in as part of next year's budget.'

'Just because we abandon something now, it does not mean to say it has been abandoned for all time, certainly not for me anyway.'

'If a successful budget next February sets £50,000 or £100,000, then that can be done. It is something we should take on board and discuss in the coming months.'

The report was approved as per the recommendations.



Funding for fishing and marine areas

Marine industries, which are worth approximately £350 million annually to the economy of Argyll and Bute, have been awarded funding to mitigate the impacts of Brexit and help the sector recover from effects of the Covid pandemic.

The Scotland-wide financial support of £800,000 was announced last week by rural affairs secretary Mairi Gougeon in a food and drink debate in the Scottish Parliament.

Ms Gougeon said: 'Every day people do extraordinary things to keep Scotland fed, particularly our fishers who put their lives at risk to ensure we all get to enjoy fresh seafood and fish. We are determined to support them to do so safely and sustainably.'

The cash is part of the £14 million Marine Fund Scotland and includes £357,466.98 for the independent fisheries science support scheme through which observers monitor catches and use the data to help with stock management.

Ms Gougeon said: 'Our producers, farmers and fishermen showed tremendous spirit as they navigated the pandemic.'

'Daily, we hear of new and emerging challenges - shortages of HGV drivers, workers in processing and manufacturing, as well as associated skills shortages across the industry.'

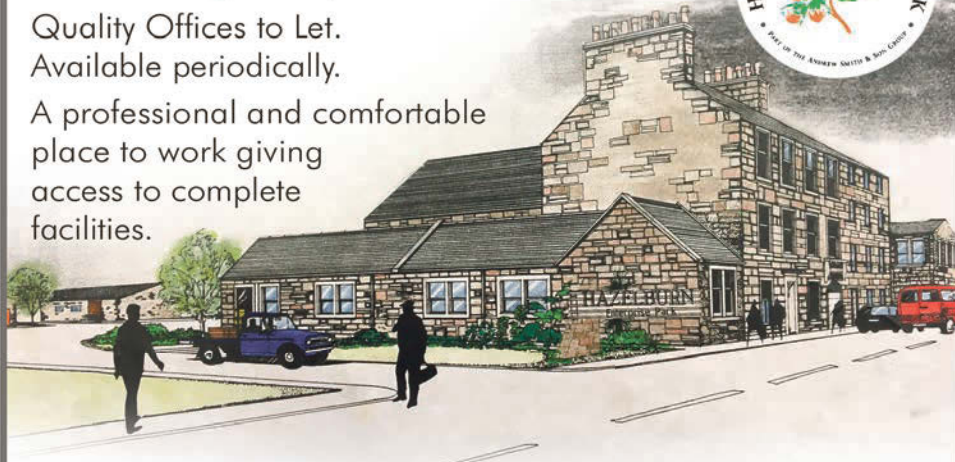
Ms Gougeon added that the food and drink sector had been one of the industries most adversely affected by Brexit.

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RIAS name Egg Shed as one of its Buildings of the Year

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The Egg Shed – Ardrishaig’s heritage and community hub which opened in August 2019 and was designed by Oliver Chapman Architects – has been named by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) as one of Scotland’s best new buildings in the RIAS Awards, Scotland’s national architecture awards.

The Egg Shed’s modest design aims to improve the built environment of Ardrishaig’s waterfront and increase the tourist offer within the village. It provides a new destination for learning about the rich heritage of the area alongside facilities for both visitors and local residents. Using flood resistant materials this easily visible project builds upon Scottish Canals’ existing facilities to allow story-telling and tourism to flourish.

The RIAS Awards judges praised The Egg Shed as ‘an excellent example of how a small architectural intervention can transform an area and open up new possibilities for future development.’ It was one of 14 RIAS awards announced on September 2, which include exemplary new housing, edu-



The new building offers a destination for learning about the rich heritage of the area as well as conference and meeting facilities; top right, work begins on the Egg Shed project back in 2018. 06_a16ArdrishaigEggShed05; right below, The Egg Shed contains a bright, airy exhibition space right on the waterside. 51_a37EggShed01



cation and healthcare facilities, as well as a new training centre for Scotland’s sporting champions, a temporary museum housing a Charles Rennie Mackintosh masterpiece, and a moveable microhome on the Isle of Skye.

The awards demonstrate the quality and breadth of architectural endeavour in Scotland. All types and sizes of architectural projects can win a RIAS Award as the list of 2021 awards winners demonstrates. Buildings are assessed by an expert jury who look at each project’s architectural in-

tegrity, usability and context, delivery and execution, and sustainability.

The Egg Shed and all other winners of the RIAS Awards will become the longlist for the RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award. The shortlist for the 2021

Andrew Doolan Award will be announced on September 30, with the winner announced on November 30.

RIAS President Christina Gaiger said: ‘I am delighted to see The Egg Shed winning a RIAS Award. It is a terrific building and a great example

of how architecture can make a real difference to places and people’s lives. My congratulations to Oliver Chapman Architects, their client Scottish Canals, and the local community in Ardrishaig who played such an important role in helping this fantastic building take shape.

‘The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of our built environment to individuals and communities, and the RIAS Awards are a moment to pause and celebrate the incredible difference that architects are making across the country. This year’s RIAS Awards demonstrate the critical role architecture can play - whether that is delivering better homes and public services, addressing climate change, celebrating our shared culture and heritage, or simply giving moments of real delight.

‘There is a real breadth in this year’s clutch of RIAS Awards, demonstrating the versatility of the profession, and each of them is a very worthy winner.’

The Egg Shed project is no stranger to awards, with Oliver Chapman Architects last year winning the Ambassador Award at the annual Edinburgh Architectural Association Design Awards.

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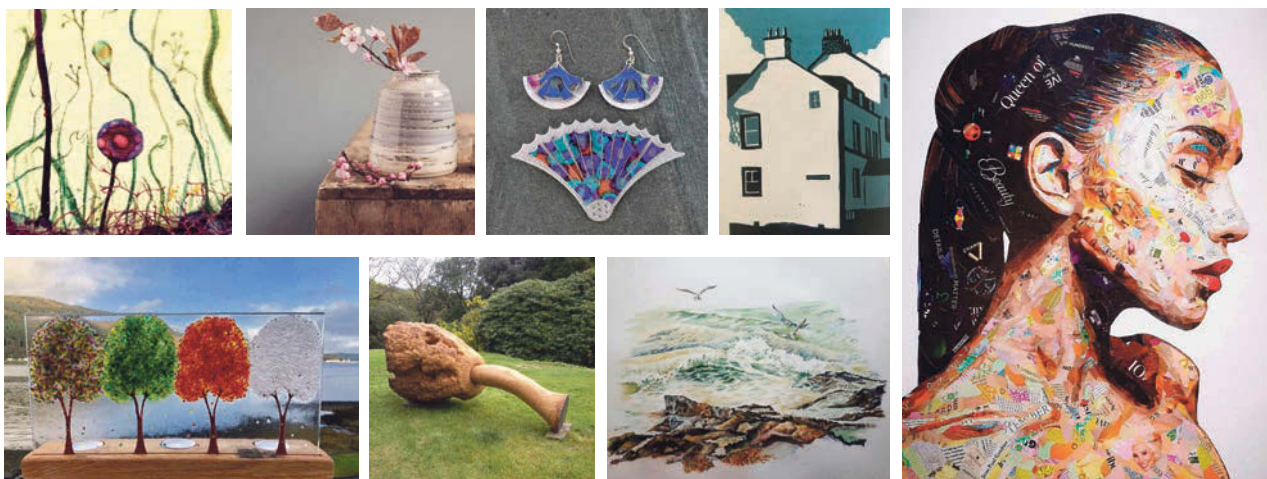
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Delay to repairs on subsiding road

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Councillor raises concerns for Skipness access

The poor condition of a lifeline road serving Skipness and Claonaig could threaten residents' access to emergency services, according to a councillor for the area.

