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Sound of music to lift funds for Inveraray Pier buy-out

by Colin Cameron
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Musicians from near and far are rallying round to boost a community bid to buy Inveraray Pier.

The sound of music will echo around the Royal Burgh next weekend as artists entertain the public on a special buskers' day.

The event is the brainchild of folk musician Robin Campbell, now living near London.

The town has always been a favourite place for Robin and his wife, with family links to Argyll going back generations, many happy holidays and musical gigs.

The connection goes back to when Robin was one half of the Scottish folk duo Lomond Folk in the 1960s and 1970s.

Inveraray was a favourite place to stop over when travelling to and from gigs in Campbeltown, Islay or over the hill to Dalmally and Oban.

Robin explained: 'The pier has always been central to the

town and when I was young, my singing partner and I would sit at the pier watching the Waverley berthing, while visitors headed for ice creams, teas and the pint of heavy or a wee hauf 'n' a hauf. To see it derelict really upset me.'

It was after donating to the Inveraray Pier Fund Go Fund Me page that Robin contacted Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers, who is leading the community bid.

'Having seen the success of Buskers' Days for the community in my own town,' said Robin, 'I suggested the possibility of a similar event in Inveraray, emphasising that it must be a community event supported by local people and local musicians of all genres to make it work on the day.'

The fun day of music is planned for Saturday October 16, starting at 10am and finishing at 5pm.

There will be 'Pipers for Piers' with top piper Stuart Liddell, pipe major of world Grade One champion Inveraray and

District Pipe Band, along with Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Around Inveraray 'Buskers for Bollards' will entertain - including Scott and Craig of local group The Camans; talented singer/guitarist from Balloch Joe Quinn; superb young singer Abbie Cuthbert, Robin himself and more. Buckets will be shaken and all donations will be gratefully received.

To join in the busking or volunteer to help on the day, contact Linda Divers on 07388 165366 or Robin Campbell on 07860 667557.

Next week's busking day will boost the fund, which stands at well over £15,000, with a £100,000 target.

Speaking recently, Linda Divers acknowledged the support received so far, saying: 'It shows us that our efforts aren't in vain and people really do care about the pier. Once again thank you to all who have donated one way or another. Your generosity really is appreciated.'



Argyll grows on Lindsay and Adrian

They moved to Argyll in the middle of a pandemic, living in a caravan with a handful of sheep for company, but Adrian Nation and his partner Lindsay Young are building a successful life as they become a 'growing' part of the community. Find out more on page 10.

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Harvest of generosity beside Loch Fyne feeds into neighbours

West Lochfyneside parish made a generous donations to food banks Hope Kitchen in Oban and Food for Thought, Dumbarton, after harvest thanksgiving services in Lochgair and Inveraray on Sunday October 3. Parish minister Dorothy Watllace is pictured above with some of the food donated by parishioners. Below is a spectacular wheatsheaf loaf made by Don and Aileen Anderson – not bad for a first attempt.

Lochgilthead Community Council meeting

The first meeting of Lochgilthead Community Council since March 2020 will be held on Monday October 11.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting at Lochgilthead Parish Church Hall, starting at 7pm.

Social distancing of one metre will be observed and masks must be worn.



Argyll police to help with COP26

Police officers from Argyll and across rural Scotland will be deployed to Glasgow to aid security at November's UN climate change summit, when disruption and protests are expected.

Held at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) Centre in Glasgow from October 31 to November 12, the United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26), will involve one of the largest policing operations ever undertaken in the United Kingdom. Approximately 10,000 officers will be deployed

each day during the two-week conference. A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'A number of police officers from Oban, Lorn and the Isles, Mid Argyll and Kintyre will be committed to supporting the policing operation.'

'While the conference is being held in Glasgow, the impact of COP26 will not be limited to the city.'

'We expect to see possible protest activity, associated events and delegates staying in other areas in Scotland.'

'Our response to incidents and day-to-day demand will

not be compromised by the policing of COP26. We still have a responsibility to police other events that will be ongoing at that time, including Operation Moonbeam – the policing response to Bonfire Night.'

'While the policing of an event of this size puts incredible demand on our resources, the strength of our national police service allows us the flexibility to ensure that our communities will receive the same very high standards of service during this fortnight.'

'Please be reassured we will be here if you need us.'

POLICE FILES

Drugs possession

Around 9pm on Monday September 27 a car was stopped on the A83 near Lochgilthead and searched by police. A 19-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Herbal cannabis

Police had cause to search a 29-year-old man in Campbell Street, Lochgilthead, at 5.15pm on Friday September 24. A bag of herbal cannabis was found in his possession and he was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Police warning

A man, 19, was charged and issued with a recorded police warning after officers searched him in Paterson

Street, Lochgilthead, about 9.15pm on Monday September 27 and found him in possession of herbal cannabis.

Bag of cannabis

At about 9.30pm on Saturday October 2 in Craignish Place, Lochgilthead, police officers searched a 24-year-old man who was found with herbal cannabis in his possession. He was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Witnesses wanted

Police are investigating after an orange Renault car collided with the corner of a building on Lorne Street, Lochgilthead, about 4.30pm on Friday September 24.

The car failed to stop and drove away in the direction of Stag Park, Lochgilthead.

Theft from grave

Between Friday September 3 and Friday September 10, at Achnabreac Cemetery, Lochgilthead, a blue ceramic pot containing a hydrangea plant and ornamental pebbles was removed from a grave, causing great distress to the person who tends the grave.

Careless driving

At about 5.10pm on Friday September 24 at Ardlarach Road, Ardfern, a man reported to police that another man drove at him deliberately in a van in an effort to scare him.

Anyone with information on any of the above incidents should contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.





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MSPs debate Rest as convoy introduced

The state of the A83 over the Rest and be Thankful was the subject of a debate in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday October 6.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron called for the debate on the next steps for the Rest to deliver a permanent, long-term solution.

The Conservative MSP said: 'I welcome the progress that has been made in terms of identifying a new route into Argyll and Bute to replace the existing A83 Rest and be Thankful pass, but it is clear that the timescales to deliver the new route do not meet the urgency that is expected by local residents and businesses, who are at their wits' end.

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

The debate was held just as the A83 at the Rest was placed under convoy in response to a forecast for heavy rain, with a convoy operation expected to be in place until this weekend. **■** More on this story in next week's edition.

Music has to wait

Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club would normally be looking forward to the start of the new session next week.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of Covid the committee has, however, decided to postpone this until January 2022.

Room for improvement on council climate pledge

No movement on pension investment fund in fossil fuels

A climate campaign group has said it hopes the council's promise to tackle climate change does not amount to 'empty words'.

Argyll and Bute Council backed a motion on climate change by council leader Robin Currie at its virtual meeting on September 30.

It pledged to renew the council's commitment to tackling climate change and to acknowledge the United Nations' warning of a 'Code Red for Humanity' situation on climate change.

It also reaffirmed the authority's determination to contribute to battling the impacts of climate change at all levels and declared a climate emergency.

Moving the motion, Councillor Currie told the meeting: 'Four years ago, the council agreed the administration's priorities for the life of the council.

'Greener and cleaner communities was one of the key things in the overall vision, backed up by subsequent investment in the years to follow.

'In September 2019, the full council meeting saw the admin bring forward a motion on concerns relating to climate change, setting out actions the council would take.

'We recognised back then the growing concerns about climate emergency and put in place the climate change action group for strategic activity to play our part in battling climate change.

'The work of that group has been reported and you can see



Argyll and Bute Council headquarters, Kilmory Castle.

just some of the achievements this council has made in contributing to the global effort.

'We must keep going - we have no choice; the world has no choice and the situation

'The Strathclyde Pension Fund, of which Argyll and Bute Council is a member, currently invests more than £500 million in fossil fuels'

demands it. As we have recognised before and do so again, it is an emergency, and that is why I bring this motion today, as the world turns its attention to Scotland, to Glasgow, for the summit in November.'

Campaign group Time for Change Argyll and Bute welcomed the move, but expressed disappointment that councillors failed to back

an amendment by Councillor Dougie Philand which proposed fully divesting the council's pension fund from fossil fuel industries.

Speaking to his motion, Councillor Philand said: 'The Strathclyde Pension Fund, which represents 12 local authorities, invests millions in fossil fuels.

'The latest inter-governmental panel on climate change reports that we still have time if we act decisively and immediately.'

Approved

The amendment attracted just three votes so the motion was overwhelmingly approved.

In a statement, Time for Change Argyll and Bute said: 'Our council has now joined over 230 local authorities up and down the country in acknowledging the urgency and severity of the climate crisis and the need to reduce emissions as much and as quickly as possible.

'The council is already taking steps to decarbonise its estate, which we applaud, and all



papers that come before the council will now have their implications on the climate considered, which is also a very positive step.

