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# Hero Claire 'humbled' by Holyrood honour

A Lochgilphead charity employee is on her way to Holyrood after being named as Argyll and Bute's Local Hero.

Claire Cameron, outreach and community development worker at the MS Centre Argyll, was chosen by Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto as part of a bid among all 129 MSPs to recognise a constituent who makes a positive difference to the lives of others – often with little recognition – as their Local Hero.

Every Local Hero from around Scotland is invited to the Scottish Parliament's opening ceremony on Saturday October 2 to mark the start of the new parliamentary session.

Ms Minto said: 'As the sixth session of the Scottish Parliament gets underway, it's right that the people of Scotland are placed at the heart of our events.'

'We want to celebrate the achievements of our Local Heroes from across every constituency and region in

**'I feel humbled by the community for recognising my achievements in my role as outreach worker'**

Scotland.' She continued: 'The work of Claire, and everyone at the MS Centre, is truly inspirational.'

'Claire is dedicated and passionate in her mission to improve the health, wellbeing and happiness of others.'

'Through the pandemic Claire helped the MS Centre in moving online and ensured those in need remained connected to the centre and received the support they needed.'

Argyll and Bute Local Hero Claire said: 'The MS Centre was built over 25 years ago by the community for the community to support families



**Claire Cameron, Argyll and Bute's Local Hero.**

who are affected by MS. We now have a busy, bustling hub in the centre of the community which is used by many, and without their wholehearted support we could not do what we do.

'I feel humbled by the community for recognising my achievements in my role as outreach worker – a role that I love doing thanks to the inspirational people I support across Argyll's mainland and islands living with long term conditions and challenging life circumstances.'

Her Majesty the Queen, joined by the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, will speak at Saturday's Scottish Parliament opening ceremony in front of Local Heroes, with a programme of music and entertainment planned reflecting the diversity of Scotland's communities.

## Don't panic - there is plenty fuel

There is plenty fuel to go around, but drivers must be sensible is the message this week from Mid Argyll fuel retailers.

The reasons for alleged fuel supply problems, sparking panic-buying, have been put down to government policy, tanker driver shortages, Brexit and national media scaremongering.

At the Riverside Filling Station in Lochgilphead, manager Calum Charlwood explained: 'We are working with our supplier Highland Fuels to ensure that we have enough fuel available. The situation over the last few days has been as a result of panic-buying and saw our fuel sales double, which put us under pressure to maintain supply.'

'We do have regular deliveries of fuel but we have now had to put a temporary £30 limit on fuel sales to ensure those who need fuel can access it.'

Tesco in Lochgilphead reportedly received a delivery earlier this week. In Inveraray, WD Semple said Monday this week was busier than usual but supplies were holding out, with a delivery due at the end of this week.



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## Lochgilphead's Yvie sets up Oban alcohol clinic

Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban now has a new out-patient clinic to help people reduce harmful alcohol use.

The clinic has been developed by Yvie Young, who is Argyll and Bute HSCP's Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) practitioner based with the Community Addiction Team in Lochgilphead.

The new clinic will encourage referred patients to discuss lifestyle and behaviour changes using conversation and evidenced-based alcohol intervention techniques.

ABIs are ranked as one of the most effective interventions used to provide advice and share awareness of support services available to help.

Yvie said: 'I am really pleased with the launch of the improved ABI service model.'

'It will help to specifically target a wide range of patients, carers, family members and health and social care staff. The service will also offer practical advice and signpost to helpful local and national support services.'



Yvie Young has developed a new ABI out-patient clinic in Lorn and Islands Hospital.

# Councillors clash over planning relaxation rules

Two councillors from the same party have clashed over how long some planning restrictions should be relaxed in Argyll and Bute.

A report to the council's planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL) committee proposed that planning restrictions relating to town centre activity should be relaxed, as they have been since July 2020, until March 2022.

But Conservative councillor Alastair Redman, one of three members representing the Kintyre and the Islands ward, expressed the view that those regulations should be relaxed indefinitely to 'put growth first'.

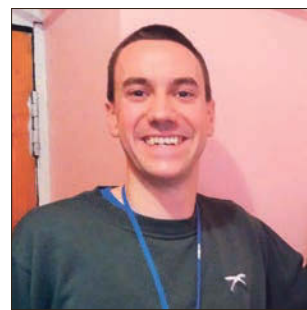
His party colleague David Kinniburgh, Helensburgh and Lomond South, who chairs the committee, rejected that idea and asked Councillor Redman if he was proposing to let people do what they want.

Other councillors also expressed their opinions before the relaxations to the restrictions until March 2022 were agreed, as recommended by council officers.

Councillor Redman said: 'Certainly it does seem to take a crisis to identify issues needing rectified and I would argue for these to be extended indefinitely.'

'We should always incentivise growth and it should not take a crisis for us to put growth first.'

'I wonder if, post-pandemic, we were to have the same



Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman.

mindset, if we put jobs and opportunities first and if we were to extend this indefinitely?'

But Councillor Kinniburgh, also Argyll and Bute's policy lead for planning and the area's provost, responded: 'I certainly would not concur with that. Are you proposing that we rip up the laws, bin them and let people do what they want?'

Councillor Redman replied: 'I wonder if too much government can cause too many problems for the private sector. There are so many constituents I hear from about polytunnels, signs on their shops, windows, for goodness sake.'

'I do feel that at times, planning can be a bit over-zealous, and I would like a growth-centric approach.'

Councillor Gordon Blair, SNP, Cowal, remarked: 'I am losing the will to live.'

'While it is nice to hear views, can we move on and get on with planning?' In the report, council executive



Argyll and Bute provost and chairman of the planning committee Councillor David Kinniburgh.

director Kirsty Flanagan said the council has 'sought to support businesses through this

challenging period' through a formal relaxation to planning enforcement and the requirement to apply for planning permission for changes of use and structures within town centres needed to facilitate resumption of business activity following lockdown.

She added that '...failure to address breaches of planning control at the current time may give rise to longer-term issue in relation to the management of development, and/or customer satisfaction, particularly where an unauthorised development is subject of a complaint from a neighbour who would ordinarily have had opportunity to comment.'

## POLICE FILES

### Drunk driver

At about 10pm on Wednesday September 22, a car was damaged, allegedly by another vehicle in Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig.

While investigating the matter, police were approached by a 34-year-old man who alleged to have been driving the vehicle at the time.

He was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was charged and was kept in custody to appear at court.

### Drugs supply

A 17-year-old woman was stopped and searched by police in Lochneil Street, Lochgilphead, and found in possession of herbal cannabis at about 3.40 pm on Friday September 24.

She was taken to Lochgilphead Police Station for further investigations.

Following subsequent searches, she was charged with the supply of a controlled drug, namely herbal cannabis.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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# Zambian teaching role for Lochgilphead high pupil

by Fiona Ross  
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A sixth-year Lochgilphead pupil is planning to leave school next summer and head straight back to the classroom – but in very different circumstances.

Tom West will swap his pupil role for the position of teacher when he heads to southern Africa with an Argyll-based charity.

Project Trust supports young people to teach overseas and 17-year-old Tom is delighted to be working with the organisation.

‘I have chosen Project Trust because they send volunteers to where they are most needed and can have the most positive impact possible,’ he explained.

From its home on the Isle of Coll, Project Trust annually

selects around 300 young people from across the UK for eight to 12 month overseas teaching, social care and outward bound projects.

The charity ensures volunteers’ skills can be put to good use in their host communities and do not take work away from local people.

When Tom finishes his final year at Lochgilphead High School, where he currently holds the position of deputy head boy, he will head to Zambia.

Tom said: ‘In Zambia education and school are really important parts of life and give people great opportunities.’

‘For me personally, this project will give me a great opportunity to experience a whole new culture and meet a lot of new people.’

As well as helping the



Tom West will take on the role of volunteer teacher in Zambia next year.

ics, Tom will be hoping to have a kick around with them

as he is a keen footballer and a longstanding member of the

Lochgilphead Red Star youth team. Tom has worked hard in the classroom and on the football pitch, but he has also displayed skills in the retail trade from an early age.

‘Tom might be familiar to local people as he has worked in Ferguson Butchers after school and on Saturdays for last three years,’ Tom’s dad Bruce West explained.

‘He was attracted to the Project Trust as it has a track record of supporting developing countries and communities where they are required and can make a difference.’

In order for Tom to achieve his goal of supporting young people in Zambia he needs to raise almost £7,000.

Tom has set up an online fundraising page in a bid to meet the costs of flights and accommodation.

He said: ‘The overseas placement will be very rewarding as I will be able to help with the development of those I meet and support them in making the most of the opportunities available.’

‘The project will provide me with a wide range of skills and experiences that I will take forward with me throughout my life.’

‘Any donation, big or small, that will help me achieve this goal is greatly appreciated.’

Bruce added: ‘He wants to volunteer as he sees it as an opportunity for self-development in a different environment and to make a positive contribution in a less developed part of the world.’

Tom has created a fundraising page at [uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com) and donations can be made there under Tom West Zambia.