Councillor Anne Horn expressed her concerns to the Argyllshire Advertiser after she highlighted the issue at a meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee.

She said: 'I have been raising the issue of the poor condition of the Skipness road with officers for some considerable time.

'There is serious subsidence on the road and this is causing concern to residents of the village, with viability of the road being questioned.

'I have been assured that an agreement has been reached with owners of the estate to use the old road should the road deteriorate to the point that access is not possible, unfortunately this would only allow four-wheel-drive vehicle access. Not all emergency vehicles are four-wheel drive,



adding to the concern.'

The B8001 underwent emergency temporary repairs in March of this year after a large crack appeared on the road surface.

The crack was filled and plans drawn up for a long-term solution tying the road together with specialist steelwork that would be implemented by the end of the summer.

But work has yet to start and the committee was given no assurances that it would begin this autumn either.

Councillor Horn added: 'I was informed by the head of service that the repairs would be initiated in August or September this year and disappointingly it now appears that it is only hoped that the works will be completed this financial year.'

At the committee's meeting on September 1 head of road and amenity services Jim Smith confirmed that repairs to the B8001 road were included in the roads capital programme for the current fi-

ancial year and geotechnical work had been undertaken to identify the causes of the issue.

He noted that he was happy that the road was currently stable on the basis of the investigations which had been carried out.

Mr Smith also asked the committee members to be patient while the design work was completed and the procurement process initiated.

He added that he was confident that the responsible team had the project in hand and that the work would be completed within the current financial year.

He agreed to circulate information to members, and via social media, about an approximate timescale for works.

Committee chair Councillor Rory Colville requested that details around the geotechnical issues encountered be provided in layman's terms alongside this information, to provide Skipness residents and committee members with a better understanding of the challenges being faced.



Mrs MacPhunn at her launch.

Invitation to join Loch Fyne rowing challenge

A challenge has been set for Mid Argyll boating enthusiasts to join a mass row across Loch Fyne this weekend.

The Upper Loch Fyne coastal rowing club has invited several local rowing clubs to row across the loch and back again from the Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray to the Creggan's Inn MacPhunn bar.

The open event will set sail on Saturday September 11 at 2pm and all are welcome to take part.

The invitation also extends to anyone aged over 18 who would like to try out the new community-built skiff, Mrs McPhunn with buoyancy aids being provided.

For anyone keen to be a part of the event but preferring to keep their feet on solid ground, the boats will be on display at the caravan park from noon.

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Sound of Jura citizen science project is spot on to monitor flapper skate movements

The people of Argyll have been asked to play their part in vital conservation work in the Sound of Jura.

The Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) is seeking help to protect the critically-endangered flapper skate in the waters from Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura.

This Marine Protected Area will be studied to a better understanding of their movements which are thought to be long ranging. In order to give the skate the right protection in the right areas marine managers want to build a catalogue listing individual fish and their travels.

To identify each fish their

unique spot patterns are recorded, and it is this that SAMS is seeking help with.

A citizen science project called Skatespotter has been designed to create an online database of flapper skate in Scotland.

Anyone interested in helping with this conservation work will be asked to match photos of the

fish by recognising each individual's spot patterns.

Like a game of spot the difference this task requires patience, attention to detail, but most of all, plenty of people to do the matching.

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Diverse art trail hailed a success

This year's Artmap Argyll looks set to have boosted the local economy according to organisers, writes Fiona Ross.

The trail of 43 studios throughout Argyll included a varied mix of artwork and attracted visitors from throughout the UK.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: 'Visitor numbers were definitely up on last year and we have yet to assess the volume of sales, but anticipate that it has been a boost to the local economy.'

'As Artmap members our vision is to ensure that Argyll is recognised as a vibrant, creative hub.'

'We deliver a range of events, public art installations and workshops that offer artists opportunities to collaborate on art projects, share ideas and exchange information.'

'As a social enterprise company, all our funds are used for activities that benefit



Weaver Louise Oppenheimer's tapestries were among an eclectic mix on this year's Artmap Argyll trail; clockwise from top right, Lottie Goodlet, Lucy Gray and Ewen Munro; Eva Wolfram; and Arthur Ker.

Argyll's artists and communities. Each artist went out of their way to create something truly skilful and original.'



A musical journey sets the tone for new concert season

The Mid Argyll Arts Association opened its 2021/22 season in international style on Saturday September 4.

Concert pianist Clare Hammond, took the audience on a journey through Europe with compositions by Montgeroult (France), Brahms (Germany) and Szymanowski (Poland) and then across the Atlantic to America with a less known composition by W G Still.

The concert opened with a selection of Etudes by Montgeroult. Clare introduced them allowing the audience an insight into the compositional techniques that Montgeroult included. (An etude is a 'study designed to improve the technique or demonstrate the skill of the player' - it is certainly the latter which was the meaning on Saturday.)

Clare introduced this next selection of music by Brahms explaining that by the time Brahms composed these pieces he was in his late-50s and felt he had written enough. His music was now looking back on his life and showing a great sadness and affection. In the calm and peaceful atmosphere



Clare Hammond takes concert-goers on a fabulous musical journey.

of Christ Church you could feel it within the music.

An exciting and relatively unknown work by H G Still - The Bell was perfect in Christ Church. This work was composed in 1943 and unusually both the orchestral and the solo piano pieces were composed simultaneously. The inspiration for this piece came from the 1873 poem The Phantom Chapel by John

Townsend Trowbridge. Clare demonstrated the entire range of the piano to its full potential in this unsettling, haunting, atmospheric piece.

Clare's final selection was Variations on a Polish Theme by Szymanowski. There are 10 variations, with the early ones all enjoying their own bright style and tempo until the eighth variation, where everything changes. It was this dramatic and powerful Variation No.8 that Szymanowski wanted played at his own funeral, which it was.

This first concert of live music certainly lived up to its name. The acoustics of Christ Church and the virtuosic skills of Clare Hammond performing an exciting programme of music certainly shows that the MAAA Season is off to an excellent start. The MAAA's next concert is a drive-in concert with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Saxophone Quartet on Saturday September 18. Tickets to purchase are available through their online booking service, buytickets.at/midargyllartsassociation or the 'buy tickets' button at the bottom of the website.



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Mary's Meals appeals for help to feed Haiti children

A humanitarian appeal continues by Argyll-based school feeding charity Mary's Meals following last month's earthquake in Haiti, which left around half a million children in need of emergency help.

Tens of thousands of homes were destroyed by the 7.2 magnitude disaster and the need for food, safe water, and shelter continues.

Mary's Meals, which provides a daily nutritious meal to children in schools in some of the world's poorest communities, has been reaching children in Haiti for 15 years and works closely with four well-established and trusted local partners across the country.

The charity is now supporting those partners to deliver emergency ration packs to families in the worst affected areas.

Daniel Adams, executive director of Mary's Meals, says: 'Before the earthquake hit many communities in Haiti were already vulnerable, as the country struggles with ongoing political unrest and extensive long-term damage from previous natural disasters. This latest catastrophe has left hundreds of thousands of people in desperate need.'

