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Motorists and pedestrians had to take particular care last Friday, January 7, as snow and sleet covered roads and pavements in Campbeltown. Although it was only a light dusting in the morning, the first snow of 2022 refused to thaw all day but had disappeared by the following morning. Campbeltown resident Adam Boyd snapped this photograph of the wintry scene.

## Petition for Rest public inquiry

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A South Kintyre councillor's petition calling for a probe into the handling of the situation at the landslide-prone Rest and be Thankful was due to be heard by a Scottish Parliament committee this week.

The document, submitted by Councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor, Dougie Philand, of the Mid Argyll ward, was on the agenda at the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's Monday meeting.

The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to 'instigate a public inquiry regarding the political and financial management of the A83 Rest and be Thankful project, which is to provide

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## Covid Vaccination Clinics

Campbeltown Hospital (Audiology Entrance)

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Those under 18 must wait 12 weeks after a positive covid test before having a vaccination.

# Under-22s urged to apply for free bus travel card

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

Transport Scotland research showed 70 per cent of young people would use public transport more frequently if it was free.

The Scottish Government has also committed to removing the majority of fossil-fuelled buses from public transport by 2023. A Bus Decarbonisation Taskforce has been convened which brings together bus operators, the supply chain, energy companies and financiers to achieve a fully zero-emission bus fleet.

Transport Scotland has made £50 million available to the Scottish Zero Emission Bus Challenge Fund to support the move.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto said: 'By making bus travel free for under-22s in Argyll and Bute and across



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

Scotland, opportunities for young people to work, travel and study are being opened up for them. Travelling by bus is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to get across the country and research shows that young people recognise the vital role public transport

will play in hitting our climate change targets. This move will not only be vital in our journey to net zero, but will also take pressure off young people and their families' finances.'

Applications for the cards opened on Monday; apply online at [getyournec.scot](http://getyournec.scot).

# 'No difficulties' since offence

## SHERIFF COURT

If a man does not adhere to the rules of his Community Payback Order, he will go to jail, Sheriff Patrick Hughes warned at the January sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Neil Anthony Piercy, aged 58, of Ryshott, Pennygown Farm Road, Southend, had previously admitted charges of threatening or abusive behaviour when he shouted and swore in October last year at his home towards his partner, and also towards police officers during the journey in a police vehicle taking him from Southend to Lochgilphead Police Station.

Procurator fiscal depute James Dunbar said both Piercy and his partner had been drinking on the day in question and that he was not seeking a non-harassment order as the parties had reconciled.

At an earlier hearing, Sheriff

Patrick Hughes had called for a Criminal Justice Social Work report and a Restriction of Liberty Order assessment to be prepared on Piercy prior to sentencing.

Piercy's defence agent Derek Buchanan said: 'Since returning to the family home, there have been no difficulties.'

'I understand the relationship continues; both parties want it to continue.'

Sheriff Hughes imposed a Community Payback Order for 18 months' supervision, during which time Piercy must work closely with a social worker to examine his behaviour and ensure that there is no reoffending.

'This is a direct alternative to custody; if it does not work out, you will be imprisoned,' the sheriff warned.

One of the charges will call again for sentencing at the April sitting of the court and, until then, the sheriff ordered Piercy to be of good behaviour and 'to start saving up' to pay for his fine.

## Facing sex charge

A 45-year-old Argyll man appeared before the January sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week on petition.

He faces a charge under the Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005.

He made no plea and was committed for further examination and released on bail.



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# Petition for Rest public inquiry before committee

Continued from page 1. a permanent solution for the route’.

The councillors, who have previously raised two petitions at the Scottish Parliament calling for a permanent solution at the site, raised the probe petition over concerns about a ‘waste’ of public money.

The cost of the project, which began in 2010 with a budget estimated to be in the region of £2 million to £3 million to carry out mitigation measures, has now increased to more than £100 million, with ‘no permanent solution in sight’.

Councillors Kelly and

Philand are also concerned that the proposed permanent solution, which has a suggested 10-year timescale for completion, was first discussed in 2012 but was rejected in favour of the mitigation measures.

Given these factors, and the impact the ongoing issue has had, and continues to have, on

the communities of Argyll and Bute and beyond, the councillors feel someone or body must be held accountable.

Councillor Kelly told the Courier this week: ‘We have continually and relentlessly put forward the case to the Scottish Government for a permanent solution to the Rest and be Thankful issue but, as the years roll on and the costs of the piecemeal sticking plaster works escalate, there has to be full scrutiny of how we have got to this point and that the people responsible for this fiasco are held to task.’

In support of their probe petition, Councillors Philand and Kelly wrote: ‘We have the support of our local MSP Jenni Minto, our local MP Brendan O’Hara and the previous cabinet secretary Michael Russell.’

Visit [petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1916](https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1916) to view the public inquiry petition.

## POLICE FILES

### Disorderly manner

A 35-year-old woman was arrested, charged and held for court after allegedly acting in a disorderly manner towards members of the public at Glenside, Campbeltown, on Tuesday December 28.

### Bail breach

A 35-year-old woman was arrested, charged and held for court after allegedly

breaching her bail conditions between Thursday December 30 and Friday December 31, by contacting a woman, and failing to be within her Campbeltown address during curfew hours.

### ASBO arrest

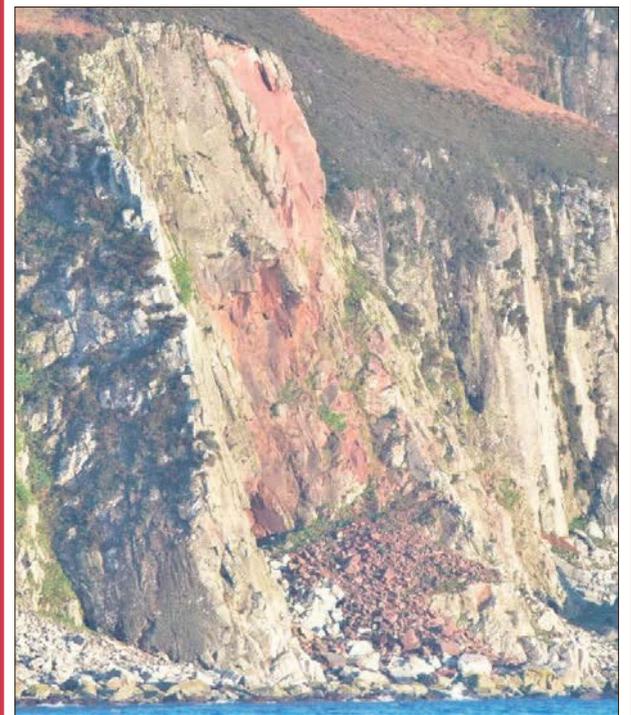
A 28-year-old woman was arrested and held for court after allegedly breaching her antisocial behaviour order by being abusive to neighbours at Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, at about 9pm on Monday January 3.

