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Residents smarting as new mast appears in Minard

by Colin Cameron
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It was only when workers arrived on site that Minard residents realised a 10-metre (32 foot) steel mast was going up in their midst.

The mast is part of a UK Government initiative to introduce smart energy meters across the country, but the people of Minard claim they knew nothing about it before work started on July 2.

Allan MacDougall lives across the road and spotted the contractors while working from home under lockdown.

He said: 'I thought they were repairing potholes on the A83.'

'I didn't take any further notice until I went for a break and was amazed at what I saw. A 10 metre mast had been erected across from the house, intruding on one of the area's most beautiful views across Loch Fyne.'

Mr MacDougall says neither he nor his neighbours were

consulted beforehand. The Minard mast is one of around 40 installed in Argyll and Bute by contractor Arqiva on behalf of main contractor Smart DCC. The masts provide a link between smart meters installed in homes and the energy companies in a bid to improve energy use efficiency.

An Arqiva spokesperson said: 'The wireless network for smart metering uses existing infrastructure where possible, but some new masts need to be built to ensure virtually all energy consumers and businesses in Scotland will reap the benefits.'

'Whenever new masts are needed, we adhere to the full planning process.'

Planning is controlled by the local authority and an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'The contractor Arqiva, as an electronic communications code operator, will use permitted development rights set out under

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Keeping Inveraray in trim for 35 years

Lorraine Crawford was just 23 when she took over a former Inveraray tearoom to set up her own hairdressing salon.

As the easing of lockdown allowed the doors of Fyne Snips to open once again on July 15, Lorraine celebrated 35 years in business.

Lorraine said: 'I'd like to thank all my loyal customers, especially the ones who have been coming since 1985, and my three children who have been supportive.'

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■ A food parcel was stolen from outside an address in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, sometime between 9am and 4pm on Friday July 10.

■ A 41-year-old driver allegedly behaved in an abusive manner, assaulted the attending officers and resisted arrest after police stopped and searched a vehicle at 3pm on Tuesday July 14 on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. The man was charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ A cycling helmet was stolen from the picnic area outside Riverside Filing Station, Lochgilphead, around 3pm on Wednesday July 15.

■ Sometime between midnight on Monday July 6 and 1.10pm on Monday July 13, a fishing rod and tackle box was stolen from Crinan Boat Yard. Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

■ Two men, aged 32 and 27, were found in possession of cannabis when two cars were stopped and searched at 11.55pm on Friday July

17 in Front Street, Inveraray. The men were issued with recordable police warnings.

■ At 9.10pm on Friday July 17, on Tarbert Road, Ardrihaig, police stopped a car as the driver, a man aged 33, was allegedly driving while using a mobile phone. The man was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ An 18-year-old man was allegedly found in possession of cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy after a car was stopped and searched by police at 11.30pm on Saturday July 18 on Inveraray's Front Street. He was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was bitten on the leg and injured by a collie dog around 4pm on Thursday July 16 at Loch Coille Bharr woodland near Achnamara.

■ **Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.**

Residents smarting over Minard mast

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Class 67 of Part 20 of Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, as amended.

'In some cases, as at Minard, the installation of apparatus will not trigger a specific requirement for planning permission.'

'There are no buildings within 20 metres of the development so, as per national guidelines, there is no requirement for neighbour notification.'

The community council was informed of the proposed development in December 2019 and, after discussion and a site meeting, members agreed that as this was a government initiative and the structure was of a small scale it had no objections to the application.

West Loch Fyne Community Council convener Fred Bruce explained: 'No comments were received by the commu-



Views of Minard's contentious new 10-metre smart energy mast.

nity council from any Minard residents. It was our understanding all parties near the proposed site would receive statutory notification from the local authority.

'As no comments were made to the community council we made no adverse comment to

planning re same.' He added: 'Having visited the site we do not see there is any serious visual impact on the area. Some residents in Minard have driven through and were unaware it was there.'

Mid Argyll councillors Sandy Taylor and Dougie

Philand have, however, called for communication to be improved between developers and residents.

Councillor Taylor told the Advertiser: 'I am pleased to support the community as they assert their right to meaningful engagement by prospective developers and the relocation of the mast and have written to the company expressing my concerns for direct engagement with residents affected by developments of this type.'

'I was not made aware of the proposal until I was contacted by dissatisfied residents when the decision had been taken,' added Councillor Philand.

'I believe the siting of the mast was insensitive and not to consult with affected residents was wrong.'

'It seems typical of large companies, doing what they want irrespective of what local opinion is.'

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New Argyll cancer support service

A new service providing advice and emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer has been launched in the Highlands, including Argyll and Bute.

Macmillan Cancer Support has funded the £500k service which is being delivered in partnership with NHS Highland.

Eight support workers are now in touch with people affected by cancer and their families. They are already helping those struggling even more than normal because of the uncertainties in the current pandemic.

Angeline Macleod, manager of the new service, said: 'As a cancer nurse, I am aware cancer has a huge impact on many aspects of people's lives, from money worries to mental health. Often people don't know where to turn. Anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer and lives in the Highlands can call the team to talk through their concerns, from how to get more active, managing fatigue, to loneliness and relationship issues.'

The support worker can also signpost people to other colleagues and organisations that can help, from benefits advisors to counsellors.

Cancer support worker Chris Holden added: 'Having lived and worked in Argyll and Bute for a number of years, I see how vital this new service is. It's a privilege to be available to people who have had a cancer diagnosis, and their loved ones. I can offer people time to listen and ways to address problems they may be facing. It's a very rewarding role.'

To get support contact Angeline Macleod on 07866 146496.

Scottish Water 'keen to begin' Tarbert project

by Colin Cameron
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A much-delayed £3.4 million project to upgrade Tarbert's sewer system remains in the sights of Scottish Water – though no new date has been set for it to begin.

The scheme was originally due to start in 2019 but was delayed until January 2020 – later extended to March.

Just before coronavirus lockdown in March, Scottish Water revealed it was looking for a new contractor for the project to install new larger diameter pipes along Barmore Road, Harbour Street and School Road in the village.

The intention had been to



A new sewer system is planned for Tarbert – the question is when. 06_a30tarbert01

avoid working during the busy summer period of festivals in Tarbert, but the pandemic forced the cancellation of these events. Concern has since been raised among some businesses

that work might now begin just as visitors and trade returns after four months.

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'Now that lockdown restrictions have eased, we are

'We cannot say for sure when work will begin on site, however, we are doing all we can to progress this important project'

keen to begin our essential improvement work to tackle sewer flooding in Tarbert.

'We cannot say for sure when work will begin on site, however, we are doing all we can to progress this important project. We are currently discussing our plans with local businesses and will continue to engage with them

and stakeholders to ensure we minimise any impact this work might have on the Tarbert community.'

The largest diameter pipe to be installed will be 1.2m, or four feet, in diameter, to be installed on Harbour Street – something which concerns Tarbert retailer Ian MacIntyre.

Mr MacIntyre told the Advertiser: 'This is a large diameter pipe and I am worried excavations for this will damage the foundations of the buildings along the harbour.'

The Scottish Water spokesperson responded: 'All work will be carried out in a safe and respectful manner and will not be detrimental to existing structures.'

Cowal Highland Gathering goes virtual in 2020



Mid Argyll Pipe Band takes to the arena at the 2018 Cowal event. 06_a35CowalGames04

Organisers of the world-famous Cowal Highland Gathering will host a virtual alternative for 2020, with three days of online entertainment running from August 27 to 29.

After the pandemic forced the event's cancellation in April, directors came up with the fantastic alternative of a free online celebration on what would have been the dates of the 126th Cowal Highland Gathering in Dunoon.

The virtual event, which will stream on the gathering's

Facebook page and YouTube channel, will include all the elements which make Cowal Highland Gathering unique, including interviews with past and present competitors and personalities, archive film and more recent broadcast footage and music from some of the biggest names to step onto the Gig at the Gathering and Ceilidh Tent stages.

There will also be opportunities for the online audience to take part, including a virtual 5K run allowing anyone, wher-

ever they are in the world, to get involved.

Gathering chairman Ronnie Cairns said: 'From the moment we cancelled the gathering in April we had such an outpouring of sadness from across the world we quickly realised we had to do something for our audience.'

'None of this would be possible without the support of EventScotland which has helped us fund the virtual gathering and make it as good as it possibly can be.'

Safer Summer Days Out

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'Granny's working for the Queen'

by Colin Cameron
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'A hard act to follow' was how Argyll and Bute's first female Lord Lieutenant described her predecessor as she prepared for her new role.

Lochgilphead solicitor Mrs Jane MacLeod has been appointed by Her Majesty the Queen to succeed Patrick Stewart CVO MBE WS, who retires on July 25 after 33 years of service to the Lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute and nine years as the Queen's official representative to the area.

