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# Post Office 'must do more' amid claims Inveraray had branch offer

## Carol climbs Everest – on a bike



Pedal power – Still smiling on her marathon charity ride.

Lochgilphead librarian Carol Lawson climbed the highest peak in memory of her dad, and to raise money for a very good cause.

Read all about Carol's incredible feat of endurance on page four.

by Colin Cameron  
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The future of post office services in Inveraray remains uncertain as it was revealed that steep set-up costs have already put off one local businessman keen to host a branch.

The town's post office, housed in the Londis shop, closed in April. Since that time a mobile post office from Tarbert has visited Inveraray for three hours every Tuesday and Thursday.

Adding to the pressure on Mid Argyll post office services is the fact that Lochgilphead post office has been closed since the sudden passing of postmaster Findlay Campbell in June. Lochgilphead is now also served by a weekly post office van from Tarbert Post Office.

The Argyllshire Advertiser was told a fortnight ago by the Post Office that no progress had been made in finding a businesses to host branches in Inveraray and Lochgilphead.

A Mid Argyll postmaster has since contacted the newspaper

to say he approached the Post Office offering to open up a shop in Inveraray hosting a post office branch. The Post Office, he claims, responded by seeking £17,000 in set-up costs.

The postmaster, who prefers to be unnamed, said: 'All I want is a computer screen with internet, a safe and an alarm system. That won't cost £17,000, and I don't know how they justify that.'

'All they need to do is take items from a branch that's closing down.'

### Costs

When the Advertiser contacted the Post Office a spokesperson replied: 'We have received some interest for Inveraray and have spoken to a potential applicant about the costs of setting up a new permanent branch.'

'Unfortunately, the effects of coronavirus on retail businesses and the UK high street mean that it remains a challenging environment in which to operate.'

The spokesperson added that while the Post Office would look to reopen branches when

they close, 'we cannot commit to funding the set-up costs for every branch', adding 'we will continue to review this position'.

Convener of Inveraray Community Council Linda Divers said: 'It's difficult. I think the problem is that you can buy stamps anywhere; you can pay bills anywhere. You can also go online and do a lot of things.'

'But around here it's mainly the banking side of things since we don't have a bank left in Inveraray.'

'Lockdown stopped the mobile bank coming, so that will be important to a lot of people who use the post office for that.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I am more than willing to approach the Post Office if there is any indication that they are reluctant to support a branch in Inveraray.'

'That would be utterly unacceptable. There has been a difficulty in recruitment across the constituency and the Post Office needs to do more to encourage applications.'



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# Get the latest on museum redevelopment project

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The aim of the outdoor event on October 10 and 11 is to update people on the latest stage of the £6.5 million redevelopment project and to let everyone know what will be happening over the next six months.

Information will be displayed outdoors in the curved interpretation board area, adjacent to the museum car park.

The new museum will incorporate a major extension which will join two existing buildings.

This will create an inspiring place where Kilmartin Glen's unique archaeological and natural heritage can be cared for, celebrated and have its story told.

Project staff will be available to answer questions between

11am and 3pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

Museum staff ask that anyone wishing to come along to this drop-in event brings a mask with them. Strict social distancing measures will be observed.

If people can't make it to the museum on these dates, a Zoom community information meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday October 15 at 7.30pm.

If you would like to be part of the online Zoom meeting, email the museum at [redvelopment@kilmartin.org](mailto:redvelopment@kilmartin.org) so that meeting details can be sent.

**Architect impressions of the exterior of the re-developed museum.**



## POLICE FILES

### Logs stolen

A number of bags of logs were removed from a garden at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, sometime between 6pm on Saturday September 19 and 2pm on Sunday September 20. 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 555111.

### Abusive behaviour

At around 2pm on Sunday September 20, at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, a man, aged 33, behaved in an abusive manner. The man was later traced, charged and issued with a fixed penalty notice.

### Drugs search

A car was stopped and searched by police at about 10.30am on Tuesday September 22 on the A816 at Lochgilphead. A man, aged 20, was allegedly found in possession of cannabis and was charged.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Tayvallich trespassing

Sometime between 6pm on Wednesday September 23 and 11am on Thursday September 24 at Tayvallich, a 49-year-old man allegedly trespassed within a property. Police arrested and charged the man who was held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drugs search

About midnight on Saturday September 26 at Dunamuck Wood, Cairnbaan, a woman, aged 18, was stopped and searched by police and was found in possession of cannabis. She was cautioned, charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

### Traffic offences

A man was cautioned and charged at 10.20pm on Saturday September 26 after police stopped a vehicle at Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead.

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# Rainfall forces A83 closure as detour pressed into action

A weather forecast for heavy rainfall on Wednesday September 30 forced the closure of the recently re-opened A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, with traffic being diverted instead on to the adjacent old military road.

The area has been hit by two major landslides in the past two months.

Eddie Ross of trunk road operator BEAR Scotland said at 8am on Wednesday that: 'Heavy rain has been impacting the area since early morning and with more forecast throughout the day we've taken the decision to divert all road users via the old military road local diversion route as a precaution.'

'Our geotechnical experts have advised that the rain could have an impact on the hillside so we've taken a safety-first approach and our teams will continue to carefully monitor the area throughout the day.'

'Safety of road users remains our top priority and we'll do



The old military road.

everything we can to ensure any disruption is minimised as much as possible.'

The main carriageway re-

mained closed into the early evening on Wednesday, with the old military road keeping traffic moving under convoy.

# Islay councillor 'honoured' to lead Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Robin Currie has been appointed as the new leader of Argyll and Bute Council.

The Kintyre and the Islands member, also policy lead for housing, roads and infrastructure services, was voted in at a virtual meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on September 24.

His appointment follows Helensburgh councillor Aileen Morton's decision to move on from the role, a political role which roughly equates to a local authority 'prime minister'.

Ileach Robin Currie has served Argyll and Bute as a councillor for more than 30 years, in roles as wide ranging as planning and housing, leisure, islands and roads services.

Depute Provost Councillor Roddy McCuish welcomed the new leader: 'These are very tough times for councils. Robin's calm resolve to get things done and his in-depth experience of challenge in

local government, will be key in ensuring the council continues the progress we are making for the area.'

Councillor Currie said: 'I am passionate about Argyll and Bute. It is an amazing



Council leader Robin Currie.

area that deserves the best. Becoming leader of its council is an honour.

'We have to be realistic about the challenges we face, primarily budget gaps that mean continued change to what we do and how we do it, and a falling population that means we must attract people and jobs to the area.'

'Perhaps it's because I am an islander, but steering a ship

safely into harbour is the best analogy for me in describing my role as leader.

'I know where we want to be and I am clear on what we have to do to get there. We must progress Argyll and Bute to the population and economic growth that will deliver a successful future.'

'Achieving this will be a team effort so as leader I will draw on the expertise of my colleagues, locally and nationally, as well as on the priorities we agreed together for the council.'

'We have a skilled, dedicated council workforce.'

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# Carol conquers 'Everest' for Macmillan and dad

Charity cyclist Carol Lawson enjoyed perfect weather to cycle up Argyll's version of Everest.

The Lochgilphead librarian, a member of North Argyll Cycle Club, cycled up Glen Salloch near Barcaldine 72 times on September 19 to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her dad.

'I cycled 8,860m, so just slightly over the elevation of Mount Everest,' explained Carol.

'I started at 4.45am, having woken at 1.30am to get myself out and drive from Ardrishaig to Glen Salloch, though, when I say 'woken' that's not strictly true because I didn't get to sleep. It was really cold at the start and I had to wear three jackets for a while, but it was

really special, cycling under a million stars, so quiet and still.

'At one point a barn owl flew silently over my head. And just before light, a deer stood frozen in my headlight. Luckily I saw it and didn't collide.

'After the sun had come up and I had stopped for my first break at 10 reps, a van driver came by and asked me what I was doing.

## Bonkers

'I told him I was cycling 72 times up the hill and he told me I was bonkers, but then I explained it was for Macmillan Cancer Support and when he returned over the hill and I was about at the half way point, he wished me luck and gave me a donation.

'There were other generous donations from strangers

throughout the day, which was really encouraging. Throughout the day I was joined by a succession of cyclists from North Argyll Cycle Club and Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club, which was a big help.

'Cycling up and down the same hill could be monotonous but it wasn't. It actually ended up being really good fun.'

After a total of 17.45 hours including 14.45 hours of pedalling, Carol reached the end at 10.30pm.

She added: 'The following day I was completely aching from head to foot. I would say that it is the hardest thing I've ever done. But I enjoyed the day and I'm so pleased to have been able to do it.

Carol raised almost £2,000 for Macmillan and, with

offline donations, the total could reach £2,400

'I am so grateful to all the people who have given me donations and so grateful for all the good wishes and support I have had in training and completing this challenge.

## Delighted

'It was a massive challenge so I'm delighted to manage it. It was a fitting tribute to my dad, who loved cycling and loved people and taking on crazy projects. I know he would have loved that day on Glen Salloch hill and would have been proud.'

Donations can still be made via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-lawson8848](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-lawson8848)



Carol Lawson.