'There is, however, more to be done - for example fully divesting the council's pension fund from the fossil fuel industries which, unless they move away from their current emissions trajectory and stop all new developments now, will cause 3°C of warming.

'The Strathclyde Pension Fund, of which Argyll and Bute Council is a member, currently invests more than £500 million in fossil fuels and has made only vague commitments to divest.

'We have asked the council to take a stronger stand on divestment, yet the amendment proposed by Councillor Douglas Philand was defeated.

'We hope this does not mean that the declaration of a Climate Emergency is just empty words, and encourage the council to back up its declaration with some concrete action.'

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Yvie's on top of the world - or Ben Lawers at least.



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Achievement and friendship on Yvie's trek for charity



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A bruise on a sensitive part of her anatomy aside, Yvie Young had a great time as she conquered two Munros and raised tons of cash for a breast cancer charity.

Yvie found time between interviews with Hello Magazine and Channel 4 to talk to the Argyllshire Advertiser about her experiences on the annual Coppafeel charity fundraising trek in the company of celebrities.

The media interest was not just in Yvie, though it should have been, but can be explained by the company she was keeping.

Known as Come Fly with Gi 2021 the trek was spearheaded by Coppafeel ambassador Giovanna Fletcher, 2020 winner of I'm a Celebrity alongside TV presenter Emma Willis and actress and Strictly Come Dancing competitor Gemma Atkinson.

Coppafeel was founded in 2009 by Kristin Hallenga and her twin sister Maren after Kris was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer at the age of 23. The charity aims to spread the word - particularly among younger women and men too - of the importance of checking for anything unusual that might suggest the early stages of breast cancer.

With base camp set up at a scout camp in Glen Lyon, Lochgilphead nurse Yvie and around 100 other women prepared to tackle 3,553-foot high Schehallion then 3,984

Enjoying a laugh with actress and team leader Gemma Atkinson on the five-day trek.



foot Ben Lawers over five days in September as part of a 120-kilometre trek.

'It was a challenge,' explained Yvie. 'In fact it was bloody hard work. Coming downhill particularly, I struggled. But we went at our own pace and got there.'

With the ladies split into groups of around 25, Yvie had Gemma Atkinson as team lead with expert Charity Challenge leaders guiding every group.

'I've never camped in my life,' said Yvie, 'but I loved it.'

'I slept like a log every night, but we were averaging 10 hours per day. The scenery was amazing, but I've never seen anything like Schehallion - never again.'

'It was scrambling over boulders, and it was raining that day. I came home with a bruised bottom.'

'But it was great fun, despite the challenges. And it was such a fantastic feeling. If I could bottle it, I would take a sip every day.' In total, the trek raised £400,072 and rising. After paying her own

registration fee and buying her kit, Yvie raised around £4,000 herself thanks to generous donations from Mid Argyll businesses and individuals.

She said: 'I want to thank everyone who supported me in this challenge.'

And she has caught the double-Munro bug. 'I can't have climbed two Munros and only do one again, so I will keep it up,' said Yvie. 'I fully intend to apply again next year for the Coppafeel trek.'

There are plans for 'Team Gemma' to meet in Manchester next January.

'We had such a good time,' said Yvie. 'It was great fun and we made friends for life.'

She added: 'Being diagnosed with cancer was horrible, but actually the positives outweigh the negatives because it's opened so many doors for me.'

'The people I've met, the things I've done. Life goes on, sometimes for the better.'

As for Yvie's next charity challenge - there was rumour of a parachute jump, so watch this space...

Argyll & Bute HSCP

Healthy living at heart of housing

A housing strategy that aims to focus on the health and well-being of residents has been approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

At a meeting on Thursday September 30, councillors approved a new five-year plan drawn up in consultation with the region's health and social care partnership and its housing occupational therapist.

The new strategic housing investment plan outlines the importance of ensuring adequate provision of specialist accommodation in the new build programme and incorporates a statement focusing on the essential role housing plays in supporting and maintaining independence, health and well-being of residents.

The vision for the authority's housing plans is stated as: 'People in Argyll and Bute with health and social care needs have access to housing options that maximise their health, well-being and independence.'

The five-year plan sets out proposals to build more than 1,000 affordable homes over the next five years, of which around 343 will be completed in 2021/22 and more than 700 additional homes in subsequent years.

The council has overall responsibility for the investment plan but it is drafted in collaboration with partners including landlords, communities, developers, the Scottish government and other stakeholders.

The proposals will be submitted to the Scottish Government for review in October.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The delivery of affordable housing in Argyll and Bute remains a priority for the council.

'We want our communities to thrive and we want to attract new residents and business to the area.

'This investment not only provides much-needed good quality homes for future generations, it also provides employment opportunities for many people in the construction industry, including new apprenticeships, which will generate additional investment in the community.'

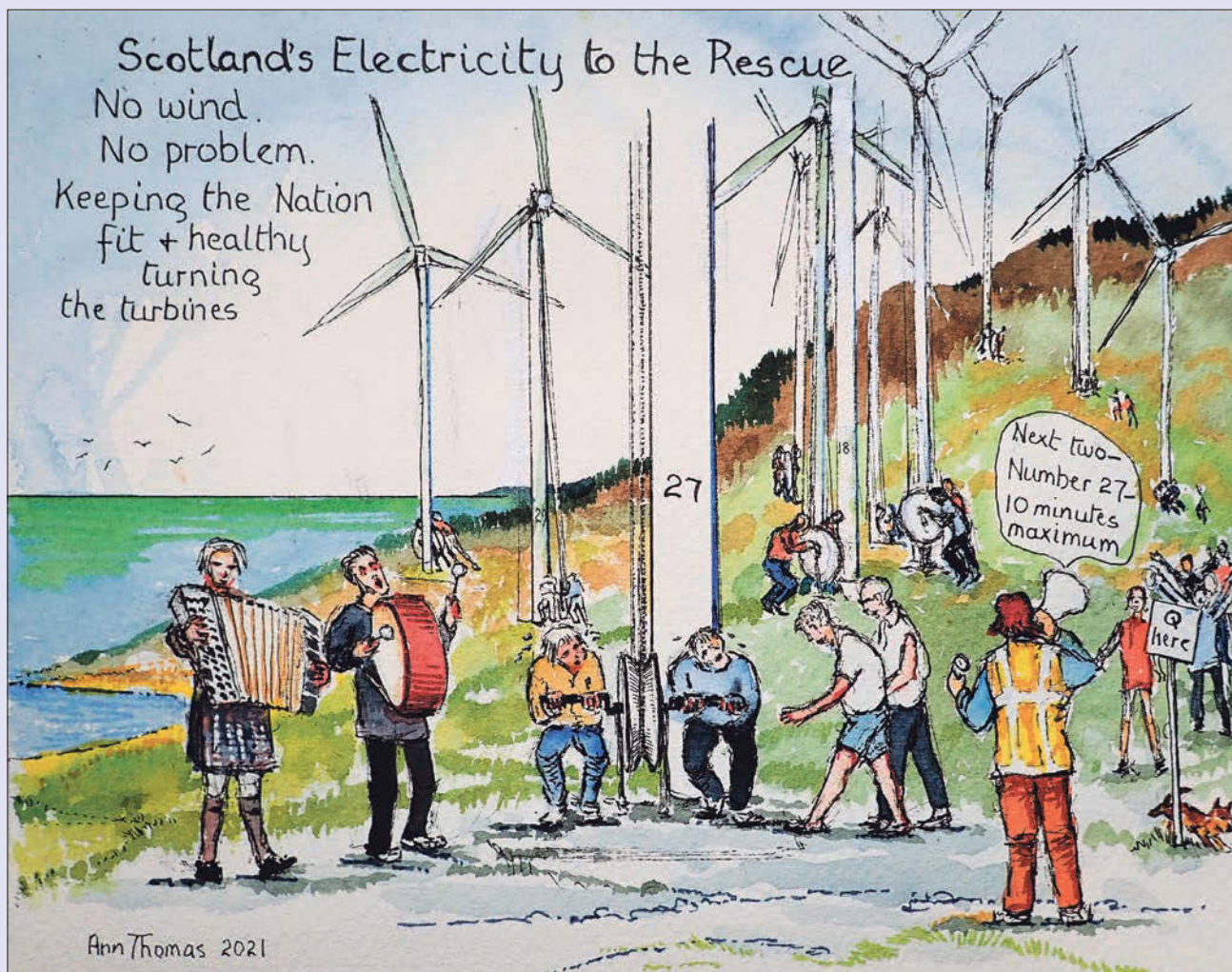
The gym generation

With stories hitting the headlines in recent weeks of difficulties with the UK's energy supplies, caused by a complex mix of supply and demand, warm windless days over the summer haven't helped wind generation to plug the gap.

The UK government's figures suggest electricity generation from wind turbines fell by 13 per cent for onshore and 15 per cent for offshore generation between July and September this year as a result of lower wind speeds in comparison to 2020.