The Lord Lieutenant's role involves acting as the official representative of Her Majesty in Argyll and Bute; assisting in the arrangements for royal visits to the area; identifying and nominating people for national honours and awards schemes and other ceremonial duties.

Mr Stewart, also a solicitor, was appointed Depute Lieutenant in 1987, then to the role of Vice Lieutenant in 2002. He became Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute in 2011.

During that time he has been involved in numerous royal visits to the area and special occasions in Argyll and Bute, including the Queen's golden and diamond jubilees in 2002 and 2012 respectively and her 90th birthday celebrations in 2016.

There have been 100th and 105th birthdays and diamond

Jane MacLeod named new Lord Lieutenant



Mrs Jane MacLeod.

and platinum wedding anniversaries, with presentations on behalf of the Queen. These included the presentation of a 105th birthday card to his mother, Mrs Ailsa Stewart

who, like her son, lives in Campbeltown.

A key achievement Mr Stewart's tenure was the co-ordination of the region's First World War centenary

commemorations, with international focus on the 2018 commemorations in Islay in particular.

He was appointed a Companion of the Royal Victorian Order in the 2020 Queen's New Year Honours List.

Mrs MacLeod said she was 'honoured and privileged' to serve as Lord Lieutenant.

She was first appointed to the lieutenancy in 2006 as a Depute Lieutenant before becoming Vice Lieutenant in 2017.

She has been involved in all aspects of lieutenancy business, including playing a key role in royal visits, participating in the honours system and supporting Argyll and Bute's 12 depute lieutenants.

A mother of four daughters and grandmother of six, Mrs MacLeod said her family was delighted at her appointment, with a four-year-old grandchild pleased that 'granny's working for the Queen'.

She added: 'I have very much enjoyed working with Patrick and the lieutenancy over the years. He has done such a brilliant job and will be a very hard act to follow.'

'I only hope I can carry on his good work and I am very much looking forward to embarking on this new challenge.'

As the first woman to be appointed to the role in Argyll and Bute, she said: 'There are quite a few female Lord



Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart takes the salute during a 2014 commemorative parade.

'She will make a first-class Lord Lieutenant and I wish her all the very best in this new role. I know she will bring to it her characteristic determination and commitment.'

Lieutenants around the country, but this is a first for Argyll and Bute.

'We now have not only a female Lord Lieutenant, but a lady serving as chief executive of the council and another as council leader.'

'I would like to think this triumverate could be seen as role models for young girls, inspiring them to achieve their ambitions.'

Looking ahead to her role in a post-coronavirus world, Mrs MacLeod said: 'People who

have worked for communities during the pandemic need to be recognised.'

She also plans to introduce new ways of working to the lieutenancy, including social media and remote communications technology.

In the days before stepping down as Lord Lieutenant, Mr Stewart said: 'Jane has been a tremendous support to the lieutenancy and to me over the past several years.'

'She is passionate about seeing Argyll and Bute and its people thrive and has played an active part in community life over the years. She will make a first-class Lord Lieutenant and I wish her all the very best in this new role.'

'I know she will bring to it her characteristic dedication and commitment.'

'The lieutenancy is in very safe hands indeed.'

'Along with my sincere thanks for their kindness over the years, I leave them with my very warmest wishes for the future.'



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Argyll Street changes – traffic or pedestrians?

Part of a main Lochgilphead street could be made one way temporarily to help people socially distance, Argyll and Bute Council has suggested.

The authority is seeking the views of residents and businesses on implementing the measures on part of Argyll Street, which would also involve removing a parking bay outside McColl's and Argyll Pharmacy.

Residents are invited to select between a traffic one-way system to enable widened footways, an advisory pedestrian one-way system or making no change.

If the traffic one-way system is implemented, vehicles would travel southbound only on the stretch of Argyll Street between Union Street and Colchester Square.

The proposals have been put forward after the council received £315,000 from the Spaces for People programme

to deliver temporary infrastructure to enable safer access for people walking, cycling or on wheels during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A council spokesperson said: 'Within Lochgilphead, we have identified footways on Argyll Street are too narrow to allow safe social distancing, particularly between the A83 Colchester Square and Union Street.'

'Our proposals are focused on allowing everyone to maintain safe social distancing and feel safe when visiting Lochgilphead town centre.'

The Spaces for People programme is funded by Transport Scotland and administered by Sustrans.

Councillor Alastair Redman, the authority's policy lead for economic growth, said: 'We have ideas on how we help re-open our towns.'

'Before putting anything in place, we want to consult with

local businesses and residents. We need to create more space for people to move around safely and use local businesses as they open up.

'This might involve moving into public realm areas. Measures put in place will be designed to be temporary, for as long as we have to deal with Covid-19, and will focus on protecting public health, supporting physical distancing and kick-starting our economy.'

'Consultations will be online and will be done quickly as it is vital people are given the opportunity to start getting out and making use of our town centres again as safely as possible. I would urge everyone to give us your views as it is really important residents and businesses feel supported.'

The survey can be found on the council website argyll-bute.gov.uk and is open until Sunday July 26.



Help wanted to find Rudi

An appeal has been issued after a family cat disappeared from Crinan. The cat, Rudi, above, was last seen on a boat belonging to his owners Sheila and Duncan Foggon at Crinan Basin on July 12. Sheila said: 'Rudi is grey and white with a white tip on his tail. He is people orientated and friendly.' Anyone who spots Rudi is asked to phone 07966 539255.



Argyll Street in Lochgilphead.



Above: Happily litter picking – cut knees and all.

Left: Beau and Rae bag up the rubbish with a little help.

Never mind skint knees, we've got litter to pick

Two intrepid litter pickers did their bit last weekend to keep their community tidy.

Ignoring rain showers and cut knees, six-year-old Beau Henderson and her brother Rae, four, set off on Sunday July 19 after their dinner to pick up roadside rubbish from Torran to Ford village.

With just a little help from mum and dad, and kitted

out with hi-vis vests, the pair found plastic, sweetie wrappers, lots of tissue and wipes, tin cans – some with sharp edges – and a glove.

Beau said: 'My little brother and I wanted to take part in helping the environment so we did a litter pick. We saw so much wildlife that has to adapt to having rubbish that could harm them in their homes. We

found lots of frogs and toads, a newt and mice, as well as caterpillars.

'My brother deserves a great big thumbs up,' added Beau, 'as he fell over and cut his knee but still carried on with our litter pick.'

'It was quite hard work because we kept getting caught in the rain but we sheltered under trees.'

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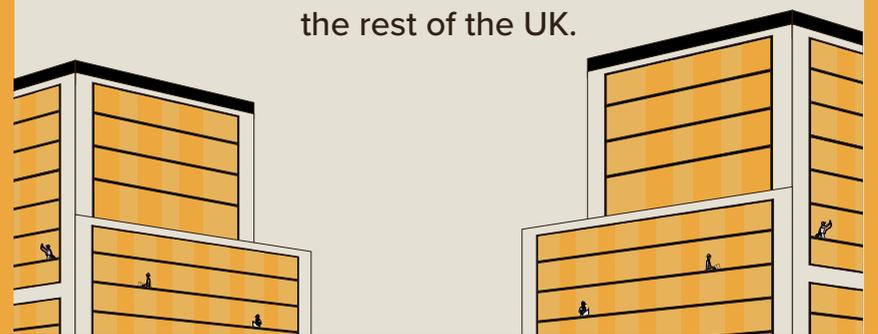
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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**A bit of courtesy**

There are those of the view that the new Minard mast, installed beside the A83, is little more conspicuous than a streetlight.

That may be the case – it is taller than the Minard streetlights – but that is not necessarily the point.

There are a number of issues around this. Why was there not better direct consultation with residents either from the UK government, Scottish Government, council or contractor?

Who decided a mast was needed at this location and why was this not communicated?

And do the advantages of publicly-funded infrastructure to assist commercial energy providers outweigh the disadvantages, particularly when these masts are going up in rural areas?

As one councillor commented, the impression left is that big companies believe they can do what they like, regardless of local opinion.

A wee bit of courtesy early in the process would go a long way.

One way street?

On page five you will read Argyll and Bute Council is looking for views on the safe opening of Lochgilphead's streets.

Time, though, is short and responses are needed by Sunday July 26.

Talking about heart disease

Sir,
We want to start a national conversation about heart disease – but we need readers' help to make it happen.

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If you are living with heart disease or are a clinician working in this area, we'd like to hear from you. You can share your thoughts and ideas at www.bhf.org.uk/scotheartplan or by contacting barclayk@bhf.org.uk or on 07471 902521 before September 4. Have your say to help us develop an ambitious and innovative plan with patients at its heart.

Kylie Barclay, policy and public affairs manager, British Heart Foundation Scotland.

