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The Early Learning Centre children at Badden Farm Nursery had a fun-filled day celebrating Hallowe'en. With lots of traditional party games with a Hallowe'en twist and making their own

witches' hat cones for their party, the children thoroughly enjoyed their special day. Nursery manager Jennifer Campbell said: 'Our thanks to all our parents for bringing in the

lovely outfits for their children to wear, and thanks also to the staff for entering so fully into the fun of the day and giving the children a day to remember.'

Families asked to step into care roles

by Fiona Ross
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People relying on carers to help them live at home have been warned of potential 'unplanned changes' to their care due to staff shortages.

A letter sent to care-at-home service users in Argyll and Bute asks for families and friends to come forward if they are able to step in and offer support.

The letter sent by the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) says: 'Care at home providers are currently facing significant challenges with recruitment and retention of carers.

'We would therefore ask you to be understanding of any requirement for unplanned changes or continuing changes to your care package.

'We would ask at this challenging time if family or friends are able to support with your care needs that you make

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Families asked to step into care service roles

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your care provider aware?

An information request from the Argyllshire Advertiser has identified 22 internal carer vacancies in the HSCP as well as a vacancy at the top of the system.

The HSCP has advertised the position of head of adult services for mental health, learning disability and lifelong conditions, but the role is currently being filled on a temporary basis by Argyll and Bute chief officer Fiona Davies.

Responding to the contents of the HSCP's letter, Berry Rhodick, a member of Argyll and Bute's Integrated Joint Board which oversees the HSCP, said: 'Carers are a valuable resource to all of us and really should be better appreciated.'

'Regarding care reduction at home, maybe the managers

should go out on shift and take the pressure off the carers who are working above and beyond.'

A spokesperson for national charity Age Scotland said: 'Some councils, including Argyll and Bute, have asked family and friends to help with care. Age Scotland is calling for urgent action to tackle the social care crisis.'

The charity's chief executive Brian Sloan added: 'Across Scotland social care providers are struggling with an unprecedented staffing crisis, leaving thousands of people with

complex needs missing out on the care they desperately need.

'We've heard of desperate councils and health and social care partnerships asking family members to help out, or urging non-care staff to take on these roles.'

'The Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit have exacerbated an existing shortage of social care staff, and this is only going to get worse as winter approaches.'

'We urgently need a huge boost in social care investment, with a nationwide recruitment drive and better integration of

health and social care services.

'Carers are the unsung heroes of our health service, yet droves are leaving the profession due to low pay, burnout, and a lack of support.'

The Scottish Government has recently published a public consultation on the proposed National Care Service, which would aim to oversee the delivery of care, but Mr Sloan said: 'While plans for a National Care Service are a welcome step, we can't wait any longer to tackle this crisis and ensure every older person receives the care they need.'

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: 'We will be running a national marketing campaign very quickly to attract more people to the care sector, looking at how we can do things differently to previous campaigns, focusing on social media, a younger target audience and working with schools and colleges.'

Policy lead for health and social care in Argyll and Bute Kieron Green told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'The staffing difficulties across health and social care, but particularly in care at home, are troubling.'

'The internal HSCP service and those of private providers are both affected and they are seeking to fill vacancies in front-line care roles.'

'However, with increasing need for care as our population becomes older, and competition for recruitment from hospitality and tourism, along with the impact of Covid and Brexit, there is unfortunately no prospect of a resolution in the immediate future.'

'It is appreciated that reliance on family members to provide care may only offer relief to services in the short term.'

'Our priority must always be the safety of those reliant on our care, and where there are changes required to be made to the amount of care given, consideration will be given to alternatives, whether that be adjustments to timings and numbers of visits, some care being given by family, or a temporary care home placement.'

A spokesperson for the HSCP said: 'Both the HSCP and independent providers continue to advertise for home-care roles with limited success.'

'The resources teams and independent providers are working in partnership to support clients at home.'

Argyll & Bute HSCP



Lochgilhead and Tarbert war memorials will be among many focuses of remembrance events this year.

Remembrance Day events to go ahead throughout Mid Argyll

Following the cancellation of many remembrance events last year, plans are well under way to mark this year's Armistice Day throughout Mid Argyll.

On Sunday November 14, communities will join with members of the armed forces and clergy in acts of remembrance 100 years on from the UK's first collective remembrance events.

In Lochgilhead a service will be held in the Parish Church at 9.45am with a parade of wreath bearers led by Mid Argyll Pipe Band leaving the church at 10.45am to go to the war memorial where Father Simon McKenzie will lead the service.

Soup and sandwiches will be available in the Parish Church Hall after the event.

The Inveraray and District branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland is organising events in Inveraray, Furnace and at Argyll Caravan Park.

On Sunday November 14 those wishing to honour the memory of fallen members of the armed forces are invited to meet at 10.45am at the war memorial on the front green in Inveraray, at the Furnace war memorial at 1.30pm and at 2.30pm at the combined services memorial in Argyll Caravan Park.

In Ardrishaig the parish church will begin its service 15 minutes earlier than usual,

at 10.45am. The two-minute silence at 11 o'clock is incorporated into the service and will include a lone piper and a group of singers singing Hear the Call to the Last Post.

After the service the congregation will make its way, following the piper Ian Campbell, to the war memorial where everyone is invited to gather.

Assembling at the foot of the memorial, words of remembrance will be spoken, the wreaths laid, and a lament played before all assembled will pray together.

The cenotaph in Tarbert will also be the focus on Remembrance Sunday with everyone welcome to gather there at 10.45am or at the Fish Quay at 10.30am for the parade up to the cenotaph.

A service will be held at the memorial with a two-minute silence and the laying of wreaths.

Armed forces veterans and groups who would like to take part in the service or lay a wreath are invited to contact Aggie Dennis on 07880838258.

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Freya joins youth delegates holding leaders to account

by Fiona Ross
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A Tayvallich woman has joined with youth delegates from across the world in a bid to set the agenda for the UN Climate Summit.

Freya Aitchison was one of five Scottish representatives at the Conference of Youth in Glasgow from October 28 to 31, a prelude to COP26, in which young people from 140 countries gathered to make their voices heard by world leaders.

The delegates drew up a Statement of Youth setting out their hopes and expectations for the climate negotiations and presented it at the opening of COP26 to its president Alok Sharma.

Freya was representing YouthLink Scotland at the conference which she described as the most international and diverse event she has ever attended.

'It was amazing to meet people who had come from all over the world especially to talk about the climate crisis and hold our leaders accountable for safeguarding our futures,' she said.

'I met people from Uruguay, Afghanistan, Japan, India, the Philippines, Nigeria, Honduras and so many more countries.'

'There were a lot of representatives from the global south and it was really powerful and moving to hear about their experiences with the impacts of climate change on their communities, the injustices faced by people who have done little to cause the climate crisis and in many cases the incredible grassroots organisations they have built up to spread awareness about climate change and to bring people together in the face of it.'

The 23-year-old's concerns for the climate are not only for her peers in the global south; Freya explained that problems much closer to home were also preying on her mind.

'As a coastal and rural area, Argyll is already seeing some of the impacts of more extreme weather events due to climate change, which will only get worse as time goes on,' she said. 'We've always had storms in the winter, but these are getting more severe and more frequent every year, causing damage like fallen trees and



Freya Aitchison added her voice to those of thousands of young people demanding climate justice at the Conference of Youth 16 before this week's COP26.



flooding. Although we all know that Argyll is a very rainy place, increasing intensity of rainfall is causing landslides on the Rest and be Thankful more and more often, cutting off our easiest route to the rest of Scotland and often disrupting our journeys.

'Sea-level rise will also be a big problem in years to come, especially on islands like Tiree where the 2.5-metre sea level rise that is predicted by 2100 will split the island in half.'

'Lochgilthead, Oban and Campbeltown will also be seriously impacted by flooding due to sea level rise too.'

The young people's knowledge, experiences and worries culminated in the Global Youth Declaration, the main output of the conference of youth but also included input from 40,000 young people across the world who had contributed before the Glasgow

event. This large-scale discussion reflected the inclusive and expansive nature of what the conference set out to achieve, as Freya explained: 'Almost everyone was part of a wider network of young climate activists in their own countries and was representing a

movement of young people not only calling for but actually implementing better climate education, systemic change, innovation and solutions.

'There was also some indigenous representation from Association Jioboiana, which brought together five indigenous leaders and activists from Brazil to speak and perform at various events throughout the conference.'

Freya added that she saw a lot of positivity in the process of creating the youth declaration.

She said: 'A major source of optimism for me was the sense of community that we formed at COY. The indigenous activist Alice Pataxó summed it up perfectly when she said in her speech at the closing ceremony that when she went home to her people she would tell them that "we are not alone anymore".'

POLICE FILES

Assault

A report was made to police at 10.30pm on Tuesday October 26 in relation to two men allegedly acting in a threatening or abusive manner and having assaulted other people at a bed and breakfast in Tarbert. Police attended and one man aged 56 and another aged 38 were identified as being responsible. Both men were apprehended, charged with the offences and kept in police custody to appear at court.

Charged

At 4.35pm on Monday October 25 at Bridgend, Isle of Islay, police responded to a report of a vehicle crashed into a ditch. A 49-year-old man was identified at the scene as the driver and he failed the roadside breath test. It was also established that the vehicle was being driven without insurance. The man was arrested and

charged with the offences and kept in police custody to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Vandalism

Between 6pm on Tuesday October 26 and 12.15am and on Wednesday October 27, a 28-year-old man allegedly vandalised property and assaulted his partner at an address in Lochgilthead. The man was subsequently arrested and charged in relation to these offences. He was released on a police undertaking to appear at Dunoon Sheriff Court.