### Electricity offence

A 36-year-old woman was charged after it was discovered at 2.20pm on Thursday January 6 that an electricity meter at an address in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, had been bypassed, causing it to fail to register the amount of electricity used.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incidents to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Landslide event rocks Davaar



A section of cliff on Davaar Island appears to have collapsed on to the rocks below. The rockfall was spotted by Graham Hall, from Cumbria, on Sunday January 2, during a festive visit to Kintyre. He took a couple of photographs and posted them on social media where the landslide was speculated to have happened recently, given the colour of the rocks. The rockfall appears to be just beyond the cave painting of the crucifixion. Photograph: Graham Hall.

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# Musicians invited to aim high for anniversary airline

The airline which operates flights to and from Campbeltown Airport is calling on Kintyre musicians to help celebrate its diamond anniversary.

Loganair will mark its 60th anniversary next month and is creating a celebratory video in need of a home-grown soundtrack in honour of reaching this milestone.

The airline is inviting budding and established artists from the areas it serves to record and submit a lyrical or instrumental song which encapsulates the ethos of the airline over its six decades in operation.

One entry will be selected to feature in the anniversary video, in addition to winning a £1,000 cash prize.

Loganair was founded on February 1, 1962, with its first flight taking off from Dundee Airport bound for Edinburgh in October 1963.

**The airline operates flights to and from Campbeltown Airport.**



In its six decades, Loganair has grown to be the largest regional airline in the UK as well as serving multiple international destinations including Denmark and Norway.

Loganair also operates life-line services to the Highlands and Islands through domestic flights and its Royal Mail partnership.

Through the video, the airline hopes to celebrate its heritage and pay tribute to all of the special moments it has shared with customers,

including connecting people across the UK and bringing loved ones together and allowing businesses to grow.

Therefore, the airline is looking for a song from a local artist across its UK network that puts the customer at the heart of its 60-year history.

'Celebrating 60 years is a truly remarkable milestone and it's humbling to reflect on our history as we continue to invest and look ahead to the next 60 years,' said Kay Ryan, Loganair's chief commercial



**Loganair is inviting musicians to submit a lyrical or instrumental song encapsulating its ethos over its six decades in operation.**

officer. 'We are in the business of connecting people so it's fitting to call upon our network to create a soundtrack for our celebratory video.'

'We can't wait to listen to the talented submissions over the coming weeks.'

But budding musicians will have to get humming or strumming soon as the dead-

line for entries is Wednesday January 19, 2022.

The winning entrant will then be selected to receive £1,000 cash and have their entry produced for the video which is set to debut on Tuesday February 1, 2022.

Visit [www.loganair.co.uk](http://www.loganair.co.uk) for entry details and full terms and conditions.



## What's new at Campbeltown Picture House? Scream (18)

Twenty-five years after a streak of brutal murders shocked the quiet town of Woodsboro, a new killer has donned the Ghostface mask and begins targeting a group of teenagers to resurrect secrets from the town's deadly past.

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# Argyll one of the most peaceful places in Britain

Data published by a Northumberland-based holiday provider has listed Argyll and Bute as one of Great Britain's best places for enjoying some peace and quiet, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

With demand for rural retreats rising and more people looking to escape the typical tourist hotspots for a tranquil break, holiday provider Cottages in Northumberland carried out research to find the top places to find peace and quiet in England, Scotland and Wales.

Thinking about what makes an area quiet – no people, no noise, no light pollution and lots of nature and wildlife – Cottages in Northumberland pulled together data covering population count, National Park counts and Dark Sky sites.

This data was then ranked to reveal the UK's quietest

## The area ranks fourth in the country

areas as follows: 1 Powys, Wales; 2 Northumberland, England; 3 The Highlands, Scotland; 4 Argyll and Bute, Scotland; 5 Morayshire, Scotland; 6 North Yorkshire, England; 7 Pembrokeshire, Wales; 8 Cumbria, England; 9 Aberdeenshire, Scotland; 10 Devon, England.

Just missing out on a podium spot, Argyll and Bute ranked highly thanks to the area's low population count of 12 people per square kilometre, which is actually the third lowest count in the UK overall, following the Scottish Highlands and Western Isles.

Being home to Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and the internationally recognised Isle of Coll Dark-Sky Community also helped boost Argyll and Bute's position.

The only Scottish location to rank higher was the Highlands which came third in the overall rankings.

Having the lowest population count in the whole of the UK, with a mere nine people per square kilometre, helped to elevate the Highlands into the bronze position.

It also home to the Cairngorms National Park which is a centre for outdoor activity, with mountains, lochs, woodland forests and rivers, as well as small local villages which are lovely to explore.

And whilst the Highlands does not have an internationally recognised Dark Sky park, it does have 16 Milky Way sites, ranking it second in the UK for Dark Sky sites.

In second place,

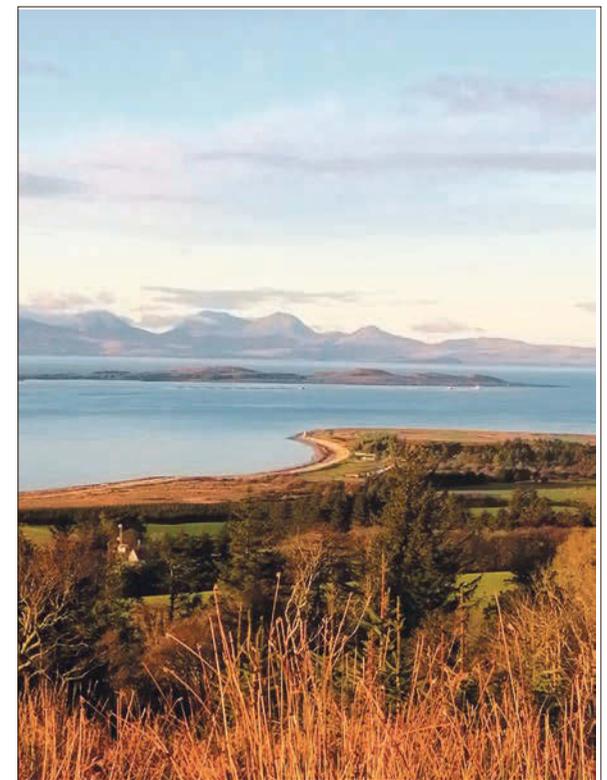
Northumberland was deemed England's quietest place.

