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Donation signals cash jump for Red Star

Lochgilthead Red Star Youth Football committee was delighted to receive a further £5,000 from Ardrishaig Community Trust, writes Sophie Balkeen.

The cheque was presented on April 30 to Red Star chairman Stuart Green by Arthur Barclay of the trust. This was the third of three annual instalments of funding, with a total of £15,000 given between 2019 and 2021. This latest donation is being used to fund new strips and equipment, professional Coerver training and for the successful transition to a new sustainable funding model. After a tour of the training pitches, Arthur said: 'I'm really chuffed to see the youngsters improving their skills and having fun. Ardrishaig Community Trust is delighted to support this valuable local resource.'

'Thank you to the trust for their tremendous support,' replied Stuart. 'I look forward to continuing working with them in coming years.'



Lochgilthead Red Star Youth Football chairman Stuart Green, left, receiving a cheque from Arthur Barclay of Ardrishaig Community Trust, right, accompanied by delighted primary 2 two players and coaches.

Canal welcomes back sailors

by Colin Cameron
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Six months after being closed for refurbishment, the famous Crinan Canal will once again welcome sailors from Thursday May 13.

The canal, opened in 1809 and patronised by everyone from puffer crews to royalty in its long history, remains one of Argyll and Bute's most popular visitor attractions, with more

than 1,600 boats transiting the canal each year before the coronavirus pandemic.

Now managed by Scottish Canals, the nine-mile-long route connecting Loch Fyne and the Sound of Jura has been undergoing a facelift including replacing lock gates as part of a major project to improve and safeguard the scenic route for years to come.

The £3.7 million scheme to replace gates in the eastern sec-

tion – part of Scottish Canals' asset management strategy 2018-30 – started in November 2020 with the draining of the canal.

Locks one to four in Ardrishaig had new steel gates installed in partnership with contractor AmcoGiffen.

Dredging is also being carried out, boosted by £1 million of additional Scottish Government funding to Scottish Canals for

schemes in both the Crinan and Caledonian canals. Unsurprisingly for a project of this complexity there have been complications, including one occasion in March when the canal refilled in heavy rain, while some technical challenges have had to be overcome.

A Scottish Canals spokesman explained that 'minor adjustments' were required 'for the new steel lock gates to fit appropriately in the existing

historic lock chambers'. He added: 'It is a very busy site, therefore it is vital we ensure the works are being undertaken in a safe manner and as per the required standards.'

'The Crinan Canal is due to reopen on Thursday May 13 for boaters to enjoy Britain's most beautiful shortcut.'

Improvement work is also planned for locks along the western section of the canal to Crinan as well as upgrades

to the Cairnbaan Bridge and modifications to Crinan Ferry Bridge and Oakfield Bridge.

As Scotland remains under level three pandemic restrictions, Scottish Canals has adopted strict physical distancing, segregation and hygiene measures to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19.

Anyone visiting the canal is advised to take all relevant safety precautions.



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David Logue, left, and Chris Tabraham congratulate each other – suitably distanced, of course – on completing the nine-mile stroll from Ardrishaig to Crinan.

It's a stroll along canal for David and Chris

Two intrepid members of North Knapdale Parish Church donned their kilts and tammies to hike the Crinan Canal from Ardrishaig to Crinan as part of Scotland's Virtual Kiltwalk 2021 fundraising event.

On Friday April 23, David Logue and Chris Tabraham – collectively known as the North Knapdale Strollers –

raised £800, which becomes £1,200 when a 50 per cent top-up from the Hunter Foundation is factored in.

The strollers, who nominated Christian Aid Scotland as their charity, thank everyone who contributed to the day's fundraising event and all those who stopped them en route to enquire what they were up to.

Man drove around Jura forestry road whilst disqualified

A man living on Jura mistakenly thought he could drive, whilst disqualified, on a forestry road on the island.

The mistake landed him in front of Sheriff Patrick Hughes at Campbeltown Sheriff court last week.

Thomas Nayles Rennie, aged 51, of 2 Woodside Cottages, Craighouse, admitted driving whilst disqualified and without insurance on the road in the Corran area of the island on April 25 last year.

He also admitted acting in a threatening and abusive manner at a location near Small Isles Cottages, Craighouse.

Procurator fiscal James Dunbar said reports were made by civilian witnesses that Rennie had been seen driving a Jaguar car.

In another incident, he

approached a parked car in a lay-by and Rennie became angry, accusing the man of photographing and videoing him. Another person heard the raised voices and called the police.

Procurator fiscal depute James Dunbar told the court that Rennie had sworn at the driver and said: 'I am coming for you, stay out of my life.'

Rennie's defence agent, Derek Buchanan, said that on the day in question the road Rennie had been driving on was a forestry estate one.

He said: 'It is private but where public have access.'

'He wrongly believed he was entitled to drive there.'

In reference to the other matter, Mr Buchanan said Rennie had been reported to the benefit agency by someone

on the island. That had been ongoing. These unsubstantiated reports to the benefit agency had caused considerable stress to Mr Rennie.

The sheriff admonished Rennie for both driving offences but in the case of no insurance he added a £50 fine to send a message that the court takes a serious view of anyone driving without insurance cover.

A total of six penalty points were added to Rennie's licence.

Sheriff Hughes said he viewed the threat of violence far more seriously and handed down a fine of £320 and warned any future conduct like this would mean a custodial sentence. Rennie was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £20.

POLICE FILES

Vehicle damaged

Between 2.50pm and 4pm on Thursday April 8, in the top car park at Mid Argyll Hospital, the passenger side bodywork of a grey Mercedes car was damaged after it was struck by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision.

Theft of gates

Police are investigating after two metal gates with 'Scottish Water' written on them were removed from Mealdarroch Service Reservoir, Tarbert, between 3pm on Friday April 23 and 10am on Monday April 26.

Careless driving

About 9.45pm on Friday April 30, on the A83 near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, a Seat Leon car left the road and collided with a tree. A 39-year-old man was subsequently traced and charged. He will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for alleged careless driving and failing to report a road traffic collision. No-one was injured in the collision.

Sheep attacked

On Sunday May 2 at around 3pm, in a field near Craignish Point, Ardfern, two dogs were reportedly attacking sheep, resulting in one lamb being killed. The owners of the dogs, two men aged 51 and 60, were charged with the offence and will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Police officers are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with information on any of the above incidents to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Police and TSI launch free online fraud prevention session

Police Scotland are hosting a new online event in partnership with Argyll TSI to raise awareness of online fraud prevention.

The event, which will take place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on Tuesday May 18, will include speakers from Nationwide Building Society, Argyll and Bute Trading Standards and Police Scotland local officers.

Online fraud has become an ever-increasing problem, with fraudsters developing sophisticated ways in which to dupe the public.

This has become more significant during the pandemic and with people

using the internet extensively this last year.

This event will raise awareness among community groups and other organisations which deal directly with people who may be at risk of such fraud.

Speakers on the day include:

- A representative from the Nationwide Building Society, who will raise awareness about some of the latest scams; explain how to recognise a scam and highlight the danger signs and how to minimise the risks. They will also explain what actions to take if anyone is worried they may be a victim of a scam or other fraudulent activity.

- A representative from Argyll and Bute Trading Standards, who will talk about other scam types and how to identify them; how not to become a victim including a new call blocker initiative; the cost of scams to wider society and Friends Against Scams, a National Trading Standards Scams Team initiative.

- Laura Evans from Police Scotland will discuss crime prevention and the cared for at home network, the investigation of frauds and scams and support referrals for adults at risk.

The free online event will take place from 2.30pm on Tuesday May 18. For



PC Laura Evans from Police Scotland.

more information and to register, visit the eventbrite website and search 'fraud awareness event'.





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By the time you read this, the polls will be closed in the Scottish parliamentary election. Ballot boxes will have been carefully transported from all over Argyll and Bute to the Lochgilphead count, which will, hopefully, be complete and it will be all over bar the shouting.

We will have a new Argyll and Bute constituency MSP and a clutch of regional members.

Keep an eye on the Argyllshire Advertiser online channels – www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk, Facebook and Twitter – for all the election news, with a full round-up in next week's print edition.

Abandoned caravans blight beauty spots

by Colin Cameron
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The road between Kennacraig and Skipness has to be one of the most scenic in the region, with stunning views across Arran to the east and Jura on the western side – yet the view may not be the first thing visitors see.

