

season's greetings

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Your personal Christmas messages to friends and family, near and far

Under threat after-school club appeals for help

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The future of Fyne Families after-school club hangs in the balance unless new volunteer board members can be found.

Fyne Families – formerly Mid Argyll Childcare Services – has provided vital childcare services and support to families in and around Lochgilphead since its inception in 2006.

Over the years these have included Elfs nursery, the toy library, as well as a baby and toddler group.

These days the charity focuses on providing affordable after-school care for working families whose children attend Lochgilphead Primary School, and in a normal year the service offers 24 places for children from P1 to P7.

Pupils are collected from

'We are desperately seeking new members...to help guide this key community service'

the school playground and walk down to Lochgilphead Community Centre where, after a healthy snack, they can enjoy a mixture of free play and organised activities.

During the Covid pandemic the service adapted to provide essential childcare services for key workers, before the schools returned.

The after-school club is managed by a small, dedicated team of qualified childcare workers and an administrator supported by the board, which

requires between four and 12 members to operate.

Historically the board has been filled mostly by working parents who utilise the service, but the pressures of juggling work and family life has made it increasingly difficult to maintain this.

Now the service has warned that unless vacancies in key positions are filled – including chairperson and treasurer – the after-school club will be forced to close.

Current chairwoman Kirsty Taylor said: 'We are desperately seeking new members, particularly those who have experience and/or skills in areas such as financial oversight and grant funding, organisational development, childcare or education, however, the only essential quality is a commitment to contributing your

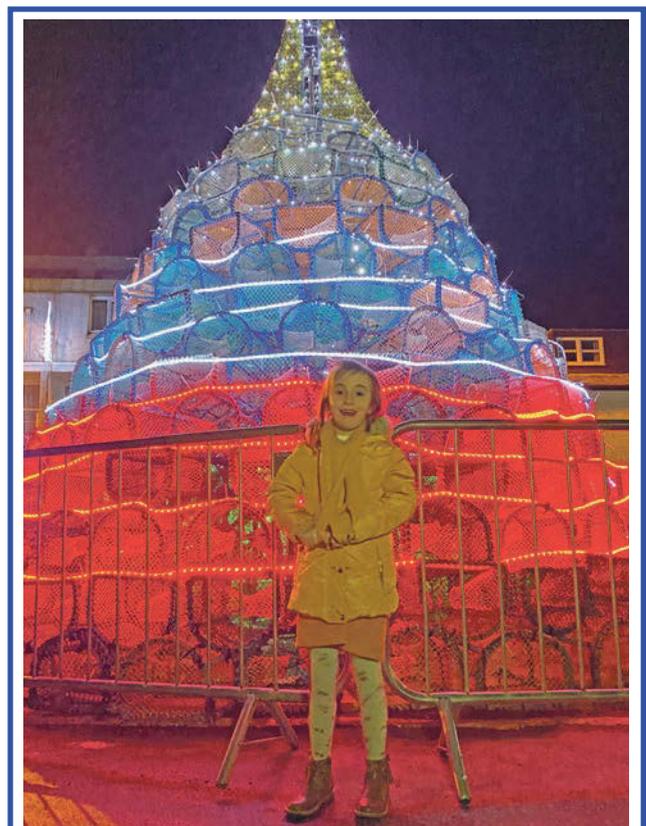
time and wisdom to help guide this key community service.

'The board is looking to secure the financial sustainability of the after-school club while maintaining affordability for families and to steer the future direction of the baby and toddler group.

'We have a number of projects in the pipeline that we are keen to progress, including the redevelopment of our outdoor garden space.'

Board members should expect to contribute around five hours per month, including monthly board meetings which, given current Covid restrictions, are held online, and use of the after-school club service is not a prerequisite.

Interested parties are asked to email fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk prior to the online AGM arranged for December 17.



Mollie Jo Eastaugh had the honour of switching on the lights at Tarbert's Christmas centrepiece. Photograph: Janet West.

It's the creel thing for a Tarbert Christmas tree

This has been a year like no other, and in the spirit of 2020 Tarbert has come up with a Christmas tree like very few in existence. Rather than a Sitka spruce, the village took inspiration from its fishing heritage to create a spectacular Christmas 'tree' from fishing creels. **Turn to page two for more.**

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Theft of canoe

Between Friday November 27 and Saturday November 28, a four-metre long, red two-seater canoe, with white underside, was stolen from a cottage at Bellanoch, Lochgilphead.

Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Drugs charge

At around 4.10pm on Monday November 30, in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, a man aged 18 was stopped and searched by police and found in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

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Cycle stolen

A child's bike was stolen after a shed at Furnace Primary School was forced open between 4pm Wednesday November 25 and 9am on Monday November 30.

Police are investigating the incident and appeal for witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Assault on woman

A 43-year-old man was arrested and charged with assaulting a woman at about 11.25pm on Tuesday December 1, in Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig. He was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Possession of drugs

About 3.45pm on Sunday December 6, at Bellanoch, Lochgilphead, a man aged 20 was stopped and searched by police and charged with possession of a small amount of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the fiscal.

Christmas 'trees' with a difference

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the region as festive decorations go up in towns and villages.

After a less than cheer-filled year, volunteers have pulled out the stops to brighten up their communities.

But after months of living in strange times, it is perhaps no surprise that people have come up with something a wee bit different for Christmas 2020.

In Tarbert the pandemic might have put a stop to carol singing, Santa and crowds eagerly anticipating the switch on of the Christmas lights.

But the village instead swapped the usual celebrations for something stripped-back and magical.

This year's 'tree' has been constructed from creels, and decorated with lights.

Built by volunteers over the course of Saturday December

5, it is a fitting centrepiece for the fishing village.

Tarbert Festivals Committee would like to thank C & J Shellfish for donating the creels, Mellex for use of its cherry picker, Tarbert firefighters for their building skills, Stewart McLean for his enthusiasm in moving this project forward and to everyone who supplied rolls and hot drinks to sustain the team during the day.

And, a very special thanks to wee Mollie Jo Eastaugh for switching on the lights.

Ardrishaig's Christmas tree, donated by RDS Forestry, was also put in place last Saturday, next to the North Hall, thanks to the efforts of a team of volunteers from MacLeod Construction, Mellex and West Coast Motors.

As reported in last week's edition, Lochgilphead's tree, also a gift from RDS Forestry, went up a weekend earlier through the work of volunteers and equipment from MacLeods, George McNaughton and Son, Coille Haulage and West Coast Motors.

Further up Loch Fyne, Furnace celebrated on a frosty Friday December 4 as the lights were switched on at the village hall and tree. Many residents lit up their homes and gardens, and a suitably masked and socially distanced walk round the impressive lights was enjoyed by villagers.

With the tree, donated by Argyll Estates, in place in Inveraray, the community council has organised all the insurances and testing required to allow permission for lights alongside the A83 trunk road.

Look out for Inveraray's impressive lights going up on Sunday December 13.

The Ardfern community has also created a Christmas tree with a twist.



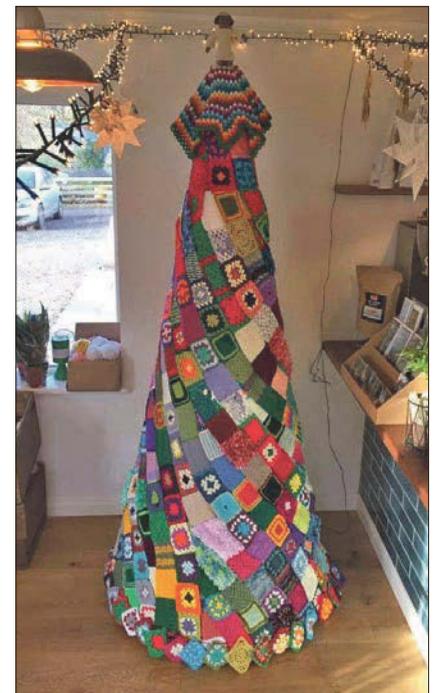
Volunteers construct the tree with a difference over Saturday December 5 in Tarbert.

Like many others, at the beginning of lockdown, Ardfern's Knit and Natter, Crochet and Chatter group had to stop meeting and resorted to fortnightly Zoom sessions. Inspired by an idea from Barra, member Aliénor Kennedy suggested creating a knitted and crocheted Christmas tree to cheer everyone up - a fantastic

lockdown project. So, starting off by making 10cm squares out of the stashes of yarn all knitters and crocheters accumulate, everyone worked hard throughout the summer and gathered enough squares for the planned tree.

Aliénor's husband Simon made a frame and last week the impressive tree went up in Lucy's café in Ardfern.

Right: Ardfern's imaginative tree, born of an idea at the beginning of lockdown in March. Below: Furnace folk enjoyed a safe celebration as the lights went on.



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More time to travel to NHS appointments

Argyll patients are to benefit from later NHS appointment times once again – so they get more time to travel.

A system failure within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde had led to patients from Argyll being given appointments that were too early but that has now been addressed.

Regional Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant says she is encouraged that the fault has been recognised and wants to see the 10.30am policy to become common knowledge.

Numerous constituents contacted Mrs Grant complaining about early appointment times that they were given by the NHS authority. It was thought that these appointment times were given with no consideration for travel – either by car or by public transport.

Mrs Grant raised the issue with the chief executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the 10.30am rule has now been reinforced to the medical records team which is willing to accommodate patient requests where possible.

Wind farm funding fits need to exercise more

by Kathie Griffiths
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More than £15,500 has been awarded as part of the latest round of grants from An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund, helping people get out and stay fit during Covid times.

Lucky recipients include a skiff club and shinty club and a bid to buy outdoor gym equipment for a park in Inveraray.

Katy Woodington, RWE Renewables' UK's community investment manager said: 'It is always exciting to recognise and celebrate the diversity of projects that are funded every year, and this year, more than ever, we are proud to be supporting local groups in their response to, and recovery from, the pandemic.'

Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club at Glenbranter has been awarded £1,848.00 towards a trailer and a cover



Upper Loch Fyne Skiff Club members working on their new boat.

for the club's boat so they can take part in events and protect the boat from the elements.

The club was formed two years ago and is building its own skiff. Derrick Anstee, who is leading the build, said: 'The help from An Suidhe Wind

Farm Community Fund is a lifeline.

'It means we will be able to finish the Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club's skiff this year and be on the water for the next season.'

Other awards helping

and encouraging people to socialise and exercise during times of Covid-19 restrictions include £8,022.60 going to Inveraray Community Council to buy outdoor gym equipment for the park and £3,041.60 to Inveraray Shinty Club for, among other items, furnishings for a multi-purpose storage container that will provide a changing room for female players.

Cairndow Community Council also got £4,500 to fund the development of two outdoor play areas.

An Suidhe Wind Farm Community Fund is managed by independent charity Foundation Scotland on behalf of the funding panel.

In 2011, RWE Renewables set up an annual fund of £28,500 to run throughout the operational lifetime of An Suidhe Wind Farm, expected to be around 25 years.

Funding decisions are made

in the area to ensure awards are best suited to the needs of the surrounding communities, and are made by a panel of representatives from the community councils of Glenorchy and Innishail (Eredine only), Inveraray, and Furnace and the Dalavich Improvement Group.

In the latest 2020 funding distribution round, the funding panel has announced awards of more than £31,000 to community projects within those four areas.

Foundation Scotland Community Funds manager Tom Black said: 'The range of projects supported this year very much reflects local needs and opportunities to get outside, exercise and connect with others.'

'With these grant awards we hope people will be able to see the tangible benefits that the fund can bring to their community.'