Drugs

At 3pm on Wednesday October 27, at Lochnell Street, Lochgilthead, police had cause to stop and search a 28-year-old man for the purposes of a drug search. The man was found in possession of a quantity of herbal cannabis. He was issued with a recorded police warning.

Failure to stop

Between 8.50am and 12.30pm on Thursday October 21 at either Poltalloch Street or Paterson Street, Lochgilthead, a vehicle struck and damaged an unattended parked car. The driver failed to stop and provide relevant details or report the accident at a police station within 24 hours. Enquiries continue and police are appealing for anyone with information to contact 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Routine checks

At 1.35pm on Sunday October 24 at Poltalloch Street, Lochgilthead, police were carrying out routine checks on a vehicle when they established that it did not have a valid policy of insurance in place. The driver, a 66-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the fiscal.

Butternut squash soup

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1 onion, diced
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2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
900ml hot vegetable stock
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Method

Spray a large non-stick pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a low heat. Add the onion and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Increase the heat to medium, add the butternut squash and potato and cook for 2 minutes. Add the garlic and season lightly. Pour in the stock and simmer for 25 minutes, or until everything is tender and cooked through.

Using a hand blender or food processor, blend the mixture until smooth. Transfer the soup to a hollowed-out pumpkin (or a large serving bowl!) and top with a swirl of fromage frais and the sliced chillies.

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ACHA tenant 'wants repairs done properly'

The boss at Argyll's largest housing association says his organisation is keen to complete repairs to a Furnace property amid a row over the condition of the former council house.

William Fisher, who lives with his family in the house at Queen Elizabeth Cottages in the Loch Fyne-side village, has accused Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) of failing to properly repair various issues with dampness despite repeatedly being asked to do so.

The Fisher family moved into the property around a decade ago, at which point the house seemed fine, but Mr Fisher said: 'Within a few months we had to redecorate with mould coming through the walls.'

The association has carried out work to repair damp areas around windows, internal walls and applied a new external render to the house.

But Mr Fisher, who is 57 years old and has a number of health issues, believes that the work done is just masking the problems rather than fixing them.

'The bricks have gone to mush in places and I had to re-plaster some of the walls



William Fisher with one of the windows he claims has been badly fitted and repaired.

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before I redecorated. What it [ACHA] did was come in and put a bit of wood over the top to hide the problem.'

A property survey arranged by Mr Fisher in 2016 concluded among other things that windows had not been properly sealed internally and externally, the chimney could be a source of water ingress and a flat roof extension was not wind and watertight.

In 2017 Mr Fisher took ACHA to court, and in January this year he was offered

£8,000 in compensation from ACHA. The offer came with a confidentiality clause and no admission of liability.

Mr Fisher says he did not accept the offer because of what he describes as the 'gagging notice' clause.

'They want us to settle and shut up. That isn't going to happen. They don't care,' he added. 'We want to stay here and for it to be properly fixed.'

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'The current situation is that

the association is involved in live [civil] legal proceedings regarding Mr Fisher and due to respect for that process the organisation cannot comment in substance on matters pertaining to those proceedings.'

He added: 'The association is keen to complete any outstanding repairs and we have been trying to arrange access to carry out these works, if Mr Fisher is willing to work with the association to address any outstanding repairs and allow access to his home.'



Fiona Kalache with her daughter Lauren and sons Ronan and Brody at the Inveraray Castle presentation.

Fiona presented with MBE

Fiona Kalache, manager of Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, has received her MBE at a ceremony in Inveraray Castle.

The Lochgilphead woman was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to young people in the 2020 New Year's Honours List and on Friday October 29 she finally celebrated the honour with family and friends.

Fiona became manager of Mid Argyll Youth Project in January 2008, which grew

into MAYDS, the successful community company that has changed countless lives in Argyll and raised more than £1 million.

Fiona said: 'Thanks for all the kind messages and to those who came to share my special day on receiving my MBE medal at Inveraray Castle.'

'Particular thanks to Lord Lieutenant Jane MacLeod and the Duke and Duchess of Argyll. This was a true honour and one I share with all my team at MAYDS.'

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Argyll rainforest to be blessed by Amazonians

An Argyll woodland is to be blessed in a ceremony performed by indigenous people from the Amazon.

On Sunday November 7, the Amazonian delegation will head from the COP26 UN climate conference in Glasgow to Cormonachan community woodland's rainforest.

The ceremony will bring together environmental activists from Scotland and international indigenous communities to commemorate the unique and fragile nature of Scotland's endangered rainforest.

These habitats are comprised of the native woodlands found on the west coast in the 'hyper-oceanic' zone where high levels of rainfall and relatively mild, year-round temperatures provide the right conditions for some of the world's rarest mosses and lichens. It is estimated that only 30,000 hectares of rainforest remain, amounting to only two per cent of Scotland's woodlands.

The event at Loch Goil is being organised by the Alliance for Scotland's Rainforest, Raleigh International and the Association Jiboiana, which represents indigenous people.

The visiting delegates will be



Indigenous people will bless the Loch Goil rainforest.

led on a guided walk around the woodlands followed by them blessing the woodlands, planting an oak tree and commemorating their visit with a plaque.

Following the ceremony, an invited audience of up to 130 people will meet the delegation of indigenous people from the Amazon for speeches and questions and answers at Lochgoilhead Village Hall.

The 2021 Cormonachan woodlands art trail has been extended from October 30 to cover this event until November 8. The special recognition of the country's endangered rainforest comes as the Scottish government announced a new target to

plant 36 million new trees each year to tackle climate change and nature loss.

Speaking ahead of COP26's Glasgow Declaration of Forests and Land Use on November 2, Environment Minister Mairi McAllan highlighted that in the UK 80 per cent of all new tree planting takes place in Scotland. Ms McAllan said that Scotland was ready to share its forestry ambitions with world leaders visiting Glasgow. She said: 'Climate change and nature loss are the greatest global threats we face. We can and must start to reverse these threats. Planting more trees and sustainably managing our forests is one part of the global solution.'

Inveraray Christmas craft fair

Inveraray's senior citizens' committee has invited locals and visitors to join them at a Christmas Craft Fair in the town's Nicoll Hall.

The fair, on Saturday November 20, will open its doors at 1pm and will feature a tombola and a variety of stalls selling Christmas crafts, home-baking, jams, chutneys and Christmas gifts. All funds raised will go towards the running and upkeep of the hall.

Cormonachan rainforest will welcome indigenous delegates from the Amazon.



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Staff take a tour of Kilmartin Museum's refurbishment.

Construction site tour highlights progress

Staff at Kilmartin Museum were given a guided tour of the ongoing renovations last week by contractors TSL.

They were shown around the construction site on Friday October 29 to see how the basement levels of the museum are taking shape. A museum spokesperson said: 'Our

education team was thrilled to step inside the new learning space and to see that the collections store now has walls and a ceiling.'

Anyone interested in keeping up-to-date with the rebuild's progress can visit the Construction Diary on Kilmartin Museum's website.

Bunnahabhain aims for net zero with biomass energy

Bunnahabhain is on track to become the first whisky distillery on the island of Islay to have net zero distillation with the construction of a new biomass energy centre.

The £6.5 million plant, being built behind the existing Bunnahabhain distillery, is set to save 3,500 tonnes of carbon emissions a year – a CO2 saving equivalent to the emissions of 1,800 diesel cars, which is more than the total number of vehicles on Islay.

It will be powered by wood chippings from spent malt, known as draff, and low-value timber felled 15 miles away, supporting the local economy, while ash from the biomass boiler will be repurposed as natural fertiliser for forests.

Julian Patton, supply chain director at Distell International, owner of Bunnahabhain Distillery, said: 'This is an exciting new chapter



The £6.5 million biomass centre being built at the Islay distillery.

supports the island's forests and economy.'

Scheduled to be operational by spring 2022, the biomass energy centre has been funded by AMP Clean Energy, which will own, manage and operate the system.

Richard Burrell, chief executive of AMP Clean Energy, said: 'Through our fund, develop, own and operate model, we are delighted to be supporting Distell Group to help meet its carbon reduction targets.'

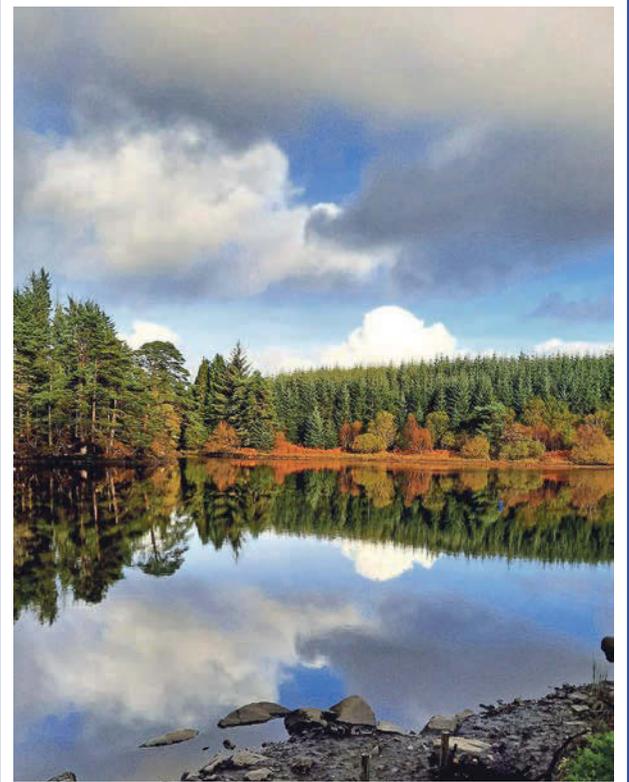
The biomass energy centre being developed at Bunnahabhain is a landmark low carbon project which sets the bar for how manufacturers can reduce their scope one carbon emissions, which will be key to achieving net zero.'

for Bunnahabhain distillery and whisky production on Islay.