The coastal county, which houses Northumberland National Park, has a low population count of 64 people per square kilometre.

It is also well known for its stargazing potential, boasting one Dark Sky Orion site and 22 Milky Way sites – more sites than anywhere else in the UK.

And taking the top spot, Powys in Wales was officially crowned the best place for peace and quiet in Great Britain. With a population count of 26 people per square kilometre, and home to the Brecon Beacons National Park where there are endless woodlands, waterfalls, hills, moorlands, and heritage sites to explore, Powys is undoubtedly a place of peace and serenity.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This stunning photograph of the north end of Gigha and the Paps of Jura was taken from Largie woods one late December afternoon by Helen Macdonald from Tayinloan. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.



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# Rosemary appointed as Argyll College board chair

Just 25 per cent of college chairpeople in Scotland were women as of October 2020, according to Colleges Scotland, despite women making up 61 per cent of the college workforce.

Argyll College UHI is helping to buck that trend by appointing Dr Rosemary Allford as the new chairperson of its board following the retirement of Andrew Campbell from his nine-year tenure in the post, having served on the board since 2010.

Dr Allford, a lecturer in entrepreneurship at Edinburgh Napier University, is a specialist in employability and collaboration, and a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

She is a highly experienced professional within the university and college sectors, combining excellent collaborative

**Dr Rosemary Allford.**

practice, academic leadership and project management.

Dr Allford has a portfolio career with previous roles as a consultant in academic practice with the Higher Education Academy, the University of Wolverhampton and as a head of school, Carnegie College.

She first joined the Argyll College board in June 2020. She served as a member of the learning, teaching and engagement committee and was elected as chair on Friday December 10 2021.

'It is an exciting time to be



part of Argyll College UHI,' said Dr Allford. 'We are in a favourable situation as both part of the national Scottish college network and integral to the UHI partnership.

'This presents us with wonderful opportunities for partnership working and collaborative development.'

Argyll College already has very strong and healthy relationships with partners across Scotland, enabling it to create a sustainable curriculum.

The college works with Dundee and Angus and Borders colleges in the delivery of higher education horticulture qualifications and

has recently joined forces with UHI partners West Highland and North Highland colleges to develop further education provision, the delivery of which is now shared by the three teaching teams.

Dr Allford admits to being more of a city-dweller at heart, so what attracted her to Argyll College UHI?

'Argyll is a small college which allows it to be relatively fleet-of-foot,' she said.

'In common with other smaller institutions, being an active member of the board here allows me to be much nearer to the 'chalk face', closer to the learner and the student experience. For me, that connection with staff and with the student body, is the real driver.

'I envisage a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to service delivery being at the core of our strat-

egy as we grow and develop.' In the coming months, Covid rules allowing, Dr Allford plans to tour the 10 learning centres which constitute the college estate, and which are located across Argyll. 'I'd like to get out to meet staff and students and understand the obstacles and opportunities that come with delivering tertiary education in one of the most geographically challenging areas of Scotland,' she said.

Argyll and Bute is the second largest local authority area in Scotland and has the fourth sparsest population of all 32 Scottish local authorities; 43 per cent of the region's population live in areas classified as 'remote rural' and more than 15,000 of them live on islands.

'I am very much looking forward to seeing the diverse nature of the different learning centres, and how staff there

meet their community needs,' said Dr Allford. Alongside the election of a new chairperson, five new non-executive board members have been appointed to lead on the strategic development of the college.

These new members have extensive experience in finance, public policy and public affairs, human resources, travel and tourism, and hospitality industries.

'It is a great honour to take over as chair, and it is a tremendous pleasure to work with a strong board, who have such a wealth of professional experience, many of whom bring first-hand knowledge of Argyll,' said Dr Allford.

'We are fortunate to have many complementary skills on the board and together we are committed to providing quality learning opportunities for the people of Argyll.'

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## Argyll told to expect seven asylum-seeking teenagers

As many as seven unaccompanied asylum-seeking children could be housed in Argyll and Bute, a council committee has been told.

A report updated councillors last month on the situation with these young people (UASCs).

Officers from the council and the area's health and social care partnership have been working to develop plans to deliver appropriate care.

The UK Government has made it mandatory for UK local authorities to participate in its national transfer scheme for UASCs.

However, the council has formally responded expressing concerns about timing and preparation for bringing the plans forward, with the report expressing hope for 'a degree of reasonableness'.

Council leader, Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie, said: 'It was always our intention to bring two children to Argyll and Bute. There has been a

lot of work done by officers and COSLA [Convention of Scottish Local Authorities] on this subject and hopefully we will get a good outcome from it all.'

Chief social work officer David Gibson replied: 'Our capacity, as far as the Home Office is concerned, is not one or two - it is seven young people between the ages of 16 and 18.'

'Two is the basis for what we are working on now. If, over subsequent weeks, we have to take seven, that will create a much bigger issue and we would come back with reports to the council.'

Mid Argyll councillor Douglas Philand also raised the issue of mental health of any UASCs arriving in the area.

Mr Gibson said some would come with trauma but that was expected and would be discussed with mental health colleagues.

Interpreters would help plan the way forward with the young people themselves.

# Warning over net zero cost to Argyll

A former MSP has challenged the Scottish Government to ensure Argyll and Bute is not the victim of 'thoughtless' policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions.

Mike MacKenzie, an SNP member at Holyrood from 2011 to 2016, published an open letter to Scottish Green MSP Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights, pointing out that the Highlands and Islands, including Argyll and Bute, is disadvantaged relative to urban areas when it comes to fuel availability and cost.