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Work to start on woodland to help stabilise A83 slope

Preparations are underway to create a woodland on the hillside above the Rest and be Thankful and be Thankful later this month.

Forestry and Land Scotland, working in partnership with Transport Scotland, will soon start putting up deer fences to protect the saplings of a range of tree species that are to be planted to help maximise slope stability.

Planting will not be starting until September or October next year and the new woodland will take some time to establish, but from the moment of planting, the tree roots will begin to bind the slope – an effect that will cumulatively increase, year-on-year, says James Hand, FLS operations forester.

Mr Hand added: ‘The deer fence is a crucial first stage because protecting the saplings and other vegetation from deer and other mammal



Above: View as it is now from the south approach to the Rest and be Thankful. Left: An illustration of how the view south to the Rest and be Thankful will look in 30 plus years after the woodland is created.

grazing is crucial to ensuring rapid establishment of the new woodland.

‘The mix of species selected for the woodland will help it withstand events associated with predicted climate change, particularly those associated with sudden heavy rainfall

incidents. The trees will complement the hard engineering that has been done at the site to help stabilise the slope and protect the road infrastructure. Working in tandem, both approaches will help to mitigate the challenges presented by this notoriously unstable



slope.’ The bulk of the fencing work will take place in the spring and summer of 2021.

George Fiddes, Transport Scotland special projects manager, said: ‘Commencement of these vital deer fencing works marks an important milestone in the hillside planting strategy.

‘We look forward to continuing to work with Forestry and Land Scotland on this key project which forms part of the Scottish Government’s wider landslide mitigation works at the A83 Rest and be Thankful.’

As well as protecting the trees, the fence will have ecological benefits across a wider area by reducing grazing pressure and will help to develop a network of native woodland at a landscape scale.

Careful consideration has to be given to selecting the correct species of trees and shrubs that would best be able to cope with the extreme conditions on such an exposed site.

‘Anything planted at this site should not only be able to provide the rooting structures that will help slope stabilisation,’ continued Mr Hand, ‘but should also be resilient enough to survive in this environment.

‘Sourcing Scottish plants from local areas, as close as possible to the site, means we’re benefitting from the plant species that are adapted for the current environment and that are most likely to be resilient to a changing climate into the future.’

The combination of species

will include downy birch, aspen, oak, blackthorn, hawthorn, hazel, juniper and Scots pine.

As well as enhancing the landscape and contributing to the scenic value of the National Park, the mix of species will be good for biodiversity, helping to sustain golden eagles and black grouse.

The project overall will also protect water quality and habitats, especially those associated with spawning salmonids.

Natural regeneration of native species will also be encouraged and there is scope for more planting nearby.

Information panels will go up at points where new gates will be built across traditional access routes telling walkers why the fence has appeared.

Council to pilot community-led winter maintenance project

A pilot project is planned as part of Argyll and Bute Council’s effort to get communities helping with winter maintenance.

The authority had hoped to consult with residents earlier this year on interest in helping to keep paths and pavements clear during the winter months.

But the consultation was delayed due to Covid-19 and is now planned to take place this winter with a view to rolling a scheme out during the summer and autumn of 2021.

Neither a location nor a time for the pilot project have

been identified, but it is aimed for a community resilience programme to be in place for winter 2021/22.

The details were revealed in a report considered by the council’s environment, development and infrastructure committee on December 3.

Executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: ‘As we now enter the winter period it is proposed to run that delayed consultation over the season, with a view to using feedback to define a scheme for roll-out across the council area next summer/autumn, in advance of the 2021/22 winter season.’

Criteria for community

groups to become involved in the pilot included that its work was undertaken on a reactive basis. However, the report adds that there should be no expectation by the council for the group to ‘turn out’ at any point, and that all PPE and equipment should be provided by the authority.

Ms Flanagan added: ‘It should be noted that while it is not expected that there will be a significant uptake in the 2021 season, any uptake will have to be carefully monitored as there is a finite amount of revenue funding available to support the scheme (£50,000).’

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Wonderful day as first pupils graduate at St Columba's

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Friday December 4 was a very proud day for Argyll-based charity ZamScotEd, and for the young people it helps.

The charity – formerly the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative – supports the secondary education of children in the southern-central African country of Zambia.

Last Friday the first group of pupils from a secondary school initiated by ZamScotEd graduated at Grade 12 – the equivalent of sixth year.

For many years the charity funded the secondary education of children living at the Mthunzi Children's Programme. This developed into a plan to build a secondary school to meet the educational needs of the wider community in the Chilanga area to the west of Lusaka, where no secondary education was available and where families live in poverty.

With match funding from Missio Scotland and the support of parishes, trusts, and individuals in the west of Scotland, ZamScotEd opened the first classroom block of St Columba's Day Secondary School in January 2016 – named St Columba's because of the obvious link to Argyll and the Isles.

The charity works in partnership with the Zambian order of the Teresian Sisters – educational experts in both Zambia and Malawi. With funding from the Spanish organisations Manos Unidas and Africa Directo, four teaching blocks have been built.

The primary aim is to achieve three of the United Nation's goals for sustainable development; goal four, which seeks to provide every child with quality education; goal five, which strives for gender equality; and through these, goal one, which is to eliminate poverty.

On its Facebook page

ZamScotEd posted: 'A very proud day for ZamScotEd. St Columba's Community Secondary School, initiated and supported by our Scottish organisation, celebrates its first Grade 12 graduates today. May your future be all you wish for.'

'Congratulations to all pupils, [head teacher] Sr Veronica and all staff.'

ZamScotEd founder and chair Marian Pallister said: 'We have supported the education of children in Zambia since the turn of this century, but in 2016 we were able to open St Columba's in this area on the outskirts of Lusaka, where there was no secondary provision.'

'We began with a handful of pupils. Now there are 350 and we are so proud that the youngsters we support have finished the equivalent of S6. We can't thank the people of Mid Argyll enough for continuing to help us despite Covid-19. That support means a new intake in 2021 will have the same opportunity for good quality education near their homes.'

The need for funds continues, and ZamScotEd is seeking support so that education can be continued in 2021 through the purchase of text books and science equipment. Every penny raised goes to give kids a chance to have a future.

If anyone would like to help, visit the Just Giving website and search for ZamScotEd SCIO.



The first pupils to graduate from St Columba's Community Secondary School, with head teacher Sr Veronica Nyoni and staff.



Pupils pictured in a St Columba's classroom in 2019.

Council charges up for more electric cars

Lochgilphead and Tighnabruaich are charging up for new electric vehicle (EV) topping-up stations.

Argyll and Bute is seeking funding to encourage and support wider use of electric cars.

The council's environment, development and infrastructure committee will be developing its network of electric vehicle charging points with a view to tackling climate change as well.

Another four EV charging schemes are currently being progressed for Tighnabruaich car park, Lochgilphead, Tiree and Coll.

The council hopes to get government funding and

introduce fees for the electricity used to make sure that the programme is sustainable.

Over the past four years, the council has secured £700,000 of Scottish Government funding to install 24 electric vehicle charging points across the area including Lochgilphead, Oban, Campbeltown, Islay, Mull and Coll.

Until now the cost of electricity has been absorbed by the council, but that is likely to change, and the authority is developing a policy for recovering costs for powering up private vehicles, which, it says, will bring Argyll and Bute in line with many other Scottish local authorities.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'Delivering an EV charging network for Argyll and Bute isn't without challenges.'

'But this is something that is vital for our environment as well as for our economy.'

'Greener, more cost efficient fuel has the potential to offer huge benefits to our businesses.'

'Now private and public sectors need to work together to create infrastructure to support our economy and build on our success in securing funding to date.'

'We need to make this sustainable for the long term.'



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Help at hand as caring needs grow during Covid pandemic

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With latest research showing a rise in the number of carers and an increase in the needs of those they look after, the requirement for help has rarely been more acute.

As it praised the role of carers' support services across the region, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) announced a planned consultation with unpaid carers on short breaks or respite options.

A spokesperson for the HSCP said: 'Carer services across Argyll and Bute have carried out an amazing role during the pandemic and quickly mobilised to provide services in different and innovative ways so they could continue their lifeline work for carers and provide respite and support.'

In the summer, unpaid carer services worked with Linda Currie, the HSCP's lead for allied health professionals,

on an informal consultation where they checked in with carers on how they were coping during lockdown and how they wanted to engage with services again in the long term.

Most were keen to revert back to face-to-face support when things were safer to do so and this feedback reflected a recent report from Carers Scotland, Behind Closed Doors, which highlighted that four in five unpaid carers were providing more care than before lockdown.

More than three quarters of carers reported the needs of the person they care for have increased recently; 64 per cent of carers had not been able to take any breaks in the last six months; 58 per cent of carers had seen their own physical health impacted by caring through the pandemic; while 64 per cent of them said their mental health had worsened.

In Mid Argyll, staff at Lochgilhead's Dochas Carers Centre have adapted during



Dochas chairwoman Catherine Paterson - 'I send the love of our staff and board members to all unpaid carers'. 51_a50Dochas_CatherinePaterson The Dochas Centre in Lochgilhead is there to help.

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the pandemic to continue to provide support and comfort.

Dochas co-founder and chairwoman Catherine Paterson said: 'It is the greatest calling to meet the needs of people when we can. I know we are all keen to re-open to welcome our extended family of unpaid carers back to the fold once it is safe to do so. Plans for fun events have been

restricted, thus we miss out on time spent with loved ones.

'Humans need both personal and physical contact with one another and whilst we have continued the personal contact by phone and odd meetings with our unpaid carers in their gardens, we have all missed out on physical contact and so often a touch of a hand on our shoulder can bring more com-

fort than words. I remember one man, on BBC Scotland's Reflections from the Quay, saying his arms were aching to hug his friends and extended family members and I felt that described how I, and I'm sure many others, feel too.

'In the absence of that, I do send the love of our staff and board members to all unpaid carers, even if you don't know

you're a carer but 'just' a mum or a son, a grandad or an aunt, and our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to everyone in this wonderful community who rose to meet the needs of neighbours and friends.'

Argyll and Bute HSCP urges carers who need guidance and support to contact their nearest carer services, social work team or speak to their GP, who can point them towards help available.

Further information about the HSCP consultation on respite will be available shortly.

The Dochas Carers Centre in Lochgilhead is on 01546 600022; Mid Argyll Youth Development Service's number is 01546 603231; North Argyll Carer Centre is on 01631 564422; North Argyll Crossroads on 01631 562168; Crossroads Cowal and Bute's number is 01369 707700 (adults) 01369 704492 (young carers).

Future of three Argyll schools hangs in balance

The future of three Argyll and Bute primary schools is to come under scrutiny at a forthcoming meeting of councillors.

An extension until May 2021 to the consultation period on whether to close Skipness Primary School has been recommended due to the

Covid-19 pandemic. Council officers have also recommended the mothballing of Minard and Luing Primary Schools, neither of which has any pupils this year.

Minard has not had any pupils since October 2018.

Reports concerning all three schools were considered by

the council's community services committee on Tuesday December 8.

Skipness primary's future first came under the microscope in September 2019 when the committee agreed to undertake a consultation and options appraisal. Six months later it was agreed a

draft proposal should go out to consultation on the school's closure from October 28 2020.

Tarbert Primary School's catchment area would be extended to include that of Skipness Primary School.

A public meeting on the subject was also scheduled for May, but the pandemic

prevented the consultation process progressing.

Members at Tuesday's meeting were asked to agree a new consultation period from December 18 to May 31.

Meanwhile, it was recommended that Minard Primary School continues to be mothballed until at least May

2021 and a pre-consultation meeting be held when public health restrictions on meetings allowed.