'The Scotch Whisky Association has set a net-zero target of 2040 and a lot of work is under way by our team in pursuit of achieving this goal

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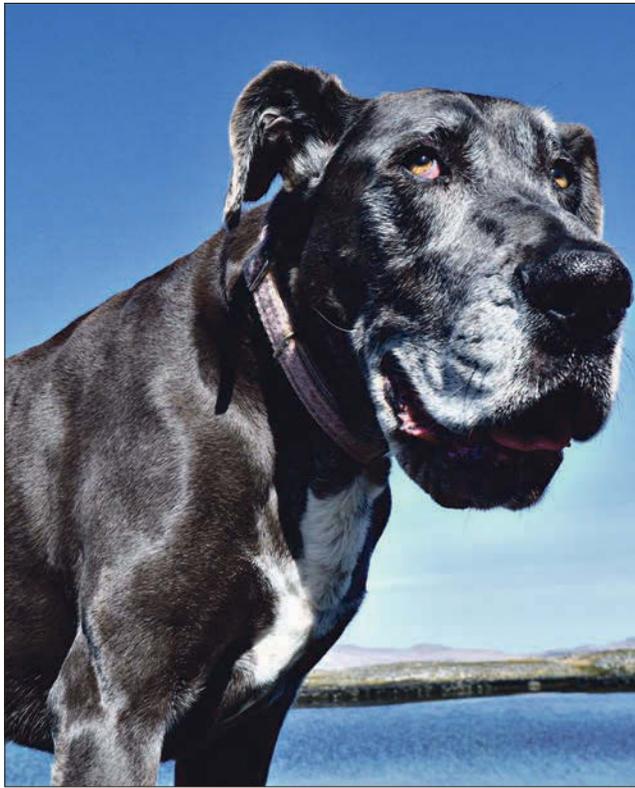
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The dog leaves all sheep-steering to the humans.

A hot harvest for the long, dark winter

The paddock is a welly-swallowing pig haven at the moment where only the light-footed, trotter-blessed dare venture.

My daily rounds of scattering their feed on every speck of land has become a strange compulsion in which I'm convinced their mental health depends on foraging through every inch of their field.

We discarded the long plastic troughs long ago as they had become mere playthings for the pigs to wheech about like some Highland caber-tossing contest and I felt they should at least have to root about a bit for their grub.

The autumnal downpours that have lashed the croft for weeks now have disturbed our hairy pals not a jot with them appearing to be as happy

to endure a good Scottish soaking as to huddle in their straw-filled shelter or under the forest canopy that borders their home.

Their human butlers are not quite as chuffed with the conditions. Having face-planted too many times out of wellies that had been sucked irretrievably into the mud, I refuse to join the hungry hoards in the paddock, but now fling their wee pellets from the sidelines.

It takes an age and a half to scatter the kilos of feed from

'Sadly our dog has significantly fewer brain cells than her woolly neighbours.'

the woods and then from around the entire perimeter of their fence.

This process is not helped by the fact that it's often performed in the pitch-black dead of night that was formerly known as 7am.

Despite what the porcine recipients of our efforts might believe, we do have other jobs to do, places to go, folk to meet so can't always wait until the sun deigns to rise at 8.30am.

We will have a morsel of respite from the dark mornings now the clocks have changed, but it won't be for long.

Anyway, the pigs' catering over the last few days has morphed into something resembling the produce of a trendy vegan deli thanks to the efforts of their male carer who has begun the mammoth task of clearing out the Polycrub.

The bulk of its prolific



Spicing up the harvest with some fierce chilies.

harvest has been munched, pickled, frozen and smoothied now so all that remains are the last of the tomatoes, celery and pumpkins.

The remnants of the rest of its bounty, including sweetcorn stalks, snail-nibbled courgettes and some squishy cucumbers, were all served up to the gluttonous lot next door.

However, not everything grown by our fair hand was to the pigs' taste. We were careful to segregate the benign veggies from their more fearsome friends. Burkina yellow habanero, Trinidad scorpion, Armageddon and basket of fire peppers all thrived ridiculously and lived up to their daft names.

Never one to indulge in gender stereotypes, I won't attribute the husband's fascination with these painfully hot chilies purely to machismo, but our visitors most determined to sample them do tend to be of the same gender. Their inclusion in a curry or enchilada can render the dish inedible to anyone without an asbestos palate, but we did grow some subtle and pleasant jalapenos and padron peppers, many of which have been pickled to see us through the next few months.

I think we've done well with

setting aside plenty of sustenance to get us through the dreich Argyll winter.

We have Christmas hams aplenty and still a profusion of herbs and tatties to serve alongside.

There'll be mutton curries, mutton fajitas and mutton chilli to warm us through the winter too once we can be bothered catching our remaining blackies who are still as skittish and wild as the day we first brought them here.

Sadly our dog has significantly fewer brain cells than her woolly neighbours so it's up to the two of us to round them up and the process can be a bit slapstick.

The sheep seem to have clocked that the sight of any human approaching portends something disastrous like dosing, clipping or being led into the trailer-of-no-return.

I don't remember anything about shepherding in our wedding vows, but it should have been in the first line.

Failing to fling oneself in the right direction when a psychotic flock is charging in concentric circles seems to threaten marital harmony almost as much as the surreptitious inclusion of an Armageddon pepper in the spag bol.



The Polycrub earlier in the year before it all went a bit wild.

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Laser show highlights rising seas

An Ardfern artist has created a massive art installation along her local shoreline to draw attention to the dangers of rising sea-levels.

Born in Oban, Lizzie Rose has always used the Argyll landscape as the focus for her art, but now she has gone one step further and embedded her work, literally, in the sea.

The artist has installed 21 posts, right, representing the year 2100, that should remain 30cm above the high tides at the moment. However climate scientists have predicted that by 2100 global sea level is very likely to rise by that same



30cm. Solar-powered laser projections will light up the skies around Ardfern during the two weeks of the COP26 UN Climate Conference from 6pm to 6.30pm Monday to Thursday.

Lizzie explained the thought process that led to her creating this new piece of art.

'I wanted to do something to connect with COP26 in Glasgow.

'It's just down the road, but it feels quite disconnected from here. I wanted to highlight the fact that sea levels are rising. As a coastal community this will affect us dramatically, for

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instance, will our road still be usable?' Lizzie added she wanted to thank her friends and neighbours who had helped with the installation, which runs the length of the shore

from Barfad to the motorhome park. She added: 'We can't change the past but we can change what we do now.'

'There are many possible futures that depend on the actions we take now.'

'We can make a choice about how we act individually and demand change from our governments.'

Credits: SOC79 artwork by Lizzie Rose, Artist in conversation with Emma Davie, Director of Black Black Oil in collaboration with Hannah Tofts Artist/Designer, Plastic Sea and Matt Walsh Sound and Lighting Production.

Applications invited for retail refurbishment grants

Owners of rural retail businesses have been offered the chance to spruce up their shopfronts with a little help from Argyll and Bute Council.

The local authority is using Scottish Government place-based investment funding to offer grants of up to £5,000

for exterior refurbishments including painting, joinery and masonry work.

The Shopfront Improvement Grant has £16,250 to allocate to businesses in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles, however, owners of shops in Lochgilphead are excluded

from the scheme as the town is part of the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme which is funded separately.

It is hoped that by investing in the external appearance of retail outlets, more people and investment will be attracted to the area.

Councillor Robin Currie, Policy Lead, Economy and Rural Growth, said: 'The Shopfront Improvement Scheme has helped businesses transform their shopfronts and increased footfall as a direct result. We have seen fantastic success stories of vacant shops

re-opening, businesses getting a new lease of life and communities and visitors shopping local. I'm particularly pleased these grants are now available to smaller settlements and rural retail businesses.'

'If you are thinking about repairs to your shopfront and

need additional help, I would encourage you to apply for the grant as soon as possible.'

Applications, which can be made through the council's website, close on Friday December 17 2021 and work must be finished by June 30 2022.

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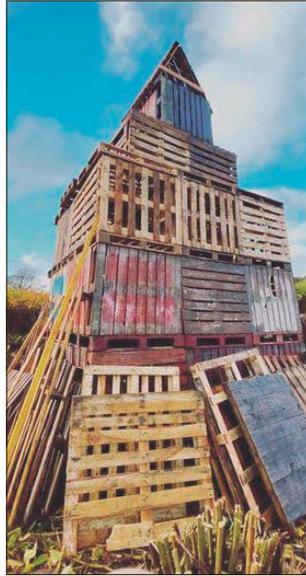
Lochgilhead community rallies to build bonfire

A week ahead of the big day, an army of volunteers built Lochgilhead's bonfire in record time.

On Saturday October 30, a team of locals helped Mid Argyll Round Table members get set for its bonfire and fireworks on Saturday November 6.

The event will take place at 7.15pm opposite the Bank of Scotland on Portalloch Street. Ongoing improvement works on the front green mean the whole road will be closed to allow the event to go ahead safely.

