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# Virus isolation brings Mid Argyll people together

## Extraordinary community spirit in the face of crisis

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Government advice is to distance ourselves from each other for health reasons, yet this time of crisis seems to be bringing people in Mid Argyll closer together.

Community spirit, of course, runs deep in towns and villages all over Argyll and this is likely to be needed in weeks and months to come.

In a fast-moving situation, on Wednesday this week First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said it was 'inevitable' Scotland's schools would close by Friday March 20.

She said: 'We are still working out the fine detail of what exactly this will mean. At this stage I cannot promise they

will re-open before the summer holidays.' Many groups and individuals have stepped forward to help during the coronavirus outbreak.

People are volunteering in every town and village in the region, with new Facebook groups such as 'Team Tarbert' springing up alongside existing structures.

A number of retailers and other businesses have offered to deliver to anyone self-isolating and there is a push to support local business through the outbreak period by shopping locally.

The community effort has even extended to sport, with Inveraray Shinty Club offering the services of members to help with jobs such as shopping, getting medicines

or walking the dog. Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers has extended its services to existing clients who are self-isolating, offering to pick up prescriptions or carry out essential shopping.

Contact Catherine Kennedy on 01546 603564 to find out more.

Churches are there to offer help and support, while the MS Centre in Lochgilphead has moved to 'virtual support' via Facebook page as a new way of delivering our activities and services for the foreseeable future.

Online and telephone support remains available, but that is not all. 'Comfort packs' containing all kinds of goodies were being delivered round the community earlier

this week, courtesy of the MS Centre.

There is hardship, of course, and some businesses are feeling the effects.

And it took a while to arrive, but panic buying arrived in Argyll in the past week. Shops struggled to keep up as toilet roll and hand sanitiser disappeared from shelves.

Leisure centres have closed, Mid Argyll and Kintyre music festivals and many sporting events have been cancelled, while GP and hospital services have been forced to introduce changes to appointment systems.

Meanwhile, a 'Save Knapdale Ward' march and rally on Saturday March 21 in Lochgilphead has been called off by trade union UNISON.

## We are with you every step of the way

This newspaper has been at the heart of our communities for around 140 years.

We have brought vital information during times of difficulty and upheaval and have been there in the good times, celebrating and reporting on your achievements and successes.

We know many people are naturally anxious and concerned for family and friends as our daily lives are impacted by the effects of coronavirus.

The speed of change has left many of us reeling. We are determined the

Argyllshire Advertiser will continue to be there for readers and advertisers, producing your newspaper as normal despite the difficulties and no matter how long they last.

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So take care of each other and please keep in touch with our dedicated team at the Argyllshire Advertiser.

We are with you every step of the way.

## More on the impact of the coronavirus crisis, with the latest government advice, on pages 4 and 5.

# Crinan Hotel & Seafood Bar

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**POLICE FILES**

**Fence vandalised**

About 11pm on Sunday March 8 at Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, 20 metres of fence was damaged by being kicked. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Telephone scam**

At around 1pm on Friday March 6, a Tarbert resident received a phone call from a male who stated he was calling from BT. The male caller asked for the resident's bank details and subsequently made £900 of unauthorised transactions using these details. Residents are reminded that legitimate companies will never ask for your bank details over the phone.

**Lambs attacked**

Between February 1 and March 7 several lambs were found injured on the Isle of Gigha. The lambs appeared to have been attacked by dogs. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**



# Power firm's attitude over Tarbert pylons under fire

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A power company's refusal to revisit controversial plans to site huge pylons close to Tarbert has been slammed at a community council meeting.

The attitude of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) was compared – unfavourably – by Tarbert and Skipness Community Council convener David McBride to the approach taken by wind energy developers and Scottish Water.

Tarbert residents were left angry and frustrated when they discovered that SSEN

had changed the intended pylon route across the isthmus between West Loch Tarbert and Loch Fyne.

The route submitted to Scottish Ministers for planning consent was amended in 2017 from that originally proposed, taking a dog-leg from the golf course to take it nearer Tarbert village.

SSEN maintains that it informed the community of the new route in advance – but people claim the information available was inadequate.

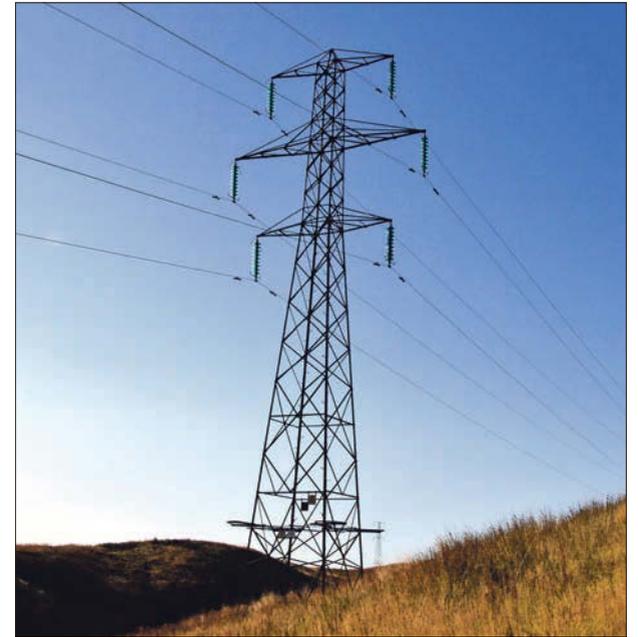
Speaking at a community council meeting in November 2019, SSEN environmental project manager Paul McQuillan said: 'We set out the reasoning for our chosen route in the 2017 consultation document.

'We still think this alignment is the best one in view of the balance of constraints.'

SSEN considered three possible routes, taking into account the topography, proximity to homes, land zoned for development and environmental issues.

The half a dozen or so towers proposed to run close to Tarbert are part of a project to upgrade the electricity transmission network and build a higher capacity 275 kV overhead line for 50 miles between Inveraray and Crossaig.

The primary concern of residents is that at least three of these towers, up to 62 metres (203 feet) high, would



puncture the skyline from the harbour and Tarbert Castle.

At November's meeting, Mr McQuillan also said: 'There were a number of times we could have had responses,' he said.

'The community has come to us quite late, after we had the consent.'

He maintained: 'We've chosen the right route.'

**Planting trees**

SSEN proposes planting trees to mitigate the towers' appearance, but community councillors are sceptical.

Quoting forestry experts, Mr McBride said that not only would the trees take several years to grow, but the type of ground would not allow them to grow sufficiently tall to screen the impact.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has written to SSEN to make a

final appeal for a change to the route, which may involve an amendment to Scottish Government consent.

'We are asking for a realignment to something it had already been considered feasible,' said Mr McBride. 'If it won't budge, we'll go down the road of a judicial review.'

He added: 'Wind farm companies give very good information, but this is tantamount to a wind farm developer suddenly moving turbines to the Tarbert skyline without consulting with us.'

With Scottish Water about to begin work on an upgraded sewer system in the village, Mr McBride added: 'Scottish Water has listened to our concerns, and that is the difference between its approach and that of SSEN over the pylons.'



**Davaar Island Safe Walking Times**

	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sun, 1 Mar 2020	09:05	06:05	11:35			
Mon, 2 Mar 2020	09:51	06:51	12:21			
Tue, 3 Mar 2020	10:47	07:47	13:17			
Wed, 4 Mar 2020	11:55	08:55	14:25			
Thu, 5 Mar 2020				13:17	10:17	15:47
Fri, 6 Mar 2020				14:36	11:36	17:06
Sat, 7 Mar 2020				15:33	12:33	18:03
Sun, 8 Mar 2020				16:20	13:20	18:50
Mon, 9 Mar 2020				17:03	14:03	19:33
Tue, 10 Mar 2020				17:45	14:45	20:15
Wed, 11 Mar 2020				18:28	15:28	20:58
Thu, 12 Mar 2020						
Fri, 13 Mar 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11			
Sat, 14 Mar 2020	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Sun, 15 Mar 2020	09:19	06:19	11:49			
Mon, 16 Mar 2020	10:18	07:18	12:48			
Tue, 17 Mar 2020	11:36	08:36	14:06			
Wed, 18 Mar 2020				13:01	10:01	15:31
Thu, 19 Mar 2020				14:11	11:11	16:41
Fri, 20 Mar 2020				15:07	12:07	17:37
Sat, 21 Mar 2020				15:54	12:54	18:24
Sun, 22 Mar 2020				16:34	13:34	19:04
Mon, 23 Mar 2020				17:09	14:09	19:39
Tue, 24 Mar 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 25 Mar 2020				18:08	15:08	20:38
Thu, 26 Mar 2020				18:36	15:36	21:06
Fri, 27 Mar 2020	06:43	03:43	09:13	19:06	16:06	21:36
Sat, 28 Mar 2020	07:16	04:16	09:46			
Sun, 29 Mar 2020	08:52	05:52	11:22			
Mon, 30 Mar 2020	09:34	06:34	12:04			
Tue, 31 Mar 2020	10:21	07:21	12:51			

Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight as well as tide times before you go.



www.explorecampbeltown.com



People fear the Tarbert skyline could be ruined by huge new pylons. 06\_a32Tarbert01

## Crinan Canal link path consultation

Argyll and Bute Council is asking for the public's views on four possible options to create a new walking, cycling and scooter path linking Lochgilphead front green to the Crinan Canal.

The public consultation will run from Monday March 23 to Sunday April 5.

The different options are available to view online, alongside the consultation which can be completed by visiting [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/corran-path](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/corran-path).

The idea for a new and better active travel link between the Lochgilphead front green and the Crinan Canal was identified in the 2016 Rethink the Link workshop.

This consultation, funded by Transport Scotland and Sustrans through the Places for Everyone programme, is the next stage towards helping to achieve this community-led vision.



Views sought on how Lochgilphead front green can link with the Crinan Canal. 06\_a25Lochgilphead01

# Lochgilphead Front green revamp delayed

An initiative to give Lochgilphead Front Green a make-over has been long-awaited but work is yet to start, despite planning permission being granted.

The project was given the green light by Argyll and Bute Council last November and construction work was due to begin this month and be completed by November 2020. But a contractor is

still to be appointed. An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Weather dependent, we are aiming to start work as soon as possible, once the tendering process is complete.'