Easdale builder Mr MacKenzie, who recently switched allegiance to the Alba party, also raised concerns that the age and construction of rural homes makes them more expensive to convert to alternative heating methods



Former MSP Mike MacKenzie.

such as heat pumps.

In his letter, Mr MacKenzie adds: 'You will know that the Highlands and Islands are responsible for a relatively small amount of Scotland's CO2 emissions, most being produced in the central belt.'

'I am therefore keen to receive your reassurances that we in the Highlands are not going to be the victims of thoughtless policies which are implemented and conceived in haste.'

## Former MSP calls out government on 'thoughtless policies'

A Scottish Government spokesperson said it was 'committed to tackling the root causes of fuel poverty across the whole of Scotland' as part of its commitment to reach net zero by 2045 in a 'fair and just' way.

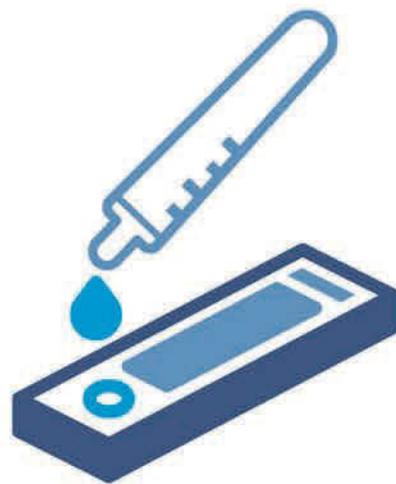
The spokesperson continued: 'We recognise that the costs of delivering energy efficiency measures are higher in remote rural and island communities, which is why we are committed to continuing to spend more per head on installations in these areas.'

'Since 2013 our Area Based Schemes, delivered by local

authorities, have improved energy efficiency for more than 100,000 fuel-poor households, making their homes warmer and cheaper to heat.'

Argyll and Bute Council received £2.3 million from the Area Based Scheme in May 2021, to be used by Argyll Community Housing Association in partnership with the council and SSE Energy Solutions to fit external wall insulation.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto said: 'It is time for politicians of all parties to work together on tackling the climate emergency.'



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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

### Friday January 13, 2012 Welcome to the world, Aiden!

Aiden James McConnachie was Campbeltown's first baby of 2012.

Aiden was welcomed into the world at 4.05am on January 3 at the town's hospital weighing 6lb 5½oz.

Mum Hayley Meacham, aged 22, was due to have him on Christmas Day and thought she might have to be sent away to give birth.

However, Aiden had other ideas, and Hayley started having pains on New Year's Day.

This is the first baby for mum Hayley and dad Stephen McConnachie; they have set up home at Dunglass Farm, Southend.



In 2012: New Year baby Aiden James McConnachie with his proud mum and dad.

years, officially forming Mid Argyll Athletics Club in 1984.

Bill, a former BT employee, said: 'When I opened the letter, I just looked at it in shock. At first I thought it was a very good hoax.'

'When I realised it was genuine, I still took a few days to get back to them because I thought there were so many people more deserving of it.'

'There are people volunteering with the elderly

**'I thought there were so many people more deserving of it'**  
— Bill MacCallum

and helping those with disabilities.

'But I do feel very honoured to be included in the list of MBEs and I want to thank all the parents and volunteers, from Southend to Tobermory, who have helped me over the years. I still don't know who nominated me.'

Bill joined Post Office Telephones as a teenager after finishing his fourth year at high school but had always been involved in athletics while at school in Tobermory.

He eventually settled in Lochgilphead in 1973 after meeting his wife Mary.

All the while, he competed at athletics events in Argyll and at Highland games, where he excelled at the triple jump.

Approaching his mid-30s, Bill took up more officiating, coaching and administrative roles within Argyll athletics, which he carries on to this day.

## Athletics coach Bill recognised for services to sport

A well-known athletics coach, who has been helping to manage sport across the area for more than 30 years, was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours list.

Bill MacCallum accepted the MBE but only after mulling it over for a few days.

The 64-year-old, who was born and raised on his beloved Isle of Mull, was recognised for his services to support.

Following a long career, he has coached youngsters throughout Argyll for more than 30



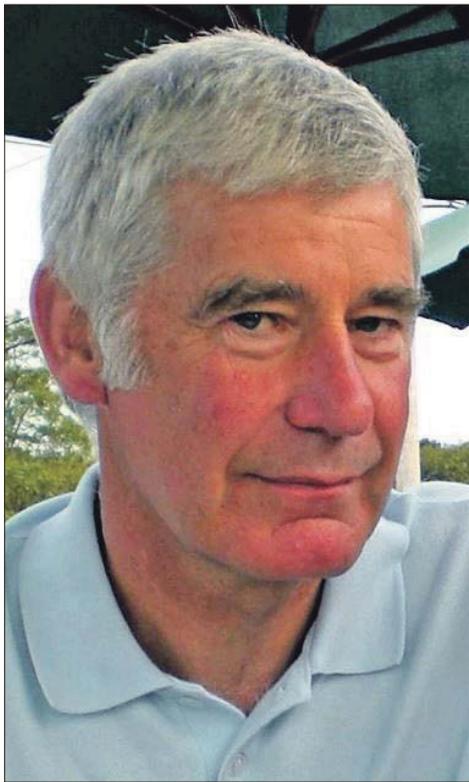
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In 2012: Bill MacCallum was awarded an MBE for services to sport.

He was the driving force behind Argyll Sports Hall Athletics, established in 1994.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday January 10, 1997 Argyll's first born

The Argyll Arms Hotel dramatically welcomed its youngest ever guest last week as a baby boy was unexpectedly born on the premises – two months prematurely.

Delivered by a combination of hotel staff, guests and emergency personnel, Connor Frew was born at 11.40am on January 1, becoming the first baby born in Argyll and Bute this year.

Due to the speed and unexpected nature of the birth, the entire delivery taking only 50 minutes, there was not enough time to move the mother, Mrs Grace Frew, to hospital before the birth.

However, Mrs Gladys Taylor, a fully trained midwife who was staying at the hotel, was on hand to assist and she, with the help of her niece, Margaret Thomson, the hotel proprietor, delivered the baby.

Although Mrs Taylor has not been a practising midwife for nearly 15 years, she has retained her skills, having been called upon on a number of other occasions to help with deliveries.

