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Hogmanay tribute to John Docherty

It was a new year match with a difference as Lochgilphead Red Star youth players took on (... ahem) more 'experienced' opponents at the Ropework for a new trophy in memory of John Docherty, one of Red Star's founder members. But who came out on top? Turn to the back page to find out. Pictured are the teams lining up ahead of the cup match.

Disease claims unfounded, says Ormsary fish hatchery

by Colin Cameron
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A veteran anti-fish farming campaigner caused a few ripples this week as he suggested a notifiable disease had been found at a Mid Argyll hatchery.

Don Staniford, who runs the

Scottish Salmon Watch website, has been campaigning against salmon farming in Scotland for 25 years.

On Monday January 10 he posted on Twitter: 'Infectious Salmon Anaemia reported at Landcatch's Ormsary hatchery in November...'

Landcatch – part of Dutch-based Hendrix Genetics – however, told

the Argyllshire Advertiser that Mr Staniford's claims omit some important details.

Infectious Salmon Anaemia (ISA) is a disease of Atlantic salmon, first reported in Norway in 1984. It is a notifiable disease and fish farms are routinely inspected for clinical signs in fish, the symptoms of which in-

clude severe anaemia, fluid build-up in the body cavity, internal haemorrhage and darkening of the liver.

But there are different strains of the virus – ISAv (HPR0), which is non-pathogenic (does not cause disease in other fish), and the more serious pathogenic ISAv (HPR-deleted) strain.

Scottish Government records show that there have been two HPR-deleted outbreaks in Scotland – in 1998-99 and 2008-09 – both successfully eradicated.

Mr Staniford made his claims after receiving a reply from Scottish Government department

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POLICE FILES

Assault on woman

At 1am on Friday December 31 at an address in Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, it is alleged that a 25-year-old man assaulted a woman. He was arrested, charged with the offence and kept in custody to appear at court.

Window broken

Police inquiries continue after it was alleged that a rock was thrown through a window at 7.30pm on Friday December 24 at an address in Columba Court, Ardrishaig.

Cannabis production

At 2.10am on Saturday January 1 at an address in Glenfield, Tarbert, a man aged 43 was found to be involved in the production of herbal cannabis. He was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs possession

A 36-year-old woman was found in possession of a quantity of herbal cannabis at

7.30pm on Saturday January 1 at an address in Mackintosh Way, Lochgilphead. She was issued with a recorded police warning.

Assault charge

At 5.30pm on Saturday January 1 at an address in Coronation Terrace, Lochgilphead, it is alleged that a 36-year-old man assaulted a woman. He was arrested, charged with the offence and released on an undertaking to appear at court.

Council building damaged

Between 4pm on Friday December 24 and 8.45am on Saturday December 25 at Argyll and Bute Council, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, it is alleged that a door buzzer was damaged, the building graffitied and a doormat set on fire.

Anyone with any information on the above or any other incident can contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Young writers invited to explore Argyll's folklore

An exciting competition to tell the stories of Argyll's myths and legends will close in just a couple of weeks' time.

LiveArgyll libraries are looking for budding young writers for the charity's inaugural writing competition.

Open to all secondary school-aged young people in Argyll and Bute, the competition opened during the charity's Book Week Scotland celebrations in November.

With two separate age categories, budding young writers are encouraged to write a short story or poem, no more than 500 words, about Argyll folklore.

It can be about fairies, kelpies, dragons and trolls, or any mythical creature they can think of or create, as long as the tale is set in Argyll and Bute.

Bibliographic and local stud-



Librarian Eleanor McKay is encouraging young people to enter the competition.

event or person from history, or it could be a retelling of an existing legend.

'You can even let your imagination take over and invent a completely new and exciting folk tale.'

Competition entries will be judged by a panel of liveArgyll library staff, with the winners of each category receiving a £75 gift card, certificate and a bound copy of their winning entry.

Runners-up will receive a £25 gift card, certificate and a bound copy of their entry.

The top 10 finalists will have their entries printed and bound and copies will be available to view in each liveArgyll library.

Entries close on Friday January 28. Visit liveargyll.co.uk/liveargyll-libraries-writing-competition to find out more and enter.

ies librarian, Eleanor McKay MBE said: 'Let your imagination run wild and allow your writing to be inspired by the sights and sounds around you.'

'We live in a land with a treasure trove of folk tales and legends that have been handed

down through the generations.

'Many tales have been woven around events in history such as the crowning of kings at Dunadd, the Lords of the Isles and great battles between the clans.'

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Marine Scotland to a Freedom of Information request.

In its response, Marine Scotland confirmed that, among others in Scotland, one case of ISA was found on November 1, 2021 at Ormsary Broodstock Unit, operated by Landcatch.

Routine movement restrictions were placed on the unit before being revoked when the presence of ISA HPR0 was confirmed.

Jarl van den Berg, general manager for Hendrix Genetics UK salmon operations, said: 'There has been no ISA (HPR-deleted) found in Ormsary. What has been found at Ormsary is the non-pathogenic HPR0 strain, and is of no concern or subject to any measures.'

'The pathogenic strain can be a huge problem, as seen in Norway. That is why Marine Scotland is active in monitoring to protect the Scottish waters.'

'In the process of identifying the strain the site was shut

down and after five days it was clear that it was the non-pathogenic HPR0 strain and all measures were lifted.'

He added: 'As an industry in Scotland we are clear of ISA and have been for many years and will continue to be so thanks to the efforts of institutions like Marine Scotland.'

Mr Staniford also suggested that ISA might have been imported via infected salmon eggs (ova) from Iceland.

Mr van den Berg responded: 'The import of eggs has nothing to do with it. It is common for Scotland to import eggs from neighbouring regions and these are all tested for a plethora of diseases.'

'Scottish Salmon Watch campaigns to close down the welfare and disease nightmare of salmon farming in Scotland,' said Mr Staniford.

'Salmon farming is a cancer on the coast and the thousands of cages littering Scotland must be closed down to safeguard wild fish and the tourist economy.'

Springtime target for opening pool

Roof problems push back timetable

Work goes on to re-open Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) after its redevelopment, but unforeseen problems have forced another delay, writes Coin Cameron.

Work began last March to create a community hub, complete with new café and soft play areas.

The original completion target was October, which was pushed back to January partly due to material supply issues.

John Gurr, chairman of MACPool owner MACEL, this week said the café and play areas had been fitted out, with the reception area also taking shape. He added: 'Unfortunately progress on the changing area has been hampered by remedial work to the existing building.'

'The pool roof has been leaking undetected for some time and this needs to be watertight



before the changing rooms can be finished. This is taking longer to fix than anticipated and we are now hoping for a handover in February and an opening date in March.'

Pool manager Fiona MacAlpine said: 'I can assure you that everyone is working very hard to get the pool open

so that we can welcome swimmers back to the pool soon.'

Mr Gurr continued: 'As soon as we have a confirmed date for opening, we will let everyone know via the MACPool website, Facebook as well as in the Advertiser.'

'We hope to have better news before the end of January.'

The redeveloped community hub will include new café and soft play areas.

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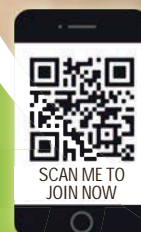
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Local climate action

Welcome to the first in a regular series of articles from climate change campaign group Time for Change Argyll and Bute.

Last year was quite a 12 months. For many people in Scotland, the climate crisis has never felt closer to home, with storms such as Dennis, Arwen and Barra wreaking havoc across the country, the Rest and be Thankful landslide problem never far from the headlines and Glasgow experiencing its hottest summer since records began.

Then, as the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26 was hosted on our doorstep, we got a close-up view of the global climate change negotiations and welcomed climate justice activists from all over the world for Scotland's largest-ever climate protest.

But we need more than international agreements and national targets to solve this crisis.

Small-scale and local level

action is also critical, and in Argyll we have a wealth of great examples of this - from hydro-electric schemes to permaculture to rewilding.

Argyll is full of solutions to the climate crisis which could be scaled up and replicated elsewhere.

We can always do more and push for change at higher levels, but it's important to showcase what works locally as well.

A lot of our work at Time for Change last year was focused on this dual goal of raising awareness of existing solutions and pushing politicians and councillors to keep climate at the top of their agendas.

