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# Pupil safety the priority as two catch Covid-19

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Health experts are working with staff at Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Argyll and Bute Council after two senior pupils tested positive for Covid-19.

Parents were informed in two separate letters from Dr Ken Oates, consultant in public health medicine at NHS Highland.

On Friday September 4 it was confirmed an S6 pupil, who was last at school on Tuesday September 1, had contracted the virus, before an S5 pupil was reported positive over the weekend.

Dr Oates said: 'Contact tracing is under way. The young people who have been in direct close contact with the new confirmed case are being contacted and they will be asked to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. The rest of the school campus remains open and pupils can continue to attend if they remain well.'

'The school has been cleaned over the weekend to standards outlined in Health Protection Scotland guidance.'

Dr Tim Allison, director of public health with NHS Highland, sought to reassure parents and the wider public, saying: 'Strict control measures are in place at the school and there is currently no evidence of transmission within the school.'

Public information from NHS Highland described Covid-19 as a 'mild illness for most people'. Anyone developing symptoms should self-isolate at home for 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared.

Those with symptoms will be eligible for testing and further information on testing can be found on NHS Inform. If you develop symptoms, all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The most common symptoms

of coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

Ann Devine, head teacher at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, said the affected pupils and their families were 'in our thoughts and we send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery'.

Addressing parents, she added: 'You will no doubt be feeling worried and anxious at this time, and this is completely understandable, but I want to reassure you the safety of pupils is our priority. We have been overwhelmed by the support and understanding we have received from all of the parents who have contacted the school.'

'This is very much appreciated. We will provide you with regular updates but please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.'



## Teams thanked on A83 opening

Whatever your thoughts on the A83 and dealing with the landslide threat at the Rest and be Thankful, it is hard to fault the hard work and skill of engineers and contractors who worked hard, often in tricky conditions, on repairing the trunk road.

Since the latest landslide on August 4, contractors and engineers have worked round the clock to repair the damage to this hugely important route with the A83 brought back into service on Monday September 7.

Trunk road management firm BEAR

Scotland this week paid tribute to the people involved and even managed to get some of them to pose, above.

Posting on its Twitter account, the company said: 'Huge thanks to the teams who worked tirelessly to complete the complex repairs on the A83 Rest and be Thankful and keep the old military road [detour] running, including geotechnical specialists, engineers, traffic management operators, recovery vehicle operators and heavy plant contractors.'

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## POLICE FILES

■ A tyre on a Mercedes Vito van and a separate trailer were vandalised sometime between 5pm on Sunday August 30 and 7am on Monday August 31 in Lorne Street car park, Lochgilhead.

Police believe a screw was deliberately used to deflate the tyres.

■ A padlock was stolen from a storage cage and a coolbox within the cage damaged sometime between 5pm on Friday August 28 and 8.30am on Tuesday September 1 at the back of the council offices in Manse Brae, Lochgilhead. A paint pot was also dropped in the car park, splashing paint on to a disabled parking bay.

■ A grey Citroen Berlingo van was damaged after being struck by a blue Ford Transit van which was heading southbound and failed to stop to report the collision at 4.20pm on Wednesday September 2, on the A83 about three miles north of Tarbert.

■ The bodywork of a red Vauxhall Corsa was deliberately scratched sometime

between 8.10pm and 5pm on Wednesday September 2, in Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig.

A 35-year-old woman was charged with the offence on Friday September 4 and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ The 47-year-old driver of a car stopped by police at 9.50pm on Thursday September 3 on Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead, has been charged with having no driving licence and no insurance.

The car was seized and a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

■ After a vehicle was stopped on the A83 at Lochgilhead at 6.30pm on Friday September 4, the vehicle and driver were searched. The 29-year-old male driver was allegedly found in possession of cannabis. He was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, with a blood sample subsequently taken for analysis.

■ **Any witnesses or anyone with information on the above incidents should contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.**

# Mileage drops as council staff work from home

Mileage clocked up by Argyll and Bute Council staff in the course of their work has fallen by around 90 per cent during the Covid-19 pandemic, a report has revealed.

The document also reveals most of the authority's staff are keen to continue with home working despite some returning to office-based work.

The report on the council's climate change-related activity was considered by its climate change environmental action group at its Skype meeting on Monday September 7.

An update on the council's waste services shows recycling from April to June was down nearly 14 per cent on the same period in 2019.

Recycling uplifts were suspended, and household waste and recycling centres closed, for much of that period because of the number of staff who were shielding or self-isolating.



The council recently took delivery of hybrid fuel vehicles.

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The report, by executive director Douglas Hendry, states: 'Business mileage by council staff has significantly reduced by around 90 per cent due to suspension of non-essential travel and homeworking or digital meetings.'

'This situation has eased in recent weeks with site visits now sanctioned again and a limited amount of staff returning to office working.'

'The vast majority of staff still work at home and most are still keen to continue with

this arrangement, at least in part. However, [there are] new sources of mileage from activities like the community food project, delivering food parcels and additional vehicles to ensure social distancing is complied with for refuse collections.'

'Carbon emissions from council business miles makes up around three per cent of [the council's] total carbon footprint.'

'The economic growth team applied for Spaces for People funding to help provide alternatives to the car and enable more space for pedestrians and cyclists.'

'They received £315,000 and have consulted with the public and now intend to implement a series of schemes for some of the main towns.'

'The team also secured funding as part of the £315,000 for 15 cycle repair stations.'

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# A83 reopens after four weeks of major repairs

The A83, an important trunk road artery for Argyll and the isles, has re-opened under traffic light control after a major programme of complex repairs was completed.

The route was reopened at 10.25am on Monday September 7, just over a month since the route was hit by a major landslide.

Temporary traffic lights will remain as engineers continue work to construct further mitigation measures. A temporary debris barrier has been erected to protect road users and a catch-pit is being excavated at the foot of the channel to provide further resilience.

Work is already under way on another catch-pit immediately adjacent to the catch-pits completed in July 2019.

The A83 at the Rest and be Thankful was closed on the



Repairs are carried out on the A83.

evening of Tuesday August 4 after a landslide impacted the road at multiple locations when around 100mm of rain fell in the area. The source of the landslide was located around 200m above the A83,

which split into two main channels as it spread out in a 'fan effect' down the hillside. Around 2,000 tonnes of debris was prevented from reaching the carriageway after it was contained in one of the catch-

pits, with around 1,500 tonnes impacting the A83 and a further 2,000 tonnes of material washing onto the old military road. In total, around 10,000 tonnes of material was thought to have moved.

Large boulders were also exposed on the hillside during the landslide, with a helicopter brought in to help stabilise the boulders. Clear-up operations started immediately with teams safely enabling the use of the old military road as a diversion route from Saturday August 7. The route continued to be used as a diversion route when weather conditions allowed while teams progressed with the repair work.

The A83 carriageway, hillside above and embankment below the road were severely impacted by the flow of debris and water during the landslide,

requiring extensive and complex repairs. Repairs included constructing a new culvert beneath the road and installing a new concrete retaining wall which was anchored to the ground using multiple eight-metre-long rods to stabilise the road. Work was also carried out to stabilise and secure the hillside above the carriageway. A new road safety barrier and roadside drainage system were also installed and the carriageway was resurfaced.

A team of around 50 personnel worked round the clock to complete the programme of repairs, keep the old military road running safely and manage the traffic on the A83 to keep Argyll open.

Eddie Ross of BEAR Scotland said: 'We're pleased to safely re-open one lane of the A83 after a full safety assessment

with representatives from Police Scotland this morning.

'Teams from multiple organisations have worked round the clock in all conditions to complete the programme of complex repairs in the area and keep the Old Military Road and other routes into Argyll open.

'Engineers will continue to carry out further mitigation work on the hillside above the road as well as at the next catch-pit location to provide further landslide resilience on the A83.

'As ever, we thank the local community for their patience and support while we worked to address the repairs at the Rest and encourage them to drive safely through the Rest and Be Thankful as teams complete the remaining mitigation work.'



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# Investigation launched after 24 injured in Waverley crash

by Hugh Boag  
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An investigation is under way after 24 people were injured when the Waverley paddle steamer crashed into Brodick Pier on Arran.

Of those injured, at least six were airlifted off the island with other casualties taken to hospital on Arran with those described as 'walking wounded' treated at the scene.

