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Making things happen in Lochgilhead

Two Lochgilhead businesses are finalists in the national Helping It Happen Awards 2021.

The awards, managed by Scottish Land and Estates and sponsored by GLM, recognise estates, businesses and community groups which help rural Scotland thrive.

Midton Acrylics has been nominated in the Business Resilience Award category.

The firm quickly and successfully adapted in the first Covid lockdown, developing a range of shields and PPE for the NHS and other businesses while – with sustainability in mind – offering customers cashback on the material cost of all shields. The material is recycled and reused in its manufacturing process.

In the Rural Business Award category MacLeod Construction has been nominated. MacLeod Construction Ltd specialises in timber frame building and has developed high quality rural housing projects for over 45 years. The firm prioritises a local workforce to create jobs, increase skills and support Argyll communities.

The winners will be announced at a live virtual ceremony on October 27.



Minard cleans up

There was sunshine, bunting and smiles galore to greet friends and neighbours for the annual Minard Community Trust beach clean on Sunday September 5.

Many bags of rubbish were gathered from the shore and roadside between Minard Castle and Quarry View.

The hard work was followed by a delicious outdoor barbecue. The organisers wish to thank everyone for their efforts and contributions.

People of all ages turned out to clean up the shore and road verges.

More ambulance staff, but not for Mid Argyll

by Colin Cameron
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More ambulance staff are being recruited in Argyll and Bute to ease pressure on the service – but the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) reports no extra resources for the Mid Argyll area.

A social media posting this week by SAS said it was 'facing an unprecedented period of significant and sustained

pressure on our services' as the pandemic continues.

Ambulance personnel have been doing their job with professionalism, but reports have emerged recently of Mid Argyll patients having to wait as long as 21 hours for an ambulance.

This week the service announced an extra 140 frontline staff – paramedics, newly qualified paramedics and technicians – across the West

region, including Argyll and Bute, as part of its Demand and Capacity programme, due to be in place by April 2022.

The programme, supported by £20m from the Scottish Government, aims to 'better align resources to meet current and projected patient demand'.

SAS west regional director David Robertson said: 'These new resources will ensure we continue to deliver the very best patient care by boosting

capacity and increasing our resilience in communities across Scotland.'

In response to questions from the Argyllshire Advertiser, a SAS spokesperson replied: '...we will continue to see an increase in staff in Argyll and Bute through the reduction of on-call working. In Oban we've recently introduced two new staff members to provide the highest level of staffing the area has ever had, and in

Rothesay one new member of staff has joined the service.

'These additions, along with investment in new vehicles, will have a positive impact on the service we provide to communities across the west of Scotland.'

Mid Argyll Councillor Dougie Philand requested a meeting with local management in August following the delays but earlier this week no date had yet been set.

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Argyll officers to play 'pivotal role' in COP26

by Fiona Ross
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Police officers from across Argyll will be deployed to Glasgow when the city hosts the United Nations climate change conference.

Running from October 31 to November 12, the COP26 summit will be the largest and most complex policing operation in the history of UK policing.

It will require the services of 10,000 officers each day covering a range of roles, including armed police, public order officers, mounted police, road policing, police dogs as well as conventional front line officers.

Lochgilthead and Campbeltown Community Inspector Paul Collins said: 'From an Argyll point of view, we are extremely proud that some of our local officers, well-known in our communities, will be playing a pivotal role in an operation which will be firmly in view of the world.



'Given the fantastic relationship that our officers enjoy with the public here, they will be able to take those skills and use them to interact with the public and colleagues to a high standard, representing Argyll with distinction.'

The Police Scotland officers will be supplemented by mutual aid officers

from other UK police forces, British Transport Police, the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

With more than 120 politicians and heads of state, including HM the Queen, Pope Francis and US President Joe Biden, due to attend, concerns have been raised about

Inspector Paul Collins is proud his Argyll colleagues will assist with the policing of COP26. 51_a20PaulCollins02

potential impact on routine policing across Scotland.

The police watchdog HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) said: 'Given the scale of COP26 and the implications for policing, not only in Glasgow but across the country, it is reasonable to expect that there will be exceptional demand on resources and for the conference period an element of disruption to business as usual policing.'

HMICS reported earlier in the summer that there had been a sense of frustration at the speed at which information was available to enable local policing to develop tactical plans.

Gill Imery, chief inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, said: 'We acknowledge that there has been some uncertainty around the final

format of the event, the impact of the pandemic and the number of international attendees.

'The consequence being that many of the local policing plans are still at an early stage of development.

It will place significant demands across policing and necessitate the largest mass mobilisation of police officers that has taken place in the UK in many years.'

A full business-as-usual planning team has been established to ensure that local policing does not suffer as a result of the abstraction of officers.

Inspector Collins continued: 'As part of the business-as-usual plan, communities can be assured that they will still receive the highest level of local policing they expect and are used to.'

'Our officers will continue to be as dedicated and professional as ever, to ensure we continue to keep Argyll a safe and secure place to live, work and visit.'

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Convoy system in place as A83 resurfacing starts

Motorists travelling on the A83 east of Lochgilthead should allow more time for their journey as a £220,000 surfacing improvement programme is under way.

Work to resurface about 1km of road, which began on Tuesday, is expected to take place over nine days between 7am and 7pm, with all work scheduled to be completed by Friday September 24, subject to weather conditions.

No work will take place on Saturday or Sunday.

To protect roadworkers and motorists, a 10mph convoy system is in place during working hours.

Outwith working hours, a temporary 30mph speed limit remains in place as traffic is using a temporary surface.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's North West representative, said: 'This £220,000 project on the A83 near Lochgilthead will address any defects on this section of the route, greatly improving the quality and

safety of the road surface.

'The traffic management proposed is essential to the safety of our teams and road users.'

'But we have taken steps to minimise disruption by avoiding weekend working and reducing the extent of traffic management required when works are not taking place.'

'We thank motorists for their patience and would also encourage them to plan ahead before setting out by checking the Traffic Scotland website for up-to-date travel information.'

Real-time journey planning information is available from Traffic Scotland on www.trafficscotland.org or Twitter @trafficscotland.

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Abusive behaviour

At about 11.40am on Wednesday September 8, outside Bowmore Primary School, Bowmore, police officers were called to a male allegedly acting in an agitated manner. On arrival at the scene police arrested a 36-year-old man for abusive behaviour. He was later taken off the island and released on bail with conditions preventing him from returning to Islay.

Islay house fire

Firefighters were called to a house fire in Glen Road, Bridgend, Islay at 3.50am on Saturday, September 11. Emergency services attended and a 30-year-old man was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. Police said no one else was injured in the incident but that the house was extensively damaged.

A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with the incident. A report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

The man was due to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday September 13.

Speakers announced for Argyll Time for Change summit

A climate summit for Argyll and Bute hopes to inspire communities to take action in the build up to the United Nations' conference in Glasgow.

With COP26 just round the corner Time for Change Argyll and Bute has announced its speakers for its own summit on September 20.

MSPs Jenni Minto and Jackie Baillie and MP Brendan O'Hara have confirmed that they will be attending the event, which will be opened by University of St Andrews climate scientist Dr James Rae.

Additional confirmed speakers include Andy Clements from Gigha Renewable Energy, who will be talking about how Gigha has set up Scotland's first community-owned, grid-connected wind farm, and Adele Lidderdale from the Orkney Islands Council, who is an expert on green hydrogen.

Each of the summit's speakers is an expert in a climate solution that already exists and can be scaled up to work across Argyll and Bute.

Time for Change (TfC) group behind the conference is a volunteer-led community climate campaign group. The group was formed in June 2019 by high school and university students who felt frustrated by the disparity between the increasing climate disasters across the world, as well as increases in local incidents and the slow pace of climate action from local and national governments.

Their aim is to link communities and policy-makers to ensure climate policy does not leave people or communities behind. Everyone is welcome to sign up at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-bute-climate-summit-tickets-165643992641

Collaboration key at new renewables centre

Wind energy supply chain specialist Renewable Parts has opened a new purpose-built Innovation Centre in Lochgilphead, writes Colin Cameron.

A decade after it was founded in the town, this development marks the next phase of the company's journey to become the leading supplier of refurbished parts to the wind industry in Europe.

The new centre will support customers in reaching their carbon and waste reduction goals and enable the company to extend its supply of circular economy services into new markets.

Boasting a new research and development department, the Innovation Centre will also accelerate delivery of existing and emerging solutions to support in-service wind turbine operations.

The centre will become a collaboration hub, enabling Renewable Parts to extend



Renewable Parts' new Innovation Centre aims to support customers in reaching their carbon and waste reduction goals. Photo: Chris Watt.

its research and development both within and outside the wind industry, with a vision to create an 'ecosystem' of like-minded organisations willing share best practice to create a more sustainable future.

Partners currently include Zero Waste Scotland, The National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland, the Scottish Institute of

Remanufacture, ORE Catapult, and the University of Strathclyde.

Renewable Parts chief executive James Barry said: 'We are excited about this new chapter and what it means to achieving a net-zero economy within the UK and across the globe.'

'We look forward to welcoming our partners, customers, and collaborators, to the new centre.'

Professor Sir Jim McDonald, principal and vice-chancellor at the University of Strathclyde, said: 'We are delighted to be working with Renewable Parts to help support the global supply chain for the wind industry.'

'Wind energy has a central role to play in the energy transition and the drive to achieve net-zero emissions in Scotland and beyond and Strathclyde is at the forefront of research in this field.'

'By working together with Renewable Parts we will help to make wind energy even more sustainable while realising cost savings and efficiencies for the industry.'

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Almost all Argyll adults now fully Covid vaccinated

More than nine out of 10 adults in Argyll and Bute are now fully vaccinated against Covid-19, health officials have announced.

The percentage of 16- to 17-year-olds receiving their first Covid vaccine dose in the area is also already above 60 per cent, with more than 10 per cent already fully vaccinated, according to a new report.

The document went before members of the integrated joint board (IJB) of Argyll and Bute's health and social care partnership (HSCP) at its virtual meeting on Wednesday.

The vaccine uptake figures are accurate as of Tuesday, September 7.

'Public Health Scotland reports that 69,987 people in Argyll and Bute (an estimated 98.4 per cent of the population aged 18+) have had a first dose,' said Dr Nicola Schinaia, the HSCP's associate director of public health.

'[A total of] 64,166 people in Argyll and Bute (an estimated 90.2 per cent of the population aged 18+) have had a second dose.

'An estimated 61.7 per cent of those aged 16 and 17 have



had a first dose, and 11.5 per cent a second dose, in Argyll and Bute.' On the delivery of

An estimated 98 per cent of the population of Argyll and Bute, aged 18-plus, has been vaccinated.

the vaccination programme in Argyll and Bute to date, Dr Schinaia said: 'The delivery of

such an extensive vaccination programme should not be underrated and has not been without its challenges.