The council's education services department will work out all options available and present findings to the committee at a meeting during that month.

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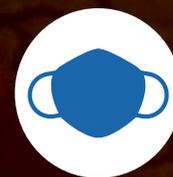
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With seemingly more and more pressure on working families, particularly in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, it would be a tragedy if a vital childcare service was lost.

We would encourage anyone who can contribute the time and (ideally) skills necessary to guide Fyne Families' services to contact them and help keep the after-school club, and more besides, up and running. This is important not just for the families directly affected, but for employers and the wider economy.

Tree-mendous

Remember last year's Christmas tree saga in Tarbert? We won't rake over the coals, but what a fantastic idea the community has come up with this year.

The choice of fishing equipment could not be more appropriate for Tarbert, and what a great job the volunteers did of building the creels and setting up the lighting.

Congratulations to all involved, and who knows, it might inspire other communities to do something with local meaning for future years – a new Christmas tradition?

And to the volunteers and businesses who devoted time to organising trees and festive lights up and down the region, well done and we hope your efforts are recognised.

Dereliction of duty over A83

Sir,
The SNP government's lack of action in delivering a permanent solution to the problems besetting the A83 is inexcusable.

The SNP has been in power for more than 13 years but has done next to nothing to deliver a permanent solution to the chronic problems with the A83 which are strangling the economy of much of Argyll and Bute.

It is truly shocking to learn from the Fraser of Allander Institute that the SNP government is hoarding as much as £1 billion of funding from the UK Government, some of which could, of course, be spent on sorting out this problem.

There are plainly the financial resources to deal with this.

It is an inexcusable dereliction of duty on their part and will not be forgiven or forgotten by people whose jobs and livelihoods are being threatened by this ongoing crisis.

Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and Islands Region

Sprinklers 'will save lives' thanks to new regulations

Sir,
I am delighted that the Scottish Government is taking forward my campaign for greater fire safety precautions in social housing.

Guidance is now going out to the building industry, ahead of installing fire sprinklers in all new social housing with new regulations coming into effect next year.

The sprinklers will be a requirement in new flats, maisonettes and larger multi-occupancy dwellings, including where care is provided.

Fire sprinklers have proved time and time again to be effective in the fight against fire and I know that this move will save lives.

There has always been strong backing for these plans from the public, the industry and other MSPs, especially in the light of the Grenfell Tower disaster.

I would still like retro-fitting sprinklers in older properties to be considered and, although that is my longer term hope, I understand the problems this would pose.

I am delighted this is coming in before I retire as an MSP at next year's election – what better than a life-saving 'present' at Christmas?

David Stewart MSP, Highlands and Islands Region

Second to none at Ardfenaig

Sir,
Can I please, through the columns of the Argyllshire Advertiser, say a very big thank you to all the wonderful staff and their manager Nan Anderson at the council's Ardfenaig care home in Ardrishaig.

These people have, since the lockdown and well before that, given those in their care love and affection that is second to none.

On a daily basis they put themselves in harm's way, to the benefit of not only the residents but also the relatives of the residents, and may I personally say they do it in a professional and loving way.

On behalf of those in your care, especially those who cannot say it for themselves, 'Thank you and a very merry Christmas to you all'.

Leonard McNeill, Minard



The Christmas tree at Erskine Home, donated by Atalian Servest

Remembering those missing

Sir,
The much-loved Erskine Tree of Honour was dedicated and lit in fine style last week.

Every year the Tree of Honour dedications lead us into the festive season.

This year, in spite of the pandemic, we embrace the opportunity to remember those who will be missing from our lives this Christmas.

Though 2020 has been a challenging year, we at Erskine have been overwhelmed by the generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness from our supporters and the community.

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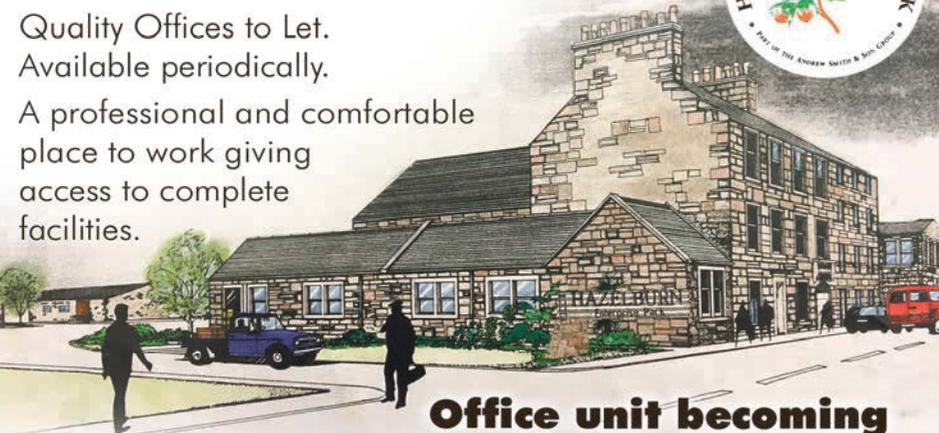
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Ian Cumming MBE, Erskine chief executive

A stronger voice for people within their communities

Sir,
I congratulate the Scottish Government on its recent commitment to a bill that will give the role of local government legal status in Scotland.

The European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill has been proposed and fought for by Andy Wightman of the Green Party.

It aims to incorporate the European Charter of Local Self-Government into Scots law, setting out certain rights for councils and protecting them from centralisation.

It's been strongly supported by local government body COSLA, whose president, Councillor Alison Evison said: "This is a good day for democracy in Scotland.

'It is a good day for our communities.' It's also a good day for our hard-pressed local government.

Here in Argyll and Bute, I think we recognise the absolute necessity of so many of the services provided by local government for our day-to-day wellbeing.

We also recognise the increasingly challenging responsibility involved in the delivery of those services, not least in the face of Covid-19 and the climate emergency, which both have tested us all this year.

YOUR PICTURES



Winter wonderlands come into view

Two wonderful wintry snapshots from our readers this week.

Cold but beautiful up on the Rest And Be Thankful after a fall of snow says Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye, who pulled-up safely to take this photo. From the roadside to sea and the distant snow-

capped hills, Liz McLean sent us a photo of a view from Ardrishaig.

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Our comings and goings have been adversely affected by both these 'events', as our social relations are constrained by the first, and our movements, our access and connectivity by the unprecedented scale of the A83 Rest and be Thankful landslides.

Andy Wightman's Bill, if enacted, will give people a stronger voice in the conduct of their affairs, and we will increasingly need that stronger voice to advocate for our present and our future in Argyll and Bute.

Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig

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Local accountant Brona, new Partner in Borders firm

Tax expert Brona MacDougall, has just been appointed as a Partner in one of the largest accountancy firms in the South of Scotland.

Brona, who previously worked in Oban as a chartered accountant, joined Hawick based accountancy firm JRW two years ago. The company, which has offices throughout the Scottish Borders as well as one in Edinburgh, has a diverse range of clients all over the country.

The former doctor will continue to be based from her home on the family farm on the Isle of Lismore. As well as being an expert in agricultural finance and taxation, Brona is also a Trust and Estate Practitioner and has undertaken numerous succession plans, tax work on complex agricultural tenancy transactions and inheritance tax mitigation plans for large landed estates. Testament to this expertise, Brona has recently taken over authorship of the prestigious Bloomsbury Professional publication 'Inheritance Tax in Scotland'.

With a considerable amount of experience in dealing with international tax matters and the tax affairs of seafarer's, Brona has been successful in some complex offshore disclosures and regularly deals with non domicile and residence issues.

JRW Partner Brona MacDougall said:

"After only two years, I am delighted to have become a Partner with JRW and to have the opportunity to grow the firm's presence here in the Highlands and Islands.

Living on the family farm with my husband and two little boys, means that I bring a considerable amount of valuable experience to my farming clients. I enjoy being able to take a holistic approach to my work, as my Trust and Estates qualification gives me a good understanding of the legal aspects of will writing and succession planning.

Naturally, many people are curious about my previous role as a doctor and as irrelevant as it may at first seem, I believe that my experience in medicine brings with it many benefits. A good bedside manner in tax matters if that makes sense.

Whether that's advising a farmer, landowner or seafarer; or indeed any private individual or business owner, the favourite part of my job is working with people, understanding their individual situations and being able to forge relationships with them.

I care about my clients and I look forward to growing business together for many years to come."



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Welcome £140,000 boost for pool redevelopment

The board and management of Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd (MACEL) are delighted to report two more generous grants towards the Mid Argyll Community Pool redevelopment project.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) will provide £120,000 towards the main capital works, to include funding for a capital project manager, and EB Scotland has granted £20,000 towards the installation of a soft play area.

The HIE grant means MACPool is now close to amassing funding for the total of the main capital works and the board is hopeful a further grant early in the new year can be announced, which will complete the capital requirement.

An invitation to tender has been placed on the Public Contracts Scotland website and tenders are expected by



Far left: Kim Ritchie, chairwoman of MACEL, views the redevelopment plans – 08_a18KimRitchie01 – which will see the MACPool become a community health and wellbeing hub, left.

December 16. This will enable the project team to review the tenders over the Christmas period, with a view to appointing a contractor by the end of January and starting work on site by the end of the first quarter of 2021.

The redevelopment plans will incorporate an upgraded changing area for a wide range of users and will see the

building adjoining MACPool converted into a welcoming and fully accessible community café with a soft play area for younger children and multi-purpose activity spaces.

Soft play

The grant from EB Scotland means that, together with £10,000 already donated from the Co-op Community Fund, 90 per cent of the money need-

ed for the soft play area has been raised. Claire McMurchy, head of strengthening communities at HIE, said: 'HIE is pleased to provide support to MACPool towards the redevelopment of the community-run asset.'

'A fully accessible, welcoming and inclusive health and wellbeing community hub will enhance current facilities and

enable wider engagement with more people across Mid Argyll as well as adding to visitor options in Mid Argyll.'

'We are so grateful to HIE and EB Scotland for their generosity and the trust they have placed in us to execute this exciting project,' said Kim Ritchie, chairwoman of the MACEL board.

'Being so close to having all

the money we need to start construction really takes our vision of a MACPool community health and wellbeing hub a huge step nearer to realisation.

'We still need to raise money for works and fit-out, outside the main contract though, and our community fundraising programme will aim to fill some of that gap. We will be launching it soon.'

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With the festive season approaching, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is calling on people not to miss the January 31 deadline.

The 2019-20 tax return can be finalised at any time up to then, but HMRC is encouraging people to complete it early to allow for more time to pay their tax bill or set up a payment plan.

HMRC's Interim Director General of Customer Services Karl Khan, said: 'We know many people are affected by the pandemic this year and we're here to help if they need to spread the cost of their tax bill. It's quick and easy to set up a payment plan online.' For more information, visit the www.gov.uk/hmrc website.

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Streetlight repairs are getting back on track

Street lighting repairs are gradually returning to normal in Argyll and Bute, an officer has insisted, after a councillor complained the Covid pandemic was becoming a 'go-to answer'.

Kintyre and the Islands Councillor Alastair Redman made the claim after a report revealed less than one in three street lighting repair jobs were completed within 10 days during the months from July to September.

But Jim Smith, the authority's head of roads and amenity services, said supplies for street lighting repairs were being restored.

The discussion took place at a meeting of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee on Thursday December 3.

According to the report, only 29 per cent of street lighting faults were fixed during those

three summer months – against a target of 75 per cent.

Councillor Redman told the meeting: 'Our roads department was already between a rock and a hard place before Covid. We were short on resources and there were many things to fix.'