After the birth, both Connor and Mrs Frew were moved to the maternity ward at Campbeltown Hospital for a number of hours before being transferred to Glasgow for further special care.

Connor's early arrival makes him certainly the hotel's youngest ever first footer in its nearly

300-year history. And his arrival certainly made the festivities ones to remember for the many guests who were staying at the hotel for the Hogmanay ceilidh.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday January 13, 1972 Argylls again – Jocks being reformed on Monday

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders are being reformed to the regiment's former strength at Kirknewton's Ritchie Camp on Monday.

An impressive parade, headed by Cruachan, the Jocks' famous pony mascot, will mark the occasion at the barracks and top ranking officers will be in attendance.

More than one million people signed a petition calling for the retention of the regiment when it was announced that it was being axed.

Many Campbeltown men have served or are presently serving in the Argylls and the freedom of Campbeltown was conferred on the regiment in 1968.

The name of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is forever linked with the 'thin red line' of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders which, undaunted by massive odds, stood firm and triumphed at the Battle of Balaclava.

On October 25, 1854, on a Crimean hillside, the thundering charge of nine squadrons of Russian cavalry broke in confusion before the

fire of 500 Highland infantry men who, defiant and alone, barred the way; the British Army's 'thin red line'.

The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders was the only infantry regiment permitted to commemorate Balaclava on its colours. It is one of the battle honours elite.

In the relief of Lucknow, the same 93rd won seven VCs.

In 1881, the equally gallant 91st (Princess Louise's) Argyllshire regiment, originally raised by Duncan Campbell of Lochnell in 1794, united with the 93rd, raised in 1799, to form Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

As witness to the many battle honours, two world wars and Korea included, the torch lit by those regiments of old has been glowingly upheld. The Argylls' honours include 16 VCs.

After service in Aden, the battalion was based in Plymouth, next for 15 months in Berlin, then at historic Fort George, Inverness.

Following the battalion's reduction to company strength a year ago, the Balaklava Company of the 1st Battalion the Royal Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders joined the 24th Airborne Brigade, part of Strategic Command, and only recently returned from a six months' unaccompanied tour in Gibraltar where it guarded the frontier between Gibraltar and Spain.

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### Rest probe is needed

Those responsible for the more than £100 million fiasco at the landslip-prone Rest and Be Thankful need to be held to account.

The amount of money spent is astronomical and continues to rise and this must be scrutinised, as per the petition by councillors Donald Kelly and Dougie Philand.

As the councillors pointed out, the preferred permanent solution was first mooted in 2012.

What is the additional cost to the public purse of continuing mitigation measures for a decade before choosing that option?

If permanent works had started in 2012, they would probably be complete by now and may not have cost as much.

On the topic of landslips, it was saddening to learn that part of the rockface on Davaar Island had broken and fallen onto the rocks below.

Erosion is continually taking place, with landscapes constantly changing, but the effect of climate change on weather is bound to exacerbate it and increase the chance of landslides and rockfalls occurring.

Perhaps the millions of pounds spent on temporary fixes at the Rest and Be Thankful could have been spent on mitigating the effects of climate change and therefore reducing the chance of further landslips.

## GET INVOLVED

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### Please use free bus travel

Young people in Argyll and Bute can now apply for a new card which will allow anyone 21 and under to be able to travel on the bus for free.

The scheme, which is being implemented by the Scottish Greens in government, commences at the end of the month.

I'd encourage young people who rely on buses for essential travel in Argyll and Bute or their parents to apply for new entitlement cards as soon as possible.

As Covid travel restrictions start to lift, more young people will be able to get onboard and enjoy the opportunity of free travel.

As we emerge from the pandemic, bus services will be a crucial part of the green recovery while tackling the climate emergency, and this travel card will open up opportunities for young people and their families.

I'm delighted this Green policy has gone from the drawing board to reality and, despite the difficulties of Covid, essential travellers such as key workers should feel the benefit from day one.

**Ariane Burgess,**  
Scottish Greens MSP for the Highlands and Islands.

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Despite these challenging times, we're working hard to bring next-generation networks and digital services to millions more in the coming years.

**Jane Wood,** director, BT Group Scotland.

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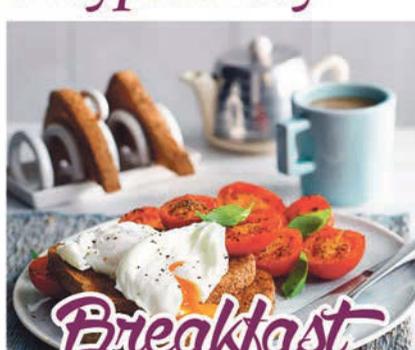
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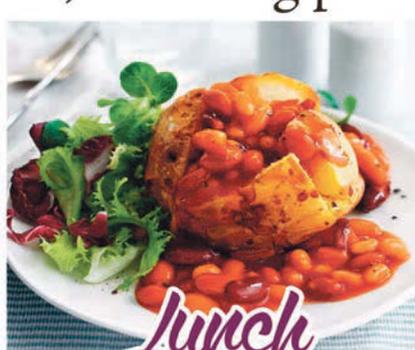
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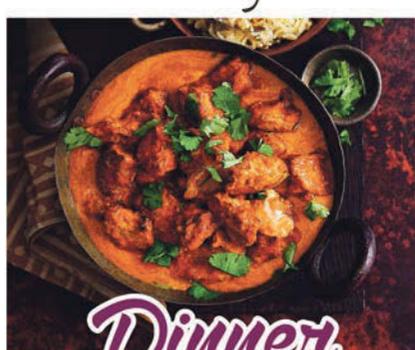
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## Thought for the Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ISLANDS

### Funding to help islanders live healthier lifestyles

People living on Scottish islands will benefit from community-led wellness initiatives designed to support them to live healthier lifestyles.

The Healthy Islands Fund will help to deliver these initiatives with just over £1.3 million of Scottish Government funding from the wider £30 million Islands Programme.

The fund is managed by Inspiring Scotland with 56 projects spanning across 35 islands.

Projects focus on building local capacity to increase well-being, foster connections and promote healthy and resilient islanders and communities – helping them to recover from the impact of the Covid pandemic.



