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Ian pops up with new rugby ball

West Coast Motors bus driver Ian MacGillivray has been heaped with praise after an act of generosity.

The driver of the 926 Campbeltown to Glasgow service was at Inveraray on the evening of Sunday April 11 when a rugby ball being used by some lads on the front green rolled past the front of his bus. Ian didn't know, however, that it had bounced off a wall and landed under a rear wheel. He moved off and – with a loud pop – it was no more.

Feeling bad, he later posted on Facebook to try and find the lads to offer them a new ball.

The response was phenomenal as his message was shared 300 times and received 79 comments by midweek.

Ian eventually tracked down the ball's owner, Archie MacColl-Smith, who had been there with pals Kory Kirkhope, Angus MacAskill, Finlay Macgregor and Lachlan O'Connell. Archie said: 'When it



Ian MacGillivray decided to give the lads a replacement ball.

popped it sounded like a gun going off.

'Ian got in contact with me and said he has a gift to give us on his next trip through Inveraray, which is very generous of him considering it was our fault.'

He joked: 'Lachlan was the one with the dodgy kick that ended up under the bus. He will not be in the starting team when we are

able to play rugby again.' Ian remained modest.

'I'm overwhelmed by the response on Facebook,' he said 'and if it makes people smile then that makes me smile.

'I know how I'd have felt at that age, so I decided to replace the ball for them.'

He hopes to meet the boys today, Friday, to give them a replacement.

Tarbert heroes win top award

by Colin Cameron
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Laura MacKay and Fiona McTaggart were 'surprised and delighted' to be recognised with a Community Hero award for their efforts during lockdown.

The duo set up Facebook-based Team Tarbert early in the first coronavirus lockdown and with a dedicated group of volunteers ensured that older and vulnerable people were supported and looked after.

They were nominated for the UK-wide award – organised by UK Community Day – by Councillor Anne Horn who said: 'Their continuous support allowed older and vulnerable people in the community to stay at home while assured that all they needed would be delivered to the door with a big smile, a cheery wave and a word of encouragement.

'Every volunteer from Team Tarbert brought support and help to everyone in the village and surrounding area and without this amazing group



Tarbert's Community Heroes Laura MacKay, left, and Fiona McTaggart.

the restrictions would have been so much harder in the village. Tarbert residents are very grateful for all the volunteering that took place in the village over the last year.'

Fiona said: 'I am so proud to be part of Team Tarbert. When I found out we had received this award I was delighted, not just for me but as recognition for everyone that worked so hard in our community. Team Tarbert is made up of so many community heroes. We are

still here and if you or anyone you know needs support for shopping, errands, doorstep chats or phone calls to support lonely/isolated people, sudden hardship or even if you need clothes, toys, furniture for yourself or little ones, we are here to help.

'I was very surprised but delighted to receive the award,' added Laura. 'I was happy just to be of help to anyone in strange, difficult times. We would like to continue Team Tarbert.'

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POLICE FILES

Woman assaulted

A 45-year-old man has been charged with assaulting a woman at 4.45pm on Thursday April 8 in School Road, Tarbert.

Speeding

Around 8am on Saturday April 10 on the A83 at Lochgilphead, a lorry driver was stopped near Kilmory Industrial Estate for allegedly speeding. The driver, a man aged 47, was also allegedly found to be driving the vehicle without the correct category on his driving licence.

Car vandalised

The front windscreen of a black BMW was damaged sometime between 11pm on Friday April 9 and 1.15am on Saturday April 10 on Union Street, Lochgilphead.

Lobsters stolen

Between 4pm on Friday April 2 and 4pm on Saturday April 3, four live lobsters were stolen from a lobster pot hanging from the side of the quay at Port Askaig.

Assault charge

About 3.25am on Wednesday April 7, at Glenegedale on Islay, a 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly assaulting another man. He was charged with the offence and held for court.

Distillery vandalised

Police are investigating on Islay after eight windows were smashed in an outhouse at Laphraoig Distillery sometime between 3pm on Friday April 2 and 3pm on Friday April 9.

Any witnesses or anyone with information on any of the above should contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Rescue after car lands in Loch Gilp

Emergency services responded after a car landed in Loch Gilp on Thursday April 8.

Police received reports shortly after 11.30am that the car had left the A83 just north of the West Coast Tool and Plant Hire site between Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead.

The vehicle had overturned but landed on its wheels in the sea, with the water about 2-3 feet deep at that point. Just one vehicle was involved in the incident.

Lochgilphead Sergeant Iain MacNicol confirmed that when police officers arrived on the scene they helped a man

and woman out of the vehicle and to the shore.

Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and HM Coastguard personnel also attended.

The two occupants of the car were taken to Mid Argyll Hospital and later flown to hospital in Glasgow, though

their injuries are not thought to be life threatening.

The A83 was initially closed locally to allow emergency vehicles to access the scene, with a single lane reopening about 12.50pm. The road fully opened at 1.40pm, with a later half-hour single lane closure to recover the vehicle.

Ardrishaig springs forward



Ardrishaig's Nikki Thompson sent this photograph of a cheery spring scene in the village.

There is plenty going on in Ardrishaig at the moment, with the canal being refurbished, the public hall getting painted and other exciting developments in the pipeline. And, of course, a nice wee floral display on Chalmers Street.

More to come on these developments in your Argyllshire Advertiser.



First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

Slight easing of Covid travel restrictions

Travel restrictions across Scotland will be lifted from today, Friday April 16 on condition that friends and family are meeting up.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on Tuesday that it was to give people more opportunity to get together outdoors to boost mental health.

But travel restrictions across Scotland for 'leisure, shopping, visiting hospitality premises or staying in tourism businesses' remain in place until April 26.

Restrictions on travel to England and Wales will also be lifted on that date allowing

travel 'anywhere across Britain', she added.

She said: 'From Friday April 16 we will all be able to travel anywhere within Scotland for the purposes of outdoor socialising, recreation or informal exercise and we are also able to relax the rules for meeting people outdoors, again from Friday this week.'

That means six adults from up to six households will now be able to meet up outdoors in Scotland. The rule had been four adults from two households.

The First Minister added that meetings must be outdoors 'probably' until mid-May.

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£25m to consult on Rest solution

Transport Scotland has invited bids for a £25 million contract to develop a scheme for the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful.

Government agency Transport Scotland last month announced that one of five possible new routes through Glen Croe will be built to bypass the landslide-prone A83 trunk road at the Rest.

The A83 through Glen Croe has been hit by multiple closures due to landslides in recent decades and pressure has been building for the Scottish Government to act quickly to resolve the issue.

In a contract notice published by Transport Scotland on April 8, consultants are invited to

express interest in providing scheme assessment work to the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, assist in the promotion of statutory consents as well as procuring construction contractors and providing site supervision services.

The chosen consultant may also be required to develop a temporary alternative to the old military road local detour while the permanent route is built.

With Argyll and Bute Council pressing for a permanent alternative to be completed within the term of the next Scottish parliament – and The Rest and be Thankful Campaign business group seeking completion



A permanent alternative to the landslide-prone A83 at the Rest and be Thankful is to be identified and built.

up to 18 months to design and three to four years to construct.

At a virtual meeting of the full council on April 15, council executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'Transport Scotland is considering alternative interim routes to be used rather than the old military road.'

'Whilst the timescale is yet to be finalised, Transport Scotland is anticipating an interim route could be designed within approximately 18 months and constructed within three to four years depending on the extent of work involved.'

'Due to this being a temporary interim solution, normal trunk road design standards will not necessarily apply.'

in just three years – time is of the essence.

The contract notice states 'the consultant will be required to advise on methods to shorten the development and promotion process'.