Our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas takes her customary sideways look at the issue.

Maybe Argyll's wind turbines could be given a wee helping hand when the wind ain't blowing...



Argyll and Bute Council is bidding for UK government money to fund infrastructure improvements on Islay and Jura.

Bid to upgrade connections for Argyll's 'whisky islands'

Islay and Jura could benefit from major transport improvements if a £50 million bid for UK government funding succeeds.

The Whisky Islands project has been proposed by Argyll and Bute Council to build on growth in both islands' drinks industry.

The scheme would involve investment in the islands' infrastructure, primarily the road network linking both ferry terminals on Islay including carriageway improvements, active travel investments and an electric bus service.

It would also lead to the replacement of the current Jura ferry with a larger hybrid or electric ferry together with road improvements on Jura.

The transport bid is for a share in the UK government's

Levelling Up fund which will see local authorities across the UK compete for a share of £4.8 billion capital funding to support investment projects.

In addition, Argyll and Bute Council is applying for regeneration funding from the scheme with a £20 million bid that would include upgrading of the areas surrounding the route between Ardrishaig and Crinan.

This project would include regeneration to improve marine connectivity, public realm upgrades and further development on vacant sites such as new housing and new holiday accommodation.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The Levelling Up Fund presents a great opportunity to build further on what has already been achieved.'

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A day to remember for local hero Claire

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Royalty and politicians had the privilege of rubbing shoulders with Argyll and Bute's local hero at the ceremonial opening of the Scottish Parliament.

Despite being 'a bag of nerves', Lochgilphead's Claire Cameron had a great time as she joined local heroes from

across Scotland as guests of honour at Holyrood.

Claire, who works as an outreach and community development worker at the MS Centre Argyll, was chosen by Jenni Minto MSP to represent Argyll and Bute as a local hero who makes a positive difference to the lives of others.

They were invited to attend the Scottish Parliament's opening ceremony in Edinburgh on Saturday October 2 to mark the start of the sixth parliamentary session.

Jenni Minto explained: '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 move online and ensured those in need remained connected to the centre and received the support they needed.'

Claire took her mum Elizabeth with her on Saturday to Holyrood to enjoy the occasion with her – and for moral support. She said: 'We had a wonderful day at Scottish Parliament. My mum came with me on the day to celebrate with me and enjoy



From left: Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto, local hero Claire Cameron, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Claire's proud mum Elizabeth Cameron.

the atmosphere of it all. I was a bag of nerves, so I was so happy to have my mum by my side.' Claire continued: 'I was fortunate enough to have a conversation with the Duchess of Rothesay who was very nice.

'She asked where I was from and what I had been doing during Covid lockdown.

'The Duke of Rothesay and the Queen spent time talking to local heroes, finding out what they had been up to and having a chat.

'It was a real honour standing next to other incredible Scots who went above and beyond to help others during crazy times. 'Jenni Minto came to meet

myself and my mum after the service to show us around parliament. We went into the debating chambers to take photographs and had a look at her office.

'We also had a chance to have a quick chat and photograph with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. The event was so well organised.

'Everyone was so friendly and helpful. This was an experience of a lifetime that I will not forget.

'I am so thankful I was nominated.

'We work as a small, close team at the centre and we do what we do for the love of it.'



Claire and Elizabeth enjoyed an 'experience of a lifetime' at Holyrood.



Claire in the debating chamber of the Scottish Parliament with her mum a row behind.

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Midton adapts production with help from HIE funds

A Lochgilphead manufacturing firm has diversified into new markets created by the pandemic after securing investment from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

Midton is an industry leading specialist in cast acrylic, producing a range of custom products including bespoke acrylic lighting components, acrylic embedments, sculptural forms, recognition awards and deal toys.

In the early stage of the pandemic the firm started producing PPE, including face masks, initially as a community service, then commercially.

More recently it has been producing larger items such as screens to enable social

Midton quickly adapted to circumstances when the pandemic struck to produce PPE and protective screens.



distancing in workplaces. This, however, required business modifications, particularly the factory building to accommodate the efficient production of these larger items.

The total project costs amounted to £48,580. A

contribution of £17,837 from HIE helped towards the cost of installing new equipment and for additional research and development work.

HIE area manager for Argyll and the Islands Morag Goodfellow said:

'Manufacturing is an important element of our economy in Argyll. Midton has adapted its operations when faced with the challenges of the past year, improving its efficiency and servicing new markets.'

'The company continues to adapt and innovate so it remains a significant local employer providing valuable skilled jobs. It is now in a strong position to expand further into these new markets.'

'This will provide security for their employees, which in turn helps retain an active population and vibrant community.'

'I am very pleased we have been able to support this project and look forward to continuing to work with Midton.'



Peta, left, receives the beautiful flowers from Marjorie.

Petals for retiring Peta

After six years serving on the committee of Inveraray Senior Citizens, Peta Robb recently retired from the role.

To mark the occasion, Marjorie Walker presented

her with flowers by way of thanks for her contribution.

The first group meeting of Inveraray Senior Citizens is due to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday October 13.

Islay estate in bid to have best managed land

An Islay estate has won an international award that aims to make the country's wildlife the best managed in Europe.

Ardtalla Estate on Islay was among 15 in Scotland to receive Wildlife Estates Scotland accreditation, which, every five years, recognises estates' ongoing work in wildlife management and conservation.

The 15 winners were presented with their awards by HRH The Princess Royal and Dr Mike Cantlay OBE, chairman of Scotland's nature agency NatureScot, at the GWCT Scottish Game Fair at Scone Palace near Perth.

Wildlife Estates Scotland (WES), which builds information on species and land use in order to improve Scotland's biodiversity, is based on the EU Wildlife Estates initiative.

The European scheme, implemented in 19 countries, aims 'to protect, preserve and improve the environment for present and future generations'.

Wildlife Estates Scotland, which has just celebrated its tenth anniversary, vowed to continue beyond the UK's exit from the EU and has an ambitious plan to lead the continent.

Scotland is second in the league table of Wildlife Estates accredited land on 1.25 million acres, with Spain ahead on approximately 1.6 million acres.

WES aims to double the accredited land to 2.5 million acres by 2023.

Dee Ward, chairperson of Wildlife Estates Scotland, said it was vital that landowners' role as guardians of the environment was encouraged and promoted.

'Landholdings are already undertaking vital conservation work that goes above and beyond what many would expect, but we should always be looking to do more.'

Scotland has a biodiversity intactness index rating of just 56 per cent - the best rated nation in the UK, but still far behind Canada on 89 per cent and Germany on 67 per cent.

It is estimated Scotland is home to 90,000 animal, plant and microbe species.

'The twin threats of climate change and biodiversity loss are very present in Scotland.'

'Landholdings are already undertaking vital conservation work that goes above and beyond what many would expect but we should always be looking to do more.'

'Environmental work often comes at significant financial cost to businesses but land managers see their role as custodians of their local habitat and want to help a rich array of wildlife to flourish.'

'These farms and estates are undertaking exceptionally important work that benefits biodiversity and the environment and it is only right their efforts are publicly recognised through Wildlife Estates Scotland.'

'We seek a broad range of infor-

mation, including species data and conservation projects, which helps to provide significant insight on what is working well and where our conservation efforts need to be targeted.'

Dr Mike Cantlay OBE, chairman of NatureScot, said: 'By attaining WES accreditation, these estates have reached a gold standard in their long-term commitment to helping Scotland's nature thrive. Initiatives like WES, which gather the knowledge and expertise of people who work Scotland's countryside, are a crucially important way to increase the resilience of Scotland's land as we work together to tackle the twin biodiversity and climate change crises.'

Sixty-five farms and estates have now reached the scheme's 'gold standard' level two accreditation.

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Left: Lochgilphead Primary School P1 pupils set the benchmark, looking smart in their uniforms.

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 photos to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

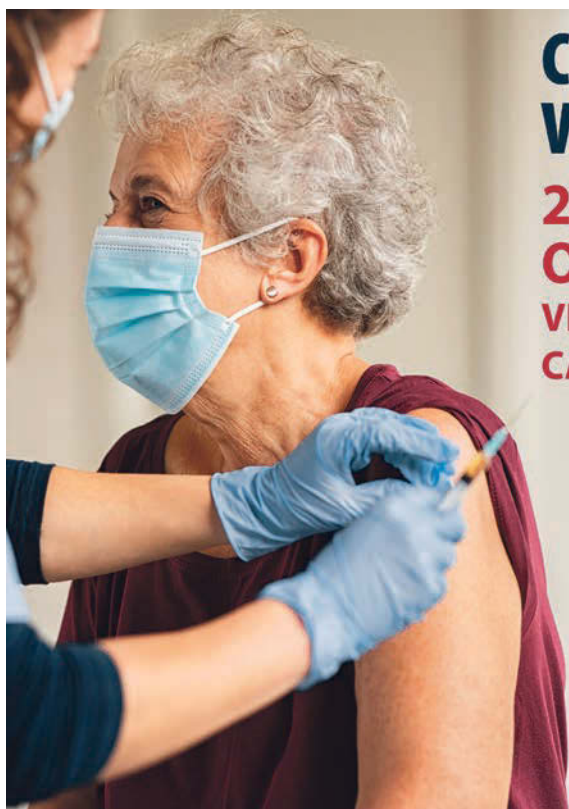
New primary one pupils

Look out for photographs of this year's new primary one pupils in your Argyllshire Advertiser over the next few editions.
The Covid situation has meant

that rather than produce a one-off primary one supplement as has happened in recent years, the paper will publish school photographs over a number of editions.