## Inveraray members wanted to decide wind farm funding

People living in the Inveraray area are being invited to serve on the An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund panel, writes Colin Cameron.

The panel makes decisions about awards from the An Suidhe fund, which supports charitable activities in the areas of Dalavich, Eredine, Furnace and Inveraray.

This is an opportunity to help ensure the fund is spent on projects that provide real benefit to those communities.

The panel meets once a year, in November, to advise on grant awards.

Panel membership is a voluntary role, though travel and childcare costs related to meetings will be reimbursed.

Grant-making experts Foundation Scotland were appointed by the wind farm operator,

RWE, in 2012 to administer the community fund. The foundation works with the panel to help decide how funds are to be awarded.

The panel itself comprises two members from each of the four communities; one is a community representative and the other a community councillor or director of Dalavich Improvement Group.

If you are aged 18 or over and live in the Inveraray area, then you are invited to nominate yourself for this role.

A role profile and a nomination form can be found by visiting the [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk) website at searching the ‘Our news’ tab for the Inveraray panel story.

Nomination forms must be returned to Foundation Scotland by 5pm on Monday October 18. In the event of more nominations



Inveraray folk are invited to apply for a role which helps decide the destination of community funds from the An Suidhe wind farm.

being received than there are vacancies available, selection will be through a fair and transparent process run by Foundation Scotland.

For more information contact Tom Black by emailing [tom@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:tom@foundationscotland.org.uk) or telephone 0131 5240331.

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# Egg Shed shortlisted for major architectural award

by Colin Cameron  
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The Egg Shed in Ardrishaig has been shortlisted for the 2021 Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award.

Early in September, the Scottish Canals-owned building at Ardrishaig harbour was announced as one of 14 projects to be given an award by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS).

These became the longlist for the RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award.

Now the Egg Shed - opened in 2019 and incorporating elements of a former egg grading station as a ground-breaking interpretation and community centre - is on a shortlist of five buildings showcasing architectural excellence in Scotland.

The others shortlisted are Aberdeen Art Gallery, the Bayes Centre in Edinburgh, The Hill House Box in



The Egg Shed blends the old egg packing station into a modern building full of character. Photograph: Angus Bremner.

Helensburgh and sportsScotland's National Sports Training Centre Inverclyde.

The Egg Shed, by Oliver Chapman Architects, is described in RIAS publicity as an 'impressive regeneration project bringing its harbour back into the body of the village and telling rich stories

of the local area and its people'. It continues: 'The Egg Shed has been brought back into use by Oliver Chapman Architects alongside a new building, combining robustness of character and extremely careful detailing. Using flood-resistant materials, The Egg Shed builds upon Scottish Canals' existing

facilities to allow tourism to flourish.'

The RIAS Doolan Award was established in 2002 to find and celebrate the best building in Scotland each year.

All types of architectural projects are eligible, including new-build, regeneration, restoration, extensions and interiors.

Buildings are assessed by an expert jury which looks at each project's architectural integrity, usability and context, delivery and execution and sustainability.

It is named in memory of its founder and patron, inspired architect/developer Andy Doolan, who died in 2004, and the award is supported by the Scottish Government.

The architects of the winning building receive the RIAS Gold Medal and a cash prize, making this one of the most significant architecture awards in the world.

RIAS president Christina Gaiger PRIAS said: 'Community, culture and innovation sit at the heart of the 2021 Doolan Award shortlist, with projects spread across Scotland and demonstrating the dynamism and responsiveness of Scottish

architecture today. They showcase an exemplary approach to passive environmental control, a progressive design for deconstruction, the use of post-occupancy data to improve design and placing end user and community needs at the centre of the brief.

'Taking a step back, the awards act as a mark in time, with buildings likely commissioned several years ago showcasing carbon-conscious approaches.

'We should, of course, all stop to celebrate these exceptional buildings but at the same time consider those timeframes and the changes which need to be implemented now to deliver on our future carbon targets.

'The celebration of these projects is also, therefore, a call to action and a reminder of the critical role architects and the built environment play in tackling the climate emergency.'

Oliver Chapman Architects last year won the Ambassador Award at the annual Edinburgh Architectural Association Design Awards for its work on the Egg Shed.

The winner of the Doolan Award will be announced by the RIAS on November 30.



Mark Hatton will give an illustrated talk on gravestones which display symbols of mortality, resurrection and trade.

## Inveraray History Society re-starts

Inveraray History Society starts its new season on Tuesday October 5 in the church hall to allow for social distancing and space.

The opening meeting will feature a presentation on Understanding 17th and 18th Century Gravestones.

Mark Hatton will give an illustrated talk on gravestones which display symbols of mortality, resurrection and trade found in burial grounds around Inveraray and wider Argyll.

Mark will explain the meaning of these symbols and the messages they still convey today about the lives, hopes, fears and faith of people in this period, an important historical source.

Everyone is welcome, with a £3 charge for non-members.

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## The GRAB Trust – helping keep Argyll communities beautiful

An Argyll and Bute charity is supporting communities to Keep Argyll Beautiful with litter-picking grants, free equipment loans, advice and guidance, safety considerations and the organisation of waste uplifts.

Recognising there has been an increase in visitors to Argyll this summer, the GRAB Trust - a charitable social enterprise promoting recycling and combating litter - has teamed up with Argyll and Bute Council, Naturescot and Keep Scotland Beautiful for its 'staycation' campaign.

This encourages co-ordinated community action to foster responsible attitudes to litter among locals and visitors.

Communities and individuals have been litter picking throughout the year with volunteers working tirelessly to keep their environment clean.

In recognition of this ongoing work and to encourage



Smiling on a dreich day, volunteers assemble for the Lochgair beach clean, organised by the Lochgair Association and supported by the GRAB Trust.

more litter picks, The GRAB Trust has litter picking grants available for clean-ups carried out from now until the end of November 2021.

Speaking after a litter pick at Lochgair on Saturday September 25, GRAB community litter volunteer co-ordinator Christina Saunders said: 'It was a pleasure to support the Lochgair Association with

equipment loan at their litter pick. We have been supporting the Lochgair Association for more than 10 years and the grant money earned from this pick will go towards a new wildlife information board at a view point between Loch Fyne and Loch Gair.'

Email [lapickers@grab.org.uk](mailto:lapickers@grab.org.uk) to register interest in the scheme.

# Hybrid meetings likely to be the future for councillors

Councillors could formally return to the Kilmory chamber by Christmas after a report revealed plans for 'hybrid' meetings, writes Colin Cameron.

Equipment is currently being installed at the Argyll and Bute Council headquarters in Lochgilphead which will allow members to either attend meetings in person or join remotely.

The council believes the arrangement will offer more flexibility for councillors, many of whom have a round trip of more than 100 miles to and from the authority's headquarters.

Meetings have been held remotely since March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the council recently switching to Microsoft Teams software to include a video function.

That arrangement is set to continue until a full council meeting on Thursday November 25, when a further update will be given.

The plans were discussed by the full council at its virtual meeting on



**Kilmory Castle - Argyll and Bute Council headquarters - where councillors' meetings were held before the pandemic.**

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Thursday, September 30. The only core council committee meetings due to take place before November 25 are the policy and resources committee on October 14 and two meetings of the planning, protective services and licensing committee.

Executive director Douglas Hendry

said: "The equipment, which will facilitate hybrid meetings to take place in the council chambers, is in the course of being installed and it is expected installation and testing will be complete by mid-October 2021.

"Once testing is complete, there will be a period of training for staff and

familiarisation for members which is expected to be completed by the end of October 2021.

"This will allow participants at meetings, which are held in the council chamber, to choose to either attend in person or to join the meeting using Microsoft Teams, dependent on the council's decision in relation to amendments to the council constitution to accommodate arrangements for hybrid meetings.

"This will offer much greater flexibility for members and officers.

"It is proposed to carry out a number of 'mock' meetings in advance of going live with any hybrid/live streaming of formal meetings."

Similar arrangements for other council offices, including the venues where its four area committees meet four times a year, are also being looked into.

Mr Hendry added: "The committee team is working closely with ICT colleagues on this part of the project.

"We are currently investigating the options for using the software which will be provided as part of the livestreaming phase of the project to enable hybrid meetings to take place in the four areas as well as in the future to allow for live streams of the area committees to take place.

"The solution for area committees will have an element of mobility that is not present in the solution being delivered in the council chambers, which is more permanent in nature, and the scope and breadth of the service will naturally differ.

"A further update will be provided to the council at the November meeting on the progress of this part of the project."



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# Generous golfers help ladies get in the pink

The organisers of a big day out for Argyll ladies who have had cancer are tickled pink after a donation by generous golfers.

One of Argyll's biggest golfing events, the John MacEachen Memorial Trophy, raised more than £7,500 for a variety of local cancer causes - including £1,000 for The Pink Ladies Day - at the competition at Glencruitten Golf Club in Oban on September 4.

Also benefiting this year were The Dove Centre, Oban Hospice, Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses.

The Pink Ladies Day is a special event held just once a year for women across Argyll who have experienced breast cancer first-hand.