'Vaccinations continue to progress well, mainly led by GPs for the public. All of our practices delivered the vaccination programme to the adult population over 50. One practice withdrew from the programme before the start of priority 10 group (age 40-49).

'Another five practices have withdrawn from delivering the programme to priority groups 11 and 12 (ages 18-39).

'Significant contingency

planning was already in place to enable HSCP vaccination teams to step in and run HSCP clinics in Oban and Dunoon and assisting in Mull.

'Contingency plans remain in place for any other areas in case any further practices withdraw.

'The main reason for withdrawal is due to the complexity of managing the Pfizer vaccine and the space required for the 15-minute wait post vaccination. Other challenges have included supply of vaccine but that now appears to be rectified and was short term.'

Health and social care overspend 'concerning'

Health and social care officials in Argyll and Bute have admitted their 'concern' at the prospect of a nearly £1 million overspend on services for the current financial year.

A report that went before the area's health and social care partnership (HSCP) board says that by the end of July, the partnership had already overspent by just over £100,000 - and had a forecast overspend for the year of £1.4 million.

The latter figure has since fallen to £800,000, but the report states that 'action is now being taken to manage the delivery of services' to bring the estimated overspend down further.

The HSCP's integration joint board (IJB) discussed the contents of the report on Wednesday.

'The position for the first four months of the year is a small year-to-date overspend totalling £0.1 million,' said James Gow, the HSCP's head of finance and transformation.

'The overall position consists of overspending totalling £105,000 relating to social work budgets and £42,000 relating to health budgets.

'As normal, it should be noted that the social work figures are prepared on a cash basis, whilst the health figures are prepared on a full accruals accounting basis. The forecast position for the

current year is more concerning. A forecast overspend totalling £1.4 million was reported as at July 31, 2021. Much of the forecast overspend relates to social work budgets.

'Subsequent detailed analysis has taken place in respect of social work budgets and the forecast has been updated during August. A £0.8 million overall overspend is currently forecast.

'At this stage in the year, the forecast is based on a significant number of assumptions and therefore there are material risks associated with it. However, the forecast overspend position is of concern, and action is now being taken

to seek to manage the delivery of services and the savings programme within the envelope of resources available in 2021/22.

'There is sufficient time left in the current year for the position to be recovered by the year end, as outlined in the financial recovery plan.'

Mr Gow added: 'The financial position is now a standing item on the senior leadership team agenda, and is reported and discussed in detail every month, in addition to the routine monitoring carried out by service managers in partnership with the finance and service improvement teams.'

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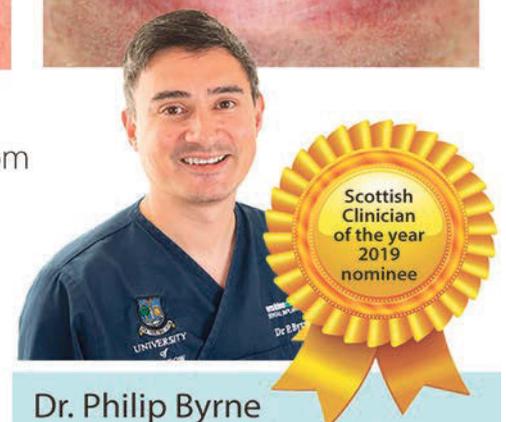
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Prestigious Glenfiddich piping championship returns for 2021

Inveraray's Stuart Liddell will defend his title

Inveraray's Stuart Liddell is among 10 of the world's greatest solo pipers invited to compete in this year's Glenfiddich Piping Championship.

The renowned competition returns to Blair Castle on Saturday October 30.

Defending champion Stuart will be joined by Dollar's Callum Beaumont, British Columbia piper Jack Lee, five-time champion Roderick Macleod MBE, William McCallum of Bearsden, 2019 title holder Finlay Johnston, The Silver Chanter 2021 winner Angus MacColl, Edinburgh's Iain Speirs, Glasgow-based Canadian piper Glenn Brown, and Connor Sinclair of Crieff.

The participants were select-

Stuart with the distinctive Glenfiddich trophy which he won for the third time in 2020. Photo: Derek Maxwell.

ed from the two qualifying events that took place, with Stuart Liddell as the 2020 champion and Callum Beaumont as the overall winner of the Piping Live! Masters Competition.

The other competitors were chosen based on previous achievements at the Glenfiddich Piping Championship and will travel to Perthshire this October for



the annual meet. Musicians will play in both the Piobaireachd and March, Strathspey and Reel disci-

plines, with prizes awarded for each discipline, as well as an overall championship winner.

The prestigious 48th annual event will welcome live audiences to the Perthshire venue's Victorian ballroom whilst also being livestreamed, allowing piping fans at home and around the world to experience the impressive sights and sounds of The Glenfiddich.

The competition will be followed by the celebratory Pipers' Ceilidh at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry, renowned for topping off the Glenfiddich experience for competitors and fans alike.

The Glenfiddich Piping Championship was established in 1974 to inspire the

world's finest exponents of Ceòl Mòr or Piobaireachd (the great music) and Ceòl Beag or light music (the little music).

Run by The National Piping Centre, the world centre for excellence in bagpipe music, and funded through the William Grant Foundation, the event is held annually at Blair Castle in Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

The National Piping Centre's director of piping, Finlay MacDonald, said: 'It's wonderful to be able to bring The Glenfiddich Piping Championship back to a live audience this year.'

Blair Castle always makes for a magnificent venue for this prestigious event and the 48th edition will mark a welcome return to live com-

petition, whilst also giving people at home and abroad the chance to tune in online.

'In-person tickets are limited so we would encourage all those keen to be at Blair Castle to get their tickets as soon as possible.'

The judges for the day are John Wilson, Dr Jack Taylor, Cpt Stuart Samson (Retd) for the Piobaireachd section and Iain MacFadyen, William Morrison and Ian Duncan will judge the March, Strathspey and Reel. Bob Worrall is Fear an Tighe for the day.

Tickets for the Glenfiddich Piping Championship 2021 are on sale now. You can buy them by visiting the website www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/glenfiddich



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Council prepares for winter with a £2.2 million budget

Council chiefs have approved a £2.2 million winter policy to keep people safe during the cold, dark nights and mornings.

Members of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee met online last week to rubberstamp the 2021-22 Winter Service Policy, prioritising how Argyll and Bute's roads will be treated ahead of winter hazards.

These winter standby arrangements operate from Friday October 29 until Friday April 15, 2022.

When cold weather hits, the council pre-treats 52 per cent of the road network. This is more than most other local authorities.

There are 31 frontline vehicles ready for action, and two spare in case of breakdown with a further six vehicles, as well as tractors and V ploughs, that can be deployed if necessary.

More than 11,000 tonnes of salt will be stockpiled to keep 750 miles of priority routes clear.

And there is a team of people who analyse local weather forecast data so they know by the end of each day what they need to do to make sure the roads are treated appropriately the following morning.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'I know we all value this



frontline service. I would like to take this opportunity, as policy lead, to voice my personal appreciation for all the workers who brave the cold, dark evenings and mornings, sometimes in very poor conditions, to make the roads safer for us all.

'Please look out for vulner-

able neighbours when conditions underfoot are poor and if you can make use of local grit bins, please do.

'These will be filled up ahead of the winter season. I'd urge you to pay close attention to travel advice during poor weather conditions and stay safe.' Every winter, the council



Councillor Rory Colville asks people to look out for vulnerable neighbours in the coming winter.

Gritter clears the A816 between Lochgilphead and Oban.

works closely with colleagues in Police Scotland and promotes any relevant travel advice through its Facebook and Twitter channels.

Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/winter-roads to find out more, and for useful tips on getting ready for winter driving visit ROSPA's website.



New law to help stop deaths at sea

New laws to make one of the UK's most dangerous jobs, fishing, safer came into force on September 6.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Code of Practice for Small Fishing Vessels (less than 15 metres length overall) now includes the need for fishing boats to be inspected both in and out of the water every five years.

Previously, fishing boats only needed to be inspected in the water when first joining the UK Ship Register and after that inspected either in or out of the water once every five years.

This is part of ongoing work by the MCA and its partners in the Fishing Industry Safety Group to help reduce the number of deaths in the industry.

Between 2012-2020 there were 52 fishing fatalities which translates to a figure of 50 fishermen in every 100,000 losing their lives at work.

To put it in perspective, the national average across all sectors is 0.5 fatalities per 100,000. There are about 12,000 fishermen and 5,400 fishing vessels in the UK fleet.

David Fenner, who heads up

the fishing safety section at the MCA, said: 'Fishing is one of the most dangerous industries, with the rate of fatalities being approximately 100 times higher than that of the UK general workforce.'

The new code addresses crew protection and man overboard recovery, construction, watertight and weathertight integrity, stability, machinery, electrical installations and in and out of water inspections.

He added: 'These proposed requirements will bring big changes and safety improvements, there are now stability requirements for new and existing vessels, while vessels built to a standard have to be maintained to that standard and those that were not have to demonstrate they are safe and fit for purpose.'

'We know that the fishing industry faces a number of challenges to comply with this code but it's been written so that responsible owners will already be complying with many aspects of it. Ultimately though, there have been too many deaths and we want to make sure we've done all we can to reduce that risk with an enforceable code.'

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From left: Personal, social, health and economic co-ordinator Melissa James; MAYDS manager Fiona Kalache; Heleana McAllister, Poppy McLean, MAYDS counsellor Lynn Johnstone and Ruby Beagan. Sophie Dennis not in picture.

Tarbert secures youth funding

Young people across the region will benefit thanks to Tarbert Academy pupils.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) was awarded £3,000 through the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative after being nominated by students Heleana McAllister, Poppy McLean, Ruby Beagan and Sophie Dennis.

Their presentation convinced

a panel that MAYDS was a worthy recipient.

In discussion with the pupils, MAYDS will use the money to promote education and life skills for young people and young parents. Each partaking school is responsible for directing a grant of £3,000 to a local charity championed by its students through a programme of teamwork, research, and competition.

Restrictions lifted for library-goers

Booklovers looking for something new to read will be pleased to know that Lochgilphead and Tarbert libraries have extended their opening hours.

The new hours for Lochgilphead are Wednesdays 1pm to 6pm and Fridays 10am to 5pm, while Tarbert Library will open Tuesdays 1.30pm to 5.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm as well as Thursdays 10am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 5pm.

More good news for readers is the fact that browsing at all liveArgyll libraries is no longer limited.

Customers can spend as long as they like browsing and also use seating provided, including study areas.

In the larger liveArgyll libraries, public network computers can also be booked for one-hour time slots by calling the relevant library during opening hours.

Tarbert folk hiking high for Parkinsons

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Thousands of pounds have been raised for charity thanks to the strenuous efforts of a group of Tarbert friends.

The Over the Hill Hikers are five keen hill walkers and climbers, all residents of Tarbert, with a vast and varied amount of experience behind them.