A Round Table spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to all our fantastic volunteers who turned up to help build the bonfire in record time. Also, a big shout out to Duncan Hunter Joiners, Hawthorn Heights, D A MacDonalds, Menzies, MacLeod Construction, and Harbro for labour, tools and wood.'



Lochgilhead's bonfire is ready to be set alight on November 6.

'Thanks also to Mid Argyll Rotary for support on the day, Lochgilhead Caravan Park for dingy 'Old faithful', Riverside Cafe for the sustenance and to Lochgilhead Co-Op Community fund for support with the fireworks.'

The organisers have set up a Justgiving page for donations towards this year's display, details of which can be found on the Mid Argyll Round Table's Facebook page.

Islay primary pupils win photography awards

Three Port Ellen Primary School pupils have been highly commended for their entries in a prestigious photography competition.

Katie Harrison, Caillin Swanson and William Campbell were among hundreds of young people aged four to 18 who entered the Scottish Civic Trust My Place photography competition to document the impact of climate change on their local spaces and places.

The prizes were awarded at a digital ceremony on October 29. The annual competition encourages young people to use photography to explore their local buildings, architecture and archaeology. To tie in with the UN Climate Summit being held in Glasgow, the theme of the 2021 competition is climate change.

Katie's photograph features Port Ellen's distillery, Caillin's depicts a rusting electric car charger by the sea-wall and William's is a detailed close-up of corroding metal sandwiched between stone and wood pillars.

All entries to the 2021 My Place Photography Competition can also be viewed online at bit.ly/MPPC2021gallery.

Elizabeth McCrone, a member of the My Place photography competition 2021 judging panel and director of heritage at Historic Environment Scotland, said: 'Places are important to us in so many ways and it was fascinating to see how



Katie Harrison's photograph won a highly commended prize.

our young people view their places through the lens of climate change. The images powerfully capture the changes in our built and natural environment. The sharing of their observations with us gives real hope for change.'

The My Place Photography Competition is supported by Historic Environment Scotland and Jessops and is free to enter and is open to schools, youth groups, clubs and home-educated young people.

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William Campbell's close-up of corroding metal between stone and wood pillars.



Caillin Swanson's entry.

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Fish farm escape firms 'should be penalised' to protect wild salmon

Mass escapes from fish farms should be the subject of regulation 'due to the known negative impacts genetic introgression has on declining wild salmon', says the Scottish Gamekeepers Association's fishing arm.

It is one of the proposals river workers have put forward to the Scottish Government's review of aquaculture legislation, being carried out by Professor Russel Griggs OBE.

'More than a quarter of a million farmed fish are reported to have escaped from aquaculture operations in Scottish waters over the past five years, with numbers likely to be under-recorded,' said the Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) fishing group.

'Given the negative impact interbreeding between farmed and wild stock can have on the future survival of wild fish, appropriate penalties now need to be applied.'

'If the Scottish Government is not willing to introduce measures to improve security, triploid fish should be bred on fish farms to prevent genetic introgression in the event of escape.'

Triploid fish are often used in river stocking programmes, with an extra set of chromosomes ruling out sexual reproduction.

The Scottish Government has acknowledged genetic introgression to be one of the high level threats facing wild salmon survival, the group says.

A spokesman for the SGA fishing group said: 'There have been incidents where things like stormy weather has

'Storms happen in the sea, so this is not something which is entirely unforeseen. In those circumstances there should be penalties or fines for farms, so that every care is taken in future to secure their site'

led to mass escapes. Storms happen in the sea, so this is not something which is entirely unforeseen.

'In those circumstances, there should be penalties or fines for farms, so that every care is taken in future to secure their site.'

'The impacts on wild fish from escapes are serious.'

'Obviously, in incidents where seals have breached nets, for example, and Scottish Government regulation prevents the management of seals, then a sliding scale of penalties would account for that type of occurrence appropriately.'

'However, regulation is needed or a solution must be found, such as using triploid fish, to prevent the damage to wild fish which are under considerable threat already from things like predation and a changing climate.'

In Norway, fish farms are fined heavily for escapes and the Norwegian aquaculture industry has a 'zero escape' vision. In the past decade more than two million fish have es-

caped from farms in Norway. The SGA fishing group, which ultimately wants fish farms to be sited on land in closed loop systems, also believes salmon farms must meet sea lice tests if they are to increase stock.

'In Norway,' the group added, 'a traffic light system was introduced in 2017 whereby regulators could allow higher or reduced stocking densities, based on the impact sea lice from farms were having on wild fish.'

'High sea lice burdens can stress or kill wild salmon and there is a strong correlation between proximity to open cage salmon farms and sea lice burdens on wild salmon.'

'In Norway, the pressure being exerted on wild salmon from sea lice is the key determinant upon which a farm can grow its output.'

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: 'Escaped fish are in no-one's interest and their prevention is important for farmed fish welfare and to protect our iconic wild salmon.'

'We recently published an Aquaculture Code of Practice for containment and responded to the Salmon Interactions Working Group Report by committing to strengthen controls on sea lice and escapes, including plans to introduce penalties for fish farm escapes.'

'This follows the launch of an independent review of how fish farms are regulated in a move to make Scottish aquaculture legislation one of the most effective and transparent in the world.'

'The review will report back in due course.'



The prevention of farmed salmon escapes is important for both farmed fish welfare and to protect our iconic wild salmon, says the Scottish Government.

Careers fair targets local opportunities

Employers throughout Argyll are being given the opportunity to address the future workforce and demonstrate the benefits of training, working and volunteering in the local community.

Lochgilhead High School is hosting a virtual careers fair on Thursday November 18 as part of national careers week to give pupils the opportunity

to explore job opportunities that are available locally, including apprenticeships, training schemes, full-time employment and volunteering.

The whole school will be invited to attend using platforms such as Google Classroom, Google Meet and Youtube through which employers will make presentations via pre-recorded videos as well as live

question and answer sessions. The event will also be opened up to other high schools in Argyll and Bute.

Employers keen to showcase career opportunities should contact the school's principal teacher of enterprise and achievement Fiona McBride at fiona.mcbride@argyll-bute.gov.uk by Monday November 8.

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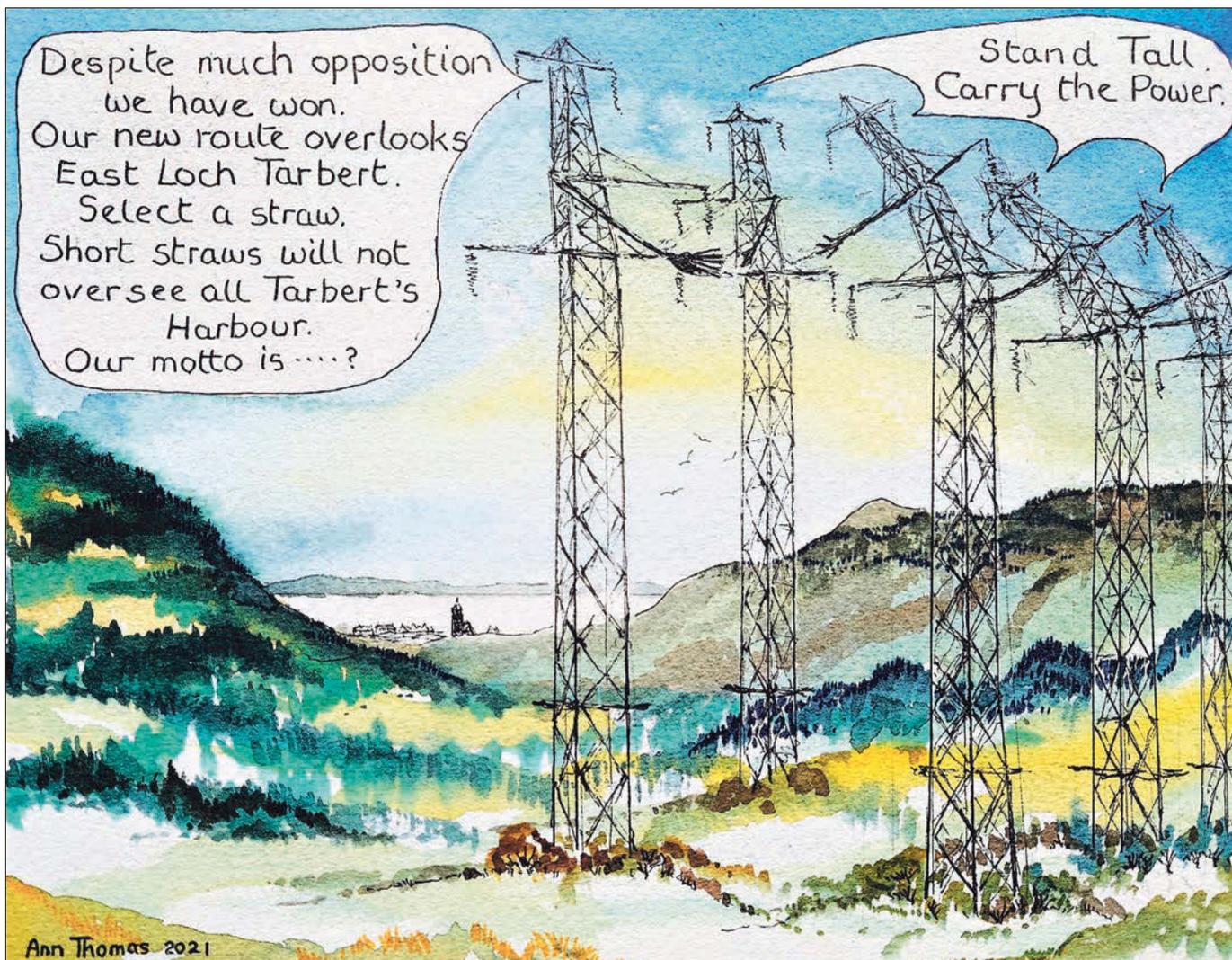
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March of the pylons across Tarbert

This week our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas returns to a familiar subject for her cartoons – the planned new pylons which many fear will dominate the Tarbert skyline, spoiling the view on all sides.