### Designed

Plans for the 1.27 hectare (3.1 acre) site were designed by the council with the help of Glasgow-based architects Erz Limited.

They include a walking/cycling route, a seating wall parallel to the sea wall, a public square with space for events, children's play areas, a picnic area and a new avenue of trees.

Drainage will be a key feature, with new field drains planned along with a raising of surface levels to match the height of the 500mm high seating wall on the sea front.

The handling report considered last year by the council said: 'The proposed development will, by reason of plan layout, modest built interventions, scale, design and materiality, conserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area.'

'[It will also] respect the setting and historic and architectural character of

the listed buildings on the northern side of Potalloch Street and Colchester Square.'

### Funding

The majority of funding for the £1.7 million scheme will come from the council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Scheme, with a further recent boost of £200,000 through the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.

## Multi-million pound upgrade put back

Work to upgrade Tarbert's sewerage system has been delayed.

The £3.4 million investment in the sewer network has been planned by Scottish Water to reduce the risk of sewer flooding and work was expected to

start this month. A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'Unforeseen circumstances mean the start date for this project in Tarbert will be slightly later than planned.'

'We would like to reassure the community this essential

work to tackle sewer flooding will go ahead and we are doing all we can to mitigate any further delays. We will issue further information when possible, however, we can confirm this delay will not impact the planned sus-

pension of the works during July when a number of high profile events take place in the town.'

The project will see the installation of 350 metres of a larger diameter sewer pipe under Barmore Road and

Harbour Street – the largest diameter being 1.2 metres.

With a new contractor in place, it is hoped work will now begin in April.

Information about the project is available at [www.scottishwater.co.uk/tarbert](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/tarbert)



The increased capacity should help to prevent scenes like this in Tarbert from June 2018. 06\_a27TarbertSewage02



## Front green sea wall repairs under way

Following recent storm damage, work to repair the sea wall along Lochgilphead front green has been ongoing. An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'A local contractor has been working on several sections of the concrete coping, damaged or removed by the recent storms. All of the concrete copings have now been replaced and the concrete backfill, topsoil and turf will now be laid directly behind the sea wall.'

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# Coronavirus campaign

**Current advice from the NHS**  
17/03/20

**Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms**

Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

**How long to stay at home**

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

**Read nhs advice about staying at home**  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

**Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:**

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

**Use the 111 coronavirus service**  
<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

**Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.**

The impact of stricter government guidelines introduced in the last week to combat the coronavirus outbreak have been far-reaching. On these pages we outline just some of the consequences across the region.

## GP appointments

Lochgilphhead Medical Centre is offering telephone-only consultations unless a visit to the surgery is absolutely necessary.

Dr Andrew Strain said: 'We are extremely grateful for the support of our local community at this difficult time. You will all be aware of the ever-changing national guidance relating to this new viral illness – we know that this is unsettling and sometimes confusing.

'We would like to ask that all those with any concerns or queries regarding COVID-19/ Coronavirus look at the

COVID-19 page on the NHS Inform website ([www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot)) – this information is continuously updated and contains the advice which we will be passing on to anyone who calls the practice.

'Please only call the practice if the information obtained through NHS Inform suggests this is needed.

'At present, we continue to offer only telephone consultations initially and will only be seeing patients face-to-face where absolutely essential – this applies to both Practice Nurse and GP appointments.

'We hope that these measures, in combination with the social distancing measures which have been advised by the government and public health bodies, will lower the risk to our community and vulnerable patients.'

## Hospital appointments

On Tuesday March 17, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership issued a statement 'to our patients, staff and public': 'To help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) your outpatient appointment may be replaced by a telephone or video consultation or postponed to a later date.

'We will let you know by phone or post, so please



Panic buying saw supplies of toilet roll disappear quickly from the earlier this week. 06\_a12shop02

check your usual method of communication with us.

'The decision to delay or use telephone or video is being made by the clinical team involved in your care.

'To assist us in preparation for this change, outpatient appointments may change from March 17 onwards.

'Please do not phone the outpatient department or the clinical teams as they will be in contact with you as soon as possible.'

## Hospital visiting

NHS Highland is asking people to visit hospital patients only if absolutely necessary – and to call in advance.

The measure was introduced on March 14 in a bid to reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) to patients and staff.

A spokesperson for NHS Highland, which operates within Argyll and Bute, said: 'If you are visiting the hospital please ensure that you wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before you go on to the ward/department and as you leave the hospital.

'Please do not enter the hospital if you are unwell.'

## Education

As plans were announced to close schools from Friday March 20, Argyll College UHI had suspended face-to-face teaching, including video conference classes and placement activities from Tuesday March 17.

Learning centres, student support and library services remain open and staff will be available in centres to support students.

## Live Argyll closures

Live Argyll, the organisation running former council facilities such as public halls, leisure centres and libraries, decided on March 18 to close all facilities, suspend all programmes and cancel



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# Coronavirus impacts life in Argyll



shelves of Lochgilphead Co-op

events until further notice. Membership direct debits will be frozen and members who paid up front will receive a corresponding extension beyond their initial 12 months.

Library book loans will be extended automatically and customers will receive refunds for any cancelled events.

## Business impact

Many business are struggling to come to terms with the implications of reduced customer demand.

Public transport, the hospitality trade, tourism businesses and restaurants and cafes have all felt the impact in the first week of new government advice to avoid social contact.

Shellfish processors in the area have taken to selling their quality produce locally as export markets are cut off.

David Smart, chairman of Mid Argyll Chamber of

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Commerce, said: 'None of us in business has ever experienced anything like this.'

'Above all else it is imperative that we look after the health and wellbeing of everyone in Mid Argyll including our employees and the wider community.'

'It is vital that everyone follows the guidance that has been issued by the Scottish and UK Governments. This changes on a regular basis and it is important that businesses keep abreast of latest developments and make sure these are communicated.'

'We are already seeing organisations changing their ways of working to allow them to continue to deliver their products and services.'

'The need for effective mobile communications has never been greater as more and more activities are being conducted from home.'

'Cash is the lifeblood of organisations and all organisations will be looking at their cashflows and how these look in the short and medium term. The latest announcements from the chancellor on support are really welcome, but urgent action is needed to ensure that businesses receive the cash support quickly.'

'A key role for the Mid Argyll Chamber is to act as a conduit for information.'

'If any business has a specific questions, queries or issues that they need help with please email us at commerce@janemacleod.co.uk.'

## Church services

Religious organisations across Scotland have curtailed worship in groups.

Among those the Scottish Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Church of Scotland organisations have advised that all gatherings for worship should cease until further notice.

Lochgilphead Church of Scotland minister Hilda Smith said: 'The clergy in the area all deeply regret the decision we have had to make but we have to do what it takes to protect the vulnerable in our congregations. All of us will be available by phone. If anyone feels anxious, vulnerable or isolated we are just on the other end of the phone should you need us.'

## Funerals

The Church of Scotland recommends that people should consider the size of groups gathering for funerals.

It may be necessary in the future to consider whether funerals should be restricted exclusively to minister, immediate family, and funeral directors.

In addition, local guidance from funeral directors and crematorium staff will be critical here. It should be noted many crematoria have the facility to livestream services and to host a recording of services for a period of time after the cremation service.

## Mid Argyll Music Festival cancelled

The 41st Mid Argyll Music Festival was due to run this week, starting on Monday and culminating on Saturday March 21. The organising committee decided 'with deep regret' to cancel the festival in light of the coronavirus situation.

Organisers have stated that all entries for this year's festival will be carried forward to next year. Committee chairman Martin Gorringer said: 'We realise that it will have been a huge disappointment to all those performers who had been practising for this event and we can only hope that by March 2021 we will all be in a position to re-stage our festival. The dates are March 15 to March 20 2021.'

'Thank you all for your understanding and particular thanks to all our friends and

sponsors upon whom the festival depends.'

## Kintyre Music Festival cancelled

Set to take place from June 1 to June 6, this year's Kintyre Music Festival, which involves primary school children from Mid Argyll to Kintyre, has been cancelled.

A spokesperson said: 'Due to the coronavirus crisis, we've had to cancel all competitions and events.'

'We are terribly, terribly sorry but it's the way it has to be unfortunately - we have to keep the children safe, as well as the mums, dads and grandparents who support us.'

## Craignish boat jumble

Another prominent event called off earlier this week was the annual Craignish Boat Jumble, due to be held

this weekend. Organiser Craignish Community Company apologised to shoppers and stallholders, adding: 'We would rather err on the side of caution in the current environment as we would hate to put anyone at risk of contracting coronavirus.'

## Knapdale Ward march and rally called off

A planned march and rally on Saturday March 21 in Lochgilphead has been called off by trade union UNISON.

This was intended as an opportunity to speak up in favour of the retention of Knapdale Ward as an inpatient dementia facility.

UNISON has asked Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board to defer a decision on the future of dementia services until the current health crisis passes.

## MALLAIG HARBOUR AUTHORITY

### Appointment of Non-Executive Board Members

Mallaig Harbour Authority is a Trust Port, managing the busy port of Mallaig, which provides services to the fishing and aquaculture industry, and facilities to support Marine Tourism in the area. It also acts as a hub for onward ferry travel to Skye, The Small Isles, Knoydart and the Outer Hebrides. The Authority is made up of eight non-Executive Members and one Executive Member and has recently published a Masterplan outlining significant future development plans.

We are now seeking to make appointments of two non-executive members to the Board and applications are invited from individuals with a keen interest in the activities and business of the Port.

The appointments will be for a period of three years with both appointments commencing in April 2020. Posts will be part time, up to two days per month, and are remunerated.

Applications are invited from interested parties from all disciplines who will be able to demonstrate a range of skills, attributes and experience that will contribute to the functioning of the Board. An ability to grasp complex issues quickly is important, as is experience of achieving results in a committee or board environment.

#### Competencies/Skills

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following:

- An ability and proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities;
- The ability to contribute effectively in group discussions and influence a wide range of people, including specialists and professionals;
- The ability to analyse problems and assess evidence impartially, to set strategic direction and critically assess opportunities and threats;
- Knowledge and interest in the local and wider community and the economic and social context in which the Port of Mallaig operates

The Authority is committed to equality of opportunity and encourages a diverse range of applicants and to the principle of appointment on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process in accordance with the Guide To Good Governance for Trust Ports.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from:

Mallaig Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Mallaig, Inverness-shire. PH41 4QB or [info@mallaigharbourauthority.com](mailto:info@mallaigharbourauthority.com)

Closing date for applications - 2pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

## Current advice from the NHS

### How to avoid catching and spreading coronavirus (social distancing)

Everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading.