The accident happened on Thursday September 3 as the 70-year-old vessel tried to dock in Brodick after a trip round the island. Passengers said the boat appeared to be approaching the berth too fast and there was a heavy jolt when she struck the pier with the impact knocking people over.

Police, paramedics and coastguards rushed to the scene after the alarm was

raised around 5.15pm. They were joined by firefighters, the rescue helicopter from Prestwick, two Helimed helicopters and members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

The Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has launched an inquiry. There were 213 passengers and 26 crew on board, with numbers much reduced as a result of coronavirus pandemic social distancing.

Passengers who had earlier got off at Brodick and were waiting on the quayside to return to Largs and Greenock were accommodated in the ferry terminal and 138 Waverley passengers finally left Arran on an emergency sailing of the MV Caledonian Isles at 10.35pm.

One passenger, who was at the front of the boat when it hit the pier, said passengers had 'gone down like little dominoes'. William Windram

from Melrose, who had been on holiday on Arran, was due to disembark in Brodick with his friends. He described a 'terrific bang' then the sound of crushing metal.

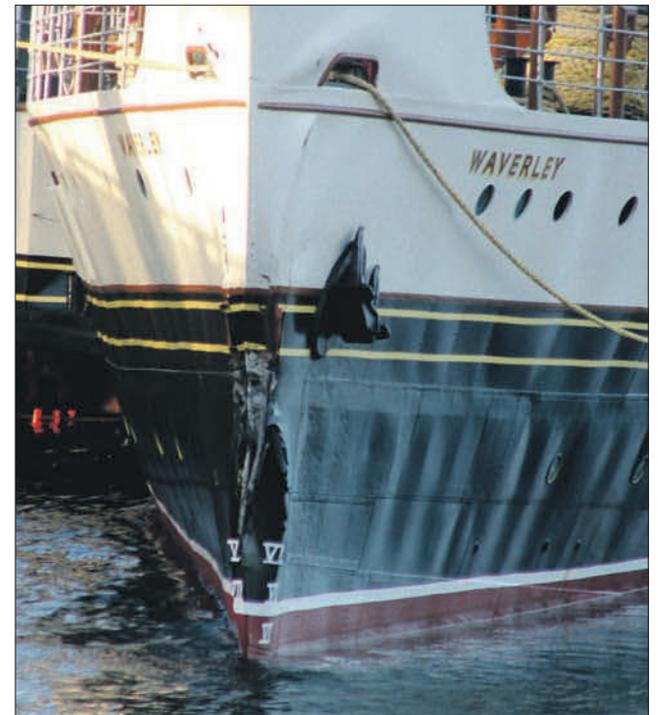
He said: 'There was a lot of people standing ready to disembark. It looked like the boat was heading to the pier too fast then there was this terrific bang. I was with a group of friends and a couple of us were flung forward and hit the guard rail. My friend may have cracked a rib but I could see others had fallen flat on the deck and I could see people were injured.'

He added, following the crash, the crew had been excellent. 'They provided teas and coffee, bags of ice to stop injuries swelling and towels and blankets to those who needed them,' he said. Rita McLeod, who was waiting to board the Waverley, added: 'It came in

bow first. It came in far too fast. We saw a lot of people falling, a few people fell over. We saw a lot of people, pretty badly shaken, coming off.'

Professor Hazel Borland, nurse director at NHS Ayrshire and Arran, said on Friday: 'A small number of patients were transferred to Arran War Memorial Hospital and University Hospital Crosshouse to receive treatment for a range of injuries with the majority now discharged.'

The Waverley had just returned to service two weeks ago after a major refit, but her limited season is now at an end. Waverley Excursions Limited said in a statement: 'Waverley made heavy contact while berthing at Brodick Pier on Thursday and will be unable to undertake any further sailings this season. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.'



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# UK Government cash helping Scottish firms to bounce back

The UK Government's support packages are proving just the business for a third of Scotland's workforce and are key to supporting, protecting and creating jobs across the country.

THE UK Government continues to offer Scottish businesses a "firm" commitment.

A considerable cash splash, worth more than £2.3 billion, has allowed employers affected by the pandemic to recover post-lockdown.

The Bounce Back Loan Scheme, providing UK Government guaranteed loans to small and medium-size operations, has supported 65,000 such enterprises in retail, construction and hospitality sectors.

The UK Government has also offered deferred VAT bills and increased support to individuals through Universal Credit.

At the end of July 936,500 jobs – a third of the country's workforce – were being backed by the UK Government's job support schemes, signalling an increase of 45,000 since the end of June.

Chancellor Rishi Sunak said: "I'm

## Protecting jobs

- The UK Government is supporting a third of Scotland's workforce, 936,500 jobs, 45,000 more since June end
- £2.3 billion-plus UK Government loans to 65,000 Scottish firms supports furlough and self-employed schemes
- The UK Government has also deferred VAT bills and increased support to individuals through Universal Credit
- In addition, the UK Government has allocated additional £6.5 billion direct funding to the Scottish Government
- The UK Government cut VAT to 5% to boost tourism
- Eat Out to Help Out adopted by 3,100-plus Scottish sites
- New £1,000 job retention bonus helps retain staff while £2 billion Kickstart scheme aims to create thousands of jobs for young people

proud that we have supported more than 65,000 businesses in Scotland through our loan schemes.

"We are committed to continuing



**CASH SPLASH:** Chancellor Rishi Sunak has provided UK Government financial support for Scottish firms.

to support them to bounce back and succeed through the measures set out in our Plan for Jobs."

The UK Government allocated to the Scottish Government an additional £6.5 billion direct funding.

The UK Government also launched the Eat Out to Help Out initiative with more than 3,100 restaurants in Scotland signing up, including

independent eateries as well as family favourites such as Pizza Express, Costa Coffee and Nando's.

The scheme saw half price discounts on meals in participating restaurants from Monday to Wednesday throughout August.

Scottish businesses have been able to put employees on furlough – a period of temporary leave – while

applying for a government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month, continuing until October.

September sees the UK Government pay 70 per cent of wages up to a £2,187.50 limit while, in October, the government will pay 60 per cent of wages up to a cap of £1,875.

## 'Cash support has saved our restaurant chain'



**GRATEFUL:** Mario Gizzi, DRG group founder, and Tony Conetta say the business would have gone under without UK Government support.

UK GOVERNMENT support has proved a recipe for success for Scotland's largest independently owned restaurant chain.

Di Maggio's Restaurant Group is a family business founded by Joe Conetta and nephew Mario Gizzi in 1983 with the creation of Glasgow institution Di Maggio's. The company operates 18 restaurants in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen

with five food court outlets in Scotland, Belfast and Manchester. Other brands include Café Andaluz, Amarone, Barolo, The Anchor Line, Atlantic and Cadiz, employing overall 1,000 staff.

"We would not have survived without UK Government support," confirms co-manager Tony Conetta. "Without our staff, we would not have a business. Without

the financial support from the government, 100 per cent we would not have survived. The help was generous. We employ 1,000 people, 40 per cent of our income goes on wages. Many of our employees are main breadwinners for their families. If you turn off that income, you cannot pay wages. UK Government support helped people pay their mortgages and food bills.

"The Eat Out to Help Out scheme gave the business a fresh boost providing impetus and opportunity for people to go out." Tony continued: "Many people had got into the mindset that they were going to stay in and ride this out. The scheme helped change that, giving people confidence to eat out again. It gave people a zest for life. Being able to go out was refreshing."

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## No ordinary virus

The appearance of coronavirus in Argyll and Bute schools is probably inevitable, given its presence in the wider population.

Reports of the virus in Hermitage Academy, then closer to home at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, should nonetheless serve to remind us (if we need reminding) that this pandemic is far from over.

We wish the pupils and their families all the best, but previous experience tells us healthy younger people tend to be less susceptible than more vulnerable groups. The wider danger is that school pupils spread the virus among their home communities without being aware of it.

By all accounts, Covid-19 can be particularly nasty, occasionally lingering with chronic, debilitating symptoms left behind long after the immediate threat to life has passed.

Let's all stay careful, sensible and look after each other.

## Superb effort

Well done to the engineers and everyone else who worked to reopen the A83 and keep the detour running. Five weeks of closure has been difficult for many, even with the old road detour, but that does not detract from a superb effort in repairing the road. We now need a better alternative.

## Let's build back better

Sir,

These, as we all know, are not 'normal' times.