A maximum of five bidders will be taken forward to the tender stage for the contract,

which has an estimated value of £25 million over 10 years.

The deadline is May 12 and invitations to tender are expected to be issued to selected bidders on June 16.

Separately, Argyll and Bute councillors have been told a temporary alternative route through Glen Croe could take



Freya Aitchison.

Candidates to face climate questions

Candidates seeking to represent Argyll and Bute in the Scottish Parliament are to take part in a virtual hustings later this month.

Time for Change Argyll and Bute, an Argyll-wide climate action group, has organised a climate-focused hustings on Tuesday April 20, starting at 7.30pm.

The group's secretary and a founding member is Tayvallich woman Freya Aitchison, who explained: 'We have invited candidates from the five main parties who are running for election in Argyll and Bute.'

'We hope to ask them four main questions which will challenge them on their parties' plans for climate action and take questions from the audience. Our aim is to have an ongoing dialogue with the successful candidate as we are looking to build relationships between communities and decision-makers.'

Last week, Time for Change Argyll and Bute organised a hustings for the Dumbarton constituency. It attracted 90 participants and the group is hoping for another good turnout for the Argyll event.

The free Argyll and Bute hustings can be viewed online at Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-bute-constituency-climate-hustings-tickets-148475852271 – along with the four questions the candidates will face.

Argyll tributes paid to HRH Prince Philip

Tributes have been paid to Prince Philip following the announcement of his death by Buckingham Palace on Friday April 9.

He passed away peacefully at Windsor Castle earlier that day at the age of 99.

Provost of Argyll and Bute Councillor David Kinniburgh said: 'It is with sadness that we learned about the death of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.'

'The Duke of Edinburgh gave decades of service to Great Britain. He leaves a tremendous legacy through his Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme which has benefited the lives of so many young people. His loss will be felt by many. We send our sincere condolences

to Her Majesty the Queen and his family at this sad time.'

The Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Mrs Jane MacLeod, said: 'My thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty The Queen and her family as they mourn the passing of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh – a much-loved husband, father and grandfather as well as a man who dedicated so many decades of his life to public service.'

'He will be sorely missed and I send my condolences and deepest sympathy to the Royal Family at this very sad time.'

In line with national guidance, the Union Jack was flown at half mast from council and other public buildings.

For those wishing to pay trib-

ute to the Duke of Edinburgh, an online book of condolence is available on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

The Duke of Edinburgh's funeral will take place on Saturday April 17 at 3pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor. The service will begin with a national minute's silence at 3pm. The service will be preceded by a ceremonial procession inside the grounds of Windsor Castle.

The funeral, in line with The Duke of Edinburgh's own wishes, will recognise and celebrate his life. It will be a ceremonial royal funeral, as for the Queen Mother, rather than a state funeral – something which is generally reserved for monarchs.



The Duke of Edinburgh on royal walkabout during a 1995 visit to Oban.

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Family echoes



Alexander McNab, born Argyll in 1863, at two stages in life.

When Tees-side woman Clare Frith started looking into her family history, her research revealed deep Argyll roots mingled with family tragedy and sacrifice.

Clare first contacted the Argyllshire Advertiser looking for help researching her maternal great, great grandfather Alexander McNab. Online records showed his birthplace as 'Inchial Argileshire', which turned out to be the parish of Glenorchy and Inishail at the head of Loch Awe.

Alexander McNab was born there to Alexander senior and Margaret McNab in 1863 – one of a family of three brothers and four sisters – and moved south to Burnley in Lancashire in the 1880s. In Lancashire, in 1888, he married Janet Wardrope, who came from Milngavie outside Glasgow, and they went on to have 12 children.

Going back a few generations, Clare's research has traced Alexander's great grandfather, John McNab, born in Kilbrandon, the area around Loch Melfort, in 1760.

His son Peter, born around 1780, went on to farm in Connel and is recorded in the 1861 census as an 80-year-old farming 75 acres at South Ledaig, though is described as a 'smith' in an earlier record.

Born in 1822, Peter's son Alexander grew up to work in farming around Glenorchy. In the 1851 census he is recorded as a ploughman at Barbreck.

'Our' Alexander seems to have been a blacksmith when he moved from Argyll to Burnley to start a new life.

Sadly, two of Alexander and Janet's family died as young children.

Later, however, they found themselves – like so many other families – caught up in the horrors of the First World War.

They lost three sons – Andrew, aged 25, missing in action, 1916; Alex, 27, missing in action 1917; and John, 23, missing in action 1918 – during the war.

The grief the family must have borne is unimaginable. The boys' names are recorded on three separate First World War memorials in Belgium and France.

Clare said: 'What a tragedy losing your sons. Andrew, Alex and John were brothers of my great grandma, Grace McNab Bridge.'

Alexander died in 1944 at the age of 81, after being hit by a tramcar in Blackpool during the blackout. He was living with daughter Grace and her



Clare Frith has been researching her family history.



Clare's great grandmother, Grace McNab Bridge, as a young woman in the early 20th century. Inset: Grace in later years.

family at the time. A short newspaper report from the time describes him as a 'retired blacksmith'.

Clare was born in Blackpool and moved to Tees-side, via a spell in Dumfries, through her husband David's employment.

Though her great grandmother Grace passed away in 1968, Clare believes she can detect echoes of the past in her own family today.

She explained: 'My son, who is in army, has just trained in music and learnt the bagpipes.

'Little bits keep popping up.

My other son is into blacksmithing, which is also in the family.'

And while she has never visited Argyll, Clare would love to at some point once Covid restrictions have eased.

'I had a look at images of Loch Awe and have been reading up about the area. It looks amazing.'

If you have any other information on this branch of the McNab family, please email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk and this will be passed on to Clare.

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Stories of the McNabs of Argyll



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Private Andrew McNab, one of three McNab brothers killed during the First World War.

Research unveils tragic story of 19th century drowning

It was while talking with a cousin about the family's McNab heritage that Clare learned of a 19th-century tragedy in the family.

Her cousin mentioned a drowning on Loch Awe involving Donald McNab, elder brother by four years of Alexander.

Parliamentary records reveal that Donald, a boatman, drowned on the morning of June 28, 1886.

Hansard records that Sir Charles Cameron, Liberal MP for Glasgow College, asked the Lord Advocate Mr J H A MacDonald about the incident in the House of Commons during September that year.

He pointed out that Donald's body was not found where his companions in the boat alleged he had fallen

overboard and, when found floating weeks afterwards, it bore marks on the head and hand.

Given those circumstances and 'considering the anxiety of McNab's family to have the case investigated', he asked the Lord Advocate whether he would direct the procurator fiscal 'to order such post mortem examination as may show whether the marks referred to had been caused before or after death or, if such an examination has been made, he will allow MacNab's family to inspect the medical report and any depositions in the case?'

The Lord Advocate replied that the people who were with him in the boat gave information at once to the police.

He added: 'The body was not recovered until August 22 and was,

of course, in an advanced state of decomposition and had been injured from being in that state.

'It was examined by a competent medical man who reported there was no sign of any injury having been inflicted before death. It was not the practice to make public the particulars in cases where those responsible for criminal investigation were satisfied that no crime had been committed but he might mention, for the satisfaction of the honourable member and those on whose behalf the question was put, that on recovery of the body what was observed tended strongly to confirm the accuracy of the statements which had been made at the time by those who were with the deceased when the accident took place.'



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New HSCP interim officer appointed

An interim chief officer for Argyll and Bute's health and social care partnership (HSCP) has been appointed – but the position remains to be filled on a permanent basis.

Fiona Davies, currently mental health lead for NHS Highland, will become chief officer of the partnership on an interim basis from Tuesday May 4, replacing Joanna MacDonald.