Don Murray, Tony Baccoli, Callum MacFarlane, Will Hemphill and Tom Lewis scaled Ben Nevis on Wednesday September 15 in a fundraising event in aid of Parkinsons UK.

Will explained the motivation behind the climb: 'We know of a number of local residents who are suffering from Parkinsons and we wanted to do this in honour of them and their families.'

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'It's a really worthy cause and we thought we could help this community as well as sufferers throughout the UK.'

Before the hikers set off on Wednesday more than £2,000 had been raised through donations in the village pubs

The Over the Hill hikers ready for their charity climb.



and through their online fundraising page.

'We have had tonnes of support,' said Will. 'I've lived in places all over the world through my life, but never have I come across somewhere so welcoming and supportive as Tarbert.'

The hikers have climbed hills throughout the world,

and one of Don's most recent climbs was a solo expedition up Kilimanjaro.

'Although our ages add up to about 275,' Jonathan said, 'We are all still doing a lot of solo climbing, however, going in a team like this is different.'

'When you're solo all you have to consider is your own breathing, your legs, your

head, but when we're together we think about each other's pace.

'It's a huge comfort to know we have each other's backs.'

Donations for Parkinsons UK can be made at The Frigate and The Corner House or online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Tarbert-Over-The-Hill

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New energy ignites Tarbert trad music

Tarbert's Gaelic music tuition festival, Fèis an Tairbeirt, is taking part in a new project where professional musicians will guide the next generation of traditional music tutors.

Across Scotland, 18 musicians, including 10 young emerging music tutors, will be employed in a project which aims to re-establish traditional music opportunities for young people after the last 18 months in which such activities have been seriously curtailed.

With support from Creative Scotland and other funders, Gaelic arts organisation Fèisean nan Gàidheal has launched the exciting Treòir project which allows local fèisean (Gaelic arts tuition festivals, mainly for young people) to host a musician-in-residence and

Musician-in-residence Ailie Robertson.



mentored musician for six months. Treòir, meaning guide; direction; energy, has been adopted by nine fèisean and was designed to offer se-

cure employment to freelance traditional musicians whose livelihoods have been badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, while providing mentoring and training for less experienced tutors.

The project will also offer traditional music learning opportunities for young people, particularly in remote or rural areas and areas of socioeconomic deprivation.

Eight professional musicians will work with 10 young musicians to support them with their teaching skills whilst sharing their knowledge and experience, helping to build their confidence in a teaching setting.

The musicians-in-residence will also establish a programme of music classes or workshops in the area in which their fèis is based, visiting nurseries, parent and toddler groups, schools and youth groups to teach traditional and Gaelic music.

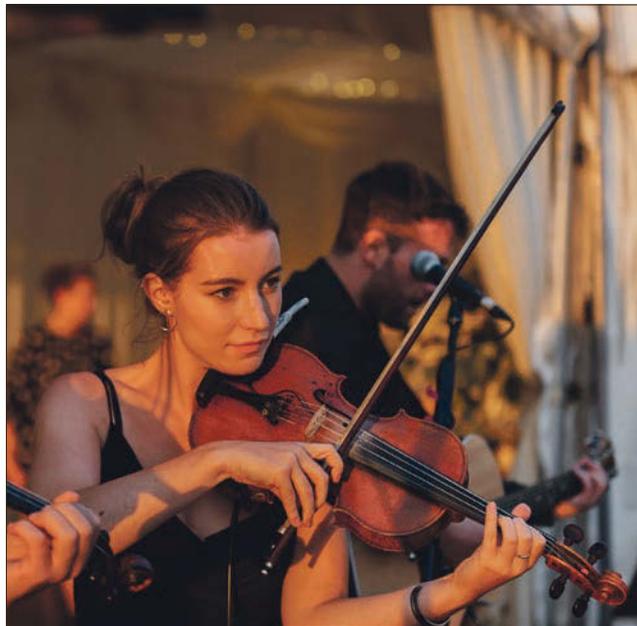
The early years sector, which has been hit particularly hard during the pandemic with regards to music and Gaelic education and delivery, will be a main focus for the project.

Some of the musicians-in-residence may also research and collect local tunes, songs and stories which will result in a teaching resource that can be used by current and future fèis participants.

In Tarbert, the Treòir programme – with musician in residence Ailie Robertson and mentored tutor-in-residence Niamh MacKaveney - is now open for applications, offering one-to-one online lessons on clarsach, whistles, fiddle, keyboards and Gaelic singing. Lessons will start at the end of September.

Fèis an Tairbeirt can provide instruments and assist with access to devices or the internet for lessons.

Email mail@feisantairbeirt.co.uk for more information.



Mentored tutor-in-residence Niamh MacKaveney.

Argyll's almost secret service - licenced to help

A view by health and wellbeing campaigner Barabel McKay, chairwoman of the volunteer Mid Argyll-based Health and Care Group

You will have to wait another few weeks to see the new James Bond movie, but Argyll's very own secret service is available now.

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The service offers support to people of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted.

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This is the kind of professional help that will make a difference.

The staff promise to work with adults, children, families and carers to help maintain independence and quality of life, and are shocked to find that their existence is so little known, although this council initiative has been around for a while.

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Lodge Dunoon, 01369 708484.

They can help you hear crying babies, escape from fire with vibrating smoke alarms, enable you to operate safely in the kitchen or craft corner, see to your own bills and mail, orientate yourself in your home or neighbourhood, and provide you with benefits advice.

A home visit is necessary to assess your needs.

That will provide the best thing of all, someone who really hears and understands your difficulties, and can help you find solutions.

It may even be possible to find some humour in a half price television licence when you can no longer see the TV!

Until that day they may be able to provide fancy spectacles to follow the football, or ways of enabling you to hear without disturbing the neighbours.

The health and care group aims to represent the views of service users and their families.

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Peat and Diesel Tarbert gig postponed

West Kintyre Promotions has been forced to postpone its sold-out Peat and Diesel gig in Tarbert Hall scheduled for Friday September 17.

A spokesperson said: 'We felt we had all the correct protocols in place but with Covid cases continuing to rise in the area we didn't want to do anything that might contribute to a further rise.'

'Peat and Diesel's Ullapool show was postponed last weekend and we held talks with the band's management and decided to postpone it for now.'

'We are gutted but the boys are 100 per cent committed to playing in Tarbert and it is going to be one wild night when we get it on!'

'Please everyone hold on to those tickets and we will announce the new date very soon.'

'West Kintyre Promotions CIC thanks everyone for their understanding as they try to navigate through these times.'

MOJO 2021 preview - The Lush Puppies

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, the Argyllshire Advertiser has been featuring the acts lined up to perform at the MOJO festival.

The Lush Puppies

From Oban, Sheila MacGregor and Alison (Ali) Barrow are the Lush Puppies, a well-known and experienced musical pairing delivering smooth harmonies and guitar chording in their own exquisite style.

Each from musical families, Sheila and Ali have always had an interest in singing.

As a teenager Ali formed a band called Celtic Heart, while Sheila joined Seil Sound then



Harvey's Dream in her early twenties. Ali also sings with the famous Oban Gaelic Choir.

The Lush Puppies began in 2008 when a shared love of Joni Mitchell among other influences sparked a friendship and musical partnership that

has continued to this day.

They first performed at local open mic nights around Oban where they had a great time playing their own unique harmonies and sound, with covers from Kylie, Bill Withers, Martha Wainright and many

more, to a great audience response.

Over the next decade they continued doing covers and many a successful gig, becoming a bigger band in 2011 when Jim Bowers (guitar), Mike Henderson (drums) and

Ali's guitar chording and Sheila's song-writing skills have developed into a truly warm indie folk and funk fusion style.

Dan Griffiths (bass) joined, embracing the girls' original acoustic set but adding a more rocky and funky feel.

The band featured at most of the main festivals in Argyll in this period, plus wedding gigs and playing in pubs and clubs - but Sheila and Ali's big break for their original music came in 2018/19 when they took part in a songwriters' workshop run by John Saitch and Rhona Dugald in Oban, which boosted their flair for harmony and melody.

Ali's guitar chording and Sheila's song-writing skills developed into a truly warm indie folk and funk fusion style.

Their tracks Summer Song and Shades of Blue really empathise this new passion - and they have plans to do an EP with more recording and writing on the way.



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Melting Arctic glacier warning for COP26

Argyll scientists and students have returned from a dangerous mission to the world's most northerly inhabited island.

They have been trying to expose the hidden link in how rapidly melting Arctic ice is changing the oceans, ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, in Glasgow this November.

Scientists from the Scottish

Scientists from SAMS in Argyll return from summer surveying Svalbard

Association of Marine Science (SAMS) in Dunbeg, an academic partner of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), completed the fieldwork in Svalbard, formerly Spitzbergen, during the

midnight sun in August.

Svalbard, meaning 'Cold Edge' in Old Norse, is midway between Norway and the North Pole, each around 1,000km distant.

Located at the margin of rapidly declining sea ice cover, Svalbard is the fastest-warming place in the world.

Svalbard glaciers are the canary in the coal mine: they can be seen as thermometers monitoring the devastating impacts of the climate crisis.

At the international research station of Ny-Ålesund, the world's northernmost settlement situated at 79 degrees north, scientists are measuring these effects.

Providing an inspiring view from Ny-Ålesund, at the head of the bay called Kongsfjorden,

lies Kronebreen (Crown Glacier). Where Kronebreen, a slow-moving river of freshwater ice flowing an average of 2m a day, meets the seawater in the fjord, ice detaches to form icebergs in a process called calving.

This deadly zone, where each calving event drops on average 50,000 tonnes of ice crashing into the ocean below, is one of the frontiers of climate science.

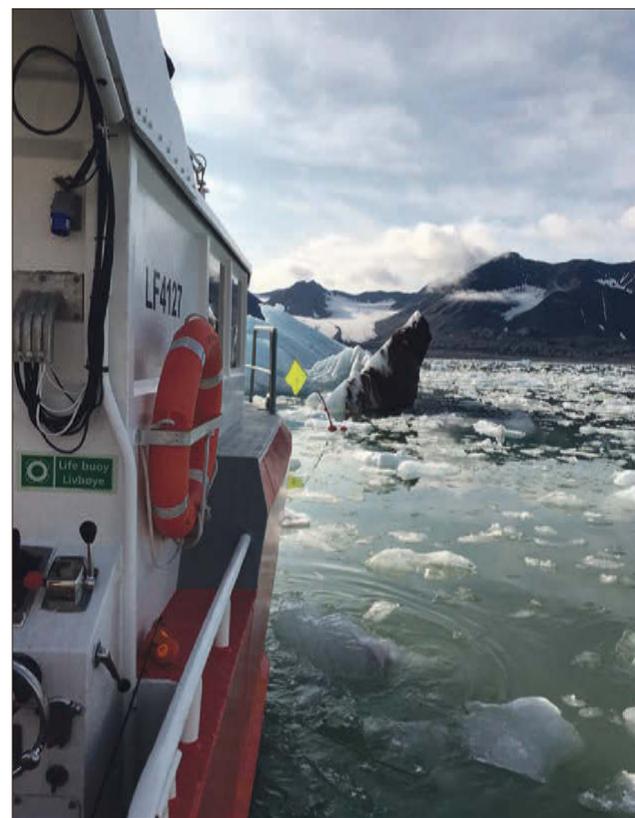
How can scientists get close enough to investigate without getting themselves killed? Send in the robots.