The ongoing pandemic has put our whole way of life in question, socially, personally and economically.

As if this did not constitute threat enough, the coronavirus is itself only a symptom of the climate crisis that is less visible, less tangible – at least to us here in this wee corner of Argyll – but is a threat on a much larger and more fundamental scale to humanity.

We in the 'developed' world are foremost in responsibility for this and all of us, especially us older folk, have benefited to some degree or other from the technologies and advances in human capability that are ruining our planet in a way that is undeserved for the so-called poorer nations and continents.

Many of us have visited and enjoyed beautiful places across the world that are now suffering widespread and large-scale climate change that threatens the survival of the people.

Even here in Argyll we are struggling to survive. In a low-key fashion, as our younger folk look for meaningful work and a place to live, they have to leave for the city and those remaining have a harder time as they seek to keep things going – our services, shops and businesses that sustain life.

But the lockdown has given us time to think and to decide to build back better. To reduce emissions, save the atmosphere and foster the health of our children and the living earth on which we all depend, we have to change our

ways. Local services and a sense of community are key to changing the way we go about deciding what and how to change.

We need active citizenship, local voices, local decisions.

We need governments at Westminster, Holyrood and Kilmory to support us in building our community wealth, to make new work opportunities and to support farmers to feed us and look after the land.

We all need to support and foster a sense of participation in communities – across the generations – to build on the wonderful work folk did to support each other during lockdown.

Let's not lose that. Let's be active citizens. Nothing about us without us. Let's build back better.

Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig.

## Think about water use

Sir,

According to a new survey, 46 per cent of people in Britain believe their household uses under 20 litres of water a day, roughly equivalent to taking a two-minute shower.

The true figure is closer to 142 litres per person per day, meaning an average family of four could use more than 500 litres each day.

This summer we saw a surge in demand for water as more people stayed at home and enjoyed hot weather in parts of the country. This is why Water UK and water efficiency experts Waterwise have joined forces to encourage people to think about the amount of water they are using.

This new campaign offers hints and tips to

help people cut back, save energy and money and protect the environment. More information can be found online and across social media.

We all have a role to play in saving water and even small changes, such as using a watering can instead of a hose, or reducing the length of time spent in the shower, can make a big difference.

Christine McGourty, Chief Executive, Water UK, and Nicci Russell, Managing Director, Waterwise.

## A retrograde step for Scotland

Sir,

Rules supporting sustainable development in Scotland will be removed under new Scottish Government proposals.

The change, currently under consultation, would remove the presumption in favour of 'development that contributes to sustainable development' from Scottish planning policy.

Scottish Renewables has written to the Scottish Government highlighting industry concerns and will be responding to the consultation on the changes on behalf of members.

Tackling the climate emergency means making the best use of Scotland's natural resources to generate the energy we need to power our lives sustainably.

The presumption in favour of sustainable development meant the benefits of renewable energy projects should be accorded proper weight when applications for new projects were being considered by planners.

Scotland's planning process is one of the most

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robust in the world and the renewable energy industry is committed to working with that process, in partnership with government and communities, to ensure the climate emergency and our net-zero commitments are central to planning decisions.

Removing the presumption in favour of sustainable development is a retrograde step for Scotland, and the renewable energy industry in particular.

It flies in the face of the government's commitment to tackle climate change and the positive policy announcements in the Programme for Government and will present serious issues to the development of the energy projects which we need to provide clean power, transport and heat as we progress towards a 2045 net-zero target.

With no transition or grace period for applications already in the planning system, planning authorities can now refer to this consultation, and the Scottish Government's apparent intention to remove its support for sustainable development, and afford the presumption minimal weight by treating the consultation as a material consideration.

At worst, the presumption will immediately lose its force.

**Morag Watson, director of policy,  
Scottish Renewables.**

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## YOUR PICTURES



Regular contributor Aileen Gillies of Lochgilphead took this photograph of a glorious sunset on August 23 at Craignish Point. Send your photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

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## Argyll bar owners praised for covid response

Bar owners in Argyll and Bute have been praised for the way they have dealt with the Covid-19 pandemic, a report has said.

At a meeting on Tuesday September 8, members of the area's licensing board were told they are unlikely to have many breaches of government guidance to deal with in relation to the virus.

A report by Alan Morrison, regulatory services manager with Argyll and Bute Council, also told of a partnership approach between the council and Police Scotland.

Mr Morrison said: "These controls are likely to be in place for a considerable time. Local authorities were given new powers for direction to close premises and events and issue prohibition notices, where there are significant risk to public health through the potential spread of coronavirus.

"The licensed trade in Argyll and Bute should be commended, together with other businesses, as they have adapted and implemented new measures to ensure they are 'Covid-compliant'.

## Science matters

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# Scientists go nuclear to beat whisky fraud

Scotch whiskies are collectable, particularly rare single malts. Vintage whiskies, some dating back as long ago as the 19th century, go at auction for up to £150,000 per bottle.

Demand is growing year on year. The UK secondary auction market in rare whiskies now exceeds 100,000 bottles annually and is valued at around £40 million.

But there is a problem. How is a buyer to know whether they are getting what it says on the bottle or something much more modern?

With counterfeit whisky on the rise, geochemists at the University of Glasgow have found a way of distinguishing real from fake using fallout from nuclear-bomb tests\*.

During the cold war in the 1950s and early 1960s, atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons released large amounts of the isotope carbon-14 (C-14), so increasing the level from that of natural production in the upper atmosphere. This testing ended with the 1963 nuclear test ban treaty and atmospheric C-14 levels have been declining ever since.

At the time, atmospheric C-14 was taken up by living things, reflecting the atmospheric level during growth. Its measurement can therefore be used to accurately date post-1955 organic materials. As whisky is distilled from barley, levels of C-14 in the alcohol can be used to date its distillation and uncover counterfeits.

Relatively low levels denote distillation before 1955, higher than natural levels, after 1955.

First the scientists measured the ratio of the isotopes C-12, C-13 and C-14 in whiskies of known distillation dates. With this information, they could identify post-1955 whisky distillation dates with an accuracy of within one to three years.

Next they tested 55 bottles of Scotch whisky from different market sources. The results were a big shock as 21 whiskies were either fake or had not been distilled in the year stated on the label. All the malts said to have been distilled in or before 1900 were fakes.

Whisky faking is obviously more prevalent than originally



Above: Atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons released large amounts of the isotope carbon-14. Photograph courtesy of National Nuclear Security Administration/ Nevada Site Office.

Right: Is your expensive dram a fake?



thought. So can the scientists beat the fraudsters?

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Left: Niall Iain MacLean hosts a music-filled night at Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

# The incomparable Niall Iain MacLean

On April 8 this year, Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club lost one of its most respected committee members with the passing of Niall Iain MacLean, aged 91.

The club was formed in February 1991 and the follow-

ing year Niall Iain, as he was known to everyone, started compering the monthly club meetings – October to April – and in 1998 took over as chairman. He had a remarkable memory and time and again after a supporting or

guest artiste had played a pipe tune or Gaelic air, Niall Iain would explain who composed the tunes and airs that had been played and who sang it on record. Sometimes it was his father. Another feature of Niall Iain's chairmanship was his

wit and his 'silly wee stories' as he called them, which were eagerly awaited by everyone.

Members of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club convey their sincerest sympathies to Inez and all the family on such a sad loss.

## 'Incredible work and commitment'

### George Hotel owner pays tribute to dedicated staff

The owner of Inveraray's George Hotel has paid tribute to staff for their dedication as the iconic establishment reopened after lockdown.

The George was selected as the national Inn of the Year earlier this year in the Scottish Hotel Awards.

Kris Clark of the George Hotel said: 'We are all delighted at the award. It does seem strange to be awarded anything during these strange times and being closed for four months, but the judging is done over the winter with the awards ceremony normally in April.'

'This was won due to the incredible work and commitment of the entire team here at the George and we would thank them for all of their efforts as we reopened.'

'We look to offer quality rooms and food at great value. I think we succeed in doing this and the testament is that not a single room had cancelled due to the difficulties of getting

into Argyll.' The Ardanaiseig Hotel won Lochside Hotel of the Year. Set in 240 acres of gardens and woodland on the shores of Loch Awe, the Ardanaiseig is a baronial style building offering a luxury four star hotel experience centred around a grand drawing room, traditional bar and high-end restaurant.