Interviews held for the post on Thursday March 25 failed to find a permanent successor, with the panel deciding not to make an appointment.

The recruitment process will be re-run, but Ms Davies could hold the interim post for up to a year, the HSCP has said.

Ms MacDonald, who was appointed in 2018, has left to take up a social care role with the Scottish Government.

A spokesperson said: 'Interviews were carried out to appoint a new chief officer and a number of candidates with a



Oban councillor Kieron Green is stepping down as chairman of the IJB.

wide range of experience were interviewed by the recruitment panel.

'The panel has, however, decided not to appoint to the post at this time. This was a difficult decision but they considered that it was the right one for the organisation.'

A further recruitment

process will be undertaken to recruit a new chief officer on a permanent basis.

'Until this recruitment process is concluded, it has been agreed that an intermediate term interim chief officer will be appointed for a period of up to one year to provide leadership for the HSCP, progress our ambitious transformation programme and to ensure a continued focus on culture.'

'We are therefore delighted to welcome Fiona Davies to the role as Interim Chief Officer. Fiona, who will take up post on May 4, is currently mental health lead for NHS Highland and brings with her a wide range of experience and knowledge and we look forward to welcoming her to Argyll and Bute.'

The spokesperson added: 'Until Fiona's arrival, George Morrison, deputy chief officer, will lead our experienced senior team ensuring that the positive progress that has been

made in recent years continues without interruption. We are grateful to him for once again stepping up to provide cover and continuity.'

'When Fiona commences in post, George will continue as deputy chief officer and in his critical role of providing leadership of our finance and transformation agenda as we remobilise, recover and redesign.'

The HSCP's integration joint board (IJB) is also set to welcome a new chairperson at its next meeting, with Sarah Compton-Bishop replacing Oban North and Lorn independent councillor Kieron Green.

The IJB is due to meet next on Wednesday June 16.

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All change at Argyll and Bute chambers

The SNP opposition group within Argyll and Bute Council has a new leader after Oban South and the Isles councillor Jim Lynch took charge.

Councillor Lynch, who was first elected in 2017, succeeds Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor, who notified the council in March of his decision to stand down.

There has also been a change in depute leadership of the group, with Dunoon councillor Audrey Forrest replacing Lorna Douglas, Helensburgh Central, in the role.

Councillor Douglas also stood down as a member of the council's planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL) committee and the area's licensing board.

Councillor Lynch is expected to become vice chairman of the council's audit and scrutiny committee and to join the policy and resources committee.

In a report before the full council at its virtual meeting on Thursday April 15, executive director Douglas Hendry said that newly-elected



Jim Lynch is the new leader of the SNP group within Argyll and Bute Council.

Helensburgh and Lomond South Conservative councillor Gemma Penfold has been nominated to replace her party colleague Andrew Vennard, Oban North and Lorn, on the community services committee.

Isle of Bute independent councillor Liz McCabe, elected at a March by-election, is also nominated to join the Argyll Islands Sounding Board, replacing the late Provost Len Scoullar.

Outdoor centres to help Argyll school pupils engage with learning

School pupils in Argyll and Bute are to receive support from the area's outdoor education centres when they return after the Easter break, a report has revealed, writes Colin Cameron.

Three outdoor centres had been assisting with secondary education since pupils returned to the classroom after lockdown earlier this year.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, the council's policy

lead for education, has now confirmed all schools will engage with outdoor learning providers.

The details were contained in a report before the full council at its virtual meeting on Thursday April 15.

Councillor McNeilly said: 'Since March 15, we have engaged the services of three of our valued local outdoor education centres to provide support to our secondary

schools for young people getting back to school.'

'These sessions have been very positively received and we are delighted to now be rolling this out across the authority so that all schools have some engagement with our outdoor learning providers from April 19 up until June 25.'

'It is anticipated that each school will receive between two and four days support from the centres which will be

planned collaboratively. This work will be funded from our Covid recovery budget.'

Councillor McNeilly also gave an update on the provision of Gaelic in Argyll and Bute's schools, including periods when pupils have been learning remotely.

She added: 'The revision of School Improvement Planning (SIP) in Argyll and Bute has resulted in Gaelic educational planning now being an inte-

gral part of the standard SIP documentation for schools.'

'Planning priorities in Gaelic Medium Education (GME) are now cross-referenced with the local authority Gaelic Language Plan, as well as with the frameworks which apply to all school improvement planning – Our Children Their Future, How Good is Our School 4 and the Scottish Government's National Improvement Framework.'

'This coherent and integrated approach to strategic planning in GME has been recognised by Bord na Gaidhlig as sector-leading practice.'

'It has been a challenging year in education but our staff in schools have risen to the challenge and provided great support and continuity of learning for our children and young people and their commitment and dedication should be recognised.'

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In the footsteps of faith on the Cowal peninsula

A network of pilgrim routes has been created to showcase the rich religious heritage of the Cowal peninsula.

Fifteen historic sites, which all play a significant role in the birth of Celtic Christianity, are included.

Intended to encourage visitors to explore faith and landscape, the walks offer a mix of forestry roads, woodland tracks and existing heritage trails as well as more challenging terrains for serious hikers.

Featured in detail at www.faithincowal.org and collated by Faith in Cowal, the Church of Scotland-funded project promotes pilgrimage in the area with a network of walks covering 200 miles and 19 trails, divided into five loops that criss-cross the peninsula.

Dan Romani of Faith in Cowal explained: 'The routes

we've developed highlight the strong religious and spiritual heritage of Cowal as well as the stunning beauty of this part of Argyll. Each route takes visitors on a real pilgrimage to ancient Christian landmarks, through remote and impressive landscapes.

'Whilst Faith in Cowal is a Christian organisation, the routes are open to people of all faiths and none, and provide the perfect way to connect with the wild beauty Cowal has to offer. Some of the sites that book-end each trail date as far back as the fifth and sixth centuries, as well as more ancient landmarks such as Auchnaha Cairn that are thought to be Neolithic in origin.

'The walks take in locations close to the major settlements and population centres of Cowal including Strachur,

Dunoon, Kilfinan and Colintraive but they're unlike any other path you'll find. These are not all neatly manicured and waymarked trails. We have deliberately kept them dynamic and wild by making use of forestry roads and ancient heritage paths. Many of the routes require short, improvised hikes between paths so you'll feel like a real pilgrim forging your way through the landscape.

'There are detailed guides on our website as well as downloadable GPS tracks. We hope as many visitors to Cowal as possible will take this opportunity to step in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims and travellers, enjoy the wonderful scenery of Argyll and explore fascinating sites of genuine spiritual and religious importance,' added Dan.



Historic Kilmun church, on the shores of the Holy Loch. Photographs: subtlesensor2020

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Perhaps Transport Scotland is allowing for the worst case scenario when it advertises its £25 million consultant's contract over 120 months.

Work to improve the A83 through Glen Croe will not only involve the selection, design and build of one of the five permanent options on the table, but also the tandem construction of a temporary local detour in place of the existing old military road.

But with pressure to have the permanent solution finished by the end of the next Scottish parliamentary term, likely to be in 2026, and some wanting completion long before that - the decade-long contract does ring alarm bells for those seeking a rapid end to the landslide problem.

Goes a long way

It is refreshing to hear about the generosity and kindness shown by bus driver Ian MacGillvray and Team Tarbert ladies Fiona and Laura.

Team Tarbert, and many other groups and individuals in the pandemic, have shown that simple consideration for others and kindness goes a long way in keeping communities together and connected.

So well done Ian and more power to the elbow of the hardy volunteers of Team Tarbert.

