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# Eagle attacks on sheep threaten farm's future

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They are just what Scottish food and farming needs – a young couple continuing a family farming tradition going back generations.

Ricky and Kirsten Rennie of Garvachy Farm are in the second year of their farming journey since taking over the reins after Kirsten's dad, John Paterson, retired.

The 2,500-acre hill farm above Minard, plus rented grazing, carries 1,200 ewes and 20 Dexter cattle – with the couple aiming to farm in a sustainable way while maintaining the best traditions of Argyll hill farming.

But there is an obstacle. Not only do they have to deal with industry-wide challenges including Brexit and the Covid pandemic, but their sheep flock has been decimated by attacks from sea eagles.

After being hunted to

extinction in the early 20th century, white tailed or sea eagles – with their 2.4 metre (eight foot) wingspan – were reintroduced to Scotland in the 1970s and bolstered in the 1990s and early 2000s. The first successful breeding occurred in 1985 on Mull and they spread from there. There are now estimated to be more than 150 breeding pairs in Scotland.

Ricky believes that six juvenile eagles hunted on Garvachy this year, joined by an adult pair later in the season – and they killed sheep by the score.

From a scanning percentage pre-lambing of 97 per cent – almost one lamb per ewe – by the time the lambs were weaned in late summer that figure had fallen to 55 per cent.

In total, 220 lambs were lost, 'unaccounted for' in 2021. The vast majority of these, says Ricky, were taken by sea eagles. He has witnessed it himself, many times.

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## Piping for the pier

Musicians turned out in force last weekend to support the community bid to buy Inveraray Pier.

Leading the way was renowned Inveraray piper Stuart Liddell, who kicked off an entertaining day of busking in fine style.

Full story on page 4.



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## Vandalism

Between 9am on Monday October 11 and 9am on Friday October 15 a patio door and a car window were smashed at an address in Minard. Enquiries are continuing and police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Threatening or abusive behaviour

At 1am on Sunday October 17, a report was made to police about a man allegedly acting in a threatening or abusive manner and placing others in a state of fear and alarm at an address in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead. A 42-year-old man was subsequently arrested and taken to Lochgilphead police station where he was charged with the offence. A report is to be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

# Vodafone feels the Furnace heat over 'deplorable' service

Villagers in the Loch Fyne-side village of Furnace say they feel 'abandoned' by telecoms giant Vodafone after a month without a mobile signal.

Anger and frustration has built while residents contacted Vodafone to report the problem – only to be held in customer services queues for up to an hour; given various 'reasons' for the outage, including the presence of a river, a points problem – and that it would be quickly restored.

One caller was even told

there wasn't a problem at all. Vodafone has offered the strongest signal of very few available mobile providers in the Furnace area, so many villagers use their services.

## Run around

Furnace resident Ruth Tott said: 'Every one of us has been given the run around and the fob-off and we are at our wits end.'

'Many in our village rely totally on their mobile with no landline, and many are elderly or vulnerable.'

'The situation is deplorable. We do not know where to take this to get it resolved.'

A Vodafone UK spokesperson told the Argyllshire Advertiser on Wednesday: 'We apologise to our customers in the Furnace area who may be experiencing problems with our service at the moment.'

'An engineer visited the site yesterday to carry out further essential repair work and we hope to be able to resolve the issue very soon.'



A wreath will be laid on Sunday at Inveraray war memorial, pictured, followed by another at Furnace later that day.

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## 100 years of looking after veterans and their families

Members of the public are invited to attend a special wreath-laying ceremony this weekend.

To mark the centenary of the Royal British Legion, commemorative wreaths will be laid on Sunday October 24 by members of the Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

The first ceremony will take place at Inveraray war memorial at 12.45pm, followed by another at Furnace war memorial at 2pm.

The Royal British Legion was established in May 1921 to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the Great War.

Today, the Royal British Legion Scotland continues to look after members of the armed forces community and their families.

The legion will be out again to commemorate Armistice Day on Thursday November 11, with a short commemorative service at Inveraray war memorial starting at 10.55am.

Details of Remembrance Sunday services planned for November 14 will be published in next week's edition.

If you are organising a ceremony around Mid Argyll and Tarbert, please email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk with the details to have your event included.

## Tarbert loses ferry to Cumbrae route

The ferry serving the route between Tarbert and Portavadie was taken as cover last week after a vessel on the Largs-Cumbrae service collided with the seabed.

The Tarbert-Portavadie service has been out of action since Friday October 15, when MV Isle of Cumbrae was moved by ferry operator CalMac to the Largs-Cumbrae route while repairs were carried out to the MV Loch Shira.

Another vessel, MV Loch Riddon, is also being used on the Largs to Cumbrae route in Loch Shira's absence.

It is understood MV Loch Riddon is unable carry dangerous goods vehicles, whereas MV Isle of Cumbrae has that



The MV Isle of Cumbrae at Tarbert slip. 06\_a34IsleofCumbrae02

operations manager (Clyde) for CalMac, said: 'I apologise for the disruption this has caused to customers using the Tarbert-Portavadie service.'

'Engineers are working hard to fix the issue with MV Loch Shira and we hope to have normal service resuming as soon as possible.'

capacity which is needed on the route.

CalMac confirmed that an

engineer was working on MV Loch Shira earlier this week and Tommy Gore, area

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## Charity begins at Inveraray church hall

Community groups and charities will have the chance to make up for lost funds in the pandemic at a fundraising day in Inveraray.

On Saturday October 30, the doors of Inveraray church hall will be flung open to offer local charities and groups free space to make some cash.

Those already signed up include school and toddler groups, the MS Centre in Lochgilphead, the Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland and many others.

Parish minister Dorothy Wallace said: 'As so many of the smaller groups and charities have been unable to fund raise, West Lochfynside Parish Church is simply offering a space for lots of groups to get together. Some need to raise money but others just want to raise awareness.'

'Stall holders are not being charged; the church simply wanted to reach out and serve our community. We are a small, ageing congregation, so there is a limit to the mission we can do. But what we do have is a big church hall.'

'Plus, it will be great to see people gathering again, a step back to normality.'

The doors are open from 11am to 3pm on October 30.

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# Rest and be Thankful petitions pile pressure on Holyrood over 'fiasco'

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As one Scottish Parliament petition seeking swift action on the landslide-prone A83 opened for signatures earlier this week, a second is on the way – this time calling for a public inquiry into the handling of the issue.

A petition by the business-led Rest and be Thankful Campaign group went live on Monday, calling for a permanent solution to the A83 at Glen Croe by 2024.

It asks the Scottish Parliament to urge Transport Minister Graeme Dey MSP and the Scottish Government to recognise 'the crisis' at the Rest and be Thankful as an emergency due to the economic and environmental impacts, and the 'high risk' that 100,000 tonnes of debris is ready to fall, which could be a 'risk to life'.

John Gurr, the campaign group's chairperson, said: 'We ask that Graeme Dey MSP and the Scottish Government deliver a robust two-way temporary alternative to the A83 by 2022 – the current mitigation works of planting trees and digging pits does not stop landslides or stop the road from being closed every time it rains.'

'We ask Mr Dey and the Scottish Government to stop wasting time on lengthy consultation and deliver a permanent solution by 2024.'



Prior to the petition being launched, the campaign group engaged with local councillors and MSPs to raise support.

This led to a meeting with Transport Scotland and Mr Dey, who, according to the group, 'will not alter their current plans to continue closing when it rains, without a suitable temporary solution, and will not rethink the lengthy project to decide on a permanent solution'.

'The road is used by 1.3 million vehicles annually yet was closed for 200 days last year, creating an unnecessary barrier to our region,' said Mr Gurr

'Furthermore, we know that 100,000 tonnes of debris is ready to fall. This is a risk to life and should therefore be treated as an emergency and addressed with the urgency that it deserves, yet Transport Scotland is now proposing a further 10 years to deliver a permanent solution.'

Within a couple of days of going live, the petition had received more than 1,500 signatures.

To add your signature, visit [chnq.it/RQDn8NHcdf](http://chnq.it/RQDn8NHcdf)

In a separate move, Argyll and Bute councillors Dougie Philand (Mid Argyll) and Donald Kelly (South Kintyre),

of the political group Argyll and Bute First, have submitted a petition to the Scottish Parliament asking for a full public enquiry into the management of the Rest and be Thankful project.

Councillor Philand explained: 'In 2012 after we submitted a petition to the parliament calling for a permanent solution to the Rest and be Thankful, which attracted 10,000 signatures and was supported by more than 400 businesses.'

A meeting of the A83 taskforce in 2013 discussed six options by consultants Jacobs for a permanent solution,

Major landslides at the Rest and be Thankful in August and September 2020 caused major disruption – but these were just the latest in a series of such events in recent years.

including the 2020 preferred option, but all were dismissed out of hand by the Scottish Government. The government decided to go ahead with 'mitigation measures'.

'We all know this was just the start of the sticking plaster exercise. Since then it has been a constant string of borrow pits, fencing, drainage etc, with the cost to the public purse racking up year-on-year and the only people benefiting being the consultants and contractors. The current cost of these mitigation measures is in the region of £90 million and rising. In 2012 the same preferred option as the one now proposed was costed in the region of £68 million.'

'We were told at the last taskforce meeting it will be at least seven years before any permanent solution will be put in place. I am still sceptical, because my opinion is that if the money is required for the central belt, there it will go.'

'We are calling for a public enquiry into the management and cost of this fiasco.'

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# Love for pier lifts Inveraray's musical fundraiser

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Pier positivity was in the air with beautiful music provided by artists of all kinds on a big fundraising day for Inveraray.

This was the first opportunity people have had to show public support for the community's bid to buy the neglected pier.

And show it they did, with a 10 per cent boost to funds in just one day thanks to the efforts of volunteer bucket-shakers and musicians who freely gave of their time for the Inveraray Pier campaign.

The busking event on Saturday October 16 was started in fine style by Pipe Major Stuart Liddell, indisputably one of the best solo pipers in the world today and a son of Inveraray.

Stuart grabbed the attention of passers-by at the pier head with some favourite tunes – and a rendition or two of 'Baby Shark' – before moving on to help relieve tourists of spare change at the Woollen Mill and Londis, with Inveraray Co-op the next stop on a



Left: Bucket-shakers, from left, Jacquie MacDonald, Linda Divers with grand-daughters Grace, aged five, and Ted the teddy, and Eva, four, Julie Hendry and Tracy Boyce.  
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whirlwind tour of the Royal Burgh. He was later joined by three Kilmartin pipers from Mid Argyll Pipe Band – Rod and Jojo Buchanan and Nick McLean – to entertain at the pier.