## Public asked for input to 11 options for new access to Argyll and Bute



Following recent landslips in the area, Transport Scotland is now taking forward the project development and assessment work required to deliver an alternative infrastructure option to the existing A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

This work underlines the Scottish Government's commitment to continued work with key stakeholders to ensure that Argyll and Bute remains open for business.

From today, please visit [transport.gov.scot/A83options](http://transport.gov.scot/A83options) to see the eleven corridor options for the **Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) project** that are being considered as we work towards identifying a preferred route corridor in Spring 2021.

We are particularly interested in any local constraints or issues that will help inform our design and assessment work along with comments on the options under consideration.

**The deadline for any comments is Friday 30 October 2020. Please take the chance to tell us what you think.**

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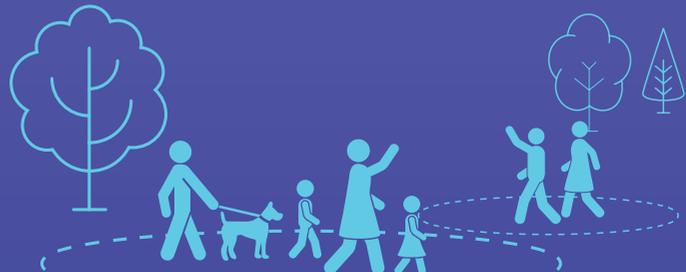
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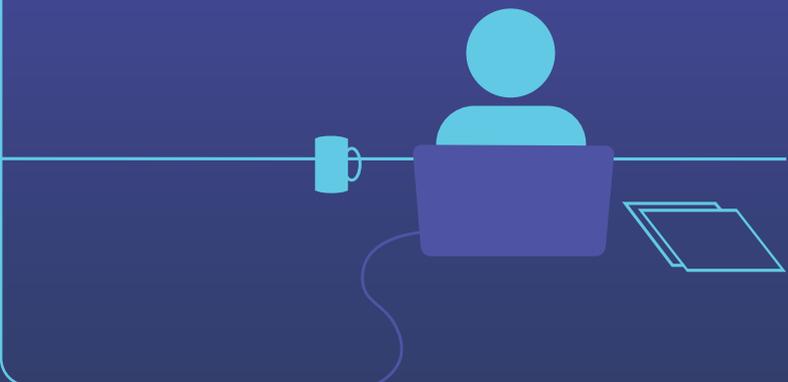
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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**Tough times**

These are tough times for many businesses, including the Post Office. As with the banks it is customers in rural areas, with few alternatives nearby, are the ones who suffer the most.

Let's hope the post office problems in Inveraray and elsewhere can be resolved with common sense and flexibility.

**A desk exercise**

We imagined last week's editorial opinion might seem on the harsh side in retrospect.

If anything, a deeper look at the 11 Transport Scotland 'options' has hardened our view that this was a desk exercise, bordering on an insult to the intelligence of the people of Argyll.

We know the area. Most options are not feasible or fail to meet the brief.

What was the brief anyway?

Why no tunnels? Even rail options, as suggested by John Finnie? Beefed-up ferry routes, using sea lochs?

There are plenty of feasible, imaginative ideas out there. The way this is being done they will not be uncovered.

If the government is serious, and has money to spend, this is a golden opportunity to address the wider long-term transport needs of Argyll and the islands.

Let's take time to do it properly – with ambition and imagination.

**Views on the Scottish Government's 11 alternative road options to the Rest and be Thankful which were unveiled last week.****Bizarre and ridiculous options**

Sir

The fiasco that is the A83/Rest and be Thankful is an apt metaphor for the ineptitude of the Scottish Government and its handling of issues as diverse as transport, the economy, education and health matters.

Now we have Government Minister Michael Matheson inviting us to speak up on the proposals put forward for the corridor options for the A83.

Are these options serious? Some appear as bizarre as they are ridiculous.

Options 2 and 3 suggest taking the route either from the bottom of the Rest or from the head of Loch Fyne through to the A82 to Ardlui or Inverarnan - a road that is narrow, dangerous and already over-burdened by traffic.

Why is the Scottish Government not asking what the people would really like to see replacing the three-mile length of troublesome A83? Where is the vision, dynamism, creativity in our elected members? Scotland aspires to be a dynamic nation. For goodness sake, offer us something inspirational and something the nation can be proud of.

R Finlay, Ardrishaig.

**A tunnel is the answer**

Sir,

With regard to your interesting article on routes into Argyll proposed by Transport Scotland, I see no mention of a tunnel. Surely the simplest solution would be a tunnel from Arrochar to Butterbridge, or from Ardgarten to Butterbridge. From Arrochar may be better as the route is more of a straight line.

As a former resident of Tarbert, now living in Taynuilt, I live less than 10 miles from a tunnel into and below a hillside at Loch Awe, Ben Cruachan. I refer, of course, to the tunnel constructed in 1965 with less sophisticated tools than available now.

I have also seen an article on the building of tunnels for carrying water from Loch Katrine to Glasgow, much earlier than 1965, again using more primitive equipment. In addition to those tunnels, look at the construction of the railways during the railway's early years. There are examples of tunnelling all over the world where knowledge could be given to the Scottish Government.

Cost should not be an issue, as it seems none is being spared at present - to no avail.

Dugald McDougall, Taynuilt.

**Slowly turns the engine of power**

Sir,

Many years ago I suggested to an MP option seven in the list released by the Scottish

Government. I also pointed out that the bridging of the Loch Fyne narrows at Port Ann could be used to generate hydro power by incorporating hydro tunnels at the base of the crossing and thus provide income to alleviate costs, while reducing travel costs for commercial and private users, consequently helping the environment by reducing pollution.

I received favourable opinion from a prominent firm of civil engineers and a 'like' from a government official. To give that person credit, however, there were many more pressing problems.

I also note the simplest idea I have since offered – that of a tunnel through the saddle to connect the ends of the existing military roads below and on each side of the Rest and thereafter, upgrading the old military road to A road standard - is not even considered.

This begs the question why is government in such a mountainous region of Scotland so averse to tunnels?

In the time since I made such suggestions, more than enough money has been drained away in making repairs.

Captain Jim Currie, former Tarbert harbour master.

**Are you a military veteran?**

Sir,

Scotland has around 130,000 older military veterans and Age Scotland believes many go without the assistance available to them, such as priority healthcare for conditions linked to their service, help with dental and eye care, housing

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**Doug Anthony, Age Scotland Veterans' Project co-ordinator.**

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# The alternatives to the Rest - political reaction

On September 23 Transport Scotland unveiled its much-anticipated list of 11 potential alternative road connections to avoid passing the Rest and be Thankful. A public consultation period ends on October 30.

The 11 infrastructure options can be viewed on the Transport Scotland website.

In last week's edition Argyll and Bute Council as well as the constituency MP and MSP and others were given the opportunity to give their opinion, but the wider political reaction has been swift.

## John Finnie

**Highlands and Islands MSP and Scottish Greens transport spokesperson**

Events at the Rest and be Thankful illustrate the devastating impact the climate emergency is having and will continue to have on Scotland's infrastructure.

Some excellent work has already been done by Cowal Fixed Link Working Group on a rail and road option, not only to solve the Rest problems but also to facilitate necessary regeneration on the Cowal peninsula.

The Scottish Government must accept that connectivity doesn't always require a roads-only solution and give urgent consideration to delivering future-proofed infrastructure investment to my constituents in Argyll.

## Donald Cameron

**Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP**

Ever since I was elected, I have brought up the constant issues surrounding the Rest and be Thankful with successive SNP transport ministers.

Finally, it appears they are listening and driving forward some

concrete options for local people to consider. With more than £80 million wasted on failed fixes, the preferred route option that is chosen simply must deliver a permanent solution that makes the Rest and be Thankful fit for purpose once and for all.

## Councillor Alastair Redman

**Kintyre and the Islands**

I would fully encourage local people to feed into this consultation and make their voices heard.

We need to ensure that the right choice is chosen in conjunction with the local communities and people who will be using this newly designed route day after day.

The Rest and be Thankful for too long has been beset with poor repair work and the time has now come for that to end.