Now in its seventh year, the

## Charity golf match raises £7,500

event ensures the wonderful women who go along will leave feeling uplifted, relaxed and glowing having been pampered from top to toe.

Pink Ladies are invited to go along with a special friend or family member.

An army of amazing volunteers offer their professional services as hair stylists, beauty therapists, nail technicians, holistic therapists and make-up artists all giving their time voluntarily.

Guests also enjoy a three-course lunch, morning and afternoon coffee and relax in the spa among other like-minded women, meeting new friends



John MacEachen's family hand over cheques for local causes. Left to right: Mo MacCall, John's sister; Peter Darling, Dove Centre co-ordinator; Lilian Kermode, Marie Curie; Maggie Dougall, John's sister; Marianne MacEachen, John's wife; Nicky Murphy, Pink Ladies Day; and Sandra Ironside, Macmillan Clinical Nursing Specialists. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

and having fun. This day is completely free, financed by the incredible fundraising efforts of Argyll people, groups and organisations including the golf day, sponsored walks, bingo nights and afternoon teas.

Pink Ladies Day founder and organiser Nicky Murphy said: 'We are absolutely delighted to receive such a generous donation thanks to the John MacEachen Memorial Trophy to help fund The Pink Ladies Day in November.'

'This goes a huge way to covering a big chunk of the costs involved.'

'This will cover all of our travel and transport costs for every single one of our 100-plus ladies who come along from all over Argyll.'

'We are so grateful for the continued support of John's family and friends over the past few years and thank everybody involved in the

tournament for helping to raise these funds.'

If you have had breast cancer, whether you are in remission or currently going through treatment and would like to come along to this year's event - in Lochgoilhead on November 19 - some spaces for guests are still available.

Contact Nicky on 07786 861266 or email pinkladies-day@outlook.com for more information and to book.

Nicky added: 'We are looking for some additional volunteers in addition to the 15 specialists already on board.'

'In particular we need one more nail technician, one make-up artist and one beauty therapist who can offer facials and/or massage.'

'Expenses including food, drink, travel (and accommodation if needed) will be covered. Please get in touch with me if you are able to offer your fantastic services.'

# Views sought on proposals for Craignish

Residents living along Lunga Drive near Ardfern have been asked to participate in plans to upgrade their local forest and its access road.

The proposals involve improving the environment of Dail forest for it to gain accreditation to the Forest Stewardship Council.

Among the objectives of the improvement plan are the eradication of invasive species such as rhododendrons, restructuring to improve the landscape setting, the enhancement of habitats to protect vulnerable species, and a restocking scheme that would create riparian zones and leave buffers around important watercourses.

The upgrade would also aim to extend ancient woodland sites and incorporate felling of larch to prevent the spread of a fungal disease.

A shieling hut in the forest would also benefit from an open area being created around it.

To meet the necessary standards for the Scottish Woodlands Group certification scheme it has to be deemed that it is managed sustainably and the opinions of local stakeholders must be considered.

Writing to local businesses and residents, Scottish Woodlands forest manager Tom Parker said: 'We have included known issues in the information attached but would ask that you please raise any other interests that

we may have overlooked at this stage such as recreational interests, rights of access, known wildlife sensitivities or archaeological interests.'

Nearby, a separate consultation has begun regarding the upgrading of Lunga Drive to a public road.

The Craignish Community Company has asked residents to respond to a proposal from Colin Lindsay-MacDougall.

This would involve improving the track that links Lunga, Craobh and Ardfern to a standard that would be acceptable to Argyll and Bute council's roads department.

The community company estimates the cost to be around of £400,000, of which Lunga Estate would contribute half.

The remainder would need to be funded via the community and any additional funding that could be raised.

A community company spokesperson said: 'The context for the proposal is that the drive is in regular use by the community, but requires considerable upkeep as a result of being unsurfaced, making it difficult for the estate to continue to manage and maintain the road as it is.'

The proposal will be discussed at a community council meeting on October 6 and it is hoped all those interested will attend.

Anyone interested can also make their views known by emailing Iain Saunders at iainosaunders@hotmail.com.



Adding a touch of glamour to the John MacEachen Memorial Trophy were Christine Cameron, Mary Plunkett, Maureen Devine and Louise MacLeod - The Seafarm Mermaids, aka Pink Ladies. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

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# New primary one pupils

Look out for photographs in your Argyllshire Advertiser over the next few editions of this year's excited new primary one pupils.

The Covid situation has meant that rather than produce a one-off primary one supplement, as in recent years, the paper

will publish school photographs over a number of editions.

*Note to head teachers: If you would like your new primary one class to appear in this feature over coming weeks, please email your P1 photographs to editor@argyllshire-advertiser.co.uk*



Glassary P1 pupils are enjoying life in the big school.



Plenty of room for this P1 pupil at Tayvallich Primary School.



This year's Tarbert Primary School P1 intake, all looking very smart in their uniforms.

## A story for St Conan's

St Conan's Kirk on the shores of Loch Awe is making history again.

For the first time, the church is to be an outreach venue in October's Scottish International Storytelling Festival (SISF).

The main festival is based in Edinburgh and is one of the most admired storytelling events in the world but as well as venues in the Scottish capital, SISF takes acts to communities all over Scotland, rippling out the stories, and this year Lochawe is one of them.

The festival celebrates the joy of storytelling, oral traditions and cultural diversity and the story coming to St Conan's will be told by Donald Smith, director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, and Heather Yule, who will also be playing the clarsach.

The story is called Leaving Iona. This year is the 1,500th anniversary of the birth of Columba who founded the much-loved abbey on the island. The tale follows his wake and imagined final journey.

Where should this hugely influential man be buried?

Columba came from Donegal in Ireland but made a huge impact not only on Iona but all over Scotland. And who should tell his story: the monks, the poets or the women?

Leaving Iona is in the kirk on Sunday October 3 at 3pm. Entry is by donation.

## Mid Argyll's Gaelic voices to be heard

Work has begun at Kilmartin Museum with Gaelic tradition-bearer Àdhamh Ó Broin asked to weave Gaelic language and culture into the exhibitions being developed as part of the museum's redevelopment project.

Gaelic Voices is a project that aims to interpret the museum's collections and stories in ways that brings the Gaelic perspective to life for visitors.

Funding from Bord na Gàidhlig's communities fund Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd has enabled Kilmartin Museum to work with Gaelic specialist Àdhamh and with the area's Gaelic medium education unit to develop Gaelic content relevant to Mid Argyll.

Àdhamh Ó Broin has spent years researching central Argyll's Gaelic dialect and holds a unique archive of voice recordings featuring native speakers.

Based in Glasgow, he is a sought-after advisor to the film and television industry, most famously on international hit drama Outlander.

Àdhamh recently met with the Kilmartin Museum team and together they visited ancient sites including Dunadd Fort, where he shared his enthusiasm for Kilmartin Glen.

'Gaelic has been spoken in this area for the best part of two millennia and was the common language in the kingdom of Dál Riata from its establishment,' explained Àdhamh.

'Kilmartin Museum's rede-



Àdhamh Ó Broin at Dunadd, a site closely connected to Gaelic history and culture.

velopment offers an amazing opportunity to highlight Gaelic language and culture in Mid Argyll and to reveal the rich tapestry of its traditions and folklore which is woven into the landscape and natural world.'

Kilmartin Museum director and curator Dr Sharon Webb MBE said: 'When we re-open in 2023 our new exhibitions will feature Gaelic music, song and poetry as well as the written word and traditions, ensuring all users of Gaelic, whether native speakers or learners, benefit from opportunities to use the language in a museum context.'

'It has been fascinating working with Àdhamh to reveal the rich stories, perspectives and 'voices' which we will represent throughout the exhibition, linking local history and prehistory with Gaelic culture.'

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# Torinturk, Dun a' Choin Dh



Heather Thomas-Smith runs **Heathery Heights**, an outdoor adventure and discovery company based in Lochgilphead, offering guided walking adventures, outdoor activities, training, and experiences. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world, walked across Scotland numerous times, climbed many of its peaks and now lives in Argyll amongst the scenery she loves. All her walks can be booked as bespoke guided experiences. [www.heatheryheights.co.uk](http://www.heatheryheights.co.uk)

This delightful walk in South Knapdale has been a local favourite with our family for many years and brings back fond memories of accompanying my dad on his trips working for the forestry.

The walks combine easier tracks with very steep paths and a section on the single track road if you want to take the longer circuit.

Worthy of the steep walk up, the superb remains of the iron age fort of Dun a' Choin Dhuibh, the fort of the

black dog - reputedly named after the black wolfhound that guarded it - harks back to an era pre-plantations.

Its keen sides are imposing, its far-reaching views still impressive despite the trees.

The dun has retained walls up to 10 feet thick and would have been in a good position overlooking West Loch Tarbert. Apparently, the legendary hunter Torquil Mor was killed here fighting a wild boar.

Below the dun lies the older bronze age Giant's Grave.

The headstone and footstone lie some 3.5m apart; it is said that this was the grave of Diarmid, founder of the Clan Campbell.