'Alongside our incredible local partners, as funds allow, we will do all we can

to reach as many people as possible with essential supplies at this heart-breaking time. We are grateful for the generosity of those who can help us reach families who are struggling to survive in the aftermath of this devastating situation.'

Marie-Flore Chipps, co-founder of Mary's Meals' local partner Summits Education, added: 'As we witness our country come together again with resilience and perseverance, support in this time will be pivotal in ensuring that communities affected by this disaster will overcome its aftermath and thrive once again.'

In Haiti, around 100,000 children currently receive Mary's Meals each school day. Though the regions where the charity provides meals have not been directly affected by the earthquake, it is determined to reach those in critical need at this time.

Mary's Meals currently reaches more than 1.8 million hungry children in 19 of the poorest countries with a daily school meal. The promise of food attracts impoverished children to the classroom, where they can gain an education that will one day be their ladder out of poverty.

Visit the www.marysmeals.org.uk website to donate.

New report highlights impact of marine plastic pollution on seabirds

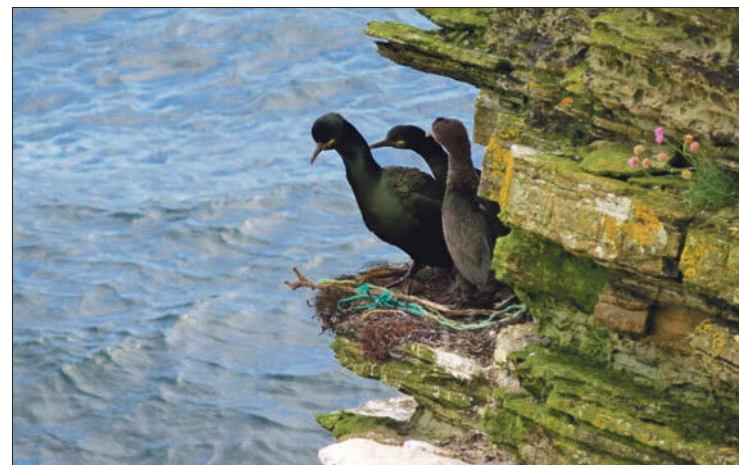
A new report has highlighted the threat marine plastic pollution poses to seabirds across Northwest Europe.

Researchers examined 10,274 nests across the UK, Norway, Iceland, Sweden and the Faroe Islands, finding that 12 per cent of nests contained plastic debris. Atlantic Puffins were found to be most affected by the issue, with 67 per cent of the species' nests including plastic.

The four-year study was led by scientists at North Highland College UHI's Environmental Research Institute – part of the University of the Highland and Islands – and involved researchers from the British Trust for Ornithology, The Natural History Museum and University of Tasmania.

The team asked observers who were visiting seabird colonies for other monitoring activities to help gather data as a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to conduct the study. Information was collected from 14 seabird species in 84 colonies between 2016 and 2020.

Dr Neil James, a post-doctoral research associate at the Environmental Research Institute,



The European Shag

was one of the scientists involved in the project.

He explained: 'Marine plastic pollution is an increasing global environmental issue which poses a threat to marine biodiversity. Seabirds are particularly affected by because of the risk of entanglement or ingestion.'

'Our study found that a significant number of nests included plastic debris, with some species more likely

to incorporate it than others. As well as providing important information about our seabird populations, this type of study can also reveal valuable insights into the prevalence of plastic in the marine environment.'

The results of the study have been published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin.

You can access them at doi.org/10.1016/j.marpolbul.2021.112706

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New era begins for church once adopted by Clan Campbell as spiritual home

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

The future is bright for a historic Argyll church no longer used for worship, after it was purchased for the community by a local charity.

It is no coincidence that the ancient Celtic Christian site of St Munn's Church lies on the shore of the waterway known as the Holy Loch.

The Irish monk, St Munn (Fintán of Taghmon) founded a monastic community at Kilmun in the seventh century, and the remains of a 12th-century church are still visible.

The significance of Kilmun as a local centre of Christianity was so great by the 15th century that the loch became known as the Holy Loch, and the powerful Clan Campbell adopted it as their spiritual home.

It became the final resting place of Campbell chieftains and remained so for half a millennium. The last to be interred at the Argyll Mausoleum

was Niall Campbell, 10th Duke of Argyll in 1949.

Next to the Campbell mausoleum lies St Munn's church building.

Sadly, the church is no longer an active place of worship for the dwindling local community and the building has been one of many placed on the market by the Church of Scotland in recent years.

But rather than a conversion to a family home or business premises, St Munn's is set to be preserved.

Registered charity Historic Kilmun has recently purchased St Munn's Church with a view to increasing community involvement, improving access arrangements and generating funds towards preservation of the buildings.

The ceremonial handover took place in front of an invited audience in late August with Reverend Janet MacKellar, Moderator of the Argyll Presbytery, handing over the church key to Dinah McDonald, a founding member of Historic Kilmun.

The Grade A-listed church features an incredibly rare water-powered organ, stained glass created by renowned artist Stephen Adams, the adjacent Argyll Mausoleum - and the burial place of Dr Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in the UK to be on the General Medical Register.

Dinah McDonald explained: 'There has been a church on this site since the seventh century and we're delighted that Historic Kilmun now has control of this remarkable historic and cultural asset from the Church of Scotland with a view to preserving it for generations to come.'

'Historic Kilmun was founded in 2009 and is based at the church along with projects such as Faith in Cowal and the ECHO Trail,' she added.

The church is open from March through to October on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (10am to 4pm), as well as by appointment.

Janet MacKellar, Moderator of the Argyll Presbytery, presents the church key to Dinah McDonald, a founding member of Historic Kilmun; and there has been a Christian presence at the St Munn's Church site since the seventh century.



Islay guitarist releases his first solo album

Hebridean musician Robin Miller has released his debut solo album, *Beelines*, writes Sandy Neil.

It features songs inspired by a focused hedgehog, Gortantaoid Point near Loch Gruinart, the Arizona guitarist Rainer Ptacek and the Wyre Majestic, a ship wrecked on the rocks between Islay and Jura.

Robin was born on South Uist but grew up on Barra and then in Gruinart, a remote part of Islay.

'Half the island would go to the monthly auctions. These started off with livestock and finished off with secondhand goods like old LPs,' he said.

'When I had some money from stacking peat or chopping logs, this was where I bought the records that opened my imagination. This is how I first heard Bert Jansch and Nick Drake.'

Moving to Glasgow in his late teens, Robin busked at night and played with folk bands, eventually touring in France and Italy as a session player. His eclectic fingerpicking style became an integral part of Glasgow world music act



Robin Miller's album is out now.

Zuba and helped their 2005 album *Allez* to achieve the JPF African Album of the Year award and be described by Bob Harris as 'truly brilliant'.

After moving back to Argyll to work in elderly care, Robin returned to acoustic roots playing.

Beelines, Robin's first album, was recorded in Glasgow in a single afternoon with no overdubs. The album features 13 tracks of deft melody-driven fingerpicking. It is a natural sound with little adornment.

The tracks hint at the holy

trinity of '60s British fingerstyle guitar - Bert Jansch, Davy Graham and John Renbourn - display a touch of Hebridean heritage and bring in influences from around the world.

The title track *Beelines* references Robin's father's lifelong beekeeping passion.

