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Jilly crowned Argyll and Bute's High Street Hero

by Colin Cameron

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Jilly Wilson was 'pleased as punch' to be Argyll and Bute's regional champion in the High Street Heroes Awards.

Jilly, of Lochgilphead's Square Peg, was recognised for supporting communities in Lochgilphead and in Tayvallich, working seven days a week to fulfil orders from her shop.

She and her small team of staff also fed between 120 and 180 Balfour Beatty and other essential workers during lockdown.

Jilly was one of 1,200 nominations across the country honoured as part of the High Street Heroes awards, part of the Scotland Loves Local campaign.

The awards recognise the people, businesses and organisations who have gone above and beyond to support their communities during the coronavirus restrictions.

Among those Highly



'The Square Peg is not just me – it's my staff and my customers'

Commended was Will Anderson of Muasdale Stores, while Midton Acrylics and Salty Dog Cafe in Lochgilphead were honoured as High Street Heroes.

Jilly told the Advertiser: 'I'm pleased as punch to have been able to help the community and my customers during the pandemic lockdown. But The Square Peg is not just me – it's my staff and my customers, and we are all part of the local community.'

'It's so satisfying and rewarding to be able to say that we



Jilly, front left, with some of her team, left to right, Emma Smyth, Jennifer Robertson, Ishbel Henderson and Karen MacRae.

have helped one another and that someone has noticed.'

During lockdown, The Square Peg kept going with

phone and web orders, delivering goods locally and sending parcels for members of the community and other local

businesses. Jilly added: 'As I was travelling to and from Tayvallich and Lochgilphead every day, I also did shopping

and collected prescriptions for people in Tayvallich.

'The biggest thing, though, was feeding the essential workers – three meals a day, every day, at the height of lockdown.'

'This was incredibly challenging with a necessarily small team, social distancing protocols and the fairly basic cooking facilities of The Square Peg sandwich bar.'

'What a sense of achievement, though, that we got it done.'

'I really do feel there are lots of other high street heroes here in Lochgilphead and throughout Argyll who are equally deserving.'

'I am very proud of my staff who – if not all directly involved in the lockdown work – are extremely loyal and supportive and have been key to getting me through the last few months.'

'Also key to that is my son, William, who, aged 15, is a huge support and had little choice but to help!'



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Inveraray book sale on after summer success

The annual Inveraray church sale defied the pandemic over the summer to raise around £4,500 for church funds.

And, as one sale closed in the church hall, another opened.

The book sale features not just fiction and non-fiction, but CDs, DVDs, puzzles, jigsaws, games, Christmas cards and festive bric-a-brac, all available for bargain prices.

The hall is open from 1pm to 4pm each Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the book sale, with proceeds going to West Lochfyneside parishes.



Volunteer Aline Aitken and friends, during the summer church sale.

Christmas appeal starts early as donation demand grows

by Colin Cameron
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The Salvation Army needs more donations to its Christmas appeal than ever before.

Covid hardship has taken its toll on many in the Mid Argyll community, says Morvern Finlayson, who first got involved in the appeal 12 years ago.

Because of the virus and the need to stick to Covid restrictions, handling people's kind donations, the annual appeal has started earlier than usual.

The number of needy children, elderly and most vulnerable adults in the area who are on the list to receive festive cheer from the 2020 appeal has also increased significantly because of the pandemic, says Morvern.



Morvern is looking for new and unwrapped gifts, and these can be dropped off at Lochgilphead Bank of Scotland.

Donations of new and unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the town's Bank of Scotland. Masks must be worn, unless exempt, and social distancing respected. The last day for donations is Friday November 27.

The appeal works with social workers, child workers

and community-based care companies to make sure those who would most benefit from the appeal get a gift to open on December 25. The wonderful people of Lochgilphead are generous every year without fail, and we are confident this year, despite Covid, it will be no different.

'We could not do this without them. Whether it is through furlough struggles, job losses or illness we are definitely seeing an increase in the number of those needing our help this year, driven up because of Covid. Poverty is here in Lochgilphead, and without this appeal there are children who would have nothing to open on Christmas morning,'

said Morvern. Gifts for teenage girls and boys are very much in demand this year as well as toys, hats, gloves, socks, chocolates, puzzle books and notebooks, toiletry sets for other age groups – a popular request high up on the wishlist is family games.

The donations are gathered into age-appropriate bundles by volunteers before being passed on to agencies working in the community. Donations of wrapping paper are also needed so parents and care workers can wrap the gifts themselves.

Last year about 280 children received gifts from the appeal and about 275 vulnerable and elderly, said Morvern.

Protesters vow to challenge Dalmally pylon bid

Pylon protestors have vowed to challenge Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN's) bid to get planning permission for a new transmission line.

The No Pylons In Dalmally group said SSEN had not yet formally advised the community of its preferred route out of three options after public consultation. SSEN now wants to progress

Option 3 in its North Argyll transmission network upgrade – a new overhead line connection east of Dalmally and a new substation.

The original route was an overhead line to the existing Dalmally substation which people worried would bring more lines and pylons through the village. A further consultation on the preferred route is due next spring.

POLICE FILES

Possession of drugs

At about 11.35pm on Saturday November 7 in Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead, a 25-year-old man was stopped and searched by police and found to be in possession of cannabis. He was issued with a recordable police warning.

Drunk driver

A 36-year-old woman was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol after her car was stopped by police at 1.20am on Sunday November 8 in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig. She was charged with the offence and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.



The Dochas Carer Centre

We are still here for you even though the Centre has to remain closed.

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams:

- Support outreach worker team
- Qualified counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

The Outreach/Support Team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

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Please visit our website – www.dochasfund.org.uk and Facebook page – www.facebook.com/dochascare which will be updated regularly with information and advice.

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday. Contact number for the centre 01546 600 022.
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The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 0793 203 9801.

Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via counselling@dochasfund.org.uk or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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MAYDS are still providing support for children, young people and families where we can. Anyone needing advice or help can contact the above at anytime.

We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc., and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support. Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

Contact 07788900049 or
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Crack team wins Egg Shed award

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The architectural firm behind Ardrishaig's Egg Shed has won an award for the project.