All smiles in the sunshine at Ardrishaig Primary School.



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Cardio room to get hearts racing

Gym enthusiasts can get that midweek workout once again as liveArgyll re-opens its cardio room in Lochgilphead town centre.

The fitness suite in Lochgilphead Community Centre will be open Monday to Friday from 7am and is the ideal venue for early bird exercisers who want to fit in a cardio session or those wanting to exercise during the day.

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From left: Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau chairman Iain Ritchie; bureau manager Jen Broadhurst and Brendan O'Hara MP.

Advice bureau celebrates reopening

New town centre premises and fresh volunteers marked the reopening of Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (ABCAB) in Lochgilphead.

The board was delighted to welcome staff, volunteers, partners and MP Brendan O'Hara to a celebration on Thursday September 30 as the bureau on Argyll Street opened its doors following extensive refurbishment after relocating to the town centre earlier in the year.

Mr O'Hara said he was delighted to visit the new ABCAB offices, adding: 'I welcome the opening of this new hub which will meet the changing needs of Argyll and Bute's Citizens Advice Bureau.

'The work being done by ABCAB is vital, especially now the government at Westminster is cutting the £20 a week Universal Credit uplift and furlough is coming to an end.

'This, combined with rising energy prices and increasing food and fuel poverty, means more people than ever before will need the help, support and expertise offered by CAB.

'My constituency office will work closely with ABCAB to support those in need through this crisis and with all employment and benefits matters.

'I cannot thank the ABCAB team enough for the work they have been doing to help so many people across the constituency during the pandemic and I know that in the tough times ahead, they will continue to provide a lifeline service

to many.' ABCAB chairman Iain Ritchie said: 'Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau's volunteers and staff have supported clients across the region throughout this unprecedented period of economic uncertainty.

'Our new offices mean that we can support more clients to be aware of their rights and access much-needed advice and income as we make a return to face-to-face support, as well as welcome new and existing volunteer advisers back into the office.'

'Everyone at the bureau is delighted to be able to open our office once again to the public of Argyll,' said manager Jen Broadhurst.

'While we have continued to provide remote advice via telephone, email and virtual conferencing,' she added, 'there is often no substitute for sitting down over a cup of tea and chatting to someone face to face.

'Our new premises in the heart of Lochgilphead mean we will continue to be able to offer free, trusted advice and support to people and communities not just in Lochgilphead but crucially across all our communities in the region.'

ABCAB is available for advice on all areas of money - debt, employment, benefits and tax - as well as family issues, housing or immigration.

Advisers are available Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm. Call 01546 605550 or email info@abcab.org.uk for more information.

Lochgilphead's bookshop serves up crime and cake

With the 'support local' message very much in the air as we emerge from the pandemic, one of Lochgilphead's fantastic independent shops is hoping for a good turnout for its first event in almost two years.

As part of the Bookshop Day celebration of independent bookshops on Saturday October 9, the Argyll Book Centre in Lorne Street will host one of Argyll's most popular authors for a special book signing event.

Oban author Lindsay Campbell will visit the shop between 11am and 1pm. Her books, including Ane Compact of Villany, Now Prisoner Within and Accused and Persewed, reveal all kinds of intrigue, murder, riot and theft in old Argyll.

Recently published, her latest book Blood and Battery contains fascinating tales of



Enjoy coffee and cakes as author Lindsay Campbell visits Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead this weekend to sign copies of her latest book 'Blood and Battery'.

historic crimes close to Mid Argyll. Away from the blood-soaked misdeeds of the past, the Argyll Book Centre will

also have cake, tea, coffee and more cake available all day on Saturday in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Bookshop

Day is a celebration of UK high street bookshops, encouraging book lovers to support and enjoy their local bookshop.



It's Argyll, it's original and it's next week

The popular MOJO festival is primed and set for Saturday October 16 in Craignish Village Hall.

The annual - before Covid interrupted, that is - celebration of all genres of original music by Argyll artists will feature the brilliant talents of Catherine Fincher, Hannah Boaden, Rory O'B, The Lush Puppies and Charles Martin.

Doors open at 7.30pm to people aged 16 years and over, with acts taking the stage between 8pm and 12.30am.

Entry is by ticket only, available from Millstone Wholefoods in Oban, Ardfern Stores and Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead.

Masks must be worn on entry and the organisers ask that you do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms, in which case tickets will be refunded.

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Living and loving life at Ladyfield

Words and photographs
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Growing sweetcorn and watermelons in an Argyll glen?

No problem to Adrian Nation and his partner Lindsay Young.

It's not easy, but it can be done. And since taking over a smallholding in Glen Aray in the middle of Covid lockdown the couple have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into making a success of self-sufficiency – and gone far beyond that.

Adrian and Lindsay spotted seven-acre Ladyfield Farm on the market in December 2019, fell in love with it and by the summer of 2020 had moved lock, stock and barrel from Essex to a glen between Inveraray and Loch Awe.

'We came in March just as lockdown happened – and everything shut down. There was nothing open, so we survived on Co-op sandwiches,' Lindsay recalled.

It was a leap into the unknown, but they knew beyond doubt they wanted something completely different to their life at Clacton-on-Sea.

But these are no airy-fairy new age hippies.

Adrian describes himself as having two trades – music and building. In fact, he is a successful guitarist and singer-songwriter who is willing to turn his hand to anything – from plumbing to felling timber.

Lindsay – equally unafraid of getting her sleeves rolled up – works as an advanced nurse practitioner at Lochgilphead Medical Centre.

They make a formidable team, but it is fair to say it's been a steep learning curve.

Neither had much experience of growing vegetables and absolutely none of farming but, with the help of 15-week-old collie pup and apprentice sheepdog Ray, they have made huge strides in spite of the odd setback.

There is no house on

Ladyfield, just a barn in need of renovation, so their first winter was a cold one in a static caravan. Never again, though, as Adrian has set about framing, insulating and cladding the caravan with milled larch from the Barge family at Otter Ferry.

The plan is to build a house and refurbish the barn in time, but the static will be home for a few years, so it now boasts a balcony with wood burner to warm the cold nights and keep the midges at bay.

But their most remarkable achievement is their organic



Adrian and Lindsay have established a salad growing enterprise.

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Some of the 900 seedlings for the winter salad crop. 51_a41Ladyfield03



Above: The flourishing no-dig vegetable plot. 51_a41Ladyfield07

Below: Yes, these are watermelons growing in Glen Aray.

51_a41Ladyfield06



Ladyfield, who run alongside three Blackface wethers which will make their own contribution to the farm's produce in time. 'We were vegetarian until we came here,' said Lindsay. 'Since then we've been eating our own lamb. We didn't like the idea of intensive farming, but the sheep around here have a good life.'

And life at Ladyfield would have been that bit tougher without the help of neighbours who quickly became

friends, including Julie Liddell and Steven McKillop and the MacKays, Alison and Rhuaraidh.

Diggers have been borrowed and occasionally bogged; hay cut and baled; advice given and many a sociable dram enjoyed. Lindsay said: 'Everyone around us has been really helpful and we've been made so welcome.'

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salad-growing enterprise. In February this year the ground was bare.

Since June, they have sold in excess of 500 salad bags through Inveraray-based food delivery business Aray Fish.

They follow the 'no dig' philosophy developed by Charles Dowding, which leaves soil undisturbed.

Adrian explained: 'We lay down cardboard on the ground, then add compost on top, four inches of cattle manure and top it off with compost.'

'We have very few weeds and super healthy plants,' added Lindsay, 'and the roots will go down into the soil.'

'It was always our plan to grow our own vegetables to become self-sufficient,' she continued. 'We just planted the things we liked, things like salad, courgettes, chillies, onions, carrots, potatoes and even watermelons. Soon there was a surplus, so we contacted Laura at Aray Fish, who is fantastic. It works well.'

'They let us know Monday lunchtime how much salad they need and we drop it down the next day.'

With Adrian in charge of 900 seedlings growing in one of two polytunnels at Ladyfield ready for winter salad, the organic production line shows no sign of slowing down.