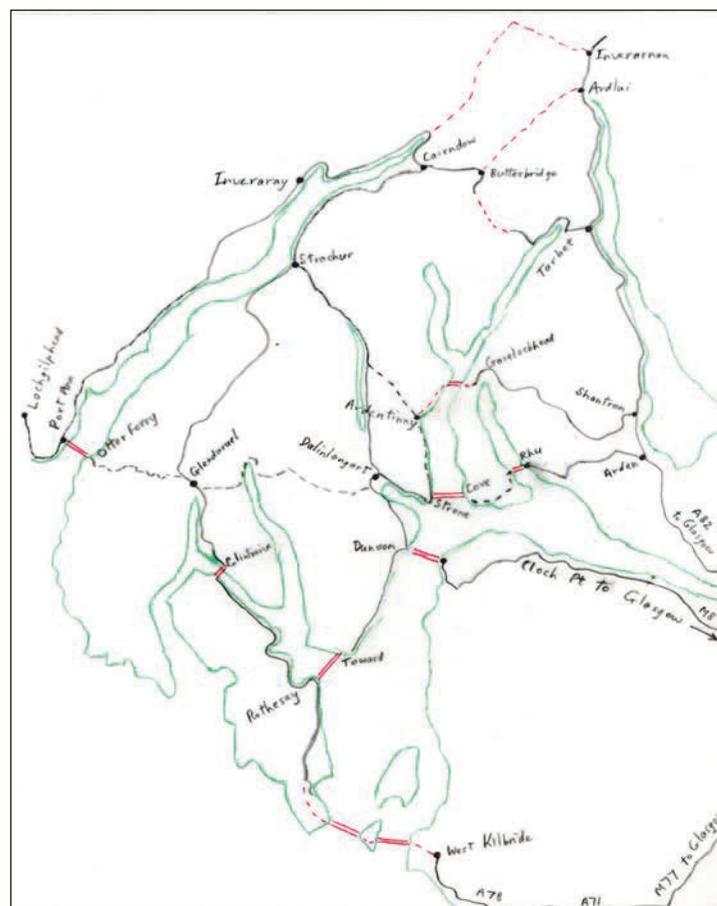
## Councillor Sandy Taylor

**Mid Argyll**

I welcome the delivery of the options as promised. We must acknowledge that the longer routes and those involving fixed links, however exciting, will surely mean they will cost more and take a long time to get approval and be delivered.

I hope that the offer of 11 different routes, serving different parts of Argyll and Bute, will not prevent a clear choice from the public and early commitment to constructing the new route.

Look out for more opinion on the Rest and be Thankful alternatives on pages 6 and 7.



The alternative routes for the Rest and Be Thankful.  
Map drawn by Rob Reid, Tarbert

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# Loch Fyne skiff takes shape in former milking parlour

Work is well under way on the construction of Argyll's latest coastal rowing boat, now that coronavirus advice permits limited team work.

The hull of Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club's skiff is emerging rapidly in the old milking parlour of Glenshellish farm, Glenbranter, writes Ken MacTaggart.

A team of volunteers, led by Neil Wilson, is assembling the boat, which comes in kit form but requires additional parts to be made. Volunteer helpers include Patrick Gibb from Strachur, Martyn and Robin Webster, Terry Muirhead-Smith and Derek Anstee of Inveraray.

Early October is expected to see a big event – the 22-foot hull finally turned right way up, marking the half-way point in its construction.

The wooden sections came largely pre-cut and shaped by Jordan Boats of Somerset, ready to be assembled locally around a 'hog' template using woodworking tools and an epoxy binder.

With the main build phase over, she next requires seats and gunwales, a paint job and a set of oars.

When complete, the skiff will likely be launched at Strachur.

It is to be crewed by a team of four rowers and a coxswain.

The boat will be named 'Mrs McPhun' after the Strachur woman who thought she was widowed by the hanging of her husband Archie McPhun for murder at Inveraray.

As Mrs McPhun, their child and the body were being rowed back to Strachur for burial, Archie's 'corpse' groaned and he was resuscitated.

He lived on for some years, albeit with a crooked neck!

In recognition of the expected funeral that happily never happened, the skiff will be painted black.

Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club was set up in Inveraray two years ago with the aim of building and operating a St Ayles skiff on the upper reaches of the loch.

The club is a member of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association (SCRA) which encourages boat building, rowing and racing of coastal rowing boats around the Scottish coastline.

Most follow the design of the St Ayles skiff, which emerged in Anstruther based on the traditional Fair Isle skiff, and the Scottish community rowing regattas that were traditionally popular.

The kit-built boat greatly reduces the cost to a community and, as they are a standard design, they can be fairly raced against one another.

## Success

It quickly became a remarkable success, attracting worldwide attention and creating its own boating class association,

St Ayles Skiff International. There are now more than 200 St Ayles skiffs operating around Scotland's coast and abroad, including more than a dozen in Argyll and others in the Netherlands, USA and Australia.

The SCRA now has more than 70 member clubs around

the Scottish coast and on large freshwater lochs.

Upper Loch Fyne Coastal Rowing Club, which aims to promote community spirit, learning and purposeful activity for young and old, is open to new members to help maintain the boat and potential rowers and navigators

keen to learn nautical skills. For further information about the rowing club please contact Martyn Webster at [martyn@martynwebster.com](mailto:martyn@martynwebster.com).

For club membership or to buy a share in the boat please contact Terry Muirhead-Smith at [terrymuirheadsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:terrymuirheadsmith@hotmail.co.uk).



Neil Wilson at work on the keel, watched by Robin Webster.



Martyn Webster, in red, leading the work party, assembling skiff parts.



The skiff hull in the old milking parlour at Glenbranter.

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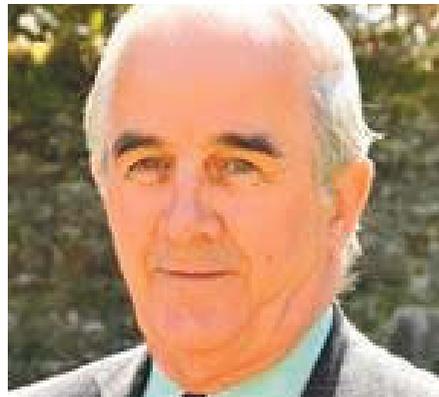
Proposals for a reduction in councillor numbers in Argyll and Bute have sparked a debate among the area's elected representatives.

The plans put forward by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) would see the number of councillors in the area cut from 36 to 34 and the number of wards increase from 11 to 12.

The proposals would also mean the Helensburgh Central and Isle of Bute wards would each lose a councillor, going from four to three and from three to two respectively.

A proposed corporate response from the council to the commission's proposals was debated at a full council meeting on September 24.

Helensburgh and Lomond South councillor Richard Trail said that while there were



Councillor George Freeman.

positives to the proposals, they may not reflect the views of all members.

He said: 'It is certainly not my view that the proposals are poor. I think they have made a very good case and have met the remit. They have respected islanders' concerns about better representation.

'However, I think it would be more appropriate for

councillors to make their own personal representation and the council does not submit this mish-mash of individual views, rather than a substantial view of the council.'

Council executive director Douglas Hendry responded: 'What we tried to do was distil it down into a number of basic points.

'I hear what Councillor Trail

is saying, but from an officer's point of view, there is a logic to the proposals.

'It is up to individual members to put their own comment into the Boundary Commission. My advice would be it is not the best course of action and members should try to reach a consensus.'

Councillor George Freeman, Independent, Lomond South, said: 'There are a lot of things in this proposal that I don't agree with and I agree individual members should put in their own comments. I don't see how 36 councillors can come to a consensus.'

Despite the concerns, new council leader Robin Currie moved the recommendation that the plans should form the basis of the council's response to the Boundary Commission.

The motion was passed by 19 votes to 13.



## Duke of Edinburgh pupils supporting Tarbert

Tarbert Academy has been recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE) for the efforts of its pupils.

Helen Anderson, director for Scotland with DofE, thanked the Tarbert Open Award Centre (OAC) for achieving 275 hours of developing a skill; 275 hours of physical activity and 327 hours of volunteering in the community - with an estimated social value of £1,422.45.

Kylie Glen, Tarbert DofE co-ordinator, explained: 'The Gold DofE group at Tarbert has been volunteering by helping out Feis participants in Tarbert by teaching them how to play musical instruments, helping to set up sessions and tidy up equipment after sessions; coaching players at the after school football club in Tarbert; working in the local charity shop sorting out donations and undertaking general shop duties; helping out in the primary/early years department in Tarbert to gain experience of childhood development while supporting staff to deliver various activities and dog walking for members of the community who are unable to get out and about.

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# Flu Vaccine Week launched by medical centre

Lochgilhead Medical Centre has launched 'Flu Vaccine Week' in a bid to protect as many patients as possible from seasonal flu.

The COVID-19 pandemic makes protection from seasonal flu all the more important and the population is best protected by widespread uptake of this year's flu vaccine.

The practice is running Flu Vaccine Week from Tuesday September 29 to Sunday October 4.

Dr Andrew Strain said: 'We will be running flu vaccine clinics for Lochgilhead Medical Centre registered patients on the evenings of Tuesday September 29 to Thursday October 1, plus whole day vaccination clinics

on Saturday and Sunday October 3/4.'

Letters have been sent from the practice to many higher risk groups who are eligible for vaccination. All those over 65 should have received letters from the Scottish Government inviting them to book an ap-

pointment for flu vaccination as well.

If you think you are entitled to a flu vaccination - you are over 65; a carer; live with a person who has been 'shielding' or have a long-term health condition yourself - but have not received a letter, please

contact the practice. Dr Strain continued: 'Anyone eligible can telephone to request an appointment.'

'We continue to discourage non-essential visits to the surgery or hospital.'

'Unfortunately, vaccinations for pre-school children are not

yet available and we have been advised these will be made available in late October.'