Oliver Chapman Architects was handed the Ambassador Award at the annual Edinburgh Architectural Association (EAA) Design Awards.

The Egg Shed, which had historically been used as an egg grading station, has been revived from a disused building into an interpretation and



community centre which tells the story of the Crinan Canal and the communities which lie on its banks.

The building, reconstructed

by TSL Contractors and opened in August 2019, is now home to a living archive with stories, photographs and memorabilia, much of it donated by the local

The 1.5 million Egg Shed project has won a design award for the architects.

community. The Egg Shed, owned by Scottish Canals, is part of a wider regeneration of Ardrishaig Harbour.

EAA Award judges felt the Egg Shed 'took an existing underused building from the location at the end of Crinan Canal and gave back something way beyond an average solution'.

'Most beautiful shortcut' drained for maintenance work

A project to replace lock gates on the Crinan Canal is under way with the waterway drained for the purpose.

The canal dubbed 'Britain's most beautiful shortcut' will be out of commission over the winter as lock gates are replaced and dredging is carried out.

The 219-year-old canal sees in excess of

1,600 boats passing through it each year, but Scottish Canals has identified it as a priority for gate replacement due to condition, age and 'criticality'. Installation of new steel gates is due to take place between this month and February 2021.

The canal will clearly be closed to navigation for the duration of the installation

works and there may be restrictions on the towpath. Dredging work is also planned, starting at Ardrishaig Harbour in January, at locations along the length of the canal until March 2021.

A wider project will also see improvements to bridges at Cairnbaan, Oakfield and Crinan Ferry.



Paying respects on Armistice Day

Two people quietly paid tribute in the rain to the fallen at Lochgilphead war memorial on Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the document in 1918 which formally ended hostilities in the First World War.

At 11am on Wednesday November 11, Joe Geekie and Andy Pacon stood in two minutes' silence before laying a wreath on behalf of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day.

Turn to pages six and seven for coverage of Remembrance Sunday events.



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'4,000 missed operations' in NHS Highlands

Shadow Health Secretary Donald Cameron has expressed concern about the number of delayed operations across the Highlands and Islands.



Mr Cameron said new figures showed that in the six months between April and September, there was a significant drop compared to the previous year.

Mr Cameron, a Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'Judging by the latest figures, we are looking at more than 4,000 missed operations in the area covered by NHS Highland and another 400 missed in the Western Isles. Obviously this is due to the impact of Covid-19 but it means action has to be taken to prevent this problem escalating as we move into winter. People requiring treatment must not be forgotten and I will be pressing ministers to ensure adequate resources are made available to help the NHS cope.'

Calls for independent probe into staff bullying

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Brendan O'Hara MP has written to Jeane Freeman to say HSCP staff 'simply do not believe that a senior management-led staff survey is an adequate replacement for the independent review'.

Pressure continues to build on health and care bosses to instigate an independent investigation into staff bullying across Argyll and Bute.

A staff survey, commissioned by NHS Highland early in 2020, revealed 68 per cent of respondents said they had experienced bullying and harassment. In total, 446 - 29 per cent - of 1,540 NHS staff at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), plus 62 former employees, responded to the independent survey.

In response, the HSCP set in motion a 'healing process', a new Employee Assistance Programme and an independent 'speak up' service.

But many believe the HSCP's actions do not constitute an

independent investigation.

Two separate letters have been sent this week to Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport Jeane Freeman making this point.

Adding weight to the argument is the fact the 2019 Sturrock Report into bullying in the northern part of NHS Highland recommended a

separate independent probe be carried into the Argyll and Bute region of the health board. The first letter, signed by former HSCP staff, union representatives and politicians, asks that Ms Freeman instruct a 'QC-led investigation, such as the one conducted by John Sturrock, of the functioning of management of Argyll and Bute, which will include both NHS and social care staff, as

well as former staff members who wish to participate. It is our hope such a review will help to transform Argyll and Bute HSCP and address the serious concerns regarding the culture of bullying and harassment'.

MP for Argyll and Bute Brendan O'Hara was also compelled to write to Ms Freeman after an earlier approach by politicians and unions to the HSCP and Argyll and Bute Council failed to gain agreement to an external investigation.

On November 9 Mr O'Hara wrote to Ms Freeman that HSCP staff 'simply do not believe a senior management-led staff survey is an adequate replacement for the independent review'. He added that any claim the survey was an adequate response to the Sturrock recommendation was 'preposterous'. Calling for

an independent investigation, Mr O'Hara added: 'We have seen too many careers stall or end prematurely and too many individuals suffer long-term mental and physical health problems due to the culture that existed and the shroud of secrecy that accompanied it.'

The healing process has meanwhile been 'well received', according to NHS Highland, as it revealed that 154 people have registered since its launch at the end of May.

It is open for registrations until February 2021 and anyone signing up has access to one-to-one discussions (remotely), independent psychological therapies and/or independent review panel discussions (remotely).

People will also have the opportunity to receive a formal apology for the harm they have suffered.



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A practical solution for Rest problem?

by Colin Cameron
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A chartered engineer with local knowledge and decades of business experience has come up with what he considers a practical solution to the Rest and be Thankful problem.

It wouldn't cost the earth, nor did it appear as one of Transport Scotland's 11 alternative routes in the recent consultation.

The engineer also happens to be one of the biggest land-owners in Argyll, Sir William Lithgow of Ormsary, someone well versed in finding solutions to engineering challenges.

And he has the support of many prominent business figures across the region for his approach to the Rest.

Sir William said: 'As a chartered engineer, I felt I could do more than wring my hands at the blight induced over the area's economy and wellbeing by the chronic failure of our lifeline A83 route at the Rest.

'Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Cowal,Islay and Jura have many

important economic players headquartered locally. The islanders have the additional misfortune of ferry capacity being dislocated for their extension of this lifeline route.

Sir William commissioned engineering firm Campbell of Doune Ltd to conduct a feasibility study into the A83 at the Rest.

Following field visits last month, the study concluded a realignment of the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, incorporating a 900 metre hard rock tunnel - from close to Loch Restil coming out below the current car park viewpoint - constructed using Norwegian tunnelling methods, is feasible and worthy of further investigation.