Small Country Hotel of the Year title went to the Loch Melfort Hotel and Restaurant, run by Calum and Rachel Ross.

Other Argyll winners include the overall Scottish Hotel of the Year and Golf Hotel of the Year, The Machrie Hotel and Golf Links near Port Ellen on Islay.

The Fine Dining award went to the Isle of Eriska Hotel and Spa, Benderloch.

The Pierhouse Hotel, Port Appin, owned by Gordon Campbell Gray and part of The Wee Hotel Company, won the award for Manager of the Year – Smaller Hotel. Fiona McLean leads the team.



Inveraray's George Hotel – National Inn of the Year at the Scottish Hotel Awards.

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# Land of the giants

Regular contributor Ann Thomas, from Tarbert, this week turns her artistic eye to the giant structures surrounding – or about to surround – Tarbert and north Kintyre.

The scale of wind turbine might be slightly exaggerated for artistic effect, but Ann feels the area is a target for Scotland's alternative energy, with little thought to the overbearing and cumulative effect of vast turbines and pylons on heritage, natural beauty, wildlife or tourism.

We must have due care and consideration, she believes, for what is there already when pursuing 'green' energy projects.

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MS Centre manager Karen McCurry believes the online service is a 'good alternative in the current climate'.

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# 'Amazing service' a lockdown lifeline

## MS Centre praised

An online service set up at the onset of lockdown has been hailed as a success – and a lifeline to many users of the MS Centre in Lochgilphead in these uncertain times.

Initial fears over the technology and its effectiveness among staff and users have faded and now – six months down the line – everyone has adapted, learned new skills and it is used multiple times a week.

MS Centre manager Karen McCurry told the Advertiser: 'It is going really well.'

'We are connecting people across the mainland and Islay and those connecting are noticeably more focused, engaged and are benefiting from this new way of working.'

'We have two peer support groups; a physio group; exercise and relaxation sessions led by Jacqui Barker; a cooking class and every Wednesday during September for self-care month there is a self-care workshop; self hand massage; a motivational talk with Karen Sterling; Blaze firewall team; a mindfulness session and a virtual self care spa day.'

Karen added: 'Digital skills have improved for everyone as we learn new ways of working

virtually and share skills with our members. People need people, and though many are keen to return for a coffee, chat and, most of all, a hug from friends, the virtual centre is a good alternative in the current climate and has many positives.'

Service user Roxy Malik said the centre has never been more needed and without its support she believes she would have been lost.

In a letter to staff and volunteers at the centre, Roxy said: 'I cannot thank you enough for the help, care and support you have given me since I have been unwell since my last visit to the MS Centre in March 2020.'

'Thank you for visiting me to deliver my goody bags and it was lovely to see a friendly, caring face and someone thinking and caring about me at my time of need.'

'I think this is an amazing service and I hope we can continue with this permanently for service users and people at home. I know it's not the same as attending the centre, but I think this is the new normal and I hope we can secure funding for the future of this vital link lifesaver for people.'

# Eli pushes on for MS charity

Eli Pickering is stepping out again to raise money to fight multiple sclerosis (MS).

On Saturday September 12, regular fundraiser Eli is taking part in the Virtual Kiltwalk 2020 for the MS Society Scotland. Eli explained: 'This is a charity close to my heart. My

daughter Karen was diagnosed with MS 13 years ago and we have other family members who have got this devastating condition. The MS Society Scotland is a fantastic charity which offers help, support and research.'

An online donations page

has been set up, with a target of £500 – just search kiltwalk2020.everydayhero.com and search for Eli's Big Push.

A sponsor sheet is also available in the Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead, where Eli is manager. Her walk will have an added element to it as

she will be pushing Karen in a wheelchair along the Crinan Canal between Ardrishaig and Crinan, setting off around 11am. Eli added: 'Please help me help them by giving whatever you can. Thank you in advance for your generosity. It means a lot.'

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# An uphill challenge in father's memory

Cyclist Carol Lawson is taking on an uphill challenge of Everest proportions in memory of her dad.

The 55-year-old member of North Argyll Cycle Club is about to cycle up and down the same hill near Oban enough times to equal the height of Everest.

Carol, who works at Lochgilphead Library and lives in Ardrishaig, is hoping September 13 will be the day when she embarks on the mission that could take up to 18 hours to complete – weather depending.

It will see her cycle up and back down Glensallach Hill about 80 times – the equivalent of 8,848ms (130 miles).

Everesting has become a popular pastime with cyclists worldwide in the absence of

**Left: Cyclist Carol Lawson plans to climb the height of Everest on September 13 in memory of her dad.**



Carol in the saddle.

races and sportive events during lockdown but the challenge has a more poignant meaning for Carol whose dad John Willis died from cancer in July.

She shares her dad's love of cycling, inspired by his tales of 100-mile time trials and races in the 1950s when he once came second to the legendary Tommy Simpson, one of Britain's most successful professional cyclists.

As a thank you to the kind

nurses who cared for John, Carol has already raised more than £1,250 for Macmillan Cancer Support through her Justgiving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-lawson8848](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-lawson8848)

'I won't be beating any world records for Everesting, but I'll give it my best shot for my dad. I'll be happy just to achieve it,' said Carol who is hoping friends from her cycling club will show up to give support.

'They've been brilliant so far. I've really appreciated their great support and hope some will come along on the day to cycle a few of the hours with me. The mental challenge will be as much as the physical challenge. I didn't imagine it would be so hard.

'I like hilly cycles but going up hill on a bike for as long as this will be out of the range.

'I'm hoping there will be a tail-wind on the day and that it doesn't rain the whole time. If the weather is so bad, I'll have to postpone it for a week but I'm planning for September 13,' she said.

The track that leads from the Bonawe road after Connell Bridge over the top to Barcaldine is single-track and a bit rough but there is not much traffic and all in all is 'pretty good', added Carol who will be fuelling up on her ride with flapjacks and pasties.

'It should be a fun kind of day,' she said.

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## Virtual Kiltwalkers ready and able to help Enable

Team Enable will set off on a charity trek as part of the Virtual Kiltwalk Weekend.

Leaving the Riverside at 10am on Saturday September 12, personal assistants for the Enable charity will support some of their clients to complete a walk on the Crinan Canal path to Cairnbaan and back.

Taking on the challenge will be Flora Currie, Sharon Williamson, Linda Martin, Susan Campbell, Iain McDougall, Sandy McKellar, Anne Williamson and Rhona McLean, helped along the way by Enable personal assistants Fiona Isles, Valerie Campbell, Eileen MacLachlan, Rebecca Campbell, Stephen McCabe, Nina Benstock, Daniel Pagett, Rizza Getonzo and Sharon Taylor. Also taking part will be their boss, Shona Young, and supporters Yvie Young and Grant McDougall.

Earlier this week Team Enable had already raised more than £2,800 for the charity, which works across Scotland to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities.

If you would like to make a donation to help the hardy Kiltwalkers, you can do this online via the Team Enable Kiltwalk supporters' pages.

## Preparations well advanced for return of mobile cinema

Preparations are well advanced to safely welcome audiences back to the popular mobile cinema the Screen Machine as it heads back out on tour later this month.

Provisional dates and locations for the first screenings have been announced and tickets are expected to be on sale from Friday September 11. The organisers are, however, keen to point out the plans could change at short notice given the continually evolving pandemic picture.

# Town centre changes still on agenda

Plans to introduce one-way traffic and wider pavements in Argyll and Bute's town centres are still being discussed, it has been confirmed.

Argyll and Bute Council consulted with residents in July on plans to implement the measures to ensure easier social distancing and encourage cycling.

The outcome of the consultation has yet to be made public and the council has yet to announce when – or whether – it intends to put the proposed changes into effect.

The proposals put out to public consultation in July also included the temporary



Lochgilphead could see changes in Argyll Street.

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removal of on-street parking in some areas. Changes have been proposed for parts of Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Tobermory.

The council received £315,000 from the Spaces for People programme earlier in the summer to implement measures to encourage active travel and to make social distancing easier in town centres.

The programme is also funding similar changes in other Scottish council areas.

A council spokesperson said: 'Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Spaces for People consultation.

'We have analysed the submissions and are now discussing the results with the elected members.

'It's important to do this as quickly as possible, but we

also believe it is vital to take the views of residents and businesses into account and get it right.'