'All flu vaccination clinics will be on an appointment basis to allow for social distancing and guard against overcrowding. Strict protocols will be in place to maintain the

health and safety of all those attending. Everyone attending is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering and to come in short sleeves or sleeves which can be quickly and easily rolled up.'

'We look forward to seeing you in Flu Vaccine Week.'



Dr Andrew Strain.

## Food from Argyll secures funding boost

Food from Argyll, the regional food group that aims to grow a thriving food and drink network for the area, has secured funding to champion local produce.

The group, made up of a diverse group of 29 food producers, is receiving the funding from industry leadership body Scotland Food and Drink. It is part of a new national £250k fund, supported by the Scottish Government, to support the ongoing development of Scotland's regional food groups.

### Major events

Founded in 2007, Food from Argyll is a well-established regional food group. Over the past 13 years the group has helped its members build their businesses, encouraged start-ups, opened its own café based at the CalMac ferry terminal in Oban, provided catering on two sites in Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games in 2014, hosted a major conference on food tourism in Oban in 2015 and catered at major events nationwide including international rugby fixtures at Murrayfield Stadium.

The group works closely with Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative and is currently working on developing food tourism within Argyll plus taste trails for visitors, among other projects.

Partners include Scotland Food and Drink, the Scottish Tourism Alliance, SAOS and project support from Argyll and Bute Council and HIE.

As a coastal region, Argyll is famed for its seafood and

smoked salmon, but it also boasts some of the country's best dairy, beef and lamb as well as a growing group of entrepreneurial producers baking, roasting, curing, smoking and growing a wide range of ingredients.

The fund will benefit 14 groups across the country by resourcing co-ordinator posts and will include match funding from partners including local authorities. It aims to create a network of regional ambassadors who work in conjunction with local authorities to promote regional food and drink and tourism strategies.

Regional food groups like Food from Argyll plan and deliver projects such as increasing consumption and supply of local produce; upskilling food and drink businesses; hosting events; improving digital developments and ecommerce with local companies and, crucially, developing food and drink tourism.

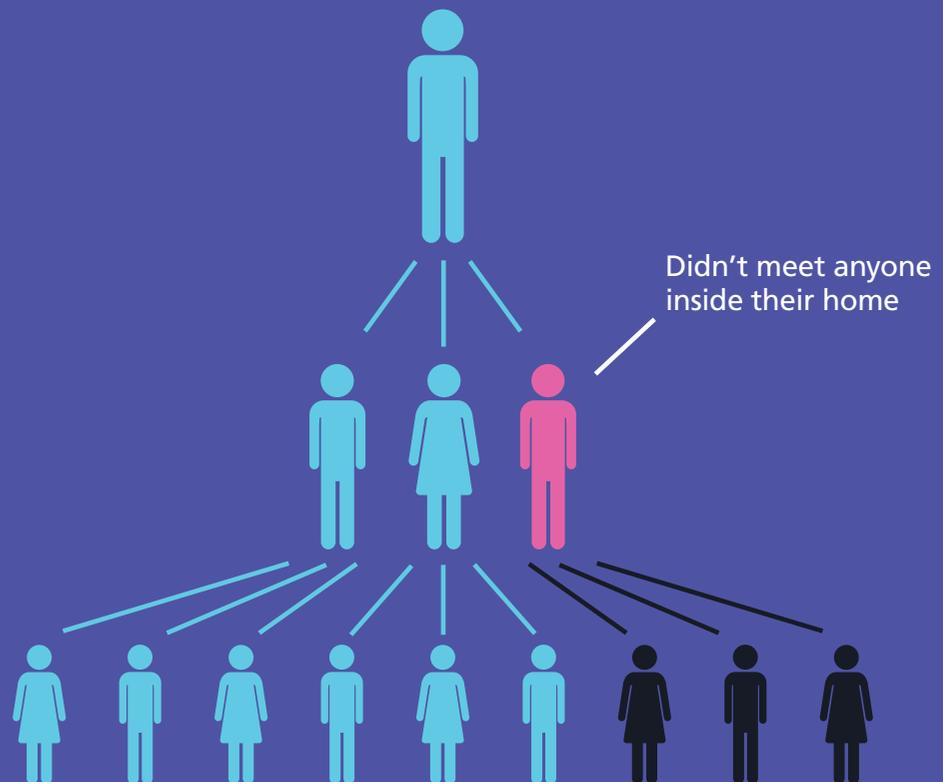
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Virginia Sumsion, group co-ordinator at Food from Argyll, said: 'The geography of Argyll and the type of land and sea it covers suits small to medium food producers and enables companies to develop their businesses using traditional farming methods as well as innovative ideas and products.'

'Building lifestyles and communities is as important to local producers as profit but they need to be profitable to survive and grow and need the support of their customers and the statutory bodies.'



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## Don't mess with the Waverley

The recent misfortune of paddle steamer Waverley caught the eye of our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas.

The steamer collided with Brodick Pier on Arran just a fortnight after coming back into service after a major, expensive refit. A number of passengers were injured in the incident, which is under investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch.

While acknowledging the seriousness of the crash, Ann muses that perhaps the grand old lady - looking pristine after her long lay-off - might not have been too impressed by the messages left by passing gulls.

## Comprehensive Scottish beaver survey starts

NatureScot has started the most comprehensive survey of beaver numbers and their range to be conducted in Scotland.

Work was expected to start on October 1 to gather detailed, up-to-date information on the locations of active beaver territories, as well as assessing the health and spread of the overall population, which will help inform future beaver work.

It is thought that since a first assessment in 2012 beavers,

other than those introduced to Mid Argyll in 2009, have spread from where they originally established on the Tay, as far as the Forth and the Clyde.

The nature agency is asking the public to help by reporting their beaver sightings.

The survey will cover Tayside and the surrounding river catchments, including the Forth and river systems in Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. NatureScot will be working with experts at the University of Essex to conduct

the survey this autumn and winter.

This is the first survey conducted since beavers gained protected status as European Protected Species in Scotland.

Roo Campbell, NatureScot project lead, said: 'From sightings so far this year, it looks like beavers are spreading even further in and around Tayside. There's even been a beaver spotted in the west of Glasgow. This is wonderful news, as beavers play a vital role in creating habitats such as ponds and

wetlands where other species thrive, alleviating flooding and improving water quality. But sometimes beavers can cause problems, particularly on prime agricultural land, which is principally found on low lying farmland particularly in the east of the country.'

The public can help the survey by reporting sightings of beavers and their field signs online at [www.brc.ac.uk/mammals/recording.php](http://www.brc.ac.uk/mammals/recording.php) or by using the Mammal Society's Mammal Mapper app.



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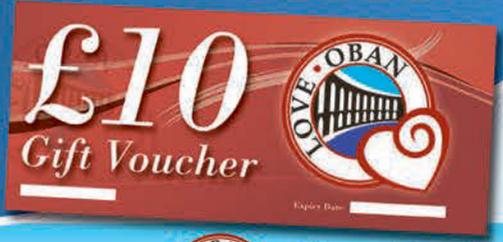
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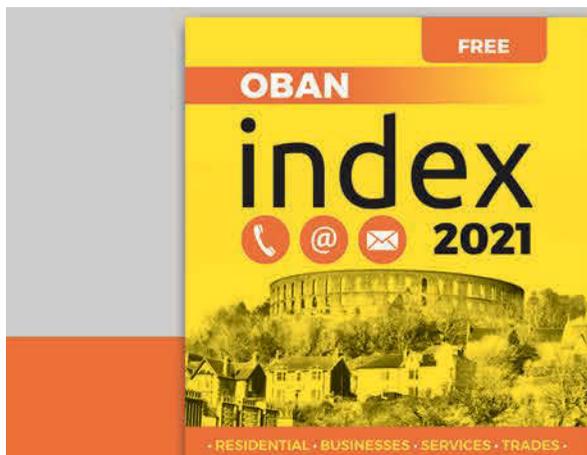


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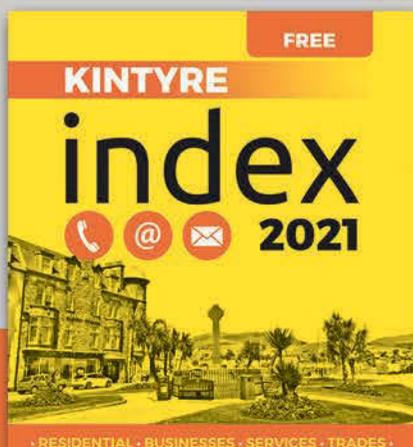


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An advertisement for 'LOCAL TOURIST MAPS'. On the left, there are several colorful maps, including one for 'Fort William' and 'Loch Fionnhe', and another for 'Lochaber'. The text on the right says 'LOCAL TOURIST MAPS' in large white letters on a red background. Below that, it says 'REGULARLY RESTOCKED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON' and 'The Oban Times &amp; WEST HIGHLAND TIMES'. At the bottom, it says 'Available from most retailers and tourist outlets' and 'FREE' in a red box.