On the livestock side, the plan is to expand the sheep flock and borrow a tup for the two Hebridean ewes on

Wood you be- leaf it: Argyll (almost) grows UK's tallest tree

As autumn appears, leaf colours will begin to change and Scotland's woodlands will put on a stunning seasonal show.

Until December 1, the Scottish Tree Festival is celebrating the importance of these giants of nature to our lives and our landscape.

Ardkinglas Woodland Garden near Loch Fyne will be one of the locations where visitors can explore some of the finest tree collections and enjoy the spectacle as the canopy changes from green to gold and scarlet.

Ardkinglas is home to a number of Champion Trees, the tallest or broadest of their species in Britain.

'Ardkinglas' favourable growing conditions lead to the exceptional size and longevity exhibited by many of the coniferous species introduced to this area of the garden via the 19th century plant-hunters,' explains the estate's website.

'The Champion Trees at Ardkinglas also include 'the mightiest conifer in Europe',

a remarkable European Silver Fir (*Abies alba*) with a girth of nearly 10 metres.'

The garden's Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*) was the tallest tree in Britain for a number of years, but has now been overtaken.

'The tree was planted as a sapling 135 years ago, around 1875,' the estate says: 'Other events around that time include the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana, Alexander Graham Bell demonstrating his telephone to Queen Victoria and Tchaikovsky completing the music for Swan Lake.'

'It regained the title when it was climbed in 2010 and measured at 64.28m, but has recently lost it again. The title of Britain's tallest tree has changed hands three times in the last year.'

'Currently, a Douglas Fir in Reelig Glen Wood west of Inverness holds the crown, and is the tallest tree found in Northern Europe. Measured in November, it is agreed to

be 66.4m tall, which is 217 feet and 10 inches.'

Dozens of gardens and estates are taking part in the festival including Armadale Castle on Skye. The 40-acre garden surrounding Armadale Castle, once the ancestral seat of the Macdonalds of Sleat, is recognised for its exotic and historic collection of trees.

Joanna Macpherson, director of Discover Scottish Gardens, said: 'Against the backdrop of COP26 taking place in Glasgow, trees have never been more important and Scotland not only has a unique legacy of historic trees, but through careful conservation and replanting, this country's tree cover is increasing once again.'

A full list of events is available from discoverscottishgardens.org

Below: One of Ardkinglas' monumental trees: a European Silver Fir (*Abies alba*) with a girth at the narrowest point of nearly 10 metres.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS



Ardrishaig reader Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye took this week's incredible photograph using the super macro feature on her mobile phone. Cheryl said: 'It's a wonderful time of year to see so many species of fungi.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



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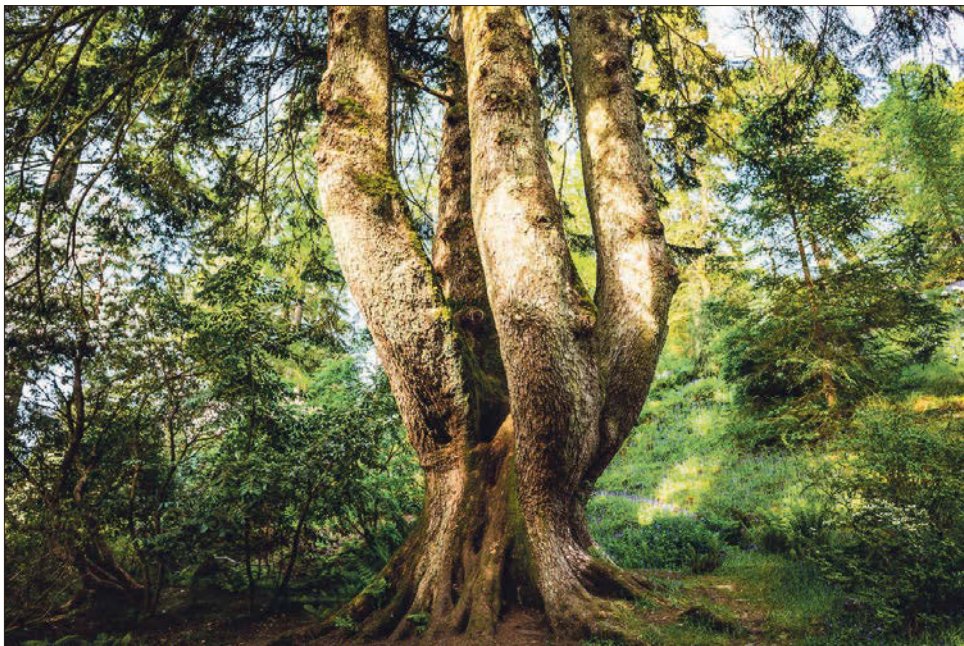
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Music to community ears

The community bid to buy Inveraray Pier is definitely gathering momentum.

It was just finding its feet when the pandemic hit and since then it's not been the best of times to ask for donations.

Yet, despite that, money is coming in thanks to the generosity of individuals and organisations.

How much of an asset could local people make Inveraray Pier if it was in their own hands?

Next week's planned music day around town is another fantastic demonstration of the feeling that exists for a structure that was allowed to crumble over many years.

If you play music, get in touch with the organisers and let them know - details are on this week's front page.

Changing times

Times have changed for farming in recent decades, particularly in Argyll where active farms are fewer, with lower people and livestock numbers while forestry plantations have taken over our hills.

Hill farmers have always worked together for the benefit of everyone.

It might look different to the old days, but it is great to see imaginative, productive land use at Ladyfield Farm and people wanting to be part of a community.



Feeding the hungry with porridge and donations

Sir,
It's World Porridge Day on Sunday October 10 and while for some this might conjure up images of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, or those famous old porridge adverts, there's a more important meaning to this day; one that can, quite literally, change lives.

Mary's Meals feeds more than two million children in 19 countries around the world every school day.

In the countries where the charity works, including Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, children are normally served steaming mugs of porridge, known locally as likuni phala, enriched with vitamins to help them learn and grow.

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.

And the average cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year is just £15.90.

Readers can learn more about the work of this charity, and how a mug of porridge is helping to transform young lives, at marysmeals.org.uk

Sophie Thompson,
actor and former winner of **Celebrity MasterChef**

Solutions and action needed to ease poverty in the UK

Sir,
Challenge Poverty Week, co-ordinated by the Poverty Alliance and supported by organisations from every major sector in Scotland, takes place this week at a time of growing hardship across Scotland.

From Monday October 4 until Sunday October 10, hundreds of organisations from across Scotland have come together to raise their voices for solutions to the rising tide of poverty.

Even before the pandemic, one in four children were growing up in the trap of poverty.

Now, with the looming £20 Universal Credit cut, the end of furlough, the lifting of the energy price cap and rising food prices, many more face being swept into poverty and hardship.

Those organisations participating in Challenge Poverty Week - which include children's charities, third-sector organisations, trade unions, schools, local authorities, football clubs, environmental organisations and many more - are using the week to say that these levels of hardship are not in line with our shared values of compassion and justice as a society.

Now is the time for all levels of government to take the action required to loosen the grip of poverty on people's lives.

Challenge Poverty Week is an opportunity for organisations and individuals to raise their voices in support of the solutions to poverty, including the immediate doubling of the Scottish Child Payment and the extension of free bus travel to those on low-income benefits and all under 25s.

Reversing the UK Government's decision to cut Universal Credit will be a call that organisations across Scotland are supporting.

It is a decision that highlights tackling poverty is about political choices. We need to make better choices now if we are to prevent more people being swept into poverty.

Next month, at COP26, the world will be looking to Scotland for leadership in the fight against the climate crisis.

We can show leadership in our efforts to end poverty too. That's why we're calling on the Scottish and UK governments to redesign our

economy so we can all be part of a more just and greener Scotland.

Peter Kelly,
director of the Poverty Alliance.

Wear it pink for cancer care

Sir,
Wear it pink is one of the UK's biggest fundraising events.

Each year thousands of people across the UK wear pink and fundraise for Breast Cancer Now. 2021 is its 20th year, with more than £36 million raised since 2002.

However you wear it pink this October, you can help to make sure that our life-saving research and life-changing care continues.

From pulling on something pink at home, to raising money with a pink event, your support will mean we can continue to be here for anyone affected by breast cancer.

Wear it pink will take place on Friday October 22 2021, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Since March 2020, the doors to hundreds of our community support events have had to close and our researchers were kept out of their labs for more than 100 days.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on Breast Cancer Now's ability to deliver the progress and support that people affected by breast cancer rely on us for now more than ever.

Breast cancer hasn't stopped for the pandemic. Over the past year people have been diagnosed with the disease at a time when everything from treatment to screenings have been disrupted, making the support we provide, and the hope our research generates, a vital lifeline.

That's why we've become more determined to make sure we're there to support people when they need us.

And more determined to make the breakthroughs in research that will continue to drive forward progress.

People affected by breast cancer need us - and they need you too.

It's never been more important to wear it pink on Friday October 22.