Lochgilphead residents were consulted on a traffic one-way system to enable widened footways; an advisory pedestrian one-way system or making no change. The changes would involve part of Argyll Street and the removal of a parking bay outside McColl's and Argyll Pharmacy.

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.

## Remembrance arrangements

Any organisation wishing to lay a wreath at Lochgilphead war memorial on Remembrance Sunday is asked to let the organisers know.

On behalf of Lochgilphead Community Council and Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day, Betty Rhodick explained: 'There will be a short service of remembrance and representatives are asked to meet in Colchester Square at 11.45am. Due to the current government restrictions, it is recommended one representative lay a wreath.

'Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be sending a wreath layer.

'Government advice regarding face coverings and social distancing must be observed.'

The Lochgilphead remembrance service will be held on Sunday November 8 beside the war memorial at 11am.

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# Countdown to boat up for the

With the onset of autumn, shorter days and less predictable weather, boat owners are starting to think about laying their craft up, or all-year-round berthing, for the winter.

Most boat owners will already be booked into their boat yard of preference or accommodated in other storage space for the winter.

Whether you choose to store undercover or winter berth, there are essential maintenance tasks to carry out for the winter. If you have newly acquired a boat, book a space soon since many yards are nearly at full capacity.

Yards need to know a lift-out date and whether you wish the mast removed and stowed over the winter and what winter work is required to be done. Some offer undercover storage for varying lengths of time and where available this can be a good option to

carry out work that needs good drying conditions.

Maintenance of all craft, whether it be a yacht, motor boat or RIB is essential to keep boats in a good, safe and seaworthy condition.

As well as essential tasks like engine servicing, a rig check, safety checks etc, there may be other improvement work to be carried out. A planned programme of winter lay-up work will make sure all is good for the next season. Many owners will get essentials carried out by the yard or the relevant independent marine service supplier to make sure work is done.

Depending on whether your craft is sail or motor, some key areas need considered in a laying-up work plan:

- Keel, hull, topsides, deck, cockpit
- Frost damage prevention
- Interior
- Sails and rigging
- Engine/batteries/electrics
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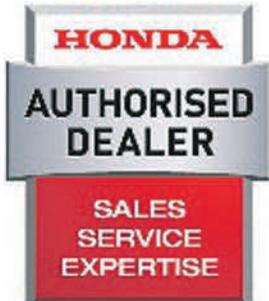
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# Laying your winter season



A lot of owners are fully competent to carry out most winter lay-up tasks themselves. However, if not and the services of the yard or an independent marine service operator are required, contact them early to get booked in.

It's always helpful to compile a basic check list to work through and have a list of equipment needed to carry out tasks.

## KEEL/HULL/TOPSIDES/DECK/COCKPIT

Watch out for damage to through hull fittings from hoist strops on lift out and remove and blank as necessary.

Pressure washing on lift out removes a lot of fouling and anti-fouling giving a good preparatory surface for new anti-fouling in spring or other coatings required like epoxy, copper coat etc as well as making it easier to identify any repair work required. When the boat is ashore, check over the hull, keel, skeg and rudder for any damage and effect repairs while the weather and temperature conditions are good. Check keelbolts, any play in the rudder/cutlass bearings and the prop-shaft.

A wash down of the whole boat with the application of a protective wax on the topsides will protect from winter dirt and make polishing a lot easier in the spring.

The cockpit should be cleaned thoroughly paying attention to nooks and crannies that trap dirt. If any paint or woodwork here and on deck needs touched up, carry out now if conditions allow. Temperatures may be higher in the autumn than spring.

A cover over the whole boat or even just the cockpit can pay dividends. However, make sure covers are well secured and allow for ventilation and check for any chafing at regular intervals.

Some yards will shrink wrap but allow an area of access so you can continue to work inside.

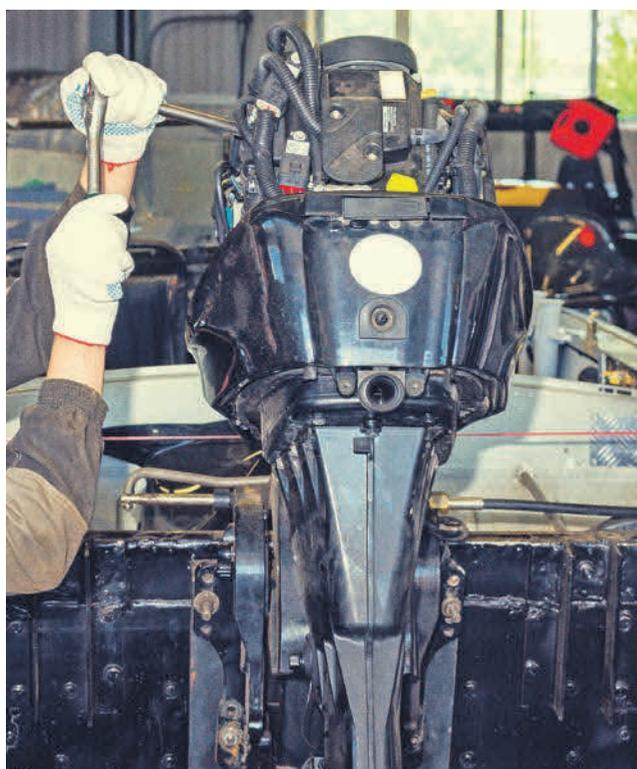
Ensure the cradle, trailer or support legs are secure and the trim of the boat is slightly bow up to make sure water doesn't 'puddle' in the cockpit. Regular inspection over the winter is important in case cockpit drains get blocked by leaves/debris and water builds up.

## WATER SYSTEMS

Cold temperatures and freezing of fittings can cause a lot of damage so prevent by following a few basic methods. Fully drain anything that holds or carries water – ie pipes and tanks, pumps and strainers. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer first. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate and disconnect hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Pump dry if necessary. Drain down any water heaters or calorifiers. Flush seacocks through to remove salt build up and service and grease. Remove the barrels from traditional style seacocks to prevent them seizing. If in any doubt as to how to do any of the above safely, get the yard or an independent operator to help.

## INTERIOR

With boats increasing in size and sophistication the interior needs to be kept clean and pristine. Installing a de-humidifier and heater will keep the saloon and cabins warm and dry.



If not requiring to stay on the boat during winter, it's a good idea to remove as much equipment as possible and take home and store. This has the benefit of seeing if anything needs to be cleaned or replaced. Clear plastic stack boxes are good to allow inspection of contents which should all be cleaned before packing – boxes can be easily brought back to the boat in the spring. Berth cushions and soft furnishings in particular are prone to mould if left on the boat over the winter and will benefit from storage at home in a warm, ventilated and rodent-free space.

Lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets should all be washed down – a weak bleach mixture rubbed over can remove and prevent mould build up. There are a number of good items available for this purpose from all chandleries. Always ventilate the boat well and do any touch up work inside when weather permits. List any items required for the 2020 season.

Check gas systems on board are up to standard with a qualified gas engineer. Also fire extinguishers, fire blankets and other safety equipment in the cabin and replace as necessary to keep up to the correct safety specifications.

## SAILS

Check over all your sails and seek advice from your local sail loft on repairs and upgrades. They are the powerhouse of the yacht so deserve good attention. Often a sail cleaning service is offered by sail lofts and even storage which may be a good option for many owners. However if taking home, make sure sails are kept in a dark, warm, well-ventilated area and away from potential rodent damage.

And, if you need new sails have a chat with your local sailmaker and get your order in quickly. There's often a discount period at this time of year.

## RIGGING AND DECK GEAR

Wear and tear on both standing and running rigging and deck gear can lead to serious accidents so should be checked overall carefully. Wash everything with fresh water to remove salt and debris build up. Look over sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for any corrosion and replace if suspect. Check standing rigging for any breaks and weakness. Also look over all deck fittings such as sheaves, blocks, winches, cleats etc and if work is needed get it done asap. Servicing winches either now or in the spring is essential.

Many owners remove halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards/sheets before storing in a dry place. If the mast is stored off the boat it's easier to check masthead instrumentation and that rigging blocks are running freely. Grease everything to prevent water ingress. It's always a good idea to remove anchors and chain to look for any damage or wear – these can be stored on a pallet below the boat washing first with fresh water to remove salt and dirt. Service anchor winches and check over chain links and shackles for wear. If the weather is good this is an ideal time to paint out the anchor locker for the spring.