Shielding 'mismanagement'

Sir,
The SNP's 'shielding' of vulnerable people has been shambolic.

In total, 9,221 people were wrongly advised to isolate themselves during the pandemic, with 3,361 of these people told to shield unnecessarily as a result of misidentification of cancers.

This adds to the list of errors made by the sep-

arartists regarding shielded individuals – from letters sent to the wrong people, changes in the numbers of people shielding and problems with the text service.

This error is typical of the SNP's mismanagement of this crisis.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.

Economy needs billions more

Sir,
The Chancellor's recent pledge of an additional £30 billion worth of measures to support the economy is to be welcomed and brings the direct cost of COVID-19 interventions to more than £311 billion as at July 9.

While a seemingly large sum, when one looks at the looming potential economic collapse, this is akin to using a pea shooter against an elephant. With the OECD predicting four million unemployed, bringing the unemployment rate to 11 per cent, what the Chancellor has done is temporarily protect jobs and livelihoods rather than providing the stimulus needed to guarantee these jobs in the long-term and get the economy moving again.

We have seen VAT reduced to five per cent for the hospitality sector, but this is a fraction of the across-the-board cut that was made in response to the 2008 global financial crisis.

What we need is major investment to rebuild the economy and yet we have had the paltry amount of less than £10 billion being used for housing decarbonisation and green homes.

There is an immense amount of capital at very low prices for the government to borrow and

invest. This will not always be there.

The economy was already stuttering in the first quarter and has now fallen off a cliff, with the OECD predicting the UK economy will take the biggest hit in the industrialised world this year. And that is before we fully exit the EU single market and the inevitable economic challenges that creates.

We need a genuine New Deal, with billions pumped into the economy through additional borrowing if we are not to leave an economic and social wasteland for this and future generations.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Call time on tariffs

Sir,
Tariffs imposed by the US on imports of Single Malt Scotch Whisky have hit the industry hard in its most valuable export market.

A 25 per cent tariff was imposed on single malt Scotch whisky in October 2019 and since then exports of all Scotch whisky to the US have fallen by 30 per cent, amounting to more than £200m in lost exports.

The situation is more urgent than ever, with the US government threatening to raise existing tariffs or introduce new ones on blended Scotch and British gin later this summer.

Tariffs are a danger to Scotch whisky. They are hitting our industry hard, with exports to the US down 30 per cent and producers across the board feeling the pinch which has been made worse by the impact of the coronavirus on our global exports and sales.

The UK government must work fast with the US government to call time on tariffs. The UK

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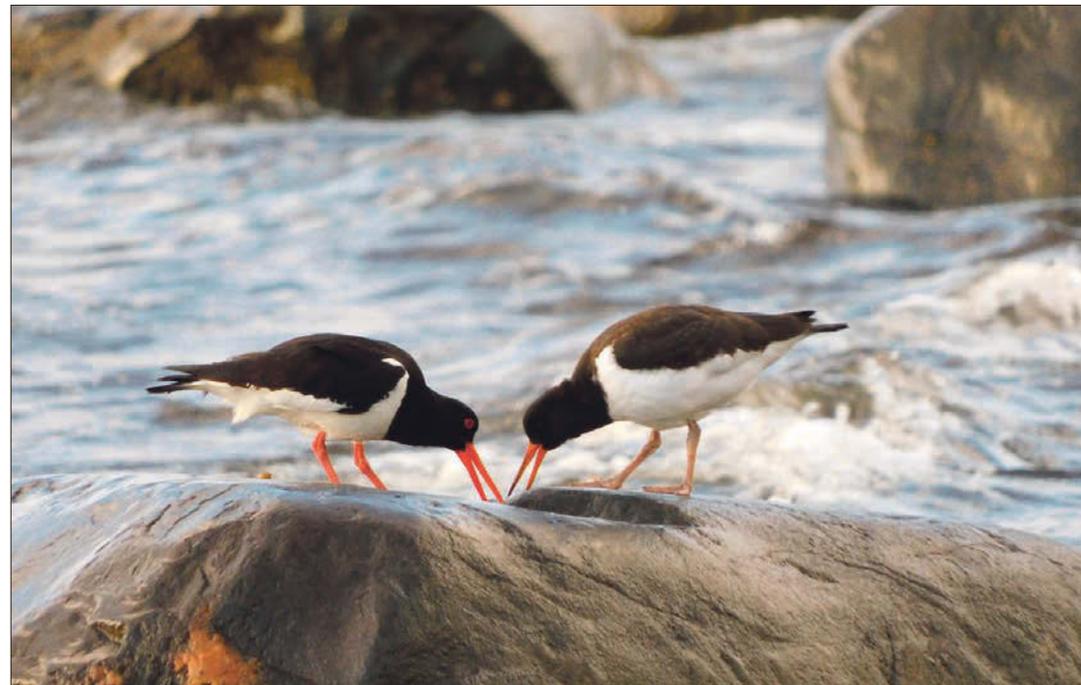
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Wildlife is the subject of this week's reader's photograph. The cracking photograph of a pair of oystercatchers was taken by Aileen Gillies on July 10 at the Ormsary shoreline. Aileen said: 'It's not often you get them doing the same thing beside one another like this.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

must use the opportunity of ongoing trade talks with the US to work out what each side needs to do to resolve their differences and bring an end to tariffs.

The damage being inflicted on unrelated sectors such as Scotch, shortbread and cashmere, as well as on American whiskey, is unjustifiable. We are paying a heavy price for trade disputes that have nothing to do with us.

Scotch whisky is a wonderful thing – in its diversity, its heritage, its timelessness and its global appeal.

Now we need our supporters to root for us and to tell governments that disputes between aircraft manufacturers should remain between aircraft manufacturers. And that traditional Scottish businesses should be left to thrive and trade in open markets to the benefit of our businesses, employees, communities and supply chain. So please write to your MP to urge them to press the UK Government to call time on tariffs. Details of the #CallTimeOnTariffs campaign, including a letter template, can be found on the Scotch Whisky Association website.

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Packed with juicy prawns, smoked haddock and cod, the Slimming World Fish pie is a comforting classic. This healthy fish pie is topped with potato and parsley mash.

Ingredients

1 small onion, roughly chopped	2 large garlic cloves	250g skinless and boneless cod fillet, cut into bite-size chunks
100g peeled butternut squash, roughly chopped	1 fish stock cube, crumbled	200g raw peeled king prawns
100g cauliflower, cut into florets	1 tsp mustard powder	For the Topping
½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed	1 medium leek, sliced	1kg potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
	250g skinless and boneless smoked haddock fillet, cut into bite-size chunks	2 tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
		75g plain quark

Method:

- Put the onion, squash, cauliflower, beans, garlic, stock cube, mustard powder and 250ml boiling water in a medium-size saucepan over a medium-low heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender.
- Meanwhile, make the topping. Cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water over a high heat for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain and mash well, then stir through the parsley and quark and season to taste.
- While the potatoes are cooking, put the leek in a small saucepan with 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook over a medium-low heat for about 10 minutes or until softened. Drain and keep warm.
- Remove the cauliflower mixture from the heat and blitz until smooth with a stick blender (or use a food processor and return to the pan). Return the mixture to a gentle simmer and add the fish and prawns. Simmer gently for 8-10 minutes or until the fish is just cooked, stirring gently from time to time. Stir in the leek and season lightly.
- Preheat the grill to medium-high.
- Tip the fish mixture into an ovenproof dish (that will fit under your grill) and spread it out evenly. Spoon the mash over the top and cook under the grill for 10 minutes or until bubbling and slightly golden. Serve hot with your favourite vegetables.

Watch this space for groups re-opening

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Welcome awaits at Kilmartin church

Services are scheduled to re-start at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church early next month.

Trustees hope to open the church building at Barr Mhor, Kilmartin, for worship from Sunday August 2, starting at 10am. Social distancing will allow for up to 25 people to attend and everyone is expected to wear a face covering. Names and telephone numbers will be recorded for test and trace purposes.

Session clerk Linda Tighe said: 'Our first service will be led by our worship team. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back and, of course, new folks too. We cannot sing hymns at the moment but our organist has agreed to play music throughout our service to lift our mood. We are unable to have our usual cheery cuppa and chat at the end of the service but hopefully it will not be long before we can do this again.'

She added: 'At this stage, the church will only be used for Sunday services. It will not be possible to open up to other church users at this time. We are taking baby steps.'

Set sail with Kerry on a voyage of discovery

Expedition on tall ship Pelican aims to bring ocean science to life



Kerry MacKay is looking forward to her voyage.

Better known for her work with GRAB Trust, Kerry MacKay invites you to join her on an epic sea voyage around the UK.