Looking out for nature

Now in its 42nd year, the Big Garden Birdwatch is a chance for people of all ages to count the number of birds that visit their garden, helping the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds build up a picture of how they are doing.

This year, more than a million people across the UK, including more than 78,000 in Scotland, took part, counting 17 million birds.

The event, held over the last weekend in January, revealed the house sparrow held on to its number one spot, but 10 out of the top 20 bird species showed declines in average numbers in Scotland compared to last year.

Starlings remained in second place, but numbers were down 14 per cent compared to 2020. Goldfinches saw the greatest decline in Scotland's top 10, falling four places from sixth position last year, with reported numbers 47 per cent fewer than 2020.

I am absolutely delighted with the number of people who have taken part, making it the biggest year ever for RSPB Scotland. Of course, this has generated a massive amount of data which will help our scientists with important conservation work, but it also shows how many of us have turned to nature after what has been a very difficult 12 months.

We need every voice raised to stand up for nature. The wildlife that brings us so much interest and solace is now just a fraction of what should be there.

Big Garden Birdwatch has shown that people across Scotland have a real passion for

wildlife. We now need government to take the global leadership, policy and legislative opportunities open to it this year to reverse the decline and restore nature now.

Anne McCall, director of RSPB Scotland.

Protect your dog from theft

It's no exaggeration to say that when a dog goes missing or is stolen, it is utterly heartbreaking.

Dogs for Good has put together some tips to reduce the likelihood of your dog being taken and to keep yourself safe.

■ Keeping eyes on your dog is still the best thing you can do to keep him or her safe. Using your phone is a huge distraction and thieves know that.

■ Is your garden secure? Did you lock the gate? And, as before, keep an eye on your dog when they're outside.

■ Don't leave your dog outside shops. You wouldn't leave your wallet or handbag unattended so don't leave your dog alone.

■ Tinted car windows. A relatively cheap way to keep what's in your car less visible to prying eyes.

■ Keep dogs 'building side'. Where possible, keep your dog away from the side of the road when walking.

■ If your dog has poor recall, 'social walks', on the lead around your area is fine. Give your dog plenty of opportunities to engage with what's important to them - sniffing and looking around - and they'll feel the benefit.

■ Look for safer, free-run locations

where you've got clear sight of your dog. ■ Used correctly, extendable leads are a good halfway house between a lead walk and a free run.

■ Try altering your route and, where practical, the time you walk your dog.

■ Walk with someone else. Even with the current restrictions, you can still take a walk with someone else as long as you keep a safe distance apart.

■ Make sure you've got plenty recent photographs of your dog clearly showing identifiable markings.

■ Make sure your dog has been chipped and that you keep any changes to your details updated with the database.

If the unthinkable happens and your dog is taken, remember, you are not alone. There are plenty online groups and pages offering guidance and support. DogLost is an excellent charity which provides a free lost and found service.

You should also notify police, dog wardens, vets and local rescue centres.

Chris Muldoon, operations officer, Dogs for Good.

A cuppa for dementia care

The tables for Dementia UK's annual cake and tea event, Time for a Cuppa, have been completely reset.

Dementia UK is the only charity dedicated to supporting the whole family through dementia specialist Admiral Nurses.

The charity's annual fundraising event takes place from May 1 to 8.

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Since its launch, it has raised more than £1 million with the support of fundraisers, Dementia UK staff and celebrities. One of the highlights from last year's event included celebrity supporters dressing up as much-loved characters to recreate tea party scenes from the world of film.

Phyllis Logan was Mary Poppins, music producer Naughty Boy was Jay Gatsby, Emma Barton was Holly Golightly and Jess and Natalya Wright were Alice in Wonderland and the Queen of Hearts.

Families with dementia have been adversely affected by the lockdown for just over a year. Care home visiting restrictions, the closure of support and respite services and the resulting social isolation and loneliness has disproportionately affected people living with dementia and their family carers.

Whilst Time for a Cuppa will be slightly different this year, we know dementia support is needed more than ever. We are so grateful to all of our fundraisers who will be whipping up treats, enthusiasm, funds and giving their time for others – in a socially distanced way, of course – in what will be a very special and important Time for a Cuppa.

For more information about Time for a Cuppa and how to host a tea party with our free fundraising pack, visit the dementiauk.org/timeforacuppa webpage.

Dr Hilda Hayo, Chief Admiral Nurse and Chief Executive Officer of Dementia UK.

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YOUR PICTURES



Avril Lockhart of Cairnbaan submitted this fantastic spring-like photograph of her dog Gillie among the daffodils, after the scene was captured by Avril's daughter Rona. Ignoring the fact he'll be 15 years old in the summer, Jack Russell cross – possibly with a bit of Staffie in there as well – Gillie still has a spring in his step. Avril said: 'He's no spring chicken, but he's our wee 'PETal'.

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Support our kiltie fundraising heroes

by Colin Cameron
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In recent editions we have featured a number of generous Mid Argyll folk who are giving up their time to raise money for national charities through the Virtual Kiltwalk 2021.

But local good causes will also benefit from the efforts of Kiltwalkers during the event to be held over the weekend of April 23 to April 25.

Every penny they raise will be topped up by 50 per cent thanks to the generosity of Sir Tom Hunter and The Hunter Foundation.

To the people highlighted below and every other local Kiltwalker, we wish you all the best. Email the Advertiser on editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk and let us know how you get on.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers

Lyn McVicar and fellow volunteer driver Sheila Groat will be raising money for Mid

Sheila and Lyn will be dressed in style for the occasion.



Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV).

No strangers to raising cash for good causes - Sheila has done two Moon Walks, while Lyn has run 10ks and the Loch Ness Marathon - the pair have been training over past few months for their challenge, which will involve walking from Ardrishaig to Crinan and back again.

Lyn said: 'We would like people in Mid Argyll to continue using MATV and Sheila and I have our own Just Giving fundraising pages - Virtual Kiltwalk - for donations.'

MS Centre Mid Argyll

Claire Cameron and friends are taking on the Kiltwalk to raise funds for MS Centre Mid Argyll, a charity close to Claire's heart.

Claire, Long Term Conditions Outreach and



Claire has a big challenge ahead for a great cause.

Community Awareness worker at the centre, said: 'I will be walking 26 miles on April 24.'

'Any donation you can spare will mean the world to me and my chosen charity. Thank you.'

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services will benefit from the pedal power of Zandra Hunt during the Virtual Kiltwalk.

Zandra plans to cycle 50 miles over the weekend to boost the charity's work supporting children and young people.

She said: 'MAYDS was and still is a fantastic support for

my two children. When I was really unwell with my mental health and spending a lot of time in and out of hospital, MAYDS recognised my two as young carers and offered them and our family kindness and support.

'The money I raise will be going straight into support and a counselling service for the children and young people of Mid Argyll and surrounding areas.'



Zandra will cycle 50 miles for MAYDS.

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Get outdoors with a spring in your step

With longer evenings and warmer weather ahead, Scottish walking charity Paths for All has unveiled its top 10 tips to inspire families to embrace the outdoors and engage with nature.

There are also prizes to be won for schools in the charity's Spring Path Day campaign.

Regular walks can help keep us safe while allowing us to meet up and spend time with family and friends. The pandemic has brought into focus just how positive getting outdoors is to boost mental, physical and social wellbeing.

Ten ideas from Paths for All for families to try outdoors this spring:

■ **Make a treasure trail:** Make up a trail and the first one to complete it could receive a prize.

■ **Build a den:** Woodlands are great for den building and



helps children solve problems and work together creatively.

■ **Creative walking:** Simply moving helps soothe our minds and being creative adds to that. Let nature inspire your creativity.

■ **Walk with another person:** Invite a friend for a walk and show them where you like to go and why, following Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines.