As an organisation, we really got the bit between our teeth with a new website, a constitution and a 50 per cent growth in membership.

We connected people from



all over Argyll with our MSP candidates in a climate-focused hustings before the May elections, and went on to meet our new MSPs to discuss local climate issues.

We also asked Argyll and Bute Council to roll out climate literacy training to all

councillors and to officially declare a climate emergency, which it has now done.

In September we hosted the Argyll and Bute Climate Summit, where experts in climate-friendly solutions in food, transport and energy discussed their work with more

than 100 online attendees.

During COP26 we organised three protests in Lochgilphead, Oban and Helensburgh to show solidarity with those taking place in Glasgow for climate justice, and we also showed our short film, Argyll and Bute's Hopes for the

Time for Change Argyll and Bute organised protests in Lochgilphead, Oban and Helensburgh in solidarity with those taking place in Glasgow for climate justice (pictured)

Future, in the official COP26 Green Zone.

In 2022 we're hoping to reach even more people and show that anyone can get involved in local climate campaigning.

We need all kinds of voices in this movement, to show our politicians that stopping climate change is a top priority for their citizens.

In this column we'll be showcasing examples of local climate action, climate justice issues and keeping you updated about our campaigns.

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, we'd love to hear from you at timeforchangeargyll@gmail.com.



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House plans could see disused Minard church transformed

New mezzanine floor will leave double height void over lounge area

Plans have been unveiled for a vacant Loch Fyne-side church to become a house, writes Colin Cameron.

Through Glasgow-based planning agents Bennett Development and Consulting, Rory McPherson has applied to council chiefs to convert the former Minard Free Church into a single residential unit.

The church has been empty for some years and is set back from an access road just off the A83 trunk road.

A decision by Argyll and Bute Council planning officers is expected in early March, with the public now able to put their views across to the authority.

A planning statement by Bennett Development and Consulting said: 'The proposed development is for the change of use of this vacant building into a quality residential home.'

'The existing property is essentially a single open hall, stretching the full length and width of the building and is full height throughout.'

'The proposed conversion will see the creation of a mezzanine floor and the formation of a large dormer on the rear elevation as well as a series of rooflights.'

'These additions are necessitated by the proposed internal arrangement which will feature on the ground floor, a



Minard Free Church – an application has been submitted to convert the disused building into a home, with an internal view of the church above. Photos: CKD Galbraith.

large lounge with open plan kitchen, a study, shower room, utility room, bathroom and three bedrooms.

'A new first floor is formed by the construction of a mezzanine which will leave a double height void above the lounge and two additional bedrooms

and store rooms on the mezzanine itself.' The statement added: 'Apart from the additional dormers and roof lights, there is no change to the building's footprint, indeed the impact on the settlement will be less physical and more social in that a vacant village building



will be recycled and re-occupied as a family dwelling, thereby contributing to the small community.

'In this regard the sentiments expressed in [the local development plan policy] are relevant in that the proposal will involve the recycling of an existing building which, while not listed or of any

special quality, is nevertheless a recognisable building within the settlement, the recycling of which will ensure the longevity of the property and its ongoing contribution to the local environment.

'The recycling will be carried out in a manner which respects and reflects the age of the property and its location.'



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Little egret at home on Loch Fyne riviera



The little egret has reached Inveraray.

Ken MacTaggart from Inveraray sent in this photograph before Christmas of a rare sight around the Royal Burgh.

He explained: 'My friend Donald John MacDonald spotted this rare bird, a little egret, in Inveraray where it has lingered for several days. It wades around feeding in the bay by the front green at low tide. It really stands out from the gulls, dazzling white with yellow feet. I've seen one in the south of England where they are invading from France, probably due to climate warming.

'It's not yet officially a Scottish resident bird, but has been seen in the Borders and elsewhere.

'They are also seen in Lochgilphead, but the Argyll Bird Club says this is the first in Inveraray.'

According to the Scottish Wildlife Trust's website, the little egret is: '...a smaller member of the heron family, white with a black bill, black legs and yellow feet'. It continues: '... their first breeding record in the whole of the UK was less than 20 years ago, and most bird guides claim that they are only found in the South of England.

'However, climate change is driving natives of the Mediterranean such as the little egret further north each year.'

Applications open for under-22 years bus travel cards

Every young person under the age of 22 in Argyll and Bute will be entitled to free bus travel from Monday January 31 in a Scottish Government initiative.

Transport Scotland research showed 70 per cent of young people would use public transport more frequently if it was free. The Scottish Government has also committed to removing the majority of fossil-fuelled buses from public transport by 2023.

A Bus Decarbonisation Taskforce has been convened which brings together bus operators, the supply chain, energy companies and financiers to achieve a fully zero-emission bus fleet. Transport Scotland has made £50 million available to the Scottish Zero Emission Bus Challenge Fund to support the move.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto said: 'By making bus

travel free for under-22s in Argyll and Bute and across Scotland, opportunities for young people to work, travel and study are being opened up for them.

'Travelling by bus is one of the most environmentally-friendly ways to get across the country and research shows that young people recognise the vital role public transport will play in hitting our climate change targets. This move will not only be vital in our journey to net zero, but will also take pressure off young people and their families' finances. This is a demonstration of how the SNP Scottish Government continues to support young people in Argyll and Bute and across Scotland have the best possible start in life.'

Applications for free bus travel cards opened on Monday (January 10). Apply online at getyournec.scot.

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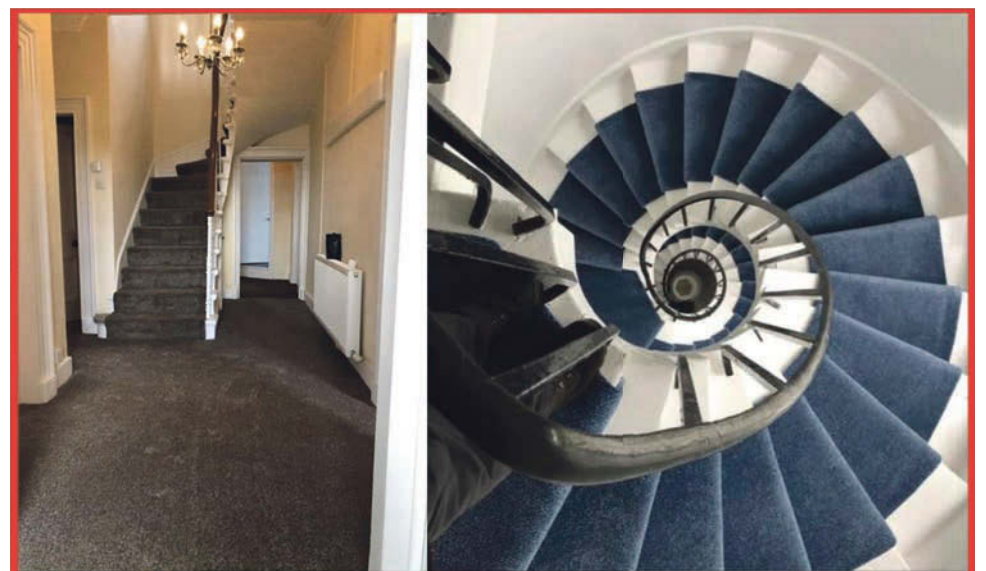
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Celebrating success at Argyll's nature reserves

Argyll's National Nature Reserves (NNRs) celebrated some great success stories in 2021, including sightings of the rare marsh fritillary butterfly at Glasdrum NNR.

Two sightings of the endangered butterfly were made at the reserve in June by local ecologist and Glasdrum butterfly transect volunteer, Jessie Wormell.

The butterfly was first recorded at Glasdrum in 1974 by Jessie's father Peter Wormell, an important figure in the NNR's designation. The species has been recorded five times since on the reserve, the last sighting being made by Andrew Masterman in 2016.

NatureScot Reserve Manager Heather Watkin said: 'This sighting was a definite highlight for us at Glasdrum this year, especially as it has been such a poor season for butterflies across Argyll.'

'Marsh fritillary relies on an abundance of its foodplant, devil's-bit scabious, which has done well towards the east of the reserve this year. It is interesting to note that this is

the same section where marsh fritillary has been recorded in the past. There are other known populations surrounding the reserve so hopefully with an increase in devil's-bit scabious we will continue to see this beautiful butterfly on the reserve in years to come.