Tarbert artist Ann muses on the pylons' view of matters as they prepare to carry power on an upgraded Crossaig to Inveraray line.

The towers – much taller than the existing structures – will march across the isthmus close to the village after permission was granted for their construction despite much local opposition to the chosen route.

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Council Covid food scheme wins prestigious accolade

A council project set up at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic to keep people well fed while allowing social distancing has received national recognition, writes Colin Cameron.

Argyll and Bute Council's Community Food Project beat off industry giants in the food and drinks sector to win a prestigious accolade at the 2021 Footprint Awards.

The awards recognise companies for their sustainability and responsible business practice.

This year's awards saw Argyll and Bute go head-to-head with Budweiser Brewing Group to win the Social Impact and Diversity Award.

And there was more success for the local authority as the council's catering team was runner-up for the Sustainability in Education ti-

tle. The Community Food Project was established in the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the most vulnerable people in Argyll and Bute's communities were able to access food during lockdown, when they had been advised to stay at home.

The team worked with food-banks and new and existing local food and drink suppliers to deliver more than 45,000 food parcels to doorsteps of those most at risk during lockdown.

Council leader Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The main objective of the Community Food Project was to ensure that people shielding didn't



Council leader Robin Currie: 'Everyone involved should be very proud of themselves. They are a credit to Argyll and Bute.'

need to worry about where their next meal was coming from, however, it quickly became much, much more than that.

'It became another shining example of Argyll and Bute's wonderful community spirit.

'Local business and volunteers came forward in their droves to give a helping hand to those most at need.

'Without their help, the project just would not have been possible.



'Besides benefiting those shielding, the project enabled people on furlough to return to work and money spent on delivering the project was retained in communities where possible, providing a significant return on investment and

business sustainability. The project was up against industry leaders for this prestigious award so I am absolutely delighted we won - everyone involved should be very proud of themselves. They are a credit to Argyll and Bute.'

At the height of the pandemic, food parcels await pick-up by the volunteer delivery squad ahead of delivery to vulnerable people.

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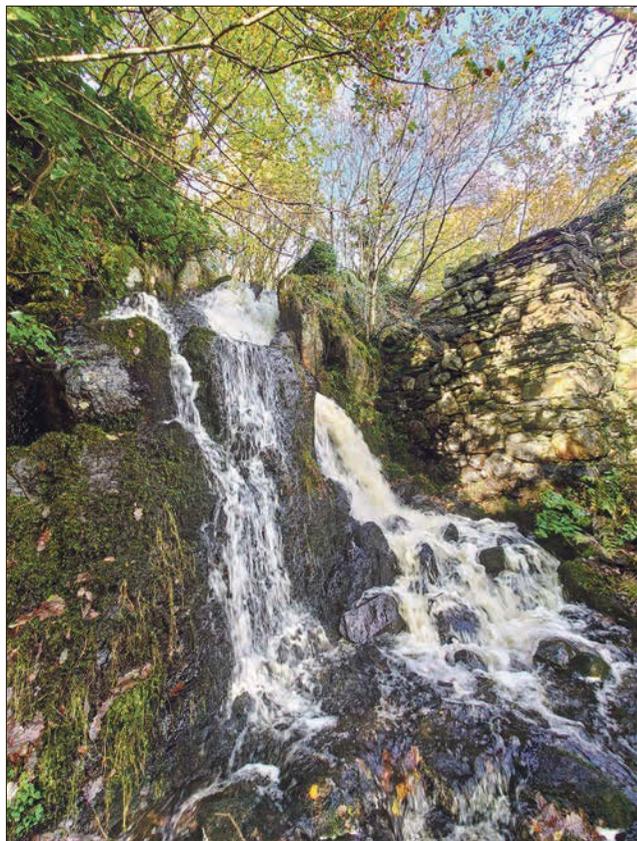
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Taynish: a place of history a



Taynish mill waterfall.

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

This beautiful National Nature Reserve in this stunning part of Argyll is a real treat for the senses.

The clean air and damp west coast climate make it a perfect habitat for lichens, liverworts, fungi, mosses, ferns and wildlife amongst its ancient Atlantic oak woods.

The geology creating the knaps on this coast - the small ridges that run in a north-easterly/south-westerly direction - also contain freshwater lochs/lochans, sea lochs and salt marsh.

These habitats are an important home for many species of mammals, birds, amphibians and insects, including otter, spotted flycatcher and the marsh fritillary butterfly.

According to NatureScot, this important temperate rainforest is estimated to be 7,000 years old making it an incredibly valuable habitat.

Within this precious landscape man, too, has made his mark.

It is thought there was an Iron Age fort atop Barr Mor; Taynish House was built by the local Laird MacNeill in 1650 and the ruins of Taynish Mill - built in 1724 - nestles in the trees, a reminder that once local farmers brought their oats and grain here to be milled.

Later, in the late 18th century, the Campbells of Inverneill bought Tayvallich Estate and added the amazing Piggery and Gatehouse - source

NatureScot. To explore the reserve, I highly recommend undertaking the full circuit including Barr Mor and a visit to the piggery.

Autumn is a lovely time to enjoy the rich tapestry of colours as the oaks turn a rich gold.

To summit Barr Mor, from the nature reserve car park walk north back up the road for 1km past Lochan Taynish and the entrance to Duntaynish House.

The road bears sharply left then right. After a short distance, you will see a wooden signpost with an eagle on your right pointing to the path leading up to Barr Mor on your left.

If you do not wish to summit Barr Mor, take the track south from the car park for 700m, past the gatehouse, to where the Barr Mor path comes out on your right.

Turn left up the path. Initially meander through the woods before starting the steep ascent to Barr Mor.

Steps lead steadily upwards

until at last the ground eases allowing you to emerge from the trees with just a short final pull to the summit. The reward of the panoramic views over Taynish and Knapdale is fabulous.

From the summit the grassy path undulates south to the slightly lower south top where you might wish to sit awhile to enjoy further views.

Descend the path southwards into the trees - a path to your right leading down the western flanks can also be used. Descend to a wall where the paths join.

Head southeast for 130m to re-join the main track in an area of open fen covered in heather and bog myrtle.

Head southwest, right from Barr Mor, straight on from car park, and follow the track for 1.25km until you reach buildings and small meadow on your right.

Look out for a signpost for the coast walk at the other end of the meadow.

Turn right then immediately left at the signpost. This takes

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Land nature

you south, parallel to the main track to Taynish House, skirting the tall trees and walls of Taynish House, before briefly veering southwest through scrub and willow.

Ahead you will see a gate through the wall and a path left. You can also take the 150m detour signposted right to a viewpoint and picnic spot.

To visit the piggery, turn left keeping the wall on your right.

It is just a couple of minutes' walk and well worth looking around. You can then return to take the path through the wall down to the shore and bird hide. This is a really special spot and if you are lucky you may see otters.

Return up the path to the main track. Turn right towards Taynish House. After 140m you will reach a gate.

Go through this and turn

Walk information

Route: Barr Mor, The Piggery, Atlantic Woods and Taynish Mill

Distance: 5.2 – 10.5km (3 ¼ - 6 ½ miles)

Ascent: 130 - 270m

Time: 2 - 5 hours

Terrain: A mixture of good forestry tracks and paths. Some stepped, steep and slippery sections, especially if ascending Barr Mor.

Map/s: OS Landranger 55 (1:50 000)/ OS Explorer 358 (1:25 000)

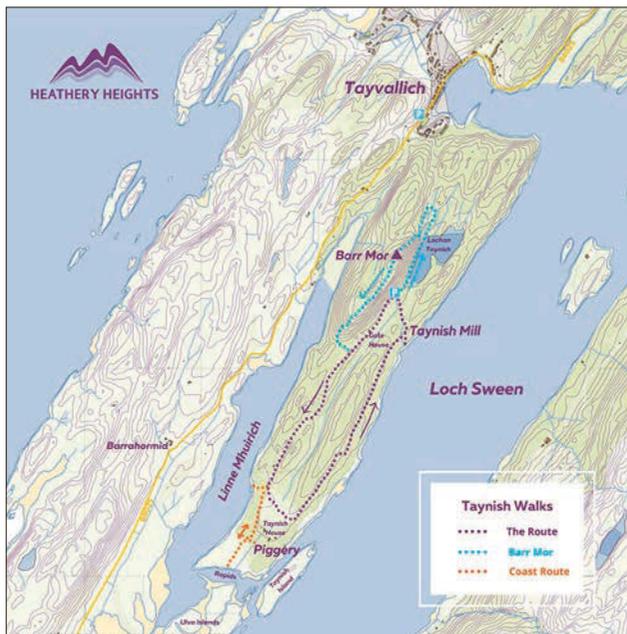
Start/finish/parking: Small

carpark in Taynish National Nature Reserve, south of Tayvallich. You can also park by the public toilets in Tayvallich village and walk along the minor road to either the start of the Barr Mor path for the full circuit (1km each way) or to the NNR carpark (2km each way).