Following tracks further into the forest the ruins of the old settlement of Achelach can be found, its stone buildings more likely to have been built in the 18th century.

Beyond man's stonier remains, the ancient woods that fringe the forestry plantations are rich in wildlife, including quite an array of fungi in autumn.

The walk routes described here start at the small forestry car park.

Turn right in Torinturk by the phone box and keep left for 500m until you reach it.

The routes can also be started from the village if you park with consideration.

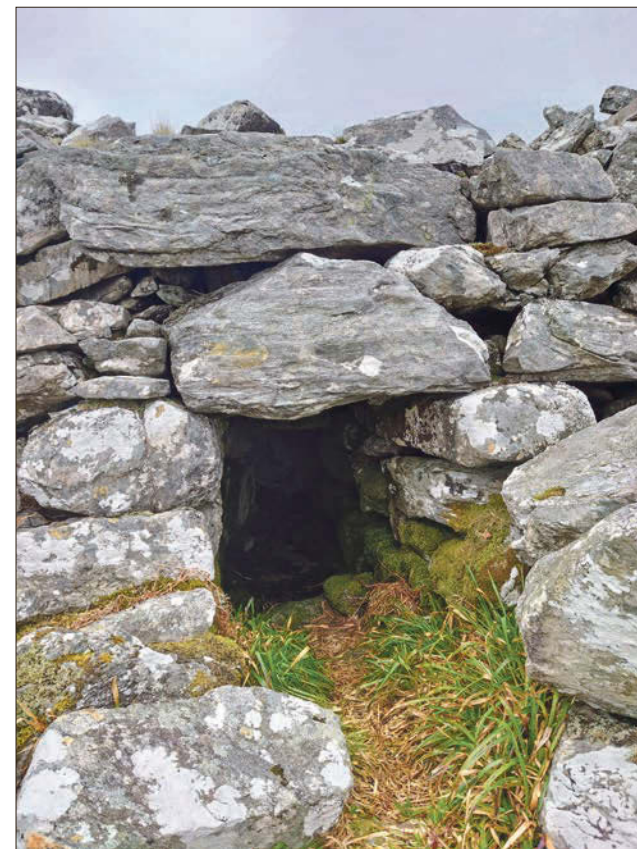
From the car park walk south west along the grassy track for one kilometre.

On either side there are many deciduous trees flanking the plantations including oak and hazel. The path initially contours round before starting to rise.

At a sharp right hand bend the path rises very steeply for 150m up to the Giant's Grave, a small bench offering respite en route.

The clearing with the grave and nearby burial mound is a pleasant spot to dwell before exiting on a path through the trees at the north east corner.

This again rises very steeply for 100m before evening out



The walls of Dun a' Choin Dhuibh, the fort of the black dog, remain impressive.

and widening into a forestry track.

After 400m (approximately five minutes) look out for a small green marker post on your left indicating the turn up to the dun.

The path meanders upwards through the woods for 200m before reaching a clearing.

Ahead to the left you will see a grassy path leading up to

the dun - it is very steep and slippery in places after rain.

The vistas over the trees from the dun are lovely and the ruins impressive. It can easily be walked around; its old entrances and ramparts admired.

Please do take care not to scramble over the dun or cause any damage as this is a scheduled monument.

## Walk information

Route: Dun a' Choin Dhuibh and the Giant's Grave  
Distance: 4.5 - 8.5km (2.8 - 5.3 miles)

Ascent: 185 - 260m

Time: Two to three hours

Terrain: A mixture of good forestry tracks and paths with steep, slippery sections.

Map/s: OS Landranger 62 (1:50 000)

OS Explorer 357 (1:25 000)

Start/finish/parking: Small forestry car park off the B8024 at Torinturk

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The view of West Loch Tarbert from the top of Dun a' Choin Dhuibh.





# Dun a' Choin Dhuibh and the Giant's Grave



Left: How do you compare to the Giant's Grave?

Follow this for 250m where you will reach a junction. - you can turn right at the junction if you wish to return to the car park.

After turning left, the track now rises steadily for over 600m before reaching a crossroads.

Turn left, then the main track sweeps left for 100m to the old ruins of Achelach, situated to your right, easier to see when the bracken dies down.

If you now wish to return, retrace your steps down the hill, turn right at the crossroads, and follow the main track all the way back to the car park, ignoring the right hand turn you came out of earlier.

To continue on the longer route, follow the main track south west past Achelach for 250m. Ahead you will see a track bearing left. Take this.

Follow this track through forestry, fields and woods for over two kilometres down to the B8024, ignoring all tracks off to the right.

After circumnavigating through woods below the dun the vista gradually opens as you descend.

You will pass through a couple of gates and cross farm land, so be aware there may be livestock.

Turn left onto the B8024 and follow the road back to Torinturk, being careful of any traffic.

If you have parked in the forestry car park turn left at the phone box and follow the track left for the last 500m.

Please note: both the OS 1:50 and 1:25 maps show other paths/tracks joining the B8024 with the forestry track above.

These are extremely overgrown and are not advised as shortcuts.

Descend back down the very steep path off the dun but instead of turning right along the woodland path you came up look for a path leading you down to the left as you approach the edge of the clearing. This drops you out a little further along the forestry track. Turn left on to the forestry track.



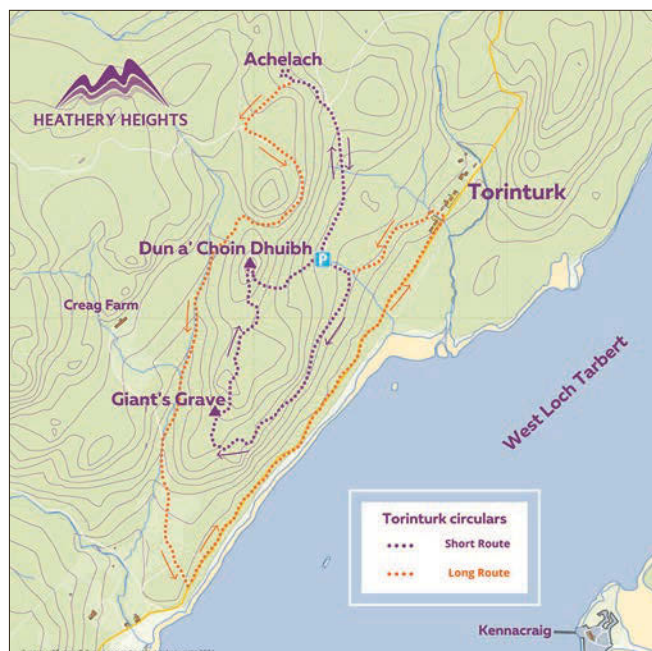
Fungi such as angels' wings abound in the ancient woodland surrounding the forestry plantation.



The ruined settlement of Achelach, hidden in the forestry.

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# MOJO 2021 preview – Headliner Rory O'B

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.

## Rory O'B

With a big following and his own unique genre of music, the headline act for MOJO 2021 will be Rory O'Byrne, well known around the Oban area as Rory O'B.

Starting at the age of 15 while still at school, Rory played bass with various bands before making his stamp with his legendary spoken-word style of music – cleverly weaving song, poetry and rap, often includ-



ing newly-acquired acoustic guitar talents.

Over the years Rory has developed successful musical collaborations

and continued solo projects with his self-described experimental/strange/acoustic music.

With influences including The

Rory plays his own unique spoken-word style of music – cleverly weaving song, poetry and rap, often including acoustic guitar.

Shins, Frightened Rabbit and The Decemberists, he produced his first EP titled Quit Rapping in 2015 which really got him noticed.

Rory then paired up with Oban friend and music partner, another popular spoken-word warrior called Kevin Irvine (K9 Kev) and they produced an excellently-received Rap CD album Vocal Heroes in 2016.

They then went on to play together at numerous gigs and played at the hugely successful Oban Live 2017

festival after being voted in as best newcomer that year to perform in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd – and what a response they got.

Among the assorted support members of the band on stage, guitarist and power singer Rhianna McMahon, also from Oban, has since been collaborating with Rory in a new project, The Romanas, having just produced their excellent debut five-track EP called Hanging on a Wire.

Rory has also been busy with solo recording work, having set up his own recording studio at home.

His recent four-track EP The Sun will Rise offers powerful testament to his endeavours and talent.

The inspiring Rory O'B is sure to be a fantastic act to bring down the curtain with a bang on MOJO 2021.

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# Gardens of Argyll appear in new television series

Two Argyll gardens will appear in a new BBC ALBA series which started last week.

Gàrraidhean Mòra na h-Alba, or Gardens of Scotland is presented by Murdo Macdonald, and the programme will feature Ardkinglas and Benmore gardens.

In a programme screened on Thursday September 30 and available on BBC iPlayer, it was the turn of Ardkinglas Garden at the head of Loch Fyne.

There, Murdo finds out about the model railway that used to run along the lochside, and wanders around the azaleas bursting with colour in the Ladies' Garden.

He walks up to the old mill by the river, then explores the champion trees and renowned rhododendron collection in the Woodland Garden.