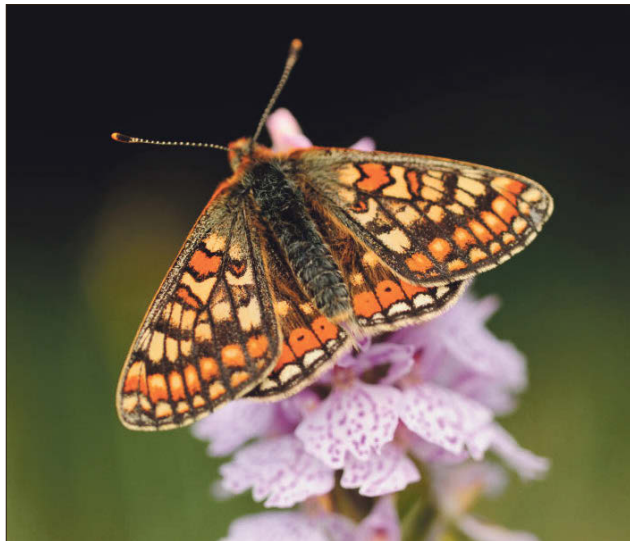
'The reserve is a real hot-spot for butterflies – it also hosts the rare pearl-bordered fritillary and is one of the last remaining strongholds for chequered skipper butterflies in the UK.'

Elsewhere at Moine Mhor NNR, drone imagery has revealed some impressive results from peatland restoration works aimed at re-wetting as much of the bog as possible.

Restoring peatlands is one of the most effective ways of locking in carbon; offering a clear nature-based solution to both the climate crisis and biodiversity loss.

The 2020 work on the North Moss trialled new techniques such as peat bunding, and the new footage shows that one year on there has been significant re-wetting of the bog.

This year also saw the res-



A marsh fritillary (*Euphydryas aurinia*) butterfly on a common-spotted orchid, Tainish NNR, Argyll. ©Lorne Gill/SNH

toration of the Giants in the woods at Moine Mhor NNR with help from Kilmartin Primary school pupils and local artist Jane Walker.

These three fantastic sculptured heads made from willow weaving and foraged materials from the reserve are much loved by pupils visiting the

outdoor classroom. Meanwhile Tainish NNR was also busy connecting people to nature through art with the return of the reserve's popular Art Trail after an absence due to the Covid pandemic.

The outdoor exhibition featured seven local Argyll artists and included life-like herons,



Drone image of peatland restoration at Moine Mhor NNR. ©

Stuart Shaw/NatureScot

carved stone otters, poems and 'goddess' sculptures, and the reserve is looking forward to the trail returning for a seventh year in May 2022.

NatureScot chief executive Francesca Osowska said: 'This year has been another challenging one for many. Throughout the ongoing pandemic our beautiful reserves have helped people to enjoy

spending time out of doors and connect with nature, and we want to thank everyone who helped us to safeguard these special places for future generations by treading lightly on their visit.

'Despite the season there's still much to see so we'd encourage people to get out and enjoy their local national nature reserves.'



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**Living safely
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Lochgilphead's garden of peace and remembrance



Mary MacPherson, widow of Gerri MacPherson, who was exposed to radiation in the South Pacific during nuclear testing.



Father Henry Nkop blesses St Margaret's peace garden.

Father Henry Nkop, parish priest at St Margaret's in Lochgilphead, held a special ceremony on World Peace Day to bless the parish's completed peace garden.

The garden, part of an EcoCongregation project undertaken by St Margaret's Justice and Peace Group, commemorates the terrible death toll caused by the dropping of the first atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the deaths and ill health caused by subsequent testing of weapons of mass destruction.

The treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which came into force on January 22, 2021, seeks compensation for victims of nuclear testing and reparation of lands affected by such tests.

As the treaty's first anniversary approaches, St Margaret's parishioner Mary MacPherson, whose late husband Gerri was exposed to radiation during tests in the South Pacific, spoke movingly about such

victims at a Pax Christi Scotland online vigil. The new garden, built by Pax Christi Scotland chair Marian Pallister with help from Fr Henry and parishioner David Welch, was made possible by a generous donation of stones from MacLeod Construction Ltd.

It features a Japanese acer and a crane sculpted by local blacksmith Jack Campbell.

The crane – similar to our herons – symbolises peace in Japan, where the Children's Peace Monument receives 10 tonnes of paper cranes each year made by children all round the world. These are then recycled to raise awareness for the need for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Fr Henry quoted from Pope Francis' World Day of Peace letter for 2022, which encourages peace and asks that governments develop 'economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on

weaponry'.

Blessing the garden, Fr Henry said: 'As a former teacher, I can only emphasise how important it is to dialogue between generations – and the money spent on the nuclear weapons that there are on Scottish soil would certainly be better spent educating our children and caring for the sick.'

Pax Christi Scotland's Marian Pallister said: 'Pope Francis' World Peace Day message says it much better that I can; he asks that "more and more men and women strive daily...to be artisans of peace"'. She added: 'The pandemic means that, for many people, their peace of mind is disturbed. I hope the garden can bring back a little peace and tranquillity.'



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The octopus - stranger than fiction

Octopuses are common in the seas around our coast, and indeed not too unusual on our dinner plates.

But few of us give them a passing thought, generally writing them off as ugly, slimy creatures - the stuff of horror stories, films and video games.

Along with squid, nautilus and cuttlefish, octopuses belong to the cephalopod class of the mollusc family, and as such they have a remarkable and unique body plan.

For instance they sport three hearts and nine brains - one for each limb and a central co-ordinating centre (1) - they can change the colour of their skin in an instant, produce a toxic ink to out-fox predators, and they move by jet propulsion.

What's more, they are highly intelligent animals which can use tools and solve mazes.

Octopuses are well adapted to their ecological niche, the

They sport three hearts and nine brains – one for each limb and a central co-ordinating centre

sea floor, where the dark and watery environment inhibits the use of traditional sense organs like eyes, nose and tongue, for surveying their surroundings.

Instead they utilise their eight flexible arms, each with its own brain, to inform their foraging and detect prey - mainly crabs, fish and snails.

Octopus arms bear rows of suckers that provide a 'touch-taste' sense, allowing the animals to identify chemicals from, and the movement of, potential prey.

On land most of the chemicals signals we detect are airborne, many of which are not soluble in water, so would perhaps go undetected by

octopuses.

Recently though, scientists have uncovered the molecular details of how octopuses perceive these insoluble chemicals (2).

It turns out that octopus suckers are complex structures that contain specialised cells called chemoreceptors for detecting soluble chemicals and others called mechanoreceptors for detecting non-soluble substances.

These cells transmit specific electrical patterns encoding chemical and touch information to the related brain where it is decoded to give a detailed picture of the animals' surroundings.

These findings begin to



explain how the unique and complex body plan of the octopus with its eight limbs, each bearing chemoreceptors connected to a local brain, is so well suited to the animals' sophisticated behaviour,

and gives them a predatory advantage in their particular environment.

(1) Gavin Cooke, *British Wildlife*, Dec 2020.

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Story strikes a chord

Our front page story strikes a chord these Covid times - now that we've all become epidemiologists - featuring different variants of a viral disease, one of which is very transmissible while the other is not. Thankfully, what campaigners seem to have revealed at Ormsary is a case of the non-pathogenic version.

Marine Scotland carries out monitoring for the more serious variety, so hopefully it will be kept at bay in Scotland.

Worth waiting for

On a different topic, though the delay will be disappointing for swimmers, the new community hub at MACPool should be worth waiting for.

It means the hub and redesigned front green should be finished around the same time - hopefully. They certainly offer something to look forward to in the spring.

Duke's wartime service

The BBC series 'A Very British Scandal' highlights the salacious goings-on among a certain sector of society in the 1950s and '60s.

We wonder what the people of Argyll made of it at the time? In this edition you can read about the duke's wartime service with the famous 8th Argylls.

Before his third marriage hit the headlines, he experienced what many Argyll men did at St Valery and PoW camps in wartime.

Gifting cash to big business

Sir,
Just before Christmas I was intrigued to find a large cardboard box at my home, which turned out to contain a present of a gift box, plus a lot of air and wood shavings.