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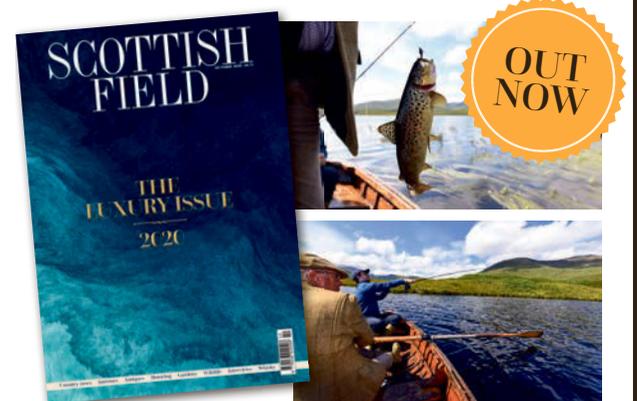
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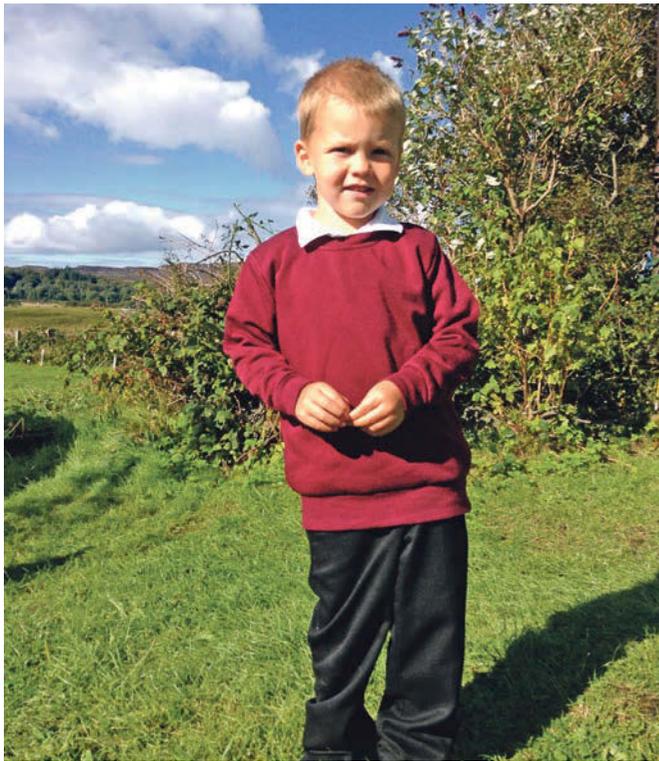
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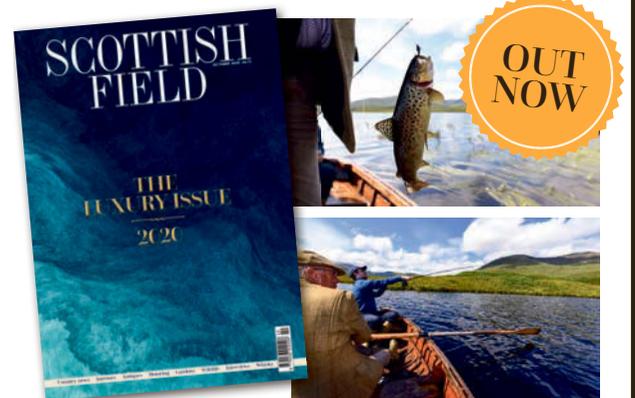
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# Finding fashion and helping workers with Lost Stock

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Shoppers can benefit from fashion surprises - a welcome boost in dark coronavirus days - while supporting Bangladeshi garment workers into the bargain.

The idea for Lost Stock came back in the spring of this year to Cally Russell, Chief Executive Officer of online shopping app Mallzee and son of Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

'At the start of lockdown I saw a headline on the BBC 'If coronavirus doesn't kill my workers then starvation will' from a Bangladeshi factory owner,' Cally explained.

It referred to the cancellation of more than \$2 billion worth of orders by retailers and the impact this was having on manufacturing countries such as Bangladesh - leaving factories unable to pay their workers and these workers un-

able to support their families. Bangladesh, where garment manufacturing accounts for 84 per cent of export income, was particularly badly impacted. Without income or employment, entire communities faced starvation while millions of cancelled garments appeared destined to end up in landfill.

Cally continued: 'We set up Lost Stock to support these garment workers, the factories and to save cancelled stock from potential landfill via the delivery of 'surprise' clothing boxes.'

Set up by the Edinburgh-based team behind Mallzee, Lost Stock enables shoppers to buy cancelled clothing stock direct from manufacturers through a personalised fashion box, while supporting a garment worker and their family for a week.

'We initially hoped to sell 10,000 boxes in May and

50,000 by the end of 2020 to provide 50,000 weeks worth of support for Bangladeshi workers and their families,' said Cally.

'The support we received blew us away and we actually sold 50,000 in the first week. We have now sold more than 115,000 meaning we can deliver more than 115,000 weeks worth of support.'

Through a partnership with SAJIDA Foundation, Lost Stock also donates almost 40 per cent from every package sold straight to those who need it most. Each Lost Stock box funds food and hygiene supplies that support a Bangladeshi garment worker and her family - up to four) - for a week.

SAJIDA Foundation works in 26 districts of Bangladesh with a mission of 'health, happiness and dignity for all'.

'Lost Stock has shown that a small idea, no matter where



A mystery parcel could feed a family for a week.

it comes from, can have a huge impact on hundreds of thousands of lives, said Cally, 'and that in the current climate we need more people to back their ideas and try and make a difference.'

The mystery boxes cost £35 - or £41 for bulkier autumn/winter boxes - for around £70 worth of new items. Packages are available for females, males and children and each package contains three pieces of high street fashion clothing



Lost Stock was the brainchild of Cally Russell.

as a minimum to size and style preferences. Lost Stock is also dedicated to driving a circular economy and has partnered with organisations to encourage customers who receive any items in their 'mystery box' that they don't love to donate, swap or upcycle.

Zahida Fizza Kabir, Chief Executive Officer of SAJIDA

Foundation, said: 'In this challenging business environment, garment factories are continuing to be forced to operate at partial capacity which has resulted in half a million job cuts. The majority of the garment workers solely depend on wages to run their households and do not have any savings to fall back on.'

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# Around the markets

## Dingwall & Highland Marts Limited, Fort William, Saturday September 25:

sold 2,409 store sheep of all classes. Lambs (1,756) sold to £81 gross for a pen of Cheviots from Annbank, Kilchoan.

Feeding sheep (653) sold to £86 gross for a Cheviot ram from Benhaint, Kilchoan.

All classes of stock sold to sellers' advantage.

### Other leading prices per head:

Store lambs: Cross - Loch Treig, £70, 3 Bohuntin, Roy Bridge, £69.50, 17 Fiscavaig, Carbost, £62, Torlundy Farm, £61.50; TexX - 52 Banavie, £70, £69, £67.50, Duror, Glenelg, £66, Dalreoch, Roy Bridge, £59; Chev - South Laggan, Spean Bridge, £67, Annbank, £63.50, £63, 7 South Laggan, Spean Bridge, £62; SuffX - Ockle, Achateny, £65.50; BF - Loch Treig, £55, Breakachy, Laggan, £55, 17 Fiscavaig, £54, Ockle, £54, Keil Farm, Ardgour, £54.

**Feeding sheep:** Chev ewe - Balnaha, Kilmory, £72, Benhaint, £72, Annbank, £69, Inverallort Estate, £66; Lly ewe - 2 Unachan, Spean Bridge, £70; Chev wdr - Annbank, £69, 7 South Laggan, £63; Rou ewe - Greenfield, Invergarry, £61; Cross ewe - Torlundy Farm, £60, Keppoch Farms, Roy Bridge, £56, 2 Unachan,

£54; Chev gmr - Insh Farm, Spean Bridge, £55, Cross gmr - 2 Achnaphubuil, £55, BF wdr - Duror, £55, Keil Farm, £54; BF ewe - Insh Farm, £54.50, Breakachy, £53.50, Keppoch Farms, £50, Tigh Seonaid, Inchree, £50; BF ram - 16 Moss, Acharacle, £50.

## United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday September 22:

sold 3835 Breeding Sheep. 1372 Ewe Lambs averaged £70.50 (+£21.34), 833 Gimmers averaged £113.11 (+£26.38), and 1630 Ewes averaged £75.90 (+ £22.14).

Sellers enjoyed a buoyant trade at Oban's Annual Sale of Breeding Ewes, Gimmers & Ewe Lambs when averages rose considerably in all sections. Despite the buoyant trade prevailing, buying customers were selective with their purchases for all classes and only the best bred types dominated the trade.

United Auctions wish to express their gratitude to the customers who diverted their Cross Bred Sheep to Oban Livestock Centre in order that both Dalmally & Oban Centres served their customers to full advantage under the present COVID19 restrictions.