■ **Walking games:** Come up with fun games to play on your walks, example - I spy, left or right, spring nature spotting.

■ **Step count or distance challenge:** Release your inner competitiveness and challenge someone, or yourself, to reach a certain number of daily steps or miles.

■ **Wildlife spotting:** Take a notepad on your walk and make notes on any interesting

wildlife you spot. You could turn it into a game and the person with the most points wins.

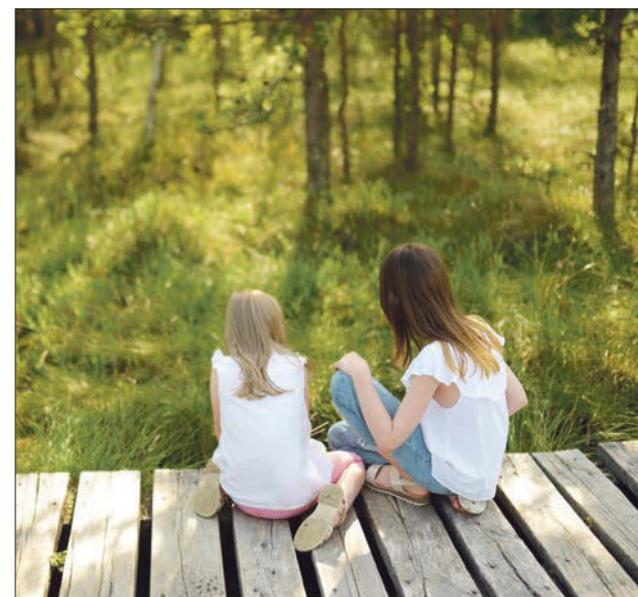
■ **Take a picnic:** Pack a rucksack with your favourite snacks and drinks and head off along a path for an alfresco lunch.

■ **Do a litter pick:** Help to look after your favourite paths and places. If you spot litter, bag it up and bin it responsibly.

■ **Be wise outside:** We're lucky to be able to access our countryside freely so make sure to treat the Scottish landscape responsibly while out and about.

Rona Gibb, senior manager at Paths for All, said: 'Walking is key to leading a happy and healthy life. As we move into spring, there is no better time to incorporate it into your family routine, even if it is just a short walk to school or round the block.'

The Spring Path Day campaign includes 30 days



Ideas for families to get active outdoors this spring.

of activity ideas, an online content hub and £1,000 worth of outdoor educational prizes for schools and children to win throughout April.

Rona explained: 'The Spring Path Days online hub provides a ton of ideas for families and will offer something to suit all interests. There is also a host of competitions to get involved in.'

The charity encourages families across Scotland to get involved in Spring Path Days

by sharing a photograph of what they have been doing this spring.

All participants will be entered automatically into a prize draw which will see 10 individuals win a den-building kit.

One lucky winner will also win a £500 voucher for their school to spend on outdoor educational resources.

Find out more on the Paths for All website www.pathsforall.org.uk.



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Thought for the Week

'Starry, starry night, paint your palette blue and grey' – so ran the words of a famous song from 1971.

The night sky has fascinated human beings from time immemorial. In our desire to understand it, we have created starry patterns in our minds like the Plough, the Bull and so on, however, the signs of the Zodiac were already known to the Babylonians in 1500 BC so that is not something new.

Today, constellations like Aries, Gemini and others continue to fascinate followers of both astronomy and astrology.

One of the most interesting star formations is the Pleiades, better known as the Seven Sisters. Positioned a little to the right of Taurus, they are an unmistakable sight in the winter sky.

Even a modest pair of binoculars will reveal that there are many more stars in that cluster than the naked eye can discern. The Pleiades along with Orion, are even mentioned in the Bible, in the Book of Job, chapter 38.31.

With the aid of binoculars these stars are a truly dazzling sight.

The Bible is a collection of books coming from the pens of many different authors over a long period of time. These books contain fascinating stories, many with moral teaching in them to guide us along the way of life.

Alas, although the Bible has sold millions of copies down the ages, it often remains unread and not consulted.

Just as binoculars can enrich our vision of the 'starry, starry night' so we can enrich our lives by a careful exploration of the Bible and discover what it can teach us, so, let's look at it more closely and take time to enjoy what it has to offer.

David O McEwan, St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown.

LOCH LOMOND

Charitable group calls for better bin provision on A82

More bins are needed beside the A82 on Loch Lomond-side to tackle the scourge of littering, a charity has claimed.

Conservation and heritage charity Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs has contacted Argyll and Bute Council chiefs for help with installing 20 more litter bins between Arden and Tarbet.

The charity's vice-chairman, John Urquhart, said he awaited a response from council chief executive Pippa Milne regarding the matter, adding: 'As it will have no impact on the main carriageway in terms of sight lines or safety, BEAR Scotland has raised no objections to the idea.'

'We are sure therefore that Argyll and Bute councillors will welcome this effort at breaking the deadlock which has for too long prevented anyone dealing adequately with the A82 litter problem, which is increasingly so damaging to the reputation of what is arguably one of Scotland's finest and most popular scenic areas.'

A spokesperson for the council said: 'At this crucial time we recognise the need to support our tourism sector, local economy and communities by investing in the right facilities for visitors, in the right places.'

'Groups such as Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs have commitment, initiative and the ability to tap into additional funding sources to develop their ideas.'

'By working together we can ensure the best possible outcome for Argyll and Bute.'

DUNOON

Plans lodged to convert site to small business units

Plans have been revealed for a former travellers' site outside Dunoon to be converted into yards for industrial storage and distribution.

The former Torlochan site on High Road in Sandbank has been made the subject of Michelle Cameron's application to Argyll and Bute



JURA

Jura's respite flat has been spared from plans to scrap the island care facility — despite concern it is not the best use of public money.

The decision – by a narrow majority – to keep it eventually came down to a casting vote at a virtual meeting of the integration joint board (IJB) of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) on Wednesday March 31 as members determined the coming year's budget and looked at savings options.

Agreement as to whether or not to keep the Jura property open could not be reached when a first vote ended in a draw.

Because of HSCP standing orders, the IJB's chairperson, Oban North and Lorn independent councillor Kieron Green, did not have the

casting vote, but committee members finally opted to suspend those orders because of the unusual circumstances of the meeting being held online, and Councillor Green was able to cast that all-important vote.

Councillor Green came down on the side of Kintyre and the Islands Liberal Democrat councillor Robin Currie, who wanted to keep the Jura respite flat open.

Helensburgh Central Conservative councillor Gary Mulvaney had argued he did not feel it to be the best use of public money.

Councillor Currie said: 'The flat has been used, not much, but it has been used. Everyone accepts it could have been advertised better.'

It was Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor who asked for the advocacy service to be spared as 'a contribution to mental health.'

Council planning chiefs. The planned site is to help small, local and newly-started businesses gain more of a spotlight, with eight separate yards in the pipeline.

An operation statement on the potential project said: 'Our desire is to repurpose the former travellers' site into a small storage/light industrial site to help small, local and new start businesses which have outgrown their spare rooms and garages and wish to make the move out of the shadows and into the mainstream local economy.'

'We wish to create an incubator site that allows small and micro businesses to get a footing in the local economy with an eye to expand into the adjoining industrial estate as they grow.'

'Having operated as commercial landlords in the area for over 20 years we feel well placed to offer this site as a great business start-up space knowing that small, easily leased space is hard to come by in Dunoon.'

A decision from the council is expected by late May, with comments now able to be submitted by members of the public.

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First flight lands at memorial helipad

Three years after the project to build a fit-for-purpose helipad in Campbeltown began, the first test flights have taken place at the Robert Black Memorial Helipad.