It is particularly important for people who:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

#### DO

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- ✓ only travel on public transport if you need to
- ✓ work from home, if you can
- ✓ avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- ✓ avoid events with large groups of people
- ✓ use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

#### DON'T

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ✗ do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family

The NHS will contact you from Monday 23 March 2020 if you are at particularly high risk of getting seriously ill with coronavirus. You'll be given specific advice about what to do. Do not contact your GP or healthcare team at this stage - wait to be contacted.

## LETTERS

Write to us: send your letters to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)  
or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB

## Not just coronavirus

Enough has probably been said on the coronavirus outbreak and response elsewhere in this edition, but the reaction of the people of Mid Argyll and Tarbert is to be commended. No-one knows how long this disease response will go on for, but if it continues to pull people closer together in adversity, at least one good thing will have come out of it, though we should also be prepared for tragedy along the way.

Look out for a little light relief in your Argyllshire Advertiser in weeks to come.

There comes a point, no matter how serious and significant the information, when we simply get fed up hearing and reading about it.

So we plan to bring you a mix of good news stories, nostalgic features (everybody loves an old photo) and generally a varied diet alongside the latest on the virus response.

As we note on today's front page, the Argyllshire Advertiser - or the 'Squeak' - has always been there for the communities in Mid Argyll and beyond.

We are going nowhere in this time of uncertainty, and rest assured we will be with you every step of the way.

## We shouldn't subsidise councillors' meals

Sir,  
With Islay's winter life-line bus service in the council's crosshairs in its proposed £9 million cuts, it encouraged me to look at Argyll and Bute's 2018/19 councillors' expenses, the latest published.

Out of our 36 councillors, Councillor Alastair Redman cost us a shocking £1,612.91 in meals claimed for, over half claimed for by all 36 councillors at a £2,446.38 total, which is a bit rich given Councillor Redman is a Tory whose party of austerity and Universal Credit (still to hit the majority) has driven the rise of charity donations to food banks to feed millions and millions more when Universal Credit is rolled out.

He once told me while campaigning that a number of councillors faced court action for not paying council tax yet he now spends the average council tax bill on meals.

I don't think we should be subsidising councillors' meals - if their salary is not enough, don't stand for election.

In my ward, Kintyre and the Islands, the councillors' meals claimed for were: Councillor Redman £1,612.91; Councillor Currie £541.20; Councillor Horn £11.93.

All 36 councillors cost us £825,972 in 2018/19 in total expenses. That's £4 million odd between elections, and could be better spent on more accountability, life-line bus services, crumbling schools, etc.

Colin M Campbell, Port Charlotte, Islay

## COVID-19 and the metric menace

Sir,  
It is becoming increasingly obvious that the UK Government cares little for the health and welfare of its older citizens and visitors from the USA.

Its advice on safe distances from others during the current COVID-19 epidemic is quoted only in metric units which do not sit naturally with many of us. At first reading, 2m to me is two miles which is impractical for all other than the most rural dweller and, even when I get past that initial misunderstanding, I find it difficult to conceptualise what 2 metres actually means.

This follows on from this winter's irresponsible total abandonment of Imperial measures by BBC meteorologists even in forecasts of the most serious weather conditions.

I wonder how many deaths could be avoided if both systems of measurement were shown due respect?

John Eoin Douglas, Edinburgh

## Mother's Day with Mary's Meals

Sir,  
This Mother's Day, I am thinking about everything women do to give their children the best start in life.

Like the women in countries such as Malawi, Liberia and India, who rise early each day to cook and serve food to hungry children in

their communities with the charity Mary's Meals.

Their dedication epitomises powerful motherly love, and it is thanks to them that Mary's Meals is able to feed 1.6 million hungry children around the world every school day. The food they lovingly serve attracts little ones into the classroom, giving them the energy to gain an education that can, one day, be their ladder out of poverty.

I am in awe of these incredible women. And that's why I am asking your readers to send a Mary's Meals gift card to the special women in their lives this Mother's Day. For just £15.90 it will feed a hungry child every day for an entire school year.

Please visit your local Mary's Meals shop on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead or Stevenson Street in Oban, or go to [marysmeals.org.uk/mothersday](http://marysmeals.org.uk/mothersday) to purchase your gift card in honour of the mums who make Mary's Meals. I have already told my boys this is a gift I would be delighted to receive.

Sophie Thompson

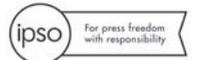
## Life After Stroke Awards nominations open

Sir,  
I am writing to you on behalf of a charity that is close to my heart - the Stroke Association.

Sadly, my family knows all too well the pain that stroke can cause after we lost my mother to this cruel condition. The thing with stroke is its suddenness; in an instant lives are changed forever. I've since found out that many people

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who survive a stroke can go on to make remarkable recoveries. Thanks to organisations like Stroke Association people can, and do, rebuild their life after stroke.

This brilliant charity hosts the Life After Stroke Awards every year. The awards really are a fantastic event and recognise the incredible and courageous achievements of people who are living with the effects of stroke. I am writing to urge your readers to nominate someone who they know who has gone on to rebuild their life after stroke. This might be a stroke survivor, their loved ones who care for them or communities and organisations who help people rebuild their lives after stroke.

To nominate go to [www.stroke.org.uk/life-after-stroke-awards](http://www.stroke.org.uk/life-after-stroke-awards)

You can also email [lasa@stroke.org.uk](mailto:lasa@stroke.org.uk) or call on 01527 903 927.

With your help we can shine a light on some truly inspirational people.

Kaye Adams



Kaye Adams

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Taken from the Strathlachlan hamlet of Newton, reader Fiona Mackinnon of Strachur captured this photograph of the elegant and exclusive cruise ship Hebridean Princess sailing past Furnace Quarry on her way down Loch Fyne on Saturday March 14.

In a previous life the Hebridean Princess served as the MacBrayne car ferry MV Columba.

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# Ardrishaig church window restoration work under way

by Rachel Carruthers  
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Work to restore the elegant and understated stained glass windows of Ardrishaig Parish Church has begun.

The original windows were installed when the church was renovated and extended in 1904 and the leadwork in particular is now in a poor condition.

Some of the windows are dangerous and steps have had to be taken to ensure the safety of the congregation, with pews in the centre of the church having to be blocked off.

A problem with one of the windows was first noticed and once a survey was carried out

a common problem was identified. With the lead failing, a phased plan to restore all the windows was drawn up, with emergency conservation of the windows in the poorest condition being repaired first.

Blustery batterings from storms Brendan, Ciara and Dennis didn't help matters, almost blowing in one of the front facing windows. As a result, the phased work has begun earlier than expected with the church's insurance company covering the costs of the storm damaged window, which originally was going to be one of the last to be restored.

The cost of restoration is in the region of £60,000. So far in excess of £40,000 has been

identified by the church's Window Restoration Group but further fundraising is still required.

Despite testing weather on Monday March 9, Prestwick-based company Rainbow Glass Studio began removing the first of the art nouveau style stained glass windows.

Stephen Malcolm, managing director of Rainbow Glass Studio, explained the process: 'Each panel will go back to the studio where we will take a wax rubbing which shows all the detail and profile of the lead lines, so we can replicate them exactly as they were before.'

'The old lead and putty gets stripped off each bit of glass before it's cleaned. Then we

do all the new lead, copying the same design as the original using the wax rubbing as a base, before it's all soldered and sealed. Finally we bring them back on site and put in new non ferrus bars and copper ties, so they don't rust again.

'It's quite a straight forward process, just very time consuming. And that's it for another hundred-odd years.'



Rainbow Glass Studio's Stephen Malcolm carefully loads the stained glass window panels. 06\_a12ArdChurch03



All of Ardrishaig Parish Church's stained glass windows are to be restored. 06\_a12ArdChurch01



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- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1kg lean beef mince (5% fat or less)
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

### Method:

1. Preheat your grill to high.
2. Put the onion, garlic, beef and Worcestershire sauce in a bowl, season lightly and combine using your fingers. Divide the mixture into 8 equal portions and shape them into burgers.
3. Spray the burgers with low-calorie cooking spray and grill for 10-12 minutes or until cooked through, turning halfway.
4. Meanwhile, spray a non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a medium heat. Add the eggs and fry to your liking.
5. Split and toast the rolls, then fill with the tomato, lettuce, red onion, burgers and ketchup. Top with the eggs, season lightly and hold it all in place with a cocktail stick if needed.
6. Serve hot with Slimming World chips and salad.

- Low-calorie cooking spray
- 4 x 60g wholemeal rolls
- 4 eggs
- Sliced tomato, lettuce leaves and sliced red onion, to serve
- 4 level tbsp reduced-salt-and-sugar tomato ketchup

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# Kilmichael Glen eco-home dream becomes a reality

by Colin Cameron  
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Watching their new eco-home take shape, Tim and Ishbel Forrester are just starting out on their dream of a new life in Scotland.

Having purchased a plot of land up Kilmichael Glen on the road to Ford, the Forresters made the decision to live in an eco home, designed and built by an Inverness-based company.

Until December 5 last year the Forresters were living in a 100-year-old house in Eastbourne on the south coast of England.

The difference in environment could hardly be more stark – from busy, (relatively) dry Eastbourne to remote, (very) wet Mid Argyll.

But it is well worth it, according to Tim.

‘We just wanted to come and live here,’ he said. ‘Ishbel is from Glenisla in the Angus glens, so it’s not completely strange.’

‘The people are friendly here and the scenery is fantastic.’

The two-storey house itself comes as pre-fabricated panels, and with more



than 300mm (one foot) of insulation and triple glazed windows this will be a home easily heated. The high-tech design is said to be carbon-neutral and will feature wifi controls, while electricity will be provided by photovoltaic panels on the roof.

The two-bedroom property is clad in untreated larch, which will weather to a silvery-grey colour in harmony with the landscape.

Tim and Ishbel are keen walkers and outdoor enthusiasts, and they love their new surroundings.