He also finds out more about the fairy garden for children which is made up of lots of little houses next to the bottom of tree trunks, laid out in trail. 'The fairy garden attracts



Murdo marvels at the azaleas in Ardkinglas Garden.

thousands of families each year so it's become a destination in itself,' said Murdo. 'The Ladies' Garden with azaleas is also well worth seeing; in summer it's stunning because it's ablaze with colour.'

On October 7, Gàrraidhean Mòra na h-Alba will showcase Benmore Garden at the end of Loch Eck, a regional garden of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

Murdo visits the Victorian fernery, the Tasmanian Ridge

and the Chilean Rainforest Glade, where he plants a monkey puzzle tree.

Murdo said: 'Benmore is a dramatic garden in its terrain with amazing views and you could easily spend days walking around, just taking in what's there.'

'There's a wildness to the garden that isn't as apparent at some of the other more formal gardens which can almost make you feel as though you're in a different country.'

## YOUR PICTURES



This week's featured photograph was taken by Emma Stewart on September 21, and it shows the Harvest moon over Ardrishaig. The September full moon falls close to the autumn equinox, and owes its name to the fact that it appears around the traditional harvest time and perhaps allowed harvest work to continue later into the night. The autumn equinox is when the equator is almost in line with the centre of the Sun, which happens twice a year - around late March (spring equinox) and late September (autumn equinox). Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



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## Fuelling rumour

It's a strange one, the fuel situation. There seems to be no one reason for it – but a sort of mass hysteria has taken hold elsewhere in the UK.

Just as when people believed toilet roll was in short supply, they have decided to look after number one.

National media arguably played its part in reporting a situation which may or may not have been as serious as portrayed, but social media undoubtedly fans the flames of rumour.

Add to this a reported lack of drivers with the required training to deliver fuel, Covid absences, potential knock-ons of Brexit including an impact on the labour force and you have a recipe for shortages.

At least there are no reports of fighting on forecourts in Mid Argyll.

## A true hero

During lockdown it was far from unusual to see her dressed as a giant chicken or a teddy bear, doing her bit to keep spirits up among her clients and the wider community.

Claire deserves all the recognition she gets, but everyone at the MS Centre does a power of good work every day. Each one is a hero.

Enjoy your day at Holyrood, Claire.

## Supply problems worsened by old ferries

Sir,

I was out and about recently at the Islay House Square in Bridgend and in the village of Port Ellen, where I spoke to business owners about the numerous challenges they are facing.

There have been national and global problems with getting supplies on the shelves which have been well reported in the press.

Unfortunately these huge challenges are exacerbated by the ongoing problems with our ageing ferry fleet and its numerous breakdowns.

Our council must do all that it can to support and promote businesses that are working hard to get back on their feet after the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Liberalised planning, large scale infrastructure investment and a high-profile shop local campaign will go some way to helping our many business owners prosper.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward**

## Support children's right to peaceful protest

Sir,

Children's right to peaceful protest should be respected by adults.

A key part of education is to ensure that children are supported to develop an understanding of human rights and a respect for the natural environment.

Student protests have been recognised as having a high educational value as they are often among the first experiences of public participation and human rights defence that children take.

This activity can contribute to, rather than detract from children's enjoyment of their right to education.

It is important that when children and young people take these peaceful and powerful actions, they are not silenced, discouraged or punished.

I trust that education leaders will recognise the importance of this urgent global issue and will ensure that the children and young people taking part in climate strikes are given the support to which they are entitled.

Choosing to strike will undoubtedly have

a short-term impact on children and young people's school-based learning.

However, their actions as human rights' defenders in bringing attention to the threat of climate change and their demands for those in power to take action is part of their broader education.

We should recognise the courage that children and young people are demonstrating in their commitment to addressing climate change as an urgent and acute human rights issue.

A report on young climate activists' right to protest in Scotland will be published ahead of the UN climate change conference COP26.

Children and young people do not have the same political or economic power as adults, but by acting as human rights defenders, raising their voices and demanding change, they are demonstrating the power of their voices.

**Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner**

## Helping feed the hungry

Sir,

A big thank you for helping Mary's Meals to feed two million children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries.

Providing a daily meal in a place of education is helping even the most vulnerable children to attend school and concentrate in lessons, giving them the freedom to learn and fulfil their potential.

Mary's Meals began in 2002 by feeding 200 children in Malawi. Our growth since then has been driven by so many acts of kindness from people from all walks of life, helping us reach children in the greatest need.

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters and volunteers, including in Argyll - we simply could not have reached this incredible milestone without you. We hope your readers will join us in celebrating this amazing moment for Mary's Meals and continue to support us to reach the next hungry child.

**Daniel Adams, executive director, Mary's Meals**

## Help to mend Scotland's broken animals

Sir,

The Scottish SPCA works tirelessly to rescue and rehabilitate broken animals.

Many animals arrive in the care of the society having suffered for a long time and physically and mentally damaged.

It's the job of Scotland's animal welfare charity to help put broken animals back together again by providing treatment and sometimes months of rehabilitation.

The 11 vets who work for the charity provide specialist care to the animals in need which arrive at the Scottish SPCA.

Some arrive with diseases, others with accidental wounds and some with intentional injuries inflicted by humans.

One of the animals who arrived broken was Red the saluki cross. He was found abandoned on a single track road in Dunfermline. He was very skinny and lethargic when he was found.

An exam by a vet revealed that Red was suffering from painful, swollen joints, dental disease and a fever which was initially believed to be caused by an infection.

Red needed months of veterinary care over the time he was with the society. If Red had been cared for at a private veterinary clinic, it would have cost in excess of £5,000.

Poor Red didn't respond well to his initial treatment and he failed to gain weight, so required many more diagnostic tests.

Red was in our care for nine months while we investigated and then treated his various medical problems. This included him having a relapse when we thought we might lose him.

He was diagnosed with an autoimmune condition and needed a long course of treatment and regular blood tests but thankfully he pulled through.

Sadly, Red's story is not an isolated case. Many animals arrive with us when they are literally broken. Some have suffered for a long time, carrying physical and emotional scars. Animals can't tell us where it hurts, why they're sick or why they're scared.

Red's happy ending is the best possible outcome for us. To see the broken animals which arrive with us go on to loving forever homes. It's the reason we do what we do. We don't just fix broken bones. We fix broken hearts too.

The Scottish SPCA receives no government funding and relies on donations from the public.

To find out more about our Broken campaign and becoming a member of the Scottish SPCA, visit [www.scottishspca.org/brokenanimals](http://www.scottishspca.org/brokenanimals).

**Jo Neilson, Scottish SPCA senior vet**

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## Thought for the Week

Insects are tiny creatures, but they make a massive contribution in keeping our world in balance.

They are responsible for the pollination of about 80 per cent of trees and bushes on the entire planet. Yet we often treat them in a dismissive way.

Let's think about some insects.

Take the bluebottle. How often has it outwitted us with its amazing flight paths, ducking and diving to avoid our threatening gestures.

While we have developed some of the most sophisticated flying machines the world has known, none can match the bluebottle in its agility.

We have mentioned pollination. What insect is more important than the bee as it goes about its business from flower to flower ensuring that the plants will produce seed for another year and giving us honey as a product of its labours.

How beautiful too are its colours and the structure of its body – a remarkable little insect.

Then there is the humble moth and its gravity-defying antics walking across ceilings. It has a very fragile body but in its short life can nevertheless act out its own acrobatic skill in an amazing performance.

Or we may think of the spider and the beauty of its web, perhaps seen on a frosty winter morning. A true work of art woven with such delicacy.

In the bible we read this: 'Go watch the ants, you lazy person. Watch what they do and be wise. Ants have no commander, no leader or ruler, but they store up food in the summer and gather their supplies at harvest.' (Proverbs 6.6-8)

From this we can learn four things helpful to living: be diligent and hard-working; have an 'I can do it' attitude; plan ahead; remember teamwork is important.

**David O McEwan, St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown.**

## KILMARTIN

Avid readers in and around Kilmartin have been invited to restock their bookshelves now that the popular monthly Book Swap scheme is returning.

Starting on October 6, and continuing on the first Wednesday of each month thereafter, book-lovers can meet at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin to share and exchange books from 2pm until 4pm and to enjoy homemade refreshments at the same time.

The current literature collection has been in storage since the start of the pandemic so fresh supplies will be welcomed.

Donations of up to four books per person are invited, however, stocks are plentiful so there is no limit to how many books people can take away.

A spokesperson for the Book Swap added: 'As usual you don't need to bring a book or even look at them, we're happy to welcome you if all you want is a cup of tea, a slice of cake and some company.'

## ARDKINGGLASS

Ardkinglas Gardens will be the setting for an unusual blend of music, theatre, dance and sculpture next week when Scottish creative group Oceanallover stages its 'altered reality' show.

Hosted by the Argyll Arts Collective, the event forms part of an international tour celebrating landscapes and wildlife of Scotland.

Oceanallover is a dance, theatre and design company based in south west Scotland making outdoor performance work for specific locations.