The mission was a collaboration between SAMS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, the Norwegian Polar Institute, and University Centre on Svalbard.

The team used an autonomous surface vehicle (ASV), built by Norwegian company Maritime Robotics, to record various oceanographic measurements at the face of the glacier, while an autonomous underwater vehicle, known as an ecoSUB, took temperature, salinity and oxygen readings



Above, an AUV ecoSUB and, below, an autonomous surface vehicle (ASV).



Rescuing instruments from mud-covered icebergs.

below the surface. Meanwhile, aerial drones surveyed the so-called freshwater 'plumes' that run off from the glacier.

Lead scientist Professor Finlo Cottier of SAMS, near Oban, explained: 'Fjords are the connection between the changing ocean and our rapidly melting northern glaciers.'

'The transfer of heat and water at these points, often just a few kilometres wide, are therefore extremely important in understanding how climate change is impacting our ocean.'

While rising global temperatures increase glacial melt, glaciers are also breaking up below the surface of the water.

In a process known as sub-glacial discharge, melt water flows down through the glacier and out into the ocean.

This water is fresher than the surrounding sea water, so starts to rise in the water column, creating a plume that pulls in warmer Atlantic water which increases the melt rate at the face of the glacier.

This process undermines the wall of ice, causing huge chunks to collapse into the sea.

The robots collected crucial

data to improve our understanding of this process.

It is early days, but so far the scientists have observed this process to be far more vigorous and energetic than anticipated.

Professor Mark Inall described the experience: 'It is like the west of Scotland, but with huge ice streams between the peaks. We were there in summertime. It was light 24 hours a day.'

'The glaciers are grubby: they wear away the rock as they flow; bits are falling off all the time. You hear the cracking, you feel the boat moving on the swell - we keep at least 300m away.'

While the team kept to a safe distance, their equipment did not.

'It is stressful,' Prof Inall said: 'The robotic submarine is very expensive. As soon as it dives down, you do worry. So far we have not lost one.'

Over the 20 years Prof Inall has been visiting the Kronebreen glacier, he said it 'has retreated half the distance from Connel to Taynuilt, which is the distance I cycle.'

'It was ice, now it is a fjord. It is really visible in a lifetime. Sea levels are already rising because of melting ice sheets. It will rise around Scotland. The estimate is up a metre over the next 50-100 years.'

'Water has been warming by one degree a decade,' added Professor Cottier. In his 20-year career, he said, the world had lost half of the Arctic sea ice. 'A lot of the population is looking towards COP26 for really big decisions to be made,' he said. 'These decisions will be based on the science. They draw on the publications that come from SAMS and other institutions around the world.'



Kronebreen at the head of Kongsfjorden. Photo Dr Emily Venables

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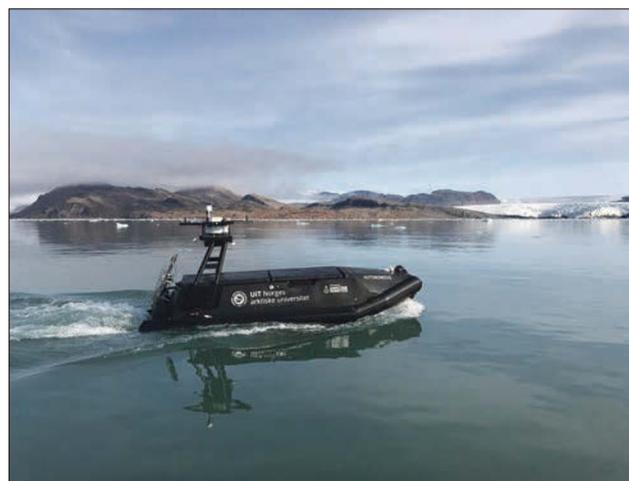
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More snorkeling artists to sketch Argyll's seafloor

A second group of artists are preparing to take to the waters around the west coast this month.

Snorkeling artists have already been sketching the seafloor and shores as part of a week-long residency in July with Argyll Coasts and Islands Hope Spot.

The Society of Wildlife Artists has been collaborating with Argyll Coasts and Islands Hope Spot, a designation of the coastline stretching from Ardnamurchan to Loch Sween, which celebrates the area's 'world-class natural riches'.

During this time the first group of artists snorkelled and sailed across the area, making observational sketches and studying the life that lives under the waves.

They even made field sketches whilst under the water – and



Artists have been doing underwater sketches of the seafloor - which is as challenging as it sounds.

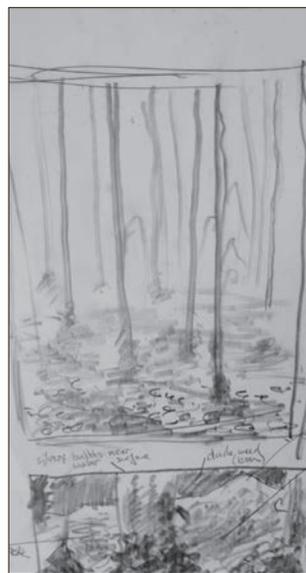
by all accounts, this was as hard as it sounds.

Using these sketches, each artist produced new pieces which they exhibited at a local community event, and which will be included in the Society of Wildlife Artists annual

exhibition at Mall Galleries, London.

The second group of artists have been preparing to undertake the same residency which started on September 15 and finishes on the 22nd.

They will be travelling across



the area to study, observe and sketch an array of species and habitats.

'Argyll's marine wildlife is more diverse than almost

anywhere else in Scotland,' explains the Argyll Hope Spot's co-ordinator Keira Anderson.

'It includes the huge, globally-endangered flapper skate, dolphins, porpoises, minke whales, basking sharks, otters and seabirds.

'Sheltered beds of sea grass and pink maerl are important fish nurseries and carbon stores. Colourful serpulid worms build towers on the seabed and soft corals cloak rocky reefs.

'There are kelp forests, exotic sea fans, flame shells and feather stars. The coast has fishing grounds, salmon breeding rivers, wild anchorages, snorkel trails, shipwrecks, ancient oak forests and castles.

'The Argyll Coast and Islands Hope Spot is a community-led celebration of life under the sea and on land in this part of Scotland,' adds Keira.

'It is the first Hope Spot in the mainland UK. Hope Spots are special places, vital for the ocean's health, linked by the international organisation Mission Blue.

'This growing global network of areas of international importance also includes the Galapagos Islands and Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

'The Argyll Hope Spot includes four Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), as well as numerous Special Areas of Conservation, National Scenic Areas and National Nature Reserves.

'Our aim is that everyone on the west coast of Scotland should be aware and proud of the beauty and global significance of the marine life here.'

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Launching Loch Fyne's skiff, Mrs MacPhunn.



Stopping for a picnic on the shores of Kerrera.

Loch Fyne rowers join coastal voyage round Isle of Kerrera

Four St Ayles skiffs and 21 crew from across Argyll rowed around Kerrera on a maiden voyage covering more than 26 kilometres (16 miles).

Loch Awe Coastal Rowing Club (CRC) skiffs Mingulay and Cruachan, and the newly formed upper Loch Fyne CRC with its skiff Mrs MacPhunn launched from Ganavan sands into calm seas and a falling tide to rendezvous with Oban CRC and its Moluag skiff off the north west point of Kerrera.

Melanie Grey from Loch Awe CRC

reported on the day: 'Two white-hulled skiffs, a blue-hulled skiff with a yellow band and a black-hulled, 22ft skiff were a beautiful vision against the backdrop of Mull, Lismore and Ardnamurchan, with the Oban Sailing Club, CalMac's ferries and a melange of kayaks and paddleboarders as water companions.'

'Around lunchtime the four skiffs rowed round the north point and down the rugged west side of Kerrera to be joined by an inquisitive pod of porpoises. Two of the Loch Awe coastal rowers were former

Kerrera residents which made it a special voyage for them and there was no shortage of boat banter all the way round and during pit stops at Barnaboc Bay and just south of Gallanach.

'A particular award for adventurous spirit it had to go to the crew of Mrs MacPhunn, four of whom were octogenarians, and who completed the circumnavigation of Kerrera in robust spirit. Scottish Coastal rowing does more than connecting people in communities – it kindles a passion for the sea and holds no barriers to entry.'



Martyn Webster from Upper Loch Fyne coxing Mrs MacPhunn.

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Coastwalker Chris takes UK challenge in his stride

Dad-of-three Chris Howard has walked through Himalayan foothills, jungles, rainforests - and now he is on Scotland's west coast.

Carrying just a backpack, Chris left Norfolk in July 2020 to walk his way round the entire coastline of main-line Britain in aid of BBC's Children In Need.

So far he has raised more than £26,000 and hopes to double that sum by the end of the year.

With travels through Russia and most of Europe under his belt, Chris has also rowed the Atlantic fully unsupported, cycled nonstop from Paris to Cambridge, and run in the Paris marathon, but having a family is his biggest and best experience to date.

His children and the need of many others not as fortunate as them, are why he is walking

Chris The Coastwalker has been making his way round the coast of Argyll in the last couple of weeks.

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the 11,000 miles of coastline, surviving with minimal kit, and relying on the kindness of strangers.

'I left home in July 2020 and then was in lockdown for four and a half months, I've been on the road for 270 days so far.

'I really miss home in Cambridge and my three little girls, who I probably won't see until Christmas now.

'We Facetime and I read them a story. They're following my walk on a map with little stickers.

'Once I get to John O'Groats



I will have reached all four of the most extreme points of the UK and it also means I'll be starting to head homewards,' said Chris.

With long periods of walking alone each day, he sleeps outdoors in a sleeping bag or bivvy bag - unless he is offered a bed, sofa or shed for the night.

He has also been foraging for food but people have been kind and have been feeding him.

'It gets pretty lonely, so even someone recognising me to wave or say hello makes a massive difference to me.

'I hardly spoke to anyone between Gtrea and Ayrshire which was pretty tough.

'I loved Kintyre, the people there were amazing.

'They had banners out, gave me snacks, a family offered me a shower and I got my laundry done - it was really appreciated.'

Oban Backpackers Hostel gave Chris a bed for the night when he reached town at the weekend and Oban's Hope Kitchen fed him to get him ready for the next stage of his walk to Fort William, with a walk up Ben Nevis, then on to Mallaig, Knoydart and upwards to Cape Wrath and John O'Groats.