Stuart said: 'The pier has very special memories for me, having grown up in Inveraray. It's iconic and it's a shame to see it in such a state of disrepair. But it's great to see the movement to change that and it will be

nice to have it open to the public once again.'

He added: 'And it's a great chance today for me to get out, play a few tunes and to see people again.'

Affection for the pier is not restricted to Inveraray folk.

Margaret Hartfel from St Paul, Minnesota, started coming to Inveraray for a few weeks' break five years ago.

'I love the town, I love the people and I just enjoy being

here,' she said. 'The pier is such an asset. It's sad to see it's closed. I'm hopeful this campaign will mean that it's open the next time I come to Inveraray.'

The fundraiser was the brainchild of folk musician Robin Campbell, now resident near London, who co-ordinated the event with Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers the driving force behind the community bid.

Inveraray is a favourite place for Robin, going back to the days when he was one half of folk duo Lomond Folk in the 1960s and 1970s. And he was out on Saturday too, belting out some folk classics.

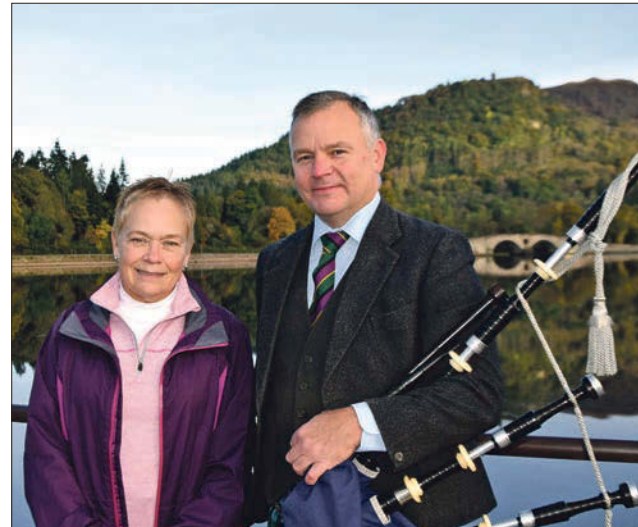
Later in the day, talented local singers Feorlin Renton and Abi Cuthbert entertained with the equally talented Jackie Kerr and young Katy McLeod on her clarinet. Joe Quinn from Balloch and Cairndow's Craig MacIntyre of the Camans also performed with support from Gordon Neish.

The action moved to the George Hotel beer garden between 6pm and 8pm.

The grand total was revealed by Linda Divers, who said: 'We raised £1,614.20 on the day. It was fantastic, right from Stuart kicking things off.'

'I can't thank all the performers enough and am so proud Inveraray could come together like this. I also want to thank the bucket shakers and my fellow community councillors who always go above and beyond to support me. Thanks as well to Brian and Margaret Elder, all the people who put donations in buckets and to WD Semple for their generous donation.'

'We also appreciate the support of the George Hotel for



Margaret Hartfel, pictured with Stuart Liddell, has been coming to Inveraray for the past five years and would love to see the pier open again. 51\_a43InverarayPierBusking13



Robin Campbell entertains outside the Tipsy Laird.  
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the use of its beer garden and Argyll Estates for letting us use the front green.'

The total amount raised towards the £100,000 target now stands at around £18,000.

See more photographs from the busking day on the Argyllshire Advertiser website.



Rod, Jojo, Nick and Stuart play at the pier.



Feorlin Renton sang beautifully on the green, then later with others in the George Hotel.



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# Eagle attacks on sheep threaten farm's future

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After lambing the ewes expecting twins in a shed, 130 fit and healthy lambs were turned out to pasture. Just 36 lambs survived.

'We were out all the time in the park,' said Ricky. 'We were careful to control other predators, so it's definitely the eagles that got them bar one or two.'

The farm would normally keep the best ewe lambs for breeding, but Ricky explained: 'We're 110 breeding ewe lambs short on the hill this year. Last year we sent 260 away to wintering and sold 40 of those. This year we've got 170 all-in.'

This year's financial loss is estimated at £16,000 to £20,000 – but that fails to take account of loss of future breeding potential.

Ricky explained: 'It's not just the loss of the lambs. It's got to the stage where we have to keep every ewe lamb rather than selecting the best, so the quality of stock goes down. I had to keep my old ewes as well, so we didn't have them to sell.'

Garvachy is a member of the Sea Eagle Management Scheme, run by NatureScot, formerly Scottish Natural Heritage. Participants can get up to £5,000 through the scheme for management measures such as pasture improvement and supplementary feeding to promote strong and healthy lambs – the theory being that the eagles predate weaker animals.

This has not been Ricky's experience.

'I've seen them taking lambs around 20kg on a neighbouring farm. They even fly across the dogs when we're gathering. I think they would have a go given half a chance.'

And in February 2020, five in-lamb ewes in the same field were killed over eight days by sea eagles – a fact confirmed by NatureScot, says Ricky.

He added: 'They've killed fit, healthy ewe hogs and gimmers too.'

Ricky concluded: 'They say they're trying to encourage new entrants to farming, but this is just discouraging people.'

'We're not against the sea eagles, and there is no doubt they're impressive birds, but there's just too many of them. You can understand why people like to see them, but they



Ricky Rennie with sheepdog Lexie – can the Minard farm survive eagle predation?

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NFU Scotland president Martin Kennedy said: 'NFU Scotland cannot comment on the specifics of individual cases, however, the very real and impacts that sea eagles have on so many farms and

crofters across a vast swathe of Scotland cannot be dismissed.

'We are members of the National Sea Eagle Stakeholder Group and represent farmers and crofters who have endured in some cases decades of predation by sea eagles. In places where eagles continue to cause significant damage through predation, NFU Scotland looks to NatureScot to deliver further action through the White tailed Eagle Action

Plan. We need urgent delivery and implementation of key actions using the knowledge and evidence already gained.

'NFU Scotland and its members remain optimistic that through careful management of the sea eagle population there would be a balanced, sustainable environment to enable and support both profitable agricultural activity as well as the eagles.'



Not much of this ewe hog left after an eagle attack on Garvachy.

need to be controlled by some means.

'Another few years like this year and our business won't be here.'

MSP for Argyll and Bute Jenni Minto said: 'I heard about the impact of the eagles on lambs first-hand on a visit to a Mid Argyll farm this summer. I have spoken with NatureScot to raise the concerns of farmers and crofters.'

'It is essential that those impacted engage with NatureScot to ensure they are given the support they need and to help inform all future decisions and action required.'

A NatureScot spokesperson said: 'The reintroduction of

**'Another few years like this year and our business won't be here.'**

these native birds to Scotland has been successful and benefits tourism.

'In some locations, however, sea eagles impact farming and crofting by predated lambs. We understand the concerns of farmers and crofters and continue to work closely with them, and a range of stakeholders at local and national level, to offer management support through the Sea Eagle Management Scheme and to trial management techniques which can help reduce these negative impacts.'

'Following consultation, the scheme was revised significantly in 2020 and now offers more flexibility and an increased level of support to those affected by sea eagle predation.'

'The scheme budget has increased to £350,000 for 2021/2022 and is now better placed to address the costs that some individuals have incurred as a result of adapting their management practices to mitigate impacts from sea eagles.'



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# Argyll teachers to speak at council climate summit

Argyll and Bute Council will host its first education climate summit next week, with local teachers playing a pivotal role in the event.

On October 27 and 28 speakers from schools, businesses and charities will address the online event to raise awareness of a broad range of climate issues.

Taynuilt teacher Jennifer Love will tell those attending about how her pupils have been working with a local textile company to create natural, powerful messages to raise awareness of climate change.

Taynuilt Primary School pupils worked with textile company Crubag as part of a project documenting research they had carried out into plastics on their shorelines. The children created mood boards of their findings and created designs using printing techniques taught to them by Crubag.

The designs were inspired by the results of their shore investigations, using microscope images of the plastics and ma-



Pupils are determined to play a key role in the education climate summit.

terials they had found on the beach. The result was artwork with a powerful message. The designs were printed onto organic cotton and used to cover recycled paper notebooks.

Also speaking at the summit will be Rhu Primary School head teacher Linda MacBeath who will talk about the Queen's Green Canopy project, a tree planting initiative

the school has been taking part in. Each session will last approximately one hour and will include presentations by the Scottish Association for Marine Science, ALIenergy, Wreckspeditions Dive Charters Ltd, Time for Change Argyll and the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

The council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne

McNeilly said: 'Argyll and Bute Council has signed up to meet Scotland's target of achieving 'net zero' by 2045. We have one of the lowest carbon footprints anywhere in the UK and I firmly believe that if we all make some changes, even small ones, we could become the first local authority to achieve 'net zero' per head of population.'

'Education is at the heart of this if we are to succeed and our schools are already doing amazing things to help raise awareness of global issues in our fight against climate change. This summit will be a great opportunity for our communities to come together and showcase what they are doing to make a difference. The key speakers have each geared their presentations towards a specific audience so there is something to interest everyone. I would encourage everyone to sign up to at least one of the sessions.'

The event is free and can be accessed via the council's website.

## Housing focus to help tackle Argyll and Bute population decline

Housing will be a key focus of a repopulation scheme by Argyll and Bute Council as it bids to reverse the area's population decline.

The National Repopulation Zone approach sees pilot areas taking steps to address their own particular challenges, with their experiences used to develop effective repopulation initiatives elsewhere.

At a meeting of its policy and resources committee last week the council agreed that the pilot zones for research into issues affecting local population levels should be the Rosneath Peninsula, the islands of Tiree and Coll, the Kintyre peninsula and the Isle of Bute.

Councillors also agreed a wider pilot project with a focus on addressing housing needs across the whole of Argyll and Bute.

This pilot project will include employing a settlement officer for a year, funded by the council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to examine the availability and quality of housing across Argyll and Bute and factors such as cost, legislative barriers, land supply and infrastructure.

The council will develop

repopulation zones alongside the Western Isles, Highland and North Ayrshire councils which have identified their own pilot zones.

Argyll and Bute's repopulation proposals will be on the agenda at the next meeting of the Convention of the Highlands and Islands (COHI) as part of discussions about an inter-agency response to the acute population challenges in the Highlands and Islands.

Councillor Robin Currie, Leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Having enough housing, and of the type that people need, is obviously key in making it possible and desirable for people to live in Argyll and Bute.'

'Our population is falling and is predicted to continue to fall. To keep our communities and our economy going, Argyll and Bute needs people to stay and others with key skills and investment to move here.'