On Saturday October 9 visitors to Ardkinglas gardens will witness the elaborate staging of Ecdysis (In Vivo) from 3pm to 3.45pm and from 5pm to 5.45pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the Argyll Arts Collective's website.

## DUNOON

Dunoon Grammar has been named as Scotland's first Digital Schoolhouse.

In partnership with Nintendo UK pupils and staff at the school will use play-based learning to engage the next generation of learners and teach-



Supplies to create Gigha's new Gateway project arrive by sea.

## GIGHA

A vital cargo sailed down the Sound of Jura last week as part of large-scale improvement works for the Isle of Gigha.

A shipment of type-one gravel sailed from Glensanda Quarry on the south coast of the Morvern peninsula.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust development manager Jane Millar said: 'We needed a vast amount of material for our Gateway to Gigha project which will upgrade and create new pathways totalling a distance of more than nine kilometres.'

'Fortunately, a plan was pulled together to have the aggregate shipped in, rather than brought via lorries which would cause issues with road use, ferry capacity, and the project's carbon footprint.'

'Path building will take place this autumn, with the hope that people will be able to start using some routes in early spring 2022.'

'This will mean our residents and visitors can explore Gigha at ease.'

The Gateway to Gigha project is supported by the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

ers with the computing science curriculum.

Dunoon Grammar joins 50 existing Digital Schoolhouses located across the globe, with a network of primary and secondary teachers to deliver free cross-curricular computing science workshops using play-based learning.

The school also recently won the Apps for Good UK School of the Year and it became the first Scottish school to receive the JA European Entrepreneurial Award and the first Scottish school to showcase at World Education Week.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said:

'Just when you think they've reached their peak, Dunoon Grammar does it again. To say I'm proud is an understatement.'

'Dunoon is really leading the way when it comes to digital learning, and this is down to sheer hard work, commitment and dedication of pupils and teaching staff, and the support of our parents and carers.'

'The Covid pandemic demonstrated the importance of digital connectivity, so it is tremendous to see Dunoon Grammar promoting learning opportunities that help to build on this now and in the future.'

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**B**onny Oban Bay was referred to as “one of the finest spots we have seen” by Queen Victoria, when she visited by steamer in the 1800. Centuries on, the step-ashore pontoons at North Pier – one of three piers in town – ensure that Oban remains a top West Coast Waters destination for sailors.

The Argyll Kayak Trail begins at Oban’s Ganavan beach, and kayaking and scuba diving are popular sports here. CalMac ferries transport cars and foot passengers from Oban to the islands, adding to the constant movement of ships.

The Isle of Kerrera protects the town from the worse of the Atlantic storms and it’s a great island for walking, with a notable ruined MacDougall castle at Gylen.

On the mainland, there are independent shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs, and of course the famous seafood and shellfish which has earned Oban the title ‘Seafood Capital of Scotland’.

It is easy to explore on foot, but you need

a good pair of lungs to enjoy the spectacular views from McCaig’s Tower. This circular stone replica of Roman Colosseum is Oban’s crowning glory - but the tower was never finished. The planned roof would have been a welcome addition, as spring showers are frequent in the West.

Today’s rain is tomorrow’s whisky though, and Oban Malt Whisky distillery (the second smallest in Scotland) produces sublime spirit where the land meets the sea. Enjoy a post-tour dram or head for one of Oban’s many pubs. You can also pick up local craft beers in the Beer Seller shop just opposite the distillery.

There are trained local walking guides ready to share the stories, history and heritage of the town. You can enjoy a stroll along the graceful seaside esplanade, eat, drink and be merry in one of Oban’s fabulous restaurants, get active on the sea or explore beneath the waves and take a dive with a basking shark! There is plenty to do in town and inland, in the ancient lands of Lorn.

## Cycling and walking tips

### LOOK BEHIND YOU

Always look behind you before moving, particularly when turning right.

### DON'T USE MOBILES OR MUSIC DEVICES

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### CYCLING IN NUMBERS

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### NEVER CYCLE ON THE PAVEMENT

It is against the law to cycle on the pavement, unless it is a cycle lane or shared route.

Route maps can be downloaded at:

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## Top things to see, do and experience



### MCCAIGS TOWER

Dominating Oban's skyline, McCaig's tower was built in the late 19th century by local banker John Stuart McCaig, partly to provide work for local stone masons. It's striking to look up at and even better from inside.



### DUNOLLIE CASTLE, MUSEUM AND GROUNDS

For centuries this ivy-covered ruin was the base from which Clan MacDougall ruled the region. The house below is now a thriving museum, with lovely grounds and activities for visitors of all ages.  
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### BOAT TRIPS

Oban is the gateway to the Isles, and some - such as Lismore, Easdale and Kerrera - are close enough for a day trip and can be reached by ferry in moments. A choice of wildlife-watching trips depart locally too - look out for seals, basking sharks, dolphins and much more.



### SCOTLAND'S SEAFOOD CAPITAL

Oban's title as Scotland's seafood capital is well-earned, with a host of restaurants offering fresh local fare. For an al fresco experience, stroll along the south pier and take your pick of the day's catch.



### BEACHES

You needn't go all the way to the islands for beaches - there are several close to Oban, from sandy Gananvan, near the town centre, to the crescent of Tralee, by Benderloch, and Taynuilt's mountain-framed Airds Bay.

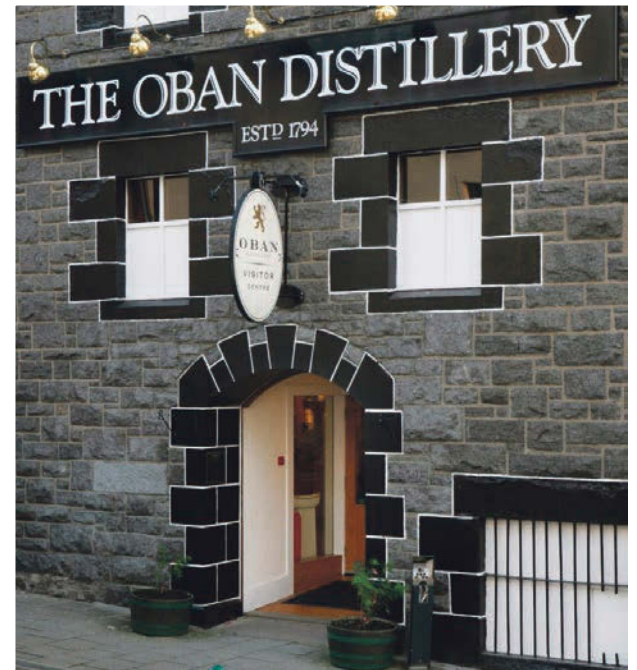


### OBAN PHOENIX CINEMA

A small town on the beautiful West Coast of Scotland, Oban has always had a love of cinema. At the turn of the 21st Century it was known as The Highland Theatre, however sadly in 2010 it closed its doors until 2012 where Oban Phoenix Cinema opened its doors as a fully independent community-owned cinema, and a registered charity.  
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This tiny museum isn't just for those with a passion for military history, its artefacts and exhibitions offer broad insight into Oban's past. A good stop for visitors tracing local family connections too.  
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# Around the markets

## Blackface buzz at Dalmally auction mart

United Auctions sold 7,506 ewe lambs, gimmers and warranted ewes at the company's annual sale of Blackface breeding sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart.

At the sale on Friday September 24, 1,359 ewe lambs averaged £75.32 (+£18.88) selling to £225 from W G Walker, Crammie. 1,778 gimmers averaged £114.55 (-£4.42), selling to £1,100 from J Jackson & Son, Pole Farm selling to T. Nelson, Glengorm. A total of 4,369 ewes averaged £82.44 (+£8.74) and sold to £400 from D Murray, Lurgan.

For the second year running, only Blackface breeding

sheep were catalogued at this sale.

A spokesman for United Auctions said: 'Dalmally is now recognised as one of the principal centres for obtaining quality bred Blackface breeding sheep, attracting consignors and buyers from near and far. The market was buzzing from start to finish with the last consignors of the day fully obtaining the values which prevailed throughout the day.'

Leading lots and prices  
EWE LAMBS - £225, Crammie; £125, Lurgan; £122, Low Tirfergus; £120, Crammie; £120, Low Tirfergus; £118, £100,



Saulmore; £96, Dunlossit Estate; £92, Benlawers; £91, Lurignish; £90, Tayvallich Estates; £90, Lurgan; £88, Saulmore; £87, Crammie; £86, Tullochcan; £86, Acharonich; £85, Saulmore; £85, Crammie; £84, Saulmore; £84, Bragleenmore; £84, Burnbank; £82, Rhugarbh;

£82, Largie; £80, Burnbank; £80, Floors; £80, Barachander; £80, Dunlossit Estate.

GIMMERS - £1100, Pole Farm; £500, £280, Achnamara; £250, Arnicle; £240, Achnamara; £240, £210, £200, £170, Lephinchapel; £170, Achnamara; £170, Laigh Balerno; £165, Achnamara;

£160, Pole Farm; £160, Achnamara; £152, Saulmore; £150, Balliemanoach; £145, Saulmore; £142, Littleport; £142, Pole Farm; £140, Littleport.