To make a donation to Chris's Children in Need fundraising page, go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thecoastwalker

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Does genetic tolerance aid wild swimmers?

Wild swimming has become increasingly popular during lockdown, but in general people are divided into those who love swimming in cold water and those who think that it's complete madness.

Now scientists have found a possible explanation for this division related to a muscle protein called alpha-actinin-3 (ACTN3).

We have two types of muscle fibres - type 1 and type 2.

Type 1 fibres provide fatigue resistance important for prolonged, submaximal activity like marathon running, while type 2 fibres produce a rapid and powerful force for short-burst, vigorous activities such as sprinting.

The two types of fibres respond differently to cold exposure - type 1 fibres produce an involuntary, low-intensity, continuous increase in muscle tone, while type 2 fibres give bursts of high-intensity activity causing overt shivering.

ACTN3 is only active in type 2 muscle fibres, and deficiency of this protein is caused by a non-functioning ACTN3 gene.

This occurs in 16-18 per cent of the world's population, around 1.5 billion people, and



is most common in Europe and Asia.

These people lack type 2 muscle fibre activity and although this is compensated by having larger type 1 fibres, it adversely affects muscle function, impacting on athletic performance, particularly in sprint and power activities.

Now scientists have investigated the role of ACTN3 in cold tolerance (1).

Male participants, 15 with functioning and 27 with non-functioning ACTN3, were immersed in water at 14°C for 20-minute periods interspersed with 10-minute rest periods at room temperature (22°C).

The ordeal ended either after a maximum of six immersions or when participants' body temperature dropped to 35.5°C.

The scientists found improved cold tolerance in those with non-functioning ACTN3, some 69 per cent of whom

maintained body temperature above 35.5°C compared to 30 per cent of those with functional ACTN3.

So those lacking functional type 2 fibres had better cold tolerance, suggesting that cold-induced increased muscle tone is more efficient at generating heat than overt shivering.

Improved cold tolerance probably gave our ancestors an evolutionary survival advantage after their migration from Africa to colder climes in Eurasia, so explaining the high frequency of non-functioning ACTN3 in today's northern populations.

It would be interesting to investigate how many Scottish wild swimmers carry this genetic variant.

(1) Wyckelsma et al. Am J Hu Gen. 108, 446-457. 2021.

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Volunteers wanted to guide girls to Guiding

A new recruitment campaign is looking for volunteers to join Girlguiding Scotland and help the return of face-to-face guiding in communities across the country.

Almost 100 girls and young women in Argyll and Bute are currently on the waiting list to join a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger unit and to help fulfil this Girlguiding Scotland is looking for volunteers through its #ExploreDiscoverVolunteer campaign.

From adventure weekends away to earning new badges, Girlguiding Scotland wants to provide even more girls and young women a safe space to have fun, connect with their friends and build skills for their future.

According to Volunteer Scotland there are many benefits to volunteering including gaining confidence, meeting new people, being part of a community, taking on a challenge and having fun, all of which can be gained from being a volunteer with Girlguiding Scotland.

A survey carried out by Girlguiding found that nearly a third of girls and young women in Scotland felt lockdown has had a negative impact on their mental health – amid high levels of worry, stress and loneliness.

Girlguiding Scotland vol-



Volunteers are wanted to help girls to develop skills, confidence and have fun.

Photo © Julie Broadfoot and Girlguiding Scotland.

Girlguiding. We are looking to increase the adult membership to help more girls and young women access the benefits that guiding has to offer.

'We are looking for more volunteers to get involved to make a meaningful impact in the lives of girls and young women, building on the incredible work during the pandemic.

'New volunteers can choose from opportunities to work directly with young members and lead on the delivery of activities; go on international trips and adventure weekends away; and access bespoke training.

'The campaign highlights how volunteering with Girlguiding Scotland supports people's self-development and improves their confidence and wellbeing.'

Anyone can get involved in guiding, whether they've previously been a member, and with a variety of volunteer roles to choose from people can give the time that suits them. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or know a girl who would like to join Guiding, please visit www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk to find out how to get involved.

unteer Tricia Forrester said: 'It has been especially hard during the pandemic; we have had to come up with new and innovative ways to help support girls and young women's wellbeing during these uncertain times.

'Being a volunteer for Girlguiding Scotland has really helped me embed myself into the community as well as being so rewarding, knowing that I am providing girls and young women with a safe space to have fun, connect with their friends and build skills for their future.'

Moirna McKenna, chief guide for Girlguiding Scotland, said: 'We currently have a strong team of around 10,000 volunteers, but with growing demand we want to ensure that all girls and young women have the opportunity to join

Art returns to Craignish Village Hall

The popular but pandemic-interrupted arts events schedule at Craignish Village Hall is to resume next month.

The programme will kick off with the much-anticipated, long-awaited Grandmothers Grimm on October 4, brought to the hall by the critically acclaimed Some Kind of Theatre group and the Touring Network.

Cannibalism, werewolf trials, deceit and murder all feature; Marie Hassenpflug and the Brothers Grimm are trying to edit the darkness out of old stories.

But as they do so, the voices of the women

who created these tales are lost...what will be saved and what will be forgotten?

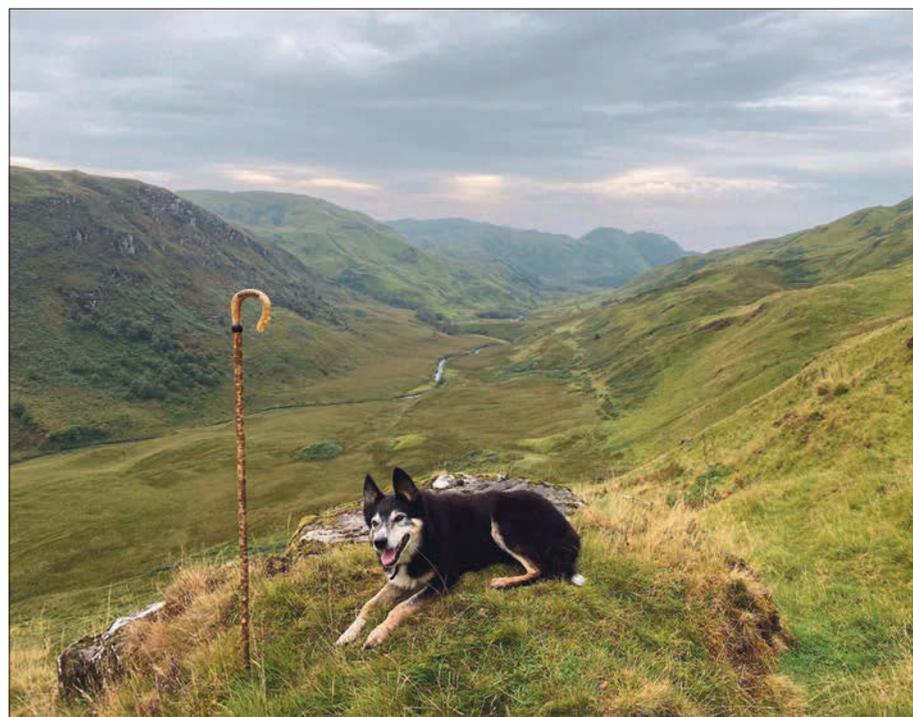
Discover a night of folk and fairy tales as you've never heard them before!

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Ardfarn Village Stores and will be available at the door on the night.

This will be a licenced event with a bar, and organisers have worked hard to create and maintain a fully Covid-compliant space.

Further information can be found on the Craignish Village Hall website at www.craignish.org.uk

YOUR PICTURES



We head for a glen north of Lochgilphead for this week's featured photograph. Iain MacNicol, recently retired Lochgilphead police sergeant, took the picture on his iPhone 11 at his family's Turnalt Farm, Barbreck on September 9 while helping to gather sheep off the hill, aided by working collie Bob. A wonderful photo of a rare Argyll sight – a glen with hardly a Sitka spruce tree to be seen and still being actively farmed. Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times



	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
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Thu, 2 Sep 2021				15:04	12:04	17:34
Fri, 3 Sep 2021				15:59	12:59	18:29
Sat, 4 Sep 2021				16:43	13:43	19:13
Sun, 5 Sep 2021				17:22	14:22	19:52
Mon, 6 Sep 2021				17:56	14:56	20:26
Tue, 7 Sep 2021				18:30	15:30	21:00
Wed, 8 Sep 2021				19:06	16:06	21:36
Thu, 9 Sep 2021	07:20	04:20	09:50	19:46	16:46	22:16
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Sat, 11 Sep 2021	08:42	05:42	11:12			
Sun, 12 Sep 2021	09:28	06:28	11:58			
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Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight before you go



In an emergency, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard

Ambulance help

Our health and social care system is under severe pressure in the pandemic – from GP practices to carers and hospital services to ambulances.

We've never seen anything resembling the unrelenting demands placed on hard-pressed ambulance crews.

They keep smiling through it and are a credit to their profession. There just seems to be too few of them, or too few vehicles.

It is impossible to compare a single land-mass, such as the central belt with good infrastructure, to Argyll and Bute with sea lochs, hills to get around and many inhabited islands.

The population is smaller and much more dispersed, so providing ambulance cover must be that bit more difficult.

But surely we should be given the resources to provide adequate cover – and avoid a future tragedy as a result of delayed ambulance attendance.

Targeting a home

Over the years Tarbert Gun Club has given pleasure to many and raised charity funds, supported by the dedication of people like the late Bobby McColl. For the sake of Bobby and others who put so much into the club over the years, let's hope it finds a new home.

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'Snail's pace' at the Rest – time to get work moving

Sir,
Now the Holyrood election is over and the SNP has been re-elected, the party has obviously lost interest in solving the problems at the Rest and be Thankful.

Before the election we had a cabinet minister at the A83 task force meetings promising action and launching a consultation on the preferred route. At the latest meeting we didn't even get a junior minister - only civil servants.

The meeting was very disappointing. The consultation ended four months ago. Progress towards a permanent solution to the problems at the Rest and be Thankful is moving at a snail's pace.

We were told it could be 2023 before the SNP government even announces its preferred route.

The SNP don't realise the urgency of finding a solution. It's high time our MSPs actually did something to make a solution happen.

Councillor Alan Reid, Cowal ward

Green jobs revolution promised by SNP a 'myth'

Sir,
The CS Wind factory based in Machrihanish – which employed approximately 130 people and was the only UK facility manufacturing onshore and offshore wind towers – last week entered into administration.

It was purchased by a South Korean company in April 2016.

Unite has repeatedly highlighted the depressing situation at the wind turbine factory which has been effectively mothballed by its owners since November 2019.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise had also taken out an injunction against the company which blocked the removal of equipment over fears of asset stripping. CS Wind had benefited from enterprise grants totalling £3 million.

Unite has been at the forefront of campaigning for Scottish facilities and factories to benefit from the 'green manufacturing revolution'.