Trained ecologist Kerry's natural habitat is running workshops with schools and the community about avoiding litter on our beaches, but while furloughed due to Covid-19 she is joining a tall ship sailing expedition to bring ocean science to life.

Tall ship Pelican of London will be her home for a two-month sailing expedition circumnavigating the UK. Stopping at locations including St Kilda, the Scilly Isles, Orkney, Shetland, the Hebrides and Bass Rock, the team hopes to bring ocean science to life for everyone.

As new crew, Kerry will re-

ceive a week's training ahead of the official start of the Darwin 200 UK voyage on August 4.

'I've never sailed before,' Kerry explained, 'so it will be a fantastic way to learn. I am, however, a keen scuba diver and cannot wait to dive in places like St Kilda and the Scilly Isles, doing underwater surveys and filming.'

Precautions are, of course, being taken to minimise the Covid-19 risks, including a week's isolation and Covid tests before the voyage.

Led by members of Plymouth University, projects will investigate a range of ocean health indicators - from whale and dolphin watching, hydrophones and plankton trawls, to conductivity and temperature monitoring. Not to mention ocean plastic pollution and

microplastics, which Kerry already works on with the GRAB Trust and the Marine Conservation Society.

Kerry continued: 'We want as many people as possible to share this experience so there is a team of camera people aboard who will capture all the adventures on deck, underwater and with drones.'

'Follow the adventure on the Darwin 200 social media pages. There will be videos, cutting-edge science, live lectures and stunning scenery with amazing wildlife.'

Don't forget to check out the Darwin200 website and follow Kerry and the team on Facebook @Darwin2002021, on Twitter and Instagram @Darwin200_ and YouTube channel Darwin200, as well as using #Darwin200.

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Time for change is now

In our July 10 edition, we reported on a meeting between Argyll campaigners and the region's MP Brendan O'Hara to press for change in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The campaign group, known as Time for Change – Argyll and Bute, believes the time is now to put people, climate and nature at the heart of the UK's recovery. In the second of our series of follow-up opinion pieces, we hear from Tayvallich resident Douglas Chirnside who has 'been in or on the sea involved in fishing, farming and marine engineering' all his life.

These are my views backed up by the best science currently available to me.

In the next couple of decades, I can see much more extreme weather events and mass displacement of people living on or around the equator; further huge losses to biodiversity and the extinction of key species; ongoing acidification of the world's oceans; civil unrest and the mental wellbeing of many people under threat; crop failures and shortages of everyday food commodities like grains and rice, and an increase in forest and peatland fires over much of the planet.

And no future for the nine billion people predicted to inhabit the world by 2021.

But when I start talking to people and politicians there is severe lack of knowledge on the climate crisis.

So I would ask the people of Argyll who are aware to relentlessly spread the word.

At home, checking the current level of insulation in your home is a great place to start. Also be aware of where your food comes from and consider whether it is seasonal. The list could go on and on, and a lot depends on your own personal finances. Lobbying politicians,

of course, gets social media outlets to cover the story as well as making the politicians more aware.

Time for Change – Argyll and Bute would like people to be more aware of nature and the environment and how it's all linked. I personally spend a lot of time focused on renewable energy and the fast-expanding electric car and charging infrastructure in Scotland and the rest of the UK.

I also think good news stories are essential to reassure young and older people who are informed and feel anxious and unsure of their future.

We must inform and connect business and political parties with the functional, real, live environmental business models already out there. We can champion these models and spread the word of their good work. The Triodos ethical banking group does a great job.

I have invested in an electric car and van for my business, fitted solar panels and home battery storage, insulated my home, source only seasonal foods, reduced my meat intake and help my partner in our vegetable garden. My business is in the marine sector and both my operating vessels are driven by electric drive trains. I don't fly any more and my holidays are geared round my sailing boat. I bank with Triodos ethical banking group.

As for the next steps, for me it's about finding and supporting solutions then championing them and spreading the word to any MP or member of the public who will listen.



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Jolomo's lockdown photo project



Kyle Paterson from Airth, Falkirk, took this picture of his wife Joanna and daughter Phoebe in a park in Airth, with the dark clouds of a spring storm in the distance.



A project launched by a well-known Mid Argyll artist to brighten up lockdown has attracted participants from as far away as Australia, Hong Kong and the USA.

Tayvallich-based John Lowrie Morrison – known as Jolomo – who is best known for his landscapes of Scotland in high-key colour, was amazed by the response when he encouraged fans on social media to share images of the colour around them.

The artist received stunning photographs from Scotland, the UK and around the world, which were shared with thousands of others on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #coloursoflockdown.

John said: 'Colour is very

Left: Christyne Dunk from North Roe, Shetland, took this photo of a rare 'fogbow' or white rainbow from her parents' garden at Newton, Skea, Northmavine, during a social distancing birthday visit.

important in my work. The colours in my paintings developed an even brighter hue in lockdown, as if my spirit was compensating for the time of darkness the world was going through.

'When people ask me where I get my colours from, I tell them to look a bit harder. There is colour almost anywhere.

'I wanted to encourage people to notice the colours around them in lockdown, even if they couldn't travel far, because it lifts the spirit.

'The response has been amazing and some of the photographs are superb. It's against the spirit of the project to turn it into a competition, but some of the pictures were so strong they deserve a wider audience.'

People responded with images taken on cameras and mobile phones, on daily walks or capturing views from windows.

The photographs include a cow in the setting sun from Queensland, Australia, sunset on a beach in Calpe, Spain,

and a view of the city lights from a balcony in Hong Kong.

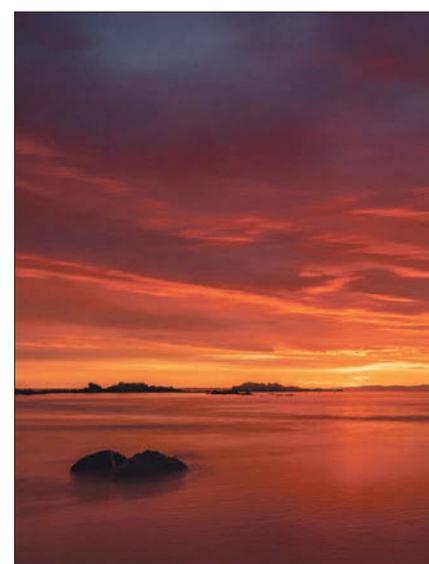
Images from Scotland include a rare 'fogbow' – or white rainbow – from Shetland, spectacular sunsets from Oban and Machrihanish, the sunrise at Hopeman in Moray and a little girl playing in a park in Falkirk.

Many people commented seeing the photographs helped cheer them up in a difficult time.

One wrote: 'The photos have been stunning, beautiful and inspiring, which has helped us through this unprecedented time.'

Another said: 'Although I'm a key worker and have worked through lockdown, I can't believe how much I am noticing colours now.'

Right: Catherine Hodge took this from her balcony in the Mid Levels, Hong Kong, looking towards Victoria Harbour. 'I really enjoyed seeing the #coloursoflockdown vistas on social media, so I thought I'd share some Hong Kong colour.'



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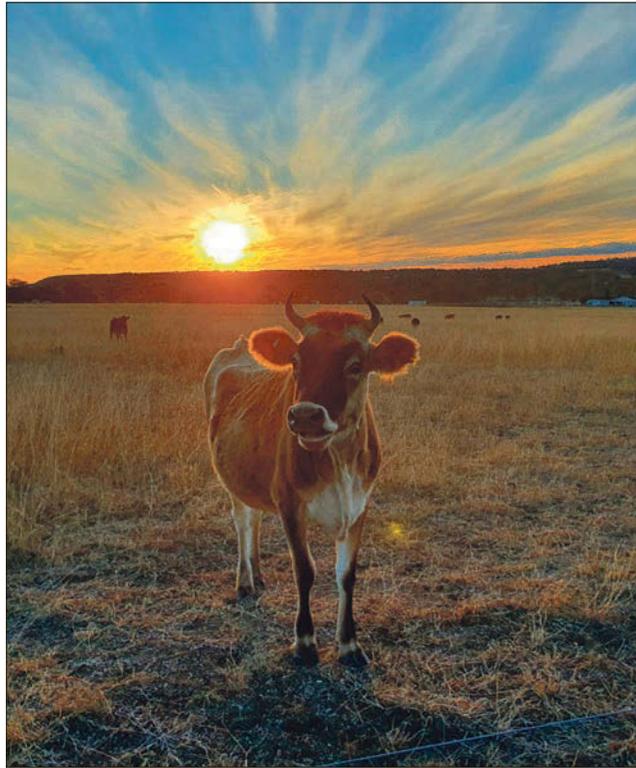
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Above: Raymond Hosie from Campbeltown took this photograph at the Pans, Machrihanish, looking towards Islay and Jura, at about 10.30pm on a June evening. 'It had been damp, dreary and overcast the entire day - which also happened to be my birthday,' said Raymond. 'As the sun set, the colour got more and more intense.'