'I don't mean to pile on at the time of a pandemic, but it does concern me the length of time it is taking to fix street lighting.'

'Very often the answer from the roads department is that due to Covid or staffing, we won't be able to have anybody look at the light for the next month.'

'I am a little concerned that Covid is a go-to answer now for everything.'

'Perhaps that is unfair, but I have concerns if street lighting is not going to be looked at quicker.'

Mr Smith responded: 'I



Councillor Alastair Redman is 'concerned' about the time taken to fix street lighting.



can give assurance that we are not using Covid as an excuse. There are glitches out there and through the winter months street lighting repairs are more numerous than during the summer.'

Provost David Kinniburgh then asked: 'I know there are issues at the moment for street lights. Nothing is replaced because they are sourced from England and because of Covid they were on furlough.'

'Do we have any update on when the supplier might be opening up again?' Mr Smith answered: 'There are supply challenges in numerous areas, but the demand remains the same, not just in the UK but across Europe as well.'

'The general position is that things are starting to trickle through and we are now receiving equipment that was not available before.'

'We have some lights to

install in the Oban area which should have been with us a while ago. We have also had supply issues on things like parking meters.'

'So the short answer is that there remain some delays and we are not in the position we were in pre-March to get things off the shelf, but it is beginning to improve.'

Commentary in the report said: 'Due to the team being significantly reduced for a substantial period of time, the lighting team have been prioritising lighting repairs.'

'Actions are being taken to progress solutions to ensure the street lighting team have the resources necessary to carry out repairs. The service plan on bringing in third party contractors to address the outages and communication is ongoing to address the more complex issues in order to get these resolved.'



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The Grey Gull has also erected a popular lit and heated marquee where locals can eat and drink outside, Monday to Sunday until 10pm, or customers can eat inside if having food until 8pm.

Ardrishaig care home selected as 'early adopter' for Covid visitor testing

A Mid Argyll care home is among three facilities in Argyll and Bute to be selected as an 'early adopter' of Covid-19 testing for visitors and staff visiting care homes.

In a statement this week, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said it was 'delighted to be working with the Scottish Government as an early adopter area for the introduction of lateral flow testing for visitors and health and social care staff visiting care homes'.

The three care homes chosen are Ardfenaig Residential Home in Ardrishaig, Thomson Court on the Isle of Bute, and Helensburgh's Northwood House – with each expected to be testing visitors from this week.

Lateral flow testing is a quick and easy test that can be used to check if an

individual is infectious with Covid-19, even if they are not displaying symptoms. The sample does not need to go to a laboratory to be analysed and a result is usually available within 30 minutes.

The test, which will not be mandatory, will be carried out by trained care staff when visitors arrive and will greatly help with the safety of residents and staff within the facility. Anyone who tests positive will not be admitted for a visit and will be advised to self isolate and book a Covid test.

It is important that visitors follow the relevant Scottish Government guidance for visiting and that they wear the appropriate PPE.

It is also planned that, from Monday December 14, all Argyll and Bute care homes will be providing lateral flow tests for visitors.



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Unappetising fall reported in Argyll school meals' income

by Kathie Griffiths
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School meals' income in Argyll and Bute's secondary schools has fallen by more than a quarter on average since pupils returned to the classroom in August, a report has revealed.

Uptake in primary schools has also reduced by 13 per cent – and a further downturn is forecast as a result of new legislation on healthy eating which is set to be introduced in April.

The Scottish Government is to roll out new regulations in April which will increase pupils' access to fruit and vegetables, reduce sugar levels, and set a maximum level of red and red processed meat.

They will also change the

way in which school food and drink is provided. Argyll and Bute Council has pledged to work to ensure that schools are ready for the changes, which are due to take place on Thursday April 8 next year.

'Schools and catering teams are doing their best to deliver a revised service...'

The report was due to be discussed by the authority's community services committee at its meeting via Skype on Tuesday December 8.

Council executive director Douglas Hendry said: 'As schools returned in August 2020, the focus has been on a safe return to schools for

all pupils and staff following closure during the pandemic, and there has not been any opportunity to restart the planned work to mitigate the impact of this change.

'Schools and catering teams are doing their best to deliver a revised service, and it will be challenging to carry out any face-to-face sessions with pupils while physical distancing restrictions remain, travel is discouraged and visitors to schools are minimised.

'Since the reopening of schools post-pandemic, school meals uptake in primary schools has declined by an average of 13 per cent, and in Secondary schools, income has declined by an average of 27 per cent.

'This has been the case in schools across Scotland as social distancing in schools has changed how the catering



service operates, parental confidence has dropped and managing school lunch service has been challenging for many schools.

'Early evidence shows that the implementation of the food and drinks changes is likely to cause a further decline in uptake of around 10 per cent, and an estimated loss of income in the region of £65,000.'

Mr Hendry then reported that two catering vans had been purchased to be located

in the grounds of two secondary schools, which are not identified in the report.

Food and drink served in these vans will comply to the new standards.

Mr Hendry concluded in the report: 'Officers will be working with colleagues from across the council, with other local authorities and with suppliers to manage these issues as effectively as possible.

'[It will also work] to develop the best ways in which to mitigate the impact, while continuing to promote positive messages around food and drink and encouraging school meals uptake to as many pupils as possible.

'While this work has been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the implementation will still take place on April 8, 2021, and officers will ensure that schools are as

prepared for these changes as possible.'

The report also states that a decision remains to be taken on the provision of soft drinks in secondary schools.

It is recommended that the council decides to sell flavoured or carbonated water but not branded sugar free drinks.

However, Mr Hendry said this could change in the summer, and pupil feedback will be gathered on all options.

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Timber transport funding boosts roads investment

Argyll and Bute stays in Scotland's top five fastest improving local authorities when it comes to road conditions.

Ongoing investment in the region's roads are continuing to get better with the council approving a £6.2m investment programme for road repairs.

The council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee endorsed the annual status and options report last week that summarised the authority's road assets as at April 2020 and set out future investment options to be considered.

Investment in Argyll and Bute's roads increased to around £1.7m following a successful bid to the Scottish Timber Transport Scheme (STTS) of £1.227m.

This year's capital road works programme was delayed by three months by COVID-19 and so the 2020-21 road reconstruction budget prior-



Council roads spending has benefitted from the Scottish Timber Transport Scheme. 51_a50TimberTransport01



Councillor Rory Colville, Policy Lead for Roads and Infrastructure Services.

policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'Maintaining our roads is challenging, but vital for businesses and our communities.'

'Nearly one third of our network is made up of unclassified roads, over 80 per cent of the network is in rural areas and 23 per cent are over peat, which costs more for construction and maintenance.'

'We continue to invest as much as we can to maintain our roads and to lever in additional money where possible.'

'The fact is, it takes £8m investment each year to keep our roads in their current condition. We do all we can to invest wisely, and where it will make the biggest difference.'

'Making other savings – for example moving to LED street lighting has reduced use of electricity by 50 per cent – helps us reinvest in other assets and supports our efforts to reduce carbon emissions.'

itises work supported by the Scottish Timber Transport Scheme. Surface Dressing Works were also delayed until 2021-22 because colder, wetter weather prevents the surface

dressing materials from being as effective.

Road surfaces in poorer condition will be treated to protect from further damage over the winter, said the report, with

residents and businesses benefitting from STTS works being carried out. Roads improved through the joint funding between the council and STTF will be in the following

locations:

The A816 at Lochgilhead, Loch Awe haulage routes – B840, C30 and C29; Kintyre B842 are on the list.

Councillor Rory Colville,

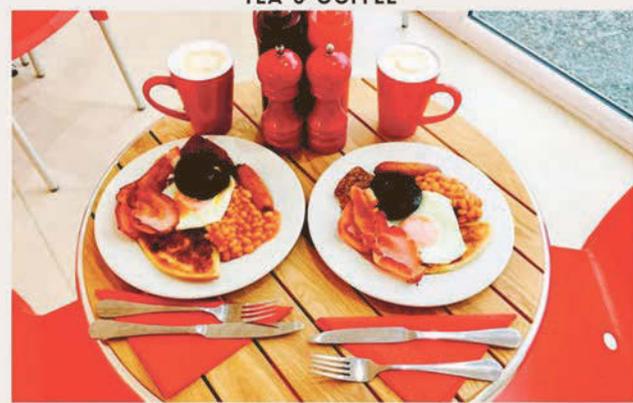


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Trad stars get cooking in Eilidh's memory

The biggest names in Scotland's traditional music scene have come together to raise funds for the Eilidh Macleod Memorial Trust.

Eilidh, who came from Barra, tragically lost her life in the Manchester Arena bombing in May 2017 and the musicians have produced the Trad Music Lockdown Cookbook, a collection of their favourite recipes.

Eilidh was just 14 years old when she lost her life in the Manchester bombing. She was a huge music fan and a piper in Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band.

The trust continues her musical journey by supporting music education for children and young people.

Artists contributing to the lockdown cookbook include Skerryvore, Tide Lines, The Vatersay Boys and multi award-winning Scottish supergroup Mànran.

With recipes from dozens

of world class performers, covering 'the pre-show', 'the support act', 'the headliner', 'the encore' and 'the after party', readers are guaranteed a fine dining experience and plenty of craic.

The cookbook is available through the Trad Music Lockdown Cookbook Facebook page or by emailing donniemaroot@hotmail.co.uk

Organiser of the cookbook Donald Macleod said: 'This year has proved incredibly challenging for musicians and for charities and I am so grateful that they have come together for this cause, which hopefully hits the right note.'

'Eilidh was an incredibly talented individual and I would urge everyone who is able to dig deep to raise funds for the trust established in her name, which supports music education for children and young people.'

Book a brick for church disabled access plan

by Colin Cameron
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If there is one thing that Tarbert is famous for other than fishing, its medieval royal castle, Magnus Barefoot and festivals, it is the village's community spirit.

That sense of togetherness came to the fore almost nine years ago after Tarbert Parish Church roof was badly damaged in a winter storm.

Such was the extent of the January storm's destruction that the future of the B-listed building, which dates from 1775, hung in the balance with repairs estimated at £500,000. Water coming through the ceiling caused major damage to the interior - the oak chancel, carpets, paintwork and the church organ were all badly affected.

Thanks to the quick thinking of the minister, Reverend



Tarbert's imposing 18th century church. 06_a06TarbertParishChurch01

Tommy Bryson, Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland and other grants were applied for. But an important role was played by community fundraising initiatives.

Refurbishment work was completed in 2014, including re-slating the enormous roof and installing a heat pump which takes warmth from the

surrounding air to make the church warm and comfortable inside.

But planned improvements are not yet finished, and yet more funds are needed to help

provide disabled access into the church. So, that famous Tarbert generosity is being called upon once again. Back in 2012, a 'slate book' was set

up, allowing people to have their name commemorated as they donated to the roof fund.

Now, the disabled access appeal needs villagers' help to complete the fundraising effort, so a 'brick book' is now available for a similar purpose.

Donating £5 a brick will see a name go into the book, to be displayed in the church heritage area.

Lisa MacFarlane of Tarbert Parish Church explained: 'This is for funds for the disabled access and toilet facility, which we want for the church and hall, and the money will help put in proper disabled car parking access and decorate the extension/hall, so financial help would be very much appreciated.'

The brick book for donations can be found in the thrift shop in Tarbert or alternatively contact Lisa MacFarlane on 07900 174977.

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Next Saturday, December 19, an Electric Bike Day will be held at the Ardrishaig Bothy at the pier head, aimed at anyone aged over 16.

The day will include an introduction to the basics of an E-Bike, a try-out on a bike and information about Energy Saving Trust loans aimed at growing E-Bike use. There will also be the opportunity to take part in an accompanied ride.