**Leading prices:** Ewe Lambs - Chev Mule - £108, £107, Tyree (D MacDonald Jnr); £98.00, Caddleton; £92.00, Shenavallie. Mule - £102, Tyree (D MacDonald

Jnr); £101, £99.00, £98.00, £96.00, Tyree; £95.00, Scammadale; £94.00, Stronacroibh; £92.00, Fiart; £90.00, Potalloch. TexX - £95.00, 10 Killeonan; £88.00, Drimsynie Estate. Chev - £78.00, Barnromin; £76.00, £75.00, Slaterich; £75.00, Balure; £74.00, Drumfingal; £74.00, Slaterich; £73.00, Balure; £71.00, Caddleton; £70.00, Braefoot. Cross - £65.00, Creagnich. SuffX - £63.00, Fasgadh. LleyX - £67.00, Kilpatrick Croft. Gimmers - Tex - £400, £300, £280, Drimsynie Estate; £118, Gorteneoran. Chev - £155, Bardaravine; £135, Stalker Cottage; £132, Caddleton. Mule - £148, Achalic; £145, 4 Balligrundle; £145, £144, Achalic; £140, Fiart; £140, 4 Balligrundle; £140, Achalic; £138, Fiart; £135, Achalic; £135, Balligrundle 1. Chev Mule - £130, Keppochan. Cross - £105, 2 Kiel Crofts; £102, Achnacroish; £100, Tullich Croft. BF - £110, £108, Ensay; £102, Kilbride Kilmore; £90.00, Achnacroish.

**Warranted Ewes - SuffX -** £82.00, Slaterich. Lley - £75.00, Craig. TexX - £250, £220, Drimsynie; £82.00, Slaterich. Chev - £110, £100, Cailaich; £98.00, Cour Grazings; £92.00, Torloisk; £90.00, Ardnacross. Mule - £108, £100, Dalvore. Cross - £80.00, Antuim. BF - £108, £106, Ensay; £85.00, Glengorm; £75.00, Achnaba; £72.00, Turnault; £70.00, Ensay; £70.00, Turnault.

## Caledonian Marts Ltd, Sirling, Wednesday September 23,

sold: 4527 Store Lambs & Feeding Ewes at their weekly sale alongside their Annual Sale of Regular Cast Blackface Ewes & Gimmers.

Store lambs (2094) were a similar trade to last week, selling to a top of £81 twice for a pen of Texels from E W & J Davies, New Flockhouse, Blairadam, and a pen of Suffolks from D Fletcher, Persabus, Islay.

**Leading prices:** Lambs per Head: Mule £80 & £78 Malling Cheviot £80 Malling; Texel £78 New Flockhouse; Suffolk X £75 New Flockhouse; Continental £74 & £72 Mill of Ardoch; Continental X £72 Easter Dullatur; Cheviot X £70 Coul Estates; BF £66 Edentaggart; BF £64 Craigannet; BF £63 Shankhead; BF £62 Persabus, Islay; Shetland £42 Persabus, Islay.

**Feeding Ewes:** Texel £74 Kirkland; Texel X £72 Couston Farming Co; Cross £71 Hillside Suffolk X £59 Bluebell Cottage, Islay; BF £51 Hillside; Cheviot £65 Stillaig; Mule £64 Kirkland'

**Breeding section -** Record price smashed by Lurg A great show of 2433 Breeding Sheep forward for a full ringside of buyers all adhering to the two-metre rule.

Top price of the day went to Ewen McMillan, Lurg, Fintry, for



The five Blackface Gimmers from E McMillan, Lurg, which realised £340 at a sale in Stirling last week.

a cracking pen of 5 Blackface Gimmers which set a new record at the Cally selling to £340 purchased by a telephone bid to Co Down, Ireland.

In the BF Section, many of the regular customers would be up by £20-£25 on the year with 1424 BF Ewes averaging £70.05 (+£23.29 on the year) selling to a top of £88 for a pen of 1 crop from Logan Russell, Myoathill Mains, Denny.

Regular Cast Ewes sold to £84 for a cracking pen of 64 from Drummond Estates, Muthill.

Stud Ewes sold to £84 from W Adam & Son, Shankhead, Stirling.

**Other leading prices:** BF Ewes £80 Drummond Estates; £80 & £76 Glenturret Estates; £78 Littleport; £75 Edentaggart & Malling; £74 Auchnafree, North Side; £74 Auchnafree, South Side; £72 Invergeldie; £72 Stronmagachan.

BF Gimmers (165) Averaged £116.54 (+£50 on the year) **Leading prices:** £128 Littleport; £122 Aberuchill.

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# SRUC reassures students

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) has reassured its students their safety and wellbeing is its priority during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following reports of a number of positive cases at Scottish university halls of residence, SRUC and SRUCSA, its students' association, has reminded those returning to its campuses over the coming weeks and months of the steps it has taken to ensure they are able to study safely.

This includes its highly flexible accommodation policy of 'pay what you need', which removes the concerns of having to take out an annual contract for halls of residence when this might not be necessary or there could be further lockdowns.

SRUC has also created a rota of its programmes so that, when students are on campus,

they are in small groups of 15 or fewer. This means they can plan their travel and accommodation in good time.

Professor Wayne Powell, Principal and Chief Executive of SRUC, said: 'We understand that this is a worrying time for students, but we want to reassure those returning to our campuses that their safety and wellbeing – and that of our staff – is our priority.'

'Early on, we took the strategic decision to take a staff and student-centric approach, rather than a financial one, particularly in terms of our 'pay what you need' accommodation policy. However, there can be no room for complacency at this crucial time and we recognise that everyone – including our students and staff – have a vital role to play to keep everyone safe.'

A statement issued last week said: 'Whether you're a returning student or are new to SRUC this year, we appreciate this is a time of huge uncertainty and anxiety. This isn't what you had in mind for your education – it's not what we had envisaged either. However, SRUC is a community, and our responses have that community, and its safety and wellbeing, at their heart.'

'We have put in a lot of work to make our accommodation safe and ready for you in line with government guidelines. We have created an institution-wide teaching rota of our programmes so that campuses are never over-filled.'

'We know it's tough. We know it's not what you had in mind. But we'll get through this and the SRUC community is here for you.'

**Other Gimmers leading**

**prices:** Mule £170, £166 & £164 Gartenbantrick; £150 Low Gartachorrans; £148 Scarba Cottage; £142 & £140 Kilbride, Islay, Suffolk; £148 Kilbride, Islay, Texel; £180 Lower Killernie; £168 Kilbride, Islay; £160 Low Gartachorrans.

Cheviot: £100 Kilbride, Islay, BFL; £108 Menteith Crescent. Roussin: £125 Scarba Cottage. Kerryhill: £96 Rosebank.

**All classes of ewes:** Cheviot £94 & £90 Carloonan; £82 Accurach & Hillside

Mule: £102 Arnbathie Farms; £90 Easter Dullatur; £90 Ardnave, Islay. Cheviot X £72 Accurach; £72 Drumdrills; £70 Carloonan; £68 Stronmagachan. Texel: £86 Astel; £85 Easter Dullatur.

**Ewe Lamb leading**

**prices:** Texel £85 Lower Killernie; Suffolk £80 Coull, Islay; Texel £76 Coull, Islay; Cheviot £61 Camore; BFL £48 Menteith Crescent; BF £45 Tandlemuir; BF £43 Garrows.

**United Auctions, Dalmally, Friday September 25:** sold

6409 Blackface Ewes, Gimmers and Ewe Lambs.

Warranted ewes (3715) sold to £400 per head from J Fairlie, Tearmann, and D Murray, Lurgan, to average £73.65 (+ £13.75).

1192 Gimmers sold to £650 per head from J Cockburn, 20 Achnamara, to average £121.68 (+ £20.96).

Ewe Lambs sold to £600 per head from W G Walker, Crammie, to average £56.59 (+ £15.45). With a packed market of buyers whilst keeping to COVID19 restrictions, a Market full to capacity with pens of sheep and a flying trade, atmosphere was high around the premises with consignors returning home after a satisfying days trading.

**Leading prices:** Warranted

Ewes - £400, Tearman; £400, £300, Lurgan; £280, Tearman; £210, Tay & Torridon Estates; £200, Balliemanoich; £125, Tay & Torridon Estates; £112, Benmore Home Farm; £108, Millpark; £98.00, Maam; £98.00, Benmore Home

Farm; £85.00, Roromore; £82.00, Castles Estate; £82.00, Duncroisk; £82.00, Littleport; £82.00, Lochs Estate; £82.00, Glenfeochan Estate; £80.00, Garraron; £80.00, Tullochcan; £78.00, Castles Estate; £78.00, Corrylorn; £78.00, Roro Estate; £78.00, Bragleenmore; £78.00, Duncroisk; £78.00, Roromore; £78.00, Stroneskar.

Gimmers - £650, 20 Achnamara; £230, Laigh Balernock; £215, 20 Achnamara; £200, Laigh Balernock; £160, Littleport; £152, 20 Achnamara; £152, £145, Balliemanoich; £145, 20 Achnamara; £144, Roromore; £140, Davdell; £138, Acharonich; £135, Dunalastair Estate; £135, Balliemanoich.