Belinda Kruck from Warwick, Queensland, Australia, took this shot on an afternoon walk. She said: 'I was hoping to capture an image of the sunset colours against the foreground of our dry country. The cow was a bonus!'



Ian Henry from Oban took this image one evening in April on his iPhone8 - no filters - from Pulpit Rock, Oban, looking over the island of Kerrera down the Sound of Mull.



Left: James Dewar from Peat Inn, Fife, took this shot from the road between Elie and St Monans, stopping the car to capture the moment when the sun broke through the clouds.

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Brothers' whisky lifeline for people of Madagascar

The Gaelic origin of the word 'whisky' is 'water of life' and two special editions of Scotland's famous amber nectar are helping the lives of people in desperate need of fresh drinking water.

Last December, brothers Ewan, Jamie and Lachlan MacLean set off rowing their trusty boat 'Broar' from La Gomera in the Canary Islands heading for Antigua as part of the gruelling 3,000-mile Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

Not only did the boys complete the challenge, but their 35-day voyage set new records for the first three brothers to row any ocean, the youngest trio and the fastest trio to row the Atlantic.

That was far from their only achievement. The MacLean brothers' epic voyage was preceded by a west of Scotland



The MacLean brothers set off on Broar but it wasn't as placid as this in parts of the journey.

'pillage' of 17 generous distilleries, with whisky donated from Lochranza on Arran to Talisker on Skye, via Islay, Jura, Crinan, Oban, Mull and Ardnamurchan. With the help

of many people, two limited edition whiskies were created by the boys' whisky expert father Charles - Maclean's Pillage, a blended malt of just 168 bottles, and blended

Scotch Maclean's Spillage, of which only 299 bottles exist.

Each bottle contains a small amount of whisky which accompanied the MacLeans on their record-breaking trans-Atlantic challenge.

The Broar voyage raised money for the Craignish-based Feedback Madagascar charity's Whisky for Water campaign, aimed at providing clean water for 3,000 people living around the forests of central Madagascar. The exclusive new blends will add to this total.

Feedback Madagascar founder and director Jamie Spencer said: 'Every penny will go to building clean water 'Broarholes'. With pre-sale funds raised so far, we have already built the first two which are serving 500 people. And they could not be more timely. Clean water pumps are proving vital in our COVID

response strategy. Not only do they prevent illness and build resilience, but they serve as a central point to inform each household about the epidemic and how to stay healthy and safe. I thank everyone who has contributed so much to this fantastic fundraising campaign. As wonderful as the extraordinary journeys have been to get to this point, it is the final destination that counts. Please buy or donate, if you wish, and we will start building and turn on those taps. Slainte mhath!'

The Broar blends have been placed on sale at Royal Mile Whiskies, which expects a rush of interest from collectors across the globe.

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WITH BEER gardens entering their second week of opening in Scotland and the five-mile restriction on non-essential travel lifted, the country has begun to look forward to a summer of fun.

While social distancing measures are still in place and it is important not to take undue risks, there are plenty of things to do safely.

Zoos and animal parks around Scotland re-opened on June 29, and now that the five-mile restriction has eased they can welcome visitors from near and far.

Edinburgh Zoo, Five Sisters Zoo in West Lothian, Blair Drummond Safari Park in Stirling and the Highland Wildlife Park in the Cairngorms National Park have all reopened, with customers asked to book in advance.

Fife Zoo suffered a devastating fire just days after reopening after the Covid-19 lockdown, but no animals were harmed and owners have said they hope to return to normality as soon as possible thanks to support and fundraising from the local community.

Stately homes and gardens have also reopened, with several National Trust for Scotland properties now open to visitors.

These include Culzean Castle and Country Park in Ayrshire, Threave Garden in Dumfries and Galloway, Brodie Castle's garden and grounds, Arduaine Garden in Argyll and Crathes Castle's garden and estate in Aberdeenshire.

Historic Environment Scotland has said that it will monitor the situation and reopen properties in due course.

Unstaffed outdoor sites are already open, so visitors can enjoy walks around Edinburgh's Holyrood Park and West Lothian's Linlithgow Peel among others.

Walkers and climbers are now welcome to visit the country's national parks to enjoy some outdoor exercise.

Guidelines remain to avoid touching surfaces or opening gates where possible, to follow signs and avoid coming into contact with farm workers where applicable, and to keep dogs on leads and avoid areas known to be busy.

Pubs and restaurants with

Summer is here and people from across the country can enjoy the many attractions that we have on our doorstep, as long as we follow UK Government advice and enjoy summer safely. There are plenty of places to go and things to do to suit every budget. Here is our guide to the numerous great days out in across our region.



CITY: Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile.

outdoor space have also been allowed to reopen. Glasgow's The Cranside Kitchen, near the Rotunda, has claimed to be the country's largest beer garden, with a free-to-enter area seating more than 200 guests with

social distancing measures in place.

The beer garden offers a range of drinks alongside food from five popular Glasgow restaurants, Rioja, Halloumi, Pickled Ginger, Kilmurry & Co

and La Rotunda. In Edinburgh the Corn Exchange has billed itself as the largest beer garden in the city, having transformed the car park into a space where people can enjoy drinks as well as play darts, ping-pong,

swing ball and watch sport, all while observing the necessary hygiene routines.

With hundreds of smaller beer gardens open around the country – including Dundee's The Kilted Kangaroo and



There are plenty of things to do safely

and enjoy Scotland



CARING: Gary Curran with a wildcat born in lockdown.

Zoo is ready for visitors

Five Sisters Zoo in West Lothian opened up to the public on June 29, with a number of new measures in place to help prevent the spread of the virus. These include mandatory advance booking to avoid crowding and queues, a one-way system around the zoo, hand-washing stations and the cancellation of any activities which involve the public touching or feeding the animals. The soft play area and restaurant are also closed, but food kiosks are still open. Keeper talks have been cancelled, but several videos of the talks have been made available online. The zoo is currently opening

at about one third of capacity to ensure space for social distancing, and owners say they will monitor the situation and review measures in place after the first couple of weeks. "It's been good so far, the feedback we've had has been really positive," said assistant manager Gary Curran. "The past few months have been quite difficult financially, so it was a relief to be able to open safely." He added: "We're looking forward to the rest of the summer and hopefully some more good weather! "People really enjoy it here and they're having a good time so far."

Aberdeen's Siberia Bar and Hotel – there is no shortage of options for enjoying this summer safely and enjoying good times in Scotland.

Take time to ensure that you are in the know before you go

SUMMER IS here and our colourful countryside, breathtaking beaches and glorious gardens beckon.

Many attractions are reopening, but have restricted visitor numbers and pre-booked time slots, so the UK Government recommends looking at the official websites for attractions and organisations you plan to visit before you travel, so that you're in the know before you go.

To make your days out as enjoyable as possible, we encourage you to plan your trip in advance and to check all of the important facilities and attractions, while looking after our great outdoors.

To ensure we're all doing our bit to travel responsibly, here are a few simple steps to help make planning easy.

When planning your trip, check that important facilities – like toilets and car parks – are open before you travel so you're not caught short.

If you have an attraction in mind, please check online to see if you need to pre-book a time slot.



TAKE TIME TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Some places may be extremely popular, so get off the beaten track and discover a hidden gem that you can brag to friends about.

Keep two metres apart from anyone outside your household where you can. This applies to walking, running, cycling, sitting and sunbathing too.

Wear a face covering at all times when on public transport like buses, trains, taxis and minicabs.

Make sure you have a bank card because many outlets are currently only accepting cashless payments and you don't want to miss out on that ice cream.

And take hand sanitiser with you – you don't know where will be open for you to wash your hands.

Leave the car behind where possible and visit attractions by walking or cycling.

Please remember that England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have different guidelines, advice and timescales for re-opening tourism.

To help you enjoy summer safely, please check the respective official sources for information prior to travelling by using the website [visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go](https://www.visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go)



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The mark that shows visitors we are good to go in Scotland

WITH MANY of our favourite attractions now beginning to reopen their doors, Scottish tourism bosses have teamed up with Tourism Northern Ireland, VisitEngland and VisitWales to come up with a way for people to check whether they are “good to go”.

The We’re Good To Go initiative was developed jointly by the four UK Visitor agencies.

The UK-wide industry standard and consumer mark will provide a “ring of confidence” for visitors as the tourism sector works towards reopening.

The We’re Good To Go mark means businesses can demonstrate that they are adhering to the respective Government and public health guidance, have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and checked that they have the required processes in place, ensuring

they can welcome visitors back with confidence.

The scheme is free to join.