Concerned readers contacted the Argyllshire Advertiser about two old caravans which apparently have been

One has been left near the shore for more than a year

abandoned or fly-tipped at the roadside – on the shore near Skipness and the other on the B842 high road from Kennacraig, each in stunning locations.

One lady said she failed to understand the 'inconsiderate people who fly-tip caravans at beauty spots'.

She added: 'I have contacted the council and I believe many

have contacted them before. The one on the shore has been there for over a year, but the caravan on the high road has been left there as no-one overlooks that spot.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council told the Advertiser: 'We remove anything on council property, and if any of the areas identified are private land it is the responsibility of the owner or occupier to act.

'We will make sure they are notified, work with them to have items removed and do what we can to identify the offender.

'The fixed penalty notice for fly tipping is £200. If it is not paid, prosecution could result in a fine of up to £40,000. We all have to play a part in



Dumped beside the Kennacraig to Skipness high road.

keeping our communities free of rubbish by using the many waste and recycling facilities we have in Argyll and Bute.

'We are committed to ensuring public spaces in Argyll

and Bute are maintained to a high standard and ask that any fly-tipping is reported to us either online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk or by calling 01546 605514.'



The abandoned caravan on the Skipness shore with Arran in the distance.

Health board urges patience over Covid vaccinations

Health chiefs in Argyll and Bute have asked for patience among residents as the Covid-19 vaccine programme continues to be rolled out.

NHS Highland has requested that patients should only contact their GP practice about the vaccine if they are over 50 and have not yet been offered their jab.

Figures published by Public Health Scotland showed that as of April 28, 65.5 per cent of people in the NHS Highland area had been given their first vaccine and 33 per cent had received their second dose.

For the Argyll and Bute Council area, the figures were 69.5 per cent for the first dose and 33.6 per cent for the second dose.

Dr Tim Allison, director of public health with NHS Highland, also said that GP practices had already fielded many calls about vaccines.

He said: 'We know everyone is keen to get their vaccination as soon as possible and it is

heartening to see so many people taking up the invitation to be vaccinated.

'However, we are also asking for patience from the groups who have yet to be invited for their first vaccine.

'The majority of people in the NHS Highland area will be invited by their GP practice and our practice teams are receiving a large number of calls asking about vaccine at a time when they are already very busy.

'Please only contact your practice about the vaccine if you are over the age of 50 and have yet to be invited for your appointment.

'For those aged 40-49, please do not contact your practice about your vaccination. They will be in touch with you in due course.'

Other figures have also shown that 87.2 per cent of 50 to 54-year-olds in NHS Highland had been given their first dose of the vaccine, with older age groups having

reached, or almost reached, 100 per cent.

A total of 37.4 per cent of 40 to 49-year-olds had received their first dose, with lower figures for younger age groups.

In the Argyll and Bute Council area, 89.6 per cent had received their first dose, with percentage figures for older age groups also in the high nineties or a full 100 per cent.

Forty-four per cent of 40 to 49-year-olds have had their first dose, with figures again lower for younger age groups. These figures were accurate at March 31.

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The fire at Inveraray's Argyll Arms Hotel in 1952.

Memories of an Inveraray fire

The above photograph came into the hands of the Argyllshire Advertiser thanks to the late Niall Iain MacLean of Inveraray.

Mr MacLean sadly passed away last April at the age of 91 but after his death the paper received a bundle of photographs courtesy of Mr MacLean's wife Ines, and she included the following note: "These are some photographs that Niall Iain wanted to send

you just around the beginning of lockdown. I hope you may find them of some interest."

They certainly are of interest and we thank Mrs MacLean for being kind enough to send them in.

The photograph above, showing the Argyll Arms Hotel - now the Inveraray Inn - on fire has a date on the back, presumably written by Niall Iain himself, of 1952.

In the same handwriting it is

also noted: 'Fire! Argyll Arms Hotel. The fire [as far as can be made out] broke the lease.'

Do any readers remember this incident? What was meant by 'broke the lease'?

We would be pleased to hear from anyone with memories and knowledge of the time.

Contact the newspaper by emailing editor@argyllshire-advertiser.co.uk or via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

Aileen's calendars raise cash for Macmillan

Thanks to the sales of more than 800 calendars, Lochgilphead's Aileen Gillies has donated thousands to the Macmillan unit at Mid Argyll Hospital.

Lockdown exercise gave keen amateur photographer Aileen the perfect opportunity to get out with her camera. Using her collection of fantastic photographs, she put together a series of charity calendars featuring local scenes.

In the first three weeks alone her calendars raised £1,000 for the Macmillan suite. By the end of January it had reached £5,000 and in the end Aileen handed over £5,128 to Macmillan.

She explained: 'The Macmillan unit looked after my mum a few years ago before she died and they were also great with dad and I.

'I always said I would do something to thank



Nurses and representatives from the Macmillan unit accept the donation from Aileen.

them and I thought this was a good time as they must be missing out from donations from funerals.'

Visit www.aileengilliesphotography.co.uk.

Warm welcome for

Poppy's mum, the minister



'It's more Poppy they recognise, not me,' jokes Lyn Peden.

Since coming to Tarbert in November 2020, Lyn and lively wee cocker spaniel Poppy have been regularly seen walking around Tarbert, Kilberry and Skipness.

'Everybody knows Poppy. I want to be out being a community minister and having Poppy is great for that. People often speak to her before they speak to me.'

Originally from Kilmarnock, 53-year-old Lyn was parish minister in Penilee, Glasgow, for 10 years prior to her induction in Tarbert on November 22.

She and husband Gordon arrived in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, with church worship one of the restricted areas of life. Like other members of the clergy, she turned to the online option.

'Luckily I had the skills to put out simple YouTube videos during lockdown, which were well received.'

Lyn had a career in general nursing before specialising in paediatrics.

She later moved to IT, working on the computer systems used by nursing staff, hence her aptitude online.

'A lot of folk have come online because they had to, particularly since the second

lockdown. Now we have to decide on the balance between doing it online or in person.'

Now that churches are back open under restrictions, Lyn has paused the videos.

People are pleased to get back into church and there is plenty of room for two-metre distancing in Tarbert and Skipness. But the 'no singing' rule has been hard.

'Folk are really missing it,' said Lyn. 'We try to find recordings of choral versions of hymns, or sometimes I'll read out the words, but it's not the same.'

After her nursing career, Lyn was 38 when she embarked on a four-year Bachelor of Divinity at university in Glasgow.

But the call came many years before.

'I grew up in the church and was very involved,' she explained. 'But my sense of call came while I was nursing in paediatrics. It was the church in Castlemilk that allowed us to get involved in worship and

start leading prayers and the like, which I enjoyed.'

For those feeling the call, the church has a 'discernment' process involving talking through candidates' thoughts and speaking to working ministers.

'I got knocked back the first time. I just wasn't ready and couldn't articulate why I felt a sense of call. But I knew it was still there, so I waited three years. To get turned down is quite traumatic, but it was meant to be.'

After probation at Langside, which she 'loved' despite the fact the church was badly damaged by fire during the time, it was on to Penilee, where Lyn spent 10 years.

Covid arrived just as Lyn felt herself being drawn to rural ministry. Familiar with Cowal and having holidayed at Portavadie, she and Gordon loved Argyll - then Tarbert came up as a possibility.

Leaving Penilee was hard. 'You're leaving folk you've known for 10 years and built

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For two new Mid Argyll ministers

Words and photographs
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The Argyllshire Advertiser took the opportunity to catch up with two Church of Scotland ministers who recently took up positions in the area.

One takes on the West Lochfyneside churches as her first charge, while the

other has a decade of experience to draw upon as she settles into life in Tarbert, Skipness and Kilberry.

They both came to ministry after a career in other walks of life and each have little doubt that the church must have the flexibility to adapt to the post-pandemic world while offering a listening ear to people affected by lockdown and its consequences.

Lightbulb moment leads Dorothy to Inveraray parish

The Reverend Lyn Peden and gorgeous wee Poppy in Tarbert.

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up all these relationships', explained Lyn, 'but Tarbert just felt right.'

What the pandemic has shown is that the church needs to 'step up its act', says Lyn. 'We need to find a way to engage the younger ones and find the balance between maintaining what's there and modernising at the same time.'

'The isolation during the pandemic has been terrible, so part of my role is to walk beside people and listen.'

And she fully intends to support community initiatives such as Team Tarbert. 'It's a fantastic community effort,' said Lyn, 'and we need to be encouraging things like that - finding where the life is in a community.'