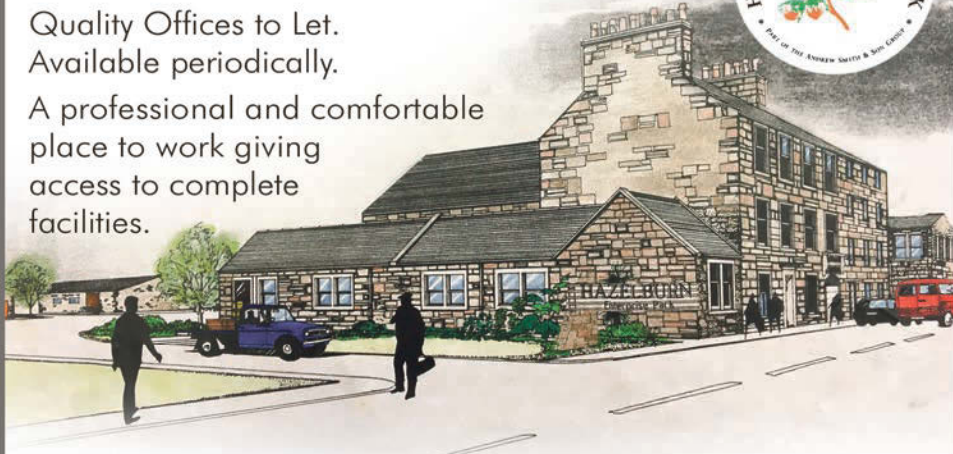
'The next meeting of COHI is on October 25. We will take that opportunity to press COHI and the Scottish Government on the importance of addressing Argyll and Bute's population challenges quickly.'

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# Climate-friendly island projects given boost

Four Argyll island projects are to benefit from Scottish Government funding designed to support employment, community resilience and health and wellbeing.

They are among 29 community groups and businesses across 23 islands which have been awarded grants of up to £150,000 each through the £2 million Island Communities Fund. Projects focus on developing sustainable economic activities on islands with the majority of projects having a net zero theme, while also supporting the delivery of the Scottish Government's National Islands Plan 2019.

Gigha's Active Travel Hub, Cornabus Tree Nursery on Islay, Ulva Housing Refurbishment Project and Islay Leisure's resilience and sustainability project will all receive awards.



**Islay Development Initiative has plans for a tree nursery at Cornabus Forest.**

'With just a few weeks until the eyes of the world are on Scotland for COP26, it's great to see more projects designed to address the growing climate crisis,' said Scottish Government Islands Secretary Mairi Gougeon. 'There is so much potential across our islands and we received many

innovative and creative applications. It's clear our island communities are going to play an important role in helping us meet our ambitious climate change targets and I am excited about that.

'The projects that have been awarded funding will contribute to our ambition to make

Scotland greener and fairer. They will help us achieve a just transition to net zero and climate resilient living on our islands. I'm looking forward to seeing work get under way to help people, businesses and communities on our islands thrive.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni

Minto said: 'Our island communities play such a huge role in leading the way to tackle the climate crisis. I am delighted to see these wonderful projects here in Argyll and Bute receiving the recognition and support they deserve from the Scottish Government and can't wait to see them progress.'

The Argyll awards are:

■ Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust – £75,600 for Gigha's Active Travel Hub

■ Islay Development Initiative – £86,000 for From Small Seeds at Cornabus Tree Nursery

■ North West Mull Community Woodland Company – £72,859 for Ulva Housing Refurbishment Project

■ Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Limited – £84,585 for Islay Leisure's resilience and sustainability.

## MOJO magic returns

Craignish Village Hall was buzzing as MOJO made a cracking return.

Argyll's showcase for original music and local artists featured music of all kinds on Saturday October 16 – and it has been hailed a huge success.

Organiser Dan Griffiths said: 'It was absolutely brilliant. There was a decent crowd and the musicians were so good.'

■ **More on MOJO 2021 in next week's edition.**



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# RNLI take the top honours at

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The RNLI rowing team emerged victorious in the closely contested Emergency Services Regatta held in Lamalah Bay last weekend.

Taking part in the Arran Coastal Rowing Club's second annual regatta were representatives from Police, Coastguard, Arran Mountain Rescue team (AMRT), RNLI and Arran Medical Group, who all competed over a one kilometre course for the Angus Campbell Quaich.

Rowers faced early morning mist and a lively swell at the start of the timed races, however, the weather eased throughout the day, allowing a large number of spectators to witness the final race between AMRT and the RNLI.

The time difference in the heats between last year's finalists, AMRT and RNLI, was only marginal, but in the

end, RNLI dug deeper and finished just ahead of AMRT, once again, by a narrow margin.

The rowing club's Emergency Services Regatta is held in memory of Dr Angus Campbell who was intrinsically involved in Arran's maritime matters and emergency services and who envisaged the event.

Sadly, Dr Angus Campbell passed away in 2018, having been an honorary member of the RNLI, but also involved in some capacity with all of the emergency services which took part in the regatta.

His wife, Yolly Campbell, attended the event and presented the RNLI winners with the Angus Campbell Quaich.

Chairperson for the Arran Coastal Rowing Club, Cecilia Paul, congratulated the winners and thanked all of the rowers for taking part in what was described by everyone as a thoroughly enjoyable day.



The RNLI team with Arran Coastal Rowing Club's chairperson Cecilia Paul acting as the fifth member.

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Finalists and last year's winners, Arran Mountain Rescue Team. 01\_B43ARC01



The Arran Coastguard team. 01\_B43ARC03



The Police Scotland team who put in a noteworthy performance despite their relative rowing inexperience. 01\_B43ARC04



The Arran Medical Group team with Arran Coastal Rowing Club's Dave Ingham acting as the fifth member. 01\_B43ARC05



# Carbon-neutral plans drawn up for Islay's 12th distillery

Though it may seem like 11 whisky distilleries is plenty for the small Hebridean isle of Islay, plans are being drawn up for a twelfth.

A Proposal for Application Notice has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council for Islay's newest distillery and visitor centre, named after the island's oldest name 'ili', at Gearach Farm west of Port Charlotte.

'Islay is already known for its distilleries,' explains the new distillery's website: 'ili will not just serve as a continuation of this legacy, but a development of it: ili's product will be carbon-neutral, with the creation of high-quality jobs and apprenticeships.'

'An economic analysis undertaken by BiGGAR Economics indicates that by its tenth year of operation, ili could contribute 21 jobs within Islay

and 53 jobs across Scotland. The construction phase is estimated to support six years of employment on Islay.

'The proposed distillery will have a target capacity of 200,000 litres per annum, highlighting the smaller, more bespoke approach. For comparison, this is a similar size to that of Kilchoman pre-expansion.

'ili is the brainchild of Bertram Nesselrode and Scott McLellan. Scott is a local farmer and Bertram's family has owned Gearach Farm for many years.

'Seeking a sustainable future for Gearach Farm, they turned to Islay's existing importance as the home of high-quality whisky and saw an opportunity to enhance this legacy with the addition of a new, contemporary, sustainable distillery.

'The name of the enterprise is



How the new development may look in the Islay landscape.

'ili', the oldest name for Islay. It is inspired by the ancient standing stones found on the farm and in other places on the island and beyond. Physically, the built form of the distillery will also represent a point of difference. It will respect the built vernacular of the

island and complement the natural form of its spectacular surroundings.'

The plans, sited within the Rinns of Islay Site of Special Scientific Interest, include renewable energy infrastructure: a hydrogen plant, solar panels and a wind turbine up

to 76.5 metres high to blade tip. 'Consideration is being given to abstracting water directly from Loch Gearach situated close to the proposed distillery site or from a borehole located on site,' the website says.

'Two buildings are envisaged,' reads the council's report

of handling: 'North of the Port Charlotte to Kilchiaran road towards Loch Gearach is the distillery, cafe, shop and tour building. South of the road is a building to replace an existing cattle shed for grain storage, distilling by-product management and barrel warehousing.'

A virtual exhibition is currently open at iliwhisky-consultation.co.uk, where you can also find details of a second online consultation from 3-7pm on November 4. The closing dates for comments will be November 18.

Islay's nine working distilleries are Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Kilchoman, Caol Ila, Bunnahabhain, Ardbeg, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardnahoe. Planning applications have been approved for two more: a revived Port Ellen Distillery and Elixir Distillers at Farkin Cottage.



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## Ideas sought to help boost mental health on Gigha

A brain-storming session will be held on Saturday on Gigha following the island's successful, first-round bid for funding.

Run by the British Science Association, the Ideas Fund offers support to rural communities to try out ideas that address problems related to mental wellbeing and now islanders are being asked to contribute to the process.

Local organisation 'Our Gigha and Me' has been successful in the first round of funding with its bid focusing on issues of social isolation which were magnified during lock-down, particularly for young people and families, as well as the wider community.

Maggie Wilkieson explained the thinking behind the funding bid: 'The aim of the project is how we can best use our beautiful Island to connect with nature to bring us the best in terms of wellbeing.

'So now it's over to us. To make sure we're capturing all the best ideas of how to achieve this, there is an introductory drop-in session at the village hall on Saturday October 23 from 12.30pm to 3pm.

'Everyone with ideas of what might work is welcome. The initial application suggested story trails, nature activities, a den and meeting place, but these are just initial ideas, there might be much more, especially from the local children and their parents.'

The Ideas Fund aims to connect communities with research professionals so they can work together to bring their ideas to life, building new skills and relationships. Grants of up to £25,000 are awarded to help develop ideas that are at a very early stage, while grants of around £90,000 are available to support, adapt and expand ideas that have already been developed and tested.

# Fyne Ales 'breadly' with latest brew

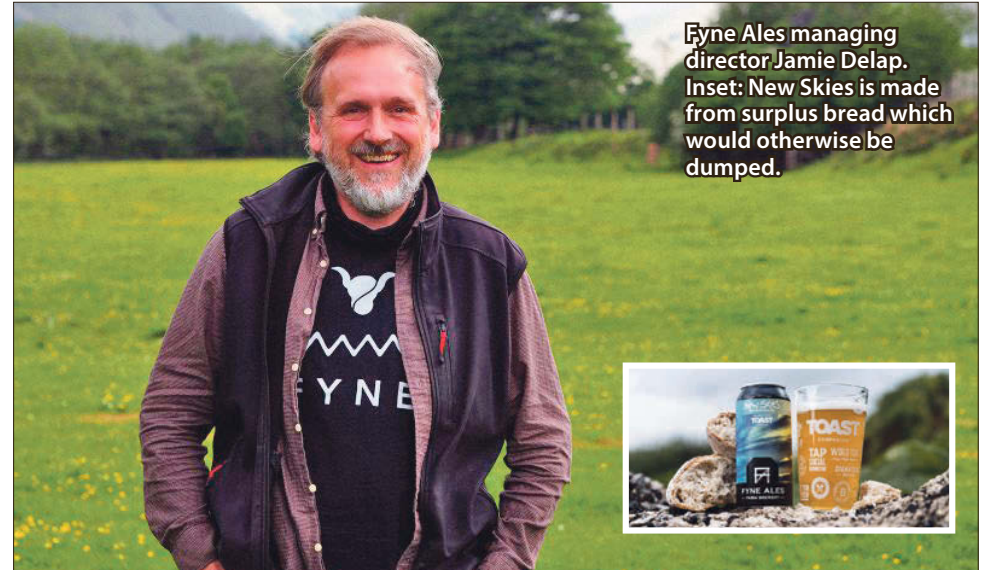
Fyne Ales has brewed a new limited-edition pale ale – New Skies – using surplus bread that would otherwise have gone to waste.