UK Government tourism minister Nigel Huddleston said: “I want to encourage the public to experience a great holiday this summer and be confident that they can do so safely.

“This new industry standard will show people that tourism businesses, destinations and attractions are adhering to the guidance.

“It puts safety first and is an important move in getting this industry back up and running.”

VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead, said: “We are pleased that after a very difficult few months Scotland’s tourism industry are starting to welcome visitors.

“However, it’s important to remember that things may be a little different now, there may be reduced facilities

available or if busy, a greater need to follow physical distancing restrictions to protect yourself and others.

“Planning and researching will also become an important part of the holiday experience and we really want visitors to ‘know before they go’ when it comes to travel; checking what is open and pre-booking if required.”

To obtain the mark businesses must complete a self-assessment through the online platform [goodtogo.visitscotland.com/your-business-good-to-go-scotland](https://www.visitscotland.com/your-business-good-to-go-scotland) including a check-list confirming they have put the necessary processes in place, before receiving certification and the We’re Good To Go mark for display in their premises and online.

Businesses across the UK are assessed according to their respective national guidance including the social distancing and cleanliness protocols that must be in place.



ALL SET: We’re Good To Go in Scotland

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Tribute to Dr Eric Watson Irving

Born January 16, 1945
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Dr Eric Watson Irving.

Dr Eric Irving, who died in Ayr hospital on March 27, at the age of 75, was a well-known doctor in Fort William and Ayrshire. His sudden, unexpected death has been a shock for family and friends.

Born in Campbeltown, to William Black Irving from Tarbert and Mary Clark Watson from Campbeltown, he and brother Anthony went to various schools - Campbeltown PS, Kilwinning PS and Dalmellington Secondary for three years, where his father was the head teacher. He then moved on to Ayr Academy.

Eric gained his medical degree at St Andrews University and Queen's College, Dundee, beginning his studies in 1963.

On qualifying, Eric undertook medical and surgical residencies in Heathfield and Ayr County Hospitals. It was here that his attention was caught by a very attractive fair-haired nurse called Lorna and it was not long before they were going out together on a regular basis. Subsequently Eric was the Registrar at Law Hospital, Lanarkshire.

He married Lorna in 1970 and with son Lorne moved to

Fort William Four years later their daughter, Isla was born.

Eric was a partner in Craig Nevis General Practice, and he remained a well-loved member of the community where many people relied upon him for his support and compassionate bedside manner. He retired in 1998.

Eric and Lorna moved back to Ayr a year later where he continued to do locum work for several years.

Eric had a keen interest in all types of cars, especially BMWs, and he owned a family Bedford dormobile. Many a family holiday was spent driving down through England, crossing the channel in the dormobile, and camping in the South of France.

After moving back to Ayrshire and in semi-retirement, Lorna and Eric loved to travel. They spent time in Canada, France, Mauritius, and when their daughter moved to Australia, they spent long holidays there, enjoying quality time with their grandchildren.

Eric is remembered to have been very sociable with a 'pawky' sense of humour and he maintained contact with a wide range of friends from his

Ayr Academy days. He had an abiding interest in Argyll and many happy memories of care-free holidays spent in Tarbert, Loch Fyne with his cousins at their grandparents' home, Heathfield.

Lorna was a keen bird watcher and regularly involved Eric in her hobby. Whilst Eric would never admit to being a birder, he kept up a weekly outing with fellow birdwatchers in Ayr after the passing

of Lorna, an activity that had only recently stopped due to Covid-19.

Eric was inclusive of all, no matter your background there was always a seat at the table for you. He will be a sorely

missed member of the community in Ayr.

Lorna passed away in 2013 and Eric is survived by his son, Lorne in Ayr, his daughter Isla in Sydney, Australia, and his brother, Tony.

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For details and to submit a claim please visit
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Opening on Friday 31st July!

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Our new menu is available for takeaway and sitting in, with additional specials for dining in with us.

We've got the team back together and we're busy getting everything ready to welcome all our customers back!



STARTERS

- SEAFOOD SOUP £6.50
With warm bread roll and butter
- SMOKED SALMON PÂTÉ £7
With oatcakes and salad
- MACARONI CHEESE £7
With garlic bread - add smoked salmon £1.50
- HAND DIVED TAYVALLICH LANDED KING SCALLOPS £12
3 scallops pan fried in garlic butter served with dressed leaves
- CLASSIC MOULES MARINIÈRE £8
Scottish mussels steamed in white wine, cream, garlic and onions served with a warm bread roll
- PICKLED MUSHROOM AND WALNUT SALAD £7.50
With a tarragon dressing
- SOUND OF JURA LANGOUSTINE £10
Served hot in garlic butter with a bread roll or served cold with salad and garlic mayonnaise

MAIN COURSES

- FISH & CHIPS £13
In our own beer batter served with tartare sauce
- SCOTTISH MINUTE STEAK SANDWICH £10
On a toasted ciabatta roll with caramelised onions, wholegrain mustard mayonnaise and salad
- SOUND OF JURA LANGOUSTINE £21
Baked in garlic butter or served cold with garlic mayonnaise and salad - both served with rustic chips
- HAND DIVED TAYVALLICH LANDED KING SCALLOPS £25
6 king scallops pan fried in garlic butter served with salad and rustic chips
- MACARONI CHEESE £10
with ciabatta garlic bread - Add smoked salmon £3
- CLASSIC MOULES MARINIÈRE £14.50
Scottish mussels steamed in white wine, cream, garlic and onions served with a warm bread roll or swap to chips for £2
- Homemade beef burger £12
2 4oz burgers served on a seeded bun with salad, onion rings and burger sauce served with rustic chips on the side - add cheese & bacon - £1 each
- Sound of Jura dressed crab £16.50
with a dressed salad and bread rolls
- CURRY OF THE DAY £12
served with wild rice, popadom, mango chutney & spiced onions
- OPEN PRAWN SANDWICH £10
Served with marie rose sauce, salad and coleslaw



Please make our team aware if you have any allergies, we can provide you with our full allergen menu.
All food is prepared from fresh in our busy kitchen. This means:
- We can't always guarantee that there are no allergy traces in other dishes.
- Some dishes take time to make. If you are in a rush, let us know and we can advise.

SIDES

- RUSTIC SKIN ON CHIPS £3.
- MIXED LEAF SALAD £3
- ONION RINGS £3
- 2 WARM BREAD ROLLS AND BUTTER £2
- GARLIC BREAD £3

CHILDREN'S MENU

- FISH AND CHIPS £7
Fresh haddock fillet in our own batter served with chips
- CURRY OF THE DAY £7
Served with wild rice and popadom (curry may be spicy, please ask)
- CHICKEN GOUJONS £7
Fresh chicken fillet in our own batter served with chips and beans
- 4oz BEEF BURGER £7
Served with chips
- MINI MOULES MARINIÈRE £7
with chips
- MACARONI CHEESE £7
Served with garlic bread

SOMETHING SWEET

- BANOFFEE PIE £6
Biscuit base with toffee sauce & bananas topped with fresh cream
- WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE £6
With chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream
- TODAYS CHEESECAKE £6
With toasted oats and fresh raspberries
- WEE ISLE DAIRY ICE CREAM
1 SCOOP £2 2 SCOOPS £4 3 SCOOPS £6 Chocolate, Vanilla, Strawberry & Salted Caramel
- LEMON SORBET £4



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See you soon!

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**SHOP
LOCAL**



**STAY
LOCAL**



**EAT
LOCAL**

Why keep it within the community?

During these unprecedented times our local retailers, artisans, food outlets and hotels have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that your experience is safe, secure and welcome.

Please remember to be patient, be kind and adhere to premises and government guidelines.

People must, by law, wear a face covering in retail environments and on public transport and public transport

premises, such as airports, train and bus stations. This applies to open air train stations, but not to bus stops. (www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/face-coverings? Please spare a thought that by supporting local shops, be they locally owned or national retailers, you are sustaining the local economy. They all employ local people and sustain families. Yes, it's easy to click, click, click online, but if we don't support our own local shops, restaurants, and pubs, they may not be sustainable.

Supporting the economy! – Research shows that for every £1 spent with a small or medium-sized business, 63p stayed in the local company.

It is the ethical choice! – When you shop at the local butchers, bakers, farm shops and producers, it is likely that a percentage of the produce has had a short journey, less packaging and contains more nutrients.

Unique is the best! – Independent shops often sell locally-made gifts that aren't available in more commercial outlets. Local shops also support artists and designers, local authors and artisans. Buy something unique to your area!

Charity matters! – Local businesses often hold charity events, social groups and community gatherings in aid of charities that are closer to home to the benefit of the community.

Let's help keep our area a safe place and please remember the Scottish advice on face coverings.