The Moorish *Jessie's Kaftan* started life in Glasgow and was completed after a trip to Morocco. Rainer, a moving slide guitar tribute to the much-missed Arizona musician Rainer Ptacek.

Tigh-na-Bear and Birthe Marie Sails to Lunga reference the Western Isles; the metallic *Wyre Majestic* is a musical sketch of the famous rusting shipwreck caught on the rocks between Islay and Jura.

'Although the album is instrumental, I had fairly clear ideas about what I wanted each tune to say emotionally or in relation to the musicians who have inspired me,' said Robin.

'I hope this can be wordlessly conveyed to anyone listening. Hopefully the melodies and emotion come across more than the technique.'

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Gigha's new murderous role

The Isle of Gigha is set for a starring role in a brand new television format.

Channel 4 has chosen the island to host a grisly combination of reality TV and a murder mystery, written by acclaimed crime author Ian Rankin.

Murder Island is a six-part series based around a murder plot, which will see members of the public take on the role of detective and lead their own investigation.

The amateur detectives will compete to solve the crime and build a watertight case that can stand up in court, all under the watchful eyes of some of Britain's leading senior investigating officers.

The innovative series, produced by STV Studios and Motion Content Group for Channel 4, was filmed on Gigha during the summer and

Gigha, above left, is the setting for new TV series written by Ian Rankin, left.

is due to air next month.

Ian said: 'When it comes to writing a whodunit I usually call the shots, taking the reader only to the places I want them to visit and showing them only the characters I want them to see.'

'Murder Island is different. The detectives can follow any strand, uncovering clues as they go and asking the suspects any questions they like.'

'Will I manage to stay one step ahead of them? I think I've constructed my twistiest story yet, so let's see!'

Craig Hunter, creative director factual at STV Studios, said: 'I'm thrilled that Ian agreed to work with us on this project.'

'It was certainly a leap into the unknown when he set out to write the plot for Murder Island, but, in true Rankin fashion, he has created an incredible narrative, from which this exciting new format hangs.'

MOJO 2021 preview: Hannah Boaden

Hannah Boaden, originally from the Ardfern area, got a taste for music in primary school when listening to Norah Jones.

After that she paid special attention to words and melodies and having started piano, aged just six, got into playing. With a keen talent for poetry in high school, Hannah went on to university and began to sing with an open mic group she helped to form doing mainly covers but also with her own original input.

Recently Hannah moved to Argyll where she has embraced her creative spirit to new levels with the peace, scenery, fresh air and people. Her art talents have also blossomed with exhibitions of portraits amongst her now inspiring song-writing skills including learning guitar. She has done a few gigs with her new songs, especially playing the piano to a great response.

But now Hannah is getting



herself ready to take her set to a new level; for the first time incorporating guitar/keyboard with support from her musician partner Paul and possibly the addition of a bassist for the MOJO show.

Hannah's sound is an indie/grunge fusion style and her influences are Norah Jones, Porcupine Tree, King Creosote and Iron Maiden to name a few - so be prepared for anything. Look out on her Facebook page for her tracks Chased a Life and Screaming Girl.

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This week's photographs were forwarded to the paper by Chris MacIntyre of Ardrishaig.

Chris caught a group of well-groomed bikers in Lochgilphead on August 9 taking part in

the BarbersRide 2021. From all over the UK, they were raising money for Make a Wish Children's charity. BarbersRide was started in 2017 by a group of biking barbers who wanted to combine their love of biking and

barbering with a fundraising charity event.

Up to last year they had raised a total of more than £66,000 for the charity.

Chris said: 'The group of about 40 riders were heading to Fort William then Dundee

and back down to England and will have done a total of 1,400 miles for a very worthy cause.'

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Argyll's Skipinnish to take to stage in live Christmas show

Skipinnish will take to the stage in the Highlands for the first time in two years when they headline a show in Inverness in December.

The west coast favourites will headline Live @ Xmas in Inverness Leisure Centre on Friday December 10.

'After a tough, forced hiatus, the band is eager to get back on stage to perform its original Celtic songs and tune sets to live audiences,' said a Skipinnish spokesperson. 'Being able to celebrate together in the one place in the Highlands at Christmas is perfect.'

'Skipinnish appreciates the continued support of fans through the pandemic and is excited to move forward and again share their music and classic anthems including Walking on the Waves, The Island, Alive and Western Ocean, in the unique atmos-



phere of a live concert.'

Skipinnish songwriter and accordionist Angus MacPhail added: 'This will be our first Highland gig in nearly two years and what a way to set off the Christmas season – an exclusive show in the Highland Capital. Inverness audiences are always incredible and after such a long wait, this concert will have an extra

magic.' Concert promoter LCC Live will host the show, its first live event in almost two years.

Claire Kidger, director of concert promoter LCC Live, said: 'As we start to see the return of live events across the UK, we're excited to announce our first live show of 2021. And who better to celebrate that milestone with

than Skipinnish.

'We know from conversations with the band that they're really looking forward to picking up their instruments again and experiencing the joys of playing to their fans in the Highlands.'

Skipinnish was co-founded in 1999 by Angus MacPhail from Tiree and Lochaber musician Andrew Stevenson.

The band has evolved over the years into the current line-up – Angus MacPhail, accordion;

Andrew Stevenson, bagpipes; Rory Grindlay, drums; Norrie MacIver, lead singer; Archie McAllister, fiddle; Alasdair Murray, bagpipes; Alistair Iain Paterson, piano, and Charlotte Printer, bass.

Skipinnish will also be performing a summer headline show, Under Canvas, at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday July 2 2022.

Anyone for taking Scotland

Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) has experienced a huge rise in popularity in recent years, establishing itself as one of the country's favourite water sports.

With modern roots in Hawaii, SUP was born from surfing but is said to be much easier to master which perhaps explains its rise in popularity.

It is not uncommon to see participants, who stand on boards floating on the water and use paddles to propel themselves, in Kintyre's seas and lochs. Now, the peninsula is to have its very own dedicated group, Kintyre SUP Club, to provide safe and fun access to the sport.

The British Stand-Up Paddle Association-accredited (BSUPA) club will be delivering 'ready to ride' courses, aimed at people who have never done stand-up paddling



Kintyre paddleboard enthusiasts, from left, Joanna Holbrook, Trudy Kennedy, Marjorie Leighton and Lindsay Wallace.

before or those who have had a go but want to learn the basics.

The idea for a local club and BSUPA school was first discussed and planned in 2017 but due to a number of factors was unable to progress at that time.

Since then, a band of dedi-

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Or a SUP? The sport that is Scotland's waters by storm



cated Kintyre paddleboarders have shared their enthusiasm for the sport, encouraging others to have a try, learning their skill and gaining experience in the water, which has enabled the progression of the club through a supportive infrastructure.

'SUP has been growing in Campbeltown and the surrounding area and nationally over the last few years and it's great news that Kintyre now

has its own club and school,' said a spokesperson. 'We have been supported with training, guidance and coaching from the BSUPA team, Dom Moore and Sasha Chisholm, who have both delivered courses to allow our vision to progress.

'We now have Trudy Kennedy, senior coach and level two BSUPA instructor, and Lindsay Wallace, Sarah Simpson and Jowita Kolibska, who have all recently com-

pleted their BSUPA level one instructor course.

'This gives us the foundations to progress, working also in partnership with Kintyre Seaports and Active Schools.'