‘Apart from deer, so far I have seen an eagle, otters in the loch, a stoat and eider ducks,’ said Ishbel. ‘And we can get out on to the hills right from our front door.’

The house should be ready for living in by the beginning of June, and the couple cannot wait.

The house will blend into the landscape as larch cladding weathers.

51\_a12EcoHouse\_after11



Tim and Ishbel are excited by the prospect of living in a new eco-house. 51\_a12EcoHouse\_after04



Left and below: The walls start to go up in late February.

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Tim and Ishbel’s new home taking shape by mid March.

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The house, complete with bedroom balcony.

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# The voyages of the Fulmar

The serialisation of a log book from the yacht Fulmar, recording her 1956 voyages and the adventures of her crew.

The dog-eared log book was sent to the Argyllshire Advertiser accompanied by an unsigned note saying the log book had been bought among a lot of assorted items at an Edinburgh fleamarket.

The Fulmar, a 41-foot gaff cutter built in 1901, was owned by Commander Ralph G Mowat, RN (Rtd). Information on Commander Mowat was unearthed after an appeal by this newspaper, but we would love to hear from any surviving relatives.

The yacht won her class in the 1956 Tobermory Race from Bute to Tobermory, via the Crinan Canal, before setting off on a cruise from Crinan up the west coast, around Mull and back home.

Crew of the Fulmar and their nicknames: RG Mowat, 'Skipper'; Mary R Mowat, 'Mate'; G Paterson, 'Pilot'; S Stanger, 'Doctor'; JM Mowat, 'Bosun'; Chris Paterson, 'Tanky'; Robin G Mowat, 'Tar'; Shena R Mowat, 'Purser' and dachshund Ruddiger von Stoer, 'Major of Marines'.



'The sky clearing from the north in Drumbuy'.

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## Part nine

As soon as we were anchored we had afternoon tea with cakes and biscuits and, as seems inevitable in this bay, we were invaded by a wasp and had quite a job getting it out of the cabin – twice it went out and twice came back before leaving finally.

All had a doze or read after tea then all but the Skipper and Pilot went ashore. They landed in the bay to eastward of us and had a little difficulty in getting onto the beach. The Mate and Tanky had a wash in the burn, the Bosun climbed to the road, the Tar stayed on the shore and got badly midge-bitten, and the Major got quite bright and walked (and almost trotted) quite a lot. On board the Pilot and Skipper snoozed and/or read.

On the shore party's return all but the Mate and Skipper who remained behind to top and tail some very inferior



'Leaving Drumbuy'. 51\_a12Fulmar02\_LeavingDrumbuy

Tobermory gooseberries, went off fishing in the entrance channel. The Tanky caught two and the Tar two but they were only small saithe and were thrown back into the sea when taken off the hook. They affirm that one of the two the Tar caught was one that had just been released from the Tanky's hook.

The glass we were glad to note had not stopped falling and had remained unchanged for four hours.

When the fishers returned the Bosun and Pilot went ashore and got a balerful of mussels for bait intending to do some deep sea fishing but they never did it and the mus-

sels were mostly used by the Skipper who threw them at gulls perched on our dinghy or jackstaff.

At half past eight we had a supper of mince and gooseberries but the Skipper was "off food" and supped on a strong gin, coffee and biscuits.

After that the rain set in very heavily and we sat below talking, reading, playing patience, knitting, until about 10.30pm when we turned in.

## Thursday August 2

We had a quiet but very wet night, the rain falling continuously till about six.

We heard the usual forecast of rain for the whole country and Malin and Hebrides were the only areas not mentioned in the gale or severe gale warnings. Fresh to strong northerlies force 6 or 7 were their portions. The glass, we were sorry to see had not fulfilled its promise of the night before and had gone down again.

We were slow in turning out and when the Pilot got up he went ashore for a wash in the burn. There were some short sharp showers and the sky was generally overcast, but there were occasional blue patches and the sun made fleeting appearances. The



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# – part nine

wind was easterly and light and it was a bit warmer (but not much) than it had been of late.

At 9.30am we had our usual breakfast with potatoes instead of the normal fried bread and after the meal we had a dry spell when we were able to air our sleeping bags. Standing about on deck we saw three men and a lorry on the road leading over to Drimnin on the Sound of Mull at the summit of the hill and from them could judge how precipitous was the ascent.

The Bosun took the Major ashore for his stagger and limp, but he was still not able to do his main duty and was beginning to lose his usual avid interest in food. The Pilot, watched by the Skipper, dismantled, oiled, and greased the winch (and got a good gash on his knuckles doing it) then he and the Bosun attacked the semi-rotary pump which was leaking badly when in use. While pulling it apart one of the nuts fell into the bilges and the floor of the lobby had to be lifted to get it. This job completed, the Pilot tidied up the tool chest which had badly needed doing for the last three years. The Mate, and Tanky had a good clean up below decks and the Tar baled the dinghy, but he had hardly got back aboard again than the rain started to fall heavily and for a couple of hours lashed on the decks.

At 12.30pm we had coffee

and biscuits followed by a gin interlude. The Tanky had a good still Dubonnet and after it found herself (1) Unable to concentrate on 'Pelmanism' at which game the Tar beat her easily. (2) Suffering from a proneness to giggle. At 1pm and at 1.40pm we heard slightly better forecasts with Hebrides very much better than Malin and when the Skipper and the Pilot, seeking fresh air, went for a seat in the dog-house they had this confirmed. It was pouring hard in Loch Sunart and dark and grey to the southward, but to the north and beyond a line over Ardnamurchan the sky was clear and cloudless and it cheered them to note that this line was gradually coming south.

## Mainsail

At 3pm, by which time the rain was off, the Bosun produced a dinner of tinned stew (into which he had put the master touch by adding a tomato) with potatoes followed by tinned pudding and custard and tea.

By the time this was finished the sky was breaking up and brightening but the wind was still fresh, easterly and cold. At 4pm the wind eased and the sun broke through so we got our anchor and at half past left under engine and jib.

Through the narrows and clear of the Oronsay Rocks we hoisted the mainsail, shaking out the reefs, and stopped the engine – as we did so the sky cleared right up and it was in brilliant sunshine that we ran

for the Sound of Mull.

The Tai-mo-shan passed us east bound up Loch Sunart under engine and Soldain appeared coming round Oronsay Island astern of us but with our full sail up, we ran away from her fast. Round Auliston we ran into a lighter patch and went slower for a while but soon the breeze came back again and we went fast across to Tobermory.

The bay was fair cluttered up with motor boats and Venture, Heron and Rose had come in, Sabrina was still where she was when we left, and we had quite a turn round to find a berth eventually letting go off the old pier astern of the motor boat Pandora and ahead of Patrice. Venture was well off on our starboard quarter, Rose on our port bow.

We did not like the berth as it was too close off the mouth of the burn which was coming down in heavy spate and setting quite a strong surface current across the bay. When the Tar, under direct orders from the Mate, brushed his teeth he reported the water as quite fresh and almost drinkable.

Also in the bay, lying away down near the Dorrinn Narrows, was the Northern Lights vessel, Hesperus, and we were told that the First Lord of the Admiralty was aboard her and we wondered if he was making a survey previous to the Queen's visit.

Shortly after we had anchored a big black cloud banked up to the north-west of us and we thought we were in for a deluge but it suddenly swung north-east and broke over Loch Sunart leaving us still in sunshine. The glass was now on the upturn and had risen a tenth since morning.

## Aros Falls

All but the Pilot and Skipper went off in the dinghy using the outboard to see the Aros Falls which were in great form. They had to walk through the Aros grounds and reported that the storm damage at one time must have been terrible.

Hundreds of trees were down and this confirmed what Allan had told us on Monday when he said that after one of the gales he had had to get a bulldozer to clear the avenue so that he could get his car onto the road.

The Mate had got kippers yesterday morning and we had these for supper. She had only been able to get five so she made do with a banana which we thought



'Falls of Aros'. 51\_a12Fulmar03\_ArosFalls

very self-sacrificing but there were only very half-hearted offers to assume her cloak of martyrdom.

It was a fine clear evening and, for a change, quite warm. While the dishes were being done the Skipper rowed over to the Venture and had a yarn with Murdoch and Barclay, but he came back fairly soon as the Bosun wanted to take the Major ashore.

We were getting really worried about this latter. His legs were getting better but his innards seemed also to be af-

fectured by the paralysis and he made no effort at all to do his duties ashore in spite of being dosed with liquid paraffin.

We stood about on deck after dark appreciating the first really warm pleasant spell and saw a yacht come ghosting in from the south. She seemed to be a stranger and came in hesitatingly and anchored far too near Pandora and had, in fact, to be fended off by that motor boat, then she got her anchor again and, taking a turn round, let go a second time. This time far too near

the new pier – if the wind had come away from the southwest she would have made it very difficult for the steamers to berth at the pier.

We saw next day that she was from the Channel Islands.

It was such a fine night we found it difficult to go to our bunks and it was 11.30pm before any movement was made therewards.

We were scarcely into our beds, however, before the familiar rain was once more pattering on our decks.



'Tanky (over-Dubonnet-ed) and Tar playing Pelmanism'.

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# Delivering coal by the Crinan Canal

Reader Elma MacDonald from Tarbert sent in this faded newspaper clipping dating back to the tail end of the era of the Clyde puffer.

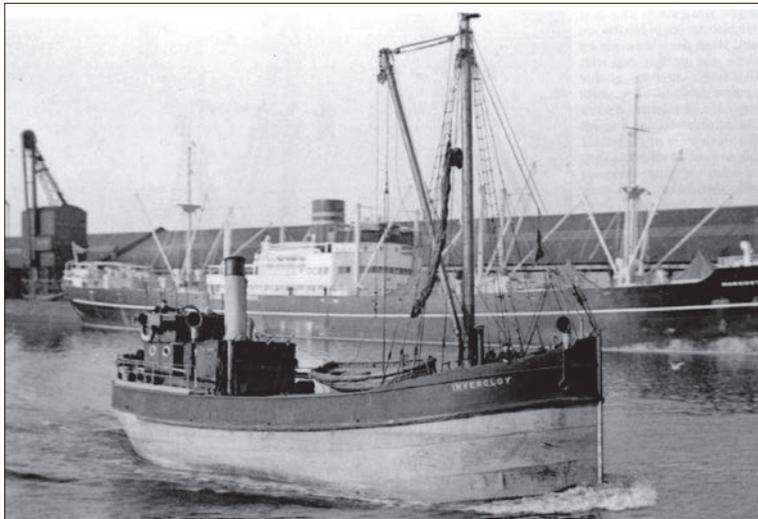
The snippet, from The Oban Times, shows Elma's uncle, coal merchant John MacPherson, unloading coal from a puffer at Bellanoch on the Crinan Canal.