The logistics chain in its delivery involved being taken from factories in Harlesden and Lanark to Swindon distribution hub. It was then forwarded by lorry to Linwood, on to Lochgilphead, to Tarbert east before being delivered by car to my home in Tarbert west end.

The food products in the gift box, while welcome, could have been purchased locally and made to look festive. It must have cost a fair bit of money, as the big company which makes up these boxes is famous for conjuring money out of thin air. But it's not about money. My point is that we shouldn't sub-contract our giving to big corporations.

It's much better to know exactly what we're giving as presents and buy locally.

D I MacDougall, Tarbert

CalMac's 'floating antiques'

Sir,
Sympathetic words from CalMac management and central government about the recent spate of ongoing disruptions to our ferry service

will do very little to alleviate justifiable local concerns. Our hard-working frontline CalMac workers certainly do all that they can to keep our lifeline service going but they can only work with the tools they have.

The fact remains that many of the vessels that serve our islands are becoming floating antiques rather than fit-for-purpose ferries.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward

Brexit economic madness

Sir,
According to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), it has been estimated that the UK economy will be roughly four per cent worse off than it would have been had the 2016 EU referendum gone the other way.

As of October, UK imports and exports were 15.7 per cent below the level that could have been expected had the UK not left the EU's customs union and single market in January.

In parallel, the ending of freedom of labour has led to shortages of lorry drivers, farm labours and abattoir workers. Brexit has had a devastating impact on the UK economy. As the pandemic recedes, these impacts will become obvious and the economic madness that is Brexit fully exposed.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh

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Thought for the Week

Omicron's impact has been unsettling. Travel plans adjusted. Sporting and social events postponed or cancelled. Is it safe to meet up with others?

Once again, the uncertainty of the times unnerves us. Is it possible to have certainty in these uncertain times?

The good news of the Christian message that centres on Jesus is: 'Yes, it is.' Christians are certain about many matters. God's mercy will be fresh every day.

Jesus will be with us in the future just as he was in the past and is in the present.

The Spirit's power will be more than enough for every situation we face. God's strength will enable us to live for him.

Nothing or no-one, not even death, will be able to separate us from God's love. God's grace, which has brought us safe this far, will lead us home, so the best is still to come.

Christian certainty does not depend on factors that can go up and down, such as how we feel or what happens to us.

Instead, it is based on the evidence-based, historical fact of Jesus' resurrection: '[God] has given us ... hope' – a Bible term for 'certainty' – 'through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.' (1 Peter 1:3) Because Jesus is alive, bodily, physically and in real time and space raised from death, we can have certainty even in these uncertain times.

Dr Rodger M Crooks, Free Church of Scotland, Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

OBAN

Winterwatch is back – and visits pine martens in Oban

Pine martens visiting an Oban garden and eagles on Mull are just some of the gems coming up on Winterwatch 2022.

The wildlife discovery show is back on BBC Two from Tuesday January 18 for two weeks.

Presenter Iolo Williams will be on his home-from-home on Mull which he first visited more than 30 years ago and is still fascinated by its wildlife.

Oban photographer Robert Cruickshanks has also got a slot, sharing the mental health benefits of nature watching.

Robert, who regularly has pine martens visit his garden, has created the perfect set to get a unique glimpse into these usually very shy animals' nocturnal habits.

During nights of watching and taking photographs, he has built up their trust and follows their every move on CCTV.

This season there are lots of digital extras to enjoy on top of the TV shows.

You can tune in on BBC YouTube, iPlayer or at www.bbc.co.uk/winterwatch to see more and the best of viewers' footage and photos will also go on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

DUNOON

Charter company wins award

An Argyll firm offering cruises exploring Scotland's West Coast has won the title 'Best Small Boat Charter Cruise Operator 2021' in an end-of-year awards scheme.



The Argyll Cruising vessel 'Splendour' takes passengers on exclusive cruises around the West Coast.

Dunoon-based Argyll Cruising scooped the title at the Scottish Enterprise Awards run by digital business publication SME News.

Now in its fourth year, the Scottish Enterprise Awards recognise small and medium-sized businesses.

Awards co-ordinator Dean Taylor said: 'It is always an honour to shine a light on businesses that offer more and help the local economy and community grow. We can't wait to see what you do next.'

Operating from both the Holy Loch Marina in Sandbank and from Oban, Argyll Cruises offers, in its words, 'a highly personalised cruising experience' with cruises for a maximum of eight guests from three to 13 nights among the beautiful islands and stunning sea lochs of Argyll.

In a social media post the company said: 'We're starting 2022 in a very happy place!'

'We're delighted to have won the award. Thank you so much SME News, we're over the moon.'

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Rapid rises in electricity and gas direct debits

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to help

Many householders are reporting rapid increases to their monthly direct debits for their electricity and gas. Often the increased amounts being asked can be hard to believe, let alone afford.

One such local resident contacted the Citizens Advice Bureau for help when her energy supplier refused to budge over their demand for more than double the monthly direct debt paid for electricity.

Commenting on the case, the Bureau's manager Jen Broadhurst said, "the client was a pensioner on a fixed income, a home owner and she relied on electricity to heat her home. As winter approached she had stopped using her wood burning fire and all that goes with it, carrying logs, kindling and regular cleaning, opting instead for an electric fire.

She gave a meter reading to her energy supplier each month,

however, after a couple of months using the electric fire, she received a demand asking for more than double the amount she was paying each month. When she contacted the energy supplier herself, they stood firm only suggesting she pay off the outstanding amount straight away. The client made a payment to cover the outstanding usage and contacted Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau to see how we could help with the ongoing bills. Our adviser contacted the energy supplier, on the client's behalf to discuss her circumstances and find out what options were available for the future.

"I'm so glad we did speak with the supplier" said Jen, "because we established that the energy supplier hadn't been recording the monthly readings phoned in by our client. We were able to negotiate a revised monthly direct debit at much lower level than they had been asked and it will still cover the estimated use of the electric fire.

Crucially the new amount is much more affordable for our client.

The energy price cap is expected to rise sharply by April 2022, and further hikes to electricity and gas prices are nervously anticipated. With this client's increased reliance on electricity and the future rises in mind, the adviser suggested a referral to Home Energy Scotland who can provide, free and impartial options suited to individual household circumstances. The client was happy to be referred and the adviser made the referral straight away.

Jen added, "Often residents do not realise there is scope to negotiate with energy providers, or look at different options for heating their homes so we would urge anyone worried about any aspect of their energy bills, or who knows someone who may benefit from independent, confidential and free assistance to get in touch with their local bureau"



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YOUR PICTURES



This week's featured image comes from Kilmartin Glen. Resident Doris Linstead took this photo on New Year's Day and said: 'This is a favourite gentle wee walk for us, taking the path towards Kilmartin School and on through Kilmartin Glen. 'It's lovely in any season and on January 1, it's a beautiful way to welcome in the new year.'

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A dry-ish year, helped by July heat

A summary of 2021 weather statistics recorded at Benmore Garden, by Loch Eck in Cowal, operated by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

A relatively dry year, 2021 had a total precipitation of 2,402.2 mm (94.6 inches), eight millimetres shy of the 90-year average but a more impressive 415.7mm (16.4 inches) below the 10-year norm.

Eight months of the year had precipitation below the long-term average but February, August and October saw significantly more rain than would normally be expected.

Worth noting is that five of the top dozen wettest years on record have occurred in the last decade. Depending on your outlook, 2021 had 108 days without measurable rain or 257 days with it.

July 2021 was the driest on record, with just 25mm of precipitation recorded and despite having Benmore Garden's wettest day ever in February 2021 (132mm), the whole month's rainfall did not compete with the same period in 2020.

The highest temperature of 27.3°C was observed on July 22



Argyll experienced an extended period of hot weather in July. This photo of the Kyles of Bute was taken that month by Lochgilphead photographer Aileen Gillies.

during an extended settled period of warm and dry weather. January saw the coldest air temperature of the year with -5.5°C on January 9.

Air frosts were down across the year. In November, for example, there were two occurrences compared to an

average six, and in December there were seven as opposed to nine, which is the expected seasonal norm.

January, though, had six more days with air frost than expected compared to the 50-year norm.