'And I am looking forward to being invited back into schools once all of this is over.'

'The local folk have been so good. We knew people would be friendly, but everyone speaks to you and everyone knows who I am - and Poppy, of course.'

Newly-installed West Lochfyneside minister Dorothy Wallace felt a nigggle.

She enjoyed being a church elder and working in the Sunday school at Strone, near Dunoon. 'But I felt there was something else I needed to be doing,' she explained.

Working as a teaching assistant at the time, Greenock native Dorothy was studying for a degree in education with the Open University when she had 'almost a lightbulb moment'.

'It was a Sunday afternoon and I was writing an essay on maths - which is not my best subject - and it struck me that I'm not supposed to be doing this. I should be studying theology.'

'I realised I was always asking [well-known Dunoon minister] Reverend Joe Stewart a lot of questions. He's a lovely man.'

'I went through the discernment process thinking that I would become a deacon but realised I was feeling a calling

to be a minister of word and sacrament.'

She joked: 'Now I'm like a Joe Stewart tribute act - only not as good.'

The mother-of-two - Lizzie, who is almost 21 and 19-year-old Ally - was widowed at the age of 42 in 2009. She and husband James had been running a hotel in the Lake District for many years.

'James and I had always said we'd retire to Scotland and run a small B&B, so I'd have been here by now, just under different circumstances,' said Dorothy.

It was in 2015 that she felt the nigggle, the call, and began studying the following year.

'It's tough going back to university at that age. I was 49 at the time. There's the kids, who were doing their school exams. My daughter was in first year when I was in third year.'

'But I don't think I would have had the same impetus to keep going if I had been studying something else.'



Dorothy Wallace, minister of the newly-united West Lochfyneside parish including Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair. 51_a18InverarayMinister03_Dorothy

In 2016 she met Alex and they married two years later.

Dorothy led her first service on Sunday April 25 as the minister of the parish of West Loch Fyneside following her ordination the week before.

She is the first minister of the newly-united parish, which previously was a linked charge and includes Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair.

Locals will be able to see Dorothy out and about in the community wearing her new clerical collar.

'I'm pastorally-minded. I love getting out and meeting people,' she explained.

'I love visiting, including schools and senior citizens groups. But I would really like

to see more people coming to church.'

'We want to make people feel comfortable.'

'It's also not just about Sunday mornings.'

'We want to get younger people in.'

'Even if we want people in their 40s who have children, it can be difficult as they have pony club or football going on.'

'Having something outwith a Sunday is quite important to me.'

'We've managed to work without our buildings but it's lovely when we can come together as well. It's something special.'

Dorothy sees an important role for the church in tackling

issues such as the fallout from the pandemic and rural poverty. 'As Christians we're meant to serve,' she said, 'and we should be serving our communities as much as possible.'

'Rural poverty is a major problem, so we need to be there to offer support - to be a voice for people.'

'And I really feel for younger people under lockdown. The social isolation must be so difficult. And loneliness among older people has been clear.'

'I want to offer a listening ear.'

Dorothy added: 'I feel so at home in Inveraray already. I've always liked coming here. It's just lovely and the people have been so welcoming.'

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Inveraray Castle ready to open its doors and gardens

Inveraray Castle is planning to re-open its doors for the season on May 27.

After a limited season in 2020 and a delayed start to 2021, the family and team at Inveraray Castle are delighted the house will be open to visitors after so long.

Home to the Duke of Argyll and the seat of Clan Campbell, Inveraray Castle is one of Scotland's most visited and recognised buildings.

Inspired by Vanbrugh – of Castle Howard and Blenheim Palace – its baroque, Palladian and gothic style is fairytale in design while the interiors include exquisite hand painted walls and ceilings.

French tapestries still hang in the rooms they were intended for; a soaring 21-metre high room displays arms in the Armoury Hall and there are items from Queen Victoria and her daughter Princess Louise, who was married to the ninth

Duke, as well as a room dedicated to the Clan Campbell.

The Campbell family has been a key part of Scottish and British events since their arrival in the 1220s and the experienced team of guides will bring the family's extraordinary history to life with anecdotes and explanations.

From Robert the Bruce to clan wars, Rob Roy, royalty, scandals and even the paranormal, the family and house have played a major part in British history.

The castle gardens, extending to 16 acres of formal lawns and flower beds as well as 180 hectares of park and woodland, will also be re-opened.

One of the most important designed landscapes in Scotland, the garden is famous for its rhododendrons and azaleas as well as trees planted by distinguished visitors in the past. Planned walks throughout the estate include one up



Dun na Cuaiche overlooking the castle, Inveraray town, Loch Fyne and the majesty of the west Highlands. The

estate will be open for those who wish just to walk in the grounds and the shop, coffee shop and parking will be

available to non-castle visitors. Torquhil Argyll, the 13th Duke, said: 'We have spent the closed months preparing for

Inveraray Castle and gardens are to open later this month.

the re-opening and welcoming back visitors.

'We have missed the energy and buzz that a visitor brings with them.'

'Inveraray Castle was one of the first stately homes to open its doors in 1953 and we can't wait to share our home and history with visitors again.'

The castle will be opened with the safety of the visitor in mind.

Covid regulations will be adhered to and there will be regular cleaning, hand sanitising stations and contactless payments, while an online booking system will reduce the chance of overcrowding.

From cradle to grave – public are an essential part of NHS

A view by health and wellbeing campaigner Barabel McKay, chairwoman of the volunteer public forum, Mid Argyll-based Health and Care Group.

Remember what they say about reading the small print? It can keep you out of trouble and may even save your life.

I've been reading the Scottish Government report on the future of the NHS, the primary care part. This is all the stuff in the community that helps us to keep well and directs

us to hospital if we need that sort of care. It involves GPs, nurses, an army of health professionals and lots of support staff. It is essential if we are to achieve what the public (us) say is a priority, enjoying a healthy life. As the founders of the NHS said: 'From the cradle to the grave.'

Hiding in plain sight in this report, in the small print, is this statement: 'Politicians, health care professionals and the public must all be involved if our primary care system is to survive.' As Oprah Winfrey would

put it, 'WHAT?' If this is what is at stake, why have we not heard more about it? Why was it enough to contact so few people among our diverse population?

Why has health management locally cast our group out in the cold?

We are open to all and represent a wide cross section of community interests. And their latest distancing act is to 'temporarily suspend' public representation on its Integration Joint Board.

I am coming to believe that this

critical situation has overtaken long-held belief systems that need to be challenged.

In NHS values, the first statement is 'working together for patients'.

That is well out of date. Increasingly, the patient has been a participator in their care and the duty of obtaining consent means you can't have treatment without co-operation.

This report goes on to make clear that 'collaboration' is a key requirement. That means we are an essential

part of the system. It seems clear that we are going to have to fight to get past the unconscious assumptions of decision makers. It is literally a fight for the lives of ourselves and generations after us.

We need all the support we can get.

The health and care group aims to represent the views of service users and their families.

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Kathryn Maclennan and Aidan Hannah from Glasgow.



John McMillan and Anna Alderson enjoyed an active day with Jack and Charlie.



David and Susan Watson and their dog Rufus enjoyed the Highland hospitality.

A warm welcome back from Argyll hospitality

Many hospitality venues opened their doors last Monday following four months of closure due to Covid, a move much welcomed by staff and visitors, writes Fiona Scott.

Like many others, Crerar Hotels, which owns seven venues in Scotland including the Oban Bay, Isle of Mull Hotel and Spa, Loch Fyne (Inveraray) and Glencoe Inn, was forced to shut last spring and again in December and staff were delighted to welcome back their guests last week.

Crerar chief executive Chris Wayne-Wills said: 'It was a really exciting week for us last week and it was fantastic to see visitors return. Since the lockdowns and restrictions began last year we have learned to adapt, we have gracefully pivoted from one restriction to another.'

'We have fully used the furlough scheme and focused on the things that are important to us, making sure our guests have a safe and enjoyable Highland experience when they stay with us.'

'We saw an opportunity to be bold and brave during the pandemic and invested heavily in upgrading our properties to ensure we can continue to offer the highest standards of hospitality.'

In line with the current restrictions, hospitality venues are still not permitted



Chris Wayne-Wills outside the Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa.

to serve alcohol indoors. This, along with a cautious approach to getting out and about again, has resulted in a steady flow rather than the predicted surge to hospitality venues in the region.