At the same time, a free Dr Bike workshop will be held on the café deck for bike owners who need advice or minor adjustments to their bikes.

Anyone interested should email Alec Ohnstad in advance at the Ardrishaig Bothy at alec.ohnstad@cyclinguk.org.

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Walk this way every day for winter health and wellbeing

Families across Argyll are being encouraged to get moving this Christmas by pledging to walk once a day.

Scotland's walking charity Paths for All has highlighted the importance of a daily walk to keep up physical and mental wellbeing during the winter.

The plea comes as the charity launches its Walk Once a Day campaign as well as a new online hub giving lots of ideas, activities and information designed to motivate everyone to get outdoors with nature spotting tips, podcast recommendations, location advice, community and festive walks and creative walking.

The winter initiative will also offer incentives to those who take up the challenge to walk once a day through December and January.

Dr Gregor Smith, Scotland's chief medical officer, said: 'Regular walking is a powerful tonic.

'It helps to boost our immune system and those of us able to should strive to get the benefit this winter.

'A 30-minute daily walk is one of the best ways to look after yourself and it's something we can do from our own front door.

'During periods of physical distancing, isolation and uncertainty, many have expressed increased feelings of anxiety, stress or worry.

'Daily outdoor exercise, while adhering to guidelines, is an important way to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

'We would encourage those who are able to get outdoors this winter to do so, even if it is for a short walk to the shop or to school.'

Research shows that half a million older people regularly experience periods of isolation, going at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.



During these times of Covid-19, getting out to walk once a day is more vital than ever.

Getting out for a daily walk allows interaction with neighbours, others in the community and can create a sense of connection and community belonging, even while social distancing.

Dr William Bird, founder of Intelligent Health and the Beat the Street game, said: 'When I talk to patients on a day-to-

day basis, most of them ask for advice on how to avoid getting Covid-19 or how they can improve their chances of fighting it if they do catch it.

'Walking is always one of the best things people can do for their health, however during these times of Covid-19, it's more vital than ever. When you go for a brisk walk, this

stimulates the creation of natural killer cells which are part of the immune system. They sit at the nasal cavity and are ready to mop up any virus including Covid-19 and kill it before it has a chance to replicate and get into the cells.

'Not only that, walking in green space and nature has a positive impact on the brain and reduces stress and its negative impact on the immune system.'

UK-wide research by King's College London during lockdown revealed 49 per cent of people in the UK have felt more anxious or depressed than normal, with walking shown to be an effective method to prevent and manage mental health conditions. Surveys have shown Scots have increased their walking during this unprecedented time.

For more information, search pathsforall.org.uk/walkonceaday

We're giving you an extra week!



Your personal Christmas messages

A

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C

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives
friends & neighbours
from
John Smith,
Campbeltown

SEASONS GREETINGS

to all my relatives
friends & neighbours
from John Smith,
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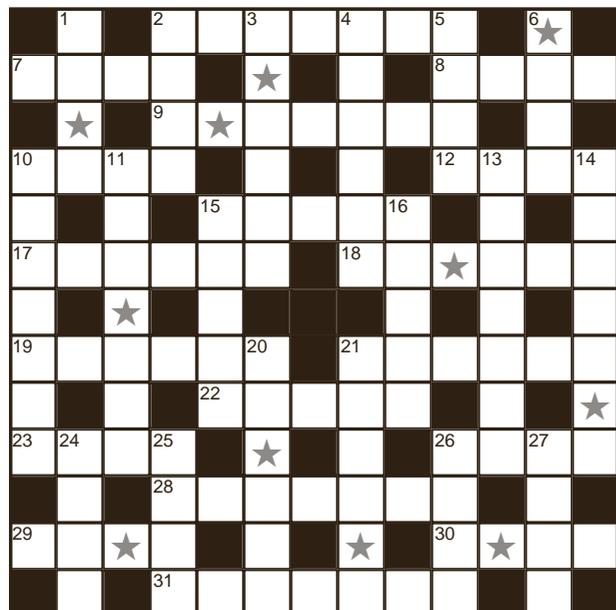
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Can you find the celebrity name hidden in this Starspot Crossword? Complete the crossword in the normal way then make a note of the letters contained in all the squares which are marked with shaded stars. These letters will make an anagram of the name you are looking for.



ACROSS

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7. Masculine (4)
8. Particle (4)
9. Kenyan (7)
10. Amount owed (4)
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18. Rank (6)
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21. Band (6)
22. Malice (5)
23. Horse's gait (4)
26. Hardens (4)
28. Organise (7)
29. Part of foot (4)
30. Close by (4)
31. Draw out (7)

DOWN

1. Feel concern (4)
2. Chair (4)
3. In another country (6)
4. Units of length (6)
5. Work party (4)
6. Jest (4)
10. Lay down (7)
11. Bison (7)
13. Draft (7)
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15. Encounters (5)
16. Territory (5)
20. Liveliness (6)
21. Poetic unit (6)
24. Smell (4)
25. Narrative (4)
26. Dispatched (4)
27. Ensnare (4)

Each question has four possible answers and is worth from one to 15 points. Circle your chosen answers and keep a record of your points total. Maximum total points 120.

The Accumulator Quiz

QUESTION 1 – for 1 point:

The navigation light on the port side of a ship is what colour?

- A Blue
- B White
- C Red
- D Green

QUESTION 2 – for 2 points:

The fictional schoolboy wizard Harry Potter uses which bank?

- A Natwitch
- B Masterspells
- C Gringotts
- D Hagrids

QUESTION 3 – for 3 points:

What are Pikachu, Turtwig and Bidoof?

- A Elves in The Lord of the Rings
- B Rabbits in Watership Down
- C Nephews of Shrek
- D Pokémon characters

QUESTION 4 – for 4 points:

Which of the following films is not part of the X-Men movie franchise?

- A Deadpool
- B The Dark Knight
- C The Wolverine
- D Dark Phoenix

QUESTION 5 – for 5 points:

From 2010 until 2016, comedian Sue Perkins co-hosted which popular cooking show?

- A The Great British Bake Off
- B Saturday Kitchen
- C Great British Menu
- D Ready Steady Cook

QUESTION 6 – for 6 points:

What do dragonflies eat?

- A Mosquitos
- B Pollen
- C They do not eat after the nymph stage
- D Fish eggs



Comedian Sue Perkins. See Question 5

QUESTION 7 – for 7 points:

Which musical instruction means to play fast?

- A Adagio
- B Allegro
- C Largo
- D Andante

QUESTION 8 – for 8 points:

The TV soap Emmerdale is set in which fictional community?

- A Beckindale
- B Scarsdale
- C Ferndale
- D Glovedale

QUESTION 9 – for 9 points:

Which group swept the board at the 1995 Brit Awards, winning best group, best single, best album and best video?

- A Simply Red
- B Oasis
- C The Verve
- D Blur

QUESTION 10 – for 10 points:

The world's longest road tunnel is in which country?

- A Switzerland
- B South Island, New Zealand
- C Norway
- D Cape Town, South Africa

QUESTION 11 – for 11 points:

What, in Italy, is added to pasta to make it black?

- A Truffle essence
- B Squid ink
- C Walnut juice
- D Inkcap mushroom

QUESTION 12 – for 12 points:

The political parties FRELIMO and RENAMO fought a 16-year civil war in which country?

- A Angola
- B Namibia
- C Somalia
- D Mozambique

QUESTION 13 – for 13 points:

Which planet in our solar system spins the fastest?

- A Jupiter
- B Earth
- C Venus
- D Mercury

QUESTION 14 – for 14 points:

In which country is the temple of Angkor Wat?

- A Vietnam
- B Cambodia
- C Burma
- D Laos

QUESTION 15 – for 15 points:

What was the name of novelist John Steinbeck's poodle and travelling companion?

- A Oliver
- B Benson
- C Charley
- D Henry

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SUDOKU

There is just one simple rule in 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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Merry Christmas

Your personal Christmas messages for 2020

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Mary & Margaret
Sinclair, Machrihanish

**DAVE & ISOBEL
DAVIS**

wish all their family
& friends a Merry
Christmas & a safer &
better 2021

*Jimmy & Jean Armour,
17a John Street*

wish all their family,
friends & neighbours
a merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

to our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Hamish,
Catherine, Lindsay
& Alison Armour.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Sheena & Alastair
Ward, 4 Castlepark

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Angus & Anne,
Rockfield

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives
& friends from John
& Fiona Mason,
2 Castlepark

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Pearl & Dougie
McEachran

**NEIL & JEAN
MCEACHRAN,
CAMPBELTOWN**

would like to wish all
relatives, friends &
neighbours a merry
Christmas

**ALISON & GEORGE,
17 WITCHBURN
ROAD**

wish you all the very
best for Christmas
& New Year

*Phyllis & Tommy
Angus, Lochgilphead*

would like to wish
everyone a very Merry
Christmas & a Happy
New Year

*Love &
best wishes*

to all my friends &
family, God bless
Agnes McAlister,
Graeholme

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

from
Jimmy Anderson,
6 Flemings
Land, Castlehill,
Campbeltown

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
love from Isabel
McConachie
"Garavoirne"

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives
& friends in Kintyre
from Neil &
Susan Smith

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all of our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Fiona & Frank
Blake, Campbeltown

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Hughie &
Bertha Newlands

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Flora Brock,
Lochgilphead

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to relatives, friends &
neighbours with love
to you all from
Ella McKinven

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Lesley Mitchell,
Campbeltown

*We wish all our
friends & neighbours*

a merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year
from John &
Veronica Martin

**MARION &
GEORGE REID**

would like to wish all
their relatives, friends
& neighbours a merry
Christmas & good
New Year

**LOCHGILPHEAD
AGE CONCERN
COMMITTEE**

wish all our senior
citizens a merry
Christmas & a Happy
New Year

**ARTHUR &
MARJORIE**

would like to wish all
their relatives, friends
& neighbours a merry
Christmas

*Wishing family,
friends & neighbours*

a merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year
love from Catherine
Lang & family

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Rachel
McMurphy

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
best wishes Hamish
Thomson & Cathie,
Dahlrae

SEASONS GREETINGS

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Doris Newlands,
Campbeltown

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Jan Robertson,
Campbeltown

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my
relatives, friends &
neighbours from
Hamish Jackson,
Campbeltown

JOCK MACVICAR

wishes relatives,
friends & neighbours
a happy Christmas
& a much happier
New Year

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from
Betty MacCallum,
Ralston Road

**WISHING
EVERYONE A HAPPY
CHRISTMAS &
A HEALTHY 2021**

Willie McKerral,
Bleachfield

Season's greetings

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Beth Campbell,
Lorne Campbell
Court

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Stewart
McGougan

More Christmas messages will be published next week

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all our family friends & neighbours from Margaret & Ali Jones, Springhill

WARM CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
to all my family, friends & neighbours & may 2021 be a good New Year to you all from Mary Lavery

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all my family, friends & neighbours from Archie Greenless, 4 Front Row, Drumlembie

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my family, friends & neighbours from Muriel Deans, 30 Castleacres, Campbeltown

Trish Pearson
wishing all my friends in South Kintyre a happy Christmas & hopefully we will have a better New Year. Take care, stay safe, Trish

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our family, friends and neighbours love Ishbel, Iona, Paul, Feuna, John & Peter-John

Alex and John Johnston, Stanley Place, Dell Road
would like to wish all our relatives, friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

JANETTE RAMSAY
would like to wish all her relatives, friends & neighbours a merry Christmas & a healthy New Year in Carradale and Campbeltown

MAISIE SCOTT, MEADOWPARK
would like to wish all her friends & neighbours a merry Christmas

MOIRA & WILLIE WATSON
would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a merry Christmas

ALEX & MARGARET MACKINNON, LEARIGG
would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our friends & neighbours from Teena & Phil Moore

To all my family, relatives & friends
a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Agnes Graham

SEASONS GREETINGS
wishing friends and neighbours a merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from Violet Grieg

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all my family, friends & neighbours from Flora Gillespie, Dalaruan

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Isobel MacKay

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all our colleagues, neighbours, friends & families from Alisdair, Lorraine, Rachael & Campbell

JOHN AND MARGARET FLETCHER, ARDRISHAIG
would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Dorothy and Teddy Russell

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from John MacVean, 15 Lynn Court, Oban

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our friends and neighbours from Janet and Willie, MacIntyre

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Margaret & John Park, Muasdale.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Margaret Deans.