BF EWES - £400, Lurgan; £360, Crammie; £250, Arnicle; £250, Pole Farm; £210, Crammie; £180, Tay

& Torridon Estates; £150, Balliemanoach; £145, Arnicle; £138, £135, £132, £128, Saulmore; £125, Lurignish; £125, Tay & Torridon Estates; £122, £120, Saulmore; £120, Balliemanoach; £118, Saulmore; £112, Garraron; £110, £108, Saulmore; £100, Tullochcan; £100, Duncroisk; £100, Garraron; £100, Balliemanoach; £100, Lurgan; £98, Duncroisk; £98, Saulmore; £98, Dunans; £96, Saulmore; £95, Innisaig; £92, Ronachan; £92, Bragleenmore; £90, Roromore; £90, Auchreoch; £90, Littleport; £90, Corrylorn.  
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# Scotland and Canada focus on greener farming systems

Leading scientists from Scotland and Canada are to meet virtually to discuss greener agricultural systems.

Experts from Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) and the University of Guelph in Ontario will examine how technology is being used to boost the natural economy at next month's virtual event.

Professor Rainer Roehle from SRUC, who will showcase his research into the mitigation of methane emissions from beef cattle, and Prof Asim Biswas from the University of Guelph, will discuss the use of smart farming techniques in Ontario's grain production.

Supported by the Scottish Government, the event will include opening remarks from Mairi Gougeon MSP, cabinet secretary for rural

**Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and**

**Islands, will provide the opening remarks.**

affairs and islands, as well as an in-depth panel discussion.

Further presentations will be made by Prof Richard Dewhurst, who will talk about the Digital Value Dairy Chain project, led by SRUC; and the University



of Guelph's Prof Claudia Wagner-Riddle will explain how an integrated data sharing platform can expand the value of soil health and soil ecosystem services research.

The Digital Value Dairy Chain project, which aims to create 600 new jobs in south-west Scotland and Cumbria, recently received more than £21 million from the national funding agency UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Strength in Places fund.

**'It is particularly timely, illustrating examples of key research that aims to build back the natural economy greener and more sustainably from the Covid-19 pandemic'**

Professor Wayne Powell, principal and chief executive of SRUC, said: 'We are delighted to be hosting this joint webinar.'

'Supported by the Scottish Government, it is the latest event in a long-running series of collaborations between the University of Guelph and SRUC.'

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back the natural economy greener and more sustainably from the Covid-19 pandemic.'

**Collaboration**

Malcolm Campbell, vice-president (research) at the University of Guelph, said: 'At University of Guelph we are absolutely delighted to be partnering with fantastic colleagues at SRUC to promote collaboration between our countries that will catalyse innovation and fuel

economic development.'

The University of Guelph and SRUC have collaborated on joint research and teaching for many years.

The Ontario Agricultural College and SRUC have many research interests in common, including animal bioscience, food agriculture and resource economics, animal welfare, environmental systems, plant agriculture, genetic improvement of livestock, organic farming, grassland, and food and agricultural policy.

The Zoom event, A Green Rural Recovery: Sustainable Natural Economies of Canada and Scotland, is free to attend and will be held on Tuesday October 12 from 4pm-5.30pm.

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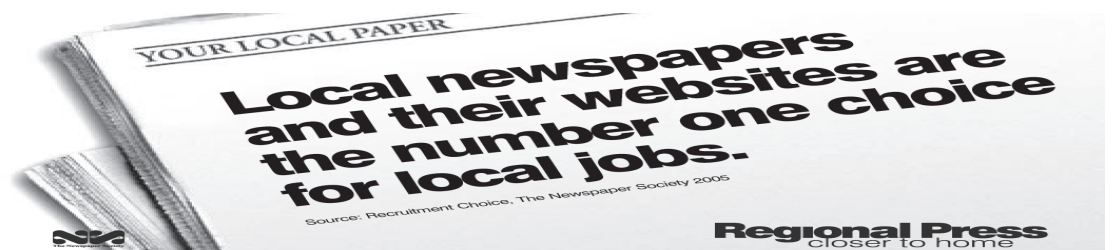
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### Customer Lead, EVH Grade 6 Salary £28,766 - £31,448

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## East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

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Advice, criteria and application forms are available under the Funding tab of the East Kintyre Community website - eastkintyre.org or alternatively from the Secretary/Treasurer:

Alasdair Bennett

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## Argyll and Bute Council

### PLANNING

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

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/01780/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 3, Monydrain Road, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/01514/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 3 Land South Of Shepherds Cottage, Ford, Argyll And Bute
21/01515/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 4 Land South Of Shepherds Cottage, Ford, Argyll And Bute
21/01516/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 5 Land South Of Shepherds Cottage, Ford, Argyll And Bute
21/01794/PP	Request to modify condition 4 (restricted public events) and removal of condition 5 (restricted numbers per day) relative to planning permission 04/01924/DET (Proposed 18 hole links golf course, 20 fractional ownership units, 12 suites, reception/leisure unit, 6 residential units, sewage treatment works and car parking)	Land South Of Langa Quarry And Adjacent To Clochkeil Cottages, Machrihanish, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/01151/PP	Change of use of land for the erection of chalet (retrospective) and siting of 2no shepherd huts and installation of septic tank	North Muasdale Farm, Muasdale, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XD

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## GRADUATION

### Rhuaridh Brown



Rhuaridh Brown graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a BA (Hons), International Business Management, 2:1 (Second Class, 1st Division). Rhuaridh is the son of Alistair and Gaynor Brown, Ardrishaig and grandson of Faye Kerr, Lochgilphead and the late John and Kathleen Brown, Lochgilphead.

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## DIAMOND WEDDING

**MCNAIR** - Hughie and Kate were married in Longrow Church, Campbeltown, by the Rev I. F. Tibbs on October 6, 1961. Present address: Ceol Mara, Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown.

## DEATHS

**BLAIR** - Peacefully at home, after an illness borne bravely Catriona Blair, née Park, in her 64th year, of 34 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Keith Blair. Much loved mother of Catherine and Stewart. Loving grandmother of Jenna and Jamie. Dearly loved sister of Morag Bruce and an adored Aunt to George, Donald and David. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A graveside service was held at Kilmoden Cemetery, Glendaruel on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Forever in our thoughts.

**MILLIGAN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 23, 2021, John Milligan (Jack) in his 84th year, Old School House, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late Josephine, much loved dad of Joanne, Carol and Jim, father-in-law of Trevor, Campbell and Nicola and a loving granda of Loren, Lewis and Jack.

**SWEENEY** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 21, 2021, Marion Blackstock (Morag) in her 96th year, 46 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Patrick Sweeney, much loved aunt of Dolleen and Alastair and a loving step-mum of Fiona. Marion's funeral will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Tuesday, October 5 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. The cortege will leave the Church at 12.30 p.m. We will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the service in the church, alternatively you may pay your last respects to Marion along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**TURNBULL** - At Ninewells Hospital Dundee, on September 25, 2021, with his family by his side, after a battle with cancer, Ian Turnbull in his 69th year, of 10A Perth Road, Stanley and formerly of Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilphead. Loved husband of Margaret and loved dad of Mark, Emma and the late Eilidh, loving grandpa of Connor, Argyle, Arran, Myrtle and Violet. A graveside service will take place today, Friday,

October 1, 2021, at 12 noon. Donations can be made in memory of Ian directly to Cancer Research or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACPHERSON** - The family of the late Nancy Macpherson wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy with cards, telephone calls and floral tributes received on the loss of Nancy. Thanks to Catriona Smith and her team of carers in Lorne Campbell Court, Mairi Brown and her team from the Community Nurses for the care given to mother. Special thanks to Kenny and Rhys Blair for professional services, the Rev. Willie Crossan for a very comforting service and to Marjorie for her lovely music. Thanks to all who attended the church and graveside services.

**MCMILLAN** - The McMillan family would like to thank all our relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, messages, phone calls and visits following the sad loss of our dear mum Margaret. To Rev. William Crossan for a comforting and uplifting service, Kenneth and Rhys Blair and staff for a professional and caring

service. Community nurses, especially June and Fiona for their support in her last hours, the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey and finally to everyone who paid their respects in the church and on her way to Kilkerran Cemetery and at the graveside.