Together we can wear pink, raise money and help make life-changing breast cancer research and care happen.

Summer Kendrick, wear it pink manager,
Breast Cancer Now.

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Thought for the Week

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature.

I love how the green leaves of the trees slowly change into a golden yellow colour before the tree disperses of them and they gently fall to the ground.

The tree seeks a time of rest in winter and therefore needs to let go of all its decayed leaves so that it can bud in spring and flourish in summer.

Watching this process reminds me of an important lesson that we can learn from the trees as we enter autumn and look ahead to the winter months.

Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold onto their dead leaves, so must we seek not to hold stubbornly onto any unnecessary hurtful weight in our lives.

Ephesians 4 v 31 – 32 reminds us that we need to get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Are you perhaps holding onto something that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead?

Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up in your heart and you need to discard of them for good?

If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer because He longs to hear from you.

Ask Him to reveal any thoughts, circumstances, issues or any other 'decayed leaves' that you may be stubbornly clinging to, so that you can release them and watch the leaves fall and drift away this season.

Pastor Ryan Taylor, Lochgilphead Baptist Church.

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Toy gun could be 19th century

The latest item to be found hidden in the walls of cottages in the Auchindrain township was discovered last week by conservationists at the museum.

A homemade toy shotgun, thought to date from the 19th century, was found in the attic of a building known as Stoner's House.

A spokesperson for the museum said: 'While removing old electrical cables from within the attic of Stoner's House, our team came across a toy shotgun, wedged between the wall-head and the roof.'

'Made from a crudely shaped length of wood with metal fixings, it's missing its barrel but is otherwise in good condition.'

To find out more about the find the museum staff consulted experts at the Royal Armouries in Leeds who confirmed that the proportions are wrong for it to have come from a real gun, leading to the conclusion it was made from wood and metal elements that were to hand,

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with the lock plate possibly reused from another toy. The spokesperson added: 'We initially thought this gun must have belonged to the last two brothers to have lived within the house, Callie and Duncan Munro who were both born around 1900, but our expert believes the gun could have been made even earlier than that. Looking back through our census data, the next likely owners are Donald and Martin Munro, aged 16 and 12, who lived in the house in 1871.'

The hidden gun is one of many items found this year secreted in the walls at Auchindrain, including three odd child's leather boots, two gin traps, a bottle of alcohol and a lady's bodice.



Auchindrain township.



The 19th century toy gun found hidden in the walls at Auchindrain.

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Dunoon pier upgrade bid

Dunoon pier could benefit from substantial improvement work as part of a proposed new regeneration project.

The Western Scotland Marine Gateways plan will form part of a bid being put together by Argyll and Bute Council for a share of the UK Government's Levelling Up fund, introduced earlier this year.

If successful, new berthing for the A-listed pier would be among a number of upgrades set to share in funding totalling £20 million.

The regeneration of the pier would work alongside improvements to the town centre and waterfront, including a link to the Dunoon Project principal entrance at West Bay as well as a further phase of restoration and possible demolition of unused features.

In a report presented to a full council meeting on September 30, executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'This investment will add to the current regeneration activities such as the com-

pleted development of the Queen's Hall together with the Dunoon CARS initiative and the Cycle Bothy project.'

GIGHA

Help sought as island aims for zero carbon footprint

Members are being sought for a steering group aiming to make the Isle of Gigha a zero-carbon community.

Businesses, residents and community groups are being invited to join together to create an island-wide action plan to offset Gigha's carbon footprint.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust is spearheading the initiative which is expected to incorporate ideas such as change of land use and major renewables development as well as proposals on how best to make individual behaviours more environmentally sustainable.

With island communities set to be at high risk

from sea-level rises associated with a forecasted average temperature rise of 1.5°C, the trust's development manager Jane Millar said: 'At 1.5°C, there is a strong possibility of a one-metre sea-level rise by 2100 and if there is no concerted action internationally, as well as within the UK, then two metres is now seen as a probability.'

'There are many other changes the island may experience as a result of climate change, including very long dry periods like the one we have experienced this year which will affect agriculture.'

'We would like the community to steer the direction and support those developments which Gigha needs to take to address the climate emergency.'

To be involved in the new group, interested parties should contact the trust's office at jane@ghga.org.uk.

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People thinking of buying a present for a family member, friend or loved one are being asked to buy a Love Oban Gift Voucher.

The Love Oban voucher was set up by BID4Oban in 2013 to encourage spending in local shops, restaurants and businesses. Since its inception, it has generated over £100,000.

With Christmas coming up and celebrations from retirements to birthdays and weddings, nearly 90 businesses in Oban now accept the vouchers, reaffirming its name 'the Oban Pound'.

As well as being a help to those unsure what to buy someone, the highly successful initiative helps keep money in Oban and spent with local independents, said BID4Oban chief executive Andy Spence.

Buying a Love Oban voucher ensures the money spent stays within the local economy to support businesses, jobs and local people, he said.

The initiative has proved popular with local people who want to see the town succeed and also people from outside the area.

Visitors also purchase the

vouchers online on behalf of those planning breaks in Oban or who are moving to the town to take up employment, said Andy.

He said: 'When you spend local, that £1 then regenerates and goes into supporting someone at another local business and is spent in the town.'

'Not just local but every single business is important in Oban as it provides employment for local people and they also spend in the town.'

In December 2020, BID4Oban in their efforts to encourage everyone to think 'local first', approached The Senior Pupil Leadership Team at Oban High to create a video and help us all to see just how important it is to shop locally and how your money circulates round the town. This can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Xm1JSHDFvc

Andy said supporting Oban at this time is vital as retailers recover from the pandemic.

The process of buying the vouchers took just a couple of minutes and each comes with a handy guide to where they can be spent.

Andy added: 'We have a lot of

new local businesses opening in the town and given what we have just been through, it's clear the town is extremely vibrant and people have got the confidence in Oban to invest. We are a destination town and a key hub.'

As well as buying them directly from the BID4Oban office in Stevenson Street, you can purchase vouchers from the following businesses.

The Sports Shop Oban, Argyll Square; Websters of Oban Photographic Centre, George Street; Oban Phoenix Cinema, George Street; Alba Artshop, Albany Street; Button Nose Boutique, Airds Crescent, and Etive Restaurant, Stevenson Street.

Alternatively, you can go online to the BID4Oban website and purchase them in denominations of £10, £20 and £50, but in as high a value as necessary.

<https://www.bid4oban.co.uk/overview-love-oban->



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**BID4OBAN ARE OFFERING
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AND 16th OCTOBER.
See page 26 for details.**



We talked to a couple of retailers in the town about the voucher's success...

Button Nose

Jackie Kerr from Button Nose Gift Boutique, 12 Airds Crescent, Oban, PA34 5SQ.

It is a gift shop for everyone, locals and tourists. Stocking gift ideas for any occasion and clothing for babies and children up to 3 years of age. It's a great shop if you just want to browse, and pass a bit of time. With beautifully scented candles and homeware ideas we can't fail to please.

We also stock a large range of jewellery, handbags, purses, scarves, powder design socks, wax melts, bath bombs and much, much more. All purchases over £10 will be beautifully gift wrapped free of charge if required and complemented by great customer service.

Our success in Stevenson Street allowed us to move to a much larger premises last October in the great location of Airds crescent, very close to George Street.

We have been offering and accepting Love Oban vouchers for quite some time and think they definitely allow us to offer our customers added value, selling them definitely brings people to us and they can spend them at any participating business in the town, a win win. Love Oban have been a huge support to us over the last 5 years so we were delighted when we were able to participate in the Voucher scheme.



The Sports Shop

Billy Thompson from The Sports Shop, 3 Macgregor Court, Oban, PA34 4DJ

We celebrated our 10th anniversary back in April this year and when we opened from scratch, we said we wanted to be a proper sports shop and cover as many sports as possible, with clothing footwear and equipment, especially those played in town.

We feel we have managed to do that and will continue to do so, as much as we can, in an ever-changing and sometimes very difficult retail environment.

Myself, Jonathan and Malcolm have always been involved in sport, whether playing, coaching, volunteering or just simply supporting and we hope that locals see us a community minded shop and we do our best to support as many local charities and events as we can.

Shopping local is the one message we would like to get across more to the community and Bid4Oban's love Oban vouchers are a very practical way for people to show that support to local businesses and we have seen a steady increase in sales and receipts from the vouchers since they started. All we ask is for people to consider trying us first before their keyboards.

We have also started to diversify this year, more than ever, partly due to demand, but also to replace lost income from, for example, football replica sales due to teams like Scotland, Rangers and Celtic doing exclusive deals with certain large retailers and also due to brands like Nike who no longer want to deal with smaller retailers and have denied us access to their brand.

We will continue to evolve and do our best to serve the local community and we are looking forward towards another ten years.