The Argyllshire Advertiser popped into the Loch Fyne Hotel in Inveraray last weekend to find out how the re-opening was going and found that fire pits, coorie doon blankets and a friendly welcome were just a few of the things spreading some warmth amongst the customers.

David and Susan Watson from Burnley in Lancashire had travelled up to visit their daughter Sarah, whom they hadn't seen for 12 months, in Pencaitland and took the opportunity to visit Argyll while they were in Scotland.

'This trip has been delayed four times so we are thrilled to eventually be able to go up,' said David.

'It's a bit strange being out and about

again to be honest but we're really enjoying meeting and chatting to folk.'

John McMillan and Anna Alderson, from just down the road in Lochgilphead, dropped in for refreshments on their way back from a family outing to Loch Lomond Shores with eight-year-old Jack and six-year-old Charlie.

'It's great to be able to get the boys out and about and doing activities again,' said Anna. 'Hopefully this is the start of getting back to normal for everyone.'

Kathryn Maclennan and Aidan Hannah from Glasgow were just glad to escape the city for a spell.

'We were supposed to come up in December but because of lockdown we had to rearrange. We got a dog in between then and now but it was no problem and it has been fantastic bringing him up here. We've had a great time.'

Staff at the Loch Fyne have been working extra hard over the last year to keep up with all the new regulations resulting in the Crerar group becoming the first Scottish hotel company to be granted 'Good To Go' status by VisitScotland and become AA Covid-19 Confident approved.



Receptionists Lea Tordjman and Anna Pilkington are ready with a warm welcome.



From left: Anna Pilkington, receptionist, Charline Rouviere, food and beverage assistant, Leonard Buchmann, food and beverage assistant and Charli Spalding, food and beverage manager.

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Lockdown has been useful for not much other than suppressing the virus – but it did allow Scottish Canals a rare opportunity to get work done on the Crinan Canal while demand was zero.

It will be good to see life returning to the canal as restrictions ease, just enough to allow boats to use the canal again – even if under strict Covid requirements while we remain at level three.

Sense and humour

It was a pleasure to get out and meet two new ministers to the area, and you can read all about it in this edition.

They arrive at a time when people have endured a time like no other. We have been fighting an unseen enemy for 14 long months by sacrificing a basic human need – social contact – and much more besides. The mental strain for many people, including some who might not admit to it, has been significant.

People like our church ministers Lyn and Dorothy offer a non-judgmental listening ear. Like most clergy they are sensible, kind and come with a sense of humour included.

And their willingness to adapt, move with modern life and engage with young people can only be a good thing.

Turbines 'annihilating' Scotland's landscape

Sir,
I write with regard to the article in the April 30 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser – 'Ignored' communities call for pause to windfarms'.

In the article, Claire Mack, chief executive of Scottish Renewables, is quoted as saying: 'The latest UK Government figures show that only 10 per cent of Scots are opposed to the development of onshore wind.'

'That data is supported by further research, carried out specifically in rural Scotland, which additionally showed higher support for onshore wind power among young people.'

The question posed by the surveyor should, of course, have been: 'Are you opposed to further development of onshore wind?'

In Scotland today we have 4,394 operational turbines over 100KW.

That's more than the rest of the UK put together.

We also have 1,234 consented; 316 under construction and a further 1,722 in the planning system according to an Freedom of Information response from the Scottish Government.

These figures change almost daily as applications continue to pile in unabated.

How many people are going to continue to support onshore wind when they witness the total annihilation of this country?

It would also be interesting to know exactly where the data from 'rural Scotland' was collected.

Was it perhaps in an area where there were no

wind farms in sight of the communities which were questioned but where they were still able to take advantage of any community benefit on offer?

If successful, the public petition recently submitted to the Scottish Parliament by campaign group Scotland Against Spin should help to clarify exactly how much support there really is for further onshore wind development in Scotland.

Aileen Jackson, Knockglass, Uplawmoor.

Road repairs fit for purpose

Sir,
I have been contacted by a number of my justifiably concerned constituents about the recent removal of a cattle grid on the Isle of Gigha from the road between the ferry jetty and the village.

The space has been tarred over but I have been informed by residents that unfortunately the sub surface area was just grit so the tar has subsided due to traffic including tractors and lorries.

The dip is now worse than when the cattle grid was in place.

To make matters worse, the damaged cattle grid which is now mangled metal has been left on the adjacent roadside verge.

If cattle grids are damaged, Argyll and Bute council's roads department should replace them with new, fit-for-purpose cattle grids, not get rid of them.

Not only should road repairs be made to last, but at the very least the roads department should clean up after itself and remove old damaged materials – such as this – left behind.

If a private company or an individual member

of the public left a large amount of scrap metal at the side of the road they would be in trouble. I have contacted our roads management team through member services and asked them to rectify this matter as soon as possible.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward.

Electric vehicle warning

Sir,
I am a GP in one of Argyll's rural practices. Last week I was having a busy morning so was a little later than usual getting back to my car, which I had left charging at an electric charge point.

That evening I was surprised to see that I'd been charged £30 over and above the normal charging rate per kWh.

I checked through the Argyll and Bute website and discovered there is now an overstay charge – hence the surcharge.

I had had an email back in April saying that Argyll and Bute Council would now be charging users at its charge points – the cost being 25p per kWh. Fair enough.

However, there was no mention of a penalty for overstaying.

Nor is there any notice at the charge points themselves, save a tiny notice stating 'charges apply'.

Those seeking to charge in Argyll and Bute are additionally confused by the lack of clarity over what type of charge point is being used. Is it a 50 Kw, 22Kw or a 7 Kw? There is no notice on the chargers.

This is important because the overstay timings vary according to the differing units.

When I buy petrol at a filling station I clearly

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know what the charges are. When I buy a ticket at a parking meter, I buy a ticket and know exactly how long I am able to park there.

But it seems that for electric vehicles you have to search the internet to find out the rules and in my village there is no wifi and I cannot get 4G on my phone.

Dr Carina Spink, Muasdale.

Sun danger to cats' ears

Sir,
Cats Protection is advising cat owners to be aware of the risks posed to their cat by the sun.

Pale-coloured cats, or those with unpigmented white noses or ears, are particularly at risk from the sun's rays which can cause sunburn and skin cancer.

Those affected can suffer long-term damage including, in severe cases, having to have their ear tips removed to prevent the cancer from spreading.

Following a few simple tips, owners can help to protect their cat from the harmful effects of the sun.

These include keeping them indoors on sunny days between 10am and 3pm, asking your vet for advice about suitable sunscreen and ensuring you provide plenty of shade to enable your cat to shelter from the sun's rays.

Dr Sarah Elliott,
Central Veterinary Officer,
Cats Protection.

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YOUR PICTURES



Regular contributor Aileen Gillies sent us the striking photograph above, taken in April, of Kilmartin village from an unusual angle. Aileen said: 'I really like this image. It looks like Mheal Cottage is just in front of Kilmartin, not two miles away.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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Leisure, libraries and classes open up across Argyll again

Leisure facilities and libraries operated by liveArgyll are opening up again as vital well-being services resume across Argyll and Bute, writes Colin Cameron.

Like many of the area's charities, liveArgyll was delighted to open its doors again on April 26 as customers were welcomed back into leisure and library venues.

Similar to re-opening last year, the safety of customers and colleagues is paramount and a number of measures are in place including enhanced cleaning and sanitising, one way systems and pre-booking arrangements to adhere to social distancing and for contact tracing.

Both members and pay-as-you-go leisure customers are being welcomed by liveArgyll.

For just 57p a day for individuals and 83p per day for



Fitness classes are resuming across Argyll and Bute.

families, memberships are fantastic value for money, with unlimited access to all liveArgyll's gyms, swimming pools and fitness classes across Argyll and Bute.

The Argyll Active pro-

gramme also offers individuals with long-term conditions and those affected by cancer bespoke online and in-venue programmes to allow them to be supported in being active. All five leisure centres have re-

opened providing access to gyms, lane swimming and family swim pods as well as outdoor fitness classes, with indoor fitness class programmes resuming on May 17 as per Scottish Government guidelines.

An exciting new online fitness class programme is also being offered to members, free of charge, in partnership with wearable fitness technology company Myzone.

Members can access a wide range of live online fitness classes delivered by liveArgyll's experienced instructors

to supplement their visits to venues.

The learn-to-swim programme started again on May 3, with children being supported to have fun gaining the vital life skill of swimming.