SEASONS GREETINGS
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Donald & Sadie Colville.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Colin Lang

Merry Christmas
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours home & away love from Cathie Duncan & Alasdair, 8 Glenside

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from John MacMillan M.B.E., Southend

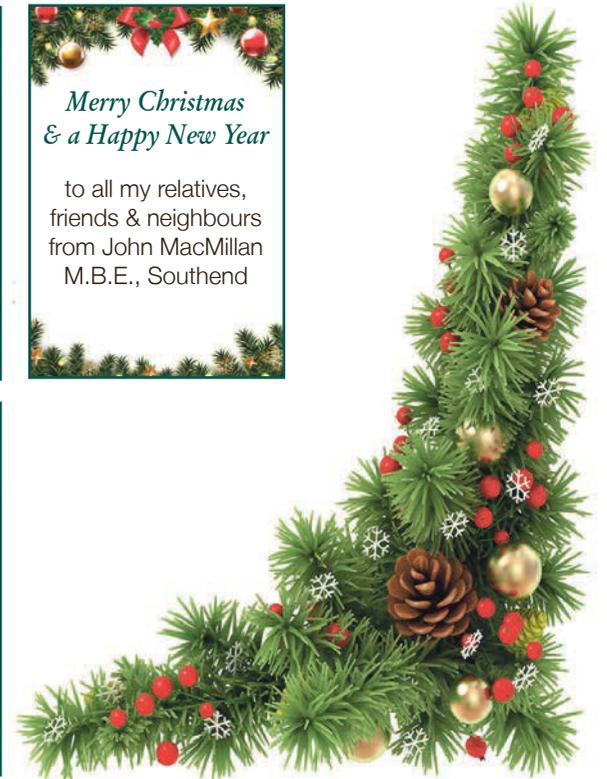
Jan & Brian Wilkinson, Taynuilt
wish all relatives & friends a peaceful Christmas & all the best for 2021

NEIL & BETTY MCLELLAN, CAMPBELTOWN
would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Esther Thomson, Campbeltown

SEASONS GREETINGS
Anne, Sarena & Rhianna wish you peace & much to look forward to in 2021. Keep safe xxx

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my family, friends & neighbours from Tommy Graham, No 4 Glenbarr Cottages



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Around the markets

United Auctions, December 5, Dalmally: sold 467 Store cattle and 36 Breeding cattle. Bullocks sold to £1340 for two, 661kg, CharX and one, 634kg, LimX from I R Morrison, 13 Eoligaray, Barra to average £690.09 (+£48.96) and Heifers sold to £1220 for three, 203kg, Bluegrey's from J & J MacPherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, Dalmally to average £618.70 (+£20.74). Bullocks sold to 285.4p/kg for a pen of eight, 240kg, CharX from Laggan Farms, Killinchoch Farm to average 232.63p/kg (+9.98p) and heifers sold to 601p/kg for three, 203kg, Bluegrey's from J & J MacPherson, Balliemeanoch Farm to average 230.29p/kg (+14.13p). A good selection of quality bred cattle greeted a strong force of buyers and all classes sold at very favourable rates for sellers and in keeping with other principal mainland centres. As this sale concludes all Dalmally & Oban sales for this year, United Auctions wish to thank everyone for their patronage during 2020 and we wish you all a prosperous 2021.

Leading Lots & Prices Per Head
Bullocks – AAX – £840(2), Steall; £810, Achnacremore. BSHx – £1030, £890, £800, Ashgrove. BRBx – £1090, 13 Eoligaray, Barra; £980(5), Lephinchapel. CHARx – £1340(2), £1090, 13 Eoligaray; £910, Musdale; £850, Fearnoch; £850(5), Kildavaig. LIMx – £1340, £1280, £1220(2), 13 Eoligaray, Barra; £1100, £930, 10

Eoligaray, Barra; £930, 16 Carnoch; £900(2), Craignafeoch. LUINGx – £705(4), Luss Estate. SIMx – £1300, 10 Eoligaray, Barra; £900, £810(3) Dalmore. WBSHx – £760(3), Balliemeanoch.
Heifers – AAX – £720, Glenfeochan Estate. BSHx – £970, £860, Ashgrove. BRBx – £900, Lephinchapel. BLG – £1220(3), £1190(2), £1000, Balliemeanoch Farm. CHARx – £780, Fearnoch Farm. LIMx – £890, 10 Eoligaray, Barra; £870, 16 Carnoch; £860, £850, 10 Eoligaray; £850, Duncroisk. SIMx – £810, Frackersaig Farms. WBSHx – £1040(3), Ardchatten H.F. Breeding Cattle – Cow & Calf – £1050, Keppoch Farm. In calf Heifers – £1650(LimX), £1550(SimX), £1500(SimX), Dall Farm; £1450(SimX), Duncroisk; £1400(BSHx), £1300(2)(SHx), Braes of Ardeonaig; £1200(BRBx), Succoth Ardeonaig. In calf Cows – £880(SimX), Craig Farm. Bulling Heifers – £950(BRBx), £880(AAX), Succoth Ardeonaig.

Leading Prices per Kilo
Bullocks – AAX – 236p(2), Steall; 235p, Achnacremore; 233p, 13 Eoligaray; 233p(2), Steall; 232p, Blarchascaig. BSHx – 255p(2), Tiretigan; 234p(2), Shellachan; 230p(2), Tiretigan; 223p, Dalmore; 223p(2), Stronmagachan. BRBx – 274p(5), Lephinchapel. BLG – 234p(7), Balliemeanoch. CHARx – 285p(8), 284p(5), 275p(2), Laggan Farms; 271p(5), Kildavaig; 269p, Fearnoch; 258p, Mus-

dale; 252p(5), Laggan Farms; 252p, 250p, Musdale; 250p, Fearnoch; 246p, Musdale; 246p, Fearnoch; 242p(6), Laggan Farms. LIMx – 275p(2), Barbreck; 274p(3), 10 Eoligaray, Barra; 272p, Barbreck; 264p(2), Kiloran Farms; 263p(2), Tullochcan; 259p(4), 10 Eoligaray; 256p(9), Keppoch Farm; 253p, Ardchatten; 252p(2), Ellary Estate; 252p, 5 Eoligaray. LUINGx – 254p, Airds Bay; 253p(5), 252p(5), 251p(7), Oransay; 239p(4), Luss Estate. SALx – 247p(3), 236p(2), Brenchoille; 236p, Machrins. SIMx – 262p, Tigh Na Cille; 252p(2), Achnacremore; 250p, Cairnbaan; 245p(2), Frackersaig; 239p(3), Luss Estate.
Heifers – AAX – 247p, Glenfeochan Estate; 246p(6), Blarchascaig. BSHx – 239p, Scallasaig; 234p, Achallader. BRBx – 319p, Lephinchapel. BLG – 601p(3), 513p(2), 431p, 296p(2), 234p, Balliemeanoch. CHARx – 258p(6), Kildavaig; 246p(2), Musdale; 237p(2), Tullochmhor; 234p, Fearnoch; 233p, Escart. LIMx – 265p, 10 Eoligaray; 261p, 16 Carnoch; 252p(2), Tullochmhor; 247p(2), 239p, 237p(3), 10 Eoligaray; 236p(3), Kiloran Farms. 235p(2), Otter Estate. SIMx – 253p, Drimmin Estate; 251p(3), Machrins; 248p, 2 Kiel Croft; 244p, Frackersaig; 239p(2), Scallasaig; 236p, Kiloran Farms; 233p(7), Luss Estate; 233p, Scallasaig.
Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd,

December 4, Fort William: sold 61 store cattle, 6 OTM cattle and 545 sheep.

Bullocks (39) sold to 257.1p per kilo for a 210kg Charolais cross from 3 Rhubana View, Morar, and £1,100 gross for a 595kg Charolais cross from Achnacremore, Spean Bridge.
Heifers (22) sold to 226.4p per kilo for a 265kg Beef Shorthorn cross from Grianan, Glencoe, and £690 gross for a pair of 370kg Limousin crosses from Fersit, Roy Bridge.
OTM cows (6) sold to 138.0p per kilo for a 500kg Shorthorn cross from Annat, Banavie, and £790 gross for a 690kg Aberdeen Angus from Steall, Fort William.
Store lambs (319) sold to £72.50 gross for Texel crosses from 19 Blarmafoldach, Fort William.
Feeding sheep (226) sold to £100 gross for a pen of Cross wedders from Meall Mo Chridhe, Kilchoan.
Other leading prices per head & per kilo:
Bullocks – 201 – 250kg – 3 Rhubana View, £540, 1 Kinsadel, Morar, 225.5p; 301-350kg – Dalreoch, Roy Bridge, £710, Fersit, 225.8p; 401kg and over – 118 Achnaha, Kilchoan, £820.
Heifers – 201-250kg – Cul-A-Bhile, £440, 3 Rhubana View, 222.2p; 251-300kg

– Grianan, £600, 1 Kinsadel, 223.5p; 301-350kg – Fersit, £680, 200.0p.
Other leading prices per head
Lambs: Chev – Drumbuie, Drumnadrochit, £70.50; TexX – Traigh Farm, Arisaig, £67.50; Cross – Insh Farm, Spean Bridge, £66; BF – Ardtornish Farms, Morven, £65, Insh Farm, £60; Lly – Torlundy, Fort William, £59.
Feeding sheep: Cross ewe – Meall Mo Chridhe, £96.50; TexX wdr – Meall Mo Chridhe, £95; Chev ewe – Glentruim Farms, Newtonmore, £84.50; Lly ram – Steall, £76; BF – East Croft Roy, Newtonmore, £70.50.
United Auctions, December 1, Oban: sold 579 store cattle and 14 Breeding Cattle. Bullocks sold to £1280 for a 306kg, LimX from A & i MacInnes, Ruaig, Tiree to average £673.90 (+£6.67) and Heifers sold to £2100 for a 306kg, LimX from the same home to average £693.85 (+£65.14). The same Bullock topped the sale per kilo selling at 418.3p/kg to average 237.39p/kg (+12.65p) and the same heifer topped the sale at 686.3p/kg to average 256.93p/kg (+31.59p). A good show of quality bred cattle sold well and to a strong force of buyers. An increased number of calves with future show potential sold extremely well, in particular heifers, giving purchasers a second option for top class breeding animals. A feature of the