The realigned road to the south of the tunnel within Glen Croe would be designed with engineered attenuation to intercept landslides before they reach the line of the road. The residues of any landslides which reach the road would pass below elevated sections of carriageway.



The proposed A83 realignment would come at a projected capital construction cost of £54.6m.

The proposal has been put directly to First Minister Nicola

Sturgeon by Sir William. In a letter to Ms Sturgeon, he wrote: 'Having formerly been involved in oversight of Norwegian technological services, I have been able to bring

alongside the world's best expertise in tunnel geology, engineering methods and cost control.

'There will be refinement to be done and high tech survey-

The proposed tunnel would remove the need for a road clinging to the hillside and could lead to long-term cost savings.

ing would reveal the anatomy of the terrain and nail down estimated costs and risk more accurately.

'I am confident, however, that the capital cost will be recovered both in savings in the considerable ongoing taxpayer expenditure and in the costs to the area of the ongoing disruption and blight.

'Where there is a will there is a way. I hope a local initiative can be pursued with all the expedition that WWII inculcated when the A83 was the lifeline for a vast and vital training area for the invasion of Nazi Europe.

'The lifeline needs to be secured.'



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Covid fails to stop A



Coronavirus restrictions meant public gatherings for this year's Remembrance Sunday events were severely curtailed.

Just a sprinkling of socially-distanced onlookers were present to witness simple but moving acts of remembrance as wreaths were laid at war memorials and pipers sent the haunting Flowers O' the Forest echoing round the hills and lochs of Argyll.

People may not have been able to gather on November 8, but whether standing on doorsteps, sitting in the queue at the A83 old military road or braving showers at war memorials, the sacrifices of so many over multiple conflicts past and present were remembered at 11am in silent contemplation. Perhaps the experiences of the past eight months of pandemic on these shores allowed people to relate better, in some small

way, to the unimaginable horrors and threats, both visible and hidden, faced by those caught up in war – including those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of others.

They say necessity is the mother of invention and in the absence of a public event this year, Lochgilphead Parish Church minister, Reverend Hilda Smith, came up with a moving video of Remembrance, posted on

Facebook just before 11am on Sunday.

In Tarbert, Aggie Dennis also had a video made ahead of Remembrance Sunday, with the help of Janet West of Pure West Media.

Readings were by James MacLellan, Rodger Crooks, Jamie Blair and Amber Blake, with pipers John B Hunt and Ali Duff. One way or another, pandemic or not, we will remember them.

Top left: In common with other communities, a socially-distanced, respectful act of Remembrance was held in Tarbert. Pictured are Aggie Dennis with piper Ali Duff.



Left: At Furnace war memorial, primary school pupils Jack Wilson and Tyler Wilkins are joined by, from left, Colin Moncur, Jim Jepson and Robert Irons in the village act of remembrance.

Right: Iona, Dowager Duchess of Argyll, pays her respects at Inveraray war memorial.



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Argyll Remembrance



Socially-distanced representatives of a number of organisations attended a Lochgilphead Remembrance event to lay wreaths and pay their respects.



Inveraray normally sees one of the best-attended Remembrance services in Argyll. Reverend Roderick Campbell conducted a much sparser, but nonetheless moving, event at the Royal Burgh.



Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod lays a wreath at Lochgilphead war memorial as piper Rod Buchanan looks on.



Robert Irons salutes the fallen at the former WWII Combined Operations training centre, now the site of Argyll Caravan Park.



Catherine Bowe lays a wreath at the quiet Ardrishaig service of Remembrance, led by Reverend David Carruthers.

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We will remember them

It was a very different time of Remembrance in 2020.

People were not supposed to gather for public ceremonies to remember the sacrifices people have made - and continue to make - in conflicts. Yet the pared-back, socially-distanced events - as wreaths were respectfully laid, rain fell and pipers played - had a quiet dignity of their own. What we have been through in recent months compares in no way to the hardships endured in wartime, yet it possibly gives us some sort of idea. Whether to give thought to the fallen or considering our own lives, taking time for reflection is no bad thing.

Above and beyond

Well done to Jilly and her team at the Square Peg. The recognition is richly deserved, but as Jilly says there are plenty of others going above and beyond to support people in the pandemic.

That is how we'll come out the other end of this even stronger than before.

Common sense

Never mind bridges across the Clyde to Ayrshire and trekking through mountain glens. The solution proposed by Sir William Lithgow for the Rest, in our view, has simplicity and common sense written all over it.

Please support CAB petition to prevent office closures

Sir,

I write to ask your readers to support my petition to the Scottish Parliament to urgently support Citizens Advice Scotland.

Citizens Advice is a familiar name that people regard as part of their daily life and a place to seek help.

Funding cuts mean a number of offices are facing reduced budgets or possibly closure.

These offices serve all Scottish citizens, including those living in the most deprived areas of the country, and are a lifeline to the people in those communities when it comes to matters relating to benefit entitlements including Universal Credit and housing.

The particular difficulties in relation to Universal Credit are around the fact that many of those applying have no means of accessing the online application process.

Some applicants do not have English as their first language and Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offices have experience in obtaining advice via interpreters.

Outreach clinics, centred in area job centres, are also a feature of the CAB service and enable job centre staff to refer clients directly to a CAB advisor based there for a day.

Any cuts will increase the workload on CAB offices exponentially as thousands more may be made redundant, find they have no income of any kind and turn to CAB for advice. Cuts will undoubtedly affect the vulnerable in our society immediately, with the consequences extending

much more widely soon after. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are severe enough in themselves.

In cities such as Glasgow, the closure of offices would mean many claimants could find it impossible to travel to other parts of the city and, in any case, with an already growing list of applicants those offices would soon be overwhelmed, if they are not already.

Several members of CAB staff have already been made redundant. I believe more may follow without additional funding.

Our petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide urgent funding to Citizens Advice Scotland. It can be found on the Scottish Parliament website - petition number PE01834: Urgent funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Thank you for your support.

Alistair S Stephen, by email.