The school offers a two-hour training sessions which will introduce beginners or novices to the basics of paddleboarding, safety management and water awareness, and an introduction to weather conditions in a fun and interactive way.

SUP yoga is another practice many paddleboarders enjoy.

Upcoming sessions will take place at the following times: September 11, 11am to 1pm; September 15, 5.30pm to 7.30pm; September 29, 5.30pm to 7.30pm; October 2, 11am to 1pm.

Each student will be provided with a board, paddle and buoyancy aid, but will be required to have a wetsuit. The cost for the course is £40 which includes a completion certificate. Coming soon is the full launch of the club, which will host different events to build skill and help develop paddle techniques, as well as organising fun social paddle sessions. These events will be ticketed; more details will be available soon.



The water sport is a great way to spend time with friends - like Alison McGrory and Jowita Kolibska.

'The prerequisite to joining Kintyre SUP Club will be completion of a medical form, and water skills form, to allow us to assess your ability, and part of your introduction will be a water skills assessment to

establish your level within the club,' said the spokesperson.

'This is coming really soon and more information will be available on our Facebook page or by contacting us on kintyresupclub@gmail.com



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Be proud of good deeds

Sitting in a pub almost 20 years ago salmon farmer Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow had no idea that a news item on the television above the bar was about to change his life – and the lives of more than two million children.

An item on war-torn Bosnia struck a chord and set him on a path that would take him in a dilapidated Land Rover from Argyll to Bosnia and then to some of the poorest communities in the world, taking with him donations raised, first locally, then globally as his charity, Mary's Meals, grew exponentially.

Magnus's work has nourished bodies and minds throughout the world, always making the connection between education and a good square meal.

The charity's original shop on Lochgilphead's Argyll Street is a feature of the town and its presence serves as a reminder to all who visit or pass by its well-dressed windows that anyone can make a change if they just get up off their bar-stool or sofa.

Mid Argyll is awash with volunteers, some cleaning beaches, others running village fairs, art exhibitions, charity golf days and now, perhaps, counting the spots on endangered fish. It's something to be seriously proud of, particularly in a year that could have quashed so many good intentions; yet acts of kindness continue unabated.

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More commercial trees needs careful consideration

Sir

I refer to the letter from Mick Bottomley of Forestry and Land Scotland in the August 27 edition of the Advertiser, where he puts forward the case for more commercial trees.

I am very respectful of the timber industry's important place in the Scottish economy and understand the need to pursue and develop such commercial opportunities in this area for landowners/businesses.

To balance the growth of the industry of trees for timber I would, however, hope that in turn greater respect is paid to the impact on the landscape; the way the land is left after felling and the way the logs are transported.

To take the A83 for example, a road that is promoted for tourism by government marketing initiatives and signs indicating a scenic route (indeed leading to the new Kintyre 66).

Along the way, you pass and see great swathes of Sitka Spruce or, worse, ugly and bleak areas of devastation where they have been felled.

This is while you avoid oncoming log lorries, at times along a very narrow road or, indeed, get stuck behind one.

I would suggest that if we need more commercial trees (and whether these should be Sitka Spruce is not a subject for here), we also need greater sensitivity shown and responsibility taken regarding the locations used, the management of the areas and transport.

A start would be the edging of the road and forests with mixed deciduous trees so screening areas, particularly when felled, and to take as much of the transport of logs off lorries and onto the water.

Such steps would show some respect to the tourist (who also plays an important part in the Scottish economy) and to the local population.

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Call for fair pay to combat health care shortages

Sir

New NHS Scotland workforce statistics published on September 7 show nursing and midwifery vacancies have been at a record

high since March, with more than 4,800 posts unfilled.

The statistics show that, as of June 2021, 4,845 nursing and midwifery posts were vacant, this represents 7.1% of all posts.

They also show that in the previous quarter (March 2021), 4,494 (6.6%) posts were unfilled. The previous record number of vacancies had been 4,013 (6.3%), recorded in June 2019.

There are particular challenges in a number of health boards and in some nursing areas.

NHS Highland, NHS Shetland and NHS Dumfries and Galloway all have more than one in 10 nursing and midwifery posts vacant.

Across Scotland, 386 (or 9.3%) of district nursing posts are vacant, while there are 874 mental health nursing posts unfilled, a record high which represents a vacancy rate of 8.4%.

RCN Scotland is calling for the Scottish Government to focus on the workforce challenges facing health and care services and respond to these record high vacancy rates by agreeing to fair pay for nursing staff and implementation of safe staffing legislation.

RCN Scotland members rejected the Scottish Government's pay offer for 2021/22 on the basis that it did not go far enough to address nursing recruitment and retention. In June 2020, RCN Scotland formally notified the Scottish Government that it was in a trade dispute over pay.

As well as the campaign for fair pay, RCN Scotland is calling for the implementation of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act.

This legislation will place a duty on NHS and social care providers to make sure that, at all times, there are suitably qualified and competent staff working in the right numbers.

RCN Scotland.

Beach – and inland – clean appeal this month

Sir,

The Marine Conservation Society's annual Great British Beach Clean will be running from September 17 to 26.

Volunteers taking part will help the charity to gather data which will contribute to a global database as part of the International Coastal Cleanup.

To sign up for a beach clean, or set



Volunteers are being sought for the national beach-clean.

up your own, simply visit the Marine Conservation Society's website: www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean/great-british-beach-clean-events

For those not able to get to the coast, there's still plenty of ways to take part.

The Source to Sea Litter Quest is an inland version of the charity's survey form, highlighting some of the most common litter items found on the coast.

To get involved, individuals can use the survey form and see if they can spot the litter items in their local area. For more information on taking part inland, visit the charity's website.

Victoria Riglen,
Marine Conservation Society.

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Thought for the Week

As my first summer in Argyll comes to its end, I have enjoyed seeing lots of visitors.

We have had some amazing weather and the photos flooding social media, particularly the sunsets, have been utterly stunning. We truly live in a beautiful place.

We have been blessed with some renewed freedoms while maintaining some things like face coverings which has allowed people to be out and about more, mixing with friends and family.

Our hospitality sector has been struggling to meet increased demands with reduced staffing levels. Our key workers continue to work flat-out and have sadly faced much abuse from people due to shortages and delays.

Everyone has worked hard to ensure people have had their needs and wants met.

It is annoying when we cannot have what we want; we have become accustomed to getting everything we want and in quick time.

We forget to be grateful for what we have, to be mindful that we are fortunate to have access to so much, even when not everything we want is available.

Watching the news from Afghanistan and countries struggling with hurricanes, fire and drought reminds us how fortunate we are.

I wonder what you are most grateful for over this past summer?

What one memory would you choose to carry with you and savour over the coming months?

As some of our churches prepare for harvest, we will be thinking of all we are thankful for and we will be remembering those less fortunate with our gifts.

Perhaps you would like to find out more about what your local church is doing. I know they'd love to hear from you.

Reverend Lyn Peden, Church of Scotland, Skipness linked with Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry.

KINTYRE

Kintyre residents can look out for new blue recycling bins arriving in September ahead of a new bin collection service starting in October.

The new service is designed to make it more convenient for people in Kintyre to recycle their domestic waste. It means the majority of Kintyre residents will receive the same recycling service as the rest of mainland Argyll and Bute.

The blue bin service will replace recycling bags for most residents, and new calendars showing the pick-up dates will be available on the council website by the middle of September.

Once collected, recycling goes to the Lingerton waste and recycling facility in Lochgilphead, operated by Renewi on behalf of the council.