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Sheep prices buoyant at Islay and Dalmally sales

The breeding sheep trade was good at United Auctions' Islay mart on Friday October 1 as 4,242 feeding and breeding sheep were sold, with 2,460 lambs averaging £84.68 (+£17.65).

At the show prior to the sale the judge, Mr R Blackhall, Milton of Durris, Banchory, selected a BFL shearing from Daniel McMillan, Tallant, as his champion which later sold to £900 to Islay Estates.

His reserve champion was a BF shearing from Mr Elliot Bowman, Mid Craggabus, which later sold for £600, also to Islay Estates.

A United Auctions spokesperson said: 'Lambs took a considerable rise on the previous sale and this would undoubtedly be one of

dearest sales of lambs held at Bridgend.'

Leading lots and prices

LAMBS - SUFFx - £106, Uiskentuie; £106, Islay Estates; £105, Bola Na Traigh; £103, Ardbeg; £102.50, Rockside; £102, Islay Estates; £100.50, Duich; £100.50, Ballimartin; £98, Dunlossit, Lossit; £98, Coultorsay; £98, Ardbeg; £98, Smaladh; £97, Uiskentuie; £96, Islay Estates; £95.50, Rockside; £94, Islay Estate; £94, Coultorsay; £94, Islay Estate; £92, Ardnave; £91, Ballinaby; £91, Duich; £91, Coultorsay; £90, Islay Estates. LLEYNx - £107, Ardbeg. TEXx - £150, Blackrock; £111, Uiskentuie; £105, Ballivicar; £101, Mansefield; £100, Ballimartin; £97, Stanalane; £96, Dunlossit, Lossit; £95.50, Ardbeg; £95, Auchnaclach; £95, Starchmill; £94, Coultorsay; £94, Starchmill; £93, Ardbeg. CHEV - £105, Grulinbeg; £86, Tormisdale Croft; £85.50, Ardfarnal; £80.50, Tormisdale Croft; £80, Sealladh Na Mara. CROSS - £77, Mansefield; £77, Ardtalla Estate. MULE - £105,

Islay Estate; £100, Ballytarsin; £94, Islay Estates; £93, Duich; £90, Smaladh. BF - £90, £82, Islay Estate; £75.50, Ceannacroic; £73, Lossit Dunlossit; £72, Islay Estates; £70.50, Kelsay.

RAMS - SUFF - £450, £420, Coille; £350, Eorrabus; £300, 7 Claddach. BFL - £900, Tallant (Daniel McMillan); £650, Beamish Croft; £600 x 2, £550, Coille; £520, Eorrabus; £500, Coille; £300, Eorrabus. BELT - £780, £500, Bayview; £450, Stanalane. CHEV - £320, Ballivicar. BF - £600, Cruach (Robbie Brown); £600x2, Mid Cragabus (E Bowman); £550, Ballachlaven.

GIMMERS - TEXx - £175, Kirkby. CROSS - £148, Kirkby; £130, Duich. MULE - £152, £120, Coille; £120, Lorgba. BF - £128, Lower Cragabus; £125, Dunlossit, Lossit; £106, Smaladh; £103, Uiskentuie.

STOCK EWES - BF - £150, £102, £92 & £88, Uiskentuie. CROSS - £101, Duich. MULE - £90, Duich.

EWE LAMBS - SUFFx - £100, Charlotte Street. BELTx - £93,

Ballachlaven. TEX - £205, Bayview; £93, Charlotte Street. MULE - £126, Bola Na Traigh; £125, Smaladh; £120, Mulindry; £120, Smaladh; £118, £108, Bayview; £105, Smaladh; £102, Bola Na Traigh; £101, Ballytarsin; £100, Isand. BF - £72, Ceannacroic.

FEEDING EWES - SUFF - £148, £144, Stanalane. TEX - £138, Blackrock; £117, Grulinbeg; £110, £106, Starchmill; £98, Ardbeg; £89, Blackrock; £78, Auchnaclach. CHEV - £79, Tormisdale; £73, Uiskentuie. CROSS - £69, Charlotte Street. MULE - £88, Islay Estates; £87, Ballachlaven; £84, Ardnave. BF - £80, Cnoc Na Faire; £65, Lossit; £64.50, Bola Na Traigh; £60, Cnoc Na Faire; £60, Islay Estates; £60, Blackpark.

Dalmally

Demand was 'exceptional' at Dalmally on Saturday October 2 as United Auctions sold 1,633 sheep of all classes. Lambs averaged £67

(+£16.99). United Auctions said all classes of lambs were in exceptional demand and 'many more could have been sold to meet the needs of a large turnout of buyers'.

Leading lots and prices

LAMBS - SUFFx - £80.50, Duntum. TEXx - £105, Dunans; £100, Ardbeg; £92, Dunans; £92, Craig; £90.50, Craigmores; £85.50, £85, Craig; £85.00, Ardbeg. CHEV - £84, Blairmore; £77.50, Kilvaree; £73, Blairmore; £73, Ballard; £73, Wester Bleaton. CROSS - £74.50, 10 Eastfield; £73.50, Balnahard. MULE - £95, Dunans; £79, Ederline Estate; £79, 10 Eastfield. BF - £80, Duntum; £67.50, Largie; £67.50, Glenfeochan Estate; £66, Achnaba; £64, Glenfeochan Estate; £64, Dunans; £63, Fiddin; £62.50, Achnaba; £62.50, Castles Estate.

GIMMERS - CHEV - £100, Ardchnnel. CROSS - £130, 10 Eastfield. EWES - LLEY - £73, Kilpatrick Croft. TEX - £78, Craig; £71, Fiddin.

CHEV - £80, Ardchnnel; £75, Ballard; £75, £68, £67, Ardchnnel. CROSS - £69, Balnahard; £65, Ardchnnel. BF - £68, Fiddin; £58, Fernoch; £56, High Field Croft; £56, Cuiluaie; £52, Ardchnnel; £50, Fiddin.

RAMS - BF - £150, £120, Stronmagachan.

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SUFFx - 252p, Duntum. TEXx - 292p, Craigmores; 266p, Birchfield; 261p, Craig; 256p, Birchfield; 252p, Craig; 247p, Ederline Estate; 235p, Dunans; 225p, Ardbeg. CHEV - 256p, 246p, 243p, Ballard; 240p, Blairmore; 235p, Ardchnnel; 234p, Lochdochart; 232p, Blairmore; 232p, Wester Bleaton. CROSS - 278p, 256p, 247p, Balnahard; 240p, Eastfield; 237p, Croft 162. MULE - 240p, Ederline Estate; 236p, Duntum; 232p, Eastfield; 230p, Saulmore. BF - 237p, Glenfeochan Estate; 233p, Fiddin; 229p, Dunans; 228p, Glenfeochan Estate; 227p, Saulmore; 227p, Birchfield; 222p, Achnaba.

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Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING


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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/01620/PP	Change of use of shop to form two studio apartments for letting purposes	House No 2, Front Street, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UY
21/01183/PP	Change of use of land to facilitate a service bay off the B842 (retrospective)	Land To The North West Of Coniglen, Southend, Argyll And Bute
21/01617/LIB	Internal alterations to form two studio apartments for letting purposes	House No 2, Front Street, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UY

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GM DUNCAN'S BEQUEST
ANDREW GREENLEES TRUST (SC025066)

Campbeltown residents are being invited to apply for a £25 voucher for individuals and a £50 voucher for families (households of more than one person) from the town's GM Duncan Bequest and Andrew Greenlees Trust. The voucher can be used at selected retailers in Campbeltown.

Major George Melville Duncan, who died in 1958, bequeathed money to the then Campbeltown Town Council for the 'benefit of the poor of the Burgh in the form of gifts, of fuel, clothing and foodstuffs during the winter months'. Andrew Greenlees set up a Trust on his death which provided for the poor of Campbeltown.

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Application forms are available online at Argyll and Bute Council's website (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/gm-duncans-bequest>) or can be obtained by contacting Iona Campbell, Senior Committee Assistant, at 01436 658 801 or iona.campbell2@argyll-bute.gov.uk or Shona Barton, Committee Manager, at 01436 657 605 or shona.barton@argyll-bute.gov.uk. All application forms should be returned by e-mail to iona.campbell2@argyll-bute.gov.uk or returned by post to Iona Campbell, Legal and Regulatory Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT no later than **Monday, 8th November 2021**.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (B8024 GLENRALLOCH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

On Thursday 30 September 2021, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on that length of the B8024 Glenalloch Road, from its junction with the A83 Trunk Road extending in a south westerly direction to its junction with the C23 Glenakil Road, a distance of 2,544 metres or thereby.

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BIRTH

YOUNG - Alasdair and Gwyneth, née Preece, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Flora Mari on September 27, 2021. First grandchild for Bill and Rona, Lochgilphead and Ifor and Alison, Cambridge.

RUBY WEDDING

HARROW - At Campbeltown Registry Office on October 10, 1981, Alan married Carole, two beautiful daughters and their wonderful families later, we are so blessed.