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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

SEALED COPPER DEAL

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

- In the Dickens novel *David Copperfield*, who dies trying to save Steerforth?
- A traditional Margarita cocktail has which spirit as its base?
- US actor Shia LaBeouf played the lead role in which series of science fiction films?
- Which African tribe of cattle herders occupies parts of both Kenya and Tanzania?
- What is the chemical formula for carbon monoxide?
- What historically was an East-Indiaman?
- Prince Edward gained a degree from Cambridge University in which subject?
- Kinder Scout is the highest point in which range of British hills?
- How many acres of land are there in a hectare (to the nearest half acre)?
- Carrow Road is the home ground of which football club?

NONAGRAM

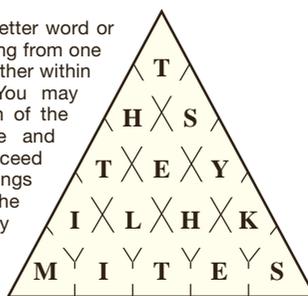
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How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
20 Good; 23 Very Good; 27 Excellent.
Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

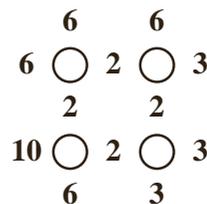


FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

EQUALISER



Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

This puzzle page is supplied by Sirius Media Services. To try our new puzzle, Zygolex, go to www.zygolex.com

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- By the sound of it stop quickly for some food (9)
- Half a house? (4)
- Angela is a lunatic without any pain (9)
- Bird right by the marksman (6)
- I leave viewers in turmoil to turn aside (6)
- Coaching requires making a big effort first off (8)
- Be ahead, having lent money (8)
- Reported how patients wait for the doctor (6)
- Sweet sound made by an insect? (6)
- Cosy igloo rebuilt for the study of society (9)
- Windpipe? (4)
- Lightly cooked - red inside, nude on the outside (9)

DOWN

- Famous new wonder about first (8)
- Entice everyone to the river (6)
- Wildly excited about entire organisation of football club outside (8)
- Lubricate the gear in the North Sea perhaps (3,3)
- I held out quietly in an old Greek city (6)
- Colour enhancer to be included (8)
- Grit mixed with neon to form gas (8)
- On the beach became hoarse (6)
- Dave somehow trapped member and patched it up (6)
- No American common sense (4)
- I'd lost out in being unemotional (6)
- Go to two points in a dress (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Obtain (7)
- Play guitar (5)
- Mesh (3)
- Floating through the air (7)
- Shakespearean forest (5)
- Fusillade (5)
- Item of clothing (7)
- Bobbin (4)
- Eye membrane (6)
- Hot water spring (6)
- Bridge (4)

DOWN

- Card game (7)
- Assert (5)
- Warhorse (7)
- Anger (3)
- Devil (5)
- Raffle (7)
- Chessmen (5)
- Entrails (5)
- Mythical creature (7)
- Bind by promise (6)
- Step (5)
- Set right (7)
- Cathedral (9)
- Beer (3)
- Seaweed (4)
- Compass point (4)
- Deficiency disease (7)
- Geometric line (7)
- Bewitch (7)
- Biblical priest (3)
- Package (6)
- Shiny fabric (5)
- Dispute (5)
- Wed (5)

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Ham Peggotty; 2 Tequila; 3 Transformers; 4 The Masai; 5 CO; 6 A merchant ship used in trade with the East Indies; 7 History; 8 The Peak District; 9 2.5 acres; 10 Norwich City.

CROSS CODE: 1 Z; 2 U; 3 T; 4 C; 5 A; 6 R; 7 H; 8 F; 9 G; 10 X; 11 Y; 12 E; 13 O

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NFU Scotland comment on Agricultural Loan Scheme announcement

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'Covid-19 has caused a huge amount of uncertainty throughout agriculture, as it has for almost every other industry, and it will come as a great relief to many farmers and crofters who still need to be able to invest in their business in order to continue to feed the nation - as well as provided much-needed cash flow ahead of unknown winter period that will undoubtedly be dominated by Brexit challenges.'

'The ability for Scottish



Government to make what will be effectively advanced payments is also testament to claimants sticking to the May 15 application deadline, despite the unprecedented circumstances this year.

'Knowing the loan scheme is coming will provide some much-needed reassurance to all farmers and crofters, helping anyone who needs to talk to their bank about borrowings get through these uncertain times.'

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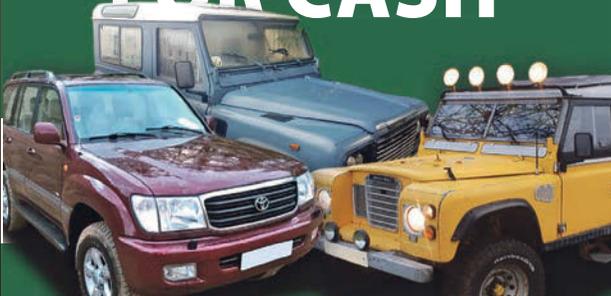
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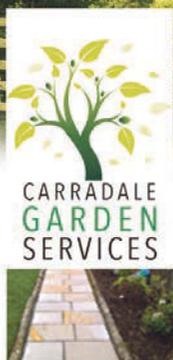
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It was totally disgusting, but obviously a great trophy for our collie Jazz.

He and Carys had been exploring the rocks at the beach at A'Chleit and I thought they were on the trail of an otter.

They didn't find the otter, but Jazz found his discarded manky lunch in the form of a smelly fish.

He was most reluctant to part with his prize, but conceded in the end. I had no problem socially distancing from him until we had attended to his personal hygiene.

Isn't it strange how one thing that can delight one can be a complete anathema to another.

The things in which I take pleasure may be a mystery to you and vice versa. But we may still enjoy each other's company.

As we come carefully and cautiously out of lockdown, it is interesting to find the things on which we differ.

Some folk loved the slow pace of life during lockdown, while others missed the buzz and the busyness.

Some liked the fact diaries were devoid of meetings, while others missed the order appointments brought to life.

Some loved the quietness, while others hated the loneliness.

Some welcome the influx of tourists, while others worry about a second spike of the deadly virus.

However, whatever our thoughts, we have learned more about ourselves, about our ability to cope, about our interconnectedness, about the fact we are all equal.

We have our differences, and always will. I will never find pleasure in a rotting fish, but then Jazz wouldn't thank me for a dram.

So as the French would wisely say: 'Vive la difference.'

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Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has announced a new GP has been awarded the general medical service and out of hours contract for Colonsay.

Dr Simon Willetts will take over the running of the island's medical practice from October.

Originally from Banchory on Deeside and a graduate of Aberdeen University, he began his career as a hospital physician in London. After a change of career direction, he completed his GP training in 1995 and has been a partner in a large practice in Dumfries since 2003.

Dr Willetts said: 'I am thrilled and delighted to have the opportunity to live and work on Colonsay, tending to the health of islanders and their guests. I am also aware I have big shoes to fill and I hope to carry on where the current GPs left off when they retire later this year.'

'The first priority is to see island folk safely through the Covid-19 challenge. I then hope to ensure the population can have the best mix of easy access to their doctor and the advantages of an expanded health care team offered by the current redesign of primary care services in Scotland.' Dr Rebecca Helliwell, associate medical director for the HSCP, said: 'It is great news. Dr Willetts brings a wide range of skills and knowledge. I am also sure he will embrace island life to the full.'

ARGYLL AND BUTE

VisitScotland's three remaining tourist information centres - known as iCentres - in Argyll and Bute are to reopen by the end of August.

After a four-month closure as a result of the coronavirus lockdown, the tourism agency's 26 iCentres across Scotland will open, after adaptations to meet new requirements, in a phased programme.

Five sites have already opened while another five, including Oban, are due to open their doors on Monday July 27. Rothesay and Craignure iCentres will be opened in August.



Innes, Boydie and Uilly - better known as Celtic music sensation Peat and Diesel.

Peat and Diesel date change agreed

Fans of the musical phenomenon known as Peat and Diesel will need to wait for their dose of 'Peatmania' in Tarbert after a planned show in September had to be rescheduled.

The show by Innes, Uilly and Boydie from Stornoway was to have been held at The Big Gig in the Hall at Tarbert Music Festival on September 18, but in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, organisers West Kintyre Promotions CIC took the difficult decision to reschedule the event to Saturday April 3, 2021.

A West Kintyre Promotions spokesperson

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said: 'We are obviously very disappointed. We tried to give the show every chance of going ahead. We are grateful to our partners and the band for agreeing to the date change and know the guys are excited to play in Tarbert.'