Grid reference: NR737852 (National Nature Reserve carpark)

Public transport: Bus 425/426 to Tayvallich

Toilets: South end Tayvallich



left following the waymarked path southeast across the field. Belted Galloways often reside here.

At the other side of the field you will reach a gate. Go through the gate and turn left.

This takes you through birch woods and oak before a further gate leads you onwards into the wonderful Atlantic oak woods.

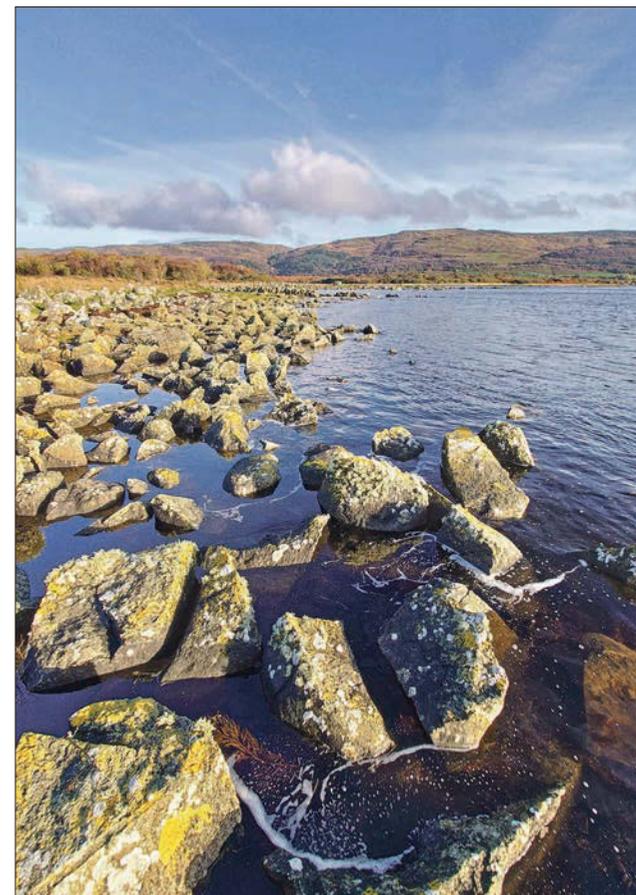
The path initially skirts high above the coast with tantalising glimpses of Loch Sween before slowly dropping you

towards the ruins of Taynish Mill a couple of kilometres to the north. Enjoy the woods before Taynish Mill waterfalls greet you feeding into the leat that served the mill.

From the mill you can also drop down to the shores of Loch Sween on a small path leading southeast from the picnic area.

The final section heads northwest from the north side of the Mill back to car park.

En route there is a fine view-



Taynish Point.

point over the ecologically important wetlands forming the south end of Lochan Taynish to your right.

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Caring for the carers by investing in their teams, their working conditions and their pay must be the first priority of the mooted National Care Service, and in the meantime urgent action is needed to attract and retain staff in these crucial roles.

When somebody chooses to train for this difficult, but hugely rewarding, career they should feel safe in the knowledge that they will be supported, paid a good wage and not be forced by shortages to offer anything other than the high quality, professional service they so badly want to deliver.

Remembrance

For 100 years communities across the UK have come together to honour all who have lost their lives in wars and military campaigns. These precious acts of remembrance were curtailed last year, so perhaps this year it is more important than ever to head out to churches and cenotaphs all around our community.

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SNP government must act on lifeline ferry crisis

Sir,

The SNP government's refusal to heed recommendations from CalMac on how many new ferries the operator required to service its routes has led directly to the crisis that has overtaken Scotland's ferry service.

No fewer than 16 of CalMac's 31 active vessels are now more than 25 years old, which is the recommended operational lifespan of a ferry.

A debate on the ongoing ferry crisis took place this week at the Scottish Parliament.

It was telling that those SNP members who took part in the debate were unable or unwilling to launch a defence of their own government's record when it comes to the crisis affecting our ferry service.

They know, as we all do, that SNP ministers have failed in their duty of care to our island communities and that excuses will no longer cut it.

Nicola Sturgeon needs to admit her government's 15-year failure to protect our lifeline ferry service and actually do something about it - and quickly.

Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and Islands.

Brexit 'unmitigated disaster' rather than 'dividend'

Sir,

Amid the flurry of facts and figures relating to the UK government budget, what has maybe not received the attention it deserves is the frightening impact of Brexit on the economy.

According to the independent Office for Budget Responsibility, the impact of Brexit will be worse in the long run compared to the coronavirus pandemic.

It has been estimated that leaving the EU will reduce the UK's potential economic output by about four per cent in the long term, with forecasts indicating the pandemic will reduce output by a further two per cent.

It appears that, as many of us warned, far from being a 'dividend' as we were promised, Brexit is proving to be an unmitigated disaster.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Used stamps sought for Guide Dogs for the Blind cash

Sir,

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My email address is stamps4gdfb@live.co.uk for more information.

Myrna Chave.

Fireworks advice from Dogs Trust for pet owners

Sir,

With bonfire night upon us, Dogs Trust is issuing advice to dog owners to help pets who might be scared by the unexpected bangs and bursts of fireworks.

Dogs have approximately four times more sensitive hearing than humans, so the loud cracks and bangs of fireworks can often be a terrifying and confusing experience for them.

Fireworks tend to be sudden, unpredictable and bright.

This combination can be distressing and have a lasting impact on dogs.

There are lots of things dog owners can do to help make fireworks less stressful for their dogs.

Simple steps such as providing safe spaces for them to hide or settling them before the fireworks start can make a big difference.

We would also urge anyone thinking of putting on their own fireworks display to consider the welfare of their four-legged friends and others in the neighbourhood by following our Firework Dog Code.

Here are Dogs Trust's top tips:

■ Walk your dog before dark – make sure your

dog is exercised and has had a toilet break well before any fireworks could start

■ Feed your dog before the fireworks begin as they may become unsettled and not want to eat during the fireworks

■ Make sure your house and garden are secure during the fireworks as some dogs may try to run away if they are scared

■ Provide a safe hiding place. Make sure your dog has somewhere safe in their favourite room, for example a comfy bed under a table with blankets, to make it cosy and help with soundproofing

■ Close the curtains, turn lights on and turn up the volume on your TV or radio to mask the firework noises

■ Keeping your dog busy indoors can help take their mind off the noise. Play games or practice some reward-based training

■ Comfort and reassure your dog. Try to remain calm yourself and avoid telling your dog off as this might make them more worried

■ If your dog just wants to hide away then don't force them to come out of their hiding place. Allow them to stay where they feel safe

If you are planning a firework display at home, please consider letting your neighbours know well in advance so they can prepare their dogs. Limit your display to 30 minutes or less and opt for quieter, lower decibel fireworks.

For those who have welcomed a puppy into their life recently, we also have free sound therapy programmes on our website that can help to gradually expose puppies to different noises in a positive way so they perceive them as normal.

If your dog is worried by fireworks or other loud noises, they might need longer-term treatment.

If that is the case, it would be a good idea for owners to have a chat with their vet.

Visit www.dogstrust.org.uk/fireworks for further advice.

Sandra Downie, manager, Dogs Trust Glasgow Rehoming Centre.

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Thought for the Week

And in the naked light, I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never share

And no one dared
Disturb the sound of silence...
There are two kinds of silence.
There is the kind that numbs and kills,
the kind Simon and Garfunkel sang about.
It is the silence imposed upon people
that refuses to hear the cry of the hurt,
the wounded, the lonely, the unemployed,
the hungry, the vulnerable.

Veterans return from wars and the daily papers strike glorious attitudes. Suffering from unspeakable trauma, they retreat into silence. Breadwinners lose their jobs and are condemned to poverty, loss of home, reliance on food banks, endless indignity.

Young people struggle with mental illness; earth and sea, animal and insect life, struggle beneath the load of pollution – and are met with silence.

That silence of the neon god breeds lies – lies that threaten our planet, our lives and our souls. But there is a different kind of silence: a kindly, warm, nurturing silence. It is the silence of the rich humus of mother earth. It is the amniotic fluid bathing our souls for healing. It is out of that silence alone – the Spirit's silence – that truth springs and, with truth, justice. And with justice, peace and the healing touch of love.

COP26 is upon us. Amid all the noisy voices, which kind of silence will we choose? Which kind of silence will we permit? Complicity or graciousness?

Mercy and peace have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven. (Psalm 85)

**Reverend Canon Simon Mackenzie,
Lochgilphhead Scottish Episcopal Church.**

APPIN

A new passenger ferry for the island of Lismore is nearing completion and being prepared for delivery in December.

The new 12-metre replacement vessel Lady of Lismore, designed by Keel Marine, Petersfield, is being built by Mainstay Marine Solutions Limited, Pembrokeshire.

The vessel will be launched on November 15 for sea trials and certification by Maritime and Coastguard Agency surveyors before steaming 302 nautical miles north to delivery at Port Appin on Loch Linnhe.

The new ferry has been designed and built to current exacting specifications defined by Maritime and Coastguard Agency which take account of passenger safety and accessibility requirements.

The new all-steel vessel will have a crew of two and can accommodate 23 passengers all year round with a cruising speed of eight knots.

Funded through Transport Scotland and operated by Argyll and Bute Council, it will cost around £500,000.

BUTE

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership has revealed that the Marshall Unit, Bute's new renal dialysis unit, is to open to patients from Wednesday November 10.