Ewe Lambs - £600, Crammie; £300, Lurgan; £200, Tearman; £112, Crammie; £112, Saulmore; £108, Lurgan; £108, Saulmore; £100, Lurgan; £100, Crammie; £100, Low Tirfergus; £98.00, Millpark; £90.00, Rhugarbh; £88.00, Millpark; £88.00, Tearman; £88.00, Sonachan; £85.00, Invernahyle; £85.00, Low Tirfergus; £80.00, Largie; £80.00, Acharonich.



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	E	13	
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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

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

## MAGIC SQUARE

### AGE-RELATED IDLING

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


## Quiz Challenge

- Brian May has played lead guitar for more than 40 years with which rock group?
- At Rio 2016, who cycled their way into the history books to become Great Britain's most decorated female Paralympian?
- Which landmark is used as the high water reference point for all British tide tables?
- Which inland sea fills the deepest depression on the Earth's surface?
- What is the title of the US national anthem?
- The piccolo belongs to which group of orchestral instruments?
- Boy George is the lead singer of which New Romantic band?
- While at St Andrew's University, Prince William captained his team in which sport?
- The Carnatic Wars were fought in which country?
- Benbecula is in which British group of islands?

## NONAGRAM

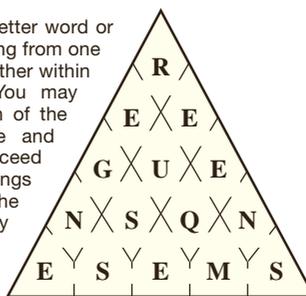
R	I	B
A	G	E
R	I	D

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

**Guidelines:**  
18 Good; 22 Very Good; 25 Excellent.  
Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

## WORD PYRAMID

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



## FIVE ALIVE

LS	MA	AR	LG	EL
OM		PE		JU
AS	CL	TA	AL	RE
ER		LD		CI
RT	OE	SY	EA	TD

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

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8						
9			10			
11	12			13	14	
				15		
16		17		18	19	
20						21
22			23			

### ACROSS

- Gathering it's improving (7,2)
- Reduce percentage (3)
- Eccentric members of society have a crazy hairdo (7,6)
- Stop or pass on (5)
- Trusting Robin perhaps (7)
- Cad gets right with the beast (6)
- Pecan, a sort of appetiser (6)
- Men in line went first and caused irritation (7)
- Initially Richard and I examine the bolt (5)
- Valley possibly is a run-down region (9,4)
- Clutch component! (3)
- Digging is sheer drudgery (9)

### DOWN

- Friend having most of the stake (3)
- Many with Alan moving about on the water (5)
- Concentrated in the past maybe (7)
- Got one vehicle inside another (2-4)
- Copper illegally covers up danger (5)
- Is able to rubbish a musical composition (7)
- Dealing with management (9)
- Case for an explosive vehicle on the hill (9)
- One used by those securing temporary accommodation (4,3)
- Shorten a game (7)
- Poems as sent back to Black Sea port (6)
- City is in first place, we hear (5)
- Covers over part of the left-hand page (5)
- Request to lie in the sun topless (3)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8			9	10			
12		13		14	15		
	16			17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26				27			
29				30			
31				32			

### ACROSS

- Even (6)
- Foolish (6)
- School absentee (6)
- Young cat (6)
- International prize (5)
- Wanderer (6)
- Tidy (6)
- Went on horseback (4)
- Threesome (4)
- Finest (4)
- Haemorrhaged (4)

- Kidney duct (6)
- Lasso (6)
- Bolt (5)
- In the same place (6)
- Breathe huskily (6)
- Bicycle for two (6)
- Emergency (6)
- Surgical stitch (6)
- Of the eye (6)
- Canned (6)
- Worker (6)
- Vegetable (6)
- Eating (6)
- Ripped (4)
- Garden of England (4)
- Musical work (5)
- Drying frame (5)
- Whimsical (6)
- Harmless (6)
- Calm (6)
- Cut back (4)
- Breathed out (4)
- Suds (6)
- Frogmen (6)
- Strain (6)

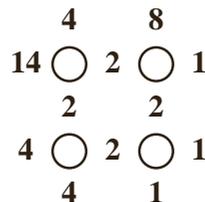
## SUDOKU

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

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## EQUALISER



Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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**CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:**  
 8 Water polo; 9 India; 10 The Outer Hebrides.  
**QUIZ CHALLENGE:** Queen: 2 Sarah Storey; 3 London Bridge; 4 The Dead Sea; 5 The Star Spangled Banner; 6 Woodwind; 7 Culture Club; 8 add; Total: 6.  
**CROSS CODE:**  
 1 Across - Large; Scale; Resat. 2 Down - Small; Altar; Toyed. 3 Across - Loser; Heads; Eject. 4 Down - Smart; Aptly; Lund. 5 Down - 1 Pat; 2 Canal; 3 Spade; 4 Depressed area; 5 Perf; 6 Canata; 7 Nonagram. 8 Across - 1 Smooth; 4 Stupid; 8 Truant; 10 Kitten; 11 Nobel; 12 gird; 13 grad; 14 grad; 15 grad; 16 grad; 17 grad; 18 grad; 19 grad; 20 grad; 21 grad; 22 grad; 23 grad; 24 grad; 25 grad; 26 grad; 27 grad; 28 grad; 29 grad; 30 grad; 31 grad; 32 grad.  
**WORD PYRAMID:**  
 Queen's Messenger; 6 RT; 7 LD; 8 CI; 9 TA; 10 AL; 11 RE; 12 CL; 13 AS; 14 PE; 15 OM; 16 AR; 17 MA; 18 LG; 19 EL; 20 JU; 21 RE; 22 CI; 23 TD; 24 EA; 25 SY; 26 OE; 27 RT.  
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**QUICK CROSSWORD:**  
 1 Even (6); 2 Foolish (6); 3 School absentee (6); 4 Young cat (6); 5 International prize (5); 6 Wanderer (6); 7 Tidy (6); 8 Went on horseback (4); 9 Threesome (4); 10 Finest (4); 11 Haemorrhaged (4); 12 Kidney duct (6); 13 Lasso (6); 14 Bolt (5); 15 In the same place (6); 16 Breathe huskily (6); 17 Bicycle for two (6); 18 Emergency (6); 19 Surgical stitch (6); 20 Of the eye (6); 21 Canned (6); 22 Worker (6); 23 Vegetable (6); 24 Eating (6); 25 Ripped (4); 26 Garden of England (4); 27 Musical work (5); 28 Drying frame (5); 29 Whimsical (6); 30 Harmless (6); 31 Calm (6); 32 Cut back (4); 33 Breathed out (4); 34 Suds (6); 35 Frogmen (6); 36 Strain (6).

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01532/PP	Erection of 4 dwellinghouses	Land Adjacent To 36 Oakhill, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
20/01513/PP	Erection of polytunnel for the purpose of drying and storing firewood - (retrospective)	Land Approx 200M North East Of Loch Freasdail, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
20/01554/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 17/01740/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank)	Land South Of North Beachmore, Muasdale, Argyll And Bute

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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

We were so looking forward to 2020. It sounded good, it had a certain ring to it – a note of optimism, a feeling of excitement, a year of hope.

How differently that panned out. It has been, in many of our experiences, a truly dreadful year. A year of worry, of disappointment, of ill health of death even.

The uncertainty and total confusion of Brexit dominated our lives and gave birth to much uncertainty, a great deal of scepticism and utter confusion. It was a huge thing.

Then along came a tiny thing, infinitesimal even – this ghastly killer called Covid-19.

This unseen danger threatens the whole world. It respects no-one and targets everyone.

Then there have been our own personal disappointments, our own bereavements of physical and emotional loss.

Yet we are a people of hope, a people who can rise above adversity and disaster.

We are a people who differ in our beliefs, who take comfort in different ways. Some of us will turn to our God.

Some will turn to other ways of engaging with our spirits, like mindfulness or meditation.

But whatever works for us, we are a spiritual people and part of us is beyond the physical.

Whatever way we look at this hidden part of us, it is important to engage with it.

We are not physical beings on a spiritual journey.

We are spiritual beings on a physical journey.

Those who have known the pain of physical incarceration have also found the joy of spiritual freedom.

So whatever else this year holds for us, let us delve deep into our spiritual resources and find that well of living water that can refresh our souls and soothe our minds.

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**ISLE OF BUTE**

Beachwatch Bute SCIO is celebrating its 21st year by rolling out an innovative programme of new litter picking benches around Bute's beautiful beaches, made possible by funding from the Co-op Community Fund.

The idea behind these storage benches is that people will have access to litter pickers and bags to allow them to beach clean at their leisure. Then they can sit down, relax and admire their hard work. Filled bags of marine litter can be stored either in the benches or nearby, above the high-water mark on the shoreline. The beach ranger can be notified through Facebook that there are filled bags.

Beach Ranger Sandra MacMillan explained that the benches, manufactured by Solway Recycling, are 'robust, comfortable and unique'. She added: 'We liked what we saw and they liked the idea of our benches.'

'There was nothing available in their existing range of goods so we set to work on designing something new that we are all immensely proud of and are a credit to them. We hope others may pick up on our idea.'