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BLAIR - After a long illness bravely borne, Thomas "Keith" Currie Blair of 34 McDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead on July 17, 2020. Cherished husband of Catriona. Beloved father of Helen and Kenny and step father to Catherine and Stewart. Respected father-in-law of Robert and Dina. Much adored Grandpa to Lisa and Stacey. Private funeral service will be held at Kilmodan Churchyard, Glendaruel on Monday, July 27.

GAULD - Peacefully at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on July 22, 2020, John Peter Gordon Gauld, in his 92nd year, of 10 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead and formerly of 12A Dalavich.

Dearly beloved husband of Margaretta Stewart, and much loved father of Peter, Gordon, Caroline and Marina. Adored father-in-law, grandfather and proud great-grandfather. A much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Dalavich Cemetery, on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

The funeral cortege will arrive in the village of Dalavich at approximately 11:30am - for those unable to attend the service who wish to pay their respects. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made in John's memory to Ardfenaig Comfort Fund, via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

KEYTE - (Machrihanish/Arbroath/Stornoway/Fraserburgh). Suddenly but peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Sunday, July 19, 2020, Stuart, aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Moira, father of Jennifer and the

late Rhianne, grandpa of Jack and Ollie, much loved brother and friend to many. Funeral private due to current regulations.

MCDONALD - Suddenly, while enjoying his favourite pastime at Orchill Trout Fisheries near Auchterarder, on July 10, 2020, Alexander Ross McDonald, "Sandy" aged 70 years of 24 Ballimore, Kilmichael. Much loved husband of the late Sally Barker and loving father to Isla. Devoted Seanair to Charlie and Harris and much loved father-in-law to Scott. Dear brother of Colin, Ishabell, Murdo and Helen. A much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A popular figure in the angling community and a much respected neighbour and former work colleague to many. Private funeral service will be held at Achnabreac Cemetery today, Friday, July 24. The funeral cortege will depart from one of Sandy's favourite shops, Fyne Tackle, at 10:30 a.m. and proceed down Argyll Street, Lochgilphead where those wishing to pay their respects can line the route while social distancing.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on July 16, 2020, Duncan McSporrán, in his 89th year, 77 Longrow, Campbeltown, beloved husband of the late Mavis Ayling, loving dad of George, much loved dad and best friend of Lindsay, devoted papa to Alasdair, Hayley, Rachel, Karen, George, Connie and Joe, respected father-in-law of Neil-John and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and friend. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

OWEN - Peacefully after a short illness, surrounded by his family at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on July 16, 2020, Robert Bryn Owen (Bob) in his 76th year, Cruachan, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Maureen, much loved dad of Grant, Ross, Lindsay and Jennifer, a loving "Bob" to Grace, Callum, Fraser, Julia, Finlay and Robbie, father-in-law of Katherine, Eleanor, Craig and Jim. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

SINCLAIR - Peacefully at her home 56 Ardenslate Crescent, Kirn, Dunoon, on July 19, 2020 after a short illness borne bravely, Fiona Sinclair née Campbell, aged 76 years. Formerly of Tigh Chladdich, Crarae, Furnace, Argyll. Beloved wife of Duncan and loving mother of Elizabeth. Cherished granny of Jennifer, Louise and Cameron. Dear mother-in-law to Steven. Sister to Sir Menzies Campbell. A good neighbour and loyal friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Kilevin Cemetery, Minard on Friday, July 24.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCINTYRE - The family of the late Eleanor McIntyre (née MacConnachie) would like to extend their sincere thanks to all family and friends for the many cards, letters, emails, phone calls and floral tributes expressing their sympathy and support for the family at Eleanor's sudden death. Our appreciation is also due to the staff at the King Street Medical Practice, the emergency medical services and the IBD team at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, all in Paisley, for their skill and care.

Special thanks are due to the Rev. J M Gordon for officiating at the service and for his words of prayer and comfort. Our gratitude also to the staff at J&W Goudie, Funeral Directors and the staff at Woodside Crematorium for their guidance, care and compassion at this difficult time.

MCNEILL - Hamish and his family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, kind words and support following the sad loss of Jean. Thank you to everyone who stood by the roadside to pay their respects. Thank you to all the carers and NHS staff who have helped to care for Jean. Thank you to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and to Donald MacDonald and his team for their services, professionalism and care.

IN MEMORIAM

MACGILP - In loving memory of my husband Alasdair, who died on July 24, 2017. Gone are the days we used to share, But in my heart you are always there.

- Sina x
THOMSON - In loving memory of Graham, sadly taken on July 26, 2019, a loving husband, father, father-in-law, papa and granda. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts.
- Love Esther and family.

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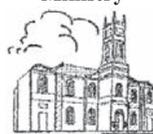


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Sunday 26th July 2020
"Hope that is seen is no hope at all"
There will be a Service in Achahoish at 11:00am (following Government Guidelines)
Meantime, there will be no Service in Ardrishaig
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Record entries for Captain William Todd Trophy

Lochgilhead Golf Course was busy when 31 golfers turned up to play for a new trophy commemorating a First World War hero.

Open to ladies and gents, the Captain William Todd Trophy was donated by Mid Argyll Youth Forum which, following researching First World War soldiers from Lochgilhead and Ardrishaig, discovered William Todd was once secretary of the golf club.

An architect by profession, William Todd designed the Masonic Hall in Lochgilhead, Lochgilhead Parish Church hall and Ardrishaig Village Hall. He was Captain of the 1st Highland Mountain Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery and died, aged 39, from wounds inflicted at Gallipoli on June 29, 1915. Taking to the course on Sunday July 19 were the Flanagan family. Raymond, who organised the trophy, and Kirsty were beaten by their up-and-coming golfing daughter, Eilidh, who had 33 points compared to their 26 and 27 points. Tom Campbell, Jim Hunter and Grant MacDougall all played well returning 38 points. Discussion was ongoing if a play off or a count back would determine the winner, when Liam Scott pipped them all returning his card scoring eight pars and two birdies to give him a fantastic 39 points to win the trophy.

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Ace new programme for top tennis talent



Paralympic gold-medallist Gordon Reid. Photograph: LTA

Helensburgh wheelchair tennis hero Gordon Reid is to benefit from a new programme aimed at backing the country's top tennis talents.

Tennis Scotland will provide tailored coaching, funding and promotional support to the country's next generation of stars through its new National Player Programme.

The programme has been designed to help players aged 14+ advance their careers and make the transition into professional tennis at all levels of the game, with support tailored to each player's individual needs.

Eleven players have access to centralised training in conjunction with the University of Stirling, home to the Scottish National Tennis Centre and GB

National Tennis Academy. They will also receive expert sport science and medicine support via the sportscotland Institute for Sport and financial grants towards coaching and competition costs.

Currently ranked fifth in the world, two-times wheelchair singles Grand Slam winner and Paralympic gold-medallist Gordon Reid is among the players who have been enrolled.

Gordon started playing tennis aged six, alongside his two brothers and sister at Helensburgh Lawn Tennis Club.

In 2004, just a week before his 13th birthday, he contracted transverse myelitis and despite being paralysed from the waist down, bounced back to start playing

tennis again, only this time in a wheelchair.

Aged 16, just three years after contracting the illness, he proudly wore the GB shirt at his first Paralympic Games in Beijing.

All the selected players will showcase their journeys on the Tennis Scotland social media channels as part of a forthcoming vlog series which will give young fans an insight into the life of an aspiring Scottish tennis professional.

The Tennis Scotland National Player Programme participants are: Ali Collins; Jacob Fearnley; Ben Hudson; Ruairi Logan; Maia Lumsden; Sam Macleod; Aidan McHugh; Charlie Miller; Jonny O'Mara; Gordon Reid and Connor Thomson.

Tarbert Golf Club midweek Stableford action

A bit of a damp day for Tarbert Golf Club's midweek Stableford on Wednesday July 15 saw Bruce McLean take the honours with 38 points.

He edged out James Smyth by virtue of the better inward half. In third place was Sheena Ferguson on 37 points.

The ladies returned to ac-

tion last Sunday with Sheena Ferguson taking first place by virtue of the better inward half over Georgie Dickson, both ladies having finished on nett 64. Third place went

to Angela Vernel on 70.

The gents have a week off this Saturday but return to action on August 1 for the Fisherman's Cup. Members are asked to pick their own

partner for this greensome event.

The following weekend will be the August medal, following a change to the golfing calendar.

Golfers in the swing of things at Inveraray

Inveraray golfers faced tough conditions as they battled it out in the Senior Club Championship.

Jimmy Kerr shot an excellent 82 to take the trophy by seven shots from George

Morrison on Sunday July 19, while Donald Cameron finished third in this scratch category. Neil Armour took the handicap category trophy with a 75, while Donald Cameron claimed second on 78. This

weekend will see the first pairs competition of the season, following the easing of some Covid-19 restrictions. The Pairs Stableford will be held on Sunday July 26 with the usual ballot times available.



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