Helimed 5, a Scottish Ambulance Service H145 helicopter from Glasgow, was the first aircraft to land at the site adjacent to Campbeltown Hospital on Thursday April 1, shortly after the potentially life-saving facility was deemed operational.

The £270,000 helipad was funded by the HELP Appeal, a charity dedicated to funding NHS hospital helipads, and built by Kintyre companies McFadyens Contractors and McKinven and Colville, with specialist equipment supplied by FEC Heliports Equipment.

The helipad, which will be officially opened at a ceremony in June, has been named in honour of Campbeltown paramedic Robert Black, who died last May after a battle with Covid-19.

The crew of the first helicopter to land – pilot Brett



Catherine Black and children from Dalintober Early Learning Centre welcomed the first helicopter's crew to the Robert Black Memorial Helipad. Photograph: Kenny Craig.

Hesketh and operational paramedics Jason Mortimer and Jim Henderson – were welcomed by Robert's wife Catherine, deputy head teacher at Dalintober Primary

School, and children from the school's early learning centre, who were led to the helipad by piper Julie Blue.

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesperson said: 'Air

ambulance support is a vital lifeline for the communities of Campbeltown and the Kintyre peninsula. This new purpose-built pad is set to improve patient experience by reducing



Robert Black. 50_c19robertblack01

the transfer time for patients from Campbeltown Hospital.'

The first landings were live-streamed around the world by Eric Spence, manager of South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT), which has taken on a licence to operate the helipad on behalf of the community.

Eric said: 'It has been a really difficult year,' he said, 'particularly for Robert's wife Catherine, and when I saw her stepping onto the helipad with the children, I became a wee

bit overwhelmed by the whole thing. This is for their future, they will never need to put up with not having that facility.'

After consultation with Robert's family, Eric revealed that SKDT's plan for any money raised above the cost of the helipad's upkeep is to be distributed to good causes close to Robert's heart, with a view to a bigger project in his memory in the future.

The helipad project was led by ambulance technician Stuart McLellan, from Neilston in East Renfrewshire, after he saw emergency services struggling to airlift patients from the often waterlogged field, which previously served as a helipad, while visiting relatives in Campbeltown in 2018.

Stuart said: 'I am pleased that I have been able to play my part getting Campbeltown this vital asset. I hope it's not used often, however, if someone is unwell and requires flown to definitive care, then this asset will be there for years to come to allow that to happen safely and smoothly.'



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New film put the focus on farming mental health

A new film looking at mental health in the farming community – ‘Unearthing Farming Lives’ – is to be released in late May/early June.

The production, by Pink Sphynx Media, is the brainchild of several organisations in the north east of Scotland: NFU Scotland, Robert Gordon’s University, Samaritans and Aberdeenshire Council.

The film will highlight the hidden mental health issues which exist within the farming and wider agricultural industry to a wide range of audiences.

The target audience includes fellow farmers and their staff as well as the wider agricultural supply sector including vets, bankers, lawyers, accountants and

those supplying agricultural machinery, animal feed, fertiliser, seed and grain.

It is also aimed at universities, colleges, secondary and primary schools and politicians.

Samaritans Aberdeen Director Elaine Mottram said: ‘We are very pleased to be involved in this collaborative venture to raise awareness of the importance of emotional health and wellbeing in the farming community.’

Samaritans are here 24/7 on freephone 116123 for anyone feeling distressed. We urge those who might need us not to wait until they are in a crisis but to call so that we can support them and hopefully help prevent a crisis.’

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Around the markets

Quality store cattle at Islay sale

United Auctions sold 521 store cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday April 10.

A good offering of quality bred grazing cattle sold well to a strong following of mainland buyers.

Bullocks sold to £1,410 per head for two 662kg AAx from D McGregor, Gartacharra to average £990.33; and to 332p/kg for three 265kg LimX from C McMillan, Tallant to average 255.79p/kg.

Heifers sold to £1,290 for two 520kg LimX from C McMillan, Ardbeg to average £871.86 per head and to 304p/kg for a 303kg CharX from C McMillan, Tallant to average 254.15p/kg.

Leading prices per head
Bullocks – AAx - £1410(2), Gartacharra; £1240(2), £1200, Uiskentuie; £1160(12), Ballimartin; £1160, £1150, Uiskentuie; £1130(9), Craignis; £1100(7), Uiskentuie;

£1095(7), £1085(9), Craignis; £1080(7), Uiskentuie; £1050(10), £1040(12), Craignis; £1035(11), Ballimartin; £1025, Kilbride; £1010, Ardfarnal; £1010(4), Tallant. CHARX - £1250(2), Callumkill; £1110, Tallant; £1025(2), Eorrabus; £1020(3), Tallant; £940, Eorrabus; £920(2), Tallant. LIMX - £1200, Uiskentuie; £1200, £1120, Lossit; £1105(4), Tallant; £1100(3), Lossit; £1095(5), £1090(2), Ballimartin; £1045(4), Kilbride; £1040, Kilchiaran; £1035(8), Ballimartin; £990(3), Tallant; £985(10), Coillabus; £965(2), £950(4), Eorrabus; £925(10), £920, Kilchiaran; £910(2), Mansefield; £910(2), Kilbride. SALx - £1045, Kilbride. SIMx - £1050, Callumkill; £980(4), £925(2), Kilchiaran. SHx - £920, Kilchiaran.

Heifers – AAx - £1150, £1080(4), Uiskentuie; £1040(3), Ballimartin; £1040(3), Craignis; £1035(11), Uiskentuie; £1005, Craigfad; £990(4), £980(6), £970(3), Craignis; £965, Ballimartin; £925(7), Craigfad. BRBx - £940, Eorrabus. CHARX - £1000, Eorrabus; £980(2), Craigfad; £950(2), Tallant; £950, Eorrabus; £920, £910(2), Tallant. LIMx - £1290(2), Ardbeg; £1160, Foreland; £1115(3), £1100, £1080(7), Lossit; £1000(2), Eorrabus;

£980(8), Ballimartin; £980, Eorrabus; £965(10), Ballimartin; £960(9), Ballychattrigan; £950(2), Ballimartin; £935, Tallant; £935(2), Foreland; £930(3), Kilbride; £925(6), Kilchiaran; £900(5), Coillabus; £900, Foreland. SIMx - £890(3), £865(5), Kilchiaran. Leading prices per kilo
Bullocks – AAx – 279p, 274p(4), Tallant; 264p(5), Craignis; 260p(4), Kilbride; 259p(4), Craignis; 255p(12), 252p(11), Ballimartin; 251p(22), 250p(10), 248p(9), Craignis; 247p(8), Uiskentuie; 247p(10), Craignis; 246p, Duich; 245p, Uiskentuie; 245p(7), Craignis. CHARX - 304p(2), Tallant; 291p(3), Callumkill; 287p, 271p(3), 267p, Tallant; 263p, 258p(2), Callumkill; 257p(3), Mansefield; 256p(3), Eorrabus. LIMx – 332p(3), Tallant; 317p(4), Smaladh; 304p, Ballychattrigan; 284p, Cladville; 283p(9), Tallant; 281p, Cladville; 277p(2), Eorrabus; 276p(5), Foreland; 275p(4), Kilbride; 275p(2), Mansefield; 272p(5), Ballimartin; 272p(4), Ballychattrigan; 270p, 268p(6), Kilchiaran; 263p(8), Ballimartin; 261p(10), Kilchiaran; 260p(2), Kilbride; 260p(4), Foreland. SALx – 275p, Kilbride. SIMx – 284p(2),

281p, Cladville; 272p(2), Kilchiaran; 263p, 257p, Callumkill. SHx – 257p, Kilchiaran.