The union has heavily criticised the Scottish and UK Governments over the minimal manufacturing work which has been directly created by the billions of pounds being invested into the

renewables sector in Scotland.

The Scottish Government in 2010 claimed that developing a low-carbon economy would create up to 28,000 direct jobs in the offshore wind sector, and 'a further 20,000 jobs in related industries' by 2020. The Office for National Statistics published data in March, estimating that full-time equivalent direct employment in the offshore wind sector in Scotland for 2019 was 1,400 jobs.

The onshore wind data estimated 1,900 jobs created for 2019, down from an estimated 3,600 jobs in 2016.

Unite repeatedly warned of the disgraceful situation which was developing.

The Scottish Government has sat back and watched from the sidelines, offering absolutely nothing.

It's high time they accept that on their watch, for over a decade now, there has been minimal green and low-carbon manufacturing jobs directly created in Scotland.

There is no jobs revolution – it's a myth.

The Scottish Government's projection of nearly 50,000 jobs by 2020 comes crashing against the stark reality that for both the onshore and offshore wind sectors only 3,300 jobs were estimated to have been created by 2019.

It's a pathetic return on the billions of pounds being poured into and around Scotland's shores. It's a national scandal.

Pat Rafferty, Unite Scottish secretary

Buy better and bin less to reduce your carbon footprint

Sir,
Zero Waste Scotland has launched its first responsible consumption campaign, encouraging consumers to be 'carbon savvy' when shopping.

Around 80 per cent of our carbon footprint in Scotland comes from our consumption habits and this is damaging the planet.

The campaign aims to educate consumers on simple ways they can tackle the climate crisis and bring to the forefront the startling fact that everything we buy, be that goods, materials or services, has a carbon cost.

Zero Waste Scotland – a not-for-profit environmental organisation funded by the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund – published its landmark Scottish Material Flow Accounts in June, a

model which calculates the scale and nature of Scotland's consumption by calculating all the finished products we consume, whether made in Scotland or imported.

This analysis quantified Scotland's material footprint for the first time highlighting the unsustainably high rate at which Scots buy, use and discard products in their everyday lives, with the associated carbon footprint fuelling climate change at an alarming rate.

Zero Waste Scotland calculates that the average Scot consumes 18.4 tonnes of materials every year – that's the equivalent of 50kg per day on average.

Academics agree that a sustainable level of material use, which would still allow for a high quality of life, is about eight tonnes per person per year.

Zero Waste Scotland is advocating for mindful shopping, encouraging Scots to buy smarter and adopt reuse, repair and renting behaviours as well as embracing second-hand shopping.

When finished with an item, it is calling on people to dispose of items responsibly by donating, reselling or recycling.

With global climate change discussions at an all-time high and COP26 coming to Glasgow this November, the topic of responsible consumption in relation to the climate crisis has never been more timely.

Everything we buy has a carbon cost and we are urging Scots to think differently about what we buy and how we consume.

Changing our own consumption habits is the single biggest thing we can all do to play our part in tackling climate change.

Now is the time for action and we want people to bin less and buy better, seeking out items which will last longer.

Responsible consumption isn't on the COP26 agenda so we wanted to ensure it is top of the consumer agenda.

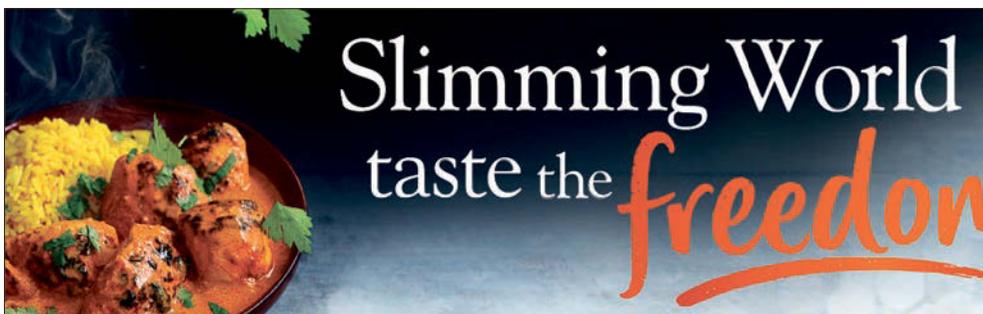
To learn more about the campaign, please visit www.howtowasteless.co.uk for further details.

Iain Gulland, chief executive, Zero Waste Scotland

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Thought for the Week

In a certain, real, unnamed country, each of the 92 graduating students entered the auditorium crowded with parents.

In their maroon gowns and academic caps, they looked as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and mums freely wiped away tears.

No prayer would be said during the celebration of these high school graduates, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting any reference to religious faith.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines. They gave amusing and pertinent speeches, but no one in any way referred to anything spiritual and no one asked for blessings on the graduates and their future lives.

The speeches were nice, but unremarkable until the final speech...

A solitary student proudly walked up to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened – the remaining 91 students, every single one of them, suddenly sneezed!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said: 'God bless you all.' And he walked off the stage.

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their futures with or without the court's approval.

In that country, like many other countries around the world, school prayer or reference to faith in a spiritual context is being squeezed out of children's experience, if not already absent. The claim is often made that 'they can make their own minds up when they're old enough'. Knowledge and experience are fundamental for a real choice.

Surely, it's the richness of a child's experiences that gives them the material on which they may choose to draw on later in their lives?

Reverend Tony Wood, St Kieran's RC Church.

CRAIGNISH

Beach clean sees two years worth of rubbish collected

There was warming soup and bread for hungry beach cleaners near Ardfern last weekend.

Volunteers gathered at Kintraw on the morning of Saturday September 12 to give the beach area a tidy up.

The community effort was intended to raise funds for Craignish Primary School and had a particular focus on the problem of micro-plastics washed up on the shore.



Beach litter was collected earlier this week for proper disposal.

LOCHGOILHEAD

Gig in Goil called off

Popular boutique music festival Gig in the Goil has been called off for 2022.

In an online statement, organiser Argyll Holidays said: 'We'd like to thank everyone who has supported the event over the years - the hundreds of artists and bands who have graced our stages, suppliers, traders and all of you who have come along to party and support the event annually.'

'If you have booked accommodation with Argyll Holidays and would like to cancel, we are happy to offer a full refund.'

Please email info@argyllholidays.com with your booking reference number and 'CANCEL'



An aerial view of the car park at Arrochar opposite the filling station.

in the subject of the email, and the team will be in touch.

A limited programme of entertainment will, however, be provided across the weekend at Drimsynie Estate.

The company confirmed that all Gig in the Goil tickets purchased online will be automatically refunded.

ARROCHAR

Car parks transferred

Argyll and Bute Council has had an offer to buy a car park in Arrochar accepted.

The local authority's leases on the two Glen Loin car parks in the village expired last year, but the council has continued to rent them on a short-term basis.

At a virtual meeting on September 16 of Argyll and Bute Council's Helensburgh and Lomond area committee, council executive director

Douglas Hendry said in a report: 'The council was keen to continue to operate the car parks as they provide a valuable public service.'

'However, this does require to be based on terms which reflect the costs and benefits of operating the service.'

'Luss Estates marketed the car park which they own with a closing date set for February 12, 2021.'

'However, they subsequently removed the car park from the market having decided to operate it themselves, and have been working with the council to ensure a smooth transition of the service. Clydebank Developments, which owns the majority of the other car parks in Arrochar, marketed it for sale with a closing date of April 30, 2021.'

'The estates team submitted an offer on behalf of the council which has been accepted in principle.'

'Accordingly, legal services have been instructed to conclude the acquisition which will allow the service to continue to operate.'

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Have regular servicing and maintenance

It is important that you get all the gas appliances checked regularly. Get the gas boiler, gas fire and gas cooker checked once a year by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Annual maintenance not only helps keep the heating and hot water working properly, it helps keep you safe. Look out for signs of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide (CO). what do you need to know?

What is carbon monoxide? Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas which has no taste, colour or smell. It can make you feel seriously ill and can kill quickly without warning.

What are the signs of a carbon monoxide leak? Carbon monoxide can be produced when poorly maintained, incorrectly fitted or badly repaired appliances do not burn gas completely.

Look out for the following signs that could indicate that a gas appliance is not working correctly, and CO may be present in the house:

- Floppy yellow or orange flame on your gas hob, rather than a crisp blue flame
- Dark, sooty staining on or around gas appliances
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out
- Increased condensation inside windows

GAS SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Is the flame from the gas appliance yellow and lazy?**
Have a look at the gas flame, for example whilst cooking. The flame should be crisp and blue. A floppy yellow or orange flame may be a sign that the appliance is not working correctly (except for fuel-effect fires that display this colour flame).
- Is there sooting or staining?**
Dark staining around an appliance (like a gas fire) is a sign that it may not be working correctly and is producing carbon monoxide.
- Is there a build up of condensation?**
A build up of condensation in the room where there is a gas appliance is a sign that an appliance may not be working correctly and is producing carbon monoxide.
- Are vents or chimneys blocked to stop draughts?**
Gas appliances need ventilation to work correctly and it is important that these are not blocked to stop draughts.
- Do you use the cooker to heat a room?**
Only use gas appliances for their intended purpose. For example, it can be dangerous to use a gas cooker as a form of heating.
- Are you renting your home?**
In rental properties the landlord is legally responsible for the maintenance of the gas appliances that they provide, pipework and flues. They must also arrange a gas safety check with a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer every year and provide proof of this annual check by giving the tenant a copy of the Landlord's Gas Safety Record

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The key signs are:

- Floppy yellow or orange flames on gas appliances, such as cookers, instead of a bright blue one
- Increased condensation inside windows
- The pilot light repeatedly going out or the boiler fails to light
- Black or sooty marks on or around your gas appliances
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Around the markets

United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday September 7: sold 4750 sheep of all classes. At the show of pens of Blackface lambs prior to the sale, which was sponsored by Carr's Billington, Mr D MacKinnon, Low Tirfergus, Campbeltown judged the various classes and he chose his champion pen from Achalic Farm, Lerags, which later sold for £69.50 to M/s F Errington & Sons, Hyde Park, Cumbria. 3832 lambs averaged £53.42 per head. Hill Blackface Lambs lacked flesh.

LAMBS – BF - £69.50, Achalic Farm; £69.50, Mid Farm; £69.00, Fiart; £64.00, Bonawe HF; £64.00, Scammadale; £63.00, Bragleenbeg; £63.00, Shellaichan; £61.50, Glenshellach; £61.00, Ensay. SUFFx - £79.00, Ardenraive; £77.50, Mid Farm; £74.00, Killiechronan. TEXx - £92.00, 119 Craigston; £89.00, Port Na Croish; £88.00, Bonawe HF; £87.00, 9 Grean; £87.00, Shenavallie; £84.00, Gorteneoran; £81.50, Aird; £81.50; Wood Cottage Croft; £80.00, Poltalloch; £80.00, Achnamonie; £80.00, Port Na Croish. CHEV - £90.00, £77.00, 4 Aros; £74.00, Ardenraive; £70.50, Wood Cottage Croft; £70.00, Quinish Estate. CROSS - £75.50, £62.00, 2 Bonawe Croft; £61.00, Creagnich. MULE - £84.00, Fiart; £68.50, Killiechronan. CHEV MULE - £83.50, Shenavallie; £76.00, Braefoot. EWES – SUFF - £87.00, Mid Farm. TEXx - £62.00, Strontoiler; £60.00, Ardenraive. CHEV -



Champion pen of BF lambs at Oban Mart from M/s Hodge, Achalic Farm. Middle, Karen MacKay from Carrs Billington (sponsors), and right, judge Mr MacKinnon, Low Tirfergus.