The Cairndow brewery is part of a coalition of 25 ale-makers from across the UK and Ireland which have brewed a new beer using surplus bread.

Known as the 'Companion Series', the new creations form a limited-edition collection of 26 beers.

New Skies is described on the Fyne Ales website as 'a new world pale ale brewed using Summit, Meridian, Mosaic and Kolibri hops, as well as the breadcrumbs from surplus bread. It's lightly hazy, with a soft tropical fruit flavour profile'.

Toast Ale, which co-ordinated the initiative, has supplied pre-prepared surplus bread crumb and shared expertise



Fyne Ales managing director Jamie Delap. Inset: New Skies is made from surplus bread which would otherwise be dumped.

with the fellow breweries to enable the creation of their new beers.

There will be 2,600 Companion Series boxes available to buy, with £26 from each sale invested in conservation and regenerative agriculture projects.

Toast Ale is partnering with Rainforest Trust UK to protect 3.25 million trees in threatened tropical rainforests, while a collaboration with Soil Heroes will support UK farmers to replenish the health of soils, sequestering 360 tonnes of CO2 as well as holding more water and improving biodi-

versity. The Companion Series is expected to raise more than £65,000 for these projects.

The coalition of 25 breweries has also published an open letter calling on world leaders to make concrete commitments to tackle the climate emergency at COP26 next month.

Fyne Ales managing director Jamie Delap said: 'From day one, our farm brewery set out not only to protect our local environment, but to enhance it too.

'Our corner of rural Scotland isn't just home to our brewery. Our herds of red deer and highland cattle are fed on

spent grain from the brewing process and we have a long track record of sustainability initiatives we've undertaken to ensure our Glen Fyne home thrives for years to come.

'We believe we all have a role to play in protecting our planet for future generations.

'The opportunity to join Toast's project and learn more about using food waste to further reduce our impact on the wider environment, and highlight the role of food waste in climate change, was too good to miss – especially with COP26 taking place down the road in Glasgow this year.'

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## Support for Argyll's unpaid carers doubled

Around 1,055 unpaid carers in Argyll and Bute are to have their Carer's Allowance Supplement doubled by the Scottish Government.

The Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill passed its third and final stage at Holyrood, meaning unpaid carers across Scotland will have their supplement doubled to £462.80.

This is the second time the supplement has been doubled – the first time being in July 2020.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto said: 'Unpaid carers in Argyll and Bute have had an incredibly difficult time during the pandemic and without their heroic efforts our services would have been under greater strain.

'That is why the SNP Scottish Government has doubled the Carer's Allowance Supplement, recognising this

vital work and the difficulties that these dedicated carers will face as we head into winter.

'Unpaid carers will be facing a squeeze on incomes in the coming months with skyrocketing energy bills and food prices, so the doubling of the carers allowance supplement will provide a vital lifeline for unpaid carers in Argyll and Bute and across Scotland.

'The passing of this Bill is another example of how we are building a social security system in Scotland based on dignity, fairness and respect. Contrast that with the system at Westminster which has just cut Universal Credit at a time when those on the lowest incomes need it most.'

A UK Government spokesperson at the Department of Work and Pensions said: 'We've always been clear that the uplift to Universal Credit was temporary.

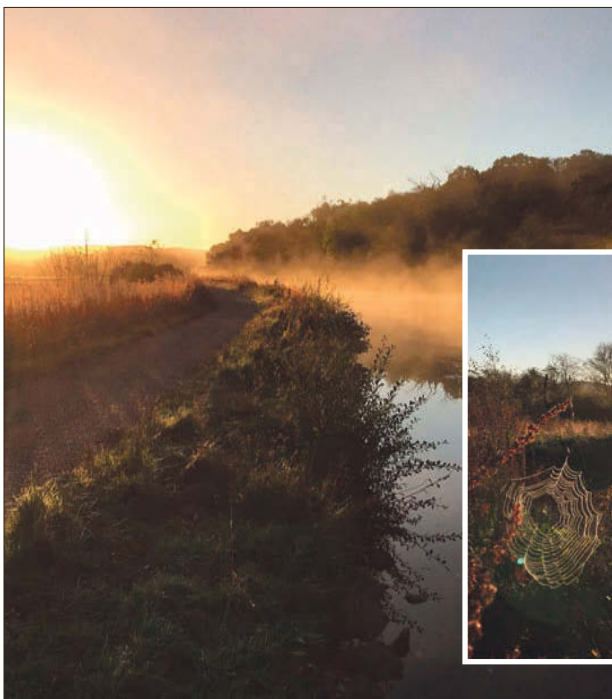
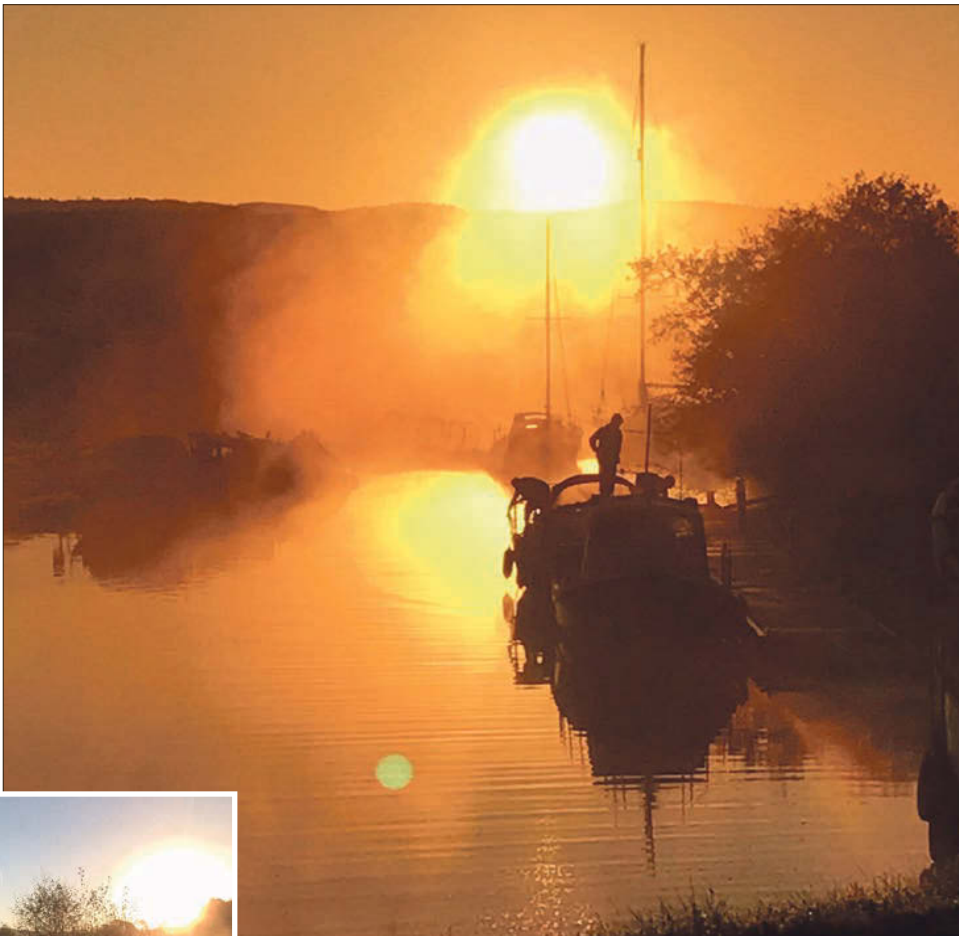
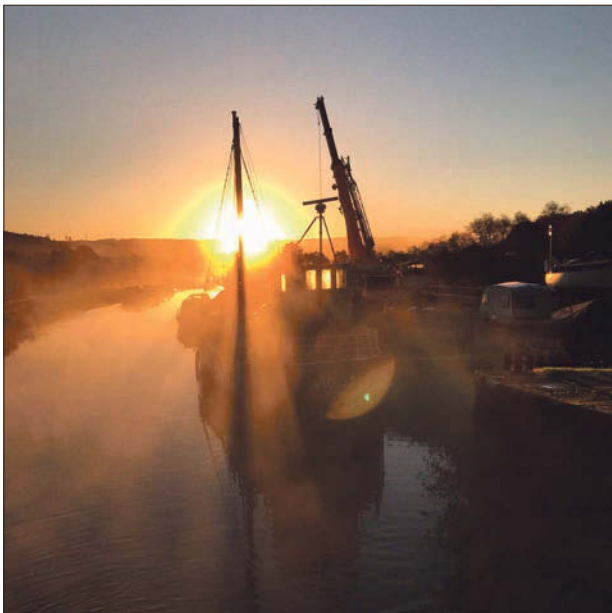
'It was designed to help claimants through the economic shock and financial disruption of the toughest stages of the pandemic, and it has done so.

'Universal Credit will continue to provide vital support for those in and out of work and it's right the Government should focus on supporting people back into work and supporting those already employed to progress and earn more.

'Vulnerable households across the country will be able to access a new £500m support fund to help them with essentials over the coming months as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

'The Scottish Parliament has significant welfare powers and can top-up existing benefits, pay discretionary payments and create new benefits in areas of devolved responsibility.'

## YOUR PICTURES



This week we feature a series of photographs taken by Ardrishaig resident James Bowe. Taken on Friday October 15 during an early morning walk to Cairnbaan, James captured the scene as the sun rose on a beautiful day after a spell of rain. The mist rising from the canal makes for a tranquil, slightly eerie autumnal atmosphere. Send your favourite photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

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# Inverness Royal National

The Royal National Mòd 2021 closed in style on Saturday as the sounds of singing from choirs the length and breadth of Scotland rang out across Inverness, celebrating the nine-day festival's triumphant return.

The 129-year-old event closed with a Massed Choirs Event at The Northern Meeting Park, where the Mòd flag was handed over to the city of Perth, hosts for 2022.

After last year's event was unable to go ahead in person, An Comunn Gàidhealach went for a hybrid approach, with performances, competitions and cultural activities in-person and online.