**MCSPORRAN** - Donald, Anne and Mary and their families would like to thank all relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy they received following the recent very sad loss of their lovely mum, Margaret. Special thanks to Dr. K. Cook, the community nursing team, Carr Gomm Care Team, Carr Gomm Day Response Team and staff nurse Mairi Brown. Grateful thanks to the Rev. Steve Fulcher for the comforting service, to TA Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services, with special thanks to Kelly Grogan and the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown for excellent purvey. Our thanks also to all who paid their respects as the funeral cortège made its way to Kilkerran Cemetery and all who attended the church service, this was much appreciated by the family. The retiral collection for Southend Parish Church and the MS Society (Campbeltown Branch), raised £390.28.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. Psalm 23 verses 1-2 (Good News Translation)  
Join us for our Service and AGM in the church on **Sunday, 3rd October 2021 at 11am**  
If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building as required by the Scottish Government [www.springbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.org.uk)  
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Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**South Kintyre Team Ministry**  
**Sunday 3rd October 2021**  
United service at Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown 11am  
No service at Saddell and Carradale or Southend Parish Churches on this date.  
Ministers:- Revd Steve Fulcher  
Revd Christine Fulcher  
01586 830504  
[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)

### SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 3rd October**  
11am Worship Service  
11am Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Service  
Wednesdays  
12pm Lunch club  
7pm Make & Munch Craft Group  
Covid 19 measures in place  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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### CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 3rd October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev David Parker  
11.15am Sunday School  
7.30pm Youth Group (by Zoom)  
**Wednesday 6th October**  
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study  
All welcome  
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### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Lochgilphead  
Sunday 11am  
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### LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 3rd October 2021**  
Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
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Rev W Crossan  
Covid 19 Guidelines apply  
Everyone Welcome  
Retiring Collection in aid of the church

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There will be a weekly Sunday service at Skipness 10am  
**Sunday 3rd October**  
Tarbert Rededication service for the Guild 11.30am  
**Monday 4th October**  
Women's Church Guild at 2.30pm  
Church Hall - Rev Lyn Peden  
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"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
And Achahoish at 12:30pm

### LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH



**Sunday 3rd October 2021**  
11.00 am  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
Jim Malcolm  
Covid restrictions will apply including social distancing.  
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Lochgilphead Parish Church of Scotland - SC016311

### GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor Kilmartin  
**Sunday 3rd October**  
This is a joint service with Tayvallich Church  
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell  
Communion  
All very welcome  
Please remember to wear a mask

### NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002  
**Sunday 3 October**  
Kilmartin Church  
Joint service with GKF  
11am Morning Worship  
Rev Roderick Campbell  
Communion  
Please remember to wear a mask  
Further information can be found on the church website  
[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

### WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES

(Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)  
**Sunday 3rd October 2021**  
There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service in Lochgair church at 10.00am  
Led by the Rev. Dorothy Wallace  
There will also be a Harvest Thanksgiving service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am  
The service will again be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace  
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Mid Argyll players at the Dalriada tournament, Oban round.  
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## Mini rugby in the Oban drizzle

Saturday saw the first Dalriada Junior Rugby tournament in Oban in almost two years with the last fixtures taking place in October 2019.

The early morning rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the teams representing Oban, Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Eive Vikings (Taynuilt), Mull and Lochaber.

There were healthy numbers at all age groups and some great rugby was played.

Argyll and Bute Rugby Development Officer Andrew Johnston said: 'This was the second event in the series and

the high standard of rugby on show was great to see with some strong running and tackling and great tries being scored.

'Thank you to Walter Speirs and his team at Oban Lorne for running a great tournament.'

The day was rounded off with the Oban Minis running on to the pitch with the Oban senior team prior to their league match against Strathaven.

The next Dalriada event is in Fort William on Saturday October 9 at Lochaber Rugby club.

# Repeat of 2019 final for 2021 Celtic Cup

Oban Camanachd and Kyles Athletic will meet in the Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final following the shinty action on Saturday September 25.

## Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup - semi final

### Oban Camanachd 4 Inveraray 0

Holdes Oban Camanachd reached the Celtic Cup Final after their 4-0 victory over Inveraray at Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd keeper Cameron Sutherland saved with his feet from Garry MacPherson before the Oban side took the lead in the 39th minute.

Malcolm Clark nicked possession from a defender on the right side of pitch before juggling the ball across the park towards the penalty spot, riding two challenges in the process.

Clark then struck the ball on his left side across the keeper from the back of penalty spot and into the bottom left corner of the goal for what was a superb individual effort.

Referee Steven MacLachlan



Inveraray's Ruaraidh Graham gets set to block the swing of Keith MacMillan of Oban Camanachd. Photo: Stephen Lawson.

made use of the rolling substitutes, beat a couple men and fired goalwards. Scott MacLachlan saved with his feet but the ball rose into the air and Daniel Cameron went in 50-50 with the keeper and knocked the ball out of the air and into the net to round off the scoring with five minutes remaining.

In the other semi-final, Kyles Athletic were 5-0 victors over Glasgow Mid Argyll at Peterson Park, Glasgow.

The 116th Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final between holders Oban Camanachd and Kyles Athletic, a repeat of the 2019 final, is at Taynuilt Sports Field on Saturday October 9.

In the Mowi Central League, Kilmory's away tie with Kilmallie juniors at Canal Parks, due to be played on September 25, will be rescheduled.

awarded the hosts a penalty five minutes into the second half. Daniel MacVicar went into 'D' and had an empty net to score but keeper Scott MacLachlan held him back and the referee pointed to the spot.

Garry Lord drilled the penalty into the bottom left corner of the net, giving the keeper no chance with a great strike.

Andrew MacCuish came off the bench for Conor Howe and

scored three minutes later.

Malcolm Clark, who was moved back into the centre line early in the second half, sent a pass over for Daniel MacVicar to run onto into the corner. MacVicar crossed to Andrew MacCuish who turned his man as he took a touch at left side of 'D' before shooting high into roof of the net to make it 3-0 with 53 minutes played.

Conor Howe, who was now back on as Oban Camanachd



## Glendaruel hosts Tighnabraich Open

Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club hosted the Tighnabraich Open on September 25, the first

The Tighnabraich Open was the first shoot in 18 months at Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club.

club competition to be held since March 2020.

On what turned out to be a good day, 31 guns took part.

The High Gun of the day, after a three-way shoot off, was Ted Blakeway.

In second was Alan Brown; third, Paul Chalmers; and

fourth equal were Martin Young, Gordon Griffiths and Eric McAllister.

The ladies prize went to Jessica Young.

Junior winners were Scott Cameron and Jessica Young, while the pool trap competition was won by Stuart McNeill.

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# Tarbert Gun Club aiming high for a bright future

With the final clay shoot at the end of September, Tarbert Gun Club said farewell to its home at Barmore as the property was placed on the market. Club president Brian Baird sent the Argyllshire Advertiser a message on behalf of Tarbert Gun Club to all who have supported the club over the years – and he makes it clear that this is not the end:

'Tarbert Gun Club started in 1988, formed by Duncan McAlister.

'We had the first meeting at Finlaggen in Tarbert; present that evening was Duncan, his wife Margaret, Donald Bruce, Callum Clark, David MacArthur, Ian Hyslop, Bobby McColl, Lyne MacArthur and myself. And so, the club was formed.

'We shot at Brenfield and then at Barmore and we have been there ever since. At first we only had hand-operated traps for firing the clays and all of us took our turn to operate them.

'As time went on and under

instruction from Bob McColl, we did parties of people who wanted to try clay shooting and this provided us with extra income that we were able to spend on automatic traps.

'We held regular shoots for members and also for parties and the club went from strength to strength.

'Over the years we raised a lot of money for different charities and local groups. I'm not sure of the amount raised but will be in excess of £25,000.

'Many years ago we started a winter league between Carradale Gun Club and Tarbert. At first we had four shoots - two at Carradale and



two at Tarbert. Over time, it just stayed at Tarbert, the format changed and it went to five shoots with teams graded in class.

'At the end of it we had a prize-giving in one of the hotels or restaurants in Tarbert. This was a much-anticipated

event for all. The last one, with Bobby McColl, was in the Islay Frigate Hotel in March 2020.

'I have to say that our time at Barmore has been fantastic, with many people trying shooting for the first time.

'It is a wonderful feeling when someone hits their first

target; the look on their face says it all.

'The club is now seeking new grounds and hopefully we will get somewhere soon.

'I would like to say to everyone who has shot and helped at Tarbert Gun Club over the years that we could not have

**Tarbert Gun Club is hopeful of finding a new site.**

done it without you all and so the club thanks every one of you. Please keep in touch and we will let you all know where and when we will resume shooting.'

## Juniors centre stage in championship at Tarbert Golf Club



Connor MacRae receives his prize from club captain Kenny MacFarlane.

Following a busy season of Monday night coaching, Tarbert Golf Club junior section held its championship on Sunday September 26, courtesy of sponsorship from Loch Fyne Gallery.

The threat of wet and windy weather did not dent the young golfers' enthusiasm.

The junior champion was Connor MacRae; group three champion was Aiden Kerr; group two champion was Jack

Sinclair and group one champion was Macey Fair.

As part of their prizes they received a British Open top from Portrush which was kindly signed by European Tour star Robert MacIntyre.

Thanks to captain Kenny for organising the coaching and the championship.

On Saturday September 25 the gents competed for the September medal in rather poor overhead conditions,

though the course was in terrific condition with the greens running the best all year.

The only disappointment apart from the weather was the poor turnout.

Despite a horror start with a seven, John MacNab recovered well to take first place with a 70-7 for a nett 63, with Andrew Henderson on 68 and Jamie Stuart on 69.

Bruce MacNab took first scratch on 69 including two

precious magic twos.

The next trophy for the gents is the Glenralloch Cup on Saturday October 9.



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