Elma recalls that the photograph was taken in the 1960s. Research using the Clyde

Maritime website reveals the 67-foot puffer Invercloy was built in 1934 by Scott's yard at Bowling for G&G Hamilton of Brodick.

She was converted from coal to oil burning in 1948 and scrapped in 1967.

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The puffer Invercloy on the Clyde.

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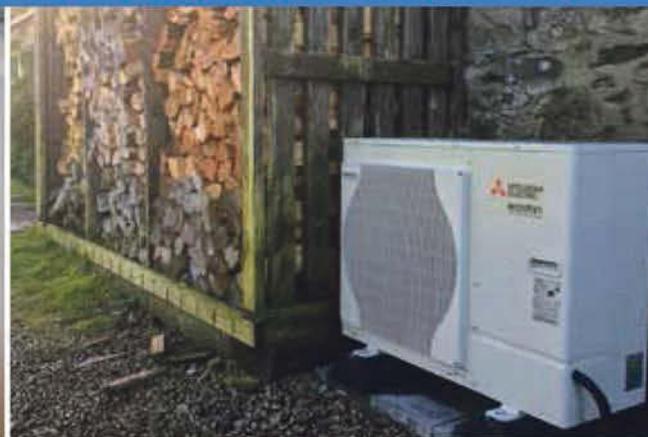
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# Helensburgh fitness studio stays on top form

Following expert advice and support from Business Gateway, a Helensburgh fitness expert has opened new premises in Argyll and Bute.

Launched in 2017, Stay in Form offers traditional muscle and tendon training to all ages and abilities. Classes are based on an ancient 1,500-year-old fitness meth-

od, Yi Jin Jing, that focuses on mind, body and soul and health benefits including improved flexibility, resistance and endurance.

Originally operating from a Buddhist temple in Helensburgh, business owner Edit Makai-McKechnie found herself in a difficult situation when she had to move

premises at short notice. She turned to advisory network Business Gateway who helped her on the next stage of her business journey.

Through to one-to-one support from a business adviser, Business Gateway equipped Edit with the confidence and flexibility to move her business into its own premises.

#### Up-to-date

Further assistance included advice to ensure that Edit was up-to-date with relevant premises legislation as she took the next step in her business journey.

The situation forced Edit to change direction but now Stay in Form is thriving in an attractive shop-front studio in the town centre.

As the only offering of its kind in Argyll and Bute, Edit has built up a loyal client base through regular engagement

with the community and offers classes for five to 95-year-olds of all abilities.

Edit said: 'When I was first told I had move premises, I was apprehensive about the future of Stay in Form. I worked closely with my adviser Jen, who offered guidance with premises regulations, including planning permission and a referral to environmental health, all things which were completely alien to me at the time.'

'The support I received from Business Gateway has been incredibly valuable, resulting in a variety of real positive impacts across my business. It was a big leap of faith to relocate to new premises, but now I work to a schedule that suits me, which has improved my work-life balance.'

Jen Smith, business adviser at Business Gateway Argyll



Edit Makai-McKechnie of Stay in Form.



Edit Makai-McKechnie has opened a new studio in the centre of Helensburgh.

and Bute, said: 'One of the benefits of engaging with Business Gateway is the wide network of support we can offer. In this instance, we were able to review Edit's business plan and guide her through the various planning require-

ments in the local area. Our support helped Edit secure crucial premises to continue operating.'

To find out how Business Gateway can help any business, visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com).

## Council support for growing businesses

Argyll and Bute Council is encouraging growing businesses to make the most of its Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme, which will continue until the end of 2021 backed by European funding.

The programme gives growing businesses the chance to access specialist advice and grant funding to help them expand.

#### Successful businesses

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'We have a wide range of successful businesses across Argyll and Bute. This programme provides additional support to help with growth.'

'Since 2016 more than 130 businesses have registered for the programme and developed their growth plan with a Business Gateway adviser. A total of 72 of these businesses have already secured grant funding or specialist advice worth more

than £450,000. I would urge any ambitious small or medium sized business based here to get in touch now and find out how they could also benefit.'

The programme – worth a total of £855,239 – is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund under the 2014-2020 Structural Funds Programmes.

The growth grant funding can cover 50 per cent of costs up to £5,000 for projects linked to business growth.

An employer/graduate placement grant can provide 50 per cent of basic salary costs up to £12,000 where an additional full-time permanent employee or a graduate placement of six to 12 months is required to support business growth.

In addition, businesses in key growth sectors or their supply chain – tourism, food and drink, forestry,

the creative industries, energy, life sciences, financial services or defence – can also access grants of up to £1,500 to support training, accreditation or attendance at trade fairs.

'Working with Business Gateway, we received the much-needed funding advice that we have been after, resulting in our business being able to grow rapidly, taking the next step forward with confidence,' said Ian Cairns, director of Argyll Financial Services.

#### High Standard

'The grant enabled us to refurbish our new, larger premises to a very high standard much quicker than I had ever anticipated. Business Gateway also supported us with a grant towards a stand at the Ideal Home Show, which gave us an excellent opportunity to reach a wider audience.'

To access support, businesses must

first register for the programme. Anyone wanting to discuss their eligibility should visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap) or talk to a Business Gateway adviser on 01546 604555.

A Business Gateway adviser will work with businesses registered for the programme to develop a growth plan and access relevant support.

Full terms and conditions for the programme are available from Business Gateway.

Business Gateway offices also provide a comprehensive programme of free events and workshops about starting, managing and growing a business.

#### Coronavirus contingency planning

In light of the current and fast-changing situation around the

coronavirus (COVID-19), businesses looking for information are being encouraged to check the resources available at [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com).

It includes guidance on home working, business continuity planning and links to the latest government advice for business owners in Scotland.

#### Online resources

The Business Gateway website also hosts a wide range of online resources available to businesses at all times, including online tutorials, podcasts and guides.

If anyone is booked on to a Business Gateway workshop taking place soon they will be contacted if there are any changes to the workshop. A Business Gateway spokesperson said: 'We are working with our team of advisers and trainers to make sure that wherever possible we can provide support remotely by phone, Skype or webinar if needed.'

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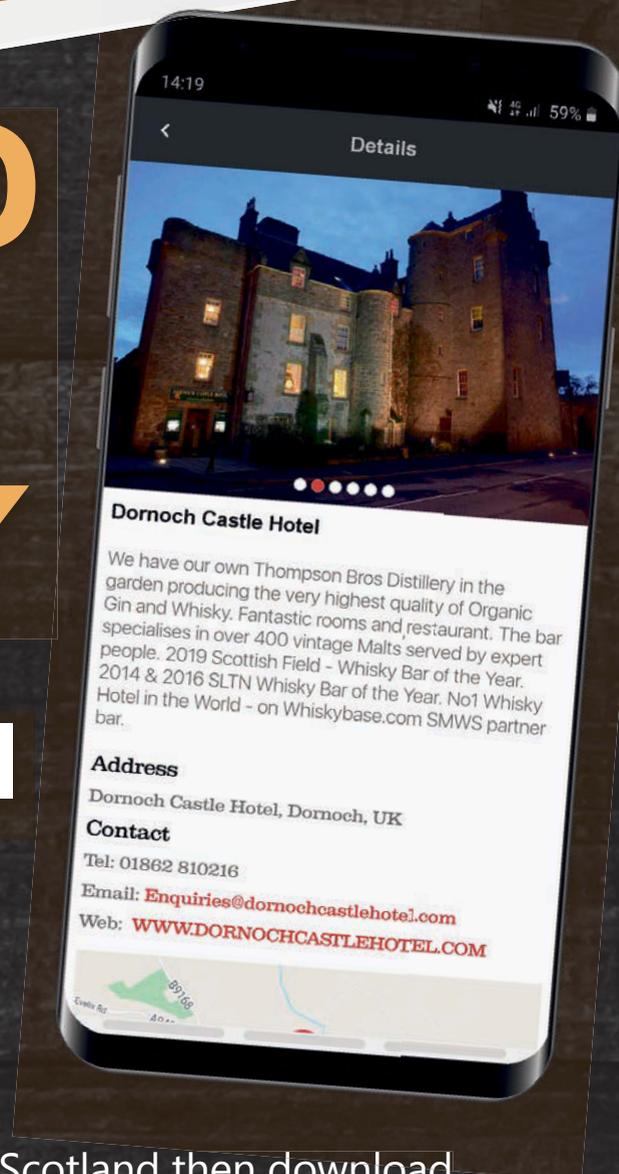


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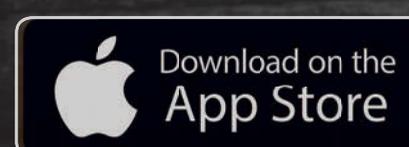


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# Mothering Sunday

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#### Flowers

Once spring flowers were picked on the way home or to church. Today give your mum a wonderful bouquet, pot plants, a garden centre gift voucher. Or work together and give one big family gift: a patio, decking or a barbecue, gazebo or a new shed or greenhouse.

#### Food

Once children brought home food from their work – a cake from the kitchen, cheese or butter from the dairy, produce from the land or even a cut of meat, perhaps a bottle of whisky.

Today buy your mum a foodie gift from one of our many artisans. Think cakes, biscuits, hand-made chocolates, smoked fish, jams,

chutneys or one of the new local gins now on offer.

#### Sharing a meal

Once the chance of a rare holiday or holy-day would mean the extended family gathered together for a meal.

Today do the same! Whether you buy the ingredients and host a family lunch, brunch or afternoon tea or book a reservation at a hotel, restaurant or pub, sharing food with our families is the oldest human celebration.

#### A gift

Once it might have been a neatly-stitched piece of clothing, handkerchief or embroidery; or a spoon carved out of horn or wood or a piece of

leatherwork.