There were 70 competitors in the live children and adult singing competitions, including the Silver Pendant, An Common Gàidhealach Gold Medal and the Traditional Gold Medal. There were also 16 senior choirs present, with 320 choristers taking part in showcase concerts.

Barra's John Joe MacNeil, a former head teacher of the Gaelic primary school in Caol and now a senior teaching fellow in Gaelic education at Edinburgh University, scored the highest marks in a test of Gaelic singing for the second time, making him a rare double gold medallist.

He impressed the judges again to win the coveted Gold Medal after winning the Traditional Gold Medal in the Lochaber Mòd four years ago.

'I don't think it's quite sunk in yet,' said John Joe, a tenor in Oban Gaelic Choir, 'but I'm just delighted to have won



**Top of the class: John Joe MacNeil from Barra became a double gold medalist at the 2021 Royal National Mòd in Inverness. Mairi Aisling Callan from Annathill near Coatbridge took home the women's medal.**

the Gold Medal this year and the Traditional Gold Medal in 2017, and to be a double gold medallist. I'm particularly proud of the fact I can take that home to my island of Barra.

'I was very fortunate growing up to be immersed in such a wonderful culture of Gaelic song and music, particularly thanks to my grandparents who were very involved in passing on stories and songs. I'm just delighted to be taking this medal home.'

Young singer Mairi Aisling Callan from Annathill near Coatbridge put on a show-stopping performance to claim the ladies Gold Medal. A music student at Edinburgh University, Mairi's principal

study is the lever harp clarsach and her family is originally from North Uist.

'I've really enjoyed singing again,' she said, 'and I'm delighted to have won. This is my first time competing in the adult competitions, having competed in the juniors previously.'

'I was brought up listening to songs, so singing in Gaelic is part of my heritage and there's something very special about continuing the tradition. I'm lucky to have such great tutors, including Savourna Stevenson and Kenna Campbell.'

It was also a golden result for Calum MacColl of Fort William, who came out on top in the men's section of the Traditional Gold Medal, winning the coveted gong.

The ladies competitors came from as far afield as Glasgow and Harris to be part of the event this year, but it was Emma MacLeod of Scalpay who impressed with a stunning



**Below, Peter MacPherson and Shona MacQueen who won their respective Silver Pendants.**

performance that scored highest of her competitors.

Calum said: 'It was a great moment winning the Traditional Gold Medal and it meant a lot to me. Performing made me think of my Dad who

would have been here. This is for you, Charlie. My Dad's style was a style I have and will always love – that style that's all about bringing everyone together in a great traditional, lively ceilidh style – that's what

it's all about for me. It's a very proud moment and I am sure my Dad is looking on from above.'

Emma said: 'It means an awful lot to have won the Traditional Gold Medal. This is my third time trying for it, so I wanted to make sure I was prepared this year. I actually really enjoyed performing, it was a lot more comfortable and my previous experiences did me justice. I'm just absolutely delighted, especially when so many members of my family came to support me. It was definitely worth the wait.'

'I come from a very small island so it's so important to me to keep our traditions alive. All three songs I sang are all from Scalpay, so it's great to sing songs that represent the island, it's something that's very close to my heart.'

Up and coming vocalist Peter MacPherson, a 23-year-old student at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on Skye, won the men's Silver Pendant this year.

He said: 'It feels great and quite overwhelming to have won. I've been working really hard and friends have all been so incredibly supportive and encouraging, alongside Christine Primrose my tutor and John Joe MacNeil. I feel really blessed to see the rewards of all the hard work.'

'I did Gaelic at school and really enjoyed it, my grandparents on both sides are Gaelic speakers from the Isle of Skye, so I'm dedicating this to them.'

Shona MacQueen from Drumnadrochit won the ladies Silver Pendant. Ms MacQueen made an emotional return to the Mòd following a 30-year break. She previously competed as a teenager. The 43-year-old is now following in the footsteps of her mum who won the Gold Medal in the 1990s.

'I'm so excited and I'm still in shock that I've won,' she said.



## Robert's Mòd

ROBERT ROBERTSON

I unfortunately didn't manage to make it up to the Mòd in Inverness last week but, thanks to the competition's increased presence on social media, I was able to follow what was going on from the comfort and sobriety of my flat in Glasgow.

Congratulations to all the prize winners. I am sure a few celebratory drams were had in the Highland capital as the week progressed.

The winners this year were very popular ones indeed. Male medalist, John Joe MacNeil, is a top guy who has done a great deal for Gaelic, both through his work as a teacher but also a lot of voluntary work. Twenty-year-old Mairi Callan won the women's prize and it's always great to see young winners of these premier competitions.

The winners of the Traditional Gold Medal this year are both people I know very well. I've enjoyed Emma MacLeod from Scalpay's singing for years at various cèilidhs and concerts, and always felt she was a certainty for the trad medal. That's not to suggest that winning it this year was anything other than a tremendous achievement. The quality in the female competition was very high indeed; both on paper, with some well-known names competing, and on the night, with some really excellent performances that were shown on BBC Alba.

While I'm delighted for all the singers listed above, I have to admit I'm particularly thrilled for my fellow Lochaber man, Calum MacColl, who won the male Traditional medal. Calum is incredibly musical with great ability on both the pipes and the three-row accordion, as well as a profound understanding and appreciation of his Gaelic musical heritage. Many times when I was a school kid I enjoyed Calum playing a 2/4 march or a Gaelic waltz at the Lochaber Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Singing, and learning the language to fluency, is a relatively

more recent endeavour of Calum's and I think it's fair to say it's going rather well! I recall bumping into Calum's father, the late Charlie MacColl, in a pub in Paisley the year I won the Gold Medal and he told me over a dram how delighted he was that a Lochaber boy had won the medal. Well, think how proud he would be now to know that his son had won the Trad. A brilliant achievement for a very deserving guy.

Finally, congratulations to Alison Rapson and Seumas Campbell who celebrated winning their gold medals 50 years ago this year. Seumas was the first person who adjudicated me at the national Mòd in 2007 and, years later, when I first adjudicated a national competition myself, I arrived at the venue feeling nervous about the role until I saw that my co-adjudicator that day was none other than Seumas – and I immediately felt much calmer! It's been tough not getting to the Mòd this year and catching up with all the people mentioned above and many more. Roll on Perth next October where, fingers crossed, we'll all be together again!

# Mod ends on a high note



'I haven't sung in 30 years and just thought if I don't do it now, I'll never do it. A lot of my family members sing, many of them have won the Gold Medal, so thought it was time I got myself along to the Mòd.

'I never felt my Gaelic was good enough, but I've gone right back to the start and I'm just going for it.'

And one Skye singer showed his dedication, travelling 200 miles to help secure victory for Largs Gaelic Choir Quartet, which won the Stornoway Gaelic Choir Cup at the Royal National Mòd.

Largs Gaelic Choir Quartet is composed of Marie Ann McCord, Linda McCallum and

Colin Fisher, who all live in Largs in Ayrshire, and Angus Allan MacDonald, who stays on Skye – five hours' drive away.

Angus Allan MacDonald, a 75-year-old retiree living in Tarskavaig, said: 'It feels very lucky!

'Because I live in south Skye and the others live in Skelmorlie, Largs, we don't get many chances to practice, so we feel quite good about it. We've been a quartet for 23 years.'

Marie Ann McCord, 62, added: 'It felt amazing to win, unbelievable because we've had so little chance to practice between lockdowns and

everything. We had actually started this song two years ago in preparation for last year's mod before lockdown.'

The quartet also won the The Marshall Stormonth Memorial Trophy, and jointly won the The Ian Crichton Memorial Trophy with Na Gillean-Brighde, at this October's Royal National Mòd in Eden Court Theatre, Inverness.



Above left, Largs Gaelic Choir Quartet members Marie Ann McCord and Angus Allan MacDonald may be divided by 200 miles, but that didn't stop the singers taking home the Stornoway Gaelic Choir Cup for best adult quartet; above, Fort William weather forecaster Calum MacColl and Emma MacLeod of Scalpay take home the men and women's Traditional Gold Medal for Gaelic singing from the Royal National Mòd in Inverness. Below, as The Royal National Mod 2021 closed on Saturday assembled choirs from the length and breadth of Scotland sang out across Inverness.



## Allan's Mòd

ALLAN CAMPBELL

### Amas chunnartach air fhìreanachadh!

Bha mi cho moiteil na faclan gu h-àrd a chleachdadh mu Mhòd Nàiseanta Rioghail 2021, gu poblach, aig tional chòisirean Gàidhlig ann am Pàirce a' Choinneachaidh mu Thuath ann an Inbhir Nis madainn Dhisathairne seo chaidh. Chriochnaich am Mòd le ceòl tiamaidh agus le daoine mar-thà a' dèanamh fighair ri coinneachadh às ùr ann am Peairt san Dàmhair 2022, nuair a bhios, tha sinn an dòchas, suidheachadh na dùthcha air ais gu àbhaisteach ùr is Covid 19 fo smachd. Thug e toileachas dhomh fàilte a chur air àrd-riochdairean bho Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd aig a' chruinneachadh chòisirean seo, agus bha e na mhiseachadh cluinntinn bhuapa an dà chuid, mar a chòrd

na chual iad den fhèis riutha, agus cuideachd cho toilichte 's a bha iad mun fhoillseachadh eadar-nàiseanta a thug am Mòd dha baile Inbhir Nis, is dhan Ghàidhealtachd, agus do dh'Alba gu lèir.

Feumaidh mi aideachadh gun robh iomagain orm fhìn agus air buill eile de dh'urras a' Chomuinn mu bhith a' cur a' Mhòid air adhart ann an àrainneachd cho mì-chinnteach, ach bha sinn làidir den bheachd gum feumte seo fheuchainn oir gun robh a' Ghàidhlig a' call mar a b' fhaide a mhaireadh sgaradh sluaigh. Tuigidh sibh mar sin an toileachas a bh' ann dhomh nuair a chuir ball còisir meal-a-naidheachd orm airson ar cuid gaisge ann a dhol air adhart le Mòd, agus Mòd a shoirbhich! 'S iomadh slat-tomhais a dh'fhaodar a chleachdadh a' measadh tachartas mar am Mòd ach chan eil teagamh nach eil ìrean cànan agus comasan seinn fharpaiseach cho cudromach ri gin a th' ann. Dhearbh sàr eòlaichean ciùil agus cànan uair às dèidh uair tron t-seachdain gun robh iad tur riarichte gun robh an fheadhainn a bha a' buannachadh nam farpaisean làn-airidh air urram nan duaisean a fhuair iad, agus bha an luchd-èisteachd sna tallai-

chean ag aontachadh! Eadar gach soirbheachadh sin ciamar nach bithinn riarichte, agus moiteil à toradh na h-obrach mhìorbhaileach a rinn luchd-obrach a' Chomuinn, buill na comataidh ionadail, agus luchd-taice saor-thoileach eile. Tha mi 'n dòchas gum bheil sibhse a bha an làthair agus an fheadhainn agaibh a bha ga amharc air-loidhne a' faireachadh pailt cho toilichte leis na chuala, 's na chunna sibh am-bliadhna, agus gum bheil fadachd gu bhith oirbhe cuideachd gu cuirm na h-ath-bliadhna!