Young people have already been enjoying full contact sport on liveArgyll's pitches and adults currently can participate in non-contact sports, with full contact being permitted again from May 17.

Libraries have also opened their doors for limited browsing. Library customers are able to use public network computers in large town libraries but are asked to book sessions in advance by contacting their library.

The click-and-collect service is also available in all main town libraries in addition to browsing, while liveArgyll is continuing to invest in digital library services to ensure customers from across Argyll and Bute can enjoy library services via BorrowBox, its online library.

The charity will also be launching PressReader later this month that will give members free access to a huge range of magazines and newspapers that can be accessed at home.

Kevin Anderson, liveArgyll's general manager, said: 'We have worked extremely hard to make sure our venues are safe to open and give our communities the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of services again.'

'Physical and mental health wellbeing is crucial to the recovery from the pandemic and we're delighted to be able to contribute to this through the provision of quality affordable services.'

Whilst no formal announcement has been made regarding the resumption of live performance events, liveArgyll is delighted to announce legendary band Del Amitri is coming to its Queen's Hall and Corran Halls venues in Dunoon and Oban respectively.

The What's On programme is filling up with other fantastic artists including Talon, the excellent and highly rated Eagles tribute band.

Also scheduled to appear are top Scottish performers Tide Lines.

Indoor community bookings will also resume in the coming months and up-to-date information on the re-opening of services can be found visiting www.liveargyll.co.uk/coronavirus-update






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Business Gateway offers recovery helping hand

Business Gateway, Scotland's national business support service, has helped 34,687 businesses over the last 12 months that were forced to adapt and respond to the challenges of the pandemic.

The service also had to quickly adapt its own services.

One-to-one support for businesses and the self-employed and those thinking about starting a business was carried out via video or telephone calls instead of face-to-face and all previously planned workshops were made available as webinars.

Additionally, a suite of new resources – including podcasts and online tutorials – were developed to support businesses trying to adapt to new circumstances.

Now, as businesses across

Scotland prepare to look to the future following months of closure and tight restrictions, the service is building on its programme of free support and resources to provide business owners with relevant advice and guidance when they need it most.

Webinars

This support includes national webinars covering key topics including human resources, health and wellbeing, customer service, business strategy, marketing on a budget and writing a business plan, as well as a series of back to business panel webinars where businesses will have the chance to put their questions around re-opening directly to industry partners such as the Federation of Scottish Businesses, VisitScotland

and the Scottish Retail Consortium. Alongside this, business owners are encouraged to reach out to their area's Business Gateway office where one-to-one support from an experienced adviser can help businesses deal with issues they have right now and plan for the future.

Additionally, through Business Gateway's digital upskilling programme DigitalBoost, businesses have access to a variety of free support and resources to help them gain valuable digital skills with more than 680 one-to-one projects carried out over the past year.

For more information about how Business Gateway and its DigitalBoost programme can help business, visit the Business Gateway website.

Lochgilphead inspector to target continuing livestock attacks by dogs

by Colin Cameron
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Police are to work with farmers and dog owners in Argyll and Bute to guard against livestock attacks – ahead of these offences potentially carrying a jail sentence.

A report by a newly-appointed senior police officer for Mid Argyll and Kintyre says campaigns remain ongoing to stop dogs attacking animals. Under a new law which is to be introduced later in 2021, dog owners could face a £40,000 fine or a 12-month prison term if they allow any such attacks to happen.

The report by Inspector Paul Collins, recently given responsibility for the Lochgilphead and Campbeltown areas, went before Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI)

Update also given on operations during easing of Covid restrictions

community planning group on April 28.

Inspector Collins said: 'The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – brought forward by Emma Harper MSP and which was supported by MAKI officers, local farmers and the local council dog warden – was debated in parliament for the third time at the end of March and it will now proceed to Royal Assent before becoming law in about six months.'

'Under the provisions of the new Bill, dog owners could be fined up to £40,000 and/or 12 months' imprisonment for

letting their dog chase or kill livestock.

'The outdated 1953 UK Bill will also be modernised to extend the definition of livestock to include protection for the likes of alpacas, llamas and buffalo.'

'With lambing in full swing across the country, livestock attacks traditionally increase at this time of year and officers will work with farmers and dog owners to help prevent and detect these crimes.'

'We regularly publish campaigns and increase awareness of the issue through our social media channels.'



Mid Argyll farmers and NFUS members, union officials, police, vets and Argyll and Bute Council staff in 2019 with the 'Your Dog - Your Responsibility' campaign.

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The inspector also gave an update on the easing of Covid restrictions, which has recently seen travel restrictions lifted and pubs and non-essential shops allowed to re-open.

He added: 'As we move forward with the continuing easing of lockdown restrictions, we have put a policing plan in place to direct, guide and

inform officers. Officers are directed to monitor the main arterial routes, ferry ports, popular tourist areas and known wild camping areas.'

'Officers will also be monitoring some retail premises and licenced premises as they open and restrictions relax on the purchase of alcohol.'

'We will be liaising with

Argyll and Bute Council environmental health and trading standards where there are issues identified.

Officers are generally still instructed to follow the strategic police response which is the four-step escalation principles of engagement, explanation, encouragement and finally enforcement.'

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Often the distances from learning hubs makes options such as language learning, songwriting, creative writing, film-making, music theory

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and other topics difficult. Education in rural areas can lack the opportunities available to people in more built-up areas, particularly for older learners.

A social enterprise operating mainly in Cowal and the Isle of Bute, Takeaway Creative is now broadening its service to include Oban and the Isles.

Takeaway Creative works in partnership with Glasgow-based fellow social enterprise



Takeaway Creative founding director, Fiona Page.

Takeaway Creative moved to a digital service from March 2020 – and discovered new opportunities and connections.

The online service for small groups allows for a wider range of course subjects, with the support of tutors based further afield.

Takeaway Creative founding director Fiona Page said: 'It is fantastic to see the appetite for learning. The group dynamics for each course have become part of what we

are delivering, with people supporting each other and forging relationships.

'We like to think we have a 'can do' ethos and if a client wants to learn chess or play the flute, we will do whatever we can to make this happen.'

A 10-week course in Spanish for beginners and improvers will start on Zoom on Thursday May 13 and weekly thereafter from 4pm to 5pm.

The sessions are free, though donations are always welcome.

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you need to become an industry ready professional and prepare you for entering this fast-paced and highly competitive sector.

Also that week is our Agriculture information session. If you're looking for a hands-on job and have a passion for working outdoors with crops and livestock our session on Wednesday 12th May at 4pm could be of interest to you. Find out everything you need to know about our Agriculture courses and how you can become part of the farming community.

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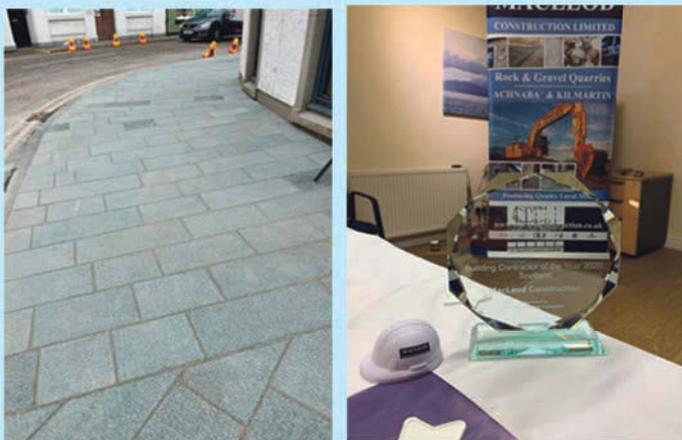
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Thought for the Week

One night, someone broke into a shop but did not steal a thing. Instead, he created mayhem by switching the price labels on everything, devaluing the valuable and over-inflating the cheap.

Next day, staff quickly realised what had taken place and restored the price labels to their correct settings.

As coronavirus control measures are eased and we experience fewer limitations on our lives, we have started to sense how valuable freedom is. Yet, at the same time, we are becoming increasingly suspicious that the label on freedom has been switched.

Some people appear to be devaluing freedom. They seem to think it means no constraints on their behaviour. They have the right to do whatever they want, even if it causes damage to themselves, to others and to the environment.

Jesus makes it clear that freedom is something quite different. It is being set free from the tyrannical oppression of our own self-centredness – what the Bible calls sin – empowering us to be free to love God by willingly obeying his Word and to love others by humbly looking out for their best interests.