Originally planned to be a three-day-a-week service, the unit will now be operational six days each week due to the requirement for additional spacing to observe social distancing requirements.

The extended service means the dialysis team has recruited two additional dialysis nurses to meet this increased capacity and ensure a safer environment for vulnerable patients.

Kristin Gillies, senior service planning manager for Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'This is an extremely exciting time for Victoria Hospital and the wider community on Bute.'

'The project team has worked very closely with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to establish the unit, particularly with the nursing team in Inverclyde and technicians from Stobhill.'

'The consultant medical team will continue to

Amazon powers up from Beinn an Tuirc 3

US mega-corporation Amazon has announced it is now using power from the 50-megawatt, 14-turbine Beinn an Tuirc 3 windfarm in Kintyre – the company's first renewable energy project in the UK.

The project has been developed by ScottishPower Renewables, with a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Amazon to take electricity from the site.

Amazon said the site is one of the largest unsubsidised onshore wind farms in operation in the UK, built without government support, at no cost to the public.

John Boumphrey, UK country manager for Amazon, said: 'Amazon is on a path to powering our operations with 100 per cent renewable energy by 2025, five years ahead of schedule.'

'We are excited our first Scottish windfarm is now contributing to that goal and we have three more large-scale renewable projects in development across the UK.'

'It's really exciting to mark the completion of Beinn an Tuirc 3 and the start of our PPA with Amazon during UK Wind Week and the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference



The 14-turbine Beinn an Tuirc 3 windfarm in Kintyre, backed by Amazon, is now operational.

KINTYRE

under way,' said Scottish Power Renewables chief executive officer Lindsay McQuade.

'If we're going to reach net zero over the next 30 years, we need to quadruple the amount of renewable energy produced in the UK so we can move away from petrol and diesel cars; electrify public transport; get rid of gas boilers and move to electric heating for our homes and lower emissions from heavy industry and the goods and services we rely on every day.'

treat patients through regular visits to Rothesay and we are very grateful for all of NHSGGC's support in setting up this new service.

'We'd also like to thank the Bute Kidney Patients Support Group and the Dr J N Marshall (Island of Bute) Memorial Trust for all of their support and funding to allow this service to be created.'

COWAL

Plans are under way for the Argyll Rally 2022 through the roads of Cowal.

A Strachur Community Council working group meeting on October 18 heard that the format would be roughly the same as in 2021, with closed road tarmacadam stages.

The organisers hope to run the rally on

the evening of Friday June 24 and all day on Saturday June 25.

The Dunoon town centre stage will start later at 7.30pm on the Friday to allow shops to close and people to get home.

The cars will then re-group at Strachur before the last stage on Friday evening, in which they will drive on a closed section of road from the Otter Ferry side of Inver restaurant over the Bealach to Glendaruel.

The Saturday route will be the same as in 2021, with cars driving along the B8000 and the road being closed from Largiemore to south of Inver Restaurant.

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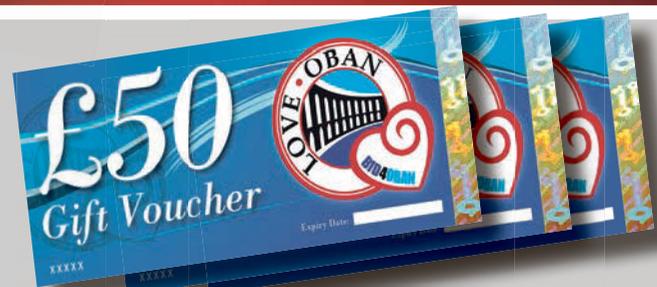
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Today's story would read like science fiction to Derek when he started out. Back then the internet was a fledgling enterprise using dial-up modems; Amazon began as a bookseller in the US during the summer of 1994. Mobile phones were very expensive, analogue, and the size of a brick.

Today's van driver has a smart phone, Bluetooth headset, sat-nav and a world of logistics at their fingertips.

EVOLUTION, NOT REVOLUTION

'Evolution, not revolution is how I describe the change,' said Allan Kill, who bought the business from Derek when he finally retired. Derek stayed on as an advisor during the initial months to impart his unique insight. The first thing Allan did was decide that the name stayed; it represents the ethos of the company.

'It is now my job to build on this heritage and take the company forward,' said Allan.

Derek Wilson Carriers is helping to defeat one of the biggest headaches facing West Highlands and islands residents and commerce alike, the problem of delivery surcharges.

'You either hear 'we don't deliver to the Highlands and islands' or there is a surcharge,' he said.

'We have a depot in Glasgow serving the Greater Glasgow area and customers can have their orders delivered there or sent on from there. This depot significantly reduces costs for consumers and businesses.'

TRADITIONAL CORE BUSINESS

Derek Wilson's traditional core business is the islands, predominantly serving Mull, Coll, Colonsay, Tiree and Islay.

Allan Kill has come to the business with a career in civil engineering and a thorough knowledge of logistics. After attending Achaleven Primary and Oban High Schools, he went on to study at Glasgow Caledonian University.

'I left college during a recession and you went where the work was; I began my career on a project in Hong Kong,' he said.

Allan specialised on mega projects and railways across

the Middle East, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand and then back to the UK to be based in London.

EXCELLENT, SOUND BUSINESS

He and his wife decided on a change of lifestyle and moved the family back to Argyll from London and looked to start, or invest in, an existing enterprise. Derek Wilson Carriers fitted the bill; Allan could see an excellent, sound business he could grow using his experience and logistics skills and Derek saw in Allan someone who would build on his work and take the company forward.

As well as the Glasgow depot, Derek Wilson Carriers now serve Perth, Stirling and Edinburgh, as well as Lochgilphead and Inveraray.

There is hardly a queue on the CalMac pier in Oban that does not include a Derek Wilson van and serving the islands will always be at the heart of the company, but now you can spot Derek Wilson vans as far south as Carlisle and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and north beyond Inverness.

Nothing is too big, or too small or too complicated; they even helped deliver a seal from Tiree to a sanctuary near Edinburgh for a rescue charity.

The company is now linked into the National Pallet Network so Derek Wilson can send your goods far and wide across the UK.

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Farmers and crofters throughout Scotland are not only providing fantastic nutritious food and drink but are doing so in a fashion that puts Scotland at the forefront when it comes to climate change, the environment and economic return.

That's according to a COP26 personal video message recorded by NFU Scotland's President Martin Kennedy - available to view at: vimeo.com/639088826

Mr Kennedy pays tribute to consumers, thanking them for their growing support throughout Covid. He outlines how important the world-renowned food and drink sector is to the Scottish economy and points out the huge steps being taken at farm and croft level to tackle climate change and address biodiversity enhancement.

He also calls on greater political support to recognise the huge challenges faced by the sector including damaging trade deals, the labour crisis, soaring input costs like fuel and fertiliser and lack of recognition and appreciation given



to food security. Mr Kennedy, speaking from his hill farm in Perthshire, says: 'A massive thank you to our consumers who are now more aware than ever about the value of local Scottish food production.'

'Sales through supermarkets, farm shops, butchers, green-grocers, farmers' markets and online of Scottish meat, dairy, fruit, veg, eggs and more have all grown throughout this pandemic and the strengthening support we have received through this difficult time has been hugely appreciated by all farmers and crofters.'

'The Covid-19 pandemic has focused our minds on how important food security is. Just a few decades ago, the nation was 80 per cent self-sufficient in food. This has now dropped to 60 per cent.'

'That is dangerously low, and unless we are incredibly careful, we will be at the mercy of other nations across the world to produce our food for us and, in many cases, it will be produced with less care and attention to climate change, biodiversity and animal welfare. As we welcome the world to Glasgow for COP26, inviting them to taste some of the best food and drink on the planet, let me reassure everyone that farmers and crofters understand they will have to do more in the future to meet

the climate change targets ahead. But let us not forget that from a global perspective, we are starting from a great place, and we are on the right road.'

'Between 1990 and 2018, agriculture saw a 15.9 per cent reduction in net emissions. Methane and nitrous oxide emissions fell by 18 per cent and 14.8 per cent respectively and we now know that our managed permanent and rough grazing pastures in Scotland hold around 172 million tonnes of carbon.'

'Looking at biodiversity, in 2018 Scottish farmers managed the equivalent of 36,000 rugby pitches under ecological focus areas. In 2019, more than 3,000 farms, crofts and estates also managed land under agri-environment

climate schemes to benefit biodiversity. And we remain at the heart of the Scottish economy. Scottish agriculture directly employs more than 67,000 people, and this goes wider into the food and drink sector where 360,000 jobs are supported. That makes our world-famous Scottish food and drink the nation's biggest economic driver worth a staggering £15bn.'

'I do not think that there is any energy more important than the quality of food we consume. Without it, we cannot survive and if we rely on imports from other countries that do not share our concerns around climate, biodiversity, and animal welfare, then Scotland will not survive either.'

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THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road known as Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead from its junction with Argyll Street, Lochgilphead to its junction with Corran Roundabout, Lochgilphead, a distance of 512 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required in the interest of road safety to allow people to watch the local Mid Argyll Round Table Bonfire and Fireworks Display, will be in operation 6th November until 7th November 2021. It is anticipated the prohibition will be in place for approximately three hours between 18:00 hours and 21:00 hours and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

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COWAN - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital with his family by his side, on October 28, 2021, Henry Cowan, in his 83rd year of 1 Burnbrae Cottages, St. Clair Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of Jean, and much loved father of Keith, David, Rhona, Bruce and the late Raymond. A much loved grandpa and great-grandpa. A respected father-in-law. Dear brother of the late Agnes, Bessie and Isa. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Due to restrictions, a private family service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, November 5 at 10.30am. Please note that additional mourners are welcome to join the family at Achnabreac Cemetery, or as the funeral cortège leaves Ardrishaig Church at approximately 11.15am. Family flowers only. Donations to The Stroke Foundation.