'S iomadh toileachas a thug mi fhìn às a' Mhòd eachdraidheil seo, ach gun teagamh sam bith bha a bhith a' faicinn agus a' cluinntinn Calum MacColla a' buannachadh Bonn Òir an t-Seann Nòis na thlachd air leth! Nach e mo sheann charaid Teàrlach nach maireann, fear de shàr cheatharnaich na Gàidhlig agus a' Mhòid, a bhiodh cho moiteil, mar a tha sinn uile à Calum agus gach buannaiche eile anns gach farpais! 'S mòr mo thoileachas cuideachd meal-a-naidheachd a chur air Agnes Rennie air an deach duais Riaghaltas na h-Alba mar Thosgair Gàidhlig 2021 a bhuileachadh, agus Rody Gorman air an deach urram Bàrd na Bliadhna aig a' Chomunn Ghàidhealach.

## A problem has landed

We are continually being told how much of a good thing the spread of sea eagles is.

Conservation and other bodies publicise the benefits to the Scottish tourism industry. And they are correct, in that people are drawn to these majestic, powerful birds.

But these predators are spreading far and wide at a rapid rate, and there is now very little chance of official control of their numbers. There is significant loss of livestock, and this at a time of huge change in the food, farming and environmental climate.

Some might argue that the sea eagles should take precedence over farmers.

But this is a species reintroduced to a human population unused to their ways and farmers are working hard enough to feed us without having their livelihoods threatened by a man-made problem.

## Double whammy

We fully support the people behind the petitions about to hit the Scottish Government.

The tale of the Rest is nothing short of a fiasco at a political and management level, and rapid, effective action is needed.

We are not being taken seriously by those at Transport Scotland and Holyrood.

That needs to change.

## Get moving, have fun and feed hungry children

Sir,  
The Move For Meals challenge, organised by charity Mary's Meals, encourages physical activity while helping Mary's Meals to feed hungry children in some of the world's poorest countries.

It doesn't matter how you move. You can choose any activity, from cycling to dancing so everyone can take part.

Mary's Meals is reaching more than two million hungry children in 19 countries with a nutritious daily meal.

The promise of food attracts impoverished children to the classroom, where they can gain an education that will one day be their ladder out of poverty.

People can turn their moves into meals by setting themselves an active challenge to raise funds to help reach the next million children waiting for Mary's Meals.

It costs just £15.90 for Mary's Meals to feed a child at school for a year, with 93 pence from every £1 going directly to the charity's feeding programmes.

To find out more about organising a Move For Meals fundraiser, visit [marysmeals.org.uk/move](http://marysmeals.org.uk/move)

**Neah Evans, British Olympic cycling silver medallist.**

## Menopause awareness and support on NHS Inform

Sir,  
In the wake of World Menopause Day on October 18, NHS 24 has launched new resources on the menopause via health information site NHS Inform.

Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, the resources support the ambitions laid out in the Women's Health Plan and include information about what to expect, whether you're going through the menopause or want to support someone with symptoms.

Menopause can affect everyone differently and many of us are still unfamiliar with the common symptoms, how these might present and what to expect if you or someone you know is going through 'the change'.



**Cyclist Neah Evans, who won silver at the Tokyo Olympics as part of the women's team pursuit squad.**

World Menopause Day aims to raise awareness of these and the support options available for improving health and wellbeing. Our new resources on NHS Inform are clinically assured and contain information on signs of menopause, potential treatments, managing your wellbeing and supporting others through their symptoms.

The resources also include ways to manage symptoms with self-care and what to do if you feel concerned that your experiences are unusual.

The menopause can have impacts on lots of aspects of life including self-esteem and mental health. These resources are a great way to feel knowledgeable about the experience and empowered in taking any next steps.

Visit [NHSinform.scot](http://NHSinform.scot) for updated information, including videos aimed at dispelling common myths about the menopause.

**Dr Laura Ryan, medical director, NHS 24.**

## Brexit chickens coming home to roost in Scotland

Sir,  
With latest statistics highlighting Scotland's trade has plummeted since leaving the European Union, I was struck by recent research undertaken by economists at University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

Using state-of-the-art modelling to look at the

impact of Brexit on trade for the UK and the devolved nations, it notes Scotland could 'undo the damage' of Brexit if it joined the EU as an independent nation.

As part of its 'Global Britain' strategy, in the wake of Brexit the UK is pursuing a series of free trade agreements with countries around the world including Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and possibly the United States.

The research, however, finds that 'Global Britain' yields insufficient trade creation to compensate for Brexit trade losses and any losses due to Scottish independence from the rest of the UK could be entirely removed conditional on a renewed trade deal with the EU.

The Brexit chickens are coming home to roost and it is increasingly clear that the only way to insulate ourselves from the long-term damage of Tory narrow nationalism is to become an independent nation, regaining the economic and trading benefits of EU membership.

**Alex Orr, Edinburgh.**

## Accident and emergency waiting times need action

Sir,  
Accident and emergency (A&E) waiting times have hit the worst level on record, with only 71 per cent of patients being seen within four hours.

These figures are nothing short of an unmitigated disaster for Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Humza Yousaf. The SNP's NHS winter plan that arrived last week was too little, too late.

The need for urgent action is now, not weeks down the line as winter rapidly approaches. Our A&E departments remain overwhelmed. Police officers are having to transport patients to hospital, delayed discharges are on the increase and thousands of operations are still being cancelled.

Our NHS cannot afford more delays and inaction from this government. They are set to preside over a disastrous winter on the frontline of our health service.

The SNP has been too slow to act. Scotland's NHS needs a real plan to tackle one of the worst winters it will ever face.

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

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## Thought for the Week

‘The scenery is stunning,’ said a friend from Skye when she heard we were going to holiday there. As we crossed the bridge, we were excited to see the island’s beauty. At first though, we had to take our friend’s word for it as rain, low cloud and failing light obscured most of it from view. The next day the rain stopped, the clouds lifted and the sun broke through. We saw for ourselves that what our friend had said was true. Skye’s scenery is stunning.

In John, chapter 20, verses 24-29, the apostles told Thomas that while he had been away, Jesus had physically appeared to them. Thomas refused to accept as true what they told him, insisting that unless he saw him with his own eyes and touched him with his own hands, he would not believe Jesus was alive. For him, seeing was believing.

Later, Jesus once again appeared to the apostles and, this time, Thomas was present. Now Thomas believed. Jesus rebuked him for his unbelief and said: ‘Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe.’

We believe lots of things, not because we can see them for ourselves but by accepting the word of those who have. Christians believe in Jesus, not because we have seen him with our own eyes, but because of the reliable word of the apostles who physically saw the risen Jesus with their own eyes.

I encourage you to read the Gospels, the accurately written-down eyewitness testimony of the apostles to Jesus so that you might see who he is and as you trust in him alone, experience his forgiveness and his power to change your life.

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

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## CRAIGNISH

### Work gets under way to improve yacht centre

Demolition work is under way at Ardfern Yacht Centre as the site is cleared to make way for new toilets, showers and a laundry.

The project is the latest step in the on-going development of the yacht centre which aims to offer resident and visiting berth holders an improved service while increasing the capacity for future expansion.

The project brief states: ‘It is envisaged that by improving the aesthetics of the site and improving the services offered, Ardfern Yacht Centre would also become a destination for land-based visitors.

‘After completion of the project, it is envisaged Ardfern Yacht Centre would be capable of achieving at least the 3 Gold Anchor Award from The Yacht Harbour Association.’

While work is carried out at the site, there is a temporary cabin providing toilets and showers next to the workshop for staff and customers.

A centre spokesperson said: ‘We apologise for the disruption over the winter and early spring months while work takes place and thank everyone for their patience and understanding while the build is under way.

‘We look forward to bringing you all a much-improved more modern centre at Ardfern for the summer 2022 season.’

## BUTE

### Escalating costs and delays with pavilion redevelopment

The redevelopment of Rothesay Pavilion will take more than a year longer and cost £7 million more than originally planned.

In response to the escalating cost and timescale, Argyll and Bute Council has called for a revised proposal to be drawn up by the end of November.

The project to renovate the building began in November 2017 and was due to finish in June 2020, however, the estimated completion date

## Nine new distillery warehouses planned

### ISLAY

Plans for nine new whisky warehouses at an Islay distillery have been recommended for planning permission.

The proposal by Ardnahoe Distillery Company for the addition to its distillery at Port Askaig would give capacity for 6,000 casks of whisky, each of them holding approximately 210 litres, per year.

A council planning officer recommended planning permission is granted by Argyll and Bute Council at the virtual meeting of its planning, protective services and licensing committee on Wednesday October 20.

The proposal, which qualifies as a major application under the terms of the Hierarchy of Development (Scotland) regulations, would see nine spirit warehouses being built to the northwest of the existing distillery as well as a dunnage warehouse alongside.

A new road system would serve all the warehouses and connect to the existing distillery roads and to the main road. The report to go before the committee states: ‘An exceptional case was presented demonstrating this as an appropriate site. In the absence of a large warehousing which may be used island wide,



**Nine new warehouses are planned at Ardnahoe’s distillery in Port Askaig.**

the options tend to be on site storage, shared storage and transport to the mainland. Overall capacity at most existing warehousing is, or is close to, being reached. The option of mainland storage is deemed to increase traffic with what may be unnecessary traffic movements compared to on-site availability. The proposers also state that an economic advantage may be gained by the supply of Islay matured whiskies at a premium price. Additionally, it has been stated cask visiting is becoming popular as part of the tourism offer being developed on the island. The exceptional land use case is compelling and is deemed to be consistent with policy.’

has been pushed back to autumn 2022 following the main contractors going into administration.

An Argyll and Bute Council report has now stated a fully-costed proposal is due by the end of November, with a further report to go before councillors the following month.

A report on the situation forms part of a larger document on the current financial situation for the council, which went before its policy and resources committee at its virtual meeting on Thursday October 14.

Having had an initial budget of £13.8million, the project is currently running at a £20.8m budget and is classed as ‘off-track’ by the council.

A council official said: ‘The impact of Covid-19 has been significant.

‘The site was closed in March 2020 followed by

the main contractor being placed into administration in April 2020.