DEATHS

MACLEAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 30, 2021, Helen MacLean née Mitchell, in her 89th year, of 64 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of John MacLean, a caring sister, sister-in-law and a much loved auntie.

THOMSON - Peacefully at home, 4 Hazelbank Court, Campbeltown, with family by his side, on October 1, 2021, James Adam Thomson (Hamish) in his 87th year, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Armour, dear partner to Cathie Mathieson, a loving dad to Alan, David and Raymond and a caring granda and great-granda. James's funeral will

take place today, Friday, October 8 at 1.00 pm in the Lorne and Lowland Church. The cortège will leave the church at 1:30 pm. We will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the Service at the Lorne and Lowland Church, alternatively you may pay your last respects to James along our route.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCCALLUM - Patricia and family would like to express their gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sudden loss of Neil. A special thank you to Rev. Lyn Peden for her comforting service, to funeral directors Kenneth Blair and family for their invaluable professionalism throughout and to the Argyll Arms Hotel for purvey. Our thanks to all who attended the church service and everyone who paid their respects at the funeral cortege made its way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

MCNEIL - Iain, Yvonne and families would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls and kind messages of sympathy received following the sudden

death of their mother, Flora. Grateful thanks to the island nursing staff for their care and attention. Also to the Rev. Anne McIvor for her most comforting services, assisted by the church elders and organist. Thank you to the funeral undertaker, Kenneth Blair and staff for their dignified professionalism, and the staff of the Gigha Hotel for catering. Finally many thanks to the local community and friends who travelled to the island for paying their respects in church along the route and at the cemetery.

TURNBULL - The family of the late Ian Turnbull would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our thanks to nursing staff at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee for their care and attention given to Ian during his illness. Special thanks to Rev. Robert MacLeod for a personal service and tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and caring arrangements; to the Stag Hotel for purvey. Finally our thanks to family and friends who travelled to pay their respects at Achnabreac Cemetery.

MEMORIAMS

LIPPE - Precious memories of Feuna Margaret Kerr, died October 9, 1992, age 26 years.

The leaves and flowers may wither. The golden sun may set, But the hearts that love you dearly are the ones that will never forget.

- Mum, Iona, John, Paul and Feuna
Love you always Mum,
- Peter-John xx

MEIKLE - In loving memory of Drew, who died October 9, 2016. Miss you so much Lambsy. Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.
- Love Catherine Ann.

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Strollers' victory at Glasgow event

Lochgilphead Strollers walking football team returned from Glasgow with silverware as they triumphed in an invitational tournament.

Hosted by Pollok United on Sunday October 3, the competition also raised funds and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Eight teams took part and the Strollers faced tough competition but after their last competition victory in Portugal confidence was high.

Manager Russell Anderson had two new players to add to his squad with Duncan Crawford and Neil Anderson earning call-ups after some impressive Tuesday night showings.

They joined the usual suspects of Duncan 'The Cat' Litster, Arthur 'The Bike' McCulloch, Stuart 'The Woodsman' Johnston and Jimmy 'The Scribe' Litster.

The Strollers got off to the best possible start with a resounding 8-0 victory; the Woodsman scoring twice but eclipsed by the Anderson twins each grabbing a hat-trick.

Game two saw the Strollers' impressive start continue with a Woodsman double and a single apiece this time from the Andersons. Victory saw the Strollers guaranteed a place in the semi-finals.

Manager Anderson decided to shuffle the pack slightly for the third match, but unfortu-

nately succeeded in shuffling his hamstring.

A 4-0 defeat served only to harden the Strollers' resolve that they would need to be at their best for the upcoming semi-final.

With Duncan Crawford moving to goalkeeper, it meant The Cat was let loose and he scored twice. The Woodsman and Neil Anderson completed the scoring in a 4-1 victory.

Giffnock stood in the Strollers' way in the final, and a big crowd watched on as manager Anderson delivered his final team talk.

It did the trick, with McCulloch marshalling his defence and Crawford standing firm in goal, strikes from



They strolled it - the winning team. From left: Neil Anderson, Duncan Crawford, Stuart Johnston, Russell Anderson, Duncan Litster, Arthur McCulloch and Jimmy Litster.

D Litster, a Johnston brace and Anderson - the better looking one - secured victory and ensured the trophy was heading back to Argyll.

At the trophy presentation in the Corkehill Community Hub, manager Anderson, re-

markably, managed to hobble up to collect the trophy.

To complete a great double for the Strollers, Arthur McCulloch received the player of the tournament award.

A great day out and, more importantly, a fantastic fund-

raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as the day raised £3,500 and counting.

Walking Football is on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Submitted

Action-packed day for young footballing stars

It was a welcome return to action for more than 400 young footballers from across Argyll and Lochaber when Lochnell Football Club held its fifth football festival at North Connel

at the weekend. Postponed from last year, the popular event attracted 54 teams - including Tarbert and Lochgilphead Red Star youngsters - across six primary school age groups,

with fun fours and five-a-sides for younger children in the morning followed by keenly contested seven-a-side matches for older players in the afternoon. After a day of non-stop

action, each player richly deserved their commemorative medal, provided by Anderson Banks Solicitors and Estate Agents, sponsors of the festival for the second year. Lochnell Football

Club greatly appreciates the continued support of the local firm and also thanked all visiting teams, coaches, parents and referees for making the day such a resounding success.



Lochgilphead Red Star, in stripes, play Campbeltown.

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Lochgilphead players prepare. 20_T41_LochnellFootballFestival1



Young footballers from Tarbert Soccer Centre.

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A positive legacy as Red Star youth team folds

by Colin Cameron
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After four successful seasons, Lochgilphead Red Star 2004 football team has folded.

While this would normally be disappointing news, those running the team see the move as a positive one and testament to its success.

A number of the boys are moving on to play adult football with Lochgilphead or Campbeltown teams and a couple of the younger boys are continuing their football journey with Campbeltown Under 17s.

A few are taking time out of football, though they have all had offers from other teams.

Lead coach Bruce West said: 'It's been a great privilege to be involved with the team, particularly over the four years pre-Covid.'

'The boys, and girls in the first year of 11-a-side, have shown great attitude and commitment and have been great representatives for Mid Argyll. 'It's been great to see a local team competing well against some of the best youth teams in the west of Scotland.'

The team record over their four seasons is 72 wins, seven draws and 19 defeats out of 98.

Most of the defeats were by a single goal and only two teams beat them by more than two goals, including games against Scottish and regional cup winners and finalists and top teams in other leagues.



Red Star 2004s in March 2020.

The team won two cup finals, made it to the final of a third, finished first and second in the Dumbarton league; in the top half of the A division of the Glasgow league for two seasons; made it to the quarter-finals of the west region cup for two seasons and were winners of the Oban invitational tournament in 2018.

Bruce added: 'I would like to thank the boys and girls for their effort and dedication, though I'm sure they recognise this has been a collective success and they would want to thank team officials for their contribution - Donna MacLean, Alistair Brown and John Caskie, also Graham

Gillies for coaching and training and finally their parents for ferrying them through to Dumbarton/Glasgow every second Sunday for four years.

'It is expensive to run a youth football team and it wouldn't have been possible without the superb support from sponsors, so a huge amount of thanks is due Ardrishaig Community Trust, Lochgilphead Community Council, MAYDS, A' Cruach Windfarm Trust, Co-op, Jewson and S&C Crawford Building Contractors.'

He continued: 'It's been really exciting to be involved in youth football in Mid Argyll and see the development of

girls' football, especially with two of the 2004 girls going on



as football players and young people, more importantly as team-mates dealing with challenges they would not otherwise have encountered and developing self-confidence and resilience. Football isn't just about the few players with Monopoly money wages. Grassroots football is real football, run by volunteers having a positive impact on people and communities. Even if you are heading towards a bus pass, you can still join in walking football here in Lochgilphead.

'Hopefully we can see more young people getting along to the Soccer Centre/Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Friday football, more adults involved in coaching and more teams confident about moving to play 11-a-side and entering competitive leagues.

'Yes it's a challenge - but the youngsters won't regret it.'

'It's been great to see a local team competing well against some of the best youth teams in the west of Scotland'

to win the Scottish Youth Cup with Rangers Girls. Growing numbers of youngsters have attended the Soccer Centre/Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Friday football, and top level coaching through the Coerver Partner Club programme sessions and the two-day summer school delivered by coaches from Benfica have had a huge impact. As a parent and a coach I cannot speak highly enough about the benefits of grassroots football.

'For the 2004s, it's given them a great opportunity to develop

Lochgilphead Red Star in action against Glasgow Red Star in February 2020. Despite stormy weather, the Mid Argyll team won 1-0. In this photograph, Ruaridh Green fights for possession as Innes Paterson stands by to help out. 06_a08RedStar2004s03



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