Heifers – AAx – 275p(3), Uiskentuie; 272p(11), Craigfad; 270p, Tallant; 268p(10), 267p(3), Craignis; 266p, Ballimartin; 266p, Ardfarnal; 262p(12), Craignis; 256p(7), Craigfad; 254p(3), Craignis; 254p(11), Uiskentuie; 248p(2), Duich; 248p, Craigfad; 246p, Duich; 245p, Craigfad. BRBx – 253p, Eorrabus. CHARX – 304p, 290p(2), Tallant; 267p(6), Mansefield; 265p(2), Tallant; 255p(2), 254p(7), Callumkill; 251p, Eorrabus; 245p(2), Craigfad. LIMx – 286p(3), Kilbride; 286p, 281p(7), Lossit; 279p(2), 274p, Tallant; 272p, Kilbride; 270p, Foreland; 269p(4), Ballychattrigan; 267p(2), Mansefield; 266p(10), Ballimartin; 265p, Kilchiaran; 260p, Eorrabus; 261p(5), Kilchiaran; 260p, Eorrabus; 259p(9), Ballychattrigan; 259p(8), Ballimartin; 256p(3), Lossit; 255p(2), Ballimartin; 253p(2), Tallant; 252p(2), Kilchiaran; 252p, Foreland; 251p(5), Coillabus; 251p(2), Eorrabus; 251p, Mansefield; 250p(2), Foreland. SIMx – 255p(4), 254p(2), Callumkill; 249p(5), Kilchiaran; 232p, Cladville.

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The low down...From April 26, outdoor hospitality can open till 10pm, with alcohol permitted. Indoor hospitality is permitted without alcohol, closing at 8pm. From May 17, further reopening of hospitality: bars, pubs, restaurants and cafes can stay open until 10.30pm indoors with alcohol permitted and two hour time-limited slots, and until 10pm outdoors with alcohol permitted. Not all hospitality businesses will reopen on April 26 – call ahead to find out what they are planning to do – and get that table booked ASAP!

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For more than a year we have been unable to visit our favourite cafes, pubs, hotels and restaurants. Now you will soon be open again and all of us are ready to get back out there to enjoy ourselves with you.

First of all, a huge thank-you to all those establishments that kept us supplied with takeaways, discounts for front-line workers, and help for those who hit financial hardship. Secondly, we all appreciate how hard it has been for many in the catering and hospitality industries, so our thanks for all your kind support is emphasised. Now it is our turn to support you.

If there is one thing we have learned during the enforced lockdowns, it is that food plays a very important part in our wellbeing, and not just nutritionally. It is essential for our mental and social wellbeing; sharing food is one of the oldest, most positive and life-affirming gestures that the human races does.

To not be able to go out meet with friends, relax and enjoy good food and company, pop into a café for tea and scones, a cappuccino and a slice of homebaking, enjoy a bit of banter with the staff and a good gossip with our pals has slowly become more and more soul-destroying.

Likewise taking a break from cooking with a bar meal, gathering the family for a Sunday roast dinner at a hotel, or marking one of life's big events with some superb din-

ing have all been so, so missing from our lives. But now it's all coming back and we are all going to want to get out there.

So the message is – book a table. Not just for now, but weeks ahead to be sure of reservations for important events such as birthdays and anniversaries, especially as the coming tourist season looks like it is going to be hectic.

Looking forward to seeing you all our favourite places soon!

PS – A lot of hospitality employees have taken serious financial hits during the last year, so let's all be generous with our tips.



Loch Melfort Hotel

Although Loch Melfort Hotel has been closed for the last five months, they have been busy behind the scenes!

The Restaurant and Lounge have been opened up to increase socially distanced dining, meaning more of their coveted window tables!

The new and improved deck area stretches from the Restaurant all the way to the play park. Providing guests with more outdoor space where the grown-ups can sit and relax while the kids play or visit the goats and cows.

The plant sale area has been expanded to offer even more of Craignish Nursery's

beautiful locally-grown plants. The superb new gift shop right beside the play park sells Scottish gifts, books and maps.

Always striving to minimise harmful effects on the environment, this year a new Biomass Heat Cabin has been installed to supply all the hotel's hot water and heating. Last summer an EV-charging point was installed.

Situated adjacent to the magnificent NTS Arduaine Garden, only half an hour's drive from Oban or at the top of the Sound of Jura for any passing sailors wanting to make use of the moorings – there is something for everyone at Loch Melfort Hotel.



Creagan Inn, Appin

James, Jacqui and the team at Creagan Inn look forward to welcoming customers old and new as we prepare to reopen for 2021.

With a menu featuring some old favourites as well as fresh new dishes, we're excited to showcase the best of Scottish produce and hospitality in this beautiful venue. We'll be serving brunch at weekends, along with delicious homebaking and Hinba coffee seven days a week, so you can pop in for a leisurely visit or just for a quick coffee stop.

Our new seasonal cocktail menu is perfect for summer drinking, while our craft beer

offering will suit every taste. Daily specials will liven up our regular menu, and we're looking forward to hosting some exciting kitchen takeovers and pop-ups as the season progresses.

Look out also for our regular calendar of events launching soon, including a weekly quiz, as well as kitchen pop-ups and takeovers, giving you lots of reasons to visit Creagan whether you're a tourist or a local.

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Loch Melfort Hotel

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00544/LIB	Demolition of existing dilapidated and dangerous buildings	The Old Courthouse, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/00587/PP	Erection of salt saturator plant	Land West Of Ardrishaig Water Treatment Works, Ardrishaig, Argyll And Bute
21/00594/PP	Repainting of shop front and side elevation	43 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AB
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SMITH – HARDMAN - Terry and Lynda Smith of Southend and John and Pauline Hardman are pleased to announce the engagement of Michael Smith and Heather Hardman on March 20, 2021.

PEARL WEDDING

MCNAB - MITCHELL - Malkie to Catriona on April 19, 1991 at Ardrishaig Parish Church by Rev. Edward Andrews.

DEATHS

ALAMBY - Peacefully at St James's Hospital, Leeds, on April 12, 2021 in her 73rd year, Elizabeth McCallum nee Graham (Bessie), dearly loved mother of Graham and Craig, mother-in-law of Caroline and Natasha and loving sister of Mairi and the late David.

ALDRED - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 3, 2021, Georgina (Georgie) Aldred, née McKerlie in her 73rd year, of Fallas Place, Fauldhouse, Edinburgh and formerly of Lochgilphead. Loving wife to Brain, beloved Mum of the late Samantha, a proud and adored Granny of Natasha, and a much respected mother-in-law and friend to Peter. Dearly loved sister of Phyllis (Angus), sister-in-law of Tommy, and dearly loved Aunt of Adrian. A good friend to many. A private family funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, Lochgilphead on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Donations can be made in memory of Georgie, to Ataxia UK via www.ataxia.org.uk or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, 01546 602226.

ALLINGTON - Suddenly at home, 56 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 5, 2021, Eleanor Allington née Stewart, in her 61st year, formerly of Birmingham, dearly loved sister of Christine and Eileen, much loved mum of Emma and Lisa and a loving nan.

GILLESPIE - Malcolm. At home East Calder in his 97th year, formerly of Dalaruan Campbeltown much loved husband of the late Jessie and loving father of Elizabeth Robertson, Lorraine Rankin, Marell Macdonald and loved and respected father-in-law adored grandpa, great grandpa and loved uncle to all his nephews and nieces.