Today there is a whole world of gifts to choose. Clothing, photo frame, jewellery, an ornament or decoration for the home keeps the tradition going or how about a new phone, tablet or laptop if you all join together for a big gift.

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# Cairndow comes together to protect marine wildlife

Enthusiastic volunteers turned out in force last week to take part in a beach clean organised by seafood company Loch Fyne Oysters.

Gathering on the shores of Loch Fyne at Cairndow, volunteers were keen to help protect marine wildlife.

More than 190 bags of materials including plastic, metal and vehicle tyres were collected during the two-day clean-up, which is organised by the Argyll-based seafood specialist each year as part of its commitment to protecting the environment and safeguarding the area's natural beauty.

Loch Fyne Oysters began farming oysters in the pristine waters of Loch Fyne more than 40 years ago and since then has been recognised worldwide as producers of fine seafood with a sustain-

able conscience. The business also produces mussels and smoked Scottish salmon and has prioritised its commitments to being sustainable by using minimal packaging for its produce, as well as championing best practice when it comes to recycling and waste management.

Loch Fyne Oysters currently recycles around 93 per cent of waste generated from production and has ambitious plans to continue to improve its green credentials.

John Meaney, environmental manager at Loch Fyne Oysters, said: 'It is absolutely fantastic to see so many of our staff, other businesses and members of the community coming together to keep our shores clean. Argyll and Bute is undoubtedly one of the most stunning parts of the country, attracting local

and international travellers throughout the year to experience its beauty and to sample our larder of fine food and drink.

'We're committed to doing all we can to keep the shores of Loch Fyne clean, both to protect the amazing marine wildlife in the area such as otters, herons and golden eagles but also to keep our waters at the highest standard of purity possible.'

**Right: John Meaney, environmental manager at Loch Fyne Oysters, hard at work.**



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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN MID ARGYLL



Ugly Bug Ragtime Three's Lochgilphead concert will be rescheduled.

## Jazz concert on hold

Jazz fans were looking forward to dancing their way into the golden age of jazz this weekend but sadly plans have been postponed.

Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA) was looking forward to hosting the Ugly Bug Ragtime Three for a concert of ragtime jazz from the 1920s and '30s tomorrow (Saturday March 21).

Sadly, due to the growing concerns around COVID-19 and government advice, MAAA have had to cancel this concert.

Bringing together three of Scotland's finest jazzers, MAAA looks forward to rescheduling this performance and welcoming the band back to Argyll in the hopefully not too distant future.

## Calling all budding young authors

An Argyll-based children's writer is calling on budding young writers to get their thinking caps on to enter a new national writing competition with hotel company Premier Inn.

Gill Stewart, of Tayvallich, has been invited to judge entries for Premier Inn's under 15s' short story competition, which has been launched to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Lily's Just Fine author will be on a judging panel including Katie Tsang, author of Sam Wu, author and illustrator of Barry Loser, Jim Smith and Barry Cunningham, former publisher who signed J.K. Rowling at Bloomsbury.

The competition welcomes a diverse collection of 500-word stories revolving around friendship, families, animals



Tayvallich-based author Gill Stewart will be part of the judging panel.

or even science fiction. The winning entries will be published and the prize also includes a two-night stay at a Premier Inn of the winner's choice. Entries can be made by email to

StoryPremierInn@golin.com.

As a writer for tweens and young adults, Gill feels strongly about the negative portrayal of young people in the media and likewise aims to use her writing to represent teens as ambitious, determined and community-minded.

Gill is calling on young writers to celebrate the UK's literary brilliance and enter: 'I'm delighted to be chosen to judge this exciting writing competition for young authors. Reading at bedtime has always been a favourite with me, but the idea of a story to wake up to is really interesting. I can't wait to see what inspires young writers today.'

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# Pipers in Fyne tune for Inveraray workshop



Stuart Liddell

World-class tuition is once again on offer to pipers from across the globe, as the Inveraray Piping Workshop hopes to return following the success of last year.

Open to pipers of all levels, over the age of 18, the 2020 workshop

will be led by instructors Bruce Hitchings, Alasdair Henderson, Stuart Liddell and Murray Henderson.

New Zealand-born Bruce Hitchings started playing the pipes at the age of 11. By the time he was 16 he was playing with the New Zealand cham-

pions, the City of Wellington Pipe Band.

In 1977 Bruce joined the Black Watch Territorial Army as a piper and enlisted as a regular into the Queen's Own Highlanders in 1978. In 1986 he became the Battalion Pipe Major, and during this time was awarded the British Empire Medal. In 2000, he was rewarded with the Member of British Empire Medal for services to army piping.

### Taught

Inveraray's Stuart Liddell started piping at the age of nine and was originally taught by his grandfather, the late Pipe Major Ronald McCallum M.B.E. and later, Arthur Gillies.

Stuart is the founder and Pipe Major of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, winners



Practise makes perfect at Inveraray Piping Workshop.

of the World Pipe Band Championship in 2017 and 2019. Previously he was a

member of the Scottish Power Pipe Band for seven years, thereafter joining the Simon

Fraser University Pipe Band from Vancouver with whom he played for 11 years.



Instructor Alasdair Henderson performing at last year's recital.

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Pupils and tutors enjoyed a fantastic weekend of tuition and camaraderie at the 2019 workshop.

Alasdair Henderson, from Dunoon, moved to Glasgow in 2006 to study music at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. He joined Inveraray and District Pipe Band in the autumn of 2009, having previously played with the Scottish Power Pipe Band.

Alasdair is a piping instructor at George Heriot's School in Edinburgh and is also the

Pipe Major of their Novice Juvenile band.

Murray Henderson was born in New Zealand and was first taught by his father, and then the late Donald Bain. He moved to Scotland in 1973, and won the Inverness Gold Medal in 1975. Since then he has been one of the most prolific prize-winners, including six Inverness Clasps, five Bratach Gorms and five

Silver Chanters. Having retired from competitive piping in 2012, Murray is a senior adjudicator for the SPJA.

#### Sight reading

Last year's workshop saw 16 pipers from Dunoon, England, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands gather at Inveraray Primary School to learn sight reading, rhythms, fingerwork, tuning and tone and a selection of tunes in-

cluding marches, Strathspeys and reels and piobaireachds.

With limited spaces left organisers are encouraging those interested in the workshop weekend, which will run (coronavirus permitting) from April 17-19, to register online now.

Giving a taste of what's to come, an instructors recital will take place on the Friday night.

Open to all, the recital will take place at the Inveraray Inn starting at 7pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for £5, with entry free for under 18s.

On Saturday evening, following the day's classes, participants of the Inveraray Piping Workshop are invited to perform at the Inveraray Inn from 7pm. This informal evening will give performing participants the opportunity

to not only entertain friends and family but to also gain professional feedback.

Blending with the piping there will also be a chance for a whisky tasting, hosted by Loch Fyne Whisky Shop, as part of the evening's entertainment.

Further details and the full weekend schedule can be found at [www.inveraray-piping.co.uk](http://www.inveraray-piping.co.uk)

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# MOJO musicians wanted

Organisers of the unique, original music festival, MOJO, are calling all Argyll musicians to apply to be a part of this year's exciting lineup.

Now in its fourth year, organisers behind the popular event are readying themselves for the big night which will take place on

Saturday October 17. Entry is now open and any original acts are encouraged to get their applications in quick to be considered to perform on the Craignish Village Hall stage as part of this special showcase.

All genres of music are welcomed, from rap to rock, pop, traditional, funk

and everything in between. Soloists and all sizes of bands will be considered.

This year the MOJO team have set the following criteria for entry:

- Your music must be original – no covers.
- You can perform a 30-40 minute set of your own music.
- You are from, or have



4Below performing at the 2019 MOJO festival. 06\_a43MOJO05



Lost in Berlin was one of the stand-out performers at last year's festival. 06\_a12MOJO02

strong connections with, Argyll.

■ You or your band are aged 16 and over.

To apply, musicians are asked to send a short description of their music accompanied with a demo – video, EP, Soundcloud, Youtube, etc. are all accepted – to the MOJO Argyll Facebook page. Previous MOJO artists can re-apply, provided it is with

new material. Submissions close on Thursday June 25.

MOJO is a non-charitable, non-funded and not-for-profit volunteer venture. All proceeds from the bar and ticket sales, once show costs are deducted, are split between the evening's performers.

MOJO organiser Dan Sloan-Griffiths said: 'We can't wait for more MOJO. There is such a kick to the night, with

so many talented local musicians playing their hearts out to an audience well up for it. It has such a lasting effect for everybody there.

'This year we have lowered the entry age to 16 to include, we hope, a lot more new blood to the stage.'

For more information and updates on the festival plans visit the Facebook page or call Dan on 01546 602429.

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While the situation could change at any time, United Auctions managing director George Purves said on

March 15: 'We are closely monitoring developments of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Scotland and the UK.

'The safety and wellbeing of our employees and customers is our first priority and we will take all appropriate and necessary actions to ensure

their health is protected. We will continue to follow and implement all Government guidelines and recommendations. It is also critical for our customers that we continue to operate during the COVID-19 crisis, especially as we move to the delay phase, which may see the Government impose a lockdown or social distancing measures.

'We are working very closely with the Institute of



George Purves.