## ENGINES, BATTERIES, ELECTRICS

Winterising is essential to good engine maintenance and both inboard and outboard engines need this done. An oil change is standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Yard or independent engineers will do this for you if you lack time or confidence to carry out yourself.

The outboard should be flushed through with fresh cooling water and antifreeze/water mix. Remove the impeller and plug the air and exhaust outlet with an oil-soaked rag. Fill fuel tanks to prevent condensation and add a biocide. Change filters as required and bleed system for next season. Change engine and gearbox oil and make a note of the date of change. Minimise condensation by spraying the engine with a moisture repellent and cover with a cloth. Put batteries on a trickle charge and if not needed onboard, take home and sit in a place that won't freeze. Electrics/instrumentation on board should be looked over and any problems checked out by an electronics engineer and repaired or renewed.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Safety gear is vitally important aboard any craft and its maintenance equally important. There is not much point in wearing a lifejacket in a life-saving situation if it fails to inflate.

It's therefore imperative to overhaul everything. Inspect lifejackets, harnesses and safety gear replacing anything that looks suspect. It's advisable to store lifejackets partially inflated over the winter – that way any leaks can be detected and the outer covering won't deteriorate. Check jacket bottles for corrosion and replace as required – kits are available from chandleries. Ensure your flares are in date and replace for next season as necessary. Store flare packs in a dry area and dispose of old flares through official collection depots. Life rafts should be removed and serviced by an authorised centre on their due date. Clean and repair dinghy tenders, storing partially inflated.

Seasoned boat owners will go through all the above as routine but for those new to boat owning it's reassuring to know there is plenty of help and advice on hand from a range of sources – boat-yard operators, service engineers, boat builders, chandleries and sail-makers. If there's anything an owner is unsure about these are the experts, so don't hesitate to ask if you need to.

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# Rules in place to ensure safety at sheep sale

Kintyre Agricultural Society (KAS), in conjunction with C&D Marts Longtown, will be holding its annual sheep sale next Saturday, September 19, at 11am at Anderston Park.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, there are guidelines that must be adhered to.

The sale will take place

outdoors with no additional visitors admitted other than staff, buyers and sellers.

All sellers and buyers are asked to leave as soon as their business is done.

There will be hand sanitising stations on entry and exit to the sale and at various points around the sale ring. There will

no catering or toilet facilities.

In line with guidance from The Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland, KAS is asking for the following rules to be adhered to:

■ Only one person per business attends the sale.

■ No under 16s should attend.

■ All buyers should pre-register with the secretary before the sale.

■ 2m social distancing must be observed.

■ All those attending must provide contact details - name, address, phone number and email address - before entering the sale. These will be taken at

the gate on entry to the sale but to keep things moving, KAS is asking people to hand them over to the gate stewards.

■ Vendors, where possible, should have ear numbers of all stock to hand to pass on to market staff on arrival.

■ When delivering or collecting stock, wait in vehicles

until directed otherwise by a steward.

■ Follow all advice from stewards and market staff.

KAS secretary John Armour can be contacted by emailing tirfergus01@btconnect.com or phoning 01586 810231 during the day or 01586 552404 in the evening.

## Around the markets

**United Auctions, Tیره, Saturday September 5:** sold 27 cattle and 1255 feeding and breeding sheep. A strong following of mainland buyers ensured all stock was easily marketed at values well above last year's levels and to seller's advantage. Coupled with the mainland input, a strong local demand resulted in a buoyant breeding trade.

**Leading Prices**  
Store Cattle per head  
Blks - £1050 (SimX), Middleton Farm; £935 (LimX), Middleton Farm;

£885 (LimX), Vaul; £875 (SalX) Middleton Farm; £865 (LimX) Vaul. Hfrs - £980 (CharX) Middleton Farm; £850 (SalX) Hough.

Per Kilo: Bullocks - 254p (LimX) Sorisdale Coll; 231p, 228p, 223p (LimX) Vaul; heifers - 216p (LimX), 209p (CharX) Sorisdale; cow with calf - £980 (SimX) Middleton Farm; Cows - £960 (Sal), Garaphail; £930 (Gal), Croish; £880 (Lim) Garaphail.

**Breeding Sheep**  
Rams - £350 (Suff), Heylipol Farm; £350 (2) (Tex), Ruaig; £320 (Tex), Lochphuil; £200 (Tex), 4 Kilkenneth.

Correct Ewes - £100 (Chev Mule) Ardmay; £93.00 (Chev) Croish.

Gimmers - Mule - £225, £220, £185, 2/15 Balevullin; £175, £170, Greenhill; £165, 2/15 Balevullin. TexX - £120, £110, 5 Kilmoluaig. ChevX - £101, Middleton Farm. Cross - £135,

£125, Carrachan. BeltX - £108, Ardmay. SuffX - £210, 2/15 Balevullin; £108, 15 Crossapol. Ewe Lambs - Mule - £160, Braeside; £145, £140, Mannal.

TexX - £150, Mannal. Chev Mule - £130, Mannal.

**Feeding Sheep**  
Lambs - SuffX - £91.00, 3 Middleton; £86.00, Benview; £75.00, 3 Balevullin; £70.00, Croish. TexX - £85.00, Hillcrest; £82.00, 3 Balevullin; £81.00, 7 Kilkenneth; £75.00, 10 Crossapol; £72.00, 3 Middleton; £70.00, Sandaig. BeltX - £88.00, Heylipol Farm; £72.00, Lochphuil; £71.00, Heylipol Farm. Chev - £69.00, 8 Kilkenneth; £64.50, Vaul; £63.00, Druimasaidh. Cross - £67.50, £67.00, 3 Balevullin; £66.00, 7 Kilkenneth. Mule - £82.00, 3 Balevullin. BF - £57.00, Gordonlea. Coll.

**Feeding Ewes**

SuffX - £95.00, Druimasaidh; £94.00, Benview; £88.00, 9 Barrapol; £86.00, Hough; £79.00, 10 Crossapol; £75.00, Druimasaidh. HB - £94.00, £80.00, 3 Middleton.

BeltX - £104.00, 95.00, £88.00, £76.00, Heylipol Farm. TexX - £92.00, 6 Balevullin; £90.00, 10 Balevullin; £90.00, Heylipol Farm; £86.00, Ardmay; £84.00, Ruaig; £83.00, Heylipol Farm; £83.00, Lochphuil; £82.00, Ardmay; £75.00, Hillcrest; £72.00, Hough; £71.00, Braeside; £71.00, 6 Barrapol; £71.00, 4 Kilkenneth; £70.00, 1 Kilkenneth. Chev - £95.00, £92.00, 6 Crossapol; £85.00, 4 Heanish; £83.00, 6 Crossapol; £80.00, Druimasaidh; £80.00, Whitehouse; £74.50, Vaul. Cross - £95.00, 6 Crossapol; £83.00, £82.00, Braeside; £82.00, Greenbank; £76.00, 6 Crossapol; £74.50, Ruaig; £73.50, 5 Kilmoluaig; £70.00, Dunbeag. Mule - £72.00,

Heylipol Farm; £72.00, 4 Heanish. Chev Mule - £80.00, Heylipol Farm; £75.00, Garaphail; £70.00, Heylipol Farm. BF - £56.00, 3a Coalis; £49.50, Lochside; £49.00, 3a Coalis; £48.00, 2 Heylipol.

**Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, Fort William, September 4:** sold 1,913 store sheep of all classes.

Lambs (1,715) sold to £74 gross for a pen of Texel crosses from Old Ardtornish Cottage, Morven.

Ewes (174) sold to £84 gross for a Cheviot Mule from Dalreoch, Roy Bridge.

Feeding sheep (24) sold to £70 gross for a Blackface ram from Ben Talla, Acharacle.

"First sale of the season witnessed a strong trade for all classes."

Other leading prices per head: Lambs: TexX - Sonas, Kilmoluaig, £68, Ardtornish Farms, Morven, £64.50, Myrtle Moss Croft, Strontian, £64; SuffX - 4 Glebehill, Kilchoan, £64, Ardtornish Farms, £60.50; Cross - Fersit, Roy Bridge, £61, Mucomir, Spean Bridge, £58.50; Chev - Glengarsk, Arisaig, £60 (twice), Sonas, £60, Kilmory, Achteny, £59; LlyX - Torlundy Farm, Fort William, £57 (twice); Mule - Ardtornish Farms, £56.