MACVICAR - Angus John (Jock) - Renowned golfing journalist and a legend in his lifetime Jock passed away peacefully in Glasgow Royal Infirmary on April 3, 2021 aged 83. Jock, who was affectionately known as The Doyen, was truly a real gentleman who was admired and hugely respected throughout the world. He will be missed greatly by his journalist colleagues and friends and, indeed, by all who knew him. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Jock's funeral will take place on Wednesday April 28. The cortege will leave The Highland Parish Church at 1.00pm. We will travel along Hall Street past The Cross, up Main Street on our way to Southend, we will leave Southend Church at 1.30 p.m. on our way to Keil Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Jock may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MACVICAR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on April 7, 2021, Robbie MacVicar, in his 91st year, of 13 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved Husband of the late Peggy. Much loved Dad of Archie, Donnie, Isabel, Robert, Margaret and David. Adored Papa and great grandfather. A dear father in law, brother and uncle. A private family service will be held today, Friday April 16, 2021, at Achnabreac Cemetery. Funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.30am following a route via Manse Brae, Brodie Crescent, Union Street, Argyll Street and Bishopton Road. Please observe social distancing.

WILKIN - Suddenly but peacefully at home, 31c Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, on the March 22, 2021, Andrew Gordon Wilkin (Drew) in his 66th year, much loved father of Gordon and Ross, father-in-law of Lisa, much loved eldest son of Nancy and the late John Alan Wilkin and a loving brother and uncle. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Drew's Cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Friday April 16.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GRANT - The family of Morag Patricia Grant of Lochgilphead Argyll, would like to express our deepest appreciation for everyone's sympathy as we mourned her loss. We would especially like to thank all the carers for their professionalism and attention. With a special mention to Anne Macleod who helped care for Tommy and Morag for over twenty years. We are sorry that Covid prevented a proper service, but really appreciated Rev Ian Miller's sermon and the professional services of Stan Lupton Funeral Directors. To everyone who reached out to us during our time of mourning, we are grateful for your continued support and love during our time of need. Morag will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

SMITH - Doreen, David & Murray would like to Thank All relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy along with all the phone calls ,cards and flowers after the passing of Stewart. Thank you to all nurses and care team staff that helped Stewart stay at home also to all the staff of both Donald MacDonald Funeral Director and Caladh Funeral service. Thank You Very Much To All.

IN MEMORIAM

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Those we love don't go away But walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved and missed and very dear. - Ann and family.

MAXWELL - In loving memory of Bunty, who sadly passed away April 17, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - James and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Online.... or in person.....? Our building is open and our Service will be in the church on

Sunday, 18th April 2021 at 11am when Kelvin Moller from Clachan will be preaching. If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to officespringbankchurch@gmail.com and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom. Covid restrictions will apply in the building – masks and social distancing www.springbankchurch.org.uk

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Sunday 18th April
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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Weekly Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches

WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES (Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)

In an alteration to last week's advert and due to the funeral of The Duke of Edinburgh. The Ordination service of Mrs Dorothy Wallace is now taking place in Inveraray Church on **Sunday 18th April 2021 at 11.30 am.** Those wishing to attend should please telephone Mrs Alison Hay on 01546 886 213 to reserve a place. Unfortunately, attendance is limited due to Covid restrictions. Masks must be worn. The service which was to have taken place in Lochgair on the 18th will now take place on **Sunday 25th.** Charity No: SC016665

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Bob's brilliant Masters debut

Masters debutant Bob MacIntyre was in dreamland last weekend after a 12th place finish secured him a spot in next year's tournament.

With his parents Dougie and Carol watching from the galleries, Bob signed off on the 18th green with one final, momentous birdie to finish with a level par 72 and guarantee a return visit to the Augusta National in 2022.

Speaking to Sky Sports after his round Bob said: 'I have played great for my first year and tried to manage my way around a golf course that I have never seen and only played on computer games with my pals, so it is completely different being here in the battle.'

He later reflected on his birdie putt on the final hole: 'The buzz I got when I holed that putt and then to have gone in and seen the scores and where I've finished, it's just everything you want as a kid and we've done it.'

The 24-year-old had to dig deep on Sunday after a shaky start saw him three over after six holes, but back-to-back birdies at eight and nine followed by a brilliant two at the notoriously difficult 12th hole got him back on track. A further birdie at 15 meant a top 10 finish was within his grasp before successive bogeys looked to have put paid to his chances of cementing a return visit to Georgia.



Bob's 12th place finish at this year's Masters means he has secured a spot at next year's event.

The left-hander then showed why Sky commentator Butch Harmon - former coach to Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson - announced 'this kid's special' by holing a nerve-shredding 13-foot putt

for birdie at the last. His last hole heroics rounded off a brilliant week's work where Bob followed up an opening 74 with a 70 on Friday to comfortably make the cut. With superstars such as Dustin Johnston and Rory McIlroy falling by the wayside, a second successive round of 70 on Saturday set up his grandstand finish on Sunday. Bob has now competed in all four majors and has yet to miss a cut, with his 12th place at Augusta sitting nicely alongside his sixth place finish at the Open in 2019.

His finishing position was the highest by any Scot this century, overtaking Colin Montgomerie who finished 14th in 2002. It also moves him

into serious contention for a Ryder Cup place later in the year as well as securing him an invite to the RBC Heritage tournament on the PGA tour which starts next week.

Before that the Oban star plans to celebrate his stunning performance with his family.

'I'm going to have a few beers tonight with my family and I'm just going to enjoy it,' said Bob.

'I've got my mum and dad here and the whole team, and I'm sure my two sisters and friends at home will be going mental right now. It's part of what we do. We're a big family. We're a close-knit family and I'm just delighted to be here and competing.'

Four seasons during Fyne Tankard first round

Players taking part in the first round of Tarbert Golf Club's Fyne Tankard last Saturday experienced four seasons in a day.

The course is really taking shape with a positive turnout of members, though there are some still waiting for the cuckoo before making an appearance!

Chris Smyth took the first round lead with a nett 64, followed by Bruce McLean and Graham Prentice on 65.

There are a good number of players within a few strokes of the leader so it will be all to play for in the second round.

The best scratch score on the day went to Iain Macalister on 75. Tomorrow (Saturday), the gents contest the April medal with the ladies' April medal on Sunday. Last Sunday, lady members gathered for the High Handicap Cup which saw Angela Vernel take the honours with a nett 67. Sheena Ferguson was second with 68 and Seona Martin was third on 70. Members are asked to use the SGU booking app when entering competitions.

Deans wins Dunaverty cup

Frost slightly delayed the start of Dunaverty Golf Club's Mersey Police Cup competition but the sun soon shone, resulting in a bright breezy day last Saturday.

John Docherty, playing in the first group, had a fine round of 72 to give him a leading nett score of 64 but in the following group he was displaced by Ryan Deans who produced the best scratch round of the day with a 69. Playing off a nine handicap, this gave Ryan the winning nett score of 59.

Sandy Watson proved once again that age is no barrier to good golf and took the runner-up spot with a nett 62.

Worthy of a mention was 13-year-old Jake MacMillan who finished in seventh place with a nett 66.

He will no doubt be one to watch in the future.

Result: 1 Ryan Deans 68-9=59; 2 Sandy Watson 73-11=62; 3 John Docherty 72-8=64; 4 Robert Coffield 74-9=65 (bih); 5 Alan Goddard 81-16=65; 6 Lee Mathieson 72-6=66 (bih).

Tennis players back on court



Colin Hanbidge coaches brothers Murray and Millar MacKay.

The new tennis season is under way at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club.

Last week, brothers Murray and Millar MacKay spent time with coach Colin Hanbidge, during a snow flurry.

Although the courts are now open to members, the clubhouse remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

A club spokesperson said: 'We hope to have a busy season with competitions this year. They weren't allowed last year. We introduced a court booking system last year which was a great success. We also hope to run the summer holiday tennis sessions twice weekly for primary pupil members.'

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