‘This resulted in additional security, remedial repairs, temporary building fabric, engineering service and heating protection works, including utility costs, to protect the council’s investment in the asset.

‘There are also increased project and design consultant staff costs due to repatriation of the sub-contractors’ plant and equipment, including a detailed reassessment of the building and engineering service works completed and still to be finished.

‘Works have further been hindered by the lockdown restrictions and general lack of interest from local firms capable of completing the works.’

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More than half – 51.5 per cent – now have a formal plan for how they're going to hand the farm on to the next generation, increasing from just a third – 33.1 per cent – in 2020, a survey of 1,652 farmers across the UK has shown.

Farming is undergoing big changes, with the Scottish Government developing its own national agricultural policy to replace the EU system.



**Jim McLaren:** 'Now, more than ever, it's essential to ensure your farm and your finances are in order.'

Around a third of Scottish farmers still, however, believe a succession plan is not relevant to them – and 48.5 per cent still do not have a plan.

There has arguably never been a more critical time to discuss how the farm will be handed on.

NFU Mutual chairman and former president of NFU Scotland Jim McLaren said: 'As a farmer, I know first-hand that farming isn't just a job, but a way of life. Farms often involve the whole family and span generations. So when you think about the future of your

farm, it's not just a question of land and assets; the attachment that you and your family have to your farming lifestyle often runs much deeper than that. These considerations can make it complicated to plan for the future of the farm, especially when it comes to handing over the reins to the next generation.

'There is currently plenty for farmers to contend with – from Brexit to Covid, to subsidies and rising costs. Confronting these challenges often leaves little time for planning for the future. However, it is also true events such as the Covid pandemic can shine a much-needed spotlight on the need to plan for the future. Now, more than ever, it's

essential to ensure your farm and your finances are in order.'

Sean McCann, chartered financial planner at NFU Mutual, said: 'It's the aim of many farmers to hand the business on to the next generation. Some are happy to do this during their lifetime, while others want to hold on to everything until the day they die. There is no 'right time', but having a plan not only allows for a smoother transition, it can also play a big part in securing the future of the family farm.'

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'It's important to involve the whole family when planning succession to understand what role each member of the family will play in the future and how assets will be owned in the short, medium and long term.'

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We are looking for someone to clean the main building. Hours are 1.5 daily Mon – Fri. Times can be flexible outwith 9am – 4pm when the students are in.

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## Appointment of a Non-Executive Director of the Board of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Appointment commencing on 1 March 2022

Scottish Ministers are looking to appoint one new Non-Executive Director to the Board of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited. The appointment will be for three years and take effect from 1 March 2022.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

The successful candidate should demonstrate evidence of:

- experience at a senior executive level in HR;
- analytical and decision making ability;
- excellent interpersonal skills;
- an understanding of Highlands and Islands issues; and
- longer term planning/seeing the bigger picture.

An application pack and full details on this and other public appointments can be found at [www.appointed-for-scotland.org/](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org/) If you experience any difficulties accessing the site, please contact 0300 244 1898 or email [pa\\_applications\\_mailbox@gov.scot](mailto:pa_applications_mailbox@gov.scot).

The closing date for completed applications is 29 October 2021.

The Scottish Government is committed to appointment on merit, diversity and equality for public appointments. Scottish Ministers particularly welcome applications from people with protected characteristics that are currently under-represented on the Board such as women, disabled people, LGBTI+ people, those from black and minority ethnic communities and people aged under 50.

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**PLANNING**

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

**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
21/01939/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Land West Of Morvern, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/01925/PP	Variation of condition 2 and 3 for continued siting of the marquee for a further 3 years and to increase music events on Friday and or Saturday from 10 days to 16 days relative to planning permission 19/02281/PP – Change of use of land for the siting of marquee for a 2 year permanent period (maximum of 10 days for music events)	Harbour Masters Office, Garval Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TR

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

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY AND HEARING SESSIONS TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY AS PART OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY**

**SHEIRDRIM WIND FARM**

**SECTION 36 APPLICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 19 WIND TURBINES ON LAND WITHIN ACHAGLASS AND GARTNAGRENACH ESTATES**

Scottish Ministers have appointed Mr Nick Smith BSc (Hons) MRTPI and Ms Karen Heywood BSc (Hons) MPhil MRTPI to consider and submit a report to them on an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate Sheirdrim Renewable Energy Development on land within Achaglass and Gartnagrenach Estates, Argyll and Bute, PA29.

The Reporters will hold a public inquiry to obtain more information on certain matters before they report to Scottish Ministers on the case. The matters to be considered during virtual inquiry and hearing sessions are:

- Assessment of landscape and visual effects (including cumulative effects) of the proposal on various receptors – Inquiry Session 1
- Assessment of the proposal's effects on the setting of Dun Skeig – Inquiry Session 2
- Socio-economic, recreation and tourism effects – Hearing session 1
- Draft conditions – Hearing session 2

The sessions will begin at 10:00 on Monday 22 November 2021 and will run for an estimated 4 days. They will reconvene on Monday 29 November 2021 and will run for an estimated further 4 days. On the first day of both weeks, the session will start at 10:00. Subsequent days will commence at 9:30 and will aim to conclude by no later than 17:00 each day.

Members of the public can follow the sessions at: <http://dpea.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>. The inquiry statements, documents and precognitions will also be available to view on our website along with other key documents: <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk>. On entering the website, enter the reference number WIN-130-5.

DPEA collect information if you take part in the planning process, use DPEA websites, send correspondence to DPEA or attend a webcast. To find out more about what information is collected, how the information is used and managed please read the DPEA's privacy notice - <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/planning-and-environmental-appeals-division-privacy-notice/>

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**Energiekontor UK Ltd**  
**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that EnergieKontor UK Ltd (company registration number 12091563, with its Registered Office at 4330 Park Approach, Thorpe Park, Leeds, UK) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm within Argyll and Bute, approximately 1.6km east of Tayinloan (Central Grid Reference NR 751474). At the time of that application the installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50MW comprising of 17 turbines. An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the application for consent, which sets out that tip height has been assessed at 180m.

EnergieKontor UK Ltd has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the Development be deemed to be granted.

EnergieKontor UK Ltd has now submitted Additional Information to the Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to the reduction in number of turbines from 17 turbines to 11 turbines, and associated infrastructure amendments.

A copy of this Additional Information and all other application related information is available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website <https://www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/narachan> or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot) under application reference ECU00001884

Copies of the Additional Information may be obtained from Craig Potter, Project Manager, 07538 958151, [craig.potter@energiekontor.com](mailto:craig.potter@energiekontor.com) at a charge of £600 per hard copy, with the Non-Technical Summary provided for free.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx](http://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx); by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot); or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. Please note that there may be a delay in the Energy Consents Unit receiving representations by post. Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than Sunday 21st November 2021 although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent Additional Information which is submitted by or on behalf of EnergieKontor UK Ltd will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, the Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, the Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

All previous representations received in relation to application documents submitted regarding this development remain valid.

**General Data Protection Regulations**

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). A privacy notice is published on the help page at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email [Econsents\\_admin@gov.scot](mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot).

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**ILI GROUP PLC**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION FOR PROPOSED ENERGY STORAGE DEVELOPMENT**

**Development at Land immediately northwest of Carradale electricity substation, by B842, Carradale PA28 6QJ**  
**Thursday 4th November 2021 3pm-7pm in the Carradale Village Hall**

**Website at [meetings.ili-energy.com/auchnasavil-energy-storage-project](http://meetings.ili-energy.com/auchnasavil-energy-storage-project)**

ILI Group PLC are exploring the potential for a new energy storage facility at Auchnasavil Farm. This new proposal would enable 50MW of power to be stored and exported from the site to the electricity grid.

We are looking to engage with the local community and as part of our pre-application consultation we are holding an exhibition to enable people to find out more about the proposal and to provide us with their views. Comments and feedback should be made by the 25th of November 2021 through the online comment form or to Greig Templeton, Planning Project Manager via email [gt@ili-energy.com](mailto:gt@ili-energy.com) or by post to ILI Group, 33 Bothwell Road, Hamilton ML3 0AS.

Comments made to ILI Group are not formal representations to Argyll & Bute Council. If we submit a planning application, there will be an opportunity to make formal representation on the application to the Council.

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**TARBERT (LOCH FYNE) HARBOUR AUTHORITY**  
**ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

The Annual Public Meeting of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority will be held in the Templars Art & Leisure Centre on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.00 pm.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Any stakeholder who wishes an item to be included in the agenda should deliver this in writing to the Harbour Office not later than fourteen days prior to the public meeting.

**D. Cunningham, Chairman**

**Agenda:**

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Annual Accounts
5. Chairman's Review
6. Any other Business

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**Ardrishaig Boat Club**

[ardrishaigboatclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ardrishaigboatclub@yahoo.com)

**AGM**

Thursday 28th  
October 2021  
North Church Hall  
Ardrishaig  
7pm  
ABC Committee

**Campbeltown Grammar School Parent Council AGM**

**Monday 1st November 6.30 pm**  
Microsoft Teams  
All Welcome  
Please contact the school office to book your place  
**(01586 553773)**

**LOCHGILPHEAD BOWLING CLUB**

**A.G.M.**

**TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2021**  
7.30PM  
WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE.  
ALL WELCOME

## MARRIAGE

**WILLIAMSON - ROBERTSON** - On Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Lochside House Hotel, New Cumnock. Amber, only daughter of Micky and Wendy, Ardrishaig. To Christopher, only son of Neil and Janice, Tarbert. A special day, enjoyed by all.

## DEATHS

**COLLINS** - Peacefully at Bon Accord Hospice, Paisley on October 12, 2021, after a long fight with cancer, Mary McArthur Scally (May). Loving wife of Henry, much loved mum of David and Fiona, devoted gran to all her grandchildren, elder daughter of the late Morris and Esther Scally and loved sister of Fiona and Maurice.

**GRAHAM** - On October 15, 2021, peacefully at Belgrave Lodge Nursing Home, Edinburgh, Alexander (Sandy) Wright Graham, former forester, in his 94th year, beloved husband of the late Jean and much loved father of Anne and Marion, dear father-in-law of Fergus and dearly loved grandfather of Graham, Jessica, Eilidh and Ewan and a very well respected member of the community and a dear friend of many. A private funeral service will be held at Sandy's home West Ridge, Tarbert. For those wishing to pay their respects, arrangements will be confirmed and posted locally.

**MACDONALD** - Donald Ross. Peacefully at home on October 7, 2021 surrounded by his loving family, Ross, beloved husband of Betty, much loved dad of Jackie and

Kenny, dear father-in-law of Elaine, a loving Papa to Catriona, Kamal and Calum, adored big brother of Frances, uncle and great-uncle who will be sadly missed. Funeral service will be held at Greenock Crematorium on Tuesday, October 26 at 12pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Private interment at Tarbert Old Cemetery at a later date.