Ewes: Chev - Wood Cottage Croft, Tobermory, £69; CHM - Dalreoch, £56; HerdX - Rowdale, Fort Augustus, £55; Cross - Camusnacork, Strontian, £54.

Feeding sheep: TexX gmr - 4 muirshearlich, Banavie, £66; Chev ram - Sonas, £60; BF ram - 5 Treslaig, Fort William, £50.



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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY AND HEARING SESSIONS TO BE HELD AS PART OF PUBLIC INQUIRY SECTION 36 APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE BLARGHOUR WIND FARM, 7KM NORTH WEST OF INVERARAY & 4KM SOUTH OF PORTSONACHAN.**

Scottish Ministers have appointed Ms Allison Coard MA MPhil MRTPI to consider and submit a report to them on an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate Blarghour Wind Farm (comprising of 17 Turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 136.5 metres) on land 7km North West of Inveraray & 4km South of Portsonachan.

The Reporter will hold a public inquiry to obtain more information on certain matters before reporting her findings and recommendations to Scottish Ministers on the case. The matters to be considered during the oral sessions of the public inquiry are:

- Landscape and visual impacts
- Impacts on carbon rich soils, deep peat and priority habitat.
- Need for the wind farm, national energy policy and benefits, other policy and guidance.

No other matters relevant to this case will be considered at the inquiry and hearing sessions.

The sessions will begin at 10:00am on Monday 12 October 2020 within the Robert Burns Suite of the DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central Hotel, 36 Cambridge Street, Glasgow, G2 3HN.. The public inquiry is estimated to run for 5 days.

Participating parties should familiarise themselves with the most up to date guidance issued by the Scottish Government on the coronavirus pandemic and the steps they should take to ensure their safety and the safety of others, in particular in relation to physical distancing measures. The reporter will consider adjourning the meeting if parties do not comply with these measures. These can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>. We would further encourage parties to familiarise themselves with the measures that have been put in place at the venue.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and in order to limit the numbers attending the inquiry and hearing sessions, parties who are not directly involved in the inquiry proceedings will not be able to attend. However, DPEA will provide a live webcast of the proceedings and will also record the sessions for viewing outwith the inquiry times.

Documents including inquiry and hearing statements, documents and precognitions will be available to view on the DPEA website at <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk>. On entering the website, type the reference number WIN-130-4 into the "Search by case reference box" to find all documents relating to the case.

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**Argyll and Bute Council**

**PLANNING**

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

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

| Ref. No.     | Proposal  | Site Address   |
|--------------|---|--|
| 20/00611/PPP | Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses   | Land South East Of Kilmichael Farm, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute                               |
| 20/01342/PP  | Variation of planning condition 7 relative to planning permission 18/02556/MIN (Application for extension and continuation of operations at existing hard rock quarry and siting of modular building) - Proposed increase to output sales tonnage from 15,000 tonnes to 45,000 tonnes | Corran Farm Quarry, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XN                                |
| 20/01345/MFF | Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) incorporating twelve 120m diameter circular cages and siting of feed barge   | North Kilbrannan Fish Farm, North Of Cour Bay, Kilbrannan Sound, East Kintyre, Argyll And Bute |

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

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 20**

Planning Application Reference Number: 20/01345/MFF

Proposed development at: North Kilbrannan Fish Farm, North Of Cour Bay, Kilbrannan Sound, East Kintyre, Argyll And Bute

The proposed development at the address noted above is subject to environmental impact assessment under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

Notice is hereby given that an EIA Report has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Mowi Scotland Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of: Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) incorporating twelve 120m diameter circular cages and siting of feed barge.

Possible decisions relating to the application are: approval of the application without conditions; approval of the application with conditions; or refusal of the application.

A copy of the environmental report and the associated planning application(s) may be inspected electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically during the emergency period. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: [planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk), or tel. 01546 605518. In the event of the emergency period ceasing, documents will be available for inspection by appointment during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD. Documents will be available for a minimum of 30 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Paper copies of the EIA Report may be purchased from Mowi Scotland Ltd, Stob Ban House, Glen Nevis Business Park, Fort William, PH33 6RX at a cost of £50.00

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the EIA Report should make them in writing within 30 days from the date of this notice. Written comments can be submitted by email to [planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

Signed: Mrs S. Davies, Major Application Team Leader on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council

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**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that there will be no changes to the maximum fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council following the recent taxi fare review in accordance with Section 17 and 18 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. These maximum fares will become effective from 22nd October 2020. The fares will be as follows:-

| Argyll and Bute Council<br>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982<br>Taxi fares with Effect from 22nd October 2020 |  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| Tariff 1   | Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 7am and 10pm   | £3.00<br>20p |
|  | Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof)<br>Subsequent charge (each 176 yards or part thereof)   |              |
| Tariff 2   | Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 10pm and 7am   | £3.60<br>20p |
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|  | Tariff 2 also applies to hirings from ranks or "flag" between 6pm and 10pm December 24th, 6pm and 10pm December 31st and between 7am 2nd January and 7am 3rd January |              |
| Tariff 3   | Hiring from ranks or "flag" between 10pm 24th December and 7am 27th December and between 10pm 31st December and 7am 2nd January                                      | £4.20<br>20p |
|  | Initial Charge (860 yards or part thereof)<br>Subsequent Charge (each 120 yards or part thereof)   |              |

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**Waiting Time** - 35 pence per minute commencement of journey, charged on a pro rata basis per second

**Taxi called by means of telephone** - 30 pence additional charge

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- b) Where Tariff 2 would apply - charge Tariff 3
- c) Where Tariff 3 would apply - surcharge £1.00

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**Ferry Fares** - The hirer shall be liable for the cost of a return ferry fare for any journey involving a ferry

**David Logan, Head of Legal & Regulatory Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT**

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Advice, details and application forms are available from the Convener via email:

[margaretp Pratt@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretp Pratt@btinternet.com)

Closing date for receipt of applications Wednesday 30th September 2020

Disbursement meeting: will take place mid October via virtual meeting TBA

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| Location         | Latitude      | Longitude      |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Campbeltown Quay | 55° 25.490' N | 005° 36.199' W |
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## Silver wedding anniversary

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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

When will churches open? This is a question many people are asking these days.

Church buildings have been closed for several months, but the actual church - the people who profess to follow Jesus - have still been 'church'.

Some have followed online worship, some have prayed privately, some have found new ways to worship, but worship has never ceased and never will.

Some churches are opening their doors for corporate, but monitored worship. Some churches are asking their members to attend by invitation. Some churches are waiting till Phase 4 as they want to be extra cautious.

We are living in unprecedented times, globally, nationally and locally.

What will the future hold for us as 'church'?

Christmas catalogues are now dropping into our post boxes. I doubt if we will be singing Christmas carols in our churches on Christmas Eve. I doubt we will be enjoying wonderful school Christmas concerts and nativity plays. I hope I am wrong, but I fear we have a long journey ahead. Who would have thought last year things would have changed so much?

What will Christmas be like if we are still in lockdown? Will we be able to sit together in our own churches to welcome the Christ child on Christmas morning? Maybe we will - who knows in these uncertain times.

A learned Christian scholar said that in these uncertain times, the question we should be asking is not 'Why?' but 'What?'

What can we do? What does God ask of us? What will make a difference?

The answer is one we know well and when asked 'What does God ask of us?' the answer is always the same: 'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.'

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**KILMARTIN**

People in Kilmartin are raising money to fund the maintenance and replacement of grass cutting equipment and flowers for Kilmartin Green.

David Bracken of Dunadd Community Enterprise has started a Just Giving crowdfunding page for online donations, with a £1,000 target.

David said: 'The upkeep of the village green, flower displays and verge cutting in Kilmartin are carried out by volunteers. The cost of these activities used to be funded by collection boxes in the shop and hotel.'

'But since the closure of the shop, funds to maintain and replace equipment and for the purchase of fuel and flowers has been declining. So this Just Giving page has been setup to help fund our village's flower displays and grass maintenance.'

'All donations will be directly and solely for the use of the Kilmartin Green Project.'

The crowdfunding page can be found by searching 'Kilmartin Green' on the Just Giving website.

**DUNOON**

Dunoon Grammar School is to take part in the 'world's biggest education conference'.

The school will be among 100 schools gathering online to share expertise and best practices in the inaugural World Education Week, from October 5-9, in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal on Quality Education.