There were 115 occurrences

of ground frost throughout the year which is as expected in comparison with trends for the last 50 years, with the first ground frost of the autumn arriving on September 29. There was a longer than average ground frost-free period of 122 days.

Weather summary for 2021

Temperatures

Highest maximum air temperature: 27.3°C on July 22
Lowest maximum air temperature: 1.0°C on January 9
Lowest minimum air temperature: -5.5°C on January 9
Highest minimum air temperature: 15.6°C on September 10
Highest minimum at grass level: 15.2°C on September 10
Lowest minimum at grass level: -12.1°C on January 24

Frost

Air frost on: 52 days
Last air frost: May 6
First air frost: November 28
Between last and first air frost: 206 days
Ground frost on: 115 days
Last ground frost: May 25
First ground frost: September 29
Between last and first ground frost: 122 days

Precipitation

Total rainfall for year: 2,402.2mm (94.6 inches)
Greatest rainfall on one day: 132mm on February 4
0.2mm or more on: 236 days
1.0mm or more on: 195 days
5.0mm or more on: 121 days
Trace (between 0.0mm and 0.1mm) on: 70 days
Measureable rain on: 257 days

Other phenomena

Gale on: One day - this refers to full gale conditions and does not include sporadic gusts or overnight events where wind speeds cannot be verified by observation.
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New Year New You

Whether you are listening to the boom of the Edinburgh Castle cannon, the bongs of Big Ben, or the bangs of Argyll fireworks, marking the start of a new calendar year can mean marking new beginnings personally as well.

Many of us embrace the start of January as the time to make a fresh start or a change. According to a YouGov survey (2021) we are most likely to make new year's resolutions that are health related – exercising more, losing weight, and improving our diets - with other popular choices including taking up a hobby, pursuing career ambitions and travelling. Here is our 2022 guide to the opportunities on your doorstep.

Health & Fitness

Exercise

There is plenty of local choice if your aim is to get active, whether you plan to take up a new sport, or re-starting a lapsed favourite activity.

Atlantis Leisure is Oban's fitness hub and a great place to start, with instructor-led activities from swimming to boxing. Your local leisure centre is also first port of call to find out about independent schemes like Tennis Ladders. In Lochgilphead, head to the Mid Argyll Sports Centre, and in Campbeltown, Aqualibrium offers classes and clubs.

Away from town, classes from zumba to pilates to Highland dancing, operate in village halls. Local clubs, including the thriving local shinty and rugby clubs, are always looking for new players.

Cycling and jogging are ideal for enjoying the landscape while you exercise. The NHS Coach to 5k app is free for Smartphones – and if you find that 5k is your distance, why not join the Saturday Parkruns at Ganavan Sands, Oban, or the Nevis Range, Fort William? (Details on Facebook).

For those looking for tailor-made support, there are qualified personal trainers across Argyll who can help develop a regime to suit you.

Weight Loss

After those Christmas cheese boards, many of us are seeking a healthier diet, or plan to lose a few pounds. January bookshop sales make this a good time to pick up a healthy recipe book.

If you are on a healthier eating journey, it can help to meet others facing the same challenge. Oban, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown have Slimming World Groups – or follow the example of Alison Page from Arran, who set up Skinylinks, a weigh-in which raises money for Mary's Meals.

Careers

Jobs

Could this new year be the time to re-boot your career? If so, your local newspaper is the place to keep up with current opportunities, with posts on the HIJobs portal too.

If you face obstacles in finding work, support is available through the council and the Government's Fair Start Scheme. It offers help with interview preparation, working on your CV and even work experience www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Start a Business

If your new year started with a big idea, then perhaps now is the moment to start your own business. With signs that the economy are picking up, this might be the perfect time.

Planning is crucial to success, so why not make a start by contacting a Business Gateway organisation to discuss your next move. Business Gateway Argyll and Bute offer free business advice at its Lochgilphead office as well as one-to-one support and courses. <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot>.

Apprenticeships

Take your first steps on the career ladder with an apprenticeship, which combines on-the-job training and pay with the chance to gain qualifications, for those aged 16-24. Opportunities range from Foundation Apprenticeships (for those in fifth or sixth year at school) to Modern Apprenticeships (which have evolved from the traditional model) and Graduate Apprenticeships, covering careers from Accounting to Aquaculture, Boatbuilding, Fashion and more.

Jenny, who recently completed a Customer Services Apprenticeship with Argyll and Bute council, says: "I've found the training really interesting and everyone has been really helpful. I've been able to build on what I learned at school." apprenticeships.scot.

College

Long before the pandemic normalised zoom tutorials, the University of the Highlands and Islands was adapting its courses so that students in remote locations could access learning – and it continues to set a standard. The university has 13 colleges and 70 local learning centres, and offers subjects from nursing and marine science to adventure tourism management, with options at degree level and above, as well as part-time and access courses – a chance hone skills, whatever your passion.

Skills

Taking up a hobby is a wonderful way to add a new dimension to life in 2022. This region is bursting with talented people who relish sharing their skills in crafts, art, music, crofting and more.

While there are online options, you could get hands on with a course in a fabulous local setting. The recently-reopened Rockfield Centre in Oban offers skills courses from art to sewing to skincare, or try a quirky destinations like Dalmally Railway Station where you can learn wool craft on the platform.

If your travel plans were curtailed in 2020 and 2021, perhaps it's time to learn a new language before heading abroad. Evening classes in Spanish and Italian are available at UHI colleges

Hair and Beauty

As well as thinking about what's inside, January can be the time to look in the mirror – and perhaps make a wee change on the outside too. After salons shut for months during the pandemic, a trip to the hairdressers, beauty parlour or nail parlour still feels like a treat.

Look out for new year special offers at salons and high street clothing shops, which offer discounts and deals throughout January -- and if a spending spree is not an option, remember that the age-old beauty advice remains the best; eat well, exercise, drink water, and get plenty of rest!

Try something new

If you've always fancied kayaking, paddleboarding or munro-bagging, the quiet early months of the year might be just the time to dip your toe in the water and try something different close to home. Or if thrill-seeking isn't your thing, why not visit somewhere new – this region is full of hidden gems, from beautiful forests to island getaways.

The new year might also be the time to give something back. A host of local charitable organisations rely on support from volunteers, from charity shops to children's clubs to food banks, and many are on the look-out for help. Find opportunities via Argyll Third Sector Interface.

A new year presents so many possibilities, and committing to a new you isn't easy, even if it is worthwhile. Whatever your plans, we wish you luck, and a happy, healthy 2022.

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Discover the new you in 2022

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Starting this January, we have a range of short courses available that can be completed before June. Whether you're looking to study full-time, part-time or undertake flexible learning, these courses are a great way to get a taster for a new subject area or gain additional skills.

There are well documented staff shortages in the Health and Social Care sector so if you're considering a career change, we have a number of courses available to suit all levels of study. Opportunities in the sector are many and varied, and our introductory courses can give you an understanding of the opportunities open to you. The Introduction to a Career in Social Care is a brand-new, online part-time course which can be completed in as little as six weeks. You'll be able to learn about the sector

at your own pace, with dedicated tutor support.

Want to take your learning to the next level? Take a look at the Health and Social Care: An Introduction course. With a mix of SQA accredited units, several short courses such as manual handling and food hygiene, plus practical experience in a social care setting one day a week, this course will ensure you are well-equipped to undertake a role within the sector.

For those already working in the industry, SVQs can help progress your career. Whether you specialise in the care of adults or children and young people, these part-time courses allow you to gain an internationally recognised qualification based on the practical experience you carry out on a daily basis. Upon completion you will also be able to register with the Scottish Social Services Council at an appropriate level, dependent upon your role.

As a partner of the University of the Highlands and Islands, there's the option to continue studying at Higher Education level, with courses such as the Social Services HNC, the SVQ Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 7, or the Professional Development Award in

Technology Enabled Care at SCQF Level 7.

If you'd like to speak to someone about your options come along to one of our online information events in the new year. Led by our friendly teaching staff, these virtual, online sessions are free to attend and will give you a chance to learn about the courses on offer and ask any questions you may have.

The first event on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 6pm will focus on the SWAP Access to Nursing course, developed for those who wish to pursue a career in nursing but have been out of formal education for more than three years. The following week, on Wednesday 26th January at 6pm, is our Health and Social Care session, where we will discuss the different courses available and the most appropriate level of study for you.