Jesus told us in his teaching and showed us by his example what label freedom should have, and by his real death on the cross, his physical and historical resurrection and the gift of his Spirit, he made it possible for us to experience it.

We must not be conned by the switch that has been made to freedom's label.

Instead, let us restore its label back to its correct, Jesus-defined and life-changing setting and through faith in Jesus alone, value and enjoy the freedom he secured by his death.

Rev Dr Rodger Crooks, Free Church of Scotland, Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

INVERARAY

A highlight of Inveraray summers is the annual church sale and the 2021 event is under way, with suitable Covid precautions in place.

With the shift from level four to three across Scotland, the church opened its fundraising sale of second-hand delights from May 1.

Glenaray and Inveraray church officer Wilma Wood said: 'This is the parish's main fundraising event. It is staffed by churchgoers and non-churchgoers. It brings us all together, which is always a good idea, but is even more important in these years of Covid and lockdowns.'

'A rota will be in the hall for anyone who would like to join us. Some young blood would be nice.'

For anyone looking to sell unwanted goods, she added: 'Get your spring clean clear out down to the hall.'

'All safety measures will be in place and masks must be worn. There is a track and trace book in the hall too. We appreciate all your continued support.'

ARGYLL AND BUTE

The A83 from Loch Lomond to Lochgilphead has featured in the top 10 most beautiful road trips in a nationwide study of the UK's most breath-taking routes to explore by car.

The poll of motorists revealed the journey from Loch Lomond to Glencoe as Britain's most beautiful, coming in with 24 per cent of the vote – just ahead of the scenic route from Kendal to Keswick in the Lake District on 23 per cent.

The study, conducted by forecourt operator MFG (Motor Fuel Group), also showed that, with 15 per cent of the vote, the journey from Loch Lomond to Lochgilphead – via the spectacular Rest and be Thankful and beautiful Loch Fyne – was favourite for 15 per cent of those polled, coming in ninth.

KINTYRE

An epic 66-mile circular route has opened in Kintyre in time for summer.

Kintyre 66, or K66, takes inspiration from the fabled US highway Route 66 – while encouraging visitors to slow down and enjoy the ride.

The route, which launched on April 30, covers 66 miles in west Kintyre, Gigha, Machrihanish, Southend, Campbeltown, east Kintyre and Tarbert and Skipness.



The team at Bute Island Foods who are delighted with their top award.

A new map will provide options to start from any part of the route, pinpointing trails, places to explore, natural heritage sites, wildlife watching spots and food and drink to enjoy along the way.

The campaign is spearheaded by Explore Kintyre and Gigha Tourism and Marketing Group, supported by CalMac.

Niall Macalister Hall, chairman of the Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group, said: 'With a record staycation summer expected this year, K66 has been developed to encourage visitors to explore the whole of Kintyre – slowly and at their leisure – with plenty open spaces and places of interest branching off the main route.'

ISLE OF BUTE

Bute Island Foods has been presented with the Queen's Award for Enterprise.

Since its first foray into the dairy-free cheese market in 1988, the island-based company has grown to become one of the world's leading

vegan brands, supplying major-league supermarkets as far afield as Australia with its range of 'Sheese' products – and winning a string of awards along the way.

The prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise is presented annually to businesses which have demonstrated outstanding achievement in one of four categories – innovation, sustainable development, promoting opportunity through social mobility and international trade. Bute Island Foods won its award for the latter. The company received its award from the Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, as the official representatives of HM The Queen.

Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod said: 'I am absolutely delighted to hear that Bute Island Foods has received the Queen's Award for Enterprise. The Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute is always very keen to hear from businesses which are interested in the Queen's Award for Enterprise scheme and to offer encouragement and assistance with the process where possible.'

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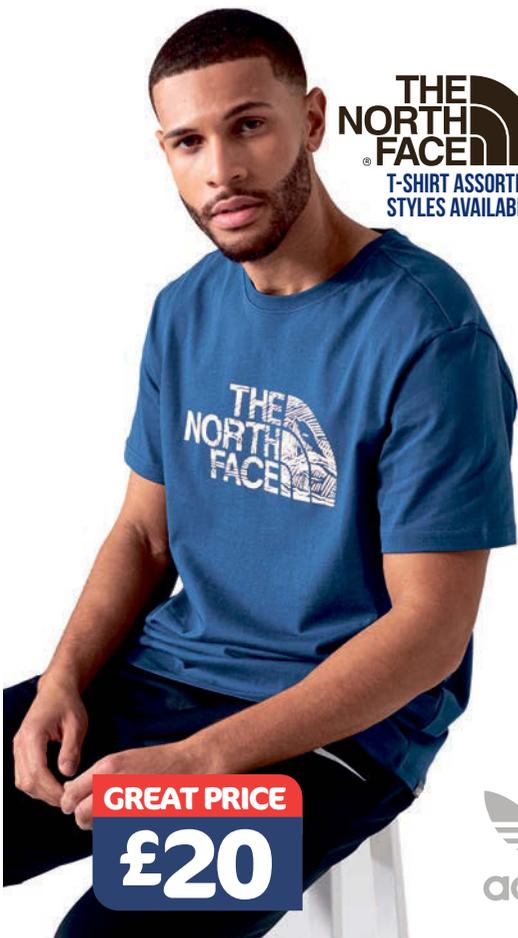
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Operations Manager

The Operations Manager is the primary point of contact regarding operational matters for customers and is also the primary point of contact for drivers with regards to their daily duties. To fulfil this function the Operations Manager will be principally responsible for scheduling duties as required for all skip, concrete, aggregate, portaloos and other general haulage operations. The position will also encompass the administration of company sales orders and processing procedures. This is a key role with a varied range of administrative and organisational responsibilities which would suit a motivated, customer-focused and proactive individual who enjoys working in a fast-paced environment.

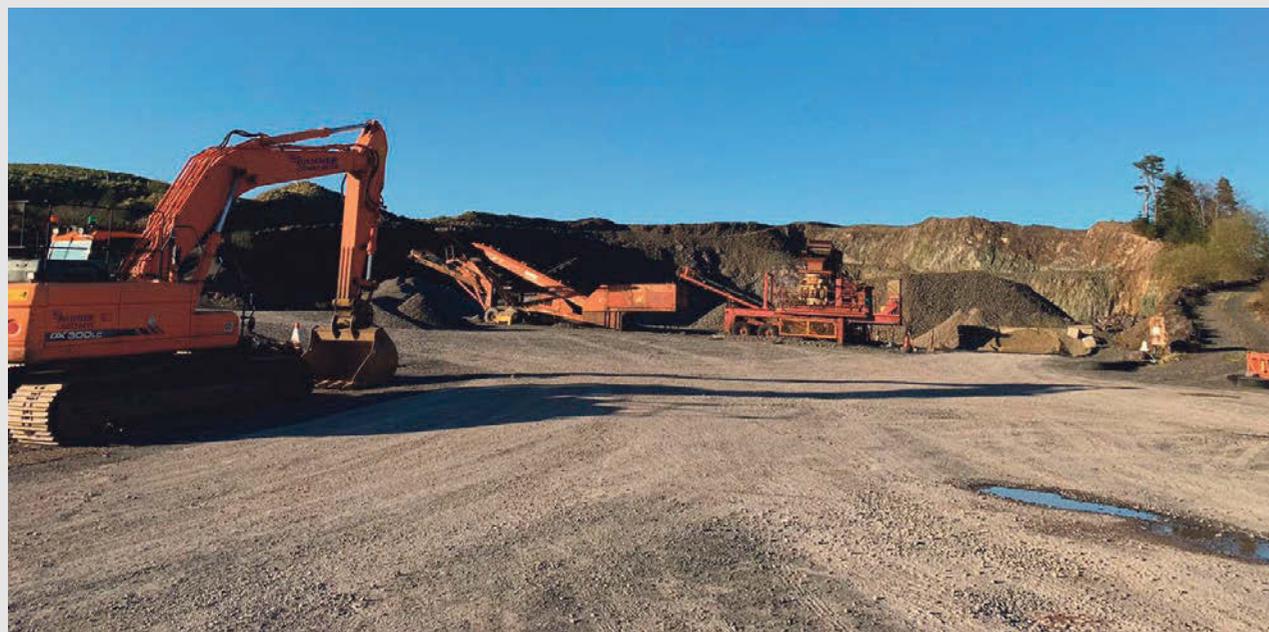
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Mechanic/Fitter Required

We are currently seeking to recruit an experienced, fully qualified mechanic/fitter to join our Oban depot team responsible for the maintenance of our HGVs, vehicles, plant and quarry machinery.