salewas the consignment of cattle from Ruaig, Tiree which proved to be in high demand.
LEADING PRICES PER HEAD
BULLOCKS – AAX – £950, 11 Eoligaray, Barra. BSHx – £925, Glenbeg. BRBx – £1100, £900(2), Strathnafanaig. CHARx – £885(3), Ballochgair. LIMx – £1280, £1120, Ruaig, Tiree; £1080, Achnacree Beag; £1000, Tyree; £1000, Barcaldine HF; £980, Low Dunashery; £980, Woodend; £950, Balligarve; £950, Achnacree Bay; £910, Achnaba; £900, Strathnafanaig; £900, Ardtur. LULx – £750(2), Scammadale. SIMx – £1010, Achnacremore; £970, Keil, Duror; £950, Achnacremore. SHx – £885, Balure of Shian.
HEIFERS – AAX – £980, Ruaig; £885, Keil, Southend. BRBx – £1750, Ruaig; £1550, Tyree; £1550, Strathnafanaig; £1500, Lephinchapel; £1320(2), Tyree; £1320, Strathnafanaig; £1250, £1180(2), Lephinchapel; £1180, £1120, Tyree; £1020, Strathnafanaig; £1000, £920, Lephinchapel. CHARx – £840(2), Ballochgair. LIMx – £2100, £2000, Ruaig; £1650, Woodend; £1420, Ruaig; £1350, £1250, Tyree; £1100, Ruaig; £1050, Tyree; £1040, Achnacree Beag; £1000, Achadhbeag; £980, Balnagown; £950, Ruaig; £940(2), Achnaba.
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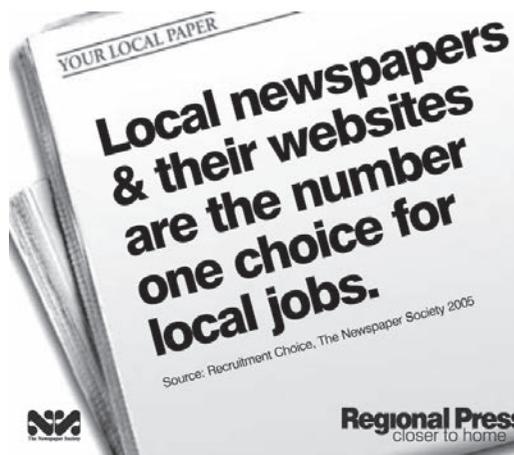
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Responsibilities

- Ensure that all activities for Stores department are carried out complying to company safety standards
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- Participate in Interactive Safety Tours on Stores activities
- Assist in the management of stock levels in conjunction with other departments to ensure adequate stock to support the site requirement, ensuring the minimum amount of disruption.
- Ensure that the department maintains a high standard of housekeeping, keeping areas clean, tidy and hazard free
- Deal with all daily issues professionally and liaise with stores and site management on a regular basis
- Carry out the daily activities of Stores personnel
- Using E1 and Coupa work order process allocated to correct cost centres and create purchase orders.
- Contribute to the Engineering team and ensure interdepartmental cooperation.
- Fully comply with site safety rules and company safety standards at all times.
- Management of Stores consumables inventory checking and processes
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Notice is hereby given that High Constellation Windfarm Ltd, company registration number 11800500, 10 West Street, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7EG has been granted consent by the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate the High Constellation Wind Farm on the Kintyre Peninsula approximately 4 km southeast of Clachan (Central Grid Reference 180000, 650000), within the planning authority area of Argyll and Bute Council. The wind farm will consist of up to 10 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 149.9 metres and associated infrastructure.

Scottish Ministers have also directed, under section 57 (2) of the Town & Country Planning Act (Scotland) 1997, that planning permission is deemed to be granted for development.

A copy of the decision letter has been placed on the Energy Consents Unit website at the following link for public inspection: www.energyconsents.scot under the reference number ECU00001857 and on the application website www.highconstellationwindfarm.com/

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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. 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 or tel. 01546 605518.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

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Transfixed by the awesomeness of creation, I saw a million universes glistening in the night sky.

The sky was studded with stars and as I watched, they seemed to fall into the sea. The moon lit up the landscape and the whole earth breathed peace.

The only sound was the quiet lapping as the ocean rolled its waves once again to the shore.

The darkness was penetrated by billions of pinpricks of light, reminding me that light has the last word.

We are waiting for the lighter nights. We are waiting for the lengthening days. We are waiting for the light. We are waiting for the light and for the life light.

We wait quietly in a cosmic silence. Waiting can bring peace as we find God's presence in the present. Waiting can bring hope as we know the light will come.

But it's hard to stop and wait; it's not easy to pause and ponder; it's difficult to take time at this time. We're busy with the bargains and not so bothered about the baby.

We're busy with the tinsel but haven't time for the truth.

We're busy with the mince pies and we will get round to the manger.

We're busy trying to fix the tree lights but have forgotten about the real light. We're busy with the stocking fillers and have set aside the stable.

We're busy with the cards but have pushed away the crib. We're busy – it is Christmas after all.

We just don't have time right now. We will make time for God when we're less busy. And God crept in beside us when we were busy.

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INVERARAY

Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers is leading the drive to raise money for a community buyout of Inveraray Pier, with fun events planned to boost the coffers.

The latest will be a socially-distanced bottle/prize stall outside the Topsy Laird shop on Saturday December 12. With a £100,000 target, the pier fund has reached £3,000 since its launch in the autumn.

Aside from the pier buyout, the community council is also running a children's Christmas art competition and is forging ahead with obtaining permission to install outdoor gym equipment for young people after receiving £8,000 from the An Suidhe Windfarm Grant Fund. And look out for the Inveraray Christmas lights, due to be installed on Sunday December 13.

FURNACE

Also successful in its bid to An Suidhe Windfarm Grant Fund was Furnace Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

The community group will use its grant of £12,468 to carry out essential decorating and repairs to Furnace Village Hall. Members of Furnace SCIO thank Lynda Syed for putting the application together.

MID ARGYLL

Volunteers at Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) have been recognised by a national charitable fund for their efforts during the pandemic.

MATV received £2,500 this week from the Pears Foundation for the drivers' dedication as part of a fantastic community response since coronavirus lockdown began in March.

Each year the Pears Foundation trustees identify a number of small, community-based organisations to receive a surprise seasonal boost as a way of marking the festive season in a spirit of generosity and appreciation for the incredible work of charities.

This year a total of £140,000 was given to 22 charities across the UK, which all showed remarkable agility and determination at this time

TARBERT



Volunteers busy planting trees at Tarbert Castle.

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After a cold, wet and snowy week, volunteers had a beautiful day on Saturday December 5 planting trees – while respecting social distancing at all times – to expand the woodland at Tarbert Castle, further enclosing a new path under construction around the wildlife pond. Trees were supplied under the I DIG TREES programme run by TVC and spon-

sored by OVO Energy. Tarbert Castle Trust's contribution is part of this year's programme of 1,448,000 trees to be planted.

Volunteers have now planted more than 1,200 trees in the community woodland and orchard, turning the boggy land behind the castle into a useable and productive space for residents and visitors.

of national crisis. In the award letter to MATV, the trustees wrote: 'In this extraordinary year, we wanted to celebrate the fantastic community response to the pandemic by supporting charities which have successfully mobilised volunteers to address local need. We are delighted to let you know your organisation has been one of those selected.'

MATV co-ordinates volunteer drivers to take elderly and disabled people to and from medical appointments, social occasions and on shopping trips.

When coronavirus arrived, the charity joined a council-led effort to offer much-needed shop-

ping and prescription deliveries and the team was kept busy throughout, with new volunteer drivers filling in for those that had to shield. For several grateful clients during lockdown, the MATV volunteers were their main contact with the outside world.

MATV co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy said: 'The drivers have worked their socks off from March until now, so it is lovely that they have been recognised for their work.'

'It's been a stressful few months for many but MATV drivers outdid themselves in getting the vulnerable people of Mid Argyll where and what they need.'

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Sunday 20th December
Advent 4
"Speaking about the Child"

Services in
Ardishaig at 11:00am
and
Achahoish at 12:30pm

Carols from Your Doorstep

Join with your neighbours
throughout Scotland
as we sing
5 Christmas Carols
at 6pm
*Look out for the Carol Sheets
and (appropriately distanced)
get your street singing!*

Christmas Eve
Carol Services
Ardishaig Church at 4pm
and
Ormsary Hall at 7pm

Sunday 27th December
Complete Joy
Ardishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

There will be a watchnight service at
11.30pm in Inveraray Church and there
will be a watchnight service at 6pm in
Cumlodden Church.

There will be no services in
Westlochfyneside on Sunday 27th.

The next service will be Sunday the 10th
January in Inveraray church at 10.30pm

*Westlochfyneside wishes all in Argyll and
Bute a safe, Happy Christmas and New Year.*

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH, LOCHGILPHEAD

Christmas & New Year Schedule 2020

Christmas Eve - Thursday, 24th December
• Christmas Vigil Masses celebrated at 4pm
& 6pm (booking essential)

• Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & private
prayer from 7pm - 9pm

Christmas Day - Friday, 25th December
• Christmas Day Masses celebrated at 9am
& 10.30am at St Margaret's and 12.45pm at All
Saints, Inveraray (booking essential)

Sunday, 27th December
• Holy Mass: 10am at St Margaret's and
12.30pm at All Saints, Inveraray (booking
essential)

Tuesday, 29th December
• Holy Mass: 10.30am
Wednesday, 30th December
• Holy Mass: 10.30am

Hogmanay - Thursday, 31st December
• Holy Mass: 10.30am

• Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Private
prayer from 7pm - 9pm

New Year's Day - Friday, 1st January
• Holy Mass: 11am

Saturday, 2nd January
• Holy Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday, 3rd January
• Holy Mass: 10am at St Margaret's and
12.30pm at All Saints, Inveraray
(booking essential)

To book for Mass please contact
Fr. Ronald Campbell on 01546 602380 or by
email: lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

CHRISTMAS EVE
7 pm Ecumenical Carol Service
live-streamed on
www.midargyllepiscopalchurches

CHRISTMAS DAY
open to visitors in the flesh!
9am Holy Communion
St Columba, Poltalloch

11am Holy Eucharist
Christ Church, Lochgilphead
also streamed

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE
for Mid-Argyll & Arran
7PM Dec 24th
Streamed from our local churches
together to cheer us all up

Watch & sing carols at home
with a mince pie and a drink

Facebook: [ChristChurchLochgilphead](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchLochgilphead)
www.midargyllepiscopalchurches.co.uk

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CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 13th December
11.15am Worship Service

Sunday 20th December
11.15am Christmas Service
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
access through YouTube
or through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk

Sunday 27th December
11.15am Worship Service

Friday 1st January
11am New Year's Day Service

All services led by Rev Rodger Crooks
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO46745

ST. KIERAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas period:

Saturday 19th of December:
Rorate Mass (Vigil) - honouring the Mother of
God, 6.00 pm.

Sunday 20th of December:
Holy Mass for Advent 4, 10.00 am

Thursday 24th of December, Christmas Eve:
Vigil Mass of Christmas, 8.00 pm

Christmas Day:
Holy Mass of Christmas Day, 10.00 am

Saturday 26th of December:
Holy Mass, 10.00 am

Sunday 27th of December, Holy Family:
Holy Mass, 10.00 am; Holy Mass, 4.00 pm (St.
Columba's Episcopal church, Bridgend, Islay)

Seating for families at Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day Masses should be booked a
week in advance for the seating to be organised.
There will still be a limited number of places. If
a family/household bubble will be attending it
is especially important to book early. Families/
households can be allocated a pew to sit
together, and this actually allows more people
to be able to attend.

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BIRTH

QUIRKE - MCCUE - To Ross and Gemma on November 23, 2020, God's precious gift of a son Leo at Grimsby General Hospital, Lincolnshire. First grandchild of Brian and Amanda Russell, Barnetby, North Lincs and first great-grandchild of Dorothy and Teddy Russell, Millers Park, Campbeltown. A very memorable week for all the family.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD - The family of Jim Crawford announces with great sadness his passing on November 23, 2020. Jim was born June 23, 1928. His private burial took place December 7, 2020. In lieu of flowers the family requests that any donations be made to the Alzheimer's society in Jim's name.