Islands Secretary Mairi Gurgeon MSP.

## Argyll firm cruises to awards win

An Argyll firm offering cruises exploring Scotland's West Coast has won the title Best Small Boat Charter Cruise Operator 2021



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

'It's important that local communities have initiatives that can promote participation and equality in physical activity, as we've outlined in our National Islands Plan,' said Islands Secretary Mairi Gurgeon MSP.

'We need to ensure that these are locally-led and community groups are often best placed to provide these services on our islands. The projects that we are funding will help encourage people to live healthier lifestyles and improve their resilience. I'm so grateful to the groups

## DUNOON

in an end-of-year awards scheme. Dunoon-based Argyll Cruising scooped the title at the Scottish Enterprise Awards, run by digital business publication SME News.

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

'It is always an honour to shine a light on businesses that offer more and help the local economy and community grow,' said awards co-ordinator Dean Taylor.

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

In a social media post the company said: 'We're starting 2022 in a happy place! We're delighted to have won the award. Thank you so much SME News, we're over the moon.'

for applying to help to improve the lives of the people living across Scotland's islands and I can't wait to see them in action.'

Inspiring Scotland chief executive officer Celia Tennant added: 'Inspiring Scotland is delighted to be the delivery partner for the Scottish Government's Healthy Islands Fund which supports the aims and outcomes of the National Islands Plan and builds on the work of the Scottish Government's Island Communities Fund.'

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# Rapid rises in electricity and gas direct debits

## Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to help

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Scotland's Year of Stories makes its Celtic connection

Traditional music fans will be preparing to banish the winter blues by travelling from Kintyre to Glasgow for the city's annual Celtic Connections festival.

Between Thursday January 20 and Sunday February 6, this year's Celtic Connections is to put Scotland's rich oral traditions in the spotlight as part of a specially-commissioned strand of events for the Year of Stories 2022.

Whisper the Song will see a week of five shows featuring storytellers, poets, writers and 20 high-profile musicians exploring the oral tradition of passing stories down through generations, alongside the creation of exciting new tales.

Inspired by Scotland's people, places, tales, legends and outstanding natural beauty, the activity is supported by EventScotland as part of the



**Bumi Thomas, left, and Jally Kebba Susso, who will be taking part in Homage to Home.**

Year of Stories 2022 and will be a whole new chapter in the programme for Europe's premiere winter festival.

Whisper the Song will allow audiences to immerse themselves in the tradition of storytelling within music and explore the places, people and cultures connected to these stories.

The shows join an already jam-packed line-up of performances at Celtic Connections 2022, covering traditional folk, roots, Americana, jazz, soul,

indie and world music.

Whisper the Song includes a show called The Scottish World, which will look at how tales of Scotland travelled with and were reimagined by the diaspora and the influence they had around the world.

Taking to the stage of the Mitchell Theatre on Saturday February 5, the performance will explore Scotland's contribution to the world through its greatest export – its people.

Following the success of Strathspey Stories at

the Scottish International Storytelling Centre in 2020, this family-friendly show sees Strathspey composer and multi-instrumentalist Hamish Napier and Scottish storyteller David Francis team up to explore the differing and developing attitudes to land management over the centuries.

Homage to Home on Saturday January 22 will explore how traditional folk tales, stories and songs are the last link to the homeland

of some new Scots. Scotland-based Jamaican singer-songwriter iBrina will be joined by a world-class ensemble of musical friends, including Gambian kora player Jally Kebba Susso, Ghanaian-born British hybrid guitarist Nathan Somevi and contemporary Scottish Nigerian singer-songwriter Bumi Thomas, for a night of dynamism and transcultural expression as she explores her tale of making Scotland her home.

In Sing Me a Story, Cuir Seinn ri Seanchas will see the storytelling tradition of the Gàidhealtachd championed.

Stories, myths and tales of the Gaels passed through generations that capture their sense of the world and Scotland's place in it, will be celebrated in the iconic Mitchell Theatre on Friday February 4.

Allan Henderson, Margaret

Stewart, Ewen Henderson, Sileas Sinclair, Ewan Robertson and Duncan Chisholm will revisit both humorous and tragic tales of hidden treasure, fairies, bòcain and more.

'Stories have long been at the heart of traditional music – the word Celt comes from the Germanic word Keltoi meaning 'secret' referencing how the Celts never wrote their stories down,' said Donald Shaw, creative producer of Celtic Connections. 'It seems only fitting that we kick off Scotland's Year of Stories with a special series of Celtic Connections events celebrating these rich oral traditions, exploring the many tales and legends that formed Scotland's diverse culture, languages and ways of life. We invite audiences to share in this oral tradition and enjoy stories, old and new, with us.'

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# Campaign to stop marine mammals getting tangled up in fishing gear

A ground-breaking project is helping to reduce mammal, shark and turtle entanglement in creel fishing gear in Scottish waters.

NatureScot has published a report on the first phase of the Scottish Entanglement Alliance (SEA) project, the first of its kind in the UK, which brings together commercial creel fishers, NatureScot, research scientists and marine mammal conservation and rescue charities to better understand the scale and impacts of marine animal entanglement in Scottish waters.

Entanglements in fishing gear and marine debris can have welfare and conservation impacts on marine animals, causing injury, impairment and death.

Entanglement is the largest identified cause of death due to human activity in minke and



humpback whales in Scottish waters and the only known cause of human-driven mortality in basking sharks and marine turtles.

During at-sea surveys, more than 22 per cent of live minke whales observed on the West Coast of Scotland showed evidence of previous

entanglements.

The project involved interviewing 159 creel fishers about their fishing practices and their experience of entanglements.

A total of 146 entanglements over a 10-year period were reported. Only a small number of these entanglements were previously known, demon-



Left: A dead basking shark being released from entanglement.

Far left: A stranded humpback whale entangled in creel fishing gear. Photograph: Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme.

and safely disentangling large marine animals from fishing gear.

This training gave fishermen the ability to call on each other and provide a rapid response to any entangled animal.

'We all find it upsetting to see our majestic marine species in distress,' said Dr Kirstie Dearing, NatureScot's fisheries advisor, 'so we're really heartened by the strong commitment and willingness of the fishing industry to work towards practical, safe and sustainable solutions on

the issue of entanglement. We will only solve this problem by working in collaboration on potential legislative changes.