From there it will be bulked up with blue bin recycling from Mid Argyll and sent on to a materials recycling facility in the central belt. There the items are sorted and then passed to materials reprocessors who create new products.

DUNOON AND KILCREGGAN

A business case for marine access arrangements at Dunoon and Kilcreggan ferry terminals has been delayed.

A report to Argyll and Bute's Harbour Board has revealed that the business case for the projects, compiled by consultants Mott MacDonald, had been expected to be made available in August.

This has now been delayed while Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) considers what the new vessels for the routes will be like.

The latest update on the project was discussed by members of the board at its virtual meeting on September 2.

Kirsty Flanagan, executive director with Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'A contract was awarded to Mott MacDonald in January 2021 for the completion of an outline business case (OBC) to consider the feasibility of design solutions which ensure safe berthing and passenger access at Dunoon and Kilcreggan of CMAL's new vessels for the route.

'Mott MacDonald are also working on a similar contract with CMAL for Gourock. It was intended for the results of this OBC to be available in August 2021.



Piping tuition has restarted – outdoors when the weather allows – at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, under the watchful eye of one of the world's greatest players and Mid Argyll piping tutor, Pipe Major Stuart Liddell.

'However, the process has been put on hold while CMAL decide on general and specific design features of the new vessel/vessels that will be utilised on the triangle route.'

CAMPBELTOWN

Almost 40 Campbeltown properties – many in poor condition, some currently uninhabitable – are to be renovated by a Grangemouth-based property development company.

Real Estate Wealth Development (REWD) Group has purchased 38 residential properties and one commercial unit, worth a combined £1.4 million, with the intention of renovating and add value to them and provide up-to-standard rental housing.

The properties, some blocks and some individual houses, are spread across several streets in the centre of Campbeltown.

'We are delighted to complete the acquisition of this 39-unit portfolio in Campbeltown,' said Conar Tracey, REWD Group's head of business development. Four of the 39 properties are uninhabitable and will require extensive renovation with an anticipated budget of £100,000 to bring them back to life. In addition to the

renovation of the uninhabitable properties, we plan to spend in excess of £200,000 on general improvements and refurbishments on the rest of the properties.'

He added that, when the renovation works are complete and the houses are being rented out, the company may have to employ local maintenance staff bringing even more benefit to the area in the form of employment.

ARGYLL & BUTE

Police Scotland is hosting an online information event aimed at Argyll and Bute residents who would like to consider a career as a police officer and wish to work in the area.

During the event attendees will learn about the recruitment process, training, the role of a police officer and the endless opportunities which are available to you once you embark on this exciting career path.

The event will be held on Thursday September 23, from 6.30pm to 8pm.

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Countdown to laying boat up for the winter



With the onset of autumn, shorter days and less predictable weather, boat owners are starting to think about laying their craft up, or all-year-round berthing, for the winter.

Most boat owners will already be booked into their boat yard of preference or accommodated in other storage space for the winter.

Whether you choose to store undercover or winter berth, there are essential maintenance tasks to carry out for the winter. If you have newly acquired a boat, book a space soon since many yards are nearly at full capacity.

Yards need to know a lift-out date and whether you wish the mast removed and stowed over the

winter and what winter work is required to be done. Some offer undercover storage for varying lengths of time and where available this can be a good option to carry out work that needs good drying conditions.

Maintenance of all craft, whether it be a yacht, motor boat or RIB is essential to keep boats in a good, safe and seaworthy condition.

As well as essential tasks like engine servicing, a rig check, safety checks etc, there may be other improvement work to be carried out. A planned programme of winter lay-up work will make sure all is good for the next season. Many owners will get essentials carried out by the yard or the relevant independent marine service supplier to make sure work is done.

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motor, some key areas need considered in a laying-up work plan:

- *Keel, hull, topsides, deck, cockpit*
- *Frost damage prevention*
- *Interior*
- *Sails and rigging*
- *Engine/batteries/electrics*
- *Safety equipment*

A lot of owners are fully competent to carry out most winter lay-up tasks themselves. However, if not and the services of the yard or an independent marine service operator are required, contact them early to get booked in.

It's always helpful to compile a basic check list to work through and have a list of equipment needed to carry out tasks.

KEEL/HULL/TOPSIDES/DECK/COCKPIT

Watch out for damage to through hull fittings from hoist stops on lift out and remove and blank as necessary.

Pressure washing on lift out removes a lot of fouling and anti-fouling giving a good preparato-

ry surface for new anti-fouling in spring or other coatings required like epoxy, copper coat etc as well as making it easier to identify any repair work required. When the boat is ashore, check over the hull, keel, skeg and rudder for any damage and effect repairs while the weather and temperature conditions are good. Check keelbolts, any play in the rudder/cutlass bearings and the prop-shaft.

A wash down of the whole boat with the application of a protective wax on the topsides will protect from winter dirt and make polishing a lot easier in the spring.

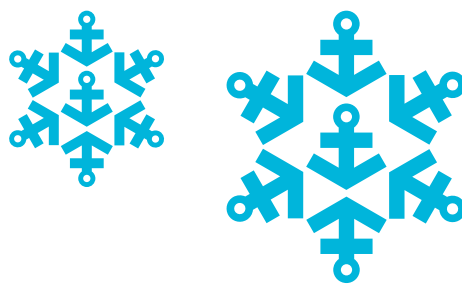
The cockpit should be cleaned thoroughly paying attention to nooks and crannies that trap dirt. If any paint or woodwork here and on deck needs touched up, carry out now if conditions allow. Temperatures may be higher in the autumn than spring.

A cover over the whole boat or even just the cockpit can pay dividends. However, make sure covers are well secured and allow for ventilation and check for any chafing at regular intervals.

Some yards will shrink wrap but allow an area of access so you can continue to work inside.

Ensure the cradle, trailer or support legs are secure and the trim of the boat is slightly bow up to

your winter season



make sure water doesn't 'puddle' in the cockpit. Regular inspection over the winter is important in case cockpit drains get blocked by leaves/debris and water builds up.

WATER SYSTEMS

Cold temperatures and freezing of fittings can cause a lot of damage so prevent by following a few basic methods. Fully drain anything that holds or carries water – ie pipes and tanks, pumps and strainers. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer first. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate and disconnect hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Pump dry if necessary. Drain down any water heaters or calorifiers. Flush seacocks through to remove salt build up and service and grease. Remove the barrels from traditional style seacocks to prevent them seizing. If in any doubt as to how to do any of the above safely, get the yard or an independent operator to help.

INTERIOR

With boats increasing in size and sophistication the interior needs to be kept clean and pristine. Installing a de-humidifier and heater will keep the saloon and cabins warm and dry.

If not requiring to stay on the boat during winter, it's a good idea to remove as much equipment as possible and take home and store. This has the benefit of seeing if anything needs to be cleaned or replaced. Clear plastic stack boxes are good to allow inspection of contents which should all be cleaned before packing – boxes can be easily brought back to the boat in the spring. Berth cushions and soft furnishings in particular are prone to mould if left on the boat over the winter and will benefit from storage at home in a warm, ventilated and rodent-free space.

Lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets should all be washed down – a weak bleach mixture rubbed over can remove and prevent mould build up. There are a number of good items available for this purpose from all chandleries. Always ventilate the boat well and do any touch up work inside when weather permits. List any items required for the 2022 season.