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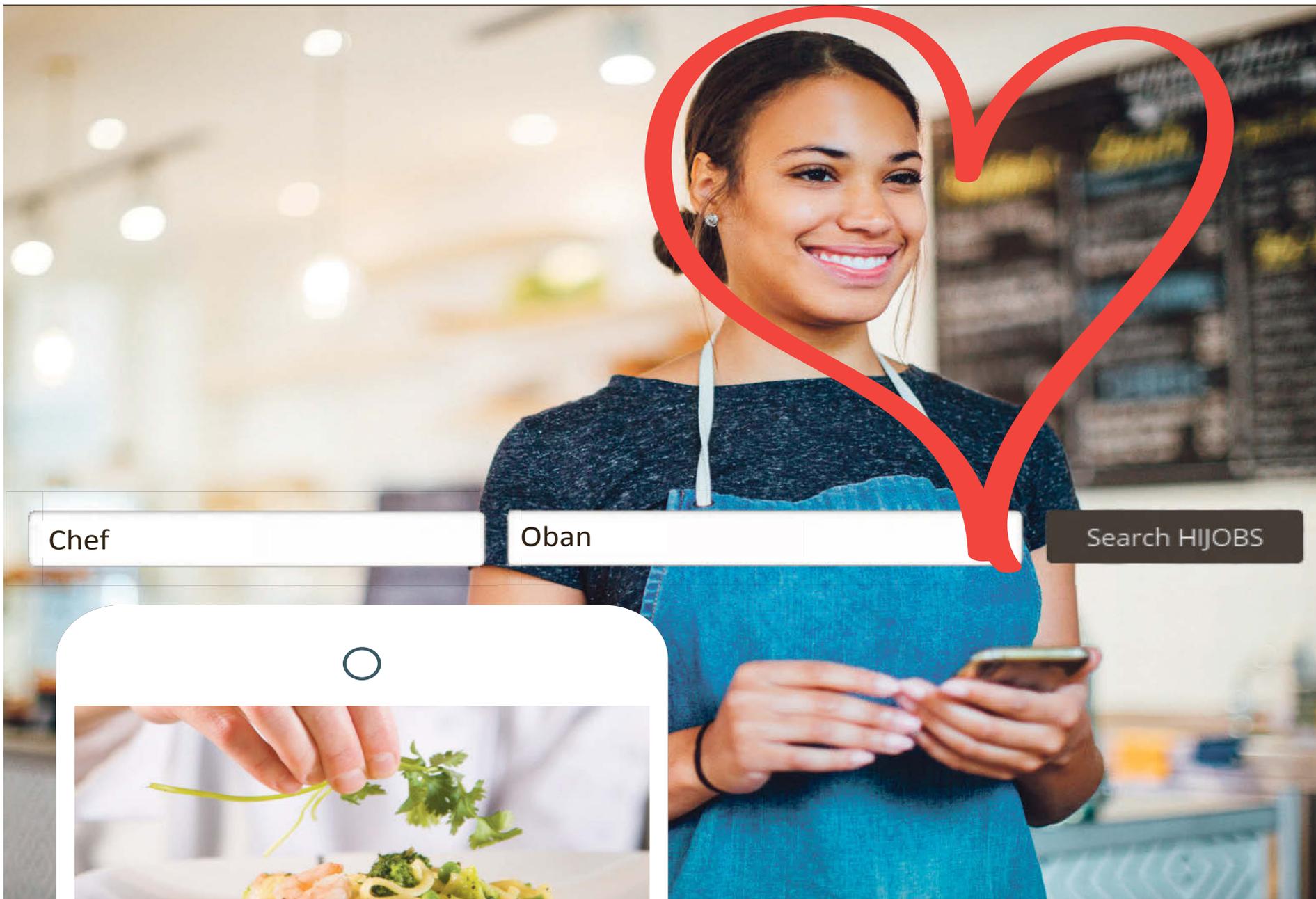
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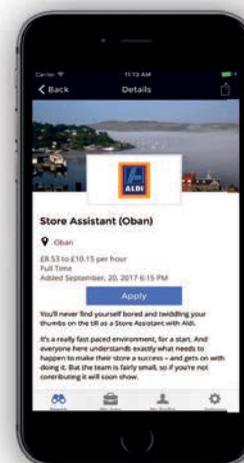
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00408/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 16/02143/PPP (Site for the erection of boathouse (incorporating basic residential accommodation within) installation of septic tank and formation of new access)	Plot 3 South West Of Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
20/00407/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 16/02142/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new access)	Plot 2 South West Of Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
20/00430/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank, and rehabilitation of ruinous outbuilding to form additional accommodation with integral garage and workshop	Ladyfield, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8XJ
20/00404/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 16/02141/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new access)	Plot 1 274M South West Of Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
20/00475/PP	Variation of condition 3 relative to planning permission reference 10/00950/PP (Redevelopment of watersports site including demolition of existing clubhouse and erection of new clubhouse, bunkhouse and dwellinghouse) – in relation to occupancy restriction	The Pier House Eilean Buidhe, Craobh Haven, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8UA
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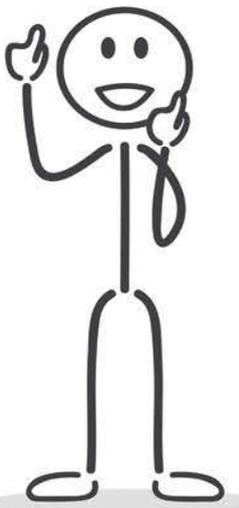
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Pupils at Dunoon Grammar had been hoping to host a Pop-up Mall to celebrate the end of their Tenner Challenge today (Friday March 20).

The Tenner Challenge is a UK wide initiative where pupils receive £10 each and are tasked with making as much profit as possible.

52 pupils at Dunoon Grammar have been taking part in the scheme over the last few weeks and were going to be selling their products/services at a Pop-up Mall in the school forum today (Friday March 20).

Unfortunately the event, along with so many other community events, has been postponed until a later date because of the coronavirus social distancing advice.

However, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, praised the pupils' efforts so far saying it was 'wonderful to see our young people showing such motivation and commitment to this initiative'.

'The Tenner Challenge provides pupils with an idea of what it's like to run a business and sets them on the right path for preparing for the world of work.'

It's great to see them developing an enterprising mindset and learning skills they might need for the future.'

Head Teacher at Dunoon Grammar, David Mitchell, said: 'The Tenner Challenge is a great opportunity for our young people to develop their enterprising skills. Some of the ideas this year are very creative and our young people are very enthusiastic about the project.'

**LOCHGILPHEAD**



**Macmillan Cancer Support's Lochgilphead and District Committee will reschedule its AGM.**

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In light of the current uncertainty around coronavirus, Macmillan Cancer Support's Lochgilphead and District Committee has cancelled its annual general meeting.

The meeting, which was to be held on Monday March 23 at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, will be rescheduled. With members stepping down from their roles and the

recent passing of much-loved Carol Small, the committee is in need of new members and anyone interested in volunteering would be made very welcome.

**HELENSBURGH**

Part of Helensburgh's seafront is set to be allocated more than £400,000 to combat flooding, a report has revealed.

Members of Argyll and Bute Council's Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee have been recommended to approve the

funding for West Clyde Street between its junctions with John Street and William Street.

The document for the committee's meeting due to be held yesterday (Thursday March 19) stated there was an 'ongoing flood risk' in that area, and that budgets could be combined to

take measures forward. A total of £152,600 would come from surplus CHORD funding, while a further £300,000 would be allocated from the Coastal Communities fund. Roadworks on other town centre streets would be allocated another £113,866 from surplus CHORD funds.

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

'Something wicked this way comes,' uttered a witch in Macbeth.

Well something wicked has indeed come amongst us.

Who would have thought our freedom would have been threatened by something we cannot even see?

Who would have thought we would be in a state of almost global lockdown in 2020?

We are living in scary times and the uncertainty lends anxiety, worry and confusion.

Strange that a small virus can bring the world to its knees. Not even the greatest armies in the world can do that, not even that multi-billion pound waste of money, Trident, can do that. Yet here we are grounded and captured by a virus.

This virus has no favourites, no exceptions – it strikes all races, colours, creeds, genders. It can attack the homeless – and the Queen.

It respects no-one.

And if we here in the healthy and wealthy west suffer, what will it be like for those in Syria, in Yemen, in Gaza, in Afghanistan?

What resources will they have to sustain them?

In the midst of this awful situation I wonder if we might learn something.

Might we really realise that we are indeed one people, a global village whose residents and citizens suffer in the same way, with the same concerns, the same grief and the same humanity?

We don't have time to fight now, we don't have time to worry about Brexit or petty party politics – we have to concentrate on keeping people alive and safe, regardless of their religion, their politics, which football team they support and how much money they have.

At the end of this, I pray that we will not revert to type, but that this crisis will have made us better human beings.

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**DEATHS**

**CRAIG** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 15, 2020, William (Billy) Craig, in his 88th year, of McLulloch Building, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, formerly of Tigh Na Fasgadh, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of the late Marion Craig, much loved father of Kathryn, Susan and Janet, dearly loved papa of Kirsten and Calum, and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DUNN** - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, 18 Meadowburn Place, Campbeltown, on March 11, 2020, Margaret Young, in her 79th year, dearly beloved wife of Geoff Dunn, much loved mum of Jacqueline and loving granny of Alex and Katy.

**ELRICK** - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 15, 2020, surrounded by her family, Yvonne Marie Shields, in her 51st year, 2 Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Mick Elrick, much loved mum of Leah, and a loving sister, aunt and a good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today, Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Marie Semple Fund and the Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care Fund.

**HAMILTON** - Passed away peacefully, after a sudden illness, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on March 10, 2020, Agnes (Nancy) Hamilton, née Lindsay, in her 87th year, of The Anchorage, Brenfield, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Dan Hamilton, adored mum of Catherine, Andrew and his wife Tracy, and cherished Little Gran of Jack, George and Jimmy. Much loved by her extended family and friends. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, March 20, 2020, at 11.00am, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Chest Heart and Stroke and Diabetes UK. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MAIR** - On March 18, 2020, peacefully at home, Wallace Mair, aged 76 years, beloved husband of Karine Black and much loved father of Wallace, Keith, Kathleen, and Lorraine, dearly loved papa of Darren, Xander, Iain, Katie, Laura, Archie, Chloe, Abie, Erin, Shanon, Amber and Robson, and great papa of Cairon, Josh, Thomas and Jacob. Dearly loved and sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 12.15pm, thereafter to memorial service at Tarbert Bowling Club at 4pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Alzheimer Scotland.

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# Sport decimated amid coronavirus response

The coronavirus response has forced the cancellation of sporting events up and down the region.

Just when the situation will settle down enough to allow sport to re-start is not known at this stage, but early casualties have included shinty, football, athletics and a planned youth football trip to Europe.



The Argyll final of Sports Hall Athletics has been postponed. 06\_a05athletics04

## Argyll indoor athletics final cancelled

The committee of Mid Argyll Athletic Club took the difficult decision to postpone the Argyll final of Sports Hall Athletics which was due to take place at Atlantis Leisure in Oban this Sunday, March 22.

With more than 150 young boys and girls qualifying for the final from the four area competitions and the possibility of another 200-plus family member spectators filling the games hall the organisers felt it was sensible to postpone the event.