'The new reporting obligation will also help us to understand the extent of the issue more clearly.'

Based on feedback from the fishers, the report recommends a number of ways to combat marine entanglement, including trials of weighted ropes – ropes which sink rather than float – and tighter regulation to limit the amount of gear in the water and caps on creel numbers, all of which were supported by fishers involved in the study.

Other recommendations include developing seasonal distribution maps of vulnerable species to identify potential high risk areas and trials of 'on-call' – or ropeless – fishing systems.



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# New Year New You

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

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

## Health & Fitness

### Exercise

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

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

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

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

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

### Weight Loss

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

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

## Careers

### Jobs

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

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

### Start a Business

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

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

### Apprenticeships

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

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

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## College

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## Skills

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

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

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

## Hair and Beauty

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

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

## Try something new

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

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

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

# Discover the new you in 2022

**If the new year has got you thinking about your goals for 2022, there's no time like the present to take the first step forwards. Whether you're looking to upskill, considering a career change or simply want to try something new, you'll be able to get recognised qualifications with Argyll College UHI, without having to travel too far from home.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) - a statutory levy organisation - is looking for Farming Ambassadors.

Farmers in Scotland and the rest of the UK continue to produce livestock and crops to high quality standards, but face multiple pressures brought about by a number of factors - including the consequences of the country's exit from the

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

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



You could help promote the best of British farming by becoming a Farming Ambassador.

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

'We can offer you social media support to help you feel confident online. We can provide advice and guidance on producing your own posts and videos as well as how to engage with your followers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Isuzu D-Max continues strong sales performance

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

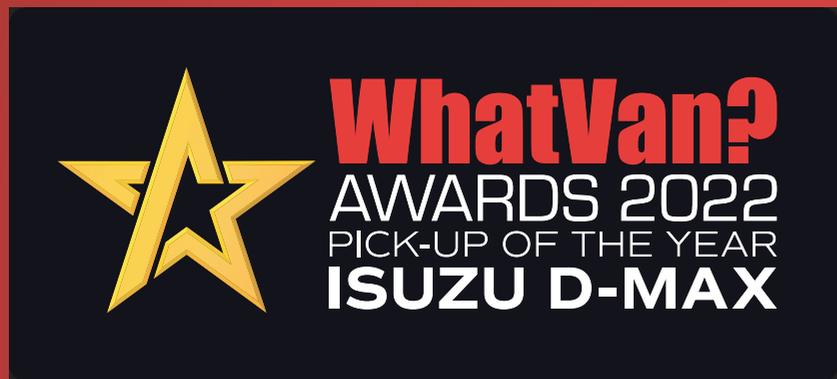
Sales of the All-New Isuzu D-Max, which launched earlier this year, have been strong throughout 2021. At the close of November, sales of the Isuzu D-Max were up 13.55% year to date over the same period last year, with a total of 3,368 Isuzu D-Max pick-ups registered so far in 2021. Overall, the pick-up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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Thursday 20th  
January 2022 at 7pm  
Lochgilphead  
Community Centre.  
All welcome particularly new volunteers.  
Please note all attendees will need to follow current Covid guidance and are requested to carry out a lateral flow test in advance of attending the meeting.

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

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



## Argyll and Bute Council

### PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](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
21/02558/PPP	Site for housing development	Dalintober Estate, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/02555/PP	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 04/01291/DET (Addition of 7 turbines (with maximum hub height of 49m) to existing windfarm and ancillary works incl: access tracks, crane hardstandings, extension to borrow pit and control building, and variation of condition 21 of existing consent 01/01020/VARCON re noise level limits) to allow continued operation for a further 6 years until 2027	Tangy II Wind Farm, Kilchenzie, Argyll And Bute
21/02556/PP	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 02/01179/DET (Alterations to approved windfarm layout to allow for reduction of turbines to 15 no.; relocation of turbines 3 & 9; deletion of 400m of access track and relocation of control building) to allow continued operation for a further 6 years until 2027	Tangy I Wind Farm, Kilchenzie, Argyll And Bute
21/02006/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1 Nether Auchans, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XZ
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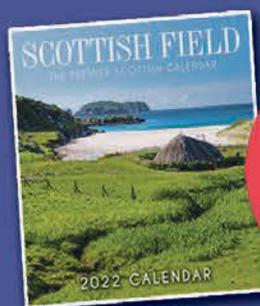
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## BIRTHS

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

## DEATHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

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

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

## MEMORIAMs

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

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

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

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

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

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our Dad Duncan, who was tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018.

A beautiful memory, dearer than gold,  
Of a father whose worth can never be told,  
There's a place in our hearts no one can fill,  
We miss you, Dad, and always will.

Lots of love, Your Boys,  
John and Campbell.

**MACDOUGALL** - In memory of our beloved son Duncan, who died

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

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

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of a beloved nephew and cousin Duncan, who left us too soon on January 18, 2018.

Your name is often mentioned  
Our thoughts are with you still  
You haven't been forgotten  
What's more you never will.  
A daily thought a silent tear  
A constant wish that you were here.

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

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

**MCFARLANE** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and Grampa John, who fell asleep on January 12, 2021.

In our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and remembered every day  
- Mhairi, Liz and grandsons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Matthew 5 v 9  
Join us on  
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**11.30am Southend Church SC005484**  
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11.15am Worship Service  
Rev David Parker  
11.15am Sunday School  
Wednesday 19th January  
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer  
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www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk  
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### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist**  
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1st Sunday  
Holy Communion 9am  
3rd Sunday Evensong 3.30pm  
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Sunday Worship  
10 am Skipness (SC004280)  
11.30 am Tarbert (SC002622)  
Covid guidelines apply  
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**Sunday 16th January**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Gen 1 Triple C  
Rev W Crossan  
Everyone welcome  
COVID Guidelines apply

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**Sunday 16th January**  
Psalm 36  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm  
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Time to Pause?  
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### LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

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

### SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 16th January**  
11am Worship Service  
11am Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Service  
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# Challenge to help others live their lives

Scottish charity Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland (CHSS) is encouraging people from across the county to set themselves a challenge and sign up to one of its energetic events to kick-start the new year.

Having been unable to run live events for nearly two years, the charity is 'so excited' about its new fundraising calendar.