This is a varied and responsible role which would suit a skilled individual with a strong background in HGV maintenance.

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Weighbridge Operative/ Yard Person

We have a vacancy for a Weighbridge Operative/ Yard Person at both our Oban and Mull Quarries. This role would suit a practical and industrious individual looking for a varied and responsible position which involves both the hands-on operation of plant and also sales and administration. Working primarily at the weighbridge office you will be responsible for completing basic sales and delivery paperwork and keeping accurate records of goods in and out of site. When required you will also be responsible for assisting in the loading of customer and company vehicles using a range of load-handling equipment.

Trainee Mechanic/Fitter

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About us

Originating in 1919, John MacLachlan Ltd, named after the current director's grandfather, started out as a building contracting business in Oban. Over the century that followed and remaining a family business throughout, the company has expanded and diversified to provide a range of services & bases throughout the region and is now known as Argyll Resources Group.



In the 1980s the first ready-mix concrete plants in the Oban area were installed by the current director John MacLachlan along with the acquisition of quarries on the mainland and the Isle of Mull. Over the years, these innovations have greatly facilitated building and infrastructure development throughout the region providing quality kite marked con-

As an employer Argyll Resources Group has always sought to retain and develop staff. It has always been a maxim within the business that our staff are our most valuable asset and it has always been our aim to keep our employees for the long-term, delivering training where required and assisting them in gaining skills to benefit our business and their careers. Over the years we have been pleased that the majority of our staff have worked with us for an extended period, often for many years in total.

One of our most valued and longest-serving members of staff has been David Galbraith, manager of our Pennygown Quarry on the Isle of Mull. David has worked for the company in various guises for over three decades and has recently announced he will be retiring this year. We are sure David will be very much missed by his colleagues and also our custom-

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crete and quarry products to local building contractors and major civil building contract projects.

The Argyll Resources Group also includes Oban Skip Hire Ltd and its associated Mull skip hire operation and recycling centre which diverts thousands of tons of waste away from landfill each year, enabling products to be reused and helping the environment. In recent years the Group has also offered portaloos hire services catering to businesses, events and private functions.

With depots in Oban, Mull, Lochgilphead, Fort William and Dunoon, the Group's West Highland Gas Ltd company is well placed to sell not only Calor heating gas but a wide range of products from industrial BOC gases to wood fuel products, coal and peat along with a range of gas appliances, accessories and welding consumables.

The companies which form Argyll Resources Group have a sound track record of providing employment and opportunity in the local area. As a family run business we value our employees and endeavour to create the best possible environment for our staff to enjoy their work and develop. The company has always believed that our staff are our most value asset. Investment in people has been of critical importance in the growth of the company from its earliest days.

Working in the West Highlands we appreciate the flexibility, problem-solving and can-do attitude required to get jobs of all sizes done in our part of the world. Although the nature of the group's operations have changed over the years the original values upon which the company was founded have remained the same. We are motivated by helping the local economy thrive and providing employment. Now with lock down restrictions easing and a steady increase in business activity the group is in a position to recruit additional staff who share these values and are looking to join a reputable, forward-thinking local company.

ers. David's career has taken him from Oban via Fort William and on to Pennygown and encompassed the whole range of our operations from quarrying to cylinder gas and everything in between. His assistance to the growth and success of our operations is greatly appreciated by everyone at the company. We are sure David's willingness to help solve problems and his commitment and dedication has been much appreciated by our customers and they will join us in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

We are determined to make sure David's hard work is continued and therefore are seeking a dynamic and capable individual to take on the management of our quarrying operations in Pennygown and also at Soroba. In addition we are seeking to recruit motivated and skilled staff to bolster our Mull operations in a number of roles as advertised here.

Quarry Manager

We require an experienced Quarry Manager to oversee our stone and sand quarries in Oban and on Mull. Our quarries produce a varied range of bulk aggregates, differing grades of crushed rock products, sand and bagged materials supplying the local construction industry. Our Soroba and Pennygown sites also encompass Waste Transfer Stations processing material for recycling and disposal from across Argyll.

This is a varied and responsible position which requires good commercial awareness, extensive practical knowledge of the industry and the ability to supervise and develop staff. This is a hands-on role which will involve responsibility for the safe and effective day to day operation of these sites, maximising efficiency and ensuring timely, cost-effective production of materials whilst maintaining product quality.

Delivery Driver Required – Lochgilphead

We are seeking to recruit a Delivery Driver in the Lochgilphead area. The successful candidate will be reliable, self-motivated and possess good organisational and time-management skills. The ideal candidate will possess not only experience of a customer facing environment but also experience of sales and a desire to help enhance the business wherever opportunities may present themselves. The role will demand a degree of independent working and initiative but also the ability to work as part of a larger team.

HGV Drivers required

We are seeking to recruit experienced and committed HGV drivers to assist our busy haulage operations in Oban on the Isle of Mull. Our company is involved in a diverse range of activities including but not limited to skip hire, ready-mix concrete, aggregates and septic tank services across Argyll, Lochaber and Mull. Due to ongoing demand we require reliable and industrious HGV drivers to join our team and assist us in continuing to provide excellent customer service.

The work will include driving concrete mixers, tippers, skip lorries and other such vehicles. Applicants must possess a minimum of a class 2 (category C) licence without endorsements, up to date CPC hours and a digital tachograph.

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21/00438/PP	Erection of 3 recreational bothies, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Land North Of Beinn An Tuirc Distillery, (Torrisdale Castle), Torrisdale, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/00129/PP	Reconstruction of fire damaged outbuildings to form dwellinghouse with sunroom extension and installation of septic tank	Nether Largie, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8QF
21/00574/PP	Conversion of attic space into living accommodation, construction of front and rear dormer extensions and first floor rear porch with walkway access to rear garden	Afton, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TW
21/00154/PP	Installation of 2 rooflights, replacement windows and formation of a rear dormer with balcony	71 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ER
21/00157/LIB	Internal alterations, installation of 2 rooflights, replacement windows and formation of a rear dormer with balcony	71 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ER
21/00745/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission 03/00499/DET (Erection of double garage and workshop with granny flat) to allow for letting purposes (retrospective)	Torran House, Ford, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RH
21/00616/PP	Installation of pontoon and associated mooring lines (70m long x 2.5m wide) and associated walkway (18m long x 2.5m wide)	Mowi Scotland Limited, Craobh Haven, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8UA
21/00647/PP	Erection of machinery storage shed, formation of entrance walls and gates and re-routing internal access	North Lodge Stonefield, Stonefield, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YJ
21/00784/LIB	Demolition of single storey lean-to extension, replace former entrance door with timber frame double glazed fixed window. Repairs to existing harling will be made to match existing	73 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8NE
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Recognising young inspiration in food and drink

An awards scheme aims to celebrate the contribution of young people to Scotland's vital food and drink businesses.

Commercial insurer NFU Mutual has partnered with industry body Scotland Food and Drink to launch the third annual Inspirational Young Person Award.

Entries and nominations are now open for talented 16 to 26-year-olds who own, work or study in the food and drink sector and are driving the success of the industry in Scotland.

The first, second and third place winners will be announced during Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight in September and cash prizes of £500, £300 and £200 are up for grabs.

In recognition of current

industry challenges, this year's criteria will reward young people who have adapted their work to fit the changing environment, contributing to the resilience of Scotland's food and drink sector during the ongoing crisis.

NFU Mutual regional manager in Scotland Mark McBrearty, also a judge for the award, said: 'Whether it be primary production, driving change and innovation, designing modern graphics and packaging or working directly with customers, young people thoroughly deserve a recognised place in our country's food and drink story.'

'This award aims to celebrate that contribution and showcase Scotland's young talent in the sector. The coronavirus pandemic has created an



The 2019 award winner Gus Forbes of Forbes Farm Fresh.

ever-changing landscape for the food and drink industry and beyond. This year's award judging will consider how young people have reacted and adapted to overcome challeng-

es to the industry in the last year.'

James Withers, chief executive at Scotland Food and Drink, said: 'It's great to be supporting NFU Mutual as it

seeks out and celebrates the inspiring young people who make Scotland's food and drink industry so exciting. This last year has been incredibly challenging for the sector

and the young people who work within it have also felt the impact. But to recover and emerge from this pandemic stronger, having the energy, passion, talent and entrepreneurialism that our young people bring to the food and drink industry is essential.