Check gas systems on board are up to standard with a qualified gas engineer. Also fire extinguishers, fire blankets and other safety equipment in the cabin and replace as necessary to keep up to the correct safety specifications.

SAILS

Check over all your sails and seek advice from your local sail loft on repairs and upgrades. They are the powerhouse of the yacht so deserve good attention. Often a sail cleaning service is offered by sail lofts and even storage which may be a good option for many owners. However if taking home, make sure sails are kept in a dark, warm, well-ventilated area and away from potential rodent damage.

And, if you need new sails have a chat with your local sailmaker and get your order in quickly. There's often a discount period at this time of year.

RIGGING AND DECK GEAR

Wear and tear on both standing and running rigging and deck gear can lead to serious accidents so should be checked over all carefully. Wash everything with fresh water to remove salt and debris build up. Look over sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for any corrosion and replace if suspect. Check standing rigging for any breaks and weakness. Also look over all deck fittings such

as sheaves, blocks, winches, cleats etc and if work is needed get it done asap. Servicing winches either now or in the spring is essential.

Many owners remove halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards/sheets before storing in a dry place. If the mast is stored off the boat it's easier to check masthead instrumentation and that rigging blocks are running freely. Grease everything to prevent water ingress. It's always a good idea to remove anchors and chain to look for any damage or wear – these can be stored on a pallet below the boat washing first with fresh water to remove salt and dirt. Service anchor winches and check over chain links and shackles for wear. If the weather is good this is an ideal time to paint out the anchor locker for the spring.

ENGINES, BATTERIES, ELECTRICS

Winterising is essential to good engine maintenance and both inboard and outboard engines need this done. An oil change is standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Yard or independent engineers will do this for you if you lack time or confidence to carry out yourself.

The outboard should be flushed through with fresh cooling water and antifreeze/water mix. Remove the impeller and plug the air and exhaust outlet with an oil-soaked rag. Fill fuel tanks to prevent condensation and add a biocide. Change filters as required and bleed system for next season. Change engine and gearbox oil and make a note of the date of change. Minimise condensation by spraying the engine with a moisture repellent and cover with a cloth. Put batteries on a trickle charge and if not needed onboard, take home and sit in a place that won't freeze. Electrics/

instrumentation on board should be looked over and any problems checked out by an electronics engineer and repaired or renewed.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Safety gear is vitally important aboard any craft and its maintenance equally important. There is not much point in wearing a lifejacket in a life-saving situation if it fails to inflate.

It's therefore imperative to overhaul everything. Inspect life-jackets, harnesses and safety gear replacing anything that looks suspect. It's advisable to store lifejackets partially inflated over the winter – that way any leaks can be detected and the outer covering won't deteriorate. Check jacket bottles for corrosion and replace as required – kits are available from chandleries. Ensure your flares are in date and replace for next season as necessary. Store flare packs in a dry area and dispose of old flares through official collection depots. Life rafts should be removed and serviced by an authorised centre on their due date. Clean and repair dinghy tenders, storing partially inflated.

Seasoned boat owners will go through all the above as routine but for those new to boat owning it's reassuring to know there is plenty of help and advice on hand from a range of sources – boat-yard operators, service engineers, boat builders, chandleries and sail-makers. If there's anything an owner is unsure about these are the experts, so don't hesitate to ask if you need to.

And once your boat is laid up safely with all maintenance in hand, you can relax and look at planning for the boating season in 2022



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Welcome boost to women in agriculture programme

NFU Scotland has welcomed news that the personal development programme for women in agriculture has been launched, with participation commencing in October 2021 and applications for 2022 now live.

The Scottish Government-funded Be Your Best Self programme is an integral part of its vision to make Scottish agriculture a fairer, more inclusive industry, where farm succession is not determined by gender, training is accessible to everyone, and more women take on senior roles in agricultural organisations.

The programme follows a successful pilot run in 2019-20 and will support up to 200 women over the next two years. The 2021 course is already full

but applications for 2022 are now open.

More details and the application form can be found at www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/women-in-agriculture

Be Your Best Self aims to support women living or working in agriculture in Scotland to build their confidence, enhance their skills, and develop their leadership abilities.

Several team members within NFU Scotland participated in the pilot including head of policy team Gemma Cooper, who said: 'It is fantastic to see the Scottish Government further invest in the development of women in agriculture in Scotland.'

'From personal experience, this is an excellent programme and one that any

woman working in Scottish agriculture should consider.

'This course is the next stage from work carried out by the Women in Agriculture Taskforce, a panel which included past NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

'The pilot courses had excellent feedback and I know they were a huge benefit to those who attended them.

'Investment such as this can only be a positive thing and for organisations such as NFU Scotland it will help ensure that talented individuals are enabled to progress in their careers and in representative organisations.'

Gemma Cooper, head of the policy team at NFU Scotland.



Dhurrie herd is crème de la crème

After a year's break because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Kintyre Holstein Breeders' Club celebrated the return of its annual herds competition.

The event was held on Wednesday August 18, a bit later than usual, but it proved to be well supported.

This year's judge was noted breeder Jimmy Barr of Clochkeil who had a hard task but made a great job of it.


Results: Small herds: 1 Dhurrie, 2 Kilkeddan, 3 Machrihanish.

Large herds: 1 West Backs, 2 Kilkivan, 3 Drumalea.

Production class: 1 Machrihanish, 2 West Backs, 3 Kilkeddan.

The individual and overall prizes went to the Dhurrie.

The members' dinner and prizegiving was held at Machrihanish Golf Club.



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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00516/PP	Change of use of land to form public amenity area (viewpoint, seating and landscaping)	Land Opposite The Harbour Masters Office, Garval Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
21/01274/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1, Mid Auchans, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
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21/00943/PP	Change the use of the existing property comprising of public house, 2 retail units and one dwelling flat. To alter, convert and extend the existing property to form 8 dwelling flats and formation of vehicular access, parking and waste bin storage	89-93 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8DX
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DEATHS

BRODIE - Peacefully with her family by her side, on September 2, 2021 at Campbeltown Hospital, Jeanette Ross, Seaside Cottage, in her 74th year, much loved wife of Angus, a loving and devoted mum of John, Angus and Lindsay, cherished granny and great-granny and a beloved mother-in-law of Nona, Lorraine and Mark.

MACPHERSON - Peacefully at home, 30 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on September 5, 2021, Nannie McGuire (Nancy) in her 97th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Gordon Macpherson, loving mother of Elizabeth, Catherine, Ann and Sandra, respected mother-in-law of Les, Willie, Kenneth and Willie and a very proud granny and great-granny. Nancy's funeral will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Tuesday, September 14 at 1.00pm. Thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. The cortège will leave the Church at 1.30pm. We will travel along Longrow, 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 Nancy along our route.

McNAB - Catherine (née Beattie). Peacefully, at home, on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Catherine (formerly of Barrhead) beloved wife of the late John (formerly of Tarbert) much loved mother and mother-in-law of Gordon and Lorraine, loving gran of Jennifer and Lauren and a dear friend of many who will be sorely missed. Funeral service at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley, on Tuesday, September 14 at 3.30pm.

TAYLOR - Peacefully in Melbourne on September 3, 2021, Wilma Elizabeth Taylor (née MacAlister) in her 80th year. Dearly loved wife of the late Bertie and

much loved sister of Jessie, Elaine, Maureen, Archie, and the late Mary and Pat. A cherished sister-in-law and aunt who will be much missed by both family and friends.