Spy Cop Bill will enable agencies to break the law

Sir,

The Covert Human Intelligence Sources Bill currently going through Westminster, dubbed the Spy Cop Bill, gives agencies including police, armed forces, HMRC and even the Food Standards Agency permission to break the law with impunity.

These agencies will be permitted to break international and domestic law in direct contravention of the Geneva Convention on human rights.

Why is this legislation being brought in and

why are HMRC and the Food Standards Agency being given such powers? It is beyond belief the majority of MPs actually voted for this bill.

A clue may come from recent comments made by the Home Secretary and endorsed by the Prime Minister about 'leftie lawyers' and 'do-gooders', referring to human rights lawyers and refugee organisations.

As for the Food Standards Agency, clues might come from the other concerning bill in process at present which is the Internal Market Bill which contravenes the Good Friday Agreement and the devolution settlements for Scotland and Wales by undermining the authority of the devolved governments, as well as breaking an international treaty signed less than a year ago.

This bill contains some deeply concerning clauses which would come under the remit of The Food Standards Agency which normally only has jurisdiction south of the border. This bill would enable a UK trade minister to unilaterally overrule Scottish legislation on food safety standards to allow for a trade deal with the US and the importation of sub-standard foods and food products.

It is also the case that any UK minister or appointee would be able to overrule any Scottish legislation. This could affect all aspects of our lives.

The Spy Cop Bill is a means of enforcing the Internal Market Bill by using the threat of underhand means thus piling illegality on illegality with regard to international law.

We need to be concerned on both counts.

Amnesty International has already voiced its grave concerns, as have other international bodies and governments.

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Cecilia Rees , Lochgilphead.

Pet poverty at crisis level

Sir,
The Covid-19 pandemic continues to be exceptionally difficult for all of us and has also led to crisis levels of 'pet poverty' in the UK.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) charity provides free and low cost vet care for those who struggle to pay treatment costs for their sick and injured pets.

Since the first UK lockdown began, we've seen an overwhelming number of additional enquiries from pet owners who have hit hard times. In the first three months of lockdown alone, we carried out more than 6,400 operations and 15,000 x-rays for pets in need.

On average, we're providing 2,300 phone appointments every day to desperate pet owners. We predict there will be as many as 50,000 more pets eligible for our services over the months ahead, as a direct result of the economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

For many sick and injured pets, whose owners are struggling financially, PDSA is their only emergency service. Visit our website for more information on PDSA.

Paul Manktelow, PDSA vet.

YOUR PICTURES



Minard reader John Paterson sent us this autumnal scene, taken on Monday November 9 using his Samsung phone. It features Loch Fyne and Minard set against the bulk of 420-metre (1,377 foot) Beinn Ghlas.

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Modern technology maintains piping tradition

Coronavirus restrictions have made it difficult for many social activities and sports to continue.

This has been a particularly frustrating time for pipe band members and tutors, who have not only seen the cancellation of all their playing engagements and competitions in 2020, but since March they've not been able to get together to practice.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band had an active tutoring programme for pupils learning the chanter and the drums. Prior to lockdown, more than 30 pupils were attending weekly chanter group and drumming classes, catering for all ages and stages of learners from complete beginners up to pupils who are transitioning into the pipe band.

In addition, long term band tutor Rod Buchanan was providing private chanter tuition to a number of pupils.

Determined to keep things going and to give an opportunity during lockdown, the band immediately stepped in to look at an alternative way of providing tuition to these



Eight-year-old Carly at practice.

pupils by offering to do this online.

This has proved to be extremely popular, with leading drummer Graeme McMillan providing online drumming tuition and around 30 pupils receiving online chanter tuition from Rod, ably assisted by Mary McSporrnan Moir, an Advanced Higher music student in her final year at school

'We have been amazed at how well it has worked and without exception, I would say all pupils have progressed significantly'

and a member of Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Rod explained: 'At the start of lockdown, there were so few things happening. The chanter and drumming classes, the pipe band and the school had all stopped and initially we thought some short online tuition might help stop pupils from regressing.'

He added: 'There are a number of limitations. Sound and picture quality can be poor or out of sync, especially in some of the remoter locations where internet reception is not always good, and not being able to play together with pupils is frustrating. But there are also advantages. Sessions can be tailored to the individual's

ability which has meant no students get left behind as may have happened in a group, while more able students can be pushed on. We have also been able to offer tuition to pupils who are currently living or locked down outwith Mid Argyll.

'We keep lessons quite short, normally 20 to 25 minutes, and have been amazed at how well it has worked and, without exception, I would say all pupils have progressed significantly over the past months.'

Among the wide range of pupils receiving tuition is Liz MacInally, who recently moved from Ardfern to Orkney. Liz has just turned 75 and demonstrates age is no barrier to learning the chanter.

'I love to set myself new challenges as I get older,' explained Liz, 'and learning to play the chanter and pipes has been both challenging and rewarding. And I enjoy the craic.'

At the other end of the scale is Carly Cranston from Ardrishaig, who has recently turned eight years of age. Despite her age, she has worked really hard to play on



Liz enjoying her lesson in Orkney, as Rod offers guidance.

a full size chanter. 'I want to be able to play the bagpipes,' said a determined Carly.

Rod, Mary and Graeme have agreed to carry on with these lessons for the foreseeable future. They have also had a further offer of assistance

from Christopher McCartan, the new Mid Argyll Pipe Band pipe sergeant.

Anyone wishing information about the lessons should contact Rod by email on kilmartin21@talktalk.net or telephone 07443 016444.



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In praise of John Campbell, Factor Mór

Historian and writer Robin Campbell will give an illustrated online talk next week on a subject of great interest to Argyll and the isles.

On Friday November 20 he will make a presentation to the Gaelic Society of Inverness about 19th century West Highland Argyllshire bard John Macdougall (Am

Bard Ruadh) from Ardgour in Morvern and a rare Gaelic poem by this much-neglected cultural figure.

The poem is in praise of estate factor John Campbell from Islay, who served as Chamberlain to the 7th and 8th Dukes of Argyll from 1845.

Campbell, a Gaelic speaker, is still remembered today as

'Factor Mór' on the islands of Mull and Iona and 'Am Baillidh Mor' on Tiree. He is buried at Kildalton in Islay.