**Beachwatch Bute Beachranger Sandra MacMillan, left, with chairman David Herriot and Lynsey Speirs of the Co-op.**

**DUNOON**

A grant to restore Bookpoint, in Dunoon's Ferry Brae, has inspired owners within the building to source funding to complete the building's facelift.

The book shop was awarded a Shopfront grant through Dunoon Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), in July 2019 and work began in January this year. The work included a new curved glass window; replacement stallriser tiling; hand painted signs; timber repairs; replacement windows and redecoration.

As some common repairs were also required to the parent building, the owners came together to form an owners' association, allowing them to apply to the council's housing services for private sector housing grants towards roof repairs and to repaint the building.

To date, the CARS project has helped six owners' associations set up in tenement properties to make carrying out common repairs easier.

Dunoon CARS is a £1.9m programme, jointly funded by Historic Environment Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council, aimed at the regeneration of historical buildings as well as traditional skills training and community engagement.

**Street cleaner features in prestigious national photography exhibition**

**COWAL**

A street cleaner from Oban has been featured in a prestigious national photography exhibition after having his picture taken by a local photographer.

David Farrell was working during lockdown when Christopher Cox from Taynuilt stopped him and asked if he could take his photo.

Christopher then submitted the image to the National Portrait Gallery's Hold Still digital exhibition, where it made the final 100 portraits from almost 32,000 entries received.

The exhibition, spearheaded by the Duchess of Cambridge, focuses on three core themes – Helpers and Heroes, Your New Normal and Acts of Kindness - and records the UK's shared and individual experiences during the Covid-19

pandemic, conveying humour and grief, creativity and kindness, tragedy and hope.

You can view Christopher's image of David on the National Portrait Gallery website: [www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/](http://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/)



**Right: Christopher's photograph of David, taken in Oban.** Photograph: Christopher Cox.

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**KELLY - MCCARTNEY**  
- At the High Kirk, Dunoon, on October 3, 1970 by the Rev. Alan MacLeod, Jackie to Eileen.

**DEATH**

**BELL** - Peacefully at Clarence Court Care Home, Glasgow on September 26, 2020, Sandra Bell née Macleod in her 75th year, of Lochgair, Argyll, previously Bearsden and Stornoway. Former teacher at Bearsden Primary School, Glasgow. Beloved wife of Fraser, much loved mother of Fiona and grandmother of Lucas. Dear sister of Dena and Ian and sister-in-law of Lachlan and family. A much loved aunt and cousin. A private funeral service will be held at St. Bride's Cemetery, Lochgair, today, Friday, October 2, 2020. The funeral cortege will depart from the bus bay area in Lochgair village at 10.30am on route to St. Bride's Cemetery. Donations can be made in memory of Sandra to Parkinson's UK via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** - The family of the late Mary Campbell, Ardrishaig would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and for phone calls on the recent loss of our mum. Thank you to Fiona and Cammy from Donald Macdonald funeral directors for their professional and comforting service during

much loved father of Simon and Barry and a respected father-in-law of Hazel. A dearly loved grandfather of 6, and great grandfather of two. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A private funeral service will be held at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley on Friday October 9, 2020. The funeral cortege will leave from Alan's home at Kilmartin passing through Bridgend and the Horseshoe Inn at approximately 9.45am for those who wish to pay their respects on Alan's final journey.

**PERSONAL NOTICE**

**RALSTON** - Peacefully at home, Conieglen, Drumore, Campbeltown, on September 28, 2020, Margaret Gemmell Barbour, in her 99th year, dearly beloved wife of the late William Ralston, much loved mum of William, Matthew, Tommy, Elizabeth and Margaret, a dear mother-in-law and a loving granny to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Family flowers only please. Margaret's funeral will take place on Friday, October 2. The cortege will leave the home address, Conieglen, Drumore, at 1.00 p.m. after a short prayer. We will pass through Millknowe, Longrow, Longrow South, Main Street and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Margaret may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MCCORKINDALE** - Jennifer, Morag, Mairi and family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards, baking and messages of sympathy they received. Special thanks to all the community nurses, doctors and staff of Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, the Beatson Hospital and Southend Surgery. A big thank you to the Rev. Steve Fulcher for visits, support and a very comforting service. Many thanks to Kenny, Rhys and David Blair for their professionalism and help. To Andrew and all his staff at the graveside, Frances for excellent catering at our house and to all who stood along the route and gave Neil John a really great send off on his final journey. All the kindness shown to us is greatly appreciated.

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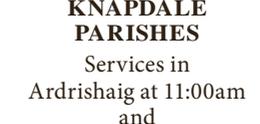
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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**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 4th October**  
**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 4th October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Jim Patterson  
11.15am Sunday School  
**Wednesday 7th September**  
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
Covid-19 Government guidelines apply  
All welcome  
www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
  
**Sunday Service, 11 am at SKDT Hall, Kirk Street**  
**Covid-19 Government guidelines apply**  
Pastor Mark Jasper  
01586 554 092  
pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
SC043322

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
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  
"A Time for Reflecting"

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Mid-Argyll & Arran**  
Christ Church, Lochgilthead  
Sunday 11am  
Holy Eucharist  
SCO 13787  
Fr Simon Mackenzie  
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# A single point from US Masters trip of a lifetime

Having won the US Masters Texas Scramble qualifier hosted at Machrihanish Golf Club at the end of August, Robbie's Reindeer headed to Deer Park, Livingston, for the grand final where 43 teams were competing for a trip to Augusta.

Unfortunately Ari Techner couldn't make it so Bruce MacNab stepped in to join Ryan McGlynn, Jim Hunter and Robbie Wilson.

The Texas Scramble format requires four drives from each player, with one being at a par three, meaning that by the time you get to the last par three, only one player is left for that shot.

The boys started with a par four, followed by four birdies in a row then three pars.

A birdie two followed after Jim Hunter's excellent tee shot.

At the next, a 522-yard par five, the boys secured an eagle three after a majestic three

wood approach from Ryan to 15 feet before Robbie rammed home the eagle putt.

Full of confidence, they were pulling out all the stops now and five birdies in a row followed. A par at the par five fifteenth hole was maybe the only regret from the team as they failed to get up and down from 40 yards for another birdie.

Then at the 16th, Bruce's eight iron approach shot struck the bottom of the pin but didn't go in.

The boys had one final chance for birdie at their last hole, the sixteenth, with a 20-foot uphill putt but, unfortunately, it didn't drop.

A brilliant effort saw Robbie's Reindeer score 13 under par for 59-2.3 handicap for 56.7.

Their dreams of Augusta, sadly, were dashed when entering the clubhouse to see that Chappers of Dowanfield Golf



**Robbie's Reindeer - Ryan McGlynn, Robbie Wilson, Jim Hunter and Bruce MacNab. Ari Techner was unable to make the final.**

Club had scored a 55.7 to take first place.

While disappointed not to be heading to Augusta next April,

the boys were delighted with their prize of a ProQuip waterproof suit each and a fourball voucher for Kingsbarns.

The event was superbly organised by Golf in Scotland with Deer Park in excellent condition.



Kyle Selfridge.

## Pre-season friendly for Red Star

Lochgilphhead Red Star hosted Tollcross AFC in the club's first pre-season friendly of the year on Saturday September 26.

In line with current guidance on coronavirus, spectators were asked not to attend the game at Lochgilphhead Joint Campus.

The match ended in a 2-2 draw and included the rare sight of defender Kyle Selfridge - who recently moved from Swedish side Ytterhogdals IK to Almuñecar City in Malaga, Spain - netting a spectacular long-range goal after a mazy run.

Star were due to travel to play Oban Saints at Glen-cruitten on Saturday, but unfortunately this game has had to be called off as the Oban side start their Central Scottish AFL league programme with an away trip to Lesmahagow.

Red Star travel to take on Campbeltown Pupils in the SAFL Centenary Cup on October 10.



Golden smiles galore at the Rainbow Ride.

## Sun shines on Argyll South Rainbow Ride

Argyll South Pony Club held its second Rainbow Ride in aid of local cancer charities in the hills and fields around Upper Largie and Carnasserie.

Thanks to Sheila MacCallum, the two routes on Saturday September 26 were well planned with a two and a half mile grass track loop for the little ponies and a five mile route, including forestry tracks, for the more experienced.

Twenty riders arrived in small groups for their allotted time slot to enjoy Mid Argyll's fields and forestry at their glowing autumnal best. The club's first Rainbow Ride was held

two weeks earlier along the three miles of sand and surf of Machrihanish beach, raising more than £100 for Marie Curie and the Mairi Semple Fund.

### Generous donation

Thanks to a generous donation from Argyll Riding Club, the total raised from the two events is more than £400.

On Saturday, no less than six of the groups were mother and child-based making it a real family day out and proving that at the end of the Rainbow Rides there is always a pot of golden smiles.



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**Saturday 3rd October Campbeltown Saturday 10th October Lochgilphhead**

Lamb and beef producers will be back alongside new stalls, for the new season. Including a stall in Campbeltown, Cancer Research UK selling Christmas cards. *Thankyou for your continued support, and any more new stalls would be welcome.*