WATSON - Peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, with her family by her side, on August 26, 2021, Elizabeth Thomson Urquhart (Beth) in her 85th year, Islestone, High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Lawrence Watson, much loved mum of Laurence, Robin and the late John, mother-in-law of Nicole and Lorraine and a loving gran of Euan, Kieran, Kyle, Skye and Rebecca.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RAMSAY - The family of the late Betty Ramsay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to nursing and medical staff at Inveraray Surgery, Mid Argyll Hospital and all her carers, for the kind care and attention received. Special thanks also to Sheena and staff at Chalmers Court and Margaret and Ally for their great care and friendship over the years, to Rev. Dorothy Wallace for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for caring and professional handling of all arrangements, Piper Stuart Liddell for his renderings and to the large number who lined the Main Street and to those who attended and paid their last respects at Glen Shira Cemetery. Donations to Inveraray and Lochfyneside Church raised £205.

REFFIN - The family of the late Dorothy (Dot) Reffin would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, letters, messages and offers of support following their recent sad and sudden loss. Grateful thanks to all

the medical and nursing staff of Ward B, Lorn & Islands Hospital Oban for the exceptional care given to Dot, and also for the kindness and compassion shown to our family. Our thanks are extended to the Rev. Dugald Cameron for a fitting service; to Cameron MacDonald for delivering the tribute on behalf of the family in a comforting and uplifting manner. Special thanks to the firm of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, Lochgilphead for taking care of all arrangements in a professional, dignified and reassuring manner, along with the kind assistance from Catriona and the firm of Hamish Hoey and Son. Finally our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside and to all who paid their respects as the funeral cortège made its way to Pennyfuir Cemetery. The retiral collection has raised over £650 for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland. "A million feelings, a thousand thoughts, a hundred memories, one person." Missed greatly by all her family and friends.

SINCLAIR - The family of the late Mary Sinclair would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many flowers, cards, phone calls received following the sad loss of Mary. Special thanks to Kenneth Blair and staff for their professionalism, the Rev William Crossan for his kind words and comforting service, Campbeltown hospital staff and the Argyll Arms Hotel for the lovely tea. Finally to those many people who paid their respects at the church and on the route to Kilkerran Cemetery.

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Love and miss you very much.
- Twinkle.

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Mid Argyll side miss out on cup final place

Alvance British Aluminium Balliemore Cup – semi-final

Skye Camanachd 3
Inveraray 2

Skye Camanachd reached the Alvance British Aluminium Balliemore Cup Final after edging out Inveraray 3-2 in their noon throw up at Jubilee Park.

Skipper Jordan Murchison returned for Skye following a hamstring problem but John Gillies was out with concussion so William MacKinnon took over at full back.

Gilleasbuig MacDonald started in midfield while Will Cowie and Ross Gordon remained on the injury list.

Garry MacPherson started for Inveraray while Ruairaidh Graham and Robert Wood were on a strong five-player bench.

Skye took the lead on 25 minutes. Ross MacKinnon's hit-in from the left was taken down by Inveraray defender Hamish MacLennan but Somhairle MacDonald positioned himself



Skye's double scorer Somhairle MacDonald takes the ball from Nicholas Crawford.



Allan Cameron, left, chases Skye's Martin Pringle.

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Jordan Murchison slides into position under Lewis MacNicol.

well to intercept the clearance and MacDonald's shot from the left flew into the top corner of the net on the keeper's right side.

Inveraray levelled with just five minutes remaining in the first half.

Lewis MacNicol's free-hit from inside his own half on the right allowed Allan MacDonald to run onto the ball on the Inveraray left and his low ball across goal was turned home by Campbell Watt on the right, beating the keeper from a tight angle at his near post.

James Pringle put Skye back in front a minute short of the hour.

Martin Pringle's ball out of defence was played on by Jordan Murchison.

Hamish MacLennan was unable to clear Murchison's ball to the left and James Pringle cracked a great shot high into the net on his left side.

Somhairle MacDonald got his second and Skye's third on 63 minutes.

Jordan Murchison ran back into the centre circle to play the ball up-field, wide on the Skye right where James Pringle

played a great ball across the face of the goal.

Somhairle MacDonald cut inside from the left and he expertly controlled the ball before slotting it past keeper Scott MacLachlan to make it 3-1.

Campbell Watt got his second seven minutes from time with a shot from distance into the roof of the net to make it 3-2, but Skye saw out the final stages to seal a place in the Alvance British Aluminium Balliemore Cup final on Saturday October 2, where they will play either Beauly or Bute.

Lochgilphead golfer takes two at Dunaverty

Lochgilphead golfer Fiona McLeod completed a unique double, winning Dunaverty Golf Club's RNLI Open event with a net score of 63. Fiona's victory added to her previous success in winning Dunaverty's Holiday Open back in July with a net score of 62. Last weekend's tournament at the Kintyre club on Saturday September 4, in aid of the RNLI, is a popular feature in the Argyll golfing calendar. Fiona is pictured, right, knocking one close at the par 3.





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Golf pals John Rennie, Iain MacAlister, Duncan Johnstone and Iain Johnstone aka the 'Kintyre Tractor Men'. Photo Kevin McGlynn

Kintyre Tractormen drive off to charity golf day

A golfing foursome from Machrihanish and Tarbert, known as the Kintyre Tractormen, travelled to Glencruitten, Oban, to play in memory of their friend John MacEachen.

John's family host a charity golf day every year to raise funds for local cancer charities after John died from a brain tumour.

Tarbert golf club member Duncan Johnstone was a rugby teammate of John and he attends the event annually

with the three other 'tractormen': John Rennie from Machrihanish, Iain MacAlister, Tarbert and Iain Johnstone, Tarbert.

The charity match was a success, raising in excess of £7,500, with all money going to local cancer charities.

Iain Macalister, Tarbert chips on to the fourth green at Glencruitten during the John MacEachen golf day.

Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Star pay penalty after draw

Red Star	1
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St Peter's win 2-4 on penalties

Red Star welcomed St Peter's to the Ropework last Saturday for their Scottish Cup first round tie and were disappointed to exit the competition after an even contest ended 1-1 after 90 minutes.

There weren't many chances created by either side despite the best efforts of the players, with defences largely on top.

Star's best efforts came from distance, with Fraser Talbot going close to opening the scoring on a couple of

occasions. St Peter's most likely route to goal was from set-pieces which caused Star a few minor problems early on, but left Jake Weir largely untroubled in the Star goal.

The sides exchanged goals late in the first half.

Star took the lead from a typically wicked Craig Aitken corner which caused a mix-up in the St Peter's defence and the ball bundled in off a visitors' defender.

Star couldn't hold the lead till the break and St Peter's were back on even terms after a rare lapse in the Star backline; Jake Weir did well to save the initial effort but the St Peter's winger reacted sharpest to score from close range, 1-1.

The second half was once again proving to be a tight affair with neither keeper really being troubled and it was no



surprise that the game ended up going to penalty kicks.

It was the visitors who edged the shootout, with Coll

McCallum and Craig Aitken being the unfortunate players to see their kicks saved after Andy Weir and Lee MacLean

had scored. St Peter's made no mistake with their four kicks and booked their place in the next round of the cup.

Although disappointed to go out, Star will be delighted to finally play a league game for the first time in 20 months tomorrow as they travel to Parklea to face Port Glasgow OBU.

Red Star, pictured in this year's team line-up, put up a strong fight in an evenly-matched game, only to be beaten on penalties.



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