The poem is striking for its references to the potato famine of 1846, a rarity in Gaelic

poems, and as an eulogy to a prominent factor.

The talk will conclude with celebrated Gaelic singer Mary Ann Kennedy singing the praise poem, the first time it is believed to have been sung, in

its entirety, in more than 100 years.

A book entitled The Land Agent 1700-1920, recently published by Edinburgh University Press, features a chapter by Robin about the

subject of this poem, John Campbell of Ardmore, Islay.

The presentation, starting at 7.30pm, will be streamed live on the Facebook page and website of the Gaelic Society of Inverness.



John Campbell, Factor Mór.

Senior full-time roles for coastguard volunteers

Two Argyll volunteer Coastguard rescue officers are taking up senior full-time roles in the organisation.

Jaimie Alexander will be staying in Argyll while Colin Willis will be taking up a job in Lerwick, Shetland, in their new roles as senior coastal operations officers with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. Coastal Operations Area Commander for Argyll and the Isles Dave Graham said: 'Just one of the many reasons for volunteering for HM Coastguard is the opportunity to apply for full-time positions. Volunteering

doesn't guarantee you the job, and it is a tough recruitment process, but having coastguard experience is beneficial. It's great to see our volunteers getting the opportunity to work full-time.

'They bring operational experience and a passion to the role that can only come from volunteering for us, as well as their own experience from their professional lives.'

To find out more about volunteering as a coastguard visit www.gov.uk/volunteer-as-a-coastguard and contact the relevant area email address.

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SPECSAVERS is urging people to continue to look after their eyes and hearing health during the current restrictions, after one in three people noticed a deterioration in their eyesight and others in their hearing during the first lockdown¹.

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To find out more information, request an appointment or browse the online store, visit specsavers.co.uk/stores



¹Specsavers customer panel survey of 1,618 respondents, 1 June 2020. 32% of people have noticed a deterioration in their eyesight during lockdown. Specsavers customer panel of 482 respondents, 1 June 2020. 6% of over-65s experienced difficulties in their hearing when having phonecalls during lockdown.

Inveraray's scarily good Hallowe'en artists have designs on spooky fence

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Everyone was a winner in a frighteningly good Hallowe'en art competition run by Inveraray Community Council, with prizes donated by The Tippy Laird.

Budding artists were invited to submit their scariest

drawings and paintings to be hung on the community hall fencing.

The standard was excellent and the official winners were Harry McColl Smith in first place, with Tereza in second and, winning the third prize, Daisy Mather. Joint fourth were Isla Robertson and Rian. Community council

convener Linda Divers said: 'Well done to everyone. The Hallowe'en pictures were great.'

'A huge thanks to David and Cathie at the Tippy Laird for donating the prizes.'

She added: 'Look out for the next competition at Christmas for your chance to win a fantastic prize.'



Above: Cathie presents Harry with his first prize at the Tippy Laird and, right, his winning picture.



From far left: An excellent effort from Daisy in third; the second-placed artwork from Tereza; Rian and Isla's joint fourth prize winners left and right.



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Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas Mark 5. Lightly spray some bun trays with low calorie cooking spray.
2. Make the pastry. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add the fat, cut up into little pieces. Gently rub it in with your fingertips. Add sufficient cold water to mix to a ball that leaves the sides of the bowl clean. Rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
3. Roll out the pastry thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 32 rounds with a 7½cm fluted cutter. Use to line the prepared bun tins.
4. Divide the mincemeat between the pastry cases. Roll out the remaining pastry trimmings and make some little stars with a small star cutter. Use to decorate the tops of the tarts.
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Around the markets

United Auctions, Islay, Friday November 6: sold 1141 sheep of all classes. Lambs averaged £67.32(+£9.83). A mixed show of lambs sold at rates in keeping with current mainland levels. All classes of Ewes sold well.
Leading Prices and Lots
Lambs - SuffX - £90.00, Carrabus; £86.00, Lossit; £78.00, Smaladh; £77.00, Ballimartin; £77.00, Carrabus; £76.00, Ballachlaven; £76.00, Keills.
TexX - £91.00, Tallant; £81.00, Laggan Estate; £80.50, Stanalane; £80.00, Ellister; £80.00, Carn; £79.00, Ballimartin; £78.00, Carrabus; £78.00, Keills; £70.00, Keills. BeltX - £81.00, Starchmill; £80.00, Carrabus. HB - £93.00, Carrabus. ChaX - £80.00, Starchmill. £72.00, Stanalane. Chev - £83.00, Lossit; £82.00, Tormisdale Croft. Cross - £89.00, Carrabus; £88.00, Carrabus; £72.50, Leorin, £70.00, Duich. Mule - £78.00, Starchmill; £76.00, Smaladh; £72.00, Ballachlaven. BF - £77.00, Lossit; £71.00, Leorin; £71.00, Ballachlaven; £70.50, Carn; £67.50, Coille; £65.50, Taigh Fhraoich; £63.00, Duich; £63.00, Lower Cragabus; £60.00, Lower

Cragabus.
Ewes - SuffX - £100, Stanalane; £60.00, Coille. BFL - £91.00, Ballachlaven; £65.00, Coille.
TexX - £104, Stanalane; £96.00, Carrabus; £83.00, Keills; £81.00, Carrabus. Chev - £67.00, Tormisdale Croft. £60.00, Stanalane. Cross - £81.00, Stanalane; £74.00, Smaladh. Mule - £68.00, Islay Estates. BF - £52.00, Stanalane; £49.00, Kinnabus.
Lambs per Kilo
SuffX - 206p, Ardtalla Estate; 202p, 200p, Duich; 199p, Lossit; 194p, Carrabus; 191p, Keills.
TexX - 219p, 216p, Ardtalla Estate; 208p, Laggan Estate; 204p, Stanalane; 203p, Tallant; 202p, Carn; 195p, Carrabus; 195p, 194p, Keills; 190p, Carn. BeltX - 213p, 208p, Starchmill; 198p, Carrabus. ChaX - 194p, Stanalane; 194p, Starchmill. Chev - 200p, Duich; 199p, Tormisdale Croft; 197p, Lossit. Cross - 219p, Ardtalla Estate; 211p, Ardnave; 208p, Lower Cragabus; 206p, Sannaigmore; 203p, Duich; 200p, Ardtalla Estates; 193p, 191p, Carrabus. Mule - 197p, Ardtalla Estate; 195p, Smaladh;