£76.00, £75.00, Ardenraive; £70.00, Port Na Croish. CROSS - £63.50, Auchnacroish. MULE - £74.00, Kengharair; £69.00, Glenshellach; £61.00, Ardenca- ple. BF - £58.50, Aird; £56.00, Plocaig; £55.00, Scammadale.

United Auctions, Islay, Friday September 10: sold 4721 lambs and sheep of all classes. 4270 lambs averaged £81.44 per head and 216.17p/kg (+21.07p). Lambs were shown in excellent bloom with the average weight being 1.4 kilos heavier on the year. Despite selling some 1500 more lambs on the corresponding sale last year, averages rose by £10.74 per head. Once again, this record entry of lambs attracted a good selection of buyers from throughout the

country and again proves that there is no better place to sell your lambs than at your local market.

LEADING PRICES PER HEAD LAMBS – SUFFx - £110.00, Coultorsay; £107.00, Ardbeg; £106.00, Coultorsay; £100.50, Lossit; £99.00, £95.00, Coultorsay; £94.50, Craigfad; £93.00, Ardbeg; £92.00, Coultorsay; £91.50, Knocklearach; £90.00, Coultorsay; £90.00, Ballinaby; £90.00, Ardtalla Estate; £89.00, Duich; £89.00, Kilchiaran; £89.00, Ballimartin; £88.50, Lossit; £88.00, Ardtalla Estate. BELTx - £96.00, £88.50, £85.00, Aoradh; £84.00, Gartness; £81.00, Aoradh. TEXx - £101.00, Kirkby; £99.00, Balaclava; £97.00, Kirkby; £95.50, Gartness; £95.00, Lower Cragabus; £94.50, Balaclava;

£92.50, Lower Cragabus; £92.00, Balaclava; £90.00, Woodend; £90.00, Kirkby; £90.00, Ardbeg; £90.00, £89.00, Gartness; £89.00, Coultorsay; £89.00, Ballimartin; £89.00, Ardbeg. CHEV - £94.00, Kinnabus; £85.00, Ballivicar; £78.00, Aoradh; £77.50, Keppols; £77.00, Kinnabus; £77.00, Lossit. CROSS - £93.50, Island; £86.00, Duich; £85.00, Ballinaby. MULE - £94.50, Bola-Na-Traigh; £88.00, Corrary; £86.50, Tallant; £82.50, Keppols; £80.00, Island. BF - £76.50, Kilchiaran; £76.00, Ceannacroic; £67.00, Portantruan; £66.00, Tallant; £65.00, Finlaggan. EWES – SUFFx - £104.00, Conisby. TEXx - £99.00, Ardbeg; £91.00, Charlotte Street. MULE - £87.00, Woodend. BF - £51.00, Ceannacroic; £51.00, Cladville; £46.00, Corrary.

LEADING PRICES PER KILO LAMBS – SUFFx - 251p, Ardtalla Estates; 248p, Finlaggan; 244p, Woodend; 240p, Knocklearach; 236p, Ballinaby; 235p, Craigfad; 230p, Ardtalla Estates; 229p, Coultorsay; 229p, Knocklearach; 228p, Ardtalla Estates; 227p, Ballachlaven; 227p, Ardnave; 226p, Craigfad; 225p, Ardnave. BELTx - 255p, Gartness; 248p, 233p, Aoradh. TEXx - 264p, 256p, Balaclava; 250p, Lower Cragabus; 245p, Ardtalla Estates; 244p, Balaclava; 242p, No 1 Foreland; 241p, Kirkby; 238p, Ardnave; 233p, Conisby; 232p, Balaclava; 232p, Ballimartin; 232p, Balaclava; 231p, Ardbeg; 230p, Kirkby; 230p, Gartness; 229p, Tallant; 227p, Charlotte

Street; 226p, Lower Cragabus. CHEV - 239p, Coillabus; 224p, Coille. CROSS - 207p, Island. MULE - 208p, Charlotte Street; 207p, Ardnave; 206p, Coille; 205p, Knocklearach; 202p, Island; 200p, Keppols. BF - 191p, Ceannacroic; 186p, Portantruan; 183p, Cnoc Na Faire; 183p, Finlaggan.

United Auctions, Dalmally, Saturday September 11: sold 8495 sheep of all classes. This was the Principal Show and Sale of BF wedder lambs, sponsored by The Blackface Breeders Association, when 7052 BF lambs averaged £55.46 (+£2.40). Prior to the sale, the show was judged by Mr Jim Watson, Pityot Farm, Stonehaven and his awards are as follows: Champion pen, taking the James Weir Memorial Trophy - Clachan Farms, Kilniver, £87.00 to A. MacGregor, Allanfauld. Res Champion - A & M Buchanan, Achnaba, £75.00 to C & K Malone, Pitcairn. A tremendous offering of top quality lambs was presented to a large following of buyers from throughout Scotland & England. LEADING PRICES PER HEAD LAMBS – BF - £87.00, Clachan Farms; £76.50, Balliemeanoch; £75.00, Achnaba; £75.00, Drissaig; £74.50, Saulmore; £73.00, Sonachan Farm; £73.00, Turnault; £72.00, Clachan Farms; £72.00, High Balantyre; £71.50, Fernoch; £71.00, Tayvallich Estates; £70.50, Scallasaig; £70.00, Lurignish; £69.00,

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PLANNING

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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
21/01339/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage/carport and temporary cabin	Land West Of Erinvoe, Torrissdale, Argyll And Bute
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Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment/planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Council's website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES AND CHARGES) (INVERARAY) ORDER 202_

Argyll and Bute Council is proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce control measures to allow the effective management of the off street car parks in Inveraray. The proposals include the following:-

- Off street car park areas (The Avenue (north) Fisher Row and Front Street) currently parking charges only apply between 1st April and 31st October which is proposed to change to all year round charging. This is to align the Inveraray charging structure to the Council's other off-street car parks.
- Off street car parking (The Avenue (south) Village Hall and Court House) will remain free of charge, but their inclusion in the Order will allow the Council to manage the car parks effectively, address inappropriate parking and control use of the parking areas (for example: off-street vending etc).

Full details together with plans and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the traffic regulation order can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders or viewed during normal office hours at Co-op Food, The Avenue, Inveraray PA32 8UQ.

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 1st November 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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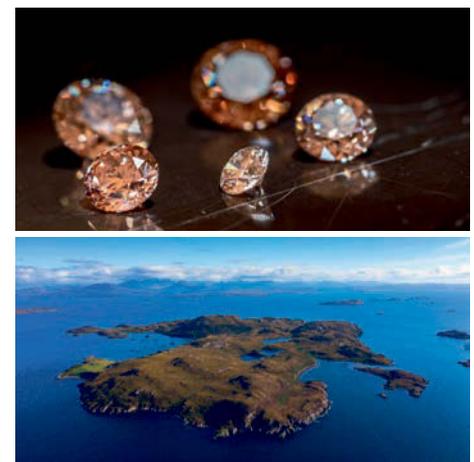
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RONALD - Andrew and Tracy (née Sloey) are delighted to announce the birth of their twin boys Jamie Andrew and Euan John born August 30, 2021 at the RAH Paisley. Massive thanks for all care received from Campbeltown maternity unit and staff at the RAH Paisley. All grandparents were also thrilled at their safe arrival.

ENGAGEMENT

CAMERON - MCNAUGHTON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laura, daughter of Jennifer and the late John Cameron, Southend to David, son of Sandy and Christine McNaughton, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BOWE - Ronald (Ron) Allan Bowe, of Seacliff House, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on September 8, 2021. Ron, 76, was the devoted husband of Catherine (née Barnett), loving and dedicated father to sons Robert and James, and a fantastic Grandpa to Jake and Francis. He welcomed daughters-in-law Jo and the late Ali to the family as his own. Ron is also survived by his sister Rona, brothers-in-law Peter and John, and sister-in-law Rhona. Throughout his life, Ron was full of energy which he poured into many interests. With his inquisitive nature and strong sense of fun, Ron was much loved and will be missed by many. Ron's funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church today, Friday, September 17, 2021, at 12 noon, and thereafter at Ach-na-breac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Donations to Alzheimer's Research UK preferred to flowers please: Details at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rab-1945-2021-rip.

BRODERICK - Peacefully at his home, Langdale, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, on September 8, 2021, Michael Broderick, in his 69th year. Loving husband of Fiona; adored Dad of Chris and Daniel; much respected father-in-law of Laura and Matylda; proud Grandpa of Leo, Darcey and Natalya. (Roads Engineer, Argyll and Bute Council). A good neighbour, dear friend and popular work colleague to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, September 15. Sadly missed.

BROWN - Peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 9, 2021, Stuart Duncan Brown, in his 45th year, of 3 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, much loved son of Stuart and Anne, dear brother to Amanda and twin of Andrew, loving uncle to Stacey, Shannon and Skye, a well loved great uncle and friend. Stuart's funeral will take place (today) Friday, September 17. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.30pm. We will travel along Barochan, up Witchburn Road, along Meadows Avenue, down Main Street and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the Service at Kilkerran alternatively you may pay your last respects to Stuart along our route.

GLEN - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on September 8, 2021, Catherine Glen, in her 97th year, formerly of Machrihanish, dearly beloved mother of Alistair and a loving granny and great-granny.

MACKAY - Suddenly at home on September 7, 2021, Margaret Elizabeth Mackay (née MacCuaig), aged 76 years of 17 Argyll Court, formerly 18 Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead. Much loved wife of the late Duncan Neil and dear mother of Lesley and the late Derek, grandmother to Jenna, Blair, Hannah & Douglas. A graveside service will take place at Kilchattan Cemetery, Isle of Luing on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12noon. All welcome.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at home, Meadows Farm, Campbeltown on September 11, 2021, Margaret Stewart, in her 99th year, dearly beloved mum of Margaret, Marlyn, Wilma, Eileen and Katie, a loving grandma and great-grandma and a much loved aunt. Margaret's funeral will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Monday, September 20 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. The cortege will leave the Church at 1.30pm We will travel along Longrow, Aqualibrium Avenue and round 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 Margaret along our route.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at home with family by her side, on September 8, 2021, Margaret Isabel McMillan, in her 93rd year, formerly of Kildavie Farm, Southend, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert McSporrán, loving mother to Donald, Anne, Mary and the late

James, mother-in-law to Arthur, Ross and Alison, and a dear granny to Alice, Stuart, Mark, John, Keira and Tegan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KIRKBY - Cathie, Wilma Sharon and families would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for the many kind expressions of flowers, cards and gifts received on the passing of John. Grateful thanks to all staff at Kintyre Care Home for John's care over the last three years and to Norman, Claire and Joanne for the personal care John received at his home in Ford prior to that. Special thanks to Karen Connor, Adult Social Work Team, Campbeltown, Kenneth Blair, Funeral Services, and Ellen Gibson, Humanist, for a very personal, fitting and moving tribute to John. Finally thanks to everyone who attended at Cardross Crematorium.