MCCOY - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 30, 2020, Margaret McCoy née Briggs, in her 79th year, her beloved husband Kenneth Norman McCoy, died December 5, 2020, in his 88th year, 5 Lochruan Road, Campbeltown and formerly of Port Crannaig Cottage, Carradale, much loved parents of Andrew, Alison and Judith, loving Nain and Taid to Daniel and Jordan and Granny and Grandad to Dylan. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Margaret and Ken's funeral will take place on Friday, December 11. The cortege will leave the St Kierans R.C. Church at 11.40 a.m. We will travel along Argyll Street, Main Street, round the Cross and across the Esplanade on our way to Brackley Cemetery, Carradale. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Margaret and Ken may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at home, 84 Roding, Campbeltown, on December 3, 2020, Margaret McKinven McKechnie, in her 81st year, dearly beloved wife of Ian Roberston, much loved mum and best friend of Margaret, a loving sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend, she was a cherished and devoted auntie to the MacKechnies.

SMITH - Doris Anne (née Calder), aged 90. Peacefully at

Springhill Nursing Home Kilmarnock on November 27, 2020, wife of the late David Ormond (school teacher), mother of Aileen, David and Carol, grandmother of Caroline, David and Samantha, great-grandmother of Sebastian. Rest in peace.

SUTHERLAND - On December 7, 2020, at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Charles (Charlie) Sutherland aged 91 years, much loved partner of Sheena Macfarlane, dear brother of Ian and a much loved uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions, will take place at Cardross Crematorium. For those wishing to pay their respects, the cortege will leave Kerrisdale at 10 a.m. down Lady Ileene Road onto Campbeltown Road past Tarbert Co-op on way to crematorium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CONNER - Sally and family would like to sincerely thank family and friends for all their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Davie, to those who paid their respects along the route was touching. Heartfelt thanks to Willie Crossan for such a comforting and personal tribute, to T A Blair's for their kind, caring and professional services. Thanking Dr's Lazarus, Toledo, Campbeltown Hospital and Ambulance crew for their care and compassion and to the Argyll Hotel for the beautiful purvey.

MACCALLUM - The family of the late Edward (Eddie) MacCallum would like to express deep appreciation and convey thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards of condolence and phone calls following their sad loss. Sincere thanks to Rev. William Crossan for a comforting prayer at Peninver and the service at Kilkerran; to Kenneth Blair and his staff for carrying out our wishes with dignity and professionalism; to the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely tea and to everyone who joined us in appalling weather conditions to pay their respects to Eddie on his final journey. Finally, thanks to all the health professionals and carers whose dedication and understanding helped to

make Eddie comfortable over the past number of years. He will be sorely missed.

MORANS - The family of the late (Robert) Crawford Morans wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy received following our Daddy's passing. We are indebted to the caring staff of Kintyre Care Home where our Dad resided for the last two years of his life. Particularly grateful for the more recent FaceTime calls and distanced visits facilitated during these most difficult times which were especially appreciated at home and abroad. Dr Norrie, all Community Nurses, Social Work staff, Carers, Paramedics and Ancillary Care staff who all joined hands over the last twelve years to assist Crawford with his wish to safely remain at home for as long as he possibly could. We thank you profusely just as he would. In closing, our profound appreciation to Rev. William Crossan for a most personally meaningful service delivered under such trying times. Words that expressed so eloquently our Daddy's life well lived. To T A Blair Funeral Directors for their dignified professionalism and compassionate assistance. Our hearts were lifted in appreciation to all the many friends and neighbours who lined the streets to pay respects to Crawford on his final journey to Kilkerran. Also to the Argyll & Bute Council cemetery staff who do a commendable job of maintaining the much appreciated serenity of Kilkerran.

IN MEMORIAM

BURNETT - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny, who passed away December 9, 2013. In our thoughts always. - Love, Annamarie, Allan, Jacqueline and Linda xxxxx.

COFFIELD - Ian, December 13, 2014. Missed every day. - Martin and family.

JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of Archie, who died December 10, 2016. Until we meet again. - Your loving wife and soulmate Agnes.

McKINVEN - In this, the centenary year of their birth, Mhairread and Sharman give thanks for the lives of their

dear parents Dan and Beth McKinven. Dan was born in Mafeking Place (March 11, 1920 d. October 8, 1990) and Beth (McMillan) was born in Carradale (December 11, 1920. D. April 15, 2015). They married in 1947 and lived at Limecraigs. From 1948, Dan worked for the Hydro-Electric Board, helping install electricity across Kintyre, and Beth was a midwife at Craigard and later, a district nurse. They loved the town and served it well. Both were active members of Lorne St Church, Dan was a long-serving town and county councillor, Provost of the town and, in 1990, Citizen of the Year. Themselves the children of wonderful people, they were devoted parents and grandparents, good neighbours, loyal friends, and always helpful to the vulnerable, elderly or sick. The salt of the earth. Now "In Heavenly Live Abiding".

MCMILLAN - Mary, December 12, 2017. Parting come and hearts are broken, Loved ones go with words unspoken, Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept, For a wife and a mother we will never forget, - Your loving husband James.

MCMILLAN - If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again, Missing you every day Mum.

- Jamie, Kristy, James George, Osian Thomas.
MCMILLAN - Though I am full of sadness you are no longer here, Your influence still guides me and I still feel you near, What we shared will never die it lives within my heart, Bringing strength and comfort while we are apart, - Andrew, Siobhan, Calum.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



I will sing for joy in God, explode in praise from deep in my soul! Isaiah 61 verse 10

Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 13th December at 11am. Join with us in our praise and worship MASKS are now required in churches, in line with current Scottish Government Covid 19 guidelines. www.springbankchurch.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch> Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown 01586 552160 Rev Tony Wood **Sunday Holy Mass at 10.00am, please book a place, 01586 552160, campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk Daily Mass streamed via Facebook and Zoom, see www.stkieransrc.org for details.** (SC002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



South Kintyre Team Ministry
Sunday morning Worship
10.00 am Highland Church Campbeltown SC002493
10.00am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609
11.30 am Southend Church SC005484
COVID 19 Precautions apply
Ministers
Revd Steve Fulcher
Revd Chris Fulcher
01586830504
www.kintyreparishes.org.uk

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday 13th December
Worship service 3pm
Covid 19 measures in place
If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046
Major Ruth Russell
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 13th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
4.00pm Sunday School (by Zoom)
7.30pm Youth Group (by Zoom)
Wednesday 16th December
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study
Covid-19 Government guidelines apply
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday Morning Service 11 am
All welcome
Now meeting at Kirk Street Hall
Pastor Mark Jasper
01586 554 092
pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322



ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

13th December
Magnificat Advent(ure)
Services in:
Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm
Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches.
Wednesdays
from 12:45pm to 1:15pm in Ardrishaig Church Hall "A Time for Reflecting"

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in Mid-Argyll & Arran
Christ Church, Lochgilphead
Sunday 11am
Holy Eucharist
SCO 13787
Fr Simon Mackenzie
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ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH Lochgilphead

Holy Mass: Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass: Sunday 12.30pm
Booking essential due to restricted capacity - Email or telephone to book
Weekday Mass details available on website or by email/telephone
All Masses at St Margaret's are Live Streamed via our YouTube channel. Link available at our website: www.lochgilpheadcatholic.com and Facebook Page.
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin
Sunday 13th December
Service at 10am
Mr James McLellan
A very warm welcome awaits
Please wear face covering

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 13th December
Morning Worship 11.15am
Rev W Crossan
COVID 19 Guidelines apply
Video message on Facebook each Wednesday

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 13th December
Skipness Service 10.00am
- Rev Lyn Peden
Tarbert service - 11.30am - Rev Lyn Peden
Tarbert Charity No: SC002622
Skipness - Charity No: SC004280
01880 820158

WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES

(Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)
Sunday 13th December 2020
A Communion Service in Inveraray church at 10.30pm
Led by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
Masks must be worn.
Charity No: SC016665





The Kilmory P7 and under side, pictured in March 2018. The club hopes to restart junior shinty in March next year.

Kilmory thanks folk of Furnace and beyond

Kilmory Shinty Club has written a letter to the people of Furnace thanking them for their support over many years.

The committee members and players paid particular tribute to David and Cindy MacInnes of Furnace Village Store for donating the Christmas hamper to raise club funds, describing it as 'a very kind gesture and one of many done by them during these very strange times'.

The letter continued: 'A huge thanks to all villagers and those from further afield who purchased tickets which resulted in a total of £330 being raised for the club. This is a fantastic boost as we have had to suspend our club lottery during the Covid pandemic.'

The Furnace community has supported the club loyally over the past 40-plus years and this support is very much appreciated.

'Furnace and west Lochfynside have been instrumental in the success

and continued existence of the Kilmory shinty club, over the years providing leadership, guidance and many great players.

'Kilmory is very keen to see this historical association flourish into the future as this strong bond is integral to the character of our shinty club.'

The letter, signed by club chairman Angus Gilmour and Ronnie Campbell, team manager, concluded: 'Thanks also to Dougie Smylie, Camyo Stewart and Vi McNab for drawing the lucky winners of three families with strong Kilmory connections.'

'Naline Swales was the lucky winner of the hamper with Margaret Miller, Andy Young, Peter Greig and Grace Divers each winning a bottle of wine.'

In relation to the pandemic regulations, the club also confirmed that it hopes to restart the primary school age section of the club in March of next year, with details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Shinty club angered by car on Winterton

There has been many a boorach at Inveraray's Winterton shinty pitch over the years, but the latest example has angered shinty club members.

At some point before the evening of Sunday December 6, a vehicle was driven across the pitch, damaging the playing surface.

Inveraray Shinty Club chairman Andrew McMurdo posted on Facebook: 'Any information regarding who has been driving on the shinty pitch would be much appreciated.'

'We attempt to keep it in as good condition as possible and this sort of behaviour does not help.'

'It may be an honest mistake and if so please inform myself.'

Mr McMurdo is also keen to inform shinty folk that



The marks on the Winterton left by the offending vehicle.

a club committee meeting December 15 at 7.30pm, diversity we have the stronger the club will be.'

Rollercoaster ride in Dubai as Bob reaches 59th

Robert MacIntyre saw his world ranking move up to a career high of 59 after finishing tied 19th at the weekend in the Dubai Championship.

However, there is no doubt that the Oban star will look back on his final position with a touch of regret after his sensational golf over the first three days put him on course for a much higher finish.

Opening rounds of 66 and 68 saw Bob nicely positioned in the chasing pack going into day three, and for just over two

hours it looked like the left hander was going to rewrite the record books as he went to the turn in an astonishing 29 shots.

Five birdies and an eagle in his first seven holes saw Bob romp through the field and for a fleeting moment the prospect of only the second sub-60 round ever recorded on the European Tour seemed real.

But a double bogey on the 11th hole stalled momentum and brought an end to Bob's hot streak. He would eventu-

ally sign for a rollercoaster 66.

A closing level par 72 meant Bob's final total of 16 under par left him nine shots adrift of Frenchman Antoine Rozner, who recorded his maiden tour victory with a closing-day 64.

The tour remains in Dubai this week for the Race to Dubai finale, the DP World Tour Championship.

With an \$8million prize fund and huge world ranking points up for grabs, the tournament is Bob's final chance this season to break into the world's top

50 and secure a place in April's US Masters.

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