193p, Duich; 191p, Starchmill; 188p, Sannaigmore; 188p, Ballachlaven. BF - 199p, Coille; 199p, 193p, Lower Cragabus; 191p, Duich; 189p, Carn; 188p, Lossit; 187p, Ballachlaven; 182p, Keills; 182p, Taigh Fhraoich; 182p, 181p, Leorin.
Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, Fort William, Friday November 6: sold 340 rams at its annual sale.
Blackface ram lambs (52) averaged £590.96 and sold to £4,700 gross from Allanfauld Farm, Kilsyth.
Blackface shearlings (205) averaged £352.68 and sold to £5,400 gross from Dalchirla Farm, Muthill.
Blackface two shears (16) averaged £174.38 and sold to £650 gross from Achnaha, Morven.
Blackface three shears (13) averaged £276.92 and sold to £1,050 gross from Glenrines Farms, Keith.
Blackface aged rams (4) averaged £182.50 and sold to £400 gross from West Bracklin, Callander.
Texel rams (14) averaged £206.43 and sold to £350 gross from Veltigar, Orkney.
Beltex rams (5) averaged £486 and sold to £700 gross from Crookston, Heriot.

Swale rams (3) averaged £213.33 and sold to £400 gross from Abercainey Estate, Creiff.
Cheviot rams (20) averaged £212 and sold to £450 gross from Balmaglaister (Cameron), Spean Bridge.
Blue Faced Leicester rams (6) averaged £375 and sold to £550 gross from Crookston.
Suffolk rams (2) averaged £210 and sold to £220 gross from Newton of Crathie, Ballater.
Other leading prices per head
BF ram lambs - Elmscleugh, Dunbar, £3,600 & £2,000, Midlock, Crawford, £2,600 & £2,400, Dalchirla, £1,800.
BF shearling - Midlock, £3,200, Elmscleugh, £2,600, Nunnerie Farm, Biggar, £1,900.
BF two shear - Clints Farming, Heriot, £300.
BF three shear - Craig Farm, Straiton, £550.
BF Aged - West Bracklin, £200.
Texel shearling - Succouth, Ardeonaig, £300, No 3 Glenrath, Kiarkton, £250.
Beltex shearling - Crookston, £550 (twice).
Cheviot 2 shear - East Bracklin, £400.
Cheviot 3 shear - Balmaglaister, £300.
Cheviot shearling - 1 Kinloid, Arisaig, £250.

Blue Faced Leicester shearling - Crookston, £500.
Suffolk shearling - Crookston, £200.
United Auctions, Stirling, Thursday November 5: sold 7307 prime sheep, comprising of 5567 new season lambs selling to average an 205.30p and 1740 ewes and rams.
New Season Lambs (5567) - Berrydyke (BTeX) £119.00; Doune Farms (BTeX) £117.00; Berrydyke, Groan & Doune Farms (BTeX) £114.00; South Flanders (Tex) £113.50; Wardhead (Tex) £110.00; Hangingshaw & Ballinloan (Tex) £109.00; South Flanders (Suf) £109.00; Pittenkerrie, Bogburn & Hangingshaw (Suf) £108.00; Balgay (Cha) £105.00; Fullarton (Cross) £98.00; Ballinloan (Chev) £97.00; Monzie & Cumnock House (Chev) £93.00; Bogburn (Mule) £94.50; Darnhall (Mule) £94.00; Coates, Dyke & Home Farm, Dens (Mule) £93.00; Rossie (Rom) £93.50; Letham (Chev/Mule) £93.00; Monzie (Chev/Mule) £90.00; Darnhall (BF) £92.50 x2; Home Farm, Dens (BF) £87.00; Burnhead (BF) £86.00.
New Season Lambs (5567) - Berrydyke (BTeX) 267.00ppk; Coilavoulin (BTeX) 261.00ppk; Doune Farms & Groan (BTeX) 260.00ppk; Wardhead (Tex)

242.00ppk; Ballinloan (Tex) 241.00ppk; Claish 238.00ppk; Cairnton (Suf) 212.00ppk; Darnhall (Suf) 211.00ppk; Cairnton (Suf) £210.00ppk; Victoria (Chev) £218.00ppk; Cumnock House (Chev) 211.00ppk; Glenlyon (Chev) 210.00ppk; Doune Farms (BF) 217.00ppk, 212.00ppk & 211.00ppk; Lossit (Cross) 215.00ppk; Doune Farms (Mule) 207.00ppk; Hopes Estate (Mule) 206.00ppk; North Deanhead (Mule) 203.00ppk; Balgay (Cha) 206.00ppk; Rossie (Rom) 200.00ppk; Monzie (Chev/Mule) 197.00ppk; Letham (Chev/Mule) 195.00ppk x2.
Ewes (1740) - Broadshane (Tex) £120.00; Cumnock House & Milton (Tex) £116.00; Chalmerston (Suf) £120.00; Pennyntersal (BFL) £115.00; Glenhead (TexX) £114.00; Braendam & Glenhead (TexX) £110.00; Hangingshaw & Overhill House (Cont) £106.00; Hole O Clean (SufX) £107.00; Broadshane (SufX) £104.50; Coilavoulin (BTeX) £103.00; Darnhall (CharX) £100.00; Easter Craigduckie (Mule) £87.00; Cumnock House (Mule) £86.00; Whitesykes (Mule) £85.00; Balnacree (Chev) £97.00; Moor & Colony (Chev) £96.00; Braeside of Lindores (Chev/Mule) £90.00; Point (Cross) £85.00.