MCMURCHY - Roy, Marlyn and family have been overwhelmed by the love and kindness shown to us since we lost Rachel. Thank you all for the lovely flowers sent to us and also to Brackley, and for all the sympathy cards, gifts, letters, phone calls and messages on social media, all very much appreciated by us all. At this time we want to thank Dr Elder and staff at Carradale Surgery for looking after Rachel over the years and Dr Toledo and staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Also, the Community Nurses for looking after Rachel so well in the last few weeks of her life and to the staff at Lorne Campbell Court, we thank you all for the care you gave Rachel - she loved you all very much. Thank you also for the kindness shown to us. Also thanks are due to Fiona Cook for always being there for Rachel. Our grateful thanks to the Rev S Fulcher for his comforting words and prayers at Lorne Campbell Court, Carradale Church and at Brackley, and to Tony Leighton for providing such lovely music at the service. Thanks to all friends at Carradale who came out to pay their respects to Rachel. Thank you to The Glen Restaurant for providing us with a lovely tea. Lastly to Rhys Blair and staff, a big thank you for their professional handling of all the arrangements.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Archie (Baldy), who passed away September, 19, 2001. Loved, missed and remembered every day -Your loving wife Margaret and family at home and away.

RUSSELL - In loving memory of Douglas Muir Russell who passed away on September 16, 2020. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret Watson, much loved Dad of Craig, Angela and Darlene, loving Grandpa of Douglas, Ciaran, Rshan, Michelle and Mikaela and a loving Papa to Caitlin. Always loved and forever in our thoughts xxxx

SARGENT - Treasured memories of our mum, Senga, died September 18, 2014. You are always in our thoughts, Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot touch your hand, We know you are by our side.

MCNAB - The family of the late Isobel McNab would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind words, messages, cards and expressions of sympathy and support received for their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the care and nursing staff for the kind attention given and to Donald

MacDonald, Funeral Directors for taking care of all the arrangements in a professional and dignified manner. Grateful thanks also, to the Rev. Dorothy Wallace for the very uplifting graveside service. The sum of £500 was raised for the Beatson Cancer Charity.

STROTHER - Cathie, nieces and nephews would like to thank neighbours and friends for their kind expressions of cards and flowers on the sad and sudden loss of Jim. We have to give thanks to the doctors and nurses at our local hospital for looking after and caring for Jim. We had a lovely friendly service by Chris at the Highland Parish on Saturday and another service on Monday by Philip Wallace at the crematorium, much appreciated. We also have to thank Kenneth Blair and staff for their care and attendance at the church and crematorium.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKINNON/CAREY - In loving memory of our dear granny (Peggy), who passed away on September 20, 1994. Also our dear Auntie Patsy, who passed away September 9, 2014. Forever in our hearts and thoughts, Loved and missed always.

- Love, Annamarie, Allan and Jake xxx.

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- Senga, Billy and family, and Roger, Heather and family.

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Inveraray book a place in Celtic Cup semi finals

Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup – quarter final

Inveraray 3
Oban Celtic 0

Inveraray are through to the Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup semi-finals after beating Oban Celtic 3-0 in a spirited match at the Winterton.

Campbell Watt got the opener on 12 minutes with a clean strike from 25 yards.

Watt got his second on 55 minutes from the edge of the D, before Ruaraidh Graham made it 3-0 a couple of minutes into stoppage time.

There was only just enough time to restart the contest before referee David Mitchell blew for time and Inveraray now face Oban Camanachd in the semi-finals.

Bullough Cup – semi final

Kyles Athletic 4
Kilmory 1

Kilmory's cup run came to an end at Kames Playing Fields.

With a number of players unavailable through injury and other reasons Kilmory travelled with yet another young team.

Kyles made the better start



Inveraray's Kenny Kirkhope, in yellow, nips in just ahead of Lewis McPhee of Oban Celtic.

Photo Stephen Lawson

and scored an early goal through David Martin after just five minutes.

This spurred Kilmory on and resulted in a great equaliser from Bruce 'Ronaldo' Johnston on 25 minutes.

Kilmory were very much in the game at this stage but were undone by a soft goal as Martin bagged his second just before half-time.

Kyles upped the pace in the second period, with Kilmory struggling to maintain an attacking threat.

Two quick goals by Ross Donald on the hour and Finan Kennedy five minutes later sealed the tie.

Kilmory played right to the final whistle and can be proud of their cup run.

Holder Lochside Rovers and

the Oban Celtic second team are still to meet in the other semi-final.

Mowi South League A

Taynuilt P Inveraray P

Inveraray juniors were unable to field a team for their match against Taynuilt at the Taynuilt Sports Field.



Footballers, coaches and supporters now have potentially life-saving equipment at the football facility in Tarbert.

Photo: Tarbert Soccer Centre.

Tarbert defibrillator inspired by Euros

A health scare watched by millions of sports fans has led to a new lifesaving facility for Tarbert.

Football coach Jonathan Scott watched in horror as Danish player Christian Eriksen suffered a cardiac arrest at the Euro finals in June and decided there and then that the equipment used to save the footballer's life should be available to the sports players of Tarbert.

'I sat and watched as he collapsed and I could only think of the numbers of children and adults that use the soccer centre in Tarbert and how something like that could happen here,' Jonathan said.

'On a Saturday we can have around 40 kids here, plus parents and the rest of the week there are people of all ages using the facilities.

'I decided that the defibrillator that saved Christian Eriksen could make all the difference if something happened to anyone here.'

Jonathan spoke to the organisations that use the sports fields and found a lot of support for the idea of installing the defibrillator.

Together the soccer centre,

the amateur football club, the school parent council and the Monday Night Gang of footballers found the funds to buy the lifesaving equipment.

The installation was provided free of charge by electrician Campbell Ramsay.

'It was all fully funded by the organisations without grants or loans,' Jonathan explained.

'Everyone's delighted it's installed as, even although the school has one the time it would take to make the journey between there and the pitches could be the difference between life and death as the first three and a half minutes after cardiac arrest are crucial.'

The defibrillator is of particular use to the community as it is child-friendly due to its design which does not require its pads to be changed for different ages.

'There are first-aiders in each of the organisations that use the pitches,' Jonathan added.

'So there is a bank of knowledge on how to use the defibrillator, however, when the Covid numbers reduce we will have a demonstration open to all so that as many people as possible can make use of it if an emergency occurred.'

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New firm wins 40th McKerlie Open Pairs

Sunday sunshine, 16 pairs, the Old Firm and the odd infirm bowler all made for an interesting day's play in the 40th anniversary McKerlie Open Pairs competition, sponsored by S&C Crawford builders.

The unbroken 40 years of generosity and encouragement from the McKerlie family through Georgie and Phyllis (Angus) have been much appreciated through the years.

After six rounds of league matches at Lochgilhead Bowling Club on August 29, the winners and runners-up of each section were whittled down to the final four pairings.

In an all-Lochgilhead clash, Neil Ward and Craig Bruce used all their experience and guile to pip Scott Gargan and Roddy MacDonald to the final.



The winners and runners-up with Phyllis Angus and family members.

In the other semi-final, Hamish McNeil and Richard Dewar were beginning to run out of steam as the newly-formed alliance between old and new Dookers, Sandy Crawford and Duncan MacGregor, launched a blistering barrage of bowls to set up a final encounter with Ward and Bruce, also

known as the 'grand-daddies'. The final looked to be a tight affair in the early stages, but Tarbert's MacGregor and Crawford of the Lochgilhead club soon began to find their range and ran out comfortable winners in the end.

Following a tremendous raffle, the prizes were presented by Phyllis Angus and



Winners of the 40th McKerlie Open Pairs, Duncan MacGregor and Sandy Crawford.

Grandson Jamie Angus to the worthy winners.

Submitted



From left: Machrihanish Golf Club captain Kevan Gilchrist with winners Iain Macalister, Duncan Johnstone and Iain Johnstone, and Darren Kelly of McFadyens Contractors.

Tractormen triumph at Machrihanish

Saturday September 11 saw 'the Tractormen' head to Machrihanish for the McFadyens Contractors AmAm, a popular event in the golfing calendar.

The Tarbert team of Duncan Johnstone, Iain Johnstone, Iain Macalister and Iain McArthur combined very well to take first place on 22-under-par to secure the coveted trophy.

At the presentation, Captain Stone thanked Darren Kelly of McFadyens Contractors for the firm's fantastic support, complimenting Captain Gilchrist on a well-organised competition.

He also thanked Craig Barr and his team for having the course in excellent condition along with Jennie and Anthony in the pro shop.

In the Tarbert gents medal, Jamie Stuart took the honours with an excellent nett 60, including an eagle two at the second.

Brothers Peter and Bruce McLean were next on 62 and 65 respectively and Peter McLean had the best gross score of 70.

It was the ladies' turn on Sunday with the evergreen Georgie Dickson showing the youngsters how it is done.

Georgie had an excellent nett 59 to take first place from Joanne Kerr and Frances Hardie on 61. Best gross score was from Sheena Ferguson on 86.

This Saturday, September 18, the Archie Miller Cup/cancer fundraiser takes place with members asked to gather for 12.30pm.

On Sunday the ladies play for the September stableford.

Last hurrah for Tarbert Gun Club seeking new home



Shooters waiting their turn at Tarbert Gun Club's winter league shoot in February 2020. Photo: Agnieszka Lewicka.

After 35 years at Barmore, Tarbert Gun Club will stop shooting on the ground at the end of September.

A final shoot on Sunday September 19 has already attracted around 60 entries as the club looks for a new home after the Barmore property was put up for sale.

Many people have enjoyed shooting, had great fun and raised thousands for charity at Barmore over the years and the club has members from all over Argyll and beyond.

Roy Laird of the club said: 'We are actively seeking a new ground, and are hopeful of finding one. I am sure that, like me, many will have many happy memories of being there over the years. Sunday will be a full set-up with food - and the last, I am afraid. Please come along, have one last shoot at the ground and help us end on a high at Barmore.'

The day will be an article shoot - bring a prize, win a prize. Proceedings get under way at 11am.

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