A statement from the organisers said: 'After consultation with the management staff at Atlantis Leisure it was decided it was best to follow the guidance that is currently being issued by the Scottish Government and others to attempt to restrict the spread of the coronavirus.'

'We will revisit a date for holding the competition once the coronavirus situation is clear and if necessary this may have to be after the summer school holidays. The boys and girls who qualified from the area competitions in Lochgilphead, Oban, Tobermory and Campbeltown will be advised of the new Argyll final date and times through their club or school.'

'We apologise for any inconvenience and disappointment this postponement may cause to the young athletes and their families.'

## No trip for young footballers

Months of work to raise money for a trip to Holland in April for young Mid Argyll footballers has come to nothing, thanks to coronavirus.

Lochgilphead Red Star 2008 players, coaches, parents and



The young Lochgilphead Red Star 2008s team's trip to Amsterdam has been cancelled.

supporters were left disappointed when the Amsterdam tournament was cancelled.

A committee spokesperson said: 'The team are devastated not to be going after nine months of fundraising for the event. We are lucky enough to be getting a full refund from the organisers and at present are awaiting to see if the same will happen regarding the flights.'

'We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the public to businesses who have supported us throughout our fundraising, from attending coffee mornings, donating at bag packs and online donations and our hypnotist night. Your generosity has been overwhelming.'

'We plan to let the kids of the team decide which charities they would like to donate the funds to once we receive the refund.'

## Plug pulled on Puffer

The annual Crinan Puffer – an 8.3-mile race between Crinan and Ardrishaig – has also been postponed.

A fundraiser for Mid Argyll Community Pool organised with the help of Mid Argyll Athletic Club, the run was due to be held on Sunday March 22.

Announcing the postponement, Kirsty Young of Mid Argyll Community Pool said: 'In light of current government guidelines to avoid non-essential contact and unnecessary travel we feel that this is the right decision to make.'

'I will be contacting all stakeholders involved with the organisation and running of the event in the coming days to try and come up with a date to re-schedule the event.'



Camanachd Association has made the decision to postpone all matches until further notice. Photo: Stephen Lawson

## Shinty season curtailed

After just one week of the 2020 season, shinty's governing body, the Camanachd Association, made the decision on Friday March 13 to postpone all matches until further notice.

The association also recommended that this should include all training, festivals and other events.

In a statement, the Camanachd Association said: 'In light of the government restrictions on public gatherings and the resulting pressure on emergency services and healthcare provision, the Camanachd Association has postponed all fixtures under our auspices whilst a further assessment can be made and to reduce any additional pressure our activities may have otherwise had on emergency services.'

'The wellbeing of the people in our communities is primary in this decision and we hope that this decision removes any expectations or pressures on participating during a time that we can be focused on doing all we can to suppress the spread of the virus.'

The recommendation is that shinty clubs should hold any meetings using remote technology such as Skype.

The association statement concluded: 'We will endeavour to provide due notice to clubs ahead of any future shinty matches so as there is time to restart training.'



The Scottish Football Association has decided to suspend all matches. 06\_a34RedStar07

## Football called off

The Scottish Football Association also decided to suspend all matches in the interests of public health and for the health and safety of players, match officials and staff across the game.

Ian Maxwell, SFA chief executive, said: 'This is of paramount importance as the country enters the 'delay' phase of the coronavirus pandemic.'

'It is why the Scottish FA is compelled to ensure that the suspension is cascaded through the non-professional and grassroots games until further notice.'

'The decision to suspend or continue training is at each club's discretion at this time, however, clubs must ensure to follow the current medical guidance issued by the government and the health authorities when making this decision.'

## Rugby on hold

Scottish Rugby decided that with effect from Sunday March 15 there would be a short period without domestic competition or training up to March 29.

This includes rugby in all domestic league and cup fixtures, training, festivals and other rugby events as well as the FOSROC Super6 tournament, which come under Scottish Rugby's jurisdiction.

The Scottish Rugby age grade programme (male and female) has been cancelled with immediate effect for the remainder of the season.

A Scottish Rugby spokesperson said: 'We have taken on board all expert medical advice before now and we are taking a precautionary approach to give time to assess what the impact of coronavirus will be on Scottish society in the coming weeks before deciding on next steps.'



There will be a short suspension of domestic rugby competition and training. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



The competition's prizewinners with Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools co-ordinator, who presented the prizes.

## Badminton championship success for Campbeltown

Badminton players from Campbeltown smashed competition from across the county to scoop every major award at the Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships last Wednesday.

More than 40 players from primary schools in towns across the region, including Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon, travelled to take part in the competition at Lochgilhead Joint Campus on March 11.

It was a very successful day for Dalintober pupil Daniel Graham, who won the boys' singles, boys' doubles with his partner Finlay Wilson, and the mixed doubles with Emily McMurchy, both fellow Dalintober pupils.

Argyll has been allocated one entry for the Scottish Schools Competition which will be held in May and it is hoped that Daniel will be able to attend.

The boys' doubles runners-up were Jake Anderson and Finn McCallum, both from Castlehill, and the mixed doubles runners-up were Jake and his partner Hannah Millar, also from Castlehill.

The girls' singles was won by Castlehill's Erin Ralston with Emily runner-up.

Emily and Erin also featured in a very closely fought girls' doubles final with Emily and partner Hannah emerging as eventual winners, and Erin and Emma Millar - Hannah's twin sister - as runners-up.

The competition is organised each year by Anne Littleton, the Badminton Scotland area organiser

for Argyll and Bute, who was recently crowned Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

This year Anne said she received 'excellent support' from Active Schools which helped to run the event on the day. Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools coordinator South Kintyre, presented the prizes to the competition's winners.

Ms Littleton said: 'I would like to congratulate all who participated for the quality of play and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Special mention to the award winners, all of whom were from Kintyre. We would like to wish Daniel well as he represents Dalintober Primary School and the local clubs which he attends at the Scottish finals in Perth in May.'

Results: Boys' singles: Winner: Daniel Graham (Dalintober); Runner-up: Finn McCallum (Castlehill). Girls' singles: Winner: Erin Ralston (Castlehill); Runner-up: Emily McMurchy (Dalintober). Girls' doubles: Winners: Emily McMurchy (Dalintober) and Hannah Millar (Castlehill); Runners-up: Erin Ralston and Emma Millar (both Castlehill). Boys' doubles: Winners: Daniel Graham and Finlay Wilson (both Dalintober); Runners-up: Jake Anderson and Finn McCallum (both Castlehill). Mixed doubles: Winners: Daniel Graham and Emily McMurchy (both Dalintober); Runners-up: Jake Anderson and Hannah Millar (both Castlehill).

## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday: Central Scottish AFL - Premier 1B - Lesmahagow v Oban Saints; Greater Glasgow AFL - Division Three - Oban Saints GG v Glenvale; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Busby v Campbeltown Pupils; Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Strathaven; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round - Lochgilhead Red Star v Motherwell Thistle.

All games were postponed and future fixtures have been suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic.



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## SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

Due to administrative issues related to Coronavirus, we have taken the decision to suspend Spot the Shinty Ball until further notice. When the competition resumes, the prize fund will commence at its current level of £2,600

We apologise for the inconvenience this causes and hope you understand our decision.

### RECENT WINNERS:

- T Campbell** Sept '18 **£2500**
- S Campbell** Sept '18 **£2550**
- L Currie** Nov '18 **£800**
- L Nicolson** Dec '18 **£3900**
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# Rhona on target for national success

‘Taking this learning into the seniors final on the Sunday I felt more composed – it was a great experience’

Lochgilphead High School pupil Rhona Love traveled to the Scottish Target Shooting Air Championships in Edinburgh earlier this month, earning a place in the senior ladies’ finals.

First qualifying for the junior ladies’ final, S3 student Rhona took the silver medal in the C class, finishing in fifth place overall.

#### Composure

Next, up against a clutch of GB performance athletes including world number one Seonaid MacIntosh, Vicky Walls, Isabel Stark and Ruth Mwandumba, Rhona kept her composure in the seniors qualifier to score a new PB of 591.9 ex 654, earning a place in the senior ladies’ final

where she finished in seventh place.

Rhona found her first ‘major’ a humbling encounter: ‘In the junior final I was under pressure from the start and had to work hard just to pull things back. Taking this learning into the senior final on the Sunday I felt more composed – it was a great experience.’

Using largely borrowed kit, Rhona performed well in her first UK major event – this bodes well for her bid to enter the Scotland Junior Development Squad later this autumn.

Mid Argyll Shooting Club meets weekly in Lochgilphead and is open to all high school students.



## Argyll South jumps to it for Sports Relief

Tarbert Arena was the venue for Argyll South Pony Club’s spring show jumping event.

Despite a wet and windy start on Sunday March 15, all the young riders kept on smiling as they had probably guessed that this would be their last event before coronavirus restrictions were imposed.

Tuition in the morning was from Debbie Hay Thorburn and three groups enjoyed the pole work and jumping coaching. The afternoon’s competitions were judged by Anne McArthur and she was very impressed by the standard of jumping and good sportsmanship of the youngsters.

A raffle was held on the day for Sports Relief and £31 was raised for the charity. Argyll South would like to wish all the best to all horse and pony people during the coming months – keep safe and follow all the proper advice.

Results: Stars of the Future: 1 Willow Ryan, Tony; 2 Amy K Anderson, Ophelia; 3 Rebecca Baillie, Fergus.

Discovery: 1 Brodie Crawford, Toby; 2 Morgan Sinclair, Just William; 3 Amy Anderson, Stella; 4 Rebecca Baillie, Fergus; 5 Isla McShannon, Frostie.

Newcomers: 1 Morgan Sinclair, Just William; 2 Brodie Crawford, Toby; 3 Cerys Baird, Dancer.

Grand Prix: 1 Josephine Boase, Valerie; 2 Cerys Baird, Dancer.

### Sport on hold during coronavirus crisis

Sporting events across the country, including Argyll, have been severely affected by the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

Shinty, rugby and football fixtures, athletics events and many other sporting occasions have fallen victim to measures recommended by the UK and Scottish governments to slow the coronavirus outbreak.

Earlier this week organisers of the popular Crinan Puffer race made the decision to call off this weekend’s planned event in light of stricter government guidance.

More on the impact on sport on page 34.



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