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A83 REST AND BE THANKFUL LANDSLIDE PREVENTION WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND)
ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the project to form a catchpit to address landslide risk at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and falls within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to -

(a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely -

- (i) the size and design of the whole project;
- (ii) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (iii) the production of waste;
- (iv) pollution and nuisances;
- (v) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
- (vi) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC,

(b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and site ecological surveys undertaken in August 2019 and July 2020 which determined that with mitigation measures in place, there will be no significant effects on the environment, and in particular, the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area and Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park,

(c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 15 October 2020, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-network/roads/road-orders-and-records-of-determination/#63527>, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) There will be a minor loss of some habitats which are ubiquitous in the wider area. Additionally, the areas that will be lost have been disturbed by grazing and are species-poor compared to typical examples of these habitats;
- (b) The scheme does not lie within a densely populated area, sites of historical, archaeological or cultural significance or sites designated for their geology or soils;
- (c) The scheme lies wholly within the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP), renowned for its famous landscape. Extensive liaison has been carried out with the LLTNP to ensure that the final design is one that does not compromise visitor experiences to the Rest and Be Thankful viewpoint;
- (d) Culvert works will be undertaken as prescribed in the licence obtained under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (a) Potential construction effects on local air quality, ecology, water quality, land use and landscape, and noise and vibration will be minimised through best practice working procedures and implementation of appropriate mitigation;
- (b) Excavation material will be re-used on site where possible and will be used at nearby works on the A83;
- (c) Delays to vehicle and non-vehicle road users will be mitigated through appropriate traffic management;
- (d) Works will be commencing prior to the bird breeding season (March to August inclusive).

S R LEES
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
Transport Scotland, Roads, Buchanan House,
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Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. 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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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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Currently, we've no further plans for when we will re-open, perhaps a pop-up in December.

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PERSONAL NOTICES

Congratulations to Mairi Barbour who has been awarded a Master of Science Degree in Psychological Studies with distinction at Glasgow University. Mairi is the daughter of Graham & Shona Barbour, Southend and granddaughter of Mrs Janet Hamilton. She is currently Primary Teaching in Stranraer.

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Last week I received a lovely gift. It wasn't anything new or of monetary value, but to me it was very special.

It was a book from a friend who knew I would treasure it. The book had belonged to Dr Runa Mackay, who had died at the age of 98.

Dr Mackay was an amazing woman who touched the lives of so many and spent much of her long medical career working in Israel where she strove to improve the health of the Palestinian people.

She began her work in Israel in 1954 with a six-month locum job at the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society hospital in Nazareth. She stayed in Israel for the next 30 years. After retiring, she returned to Edinburgh in 1985. She was a member of the Iona Community and held dear its vision of justice and peace.

Runa was a member of the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Warfare, staffing its buses during the Edinburgh Festival and taking part in vigils in Glasgow and London.

A familiar figure each Saturday afternoon at Edinburgh's Women in Black vigils against injustice, war and violence, she was immortalised in the Scottish Parliament's Travelling the Distance installation to mark women who made a significant contribution to Scotland.

Runa was a feisty and determined woman who influenced and inspired many and was still demonstrating for that vision of peace into her 80s.

She had a long association with Kintyre and would come to Cleit church when she visited. A tiny woman wearing a fleece and a backpack, Runa seemed ordinary, but she was one of the most extraordinary people I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

The gift of her book is special.

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TARBERT AND GIGHA

Arts and history projects receive funding support

Two Argyll charities have been selected for funding as part of a Scotland-wide £900,000 support scheme for the creative arts.

Tarbert's Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Trust will receive funding to 'create a multimedia showcase reel of young people's art and animation', to be screened externally for viewing by the whole community.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has also been chosen for its project to look at how the island's history has shaped the land and the lives of its people through storytelling, photography and theatre.

Creative writing, open air galleries, street art, family dance and drama performances are just some of the initiatives being supported by the Creative Communities Programme, delivered by Inspiring Scotland.

The programme will support 27 community-based charities working with communities where social or geographical circumstances make engaging with culture more challenging.

A further 10 community organisations will be supported to progress ideas to the point where they can be more fully funded over the course of a second year.

Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop MSP said: 'We recognise just how vital culture is to the future prosperity of communities across Scotland, particularly in light of the challenges posed by Covid-19. Our vision for culture in Scotland is that the transformative potential of culture is experienced by everyone.'

CAMPBELTOWN

Funding spotlight on cinemas

Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is one of four independent cinemas in Argyll to receive £3.55 million of emergency funding from the Scottish Government's Independent Cinema

Military veteran Captain Brian Warren raised £4,620.35 for the Erskine charity through playing the pipes.



Recovery and Resilience Fund and The National Lottery, through Screen Scotland to secure their immediate future.

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, the charitable organisation that owns and operates CPH, was given £65,000 of funding, while The Tower Digital Arts Centre in Helensburgh received £81,328, West Coast Cinemas LLP, which owns Studio Cinema in Dunoon and Waterfront Cinema in Greenock, received £244,441, and Oban Phoenix Cinema received £61,818.

Regional Screen Scotland's mobile cinema, the Screen Machine, which operates across the Scottish Highlands and Islands, Western Isles, North Ayrshire and Argyll and Bute, received £24,521.

The fund, which aims to bridge the immediate financial gap faced by independently owned cinemas as a result of Covid-19, will support 30 cinemas and two touring operators from across Scotland.

CPH manager Ellen Mainwood said: 'We're delighted to receive this generous grant from the Independent Cinema Recovery and Resilience Fund which will allow us to continue to maintain this important and historical building, as well as trade safely within the current guidelines.'

This year has hit independent cinema hard, as it has everyone, so this grant provides essential support to allow the survival of the Picture House for residents and visitors.'

LOCH LOMOND

Piping for Erskine

For the past six years, summer visitors to Loch Lomond Shores have enjoyed the bagpipes played by Argylls veteran Captain Bryan Warren as he fundraised for Erskine Hospital.

This year the pipes fell silent due to Covid restrictions, but undeterred Bryan continued to fundraise for the veterans' charity in a slightly different way.

Three times a week, in a shortened summer season, Bryan stood outside the shopping complex with an Erskine collecting bucket and leaflets. His determination and hard work paid off and he raised a staggering £4,620.35.