Looking for something else? Starting January, we also have courses exploring different aspects of Creative Arts, Horticulture, and IT in Business. Visit our website to find out more.

So, if your new year's resolution is to focus on your education in 2022, let us help you find the new you.

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European Union; the threat of big business buying up productive land in return for carbon capture payments and recent UK foreign trade deals leading from Brexit which farming unions claim fail to support home-grown farmers while opening the door to food produced to standards which would not be acceptable in the UK.

Such is the potential threat to the domestic industry and food security from these trade deals, that Northern Ireland's Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots recently warned the



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catching social media posts for you to share on your social media accounts to help you spread the truth about farming in Britain, safe in the knowledge what you're saying is accurate.

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'If you would like to join us in spreading the word on how great meat and dairy from Britain is, register to become one of our Farming Ambassadors today.'

Email Farming.Ambassadors@ahdb.org.uk for more information about becoming an ambassador for quality home-grown food.

UK could be 'walking into a food crisis' following trade deals with major agricultural exporting nations including Australia and New Zealand.

To promote everything that is good about British farming, the AHDB wants social me-

dia-savvy people to help tell the story of British farming to a population by and large far removed from the countryside and food production.

The AHDB says on its website: 'By being part of our group, you have the unique

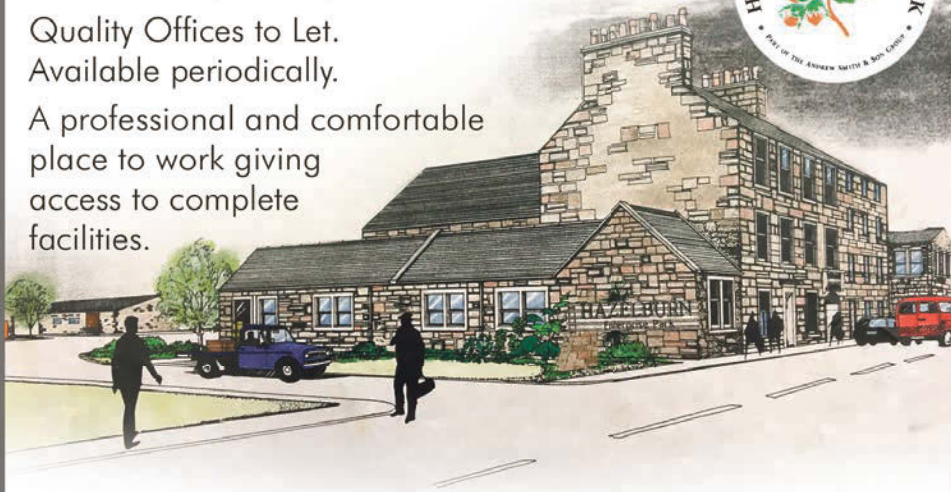
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Isuzu D-Max continues strong sales performance

- Isuzu D-Max sales are up 13.55% year to date
- Sales mix shift with double cab automatic up 49% over last year
- Isuzu D-Max V-Cross proves to be the best-selling variant in the range

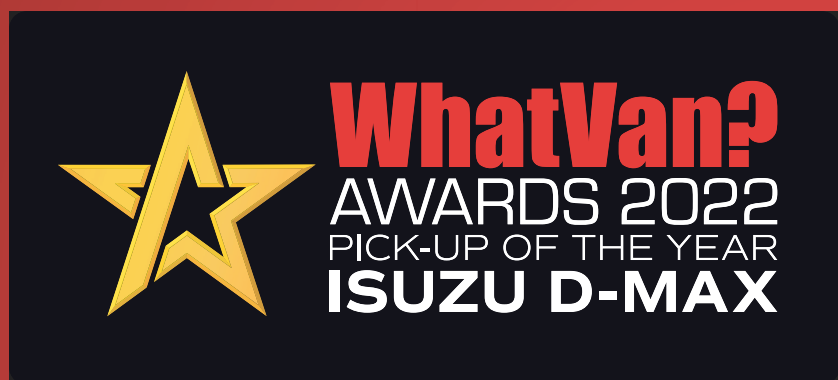
Sales of the All-New Isuzu D-Max, which launched earlier this year, have been strong throughout 2021. At the close of November, sales of the Isuzu D-Max were up 13.55% year to date over the same period last year, with a total of 3,368 Isuzu D-Max pick-ups registered so far in 2021. Overall, the pick-up market in the UK ended November 17% up on a year to date basis, with this years November sales up 31.2% over the same month last year, according to the latest figures published by the SMMT.

There has also been a significant shift in the sales mix within the Isuzu D-Max range, with sales of the double cab automatic version currently 49% up over last year, and the range-topping Isuzu D-Max V-Cross becoming the brand's best-selling variant. Isuzu UK, along with the entire automotive industry is facing increasingly complex trading conditions because of the worldwide shortage of components, semi-conductors, and key materials, which is having a detrimental impact

on vehicle production and availability. William Brown, Managing Director, Isuzu UK said: "The early success of the All-New Isuzu D-Max has been both rewarding and challenging, with customer demand for the

new vehicle outstripping our currently constrained supply. The situation is frustrating for us all, as we could sell many more vehicles than we are currently able to. However, the whole industry is facing these challenges head-on, and whilst

we are not impacted as severely as most other manufacturers, we are constantly working with the factory to satisfy our customers and dealers." Speak to S&S Services to discuss requirements, Tel: 01292 880080.



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AWARD WINNING DEALER COMES TO ARGYLL FRIDAY 21ST, SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY

One of the longest serving Subaru and Isuzu dealers in the UK, S & S Services is glad to be able to showcase its New Year offers. It has been a tough time for showrooms as consumers are facing price rises and shortages of vehicles due to a global shortage in semiconductors. Father and son team, John and Matthew Spicer are both excited to be returning and seeing some familiar faces.

John said: "We are so excited to be back and we are bringing some fantastic models to showcase. We have been supporting the people of Argyll for over 30 years, through three generations, and during that time we have formed many

friends and founded a trusted, reliable business. Come meet us at Tesco Oban this January."

When asked, son Matthew said: "We look forward to seeing customers and we have so many offers available. Tesco car park is a hub for the town and people are used to seeing us there. Come and have a chat with us to start your New Year experience the right way." S & S Services was first started by Brian and Dulcie Spicer in November 1979 from a small building at Sandyford Toll, Ayr. Brian and Dulcie's son John joined the family business and for almost two decades cars were sold, serviced and many friendships formed. The family

business was further enhanced when John's wife Lesley joined the business in 1997. It was in the latter nineties that the business had outgrown the location and it now resides in an impressive state of the art

showroom and workshop at Ayr. Now on to the third generation with Matthew Spicer, business has flourished to unbelievable standards meaning that S & S are now the top UK Subaru dealer, achieving Subaru

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Community Centre.
All welcome particularly new volunteers.
Please note all attendees will need to follow current Covid guidance and are requested to carry out a lateral flow test in advance of attending the meeting.

KINTYRE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7pm.
This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom Platform.
New members welcome.
For log in details please provide your email address by Friday 28 January to Iain Ferguson at fergusonbenrioch@msn.com

The Annual General Meeting of Ardrishaig Community Trust will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2022, starting at 7:30pm.
Due to the on-going Covid situation, the meeting will be held remotely using Zoom. Details for the meeting will be published on the Trust's website and Facebook page nearer the time.



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. 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 or tel. 01546 605518.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/02558/PPP	Site for housing development	Dalintober Estate, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/02555/PP	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 04/01291/DET (Addition of 7 turbines (with maximum hub height of 49m) to existing windfarm and ancillary works incl: access tracks, crane hardstandings, extension to borrow pit and control building, and variation of condition 21 of existing consent 01/01020/VARCON re noise level limits) to allow continued operation for a further 6 years until 2027	Tangy II Wind Farm, Kilchenzie, Argyll And Bute
21/02556/PP	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 02/01179/DET (Alterations to approved windfarm layout to allow for reduction of turbines to 15 no.; relocation of turbines 3 & 9; deletion of 400m of access track and relocation of control building) to allow continued operation for a further 6 years until 2027	Tangy I Wind Farm, Kilchenzie, Argyll And Bute
21/02006/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1 Nether Auchans, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XZ
21/02294/PP	Erection of boiler house/shed and siting of 2 oil tanks	Taynish House, Tayvallich, Lochgilphhead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8PW

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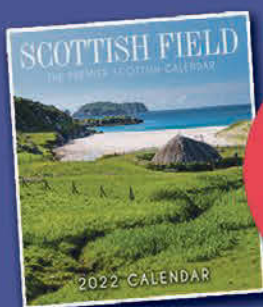
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MACDONALD - On December 14, 2021 to Lauren (née Inglis) and Donald, a beautiful son, Calum Alec John Macdonald. Calum Alec is a first grandson for Christine (Tarbert) John (Leith) and Lorna and Calum (Contin).