'There are so many exceptional young people in the Scottish food and drink industry and it's only right we champion them. I would encourage employers, tutors, colleagues, customers or young people themselves to nominate someone they know who fits the criteria.'

Entries for the award close on July 31. Visit www.nfumutual.co.uk/campaigns/inspirational-young-person-award-2021 to make a nomination or submit your entry.

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DEATHS

MACBRAYNE - Peacefully at home, 7 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on May 3, 2021, Mary Campbell MacBrayne, in her 99th year, dearly beloved daughter of the late Colin and Jessie MacBrayne and a much loved sister, aunt and great aunt.

MCNAIR - Peacefully at the home, High Smerby, Peninver, on April 30, 2021, John Miller McNair, in his 86th year, dearly beloved husband of Norma Coffield, much loved dad of Susan, Robert and the late John, father-in-law of Alistair and Stefanie and a loving granda of Lewis, Jack, Calum and Millie. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. John's funeral will take place today, Friday, May 7. The cortège will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 1.30pm, we will travel up Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to John may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MILLER - Robert (Bob) Machan Miller, aged 94 of Jubilee Villa, Minard and Glasgow. Peacefully after a short illness on April 24, 2021 at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Much loved and sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service May 13 at Partick Free Church, Glasgow and thereafter interment at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae at 1.00pm.

SHARP - Suddenly at the home, 3 Harbour View, Campbeltown, on April 28, 2021, Duncan Sharp, in his 84th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Martha Cunningham, much loved dad of Margaret, Duncan, Linda and Lillian and a loving and much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather.

STRATHIE - Suddenly, on April 8, 2021, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Marion (Myra) Strathie née Currie, in her 80th year. Beloved wife, for nearly 50 years, of Jim, loving Mum of Andrew and Elaine, dear mother-in-law to Gillian and Gavin, adored Granny of Euan and Ailiedh, loving and caring Auntie of Flora Ann. Dear friend, neighbour and Auntie Myra to many. A private funeral will take place at Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday, May 10, 2021. Family flowers only please. For those wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortège will leave Ardrishaig Parish Church approximately 11.30am, travelling through Chalmers Street, to Lochgilphead, up Argyll Street, along Bishopton Road, on route to Achnabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CLARK - Helen and family would sincerely like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad passing of Sandy. Special thanks to Dr Harris, Colette, Emma and Gillian for their support throughout. Thanks also to Cammy for the tribute; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and compassion, Morna for the beautiful flowers and The Grey Gull for the purvey. A total of £405 was donated; to be shared between Mid Argyll Macmillan nurses and Cancer Research.

FOSTER - The family of the late Michael Foster would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for cards, flowers and messages of condolence. Special thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for a lovely service and his kindness, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors staff for the caring service provided, to Corrina for the beautiful flower arrangements, to 'We Remember Submariners' for the poppy wreath, to all that turned out to pay their respects and finally to the doctors, nurses and care workers for all the care and compassion given. Sorely missed by all.

IN MEMORIAM

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of Jenny Ferguson MacMillan, who passed away May 2, 2017. The years have rolled but the memories remain. - Don Mac and family.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of our mum Tessa (Sally), died May 5, 2007 and dad Archie (Caddy), died January 6, 1993. Loved and remembered every day. - Maureen, Robert, John and family.

WILSON - In loving memory of my dear Mum, Mary, died May 5, 2020. Loved and missed every day. - Rab and Sarah.

WILSON - Treasured memories of Mary, a much loved Mum and Granny who died May 5, 2020. Also a loving wife of the late Hughie. Forever in our thoughts. - Hugh, Margaret and family.

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Ding ding – bowling along in round one

Lochgilthead Bowling Club's 2021 season got under way when the first club competition was played on a fine dry night on Thursday April 29.

The Harvey Pairs will be played as round-robin matches in two leagues over several weeks.

With the fine conditions, it was decided to extend the matches to 10 ends. This decision, however, was to prove costly for the senior pair of Ian Guy and Neil Ward who, having had their younger opponents on toast for most of the game, crumbled like one of Mary Berry's cakes in the final two ends to hand victory to Alan Guy and Craig Bruce 9-7.

The senior heavyweight battles continued with Michael Heafey and Colin MacInnes slugging it out with



Archie MacVicar and Donald Crawford. Despite some hefty blows being landed by each pair, they could not be separated and peels prevailed at 6-6, though MacVicar looked the freshest after this 10-rounder.

Rink one was not quite living up to its billing. To use

a golfing term there were quite a lot of 'shanks' about, with Scott 'Lefty' Gargan and Fiona McLeod locked in battle with their mates John Kennedy and Dorothy Clark, who had a vice-like grip on the match, whipping ahead 9-7. In the league cross-over game, dark

The week's star pair – Libby McGuinness and Anne Moore.

horses Mark Harkness and Richard Dewar were put to the sword by the evergreen Sandy Crawford and young Murray MacDonald.

Neither of the two to-guns were wearing a mask on the green, but they ought to have as they robbed the dark horses at the last post to ride into the sunset with an 8-6 victory.

The week's star pair were Anne Moore and Libby McGuinness, who were in cruise control for most of their match against Roddy MacDonald and Jamie MacLean.

The Penelope Pitstop and Dick Dastardly of this whacky race left only scorched tyre

tracks as they sped to an impressive 11-6 victory, despite Libby's concern that the Arkansas Chuggabugs had a secret weapon, to pull out six shots in the last end.

As the next round approaches, Guy and Ward will return to the gym; the undertaker will need to resurrect his form, the postman will need to deliver and the tea table out at Lingerton will be divided, with some cups tasting just that bit sweeter.

With the Portavadie Cup, for the season's most consistent player, well under way, a few players have posted notable wins with Liz Long notching her first three pointer and Colin 'Last Bowl' MacInnes remaining unbeaten.

Submitted.

Victory for young Connor in under-10s event

Young Tarbert golfer Connor McCrae was victorious in just his second Stephen Gallacher Foundation event on Sunday May 2.

Connor, playing in the under-10s boys' section, headed east to Gogarburn Golf Club and took first place with a 39, winning by five shots. This was a fantastic achievement for Connor and this week he moves on to Broomieknowe Golf Club.

Back at home, Tarbert Golf Club members played on Saturday May 1 for Dodie's Cup at Glenralloch - with the battle of the McLeans continuing this week.

Peter McLean junior was in sparkling form with a gross 70 giving him 61 nett. Unfortunately for him, for the second week in a row, he was beaten by his uncle Bruce, who had 74 less 13 for nett 61, but won by virtue of the better inward half. Lewis Preston came next on 63, followed by Chris McArthur on 67 bih. Best scratch scores were Peter McLean junior on 70, Iain Macalister on 74 and Chris Smyth on 76. The 'magic twos' pot rolls over for another week.

This Saturday, the May medal combines with the first round of the President's Cup.

New-look Argyll Rally on starting line

Planning is well advanced for the 2021 Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally over June 25/26.

The previously all-gravel round of the KNC Groundworks Scottish Rally Championship switches to a closed-road sealed surface event for the first time with organisers hoping the event can go ahead as planned this summer.

Promoted and organised by Mull Car Club, also behind the Mull Rally, the event will be held across closed public roads on the Cowal peninsula.

'Mull Car Club is delighted to be able to offer an exciting new closed-road stage rally in Argyll and we have been working hard behind the scenes over the last few months to progress with planning of the rally whilst abiding by the local government restrictions,' said clerk of the course Chris Woodcock.

He continued: 'We are working on the premise that certain restrictions will ease so that we can carry out the remainder of the work required. We have the approval of all stakehold-

ers, local government and Motorsport UK to go ahead.

'Scottish Government Covid regulations do not allow two people in a car from mixed households, which is holding us back from fully confirming the event will run.'

First known as the Burmah Rally, the event originated in the early 1970s. After being excluded from the Scottish Rally Championship in 2004, the event failed to run. With the rejuvenation of the championship, the Argyll Rally was reborn in 2017 by Mull Car



Lochgilthead team Duncan MacLean and Ian Parker in their Peugeot 106 during the 2018 Argyll Rally. Photograph: West Coast Photos.

Club. But with falling entry numbers and limited forest availability, an alternative solution was sought.

The rally will comprise 62 miles of competitive driving.

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