Bryan, aged 82 and from Dumbarton, served in the Royal Army Service Corps and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He has now raised £23,600 for fellow veterans since he began fundraising by the banks of Loch Lomond.

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BEVAN - Suddenly at his home, Brackenburn, Eredine, on November 4, 2020, Nicholas (Nick) Bevan, aged 60 years. (Zoologist and Environmental Scientist). Loving and adored partner of Sandie Roddie. A dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to all the family. In line with current guidelines, a private funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium. Donations, if desired, can be made in memory of Nick directly to the British Heart Foundation and Amnesty International.

MACLEAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, on November 6, 2020, with his family by his side, Neil John MacLean on his 65th birthday, of 14 Brae Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of Caroline Martin, dearly loved Dad of Michelle, Catrina and Elizabeth. Adored and proud papa of Thianna, Malcolm, Dylan, Zach, Jodie and Hailey. Dear brother of George, Cameron, Jamie and the late Donnie. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. Past

Master of Lodge Lochfyne 754, who was well respected amongst his fellow brethren. A private funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Donations can be made to Cancer Research in memory of Neil John, or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

MACLELLAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 3, 2020, Mary MacLellan in her 95th year, 6 Mill Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Eddie and Marion MacLellan and a much loved sister and aunt.

MACLENNAN - Peacefully at Ardenheim Care Home, Dunoon, on Saturday, November 7, 2020, Margaret MacRae MacLennan, née MacDonald, aged 78 years, of 12 Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of Alistair MacLennan, dearly loved mother of Murdo, and much respected mother-in-law of Marian. Loving sister of Helen and the late Anne and John. A dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A private family funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, November 13, 2020. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARTIN - Leslie, Gail and Thomas would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy including cards, letters and flowers following the passing of Tony. To all the neighbours for the amazing turnout to pay their respects. Thanks to Rev W Crossan for a comforting service. We would also like to thank Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professionalism and kindness shown to us and for undertaking all the business matters. Also thanking Jennifer and the Argyll Staff for excellent service, beautiful lunch. Fresh Connection for the beautiful flower arrangements.

ROBERTSON - Jan and family would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers, cards and phone calls following the sad loss of Stuart. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a comforting and uplifting service. Also to all family and everyone that lined the route to the cemetery. Many thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional caring services.

TURNBULL - The family of the late Eilidh Turnbull would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our thanks to the nursing staff at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee for their care and attention given to Eilidh during her illness, which she fought with serenity, optimism and courage. Special thanks to Belinda Braithwaite, Humanist, for a fitting service and tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and caring arrangements; to the Cairnbaan Hotel for purvey. Finally our thanks to family and friends who travelled to pay their respects at Achnabreac Cemetery. Eilidh will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

COFFIELD - M, November 12, 2016. Missed every day. - Martin and family.

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Red Star AFC's good form continues

Lochgilphead Red Star kept up the momentum in their series of friendly matches under coronavirus restrictions.

A week after defeating Oban Saints' Greater Glasgow AFL side 5-1, the Mid Argyll outfit travelled to Dunoon for another all-Argyll challenge with covid rules in place.

Red Star came away with a 1-0 victory thanks to a goal from Coll McCallum, scoring his second goal in successive games.

Man of the match was Red Star goalie Jake Weir, who pulled off a string of top-class saves.



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Brilliant finish sees Bob clinch first tour victory



Bob MacIntyre with the Cyprus Challenge trophy. Photograph: Andrew Redington/Getty Images.

Argyll's Bob MacIntyre capped a brilliant fortnight's golf on the European Tour by securing the first victory of his short career in the Cyprus Challenge at the stunning Aphrodite Hills resort.

Following last week's third place finish on the same course, the Oban star went into the tournament as one of the favourites and, after an opening round of 65, it was easy to see why.

After comfortably qualifying for Sunday with rounds of 68 and 67, his final day winning score of 64 was simply sensational.

After almost aceing the par 3 17th hole, he knew he had to make birdie on the 18th to win the tournament.

The left-hander revealed that standing on the 18th tee he remembered his dad Dougie's advice to 'tee it high and let it fly' and that is exactly what

'After finishing in a tie for third place at last week's Cyprus Open, I knew I had a chance. My game was solid all week and I was pleased with the way I was able to close it out on Sunday.'

he did, launching a 345-yard monster straight down the centre of the fairway, leaving himself a relatively comfortable 9-iron approach over the water to the green.

With Argyll folk cheering him on from home, he hit a majestic approach shot to 20 feet, rolled the putt up close and tapped in for a winning

birdie 4 to complete a back 9 of 30 which will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it.

Speaking on Monday, MacIntyre said: "This has been a stop-start season, which has made it difficult for all the players, but I've still managed to keep a good level of consistency, and over the past couple of events I felt my game was in great shape.

'After finishing in a tie for third place at last week's Cyprus Open, I knew I had a chance, as the event was being played over the same course, albeit with a different format.

'My game was solid all week, and I was pleased with the way I was able to close it out on Sunday.'

His Cyprus victory means that Bob has jumped to 62nd in the world rankings, 24th in The Race to Dubai standings.



The delighted young riders, fully recovered from the spooky events of the day, with their rosettes.

Haunted house Hallowe'en ride fun

Argyll South Pony Club enjoyed a glorious day for its annual Hallowe'en Fun Day.

Held at Tarbert Arena on Saturday November 7, the clever format kept within Covid guidelines, allowing the young riders to enjoy their usual fancy dress element as well as some carefully structured mounted games.

Thanks to Ileene Duncan, the heritage paths and trails

behind the arena were marked with spooky signs and the challenging route to the haunted house and the beastly barn was decorated by committee members Ulla and Mary-Lou, with ghouls and werewolves.

The most daunting was the Gable End Ghost, who surprised many of the ponies and their young riders. The spooky ride was a highlight of the day, with everyone desperate to do

it again another time with a different theme.

The Campbeltown contingent of the club turned out in force and had a successful day relishing the challenge of Sheila MacCallum's clever Covid-busting games which had them racing up and down the arena while skilfully steering their ponies.

It was a day of fun and laughter and thanks from the club

go to everyone who helped to make it a memorable, happy day for so many.

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