DEATHS

ALLAN - Peacefully at home, Fleming's Land, Castlehill, Campbeltown, on January 4, 2022, Flora McDougall Campbell (Florence) in her 96th year, dearly loved wife of the late James (Stevie) Allan and much loved mum of Janette and Eleanor, a loving aunt and a good friend to many.

CAMERON - On December 19, 2021, peacefully at Kintyre Care Home Campbeltown, Catherine Margaret Cameron, née Graham, formerly of Drambuie Drimnin, Stronahullin, Barrhead and Ardpatrick Place, Lochgilphead, in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Iain Ross Cameron and much loved sister of Angus. Funeral service at Drimnin Village Hall, near Lochaline on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 11.30am, interment thereafter at Killunaig Cemetery to which all friends are respectfully invited.

CAMPBELL - Suddenly at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 4, 2022, Jacqueline Campbell née Douglas, in her 75th year, 48 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, cherished wife of Fergus (Fergie) adored mum of Neil, Lorraine, Jacqueline, Rhonda, Audrey, Mairi and Douglas, a devoted nana and great-nana and a loving sister of Norma.

DOYLE - On January 8, 2022, peacefully at home, James (Bogey) Doyle, Inveraray, in his 72nd year, beloved partner of Shirley and a dear friend of many. A private cremation will take place at Cardross Crematorium.

GOODHEIR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 11, 2022, Gillian Goodheir, in her 77th year, of Ducharnan Cottage, Kilmichael Glassary. Beloved wife of Reinot. Much loved Mum of Rowan, adored Granny 'Sophie' to Gavin, Finn and Ronnie. Sister of the late Pauline and aunt to Chloe. Much respected sister-in-law. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague

to many. A very much respected member in the local artistic community. Funeral cortège will leave from Tobhlaren Road End, Kilmichael Glen, on Monday, January 24, 2022 at approx. 9.30-9.40am travelling through the village of Kilmichael/Bridgend down through Lochgilphead, via Argyll Street on route to Cardross Crematorium for a Service of Thanksgiving at 12.15pm. All friends that are able are respectfully invited to attend.

FYFE - Elizabeth. Peacefully at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 6, 2022, in her 91st year. Much loved mother of Michael, Julie, Gillies, Andrew and Kenneth. Dear mother-in-law of Fiona, Claire and Eilidh. Devoted granny and great-granny to Gina, Eilidh, Mhairi, Ewan, Erin, Laura and Lynsey. Rachel, Donnie, Louise Ella and Niamh. Sorely missed by all.

JOHNSTON - Peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow, on January 3, 2022 in her 91st year, Elizabeth Mitchell Johnston (Betty) Westwood, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Oatfield Farm. Beloved sister of the late Margaret, Hugh, Jean and James. A much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt.

MACLEOD - On January 5, 2022, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Donald Macleod, former principal maths teacher at Tarbert Academy, aged 96 years, beloved husband of Jenny and much loved father of Seonaid and Anne. A private funeral service will be held at Tarbert Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 19 and thereafter to Cardross Crematorium. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RODGER - Lucy, Angel and Donnie would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy after the recent loss of William (Billy) Rodger. Special thanks to paramedics Neil and Billy, Robert MacLeod and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. Donations raised £280 for S.A.N.D.S.

WILKINSON - Brian, and the family of the late Janet Cameron Wilkinson (Jan), would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of

sympathy, by card, letter, phone call and flowers received following their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks especially to the Beatson Clinic; Macmillan Day Bed Unit, Oban; Community Nurses; Extended Community Care Team; Carr Gorm Carers; Marie Curie Nurses; and Doctors and staff at Taynuilt Medical Practice for their wonderful loving care, kindness and support. Special thanks to the Reverend Robert Brookes for a beautifully personal, uplifting and comforting service, and his friendship and pastoral care. Thanks also to members of Inveraray Shinty Club who acted as pall-bearers, and to Pipe Major Stuart Liddell who piped so movingly, whose presence and contribution was deeply appreciated; to all on duty at Muckairn Parish Church; and to Ian MacInnes and staff at D&A Munn Ltd for their kindness, understanding and meticulous professional service.

MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Kenneth, died January 14, 2006. We miss you so much and wish you were still here by our side.

- Love Mum and Dad xx
CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear brother Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006.

My brother, my friend
Thinking of you every day.
Miss you.
- From David and Anne.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of my dear husband Duncan, who was tragically taken from me on January 18, 2018.

To think we did not say goodbye
Will always bring regret,
But hearts that always loved
Never will forget.
Love you, always and forever, Dawn.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our Dad Duncan, who was tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018. A beautiful memory, dearer than gold, Of a father whose worth can never be told, There's a place in our hearts no one can fill, We miss you, Dad, and always will.

Lots of love, Your Boys, John and Campbell.
MACDOUGALL - In memory of our beloved son Duncan, who died

suddenly January 18, 2018. We cannot bring the old days back, When we were all together, But memories keep you close to us, And memories last forever. Always in our hearts Mum and Dad.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of Duncan, a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle who lost his life aboard the Nancy Glen on January 18, 2018. May you now rest in peace. Love and miss you always - Alison, Stephen, Ella and Jack.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of a beloved nephew and cousin Duncan, who left us too soon on January 18, 2018. Your name is often mentioned Our thoughts are with you still You haven't been forgotten What's more you never will. A daily thought a silent tear A constant wish that you were here.

- McIntyre family.
MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our son-in-law Duncan, taken from us as the result of a tragic accident on January 18, 2018.

Sad are the hearts that loved you,
Sad are the tears that fall,
But living our lives without you,
Is the saddest part of all.
Loved and remembered always.
- Lachie and Moira.

MCFARLANE - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and Grampa John, who fell asleep on January 12, 2021. In our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day - Mhairi, Liz and grandsons.

MCLEAN - Agnes, promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest Nana, we love and miss you always. - Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen and family. Precious memories of our dear Mum, forever in our hearts. - Rene and Flora.

Also our beloved sister and a much-loved and missed Auntie, Carolin McLean, promoted to Glory on January 6, 2018.

MCPHEE - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny Cathie, who passed away January 14, 2020.

Never more than a thought away. In our hearts you will always stay. - All the family home and away.

MARTIN - Precious memories of Ronnie, a much loved Dad and Granda who passed away on January 19, 2019. Will love and miss you forever. - Nichola, John, Kyr, Mathew & Blake xxxxx

MAXWELL - In loving memory of Tommy, who sadly passed away January 14, 2021. Always in our thoughts. - James, Sandra and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5 v 9 Join us on **Sunday, 16 January** at 11am for our morning service in the church. 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 and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building - masks and social distancing www.springbankchurch.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch> Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



Sunday services 10 am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609
10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493
11.30am Southend Church SC005484
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Lochgilphead
Holy Mass Sunday 10AM
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr Henry Nkbo 01546602380 All Welcome

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George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 16th January
11.15am Worship Service Rev David Parker
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 19th January
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist
St Columba, Poltalloch
1st Sunday
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday Worship
10 am Skipness (SC004280)
11.30 am Tarbert (SC002622)
Covid guidelines apply
Minster Rev Lyn Peden
Tel: 01880 820158

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LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 16th January
Morning Worship 11.15am
Gen 1 Triple C
Rev W Crossan
Everyone welcome
COVID Guidelines apply

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 16th January
Psalm 36
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Wednesday
Time to Pause?
Ardrishaig Church Hall
12:45pm-1:15pm
Please note that Covid19 control measures apply at all Services
(Distancing and masks will be required)

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 16th January
11.00am Worship service
More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead Parish Church of Scotland
SC016311

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 16th January 2022
11.15am
Mr James McLellan
All very welcome
Please remember to wear a mask

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 16 January
Tayvallich Church
10am Morning Worship
Mr James McLellan
Booking required
Tel 01546 870635
Covid restrictions apply. Further information can be found on the church website
www.northknapdale.org

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE (Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)

Sunday 16th January 2022
There will be a service in Cumlodden church at 10.00am led by the worship team. There will also be a service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am led by the worship team. Please remember that masks must be worn while in church

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday 16th January
11am Worship Service
11am Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Service
Wednesdays 12pm Lunch club
7pm Make & Munch Craft Group
Covid 19 measures in place
If we can be of any assistance
to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046 Major Ruth Russell
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A very Argyll tale of wartime service

The screening of A Very British Scandal on BBC television and iPlayer brought the famous story of Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, into the spotlight again.