**MACFARLANE** - On October 16, 2021, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Alexander (Sandy) MacLellan MacFarlane, former postman, in his 81st year, beloved son of the late, Dolly and Jimmy MacFarlane and much loved brother of Mary, Donnie and Sheena and the late Kathleen, Jim, Angus and Elizabeth, dear brother-in-law of John and uncle of all the family. A private funeral will take place at Cardross Crematorium. For those wishing to pay their respects the cortège will leave from Ardrishaig Parish Church on Wednesday, October 27 at 10.15am, travel along Chalmers Street, Poltalloch Street Lochnell Street on route to the Crematorium.

**MACGREGOR** - Peacefully at her home, 3 Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, on October 12, 2021, Myra MacGregor, in her 73rd year. Much loved mother of Ross. Dearly loved daughter of the late Angus and Barbara MacGregor (Ardloch). A dear friend and former work colleague. A private family service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday October 26, 2021. Donations can be made in Myra's memory

direct to Diabetes UK or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

**MCLACHLAN** - Peacefully at home, 19 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, on October 13, 2021, Auxiliary Captain Neil McLachlan (Rtd) in his 86th year, dearly beloved husband of Victoria Campbell, much loved dad of Neil and Kevin and a loving granddad of James and Elliot. Neil's funeral will take place on Tuesday, October 19, at 1.00pm in the Salvation Army Citadel, Campbeltown. The cortege will leave the Citadel at 1.30pm. We will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family flowers only, a collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland. Anyone is welcome to attend the service at the Salvation Army Citadel, alternatively you may pay your last respects to Neil along our route.

**SHAW** - Donald. Peacefully in Ainslie Manor, Girvan on September 24, 2021. Much loved husband of the late Helen Shaw. Will be sadly missed by all the family.

**WALLACE** - On October 10, 2021, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Rosemary Anne Wallace of Columba House, Tarbert, in her 83rd year, beloved wife of the late David Wallace and a much loved mother and grandmother. A private funeral service will take place at Cardross Crematorium.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BROWN** - Anne, Stuart and families would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy they received following the recent loss of their son Stuart. Special thanks to Belinda Braithwaite for a very personal and comforting service. To Kenny and Kelly from T.A. Blair funeral directors for their professional services. Thanks to all the

staff who cared for Stuart at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow. Dr Norrie and the Campbeltown Community nurses for continued care. Our thanks to all those who paid their respects as the funeral cortège made its way to Kilkerran cemetery and all those who attended the family home and graveside. The retiral collection collected £300 for the MS society Kintyre.

**WILLIS** - The family would like to thank all relatives, friends, and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, and messages of support on the death of Valerie. Our grateful thanks to Pastor Ryan and Tracy Taylor for a personal and uplifting service. To Roddy, Cammy and Fiona at Donald MacDonald for their professionalism and care. A special thank you must go to all the staff on Glenaray ward for their care and attention to Valerie over the years and in her last months.

**YOUNG** - Marie and family would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the loss of Jim. Sincere thanks to all who attended the funeral and paid their respects to the cortège, thanks to the Mid Argyll hospital for the care they gave to Jim, special thanks to Roddy and Fiona for their sensitive support and to the Rev. David Carruthers for his comforting service.

## IN MEMORIAM

**COLE** - Cally (née Mitchell). Remembering with love and happy memories. - Your loving family, home and away.

**MACINNES** - In loving memory of Margaret, who passed away October 26, 2017, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Always in our thoughts. - Neil, David, Alan and families at home and abroad.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears Psalm 34:4  
Join us for our Service in the church  
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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 as required by the Scottish Government www.springbankchurch.org.uk  
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### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



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10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493  
11.30am Southend Church SC005484  
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Ministers Revd Steve Filcher  
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### SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 24th October**  
11am Worship Service  
11am Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Service  
Wednesdays  
12pm Lunch club  
7pm Make & Munch Craft Group  
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George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 24th October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Calum Ferguson  
11.15am Sunday School  
**Wednesday 27th October**  
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study  
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Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Lochgilphead  
Sunday 11am  
Holy Eucharist  
St Columba, Poltalloch  
9am Holy Communion  
1st Sunday of the month  
6pm Evensong  
3rd Sunday of the month  
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### CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



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### LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 24th October**  
Morning Service  
11.15am  
Triple C Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan  
Covid 19 Guidelines apply

### SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

There will be a weekly service at Skipness - 10am - Rev Lyn Peden  
**Tarbert Harvest Service Sunday 24th October** - 11.30am - Rev Lyn Peden (money donations for Food Bank)  
Please wear a face covering and stay 1 metre apart for the services  
Contact Rev. Lyn Peden 01880 820158 for pastoral care Charity number Tarbert SC002622 Skipness SC004280

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Parish Priest: Fr. A. Wood

### ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"I will extol the Lord at all times"  
(Psalm 34:1)  
**24th October**  
Giving Thanks for the Harvest and supporting the work of Water Aid and Blythwood Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

### LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH



**Sunday 24th October 2021**  
11.00 am  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev Jim Malcolm.  
Covid restrictions will apply including social distancing.  
More info at  
www.lpcchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilphead Parish Church of Scotland - SC016311

### GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor  
Kilmartin  
Harvest  
**Sunday 24th October**  
11am  
Rev Robert MacLeod  
All very welcome  
Please remember to wear a mask

### NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 24 October**  
Tayvallich Church  
10am Morning Worship  
Rev Robert MacLeod  
Booking required  
Tel 01546 870635  
Covid restrictions apply  
Further information can be found on the church website  
www.northknappdale.org

### WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES

**(Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)**  
**Sunday 24th October 2021**  
There will be a service  
In Cumlodden church at 10.00am  
led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace  
There will also be service  
In Inveraray Church at 11.30am  
led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace  
Masks must be worn when attending either church.  
Charity No: SC016665

## GRADUATION

### Nicole McKinlay



Nicole McKinlay graduated from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh with a 2:1 (second class, upper division) in BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography. Nicole is the daughter of Scott and Aliceanne McKinlay, Peninver and the granddaughter of the late James and Anna Robertson and Willie and Babs McKinlay. Nicole has been working as a therapeutic radiographer at the Edinburgh Cancer Centre since May 2020.



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# Football festival fun for Red Star youngsters

Young footballers from Mid Argyll were delighted to take part in the first football festival since 2019.

Held at Lochnell, North Connel, on October 2, the Lochnell Fun Football Festival featured youngsters from across Argyll.

Spring to autumn each year is when children have traditionally attended football festivals all over Argyll and the west of Scotland, but these were interrupted last year during the pandemic. With further easing of restrictions, six teams and nearly 100 primary children from Lochgilphead Red Star Youth Football Club (LRSYFC) took part in the event.

There was a clear sense of excitement and anticipation among players, parents and coaches to test their skills against several teams, including Campbeltown, Tarbert, Oban and Lochnell.

LRSYFC chairman Stuart Green said: 'Since the end of the first lockdown, our parent volunteers have worked hard to keep the football training going for all our children, including over the summer holidays.'

'While it has been great seeing our children regaining their fitness and honing their skills, nothing beats attending football festivals and participating against other teams. Thanks to Lochnell YFC for a well-organised, fun football festival. The children all agreed it was a great day out.'

Stuart continued: 'Special thanks to our main sponsor, Ardrishaig Community Trust, for its ongoing support with allows LRSYFC to kit out all our players with good quality match strips.'

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Above: The LRSYFC Primary 2 players were delighted to get a game.



A big squad of Lochgilphead Primary 5 footballers make their voices heard.



Right: Celebrations from the Primary 3 team.



Left: LRSYFC Primary 6 team mates congratulate Callan Cooper on a stunning goal from a free kick.



Left: Primary 4 players and coaches take a break between matches.



Right: The Primary 7 team with their medals after a great day of football.

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## Red Star hit nine in dominant display

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Red Star travelled to Parklea on Saturday for their second league game of the season and returned with a big win which sees them top the table after their opening two games.

The visitors signalled their intent early on when Stuart MacLean opened the scoring from close range.

The lead was short-lived, however, as a lack of concentration at the back allowed Port Glasgow to equalise with a close-range header after 10 minutes.

The home side were reduced to 10 men before the 20-minute mark after one of their midfielders was given a second yellow card for a poor challenge on Keiran Caskie. As expected, Star took even greater control of the game and could have scored a few before Lee MacLean put the Lochgilphead side back in front five minutes before half time with an excellent solo effort.

The second half was one-way traffic as Star added

a further seven goals to their tally, with Stuart MacLean finishing the afternoon with four goals, just trouncing Lee MacLean with his three, which included an excellent effort from the edge of the box.

Aaron Moore continued his fine goalscoring form and young Kyle Danson rounded off an excellent day with a goal from close range.

Another of the Red Star's young contingent, Craig Aitken, continues to impress and marked another fine performance with three assists.

On Saturday October 23, Red Star welcome Carlton YM to the Joint Campus 3G in their first home league fixture, where they'll look to continue their improved recent form. The game kicks off at 1pm.

# Pain in Spain but Elaine vows to return stronger

Elaine MacEachern says she was 'devastated' after a trip to compete in the Spanish round of the Women's Motocross World Championships in Madrid ended in painful disappointment – but she will be back.

The Mid Argyll rider was hopeful of a successful weekend as she returned to the world stage for the first time since the 2017 World Motocross Championship, having secured the PP Sports ACU British Women's Motocross title earlier this year after a three-year break from the sport.

But the weekend's action in Spain ended earlier than expected for the 23-year-old telecoms engineer, now living in Renfrew.

Elaine explained: 'In the free practice first thing on Saturday morning, I unfortunately broke my tibia and fibula in my leg and was out of the game for the rest of the weekend. I never crashed but I knew something wasn't right.

'I got X-rayed at the track, then was put into a cast and strapped by the motocross medics, and was flown back on Sunday night to Scotland.'

Writing on her Facebook page from a hospital bed, she thanked her sponsors and everyone who helped her get



Elaine with sponsor and supporter Douglas Watt and her bike – a 2022 KTM 250 sxf bought through sponsor Drop The Hammer for Spain and the 2022 season ahead. Inset: Strapped up but still smiling despite the disappointment.

to Spain. Elaine added: 'I am just out of surgery to plate the bones and begin the road to recovery.

### Devastated

'It is fair to say I am absolutely devastated with the outcome of the weekend.'

But this hugely talented Ormsary rider is nothing if not determined and she continued: 'I will come back stronger and faster.

'It has only made me more hungry for it. Bring on rehab and an even better 2022.'

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