MACKINNON - On November 1, 2021, peacefully at home, Archibald (Archie) Alexander McLachlan MacKinnon, in his 80th year, beloved husband of Mary McQuarrie and much loved father of Neil, Janeann and Amanda, dear grandfather of Gemma, Kieran, Niamh, Alexander, Lachlan, Rhona and Mia. A private funeral service will take place at Cardross Crematorium on Friday, November 5. For those wishing to pay their respects, the cortège will leave Tarbert Fish Quay at 10.45am, travel along Harbour Street and Barmore Road on route to the crematorium.

MAUCHLINE - Peacefully at home, 41 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, on October 31, 2021, Jane Hall Colville, in her 83rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Mauchline, much loved mum of Duncan, Peter and Alison, mother-in-law of Jean Anne, Christina and Kenny, loving granny of Laura, Peter, Nichola, Kenny, Susan, Fiona, Neil, Craig, Kirsty and Amy and a loving and much loved great-granny.

MCCALLUM - On October 28, 2021, peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital Margaret McCallum, née MacDonald, in her 75th year, beloved wife of the late John McCallum and much loved mother of Alison and Elaine, dearly loved Granny of Scot and Lily. Funeral service at Carrick Cemetery Tarbert, on Tuesday, November 9 at 12noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. For those wishing to pay their respects, the cortège will leave from Lonrigg Clachan at 11.30am and proceed through the village on route to the cemetery.

PAGE - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 27, 2021, Geoffrey Frank Page, in his 91st year, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Mary and a loving brother and uncle. Geoffrey's funeral will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The cortège will leave the family home at 12.30 pm. We will travel through the village, down to Carradale Pier. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Geoffrey may do so along our route.

A private cremation will be held in Cardross Crematorium at a later date.

WAREHAM - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 29, 2021, William James Alexander Wareham (Billy) in his 82nd year, Witchburn Terrace, The Big Kiln, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late William and Anne Wareham, much loved brother of Margaret and Eleanor and a loving uncle and great-uncle. Billy's funeral will take place on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the Highland Parish Church. The cortège will leave the Highland Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. We will travel along Argyll Street, Main Street round the Cross and along the dual carriageway. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Billy may do so along our route. A private cremation will be held in Cardross Crematorium at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM - The family of the late Sandy Graham, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all involved in his medical care and to Naomi and Tanya for all their help and assistance and to all staff at Belgrave Lodge Nursing Home Edinburgh, for kind care and attention, during his short stay there. Thanks also to Robert MacLeod for a comforting service and support, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for kind and sympathetic handling of all arrangements and to all who lined the route to the cemetery, to pay their respects.

MCLACHLAN - Victoria and family of the late Neil McLachlan would like to thank all friends and relatives for their kind expressions

of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits following the loss of Neil. Special thanks to Neil's carers, thanks to Major Ruth Russell for the most uplifting and happy tribute and to David McEwan on the piano. Thanks also to Rhys and Kenneth Blair and family for their professional and personal services and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Finally our sincere thanks to all who attended Salvation Army and graveside to pay their respects to Neil. The retiral collection for Alzheimer Scotland was £149.50.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Loved and missed by husband Alexander, son Murdo and daughter-in-law Marian.

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MCCAIG - In loving memory of our dear dad, Peter, who passed away on November 8, 2010. Also our dear mum, Isa, who passed away on November 9, 1999.

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MUNRO - William Archibald McGowan Munro, died November 7, 2011. His confidence, honesty, strength, love and stories made him the best husband and dad a family could have asked for. Greatly missed by Vina, Billy, Graham and Liz.

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Michael McKinlay



Michael McKinlay graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying with Distinction. Michael is the son of John and Eileen McKinlay, Campbeltown and the grandson of Anne and the late Dennis McKinlay and Malcolm and Elaine McFadyen. Michael is currently working in the family Civil Engineering business McFadyens Contractors Ltd.

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SHINTY ROUNDUP

Mowi South League B Aberdour P Kyles Athletic P

The Kyles Athletic second team were unable to field a team for their trip to Silversands to face the Aberdour second team.

Glasgow Mid Argyll P Bute P

The clash between the Glasgow Mid Argyll reserves and the Bute reserves at Peterson Park was postponed as the visitors were unable to raise a team.

Mowi Central League

Ardnamurchan 2 Kilmory 2

Euan Gilmour's goal a couple of minutes from time gave Kilmory a share of the points with Ardnamurchan following their 2-2 draw at Strontian.

Both teams fielded a number of young players and the first half looked like it would end goal-less before James Baxter popped up on the stroke of half-time to give Kilmory a 1-0 interval lead.

Freddie Patterson drew Ardnamurchan level with 20 minutes remaining and gave the hosts the lead with his second goal of the game on 81 minutes.

Kilmory were not to be denied though and Euan Gilmour scored a couple of minutes from time to earn the visitors a share of the points.

It was a good season for Ardnamurchan who only failed to play one fixture.

Kilmory look forward to next season to further test their developing squad.

Glenorchy P Oban Celtic P

The Oban Celtic second team were unable to gather a team to play Glenorchy at the Mart Park.

Coaching course

The Camanachd Association will be running a shinty foundation coaching course at An Aird, Fort William, on Saturday November 6 from 10am till 4pm.

Anyone interested should email ronald.ross@shinty.com

Plastics clean-up in epic rowing challenge

Rowers across Scotland have celebrated the end of an epic RowAround bid promoting the country's coast and waters.

Saturday October 30 marked the end of the coastal voyage that has involved more than 1,200 rowers, including many from Argyll, covering 750 miles.

Organiser Sue Fenton of Seil Island rowed 120 of those miles with eight different crews on eight separate legs on the way round and described her personal highlight as going through the Dorus Mor at the end of Loch Craignish with its extreme whirlpools.

Her fellow rowers came from clubs in Seil, Loch Awe and Mull, and as far apart as Orkney in the north, Annan in the south, Barra in the west and Dunbar in the East.

As part of the challenge, the open-top boats have been



Seil's Sue Fenton passes the RowAround Scotland 2021 baton to Stuart Cunningham, chairperson of Oban's coastal rowing club, in June this year.

trawling for micro-plastics.

'It's the first time a small boat has done trawls of this kind for micro-plastics round Scotland,' said Sue who is from

Seil Coastal Rowing Club.

'We've done 54 of them all together and the findings will eventually be written up in a paper we hope will benefit the

planet and our seas in some way. The information it will give is a kind of legacy from the RowAround.'

The last of the sample bottles were handed over to Sue on Sunday October 31 to add to the others she has been storing in her shed at home ready to be handed over to researchers for analysis at SAMS (The Scottish Association for Marine Science) on the outskirts of Oban.

The ambitious challenge that has been two and a half years in the making was organised to mark the 10th anniversary of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association - although this is now the 11th anniversary because Covid pulled the plug on the RowAround in 2020.

To get it done, the attempt had to be compressed into a shorter space of time but it has been worth all the mus-

cle-power put into it, said Sue who played a key part in its planning.

'Everybody involved has done a great job. We've had 1,282 rowers from 64 clubs who have covered 750 miles. People have been rowing right up until the last minute.'

RowAround Scotland 2021 was supported by the Year of Coasts and Waters 20/21, co-ordinated by Event Scotland; the project is also supported by NatureScot, through Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund.

On Saturday members of the clubs who were at the start of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association 11 years ago rowed along Loch Tummel to the sailing club where they were met with cheers and handed over the RowAround relay batons to members of this year's new clubs.

Muddy good rugby festival at Taynuilt

Etive Vikings hosted the penultimate Dalriada Festival of 2021 at the sports field in Taynuilt last weekend.

More than 100 players from Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Oban, Fort William, Mull and Taynuilt took part with some fantastic rugby on display across all the age groups from the Micro P1-P3s to the P6/7s.

Conditions were damp under foot given the amount of rain that has been falling lately. The rain on the day did not dampen the enthusiasm of everyone taking part, who revelled in rolling about in the mud.

Congratulations to Kintyre who won both the P4/5 and the P6/7 competitions.

They had a real desire to compete and were

deserved winners. It was also great to see Mull being represented again after missing the last few festivals and they acquitted themselves well in their first games under their new coaches.

A big game of girls' touch rugby topped off a great day with all the girls taking part to celebrate Women and Girls in Sport Week.

This was one of the highlights of the day with the youngest player in P2 all the way through to the P7s.

A big thank you to everyone at Etive Vikings for their hospitality.

The last festival of the season will take place at Lochaber Rugby Club, Fort William, on Sunday November 21.



All the girls piled in for a final game of touch rugby.

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Red Star shine at girls' festival



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Despite the unavoidable withdrawal of some teams, there was still a healthy turnout with teams representing Lochgilphead Red Star and South Lochaber Thistle joining the hosts to play a series of games.

These featured play of the highest standard and some outstanding goals, demonstrating the increasing popularity of girls' football in Argyll and Lochaber.

Each participant received a commemorative medal for their efforts and it is hoped similar events will now take place regularly to further promote competitive football for girls across the region.



The Red Star girls are pictured in action against Kinlochleven team South Lochaber Thistle.



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