Socialite Margaret Whigham married her second husband Ian Campbell, 11th Duke of Argyll in 1951, four years after her divorce from American businessman Charles Francis Sweeny following 14 years of marriage.

The Duke had been married twice before.

Their time together, however, descended into unhappiness, mired in sexual scandal and the couple divorced in 1963 after a much-publicised court case.

Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, remained a figure of fame and notoriety until her death in 1993 at the age of 80.

The Duke's second wife Louise, grandmother to the current Duke of Argyll, also gained a level of fame – but for her exploits during World War II.

Courtesy of archives belonging to Argyll Estate, known as The Argyll Papers, the extract below is taken from previously-unpublished transcripts of recordings made by the 11th Duke of Argyll between 1969 and 1971. He died in 1973 at the age of 69.

Ian Douglas Campbell was born in Paris on June 18 1903, the great-grandson of the 8th Duke of Argyll.

He joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1921 and served until 1928.

At the start of World War



Captain Ian Campbell, later to become the 11th Duke of Argyll.

II, the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was attached to the 51st Highland Division and went to France as part of the British

Expeditionary Force under the command of Major General Victor Fortune. Captain Campbell was recalled and served as an intelligence

officer. In June 1940, the bulk of the British Expeditionary Force had been evacuated from Dunkirk, but the 8th Argylls were sent to defend a section of the Maginot Line in support of the French 10th Army. The Highlanders sustained heavy losses and were eventually cut off at Saint Valery-en-Caux as Hitler's Panzer divisions rapidly advanced.

Naval rescue attempts were hampered by the German advance and foggy conditions.

Captain Campbell recalled: 'Our speed was limited by the relative immobility of the French and a rapidly growing sense of the inevitability of being cut off from any chance of embarkation...

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Captain Campbell was taken prisoner and marched to Laufen Castle in south-eastern Bavaria. He was given the ID number 1251 and confined, along with a number of his colleagues, in Room 17 in Oflag VII-C. He and the other prisoners were short of clothing; their only garments being what they had been wearing when captured.

During winter, warm clothing might mean the difference between life and death.

Fortunately, the International Red Cross had agreed a reciprocal arrangement which, in theory, allowed both German and Allied prisoners of war to receive parcels from their relatives through the Red Cross.

In practise, however, it was a difficult operation beset by logistical and political difficulties.

Captain Campbell's wife Louise, though, saw an opportunity to assist her husband and other PoWs.

Louise and her two-year-old son Ian, later 12th Duke of Argyll, were in Biarritz during the fall of France. They managed to get across the Spanish border and eventually to Portugal, as Louise had an American passport and sold her jewellery to pay for the journey.

She found accommodation in a hotel in Estoril, Portugal. From there, in September 1940 and with help from volunteers and from the Portuguese Red Cross, she started to distribute

two-kilo parcels to oflags and stalags using the daily Lufthansa flight from Lisbon to Berlin.

Her husband said: 'I heard in August from Louise in Lisbon and in September my first parcel from her arrived. It was cigarettes, and nothing has ever been more welcome. Of course we were still in the battle dress in which we had been captured; nothing had come through from Britain.'

Louise continued to distribute parcels until October 1944 when, due to the intensification of fighting, it was no longer possible to send them.

A letter from Captain Morgan, a fellow prisoner, describes Captain Campbell as a PoW: 'Ian was my great support and mainstay in camp. It was such a great comfort to have somebody who looked at things exactly as I did.'

'Furthermore, we are both incorrigible optimists. I know of no-one who has such completely absorbing intellectual resources as Ian...with his books or his designing, and [he] lets the sordidness and dullness of prison life slide over him.'

'He is always cheerful and his admiration for Louise and what she is doing is quite touching.'

Ian Campbell was held as a prisoner of war until 1945 and inherited the dukedom on the death of his second cousin once removed, Niall Campbell, 10th Duke of Argyll, in August 1949.

The 11th Duke and his wife Louise divorced in 1951.

If you would like to view The Argyll Papers, email archives@inveraray-castle.com to make an appointment. To support the archives join the Friends of the Argyll Papers at www.friendsoftheargyllpapers.org.uk. Inveraray Castle will open to visitors on April 1 and tickets can be booked in advance at www.inveraray-castle.com.

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Battle of the ages for the inaugural Docherty Cup

All eyes were on Ropework Park on Hogmanay as Lochgilphead Red Star under-15s took on a motley crew of coaches, parents and older siblings in the inaugural John Docherty Memorial Cup players versus parents football match.

Before kick-off both teams gathered around the centre circle for a minute's applause in memory of the late John Docherty, a founding member of Lochgilphead Red Star Football Club.

On a heavy, waterlogged pitch both teams started sluggishly as they found their footing and the run of the ball. Possession was won and lost in midfield and occasional forays into the opponent's half were made - but nothing to trouble either keeper.

The deadlock was broken after 17 minutes, with a precise cross from Neil Russell for Keiran Caskie to head the ball home for the parents. It wasn't long before the oldies were two up as Iany Philips' looping free kick found a path through a ruck of players into the back of the net. The parents looked to be in control of the game when David MacInnes found himself in space, but was denied when his shot trundled to a halt in a puddle on the goal line.

The players fought back as Fergus MacInnes pounced on a loose pass, but his shot was tipped round the post for a corner. As the youngsters continued to apply pressure, they



Neil Russell for the parents heading the ball wide from a corner.

were finally rewarded when Kyle Danson headed home an inviting cross from Zander McKenzie.

Buoyed by their goal, the players were on the hunt for a second before half-time and their chance came with a thunderous shot from Zander McKenzie from just within the 18-yard box. Parents' goalkeeper Blair Urquhart appeared to defy gravity, parried the ball to

safety and maintained the slim one goal advantage going into half-time.

The pace accelerated in the second half and the players equalised after a great passage of linking play between Callum Green, Logan Philips and Murray MacDonald before Zander Stewart calmly rolled the ball into the corner of the net.

Suddenly on the back foot,

the parents' experienced back line of John Caskie, Gregor Brown and Keith Blair soaked up the pressure. Riding out the storm, a spell of possession suddenly saw George Curran squeeze a shot under the players' keeper to put the oldies back in front.

And then came controversy. The parents scored at the near post after the ball appeared to cross the by-line but referee

Jimmy Litster waved the appealing players away making the score 4-2.

It wasn't long, however, before the players got one back, as the tenacious Cameron Lewis nicked the ball off the parents' keeper and coolly slotted the ball home, making it 4-3 with 15 minutes to go.

Chasing the equaliser, the players pushed forward, exposing themselves to the

counter-attack. Valiant defending by Jae Caskie and Colin Cameron and a string of superb saves by the players' goalkeeper Struan Urquhart kept the players in the game but they were living dangerously. Then - disaster for the players.

As they pressed too high up the pitch, the final goal came from a perfectly-weighted cross field pass from Kieran Caskie which found Ruaridh Green tearing down the left wing. He side-footed the ball past the despairing keeper to make it 5-3 to the parents.

Red Star under-15s coach for the day Keiran Blair said after the game: 'The final score didn't really reflect the game. We'd have beaten them if it was on astro. Next year will be on astro.'

Coach for the parents Iany Philips was unable to comment as he needed to catch his breath.

Man of the match went to Gregor Brown.

The Red Star under-15s' coaches and players thank everyone who came out to support the teams and generously donated £153 for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.



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