The schools have been hand-picked for their expertise across a range of educational themes including enhancing employability and life-skills; deepening family and community engagement; the use of technology; a focus on well-being and promoting the science of learning and teaching. Each will share its wisdom to an online audience expected to reach 100,000 worldwide.

Centred on the theme of 'Learning Today',



**New Lagavulin Distillery manager**

A new manager has been appointed to run Lagavulin Distillery on Islay.

Pierrick Guillaume, above, is making the short journey from Caol Ila distillery at the other side of the island, where he is currently manager, to run one of Scotch whisky's most revered distilleries.

The promotion marks the latest step in an eight-year Diageo career for Pierrick that has already involved roles at Mortlach and Talisker distilleries. Since moving to Islay to manage Caol Ila in 2017, Pierrick has built

his reputation as a distiller and a passionate whisky brand ambassador, honing the skills he will take to one of the most prestigious distilling jobs in the world of whisky.

Pierrick said: 'Lagavulin is a whisky that is revered around the world and it's a great privilege to be joining the outstanding team that makes this exceptional Scotch whisky. I can't wait to get started.'

Pierrick's role at Caol Ila will be taken on by Samuel Hale, currently manager of Diageo's Port Ellen Maltings on Islay.

each school will host a virtual event to demonstrate how to bring change, based on their own experiences. Dunoon Grammar School will host a seminar on innovative approaches to creative learning and raising the level of positive actions and impacts. Head teacher David Mitchell said:

'It is a fantastic honour for Dunoon Grammar School to be one of the 100 schools selected to participate in this exciting global showcase.'

'We are delighted to share our creative and enterprising learning approaches with our worldwide audience in October.'

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## DEATHS

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after a short illness, on September 6, 2020, Mary (Molly) Campbell, née Caldwell, in her 101st year, of 4 Hermione Terrace, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Jim Campbell, loving mother of Betty, Fay, Mary, Vi and the late Gemima. Much loved gran of Rachel, Scott, Leanne and James. A proud great-gran of eight. A much respected mother-in-law and dear aunt. A private funeral service will take place at Achnabreac on Monday, September 14, 2020. Sadly missed.

**ROGERSON** - After a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 3, 2020, Marion Rogerson, née Kerr, in her 82nd year, of 4 Glengilp, Ardrishaig. Retired Health Visitor and District Nurse. Beloved and loving mother of the late Iain Rogerson; dearly loved

eldest daughter of the late Phillip and Janet Kerr; and cherished sister of Phillip and the late Billy, Roberta, Mary and Christine. A dear aunt to the extended family. A private funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Sadly missed.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GALBRAITH** - Helen would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls and food handed in on the sad loss of Rhona. Special thanks to Sheena, Duncan, Lorna, Catherine and Cathy McLean. Thanks to Rev Scott Burton for comforting and uplifting service. To Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the professional care, to Argyll Hotel for the lovely tea, and to all who stood in the rain at Clachan village and all along the roadside to the cemetery to pay their last respects to Rhona.

**McCORKINDALE** - The family of the late Mary McCorkindale would like to thank everyone for their kind letters, cards and messages of sympathy. A special mention of thanks to the staff at Lorn and Islands Hospital Ward B for their care and to all at Torosay court for making it a wonderful home for her for fifteen years. Thanks also to D&A Munn, the Reverend Dugald Cameron, Piper Jamie Macgregor and Oban Flower House for fulfilling her final wishes at Kilniver Cemetery. Finally, many thanks to all those who turned out along the route to pay their final respects.

**WEIR** - Bell, Allan and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers following the death of Tina. Special thanks to staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. Thanks

to David Carruthers for his kind words at the graveside and to staff of Argyll & Bute Council who laid Tina to rest. Thanks to Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent purvey and finally thanks to all who paid their respects from the roadside.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



*I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122 verse 1*

**Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 13th September at 11am**

to join with us in our praise and worship when Gordon Cosgrove will be conducting the service. MASKS are now required in churches, in line with current Scottish Government Covid 19 guidelines.

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**Sunday 13th September**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks

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**Sunday 13th September 2020**

"Hear my voice according to your steadfast love"  
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Barr Mhor, Kilmartin  
**Sunday 13th September**  
Service at 10am  
Mr James McLellan  
*A very warm welcome awaits*  
Please wear face covering

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## Home and away success for Lochgilphead golfers

It was a busy weekend for Lochgilphead golfers, both at home and with members supporting other clubs.

At Lochgilphead, it was the gents two-day event for Nicky's Cup, which commemorates the

**Donna McKellar had success at the Islay Ladies Open.**

late Nicky Ciarella, a stalwart club member.

Drew Swan led on day one with 62 strokes, with Neil MacDonald pushing hard on his heels on 63 strokes.

On day two, however, Drew lost his way and his result of 69 points lost him the lead.

Neil picked up the pace and

returned an excellent card of 56 to make him overall winner with a total of 119 strokes. Runner-up, and seven strokes behind, was gents match secretary Colin Penman.

The ladies had their nine-hole charity cup on Sunday which was won by Kathleen Young on 20 points. This is a cumulative

competition with junior girl Eilidh Flanagan currently in the lead with 23 points.

Many members participated in the RNLI Open at Dunaverty and a good day was had by everyone. The best day was enjoyed by Jamie O'May who won the competition with a fantastic nett 57.

Some of the ladies, meanwhile, went overseas to Islay to play in the Islay Ladies Open and they also came home with trophies. Donna McKellar romped in with a brilliant 43 points, making her the overall winner with Alison MacColl picking up the runners up prize with 35 points.

## Shinty man Gary highlights issue of male suicide

Musician and broadcaster Gary Innes has fronted a new two-part radio documentary to tie in with World Suicide Awareness Day.

'Six Men', which aired on Wednesday and Thursday September 9/10 on BBC Radio Scotland, is a personal take from Gary on why the instance of suicide, particularly in men, is so high in the Highlands.

Gary lost six team mates from Fort William shinty team over the years and was inspired to write a song in their memory.

In the programmes he speaks to members of their families and investigates some of the positive projects set up to avoid similar tragic incidents in the future.

Gary said: 'Talking to some of the families and friends about their loved ones who are no longer with us was incredibly difficult but the openness and honesty with which they all spoke was incredible and I would like to say thank you so much to them all again for being involved.'



**Gary Innes has lost friends to suicide.**

Their courage and strength to talk about what were the darkest days of their lives will hopefully help others, either who are struggling or who have loved ones they think might need support. It's been an honour to remember these boys in this way and to chat with their families and friends about the memories and days we shared together. They are sorely missed by us all.'

The programmes will be available on BBC iPlayer for a set period after the original transmission dates.

## Cowal golfer Gordon's Wee Joe Shield success

The MacFarlane family was delighted with the turnout of 31 members and both golfing and non-golfing guests, who met at Glenralloch for the Wee Joe Memorial Shield.

As always, the event at Tarbert Golf Club on Saturday September 5 was superbly organised by the family, with £250 raised for Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group.

Unfortunately, with monsoon conditions on Friday night, preferred lies were the order of the day.

The golf was of the highest standard with Cowal's Gordon Tyre shooting a fantastic five-under-par 61, his round including seven birdies. This gave Gordon a total of 42 stableford points and a victory by virtue of the better inward half.

Losing out to Gordon was Angus MacFarlane, whose fine one-under-par 65 resulted in 42 points.

In third place was last year's victor Duncan Johnstone with 41. The 'non-golfer' prize went to Jamie Stuart as did the longest drive, with James



**Gordon Tyre with Angus and Kenny MacFarlane.**

MacNab closest to the pin at the eighth. In closing, Angus thanked Graham Prentice for his excellent preparation of the

course and Georgie Dickson for doing such a sterling job behind the bar.

The James Mundell Memorial

gents open takes place on Saturday September 12, with a few times still available in the afternoon ballot.

On Friday evening, September 4, the President's Cup final took place with Bruce MacNab defeating Peter McLean senior by one-up. Both players played well, sharing five birdies on the back nine in what was a close, competitive game.

On Sunday September 6 Steve Bleasby and James Smith battled it out for the Cairns Christie Cup in glorious conditions.

Steve was three up after nine holes and never really gave James a chance to get back into the game, eventually closing out the win on the 16th. Steve was delighted with his first victory in the Cairns Christie.



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