Fans of the charity's events will be thrilled to see the return of some family favourites, including the Loch Leven Walkathon in Kinross and the Duthie Daunder and Deeside Stride in Aberdeen, with walking routes to suit all ages and abilities.

'If running is your thing, then you will be able to feel the wind in your hair again when you sign up to one of the many running events across Scotland,' said a charity spokesperson, 'including running through the beautiful Cairngorm National Park, taking in the breath-taking scenery of the famous Glenlivet 10k.'

'But we are also welcoming back the Beast Race in Banchory, giving that extra challenge of wild and muddy obstacles. Or, if you are a thrill-chaser and it's a fire in your belly that you're looking for, check out our popular new Walk the Flames events across Scotland where you will be trained to brave walking on burning hot coals!'

Gillian Green, assistant director of fundraising at CHSS, added: 'We want to put the fun back in FUNdraising with our jam-packed events calendar.'



The Beast Race gives the extra challenge of wild and muddy obstacles.

'We want to give everyone a chance to set themselves a challenge, to work towards that goal through the winter months and to come out in the spring ready for action.'

'We are so thankful for the hundreds of people who took part in our events over the last year, whether it was in memory of a loved one, a defining moment in their recovery journey or to raise vital funds to support friends, family or colleagues.'

'You all went above and beyond during the most difficult year and have gone to great lengths to run, walk and cycle at events or virtually.'

'But, by signing up for one of our exciting events for 2022, you will be doing something amazing; you will be helping people across Scotland who are living with a chest or heart condition or effects of a stroke do more than survive - you will be helping them to receive the help that they need when they need it most and helping them to really live.'

Sign up for an event at [www.chss.org.uk/events](http://www.chss.org.uk/events).

# Running shoes on as entries open for Kintyre races

Kintyre athletes who landed places in the area's biggest running events should be warming up and preparing their training schedules.

Entries for the Kintyre Way Ultra and its associated events opened on Thursday January 6, a few days earlier than billed, and places for the Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10k (MOKRUN) became available on Sunday January 9.

Both events cater for runners of all ages and abilities, with the MOKRUN offering junior races on Saturday May 28 ahead of the 10k and half-marathon distances for adults on Sunday May 29, and tickets for its popular post-race ceilidh are available for those aged under 12 as well as 12 and over.

And, in addition to the challenging 33-mile Kintyre Way Ultra marathon solo or relay on Saturday May 14, runners can this year take part in the eight-mile Friday Frolic around Machrihanish on the evening of Friday May 13.

For the first time, the Kintyre Way Ultra's organisers have teamed up with The Great Carradale Canter committee to offer 5k and 10k races, with a 5k option for juniors, on Sunday May 15, to round off the three-day running festival.

To grab any remaining spots for the MOKRUN, visit <https://www.entrycentral.com/festival/1218>; to sign up for the Kintyre Way Ultra,

visit <https://www.entrycentral.com/KintyreWayUltra> and to take part in the Great Carradale Canter, visit <https://www.q-buster.co.uk/the-great-carradale-canter-2022>.



The Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10k is one of the area's most popular running events.



The Kintyre Way Ultra is targeted at experienced athletes.

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# Pupils warming up for first Kintyre Park match of 2022

Campbeltown Pupils are gearing up for their first fixture of the new year tomorrow (Saturday), when they host West of Scotland Football League Division Four table-toppers Kilsyth Athletic.

The two sides shared the spoils in their most recent meeting in early November, when a young Pupils side earned a 3-3 draw in North Lanarkshire, and Kilsyth travel to Kintyre fresh from a 2-1 victory over Harmony Row last Saturday.

The same day, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils were hoping to host Glenvale FC from Paisley, but the match was called off early on Saturday due to a waterlogged pitch, the result of meltwater from heavy hail and sleet covering the Kintyre Park pitch the day before the game.

'We are looking forward to getting back into competitive action after the festive break,' said a Pupils spokesperson.

'The team has 10 league matches remaining, with six of those at home.

'It has been two months since our last home game so we are hoping for a great support at Kintyre Park to cheer on the team.'

As well as looking forward to the rest of their league campaign, work goes on for the Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils to develop Kintyre Park's facilities; the main objective is to have the ground up to standard to join the West of Scotland Football League's revamped linear structure next season.

The Pupils would also like to thank the Kintyre people and businesses which have



supported the club's recent fundraising, namely the club's prize draw and ongoing 'Last Person Standing' match predictor competition, which

is down to the last handful of entrants.

Money raised has gone towards training and match day gear for the players, and

essential training and match day equipment.

Kick off for tomorrow's match against Kilsyth Athletic is 1.30pm at Kintyre Park.

The Pupils, pictured during a previous home game, are looking forward to hosting their first match at Kintyre Park in two months.

## Young Pupils suffer defeat in Cumbernauld

Campsie FC	6
Pupils Youth	0
GDYFL - U-13s, Div 2	

### Good performance despite 300-mile-plus trip

Finding their way into the match, the young Pupils pinned back Campsie with some good football, and almost equalised after Jack Green broke through, only to see the keeper produce a fine save.

The rebound almost fell kindly for Kadyne Prentice, who did well on full stretch to reach the ball, only to see it come off the inside of the post and rebound to safety.

Campsie doubled their lead after a

strong period of their own pressure and, shortly after half time, made it 3-0 when a long ball fell for their excellent number 9 to finish, albeit from what looked to be a clear offside position.

The Pupils battled well in the second half, again having some good pressure but just not finding an end product.

Campsie played some excellent passing football throughout, and were rewarded with three further goals to

put a slightly harsh reflection on the way the match went.

Although defeated, the Pupils should take heart from a good performance for their first game of the year, and for their efforts in making the more-than-300-mile round trip.

This Sunday, the 2009s play their first home game since October 24, versus Dumbarton Utd, with a 2pm kick-off on the all-weather pitch at Kinloch Green.

### Football fixtures

Saturday January 15:  
West of Scotland FL - Division Four: Campbeltown Pupils FC v Kilsyth Athletic FC, 1.30pm.  
Scottish AFL: Lochgilphead Red Star v Glenburn Athletic, 2pm; Dunoon v Port Glasgow OBU, 2pm.  
West of Scotland Amateur Cup, 4th round: Uddingston Anvil v Oban Saints, 2pm.



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